

# THE WADES

General Director Emeritus & Senior International Consultant

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Dear Pastor and Friends,

*"We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers;"*

I Thessalonians 1:2.

On behalf of my mother, Mrs. Thurman Wade, I want to give an update on her and thank you for your continued prayers and vital support.

She is doing okay health wise. We are thankful that her dementia has progressed slowly and that she remembers people. What is so amazing is when we talk to her about dad and their ministry together, she still remembers many pastors and churches they went to.

As you know, Dr. Wade had a great love for missions and missionaries. Some of our missionaries wrote letters telling how much Dr. Wade meant to them and helped them in getting to the field. The following letter from missionary Mark Shumaker is an example of this:

*It is such an honor to write this letter today, and to share what the ministry of Dr. Thurman Wade meant to me. I don't know if I can express enough in this one letter how much all of his encouraging words, and lessons that would be used in the field had helped me.*

*I know that I did not know Dr. Wade as long as many missionaries that have been with Macedonia, but for the time that I did know him, he was always so kind and so humble. Whenever I walked away from talking with Dr. Wade it made me want to be a better Preacher....a better man.*

*There were several preachers that I followed while on deputation that preached a lot of mission conference, because I knew that by the way that they preached, it was a good opportunity to get support. While I was only in three or four of Dr. Wades mission conferences, I don't think that I walked away from one of them without support. His heart was so broken for missions, and you could always tell it when he preached.*

*I remember a few messages that I heard Dr. Wade preach, but one in particular really stood out to me, and I never forgot it. He preached a message called "The Dangers of being Distracted". He talked about all of the things that can get a missionary off track. Every time that I have felt that pull, I could hear Dr. Wade saying....stop, pray, refocus, and continue on for the Lord. I can still see him now preaching that message...what a preacher!*

*Dr. Wade liked to laugh and have a good time, but I still remember the look on his face at my departure interview. It was all business then. He made sure that all of our ducks were in a row, and that we were ready on every level to go, but it was the last question that I remember most. Dr. Wade looked at me intently and asked, "are you going to stay?" He clarified and said, I want to know that you are bound and determined to go and stay until God says that you are done there. I replied yes, and so far by the grace of God, we have done everything that God has told us to do, but I often remember that day.*

*Dr. Wade was such an inspiration to everyone that he came across. I can only hope that I can make a fraction of an impact that this dear man of God made.*

Mark Shumaker  
Missionary Church Planter/Helps USA

On behalf of Dr. Wade's family, we want to thank all who have continued to support our mother, Mrs. Thurman Wade. As a servant of Christ she faithfully served alongside Dr. Wade all of their 66 years of marriage. Mother has to live very frugally and the support she receives is much appreciated in helping to meet her living expenses each month. Healthcare costs are one of her largest expenses because she has to have a healthcare worker on a continual basis. It is very precious to our family that you have continued to honor our father by helping to support his lifetime companion in the ministry. 1 Timothy 5:3 states: "Honour widows that are widows indeed." Thank you again for your gracious support for her.

David Wade



Dr. Thurman & Vindetta

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Dr. Thurman Wade served as the General Director of Macedonia World Baptist Missions, Inc. from 1974 until 2014. Prior to this, he spent 5 years in evangelism and 18 years in the pastorate. He has had the privilege to see Macedonia grow from a national work in Haiti to an international work around the world.

His greatest privilege has been to work on the field with missionaries and to assist pastors in successful Revivals and Faith Promise Missions Conferences. Dr. Wade welcomes the opportunity to assist any missionary or church of any size in their missionary outreach.

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