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EDUCATION

- *Th.D. Docteur en Théologie, 1997; Institut Protestant de Théologie, Faculté Libre de Théologie Protestante de Montpellier, France. Dissertation topic: An Exegetical and Theological Study of the Septuagint Translation of Isaiah's Servant Poems
- * Diplôme d'Études Approfondies de Théologie, Ancien Testament, 1992; Institut Protestant de Théologie, Montpellier, France.
- * Masters of Theology, (Maîtrise en Théologie) 1990; Institut Protestant de Théologie, Montpellier, France.
- * B.A., History, 1982; Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, W A.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 1994- **Executive Director/Pastor**
Skagit Hispanic Ministries/Tierra Nueva del Norte, Burlington, W A.
Direct an ecumenical ministry to Hispanic migrant farm workers in Skagit County. This ministry operates a family support center for the Hispanic community, offering free clothing, ESL classes and assisting in migrants with legal, immigration and housing problems. The ministry offers pastoral counseling, regular Spanish Bible studies in the community and in the county jail, publishes a quarterly bilingual newspaper Tierra Nueva /New Earth News and runs a summer chaplaincy program to farm workers living in area migrant labor camps. A yearly two-week pastoral visit to Tierra Nueva in Honduras is included in this ministry.
- 1994- **Chaplain of Skagit County Jail**
Skagit County Jail Ministry, Mount Vernon W A.
I work one-fourth time counseling inmates and overseeing weekly English and Spanish worship services, Bible studies and a lay visitation program.
- 1994- **Sessional Lecturer in Old Testament**
Regent College, Vancouver, B.C., Canada.
I teach two to three Biblical studies courses per year.
- 1993-1994 **Instructor in Old Testament**
Fuller Theological Seminary, Seattle, W A.
I worked half-time teaching three Old Testament courses during the 1993-1994 academic year. Other responsibilities include counseling and academic advising of students, developing student community life and organizing a mentorship program for the pilot Masters of Divinity Program.
- 1992-1993 **Pastor**
Iglesia Presbiteriana de la Misión Mission Presbyterian Church, San Francisco, CA.
I worked two-thirds time as pastor of a bilingual (Spanish/English) inner-city

congregation of 124 members. My responsibilities included preaching, leading worship, teaching, counseling, visitation and overseeing programs such as a weekly well-baby clinic, English classes, YMCA youth program and various 12 step groups.

1992 **Visiting Professor**

New College for Advanced Christian Studies, Berkeley, CA .

I taught two graduate-level Biblical Studies classes ("The Servant of God in the Bible Today: A Study in Isaiah" and "The Hebrew Psalms and Jesus Christ") and one ethics class ("Freedom or Obligation: Ethical Responses to the Self-Revelation of God").

1992 **Interim Pastor**

Eglise Réformée de France, Montpellier, France.

I worked as a pastor in St-Croix-Valée-Francaise in the Cevennes region of France for the month of July. Responsibilities included preaching, teaching, emergency visitation, baptisms, marriages and funerals.

1988-1992 **Adult Education Instructor**

Asociación Tierra Nueva para el Desarrollo de Honduras, Minas de Oro, Comayagua, Honduras, Central America.

Two weeks of every year I spend in rural Honduras teaching Catholic and Protestant lay leaders skills in social analysis, conflict resolution, theological reflection and counseling.

1991-1992 **Pastoral Intern**

The First Presbyterian Church, Ashland, OR .

Responsibilities included coordinating a weekly worship service, leading an adult Bible study, pastoral visitation and occasional preaching.

1990-1991 **Teacher's Assistant**

Institut Protestant de Théologie, Montpellier, France.

Lectured, led Hebrew translation work-groups and served on jury during oral examinations for four Old Testament courses taught by Dr. Daniel Bourguet.

1987-1988 **Missionary-in-Residence**

Regent College, Vancouver B.C. Canada.

Served as a resource person for students interested in grass-roots development and missions in developing countries. Co-taught a theology course together with Dr. Loren Wilkinson entitled "Oppression, Liberation and Theology: A Latin American Perspective."

1982-1988 **Adult Educator & Agricultural Development Worker**

Supported by Lincoln Christian Church of Ashland, Oregon

Worked together with my wife Gracie, a Honduran peasant agricuturist, and a Guatemalan social worker with subsistence farmers and their families in rural Honduras in coordination with the private Honduran development agency: Asociación Coordinadora de Recursos para el Desarrollo (ACORDE).

This work included teaching intensive hillside agricultural techniques, nutrition, preventative health care, appropriate technologies and organizational skills in response to the felt needs of Honduran peasants. As relationships developed, our work became increasingly pastoral, centering on social analysis, conflict resolution, Bible study and theological reflection. Since 1985, our focus has been to train a group of 30-40 local farmers as both agricultural/preventative health teachers and

pastoral workers. In 1987 these "promoters" and the communities they visited were granted legal status as the independent Honduran peasant association "Tierra Nueva." Currently their work includes visiting some 35 villages bimonthly and administering a regional basic-grains cooperative. My wife and I continue to visit Tierra Nueva promoters yearly and raise funds to support their projects.

1982-1984 **High School Teacher**

Instituto Regional Diversificado "Minas de Oro", Minas de Oro, Comayagua, Honduras, Central America. Taught philosophy and sociology for three academic years in the local high school.

1984-1985 **College Instructor**

"The Honduran Extension." The Oregon Extension of Trinity College.
Organized and led two, two-month education programs designed to provide North Americans interested in doing Central America-related work with an in-depth look into the culture, history and politics of Honduras. After an initial "fact-finding" tour in San Jose, Costa Rica and Tegucigalpa, Honduras, students studied Spanish and lived with families in rural Honduras, visited local farmers and artisans and participated in daily discussions at our farm.

1985-1986 **Grass-roots Development Educator**

U.S. Peace Corps Training Center, Santa Lucia, Honduras.
Taught two 20-hour seminars on development philosophy and cross-cultural communication to Peace Corps volunteers during their three-month training.

1982-1987 **Lecturer**

Spoke on grass-roots development, missions alternatives and political realities in Central America in churches and universities during yearly two-month visits to the United States and Canada.

OTHER RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1999

Member

Synod of Alaska-Northwest, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Mission Action Unit.

1995-1998

Board Member

Northwest Immigrant Rights Project, Seattle, WA

1994-

Teaching Staff and Interpreter

Holden Village Lutheran Retreat Center, Holden, WA
Served as interpreter for Bishop Medardo Gomez, the Lutheran Bishop of El Salvador in 1994 and as teaching staff in ethics and Biblical studies in 1995 and 1999.

1994

Minister of the Word and Sacrament, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Ordained by the Presbytery of Seattle on February 27, 1994.

1995

Pastoral Counselor-in-Training

American Association of Pastoral Counselors (AAPC)

1987-

Member

American Academy of Religion and the Society of Biblical Literature.

- 1992- **Member**
Fraternité Spirituelle "Les Veilleurs"-- a European ecumenical third order.
- 1980-1981 **Back Country Guide and Group Leader**
Sierra Treks, Wild Hope, Inc. Ashland OR.
Worked as a mountain guide, Bible study leader and counselor during two summers.
- 1980-1981 **Personal travel and study in Central America**
Nine months of personal travel that included Spanish language study and extensive discussion with missionaries and development workers in Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Costa Rica.

PUBLICATIONS

Reading the Bible with the Damned, Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2005.

"Jesus' Surprising Offer of Living Cocaine," in *Through the Eyes of Another: Intercultural Reading of the Bible*, Edited by Hans de Wit, Louis Jonker, Marleen Kool, Daniel Schipani, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, Institute of Mennonite Studies, 2004.

"Finding Refuge in God's New Earth," Sojourners Magazine, March 2004.

"Preaching Outside the Lines: A Just Paradigm for Preaching that Empowers Just Action," in *Just Preaching: Prophetic Voices for Economic Justice*, Edited by Andre Resner, Jr., St. Louis, Missouri: Chalice Press, 2003.

Isaiah's Servant Poems According to the Septuagint: An Exegetical and Theological Study, Contributions to Biblical Exegesis and Theology #23, Leuven: Peeters, 1999.

"Raids," *Northwest Immigrant Advocate*, (Fall 1997).

Numerous recent articles in *New Earth News / Tierra Nueva: a bilingual newspaper for the unity of the community*, (Summer, 1996- Summer 1999).

"Echos du noviciat," *Veillez": Bulletin Trim estriel de la Fraternité Spirituelle "Les Veilleurs"*, N° 251, (April 1994), 6.

"Chez le frères du Honduras (2)," *Veillez": Bulletin Trim estriel de la Fraternité Spirituelle "Les Veilleurs"*, N° 256 (Aôût 1995), 6-8.

"Le Juste Persecuté dans le Psaume 22," *Foi et Vie*, (Fall 1992), 35-52.

"Land and Agrarian Reform," Dictionary entry is forthcoming in the *Theological and Pastoral Dictionary* (Spanish and English), Edited by René Padilla, Latin American Theological Fraternity, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

"The Word of Grace from the Living God," *The Catholic Worker* (Jan-Feb., 1990).

"E bow ing Out Initiative," *NACLA: Report on the Americas* (Jan-Feb 1988). 34.

"La Vida: A Gony and Hope in Honduras," *The Other Side* (April May, 1985), 26-29.
Published under the pseudonym Aaron Fields to avoid putting ourselves and others in physical danger.

"Rebuilding the Land," *Radix* (January, 1985). Published under Aaron Fields.

Other articles have been published under Aaron Fields in *The Catholic Worker*.

"Economic Development in Central America," *Cross Currents* (Spring, 1985).

SPECIAL HONORS

Golden Door Award, Northwest Immigrant Rights Project, 1999.

Helen Hamilton Peacemaking Award, Synod of Alaska-Northwest, 1998.

Honorable mention "Très Satisfaisant" on Master's Thesis "Étude Exégétique du Psaume 8 et ses Relectures Rabbinique et Neo-Testamentaire: La place de l'humanité par rapport au Seigneur et au cosmos", Institut Protestant de Théologie, Montpellier, France, 1990.

LANGUAGES

* Fluency in Spanish and French

* Reading ability in Greek, Hebrew, Portuguese and Italian

COURSES OFFERED

S 456: Oppression, Liberation and Theology: A Latin American Perspective, Team taught with Loren Wilkinson, Regent College, Fall 1987

OT 3058: The Servant of God in the Bible Today: A study in Isaiah, New College Berkeley, Fall 1992

The Hebrew Psalms and Jesus Christ, New College Berkeley, Fall 1992

BS/CE 3009: Freedom or Obligation: Ethical Responses to the Self-Revelation of God, New College Berkeley, Fall 1992

OT 502: Pentateuch, Fuller Theological Seminary, Seattle, Fall 1993

OT 504: Old Testament Writings, Fuller Theological Seminary, Seattle, Winter 1994

OT 515: Isaiah's Servant Poems, Fuller Theological Seminary, Seattle, Spring 1994

BIBL 628: Old Testament Book Study: Isaiah, Regent College, Spring 1995

BIBL 610: Old Testament Book Study: Genesis, Regent College, Spring 1997, Fall 2000

BIBL 710: Old Testament Seminar: Isaiah's Servant Poems, Regent College, Fall 1998

BIBL 612: Reading the Bible with the Damned, Regent College, Spring 1999, Spring 2000

BIBL 710: OT Seminar: The Grammar of Vocation: Call Texts in the Hebrew Scriptures, Regent College, Fall 1999

P E R S O N A L

49 years old (11/03/57), married 19 years to Grace Annette Ekblad, with three children Isaac Robert (02/12/91), Luke Emmanuel (11/09/92) and Anna Carise (5/14/95).