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The purpose of Faith Bible Fellowship is to glorify God by developing disciples of Jesus Christ from spiritual birth to spiritual maturity.

We define a developing disciple as one who:

- ♦ is worshipping God both privately and with other believers
- ♦ is growing in the knowledge of the Scriptures and applying it in daily life
- ♦ is sharing his or her life and resources with fellow believers
- ♦ and is sharing Christ with those who do not know him.

From Pastor Chris: There He Goes Again!

My last missive in this space was devoted to Belle Jaeger, our dear friend who went home to be with the Lord on June 29. This one's about her husband of fifty-five years, Ed Jaeger.

Twenty-two of those years together were spent as missionaries in Iran. Ed and Belle and their three sons lived in Naha-vahand, one of the oldest existing cities in Iran. Belle took a job teaching English at the girls' high school, and Ed taught English in the boys' high school "to justify our presence there," says Ed.

Ed had (and has) the heart of a missionary, but God gave him the mind of a linguist. "I was an inner city kid in Chicago who couldn't even speak proper English," Ed says. "Then I flunked Latin in high school. But when I came to Christ I think one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit I was given was the gift of languages. I went to college and took up Greek and thought I had died and gone to heaven. And when we got to Iran I had no trouble whatsoever learning Persian."

Ed became one of God's instruments in translating the Bible into modern Persian. Iranian Christian convert Kay Khroso asked Ed what he could do to show the Lord how much he appreciated his salvation in Christ, and the translation work began. The first installment was a translation of Pauline epistles in 1962. Next came a compilation of the life of Christ drawn from Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John in 1963. Fifteen years later it was the entire New Testament.

Ed and Belle left Iran with the rise of Ayatollah Khomeini in 1979, but Ed's ministry there was not over. Ed was the only non-Iranian "checker" for the United Bible Society of Asia's translation of the

Old Testament, which was published with Ed's New Testament translation as the Good News Bible in the Persian language just two years ago.



You might think Ed would call it a career, but you would be wrong. Ed has been asked to come to Dushanbe, Tajikistan, to teach Bible and perhaps pastor an English speaking church for internationals, and he's itching to go. Arrangements are still pending, but right now it looks like Ed will be flying to Dushanbe in late September-early October.

"There's nothing like this Christian life," Ed told me recently. Now he feels like he knows why the Lord has given him such good health at 79 years old. He has no health problems and is on no medications. And no need for a stint in language school, except maybe as an instructor! Like Moses at eighty, Ed is fully prepared for what the Lord has next for him.

I count it a real privilege for our church to have known Ed and Belle, to have benefited from Ed's teaching ministry, and now to be involved as a supporting and praying church in this latest phase of Ed's remarkable life and ministry.

We'll have a special day to thank Ed and send him off on this new adventure with our blessing on Sunday, September 20. Ed will be our speaker in the worship service, and after worship we'll enjoy a potluck meal together. Circle the date—if you want to see Ed you have to catch him when you can!