

David Mitchell

In Remembrance | 1932-2025

Home: California
Area of ministry: Pakistan and surrounding region
Ministry focus: Discipleship, chaplaincy, nursing, speaking, camp ministry, radio ministry, pastoral care with TEAM
TBC global partner since 1962



David spent most of his first 8 years of life as a missionary kid (MK) in Indonesia. His family was on the last US ship to leave Indonesia before the Japanese invaded the island in World War II! David's family later served in India, where he met Synnøve, a fellow MK. The two married in 1959 and went first to India then Pakistan with TEAM. David and Synnøve had three children, Jon, Joy, and Jeffrey, all of whom visited TBC as MKs with their parents.

David and Synnøve's work in Pakistan included discipleship, chaplaincy, nursing, and radio ministry, among others. Their son Jon writes, *"David and Synnøve worked as a close team. They invested heavily in the next generation of missionaries and Pakistani leaders... David and Synnøve together carried the heavy burdens of the people they counselled. They felt their pain, cried with them and shouldered their burdens. People could come at any time, and David and Synnøve would drop everything to minister to them. That's what made them so effective and loved. It was their gift."*

This hymn was very important to David and his family. Written by Annie J Flint, the poem was put to music by David's father, Hubert. Hubert sang this to his young boys after the death of David's mother, Helen.

He Giveth More Grace

He giveth more grace when the burdens grow greater,
He sendeth more strength when the labors increase;
To added afflictions He addeth His mercy,
To multiplied trials, His multiplied peace.

When we have exhausted our store of endurance,
When our strength has failed ere the day is half done,
When we reach the end of our hoarded resources
Our Father's full giving is only begun.

Fear not that thy need shall exceed His provision,
Our God ever yearns His resources to share;
Lean hard on the arm everlasting, availing;
The Father both thee and thy load will upbear.

His love has no limits, His grace has no measure,
His power no boundary known unto men;
For out of His infinite riches in Jesus
He giveth, and giveth, and giveth again.

After leaving the field, David and Synnøve returned to Pakistan several times, encouraging the churches they were connected to through a Bible school in their area of Pakistan. Retiring in Southern California near their daughter Joy, David was active in hiking and sharing the love of Jesus with those he met on the trails. David and Synnøve were married for 65 years, and David passed away with Synnøve beside him, holding his hand.

Well done, good and faithful, kind and encouraging servant! Enter into the joy of your Master, Jesus.

Prayer Requests

- Comfort for Synnøve and their children



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