

# ROGMA REVIEW

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## A Tribute to Dr. William S. H. Piper

*Because of Christmas there was Calvary.  
Because of Calvary there was the Resurrection.  
Because of the Resurrection there was the Ascension.  
Because of the Ascension we know Heaven awaits.  
Because there is Heaven we have the Blessed Hope;  
the Blessed Hope of an eternity with our Savior and  
loved ones.*

*-Roger Williamson*

It was 1996 when I came to know Dr. Piper. My wife and I were missionaries in Liberia, W. Africa, where we were using the Rogma Doctrinal Course with great success. Since my ministry in Liberia was ending, I asked Dr. Piper if my assistant could take over as the director. He wrote back and said, "If you are not returning to Liberia, how about coming down here to help me." When we did, the board asked us to become a part of the Rogma staff in Easley, SC.

As I worked with him I came to know what a wide ministry Dr. Piper had as an evangelist. He was known all over the United States as one of the most dynamic evangelists and was in great

demand from coast to coast. As a fifteen year old lad he preached his first message and several young people responded. This, he felt, was his call to the field of evangelism.

He was born on Jan. 8, 1919 in Bethlehem, PA. where his father was a pastor. He attended and received his Bachelor's degree from Bob Jones College on June 3, 1942. For a while he traveled with Dr. Bob Jones Sr. When the College moved from Cleveland TN to Greenville, SC, he was a member of its board, the youngest person ever elected to the board at that time. On May 28, 1952, the Bob Jones University recognized the impact of his ministry in churches throughout the U.S.A.

and awarded him the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Rogma was born out of a visit to Nigeria where a group of pastors asked him to write some doctrinal material for them since they could not buy good books locally. He promised them he would and upon his return home started his research. Before he completed writing the course already 1000 students were enrolled in Nigeria and India. Under his leadership the enrollment grew to 100,000 in over 80 countries. Some of the courses have now been translated into more than 58 languages. Since writing the first course, Dr. Piper has authored a course on Romans and Ephesians. The last course added was a Bible Survey

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course written by Polly Strong, a missionary with Baptist Mid-Missions. We hope to have this course translated into French, targeting French speaking Muslims. With the addition of a website the number of graders increased from 2 to 30.

Not a week goes by but that the Rogma office receives letters

from students, expressing their gratitude for the free courses. Just this week one student expressed himself this way:

"This is such a great learning site. You should be very proud of this site and lessons."

On March 6, 2007, Dr. William S. H. Piper entered the presence of his Lord. What a glorious event that

must have been in heaven. Without doubt, he enriched every life he touched.

*(If you would like to make a gift to Rogma in memory of Dr. Piper, please use the enclosed envelope. Your name will be entered into a special "Book of Memories.")*



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## Thy Hand Upon Me *(Song written about 1967 by Bill Piper)*

Thy hand upon me Lord is all I need,  
For then I'll know the path where thou doest lead;  
And when my feet would falter in the way,  
Thy hand will keep me steadfast all the day.

Thy hand upon me Lord is all I ask,  
For then I'll be prepared for every task;  
And when life's burdens leave my heart oppressed,  
Thy hand will surely give the needed rest.

Thy hand upon me Lord this very hour,  
For then I'll know the fullness of Thy power;  
And when I'm called Thy enemies to face,  
Thy hand will then supply sufficient grace.

Thy hand upon me Lord, for this I pray,  
For then I'll feel Thy presence night and day;  
And when my days on this old earth are o'er,  
Thy hand will safely lead through heaven's door.