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"...how you turned from  
idols to serve the living  
and true God."

(1 Thessalonians 1:9)



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## Two Great Soldiers of the Cross!

In four and a half short weeks two great soldiers of the cross have gone home, both of which were powerfully responsible for great works in India: Ron Clayton and Royce Frederick. Let me tell you a bit about them!

### Royce Frederick

Royce passed from this life on January 28, 2021. He was born in Texas spent most of his life in Texas and many Texas churches helped to support his work over many years.

He began a publication in 1980 called *International Gospel Teacher*, which was a powerful aid in training gospel preachers in India, and elsewhere. He made his first trip to India when he was twenty-eight.

Over his life, he made over forty trips to India, which was where I first had the privilege to meet him. Michael Hughes and I met Royce in a restaurant in Rajahmundry. It was shortly after he had had major surgery. His health had not fully recovered, so he used hand wipes and sanitizer on everything including forks, spoons, plates and cups. But so great was his dedication to the Lord's work in India that he was not going to let their often unsanitary conditions deter him. In the words of Ron Clayton, Royce was a Christian gentleman through and through. He will be missed!

### Ron Clayton

Ron Clayton passed from this life suddenly in his sleep on March 3, 2021. He had various illnesses like most people in their late 70's do, but nothing was debilitating or life-threatening that anyone knew.

Ron, like Royce, was Texas born, although he had lived many years in Hamilton, Alabama where he passed to his eternal reward.

Ron particularly had a large influence on my life as a full-time missionary to India. I worked with him essentially as my mentor for several years before Dean Crutchfield passed away and I was asked to assume Dean's work.

In fact, brother Crutchfield was the person who introduced Ron to the Indian mission field.

Ron created probably the largest gospel work of any American over the years from about 1984 to now. And India wasn't just his work, it was his heart.

His youngest son Kyle married an Indian girl (Sony) and their three children were reared in India. Ron loved India and they loved him.

Ron's work extended all across the Indian sub-continent from north to south, east to west. His work is being carried on by Kyle, so please keep him and that work in your prayers!

### Update

Many of you know or have spoken on the phone with my daughter Rachel Dickey. She is a vital part of our work, helping me schedule my appointments to make reports and quite a variety of other things. She is due to give birth to her third child on Mar 22. So right now her every move is uncomfortable, but she is in good health. Lord willing, she will bear a baby boy, Hudson David Dickey.

So, please remember her in your prayers.

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### A Need

As many places are beginning to open after the Covid shut-downs, I need urgently to get back into churches to make reports that are long overdue! Please consider inviting me to visit with you and your church about the work you have so faithfully supported.

Many of you have never met me in person, and I'm very anxious to greet you and worship with you (with appropriate social distancing, of course)!

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