

## Dr. HAIG A. RUSHDOONY 1925-2010



We are deeply saddened to news of the passing away of one of our beloved missionaries supported by the Gilead family<sup>1</sup>. Dr. Haig Rushdoony, went to be with the Lord on last Thursday, July 22. He was the co-founder of the Macedonian Outreach , a Christian charitable organization, which helps meet the spiritual and physical needs of people in the Balkan Peninsula of Southeastern Europe which is: Albania, Bulgaria, Greece, Romania, and the former Yugoslavian states of Bosnia, the Republic of Macedonia (FYROM) and Serbia.

Many people read the Bible, but Haig lived it. He especially loved the Book of James and his life was epitomized by James 1:22 that says, “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only...” Haig poured his life into the Macedonian Outreach for the last 20 years of his retirement life and will be sorely missed by all those he touched around the world and especially by his loving wife, and fellow servant of the Lord, Vula, who co-founded the ministry with him. Both of them visited our church in the past. We especially appreciate Vula for her continual visit and ministering to the Gilead family even during the sickness of her husband.

He was an accomplished educator and professor in various universities. Yet the amazing mission call from the Lord came to him at his retirement and so he and his wife followed faithfully and wholeheartedly to serve the people in the Macedonian regions. In his obituary, it wrote: All of this accomplishment however did not measure up to his service to his Lord Jesus Christ whom he loved and served to the very end. Indeed Dr. Rushdoony was a faithful and true servant of God who had lived and walked a life of an exemplary missionary. May

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<sup>1</sup> Presentation given by Annie Ching in the mission night of Gilead Bible Church on July 31, 2010.

our hearts be challenged and encouraged to honor him as one of the many “clouds of witness” whom God has placed among us.

A memorial service was held this afternoon at his church, the Danville Christian Community Church. His wife, Vula, for obvious reasons cannot be with us tonight. Let us join our hearts to sing this song: “It Is Well With My Soul”. May the Spirit of the Lord continue to speak to our hearts of His abiding presence in our lives, His faithful guidance and blessing in our service to Him, and His urgent call for us to love, to follow and to serve Him even more.

## It Is Well With My Soul

1. When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well, with my soul.  
    ○ Refrain:  
        It is well, with my soul,  
        It is well, it is well, with my soul.  
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2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
    Let this blest assurance control,  
    That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
    And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
3. My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!  
    My sin, not in part but the whole,  
    Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,  
    Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
4. For me, be it Christ, be it Christ hence to live:  
    If Jordan above me shall roll,  
    No pang shall be mine, for in death as in life  
    Thou wilt whisper Thy peace to my soul.
5. But, Lord, 'tis for Thee, for Thy coming we wait,  
    The sky, not the grave, is our goal;  
    Oh, trump of the angel! Oh, voice of the Lord!  
    Blessed hope, blessed rest of my soul!
6. And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,  
    The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
    The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,  
    Even so, it is well with my soul.