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By Ryan Foley, Christian Post Reporter (abridged)

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A NYC pastor who earned a Purple Heart Award serving in Vietnam received the President's Volunteer Service Award on Friday night, December 2, 2022, for his decades of ministry aiding persecuted Christians and others impacted in war zones worldwide.

Pastor Bill Devlin, who serves as co-pastor of Infinity Bible Church in South Bronx and runs the ministries REDEEM and Widows and Orphans.info, was an honoree at a gala banquet in The Hilton Hotel in Melville, Long Island, New York. The President's White House Council on Service

and Civic Participation administered the award ceremony.

The award honors individuals whose service impacts their communities and inspires others to act.

Devlin told The Christian Post he is "grateful to God" for the award, which came more than half a century after he first abandoned his ways as a "Godhating atheist" and came to Christ.

Pastor Bill Devlin (L) and his wife, Nancy, pose for a photo during President's Volunteer Service Award ceremony in Melville, New York on Dec. 2, 2022. | Courtesy Bill Devlin

"I was a radical God-hating atheist, and when I was hitchhiking on the San

Diego Freeway on June 23, 1971, a Jesus freak shared the Good News of Jesus and the Gospel with me," he recalled. "And that night, I received Jesus into my heart and life."

"I immediately started in ministry as a young Christian," he added. "And a week after I was converted to Christ, ... I volunteered to go to Vietnam to serve my country, America."

Devlin served in Vietnam until he was "shot up" after a bomb landed on his ship, which was located off the coast at the time. While he "initially refused the Purple Heart" because he still had all his limbs intact, Devlin's commanding officer insisted that he accept the honor.

Following his service in Vietnam, Devlin spent a quarter century in Christian ministry in the U.S., got married and had five children. He and his wife, Nancy, have been married for over 44 years and have 11 grandchildren.

The 70-year-old has made headlines over the years for his willingness to travel the globe to stand in solidarity and provide practical aid to Christians persecuted for their faith.

Devlin was nominated for the award by Reverend Nate Butler of the Righteous Church of God in Washington, D.C., whom he described as a "dear friend and colleague".

After learning of his nomination, Devlin was instructed to provide a "brief synopsis" of his volunteer efforts and discuss why he should receive the award. He said none of the people that lead his work in 18 countries in his volunteer ministries receive a salary or benefits.

"We are all volunteers, which is probably unique in the nonprofit and ministry world," he noted.

His ministries receive funding from 46 churches of "every different flavor, culture or color," providing payments ranging from \$10 to \$100 a month.

Devlin outlined the story behind the formation of **REDEEM!** which helps persecuted Christians around the world.

"While I was doing ministry in Philadelphia some 22 years ago, I was invited to Islamabad, Pakistan," he said.

At that time, Devlin had not traveled overseas in more than 25 years. He first received the invitation to go to Pakistan in January 2001 from his Pakistan-born friend Victor Gill at a "dinner of the Pakistani community in Philadelphia."

"It was me and probably 25 Pakistani leaders in Philadelphia, and they said, ... 'You've got to go to Pakistan. We need you to see what's going on and you need to hear the cry of the persecuted Church and persecuted Christians in Pakistan."

Devlin said, "hearing an hour of stories and seeing people who bore the marks of persecution" with "scars on their back" from where they had been "whipped or beaten" prompted him to announce at the meeting, "I will go."

With Gill, Devlin traveled through seven cities in eight days.

"I just heard and met with story after story of persecuted Christian believers in Pakistan, and my eyes were opened," he said.

A couple of years later, Devlin was invited to Khartoum, Sudan to see the persecution of Christians there.

"And then a year after that, I was invited to Cuba," he added.

Over the years, Devlin received invitations to witness persecution in other places, including Gaza, Syria, Iraq, Kenya, Sri Lanka, Ukraine, Hong Kong, Nigeria, Jordan, Kurdistan and Iran.

He became a pastor in 2008 and served as an interim senior pastor at Manhattan Bible Church, a Spanish church located in the Washington Heights neighborhood of Manhattan, from 2008 to 2013.

Devlin said during that time, God was burning a hole in his heart "about the persecuted Church, about widows, orphans, the broken, the neglected, the forgotten, the disenfranchised, the persecuted believer, [and] the persecuted Church."

"What finally pushed me over the edge was ... during the Obama presidency and ... people were saying to President Obama, 'we need to get boots on the ground ... in Iraq.'"

"Where are your boots, Pastor?"

"God spoke to me one day, ... and said to me, 'Where are your boots, Pastor Devlin? You're in the safety and security and comfort of the United States of America, you've seen the ... persecuted Church, you've seen persecuted believers, you've

been in their living rooms, you've been in the prison cells, you've seen the scars on their bodies. Where are your boots?""

This conversation with God struck a nerve with Devlin. A couple of months later, Devlin said he had another conversion with God, instructing him to "look at these three words: God, Gospel, [and] Good News."

God urged Devlin to "look at the first two letters" of those three words: "go."

From there, Devlin saw it as his mission to "go to war zones" and minister to persecuted Christians on a full-time basis. Devlin insists that he only goes to war zones that are "hard" and "dangerous" and located "where nobody else is going." He only travels to places if he receives a direct invitation.

Devlin says he travels out of the country for three weeks out of every month. He provided examples of his ministry work in the synopsis he provided to the President's White House Council on Service and Civic Participation.

During the rise of the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria in the mid-2010s, Devlin, through his

ministry, provided financial support to hundreds of Yazidi girls and women captured by the brutal terrorist group, ISIS, in Iraq, many of which were used as sex slaves.

He's also supported displaced families residing in camps for the internationally displaced in the Kurdistan region of Iraq. His charity has also assisted in rebuilding Iraqi cities destroyed by the Islamic State in 2014 and he's volunteered at a Syrian hospital in Idlib, caring for those injured in the Syrian Civil War.



New York City Pastor Bill Devlin visits with Yazidi families in August 2016 in the Kurdish town of Dohuk, where he provided assistance to over 20 Yazidi families. | Facebook/Pastor Bill Devlin

In Nigeria, Devlin has provided trauma healing sessions for those who have lost spouses, children, [and] family members. "These are women who have been seen their husbands beheaded".

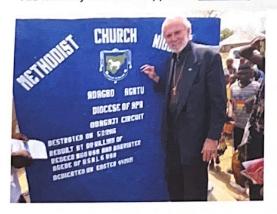
His ministry has also supported rebuilding two churches destroyed by terrorists in the African

nation, purchased an <u>orphanage</u> where dozens of children were about to be evicted, and funds the private school education of children orphaned by terrorism.

Devlin's efforts to provide emotional and psychological support extend across all the countries he serves.

In Sri Lanka, Devlin helped raise \$100,000 to rebuild a Zion church destroyed by suicide bombers.

In East Pokot, Kenya, Devlin said his ministry has helped build schools and churches, reducing



female genital mutilation and child marriages previously common in the area due to the absence of the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus and schools for little girls.

"All of that has now been recognized by the Biden White House, and we're deeply grateful for this recognition. But again, we give all glory to God," Devlin concluded.



Shown above are young girls living in East Pokot, Kenya with Bishop Dr. Titus Masiki, founder, and Director of Christian Impact Mission; CIM partners with REDESM/ in bringing the Gospel to East Pokot.

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Coastal Christian! Thank u for your investment in my life & work! Thank u for your friendship! Eternally grateful.

Trust all is well with you and your fam! A short thank you note. All the below happened because of your generosity. In the last month, I have gone from NYC to Kathmandu Nepal to Dubai, United Arab Emirates back to NYC, then to three cities in Egypt (Cairo, Alexandria and Saft al-Wasta) and East Pokot (NW Kenya)...then arrived NYC just now. Each visit was purposeful and God-inspired. Here are the details:

- 1. A REDEEM! investor gave a gift of \$10,000 on April 28, 2023 and asked me to wire the money to the displaced women and children who are fleeing Khartoum Sudan due to the current Sudan civil war. I said that I could deliver the money personally. These displaced women and children are without food, water & basic necessities. They have nothing. Because REDEEM! has been working in Sudan since 2006, the donor/investor knew & trusted I could get the money to Khartoum. B/c the Khartoum airport was destroyed, I could not fly into Sudan-closest I could go was to Cairo. Once in Cairo, I was able to buy the food & water supplies to get to both those displaced now inside Egypt & to those inside the warzone of Khartoum. As well, while in Egypt, I spoke at several churches & further developed the work of REDEEM! in Egypt-solidifying long-term relationships, including w/ 450 churches of the Presbyterian Church of Egypt! REDEEM! is sending an Egyptian pastor to Gaza (yes, Gaza!) to work amongst MBB's (Muslims who have come to faith in Jesus Messiah-Muslim Background Believers)-this will be ground-breaking work thanks to your generosity. REDEEM! was going to hold this major Religious Freedom event in Khartoum but we have had to reschedule. I do these Conferences to protect/encourage the Persecuted Church in Sudan (see report/invite).
- 2. Met in **Dubai** w/ Pastor Zaif George Boota. This brother has pastored in Lahore Pakistan for many years. B/c of his boldness in sharing Jesus, local imams gathered & plotted to kill this brother. He barely escaped to Dubai, U.A.E. with his wife. I met secretly with him. REDEEM! is now financially supporting him with \$1,500. USD per month. If he returns to Pakistan, he and his wife will be killed. He remains now in Dubai. Pray for him & his wife.
- 3. East Pokot-REDEEM! has been working amongst this Stone-Age tribe of 200,000 since 2017. These folks live the same way today that they have for 4,000 years. The Pokot tribe has been in constant warfare w/ two other tribesthe Marigat & the Turkana. I work with a local Kenyan ministry called Christian Impact Mission (CIM). Six years ago, REDEEM! & CIM began going into this war-torn, dangerous area and began sharing Jesus our Lord. Over three thousand men, women and children have come to faith in Jesus because of your generosity. Men are being transformed from being murderous cattle rustlers into pastors & mature disciples of Jesus. Young girls are being mutilated (FGM) at age 11 and then sold by their parents into child marriage at age 12. REDEEM! has built 13 schools to deliver these little girls from both demonic practices. REDEEM! is elevating the status of women/girls by building these schools which double as churches and community centers and by the sharing of the Love of God and the transformative power of Jesus. Men are receiving Jesus, leaving killing and learning how to farm!

4. <u>Kathmandu Nepal</u>-I was there to encourage the Persecuted Church of Nepal by meeting with pastors and walking through the hills of the Himalayans and praying for persecuted & marginalized Sisters and Brothers of yours who love Jesus. Thank you for your love, prayers & financial investments. Keep them all coming.

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A TRANSFORMED LIFE



Bill Devlin came into the Center four months ago but not really realizing why he was here. As one of the personal workers and I talked to him he said he knew his need for Christ, but wanted to wait till the following week-end to receive Him.

For over an hour we talked and urged him to receive the Lord right now and not wait. Finally he decided it would be best to receive the Lord that night. We went into the Prayer Room; showed him more Scriptures, (prayed with him and he asked Christ into his life.

He left walking on clouds! He has been back a number of times now and on one of his earlier visits he said after he had received the Lord here he went out on the street and wanted to tell everyone in San Diego he was saved!

He witnesses to his buddies aboard ship. He sings hymns and Christmas carols and just simply has turned on and started his Christian life on the run.

He has found a good fundamental church and is memorizing Scripture and has really grown more in four months than many Christians do in years.

Pray for him as he now goes overseas for two years. Also pray for his parents and relatives who are not saved—yet!

Man talks of the survival of the fittest—but the glory of the Gospel is that it transforms the unfit.

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