

## BIOGRAPHICAL Sketch of the Ministry History of Paul & Mary Filidis

### THE FIRST 20 YEARS

Their paths crossed in 1972 in Kabul, Afghanistan, when they were both ministering to young Western travelers; he, a recently converted "hippie" from Berlin (Germany), she, a Colombian-born "missionary kid" fresh from high school in Southern California on a short-term mission trip.

Married in Amsterdam (the Netherlands) in 1975, they served with Youth With A Mission (YWAM) in various locations in Asia and Europe before moving to the United States in 1978 to pursue further training.

After graduating from Fuller Seminary in 1982, they served with Issachar, a then frontier mission agency in Seattle, Washington, from where they promoted ministry into Central Asia and Mongolia.

Taking the gospel to the *unreached* continued to be their motivation when they rejoined YWAM in Europe as volunteer staff in 1986 to help establish the mission's Research and Communication services, as well as to launch WorldChristian. In 1992, they moved these services along with a team of coworkers to Colorado Springs.

### THE NEXT 25 YEARS

Among other ministry endeavors, Paul and Mary's primary activity since 1993 has been to call the North American church to pray for our world's neighbors. It started with--long before 9/11 happened--the *30 Days Muslim Prayer Focus* which coincides annually with the important Islamic month of *Ramadan*. Christians make a deliberate effort during that time to *learn about, pray for* and *reach out* to our world's Muslim neighbors.

OVER A QUARTER CENTURY they have annually distributed **many thousands** of informative & inspiring prayer guide booklets.

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**30 Days Muslim World Prayer Guide**  
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**15 Days Buddhist World Prayer Guide**



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- *Please pray for our efforts to continue issuing these popular calls to **learn and pray** during 2020.*
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- To **financially assist** Paul and Mary in their ongoing ministry endeavors, use the address or website below and specify “**Staff Support.**”



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