



Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Williams

The real story of The Christian and Missionary Alliance is people. Simpson had the ability to gather around him gifted men and women he could challenge to live by faith. Without that army of pioneers, the Alliance could not have known the growth and blessing it has enjoyed.

Among the many early the leaders of the fellowship

J. D. Williams stands out as a giant of faith. He served as a pastor, educator, district superintendent and missionary. Wherever Williams served, the work prospered. Almost a half a century has transpired since his death and the work he established is still vital to the Alliance.

Undertaking the Impossible



By today's standards, the commitment of Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Williams appears radical. With quiet dignity this husband and wife team set out to live a life of faith. God gave them a ministry that covered North America and many mission fields.

Their daily life was marked by prayer, sacrifice and faithful service. Without any assurance of a salary, and with no visible resources, Williams founded the St. Paul Bible College and the Ebenezer Bible Institute in the Philippines. He gave some of the best years of his life to training young people for the work in America and overseas. Eleven years of his ministry were devoted to Simpson College.

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His contributions as an administrator are staggering. Williams served as one of the early superintendents of the Central District. He later served the Northwestern District. Rev. J.D. Williams spent some years in Canada as district superintendent of the Eastern and Central District, and then the Western District. Only heaven has the complete record of the churches, lay people, and pastors whose lives were enriched by his anointed leadership. In addition to his long tenure as a district superintendent, Williams fulfilled his calling in unhurried, humble trust in the power of the living Christ. His spirit remained tender, and his love for people was never diminished by the enormous work load he carried. Throughout his entire ministry Williams considered undertaking the impossible as a norm for those who live by faith.