

# STANDING FIRM

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As the ministry of BCF has grown, the need for people to serve as contacts and resources in their specific geographic regions has become apparent. In this issue of Standing Firm, we are honored to introduce the BCF Regional Associates for the French, Portuguese, and Spanish speaking nations. These individuals have demonstrated a life of integrity and faithfulness to the Lord, and have remained committed to the sufficiency of God's Word to provide answers to the problems and trials of life. All three Regional Associates are full-time missionaries serving on the mission field and oversee the translation and printing of BCF materials in their area of responsibility.

## Wendy Foskett

Wendy Foskett, BCF Regional Associate for the French-speaking world, was born in the San Francisco Bay Area in 1937. Wendy received Christ at an early age and attended Bible school in Illinois, where she later served on staff full-time. Challenged by people's need for Christ world-wide,

Wendy became convinced that God was calling her to leave the US, and in 1966 she went to France with Christian Missions in Many Lands.

She returned to California in 1981 and in February, 1992 Wendy attended her first BCF course. She testifies: "God's Truth became living and active to me in a fresh way, giving me hope. A new appreciation of the necessity of the Cross, and all I am in Christ was mine. How freeing to experience that I did not have to be enslaved by my fluctuating emotions."

Wendy received an invitation to minister in an evangelical church in Greater Lyon and returned to France in January 1994. There she was instrumental in translating the first ten lessons of Self-Confrontation into French and remains actively involved in proof-reading all French translations of BCF materials. In 1998, with a photocopied edition of the French Self-Confrontation manual, Wendy administrated the first Concentrated Course held in France. For four years since, there have been additional courses (Teacher Training, Track II, and Track III), complete with translated materials in French. We are humbled and privileged to have Wendy serving as BCF Regional Associate to the French-speaking world.

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## Bill Moore

Bill Moore is the BCF Regional Associate for the Portuguese-speaking world. Bill and his wife, Nancy, began ministering overseas soon after they were introduced to missions, and specifically to the great need among unreached tribal groups. He and his family became involved with New Tribes Mission, and ministered among the primitive Yanomami Indians in the Amazon rain forest. Bill later accepted a teaching ministry at a Bible Institute in southeastern Brazil, preparing young Brazilian Christians to serve the Lord through discipleship/counseling. He was also involved in a church-planting ministry in the city of Campinas.

During one of his furloughs, Bill heard about the Self-Confrontation manual through a friend. He called the BCF office wanting to know if the manual was available in Portuguese. Since it was not, he asked if he and a team could translate it.

A major part of Bill's current ministry is teaching Self-Confrontation courses throughout Brazil as well as traveling to Portugal and Spain. He has also taught courses with BCF in the United States, France, and Hong Kong. In addition, he trains individuals and oversees the process of translating Biblical discipleship/counseling materials into Portuguese.

Bill and Nancy will retire after their current term as missionaries in Brazil and will then be free to teach Self-Confrontation courses worldwide. They have accomplished their major goals of establishing a Training Center and of forming the Brazilian Association of Biblical Counselors. The association is designed for Brazilian pastors and laymen to continue the ministry of teaching Biblical counseling principles and promoting Biblical counseling. BCF is honored to have Bill serve as the Regional Associate to the Portuguese-speaking world.

## Gerald Nygren

Gerald Nygren is the BCF Regional Associate for the Spanish-speaking world. Gerald and his wife, Ruth, have served as missionaries for over 25 years in Central America and are currently serving the Lord in Guatemala City along with their two sons.

For many years in his ministry, Gerald tried to help others deal with the problems of life without knowing how to disciple/counsel others from the Scriptures. Hungry for answers, Gerald began to seek various leadership skills and counseling techniques. Seeing the futility of man's way of dealing with life's problems, but convinced that God wants His children to be overwhelming conquerors when facing struggles and tribulations, Gerald recognized his need for help to understand how to use God's Word in a practical way.

It was at this time that he heard about the Self-Confrontation manual that had been translated into Spanish by a team from a church in Guatemala City. So, in 1994, with great enthusiasm and expectancy, Gerald, along with three others from Guatemala, attended the three-week BCF training course for International Leaders held in Rancho Mirage, California.

Upon returning to Guatemala, the team began teaching the Self-Confrontation course both locally and internationally. They also began translation of the Handbook and Course II materials. Over the years, hundreds of Spanish speaking people have been blessed and confronted by the Word as Gerald and collaborators have presented "Autoconfrontación" (Self-Confrontation) in Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Canada, and the Dominican Republic. Gerald has also helped teach several BCF courses in the US and in Hong Kong, and has interpreted several BCF courses in Spanish.

# Testimony

We at BCF are always delighted to hear of the Lord's tremendous work in the lives of those who have been affected, in some way, by the ministry He has given to us. Many who are involved with teaching, or supporting BCF through financial giving or prayer are also blessed to hear such testimonies. If you have a testimony of how the Lord has used the ministry of BCF in your life, you can write or email us.

*This past spring, BCF taught Tracks I, II and III and Teacher Training in Lyon, France. The following testimonies, given by various students, represent a small sample of those whose lives have been impacted through the sufficiency of God's Word taught in BCF courses over the past year.*



*"I was very hungry for God's Word when I came. I am now leaving even more hungry - NOT because I didn't receive any spiritual food BUT because the food that I received made me long for even more!... I thank God for His provisions for us, for His Word."*

*-- Esther, Switzerland*



*"This course has been more than challenging . . . it has been a blessing! Most of my questions have been answered and I feel more confident and competent to counsel and help others because I've been really counseled through this course."*

*-- David, Spain*



*"I have been counseling people professionally for about 20 years. Unfortunately, I have directed those that have come to me much more in the direction of "how they feel" . . . As a result of going through two levels of the BCF syllabus, God has shown me that I must direct those that come to me in the direction of thoughts, words and deeds and whether they are pleasing to God - rather than delving into their feelings and emotions. I am very thankful for God's work in my life through the BCF ministry. It has made me desire to be a doer of the Word rather than just a hearer!"*

*-- Ursula, Austria*

## BCF Materials Spotlight

### *Brochure: Last Days (Introducing BCF)*

As you are reading this, the newly revised version of the Last Days brochure (Introducing BCF) is coming off the press.

We have received so many requests for this brochure that our stock has become depleted. If you have been told that we are out of stock, take heart - we can provide them to you again. Please communicate with us to find out how to order them.

This is a valuable tool for introducing people to the ministry of BCF and discipleship/counseling.



## Partnering in Prayer

Please put this section in a place where you and your family will be reminded to join with us at BCF in prayer. Please pray for

- Upcoming BCF training courses
- Completion of the Self-Confrontation Interactive CD
- Churches and teachers preparing to teach the Self-Confrontation course
- Praise for the graduation of Stephanie Rembold and Jodi Maine, our high school part time staff. They are continuing to college and further training. Pray for replacement staff being considered.
- Praise for the graduation from college of Stuart Smith, who has been on staff for several years. He will be taking a job in his field, but will continue to keep ministry with BCF as a primary involvement in his life.

## Donating to the Ministry

If you are led to make a donation for the continuing ministry of the Biblical Counseling Foundation, please send a check to the address below. BCF is a nonprofit organization, and your donation is tax deductible. We appreciate your continued partnership with us through prayer and financial support as the Lord provides.

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