Testimonies of Wives of Martyred Missionaries in Ecuador
By Various

Announcer:

This is the Bible Institute Hour program number is six hundred and thirteen it's for release on
Monday April 9th. Stand by please. In five seconds from now.

[Program Begins]

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During the next half hour you'll hear the personal testimonies of two of the widows of the
recently slain missionaries in Ecuador in South America.

[Introduction Music Begins]

Throughout the west. It's the Bible institute Hour.

[Choir Sings]

Training young people for worldwide Christian service is the dedicated task at the Bible Institute
of Los Angeles. Dr. Lewis detailed the chancellor Dr. Samuel H Sutherland president. Once
again we send transcribe a half hour on message and song to uplift and brighten your day on the
Bible institute Hour.
And now your Bible the host for the next half hour Mr. Al Sanders.

Al Sanders:
Good morning friends and our sincere Christian greetings to you today as we open our twenty seventh annual missionary conference. We bring you what we have prayerfully planned and hope to be a broadcast of inspiration and challenge. On January 8th just three months and one day ago a little group of five pioneer missionaries along a sandbar of the Curaray River reported back to their jungle base. We are hoping soon for visitors we will call you again then in Shell Mera where one of the wives maintain her prayerful vigil at the radio transmitter. These last words from the men were heard here come a group of natives we haven't seen before. On Wednesday morning January 11th listeners to the Bible Institute Hour heard the following reports made by Dr. Clarence Jones direct from H.C. J.B. Quito Ecuador.

Dr. Clarence Jones:

[Radio Transmission Begins]
They had been making friendly contact with the Auca successfully up until that moment and then they said here come another group of Aucas we haven't met before. That was the last radio contact

[Unclear Radio Audio]

The searching parties have been more ineptly organized until present. US Air force has several planes over, the helicopter is now being flown in.

[Radio Transmission Ends]

Al Sanders:

Then Friday morning the Bulletin which by now the world had waited to hear the five missing missionaries of Ecuador. South America had been found slain along the Curaray River. Four were killed with chonta wood lances. The fifth with a machete. Soon the reports of the missionaries and their work were no longer found in the newspapers. Once again the headline centered on war politics crimes and society. The world has a very short lived memory. For them the pain of the loss of the five Americans was now history. But for the Christians it was a different story. We cannot soon forget nor must we. The blood they spilt so sacrificial on that Sandy Beach can never be erased from our mind.

[Music begins]
We shall not try on this broadcast to repeat the story which by now has been so well told. The reports of how these men did not carelessly or recklessly attempt this Herculean task of bridging the gap of centuries to take the Aucas the timeless message of Christ. But today's program is devoted to events which have transpired since that day forever living in our memories. January 8 1956.

[Music ends]

Soon after the tragedy occurred fellow missionaries of The Cross gathered in the studios of ABC J.B. Quito Ecuador to pay tribute to their beloved fallen friends. They recounted in song the testimony of these stalwarts of the Faith before leaving their homes. The five had sung

[Music Begins]

Male Singers:

We rest on thee our Shield and our Defender. We go not forth alone against the foe. Strong in thy strength safe in thy keeping tender. We rest on thee and in thy name we go. Strong in thy strength safe in thy keeping tender. We rest on thee and in thy name we go.

[Music continues in the Background]

Al Sanders:
Then to a tree born house along that Sandy River bank. The five missionaries with words of life. Beseeching those red men in the fierce jungle to draw near. Their one desire to reach the Aucas for Christ. With not of lurking death. To fear.

Male Singers:
In thy dear name, O captain of salvation. In thy dear name all other names above. Jesus our righteousness our sure foundation. Our prince of Glory and our King of Love. Jesus our righteousness our sure foundation times to day. Our prince of Glory and our King of love.

Al Sanders:

[Music Continues in the Background]

But still another five voices are lifted heavenward. Brave young widows with their children's hands warm in theirs. Singing the same triumphant song they'd earlier in tone with loved ones martyred now. At Shell Mera memorial service. These sacrificing ones

Women Singers:
We go in faith our own great weakness feeling. Oh his name is. And needing more each day thy grace to know. Yet from our hearts a song of triumph pealing. We rest on thee and in thy name we go. Yet from our hearts a song of triumph pealing. We rest on thee and in thy name we go.

[Music Continues in the Background]
Al Sanders:

But yet another sound is heard in the heavenly home. Five Heroes join the hallelujah chorus. Five strong young men sing forth their masters Grace. They wear the martyr’s crown. Gone on before us. Waiting till we with them. Shall see his face.

Women Singers:

We rest on thee our shield and our defender. Thine is the battle, thine shall be thy praise. When passing through the gates of pearly splendor. Victors we rest with thee through endless days. Hallelujah.

[Music Ends]

Al Sanders:

And it is Hallelujah as we seek to voice the praise in our hearts. Triumph over tragedy. The glory of God. Something that's more than human a Supernatural Love Born in the hearts of these five missionary men that drove them on with burning zeal to reach the Aucas for Christ they gave themselves that others might hear Yes hallelujah. And may there be others that follow in their train perhaps the question of one of the little children to his mother Stevie St. phrases the trust of that heart of faith as he bravely ask Mommy how long will it take daddy to get to heaven. The glorious truth is that their suffering may have hurt for a second. But it certainly will not hurt them in the second day as reports were being made in detail. There at an old piano at Shell Mera headquarters another of the widows sat down to play and reflect on the words fear thou not for
I'll be with thee. I will still thy pilot be. Never mind the tossing billows. Take my hand and trust in me.

[Music Interlude]

But who are the Aucas which are so savage and so desperately need the Gospel story history records that there are probably descendants of the Inca Indians a little more than 400 years ago the last Inca chief was brutally killed. He was first imprisoned in his own palace in Cajamarca. The chief saw that the conquer Pissarro his thirst was for gold. And so he signaled to him with outstretched hand that he would fill the room to that height with gold for his liberty the faithful Incas paid the price to the Spanish conqueror only to see their chief murdered in their presence the Emperor dead the great Inca Empire was broken and everywhere there was retrenchment.

The Aucas are descendants perhaps of these betrayed Incas. Never have they forgotten the barbarian savagery of their captors the name Auca means Savage or fierce and it was to these that the five men went it must be remember that despite all of the efforts and precautions which were made to safely reach these people the men could have turned back at any time short of those last few moments on the beach how fitting however are the words recorded by Jim Elliott when he declared our orders the gospel to every creature. Some have said but why not leave those people alone. They have a religion that's good enough and yet how savage would we ourselves have been had not the gospel been preached to us. Yes they have a religion a religion that tells them to brutally kill and massacre even their own people according to those who study
the peoples down there. But is this the answer Jesus said I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly but then if these people need the gospel why don't we work more to see it proclaimed not only to this tribe but to the more than eighteen hundred other tribes who have never yet heard the Gospel story

What I say to the wicked. Thou shalt surely die and thou givest him not warning nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way to save his life. The same wicked man shall die in his iniquity. But his blood. Will I require at thine hand. Now from South America two missionaries who were friends of the slain man Jean and Ruth Jordan with a song of challenge not only for Aucas but for men and women everywhere without Christ.

[Music Begins]

[Jean and Ruth Jordan perform "How Shall they Hear"]

On February 16th the supreme government of Ecuador conferred the National Medal of Honor in the order of Commander on Abe C. Van Der Puy president of the intermission fellowship of Ecuador in a severely simple and dignified ceremony held in the luxurious Yellow Room of the government palace. The president of Ecuador with several of his cabinet ministers honored the memory of the five missionary martyrs recently killed the minister of foreign relations spoke feelingly after the reading of the president's decrees citing the government's reason for bestowing this signal honor upon Mr. Van Der Puy as representative of all evangelical missions operating in the country because of the unceasing unselfish sacrificial service rendered by your missions to
our nation he said. As the president's citation indicates he continued this service is carried out without fear of the dangers and inconveniences which surround the task. It is the true Christian spirit that motivates each one of the missionaries who have come from their distant countries to our jungle area far from civilization and the Christian faith upon receiving the elaborately ornamental metal and its accompanying diploma. Mr. Van Der Puy replied wholeheartedly

Abe Van Der Puy:

Excellentísimo Señor Presidente de la República, Señor Ministro de Relaciones Exteriores, Señor Embajador de los Estados Unidos, Señores Ministros del Estado, Señoras y Señores.

Although I feel very unworthy of receiving this declaration in the name of the Gospel missions working in Ecuador with all my heart. I wish to express our appreciation and our gratitude to the president of the Republic to the ministers of the cabinet and to all of the Ecuadorian people during the days of search and rescue in connection with the fallen victims. We saw in a very wonderful way the cooperation and the help of the Ecuadorian people and we are very grateful we admire our colleagues who have made the supreme sacrifice. At the same time I would like to indicate that we who are still alive and who have the opportunity of working in all of this republic and especially in the Ecuadorian jungles we will do everything possible to carry the work forward. I would also like to express the fact that we are doing everything possible in order to carry forward the desire of having friendly contact with the Aucas. And one day seeing them completely civilized and changed by means of the most glorious message in all the world. The message of salvation through faith in our glorious Savior Christ Jesus we are very happy for the fact that three of the widows are here present with us for this ceremony. They also have expressed their gratitude for the decoration granted to the Gospel missions by the Supreme
Government once again with all my heart personally and in the name of the Gospel missions working in this country I wish to express our gratitude to the government of Ecuador and to all of its citizens. Thank you very much.

Al Sanders:

Since presenting in January the broadcasts of the missionaries we have received scores of letters many asking for further programs concerning what is being done down there. I'd just like to read from three different letters right now. The first comes from the editors of Life magazine. It states in part thank you for your interest and work Life too was acquainted with the work of the missionaries. We had been considering writing an article on Nate Saint in his unique service all the world is richer for having known these five men and their devotion to their God. Then from a graduate of Biola now on the staff of H.C. J.B. Nancy Wilma. She says I had the privilege of knowing the missionaries. I stayed in the McCully home at Arajuno and flew with Nate. His wife Marge was a tireless worker and I always called her St. Marge because she was a heroine. Even before her husband was killed a thing which hit home to me was that when they found Nate's body a Lance had pierced his heart around the tip of that spear was a page torn from his Spanish New Testament as the plane flew the girls over the place where their husband’s bodies had been placed.

Marge said that's the most beautiful cemetery in all the world. They had been dead yet being dead yet they speak and their works to follow them and lastly this letter which comes to us from Mr. T E. McCully executive president of Christian Businessmen's committee International and the father of Ed McCully a Biola school of missionary Medicine graduate who was martyred. We
appreciate your help in keeping the people of the West informed concerning the men who have
given their lives for Christ. We know the first chapter in the Aucas story and we know some of
the other chapters in that many young people across the United States and Canada and other parts
of the world have dedicated their lives to mission work. As a result of this but we know that we
shall only read the last chapter in eternity.

[Musical Interlude]

In just a few moments the voices of two of the martyrs widows. But first we want to share with
you a poem written a few days ago by Nate Saint's Father Laurence Saint. Dedicated to five
noble Christian women our glorious Christ is marching on to Satan's land. Five men have gone
Christ's love fills hearts in their little plain. With gospels and gifts in circle down to heathen
hearts on a shadowy ground. At home five wives lifted hearts above and counted to the cost of
love to win hearts for Christ in Auca land. Five men circle down to a lonesome strand. Spear and
Lance swift cut them down. They lost the battle but won the crown. Let's follow on with prayer
and love with Christ. Strong legions from above. Nay their blood spilled on that Sandy strand be
an offering to Christ for Auca Land.

Choir:

[Music Begins]
Home Sweet home, home sweet home. There I'll never roam. I see the light of that city so bright. My home sweet home.

Al Sanders:

You are listening to a special missionary broadcast of the Bible Institute hour all of today's program is being placed in printed form including the words to these songs and will be sent to you free and postpaid when you write. The Bible institute hour this is the first time that we have placed our entire script in printed form. However we have felt that every home interested in Mission certainly should have a copy of the program our address is just Los Angeles 17 California. Ask for your copy of the missionary script then in our lending library for pastors we are placing two dozen copies of this program. Ministers may receive a copy by writing on their church stationery. These tapes will be sent out to the first requesting them. And according to earliest post by again all of you may have a free copy of the entire program and printed for and then pastors are invited to write for a copy of the program on tape to use in church activities. Our address. Los Angeles. 17 California now here is a personal word of greeting made in Quito Ecuador by a Biola graduate Olive Fleming

Olive Fleming:

I am Olive Fleming one of the verses that has meant a lot to me during this time is found in Psalm 16:11. Thou will Show me the path of life in thy presence is fullness of joy at thy right hand there are pleasures forevermore. praise God our future is in God's hand we who do not know the future yet he will guide and direct our every step he will show us the path of life only to those that believe does life have any meaning those who know God have life also he has
promised us fullness of joy he is the God of all comfort and as our hearts and minds are stayed
upon him our lives are filled with joy but as we look to ourselves and take our thoughts off of the
altogether lovely one we lose our joy and he has again has gone further and promised us
pleasures for evermore this promise is not only for now but for eternity this light affliction is but
for a moment but the glory we will see will be eternal to see him face to face will fulfill our joy
and our pleasures. Praise God we can look to him as believers in faith knowing that he will guide
our every step.

Al Sanders:
Thank you Olive Fleming. Now to fittingly conclude today's special edition of The Bible
institute hour here is Marge Saint.

Marge Saint:
The scripture verse or rather one of them which has meant the most to me during these past
weeks is found in Psalm 34:3 Oh magnify the Lord with me. Let us exalt His name together. And
why does it mean so much. Because when Nate's wedding ring was brought back to me which
was taken from his body in the Curaray river inside this little wedding band was found this
scripture reference and I find it in the ring on my finger to it is my prayer that God will help me
to continue this promise which we made to each other in which we made to the Lord eight years
ago. It is in the carrying out of this that I seek God's other promises of his strength of his grace
and of His peace. This has been Marge Saint.

Al Sanders:
Thank you Marge. This is a very difficult program for us to conclude not because there is no experience of victory for despite the tears in the cheeks here in the Biola studio and is perhaps you've noted throughout our program there's triumph overcoming triumph in the heart. Five seeds have fallen to foreign soil they've died but God has raised up more than one hundred fold for each one already not only here at the Bible institute but across the country our young men and women who have purpose that the Aucas and the other unreached tribes of the world shall have the Gospel story it may be they lost the battle. But in the words of Nate's dad they certainly have won the victors crown. Today's program has been presented to challenge your heart. You may have a complete copy of today's broadcast including the words to the songs by writing to the Bible institute hour Los Angeles 17 California

[Music begins]

Choir:
Goodbye our God is watching o'er you. Goodbye his mercy goes before you.

Al Sanders:
Until we meet again on Wednesday morning remember the words the apostle Paul awake to righteousness and sin not for some have not the knowledge of God. We'll be transcribing your way Wednesday.

Choir:
Now goodbye may God bless you. Goodbye our God is watching o’er you. Goodbye his mercy goes before you. Goodbye and we’ll be praying for you. Now goodbye may God bless you.

[Music Ends]