



**Robert (Bob) Stoughton**  
In loving remembrance, 1933-2019

## Praise and Prayer

God's Spirit prompted me to "wonder" into Chip's heart the day of Dad's visitation. Chip is my step-sister's husband. I inquired a bit about his discomfort with death and its inevitability. We talked about eternity and the gospel, closing with some tears, a hug and a verbalization our love for one another.

## HEART TRANSITIONS



*I applied my heart to what I observed  
and learned a lesson from what I saw.*  
Proverbs 24:34

**S**ome seasons and situations require us to let go. We've no choice but to ride the waves, having to relinquish control. Sometimes difficult life transitions are also "heart" transitions, moving us (like it or not) to yield and surrender more to His love, His will and His ways. GRACE + TRUTH (over TIME) = GROWTH. Generally, the sum is of value, though the equation isn't easy or fun.

### A Difficult Goodbye

My dad passed away July 15. He'd suffered from dementia that had grown worse. It was time; yet, there's no good time to transition to a fatherless life. It's made me more thoughtful of my heavenly Father and of eternal realities; but (as you might know) it's hard to part with a parent. We invite you to pray as we grieve and as I facilitate a time with a few family members – mostly unbelievers – on September 14 in Vancouver, WA.

A tribute is on my Facebook page @gregstoughton1.

### Farewell to Ryan's Boyhood Years



Now age 17, we enjoyed a fly fishing trip full of smiles, memories and trout. He's growing up.

## Global Prayer – Letting Go

Last August, Spirit-filled and trembling within, I spoke to 35 global CCCI/Cru prayer leaders about a significant restructuring of Cru prayer at Herrnhut, Germany (pictured). I asked them in faith to embrace a significant change. It seemed “right,” to shake things up with no guarantees. Our prayer people had a hard, “heart” transition. Today, we are rejoicing together in an ignition of many movements of prayer.

Recent newscasts from Kiev, the capital of Ukraine, showed a spiritual revival there. Svetlana (right) leads prayer for our Area of Eastern Europe and the Ukraine. She’s helped spark this renewal.



In August, I had another hard, “heart” transition. It was time to let go of the oversight of CCCI/Cru global prayer with our restructuring complete and working well. In early 2018, Sheri (left) said “yes” to a role as global prayer coordinator. I’m grateful. She’s done an amazing job. Recently, I told her, “I won’t miss some of the work, but I already miss working with you and others who have so passionately modeled what it is to really love Jesus.” I invite you to Pray as I ask the Lord “*What now? What next?*” with the 20-30 percent of capacity beyond my other partnership and project responsibilities. In September, I’ll scope out the strategic outreach portion of GO 2020 (a global initiative of prayer and outreach) as I attend a number of leader meetings.

## Goodbye Cru19 Staff Conference, Colorado and Mountain States



This July we attended the biennial gathering of 5,000 U.S.A. Cru staff in Colorado: worship, messages and a terrific reconnect with colleagues, organizational partners and friends; Linda and I enjoyed a day in Breckenridge; and it was the Green River in the Flaming Gorge (NE Utah) that highlighted our fishing – two 20+” brown trout for Ryan and one for me. Ryan caught 28 fish to Dad’s 4 on our special trip.