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# **FLOYD MCCLUNG BACKGROUND**

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## **ADDITIONAL NOTES ABOUT FLOYD McCLUNG'S LIFE**

**All Nations Founder Floyd McClung, International  
Missions Leader, and Author, Dies at 75**

### **Early Life - 1945-63**

Born in Long Beach, California, in 1945 to Floyd Sr., a lifelong Church of God pastor, and Enetha, McClung grew up moving every few years. The family made stops in Arizona, Kansas and Illinois before returning to California. McClung attended Chaffee High School in Ontario, California, where he was named captain of the high school basketball team.

### **Education - 1963-67**

McClung enrolled at Taylor University in Upland, Indiana, before transferring to Southern California College (now Vanguard University) in Costa Mesa, California, after his freshman year. At SCC he was elected student body president and named basketball team captain, before graduating in 1967 with a Bachelor of Arts in New Testament Studies.

### **Early Ministry Years - 1967-71**

While newly married, McClung spoke at churches and college campuses across the United States, recruiting young people for summer outreaches to the West Indies, and in 1970 the McClungs led a traveling outreach team, engaging with students on university campuses around the world. While in India they learned of the needs of the thousands of young Westerners there, and began formulating plans to move to Asia.

### **Dilaram - Kabul, Afghanistan - 1971-73**

As a young couple, the McClungs founded the network of Dilaram communal houses in Central Asia, North Africa and Europe. Starting in Afghanistan, they would eventually expand to locations in Pakistan, India, Nepal, Morocco, Spain, France, England and the Netherlands.

McClung's first book, *Just Off Chicken Street* (co-written with Charles Paul Conn), chronicled their ministry among the generation of young people who followed the hippie trail through Central Asia. *New York Times* and *Time* magazine articles highlighted their work. His daughter, Misha, was born in Kabul in 1972.

### **YWAM the Ark - Amsterdam, the Netherlands - 1973-75**

After an invitation from YWAM to use two houseboats behind Amsterdam's Central Station - named the Ark - as an extension of their Dilaram ministry, in late 1973 the McClungs and three other staff bundled into an old, refurbished Austrian van and traveled overland from Afghanistan to the Netherlands via Iran, Turkey and Eastern Europe.

Recognizing that Western Europe served as the starting point for the hippie trail, McClung positioned the Ark as an outreach center to engage the thousands of young Western travelers coming through the city en route to Asia.

Under McClung's leadership, the Ark gained a reputation as a place of compassion, and where people could openly discuss intellectual questions about Christianity. "It doesn't matter to people how much you know, until they know how much you care," was one of McClung's favorite sayings.

Volunteers from across Europe, North America and Australasia eventually came to work on the Ark. His son, Matthew, was born in Amsterdam in 1974.

### **YWAM Heidebeek - Heerde, the Netherlands - 1975-80**

With the success of the Ark's ministry in Amsterdam came a growing need for trained staff. In 1975, YWAM purchased a former leprosarium named Heidebeek in the eastern part of the Netherlands to serve as both a staff

training center and a rehab facility for converts, and the McClungs moved there to lead the new ministry.

However, McClung's heart remained focused on urban missions, and several years later he relinquished his leadership at Heidebeek in order to move his family back to the city.

### **YWAM the Cleft - Amsterdam, the Netherlands - 1980-82**

Situated between a Satanist church, a Chinese church and a 24-hour adult cinema in the middle of Amsterdam's infamous Red Light District - the most visited square kilometer in Europe - the Cleft was a community outreach center to the tens of thousands of prostitutes, pimps and drug addicts who populated the area.

Several other staff, including another family, joined the McClungs at the Cleft. While highly unusual for families to live in this neighborhood, they soon found that the children's presence often opened peoples' hearts to hear the Gospel.

### **YWAM Samaritan's Inn - Amsterdam, the Netherlands - 1982-91**

In 1980, YWAM purchased the former Salvation Army Dutch national headquarters. Located across from Amsterdam's Central Station on the corner of the notorious and crime-ridden Zeedijk - at the time Europe's busiest drug dealing street and home to countless dealers, addicts and thieves - the building had fallen into disrepair and become filled with squatters.

YWAM renamed the building Samaritan's Inn and launched a massive cleanup effort and extensive renovation campaign lasting nearly two years. In 1982 the McClungs moved into an apartment there, where they remained for the duration of their time in Amsterdam.

Through countless speaking engagements and numerous appearances on local TV, McClung became known throughout the Netherlands for his work in the Red Light District, and forged a dynamic link to the Dutch church. With a heart for urban ministry, he recruited young people from around the world to serve in the city, and YWAM Amsterdam eventually grew to over 300 staff and volunteers.

While living in Amsterdam, McClung served for three years as YWAM's Director for Europe, Middle East and Africa, before being promoted to International Executive Director in 1985. During his nearly eight-year tenure, McClung helped develop YWAM's focus on urban missions, unreached people groups and leadership training, while overseeing the mission's 10,000-plus

full-time staff, over 25,000 short-term participants, 250,000-plus annual volunteers and more than 500 operating locations in over 100 countries. He also served with Billy Graham's Lausanne Movement.

### **YWAM - Idyllwild, California - 1991-93**

In need of a drier climate for Sally's health, in 1991 the McClungs moved near Idyllwild, California, where they lived and worked for over two years. During this time McClung resigned from his international role in YWAM and established the first of many leadership development and mentoring programs. He would continue mentoring young leaders for the remainder of his life.

### **YWAM All Nations - Stonewall, Colorado - 1993-99**

Seeking a larger property, McClung moved to Stonewall, Colorado, where he founded All Nations in November 1993 and continued growing his leadership training programs, with an added emphasis on church planting. Initially under the umbrella of YWAM, All Nations later became an independent organization.

### **Metro Christian Fellowship / All Nations - Kansas City, Missouri - 1999-2005**

In late 1999, Metro Christian Fellowship (MCF), a large church in Kansas City, Missouri, invited McClung to become their new senior pastor. During his six-year tenure, he started the Church Planting Experience (CPx) training program, while expanding the international work of All Nations from its new Kansas City headquarters. He left MCF in 2005, giving his full attention to the continued growth of All Nations.

### **All Nations - Cape Town, South Africa - 2006-21**

Having visited South Africa dozens of times beginning in 1978, McClung fulfilled a lifelong dream in 2006, moving to Cape Town to pioneer a new All Nations ministry location. "At a time when most people would consider retiring," said Sally, "we packed up everything, moved halfway around the world and started over!"

For the next 10 years he trained and mentored young leaders, while continuing to write, travel and speak internationally.

In February 2016, McClung became suddenly ill, ending up in intensive care in a matter of hours. He was diagnosed with a rare bacterial infection, leading to septic shock and damage to his muscles, vital organs and neural pathways.

He remained conscious but hospitalized, bedridden and unable to speak for the remaining five-plus years of his life. "While unable to use his voice, he nonetheless communicated through facial expressions and in various other

ways to the many friends and family who visited him,” said Sally. “A wave of prayer began which continues to this day.”

## **Bibliography**

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Just Off Chicken Street (*with Charles Paul Conn*) - 1975  
God Roep Amsterdam (*“God Calls Amsterdam”*) - 1983  
The Father Heart of God - 1985  
Learning to Love People You Don’t Like (*formerly “Father Make Us One”*) - 1987  
Living on the Devil’s Doorstep - 1988  
Nine Worlds to Win (*with Kalafi Moala*) - 1988  
Holiness and the Spirit of the Age - 1990  
Wholehearted (*adapted from the “Discipleship Series” booklets*) - 1990  
Seeing the City with the Eyes of God (*formerly “Spirits of the City”*) - 1990  
Finding Friendship with God - 1992  
Basic Discipleship (*formerly “Wholehearted”*) - 1993  
Loving the God Who Loves You - 1993  
God’s Man in the Family - 1994  
The Healing Power of Love - 1995  
Light the Window (*edited by Floyd McClung*) - 1999  
Starting a House Church (*with Larry Kreider*) - 2007  
You See Bones, I See an Army - 2008  
Follow (*formerly “Following Jesus”*) - 2009  
Leading Like Jesus - 2015

### **BOOKLETS (7+)**

Welcome to the Family - 1972  
The Compassion of the Father (*excerpt from “The Father Heart of God”*)  
Lordship: Basic Discipleship (*adapted from “Basic Discipleship”*) - 1996

### **Discipleship Series Booklets - 1988**

Effective Evangelism  
Discovering Your Destiny  
How to Have Victory Over Sin  
Intimacy with God

### **OTHER WRITINGS (quantity unknown)**

- Essays and articles in magazines and periodicals
- Forewords, introductions and chapters in books
- Audio and video teachings

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