

**From Dr. Charles Goodwin, Professor of New Testament
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TO: Any Interested Reader

RE: Rev. Mel Montgomery

Although I have only known Mel (personally) for a couple of years, my acquaintance with him is far greater. Here is the story of my connection with Mel. My mother and dad were Texans, living at the time of his passing in Longview, TX. After his death in September of 79, mom decided to make a change in her residence. So in 1980 she moved to the Tulsa, OK, area (where my only brother lived). Mom moved to a suburb of Tulsa, namely, Broken Arrow.

There were at least three advantages accomplished by this move to Broken Arrow, OK. 1) Mom was geographically close enough to my brother and his family so as not to feel isolated, and 2) she was geographically close to her dearest friends, Oretha and Ken Hagin, and 3) an important third advantage was, she was able to minister to, and become a "spiritual parent of," some of the students attending Ken Hagin's school (Rhema Bible School).

One of her favorite "spiritual kids" was Mel Montgomery. Mom and Mel developed this close spiritual relationship in the early 80s. What was my role? It was my responsibility to "keep an eye" on my widowed mother, so to speak. So in one sense, I became acquainted with Mel in what one could call a "once removed" relationship. (That's the reason for my earlier statement that I have only known Mel [in person] for a couple of years, but it seems like many more because of our long time "once-removed" association).

I recommend Mel to readers with great pride. I'm proud to be associated with the Rev. Mel Montgomery. Although Mel and I now have, and will probably continue to have, theologically differing views on some subjects, our friendship and spiritual association is not negatively affected.

Mel, in my opinion, is a gentleman with class and integrity. He does his best to present the view he thinks most closely represents what Scripture teaches. Mel's honesty and determination in presenting what he considers truth, is beyond question. And most of all, I want to thank Mel for continuing, in a special way, the teachings of my parents - - Mom and Dad Goodwin.

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