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Seasoned Pastor, Missionary Attempts to Settle the “Speaking-in-Tongues” Debate

GARLAND, TX – After experiencing firsthand the heartbreak of division within the church because of debates about speaking in tongues, retired missionary Joe Tarry tackles Paul’s letters to the Corinthian church in 1 and 2 Corinthians and explains his thoughts on Paul’s conclusions in *Did Paul Approve of the Tongues Spoken in Corinth?*

Joe and his wife, Leona, served as missionaries to the cities of Governador Valadares and Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais, in Brazil for almost 40 years. They planted numerous churches of which Joe was pastor and worked with congregations on a daily basis. During that time, the Tarrys witnessed how the misunderstandings and misuse of tongues caused much division in the church. For nearly 45 years, Tarry studied the issue of speaking in tongues to determine what the biblical use of tongues involves.

In *Did Paul Approve of the Tongues Spoken in Corinth?*, Tarry begins by explaining the background for Paul’s 1 and 2 Corinthians. He delves into why Paul wrote his letters and describes that time in history. To explain his personal view on tongues, Tarry examines Paul’s writings through a verse-by-verse analysis and displays Paul’s arguments both for and against speaking in tongues before he explains Paul’s conclusion. Tarry ends with the historical and current use of tongues in today’s churches and implications of speaking in tongues.

“The book’s ideas afford us a blended view of these often-misunderstood passages by creating parallel analyses of arguments for and against speaking in tongues. You may or may not agree with Joe’s conclusions, but you will see this issue discussed in a new fashion,” writes Dr. Joseph Bunch, executive director of the Baptist Convention of New Mexico, in the book’s foreword.

Joe E. Tarry was born near Lovington, NM, in 1935. He graduated with a double major and received a bachelor of arts in religion and history from Eastern New Mexico University and a master of divinity from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary. He and Leona are retired missionaries and live in Ruidoso, NM.

Paperback (\$14.95) copies of the book are available through online bookstores such as Amazon.com and Barnesandnoble.com. Hannibal Books also offers the book through 800-747-0738 and www.hannibalbooks.com. ISBN: 978-1-934749-19-7.

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