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Storyteller, Missionary Weaves Tales of Adventure, Introspection in New Book

GARLAND, TX – Two large dogs lunging hungrily in their direction. A six-foot ditch with what appears to be no way across. The death of a father with only one nearly impossible way to attend the funeral. These are just a few of the gripping stories that missionary Gary T. Stone reveals in his book, *What if Everyone Lived Next Door to Jesus?*

Gary and his wife, Lily, have devoted more than 20 years to a life of missionary work in Ecuador, Australia and Guatemala. Their service has led them to remote jungles, beautiful barrier reefs and mountain villages. They have encountered warm, friendly souls and others who would have nothing to do with them. Throughout their experiences, they – like many other missionaries – have gleaned an abundance of entertaining and thoughtful stories to share.

In *What if Everyone Lived Next Door to Jesus?*, Gary lets the reader in on his riveting and sometimes humorous experiences as a Christian and a missionary. He describes heart-pounding narratives about working directly beneath a power line and experiencing life near a volcano, as well as lighter moments such as the tale of “The Christmas Buzzard.” Through each of these short stories, Gary weaves an important lesson or truth that ties the everyday to the spiritual. He uses his entertaining, conversational tone to draw the reader in and explain what he has learned through each situation.

“*What if Everyone Lived Next Door to Jesus?* is truly outstanding! It is the kind of story that makes you laugh, cry and praise the Lord all at once. It’s full of insight into human nature,” writes Dr. Harry Byrd, author and retired International Mission Board missionary to Guatemala, in the book’s foreword.

Gary T. Stone was born in South Carolina. He graduated from Clemson University in South Carolina and The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kentucky. He and his wife, Lily, spent 23 years as missionaries with the International Mission Board. They are blessed with two wonderful children, Lindsay and Will.

Paperback (\$19.95) 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: 978-1-934749-14-2.

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