

# Meet Your Missionary

## Harriett Bathman

Serving with Frontline Fellowship, in Mesa, Arizona



Frontline Fellowship, is an African Mission based in Cape Town, South Africa.

Bill went to be with the Lord in December 2016

**BIRTH PLACES:** Atlanta, Georgia

**BIRTHDAY:** March 24

**FAVORITE VERSE:** Matthew 6:33

**CHILDREN:** Deborah (Pelzmann) 3 children

Linda Joy (Lemke) 3 children

Lenora (Hammond) 4 children

**CURRENT RESIDENCE:** Salzburg, Austria

Loveland, Colorado

Cape Town, S. Africa

### TESTIMONY

I trusted the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Savior at the age of 18, while a student nurse working for my RN at the Georgia Baptist Hospital in Atlanta. Three years later, Bill and I were married immediately after graduation, (the day after!) and two days later I reported for duty as an RN at the BJU hospital in Greenville, SC.

On September 2, 1951, I married my longtime sweetheart, Bill Bathman. After his graduation from BJU in June of 1952 we left for mission work in Europe. God's call was clear – "Europe is your mission field."

After working in Western Europe and the British Isles for ten years, the Lord opened the door for us to minister in the communist world of Eastern Europe, behind the Iron Curtain. From our base in Salzburg, Austria, we took Bibles and medical supplies to Christians who suffered persecution and preached the Gospel in restricted-access countries. We were in Czechoslovakia when the Russians invaded in August 1968 and in Romania when the Communist regime was toppled in 1989.

After 22 years in Europe (without a furlough), the Lord showed us, "As the Communist World expands, so does your mission field." It was 1976. We transferred our base of operation from Austria to Arizona and began working in a wider field: Africa, Latin America and India. During the next 4 years (the Carter years) Communism made a quantum leap – 14 countries fell to atheistic communism. We were in Nicaragua during the Communist revolution in 1979.

Our work in Africa began in 1977. Each year thereafter we spent from one to three months on the Dark Continent and in 2001 moved to Cape Town and began working with Frontline Fellowship in some 15 countries – both communist and Muslim.

The Founder and Director of the Mission is Dr. Peter Hammond, my son-in-law. In 2009, for health reasons, we officially transferred our base of operations to Arizona.

### MISSIONS FOUNDED:

1957 **NETwork**, UK; 1962 **PIONEERS**, Austria; 1981 **IN TOUCH MISSION INT'L**, USA.

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