



## Mr. David Brian Wilke

August 26, 1956 - June 30, 2023

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“*Dave was what I would call a gentle giant. He was a kind and thoughtful man. He truly thought through every decision and action he took into consideration. He thought about the impact it would have on others. He thought about whether it was the right thing to do - sometimes biblically, sometimes technologically. He was always thinking. But in addition to being gentle, he was truly a giant. His voice. That radio voice. Deep, resonating. You felt some deep masterful wisdom behind it. He did so much for the business, for the ministry, for the Christian book business, for his friends, his colleagues and his family. His impact in this world was giant. Why God took him from us so soon is hard to comprehend, but the impact he had on so many lives and hearts was truly giant. While we already miss Dave, his imprint on our hearts will live on forever.*”

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**Stuart Foster** - July 17, 2023 at 03:37 PM

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“*One could say the greatest part of DCC acquiring Gospel Light several years back was its curriculum/resources. Wilke to me in my mind was the greatest resource! The lessons he taught me are so hard to learn. The lesson... others are more important than thyself. So many times my weak urgent need was met by Wilke pausing on an important deadline matter to serve me. He was a self starter and learned his craft of technology much on his own. Brilliant! Wilke loved Jesus and his life was a demonstration of so. I choose to believe he and Henrietta Mears have already met on the sandy shores of Heaven and Wilkes shared that Henrietta and GL's Mission/vision lives on through our hands at DCC! They both loved the soul of Sunday school! May we also do so...*”

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**byron ragains** - July 13, 2023 at 01:26 PM

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“ As a fellow remote worker for DCC, I was rarely with Dave in person. However, we did meet in Colorado Springs one time, and I found him just as warm and awesome in person as he was on the Zoom screen. Every time I had occasion to speak with Dave, I sensed his brilliant blend of kindness, humor, professionalism, and that unspoken love. I loved seeing that silly cow painting over his head in every video call. I have a similar one in my house. Seeing it over him always made me smile. I'm so very sorry for your loss. The world was a friendlier place with Dave in it, and I miss him.

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**Jeff Gerke** - July 10, 2023 at 12:54 PM

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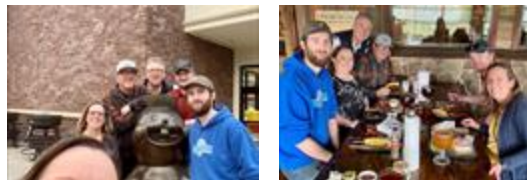
“ It is a rare thing to find someone who is faithful, intelligent, kind, a great problem-solver, a hard worker, and also has a sense of humor. Dave will be greatly missed.

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**Laura Derico** - July 10, 2023 at 09:15 AM

JZ

“ It has been an honor to know and work with Dave. From the first time I met him in Ventura in the Gospel Light office until the last meeting I was on Zoom with him in May, I enjoyed Dave's humor, unshakable faith, and super impressive ability to solve any problem (he was known as MacGyver by many of us). He made our ministry better and those that worked with him better, just by being Dave. I am so thankful that Dave joined us for a trip to Dallas at the end of April to attend a training, and several of us got to spend time with him in person. It was great to catch up with him and hear him talk about his family with such love. Plus, we had a great time eating Texas BBQ and checking out the famous Buc-ees convenience store (pictures from both attached here). Fun story, at Buc-ees, Dave found a button up shirt with a bunch of Garfields all over it. He was super excited about this shirt. He carried it around the Buc-ees for a long, long time, intending on purchasing it, until he realized it cost like \$80. Then, he returned it to the rack. We laughed so much at Buc-ees checking out all the cool stuff they had there. It is a special memory that I'm so thankful to have. I'm thankful for the influence Dave had on my life and the lives of so many others, but so heartbroken for his family, and I'm continuing to pray for you all. I know we are all rejoicing that Dave is with Jesus for eternity, and I look forward to the day I get to see him again. I hope he is wearing that Garfield shirt from Buc-ees on that day.



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**Jana Zachman** - July 07, 2023 at 10:17 PM

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I am so thankful for the time I was able to spend with Dave on our Dallas trip. We shared a couple of long car rides and got to "just talk life." I will always cherish that memory and consider it another "gift" from Dave.

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**Chadd Miller** - July 28, 2023 at 11:16 AM

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“ It was such an honor to know Dave. My favorite memories are of when he shared about his family, especially his grandchildren. He was so proud! When I had my first child, he gifted me a stuffed giraffe for her. He told me that he gave a similar one to his grandchild and would take a picture of her with it each month and then each birthday and that it was fun to see how she grew next to it. So, I did the same for my daughter. Thank you, Dave, for your kindness!



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**Marina** - July 07, 2023 at 05:59 PM

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“ Dave was a wonderful man of God who will be missed greatly. As a co-worker and friend, he was always a go-to person that gladly helped in any way possible even outside his area. We've had many good conversations over the years about his amazing wife and children. He loved you all so very much. I will miss seeing Dave (and Millie in the background), but I am so glad that he's in a better place now, and I look forward to seeing him again. Praying for you all during this most difficult time.

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**Natalie Buchanan** - July 07, 2023 at 04:54 PM