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One Finger Typing is Slow, but Persistence Wins Former IMB Missionary Publishes Another Book Beyond My Strength

Cumming, GA: August 23, 2010 Ronnie narrowly escaped death from a devastating stroke. It paralyzed his right side, made him dizzy 24/7, stole his ability to swallow, made it hard to speak, and would have stopped most people in their tracks. But, it did not stop God.

Ronnie used to be right handed but now types with one finger on his left hand. He will say, "I have the touch of a blacksmith." The screen protecter on his first iPad had what looked like smudges corresponding with each letter of the on screen keyboard. They were actually spots warn in the protective cover by his index finger.

A decade later he is wheelchair bound and partially paralyzed. One side of his vocal cords does not move at all. Dizziness never goes away. Part of his mouth, throat, and tongue are still paralyzed. The list could go on, but he continues to minister.

At age 16, he explains, "I prayed and Dad died anyway." He tells about falling in love, recounts his feelings as gun shot wounds drenched him in a missionary colleague's blood, and a few months later a missionary colleague collapsed from a heart attack before his eyes.

Ronnie says, "I have learned the challenges in my life are not a proving ground for my faith. They are an opportunity for God to demonstrate his power." His book, *Beyond My Strength*, focuses on the spiritual insights God has revealed throughout his life and especially as he relearned to minister in his stroke altered body.

In 1986 he and his family began eighteen years under appointment to Peru as IMB missionaries. In 2004 he started a new phase of ministry as a church planting consultant at the North American Mission Board. In 2010 he began a new career - medically disabled.

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