

TESTIMONIALS for Ed & Isabelle Haupt Memorial Scholarship

#1: Alton and Barbara (Kelchner) Hinson

Pastors of Faith Fellowship AG
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Throughout our ministry, Alton & I have both repeatedly referred to our years under Bro. & Sis. Haupt's ministry. They were years that had a major life impact on us both. The most poignant memories of those years were the supernatural moves of God we experienced in the youth auditorium! Those encounters shaped Alton & I both into youth that deeply desired to follow His call – they were the “keeping strength”, the foundational firsthand experience of the true power of God working in our lives, and the launching pad from which we developed as we stepped into our years of spiritual training in college, and then into actual full-time ministry. There was never any doubt in our minds that the move of God's spirit was real, that His desire was to have us totally consecrated to Him, and that we were to walk obediently thereafter accomplishing His will for our lives.

Being in pastoral ministry ourselves, we look back and so appreciate the deep respect Bro. Haupt for giving God time and opportunity to work in His people. Often ministers are not sensitive enough and can stifle what God wants to do in hearts...not Bro. Haupt. Without a doubt, his heart burned with a hunger to see God's Spirit do His work! We remember having total assurance that what the Word said was REAL because we were privileged to actually see it “fleshed out” in the services...in power and demonstration.

We can see Bro. Haupt lying prostrate on the platform, interceding in agony for the souls of the lost sheep in his church. What a mentor he was to Alton and I as we entered ministry! He showed us the importance of intercessory prayer, of loving your people unconditionally, of imparting vision and encouragement into their spirits and so much more. We emphasize that he showed us, versus just telling us how things ought to be...we watched the example of what a true pastor should be as we looked at Bro. Haupt's pastoral life.

We always were so deeply moved by Bro. Haupt's prayer life. To this day, we remember his deep voice as he prayed for us one by one as we knelt at the altar or at a pew. He was in no hurry to rush us home, but encouraged us as a church body to tarry in the Lord's presence. As we lingered, God did deep works in many lives. Bro. Haupt showed such personal interest and concern for each of us...such a shepherd's heart he had!

Sis. Haupt was one unbelievably focused and dedicated wife, mother and pastor's wife. She was always serving, always supporting, always using her talents for the Lord. We remember that whatever she did, she did with excellence. She showed us by her example that if we are doing anything for the Lord, we should do our very best. What a great example for a future pastor's wife!

As we look back over the years, we see such wisdom shown by Bro. & Sis. Haupt in not just their “doing”, but in their training and mentoring others. This taught Alton & I

the importance of doing likewise in each of our churches. Only when we stand before our Lord at the Judgment Seat of Christ, will any of us fully realize what has been accomplished for His glory. It only causes us to press onward with resolve, to remain faithful in this season of our life, so that we can lay before our Lord many sheaves and liberal eternal good works for His glory. God most assuredly used both Bro. & Sis. Haupt, and their individual ministries, to establish us on a solid path of serving Him.

#2: Obie Harrup, Jr. “Legacy of Edward and Isabelle Haupt”

Retired AG Pastor and Missionary
Springfield, Missouri

Young Ed Haupt was mentored under the ministry of the Reverend Ralph Jeffries, who pastored Bethel Assemblies of God in Hagerstown, Maryland for around forty (40) years. Ed and wife, Isabelle, were only two (2) of over forty (40) ministers and their spouses whom God sent out of that Hagerstown church during the tenure of Pastor Jeffries.

Ed Haupt hungered to have an intimate walk with God. He told me that he would spend hours at a time with Pastor Jeffries in his office, talking about the things of the Lord. It was often at those times that young Haupt felt more like an observer than a participant as Pastor Jeffries would begin to soar into the spiritual realm, expounding on some Biblical insight about the Lord.

This same Ed Haupt in turn, sought to make an investment into my young life and ministry. In 1962, he invited me to hold evangelistic meetings at the church where he was pastoring in Petersburg, Virginia. Inasmuch as I had just been licensed in 1961, that invitation by Bro. Haupt bolstered my young heart, and encouraged me to seek only God's highest for my life.

From 1970 through 1980, my wife and I were missionaries to Africa, under appointment by the Assemblies of God Foreign Missions Department. Ed and his wife, Isabelle, who directed the Potomac District Women's Ministries for so many years, played a great part in our overseas ministry, both in Sierra Leone and in Kenya. Bro. Haupt helped raise our finances. Sis. Haupt and the District WM's helped equip us with food and supplies for those eleven (11) years.

When medical and other necessities required us to return to stateside ministry, Bro. Haupt was still playing a part in empowering my ministry. In the eighth (8) year of pastoring at Bedford Valley, Pennsylvania, he invited me to come and hold evangelistic meetings. At the close of those two (2) weeks, he encouraged me to consider being a candidate to succeed him as pastor when he would soon be leaving. Though the Lord had other plans for that wonderful church, it was that ongoing endeavor of Bro. Haupt to impart something into the hearts of younger ministers like myself to carry on a ministry that was dear to his heart.

As Ralph Jeffries had mentored Ed Haupt, and Ed & Isabelle mentored me, so their legacy is now reaching into young lives at Southwestern Assemblies of God University to enable them to carry the gospel to the ends of the earth.

#3: Chaplain Sam and Norma Rust

Headlight in Trucking Ministries
Bedford, PA

Ed and Isabelle Haupt were highly respected ministers in the Potomac District. Their last pastorate was Bedford Valley Assembly of God, Bedford, PA, where they lovingly served and were loved in return by the congregation.

Sis. Haupt was an excellent Bible teacher. She was also a highly qualified District WM Director.

The Haupt's were both dedicated ministers who loved God, people, and each other with all their hearts. They were wonderful people, and we really appreciated their friendship. We were honored to call them our friends.

#4: Aleda Swartzendruber

Retired editor for the Assemblies of God National Women's Ministries Dept.
Springfield, Missouri

What I remember and appreciate most about Isabelle Haupt was her giving heart and "fun" spirit. She was very special to me and to all of us in the national Women's Ministries Department during the time she was a district director. We always looked forward to seeing her at any of our national meetings.

Isabelle always came to any meeting bearing gifts of appreciation for those of us in the national Women's Ministries Department. But she didn't just hand us the gift – she made the presentation fun and unique. She was truly a special, godly woman who encouraged us in our ministry and impacted our individual lives.

I met Ed, her husband, although I did not know him. However, I was always impressed with Isabelle's dedication to him. I remember her telling me that in all the years they had been married, not a day had passed that they didn't talk to each other by 'phone when they were apart. She was a beautiful example of all a godly woman should aspire to be.

#5: Jenell Ogg Mueller

Formerly of the National Women's Ministries Department

In April, 1975, I moved from Nashville, TN to Springfield, MO to work at the Assemblies of God headquarters in the national Women's Ministries Dept. Later that year, I met Isabelle Haupt who was the Women's Ministries and Missionettes Director for the Potomac District. She served in that position for many years, and was highly respected for her dedication, leadership and love for this work for the Lord. She always performed her responsibilities with correctness and integrity. As a District leader, she attended the annual leadership seminars which were held for all District directors. Those were always times of learning, vision-casting, fellowship and fun.

Among the District Women's Ministries directors, there was a fellowship in which all of them belonged. I believe that Sister Haupt served in every leadership position of that fellowship. I remember that she would write skits and perform in them at the annual seminars as the district directors recognized the national leaders for their dedicated services. It was always interesting to see her get "out of character" as she "let her hair down" (*so to speak*) in these presentations.

In 1982, Sister Haupt invited me to speak at the annual WM and Missionettes Days at Potomac Park Camp. Of course, she had an ulterior motive as well. Since I was single and not getting any younger, many of the directors and others decided I needed help in finding Mr. Right!!! I was told about a widower in the Potomac District and he was told about me.

To make a long story short, four years later, I became Mrs. Carl Mueller and moved to Rockville, MD and became a member of the Potomac District. I attended most of the Women's Ministries and Missionettes activities for the district after moving there. Whenever I was at camp, I always helped Sister Haupt with last-minute details for her activities. We worked well together and had lots of good fellowship and fun.

When she became so ill and had to be hospitalized, she was still the WM and Missionettes director. From the hospital she sent word that she wanted me to go to the office and complete some of her reports and other work for her. I did so, and was disappointed that she was never able to return to the work that she loved. In heaven, I'm sure she is staying busy with some of the bookwork and planning which may be necessary there.

Isabelle Haupt was a gentle, Southern lady who loved her Lord with all her heart and she so enjoyed working for Him.