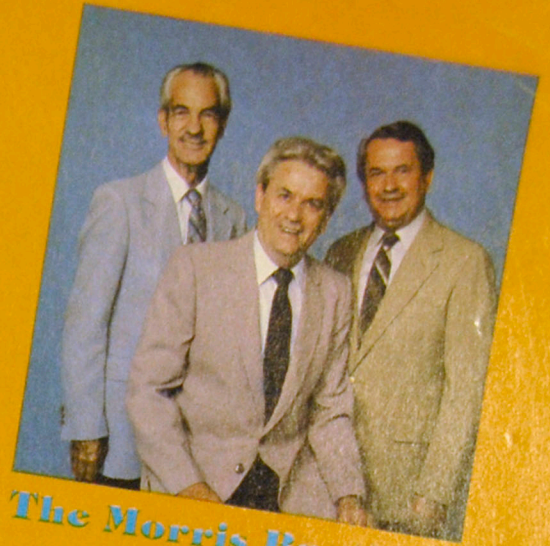


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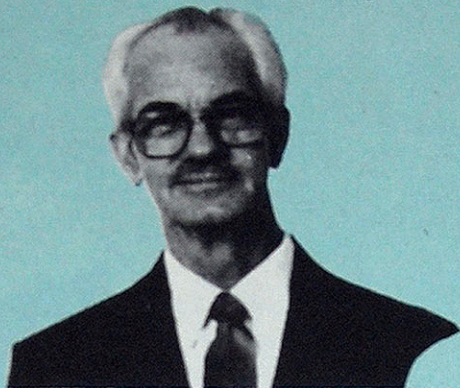
By
Dave Wilcox

"The Great Commission". Many of us are familiar with it, but very few of us practice or support it. The great commission is simply going into all the world and telling the people of Jesus Christ and his saving grace. The Morris Brothers are the only group I know who heed this great command through their singing ministry in the states. The Morris

Brothers are truly one of a kind. Herb, Homer and Vaughn Morris began their music careers in north Georgia under

Morris Brothers, and he should receive credit for his early direction of the trio.

During the late '40's and early '50's, The Brothers were regular performers on several radio stations in Georgia and they were working hundreds of dates a year, when their music careers were suddenly interrupted when Homer answered God's call to preach the Gospel. The Morris Brothers disbanded. continued on page 39



Henry Moss

the direction of their father, the Rev. Frank Morris. The boys were naturally interested in singing and picking since they came from a musically talented family.

Rev. Morris pastored their home church where they had an excellent music department under the direction of A. E. Barton. Mr. Barton was a noted singer, songwriter and publisher. He took great interest in The



Herb



Homer

Inspirations Summer Schedule

INSPIRATIONS PARK - Hwy. 19 or 19 A (Smoky Mtn. Express) Hyatt Creek Road Exit. (Between Cherokee and Bryson City, NC.)

SINGING IN THE SMOKIES, A MOUNTAIN TOP EXPERIENCE AT INSPIRATIONS PARK

6-28 Betterway, Masters Five (James Blackwood, J.D. Sumner, Hovie Lister, Jake Hess, Steve Warren), Hopper Brothers and Connie, Inspirations, 7 pm

6-29 Rex Nelson Singers, Gold City Quartet, Bibletones, Inspirations, 7 pm

6-30 Youth and Family Night: Singing Greenes, McKameys, Hemphills, Inspirations (daytime hike), 7 pm

7-1 Fun Night: Lewis Family, Wendy Bagwell and Sunliters, Inspirations (Daytime: Rafting), 7 pm

7-2 Kingsmen, Talleys, Inspirations (Daytime Tubing), 7 pm

7-3 Oldtimers Night: Singing Browns, Cathedrals, Easter Brothers, Inspirations, Southernairs 'The Medicare Quarter' (Daytime Field-Day), 7 pm

7-4 Heavenbound, Florida Boys, Paynes, Singing Perrys, Inspirations (Daytime: God and Country March, and Ballgame between groups), 7 pm

7-5 "Hoot Owl Night" With the Spencer Family, Billy Kelly, McKameys, Singing Echoes, Jimmy Davis, Inspirations, 7 pm

8-1 Kingsmen, Inspirations, 7 pm

8-2 Heavenbound, Singing Greenes, Inspirations, 7 pm

8-3 Roy Knight Singers, McKameys, Inspirations, 7 pm

LABOR DAY FESTIVAL 1986

8-30 Singing Greenes, Gold City Quartet, Inspirations, 7 pm

8-31 Betterway, McKameys, Inspirations, 7 pm

FALL COLOR FESTIVAL 1986

11-18 McKameys, Inspirations, 7 pm

11-19 Kingsmen, Inspirations, 2 pm

GATLINBURG, TENNESSEE

above Ogle Restaurant Buffet - across from Chamber of Commerce - Each Friday-Sunday and Tuesday at 8:30 pm from June 13 thru October 27 with exception to Inspiration Park Dates.

INSPIRATIONS RESTAURANT:

Atop School House Hill in Bryson City, N.C., at 8 pm from July 17 thru August 18. Each Monday night except above or at Park.

Inspirations' menswear compliments of Jordan and Booth of Shreveport, Louisiana.



For detail information on the Inspirations, join the Inspirations Newsletter/Record Club for \$5.00 a year and receive your choice of our records ON HEAVENS BRIGHT SHORE OR WHEN I GET HOME (Sorry no cassettes or record substitutes)

For Information on Any of above Write to The Inspirations, P.O. Drawer JJ, Bryson City, NC 28713 or call 704/488-2865 Mon. - Fri. or call 488-6363 Inspirations Motel or Campground after April.

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After Homer graduated from Tennessee temple, he and his wife, Polly served 12 years as missionaries in Mexico. They developed and built churches along the Texas-Mexico boarder which are still thriving today. It was during this period that Herb and Homer found "Missions For Jesus International".

In 1973 the leadership of the mission field was given to others, allowing Homer to return to Atlanta to re-form the present Morris Brothers sound which is Country Gospel spiced with Bluegrass. The guys have recorded over a dozen albums featuring their original songs. They work almost 150 dates a year in the Southeast with a desire to branch out in 1986.

1984 saw The Morris Brothers reach an agreement with Nashville's top Gospel producer, Eddie Crook, who produced their albums for MorningStar Records. "Heavenly Band" was their first effort and featured the single "Where Is The Lamb?" which was a big hit in several regions across the country. "Glorious Things"- is their second project with Eddie Crook and it features a return to the "country" sound opposed to the flavor of bluegrass. Continuing with this sound, The Morris Brothers will be back in the studio in the summer working on a new release.

This year will mark the second year in a row The Boys have hosted the North Georgia Annual Singing in Marietta. Again this, April over 15,000 fans are expected to attend the three-day singing which showcases the top Gospel talent.

The Morris Brothers continue to diligently support their mission work in Mexico. As far as we know "Missions For Jesus International" is the only mission work where every cent raised goes directly to the field! There are no administrative fees of any kind! All profits derived from the singing group also go to the missions field.