

Keenan, from my heart for your Dad.

Jerry Roberts was already 50 years old when he left the pastorate, moved to Central America, became a missionary, and decided to preach all his sermons in Spanish. I thought, “not going to happen”! Age matters when learning another language. Jerry was too old. Time went by. One day Jerry announced, “I just preached my 300th sermon in Spanish!”

Jerry Roberts was also too old to go back to college or so everyone thought. And why bother? He was a master preacher--now fluent in two languages. No matter. Jerry soaked it up—one course after the other--from “Religion and Culture in Latin America,” to “Ethics” to “Predicando en Español.” After a few years and a multitude of courses, Jerry earned a Bachelor of Arts in Religion followed by a Master of Arts in Leadership and Spirituality. Jerry loved every minute of this new world!

I met Jerry for the first time when he was 50! He wasn't too old to invite strangers like me into his life. Jerry became a colleague, confidant, and one of my closest friends.

The Jerry Roberts Memorial Fund. Of course, I'll get involved. I'll be among the first donors!

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