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Dear Friends of Galcom:

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Founder Harold Kent: 1925-2014

“I was not disobedient to the vision from heaven”
(Acts 26:19b NIV)

God used three faithful men- Harold Kent, Ken Crowell and Allan McGuirl- to start Galcom in 1989. They truly became a strong three-strand cord that stood the test of time. On January 23, the second of these founding heroes was called home to a great reward in heaven when Harold Kent passed away in Tampa, Florida at age 89*. Survived by his dear wife Jo Ann, three children. Mike Kent, Patty Walker and Susan Nelson and their spouses, plus eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, Harold leaves behind a great legacy.

After honorable naval service in World War II, Harold married Jo Ann McCoy, and the couple moved to Florida where they raised their family and where he became a successful businessman. At age 40, he met Jesus Christ as his personal savior and his life trajectory was radically altered**. In 1988 at a Christian conference the Lord called Harold to *“make fix-tuned radios and distribute them to people around the world who have no other way of hearing the Gospel”*. Then God led him to meet Ken Crowell and Allan McGuirl. Together they founded Galcom International in 1989. 25 years later, *more than ten million people* have been introduced to Christ because of their faith and their obedience to the founding vision of Galcom!

Harold and JoAnn also played a key role in sparking a bona-fide people movement to Christ among the 26 million non-literate Banjara gypsies of India, traveling there many times to foster and nourish this indigenous, still expanding work. To date these efforts have yielded at least *another million souls born-again into the Kingdom Of God*. These gains are now being cemented by using MegaVoice solar-rechargeable audio Bibles in Banjara as discipleship tools.

Tributes to honor Harold’s life and legacy continue to arrive. From fellow founder Allan McGuirl: *“His love for His Saviour and desire to see many more come to faith in Jesus compelled him. He was such a pleasure to work with through all these years. I can’t help thinking about how many people Harold is*

meeting in heaven who found Jesus because of his generous and faithful giving and praying. His legacy is an everlasting one and he's now cheering us on from heaven."

Russell Stendal wrote, *"Harold's support was crucial to the work of the Lord here in Colombia. We will not know the full details of those touched by the Lord through the Galcom radios until we are also with the Lord."*

Judy Cibene of MegaVoice (Ken Crowell's daughter) said: *"When we think of Harold Kent, the words gentle, faithful and kind come to mind. Harold loved his Savior and used his time, energy and resources to further the Kingdom. Harold also loved, and was a great friend to, Israel. He was a blessing to MegaVoice and distributed thousands of Audio Bibles to people throughout the world."*

Harold's greatest legacy may lie in his personal humility, his great generosity and his godly example- his Kingdom accomplishments being but a reflection of his character. Many, many of his quiet acts of personal generosity are still known only to the recipients and to God.

Perhaps Gary Nelson said it best, noting that *Harold "led a rich, full, productive life with a worldwide impact- he was a mighty warrior of the faith. Now he is before the King of Kings and he can rightly say with Paul the Apostle, "I was not disobedient to the vision from heaven".*

He will be greatly missed.

Note: Harold's life and legacy will be honored at our U.S. partner appreciation banquet on March 25 in Tampa. Contact the office for details. Galcom is approved by the family to receive tax-deductible gifts in Harold's memory. U.S. donations by check can be made out to Galcom with "IMO Harold Kent" in the memo line and mailed to the address above. Canadian gifts should go to 115 Nebo Road, Hamilton, ON L8W 2E1. Online credit card donations may be made via <http://www.galcom.org/donate.html>.

For the unreached,

Tom Blackstone
Exec. Director

**Fellow founder Ken Crowell preceded Harold in death on Jan. 25, 2012*

***See <http://www.galcomusa.com/Harold%20Kent%20testimony.html>*

Founder Harold Kent: 1/18/1925 - 1/23/2014



Harold Kent's hallmarks of high energy & sense of direction were noticeable even from his early years



God gave Jo Ann McCoy to him as a fitting help-mate to share in their 65 year-long life adventure



Harold's love of family was as apparent as his love for Christ & for completing His Great Commission



Harold (L) formed Galcom's founding "three fold cord" along with Ken Crowell and Allan McGuirl



Ardent lovers of both the land and people of Israel, Harold and Jo Ann made many pilgrimages there



Harold & Jo Ann were used by God to catalyze a people movement among India's Banjara gypsies