

ABOUT THE GOOD SAMARITAN COMMITTEE



**GOOD
SAMARITANS
SALE**

AT

**“FRIENDS FOR
CHRIST” IN GA /**

**“AMIGOS POR
CRISTO”**

GEORGIA



BRIEF HISTORY OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN COMMITTEE

- The first Moravian missionaries arrived at the east coast of Nicaragua in 1849. They taught the native people about salvation through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. They also showed them the importance of spreading the good news.
- A lot of them did just that: they went and spread the gospel of Jesus Christ all around, beginning many new congregations where there existed none. Today, Nicaragua is the second fastest growing province within the Moravian Unity.



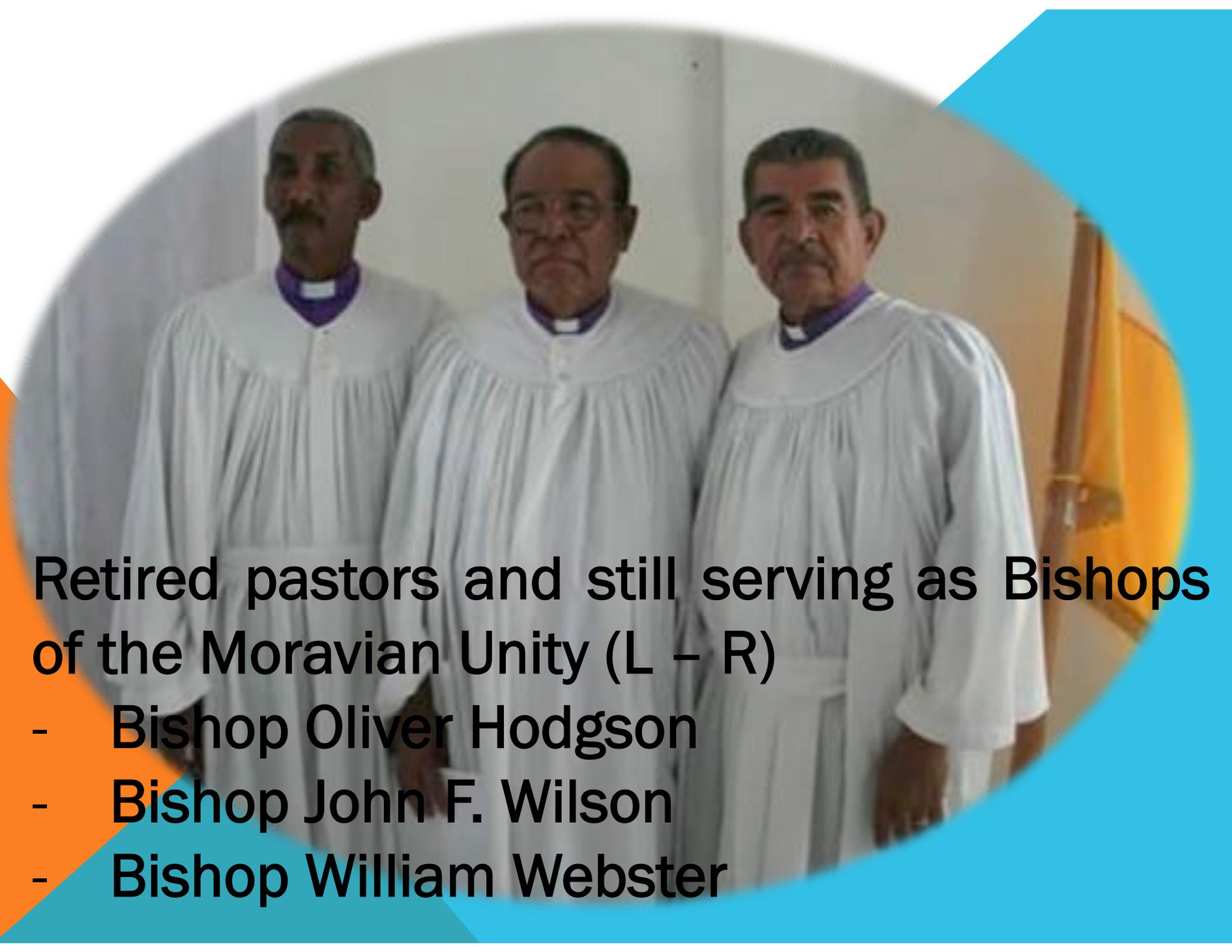
Retired
Pastors
(L - R)

- Rev.
Santos
Cleban

- Rev. Higinio
Morazan
(passed away
recently)

- Rev.
Serminio
Nicho

- These brothers and sisters who shared the good news with their fellow men and women, were not ordained ministers; they were lay pastors who received no pay from the Moravian Church nor from any other.
- Today, many of them have gone to their rest with the Lord, leaving a great example of faith and loyalty in the service of God. Yet some of them are still living, we also have some of their widows with us today, but they are living in great poverty and need.

A photograph of three men in white clerical vestments with purple collars, standing side-by-side. The photo is set within a circular frame that is part of a larger graphic design with blue and orange geometric shapes. The text is overlaid on the bottom left of the image.

**Retired pastors and still serving as Bishops
of the Moravian Unity (L – R)**

- **Bishop Oliver Hodgson**
- **Bishop John F. Wilson**
- **Bishop William Webster**

- This situation motivated some miskitu sisters and brothers living in Florida, to send a Christmas gift to them in the early 90's.
- As time went by, this emerging organization was able to do more and more, as many other sisters and brothers joined and gave their support.
- Later, we were able to get an official list of retired pastors and widows in Nicaragua and send a Christmas gift to all.
- Lately we even have been blessed to build a little house for some of them who need ongoing medical attention in Puerto Cabezas, since most of them live in rural areas with none or difficult access to medical facilities and health services.

Mr. Sidney Willis (passed away) and
Mrs. Justina Willis (still with us).



Founders of the Good Samaritan Committee

- Our help is channeled through a local committee organized in Bilwi, Nicaragua.
- The name chosen for this group is: The “Good Samaritan” Committee, inspired by the text found in Luke 10:25-37, where we read the story about “...a certain Samaritan...” who showed compassion to his neighbor.
- Compassion cannot see someone in need without helping. It accepts the consequences of getting involved because it cannot bear to turn away. Compassion comes from a heart that is tender toward God and toward fellow travelers on the road of life.

Piarka Mildred Calis



Dakban wina

- Widow Mildred Calis
- From the Community of Dakban, Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua

- The story ends with a command: “Go and do likewise.”
- Today, many brothers and sisters have responded to that command, from Texas to Tampa, Sarasota, West Palm Beach, Miami, Tavares in Florida. Atlanta, Georgia, Winston-Salem in North Carolina, South Carolina, are also part of this effort. We get together several times during the year in different places for a weekend of praise and worship, musical extravaganza, spiritual anointing and renewal, fellowship and fundraising.

- Graveside of Rev. Karolus Borromeus Bregenzer
- Moravian Missionary from Germany
- Killed by sandinista rebels, March 31, 1931
- Buried by the church (left), Musawas, Nicaragua





There is still room for many others to get aboard and “... Do likewise.” So please extend this invitation to others. God bless you.

**IN CHRISTIAN LOVE,
THE GOOD SAMARITAN COMMITTEE**



Good Samaritans working hard
for fundraising (Georgia 2016)



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*Therefore, my dear brothers
and sisters,
“Let us not become weary in
doing good, for at the proper
time we will reap a harvest if
we do not give up.”
(Galatians 6:9).*

Photo:

- Retired pastor Cesar Maxwell, from Sang Sang Rio Coco
- And his grandson, In Waspam Rio Coco.
- Upon receiving his Christmas gift sent by the Good Samaritans.
- December 2014 (now already in the immediate presence of our Lord Jesus Christ).