

Carl Peters

Biographical Summary

Carl Peters was raised in beautiful rural western Pennsylvania, roaming the fields and forests, hunting and fishing through his teenage years. This loner existence suited Carl and also gave him relief from the abusive life he and his family faced at home, due to a drunkard father. After high school Carl attended college in Pennsylvania but soon found that he enjoyed partying and the wild times more than the books. He didn't stay long at this school. Rather than return home and the situation there, Carl moved to town to live with his grandmother. The first evening at his grandmother's Carl was informed him that as long as he stayed with her, he WOULD attend church with her at the Baptist church every Sunday. Busted! That summer Carl became friends with two brothers who were home from the church-related Bible college. During the many adventures these three Musketeers shared that summer, the brothers led Carl to accept Christ as his personal Lord and Savior.

Carl had no grand idea of serving the Lord but after that summer he found himself heading off to the Baptist college for the spring semester of 1961. The summer of '61 he jumped at the chance to work at a Christian summer camp in upstate New York as a camp counselor, archery instructor, and life guard. While there Carl met his future wife, Mavis, who had just graduated from the Bible school. They fell in love and were married a year later in the summer of '62. The couple returned to the Bible college that fall but Carl's heart was just not in it. He eventually left the school and began a flight from the Lord that lasted many years, covering many miles. Carl did return to Bible college later in life and finished his last year, earning a BA in Theology. Carl and Mavis have ministered in various Baptist and Bible churches through the years, in positions ranging from assistant pastor, to church custodian, and everything in between. Carl and Mavis, his bride of 45 years, have five children and eight grandchildren. In July of 2002 Carl and Mavis moved from the Colorado mountains to northern Idaho to be closer to three of their children and their families who live in the northwestern US. Carl turned 67 in March of 2007.

Carl has been writing since his first attempt at a kid's book back in 1989. Since then he has written three novels and one novella. Carl took a home-study course from Sol Stein in the early 90s and has also learned a great deal about writing from many other incidental sources such as books on writing, magazines, and the internet. He has also spent time over his books with several editors who gave him invaluable writing help. Carl would also read best sellers, some numerous times, to see how the authors handled various aspects of their story and character development. Each time he learned new things, he would go back and rewrite each of his books, trying to apply his new-found information. Partially because he had started a new business and partially because he became discouraged, Carl put his books on a shelf for many years. Only recently has he felt stirred by the Lord to dust them off and again seriously seek publication.