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Administrative Information

Title:

Bob Pierce Collection, 1950-1978

Collection Identifier:

CFT00117

Creators:

Pierce, Bob

Size:

8 Boxes, 12 linear feet

Repository:

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Provenance:

The gift of Betty Wagner and William Carey International University, Pasadena, CA

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Biography

Robert Willard Pierce (1914-1978) was born in Iowa on October 8, 1914. Converted at an early age, he felt called to serve God and until his death in The City of Hope Medical Center on September 6, 1978, the overriding passion of his life was to obey that call, whatever the cost. The “call” he translated into the tireless meeting of both spiritual and human need.

A natural communicator, Dr. Pierce studied for the ministry at Pasadena Nazarene College in California.

Married to a pastor’s daughter, Lorraine Johnson, he was the proud father of daughters Sharon, Marilee, and Robin.

Prominent in Youth for Christ in its beginning days, founder and president of World Vision, founder of Samaritan’s Purse, “Dr. Bob” will long be remembered (perhaps best) for his Korean Orphan Choir which performed around the world.

His work in producing the first Christian films earned him a Litt.D. from Northwestern College in Minneapolis.

Innumerable honors came his way from grateful government leaders and heads of state for his Christ-like compassion-in-action. The president of South Korea presented him not once, but three times with the highest honor South Korea can bestow upon a foreigner. On his deathbed (preparing for yet another trip) Bob Pierce’s prayer was still, “Let my heart be broken with the things that break the heart of God.”

From Franklin Graham and Jeannette Locerbie, *Bob Pierce: This One Thing I Do*. (Waco, TX: Word Books, 1983) 220.

Scope and Content

This is a collection of Samaritan's Purse materials collected by Bob Pierce, preserved and donated by Betty Wagner who worked with Pierce when he started Samaritan's Purse. Pierce, a founder of World Vision, also founded Samaritan's Purse. Pierce’s collection also contains interviews with many missionaries who he had helped over the years and who came to see him when he was dying. He interviewed them on tape and transcriptions were made. The Archives preserves both formats.

Also included is the rough draft of a book about Pierce along with photos and memorabilia collected by Betty Wagner.

Subjects:

- Missions
- Samaritan's Purse (Organization)
- World Vision International

Arrangement

This collection is organized into 8 boxes as follows:

Box 1: Missionary conversations, broadcast material, biographical material, 1977

Box 2: Missionary conversation manuscripts with audio recordings

Box 3: Missionary conversation manuscripts, World Vision files, individual files, Vietnam, Sermons, Travel, biographical material

Box 4: Rough draft of biography of Bob Pierce

Box 5: Missionary material, Samaritan's Purse, biographical material

Box 6: Biographical Reports

Box 7: Photos, Memorabilia

Box 8: Audio cassette recordings

Box Inventory

Box 1: Missionary Conversations, Broadcast Material, Biographical Material, 1977

Box 2: Missionary Conversation Manuscripts With Audio Recordings

Box 3: Missionary Conversation Manuscripts, World Vision Files, Individual Files, Vietnam, Sermons, Travel, Biographical Material

Folder	Folder Label
1	World Vision, Radio
2	Vietnam, Children's City
3	Vietnam, Closing Days
4	Vietnam, Early Days
5	Vietnam, Montagnards
6	Vietnam, Pierce Paratyphoid
7	Vietnam, War Experience
8	Vietnam, World Vision Property
9	Vinh, Major
10	Ward, Franks, RP
11	Widmeyer, Dr. and Mrs. C. B.
12	Wolgemuth, Sam
13	Wong, Kenneth (Mainland China)
14,	World Vision, Early Days
15	World Vision, How Began

16	World Vision Men
17	Beth Albert
18	American Church in Paris
19	Asian Culture
20	Barnhouse, Dr. Donald Gray
21	Bernard, Lee
22	Blackfoot, Taiwan
23	Bolivia Project
24	Britain Evangelistic Mtgs
25	Buck, Jack & Ruth
26	Burma
27	Carey Church, Calcutta
28	China Challenge
29	China, Mainland
30	China, Sisters, German
31	China, My First Trip
32	China, My Second Trip
33	Confidential
34	Cozart, Doug
35	Culver, Ellsworth
36	De Vos, Don
37	Dickson, Lillian
38	Donaldson, Foster
39	Films, Missionary
40	Formosa
41	Forward, Pierce Prayer
42	Francis, Mabel
43	Framks, Jim
44	Gehman, Richard
45	Gislefoss, Bjarne
46	Giving
47	Graham, Billy
48	Greece
49	Han, Dr. Chung Chik
50	Heroes of the Cross
51	Hong Kong
52	How RP Got First Orpha (First edit 3-7-78) from A-1
53	Hsaio, Anna
54	Hunt, Garth
55	India, Assam (1960) [ETC]
56	Innovations (Pastors Conference)
57	In Soon Lee
58	Ireland
59	Japan, Crusades

60	Japan, Keswick Conference
61	Japan, Tokyo Crusade Experience
62	Kartozian, Annie
63	Keum Ja Kim
64	Kilbourne Family
65	Korea
66	Korea, Boys Town
66	1 Korea – Bible Schools
67	Korea – Children’s Hospital
68	Korea Crusade
68	1 Korea Experiences
69	Korea, First Trip
70	Korea – Halfway House
71	Korea – Handicapped
72	Korea – Lepers/Leprosy
73	Korea, Orphans Choir
74	Korea – Orphans & Widows
75	Korea – Pre-dawn Prayer Meetings
76	Korea, Pres. Park Chung Hee
77	Korea, Various Associates
78	Korea, War Days
79	Madame Chiang Kai Shek (1957)
80	Missionary Doctor Qualifications
81	Missionary/Missions
82	Mitchell, Hubert
83	Moffett, Dr. Sam
84	Morken, David
85	Nelson, Norman
86	Newman, John
87	Nicholson, R. S.
88	Orient Crusades
89	Orphans, Adoption
90	Oriental Boat Mission
91	Osaka Crusade
92	Overseas Crusades
93	Pastors Conference, Indonesia
94	Pastors Conference, Japan
95	Pastors Conference, Korea
96	Pastors Conference, Malaya
97	Pastors’ Conference, Philippines
98	Pastors Conference – Taiwan
99	Pastors Conferences, Vietnam
100	Pierce, China Experiences
101	Pierce, Honors

102	Pierce, The Man
103	Pierce, Parents & Family
104	Pierce, Prayers
105	Pierce, Sermons
106	Pierce, Youth Before China
107	Pierce, The Man (Altar Call)
108	Pierce Travels
109	Price, Bill
110	Raetz, Erwin
111	Redpath, Dr. Alan
112	Rhee, Dr. Sigmund
113	Robertson, Olga
114	Ross, Dick
115	Sale, Mrs. Elizabeth
116	Samaritan's Purse
117	Samaritan's Purse of India
118	Taiwan
119	Taiwan, Church of the Lepers
120	Taiwan, Lepers
121	Taiwan, Pierce Experiences
122	Taiwan, Pierce First Trip
123	Thailand, Lepers
124	Thrasher, Lillian
125	Through the Valley of the Shadow
126	Tokyo Crusade
127	Tornquist, Evie
128	Tribute to Bob Pierce
129	To Do...
130	Heroes of the Cross

Box 4: Rough Draft of Biography of Bob Pierce

Box 5: Missionary Material, Samaritan's Purse, Biographical Material

Box 6: Biographical Reports

Box 7: Photos, Memorabilia

Box 8: Audio Cassette Recordings