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Ask any high schooler to tell you about Clifton Hillegass and you'll probably get a deer-in-the-headlights stare. But while they may not know his name, it's likely they have benefited from his work.

Hillegass launched a series of literature study guides back in August 1958, giving a summary and analysis of 16 different works of William Shakespeare. Now expanded to more than 300 titles, *Cliff's Notes* allows you to get a brief and concise synopsis of a long story without having to wade through all the details. Over the past 60 years, countless teenagers have written lots and lots of reports on books they haven't actually read. (I'll confess that I was one of them!)

You won't find Jack and Frances Dedmon's story in *Cliff's Notes* but the details of their 35-year pastoral journey in Missouri and New Mexico could surely fill a book — or two! Their recent letter, however, provides a brief synopsis of their long and fruitful ministry across the years and summarizes well what Mission:Dignity means to them in this later season of life. I've included their note on the back of this page and I know you'll enjoy reading it.

Thanks so much for being part of our Mission:Dignity family and for sharing generously this month. Nearly 1,800 deserving servants of the Lord, including Jack and Frances, benefit from your good work and God is using you to write a happy and Christ-honoring ending to their stories of gospel faithfulness.

Grace and peace,



John Ambra
Director of Development

The years of our ministry was spent serving small rural churches, during that time we learned some important lessons, at the top of the list are these two. All His churches are important to Him regardless of number or location, and our weakness does not diminish Gods greatness and strength.

With this in mind I have nothing to boast about except Gods Love, Mercy, and Grace. If there had been only one soul saved, or one life enlightened, every trial, every effort is worth it.

In the 80's health issues prevented my continuing work. Since that time I have helped my pastor what I could and led Sunday school adult classes.

Frances has survived breast cancer, two shoulder surgeries (one was a total replacement) both knees replaced, and some other surgeries.

While I am not proud of being in the financial position we are in, God has blessed us in so many ways, the least of which is not your loving gifts, it is a great blessing to know utilities will be paid and other needs met.



May Gods Grace and peace be with you.

Please accept our thanks in Christian love

Jack D. Dedmon