



MANUEL (MANNY) R. MILL BIOGRAPHY

Manny Mill, Executive Director of Koinonia House® National Ministries (KHNM) delivers a passionate, urgent and biblically prophetic message, in English and Spanish, around the United States as he preaches the gospel – *Christ, and Him crucified* – in churches, colleges and universities, seminars and conferences, and behind prison walls!

Koinonia House® National Ministries, Inc. is a post-prison ministry equipping the body of Christ (today's Christian Church) to "love" their Christian neighbors coming out of prison. Manny says the reason KHNM does this ministry is not driven by need alone but because it is the biblically right thing to do. Therefore, Manny does not come to preach about KHNM, rather Manny comes to preach the gospel of redemption in Jesus Christ, which reaches across social, gender, racial, cultural and denominational barriers. Manny's desire is to present a "colorful Bride" to Jesus, the Groom. It is this very pattern of diversity modeled by Jesus Christ that compels Manny to reach across in the same way.



A self-proclaimed Biblicist, this Cuban-born evangelist possesses the unique skill of being able to adapt to any situation and audience – **even Spanish!** Because of Manny's love for God's holy written and living word - the Bible, he is able to present the gospel with clarity and an infectious enthusiasm. Manny says, "Jesus is the *real* deal" and therefore it is his mission to make sure that people are introduced to the gospel of Jesus Christ in every one of his sermons.

Manny has come from a very colorful past life apart from Jesus. In 1986, while he was running from the FBI to Caracas, Venezuela, Manny met and trusted Jesus Christ. After surrendering his life to Jesus, he returned to the United States and served nearly two years in federal prison. In 1988, he received one of the first Charles W. Colson Scholarships awarded to ex-prisoners to attend Wheaton College. There he earned a BA in Biblical Studies (1989) and an MA in Theological Studies (1991). Manny was ordained to the work of the Gospel ministry in May 1991.

The first Koinonia House®, organized in late 1990, was the result of Manny's sharing with a few others his vision and personal experience of how the local church provided spiritual and physical help to him upon his release from prison. Today's family-home-based model of post-prison ministry was developed at the first house in Wheaton, IL, and Koinonia House® National Ministries, Inc. was formed in 1997. In addition to establishing local Koinonia House ministries, the Meet Me at the Gate™ initiative was developed to provide an opportunity for churches to meet the needs of Christian neighbors coming out of prison where the establishment of a complete house was not yet possible.

Manny and his wife, Barbara are trained instructors for Prison Fellowship's In-Prison Seminars. Manny also works as an advocate for the church in prison. He challenges the church outside the prison walls to support and embrace Christian inmates while they are in prison and upon their release. He was instrumental in developing a resolution entitled The Church's Responsibility to Prisoners which was adopted by the National Black Evangelical Association, the National Association of Evangelicals, the Salvation Army and Prison Fellowship Ministries in 1997.

In September 1994, he received the "Good Neighbor Award" presented annually by the DuPage AME Church in recognition of service to the community. Manny served as president of the West Suburban Evangelical Fellowship (WSEF), a local association of the National Association of Evangelicals, from 1995-1996. In August 2006, Manny received the "Mother Consuello York Compassion Memorial Award" by Bishop Michael Carter who also serves on the KHNM Board of Trustees.

He has appeared on numerous radio, television, and cable television programs, including "Open Line" with Wayne Shepherd, "Mornings on WMBI" with Mark Elfstrand, "Life Today with James Robison", "At Home Live with Chuck & Jenni", "WETN Morning Show" with Joy Curry, "Chicago 1 to 3" with Sandy Rios, "Faith 20" with Dr. Joel Nederhood, WBIG with Mike Sullivan, "Among Friends" with Rev. Jerry Rose, "You Need to Know" with Dr. David Mains, "Just Do It" with Dick Staub, and the "100 Huntley Street" TV show in Toronto, Canada. Unshackled, the radio ministry of Pacific Garden Mission broadcast a dramatization of Manny's testimony on over 1,500 stations in 147 countries. On April 14th, 2004, a message by Manny Mill was aired on the Focus on the Family radio program. That message spoke of the need for the Church to minister to the families of inmates. Manny was also featured on WMBI AM1110 on January 26th 2008 on "Nuevo Pulso with Milenka Peña".

Manny's biography was published by Moody Publishers in August of 2003, entitled *Radical Redemption: The Real Story of Manny Mill*. With a foreword by Chuck Colson, this book describes Manny's journey from Cuba to Venezuela to prison to Jesus.

A father of five children and grandfather of four, Manny resides with his wife Barbara and sons Howard and Kenneth in Wheaton, IL.

To invite Manny to speak at a conference or to preach at your church, please contact Koinonia House[®] National Ministries at 630-221-9930.

For a calendar of Manny's engagements, a sample of Manny's preaching, devotional and quotes by Manny and/or for references and to read what people are saying, please visit our website at www.koinoniahouse.org.

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