

[Home](#)[Schedule](#)[Photos](#)[Audio](#)[About Us](#)[Contact Us](#)

[Reflections](#)  
by Gilda

[Health Report](#)  
by Dale

[Questions &  
Answers](#)

### What's New...

- May 5, 2012 [Schedule](#) Schedule modified.
- May 5, 2012 [Newsletter](#) Updates for [Home](#), [Reflections](#) and [Health](#).
- Jul 28, 2011 [Schedule](#) Schedule modified.
- Jun 29, 2011 [Home](#) Death of Jim Barbee

### Crisis of Faith

May 2012

Many evangelists who send out newsletters enjoy trying to preach in their publications. Gilda and I have always just used this newsletter to simply share with those who follow our minis-try about what is going on and what we are doing and feeling at the time. But I will share a thought with those who like to be "preached at." Recently I have been talking with people about their struggles with faith. They have become discouraged because they have been Christians a long time and they are presently going through a crisis of doubt and feel their faith is weakening and their walk with God is not what it used to be. First, let me tell you that a faith crisis is not anything new or unexpected. If I had the space, I could quote hundreds of scriptures that deal with doubt and wavering faith from the prophets, apostles and Jesus himself. In reality if you are not having struggles with doubt and faith, then you are probably so blind to yourself that evil does not even need to bother with you. Always remember that God never leaves you nor forsakes you. Sometimes it is difficult to sense the presence of God. Working through your doubts and faith struggles, you will come out stronger on the other side and ready to deal with the next issues that will come into your life. Do I have these struggles? Of course. However, I can assure you that at this stage in life I am more at peace with God than ever because of my struggles, but I also will warn you that they never stop because if they do then faith in God is not needed.

May God bless you abundantly as you seek to grow in His grace. Do not listen to false preachers and teachers who tell you if you have the right kind of faith everything will be great and the problems and doubts will go away. They are liars, and we have been warned about them.

Dale Riddle

### Future and Finances

May 2012

First, I want to thank everyone who gave to our minis-try in 2011. We were able to make our budget and we had a great year. Many people ask us if we are ever going to retire. I am 67 and Gilda will be 65 in April, so we have certainly reached what is called retirement age. Yet, I feel good and we still get requests to do some revivals. After 35 years in evangelism most of the people we worked with in the past have retired or died. We do at least 1 mission project a year and are considering doing at least 2 this year. We are not working as much, but we feel we are strong and healthy enough to keep on going for a while longer. It does not take as much for us to operate because now I can draw Social Security and get some help with Medicare. This allows us to give away more to support projects that need our help. We want to build a home each year for the poor in Honduras, for example. As long as we have the re-sources to keep working through the support of our friends like you, then we will continue this ministry until something prevents us from doing so. If we lose our health or support or if there are no more opportunities to serve, then we will know it is time to stop. Until that occurs we plan to keep on serving to the glory of God. I think we both would enjoy full retirement, but we have never found a scripture that says that option is available to those who serve the Lord.

Dale and Gilda Riddle

### Home Page Archives

[May 2012](#)  
[December 2011](#)  
[April 2011](#)  
[December 2010](#)  
[August 2010](#)  
[August 2009](#)  
[March 2009](#)  
[January 2009](#)

Riddle Evangelistic Association  
PO Box 1399  
Pilot Mountain, North Carolina 27041  
336 351-4204  
[Riddlevang@surry.net](mailto:Riddlevang@surry.net)

2009 All rights reserved.

