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During the past 40 years, several thousand of his printed sermons were mailed each week to all 50 states and more than 30 foreign countries. He has written nine books, the latest of which are *The Family You Want* and *Forgive Us Our Prayers* by Christian Focus Publications and the "Joshua" volume of *The Communicator's Commentary* published by Thomas Nelson Publishers. His media work includes extensive experience in radio and television with talk-show work on secular stations in Miami, Pittsburgh, and Los Angeles, as well as resourcing various networks, newspaper,s and magazines on contemporary matters of faith and life.

Among his many Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) ministries, he has twice been moderator of his presbytery, was the Presbyterian preacher on "The Protestant Radio Hour", three times been a commissioner to General Assembly, and has served on four major task forces of the General Assembly. The most recent in his appointment was to serve on the nine-member Middle East Study Team.

Huffman has been involved in professional sports chaplaincies, doing chapel speaking, beginning with the Miami Dolphins (1969-1973), the visiting NFL teams while pastoring in Pittsburgh (1973-1978) and, from 1992-2002, was the backup chaplain, speaking several times each year on the PGA Senior Golf Tour.

He has traveled internationally on more than 80 trips, visiting 100-plus foreign countries on six continents, meeting with international leaders in business, journalism, education, religion, politics, and world relief. In 1975 he consulted with Roman Catholic leaders at the Vatican; in 1977 studied missions and international relations in South Africa, Kenya, and Ethiopia; in 1983 ministered in Australia and the Solomon Islands with the Wycliffe Bible Translators; worked with Dr. Billy Graham in the Amsterdam International Conferences for Itinerant Evangelists (1983, 1986 and 2000); in 1989 did a preaching mission throughout Cuba; in 1993 traveled extensively through Vietnam; in 1993 spoke in Korea and attended an Asian Leadership Conference in Japan; and in 1995 traveled extensively through China, teaching in Nanchang and Beijing Seminaries as guest of the China Christian Council. Recently he has been actively involved in world/relief/justice efforts in Africa, Southeast Asia, and the Middle East.

Huffman earned his bachelor's from Wheaton College; completed special graduate studies at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University; earned his M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary; M.A. from the University of Tulsa; and Doctorate of Ministry from Princeton Theological Seminary. His post-doctoral studies have included a 1987 sabbatical semester in residence at Harvard University, and in 2000 he spent a sabbatical semester as a visiting scholar in residence at Princeton Theological Seminary and Princeton University. He is a recipient of several honorary doctorates.

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