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More on Billy Graham and The Voice of Healing

A note from Dr. Paul L. King on the evangelist's roots
with the Christian & Missionary Alliance (C&MA)

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Evangelist Billy Graham

On Monday, Oct. 28, 2019, I shared a blog post about Billy Graham and The Voice of Healing on Facebook that generated some helpful feedback from two of my friends, Dr. Daniel Isgrigg and Dr. Paul L. King. In my post, I wrote about an editorial in the June 1951 issue of *The Voice of Healing* that suggested Graham had a favorable view of the post-World War II healing evangelists.

Isgrigg, the director of the Holy Spirit Research Center at Oral Roberts University (ORU), commented on the importance of my research as it relates to Oral Roberts. "This is significant," he shared on Facebook. "If this is true, that meant that Graham was favorable to the healing ministers before his relationship with Oral Roberts in 1966, over a decade later."

King, a former ORU professor, was teaching and preaching on healing in South Korea when he saw my post. He sent me an email (dated Tuesday, October 29, 2019) that shed light on Graham's history, including his roots in the Christian & Missionary Alliance (C&MA). King is a prominent and widely-published historian. He's the author of *Genuine Gold: The Cautiously Charismatic Story of the Early Christian and Missionary Alliance* (Word & Spirit Press, 2006).

"Just read your blog on Billy Graham's good words about the Voice of Healing," King said in his email. "You may already know this, but Billy Graham got his start in the Christian and Missionary Alliance."

He noted Graham was assistant/youth pastor of the Tampa Gospel Tabernacle (C&MA) in 1936 to 1937. He was licensed by the C&MA as an official worker, King wrote. He explained that Graham "was approved as a C&MA military chaplain although he never served. So he knew well the fourfold gospel of Jesus Christ as Savior, Sanctifier, Healer and Coming King."

The truth is, I did not know this part of Graham's history, and I am grateful to King for sharing his knowledge about the man who was known as "America's Pastor." I also appreciate the comment by *Isgrigg*, who graciously pointed out the significance of this work. May the Lord's blessings be upon both of these fine scholars.

Related article:

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