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I have had the privilege of knowing Dr. Jim Cecy for more than 30 years. I had the privilege of accompanying him to San Jose when he defended his doctoral dissertation before the faculty and doctoral candidates of Western Seminary. That practical “mentoring experience” gave me motivation to pursue my own doctorate degree a few years later. Jim Cecy was used by the Lord to quicken my heart for foreign mission work, as he challenged me to travel to the Philippines to teach a hermeneutics seminar at a JARON Ministries Pastor’s conference. I have since taught that course in Colombia a few times at an active seminary that our church started near Cartagena. But the greatest degree of my gratitude for Jim Cecy’s ministry to my life is for the practical ministry counsel, advice, and encouragement that he has given to my family and I during turbulent times of ministry. His heart for ministry and his sensitivity to God’s leading has brought him alongside of me several times at just the right time.

In Christ,

Dr. James E. Hofman