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# Press Release

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### MISSIONARY VETERAN TAKES THE HELM AT PARACLETE

Glen Volkhardt Appointed CEO of Paraclete Mission Group, Inc.

Gilbert, AZ, November 25, 2008: The Board of Directors of Paraclete Mission Group, Inc. has announced the appointment of Glen Volkhardt as CEO of the Phoenix-based organization, effective January 1, 2009. Volkhardt came to Paraclete after a 29-year career with HCJB Global, of Colorado Springs. He will replace Don Parrott who is stepping down to become the CEO of The Finishers Project, Inc.

"Paraclete's ministry paradigm is perfect for much of today's world where the church has experienced recent phenomenal growth," says Volkhardt. "Many of the historic 'mission fields' now have mature Christian leadership and no longer need traditional missionaries. But many are looking for practical help, and that's what we offer." Paraclete takes its name from the Greek word for "advocate" or one that comes along side to help. For twenty years it has been committed to using the come-along-side model to enhance Kingdom effectiveness in the global missions community. Paraclete associates are all senior missionaries that serve as consultants and servants to mission agencies, churches and Christian organizations worldwide. In the last 90 days Paraclete associates have served partners in Europe, South, Central and East Asia, Central and South America, and the United States.

"Glen comes to the CEO position with just the right qualifications and experience to lead our team", said Gary Ginter, Paraclete Board Chairman. "He's a seasoned executive from a well established Christian mission organization who understands modern missions." Volkhardt's last two positions with HCJB were as vice president, first in Human Resources and then in Strategic Planning. He and his wife, Shelly, (author of *Holy Habits* and *Kitchen Table Counseling*, NavPress) spent 20 years as missionaries in Ecuador. "My work in Ecuador was extremely varied," said Volkhardt. "I got involved in everything from building dams, to putting up Latin America's first Christian radio satellite network...from managing multi-million dollar budgets, to leading street-kids to Christ." Volkhardt has a BA in Communications from Biola University and an MA in Human Resource Leadership from Azusa Pacific University. Currently he serves on the boards of three Christian organizations.

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