

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH: *Dale Peterson*

Dale Peterson, 61, is a husband, father, grandfather, author, and international speaker at schools, churches, and conferences

FATHER—Dale Peterson is the father of five grown children—Charity Leigh Geddes, Indianapolis (IN); USMC Captain Justin Dale Peterson, killed while serving in Iraq on October 1, 2006; Jordan David Peterson, Ann Arbor (MI); Joshua Daniel Peterson, Wake Forest (NC); and Joy Rose LaPointe, Fenton (MI). Dale and his wife Debbie reside in Clarkston, Michigan, near the majority of the grandchildren!

AUTHOR—Dale Peterson is the author of the book—*Leave a Well in the Valley*, written to encourage sojourners in this life to turn their tragedies into triumphs as they traverse the inevitable valleys of life. In an autobiographical manner, *Leave a Well in the Valley* presents numerous tragedies from Dale's life that were met with biblical principles and personal determination, and the encouragement necessary for readers to *grow* through their own experiences and not merely *go* through them.

Dale also writes a personal blog at www.dalepeterson.wordpress.com as well as guest writing for various religious publications.

SPEAKER—As president of Gospel Alive, Inc., a Michigan-based 501(c)3 organization, Dale Peterson has spoken in various capacities in all fifty states and 30 foreign countries. With over 40 years of pastoral experience, Dale identifies with the passions and problems that pastors encounter, and is an encourager of pastors globally, whether speaking in the local church or at conferences. Dale also remains in demand globally amongst youth leaders, with many of his speaking engagements focusing on youth leadership development.

Although much of the year is spent outside of the United States, Dale is most passionate about America. For more than 25 years Dale and his children toured the contiguous 48 states presenting a one-hour patriotic show called *A SALUTE TO AMERICA!* in churches and civic organizations, especially around such American holidays as Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Veterans Day.