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Subject: Tongues Tied

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Hey guys (and gals)

I just ran across an article that made my blood boil. It's in the February issue of Christianity Today (I got a free issue.) The Headlines section contains a report entitled "Tongues Tied". It seems the Southern Baptists have voted to bar new missionary candidates who practice a "private prayer language" from serving on the mission field (50-15). I know, why should I care, but what struck me is that they decided that this new policy wouldn't affect current IMB (International Mission Board) which was odd until I read further. It turns out that the president, Jerry Rankin, has practiced tongue speaking for 30 years!

Ok, here is the ironic part--Tom Hatley a trustee chairman said that during interviews with missionary candidates it became apparent that those who practiced a private prayer language gave differing explanations of it varying from an "angelic language" to a "revelatory" gift of the Holy Spirit.

huh?

How on earth would he expect them to know what it was--given the SBC's own lack of knowledge and teaching on the matter? Absurdity in action here.

William

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