

For sixteen months General Efraín Ríos Montt's presidency was one of the most controversial in Guatemala's turbulent history. On the day of the coup that unexpectedly thrust him into power, Ríos Montt announced to the watching world that it was God who "gives and takes away authority." With these words he began his term as Latin America's first "born again" president.

Praised by Christian leaders in the United States and abroad for his courageous moral leadership, Ríos Montt was also denounced as a religious fanatic and accused of a brutal anti-guerrilla campaign.

Then just as suddenly as he came to power, Ríos Montt was ousted in a military coup that abruptly ended his controversial term. Who was this enigmatic general who simultaneously drew such bitter denunciation and warm admiration—who claimed that God had given him the presidency of his country?

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"The story of Efraín Ríos Montt—general, political candidate, ambassador, school principal, national leader, and fervent Christian will make fascinating reading."

Pat Robertson
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