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World Baptist Membership Passes 25 Million

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(BWA)—“The Baptist World,” publication of the Baptist World Alliance, says in its June issue that the membership of Baptist churches now totals 25,198,025 in 115 countries.

This is an increase of 888,487 over a year ago. There were gains of 28,000 in Africa, 50,000 in Asia, 14,000 in South America, 7,000 in the Southwest Pacific and 800,000 in North America.

The North American increase came in increases of 500,000 in the report of the National Baptist Convention Inc., which now numbers 5,500,000, and in the Southern Baptist Convention which gained 215,000 to a total of 10,193,052. A gain in the Mexico figure from 17,551 to 60,000 was explained as the correction of an error in the previous figures.

Losses occurred in Central America, where the totals dropped 2,000 and in Europe, where totals declined 16,000.

In presenting the new figures in a double page spread of “The Baptist World,” Editor C. E. Bryant said: “Each unit in these statistical tables represents an individual. He is a fellow Baptist, who has confessed in his heart and in his own language that Jesus Christ is Lord. Each has followed Christ’s example in believer’s baptism. Each is dedicated to love of God and his fellow man, and to the spread of the gospel to the ends of the earth.”

The statistical tables, showing Baptist membership in each of 115 countries and also by continents, are published by the magazine each June.

The 1963 continental totals are:

Africa, 401,884; Asia, 860,063; Central America, 119,884; Europe, 1,126,453; Middle East, 695; South America, 226,970; Southwest Pacific, 91,014; North America, 22,371,102.

Baptist Anniversary in Burma

BURMA BAPTISTS are in the midst of a five-year celebration connected with the landing of Ann and Adoniram Judson at Rangoon and the beginning of Baptist work in their Asian country.

In fact, three anniversaries are being marked. The first is the 150th anniversary of the landing of the Judsons on July 13, 1813. The second marks the organization in 1814 of the North American Baptist Mission Society which sent the missionaries and supported work in Burma these last 150 years. And thirdly, 1965 marks the 100th anniversary of the organization of the Burma Baptist Convention.

A five-year evangelistic advance program began in 1961 and will run through 1965. It is intended to deepen the spiritual life of members of Baptist churches in Burma and help them witness more effectively to the great number of people yet unreached.

COVER PICTURE

The front cover picture shows a rugged, weather-beaten tree in the Rockies of Colorado near the timber line. It has grown strong in the storms that have swept over it as expressed in the accompanying poem, “Good Timber” by Malloch. This poem appears on a memorial boulder in front of the Employers Mutuals Building at Wausau, Wisconsin. The picture is a Luoma Photo.

GOOD TIMBER

“Good timber does not grow in ease;
The stronger wood, the tougher
trees,
The farther sky, the greater length,
The more the storm, the more the
strength,
By sun and cold, by rain and snow,
In tree or men, good timber grows.”

—Malloch

MISSION NEWS AND NEEDS . . .

JUNE CONTRIBUTIONS. The contributions by our people in June to our missionary and denominational program amounted to only \$40,204.13. This is considerably less than that of a year ago. The contributions for the first three months of the fiscal year have been woefully far behind the total that is needed to reach our annual budget of \$1,050,000. Greater faithfulness in giving will be required of all of God’s stewards in our churches.

EXTENSION BUILDERS. In August every Church Extension Builder will be challenged to win another person or several other persons as Builders. (See editorial.) Enlistment cards and literature will be sent to you this month. New appointments for Church Extension projects in North Seattle, Wash., and in Wichita, Kansas are being considered. The monthly appeals for the fall months will soon be announced. This is a GREAT WORK that is constantly growing in interest and in importance. Come and have a share in this ministry!

MISSION IN JAPAN. Interest in our Japan Mission Field will be mounting in the days to come. Miss Florence Miller has returned to her important teaching ministry at the Osaka Biblical Seminary, which we are supporting financially. The work among the students on four Tsu university campuses by Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Kern will be intensified. Rev. Yoshio Akasaka, pastor at Ise, has recently conducted very effective and blessed evangelistic services at the Baptist church in Kyoto, Japan. In September Rev. and Mrs. Richard Mayforth will be sailing for Japan, making a total of 12 missionaries serving on our Japan Mission fields.

FIVE MEDICAL MISSIONARIES. God has answered our prayers “exceedingly abundantly above all that we could ask or think” in the appointment of medical missionaries serving in West Cameroon, Africa. They now number five with the departure of Dr. Lothar Lichtenfeld for the Bango Hospital in West Cameroon, Africa. The other doctors are Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee, Bango Hospital; Dr. Eugene Stockdale, New Hope Settlement for Leprous Patients; Dr. J. C. Fluth, Dr. Peter E. Fehr, in the United States on furlough.

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SEMINARY APPOINTS TWO NEW PROFESSORS

By President Frank Veninga

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Editorial

Builders! To The Work!

It is the simplest kind of arithmetic. If you add one and one, you have doubled the total. If each one of the 4000 Church Extension Builders will win another Builder, we shall have an imposing total array of Builders twice as large as the present force. But we must depend on you to enlist the new Builder.

It is really astounding what \$1.00 per month can do. Your gift, that becomes great in God’s sight, can help in the building of new churches, in winning boys and girls for new Sunday schools, in establishing Gospel-preaching centers in unchurched areas, and in proclaiming the Good News of salvation to those who need Christ. Consider the spiritual dividends of your Church Extension Builder dollars.

You will build many churches! To be sure, more than \$1.00 is required for such a prodigious task. But thousands of Builders, united in this wonderful task of making their contributions, can accomplish this job month after month. You will be an eye witness to the building projects and to the power of God in evangelizing these new areas of America for Christ. The larger the army of Builders the more churches we shall be able to start, to help them build, and to launch them upon their God-given mission.

Consider the challenge of the next four months from September to December. Your dollars will travel to Kelowna, B. C., to help in building the new edifice for the Trinity Church; to the difficult, new field of Lemmon, S. Dak., where a good start has been made; to Greeley, Colorado with its many promising prospects for the future; and to North Seattle, Washington, our newest Church Extension field into which we have launched. You will be a co-laborer with Christ as he declares, “I will build my church,” with your prayer support and dedicated gifts.

You will have a hand in enlarging our stakes. Open your eyes to the overwhelming facts. In ten years of this Church Extension ministry, we have seen about sixty new churches started or strengthened in their witness for Christ. Thousands of new members have come into our denominational fellowship. Our North American Baptist Conference is stronger today in its service for Christ because of this fact. Your gifts as Builders establish a broad home base that makes for a greater missionary and evangelistic outreach and for a more effective witness in the Kingdom of God.

This is evangelism at its best and in its most fervent expression. Actually, with your Builder contributions, accompanied by your prayers, you are able to win others for Christ. You are among the first to be informed about the latest developments and blessings of God on that field for which you have made your contribution. You are sharing in the important task of evangelization. But we need at least double the number of present Builders. The task is simple if you will help us by winning another Builder in your church.

Read the literature when it reaches you in August. Accept the challenge and enlist another Builder for Church Extension. Join the silent circle of these faithful disciples and Builders for Christ. This work is close to the heart of God!

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"This is only a dream," you will say. "It is not really true." But the Spirit says: "It could be if people would only give the Lord a chance."

The Church of My Dreams

By Rev. R. C. Stading of Washburn, North Dakota

ONE EVENING I came home from a very discouraging church meeting that left me in a dejected mood. As I allowed my thoughts to ponder upon every aspect of our church life, the burden became even more intense. My heart and mind were enveloped with deep distress and gloom. It was as though I was suddenly taken away from reality.

I found myself accompanying a stranger who took me to a church. As we approached the church, I noticed that it was a very attractive structure, although it was not in any way extravagant. It was just a modest church building. To one side of the building there was a spacious parking lot with a goodly number of cars parked which indicated to me that there was a service in progress.

As we entered the building, we were greeted by some well groomed, well mannered and very friendly gentlemen who were the ushers. They appeared to be very happy and they were unusually pleasant. After the formal greetings, they requested that we sign the register which was in the entry. One of the men then took us into the sanctuary which was also very attractive and worshipful.

Everything seemed to belong in its place which evidenced the fact that much careful planning had gone into it. The organ played very softly while everyone sat quietly and reverently worshipping.

As I looked over the audience, after we had been seated and I saw the people, I said to my guide, "They must be celebrating an important occasion with so many people out." "Yes," he replied, "the Lord's Day." Then I wanted to know more and I tried to get more information, but my friend hushed me to silence.

A WORSHIPFUL SERVICE

Then before too long, the choir of about 30 singers entered being followed by the pastor. The pastor took his place behind the pulpit as the choir members filed reverently into the choir loft which was directly behind the platform. The service got under way as a service does, but when the pastor announced the hymn I was anxious to see how many people would participate in the singing. I noticed that without exception everyone had a hymnal and

they were singing with jubilation in their voices. This thrilled me very much because this is not true in many of our churches.

I commenced to feel much better for my burdened heart was becoming lighter. This was a real joy for me to witness this service. Likewise I noticed when the pastor announced the Scripture passage, virtually everybody was leafing through his Bible to follow along in the reading of it. You can imagine what went through my mind for I made it a point to glance over to where the young people were seated, and to my happy surprise they were all following along. I didn't see anyone whispering.

Upon the conclusion of the reading of God's Word, the choir stood to sing the anthem of the morning. Their faces were literally aglow as they blended their voices in singing praises to our Lord. The anthem spoke of praise for the goodness of the Lord and to our Savior for purchasing our redemption. This was a balm to my soul and my heart was overflowing with joy.

Soon the pastor stood to preach and with radiance and joy written all over

his face he began to speak. It was evident that he found it to be a great joy to preach to these people. The audience sat in rapt attention from the oldest to the youngest.

It was so quiet in the church that I wondered about the infants. Wouldn't they be noisy? Whereupon I noticed a nursery room well equipped with two young women caring for the little ones while the mothers were comfortably and carefree sitting and worshipping. As I took all this in I thought to myself, this is "The Church of My Dreams."

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

Then it was as though the scene was changed, and my friend was taking me around during the Sunday school hour. There were the departmental opening services for young and old alike after which they went to their classrooms. There we saw individual classrooms, all well equipped with a blackboard and bulletin board in each room. We noticed that they had prayer before the class session was started. As the teacher began teaching with his Bible in hand, the pupils all had their Bibles open and were drinking in every word that fell from the teacher's lips. It was obvious that the teachers all had made thorough preparation as well as the students. Indeed it was apparent that this was not only a Sunday program but an everyday project. We could not help but sense that this was none other than the house of the Lord!

Once again the scene changed, and we found ourselves looking in on the Church Board meeting. Everyone seemed to show a great interest in what was being considered. A concern and interest seemed to be written on their faces. At the moment when we were looking in on them, the chairman of the board of trustees reported that they had checked all of the church property again, which they did three times a year, and they had made the necessary repairs which were only minor this year. It must have been the last meeting of the year, because it seemed as though they were getting things ready for the annual business meeting. I could not help but think that a church must make progress with such a concerned group behind it.

Then my guide and I looked into an-

other room where we saw a smaller group. This was the board of deacons meeting with the pastor. They were just on their knees in prayer as we looked in. I stretched my hearing, for I was anxious to hear their prayers. They were praying for their own lives that they might be usable instruments in the hands of the Lord. They prayed for the Lord's work locally and beyond the home boundaries.

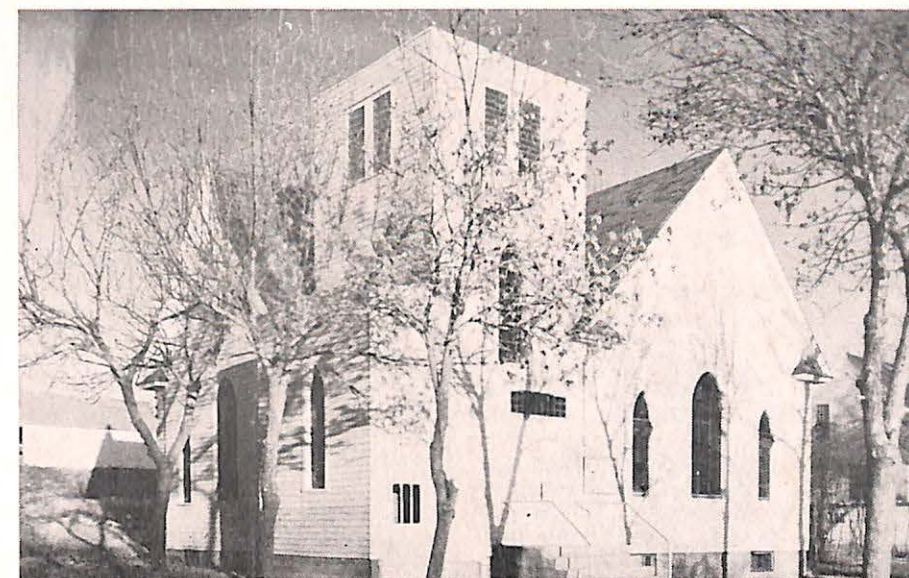
Soon the meeting was started, and I heard one of the deacons addressing the pastor saying, "Pastor, we want you to be unhindered in your preaching ministry for we know that when you are disturbed in mind you cannot prepare messages as you otherwise would. We as deacons have agreed to keep all trivial matters from becoming your problems; this is our task. Only in those things and situations which require your professional and spiritual guidance will we seek your counsel and advice. It was Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, who advised Moses to engage other able men to alleviate some of the load for Moses. The seven men in the book of Acts were chosen to serve so that the apostles could give themselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the Word. (Acts 6:4). We do not want our pastor to be bogged down with everything, thus robbing him of all his time for which he really is called for. We are going to get the people to come to church through our visitation program, and we want you to be prepared to bring the message to them and..."

ENTHUSIASTIC YOUNG PEOPLE

I was so engrossed in what I heard that I wanted to hear more, but my guide took me to another scene. Here we entered a room filled with young people, with only two adults present whom I took to have been the advisors. In front stood a young man directing the meeting, and on the wall directly behind and above him was written, Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship, with the letters CBYF very large. Underneath that in smaller letters was a placard reading, "Arise and Go."

Upon gathering my composure, after being carried away when I saw this nice room all filled with young people, I took note of what was going on. They were singing, and were they ever singing! It was a glorious experience for me. They had some special musical numbers, and everyone taking part did his best which was very noticeable.

They had a few items of business to take care of, and one part was the planning for a play. The committee reported as to who was selected for the different parts on the cast, and everyone responded favorably to their assignments. I was looking for some to say that they would not take a part but instead there was an unusual spirit of cooperation and all were concerned that the play might be a real success for the glory of the Lord. It was all settled in a matter of minutes. After they had had a time of prayer asking



BAPTIST CHURCH, WASHBURN, NORTH DAKOTA

Rev. R. C. Stading, pastor of this church, had a dream about "an ideal church" and then came to see how this vision might be realized in his own local church.

the Lord's blessing upon their efforts, they wished each other well in their respective parts. Here was a genuine fellowship—here was a Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship which was ready to "ARISE AND GO!"

I was so blessed by witnessing this cooperation and enthusiasm, that I wanted to remain here. This is how Peter must have felt on the Mount of Transfiguration when he suggested to the Lord that they might build places of abode and stay there. I did not want this to cease.

AN ORDERLY BUSINESS MEETING

My guide, however, saw fit to take me to another scene, where we witnessed the annual business meeting. I wish you could have been with us, for here also we experienced a unique spirit of cooperation and fellowship. The business matters were taken care of so smoothly, orderly and rapidly after sufficient clarification was made of each issue. Everyone wanted to understand each item correctly in order to vote intelligently—there was no one present who refused to understand.

What interested me most of all was the treasurer's report for he reported that the new building was paid for in just a short time and he further reported that, in spite of this, they had exceeded the proposed budget of the past year. Everyone looked so pleased and they had reason to be, and I seemed to share their joy. In the budget there was a good sum designated for North American Baptist Missions, and they had exceeded this beyond all expectation.

After this report, they presented the annual budget for the coming year which had been prepared by the Stewardship Committee and here I wish it would be possible to tell you all about it. But time will not permit it. However, this I must tell you. Before they adopted the budget as it was presented, one of the brethren stood to his feet

and said, "Brethren, I am satisfied with the budget except for two items. One is that we did not raise the pastor's salary this year, and I think that he should have a substantial raise because the cost of living has gone up considerably in the last few years. We want our pastor to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with the other professional men in our community. The man of God should not have to feel himself inferior because he is underpaid." I could see the people all nodding in agreement.

MORE MONEY FOR MISSIONS

He continued to speak saying, "The second item I would like to speak about is the amount designated for missions. I want to testify to you people here today that since our building program I have been contributing much more than I ever have or even thought possible, and it seems that the money I keep for myself buys as much, or more, than it did before." Again I noticed the people nodding their heads, seemingly indicating that they had the same experience.

"I would like to suggest," he said, "that we increase that amount by one third because our North American Baptist General Conference has been entrusted with a great missionary program at home and abroad and the Lord has blessed our work outstandingly." He continued to speak and when he was through there were even some "Amen's."

Then I noticed another man who stood to his feet and said, "I agree with Brother J. . . for I too can testify that I have had the same experience and . . ." He went on telling of his experience and all the people were ready to increase the pastor's salary and to increase the amount for missions to the North American Baptists work as suggested.

I wanted to stay inasmuch as this is what my soul longed for. Here was (Continued on page 11)



REV. R. C. STADING
pastor of the Baptist Church Washburn,
North Dakota (Photo by Schafer's Studio).

God Calls to Christian Medical Service

The story of Dr. Lothar G. Lichtenfeld of Edmonton, Alberta who in Christ's Name has gone to West Cameroon, Africa

By Dr. R. Schilke, General Missionary Secretary

THERE ARE NO TWO testimonies alike when it comes to the call of God to Christian service. Yet each one is as genuine as the other if it rests on the basis that *God has called*. God uses circumstances, experiences, places and persons to bring about the conviction in the heart of man that he needs his service to serve mankind. The story of Dr. Lothar G. Lichtenfeld gives evidence of the call of God to him to give his life to Christian medical service.

EARLY MISSIONARY INFLUENCES

Lothar G. Lichtenfeld was born on April 7, 1933 at Halle, Germany to Fritz and Milda Lichtenfeld as the youngest of three children, the older two being girls. His parents were farmers, and until age ten, Lothar lived on the farm and attended a country school for his first formal training. He experienced a Christian upbringing in his home where daily evening devotions were held and prayer became an important daily practice.

His grandfather on his father's side had accepted Christ as a young man and became a great influence in his community and upon his family. He taught in Sunday school until nearly the age of 80. He distributed tracts and magazines and would use the children to help him in the distribution once a contact was made. He was greatly interested in missions and the "Neuruppiner Missionsbote," the publication which told the story of the Kamerun Mission, made its regular appearance in the home. Thus Lothar as a boy already came under the direct influence of missions.

The stories of the Bible and the teachings of Christ as interpreted mainly by his grandfather made its profound influence on Lothar and the other members of his father's family. The church was 15 miles away and so the family did not get there but once or twice a month.

Nevertheless, a love for Christ was instilled, a decision to accept salvation in Christ was made, and at the age of 13 Lothar was baptized on Easter Sunday, 1946.

From the age of 10 to 18, Lothar Lichtenfeld attended the city high school at Halle, East Germany, a city of about 300,000 population. The prevalent teaching at this school was that of evolution and Marxism. Being under its constant influence, Lothar experienced that its effects were to destroy his faith in the truths of the Scriptures. Doubts came to his faith. The philosophical books he read gave him no answer to his problems.

However, at the age of 17 he also saw more and more contradictions in the practical aspects of Marxism. This brought about a greater appeal of the Gospel. The foundation was well laid in his early years. The Word of God now triumphed over the material teachings of communism. At the same time he became convinced that to attain freedom of belief and life, he must leave East Germany. Thus at the age of 19, he left and successfully came to West Germany where he remained about one year.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN SERVICE

While in West Germany, his desire for regular church attendance came to him, yet he felt that his life was no testimony. He longed to get away from the past, the godless past of East Germany. At the age of 20 he came to Canada and settled at Edmonton, Alberta. Here he joined the Immanuel Baptist Church.

For over two years he worked on construction jobs. At the same time he took up correspondence work with the International Correspondence School at Scranton, Pennsylvania, and received his diploma for industrial chemistry. This enabled him to get a job as chemical plant laboratory technician in Edmonton. Further correspondence



DR. LOTHAR LICHTENFELD
of Edmonton, Alberta, the 5th medical missionary for the North American Baptist General Conference in West Cameroon, Africa.

work was taken with the Department of Education of Alberta until he received his senior matriculation for the university. From 1956 to 1962 he attended the University of Alberta and received his M. D. degree at the end of that term. This past year until June 1963, he interned at the General Hospital in Edmonton, Alberta.

At the Immanuel Baptist Church he was greatly encouraged by the pastor who then was Rev. E. Hornbacher. The encouragement was along the line of participation in street meetings, in testimonies, and in public prayers. This awakened another sense of responsibility, that of Christian service as a missionary. His interest in chemistry led him to medicine and his preparation in the medical profession was made fully with the view of becoming a medical missionary doctor. God provided in a wonderful way so that he was able to work his way through school, and at the end of his studies he could be free of any financial debt.

Lothar G. Lichtenfeld recognized the Hand of God in guiding him from his youth on, in preserving his faith, in bringing him to Canada, in seeing him through medical training. A goal was reached and God had helped him to attain it. But what of the future? Two areas of interest became evident: Brazil and Cameroon! Though Brazil seemed open to the Gospel, our Mission has no work there at the present. Cameroon had an early interest through the influence of his grandfather, and now also through his paternal cousin and great uncle, Dr. Herbert Mascher, who is presently "Missions-Direktor" of the Baptists in Germany. The new goal was thus Africa.

Contact with our Forest Park office was made. It is always somewhat disappointing to a candidate for the mission field when his offer is not immediately and enthusiastically accepted. This was no less the case here. Our Mission already had four doctors under appointment to Cameroon, and one of these four had already been appointed on the basis of loan to government in a government hospital. Would Dr. Lichtenfeld enter government service if such an opportunity came? His desire to be of service was so great that his answer was "yes" if that provided the assurance of service.

Thus the way was further cleared. The appointment as missionary medical doctor came in April 1963 at the annual meeting of the Board of Missions. Dr. Lichtenfeld is to serve about two or three months with Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee at Bango Hospital to gain fur-

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Spiritual Help Above Humanitarian Service

The story of Miss Patricia Anne Heller of Glenside, Penn., Missionary Nurse to West Cameroon, Africa

By Dr. R. Schilke, General Missionary Secretary

THERE ARE MANY opportunities for humanitarian service which can bring a sense of satisfaction to the person seeking to serve mankind. There are many underprivileged even in our United States of America whose suffering can be relieved through the service of those who give themselves for the cause of relieving the sufferings of mankind. Miss Patricia Anne Heller of Glenside, Penn., had the opportunity to serve underprivileged people before she heard the missionary call in her own soul.

It was with relationship to these experiences that she said: "One of my firm convictions since then is that if I ever work in an underprivileged area again, it will be with a strictly Christian sponsorship. Spiritual help is needed first by such people and must be given along with the other services one renders for the total health of the person."

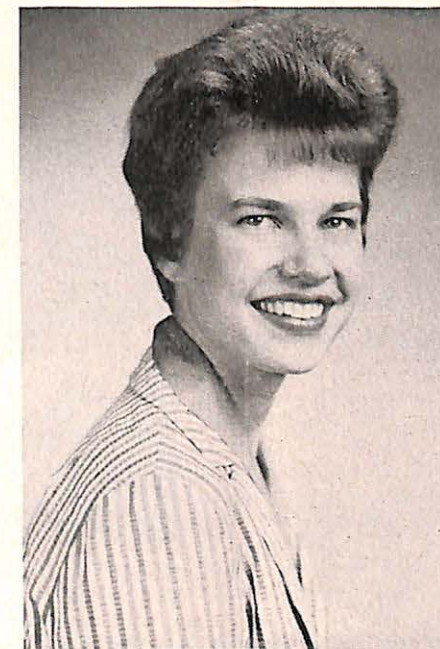
RAISED IN A CHRISTIAN HOME

Patricia Anne Heller was born on Oct. 15, 1936 at Abington, Pa., to Harvey and Marie Heller as the second of two daughters; two sons were born afterwards. Her parents held membership with the Church of the Brethren. Her father was a school teacher until Patricia was about the age of nine. He then took a position with a radio station. Her childhood years were similar to those of most American reared children. Activities centered around the home with its large backyard and school with its many activities. School and church were located within walking distance and friendships were formed in these circles.

While in her seventh grade, two of her aunts took her to a Youth for Christ meeting. At this meeting she personally met the living Christ and accepted salvation in him. Soon thereafter she was baptized by immersion on confession of her faith in the church of her parents but then transferred her membership to the First Baptist Church of Glenside, Pa., where she was already in attendance and where the family was residing. Here she became active and had occasion to witness and grow in her new faith as she served in various church organizations.

TRAINING FOR A NURSING CAREER

Miss Heller attended the Cheltenham High School and graduated from it in 1954. She had dreamed since her early childhood of becoming a nurse. Thus following high school, she enrolled at Bryn Mawr Hospital School of Nursing and received her R. N. diploma in 1957. The following year she was staff nurse in the women's surgical depart-



PATRICIA ANNE HELLER
of Glenside, Penn., newly appointed missionary nurse to West Cameroon, Africa.

ment at Abington Memorial Hospital. To gain additional experience in order better to help those less fortunate, she decided to work with the Frontier Nursing Service at Hyden, Kentucky for a while. At that time she did not have in mind to take up midwifery training. However, while there, the Lord laid upon her heart to enroll in the midwifery course at Hyden. She did not know why at the time for she did not know where and when she might use this training. That this was preparatory to the mission field she did not know, for as yet she had not sensed the call of God to the mission field.

LED OF GOD TO SEE!

The experiences at the Frontier Nursing Service were unique. Here she grew spiritually. Here she saw the great need of serving the underprivileged. Here she also became convinced that relieving suffering alone is not enough. Man has an even greater need which can only be met in a spiritual way. The "plus" in service is Christ and the help that comes through and by him as he is made known. Here she also met missionaries and missionary candidates who were training for the mission field. Among them was Miss Gertrude Schatz who took the midwifery course in 1958-1959 and who has served in Cameroon since 1959.

Following the work and training at the Frontier Nursing Service, Miss

Heller enrolled at the Teachers College, Columbia University in New York City and in 1961 received her B.S. degree in Nursing from Columbia. At Columbia University she encountered the Interservice Christian Fellowship. In this fellowship with other Christian students her spiritual life took on new meaning and depth and the problems of life took on a new aspect. Together with her roommate she began a Bible study with some friends and this has proved a great blessing to her own spiritual life.

OBEDIENT TO GOD'S WILL

Miss Heller has been anxious to serve her Lord. She made public promises to that effect at various times, the most recent one being at Keswick Grove, N. J., in September 1962. Nevertheless, to be a missionary was still far from her.

In December, 1962, she received a letter from the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society suggesting that she consider the mission field. At first she completely rejected the idea but she started praying about this. Subsequently she filed her first forms with the Board.

Ever since the days of Hyden, Kentucky, she had some correspondence with Miss Gertrude Schatz. A recent letter from Miss Schatz brought the news that she was due for furlough by fall of 1963, but there was no replacement in sight. It was more than a suggestion whether she would consider being that replacement. At the same time Miss Schatz wrote to the mission secretary (the writer) of her Board concerning the possibility that Miss Heller might consider.

Contact was soon made. The file was processed. Miss Heller appeared before the Board of Missions in April at the time of the annual meeting and gave her testimony and told her unique story. Appointment was given her as missionary nurse to West Cameroon. In looking back, Miss Heller says: "I wonder, was this not way back in my mind a long time, and definitely in God's plan? I think so!" We agree. God guides his own in a wonderful way to come to his end even though we may not always recognize it at the time.

THE COMMISSIONING SERVICE

Miss Patricia Anne Heller is now a member at our Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa. She has been taken into the heart of the church by its members. The church under the leadership of its pastor, Rev. Roger Schmidt, has also taken on salary support for Miss Heller.

The morning service of June 16 was

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The first of a series of articles on
"Baptist Heroes of Religious Liberty"
 for the Baptist Jubilee Advance year . . .

Roger Williams America's First Baptist

He was called "divinely mad"—a man with "a wind-mill in his head." He refused to temporize with conscience. He blazed a way for religious freedom in the wilderness. He became the best friend of the Indians in Christ's Name.

By Professor Hugo Lueck,
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 Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

ROGER WILLIAMS WAS born about 1603 in London, England, the son of a merchant tailor. Under the patronage of the famous lawyer, Sir Edward Coke, he was educated at Cambridge University where he received his bachelor's degree in 1627. During that time Cambridge was the center of Puritan activity.

In 1628 he became chaplain in the wealthy house of Sir William Masham, a Puritan member of Parliament. He fell in love with one of the young ladies of the household but was rejected as unsuitable and married Mary Barnard, one of the maids, in 1629. His marriage turned out to be a happy one.

PURITAN AND INDEPENDENT

Though England broke away from Rome at the time of the Reformation, the English state church retained all the established system. It was governed by royally appointed bishops with a prescribed form of worship, which was compulsory for all. Many godly people were not satisfied and wished to "purify" the church from all Roman Catholic forms of worship. For this reason they were called Puritans. They emphasized the Bible instead of traditions as chief authority, but they did not leave the state church.

A smaller, more radical group of Puritans considered the Church of England as sinful and so they separated from it. They argued from Scripture that a church was a voluntary union of converted persons only, and that a minister should be chosen by the congregation. They were called

"Separatists" or "Independents." They were driven out of the land, and many of them fled to Holland. The Pilgrim Fathers who came to Plymouth in 1620 as the first settlers in New England were Separatist Puritans, while the major New England colonies of Massachusetts and Connecticut were non-separatist Puritans. Roger Williams was a radical Separatist, and for such there was no room in England.

PROPHET OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

In December 1630, just ten years after the "Mayflower" started its famous voyage to the new world, Roger Williams sailed for New England. Later he wrote about it: "Truly it was bitter as death to me, when I rode Windsor way to take ship at Bristol . . . bitter as death when Bishop Laud pursued me out of the land and my conscience was persuaded against the national church and the ceremonies and the bishops."

He made great sacrifices, not in sentiment alone, but in positions and prospects as well when he followed the dictates of his conscience. "God knows," he said, "what gains and preferences I have refused in universities, city, country and court in Old England and something in New England, to keep my soul undefiled in this point, and not to act with a doubting conscience."

He was a scholar, familiar with Latin, Greek, Hebrew, Dutch and French. With his great mental abilities and influential connections, he would have gained high positions at home and abroad.

Landing in Boston in February 1631, he was invited to become the pastor of the church there. He refused this important position because the congregation had not explicitly separated from the Church of England. He was prompted to say things which are familiar to an American Christian today, but which sounded revolutionary then—namely, that the magistrate may not punish any sort of "breach of the first table" (the first table of the ten commandments, i.e. the first four commandments dealing with false worship, blasphemies and Sabbath breaking).

INDIANS AT PLYMOUTH

The leaders of the Massachusetts Bay Colonies considered him an impractical and dangerous man, all the more dangerous because of his brilliant talents and stubborn insistence of loyalty to conscience. Then the Salem church invited him to become their minister, but the leaders of Boston prevented that by warning Governor Endicott of Salem against him. So he went to Plymouth, the oldest and the separatist colony, farming and trading with the Indians and occasionally also preaching but not officially ordained.

During his stay in Plymouth, he spent much time with the Indians, learning their language and gaining their confidence and friendship. Afterwards that was of great advantage to him and to all the colonists. "My soul's desire," he wrote, "was to do the native good. God was pleased to give me a painful, patient spirit to lodge with them in their filthy smoky holes, even when I lived at Plymouth

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ROGER WILLIAMS, PIONEER OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY
 A fine painting of Roger Williams by the late Mr. Albert Tieman of Milwaukee, Wis., a member for many years of the N.A.B. Immanuel Church, Brookfield, Wisconsin.

and Salem, to gain their tongue."

In 1633 he returned to Salem, but his religious convictions again brought him into conflict with the authorities. After two years, the General Court of Massachusetts Bay sentenced him to banishment. In January 1636, warned that the authorities were to deport him to England, he fled to the uninhabited regions of the south, outside the limits of Massachusetts. He turned to his Indian friends, who shared with him such comforts as they had. "I was sorely tossed for 14 weeks," he wrote later, "not knowing what bread or bed did mean," and he was "exposed to winter miseries in a howling wilderness."

PROVIDENCE, CITY OF FREEDOM

In the following summer, he bought land from the Indians in the region of Narraganset Bay where he founded Providence. He stated the purpose in establishing his colony: "I desired it might be for a shelter for persons distressed for conscience." He and his associates adopted a "plantation covenant" in which they agreed to abide by the will of the majority but "only in civil things."

In his insistence upon freedom of conscience, Williams was championing a principle which was unique for his times. It called for a separation between state and church in days when such ideas were unthinkable. He, as a prophet of liberty, was laying the foundation for modern democracy.

Gervinus, a German historian, says: "Thus was founded a small new society in Rhode Island upon the principle of entire liberty of conscience, and the uncontrolled power of the majority in secular concerns . . . These institutions have not only maintained themselves here, but have spread over the

whole Union. They have superseded the aristocratic commencements of Carolina and New York, the high-church party in Virginia, the theocracy in Massachusetts, and the monarchy throughout America; they have given laws to one quarter of the globe, and, dreaded for their moral influence, they stand in the background of every democratic struggle in Europe."

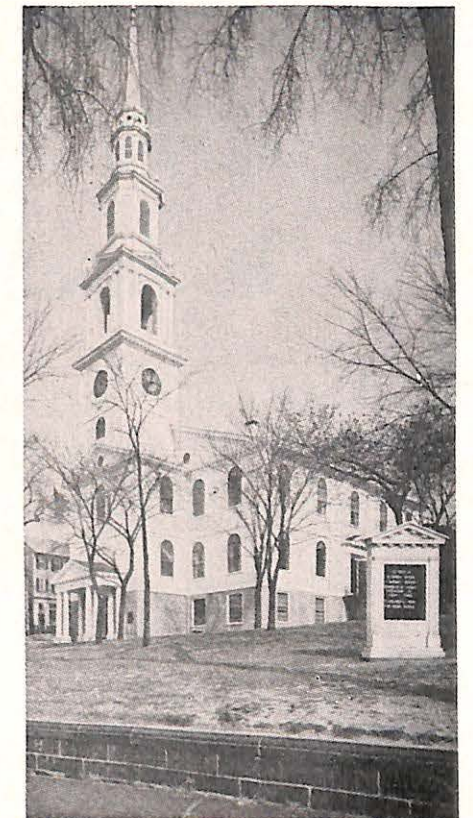
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN AMERICA

As soon as Roger Williams had established himself at Providence, he began to hold religious meetings in his home. He became impressed with Baptist teachings. In 1639 he was baptized by a layman and then he baptized that layman and ten other persons. Thus was founded what is commonly regarded as the oldest Baptist church in America, the First Baptist Church of Providence, Rhode Island. For over three centuries this church has firmly held to the great doctrine of regeneration, believer's baptism and religious liberty.

A few months later, Williams became disturbed as to his right to introduce a new believer's baptism. He doubted whether the rite could be restored, after it had been lost for so many centuries, without some special divine revelation. So he withdrew from the fellowship and considered himself a "Seeker," but his relations with the Baptists continued to be friendly.

In 1649 writing about Baptists he says: "I believe their practice comes nearer the first practice of our great Founder Jesus Christ than any other practices of religion do."

Since the identity of Rhode Island was constantly being threatened by its neighbors, Roger Williams went to England in 1643 to secure a charter



The First Baptist Church of Providence, Rhode Island, founded in 1639 by Roger Williams, the oldest Baptist church in America.

for his colony from the parliament. He went again in 1651-1654 to have the charter confirmed. He became the first president of Rhode Island.

In spite of all the differences with the theocratic neighboring colonies, Roger Williams was of constant service to all as peace-maker with the Narraganset Indians, whose trust he had earned. But in spite of this in the King Philip's War, the aged Williams also served as a captain of a handful who remained to defend Providence against the Indians.

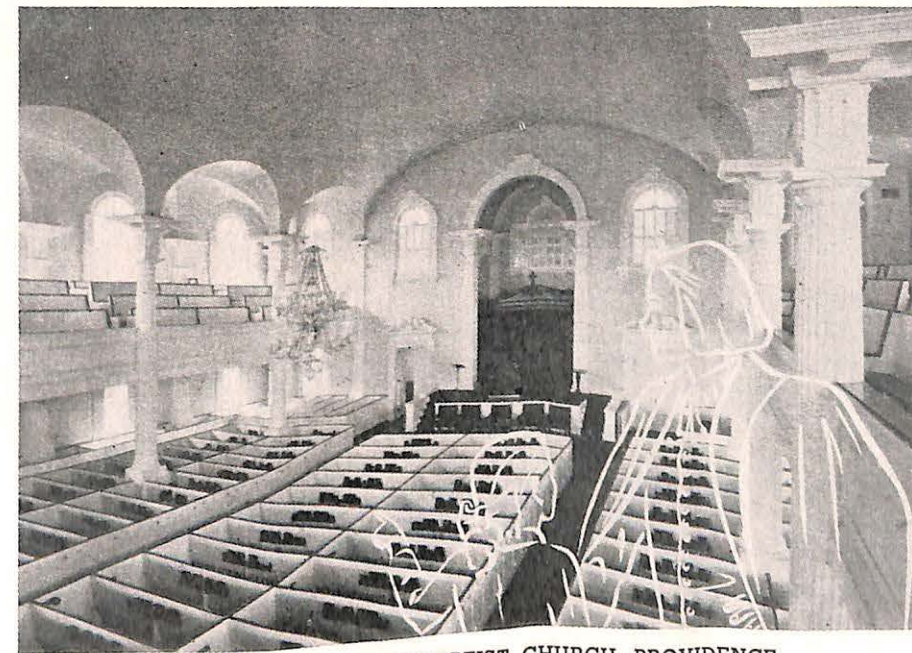
From 1636 to 1684, he supported himself by farming and trading. Since he financed his trips to England from his own income, he was frequently in reduced circumstances. He died in 1684 and was buried in his family burying ground near the spot where he had landed.

Many Puritans misunderstood him. He suffered more than most men from the slanders of those who should have been his friends. His advocacy of separation of church and state and the toleration of all religions did not stem from modern notions of social and political reform, but rather from his deep religious convictions.

BENEFactor OF MANKIND

The historian Bancroft says: "If Copernicus is held in perpetual reverence because on his deathbed he published to the world that the sun is the center of our system; if the name of Kepler is preserved in the annals of

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SANCTUARY OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, PROVIDENCE

Roger Williams, the apostle of freedom, and a little friend survey the beauty of the classic interior of the First Baptist Church, from the pulpit of which Williams often preached. (Photo from Crusader magazine).

August 1, 1963

Praying for Revival in Japan

In many parts of Japan today there are evidences that there may be a moving of the Holy Spirit over Japan.

By Missionary Joyce Batek
of Matsuzaka, Japan



Evangelist Honda, who has often been called the "Billy Graham" of Japan, speaks fervently at a chapel service of the Osaka Biblical Seminary.

"JAPAN IS the most spiritistic nation in the world. The Holy Spirit is not working in Japan in the same way that he is working in other lands." These statements opened the Prayer Conference of the E. M. A. J., the Evangelical Missionary Association of Japan in March 1963.

The conference was held in Nagano Ken at Karuizawa, a lovely mountain spot. It was housed in the hotel of a Christian proprietor who has made his facilities available to us for all subsequent conferences. Mrs. Walter Sukut and myself had the privilege of attending the March conference, and it was my privilege to attend the sixth conference of this kind in May 1963.

These conferences have been an unusual experience in my life. Many have asked, "How was the conference?" and my answer has always been, "It's like being in heaven for four days." Others have asked, "What was your program?" While this may seem unusual, there was no program. Because we were not guided by a program, I believe that the Spirit was able to bring us together in a most unusual way to pray for revival in Japan.

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN CHARGE

Several years ago three Christians were burdened to pray for revival in Japan, and they met together for this purpose. After this, others became burdened and the little group grew to 20 persons. Then there were 25 and gradually more. In March and again this past May, some 65 missionaries from all over Japan met together to pray for revival and to seek the Lord for heart preparation for the time when he will send the revival.

These conferences are held as often as the Spirit directs. In both conferences I attended we had a visitation

of the Holy Spirit and there was a certain degree of revival which broke out among the missionaries present. In all of my Christian experience I have never before witnessed such evident working and the presence of the Holy Spirit. The human leader which God gave to us was not even seen. Everyone was very conscious that the Holy Spirit was in charge. The fellowship together in prayer as we prayed, sang and read God's Word was all spontaneously led by the Spirit. No one was conscious of the hours spent in prayer for it seemed as a moment. It was truly glorious!

What does the word "revival" mean? Many times we see signs on churches which read, "Revival meetings held here every night beginning tomorrow."



TWO JAPANESE FRIENDS

A beautiful young lady holds a beautifully dressed doll. The Japanese are very fond of dolls which are usually displayed, rather than played with.

Revival is not for the unsaved, but rather an awakening of the saved to inner renewal for laying hold of the power of the Holy Spirit. Our purpose in going to the conference was not to receive a blessing, but rather to be mended so that the Lord might do with us what he wants in order that we might become a channel through which he can work.

When the Holy Spirit visits this nation of Japan, we must be ready. If he by-passes our station or little village, it will be because there has been no preparation. There is never any revival without prayer. At present we are in the phase where God is preparing intercessors. In this day of speed, intercessors are hard to find, and this is perhaps the most important phase of preparation for any work God will do.

REVIVAL UNDER HEZEKIAH

During our sessions together, we studied some basic principles regarding revival. Our main study centered around the revival under Hezekiah as recorded in II Chronicles, chapters 29-31. Isaiah gives a startling picture of the conditions present prior to the revival. The nation was under a wicked king who was in a back-slidden condition. He not only made moulten images to worship but even sacrificed his own children in fire. Isaiah describes the sins of Judah as scarlet. Just as the cloth was dyed in scarlet dye until it was saturated with dye, so Judah was saturated in sin. It is evident to us that revival was needed.

God chose for this task a young man only 25 years of age. He was Hezekiah. This is significant for we are apt to look to a man of God, a leader, and God chose a young king. In the great Welsh revival years ago God chose

a young coal miner to be the instrument for revival. Revival is God breaking through; not man assisted by God. After Hezekiah had become king, notice the steps which led to revival. He realized that revival was the only answer to the situation.

The first thing that he did was to open the doors of the house of the Lord and repair them. (II Chronicles 29:3). This is the beginning of revival. There must be an opening of the temple of the Holy Spirit (our bodies) for worshipping God, and in order to worship him repairs are needed. The repair consisted of confession of sin, cleansing and absolute surrender to the Lord at our prayer conference. The deeper the surrender, the greater the spirit of prayer, and the greater the spirit of prayer the greater the worship.

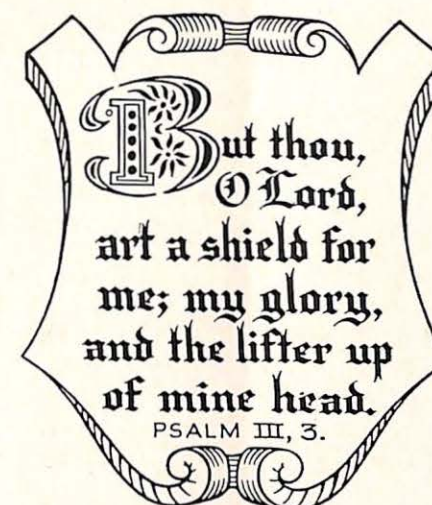
The next thing Hezekiah did was to cleanse the temple and throw out the filth. When we love the Lord more than our sin, we will get victory over those sins which constantly plague us. Hezekiah was a young king, but he had sat under the teachings of Isaiah, and when God's time came he was ready. Hezekiah identified himself with the sin of the people. The sins of the past were also revealed. What were they? The people had put out the Word of God from the temple and had failed to praise the Lord and to pray. They hadn't yielded themselves to him and thus were out of fellowship.

PREPARATION FOR REVIVAL

Beginning with verse 20 of chapter 29, we have recorded the preparations for opening the service. The religious leaders responded to Hezekiah and followed him. The sacrifices were made in order, beginning with the sin offering. Here Hezekiah began with his own house, then the priests and the people. The whole nation was included. When the burnt offering of consecration was made, the singing began. Next came the thankoffering. In chapter 30 there was direct preaching to get rid of the gods and to get back to God. Many laughed and mocked, but God was with Hezekiah. God poured out his Spirit in great revival because there were prepared hearts waiting to seek the Lord.

It has been said that Japan is encased in darkness. She is the victim of depression and satanic power such as is not known anywhere in the world. The only hope for Japan is a moving of the Holy Spirit to break the power of Satan in this land. God is beginning to prepare intercessors in Japan for a widespread movement of his Spirit. It may take years and it may take only weeks, but we believe it will come. These conferences are being held that we might be prepared for such a movement, and when it comes that we might be instructed in what to do when God begins to work.

Prayer is the most essential preparation, and it is also the most essential sustaining power of any revival. As



soon as revival breaks out, a 24 hour prayer chain should be started, for

THE CHURCH OF MY DREAMS

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a very desirable spirit prevailing, but my friend had more for me to see. He took me to the evening services and to the prayer meeting where the place was full of people. The prayer meeting had a few less, because some of the men were out of town on business. There were special musical selections and considerable participation such as I had never witnessed before. For prayer they divided the group with the different age groups going into separate rooms, where we saw and heard everyone praying from the youngest to the oldest. Here was singing, praying as I had never experienced before. It was all too wonderful to be true, for this was a glimpse of heaven for me.

A GREAT SURPRISE

The next thing I knew we were back in the morning service. I had so many questions to ask my friend, but at every attempt he only smiled and hushed me to silence. As the pastor was preaching, I was carried away in my thoughts to think how wonderful it would be to be the pastor of this group, for this was "The Church of my Dreams." Engulfed with my thoughts, I suddenly met with a GREAT SURPRISE. It was as though my eyes suddenly became clear and lo, and behold . . . the preacher . . . it, it was I! I looked at my friend and in great astonishment I said to him, "The preacher . . . it is I!" He looked smilingly at me and gave me an affirmative nod.

Then I thought the Lord must have called me to "The Church of my Dreams," but as I glanced over to my friend he gave me a negative nod. At that moment came the second great surprise. As I looked over the audience I recognized the people—all but a few.

Remember each day to use the
PRAYER REMINDERS
leaflet of the NAB Conference

when the prayer stops the Holy Spirit will stop working. There are evidences today in many parts of Japan which lead us to believe there will be a moving of the Holy Spirit over Japan.

Unusual things are happening and God is beginning to move. It has also been reported by one travelling quite extensively throughout the world that similar groups are being held in many countries around the world. All are praying for revival.

Will you join us? Revival will cost in Japan as it does anywhere. The missionary casualty rate is high in Japan. Pray for every missionary working in Japan that each one might be fully prepared for this moving of the Holy Spirit and that we might appropriate the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit to break through the powers of evil which so encase this land in darkness and bondage.

I took the second look and sure enough I saw Mr. and Mrs. . . . and Mr. and Mrs. . . . and I turned to my friend and said with delight, "This is WASH-BURN!" He gave me an affirmative nod as he smiled gently.

Then I looked over the audience and there I saw fathers and mothers and their children who do not go to church. They all had radiant faces in evidence that God had brought about a great change in their lives. Wives were beaming who had their husbands sitting beside them; men who had never gone to church before. You cannot imagine how elated I was! My soul was bubbling over with joy, and I said to my friend, "How did this come about?"

GIVE THE LORD A CHANCE!

He then took me to a small group at the mid-week prayer time. Here we saw a few older people, a few middle aged folk and two or three young people. They had a great concern for the interest of the church, and they began to confess their faults one to another and began to call upon the Lord. And he heard their prayers. The next week the group was larger, for the people now meant business with the Lord. He also showed me how the deacons met for a special time of prayer before every service. My friend said, "The Lord could not help but reward and bless such sincere concern and effort."

Then I said to my friend, "This is all a dream; this is not really true." "Possibly," he said, "but it could be if people would only give the Lord a chance." Then it was as though I was floating to reality again, and I found myself lying on the edge of my bed. Have you traveled with me in your imagination? Wouldn't that be glorious if we could arrive at such a state as a church? Even so we forfeit many blessings because we fail to believe and to trust him fully who can bring it all about!

The story of Missionary John Sieber
to whom closed doors became a personal
challenge to test God's power

A Trail Blazer in Cameroon

Missionary observations by Dr. Herbert Mascher of Germany following a tour of Baptist Mission Fields in the Federal Republic of Cameroon

DURING MY RECENT trip to Cameroon, West Africa, I found some vivid reminders of God's glory on these mission fields of many years ago. This story should make you more thankful than ever for God's continued blessings on these mission fields in Africa. It can also be a bright and colorful picture of the great things that God can do with small and insignificant beginnings.

This thrilling story revolves around a small mission station and a little man. It deals with the station of Ndu in West Cameroon and John Sieber! How many memories of incidents and people come surging into our hearts as we recount the missionary developments of the 1930's when the Baptists of North America and of Germany were associated together in making Christ known in this area of Africa.

THE WORK OF A PIONEER

Ndu lies in the grassland interior of West Africa at an elevation of 3,000 feet. In 1931 John Sieber arrived here to confront the Wimbun tribe, a war-like people. But God opened the hearts of this tribe to receive the Gospel message and its Savior. Sieber was privileged to work among these Wimbun people for only nine years. At the outbreak of the Second World War, he was interned by the British government and died in the internment camp at Bamenda, West Cameroon.

I do not know whether John Sieber as a young man had really planned for a missionary career. However, it was widely known that he wanted to be a minister of the Gospel. In those days, prior to the opening of the First World War, he met with the School Committee of the Baptist Seminary at Hamburg, Germany, and presented his testimony.

At that time, a most unusual incident occurred. At the public service led by the School Committee, the session had been closed with prayer with the entire audience standing. Then in going to the dining hall for lunch, Brother Kickstat of Altona, Hamburg, said to Professor Karl Schneider of the Seminary faculty:

"Could you introduce me to the brother who led us in prayer and who refused to stand with the others in the service?"

"O no," replied Professor Schneider.



The grave of Rev. John Sieber, Cameroon Baptist missionary, in the well kept cemetery at Bamenda, West Cameroon.

"This brother was standing like all the others. But you did not see him for he is that small! That was John Sieber!"

After the dinner hour, the session of the School Committee continued. The members dealt with the question whether a man like John Sieber of such small stature could ever serve effectively as a Baptist minister in Germany. The decision was reached: "No!" And the door of the Seminary



DR. HERBERT MASCHER
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European Baptist Missionary Society.

classroom closed to this young man. As I heard the story, I felt that it was a very rash and cruel conclusion reached by the Seminary committee. Is physical stature ever a standard which we can apply to the possibilities of a man's spiritual ministry?

DOORS OPEN FOR HIM

In later years, we learned that John Sieber returned from the Cameroon mission field on his furlough to visit Baptist churches in Germany, and usually he stood on a box behind the pulpit to be seen by the people. But God had now opened a door of opportunity for him to become a messenger of the Gospel to the people of Africa.

Anyone who visits Ndu in West Cameroon, even today, as I have recently had the privilege, and listens to the natives recounting their experiences with John Sieber, the missionary, will soon realize how God used him greatly among this people. To be sure, he had served for a few years as an assistant to the pastor at the Berlin-Steglitz Church to be prepared for this greater ministry.

I was thrilled by everything that I saw at Ndu in the grassland area. Rev. Fred C. Folkerts, the genial field secretary of the North American Baptist Mission work, and the able successor to Dr. Paul Gebauer, was my guide. Our trip to Ndu was pleasant as we traveled over the rugged hilltops and through the heavily wooded valleys. Soon after our arrival at Ndu, the Baptist congregation gathered.

SIEBER'S LIVING MEMORIAL

I asked the people whether any of them could remember the missionary John Sieber. Many hands went up, especially those of the elderly people. Then I asked them how tall he was. They replied by pointing to their chests and shoulder pits.

Later, they told us an interesting thing from Sieber's missionary activities. "He always had some sweet candies in his pockets. These he would give to us and invite us to the meetings." One of the natives added: "My mother came to a saving faith in Jesus Christ through this deed of kindness of missionary Sieber."

The natives continued to talk lovingly about this great missionary. "When he left the mission station, he seemed

to be in the best of health. Then we heard that eight days later he died. He must have died of a broken heart."

The life of John Sieber is still a living memorial among these Africans. He is remembered by them not only as "the short man," but as the man who won their hearts by sugary candies and then who himself died of a broken heart when he was taken from the work that he loved so dearly.

In Bamenda I visited Sieber's grave. It can be found on a high and rugged cliff overlooking the city. Nearby stands an old German fort. The cemetery is kept up beautifully by the officials of the Federal Republic of Cameroon.

On the stone over Sieber's grave, these words can be read: "In memory of John Sieber, Baptist Missionary, who died June 16, 1940." In the same cemetery, you will also find the grave of the infant child of the North American Baptist missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Howard Roth, who died on the day of its birth and over whose grave is the simple inscription: "For theirs is the kingdom of God!"

We would also like to extend our sincerest greetings to the widow of Missionary Sieber, who is still living at 80 years of age. Dora Sieber is living in retirement in Imhausen in the Rhine country of Germany. The African natives often asked me: "Why was it necessary that Mrs. Sieber always had to be carried on the treks through the country?" God never gave her a strong body physically, but he has granted her a long and fruitful life. May the sunset years of her life ahead of her continue to be bright!

NEW THINGS IN NDU

Many things in Ndu and the Baptist mission station there are brand new today. However, the trees are still standing which were planted by Missionary Sieber. He had brought the little saplings from the German Botanical Gardens in Victoria, Africa to Ndu and had planted them with his own hands. Today at the center of the men's compound, a giant tree reaches out its mighty branches in all directions covered with light green leaves. Here is a symbol of the continued blessing of Sieber's life and of the inspiring growth of Baptist missionary work in Cameroon from small beginnings to a far reaching ministry after 30 years.

Today the Ndu area has 75 churches with more than 7,000 members. They are being served by six ordained ministers and 57 evangelists. The 16 mission schools of this area are attended by great throngs of children and young people and served by 80 teachers. On the site, where the last grass thatched hut built during Missionary Sieber's time, formerly stood, you will now see the magnificent modern buildings of the Baptist Bible Training Centre. Here the ministers and evangelists for the Baptist churches in the Federal Republic of Cameroon are trained un-



An entrancing view of Africa's shoreline as seen at Victoria, Federal Republic of Cameroon, photographed by Dr. Paul Gebauer.

Africa! Show Me Thy People!

By Esther Guenther of the German Zion Baptist Church,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

On Africa's bright shore I stand;
O what a beautiful looking land;
I see its mountains all glittering bright,
Upon whose peaks the snow lies white;
There some day I would like to be
And many of its beautiful wonders see;
The running streams, see in the sun how they glisten;
O watch the birds in the trees and see how they listen;
The trees they spread out their branches and give them a home,
While the ocean rolls nearby in its enchanted foam;
O Africa, land of jungles dark and drear,
O how I long to be thee near;
A book you are to me,
If I could only read and open thee;
Let me in, show me thy treasures,
Show me thy fears and all thy pleasures;
Show me my sin,
Cleanse me within;
Show me thy people, how they toil,
Upon thy rocky and stony soil;
Let me reach out to them my hand,
And give them hope of a more joyful land!

der the effective leadership of Missionary George W. Lang, whom we also met.

This new age is harvest time in West Cameroon. This was emphasized by Dr. Paul Gebauer during his last visit with us in Germany. Now more than a thousand converts are baptized each year on their confession of faith in Christ. Much of that success can be attributed to the faithful work of a man like Missionary John Sieber of many years ago. So spoke Paul Gebauer: "Because Sieber founded mission stations and schools in every possible little African village, we are today reaping the harvest. From these

little Christian churches the native evangelists and teachers have come who can speak in the same colorful dialects of these tribes 'from heart to heart.' Because of their faithful ministry, the work of God can now go forward with amazing results."

We ought to thank God for the miracles he can perform and the great work he can do through one man—and a short man of stature, at that—on one station in Cameroon. This is the living memorial of John Sieber in Africa. And the example of his life ought to excite us to greater commitment of ourselves in Christ's service and in the Gospel's worldwide ministry.

MARCH OF EVENTS



● **ANTI-RELIGION ATTACKS IN CHINA.** A renewed attack on Christianity and the Bible by the Chinese Communists has been interpreted in Hong Kong by students of Chinese affairs as fear that continued existence of Christianity in China is a danger to the Peking regime. After a long silence, observers noted, a major Chinese Communist organ *Jenmin Jih Pao*, appeared with a long editorial which condemned the Bible and Christianity as tools of the "exploiting class" to undermine Marxism.

● **NEW EMANCIPATION STAMP.** A five-cent United States commemorative postage stamp showing a design of the breaking of the shackles of human slavery is being issued in August. The stamp will be placed on sale in Chicago where a Century of Negro Progress Exposition will be held to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the freeing of the slaves by President Abraham Lincoln in 1863. Designed by George Olden, son of a minister, it is the first stamp ever designed by an American Negro artist.

● **SUNDAY SCHOOL PARADE.** The Brooklyn Sunday School Union marked its founding in 1816 with 26 separate units marching in Brooklyn and Queens in its 134th annual Sunday school parade. An estimated 150,000 persons, most of them children of all ages participated in the parades, with countless thousands lining the sidewalks to cheer the youngsters. Gaily decorated church floats and colored banners carried by the youthful marchers depicted the theme of this year's parades: "Christ—the Bread of Life."—THE WAR CRY.

● **BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN.** Evangelist Billy Graham, holding mass meetings in Western Europe, said in an interview with the Paris bureau of Radio Free Europe: "I would very much like to go behind the Iron Curtain if there were freedom of worship there." The evangelist said there were many people in Eastern Europe "living for Christ despite the difficulties." This interview was broadcast in translations to RFE's five target nations: Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Romania and Bulgaria. Dr. Graham visited Russia in 1959 but could only go as a tourist and was not allowed to address mass meetings. A number of Soviet churches invited him to return. But the prayers of God's people could achieve what seems impossible.—The Watchman-Examiner.

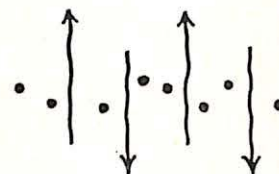
● **MISSIONARIES FROM GERMANY.** A significant increase was reported recently in the number of German Evangelical missionaries overseas since the end of World War II. The number has increased from 180 to

1,155. These missionaries include ministers, doctors, nurses and teachers. Among the lands in which German Protestant missionaries serve are Indonesia, Ethiopia, Egypt, Japan, South Africa and New Guinea. Recently the Evangelical Church in Germany set up an evangelical working committee for world missions to co-ordinate and promote German missionary work abroad.—THE WAR CRY.

● **WORLD ASSOCIATION FOR CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING.** Some 70 Christian radio and television specialists from all over the world have voted to constitute the World Association for Christian Broadcasting

(WACB). The Association will be "a working fellowship of churches, organizations, agencies and persons concerned with the use of radio and television to proclaim the Christian Gospel in its relevance to the whole of life, and with the role of those media in society." The new body, voted into being at its constituting assembly at Limuru, Kenya, is an outgrowth of the World Committee for Christian Broadcasting which was organized in 1953 as a loosely knit, informal group with most of its members coming from Europe and the United States. The Association will have a broader international membership.—The Baptist Times.

BAPTIST BRIEFS



● **Argentine Baptist Convention.** A 10-year plan of advance, calling for 400 churches and 30,000 members by 1974 (a 100 percent increase), was adopted by the Argentine Baptist Convention in its 55th annual meeting, held April 26-28 in Bahia Blanca. The addition of 5 new churches brought the total currently affiliated with the Convention to 202. These sponsor about 175 mission points.

● **Danish Youth Conference.** Danish Baptist young people gathered 460 strong in Odense for their annual conference May 10-12. Over 800 persons attended some of the sessions. The total membership of Danish Baptist youth groups is 2,400. Evald Christensen, general secretary of YMCA work in Denmark, gave an address on "Ways to Modern Youth." Erling Nielsen, secretary of the national Baptist youth movement, spoke on "Winning Youth for Christ."—The Watchman-Examiner.

MOVING? ASK FOR BOOKLET

A free 16-page booklet can give you helpful, work-saving, cost-saving pointers on how to organize your move from city to city. How to prepare for moving, tips on packing, a helpful inventory and checklist of things to do are among the topics covered. Ask for your free copy. NO OBLIGATION. Call or write THOMPSON MOVING & STORAGE, 434 W. 125th Place, Chicago 28, Illinois. (CO 4-7600).

● **Memorial Bells.** In memory of her late husband, George S. May, Mrs. May and her family presented to the North Shore church, Dr. August M. Hintz, pastor, a set of 44 English handbells made by the same concern that made "Big Ben" in London and the "Liberty Bell" in Philadelphia. They were first used in connection with an anthem sung in the morning service on Fathers Day, June 16. On that evening a service of dedication was held in which Mrs. May officially presented the bells.

● **Dutch Baptists Withdraw From World Council.** The Dutch Baptist Union, at its annual assembly at Sneek, Holland, May 7 to 9, voted by a substantial majority to discontinue official membership in the World Council of Churches. The assembly expressed at the same time its desire to maintain contact with the ecumenical movement by sending observers to general meetings. The Union, which reports 65 churches with a total of 8,828 members, has been a member of the World Council of Churches since the formal establishment of the world body in 1948.—The Baptist Times.

● **Baptist Conference of East Germany at Leipzig.** Most of the 220 churches of the Evangelical Free Church Union (Baptist) in East Germany were represented among 105 delegates at the May conference in Leipzig, Germany. Two thousand people attended the final session, held in Nikolaikirche, the largest church building in the city. "Because I live, ye shall live also" was the theme. The total membership of the churches was reported to be near 28,000. There were two guests from the Soviet Union and others from Poland, Hungary and Sweden.

● **The Whiteshell Baptist Church of River Hills, Man.,** has extended a call to Rev. Bruno Voss of Moosehorn, Man., to serve as its pastor. His acceptance of the call has been announced. He will begin his ministry there on Sept. 29, succeeding Rev. Arthur Gellert, now of Terrace, B. C. Mr. Voss has served the Moosehorn church since 1958.

● **Miss Sherryl Hess of Peoria, Ill.,** the only daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Robert S. Hess, and Mr. Alfred W. Saettler of Peoria, Ill., were married on June 15. They are living in Madison, Wis., where Mr. Saettler is working on his Ph.D. degree in plant pathology. The wedding ceremony was held in Peoria with Rev. Robert S. Hess officiating.

● **The North Sheridan Baptist Church, Peoria, Ill.,** has extended a call to Rev. Richard W. Paetzel of Cleveland, Ohio, a 1963 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. He has accepted the call and began his ministry in the Peoria Church on Sunday, July 21, succeeding Rev. Robert S. Hess, now pastor of the Harbor Trinity Baptist Church, Costa Mesa, California.

● **Plans are under way for a Billy Graham Crusade in Winnipeg, Man.,** in the spring of 1965. Rev. R. E. Grabke, pastor of the Grant Park Baptist Church of Winnipeg, as the chairman of the Winnipeg Baptist Ministerial Association, has been appointed to serve on the initial planning committee for the Billy Graham Crusade meetings.

● **The Carroll Ave. Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas** has selected a new name for its Church Extension project and new location. The new name is NORTH HIGHLANDS BAPTIST CHURCH. Dr. Louis R. Johnson, pastor, has announced that the Planning and Building Committee is reviewing various types of floor plans and building designs, hoping to arrive soon at a suitable plan for the new building.

● **On Sunday morning, June 23,** the members of the East Side Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill., heard Rev. Gerhard Schroeder, missionary appointee for the Cameroon Mission Field, speak on "Life's Greatest Challenge—Go Ye." On Sunday evening, June 30, Family Night was held with special features for the children. The Vacation Bible School was held from June 24 to July 5. Rev. Carl H. Palfenier is the pastor.

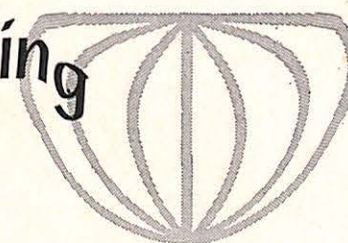
● **The Erin Ave. Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio** has extended a call to Rev. Edward John Pritzkau of Chicago, Ill., a 1963 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary. He has accepted the call and announced that he would begin his ministry in the church on August 1st, succeeding Rev. Henry Pfeifer, now pastor of the Faith Church, Regina, Sask. Mr. Pritzkau was recently ordained into the Christian ministry by the Foster Ave. Baptist Church of Chicago.

● **The illustrated report in the June 20, 1963 issue of the "Baptist Herald,"** page 18, about the memorial pulpit furniture in honor of the late Rev. O. R. Schroeder in the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., should have stated that the gifts were given as memorial contributions by the many friends of Mr. Schroeder as well as by members of the family. Rev. O. R. Schroeder served as pastor of the Bethel Church of Anaheim from 1925 to 1938.

16. Rev. George Henderson of Kumba, Federal Republic of Cameroon, brought the message on Sunday morning, June 30. Rev. William Hoover is pastor of the church.

● **On August 1st Rev. and Mrs. Gerhard Schroeder of Bellwood, Ill.,** and Rev. and Mrs. Lloyd E. Kwast and their children are sailing from New York City on the "S. S. Sylvania" for the Federal Republic of Cameroon, Africa via England where they will begin their first terms of missionary service. Articles introducing them to "Baptist Herald" readers will be published shortly. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hildebrand of Stafford, Kansas are leaving by plane from Chicago for West Cameroon on August 2nd. They will be serving for one year during which Mr. Hildebrand will supervise an extensive building program.

what's happening



● **The Memory Lane Baptist Church of Wichita, Kansas** and the Church Extension Committee for the denomination have extended a call to Rev. Gordon J. Voegelé of Underwood, N. Dak., to serve as its pastor. He has accepted the call and announced that he would begin his ministry in the Wichita Church on August 11, succeeding Rev. Edwin Michelson, now of La Salle, Colorado. Mr. Voegelé has been the pastor of the Baptist church of Underwood, N. Dak., since 1960.

● **On Sunday evening, June 16,** Rev. W. C. Damrau, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Buffalo, N. Y., baptized three young people on confession of their faith in Christ. On the previous Sunday, nine persons received certificates for having completed these Leadership Training Classes: "How to Be an Effective Teacher" taught by Dean D. Zabriskie of the Buffalo Bible Institute, and "The Book of Books" taught by Rev. W. C. Damrau.

● **In April 1963 Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Leslie P. Albus** left Fort Dix, N. J., on temporary duty and arrived at Camp Drum, N. J., as post chaplain. He has four regularly assigned chaplains under him, in addition to all those who come to the camp with their units to train. A Supplemental Branch Training School for Chaplains is also being conducted. He will be at Camp Drum until October 1963. His replacement at Fort Dix, N. J., with the 1st Training Regiment has been Chaplain (Lt. Col.) George W. Zinz, Jr.

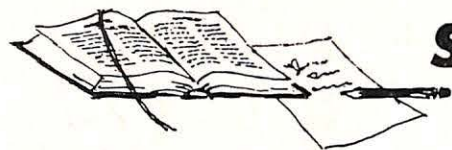
● **Several missionary speakers** inspired the congregations of the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., on recent Sundays. Mrs. Alma Henderson of West Cameroon, Africa addressed the Woman's Missionary Society's annual program on Sunday evening, June 9. Miss Florence Miller, missionary in Japan, spoke on Sunday evening, June

16. Rev. George Henderson of Kumba, Federal Republic of Cameroon, brought the message on Sunday morning, June 30. Rev. William Hoover is pastor of the church.

● **Mr. David B. Hackmann** was ordained into the Christian ministry on Sunday, June 16, at the Burnsville Baptist Church, Burnsville, Minn. Mr. Hackmann is the son of Mr. G. A. Hackmann of Maywood, Ill., members of the Forest Park Baptist Church. Dr. Vernon Grounds, president of the Conservative Baptist Theological Seminary, Denver, Colorado, brought the ordination address. The completion of the new building marks another milestone in the history of this church which was established 3½ years ago by Rev. David B. Hackmann and several interested families and is the first Baptist church in Burnsville.

● **The First Baptist Church of St. Joseph, Mich.,** and the denominational Extension Committee have

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sunday school lessons

REV. B. C. SCHREIBER, FOREST PARK, ILLINOIS

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: August 11, 1963
Theme: PEOPLE OF THE COVENANT

Scripture: Genesis 17:1-8.

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Being chosen by God should not make us proud and arrogant rulers, but humble and obedient servants.

INTRODUCTION: The fact that God was able to establish a covenant relationship with Abraham is evidence of faith also on the part of God toward the weaknesses in his character. You recall the experience in Egypt when Abraham definitely showed a lack of trust and faith in God when he told Pharaoh that Sarah was his sister. His fear of Pharaoh made him forget his faith in God. In trying to save his life by lying, he almost lost it and God had to perform a miracle in order to save both Abraham and his wife.

In his relationship with Lot, he was very noble and as Christian as the reference to Abraham that Lot chose all the plains of Jordan; he was now satisfied to have God with him. It is significant that Abraham immediately returned to his altar building (Gen. 13:18).

I. THE CONDITION OF THE COVENANT. Genesis 17:1-2.

Perhaps in a gentle way God was chiding Abraham because of his lapse in faith and trust in him. He appeared to Abraham in order to renew the covenant and to remind him of the promise that his seed will be multiplied exceedingly. But there was a solemn condition laid down this time. First God, and because he is the Almighty God, he expects a great deal from his children. Therefore he says: "Walk before me, and be thou perfect." The covenant on Calvary demands the same condition, but through the power of the Holy Spirit we have more strength in the keeping of it.

II. THE REWARD OF THE COVENANT. Genesis 17:3-6.

Abraham received a reward that is normally desired by many people—a new name and fame. In the New Testament sense, the new name is an important truth in the life of a Christian, and the fact that he is a son of the Highest and a member of the family of God should be fame enough. It is certainly much more important than tracing your name and ancestry back to the "Mayflower."

The reward Abraham received made him so humble that he fell on his face as he listened to God. The same humility and change in character were evident in the lives of Simon and Saul who became Peter and Paul.

III. THE EVERLASTING COVENANT. Genesis 17:7-8.

The reader of this early history concerning Abraham is soon made aware of the number of times the covenant is repeated. This is not only for Abraham's benefit but to impress upon his mind the importance of keeping the covenant alive through all generations. Religious instruction is no easy task at any time, and where it depended on verbal transmission the responsibility of the parents as teachers was very grave.

Questions for Discussion:

1. Compare the promises of the old covenant with those of the new covenant.
2. Try to imagine how much you would be able to learn if you could neither read nor write.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: August 18, 1963

Theme: THE TEST OF TRUTH

Scripture: Genesis 22:1-14

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: God was able to spare Isaac, Abraham's son, but he was not able to spare his own Son, Jesus Christ.

INTRODUCTION: In order to bring continuity into the study of early Hebrew history, go over the facts not included in the printed lesson. The promise of a son to Abraham is important because of Sarah's age (Gen. 17:15-21). The institution of circumcision is significant, not only because it was the distinguishing mark of the male, but also because of the seriousness of this rite among Jews in New Testament times. The oaks of Mamre should be mentioned because of the appearance of the Lord to Abraham, the renewal of the covenant and the promise of the birth of Isaac. The events leading up to the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah and Abraham's part in it, and finally the birth of Isaac, precede the Scripture portion for today's lesson.

Faith in God does not guarantee us a life free of trouble and sorrow. It involves experiences of testing in order that our faith might grow stronger.

I. FAITH IN GOD DEMANDS OBEDIENCE. Genesis 22:1.

The word "tempt" in this instance is

better translated "test" or "prove," for we know that God does not deliberately tempt any man (James 1:13).

The most important response of an obedient heart is to say unquestionably to God: "Here am I." This expression was used twice by Abraham in the lesson for today's study. The experience of Isaiah culminated in the same spirit of perfect submission. The entire history of Israel can be graphically illustrated on a chart in which the line rises or falls depending on whether the nation was experiencing a period of obedience or disobedience.

II. FAITH IN GOD DEMANDS THE BEST. Genesis 22:2-10.

Why should God always require the best of everything? Seldom do we go through such soul-shaking experiences as Abraham, but there are times in our lives when we have a thousand questions to ask God. However, we also feel like the saint who said that when he met God all his questions fled and didn't seem to matter.

This must have been extremely difficult for Abraham because he was aware that pagans all around him practiced the rite of sacrificing their sons and daughters, and he could not understand why God should require the sacrifice of his son, Isaac. Some of the wicked kings of the Jews sanctioned the gruesome practice which was condemned by the prophets (2 Kings 16:3; 17:17; 21:6).

III. FAITH IN GOD IS REWARDING. Genesis 22:11-14.

Peter says that the trial of our faith is more precious than gold. There was certainly no amount of gold that could buy the joy and happiness that Abraham experienced after the trial was over. The most comforting and the most meaningful name that Abraham could think of was "Jehovah-jireh," "The Lord will provide."

In deep trials and testings we are often so engrossed in our thoughts that we fail to see the Lord's provision near at hand. At such times it is comforting to remember that "God is faithful who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way of escape, that ye may be able to bear it" (1 Cor. 10:13).

Questions for Discussion:

1. How does God test our faith today?
2. Comparing the time, effort and money we expend in our education, our work and our social life, can we always say that we are giving our best for Christ and his Church?

BAPTIST HERALD

From Faith to Faith!

Report of the 75th Anniversary Program of the First Baptist Church, Hebron, North Dakota by Joyce Lang, Editor of "The Hebron Herald."

SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS ago two German Baptist families, who had pioneered in the western Dakota territory several years before that, founded a Baptist church, believed to have been the first of that denomination in western North Dakota. They and their neighbors, who likewise had left homes in South Russia and Germany to seek a new life on the rolling hills of Dakota prairie land, sought to worship in the faith of their forefathers.

The 75th anniversary of that church founding was observed by the First Baptist Church of Hebron, N. Dak., Saturday and Sunday, June 15 and 16, with direct descendants of the two pioneer families among the 213 members now on the roll of the church and taking part in the several festive services.

CHURCH OF ANTELOPE

The Philip Heinle and the Christian Schmidt families were the founders who got together with Rev. Friedrich Brauns and his wife in the spring of 1888 to organize a church, the German Baptist Church of Antelope. In 1893 a building was erected on the prairie south of the village of Hebron.

As the community grew and the village of Hebron developed, a church edifice was built in Hebron in 1916. In 1947 the Antelope Church building was moved into the city and the two churches were built into one.

Today, only a monument at the ori-



75th ANNIVERSARY, BAPTIST CHURCH, HEBRON, N. D.

Honored guests and speakers (left to right): Rev. E. Broeckel, interim pastor; Dr. M. L. Leuschner, guest speaker; Rev. F. Alf, former pastor; Rev. G. Voegelé, son of church; Rev. J. G. Benke, former pastor; Mrs. Louise Terveen, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. L. Hoeffner; Rev. C. T. Remple, former pastor; and Rev. Ervin J. Faul, present pastor.

ginal Antelope Church site—dedicated to the pioneers of 1888 "who here founded the first German Baptist Church of Western North Dakota"—represents the only physical reminder of the early church beginning. But there are spiritual reminders throughout the community of 1,340 inhabitants of the modern city of Hebron and

among its surrounding farm and ranch residents as the influence of the First Baptist Church of Hebron makes itself felt on the community.

Indicative of the interest still maintained in the German language is the fact that the first service conducted during the church's 75th anniversary was conducted entirely in the German language, with 160 persons present. An active Woman's Missionary Society, first organized 52 years ago among the Antelope church members, later merged with the Hebron congregation, is an important part of the church today. Younger women of the church also have their Missionary Guild, first organized in 1946.

NINETEEN MINISTERS

Nineteen ministers have served as pastors of the church during its 75 years. Rev. Ervin J. Faul answered a call to the church in 1959 and is presently serving.

Three former pastors participating in the 75th anniversary services: Rev. Frederick Alf, who served from 1930 to 1935, now at Portland, Ore.; Rev. Johan G. Benke, 1943 to 1949, now at Madison, S. D.; Rev. C. T. Remple, 1949 to 1954, now at Portland Avenue Church, Tacoma, Wash.

Also participating in the observance was Rev. Emmanuel Broeckel, a retired pastor now living in Bismarck, who had preached the sermon at the First Baptist Church when the present structure was dedicated in 1916

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OFFICERS OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, HEBRON, N. D.

Front row, left to right: Adam Fehr, Hervey Creviston, Alvin Heinle, Bennie Schneider, Theophil Frey, Walter Kitzan.
Back row, left to right: Art Krein, Reuben Walh, Jacob Heinle, Rev. Ervin J. Faul, Edwin Schmidt, Dan Voegelé, Reinhardt Heinle.

August 1, 1963

Cedarloo Church, Iowa Builds

Report of ground breaking service and building progress of the Cedarloo Baptist Church, Cedar Falls, Iowa by Rev. Bernard R. Fritzke, pastor.

IT WAS a little breezy on top of our hill as the Cedarloo Baptist Church of Cedar Falls, Iowa met for the ground breaking service on Sunday afternoon, May 26th. But we gave the winds a mighty voice as we expressed our joys. About 125 people gathered from our congregation and from our Iowa Association churches for this milestone.

Rev. Donald Patet, pastor of the Arlington Baptist Church and chairman of the Iowa Association Church Extension Committee, brought the message. Rev. Raymond F. Dickau of Parkersburg, also on the local committee, read the Scripture passage, and Rev. Harry Haas of Sumner led in prayer. The church then invited all the friends and guests to the pastor's home nearby for an hour of light refreshments and fellowship. It was a blessed afternoon.

BUILDING FACILITIES

With the help of our Church Extension department of the denomination, of our faithful Church Extension Builders far and near, of the wonderful support of our Iowa Association churches and a local loan, we are now in the process of building.

The building will be of block and brick with a little decorative stone as the accompanying sketch shows. It will have laminated arches and a concrete floor system with low pressure steam heating. Space provided on both the basement and main floor levels will give us 6,440 square feet. When completed the building will provide: sanctuary seating 140, overflow doubling also as one large or two smaller classrooms for 75, a crib room, baptistry, study, foyer, fellowship hall,



REV. BERNARD R. FRITZKE
Church Extension pastor of the Cedarloo Baptist Church, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

kitchen, restrooms, 15 classrooms, boiler room, and storage room.

The building is beautifully located on top of a hill and will be visible for a great distance in every direction. It will be the first unit of a master plan of three units eventually to be erected on our 3.36 acre site.

BUILDING COSTS

The completed cost of the building will be about \$60,000. Lack of funds, however, prevent us from completing it now. Present plans call for an outlay of \$50,000 which will complete the

building outwardly, except for landscaping and parking, and will make it usable in the lower auditorium, and foyer and pastor's study upstairs.

The lower auditorium will have a clear span so that we can divide it for classrooms with folding partitions, and very quickly also make all of it available for fellowship, or our present worship area needs.

We praise our heavenly Father, and thank all who had and are having a part in making possible these facilities in which better to worship, and from which better to serve our Lord Jesus Christ.

ROGER WILLIAMS

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human excellence for his sagacity in detecting the laws of the planetary motion; if the genius of Newton has been almost adored for dissecting a ray of light, and weighing the heavenly bodies in a balance,—let there be for the name of Roger Williams at least some humble place among those who have advanced moral science and made themselves the benefactors of mankind."

PATRICIA HELLER

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set aside for a commissioning service during which Miss Heller again gave her testimony. The writer had been invited to bring the message which he based on Mark 14:3-9, "An Act of Love." He also gave the charge to church. The pastor gave the charge to Miss Heller and Mrs. Yahn president of the Missionary Society of the church, fittingly led in a prayer of dedication.

Miss Heller sailed from New York on July 11th. From England she will accompany Rev. and Mrs. Elmer C. Strauss and family to Cameroon. God will be with her as she looks forward to do his will, not merely in a service to lessen the suffering of man, but in witnessing to Christ through her service to man.

OUR denomination in action

Sunday school programs & events

● **Strassburg, Marion, Kansas.** On Sunday evening, May 19, the Scripture Memory students and their leaders of the Strassburg Baptist Church, Marion, Kansas, presented their last program of the year. Twenty-eight children were enrolled and completed the year's course of study. The children of each age group presented the verses which they had learned and they sang choruses under the direction of Mrs. Dave Krispense for a very inspirational program. Two students, Beth Ann Thole and Alvin Hett, were presented with the Grand Award by Mr. Harvey Kruse upon completion of the entire Scripture Memory Course.

Woman's missionary societies

● **Bethel Church, Anaheim.** The Woman's Missionary Society of the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., held an interesting program at their June meeting using a play, "Living Abundantly." The theme, "Living Abundantly For Christ," was expressed in a talk by Mrs. H. A. McPheeters, president of United Church Women of Anaheim. Mrs. Alma Henderson, missionary from the West Cameroons, Africa, was a guest.—(Mrs. Dorothy Ernst, Reporter).

special events

● **Tigard, Oregon.** About 100 persons attended the fellowship dinner after the morning service on June 2 at the Southwood Park Baptist Church, Tigard, Oregon, held in honor of the missionary family, Rev. and Mrs. Fred C. Moore and their children, before their return to Japan and the mission field. This was their last Sunday at the church that is helping to support them. The wonderful food and fellowship were greatly enjoyed by all. (Mrs. Lena S. De Rosia, Reporter).

● **Turtle Lake, N. Dak.** Included in a number of recent activities at the Turtle Lake Baptist Church, Turtle Lake, N. Dak., was the reception for Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Zimbelman and children who have recently returned from Africa and are making their home in Turtle Lake for the present. This reception was held after the Vacation Bible School program with 51 children participating. Twelve teachers and helpers presented the lessons, "Traveling God's Highways," to these children. Rev. Orville Meth, pastor,



Scripture Memory Grand Awards are presented to Alvin Hett (left to right) and Beth Ann Thole by Mr. Harvey Kruse of the Strassburg Baptist Church, Marion, Kansas.

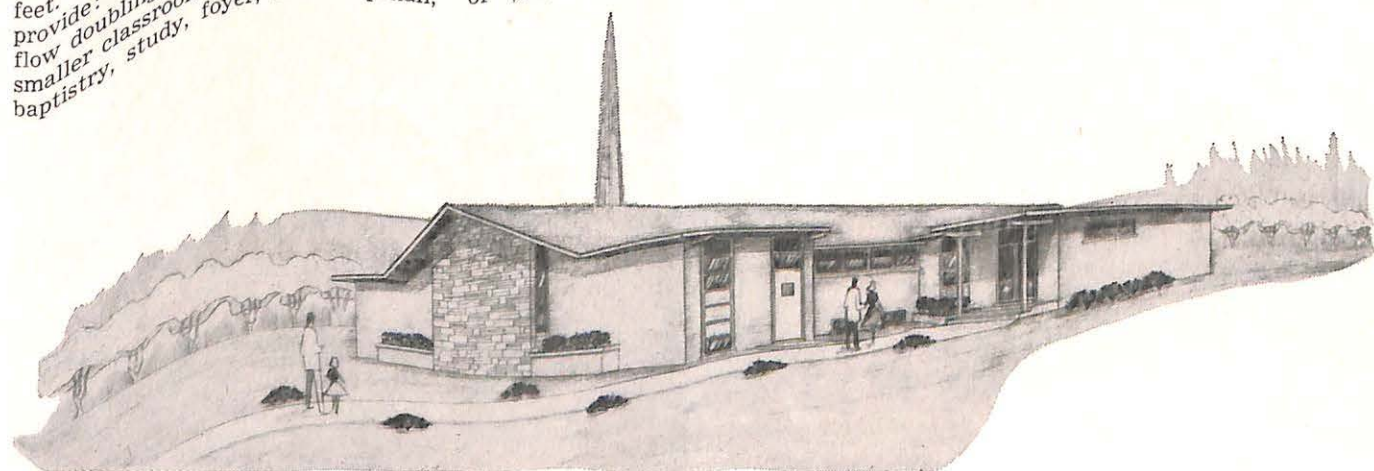
served as superintendent reporting a near perfect attendance for the five day school sessions. (Mrs. Reuben Bauer, Reporter).

● **Southey, Sask.** On Sunday, April 7th, the Southey Baptist Church, Southey, Sask., held a cornerstone laying service for their new church building. Rev. Karl Korella, a former pastor of this church, was the guest speaker. He brought us Palm Sunday message in the morning and another inspiring message in the afternoon when the cornerstone service took place. Visitors from neighboring Baptist churches and also from the two other Protestant churches in Southey brought encouraging words of greeting. The building is being constructed al-

All reports from our churches should be kept BRIEF and sent promptly. EDITOR.



CHILDREN'S CHOIR, IMMANUEL CHURCH, KENOSHA, WIS.
This Children's Choir under the direction of Mrs. Richard Dart sings in the church services and has sung at a Kenosha City-wide Singspiration.



ARCHITECT'S SKETCH OF CEDARLOO BAPTIST CHURCH
The new building of the Cedarloo Baptist Church, Cedar Falls, Iowa, to cost about \$50,000 is now under construction.

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vacation BIBLE schools

• **Goodrich, N. Dak.** The First Baptist Church of Goodrich, N. Dak., participated in a Community Vacation Bible School, June 3 to 7, with the pastor, Rev. Jacob Ehman, directing. Classes were conducted both morning and afternoon with an enrollment of 77 pupils and 19 teachers. The group was divided into five classes, Nursery through Junior High. The children brought a daily mission offering amounting to \$59.50, which was donated to the American Bible Society. On Friday evening a program was held with a capacity crowd attending. Refreshments were held daily under the supervision of Mrs. Lewis Hirsch, assisted by several ladies of the church. (Mrs. Albert Schmidt, Reporter).

• **Corona, S. Dak.** Sixteen workers correlated their teaching on the theme, "Traveling God's Highway," at the Bible School held from June 3 to 7 at the Corona Baptist Church, Corona, S. Dak. The average daily attendance was 54 pupils. The daily offerings re-

ceived were sent to the Church Extension project, the Cedarloo Baptist Church of Cedar Falls, Iowa. A fine program to which the public was invited was given on Sunday evening, June 9. We thank Rev. L. Potratz, pastor, and the other teachers who gave sacrificially of their time as they labored for the Lord Jesus Christ. (Mrs. Elmer Harms, Reporter).

• **Tigard, Oregon.** A Family Bible School was conducted by the Southwood Park Baptist Church, Tigard, Oregon from June 17 to 21 with classes held each evening from 7:00 to 8:45 P.M. "Life With Christ" served as the theme. The average daily attendance for the week was 56 and the highest attendance was 61. One definite decision for Christ as Savior was made. Don Bowers served as the school's director. We were thrilled at the fine attendance and participation by the young people and adults in addition to the children. (Lena S. De Rosia, Reporter).



Twenty-one baptismal candidates from Southey, Raymore and Nokomis, Sask., with their pastors, Rev. Peter Schroeder, Rev. Arthur Zeller and Rev. Edmond Hohn.

ice which was held on Good Friday. A total of 21 candidates were baptized, each pastor baptizing his own group. Music for the service was supplied by the C. T. I. Choristers from Edmonton, who stayed over for the baptismal service after having rendered a sacred concert the night before. Professor E. B. Link of Edmonton brought a challenging message which stirred all hearts. Although the churches in the area are not large, we have felt the Spirit of the Lord moving in our midst and are indeed thankful for this evidence of it. (Rev. Peter Schroeder, Southey, Sask.)

• **German Mission, Winnipeg, Man.** On Pentecost Sunday, June 2, Rev. Walde-mar Laser, pastor of the German Baptist Mission Church, Winnipeg, Man., had the joy of baptizing 15 converts, of whom the youngest was 11 years of age and the oldest 73 years. In April 1963 a Missionary Conference was held at the church with great blessing. Those participating were Miss Ida Forsch, Rev. Earl H. Ahrens and Dr. Peter E. Fehr of Cameroon, West Africa; Rev. Fred Moore of Japan; and Rev. J. E. Grygo of Forest Park, Ill., and Rev. William Sturhahn, Northern District secretary. Miss Dorothea Laser, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Walde-mar Laser, and Mrs. Franz Schmidt, missionary worker, were married on July 13. Afterwards they will be studying in Chicago, Ill., and then they will go to Germany to enter missionary service there.



Ten of the eleven converts baptized by Rev. Fred Sonnenberg (center, back row), pastor of the Foster Avenue Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois.

evangelistic services & baptisms



Nine persons baptized by Rev. Orville Meth at Turtle Lake, N. Dak., on Pentecost Sunday, June 2nd.

• **Turtle Lake, N. Dak.** On Sunday evening, June 2, an attentive audience gathered at the Baptist Church, Turtle Lake, N. Dak., to witness a baptismal service when Rev. Orville Meth, pastor, gave an inspiring message based on Matt. 3:13-17. Baptismal candidates included three members of one family and six children, a total of 9. Musical numbers included the church choir and a cornet solo by Charles Klein. On June 16 the Turtle Lake Church observed its 55th anniversary with Rev. J. C. Gunst of Minneapolis, Minn., bringing the morning message. A number of interesting changes have taken place since the origin of the church 55 years ago as was reported by the secretary, Jake Schlafmann, at the evening service. Missionary Ernest

Zimelman brought the evening message. (Mrs. Reuben Bauer, Reporter).

• **Foster Ave. Church, Chicago.** On April 14, Easter Sunday night, eleven persons were baptized by Rev. Fred Sonnenberg, pastor of the Foster Avenue Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill. These included one married couple, one high school teen-ager, and eight children. Pictured with the pastor are ten of the eleven who were baptized. The families of two of them, however, moved to California shortly thereafter, so only nine were extended the hand of fellowship at a subsequent communion service. May they grow daily in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, and become co-workers with him in whatever field of service he may lead them. (Walter C. Pankratz, Reporter).

• **Southey, Raymore and Nokomis.** The three Baptist churches of Southey, Raymore, and Nokomis, Sask., joined together in a great baptismal serv-

• **Third German, Winnipeg.** God is continually true to his Word. He has shown his faithfulness to his Word in Acts 2:41, "They that gladly received his word were baptized." The congregation of the Third German Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Man., had the joy that our pastor, Rev. M. Taubensee, could baptize five candidates on confession of their faith in Christ on Sunday, June 2nd. In the evening service the hand of fellowship was extended to the new members, following which the congregation observed the ordinance of communion. (G. H. Rozewski, Reporter).



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• **Ellinwood, Kansas.** On Sunday evening, May 12, seven converts were baptized by Rev. Merle E. Brenner at the First Baptist Church, Ellinwood, Kansas. These converts were the result of special meetings held from April 7 to 14 by Rev. Herman Pal-fenier, evangelist, whose heart warming messages were deeply appreciated. On Sunday morning, May 14, a dedication service was conducted for eight children. The Vacation Bible School was held from May 27 to 31 with 60 pupils and 15 teachers and assistants. This year only morning classes were held. The closing program was presented on Sunday evening, June 2, at which the missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Elmer C. Strauss, were also present and took part. On Monday evening, June 3, a basket supper with an informal service was held in the sanctuary afterwards, at which many missionary questions were answered. A central air conditioning system is now being installed by the church in the sanctuary. (Mrs. Derril Widener).

• **Pilgrim, Philadelphia, Pa.** The morning worship service on Sunday, June 2nd, at the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., will long be remembered. On this occasion nine young people followed the Lord in baptism. They were among the 19 new members (all but one were present for the accompanying photo), who were welcomed into the fellowship of the church at the communion service that day by Rev. Roger W. Schmidt, pastor. Standing to the left of the pastor in the picture, behind the pulpit, is the recently appointed Cameroons missionary nurse, Miss Patricia Heller, who was one of eight members received by letter from other Baptist churches. The church has voted to accept Miss Heller's support over and above its present mission giving. A Commissioning Service for Miss Heller was held on Sunday, June 16th, with Dr. Richard Schilke officiating. (Ida Draeger, Reporter).



The choir with their new robes of the West Center Street Baptist Church, Madison, South Dakota. The director, Mrs. J. G. Benke is in the second row, extreme left.

dedication SERVICES

• **Corona, S. Dak.** Sunday, June 9, was a joyous occasion for the Corona Baptist Church, Corona, S. Dak., when the new choir robes were dedicated to the praise and worship of God. Also dedicated were an outdoor P. A. system and a turn table given by Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Harms. Recorded chimes are played and heard over the countryside each Sunday morning in memory of Mrs. Harms' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Okko De Boer. (Mrs. Elmer Harms, Reporter).

• **Madison, S. Dak.** The West Center Street Baptist Church choir, Madison, S. Dak., sings regularly every Sunday. For special music at the evening serv-

ices one of these four groups sings: youth choir, men's chorus, men's quartet, and ladies' trio. The youth choir sings along with the senior church choir on special occasions. Mrs. J. G. Benke is the efficient director of these fine choirs. The new choir robes were dedicated on a recent Sunday evening. Mrs. Robert Backus donated these robes in memory of her husband's 50 years of singing in the choir. The new collars were first worn by the choir members at the Easter services. The Vacation Bible School enrollment for this year was 66 in addition to 12 teachers. There were over 400 registra-

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NEW MEMBERS, PILGRIM CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA, PA.
Nineteen new members were received into the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., by Rev. Roger W. Schmidt (behind pulpit), including Miss Patricia Heller, missionary nurse for Cameroon, Africa.



LEADERS AT SASKATCHEWAN MISSIONARY CONFERENCES

Left to right: Rev. A. Kliever, Edenwold; Mr. D. Sauer, Davin; Rev. E. Ahrens, Miss Ida Forsch and Rev. F. Moore, missionaries; Rev. P. Schroeder, Southey; and Mr. P. Leskewich, Regina.

conferences and associations

● **Sask. Missionary Conference.** A Round Robin Missionary Conference was held in Saskatchewan, May 5-7, which was a blessing to all who participated. The five churches co-operating in this effort were: Davin, Edenwold, Bethany (Regina), Faith (Regina), and Southey. On Sunday and Monday the missionaries visited at the Faith Baptist Church for a final rally. Our people have received new insights and renewed interest in the work of our missionaries and we trust that we will be able to do our share towards reaching that million dollar objective in the coming year. (Peter Schroeder, Reporter).

● **Women's Sessions, Central Dakota-Montana.** The Central Dakota-Montana Association convened at Ashley, N. Dak., June 6-9. On Friday at the Baptist Church the ladies gathered for their luncheon and business session with the president, Mrs. Carl Weisser, presiding. Mrs. Carl Weisser was re-elected as president; Mrs. Robert Hoffman as vice-president; Mrs. Daniel Herringer as secretary; and Mrs. H. Krenzler, treasurer. Mrs. Otto Fiesel especially remembered the late Mrs. A. E. Reeh in the memorial service. At the evening service Mrs. Delmer Wessler of Lorraine, Kansas was the guest speaker. Her talk inspired and challenged us anew in the Lord's work. Mrs. Fred Knalson was remembered with a gift of love. The evening offering of \$313 is to be used for Camp, Church Extension, Spanish American field, and foreign missions. (Mrs. E. R. Oster, Reporter).

● **Sask. Association.** The Saskatchewan Association convened at the Faith Baptist church, Regina, June 7-9. Pastors from 12 churches met Friday afternoon, at which time Dr. A. S. Felberg,

guest speaker, brought a message of inspiration. Dr. Felberg preached messages during the Association dealing with the Association theme, "Go ye Preach; Go ye Baptize; Go ye Teach." Business sessions were under the capable leadership of the vice-moderator and newly elected moderator, Rev. E. Hohn, of Nokomis. On Saturday evening, 125 young people met in the lower auditorium of the church for the annual banquet, following which various C. B. Y. F. groups took part in the program. Climaxing this event, Dr. Peter Fehr presented a stirring missionary address. The Association came to a fitting close Sunday afternoon with a capacity crowd enjoying the musical rally. Special renditions were presented by the guest choir from the Central Baptist Church of Yorkton and the mass choir conducted by Rev. P. Schroeder. (Rev. W. Dickau, Secretary).

special seasonal programs

● **Strassburg, Marion, Kansas.** A capacity congregation attended the Easter Sunday evening service, April 14, at the Strassburg Baptist Church, Marion, Kansas. The church choir, under the able direction of Mr. Roy Vogel, rendered the beautiful missionary cantata, "The Greatest Story Yet Untold" by Eugene L. Clark. They also rendered this cantata at joint services

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● **Greater Alberta Association.** May 30 to June 2 were days of great blessing as the Greater Alberta Association English sessions were held at Drumheller, Alta., with the Zion Baptist Church as host church. The theme was "Every Baptist a Missionary." The following topics were presented with a question period after the messages: "The Church and Missions at Home," Dr. R. Schilke; "The Church and Foreign Missions," Rev. William Sibley; and "Missions in Me," Rev. Charles Littman. On Saturday evening at the Youth Rally Rev. R. Neuman, Indian missionary, brought a challenging message. The Sunday services climaxed the Association days with about 500 people present. The closing speaker, Dr. R. Schilke, presented Missionary Ida Forsch who brought a brief message about her work in the Cameroon. The Association was made aware of the need of Church Extension and decided to look into the possibility of starting such a work in Drumheller, Alta. (O. Fritzke, Reporter).

● **Manitoba Association.** Forty-two delegates to the Manitoba Association met June 14-16 at the Swan River Baptist Church for fellowship and deliberation. "Christ our Commission" was the theme of the conference based on Matt. 28:18-20. Guest speakers were Dr. Ralph Powell from the Sioux Falls Seminary and the Northern District secretary, Rev. Wm. Sturhahn. A panel discussion followed by an open forum considered the thought provoking question, "Should our denomination expand its missionary outreach?" This was ably conducted by Rev. R. Kerstan. Special music was rendered by choirs, quartets and bands from the Swan River and Minitonas churches. A missionary goal of \$1000 was set for the year, of which \$500 was raised at a missionary offering on Sunday. The newly elected officers of the Association are: moderator, Rev. A. W. Bibelheimer; vice-moderator, Rev. John Wollenberg; secretary-treasurer, Rev. H. Pohl; Mission Committee: Rev. John Wollenberg, Mr. Manfred Woltmann and Rev. Richard Grabke.

of the Mount Zion and Dickinson County Baptist Churches.

● **Central, Edmonton, Alta.** Children's Day is always a special event at the Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta. On Sunday evening, June 9, the Sunday school presented its program, "Sunday School Talent Night," with the assistant superintendent, Gordon Schulz, in charge. The children not only sang and recited as usual, but quite a number of them played piano solos, accordion numbers, a piano duet and a guitar trio. The Sunday school choir sang two numbers and the pastor, Rev. H. Hiller, brought a brief meditation, "God's Care for the Young." (Violet Bachler, Reporter.)

HEBRON, NORTH DAKOTA

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and who has been a frequent visitor to the church.

Guest speaker for the anniversary services was Dr. Martin L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., promotional secretary of the North American Baptist General Conference and editor of "The Baptist Herald."

Mrs. John Terveen of Emery, S. D., whose father, Rev. L. Hoeffner, served the church from 1926 to 1929, also attended and greeted the congregation in memory of her parents.

Six sons of First Baptist Church of Hebron have been ordained into the ministry. Two daughters of the church are married to Baptist pastors.

LARGE FESTIVE CROWDS

Sons of the church attending the anniversary were Rev. Gordon Voegele of Underwood, and Rev. Milton Vietz of Anamoose. A total of 1,873 persons attended the six special services arranged to mark the anniversary, with 408 attending the Sunday morning worship service at which the guest pastor, Dr. Leuschner, spoke on "The Hand of God."

The ministry of music has been high in the interests of the Hebron church since its founding, and this interest was evident in the many musical numbers presented during the anniversary services. In addition to vocal solos by Mrs. Ervin J. Faul, who also serves as church organist and choir director, and by Mrs. Jothan G. Benke and Mrs. C. T. Remple, both wives of former pastors and who added to the music of the church when their husbands served in Hebron, there were duets, numbers by the choir and the women's groups, a young people's double quartet and a men's quartet and double quartet. Of particular note is the men's quartet, which is composed of four Heinle brothers, grandsons of Philip Heinle, one of the church founders, with the double quartet, being made up of the brothers and their sons, who also sang.

Commemorating the 75th anniversary and providing a rich historical insight into the organization and development of the Hebron church is a 48-page booklet published by a special book committee of Mrs. Theophil Frey, Mrs. Alvin Heinle and Mrs. Rudy Vetter. The booklet contains an historical sketch of each of the church's organizations, greetings from many of its former pastors and takes note of the church's contribution of its young people to the ministry.

In the preface to the anniversary book, Rev. Ervin J. Faul, pastor, struck the theme of the 75th anniversary with the words: "We are here to dedicate ourselves to God, prayerfully entrusting the church to present and future members, so that the defense and declaration of the truth, the preservation and propagation of evangelism locally and of missions abroad may not cease."

August 1, 1963

Obituary

(Obituaries are to be limited to about 150 words. A charge of five cents a line is made for all obituaries.)

MR. ALEXANDER WOERMKE

of Arnprior, Ontario
Mr. Alexander Woermke of Arnprior, Ontario was born in Sebastapol, Ontario on Oct. 2, 1882 and went to be with his Lord on June 19, 1963. As a youth he accepted Christ as his Savior and was baptized in Sebastapol on June 4, 1900. Later he moved to Arnprior where he became a member of the First Baptist Church. On July 7, 1904 he was united in marriage to Annie Redtman. Two children came to brighten their home. Mr. Woermke is survived by three brothers; two sisters; two children: Harold and Mrs. Leo (Ella) Chabot, both of Arnprior; three grandchildren: Mrs. Bob (Joyce) Peaskie, Mrs. "Bud" (Bette) Daze, and Mr. Donald Hawkins; six great grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends. Funeral services were conducted from First Baptist Church with the pastor officiating.
First Baptist Church
Arnprior, Ontario
ELDON L. JANZEN, Pastor

MR. FRED J. WAHL

of McClusky, North Dakota
Mr. Fred J. Wahl of McClusky, N. Dak., was born Oct. 4, 1887, near Emery, S. Dak. He came to North Dakota with his parents in 1903, settling in the vicinity southwest of Denhoff. He homesteaded in Lamont Township in the vicinity of McClusky, where he farmed until 1956. He married Minnie Huether on Nov. 25, 1909. She preceded him in death in 1929. Later he moved into McClusky to live with his daughter and the family of Hilmer Zimbelman. He had been active in the county for 60 years, served on the school board for a number of years. He died June 6th at the age of 75 years, 8 months, 2 days.
He leaves to mourn his departure: 3 sons: Clarence of Cathay, N. D.; Elmer of McClusky, N. D.; Floyd F. of McVillie, N. D.; and 2 daughters: Mrs. (Pearl) Jake Berg of Rupert, Idaho; and Mrs. Hilmer (Laura) Zimbelman of McClusky; 12 grandchildren; 4 brothers: Phillip, of McClusky; Carl F. of Bismarck, N. D.; Jacob of Harvey, N. D.; and John of San Diego, Calif.; 6 sisters: Mrs. Ida Riedlinger; Mrs. M. A. Land; Mrs. Iven Boling all of McClusky, N. D.; Mrs. Harold, Paul of Bakersfield, Calif.; Mrs. Theo. Wahl of Denhoff, N. D.; and Mrs. Mayo Ryder, Sacramento, Calif.
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MR. HENRY MEHLHAFF

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after his marriage to Rose Stoebner on Feb. 1, 1917, he moved with his bride to a farm a few miles south of his birthplace where they lived until the time of his death on June 10, 1963. The couple became the parents of four children of whom the two sons, Edwin and Donald, preceded their father in death.

Henry Mehlhaff accepted Christ and was baptized into the fellowship of the Dry Creek Baptist Church during the year 1905. Later he united with the Parkston Baptist Church where he was a member at the time of his death. Over the years he served his Lord faithfully and willingly through his church as deacon, Sunday school teacher, superintendent, treasurer, and in many other ways in which he was asked to serve.

He is survived by his wife Rose; two daughters: LaVerna of Cleveland, Ohio; and Violet (Mrs. LaVerle Thiesse) of Ellsworth, Minn.; two grandchildren: Sally and Todd Thiesse; two brothers: John of American Falls, Idaho; and Edward of Tripp; and one sister, Mrs. David Buchholz of Tripp.

Parkston and Tripp, S. Dak.
ELMER BUENNING, Pastor

MR. OTTO C. GROSZ

of Salem, Oregon
Mr. Otto C. Grosz of Salem, Ore., was born March 6, 1878 at Klum, N. Dak., and passed from this life on June 15, having attained the age of 85 years. He was united in marriage to Christina Mehlhaff on Dec. 6, 1900 at Parkston, S. Dak. Eight children were born to this union three of whom are pre-deceased. The couple spent most of their life living near Kulm, Underwood, Napoleon and New Salem, N. Dak., and since 1952 have resided in Salem, Oregon. He was converted to faith in Christ and was baptized by immersion July 27, 1903 at Parkston. Since 1952 he has been a faithful member of the Bethel Baptist Church of Salem, Oregon.

The church and the Bible meant much to him as well as the Sunday morning Bible class. He leaves to cherish his memory five daughters: Mrs. Irene Heath of Milwaukie, Oregon; Mrs. Ella Heringer and Mrs. Alvera Connor, both of Salem; Mrs. Clara Woodside and Mrs. Esther Gordon, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; 2 sisters: Mrs. Mary Doering, Kulm, N. Dak.; and Mrs. Emma Richard, Lodi, Calif.; 2 brothers: Gottfried of Chilliwack, B.C.; and David of Kulm, N. Dak. There are 21 grandchildren and 29 great grandchildren.
Bethel Baptist Church
Salem, Oregon
EVERETT A. BARKER, Pastor

DR. LOTHAR LICHTENFELD

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ther practical experience and, after that, he is to accept a government contract for a period of about two years. He left for Cameroon on July 5, 1963 by plane to Europe where he will first visit his relatives in Germany and then proceed to Cameroon by about the end of July.

THE COMMISSIONING SERVICE

The Immanuel Baptist Church in Edmonton held a beautiful commissioning service for Dr. Lichtenfeld on May 29, 1963. Dr. Lichtenfeld gave his testimony at this occasion. The writer had been invited and gave the message of the evening based on John 20:21, "So Send I You!" Rev. Wm. Sturhahn, Northern District Secretary, participated in words of commendation and in the dedicatory prayer. Other Edmonton churches brought greetings and well wishes. A "Liebesmahl" followed the evening service.

The church in sending forth its son through the Board of Missions has also provided the missionary equipment for Dr. Lichtenfeld and stands behind him with prayer and support. We are confident that the new goal will be met: To make Christ known in his ministry of healing, both of body and soul!

Sent Forth by God's Spirit

Reports of Ordination and Commissioning Services

COMMISSIONING SERVICE FOR REV. AND MRS. GERHARD SCHROEDER

On Sunday afternoon, June 16, Rev. and Mrs. Gerhard Schroeder were commissioned as missionaries to West Cameroon, Africa at an impressive service in the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church of Bellwood, Illinois. Several hundred friends joined in singing the opening hymn, "Go Ye into All the World." After the reading of Scripture and a special vocal trio, recently returned missionary, Rev. Fred C. Folkerts, in his message challenged both the Schroeders and the audience.

Rev. David Draewell charged the church to be faithful in its support of the newly appointed missionaries and was followed by Dr. Frank Woyke who gave the charge to the candidates. After Mr. and Mrs. Schroeder had publicly reasserted their doctrinal beliefs and restated their missionary calling, Rev. Herbert Klingbeil led in the commissioning prayer as all ministers present gathered around the couple.

On Sunday evening, June 23, the Forest Park Baptist Church was the scene of a farewell service and reception for the Schroeders. For some years Rev. Gerhard Schroeder served as assistant to the pastor and youth director at this church. In his message he presented the dynamic involved in the words, "Go ye."

After the presentation of a love gift and appropriate words of response and a brief testimony by Mr. and Mrs. Schroeder, the couple was honored at a lovely reception in the fellowship hall of the church. The love and prayers of the people of these churches go with these two as they leave for their new field of service. They left for Africa on August 1st, sailing from New York City on the "S.S. Sylvania."—Richard O. Schroeder, Reporter.

ORDINATION OF REV. JAMES SCHACHER AT UNDERWOOD, N. DAK.

On June 14, the First Baptist Church, Underwood, N. Dak., called a Council to examine and set aside into the Gospel ministry one of the sons of the church, Mr. James Schacher. Rev. R. C. Stading was elected moderator of the Council, and Rev. J. Ehman the secretary. The candidate was introduced to the Council by Mr. Roland Koenig, moderator of the local church. Mr. Schacher presented his conversion experience, his call to the Gospel ministry, and his doctrinal beliefs clearly, concisely, and upon Scriptural basis.

The program was held in the First Baptist Church of Underwood that same evening. Rev. G. Voegelé of Underwood, N. Dak., was in charge of the entire service. The clerk of the church, Mrs. E. Blatchford, read the minutes and letter of the church which had called the Council. A duet was sung by Mrs. L. Thompson and Mrs. R. Koenig, members of the local church. Dr. J. C. Gunst brought the ordination message based on Acts 20:28, and also offered the dedication prayer for Mr. Schacher. Rev. and Mrs. R. Grueneich of Martin, S. Dak., sang a duet. The charge to the church was brought by Rev. E. Voigt of Beulah, N. Dak. The charge to the candidate was given by Rev. O. Meth of Turtle Lake, N. Dak. The hand of fellowship to the Gospel ministry was extended by the Council moderator, Rev. R. C. Stading, of Washburn, N. Dak. After words of appreciation were expressed by the candidate, Rev. James Schacher closed the service with the benediction.

Rev. James Schacher is a recent graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary and is the pastor-elect of the Baptist Church at Creston, Nebraska.—Jacob Ehman, Council Secretary.

May 28 on the "S.S. Chicanoa" and had spent eight days in England. There she visited Mr. and Mrs. Jack Funnel and their daughter, Joanne. Mrs. Funnell is the former Myrtle Hein of our Cameroon mission staff. Miss Weisenburger will be staying in Venturia, N. Dak., with her parents. Her first promotional engagement was at the Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn., on Sunday, July 20, which is her supporting church. She spent several days

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extended a call to Rev. B. A. Itterman of Hutchinson, Minn., to serve as the pastor of the Church Extension project in the municipality of Stevensville, Mich., known as the Lakeshore Baptist Church. He has responded favorably to the call and announced that he would begin his ministry as Church Extension pastor there on Sept. 1st. The project is receiving the financial support and spiritual encouragement of the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph, Mich., of which Rev. L. H. Broeker is the pastor.

● Miss Eleanor Weisenburger, missionary nurse in West Cameroon, Africa, arrived in the United States on June 25 on the "S.S. Rotterdam" for her furlough. She had left Tiko, Africa on

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late in June at the Forest Park headquarters' office.

● Rev. and Mrs. William L. Schoeffel of Des Plaines, Ill., will be spending a month from August 16 to Sept. 16 visiting 12 countries of Europe. Among the countries to be visited are Netherlands, Germany, Austria, Italy, San Marino, Switzerland, France and Belgium. Their trips will include visits to Baptist churches in Salzburg and Vienna, Austria; art galleries of Florence and Rome, Italy; the battlefields of France; and the Metropolitan Church of London, England, made famous by its association with Charles Haddon Spurgeon. Mr. Schoeffel was formerly pastor of several NAB churches and Mrs. Schoeffel served for three years as the president of the denominational Woman's Missionary Union.

● The Bethel Church of Indianapolis, Indiana held a Father-Son Banquet on Tuesday evening, June 18, with 30 fathers and sons in attendance. Rev. Seward Wilshire, superintendent of the Gospel Rescue Mission in Indianapolis, spoke on "The Challenge of Men." Rev. Richard Christeleit, pastor, served as master of ceremonies, and Mr. Earl Gabbard introduced the speaker. On Sunday, June 30, the church held a missionary program with Dr. M. L. Leuschner, promotional secretary, bringing two missionary messages. The church is emphasizing denominational missions on every fifth Sunday of a month. A Missionary Conference of several days is being planned for September with Rev. Fred C. Folkerts, field secretary, of the Cameroon Baptist Mission, to be the guest speaker.

● The Foster Ave. Church, Chicago, Ill., held a memorial service for Mr. Carl P. Orth, aged 41, at its Sunday evening service, July 7. Carl Orth and his wife, the former Betty Sohn, were youth leaders in the Foster Ave. Church and in the Baptist youth activities of Chicago and vicinity in former years. From 1953 to 1957 Carl Orth was the chaplain and ranch superintendent at Carl Farley's Boys Ranch in Amarillo, Texas. Since 1957 he was the assistant superintendent of the Yellowstone Boys Ranch at Billings, Montana where he also served as athletic director and counselor. He died on May 29 of a rare type of skin cancer at the National Institute of Health Hospital, Washington, D. C. He is survived by his widow and four sons: Carl, Jr., Robert, Dale and Leonard.

REPORT—MADISON, S. D.

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tions at the 55th Dakota Conference held June 19 to 23 at the Madison church. The senior and youth choirs of our church sang several numbers for the Dakota Conference. (Mrs. Lowen Richter, Reporter).

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