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Beatitudes for the New Year

By John Oxenham

Blessed are they that have eyes to see.

They shall find God everywhere. They shall see him where others see stones.

Blessed are they that have understanding hearts.

To them shall be multiplied kingdoms of delight.

Blessed are they that see visions.

They shall rejoice in the hidden ways of God.

Blessed are the song-ful of soul.

They carry light and joy to shadowed lives.

Blessed are they who know the power of Love.

They dwell in God, for God is Love.

Blessed are the dead,

For they are with God.

Blessed are the living,

For they can still serve God.

Blessed are they who rejoice in their children.

The New Testament way of saying that is, "Draw near with a true heart."

Blessed are the childless, loving children still,

Theirs shall be a mightier family, even as the stars of heaven.

Blessed are the faithful strong,

They are the right hands of God.

Blessed are they that dwell in peace—

If they forget not God.

Blessed are they whose memories we cherish,

Our thoughts add jewels to their crowns.

Blessed are they who, through tribulation, have come to perfect trust,

Theirs is the peace which passeth understanding.

Blessed are the burdened of heart to whom the Comforter has come.

They foretaste the joy of heaven.

Blessed are the souls all bare before God,

He shall clothe them with his peace and love.

Blessed is the people whose heart is set on God.

It shall stand.

—The Watchman-Examiner

I AM THE CALENDAR

I am the symbol of time; I represent the infinite, the eternal, the boundless.

I alone of all things combine the past, the present, and future.

I represent the greatest wealth that any man can have, and those who treat me well easily mount the heights of success.

No letter is ever written, no book ever printed, no money ever coined, that does not bear my imprint.

I am the one thing that all mankind must constantly consult; the one thing that is universally given the place of honor in its business

houses and its homes.

I represent reliability, for I alone of all things am always reliable.

I represent honesty, for I alone of all things am always honest.

I represent service, for I alone of all things am always at man's command.

I represent opportunity; for all opportunities are centered around me.

I represent life, for I am the thing that life is made of. I am the calendar.

—Reformatory Pillar.

MISSION NEWS AND NEEDS . . .

NOVEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS. We praise God for the total budget contributions of North American Baptist people during November of \$110,493.60. The total for the first eight months of the fiscal year until Nov. 30, 1962 is \$581,742.58. This compares with \$508,276.61 during the same eight month period of last year. If this spirit of giving continues in the same generous and sacrificial manner, then we should be able to attain our budget goal on March 31, 1963.

WEEK OF PRAYER. Many of our churches will observe the Week of Prayer services from Jan. 7 to 11. Program material in English and in German was mailed to all pastors in November 1962. Each of the services will present the story and challenge of one of our mission fields with suggestions for the united prayers of God's people. Plan to attend the services in your church!

BUILDERS' GIFTS—JANUARY. The \$1.00 contributions of Church Extension Builders in January will be designated for the building project of the Memory Lane Baptist Church, Wichita, Kansas. The church is now meeting in its new building, but a good sized debt is still outstanding and new facilities are needed. Rev. Edwin Michelson, pastor, says that the opportunities are greater now than ever at the Wichita church.

BWA SUNDAY. The first Sunday of February 1963 (Feb. 3rd) is observed by Baptist churches throughout the world as Baptist World Alliance Sunday. An offering is received on this Sunday for the work of the Alliance. This includes needed funds for worldwide relief, for stricken and persecuted Baptists, especially for those Baptists in dire straits in New Guinea, Australia. Remember these Baptist brethren who need our help in Christ's Name.

ANNUAL MISSIONARY CONFERENCE. The Cameroon missionaries are now in session for their annual conference, meeting in Bamenda at the crossroads in the Federal Republic of Cameroon. The sessions are beginning on Jan. 3rd and will continue through Jan. 10th. Important decisions and recommendations will be made and an uplifting fellowship in Christ's Name will be another of the blessings of the conference.

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"Ready Thy Will to Do!"

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Editorial

By the Grace of God

Another milestone has passed! A new page opened by the hand of God! Again we have raised our "Ebenezer stone," believing firmly that this new year 1963 is ours by the grace of God. The unfolding joys and blessings of this year have their source in our Christian faith, and that is God's gift of grace to each of us. "But God, rich in mercy, for the great love he bore us, brought us to life with Christ even when we were dead in our sins; it is by his grace you are saved" (Eph. 2:4-5).

This is another way of saying that our times—this new day—this year 1963—are in God's hands. Look to his guidance! In his epistle James asks the question, "For what is your life?" Then he himself answers by describing it as "a vapour, that appears for a little time, and then vanisheth away." He recognized each new day as a gift from God and therefore exhorted the Christians to say: "If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that." And the conclusion he reached was this: "But God giveth more grace" (James 4:6). He will guide us aright. His love will not fail us. His faithfulness is certain.

"But Christ once said, 'He that followeth me Shall not walk in darkness!' At our command We have the Light of Life to help us see— God's lighted lantern—ready for our hand!"

On the threshold of this new year we know that our source of strength is in God's power. Ask for it in sufficiency! This is the mystery and glory of God's grace. When our days take us into the darkness of the valley or over an uncertain path, God assures us: "My grace is sufficient for thee." "God is able to make all grace to abound toward you; that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work" (2 Cor. 9:8). That is all we need to make this new year triumphantly victorious and wonderfully blessed.

"He will never fail us, he will not forsake; His eternal covenant he will never break. Resting on his promise, what have we to fear? God is all sufficient for the coming year."

Even at the beginning of this new year, we can reach this conclusion: Our eternal destiny is in God's mercy. We shall be prepared for whatever comes. Even now, we know that all things will work together for good to them who love God. This is our triumph by the grace of God. Even though we see that our lives are like "the grass that withereth and the flower that falleth away," we know that we "have been born again of incorruptible seed, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever" (1 Peter 1:24 and 23). This is the matchless grace of God by which we enter the portals of the new year.

"The road leads on. That is the one direction In which God keeps it open for our tread. Fatal is any turning or deflection; Our shining destinies are all ahead."

This is another year by the grace of God. Welcome it with joy. Use it well to the glory of God!

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All today who desire to learn of Christ and be taught by him are properly classified as "disciples."—Luoma Photo.

DIRECTIVES TO DISCIPLES

Among the many directives to Christ's disciples found in the New Testament, these are important for you. They are God's commands to you!

By Rev. David J. Draewell,
Secretary of Stewardship and Higher Education

AN IMPORTANT New Testament word which is used to refer to a Christian is the word, "disciple." A disciple is one trained or taught. A disciple is a pupil or a learner. In biblical days, disciples apprenticed themselves to famous teachers, masters or movements. The Pharisees had their disciples. John the Baptist had his disciples. Jesus of Nazareth also had his disciples. The disciples of Jesus were not limited to the twelve whom he had selected for specific assignments in Kingdom work. The disciples of Christ included all who enrolled in his school. All today who desire to learn of Christ and be taught by him are properly classified as "disciples."

SCOPE OF KINGDOM WORK

There are many directives to disciples found in the New Testament. I would like to call your attention to three that bear directly upon your relationship to Kingdom work. The first is: *Recognize the scope of Kingdom work!*

Jesus had many problems with his disciples at this very point. They generally thought of Kingdom work in dimensions that were far too small. Because of their narrow attitude, they were very much surprised one day to find Jesus speaking with a Samaritan woman. They wondered if a Samaritan was a proper subject to hear the message of the Kingdom! The peace in the woman's face, the gratitude in her eye, and the enthusiastic testimony on her lips gave them an affirmative answer.

On another occasion Jesus broadened their understanding of the Kingdom by his contact with a Roman Centurion who had desired the Master's help in

behalf of a sick servant. Concerning the belief of this Gentile military man, Jesus said: "I have never found so great faith, no not in Israel." All men everywhere have a right to hear from you the good news of the Kingdom of God.

Jesus also taught his disciples about the scope of Kingdom work by helping them to understand the great number who were their partners in service. John once said to Jesus: "Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name; and we forbade him because he followeth not with us." Jesus replied: "Forbid him not; for he that is not against us is for us." Christ today wants us to recognize and to accept the many who stand with us in the fight to push back the forces of evil and advance his kingdom.

A MESSAGE FULL OF TRUTH

Jesus further desired his disciples to understand the full scope of the message of the Kingdom. Sometimes we make the mistake of thinking that all men must express their experience of the risen Christ with identical language. Because certain words, phrases and theological terms are familiar to us, we tend to think that all who have had a valid Christian experience must use them. It is interesting to note that when Jesus spoke to men, he used different words and phrases on almost every occasion.

When he spoke to Nicodemus, he said: "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of Heaven." When he spoke to a rich young ruler who desired to be his disciple, Jesus said: "Sell all that you have and give to the poor and take up thy cross and

follow me." When he spoke to the woman at the well, he said: "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." To the lame man who was let down through the roof seeking healing of body and soul, Jesus said: "Take up thy bed and walk." When a lawyer asked him how to inherit eternal life, Jesus said that if he would love both God and man perfectly, he would live.

The message of the Kingdom cannot be limited to the use of certain pet terms and phrases. It is a message full of grace and truth. It is a message that ministers to men's bodies and souls. It heals their social and economic as well as their spiritual problems. Christ directs his disciples to recognize the full scope of Kingdom work and to give themselves to its fullest dimension.

USE RIGHTEOUS MEANS

A second directive to disciples is: *Use righteous means to attain Kingdom ends.* James and John once needed the guidance of Christ in this regard. When Jesus was travelling towards the city of Jerusalem on one occasion, he sent messengers to find lodging for him in a city of Samaria. The messengers returned to say that the Samaritans had closed the doors of their hospitality to Christ because he was going towards Jerusalem. James and John were very angry. They asked Jesus: "Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven and consume them even as Elias did?" Jesus rebuked them saying: "Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of. For

the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives but to save them."

Jesus was simply saying that to reach proper ends you must use proper means. James and John were properly jealous of the honor of their Lord, but to preserve that honor they sought to use the improper means of bringing judgment upon others. Exercising judgment is a proper activity for God only. To his disciples, Jesus said: "Judge not."

Peter also was instructed on one occasion about the use of righteous means for Kingdom ends. In the Garden of Gethsemane, as this impetuous disciple saw the crowds advancing upon Christ, he took the sword at his side and swung it at the head of the servant of the High Priest. Jesus rebuked Peter saying: "Those that take the sword shall perish by the sword." Under certain circumstances, it could be considered right for man to bear arms to advance an earthly kingdom. Never, however, is the Kingdom of Heaven to be advanced by the use of force.

There are some also who seek to advance the Kingdom by lying, cheating, gossiping, and revealing anger. These unrighteous tactics always inhibit God's blessing.

Jesus was not only interested in having his disciples refrain from improper methods, but he was also interested in having them in a positive sense exercise righteous means to accomplish Kingdom work. As the Master was returning from the Mount of Transfiguration, he was met by a distraught father whose son was demon possessed. The father cried to Christ for help. Jesus rebuked the demon and it left the lad. The disciples were bewildered. They asked: "Why was it that we could not cast him out?" Jesus replied: "This kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting." If you wish to do the work of the Kingdom, you must use the methods of the Kingdom.

OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE KINGDOM

A third directive for disciples is: *Be optimistic about Kingdom work.* This necessary attitude of mind and heart is not always easy to maintain. It is too easy rather to feel frustrated about Kingdom work. It is very easy to become discouraged about that part of the Kingdom that is within you. As you look into your own heart and see sin instead of holiness, stagnation in place of growth, hardness where there should be tender concern, a wave of despair can engulf you.

It is also easy to be discouraged about that part of the Kingdom represented by the local church in which you serve. As you sense something of the vast needs in the community around your church, and of the feeble efforts that the church puts forth in meeting these needs, discouragement can come quickly.

It is even easy to become frustrated

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Strange Sights in Nepal

From the diary and album of memories of last summer's trip around the world by Mrs. Emma B. Meier of Portland, Oregon

July 23. Kathmandu, NEPAL. Awakened early by squawking birds and barking dogs. Goat's milk in coffee for breakfast. 9:00 a.m. bus tour to ancient city Bhatgaon. See temple of 5 stages. Visit Pasupathinath on River Bagmati, highest and holiest Hindu shrine in Nepal. See cremation of a body on river bank. Meet man carrying dead child. Two "death houses" near bridge. P.M., "at leisure." Taxi to Tibetan Refugee Camp. Happy people!

I shall never forget NEPAL! We flew there in a small D-C 3, so small that we had to leave all our baggage except our flight bags in Calcutta, India and then had to be "weighed in" personally and had to leave three of our tour members behind until the next day. The terrain beneath us became more and more mountainous until we landed in the tiny airport of Kathmandu in the foothills of the Himalayas.

We were still among the first few hundreds of tourists to visit this recently opened country and we really felt as though we were in another world. Our ROYAL HOTEL had been the palace of a former prime minister, and many of the furnishings still showed signs of a bygone splendor. But the plumbing was awful!

Our bus took us over bumpy roads to neighboring towns where we saw imposing remains of an ancient civilization, huge palaces, temples and shrines. In one of the temples sat Lama priests in their orange-colored robes, rocking back and forth as they chanted their prayers, at the same time casting curious glances at us as we passed by.

CREMATION SCENE

But the unforgettable incident of the day was the cremation we came upon quite unexpectedly. We were climbing up the many steps that lead to the highest and holiest shrine in Nepal and were crossing a high bridge over the river Bagmati when suddenly below us, perhaps a hundred feet away, we saw preparations being made for a cremation.

On one of the ghats, a small, square, cement platform built out into the river, was a man arranging bundles of twigs and kindling as if for a bonfire. Close beside him lay a corpse, all wrapped up in what looked like sackcloth. Our guide told us that it is the duty of the next of kin to lay the fire

This is the second of a series of four or five articles by Mrs. Emma B. Meier, giving a spiritual interpretation to some of the interesting places visited last summer on her trip around the world. EDITOR.

and then to kindle it, first of all, in the mouth of the deceased.

It was a slow process, so we walked on, climbing the wide stairs, when suddenly we met a man descending rapidly, with a dead child in his arms, also wrapped in sack-cloth, ready for cremation. He was all alone, no doubt having come a long way to perform this last rite.

When we returned to the river a half hour later, the fire under the first corpse was burning, and as the smoke began coming in our direction, we hurried on to get out of its way. In a few hours the ashes would be pushed off the ghat into the sacred river.

Just above the bridge the guide had pointed out to us two rather imposing buildings. "Death Houses" he called them, for here the dying are brought, so that when their last hour comes, they may be lowered into the river to "wash away their sins" so that they might die purified before cremation. I thought: How universal is this consciousness of sin and the need to be cleansed of it!

TIBETAN REFUGEE CAMP

We returned to our hotel somewhat depressed. But after lunch, since this afternoon was to be "at leisure," four of us decided to take a taxi to a Tibetan Refugee Camp not very far away. There our spirits got a real lift as we visited with these happy, industrious refugees. Some five hundred of these brave people had come from the north over the "impassable" Himalayas in search of freedom from Communist oppression.

Here we found them housed in small, crude cottages. Every one was working at some kind of home industry such as weaving or basket-making. A sixteen-year-old boy who spoke English quite well was our guide. As we wound our way in the passages between the rows of huts, we were greeted on all sides with smiles and bows and even an invitation to look into one of their huts.

We saw the beds neatly made,—on the floor, to be sure,—and we were told that six people occupied that small room at night. During the day they worked out of doors under grass-covered roofs. With pride the women showed us the bands of cloth they were weaving on small hand looms. Several men and boys were tying bamboo poles together, erecting a roof for a new work-shed.

Again and again our guide said: "Here we are sure happy. Here we can live. Here we are free!" And I thought: How precious is freedom for those who have for a time been deprived of it!

The Dynamics of High Wire Christianity

"The Christian is neither totally of heaven nor totally of the world, but he is a citizen of two worlds. Because of this fact, he is faced with the necessity of holding both worlds in balance, as it were, on a high wire."

By Gerald L. Borchert, Professor-elect of the North American Baptist Seminary.

THE HEROIC heart has always summoned men to risk their lives by defying death. Perhaps no heart has been so daring as that of Charles Blondin, "the little wonder," who defied the Niagara gorge on a tightrope.

Jean Francois Gavelet (Blondin) set his heart to conquer this chasm. His training was vigorous and his preparation intense, even to the minutia. Therefore, when the tightrope was stretched from Canada to the United States, Blondin was ready. His movement was sure and his balance was perfect. The Whirlpool Rapids and the Niagara Canyon failed to claim the life of "the little wonder" from St. Omer, France.

He repeated this act a number of times during his life, once carrying a stove and making an omelet high above the chasm; once carrying another man; and once, in fact for the Prince of Wales, he performed the feat on stilts. By means of these and other acts, Charles Blondin proved to be a master of the tightrope as he perfected the skill of body balance.

CITIZEN OF TWO WORLDS

Now, strangely enough, the Christian also walks a tightrope. If the Christian fails to walk his particular highwire, he will find himself plunging towards failure—a failure which may amount to nothing less than the fleeing from a death-defying existence to death itself.

When a person becomes a Christian, he enters what might be facetiously called a "dare-devil" or a "death-defying" existence. At the outset it is important to remember that, when one becomes a Christian, his problems do not cease. One is not exported from this world; neither is one extracted from the body. Jesus did not ask the Father to remove Christians from this world. (John 17:15). He made a much less dreamy request and a much more realistically dynamic prayer.

He asked the Father to guard Christians against evil or the evil one. Accordingly, the Christian is left in a world that is often hostile to God. The Christian is, moreover, left in a body, the vehicle through which he expresses himself and which is subject not only to direction from the Spirit of God but also to the influence of the Tempter.

The Christian is neither totally of heaven nor totally of the world but as many, including Luther, have pointed out he is a citizen of two worlds. Because of this fact, he is faced with the

necessity of holding both worlds in balance. On the one hand, he cannot escape into the heavenly world even if he enters a monastery. On the other hand, if he tries to live in this world without any regard for his heavenly citizenship, he will probably find that his heavenly citizenship begins to fade.

THE LIFE OF FAITH

What makes the problem more intense is the fact that the world has objective standards which in effect take the place of God. One might call these objective standards "morals" or the "ideas of right and wrong" or "good and bad." The problem with these objective standards is further increased by the fact that sometimes seemingly good standards collide and therefore a system must be devised to evaluate and categorize them. Such a method has been employed by both the Jews and Roman Catholics with some degree of success.

The great discovery of Protestantism, however, is that the Christian must live by faith. Man does not simply become a Christian by faith and then return to the law as though he is finished with God. The totality of Christian life is bound to faith because, as Paul puts it, "the just shall live by faith."

Now this life of faith is no other-worldly dream. Neither is it a this-worldly law. Temptation is too near at hand to take seriously other-worldly platitudes. Furthermore, life is much too alive to settle for guidance through decrees—either from heaven or earth—when through Jesus Christ men can have the direction of a living Lord.

But notice that it is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God because his way is not an easy other-worldliness nor a convenient legalism. The Christian might be able to attend church on Sunday mornings and receive his usual shot of heaven but if he receives a shot from God it will unmask every pretense and sin in his life.

In the life of faith, every thought and action is set willingly before God in unprotected truthfulness. Christians are often able to keep legalisms or moral precepts and casuistically fit them into their desires; but in the life of open truthfulness before God law must give way to the life of faith.

One asks then: Is it really strange that many Protestants today, when questioned about what God has done for them, reply with some worn-out statement of their salvation experi-

ence? Is a salvation experience all that God does? Does the Christian stand only *once* before his God? Indeed, this fact may well involve the exact factor which distinguishes the lives of the early disciples from the lives of many Christians in the twentieth century. The problem today is certainly not with God. The same resurrected Jesus is also Lord of the twentieth century.

Many ask today: Where is power? This writer has asked that question many times himself. But that question is in fact irrelevant for most Christians because they know where power is. The question is rather: When is the Christian ready to face God again in unreserved openness? The Christian who is content with his other-worldly thoughts or convenient legalisms will ultimately be found to have accepted the direction of a pseudo-god. Because such a god is not directing his life, this type of a Christian is not ready to be "led by the Spirit of God." One frankly wonders, then, whether Paul would call such a Christian a son of God.

THE TIGHTROPE WALKER

The one who is led by the Spirit of God is truly a tightrope walker. He will accept as ultimate no legalism in place of God, no convenient do's and don'ts as an operating manual for this life or passport for the next. Neither will he accept as ultimate the fact that he is somehow untainted by this world or unsubject to temptation. He will fully admit that he is a frail human being and that he is constantly faced with the temptation to disobey God.

His temptation to disobey is not simply a temptation to disobey laws but a temptation to turn from unmediated openness before God in Christ Jesus to the pseudo-security of other-worldly or legalistic mediators. But Christ does not share his intimacy with Christians who construct again the mediating barriers. He has banished these barriers in order that Christians might experience the freedom and deliverance which comes from obedience not to rules or eternal decrees but to the living God who understands living problems.

Freedom for the Christian, however, can never imply moral laxity because God is never lax. The vision of God discloses man's self on a level where law can never reach and the vision of God demands the reformation even of man's conscience.

The Christian who remains on the highwire is constantly confronted by

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For 50 years the Christian

ministry has had some wonderful
compensations and lasting joys for
this servant of God.

Why I Am in the Christian Ministry

By Rev. L. B. Holzer of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

IT IS A long way from the plains of sunny Kansas and its rolling hills, from a simple rural home into which there were born 16 children with a devoted Christian father and mother at its head, from the one room district school always manned by a Christian gentleman teacher, bringing unconsciously his Christian influence to bear upon the boys and girls of that simple community, to the complex turbulent life of a great metropolitan city of which the writer has become an integral part. Engaged in the 50th year of my ministry as I am at the present time, the greater part of it was spent in the large centers of our country.

PRECIOUS MEMORIES

That I was being destined to become a Christian minister did not enter my mind, though my parents surrounded me with every influence, unconsciously on their part I am sure, tending in that direction. I can still hear my mother's resonant melodious voice, leading us as we sat around the parlor organ in the singing of the old Gospel hymns, whose content at that time had little or no meaning other than the resultant harmony or disharmony of those participating. But it was entertainment created by and for ourselves, that something which our generation has lost somewhere along the way.

I can still hear my father as he read from the Book, sometimes to our boredom, then following it with a prayer for the world, the community and each member of the family. In that kind of an atmosphere God is not a byword but a Presence, a Presence that sprang into our consciousness very early in life, and we were led to feel that we must always reckon with that Presence. I cannot think of a time when that God-consciousness completely left me. To be sure, the God-concepts of God in childhood had to give way to concepts that belonged to life's ever going-on process. We were always encouraged to have an open mind, to continue to ask questions and thus never to stop the learning process.

It was during my high school years that I was confronted with making a choice as to what to do with my life. Even in those simple days, material compensation weighed heavily, for we saw little of money and had less of it. However, life's choices are not always determined by what we think we like

and the things we do not like. The wholesome spiritual influence of a Christian home coupled with that of the church had its telling effect upon us in this matter of making a choice and pointing to values such as I never dreamed of.

Here I am reminded of an oft repeated statement made by a high school principal—"Spend your life where it will count for most"—and the influence of a kindly minister, whose theology I did not understand but whose spirit has been a benediction down through the years, for it was he who awakened within me the thought of the Christian ministry.

CALLED OF GOD

We are called, to be sure, but so are you, my reader, whether you be a doctor, a lawyer, an educator, a statesman, police officer or farmer. You are called to give your mind, your intellect, your affection to those around you. Every man is a high priest if he has dedicated his life to God, for we believe in the priesthood of believers.

If we were to point to some special qualifications for the Christian ministry, then we think, first of all and

above all else, of a love for people. Let no man presume that he has been called of God to the Christian ministry unless he has a genuine love for people. Jesus had it and, if he had it, then we cannot do less.

Also, a man should have a hunger for truth so that in his search for truth he becomes the incarnation of truth. Give men light and they will follow it. This is more than an advertisement of a great metropolitan daily.

There must also be a willingness to spend and be spent by the minister. He must be willing to pay the price of self-forgetfulness, so that, in losing his own life in the search for other lives, he finds his own. "He that loseth his life for my sake, shall find it," said Jesus.

Would I do it again? My answer is in the affirmative. To be sure, there are times in one's life when one wished himself anywhere but in the ministry. Other pastures appear to be so much greener than one's own. Other vocations offer so much more. There were times when well meaning friends would say, "Why spend your time and effort in something that brings so little return?" There were times of disappointment and disillusionment.

ETERNAL VALUES

There were defeats, but also victories. Did it pay? That depends upon what you mean by "pay." Jesus once said: "I have food to eat of which you know nothing about." If we want to think in terms of material returns, then our answer is a definite "no." There are compensations in life one can never explain in terms of the material. There is, for example, the letter or kind word expressing appreciation for some kindness shown or some counsel given. You cannot purchase these with money. There are accumulations of values that the world cannot buy, values that the world cannot take away.

God has called us to sow the seed. There is nothing so powerful as a seed thought. Project a thought into human life and watch it germinate. Watch it as it sprouts and grows to maturity. To see life develop and unfold, to see your dreams and hopes realized or on the way to realization, that in and of itself fully compensates for any sacrifice which a man may be called upon to make in the high calling of the Christian ministry.



Rev. Louis B. Holzer
of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

His paintings portraying the life of Christ in the Indian setting are deeply thought provoking

Dick West: Indian Interpreter of Christ

By Charles A. Waugaman

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Mr. Richard West, instructor in art at Bacone College in Oklahoma, whose religious paintings of Christ have been acclaimed by many people.

AFTER THE SULTRY sunniness of the open campus, the Bacone Chapel was happily refreshing. The cool stillness and the muted light filled the whole auditorium with an awesome prayerfulness. As we moved quietly to the front, my companion slipped away, and a moment later the painting of the *Indian Christ in Gethsemane* was illuminated before me. I caught my breath.

CHRIST IN GETHSEMANE

Richard West returned and slipped soundlessly into the front pew beside me and waited. I was enthralled. I had seen reproductions of this picture many times. I had introduced others to it. I had heard the story of it so often. Yet, somehow in the setting of the chapel for which it was painted, I found God speaking through it in a new way.

After several minutes Dick spoke. His slow, quiet words were phrased in supreme humility. He told of his wife's illness and his deep thankfulness for her recovery; of the young Crow, kneeling stoically for one hour, posing for the figure of Christ.

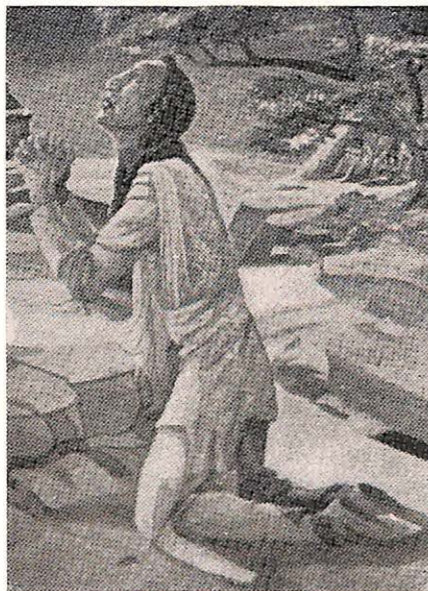
He explained how the Indian Christ, kneeling in the manner of the white man, combined the worlds of his wife and himself. The Christ in this painting is suffering because the artist knew what suffering was. The viewer is inspired because the artist knows what inspiration means.

FROM BLACKBOARD TO CANVAS

Walter Richard West was born in Darlington, Oklahoma, September 8, 1912. His father was Catholic, his mother Episcopalian and, following the Indian practice of accepting the moth-

er's family and beliefs, he and his four brothers were raised in the Episcopal faith. However, during his first years of teaching at Bacone, Dick became a Baptist. He had attended mostly Baptist services in the Indian schools. Dick inherited the name Wah-Pah-Nah-Yah (Lightfoot) from his father. His maternal grandfather was the Cheyenne chief, Thunderbull.

Dick's artistic ability exhibited itself as early as grade school, where he was granted the privilege each holiday of decorating the blackboards for the various classes of the Concho Indian



THE INDIAN CHRIST OF GETHSEMANE

This story of prayer in action is by the Indian artist, Richard West, Cheyenne Art Instructor of Bacone College.

School. At fifteen he quit school and went to work in the oil fields as an assistant to the dynamiter.

ACEE BLUE EAGLE

At eighteen he returned to school, entering ninth grade at Haskell Institute, Lawrence, Kansas. Due to the special interest of the teacher there, his art training was limited almost entirely to puppets. When he decided to go on to Bacone, it was to play football. However, at the school he fell under the influence and instruction of Acee Blue Eagle, the art teacher. There he decided on his life work, and went on to become the first Indian to graduate with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Oklahoma.

At the same time Dick entered Bacone, Maribelle McCrea began teaching there. She was the daughter of Baptist missionaries to China, and only a few months older than Dick. A friendship blossomed and grew. When he went on to the University, they began dating. The result was a marriage that many people "knew" was doomed to failure.

A LOVELY FAMILY

What a happy failure! This year they celebrated their twenty-first wedding anniversary with their two sons, Walter Richard, Jr. (now a freshman at Redlands University), and James Lee (a sophomore at Central High School, Muskogee, Oklahoma).

Dick feels that he would never have gained his success without Maribelle's constant love and encouragement. It is certain her illness and the ensuing operation and recovery inspired his most famous painting.

Following University, Dick went to teach for a year at the Indian School in Phoenix, Arizona. He later moved to Bacone as head of the art department and completed his fourteenth year there last May.

NO LONGER PRIMITIVE

At Bacone, Dick West has found himself. His sense of appreciation has given him a dedication to the school and the students it serves. Dick did his master's thesis on the adaptation of Indian motifs to contemporary pictorial principles. The art of the Plains Indians is characterized by a two-dimensional approach, lack of interest in background detail, and a use of vivid color opposed to the pastel tints and use of shading developed by the southwestern Pueblo tribes. This two-dimensional style limits the scope of the Indian's art.

Dick contends that, since the Indian is no longer primitive, he should no longer limit his painting to primitive designs. He is convinced that the Indian has a deep innate sense of and distinctive approach to art, and can profit from the assimilation of European styles without losing his unique-

and 1955, and first prizes for ceramics, wood carving, and Indian flutes.

The flute appears in his painting of *The Annunciation* to denote Gabriel, instead of the trumpet. The flute was the only wind instrument known to the Indian. In May, 1960, he received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Board of Indian Arts and Crafts of the US Department of the Interior.

THE CRUCIFIXION

Dick is most publicized for his religious painting. His works portraying the life of Christ in the Indian setting are deeply thought provoking. Oddly enough, his first, *The Crucifixion*, was most encouraged by a Jewish friend. In this picture Mary Magdalene sits cutting her hair—an Indian custom of showing intense grief. The cross itself is a concession, since the Indian did not know the crucifixion as a mode of torture. In planning the series, Dick outlined twelve paintings, but he has not as yet found time to complete them all.

In these paintings, Dick has attempted two things: first, to point up to his own people the universality of Christ; and, second, to remind the



INDIAN CLUB AT BACONE COLLEGE

This group of Indian students, sponsored by Dick West, exchanges tribal legends and customs and performs Indian dances occasionally.

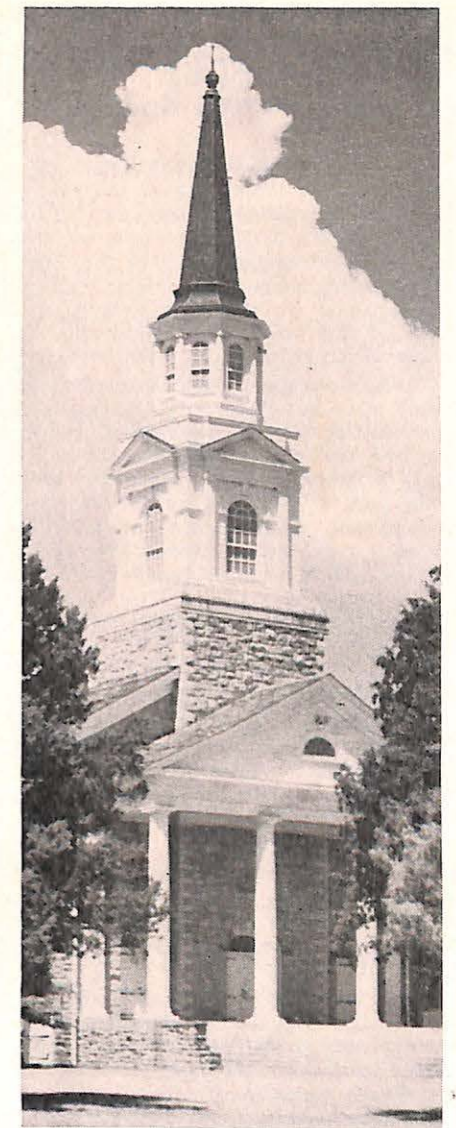
ness. Dick, however, encouraged the continued use of Indian art forms including even weaving and beadwork in the art curriculum. He looks forward to the time when Bacone is accredited as a junior college and can offer an Associate of Arts degree. The present schedule has Dick teaching five three-hour courses and one two-hour course each semester.

Dick has gained a growing reputation as an artist. His work has been exhibited in New York, Kansas City, Pasadena, and New Orleans, and through one-man shows in Redlands, Chicago, Oshkosh, Savannah, and Tulsa. He has been featured in *Life International*, *National Geographic*, and *Reader's Digest*. His many awards include the Grand Prize in the National Indian Show in Philbrook for 1949

smug, complacent white Christian that Christ was not a blond, fair-skinned, northern European.

Planning and executing these paintings was a period of growth for Dick. He knew from art history that the great painters mainly did their religious masterpieces for money. The art in the catacombs was more valid, for all its crudity and lack of artistic skill, because it was done by those who lived the faith he depicted.

Dick felt most inadequate in attempting this latter approach, since he lacked personal training (his mother died when he was six) and extensive knowledge of the Bible. However, this awareness of personal lack and dependence upon God's inspiration has no doubt largely determined his success.



BACONE MEMORIAL CHAPEL

This impressive chapel stands on the campus of Bacone College, a Baptist school for Indians, at Muskogee, Okla.

CHRIST WITH A FACE

His great tributes have come from his own people. After the first showing of the paintings to an adult Indian audience, a tall, straight, snowy-haired Comanche gentleman commented, "I like your paintings—I wish we had had these in the old days."

Once after a service in the chapel, Dick noticed an elderly Cherokee woman hesitating to leave, so he lingered, too. When the others had left she came and took his hand. "I've been a Christian many years," she confessed, "but when I looked at your painting I realized for the first time he was one of our people."

Perhaps the greatest compliment of all came from a young Indian girl who had been raised in a non-Indian community and knew almost nothing of her people and their customs. She said to Dick one day, as she observed the chapel painting. "Since coming to Bacone, Christ has a face." Only a true interpreter of God can succeed in making Christ real enough to have a face.

God's Volunteers Canvass Many Areas

By Ronna Merrick, Reporter for Team Two of "God's Volunteers."

"GOOD AFTERNOON! My name is Arlyn Thielenhaus, and this is Lorraine Albrecht. We are two members of God's Volunteers and we are holding services this week at the Temple Baptist church of Lemmon. During the day we are taking a church canvass of the area and would like to know what church you folks attend."

These were the introductory remarks made at each home visited during canvass calling. A call consists of finding out the church the person attends, if he is a member, if there are any children and, if so, do they attend Sunday school. Each person canvassed is given a tract called "God's Way" and an invitation card to the services.

INTERVIEWING PROSPECTS

Often there is an opening for further questioning about the person's relationship to Jesus Christ. This is called an interview. If the person has accepted Christ as Savior, he is questioned about his daily walk with the Lord and is encouraged in prayer and daily Bible reading.

From such canvass calls and interviews come the prospects, either for salvation or for church membership. These names are given to the pastor for further calling.

The calling program of God's Volunteers falls into three categories: canvassing which has already been mentioned, calling on prospects, and calling on church members.

In each new field, the pastor usually has a list of names of people with whom he has been in contact. These people are prospects, either for salvation or church membership. Team members visit these people, knowing something about them and ready to deal with their respective needs.

If there should be no canvassing or prospect calling, church members are visited. They are questioned as to their salvation to renew within themselves that experience. Family devotions are encouraged in each of these homes.

Many other opportunities for service are presented in each area such as: children's rallies, services in nursing homes, high school rallies, television and radio appearances, youth rallies, as well as our regular Crusade for Christ services.

DECISIONS FOR CHRIST

The work presents a great challenge as we meet people daily who are indifferent, cold and callous to the working of Jesus Christ. People continually put off making their "decision," thinking they will be losing instead of gaining. At times doors are slammed, and people will not listen. At other times doors are opened with listening, eager

people behind them, seeking for truth and peace in their lives.

There is much joy in this service as we see souls won for Jesus Christ and others dedicate their lives to him. There is also joy in working with the many pastors and guest evangelists in our denomination.

As we go from place to place our eyes are opened to the needs of people. There is no rest or happiness in so many lives. Only Christ can fill the void. So this is the task Christ has set before us—to seek souls for him.

Take Christ! Live Christ! Give Christ!

By Kathy E. Dockter, Reporter for Team One of "God's Volunteers."

IF THERE WERE three general headings to exemplify the ministry of God's Volunteers it would be that of the title: Take Christ, Live Christ, Give Christ!

As we go from door to door in our canvassing, we have the opportunity to talk with many different kinds of people. As we attempt to delve into their lives to find a definite Christian experience, so often we find people who are unsure of ever having accepted Christ. Many will tell us that they are members of the church, that they attend Sunday school, etc.

AT BISMARCK, N. DAK.

A lot of people, after making a decision, never grow in their spiritual lives. As a team we try to instill a new inspiration in these lives.

I once heard of a man being an intellectual sponge. He had gone to a university for some forty years. When asked why he had gone to school so long, he said, "I like the atmosphere." We as Christians go along on this same principle, not showing and sharing the light of our salvation in our lives.

The basis of Christianity is giving. The most wonderful type of giving, of course, is sacrificial giving, a giving of oneself. As Volunteers we give part of our lives to help in the best way we

SCHEDULE FOR GOD'S VOLUNTEERS	
Jan. 1-13, 1963	Team I—La Salle, Colorado Team II—Donna, Texas
Jan. 15-27, 1963	Team I—Colfax, Wash. Team II—Mowata, Louisiana
Jan. 29-Feb. 10, 1963	Team I—Kelowna, B. C. (Trinity Church). Team II—Rochester, New York

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

1963 MISSION CONFERENCES. Beginning with Jan. 13 and continuing throughout 1963, a wonderful series of Missionary Conferences will be held in almost every part of our far flung denomination. Seventeen missionaries will participate in these programs assisted by a number of denominational leaders. This will be the climax to our denominational participation in the Baptist Jubilee Advance with its emphasis on Evangelism Through World Missions. The "1963 Mission Packets" and literature will be distributed at these conferences and mission exhibits will be displayed. Be sure to attend some of these important conferences.

know how to give out the word of God through song, story and testimony.

You can give! Give your prayers in support of this ministry.

A rousing two week campaign was held in Bismarck, N. Dak., at the Bismarck Baptist Church. The pastor, Rev. Allan Stroschein, worked closely with Team One in a very effective prospect-type calling. Rev. Walter Stein served as guest evangelist in Bismarck. He is the pastor at the Fellowship Baptist Church in Detroit, Mich.

Team One again had the privilege, while in Bismarck, to appear on television. We are also indebted to Mr. John Estes, manager of KQDI radio station, for allowing us a spot on radio to proclaim God's wonderful Name and to enter into many unsaved lives through this medium. The closing service at Bismarck was held in the City Auditorium to accommodate the people.

AT APPLETON, MINN.

Rev. Walter Hoffman rejoined us in our Appleton campaign. The team traveled into Minneapolis for Thanksgiving Day to share in the service at the Brook Park Baptist Church. Our campaign in Appleton was a very challenging one. The church in Appleton is without a minister, and so we had a chance to serve it to its full capacity. The team was also responsible for two children's rallies.

The proclamation of God's love went into two Old Age Homes in Appleton via God's Volunteers. To know that we have added a bit of sunshine to the lives of the older folk is a blessing to us.

God has richly blessed us as a team these past four months. We look now to even higher goals. May God use us in 1963 to proclaim and glorify his wonderful Name in every way we know best. And may you, too, be used in the seeking out of lost souls!

DIRECTIVES TO DISCIPLES

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about the denomination of which you are a part. A denomination often appears to move so slowly and hesitatingly. Its programs at times seem to lack relevancy. Its activities may seem to ignore the problems with which you are faced. Optimism, nevertheless, is essential.

The Apostle Paul was one who learned well the lesson of Kingdom optimism. In the city of Lystra, he encountered a shower of stones that left his body broken, bleeding and unconscious. The town's people dragged him outside of the city wall leaving him for dead. Certainly Paul had a right to be discouraged about the Kingdom potential of Lystra. Shortly thereafter, however, he returned to the same city with great joy as he confirmed believers in the faith.

When Paul and Silas went to the city of Philippi, they soon found themselves confined to the local jail. Their backs were beaten and bruised. Their hands and feet were in stocks. Yet they revealed Kingdom optimism by singing hymns and praying in the darkness of the dungeon. In his second letter to the Corinthians, Paul said: "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed."

The promises of the Word of God demand our optimism for Kingdom work. Jesus said: "Greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world." He also said: "All power is given to me in heaven and in earth." He promised: "I shall be with you always even unto the end of the age." He declared: "I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Recognize the scope of Kingdom work. Use righteous methods in it. Be optimistic about it. These are Christ's directives to his disciples. They are God's commands to you!

It's Fun Paging Through The 1963 Annual!



Miss Erna Redlich (right) worships on a Sunday with the Japanese Christians and our missionaries in the Rakuyo Baptist Church of Kyoto, Japan.

Here Are Some Comments

- Look at all the Pictures!
- What wonderful missionary stories!
- Let's go to Sacramento in 1964!
- What a Christian message by Oregon's Governor!
- It's like a ticket around the world!
- What a grand denomination we have!
- What friends we meet in these pages!

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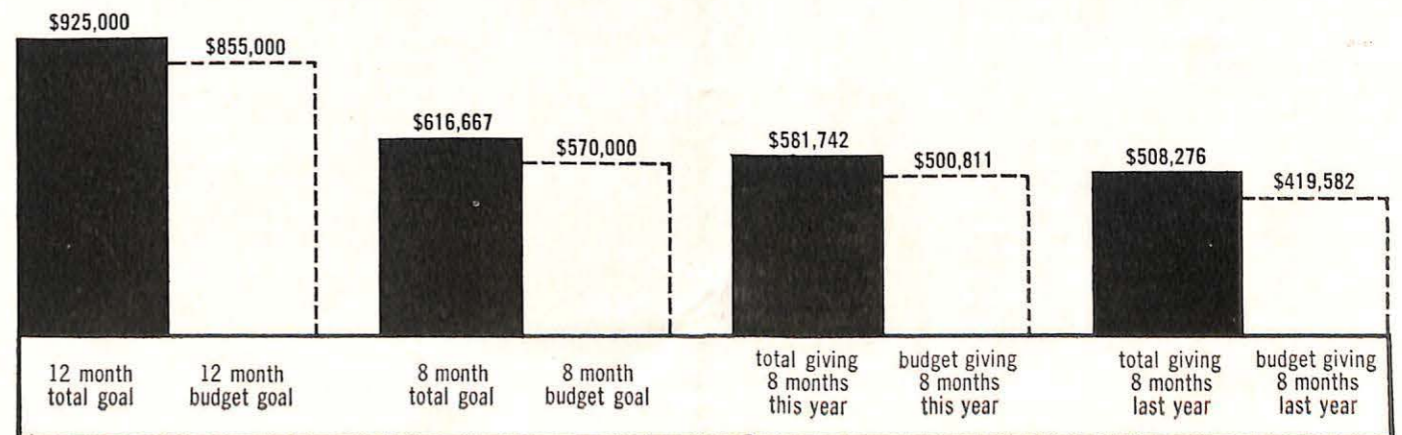
the demanding vision of God. But this vision of God does not draw man out of this world. It enables him to face the world, sin and suffering—even to the point of extermination—with an unearthy determination to obey God in every situation. Although the Christian stands uneasily on a tightrope, he does not stand unsurely. His whole life affirms with Martin Luther, "Here I stand; I can do nothing else, so help me God."

A MINISTER'S PRAYER

O God, help me proclaim thy truth To all who seek, old age or youth. For me, I pray, the prophet's eye, A voice like Aaron's ancient cry Against the wrongs of every age; Grant me the wisdom of the sage; God, grant me grace in all my days To counsel well thy wondrous ways, That I may sense thy Spirit near And walk with thee, so that no fear Shall dim thy Truth nor stay thy Voice, 'Till all shall hear thee and rejoice!
—J. M. Bemiss

GOD'S PROVISION THROUGH OUR STEWARDSHIP

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PROCLAMATION

Evangelism Through World Missions

New Year's Greeting from the B.W.A.

Greetings to 24 million Baptists in the Baptist World Alliance
by Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, General Secretary

AS WE ENTER the year 1963, we send fraternal greetings to our fellow Baptists all over the world.

We greet you as fellow believers in Jesus Christ in a world preoccupied with material things, and where human personality is downgraded. This is the time to grow in grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ. (2 Peter 3:18).

We greet you as fellow witnesses of Christ in the midst of an exploding world population and renewed zeal on the part of non-Christian world religions. Only the power of the Holy Spirit can make us effective Christian witnesses. (Acts 1:8).

We greet you as partners in intercession for all believers in Jesus Christ in every church in every nation and pray

that God may deliver us from all self-righteousness and pride. (John 17:20-21).

We greet you as fellow workers in the alleviation of suffering in a world where millions are hungry and homeless. (Matthew 25:40).

We greet you as fellow artisans of peace in a world where the threat of war hangs over the people of every nation. (Matthew 5:9).

We greet you as more than conquerors through Christ. A defeatist attitude is contrary to the conviction that the "kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever" (Revelation 11:15).

May we in 1963 be walkers in the light in the dark world (1 John 1:17).

A Welcome Visitor from Europe

The story of Dr. Rudolph Thaut's visits to NAB churches
by Dr. M. L. Leuschner

A VERY WELCOME visitor from Europe to North American Baptist churches late in 1962 was Dr. Rudolph Thaut, general secretary of the Baptist Union of Germany. He warmed the hearts of many of our people with his gracious and genial personality and acquainted them with Baptist church work in Germany by means of his colorful pictures and vivid descriptions.

Dr. Thaut spoke in North American Baptist churches in the New York City area and Philadelphia, Pa.; at Ashley and Grand Forks, N. Dak., and the Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; in Forest Park and Chicago, Ill., and Milwaukee, Wis. He visited with Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Appel in Seattle, Wash., discussing the Baptist churches of Austria, and spent important hours in conference with denominational secretaries at the Forest Park headquarters' building.

He came to the United States at the invitation of the American Baptist Convention. But he also conferred with Southern Baptist leaders and officers of the Baptist World Alliance. He is an able representative of the Baptist wit-

ness in Europe. The son of a Baptist minister in Germany, Dr. Thaut has



DR. RUDOLPH THAUT
Executive Secretary of the Baptist Union of Germany.

been a youth secretary, pastor of several Baptist churches in Germany, coming to his present position as the leader of German Baptists, East and West, in 1959. Except for the Soviet Union, Germany has the largest number of Baptists in Europe, totaling almost 100,000 persons.

Dr. Thaut has given dedicated leadership to the extensive relief ministry in Central Europe. He has shown a keen understanding of Baptist needs throughout Europe and a sympathetic interest in the great work of Christian missions. Humble of spirit, tireless in his ministry and friendly in every contact with others, Dr. Thaut has become another vital link between the Baptists of Germany and North American Baptists. Across the seas we clasp our hands tightly in Christ's Name because of your visit in North America, Dr. Thaut!

Billy Graham in El Paso, Texas

EL PASO, TEX.—For thousands of persons in Southwest Texas and across the Rio Grande in Mexico, life will never again be quite the same as it was before the week of Nov. 4, 1962.

For more than 80,000 of them, that was the week of the Billy Graham El Paso Area Crusade, the week in which they heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ proclaimed by a tall, blond evangelist who has carried that Gospel around the world.

For some of them, that was the week in which they made a great decision, the full significance of which is known only to themselves and to God. Some accepted Christ as their personal Savior for the first time; some renewed their pledge of obedience to his will; some sought—and found—forgiveness for the past and strength for the future.

Unhappily, for many that was the week in which they were confronted by Jesus Christ and turned aside to follow their own way, instead of accepting his invitation, "Follow Me!"

For all of them, life will be different until its end.

Across the border, where a new governor of the State of Chihuahua has vowed to eradicate vice conditions in Juarez and other border communities, there are many persons who regret that it was impossible to hold even one service of the Crusade in Juarez. Crusade officials were informed that a constitutional provision prohibits the holding of a religious service in any building other than a church. There is no Protestant church of sufficient size in Juarez.

In partial compensation for lack of a service in Mexico, Dr. Graham's Friday night service was presented from KROD-TV instead of Kidd Field, the

Texas Western College football stadium here. Station KROD-TV also arranged to televise three of the stadium services later in the month. Hundreds of Mexicans crossed the border to attend the Crusade. A special section was set aside for them and an interpreter translated Dr. Graham's sermons into Spanish.

More than 18,000 persons attended the closing service Sunday afternoon, Nov. 11, at Kidd Field, and Crusade workers reported 868 inquirers.

Dr. Graham characterized the El Paso Crusade as one of the most successful he had conducted. He and his Team members were emphatic in their praise of the cooperation of the churches and the preparatory work done by the local committee.

THE PARSON'S PRAYER

I do not ask
That crowds may throng the temple.
That standing room be priced;
I only ask that as I voice the message,
They may see Christ!

I do not ask
For churchly pomp or pageant,
Or music such as wealth alone can buy;
I only ask that as I voice the message,
He may be nigh!

I do not ask
That men may sound my praises
Or headlines spread my name abroad;
I only pray that as I voice the message,
Hearts may find God!

I do not ask
For earthly place or laurel,
Or of this world's distinctions any part;
I only ask when I have voiced the message,
My Savior's heart!
—Ralph S. Cushman

Bibles for All the World

By Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Executive Secretary

ON NOVEMBER 13-14 the Advisory Council of the American Bible Society, consisting of representatives of 65 Protestant church groups, met in New York for its annual meeting. Since it was my first attendance at such a gathering, I followed the proceedings with keen interest.

AN INTERESTING PROGRAM

It was evident from the beginning that the staff members of the Society had prepared an informative and interesting program. Through reports, slides, films and panel discussions, they vividly presented the activities of this great organization in the areas of Bible distribution, translation and the effective use of the Bible. In this brief report I merely want to share a few impressions of the sessions.

One could not help but marvel at the wide denominational participation in the meeting. The major Protestant religious bodies were represented, of course, but so were many of the smaller groups, regardless of doctrinal differences. Nine Baptist groups, including all of the major conventions, participate in the work of the Society. Could this be a sign that the Bible is the real key to Christian cooperation and unity?

BIBLE DISTRIBUTION

The major task of the Society is naturally Bible distribution. In 1961,

Dr. F. H. Woyke attended the sessions of the Advisory Council of the American Bible Society as the official representative of the North American Baptist General Conference. This was our first representation at these sessions.

the last full year of record, distribution of the Scriptures in the United States was as follows: 545,466 Bibles; 1,095,381 Testaments; 4,724,248 portions, such as individual books of the Bible; and 6,331,611 selections. Overseas distribution nearly matched the United States program, the following being the figures: 685,749 Bibles; 939,021 Testaments; 6,959,076 portions; and 2,902,472 selections. It should be remembered that only a small part of this distribution was in the form of sales, with the rest being free distribution.

DEMAND FOR BIBLES

God alone knows the effects of this Bible distribution, but we have been assured that his Word will not return void. We were told that when Billy Graham goes to South America to preach the Gospel, the American Bible Society is the first to sense the effects of his ministry in the increased demand for Gospels, Testaments and whole Bibles!

TRANSLATIONS

The Bible is already available in hundreds of languages, but with education making giant forward strides in many underdeveloped countries and literacy becoming more general, the need for new translations continues. The American Bible Society carries on a most valuable program of Bible translation and production, largely in conjunction with missionary translators. Recently Society representatives met with forty translators in West Africa for a number of weeks. Such conferences help produce new translations of the Bible.

WHO PROVIDES THE MEANS?

Such a massive program of Bible distribution is obviously very expensive. Who provides the funds for it? It is interesting to note that of a budget of over \$5,000,000, the churches and church bodies provide only a little over a million dollars, or about 22% of the total. The remainder comes from individual donors, investment income, legacies and annuities.

Someone has suggested that our age may in days to come be known as the age of literacy rather than of nuclear power. It is certainly true that there is a tremendous emphasis on education today and that hundreds of millions of children in countries that were formerly illiterate are now learning to read. We need to make the Word of God available to these people. If we feel that our present efforts are adequate, we need to remember that Russia and Communist China are annually supplying 175,000,000 copies of their literature to the non-communist countries of the world. May we be ready to meet the challenge of our day!



AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Dr. Frank H. Woyke (5th from right, 1st row standing), executive secretary, represented the North American Baptist General Conference at the annual sessions of the Advisory Council of the American Bible Society held in New York City.

MARCH OF EVENTS



• **KOREAN ORPHAN CHOIR ON WORLD TOUR.** The World Vision Orphan Choir is currently on a concert tour of 15 nations in Asia, Europe and North America. The 34 tiny singers were selected from more than 14,000 orphans in South Korea and are accompanied by Dr. Bob Pierce, eight Korean adults and the director, Professor Soo Chul Chang. This will be the group's second tour of North America. Their previous tour in 1961 gave them the opportunity to appear on several nationwide television programs.

• **10,000 CONVERTED IN GUATEMALA.** As the year-long activity of Evangelism-in-Depth reached its climax in Guatemala with a National Evangelical Parade on November 25, leaders estimate that throughout the country more than 10,000 have been converted to Christ as well as thousands of other decisions of reconciliation. In the 33 different cities of the republic where campaigns were held, churches are now following up the new converts with visitation, correspondence courses and instruction. From October 29 to November 25 the largest planned campaign was held in the Olympic Gymnasium of the capital, Guatemala City.—*Eternity*

• **EVANGELISM OUTLAWED IN AFRICAN SUDAN.** The "Missionary Societies Act" which was passed by the Sudan government in Africa is one of the "most repressive laws against Christianity outside the Iron Curtain" warned Clyde Taylor, secretary of public affairs for the National Association of Evangelicals. This law restricts the missionary work to the specific area stated on the required license and only among those of his own religion. It also forbids a missionary from bringing up any youth under 18 years of age in his own religion without the consent of the youth's legal guardian. The present problems for missionary work in the Sudan stem from the control of the country by the predominantly Moslem northerners through their military government and marital law.—*Eternity*.

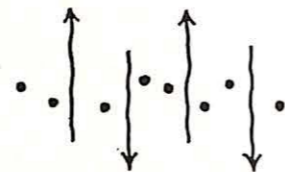
• **"INFANT BAPTISM WRONG"**—says Dr. Karl Barth. "Baptism is the answer of a believing and responsible person to God's offer of grace, and his confession of faith," said Professor Karl Barth to a recent conference of evangelical publishers and booksellers in Flims, Switzerland. "The baptism of small children in the Evangelical Church is unscriptural and wrong," said the noted Swiss theologian. Professor Barth, who has expressed this point of view from time to time for many years, is himself a member of a Swiss State Church which practices infant baptism, but he desires changes in its teaching and practice of baptism. He retired last year after serving many

years as Professor of Theology in the University of Basel.—*The Baptist Times*

• **TEEN MUSICAL GROUP PLANS 'SHOW-BIZ' TOUR.** A teen musical group composed of 30 college students from across the nation plans a year-long "show business" type evangelistic tour of one hundred American cities within the next year. The group, which was founded by Thurlow Spurr, former music director of Youth for Christ International, presented its first concert in Chicago's McCormick Place on

Saturday, September 29, before leaving on a nationwide tour. The group uses modern arrangements, different lyrics for religious music plus dramatic staging for its concerts which are geared to appeal to contemporary tastes. "Our purpose in using a show business approach to an evangelistic effort is to capture the heart and mind of today's teen-ager in the language he understands best," Spurr says. "We are convinced that the teen-agers of our nation can change the world for Christ."

BAPTIST BRIEFS



• **Swedish Baptists Send Aid to Iran.** Baptists of Sweden have given over 90,000 crowns (U.S. \$17,500) towards the rebuilding of a village in Iran which was destroyed by earthquake. Included in the project are the providing of individual houses, a school building and farm machinery. The village, assigned by Iranian authorities to churches desiring to help, is Esmatabad, a community of 500 families. It is reported to have been 95 per cent destroyed.—*The Baptist World*.

• **New Negro Convention Organized.** T. M. Chambers, pastor of Zion Hill Baptist Church, Los Angeles, Calif., was elected president of the newly organized Progressive National Baptist Convention, held at Philadelphia, Pa. Attending the convention were 1,117 messengers representing 504 churches. The messengers came from 29 states, the District of Columbia and Bermuda. The convention was formed last November when a group split from the 5-million-member National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., over a dispute concerning the election of the president.—*The Baptist World*.

• **Baptist Caravan to Mexico.** The Baptist Caravan of Evangelism, a traveling team which carries the gospel to rural areas around Torreon, Mexico, covered 8,500 kilometers (about 5,282 miles) this past summer and witnessed 972 professions of faith—more than double the number made in the summer of 1961 when the project was started. "This was the work of Mexican people, without the direction of a missionary," says Dr. Pat. H. Carter, Southern Baptist missionary who helped begin the Caravan program and who is now chairman of the missions committee of the Torreon Baptist Association which supervises the project.—*The Watchman-Examiner*.

• **Conference on Baptism at Ruschlikon.** The teaching and practice of believer's baptism was the unifying principle for a conference of 35 free churchmen from seven denominations of Switzerland held at Ruschlikon, Switzerland. The following groups were represented: Swiss Baptists, the "Old Baptizers" (Mennonite), the "New Baptizers" (Apostolic Christian Church), the Free Evangelicals, the Swiss Mission Union, Pentecostals, and the Evangelical Mission Church. Purpose of the gathering, first of its kind, was fellowship and understanding. Johannes Arndt, pastor of the Ruschlikon Baptist Church, served as convener.

• **Linfield College Enrollment.** The record-breaking enrollment at Linfield College, McMinnville, Oregon has reached 1,013, according to Dr. E. A. Whitman, college registrar. This fall is the first time in its more than 100-year history that Linfield enrollment has reached and passed the 1,000 mark. It also is a 3.6 per cent increase over the fall semester enrollment of 1961. Dr. Paul Gebauer is serving as assistant professor of modern languages at Linfield College.

• **New Student Center at Redlands.** Student and administrative leaders of the University of Redlands, Redlands, Calif., participated in ground-breaking ceremonies for the new Student Center October 8. Robert Clymire, president of the student body, turned the first shovel of earth to mark beginning of construction work on the new facility. The new building and furnishings will cost approximately \$250,000, according to Charles O. Pierpoint, vice-president for business affairs of the University. Completion is planned for May 1963. Miss Louanne Fuchs serves on the faculty staff in the department of music.

• Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Schmuland of Creston, Nebraska have announced the birth of a son on Nov. 19th who has been named David Karl. This is their second child. Mr. Schmuland is pastor of the Creston Baptist Church.

• Rev. and Mrs. Ernest A. Hoffman of Philadelphia, Pa., have announced the birth of a son on Nov. 24th who has been named Paul Hardy. They also have a daughter, Ardice. Mr. Hoffman is the pastor of the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church of Philadelphia.

• On Sunday, Nov. 25, Rev. Herbert Berndt, pastor of the Grace Baptist Church, Racine, Wis., baptized 19 persons on confession of their faith in Christ. This was one of the largest baptismal groups in the recent history of the church, and was the memorable beginning of a joyous Christmas season for the congregation.

• Laymen's Sunday was observed on Oct. 21st by the Calvary Baptist Church, Billings, Montana with laymen of the church taking part in both services. The men spoke on the topics: "Revival—The Church's Need Today" and "How Christ Can Solve Your Problems." Special music was furnished by the men's chorus. Rev. Richard Grenz is pastor of the church.

• The Evergreen Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., voted on Nov. 11 to purchase a house at 30 Sunset Ave., Lynbrook, Long Island, N. Y., for its future worship services. The house is so arranged that the congregation can meet downstairs in its worship services and the pastor's family can live upstairs. Rev. Paul F. Zoschke is the pastor. The church is making its change of location in January 1963.

• The Forest Park Baptist Church Forest Park, Ill., appointed Mr. Gordon Loux as assistant to the pastor, Rev. Richard Schroeder. He is a first year student at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago. He is married to the former Beth Nordland. His father, Rev. Curtis Loux, is a pastor in Pennel, Pa. Gordon Loux has been serving since Oct. 1st in the area of youth work in the Forest Park church.

• The choir of the First Baptist Church, Bellwood, Ill., presented the Christmas cantata, "Night of Miracles" by John W. Petersen, on Sunday evening, Dec. 16, directed by Mrs. Floyd Robinson. The Junior Department of the Sunday school had the honor of giving the new name to the church's monthly news bulletin, now called "Bellwood Baptist News." Mrs. Pete Tedeschi is the editor of the church paper. Rev. Gary Schroeder is pastor of the church.

• The Woman's Missionary Society of the Whiteshell Baptist Church, River Hills, Manitoba, held a special program in November which featured a German play. The women have made important finishing touches to the kitchen in the new church building, as reported by

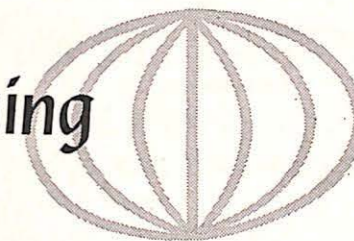
Mrs. Herb Knopf. They have also been busy with White Cross work, distribution of clothes and groceries among the needy of the community, including several Indian families, and a visitation program. Rev. Arthur Gellert is pastor of the church.

• On Dec. 23 the West Center Street Baptist Church, Madison, S. Dak., dedi-

topic, "Our Mission." The offerings were designated for the retirement of the debt on the parsonage of the Spanish American mission at Rio Grande City, Texas.

• The West Center Street Church of Madison, S. Dak., held a Missionary Conference from Nov. 4 to 11. The Woman's Missionary Society began the

what's happening



cated the new choir robes which had been presented to the church by Mrs. Robert Backus in honor of her husband who has been singing in the church choir for more than 50 years. The pageant, "The Heart of Christmas," was presented by the Sunday school on Christmas eve. The pageant was directed by Mrs. William Moose, assisted by Mrs. Arville Mohrman and Mrs. Ralph Backhaus. Rev. J. G. Benke is pastor of the church.

• The Bender Memorial Fellowship of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., has voted to support three Japanese students at the Osaka Biblical Seminary in Japan for the amount of \$480 a year. This is being done on the Faith Pledge Card system. In the first meetings of the Fellowship held in 1962, almost \$200 of this amount was received. Mr. Kenneth C. Fenner, secretary, wrote: "We praise the Lord for this and invite you to share the joy with us to the glory of Christ who works in and through us."

• The Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas held its Harvest and Missions service on Nov. 11. A display of fruits and vegetables reminded the 200 members and friends in attendance of God's bountiful blessings. Another display of White Cross articles and money challenged the congregation to support our various missionary enterprises. Rev. L. B. Hinz, pastor, spoke on the

MRS. A. A. SCHADE DIES

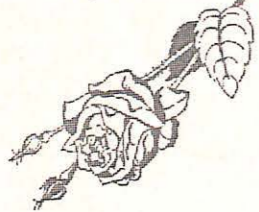
Mrs. Emma Schade of Spearfish, S. Dak., the wife of Dr. Arthur A. Schade, passed away on Saturday morning, Nov. 24, at the age of 77. She had been in residence at the Dorsett Home since her husband became administrator of the retirement home and promotion secretary of the South Dakota Hospital and Home Association. He was formerly professor at the North American Baptist Seminary, Rochester, N. Y.

conference with its annual program on Sunday evening. The conference featured the film, "Suicide Mountain," and messages by Rev. Peter Wiens of Avon, S. Dak.; Missionary Elmer C. Strauss of Africa; Missionary Florence Miller of Japan; and special programs by the Bender Fellowship of the Seminary in Sioux Falls. The missionary cantata, "The Greatest Story Yet Untold," was given by the Corona Baptist Church choir, as reported by Mrs. Lowen Richter.

• On Sunday, Dec. 2, Rev. M. D. Wolff of Auburn, Mich., pastor of the First Baptist Church of Auburn, baptized three adults and three young people on confession of their faith in Christ. A dedication service for little children was held in the morning service. On Sunday, Dec. 23, the choir, directed by Jim Wayne, presented a Christmas cantata. The Men's Brotherhood held a breakfast on Saturday morning, Nov. 24, attended by 20 men. Mr. Carlton R. Johansson was in charge of the breakfast and program. Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., brought the message. He also served as guest speaker at the Sunday services of the church on Nov. 25.

• On Tuesday, Nov. 20, a North American Baptist Council of churches in and near Detroit, Mich., met to consider the application of the Community Baptist Church of St. Clair Shores, Mich., for membership in the conference. Rev. Leslie Howard is pastor of the church which was organized in 1955 and has a present membership of 24. However, 44 families comprise the church constituency. The church property, including the parsonage, is valued at \$108,000. The council voted unanimously that the Community Baptist Church, located at Harper and Brookdale, St. Clair Shores, Mich., be received into the Central Conference at its 1963 sessions and that it be referred to the Church Extension Committee of the denomination for possible financial assistance and guidance.

We the Women



BY MRS. HARM SHERMAN
of Aplington, Iowa
President of the
Woman's Missionary Union

WALKING WITH GOD IN 1963

"And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest" (Exodus 33:14).

There are few people who can resist the impulse, as a year draws to its end, to think back and, sometimes with considerable sorrow, recall the bright hopes and resolutions with which the year started. Such musings accompanied with sighs of regret and the conclusion, "It might have been," have little value. If through them we recognize our own failures and need of guidance and help, and if they can compel us to look for aid and stimulate us to improve in the new year, then taking an inventory of ourselves can be extremely beneficial.

We are standing at the beginning of 1963 and starting a new chapter in the Book of Time. In these unsettled times, it is understandable that those who do not know the Lord would like to pull aside the curtains which hide the future and learn what the future holds. Today's problems, worries and troubles are enough for us and God promises us grace for that which lies ahead. "My presence shall go with thee," the Bible says, as well as, "As thy day, so shall thy strength be."

A poet has described the new year as follows:

"A treasure to us is given,
For a little time to hold,
It comes from the gates of Heaven,
And is worth far more than gold."

Each day of the new year is presented to us white and pure, and it is a real challenge to keep each day without blemish. The value of the new year will depend on what we put into it. By holding fast to the hand of God and walking with him every moment of the day, we will experience joy and happiness in 1963.

May we step into the year of 1963 with confidence and assurance because, as in the past, our God has been with us. May we build our aspirations and objectives high because we know that we can come to the Lord for help, courage and renewed strength to carry them out, and his presence will go with us. Let us pray that we as women may have God's wisdom to serve him to the maximum of our abilities!

Women's Executive Committee Meeting

Report of the Executive Committee sessions of the Woman's Missionary Union by Mrs. David J. Draewell, Secretary

"LO, I AM COME to do thy will" was the thought on which we began the meetings of the Woman's Missionary Union Executive Committee in Forest Park, Ill., on Nov. 16 and 17. After spending several days attending the sessions of the North American Baptist Women's Union and hearing about the work of other Baptist women's groups, it was with joy and grateful hearts that we discussed and planned our own work. During the past year you have done well in the climb to reach our \$65,000 goal and also in completing the special \$5,000 project. We thank you for your enthusiastic response to these needs. As various programs and needs are presented to you again this year, we know you will respond with glad hearts and hands "to do his will" and spread the story of salvation.

The importance of your returning the Annual Report Blank cannot be overemphasized. This is your way of telling us about the work in your own society. Please return it so that we may have this interesting and helpful

information.

During the year 1963, a pamphlet depicting the work of our Union will be printed. We trust this will be of help to you and also be used to acquaint new members in your society with our entire program.

Another booklet which many of you will want to have is the "Circle Leader's Guide." This booklet will be printed in the near future and you will be informed of its availability.

One item that is discussed each year at our meetings is the *Broadcast*. How do you use this paper? Have you ever seen a copy? At the present time five copies are sent to each society president and your pastor's wife. These can be used by Circle Chairmen in their monthly meetings or be passed around for individuals to read. We hope you have found the most advantageous way to use it so that all the women of your society will benefit from it.

As we enjoy the abundant life we have in Christ, may we continue to share it with others through the work of our Woman's Missionary Union.

Echoes from St. Louis, Mo.

Report of the 3rd Continental Assembly of the North American Baptist Women's Union by Mrs. Herbert Hiller of Edmonton, Alberta

TWO AND ONE-HALF glorious days full of challenge, inspiration and fellowship were the reward of those ladies who were privileged to attend the Third Continental Assembly of the North American Baptist Women's Union of the Baptist World Alliance. Your executive committee and several other women from the Iowa, Missouri and Illinois churches were among the thousand women present. They came from as far north as Canada and south in Hawaii, all sisters in Christ attentive to the general theme, "I Will Build My Church."

It was thrilling to hear from the many distinguished and consecrated speakers how God has freed woman, educated her not only to acquire material prosperity and climb the social ladder, but also how God has put into her heart the Gospel of his Son to demonstrate its life-transforming power in home, community and nation. Color or race is no hindrance, for at the foot of the Cross the ground is level and there is equality for all. As Mrs. Billie Davis "the hobo kid" so effectively said: "We are God's instruments, a part of a living line; somebody passed the good news on to somebody else, who told somebody else," and so on. Thus it must spread.

The melodious strains of "Won't You

Try Jesus, He Satisfies" sung so heart-searchingly by our colored sister, Mrs. Arnetta Sams, will long vibrate in our memory; also "How Lovely is the Hand of God" by Adele Norman Silke. The Metropolitan Singers and the 150 voices of a local high school choir enthusiastically singing Negro spirituals made a profound impression.

In the beautiful Gold Room of the Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel the "South of the Border" luncheon was held attended by 500 women, and featuring leading Baptist women from Nicaragua (where evangelical churches have their own radio station, without commercials,) Jamaica and Bahamas, all stressing the fervency of their Baptist sisters to live a consecrated life and build "His Church."

Reports were given by all twelve national presidents, and even though numerically we are a small group, yet our goals and achievements show action and devotion. Our display of White Cross, booklets and Program Packets was outstanding and the center of much interest. The new president for 1962-1967 is Mrs. Wm. McMurry of the Southern Baptists, Birmingham, Alabama; our president, Mrs. Harm Sherman is automatically on the Executive Committee; and Mrs. Fred Paul of St. Paul, Minnesota, was elected one of the

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members-at-large.

Mrs. Edgar Bates, in giving the closing devotions stirred us on to "seek those things which are above" (Colossians 3:1). She said: "A great spiritual danger today is aimlessness. Christ's statement of purpose is, 'I Will Build My Church . . . throughout the Ages!' For Christ no cheap service will suffice, only real sacrificial efforts will do. When love preaches, the world listens."

These words, her sincere prayer, and the clasping of hands to sing "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" in whatever language was closest to our hearts ended the Assembly in St. Louis, Missouri. But each one present felt the responsibility of kindling some of this Christian enthusiasm and challenge to her co-workers and non-believers at home.

White Cross Notice

WHITE CROSS SURVEY

By Mrs. Arthur R. Weisser,
White Cross Chairman,
of Rochester, New York

The words, "Enter to Worship—Depart to Serve," often appear at the bottom of our church bulletin. As I read them, I wonder how many of those in attendance heed them and follow them. Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matthew 25:40b).

As women of our denomination, we feel the desire to serve. Many of our women faithfully serve in our White Cross endeavor by making necessary



NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN'S UNION

Mrs. Edgar Bates, Dean of Women at McMaster University, Canada, and Chairman of the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance, greets the new president of the North American Baptist Women's Union, Mrs. William McMurry of Alabama. With Mrs. McMurray is Mrs. J. Lawrence Tyree of the Woman's Convention Auxiliary of the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., the new secretary of the Union.

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Our White Cross Quota System has been used for less than ten years. Changes have been made at times to make the system adaptable to our Woman's Missionary Union. Last year we sent questionnaires, asking our societies whether they would rather do handwork or send money. We know that many of our women do work outside their home, thus finding it most difficult to do handwork. The response to the questionnaire was very poor, and thus ineffective.

We feel it is important for us to know which societies want to do handwork but we know no other way than to conduct another survey. Each society is requested to take part. Survey cards have reached you and you have two months' time to get the decision of your society whether you would like to do handwork or provide money. A letter of explanation accompanied the card. The survey card must reach your denominational White Cross Chairman by February 1, 1963. Do not delay—be sure to answer, please! This survey will make our White Cross far more efficient.

By now, most of you know that we have a new Maternity Hospital at Bango. We thank God for his guidance and help in this important work of ministering to the mothers in the Cameroons. Continue in prayer for our mission work and also carry on the service God has given you to do—"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

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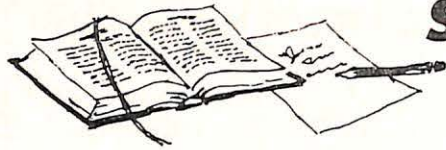
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A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: January 13, 1963

Theme: JESUS BEGINS HIS WORK

Scripture: Mark 1:14-20, 35-39.

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: It is not easy to begin a work which you know will end in ridicule, suffering and death.

INTRODUCTION: It is very difficult to develop zeal and enthusiasm when the work you are doing is easy and unimportant. A man must be given difficult and challenging tasks if he is to generate any genuine enthusiasm. Joshua said, "Give me this mountain" (Joshua 14:12). Missionaries have penetrated the most difficult and dangerous places of the world to bring the Gospel to the lost. The pioneers have always had the true adventurous spirit and have created enthusiasm for the unknown.

When Jesus began his work, he had to declare a God and a Father who was practically unknown in a world of ignorance and sin. To the people of his time this was a strange God. To the priests and elders in Jerusalem, he was a threat to their organized religion and ceremonial system. To the Roman government, he was an usurper. But to the sinner, the captive, the lame, the blind, the sick, the oppressed, he brought health, freedom and salvation. He never built a school, a hospital or a church and yet the world is filled with these things which he began almost two thousand years ago.

I. JESUS BEGINS HIS PREACHING. Mark 1:14-15.

The good news should have quickened the hearts of all the world. But the fact that Jesus came preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom of God meant that some kingdoms would have to fall—beginning with the kingdom within us. Jesus began with repentance for he knew that before his Kingdom could come the kingdom of sin and evil had to go. Sorrow for sin was not enough. There had to be genuine willingness and resolution to turn from sin and turn to Christ.

II. JESUS CHOOSES HIS DISCIPLES. Mark 1:16-20.

At first glance it seems as if Jesus chose these first disciples in a haphazard way. He simply saw them, chose them and called them. However, he did not call them without much thought, prayer and some examination of their background. Some were actually relatives. According to Luke 6:12, Jesus spent all night in prayer and then chose the twelve. He observed Nathaniel for some time before calling him (John

1:47-49). The fact that he called Judas should be encouraging. It is evidence that he gives even the worst of us a chance.

III. JESUS PRAYS. Mark 1:35.

Jesus did not wait until he had time to pray—he took time. No one had a busier schedule, but he realized that he could only continue to keep busy by taking time out for prayer. If there was any area in the life of Jesus which was different from all of those who came before him, then it was certainly in the area of prayer. He showed us what fellowship with God was like.

IV. JESUS INTENSIFIES HIS PREACHING. Mark 1:36-39.

It seems as if Peter is saying: "How can you waste so much time in prayer when everybody is anxious to see you and to hear you?" Peter had yet to learn that "this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting" (Matt. 17:21). Jesus would never have been prepared for the next towns if he had missed the next prayer.

One of the important truths which this lesson teaches is the fact that Jesus was strong in his preaching but he also saw the importance of enlistment. The preaching of the Kingdom of God depends on a strong enlistment program.

Questions for Discussion:

1. In what way was Jesus' preaching different from that of John the Baptist?
2. If Jesus was the Son of God why was prayer so important in his life?
3. What is the difference between repentance and regeneration?

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: January 20, 1963

Theme: JESUS ENCOUNTERS EARLY HOSTILITY

Scripture: Mark 2:3-7, 15-17; 3:1-6.

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: If you want to receive the least amount of criticism then simply perform the least amount of service.

INTRODUCTION: It is easy to un-

derstand why people rise up in opposition to injustice and evil. There is a constant battle against crime, vice and immorality. However, when people oppose goodness and do away with good men, it is difficult to understand. Jesus came to save—not to destroy. His enemies came to destroy—not to save.

Christ is usually thought of as being peaceful, kind, considerate, gracious and loving. We sing of him as the "gentle Jesus, meek and mild." The stronger adjectives are often forgotten in that he was courageous, fearless, defiant and righteously angry. Many years ago Bruce Barton wrote a book entitled, "The Man Nobody Knows," in which he tried to picture Jesus as a strong vigorous person as over against the weaker picture presented to children in many Sunday schools.

I. HOSTILITY TOWARD JESUS' VIEW OF GOD. Mark 2:3-7.

The best kind of friends are those who are able to bring you to Jesus. Especially the kind whose faith is able to overcome every obstacle in order to get you there. These friends not only had to overcome the crowds that pressed around Jesus, but also the misconceptions of the religious authorities who thought they knew more about God than anyone else. Here is an example of what happens when people are so intent on acquiring knowledge of God but do not know how to bring a soul to Jesus Christ.

The healing was a blow to the scribes since they did not believe a man could be healed unless he was forgiven. Since the man was healed, he must have been forgiven. Their knowledge of God did not make room for the Son of God.

II. HOSTILITY TOWARD JESUS' SOCIAL CUSTOM. Mark 2:15-17.

Jesus had called Matthew, a publican, to be one of his disciples. In gratefulness to Christ, he prepared a dinner for him and invited all his friends. So far, he had only publicans and sinners for friends, but he was not ashamed to invite them and to take the opportunity of introducing them to Jesus. But to the Jews, the publicans were considered outcasts. And a Jewish publican was considered worse than a traitor. They were scoundrels with whom they refused to associate. Jesus defied a sacred convention by actually eating with the lowest strata of society. But they were the ones he came to save. When Jesus said, "They that are whole have no need of the physician," he did not mean that he has nothing to do with good people. He meant that a person who is so good that he needs

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OUR DENOMINATION IN ACTION

Eastern District

Reception for New Pastor, Mt. Sterling, Missouri

Rev. and Mrs. Frank Armbruster arrived at the Pin Oak Creek Baptist Church, Mt. Sterling, Missouri, from Hoisington, Kansas on Nov. 3rd. A reception in their honor was held at the church on Sunday, Nov. 4th, with Rev. J. R. Kruegel of Trenton, Ill., serving as the guest speaker. On Friday evening of the following week a food shower was given for the pastor and his wife.

Rev. Frank Armbruster was pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church at Hoisington, Kansas. He is a graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary. They have a daughter, Sherah Anna, who attends Sioux Falls College. She plans to enter the Missouri Baptist School of Nursing in St. Louis, Missouri.

Mrs. Harvey Lipskoch, Reporter

Memorable Events at First Church, Elsmere, Delaware

On Thursday evening, Sept. 27, Rev. Richard W. Sparling was installed as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Elsmere, Delaware. Rev. Roger Schmidt of Philadelphia, Pa., gave the charge to the pastor and Rev. Ernest Hoffmann of Philadelphia, Pa., brought the charge to the church. Following installation, Mr. and Mrs. Sparling were honored at a reception.

On Sunday, Sept. 16, the First Church of Elsmere had the great privilege of burning the mortgage on their original church building. The accompanying picture shows Mr. George Limperos, chairman of the Board of Trustees (left to right); Rev. Christian Peters, our former pastor; Thomas M. Keith, chairman of the Board of Deacons; and Rev. Richard W. Sparling, present pastor of our church, at this mortgage burning ceremony.

Thomas M. Keith, Reporter

Events at Ripley Blvd. Church, Alpena, Michigan

On Sept. 30, eight Bibles and 46 certificates were presented on Promotion Day at the Ripley Blvd. Baptist Church, Alpena, Mich., by Superintendent Gene Knight. Camp Barakel was attended by 42 of our young people during the summer, sponsored by the Sunday school. On Sunday, Oct. 7, ten new members were added to the church after baptism on confession of faith in Christ. Rev. Norman H. Klann, pastor, officiated.

The annual "Family Night Dinner," sponsored by the Woman's Missionary Society and Men's Brotherhood, was attended by over 100 people. Films were shown on construction of the parsonage. The Missionary Society has been busy in the Lord's work doing White Cross sewing, and working for

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Northern District

Evangelistic Meetings at Baptist Church, Minitonas, Man.

Ten days of evangelistic meetings were held in the month of November at the First Baptist Church of Minitonas, Manitoba. Rev. H. A. Pohl, pastor, was in charge of these services, while Rev. P. T. Hunsicker of Medicine Hat, Alta., served as evangelist. The brass band directed by Mr. Joe Pohl, the church mixed choir by Mr. Ed Hart, and the Homebuilders' mixed choir by Mr. Wm. Elke worked together eagerly and harmoniously, and were assisted by vocal and musical numbers presented by the Woman's Missionary Society group, the young people, and the church male quartet. New decisions were made for Christ and members rededicated their lives to the Master. To see God working vigorously and triumphantly causes the church to look forward with great confidence and joy.

Margret Pohl, Reporter

Pastor's Welcome and Reception, Edenwold, Sask.

On Sunday, Nov. 4, members of the Edenwold Baptist Church, Edenwold, Sask., welcomed their new pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Kliever. The Sunday morning service was conducted with Mr. David Kramer, deacon, in charge. At the evening service many local friends and members from the Grace Church of Davin and the Faith Church of Regina were present. The many kind words from the various organizations made our newly wed pastor and his wife feel that they belonged in every phase of our church.

Mr. Carl Hollerbaum was chairman of the program, and the musical numbers by trios and duets were enjoyed by all. At the fellowship hour the gifts for the parsonage were viewed for which the pastor and his wife expressed their thanks.

Mrs. Frank Brucker, Reporter

Very Fine Missionary Confer- ence at Wetaskiwin, Alberta

The Calvary Baptist Church of Wetaskiwin, Alberta held its annual Missionary Conference Oct. 28 to Nov. 4 with great blessing on the services. Rev. and Mrs. Bert Poole, known as the Musical Pooles, Miss Florence Miller and Miss Ida Forsch ministered during the conference. The challenging messages of these missionaries brought about a greater commitment on the part of the people to the cause of Christ. The missionary pledge was increased for 1963 to \$4,670.00 and \$773.61 was received in cash for missionary needs this year.

During our Missionary Conference, God sent a real season of refreshing with 23 persons making decisions for Christ and 15 young people dedicating their lives for service. The people of Wetaskiwin will not soon forget the inspiring challenges brought by Miss Miller and Miss Forsch, nor the faithful ministry given in humility but with power by the Pooles.

William W. Sibley, Pastor



Mortgage burning ceremony at the First Baptist Church, Elsmere, Delaware. (Persons are identified in the accompanying report).

Blessings of God at Ochre River, Manitoba

The Lord has been especially good to us at the Grace Baptist Church of Ochre River, Man., during the past months. On September 23 five persons followed their Lord in baptism. They are (left to right in the picture): Mrs. Bernhard de Vries, Ella Boerchers, Linda Boerchers, Mary Kardoes and Nettie Oltrop. The hand of fellowship was extended to these at the communion service following the baptism.

The days of November 6 to 16 were another highlight for us when we conducted a series of evangelistic meetings. Rev. J. Wollenberg of the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Morris, Man., was our evangelist. A number of persons accepted Christ as their Saviour, and others expressed their desire to rejoin the fellowship of the church. We are grateful to God that his Spirit has been working in our midst.

Herbert Bushkowsky, Pastor



Five young women baptized by Rev. Herbert Bushkowsky at Ochre River, Manitoba. (Persons are identified in the accompanying report).

Sunday School Contest, Grant Park Church, Winnipeg

RACE FOR SPACE—This was the name of our Grant Park Sunday School contest in Winnipeg, Manitoba which was based on loyalty in attending and participating in the entire program of our church as well in bringing out others. Each member of the Sunday school had a rocket with his name on it. At the end of the contest, the winner was our Junior Departmental Superintendent, Miss Irma Bergstresser. A special award of a space ship was given to the winners in the age group, nursery to intermediates. In the accompanying picture you can see Irma Bergstresser and the pastor, Rev. R. E. Grabke, awarding Kenny and Larry Bloom with their well earned prizes. Besides this individual contest, the Sunday school had a contest with a neighboring Baptist church and we won by 3½ times.

Now our problem is indeed a race for space! Our Sunday school has grown so that the church has decided to increase our classes from 11 to 30 and our departments from 2 to 6. Our new building which we dedicated only two months ago is already too small

for our Sunday school and we have rented the hall right across from the church. This is only the beginning of our growth. We trust we might be found faithful in this responsibility. Martha Martin, Reporter

Western District

Welcome For New Pastor, Temple Church, Lodi

On Sunday evening, Nov. 4th, the Temple Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif., held a reception in honor of its new pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Eldon Schroeder, and their three children, Steven, Sharon, and Susan. For this welcoming service the church was filled with our own members, many friends of other churches, and also a number of friends who had been attending the California Association which had just come to a close.

The special service was held in the evening with our moderator, Robert Midthun, presiding. Dave Weigum, one of our deacons, read the scripture lesson. The choir sang a very appropriate anthem, "Sing O Heaven." We were privileged to have Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, our Western District secretary in our midst, who brought the message, "Who Is This Man?"

Rev. Aaron Buhler, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lodi, gave the charge to the pastor and Rev. G. G. Rauser of Swain Oaks Church in Stockton gave the charge to the congregation. Pastor Schroeder spoke on



Award of "a space ship" at the close of a Sunday school contest, Grant Park Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba. (Persons are identified in the accompanying report).

behalf of his family thanking the church for their warm welcome, their help in getting settled, and the large supply of groceries at the parsonage. He closed with the words of I Corinthians 3:9, "For we are laborers together with God . . ."

Mrs. Thelma Fischer, Reporter

Sierra Heights Church, Renton, Wash., Is Recognized

On Tuesday evening, Nov. 20, friends and delegates gathered at Renton, Wash., for the purpose of recognizing and accepting the Sierra Heights Baptist church of Renton into the Pacific Northwest Association. The following churches were represented: Colfax, Odessa, Calvary at Tacoma, Portland Avenue at Tacoma and Startup, Wash.

Rev. Don Ganstrom was elected chairman and Rev. Herbert Schauer, secretary. The doctrine and history of the church was presented by the pastor, Rev. Ervin Gerlitz. A period of questioning by the delegates followed. Next we heard from various members of the church. It was voted that the church be accepted into the fellowship of the Pacific Northwest Association.

Progress on the new church building is being made and the congregation expects to move in by February. The church has 33 members and expects to add to this very shortly. The average Sunday school attendance for September and October of this year was 61. The prayers of the Association membership continue to be with this prospective Church Extension project.

Herbert Schauer, Reporter

Women's Missionary Luncheon, Orange County Societies, Calif.

The North American Baptist Women's Missionary Societies of Orange County, Calif., held a luncheon Nov. 13 at the Bethel Church, Anaheim, Calif. Participating church groups were from Harbor Trinity, Magnolia, Upper Bay, and Westbrook. Mrs. Adel Stabbert, president of the host church, welcomed the visitors and conducted the meeting. Mrs. Emily Hoover gave the invocation prayer. Singing was led by Mrs. Bettie Thiesen, Mrs. Stabbert

introduced the ministers' wives from the participating churches—Mrs. Donald Buell, Mrs. William Acton, Mrs. William Hoover, Mrs. George Breitzkreuz, Mrs. Kenneth Fischer, Mrs. Loren Fischer and Mrs. Robert Cahill; also the presidents and vice presidents of the societies.

The Kwast Circle conducted devotions with Mrs. Gertrude Urbigkeit reading from Psalm 95:1-7 and Ephesians 5:19, 20 and offering prayer. A beautiful solo was rendered by Mrs. Joe Mitchell of Magnolia Church accompanied by Mrs. Marian Hartmann on the piano. Mrs. Joyce Cool, program chairman for the luncheon, introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. June Goodman, missionary from the West Cameroons who gave an interesting talk on the problems in Africa. A delicious luncheon was prepared by members of the Doyle Circle under the supervision of Mrs. Millie Remland, chairman.

Mrs. Dorothy Ernst, Reporter

Pacific Northwest Association Sessions at Spokane, Wash.

The Pacific Northwest Association met with the Terrace Heights Baptist Church, Spokane, Wash., Oct. 18-21. The theme of the Association was "The Christian Family." The keynote message, in the opening service, was given by Rev. Joe Sonnenberg. The following subjects were presented: "The Christian Family and Living Together," by Rev. C. T. Remple; "The Christian Family and the Devotional Life," by Rev. Ervin Gerlitz; "The Christian Family and Africa," by Missionary Norman Haupt; "The Christian Family and Discipline," by Rev. Herbert Vetter; "The Christian Family and Community Life," by Rev. Herbert Schauer; "The Christian Family and Training" and "The Christian Family and Church Loyalty," by Rev. Daniel Fuchs; "The Sunday School in Africa," by Missionary Norman Haupt; "The Christian Family and Its Disrupting Forces," by Rev. Joe Sonnenberg.

On Saturday evening, at the Sunday School Workers' Banquet, Rev. S. D. Ganstrom also gave an inspiring message on the subject, "From God's Point of View." The Terrace Heights Church, with its pastor, Rev. Kenneth Howe, were capable and congenial hosts to the guests and delegates of the Association.

F. E. Klein, Reporter

Sunday School Union Sessions, Pacific Northwest Association

The annual meeting of the Sunday School Union of the Pacific Northwest Association was held at the Terrace Heights Baptist Church, Spokane, Washington, Oct. 20. At the business meeting it was voted to dissolve the Sunday School Union in favor of the Christian Education Committee.

Saturday afternoon the program focused on the various levels of the Sunday school—the child, the young person, the adult and family. The speakers were: Doris Wagner, Mark Fie and Rev. Daniel Fuchs. The annual Sunday school banquet was held Saturday evening in a setting of autumn colors with a large lighted map of the world showing the various mission fields of our denomination. The Sunday school attendance plaque was awarded to the Startup Baptist Sunday School. Rev. D. Ganstrom



Mr. and Mrs. Emil Glewwe of the Riverview Baptist Church, West St. Paul, Minn., at their golden wedding anniversary celebration.

brought a challenging missionary message.

The Sunday School Union voted that the newly organized Christian Education Committee accept as its missionary project for next year a goal of \$1500, \$1000 designated for the Seminary library book fund and \$500 designated for Church Extension. The closing session of the Sunday School Union was held Sunday afternoon with Missionary Norman Haupt bringing the message.

Doris Wagner, Reporter

Central District

Baptism of Eight Converts, North Freedom, Wisconsin

We of the North Freedom Baptist Church, North Freedom, Wis., rejoice with the eight persons who followed their Lord in baptism on Sunday evening, Oct. 14. Our pastor, the Rev.

Mrs. Gerald Miller, Reporter



Rev. Norman Miller (left), pastor of the Baptist Church, North Freedom, Wis., and nine new members whom he welcomed into the church, eight of whom were baptized on Oct. 14, 1962.

Norman Miller, extended the hand of fellowship to these and to another person who joined the fellowship of our church. This was followed by an impressive communion service.

On Tuesday evening, Oct. 16, we had the privilege of having Rev. Fred Moore, our missionary to Japan, with us. He gave us a very challenging and informative message and showed slides of the mission work in Japan. On Sunday, Nov. 18, Rev. Daniel Fuchs, director of Evangelism and Church Extension, was our guest speaker for our Thanksgiving observance. We anticipated his coming with joy and rejoice that God gave us another experience of great blessing.

Mrs. Harvey Seils, Reporter

Golden Wedding Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Glewwe

On Sunday, Oct. 14th, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Glewwe of St. Paul, Minn., celebrated the 50th anniversary of their wedding, which took place in the Riverview Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn., on Oct. 16, 1912. In the morning worship service the church presented Mr. and Mrs. Glewwe with a beautiful family Bible, a gift of money, and a bouquet of flowers and expressed thankfulness for their many years of faithful service to the church. Mr. Glewwe has served as deacon for 25 years.

In the afternoon an open house celebration for 225 neighbors, friends and relatives was held at their home given by their six daughters and families. They are Mrs. Harold Hunt, Anoka; Mrs. Elmer Stanke, St. Paul; Mrs. Theodore Hirsch, Minneapolis; Mrs. Karl Krueger, Hutchinson; Mrs. John Vanderbeck, Orange, Calif.; and Doris Glewwe, St. Paul. Twelve of the 14 grandchildren were present. Also greeting the guests were Mr. Frank Glewwe, brother of Mr. Glewwe and Mrs. Ed. Schair, sister of Mrs. Glewwe, who were best man and maid of honor at the wedding.

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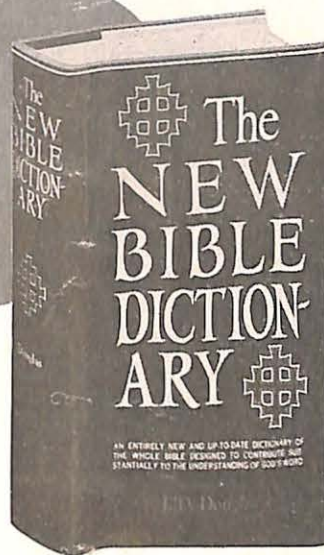
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nothing cannot be helped.

III. HOSTILITY TOWARD JESUS' SABBATH OBSERVANCE. Mark 3: 1-6.

The greatest difference in the religious views of the scribes and Pharisees lay in the fact that the laws, customs and traditions were far more important than a human being. To Jesus, the human being always came first. Man was not created for the benefit of the law;

the law was made for the benefit of the man. In this instance the man with the withered hand was more important to God than the slavish law of the Sabbath.

Questions for Discussion:

1. Do churches have traditions today by which they judge other people?
2. Do you think Jesus would favor our loose Sabbath keeping more than the strict observance in his day?
3. How much knowledge about God must you have before you can be a witness?

Pastor's Farewell and Baptismal Service, Appleton, Minn.

The First Baptist Church, Appleton, Minn., held a farewell service for Rev. and Mrs. Ben J. Lutt and family after the Sunday evening service on Oct. 28. Words of appreciation were spoken by a representative of each department of the church after which a love offering was taken for the Luttts. We desire that God's blessings will be upon them as they engage in mission work in Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

Sunday evening, Oct. 21, was a special time of rejoicing for the members of the church when our pastor, Rev. Ben Lutt, had the joy of baptizing three adults and four young people. They had taken a special period of instruction previous to their public confession of having received Christ.

Mrs. Martha Freidrich and
Mrs. Luverne Johnson, Reporters

Baptists Assist in Community Betterment, North Dakota

Two North Dakota towns, Carrington and Gackle, in which Baptists figure prominently in the Community Betterment program of the state, have been informed that they are among the finalists for the state contest for 1962.

Rev. Howard Westlund, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church in Carrington, has worked faithfully with the local Community Betterment Committees in preparing their projects for the contest. Rev. Bernard Edinger, pastor of the Grace Baptist Church at Gackle was appointed by the state Economic Development Director as one of the speakers at the Annual Awards Day festivities held at Devils Lake on Nov. 29. Pastor Edinger has also been named by the Gackle community as a candidate for the annual Leadership Award and governor's plaque presented to the state's outstanding citizen.

Bernard Edinger, Reporter

Mission Speakers and Special Services, Aplington, Iowa

After a year's furlough in this country, Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Stockdale and their children, David, Darlene and Diane, left August 22 to return to West Cameroon, Africa, where Dr. Stockdale has resumed his duties as medical missionary. A farewell for the family was held at Aplington, Iowa August 19, with a fellowship hour.

The week of Nov. 4-11 was one of great significance in the history of the Aplington Baptist Church. Special meetings were held with Dr. Louis Johnson, pastor of the Carroll Avenue Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas, in charge. A number of decisions for Christ were made.

During the morning service of Nov. 11 special recognition was given to Arend Dreyer, who was choir director of the church for over 40 years. He was also presented with a gift from the congregation by the pastor, Rev. Donald Patet. Mr. Dreyer, who recently resigned his position, has served the church faithfully in a number of positions of leadership over the years and is still serving as a Sunday school teacher of the Men's Class. Sherman Limburg has been named as the new choir director.

Mrs. Paul Voogd, Reporter