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"Schmay" and "Schmicht"

SOMETHING strange took place on Friday morning, Sept. 20, on the spacious lawn of the North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Three station wagons had been driven onto the grass to be photographed (see front cover picture) and to be dedicated for Christian service.

The two teams of God's Volunteers with 12 young people are now beginning their trips of thousands of miles across the United States and Canada. Transportation is one of their chief concerns. Considerable luggage and musical instruments must accompany them. Two brand new cars, representing a net investment of \$4,165, were purchased.

The International "Travelall" (shown at the right on the cover picture) and the Pontiac "Catalina" (at the left) have been named "Schmay" and "Schmicht" by the members of the teams. The meaning of these names can be left to the imagination of the reader, but they express the confidence of these young people that the station wagons may take them faithfully to their destination and they hope that they might be both comfortable and functional. The Seminary station wagon, that had been purchased recently for \$1,800, took its place of honor behind the other two cars for this service.

The God's Volunteers teams were joined by Seminary students and faculty members and by denominational leaders to form this interesting congregation under the blue sky. The words, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow," rang out over the Seminary lawn and the combined teams of "God's Volunteers" sang "To God Be the Glory."

This was a sacred hour of dedication and a momentous hour of history in our denomination. Dr. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary, reviewed the unfolding history of God's Volunteers since 1951 with 10 teams that have now gone forth to witness for Christ. He paid tribute to the past directors and to Rev. Walter Hoffman, the present director, for their energetic leadership and dedicated ministry. He called attention to the need of "having your feet shod with preparation." "In this age in which we live the wheels of these cars will be your feet. So we pray that these wagons, which have already taken on distinct personalities as known by their names, will take part prominently in this ministry of evangelism and Christian witness in the months to come." Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, offered the dedication prayer.

As these station wagons, filled with the enthusiastic young people of "God's Volunteers," arrive in your community, offer a prayer of thanks to God for his journeying mercies and for the large part that these station wagons are having in the wonderful ministry of "God's Volunteers."

WHAT YOU CAN GIVE!

God's Volunteers. You become a Prayer Helper by contributing \$5.00 or more to the work of God's Volunteers.

Extension Builders. In Nov. your \$1.00 contributions will go to the Sherwood Park Church in Greeley, Colorado.

THANKSGIVING WEEK. The observance of Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week will be from Nov. 24-Dec. 1, 1963.

WHAT YOU CAN DO!

Publication Sunday, Nov. 10th. PRAY for God's blessings on the worldwide ministry of the Publication Society and the Roger Williams Press.

RENEW your subscriptions to the "Baptist Herald," etc.

SEND your Sunday School Lesson orders to our Forest Park office.

ORDER your Bibles, books and Christian literature from the Roger Williams Book Store.

MISSION NEWS AND NEEDS...

SEPTEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS. Study the "Contributions Summary" for Sept. 1963 that appears on Page 23 of this issue. These important statistics should intensify a grave concern in your heart as a North American Baptist. For the fourth consecutive month, we are going behind last year's contributions in our giving. At the halfway mark when we should have raised \$525,000, our total budget contributions amount to only \$292,630.18. We have a long way to go in an uphill struggle to reach our budget objective in "A Vision of Faith." Are you concerned?

SACRIFICIAL GIVING. The feature article on "Rice and Water Christians" by Rev. Donald Richter in this issue (pages 4-5) deserves your prayerful attention. Very few can testify that their giving has been "sacrificial" like the widow's two mites. What is meant by this term? What does Christ expect of us? Brother Richter suggests that this means giving, not out of our surplus, but out of our need in a spirit of self-denial so that God will be glorified. Read the article with your hand upon your own heart!

PUBLICATION SUNDAY. November 10 will be Publication Sunday in our churches. You will be asked to renew your subscriptions to the "Baptist Herald" and other papers, to order your books and Christmas literature from our Roger Williams Press, and to pray for the ministry of our Publication Society. Go back to the October 10 issue of the "Baptist Herald" with the colored front cover, and read some of the fine articles that you may have missed.

NEW MISSIONARIES IN AFRICA. In this issue Rev. G. Ben Lawrence, Acting Field Secretary of the Cameroons Baptist Mission, expresses the joy of our missionaries over the arrival of eight new missionaries on the field. Soon another couple (Rev. and Mrs. Harold F. Lang) will also be on the field. Mr. Lawrence states: "A new surge can already be felt on the field in Africa because of your faith in sending these new missionaries to us."

NEXT ISSUE

THE GOODNESS OF GOD AND THE GRATITUDE OF GOD

By Rev. Kenneth Howe
of Spokane, Washington

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Editorial

Five Grains of Corn

Long years ago, so the historian tells us, our Pilgrim forbears had the custom of putting five grains of corn upon each empty plate before the Thanksgiving Dinner was served. In answer to the questions of the children, the parents explained that during the Revolution their forefathers came to such dire straits that there was an allowance of only five grains of corn to eat each day. Evidently they were willing to starve rather than surrender their purposes and convictions. Here was a mirror of the self-sacrifice and suffering of our early pioneers and founders of this nation. The children were reminded by the five grains of corn that many treasured gifts of our lives have been bought by others at a great price.

"O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness."

The price of thankfulness is a love to God for his gifts in the long struggle of the years. This is the fruitage of the years. Such hard-won gifts of freedom, national blessings, personal rights are now ours to enjoy. For them we paid not a tear nor a sacrifice. Canon Farrar has said the "nineteen centuries of toil have thrown their treasures at our feet."

The Christian recognizes the source of these gifts in God—the dawning consciousness of the care of God for his children, the fierce battle for freedom and righteousness, the harvests of the field and the blessings from above that have made our country strong and great, and the ongoing influence of God's Word and of his Church, triumphant through many opposing onslaughts and the attacks by darksome forces. The five grains of corn on the otherwise empty plate is a stern reminder of this long struggle of the years with its many hard-won gifts that God has brought into our lives.

We also become aware that the source of our thankfulness is a pure conscience before God. This is thankfulness that comes from what we are rather than because of what we have. We are most truly thankful when we start to "count our blessings" with "a clean heart and a pure conscience before God."

Macauley and Green, historians, have told us what Christian ideals did for England. Bancroft has called those early settlements in Massachusetts "colonies of conscience." Dr. Parkhurst has described these puritan pioneers in these graphic words: "They set their consciences by the will of God as countrymen set their clocks by the sun." This inner fortitude of these pioneers, always reflecting the will of God in all of their lives, can be seen mirrored in these bare grains of corn on the Thanksgiving Day plate.

Never forget that the cost of being thankful is terrific. The Psalmist describes it as "the sacrifice of thanksgiving." Our age with its luxurious living, its overflowing bounty of things, its smug complacency, and its lack of concern in the face of dire human need knows little of sacrifice, of giving not out of our abundance but out of the depths of our needs, and of struggling hard for every worthwhile thing in life. We must be willing to pay this price for the priceless gift of truly thankful hearts. This lesson of the five grains of corn on the Thanksgiving Day plate in our pioneer homes needs to be taught again today—and heeded!

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If we give to God what belongs
to him, the money will glorify his Name
and be a multiplied blessing for us.

Rice and Water Christians

By Rev. Donald Richter of Mott, North Dakota

I HAVE HEARD reports of people who have claimed to be Christians while they give sparingly to the work of God. These people, so the reports go, claim to love God because they do worship and pray and study the Word of God. These Christians give when they need to give or else they give as if they were doing God a special favor. It amazes me that such people are brazen enough to call themselves Christians when their works prove that their hearts are not where their words are.

MY FAMILY AND I

Let my family serve as an illustration. I love my family. I enjoy being with them. We laugh together, play together, and, in times of distress, cry together. All this and more is part of the bond which unites us. Suppose that I say I love my wife and son, but for certain reasons decide to feed them rice and water while I eat steak and other good foods. They must live on rice and water, I argue, because I need money for my old age, because I need a better car and more equipment to aid my work, because I need to invest the money to make more money.

If I were really to do this—to force my wife and son to live on rice and water while I thus spent my money, I don't believe that any normal and intelligent person would believe that I really loved my family as much as I loved myself. I could argue; I could quote Scripture; I could make speeches; I could ridicule my opposition. Still, I think, that any normal and intelligent person would not be convinced that I loved my family if I fed them rice and water while I ate the best of God's plenty.

JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

The issues are quite plain when we think of members of the family because within the family there is a special relationship which seeks for the highest good for each member of the group. The issues ought to be just as clearly drawn when it comes to the church of which we are members. Among us there is a similar bond. It is forged by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. We ought, therefore, to seek for the highest good of each other and of the Kingdom of God.

Much to my dismay I have heard

and seen "rice and water" Christians whose first thought is to increase their own pile of gold at the expense of the Kingdom of God. They may even do good things: save for their old age, invest in better things for better living, and spend money to make more money. But "rice and water" Christians always do this at the expense of the church. The church must try to exist on a "rice and water" diet of giving.

Why this kind of giving? Let us turn to our text for an answer and then to discover our Lord's pattern for the giver who really loves God.

In the time preceding the words of our Lord as recorded in Mark 12:41-44, our Lord had been speaking with a wide variety of people in the courts and cloisters of the Temple. He had spoken to them in parables. He had discussed taxes with the Pharisees and Herodians. He had corrected the erroneous ideas of the Sadducees concerning the resurrection of the dead. He had considered the topic of the greatest commandment with the experts of the law. He had touched also



Rev. Donald Richter, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Mott, North Dakota.

on his divinity and on the subject of false teachers.

Apparently, the discussions and lessons had drained his energy. Our Lord turned from the crowds to a quiet spot in the Temple to rest. Between the Court of the Gentiles, a very large court surrounding the holy area of the Temple, and the Court of the Women, a smaller court leading to the Temple itself, was a gate. This gate was called "Beautiful" by the Jews. It provided our Lord a place to rest from the tensions and encounters recorded in the first part of Mark 12.

COLLECTION BOXES, "TRUMPETS"

In the Court of the Women, which was as far as the women of that day could go toward the sacred inner courts, there were thirteen collection boxes referred to as the "Trumpets" because of their shape. They served to receive the contributions toward the daily sacrifices and expenses of the Temple. It was the custom to place gifts of money in these "Trumpets" as worshippers passed by them. And as would be expected, many of the gifts were sizeable. This enabled the Temple to carry on its work and witness in a grand manner. The "Trumpets" were the equivalent to today's offering plates.

While our Lord was sitting by the gate called "Beautiful," he could plainly see the people as they gave their offering to the Temple treasury. With his divine insight he knew, not only how much they gave, but how much they had at home in bank accounts, stocks and bonds, and other possessions. He was able to gage how much of a sacrifice the gift really was.

THE WIDOW'S MITES

Along came a poor widow who flung two mites into one of the "Trumpets." This is equivalent to one-eighth of a penny. Upon seeing this, our Lord said that it was a greater gift than all the other gifts. Many worshippers had thrown in what they could easily spare and still had plenty left, while this worshipping widow had flung in everything she had.

Certainly no one can read this account without feeling a certain sense of shame. Giving, to be real giving, must be sacrificial. It is not so much the amount of the gift that matters,

but the cost of the gift to the individual. Real generosity gives until it hurts. For most of us it is a real question if our giving to God's work was ever any sacrifice at all.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

What does it mean to give sacrificially? I think that the answer to this is marked out for us quite clearly in verse 44. Many worshippers who passed by the "Trumpets" threw in money they could easily spare. Perhaps, this was money left over after living expenses, taxes, reserves, and something for a rainy day. This extra money was then divided with some to go to the Temple and some to go toward a little luxury or pleasure.

Such giving was not a sacrifice. It was money that could be spared and made for no inconvenience. Our Lord unveils this poor widow as a model for us all. She gave, not out of leftovers, but out of the entire fund she had to meet daily expenses. This was her food and clothing money. Thus as she flung her two mites into the treasury, she confirmed her thought that she could well do with a little less food and the same old clothes as long as the money would further the Kingdom of God. This is sacrificial giving.

It is to be noted that Jesus points out that she cast in everything she had. As it were, she emptied her pockets and fished her last bit of money out of the bank to fling it all into the Temple treasury as a gift to God. Does this mean that we are to close our bank accounts, convert our holdings into cash, and then give everything, every dime and dollar, to the church? It is true that in the ages of the Christian church some disciples have decided to follow Christ this way—by giving away all and living a life of holy poverty.

AT GREAT PERSONAL COST

However, this is not the Lord's point. As I study the record, the Lord is emphasizing the contrast between the person who gives out of an abundance at no personal cost and the person who gives out of whatever amount he has at a great personal cost to himself. This means that our Lord is concerned, not so much with the "hundreds" or "thousands" of dollars given, but with what it cost you and me to give what we did.

It is to our shame that we usually give no more than we absolutely need to give. We give what we need to give to keep the church going. We give what we need to give to keep a missionary on the field or a mission station open. We give what we need to give to quiet our own divinely pricked consciences. This, I believe, is a sign of spiritual decay within ourselves and within our churches when gifts of money for the Kingdom of God need to be coaxed out of people. Some will not even give when coaxed. They will not give at all unless they get something for their money in the way of entertainment or goods.

Our Lord sat at the gate and



THE LESSON IS PLAIN!

If we keep for ourselves what belongs to God, money will curse us. If we give to God what belongs to him, this money will glorify his Name and be a multiplied blessing. (A. Devaney Photo).

weighed the bags of money and the fists of gold coins cast into the Temple treasury. After watching a host of people, his simple judgment was that the givers were not giving until they gave out of their need instead of their surplus. In a similar sense, the Lord sits at the door of our church and watches each person as he gives. What does he think? Is he disappointed because you give out of your abundance rather than out of your need?

GIVING WITH A BOLDNESS

There is a boldness which is rough and rude. There is also a boldness which tells of a heart of courage and hope and faith. When we speak of giving with a boldness, we do not mean that flashy, impatient, and rude boldness which brags about itself at the expense of another's feelings. We mean a boldness of giving that reveals the giver's heart in a dramatic fashion, as it overflows with faith and hope and courage.

Nestled in the kernel of this incident, there lies a striking truth which reveals the heart of this widow as a bold giver. The woman, as you will recall, had two coins. They were all she had. The widow could have debated with herself by saying, "Well, night shall soon be here and to quiet my empty stomach, maybe I should withhold one coin to buy a few pieces of bread." She still could have given half of her living which is more than most of us do. She won the battle against "self" and flung in all that she had.

I think that as she crept into bed with an empty stomach that night, she slept better than ever before. She gave with boldness and with a holy humility, while all along, I am sure, she thanked God for allowing her to give so little. So little—all she had!

For those who will discover it, there is a great truth within this incident.

We give only a part of ourselves, a part of our time, a part of our money to God. We are part-time givers who want full-time blessings. We are men who argue over the point of tithing as it applies to New Testament believers, forgetting that the Lord Jesus said nothing praiseworthy of tithers. He complimented only those who gave all they had.

GIVING OUT OF YOUR NEED

This is the tragedy of the church today—we hold back on God! We say we want to give all. We say we want to go all the way with God. Still we keep on holding back on God. There is nothing in the words of our Lord to praise a man who carefully calculates his tithe—to give just that much and no more. In fact, our Lord rebuked the Pharisees and Scribes who doled out money to God in this way.

The Lord's compliment belongs to the man or to the woman who is a bold giver—a giver willing to fling himself and his money into the Kingdom of God. This demands a heart of faith and hope and courage.

This is the daring challenge flung at us by our Lord—to give out of our need. We are to stop giving out of our surplus and start giving out of what we really need for daily expenses. Cut back a little here. Cut back a little there. Then give it to the Lord, for this is giving as our Lord teaches us to give.

Can we really say that we give out of our need when we tithe? Does tithing force us to cut back on expenses for food, housing, and clothing? I doubt if any "cut backs" to give a tithe really work hardships on any of us. The Lord's challenge is to give out of our need. It is to deny things to ourselves in order that God will be glorified and the Kingdom of God advanced.

What will happen if we do this? Our church will not stand in need of funds. Our money will reach out to help the poor, the uneducated, the sick, and the old. Our gifts will send out more and more and more missionaries until the earth hears the Gospel in every land. Every gift will prove to be a blessing to the giver, for with the gift of money will issue a gift of self.

THE DIVINE COMPLIMENT

Toward the beginning of this message, we spoke about "rice and water" Christians. They are those who feed themselves while the church must live on a "rice and water" diet of giving. Jesus has only rebuke for such Christians. To emphasize his point, Jesus elevates a poor widow as a model for all time. It was not how much she gave that counted with God, but that she gave herself and her money to God.

The lesson is plain. If we keep for ourselves what belongs to God, the money will curse us. If we give to God what belongs to God, the money will glorify his Name and be a multiplied blessing. Then the Christian, who gives as the widow gave, will hear with her a divine compliment.

Associations Led to Missions

The story of Rev. and Mrs. Harold F. Lang, newly appointed missionaries to West Cameroon, Africa.

By Dr. R. Schilke, General Missionary Secretary

WHAT CONSTITUTES the call of God to the Christian ministry or to missions abroad? Can one give a clear cut answer to this question with which many young people are vitally concerned, and with which all should be concerned? If God would always call in one and the same way, then the answer would also be a simple one according to a given formula.

But God does not call in one and the same way. He deals with each according to his or her individuality. To some the call of God based on the Word of God and an inner experience may become a strong conviction. To others this call of God may come about through a series of associations and circumstances. Nevertheless, it is just as real though it may not appear that way on the surface of things.

CHRIST'S GREAT COMMISSION

Rev. Harold F. Lang has been led to missions through a series of associations. In the seminary Mr. Lang pursued the course of studies with a missionary emphasis. Yet even then he said: "I did not feel a definite call into the mission field, but I did see the tremendous needs there, and through my association with our missionaries these needs were impressed upon my mind. Was it right to remain at home and serve while those on the other side of the world were without ninety per cent of the opportunities to hear and receive the Gospel which we have in America?"

To him the commission of our Lord, "Go ye into all the world . . .," meant not to "stay until the Lord pushes you out," but rather to "go unless the Lord holds you back." He says: "I have no 'call' to stay home, no excuse to offer for my not going; so I feel that it is for me to obey the Great Commission to the best of my ability and to obey his command to GO."

Mrs. Harold F. Lang, the former Marjorie Mae Fehr, faced the question of God's call to the mission field through the reading of a little booklet, "If You Were A Heathen." This was only the climax of previous associations with our missionaries and many others who came to Grand Forks, N. Dak., in previous summers for the summer linguistic course at the University of North Dakota. The message in that booklet brought forth her response to God and she prayed: "God, if you want me on the mission field, I am willing to go."

In 1956, while studying at the University of Minnesota, she became engaged to Harold F. Lang. God led each of them separately to a commitment to missions. They were married on Nov. 2, 1957. The Lord has since

blessed their home and given them three children, all born in Cleveland, Ohio: Mark Harold, born on Dec. 10, 1959; James Eilert, born on Oct. 10, 1961; and Joy Carol born on August 25, 1963.

HOME ATMOSPHERE OF MISSIONS

Harold F. Lang was born on August 21, 1932 at Lorraine, Kansas as the second of two sons to Dr. and Mrs. George A. Lang. His father was then pastor of the First Baptist Church in Lorraine. Concerning his home Harold says: "I am thankful for the opportunity to have been raised in a Christian home and I feel the atmosphere was extremely helpful to me spiritually." At the age of two, his father became pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church in Tacoma, Wash. At about the age of six, shortly before leaving Tacoma, through evangelistic meetings Harold placed his faith in Christ as his personal Savior. Concerning this experience he says: "Although I was extremely young and cannot remember the occasion, I believe my decision was sincere and to the best of my understanding, and that at that time I became a member of the family of God."

The next move of the family was to Detroit, Mich., where his father became pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church. Here at the age of eight, Harold confessed his Lord publicly in the waters of baptism, was baptized by his father, and became a member of the Ebenezer Baptist Church. In 1944 at the age of 12, his father was



REV. AND MRS. HAROLD F. LANG
formerly of the Snowview Baptist Church,
Cleveland, Ohio, now serving as mis-
sionaries in West Cameroon, Africa.

elected to the presidency of our N.A.B. Seminary at Rochester, N. Y., and so another move had to be made.

While a Junior in high school, Harold began to think seriously concerning his life work. He began to realize that he should seek to be where his life might be most used for the Lord. His contact and associations with seminary life and with those training for the ministry turned his mind to those channels also. The emphasis on missions in his home led him to think of missions as well. His father's sister, Miss Margaret Lang, was on the mission field. Later his older brother, George, went to our Cameroon Mission Field and a cousin, Donald Lang, went to Chile, South America as a missionary.

SEEKING GOD'S WILL

Marjorie Mae Fehr was born on Feb. 28, 1935 at East Grand Forks, Minn., as the second of seven children (four brothers and two sisters) to Mr. and Mrs. Eilert P. Fehr. The family lived on a farm. "My childhood," she says, "is filled with happy memories of our home life and church life. My parents took us regularly to Sunday school and church in the Grace Baptist Church of Grand Forks." It was there that she regularly heard the Word of God proclaimed. As a young girl she realized her need of a Savior and accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior. At the age of eleven she was baptized by Rev. Edgar W. Klatt and became a member of the church she attended.

Camp experiences in North Dakota were highlights in her Christian life. The associations with missionaries of our conference and later her contact with the many missionaries, who came to the University of Grand Forks for the summer linguistic course, made her realize quite early the need of seeking God's will for her life. Her entire home was influenced, and later two of her brothers went to the mission field. Her older brother is our beloved Dr. Peter E. Fehr. Her younger brother, Walter, went to Africa under the American Baptist Mission Board.

Harold was always active in church life, in young people's groups, in Sunday school, and in choir. His spiritual growth came after the family moved to Sioux Falls, S. Dak., in 1949 through the relocation of our seminary. Here God used the ministry of the Central Baptist Church to speak to his heart. Concerning it he says: "Through associations with a church that was vital and spiritually active, I began to realize what a privilege it was to be a Christian and to have a real burden of sharing my joy in Christ with

others. . . . For two years I was active in this church, its youth activities, choir for youth, quartet, and other ministries."

Upon the organization of our Trinity Baptist Church, he became active in it while he studied at Sioux Falls College. Already as a senior in high school, he became convinced that, even though he did not have a "striking call from God into full time service," he should pursue his college education with the goal of seminary and trust the Lord for the rest. His church activities kept this interest alive.

Marjorie was likewise active in her church. In young people's work and as a Sunday school teacher she found much joy. In her high school days she was a member of various musical groups. In church she sang in the choir and for one year served as church pianist. In the mission emphasis in her church she served as missionary committee chairman. At camp she served as camp nurse for four weeks one summer. These activities led her to think of missions more and more as a place where God would want her to be.

COLLEGE AND SEMINARY ASSOCIATIONS

Harold F. Lang enrolled at Sioux Falls College, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., in 1950. In 1952 he transferred to the University of Minnesota at Minneapolis and graduated with a B.A. degree in 1954. During one of these years at the university, he roomed with Peter E. Fehr, a medical student with the definite interest in the mission field. "This association," he says, "brought the work of missions definitely into my thinking." Both young men were active at that time in the Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis.

Upon graduation from the University of Minnesota, Harold F. Lang enrolled at our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak. During his second year of seminary life, he was the exchange student with the Baptist Seminary at Hamburg, Germany. The year in Germany brought the needs abroad even more vividly to mind. During his final year at the seminary, he continued the missionary course with the purpose "to set my sights for the mission field unless the Lord should close the door. But the Lord continued to open doors. I became engaged to Marjorie Fehr, who shared with me the desire to serve the Lord overseas if he should so lead."

Dr. Ralph E. Powell, one of his seminary professors has the following to say concerning his student. (These quotations are only excerpts): "I have known Harold for nearly 13 years and have had intimate contact with him as a son of the Seminary president, as a fellow church member, student at the Seminary, and as a fellow servant in the service of Christ since his graduation from the Seminary. . . . Harold's home has obviously been a strong contributing factor in his entering the Christian ministry. . . . He was al-



Some of the Baptist students at the Cameroons Protestant College in Bali on an evangelistic tour to make Christ known to others.

ways well liked and respected by his fellow students. He never took advantage of the fact that his father was president of the Seminary. . . . Harold's academic achievements are outstanding. . . . I know his heart is on the mission field, and I am certain he will make a notable contribution there."

Marjorie took up nurses training at St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing in Fargo, N. Dak., in 1952 upon graduation from high school. Concerning these years of training she says: "I believe this was definitely in the plan of God for me. . . ." In her class were a number of Christian girls and with them she engaged in Bible studies and in prayer groups. In 1955 she received her R.N. diploma. The following year she worked in a Pediatrics Ward of the local hospital in Grand Forks. Then in 1956 she enrolled at the University of Minnesota to begin working toward a Bachelor of Science in Nursing Education. She did not complete this work toward the degree since her marriage to Harold F. Lang on Nov. 2, 1957 interrupted these plans.

POST GRADUATE STUDIES

Upon graduation from our seminary in Sioux Falls in May 1957 with a B.D. degree, Harold F. Lang became summer student pastor at the Temple Baptist Church at Pittsburgh, Pa. By fall of that year he received a call from the Parma Heights Baptist Church in Cleveland, Ohio to become assistant pastor with the specific purpose of beginning a branch church. Interviews with the writer, with his brother George, and with other mis-

sionaries made him realize the need for further preparation in the field of education. The call from Cleveland afforded opportunities for post graduate work on a part time basis. This seemed to be an open door of the Lord. Following their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Lang moved to Cleveland to take up their work.

On Sept. 6, 1957 Harold F. Lang was ordained into the Christian ministry at the Trinity Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. The first year at Parma Heights brought many blessed experiences in close work with the able and beloved pastor, Rev. Edwin Miller, and the Director of Christian Education, Miss LaVerna Mehlhoff. Both give them a very fine testimony concerning their abilities and devotion. The purpose of the call became a reality in the forming of the Snowview Baptist Church which now has 113 members and a Sunday school enrollment of about 200. Their new church building was dedicated over a year ago. These years also afforded the opportunity to complete the post graduate studies at Western Reserve University and receive the M.A. degree in history in late 1962.

Mrs. Lang wrote concerning these years: "I am so grateful for these past five years (now almost six) in Church Extension work here at Snowview, for the wide variety of practical Christian experiences it has offered and for the privilege of seeing the Holy Spirit at work in the lives of men, women and children." Mr. Lang wrote: "During these years there have been times when the call to the mission field has been dim; we have been happy in our present ministry. Yet at just these times the Lord through small but unmistakable experiences renewed our conviction that he would have us serve on the mission field." Concerning both of them Dr. Ralph E. Powell says: "It is a joy to know there are couples of the caliber of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lang who are dedicated to the will and service of God and the call of the mission field."

B. T. T. C. AT SOPPO

The Board of Missions in its annual session in April, 1963 appointed Rev. and Mrs. Harold F. Lang as missionaries to West Cameroon, West Africa. The specific assignment is to the Baptist Teacher Training College at Soppo for which Mr. Lang is well qualified. Because of the birth of their third child in August, their departure for the field had to be somewhat delayed.

They expect to leave New York on Nov. 8, 1963 for Africa. At the time of writing this article the Ridgmont Baptist Church of East Detroit, Mich., has already adopted their partial support in the amount of \$1,500.00 per year. Other churches have also made inquiries as to sharing in the support. This is further evidence of the interest of God's people and of God's open doors. May they be assured of many prayers which follow them!

God's Volunteers Launch Out for Christ

First reports from God's Volunteers Teams I and II by Jean Berndt and Ramona Buxa.

GOD'S VOLUNTEERS — TEAM I

By Jean Berndt of Rochester, New York

NORTH, South, East and West met in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., on Sept. 2nd. Twelve young people from as far north as Edmonton, Alberta, as far south as Branch, Louisiana, and as far east as Rochester, N. Y., were at last together as the 1963-64 teams of God's Volunteers.

The next morning our intensive training program began at our Seminary. For the following two weeks we studied the Gospel of John, Bible History, Bible Doctrine concerning the Plan of Salvation, Christian Relations and Cults, and Personal Soul Winning. Rev. John Binder, Rev. Daniel Fuchs, and Rev. Robert Krueger were our "patient" instructors during this time.

GOD'S VOLUNTEERS MOTTO

Rehearsals for our special numbers began immediately. Our music filled the Seminary halls from 3-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. everyday. The evenings were ended with a welcome trip to the local root beer stand to soothe our tired throats.

During these days we were drawn closer to one another and came to realize the meaning of our motto, "To Know Him . . ." It wasn't long before we were fulfilling the second part of our motto ". . . and to Make Him Known."

We had the privilege of participating

GOD'S VOLUNTEERS I ENGAGEMENTS

Nov. 5-10—Capilano Church, Edmonton, Alberta.
Nov. 11-17—Central Church, Edmonton, Alberta.
Nov. 18-24—Namaso Park Mission, Edmonton, Alberta.
Nov. 26-Dec. 1—Carbon, Alberta.
Dec. 3-15—Sidney, Montana.

in the Minnesota Association at Jeffers, Minn., sharing special numbers on radio programs in Sioux Falls, and appearing in Sunday evening services and Youth Fellowships and rallies.

Team I for 1963-64 is the "team of extremes." First, we have the "tall and the short" of the twelve who appeared on Sept. 3. The height ranges from 4' 10 3/4" (Karen Brachlow) to 6' 4 1/2" (Richard Sturhahn in his stocking feet).

MEMBERS OF THE TEAM

Our team is also comprised of the extremes in locality. From Edmonton, Alberta comes Lena Engel, who is our girl with the charming smile and bass voice. She was born on June 20, 1943. Before coming to the Volunteers, she attended our Christian Training Institute in Edmonton. Lena is our treasurer.

Also from Canada is Richard Sturhahn of Winnipeg, Man., who was born on April 7, 1944. Last year he attended our Christian Training Institute. Rich is our car custodian and has the

job of keeping "Schmicht," (Schmicht go, Schmicht not), our station wagon, in running condition.

North Dakota is represented by David Ewing of Turtle Lake, who is our group leader. He was born on January 27, 1942. For the past two years he has attended the University of North Dakota at Fargo, where he majored in English Education.

Central United States has Karen Brachlow of Robinsdale, Minn., (which is 90 feet from Minneapolis) as its representative. Karen was born on Nov. 11, 1942. Before joining the Volunteers, she attended Moorhead State College where she is majoring in Elementary Education. Her job on the team is secretary.

"BAPTIST HERALD" REPORTER

From Rochester, N. Y., comes Jean Berndt, the team's reporter to the "Baptist Herald" and statistician. Jean was born on July 20, 1941. This past June she graduated from the State University College of Education at Brockport, N. Y., where she received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education.

Blanche Bieber from Branch, Louisiana, our "Southern belle," is our team program chairman. She was born on Dec. 14, 1945. Last year she attended the University of Southwestern Louisiana where she majored in Home Economics.

This is Team I for 1963-1964. As we begin our work, we request your prayers ". . . that God would open unto us a door of utterance to speak the mystery of Christ" (Colossians 4:3).

GOD'S VOLUNTEERS — TEAM II

By Ramona Buxa

After two weeks of theoretical courses, we moved on to learning the more practical aspects of our training as God's Volunteers. With Dr. George Lang, we discussed evangelism in organizations of the church. Rev. Iver Walker was our instructor for speech and North American Baptist History, both of which were interesting and valuable. We had a class on the Holy Spirit and Prayer, on Visitation, and Music Directing with Rev. Walter Hoffman as instructor.

FIRST ENGAGEMENTS

We richly enjoyed all of these classes and felt that they greatly contributed towards our ministry which we will be rendering. It was good to get acquainted, to have prayer together and to share one another's testimony. Since we were at the seminary, we were able to meet the seminary faculty



GOD'S VOLUNTEER TEAM NUMBER 2

Left to right: Beth Blackburn, Harry Hiller, Nancy Kaiser, Ramona Buxa, Oliver Bender and Jardis Schamuhn.

and students. It was most interesting to become acquainted with the students from other countries who are attending our seminary.

We had the privilege of the final two weeks to take part in various services. On Sept. 22 Team II went to Madison, South Dakota. We had a young people's supper and told them about God's Volunteers work. We also took part in the evening service as they were beginning a week of special meetings. On Wednesday evening, September 25, both teams held a service at the Northside Baptist Church in Sioux Falls.

MEMBERS OF THE TEAM

The Team II members are as follows:

Nancy Kaiser from Rochester, N. Y., is a member of the Andrews Street Baptist Church. She has been a secretary at the Alliance Tool and Die Corporation for the past three years. She is the team secretary. She was born July 2, 1942.

Jordis Schamuhn and Harry Hiller are our two members from Canada. Jordis is from Leduc, Alberta where she is a member of the Temple Baptist Church. She graduated from High School before coming to the Volunteers. On the team she has the job of being program chairman. Jordis was born Nov. 28, 1945.

Harry Hiller is from Edmonton, Alberta and is a member of the Central Baptist Church. He graduated from the University of Alberta last June. On the team he serves as group leader. Harry's birthday is August 5, 1942.

Two other Volunteers are from Minnesota. Beth Blackburn is from Jeffers and a member of the Jeffers Baptist Church. Beth attended Moody Bible Institute and Pillsbury College. She has been working the past year at St.

GOD'S VOLUNTEERS II ENGAGEMENTS

Oct. 29-Nov. 10—Aberdeen, S. Dak.
Nov. 12-22—Linton, N. Dak.
Nov. 24-Dec. 1—West Fargo, N. Dak.
Dec. 3-15—Napoleon, N. Dak.

Paul Fire Marine Insurance Company in St. Paul, Minn., as a secretary. She is treasurer on the team. Beth was born Nov. 14, 1942.

"BAPTIST HERALD" REPORTER

Ramona Buxa is from St. Paul, Minn., and a member of the Riverview Baptist Church in West St. Paul. She is a graduate of Mounds-Midway School of Nursing and has worked the past two years at "Children's Hospital" in St. Paul. She is reporter and statistician on the team. Her birthday is Feb. 21, 1940.

Oliver Bender is from Venturia, North Dakota and a member of Venturia Baptist Church. He has attended Sioux Falls College for two years and graduated in June from Augustana College. He is Car Custodian on the team. His birthday is Feb. 15, 1941.

So, now you have met the members of God's Volunteers Team II 1963-1964. "Pray for us that God would open unto us a door of utterance." Preparations have been made and we are on our way doing the Lord's work. Our first church and campaign is at Trinity Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

CHURCH EXTENSION BUILDERS' CONTRIBUTIONS
in November for the
Southward Park Church,
Greeley, Colorado
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OUR BUDS FOR THE MASTER

Two little brown toddling feet,
To be led in the upward way;
Two knees, that are dimpled and sweet,
To be taught how to kneel and pray.

Two weak little fluttering hands,
To be shown how to help someone;
Two ears, just waiting commands,
So they'll know what to shun and choose.

Two eyes that should learn to behold,
Only things that are true and right;
A tongue to be trained not to scold,
Or to say bitter words that smite.

A body, still perfect and pure,
To protect from all lust and pride;
A temple that long may endure,
Where the Master can now abide.

THRUST YE IN THE SICKLE

Thrust ye in the sickle,
Reap the golden grain;
For the Lord of Harvest
Soon will come again.
Labor in the noontide,
Bear the toil and pain;
Soon will end the harvest—
Then a glad refrain.

Haste then to the harvest,
Labor there with care,
Working for the Master—
Gleaning everywhere.
When at last we've gathered
Every bundle in,
We shall reign with Jesus—
Free from every sin.

Work in early morning,
Work in evening light.
Time is swiftly passing;
Soon will come the night.
Thrust ye in the sickle,
Reap the golden grain;
For the Lord of Harvest
Soon will come again.

THE CHRISTIAN HOME

Where family prayer is daily said,
God's Word is regularly read,
And faith in Christ is never dead,
That is a Christian home.

Where father, mother, sister, brother,
All have true love for one another
And no one ever hates the other,
That is a Christian home.

Where family quarrels are pushed
aside
To let the love of God abide
Ere darkness falls on eventide,
That is a Christian home.

Where joy and happiness prevail
In every heart without a fail
And thoughts to God on high set sail,
That is a Christian home.

Where Jesus Christ is Host and Guest,
Through whom we have eternal rest
And in him are forever blest,
That is a Christian home.

—The Bible Institute of L. A.



GOD'S VOLUNTEER TEAM NUMBER 1

Left to right: Blanche Bieber, David Ewing, Jean Berndt, Karen Brachlow, Richard Sturhahn and Lena Engel.

Finding a New Class of Junior Boys

A faded picture of seven Junior boys in Highland Park, Rochester, N. Y., taken more than 50 years ago, reminds the author of an adventure in evangelism, gathering these boys from the streets for a Sunday school class taught by him.

By Dr. Albert Bretschneider of Rochester, N. Y., Emeritus Professor of the North American Baptist Seminary.

DURING MY early seminary days in Rochester, New York, I had a class of five adolescent girls, whom I taught for two years. Three of them united with the Second Baptist Church of the city by baptism.

The superintendent and teachers of the school believed that it would be better for this class of growing and maturing young ladies to have a woman as teacher. I also had felt that way for some time and told them so. I said I would be willing to relinquish the class, if they would provide me with a group of younger boys. They said they would. But when they canvassed the upper range of Juniors, they found only two boys and these were already integrated into a somewhat older group of adolescent boys.

COLLECTING THE BOYS

Then I made a rather rash promise, saying that if they would secure a suitable teacher for the girls, I would find a class of boys *somewhere*. The next few weeks I walked through the streets of the neighborhood of the church, looking for boys between nine and twelve years of age, who were not going to any school. I found two groups playing ball in two streets south of Clinton Avenue South and Meigs Street.

I stopped to speak to them. "Where do you go to Sunday school?" I asked

one of them. He answered: "I don't go anywhere and don't want to go." "Well," I said to another, "How would you like to go to my Sunday School Class?" I said: "I'm sure you'll like it."

I asked one after another. A few said they didn't want to go to any school. But when I told them that I would not only teach them on Sunday but would also meet with them every few months for a social or a picnic or perhaps play games in our seminary gymnasium or in a private home, their eyes lit up and many said: "We think we would like it a lot." Then I promised them that there would also be good things to eat and to drink on these occasions.

From these two groups playing in the streets, I managed, with some persuasion, to secure seven boys of Junior age. They were a rather motley group, but they had one thing in common. They all liked baseball. This was to prove a great asset in our future undertakings.

THE NEW CLASS

One of the boys was a son of one of our church members, but he had not been attending our Sunday school. Another was a brother of one of the girls in my former class. One black haired boy lived only a block from our church. Two were Italian brothers. There were also two Swedish boys, both having light hair.

These seven boys promised to be in my class the following Sunday, and I promised to meet them outside. When they arrived, we all went in *together* to a place reserved for us. The superintendent gave all of us a warm welcome. Then, after singing a few hymns, reading of Scripture and offering prayer, we went to our class session.

I do not remember exactly what I told the boys the first Sunday, but I do remember telling them that in the coming weeks and months I would introduce them to some of the great heroes of the Bible. AFTER that, I said, I would make them acquainted with the greatest of all heroes, JESUS, the Son of God, whom I hoped all would learn to know and love and follow.

At each class session, I gave the boys an opportunity to tell me about some of their experiences during the past week. Some of these were very interesting to me and to the members of the class. I found that my interest in their experiences made them more ready to listen to mine. I also found in their remarks a point of contact for the following lessons.

OLD TESTAMENT HEROES

In all of these lessons on the heroes of the Old Testament, I did not gloss over or minimize their mistakes, their disobedience to God's laws, but I also called their attention to the fact that, when they disobeyed and repented of their wrong-doing, GOD forgave them their sins. These boys understood what I meant.

The class members liked best the story about Joseph, the Dreamer, who, with God's help, made his own dreams come true. The lessons on David inspired them.

I taught them one lesson on "Why David Got the Job." They were all interested to find out. I told them that David was a fine upstanding young man, who was "ruddy and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome." I told them too that King Saul's servants said to him: "He is skillful in playing the lyre." Saul said to these servants: "Get this young man to play for me," that he may drive the evil spirits from me. And another servant said: He is also "a man of valor, a man of war, prudent in speech, and a man of good presence; and the Lord is with him." All of these characteristics are of value in finding a job, especially in our day, I told them.

I told them also how I got my first job and the questions which the em-

ployer asked me: "What can you do? What do you know? Do you go to Sunday school? Where do you spend your evenings?" Apparently skill and knowledge and character were the primary characteristics.

My boys were bowed into a spirit of reverence when they learned of Moses' lowly birth and of how he grew up to be a man of God, a MIGHTY LAW-GIVER for his people, and who saved them out of oppression and led them into a land of promise.

LEARNING TO KNOW JESUS

In the New Testament Jesus, of course, made a profound impression on my boys. They marvelled that he grew like every other boy "in stature, and in favor, with God and with men." I told them that Jesus grew in knowledge of his Father's world, that he learned to know and to love the birds and the flowers and could call them by name and that God takes care of every one of them. It was inspiring for them also to learn that Jesus studied the law and learned to love it and obey it, saying: "Lo, I come to do THY will," and that he became obedient to Joseph and Mary and indeed "obedient in all things."

The boys liked the idea that Jesus had a class of men, whom he choose to be with him, and to learn of him, and to be like HIM by following his commandments. It was at this point that I drove home the fact that Jesus wants "boys" also to learn of him, to obey him and to become like him, because HE is the perfect example, "tempted in all things, yet without sin." I went on to tell them that JESUS has the right to challenge them to complete obedience, "having himself become obedient even unto death, even the death of the cross."

OUTSTANDING MEN OF GOD

Thus I led my boys to become Christians, one a Baptist who became important in labor circles, and one who became a believer and a member in a Presbyterian church in Rochester. I have remained in contact with these boys down to the present day.

In conclusion, may I say that I did not forget my original promise to my class that from time to time we would gather together to have good times.

My boys liked to play ball in Highland Park and I liked to play with them. By doing so, I learned to know them intimately, especially their social nature and their aspirations for recognition. When the game was over, we had lunch which our Seminary house-mother had prepared for us.

On another occasion we gathered together in the evening at the home of Emma Suter (who later became my wife), where she and her mother entertained us. We played many of the familiar games that boys like to play. Later in the evening, we sang hymns that all knew and concluded our evening party asking God's blessing on our homes and the members of the

From the Professor's Desk

By Dr. Ralph E. Powell, Professor, North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

How is truth related to freedom as expressed for example in John 8:32?

Even in the general or secular sense, truth is a liberating force. Other things being equal, the greater access people have to the truth and the more they cherish the truth, the more free they are. And this is much more so in the spiritual realm. The biblical idea of truth and freedom is not merely intellectual or philosophical. There is something distinctive and dynamic about the Christian concept of truth and freedom (See "Professor's Desk" article in the Oct. 24 issue).

Truth is a quality or characteristic which belongs inherently to God—God is a God of truth (Psa. 31:5; Jer. 10:10); he "keeps truth for ever" (Psa. 146:6; 100:5). As such, God is reliable, dependable, and able to perform what is required (God's faithfulness, Deut. 32:4). Truth develops into a quality of God's activity: he judges truly (Psa. 96:13); he sends forth truth (Psa. 57:3); all the paths of the Lord are true (Psa. 25:10). If freedom is experienced within the truth (and not within the binding and blinding power of error), then these considerations are immediately important. God can be depended upon—he is true (compare the caprice and unaccountability of the false pagan gods).

OBEDIENCE GUARANTEES LIBERTY

Truth is what God demands of man (Psa. 51:6; 15:2; Jer. 5:1; II Kings 20:3). Required is unwavering conformity to God's will as made known in his law, which is truth (Psa. 119:151). Truth is the realm in which freedom is experienced, and obedience is the action which guarantees liberty.

The New Testament emphasizes the fact that truth is something to be *done*, not merely to be believed or thought about (John 3:21; Gal. 5:7; I Pet. 1:22; I John 1:6). Truth is not simply for contemplation, but for conduct, and freedom is found within obedience to God's revealed truth. And truth most worth knowing is accessible only by divine revelation (I Cor. 2:9-16; I Tim. 2:4; 4:3). This truth, more than any other truth in the world, is a dynamic, liberating force

class and on those who had entertained us.

In conclusion, I want to call your attention to one more experience during the year. The class liked to go hiking with their teacher. Therefore, I took them on a trip over Pinnacle Hills ending in Highland Park with its stately trees and beautiful flowers, where we had our lunch. After playing a few

(John 8:32, 36).

Primary for mankind is not only to understand the universe and to be able to harness its powers, but to know God himself in Jesus Christ, who is the Truth, and be enabled to live the good life of faith and obedience. The truth which Christ brought into the world and offers to mankind is directed to this end (John 1:14, 17; 14:6). This truth is sanctifying (John 17:17, 19), and sanctification is a liberation, a setting free from bondage, sin, fear, hostility, estrangement, frustration, debilitating servitudes, meaninglessness, despair, etc. It is an enablement whereby (through the redemption of Christ and the work of the Holy Spirit, "the Spirit of Truth") man is empowered to become what God meant him to be, and this is real freedom.

TRUTH TRANSFORMS LIFE

Truth in this dimension does not merely add to one's knowledge; it transforms the believing and responsive individual. Truth changes the one who receives it. Here too there is the paradoxical element: God, through his truth, exercises a Lordship over me. He makes me his very own property, and by this very fact I become free. Indeed, only then do I develop my true self, my authentic being. Emil Brunner stresses the fact that in revelation God makes himself my Lord, and in so doing he makes me "truly free."

To summarize, we were set free from slavery to sin by the truth of the Gospel (I Peter 1:23; James 1:18). The Holy Spirit who effected our salvation is the Spirit of Truth and guides us into all truth (John 16:13; 14:17; I John 5:7). Salvation puts us in possession of redemption truth and brings us into fellowship with him who is true (John 17:3; I John 5:20), the Source and guarantee of all truth. Christian freedom is a freedom within truth, within the truth revealed in the Scriptures.

Freedom is as broad as the eternal truth of God, as clear and certain as the perfect will of God revealed in the divine Word, as effective and living as the quickening Holy Spirit. This is the freedom of the sons of God under the Lordship of Christ, who is Truth Incarnate.

games, we sat in a semi-circle to have our picture taken.

I still have it, colored by hand. It appears on this page of the "Baptist Herald." It has brought back many happy memories, as I have sat at my typewriter recalling them from a somewhat clouded past, but still radiant from my seminary ministry in church and school.



ALBERT BRETSCHNEIDER'S CLASS OF BOYS
During his seminary days in Rochester, N. Y., Albert Bretschneider gathered boys from the streets and taught them as a Sunday school class. Some of those "boys" became outstanding citizens of Rochester, N. Y.

My Land of Enchantment

The daughter of Dr. and Mrs. R. Schilke spent last summer in Turkey with her "new adopted family" as part of the Americans Abroad Program for high school students. It was a memorable adventure for her!

By Diane Schilke
of Oak Park, Illinois



Diane Schilke in Istanbul, Turkey with the impressive mausoleum of Ataturk, renowned Turkish leader, in the background.

THIS PAST summer I had the privilege of living in Turkey with the family of Mr. Sabri Sekercioglu. I was part of the "Americans Abroad" program of the American Field Service. The AFS brings foreign students from thirty countries to live and go to school in the States for their senior year in high school, and also makes it possible for American teenagers to live abroad for either a summer or a year.

MY TURKISH FAMILY

There were about 700 of us who sailed together from New York City in late June aboard the *MV Seven Seas*. We were bound for twenty different countries in Europe and the Near East, and we were all tickled pink about being chosen. I had seventy-one fellow "Turks" and soon we were a congenial group, going to language and orientation classes, eating, and learning about our new homeland together.



"THIS WAS MY FAMILY IN TURKEY!"

Diane Schilke (center, standing) with the family of Mr. Sabri Sekercioglu in Turkey with whom she spent the past summer as part of the "Americans Abroad Program."

Shortly after our arrival in Istanbul, Turkey on July 6, I was delivered to my family in Eskisehir, a town of about 250,000 in central Turkey. They welcomed me in a warm-hearted, friendly manner which is typical of the Turkish people, and before long I felt just like one of the family.

My family consisted of my parents; my grandmother; Seral, age 18; Yenal, 17; and Unal, 6. My sister Seral spoke English very well. So, although at first I could not communicate with my brothers or parents, I had no great language problem. I did pick up quite a bit of Turkish while I was there. The first week I learned the names of all the foods so that I could help Mom with the cooking.

I loved Turkish food and gained almost ten pounds, which I have been trying very hard to lose since my return. Meals are bigger there, usually having at least three separate courses.

Rice and macaroni are staples of their diet instead of potatoes, and great quantities of wheat bread are consumed at every meal. Fruits and vegetables of every variety are grown in Turkey. Okra and egg plant are two that we had a lot. Dessert is always fresh fruit, especially peaches and melons, which was fine with me. The Moslem law forbids the eating of pork, so lamb and fish are the most common meats. Breakfast is always the same: tea, bread, butter, jam, and cheese.

THE MOSLEM RELIGION

My family was Moslem, as are 99 per cent of the Turkish people. As an outsider, it was hard for me to estimate the real strength of the religion in Turkey or the influence it has on the lives of the people. Turkey is a land of old and new, of contrasts and contradictions. What is custom and what is religion? In many places the two are inseparable. Until the establishment of the Turkish Republic by Kemal Ataturk in 1923, the history of the religion and that of the state were one and the same. The Turks are very proud of their beautiful mosques, many of them hundreds of years old, containing some of the most beautiful art work in the world. But is this history or religion? Every village, no matter how small, has a mosque with its slender minaret rising to the sky. The faithful are still called to prayer five times each day. But by many people, the caller is ignored. It has become very inconvenient for people in the bustling cities to stop what they are doing five times a day to perform the ritual prayer. Because it is in Arabic and not Turkish, it is meaningless to many people, especially the younger generation. The Moslem holy day is Friday, and services are held in the afternoon.

But with the Turks religion is an

"all or nothing" affair. Either they pray at the prescribed times and attend the mosque services or else they do neither. Although everyone claims to be Mohammedan, Islam is not the motivating factor in the lives of the Turks.

MAUSOLEUM OF ATATURK

I did a lot of travelling with my family, so I have seen much of Turkey. We spent a week in Istanbul at the seashore, travelled into the mountains near Bursa, and visited the capital city of Ankara. Though the Istanbul mosques were perhaps the most beautiful things I saw because of their mosaics, the most impressive man-made structure was the Mausoleum of Ataturk. It is set on the highest hill in Ankara, commanding a view of the entire city.

The entrance is flanked on either side by high statues of Turkish youth. Passing the statues, you proceed down a long walk which opens into a great square. The square is surrounded on three sides by pillars, and on the fourth is the building housing the tomb itself. The huge dimensions of the building and the many steps up to it lent an air of dignity and grandeur. The ceiling of the building is completely built of blue, gold and red mosaics. It is truly a great tribute to the man who made Turkey what it is today.

Everyday life in Turkey moves at a much slower pace than it does here in the States. The days are very hot. Late afternoons are often spent walking through the city or sitting in one of the tea parks eating ice cream and drinking tea. Visiting friends is also a favorite afternoon pastime. Supper is not until 9:00 P.M.; so there is no great rush.

Wherever you go to visit, you are always offered chocolates and tea. The Turks are a very hospitable people. Often lemon cologne is poured into your hands to help you cool off. Men



Diane Schilke (left) and two members of the Sekercioglu family in front of the imposing statues at Ataturk's Mausoleum.

and women alike use it for every conceivable purpose, from antiseptic and after shave lotion to a balm for headache.

BIBLICAL CITY OF EPHESUS

The last two weeks of my stay were spent with the other American Field Service students. We took a bus trip for a week down to Izmir on the Aegean Sea. Many ancient ruins are in that area, including the Biblical city of Ephesus. We saw, among other things, the tomb of St. John, the house where Mary was supposed to have spent her last days and of course the Temple of Diana. It really made history come alive.

Those of us who had been living in



Over the minarets and dome of a Mohammedan mosque, one can see the waters of the surrounding sea and the Asian side of the great city of Istanbul, Turkey.

Eleven New Missionaries

An Open Letter of Thanks and Praise by Rev. G. Ben Lawrence, Acting Field Secretary

To our North American Baptists:

Thank you! The first eight of the eleven new missionaries you have appointed have arrived in the Federal Republic of Cameroon. We are grateful; we are encouraged; we are enthusiastic. Reinforcements in any battle cause the soldiers to "take heart." Your faith in appointing these eleven has not only added to our strength, but it has revived our own energies. A new surge can already be felt on the field because of your faith.

The new ones who have arrived are:

- Pat Heller, now at Bansa Baptist Hospital.
- Ernest and Augusta Hildebrand, now building Saker College at Victoria.
- Lloyd and Sharon Kwast, now teaching at our Bible Training Center at Ndu and also in our new Ndu Baptist College.
- Gary and Edith Schroeder, now teaching at our Baptist Teacher Training College at Soppo.
- Dr. Lothar Lichtenfeld, now serving at Bansa Baptist Hospital until his assignment is finalized.

Pray for them and also for the Harold Langs who will arrive soon and Katherine Hunt who must study before coming to the field.

Thank you for them. Thank you for your faith. We are grateful that God has so moved in your hearts.

Sincerely in Christ,
Ben Lawrence
Acting Field Secretary

different parts of Turkey received "new families" when we returned to Istanbul for our final week. Our new brothers and sisters showed us the sights, took us swimming, and took us shopping in the covered Bazaar. It was a wonderful way to end a memorable summer. As we took off from Istanbul airport headed for Rotterdam, the boat and home, each of us left a part of ourselves, our new families and friends, in our land of enchantment, Turkey.

THE THANKFUL HEART

If one should give me a dish of sand and tell me that there were particles of iron in it, I might look for them with my eyes and search for them with my clumsy fingers and be unable to detect them, but let me take a magnet and sweep through it, and how it would draw to itself the most invisible particles by the mere power of attraction!

The unthankful heart, like my fingers in the sand, discovers no mercies, but let the thankful heart sweep through the day, and as the magnet finds the iron, so it will find in every hour some heavenly blessings. Only, the iron in God's sand is gold!—Henry Ward Beecher

MARCH OF EVENTS

● **TEACHING NATIONALS TO WRITE.** The Bible and Medical Missionary Fellowship, working in India, Pakistan, and Nepal, sponsored a four-week Christian writing institute for 25 nationals at Nasik, the first of its kind to be held in India. Its purpose was to train national believers in Asia to write for their own people. The course was not concerned only with writing techniques, but with the larger problem of communicating the Christian faith in the context of the modern non-Christian outlook of the various countries.

● **BRAILLE EDITION OF GRAHAM'S BOOK.** A limited Braille edition of *The Rainbow of Hope* by Billy Graham, has been published in Japan by Miss Lenora Hudson, Southern Baptist missionary teacher at Seinan Jo Gakuin, Baptist girls' school in Kokura, and one of her blind friends, in a project Miss Hudson calls "a labor of love." Funds from interested persons made possible the purchase of a machine for printing Braille, and all work was donated.

● **WORLDWIDE BIBLE READING.** The annual observance of Worldwide Bible Reading—often described as the world's largest Bible reading class—will mark its twentieth anniversary during the holiday season this year with the theme, "The Word of Truth." Sponsored by the American Bible Society, and co-sponsored by more than fifty denominations with a membership of over 51 million persons, the program invites Christians everywhere to join in a spiritual fellowship by reading the same pre-selected passage of the Bible on the same day each year between Thanksgiving Day and Christmas. Fourteen million book-marks which list the daily readings are being distributed free.

● **ABRAHAM'S HEBRON TO BE EXCAVATED.** Hebron, the traditional burial place of Abraham and his sons, Isaac and Jacob, will be excavated by American archeologists next summer. Prof. Philip C. Hammond of the Princeton Theological Seminary will direct the expedition at the site 25 miles south of Jerusalem in Jordan. Other participating organizations include the University of Southern California, the Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary, the American Council of Learned Societies, and the American Friends of the Middle East. The last major Biblical site in the Holy Land still unexcavated, Hebron was the first capital of King David. It was to Hebron that Joshua sent his men to "buy up land" in Canaan.—*The New York Times*.

● **PRAYER ROOM AT EISENHOWER CENTER.** Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower has expressed a desire to members of the Eisenhower Library Commission for a prayer room in the Eisenhower Center at Abilene, Kans. It would enable visitors to pause and "consider their future and their Creator," he declared. Through the National Archives Division, the center is maintained by the federal government. However, Eisenhower said that he did not believe the recent U. S. Supreme Court ruling should affect the project, adding that this nation's founders believed in divine guidance and that great governments of the world were built on a belief in a divine Creator.—*The Watchman-Examiner*.

BAPTIST BRIEFS

● **Evangelism Among Latin Americans.** Texas Baptists set a goal of \$500,000 to finance their 1964 evangelistic crusade among Latin Americans in the state. Personal witnessing and visitation among the 2.5 million Latin Americans in Texas will be done by some 3,000 clergymen, laymen and women, said Dr. T. A. Patterson, State Convention executive secretary. Evangelistic rallies in over 500 local churches and mass meetings are planned.

● **March for Freedom.** President Harold E. Stassen and Dr. Edwin H. Tuller, general secretary of the American Convention, participated in the August 28 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. They joined with a large group of American Baptists who, under arrangements made by Rev. Elizabeth Miller, director of the division of Christian Social Concern, made the trip from Valley Forge, Pa., in a chartered bus.—*The Watchman-Examiner*.

● **Baptists in Central Africa.** The Baptist Convention of Central Africa, organized last January, held its first annual meeting in July at the Baptist assembly grounds near Gwelo. Representatives of 39 churches attended the two days of evangelistic and business sessions. The first edition of *The Baptist Witness*, the Convention's newspaper, was released during the meeting. To be printed quarterly by Baptist Publishing House in Bulawayo, the four-page paper is edited by Aaron Ndlovu, pastor of two churches in the Bulawayo area.

● **NEW BIBLE CAMPAIGN.** The American Bible Society participation in a new world-wide effort to triple Scripture distribution in the next three years, has been launched with the publication of a pocket-size Spanish edition of the First Letter of Peter for distribution throughout Latin America and to Spanish-speaking residents of the United States. Dr. Laton E. Holmgren, a general secretary of the ABS, says that a first printing of 500,000 copies of the new publication, entitled "San Pedro Dice," has been prepared. He described it as "attractive, modern" and with "clear language and striking illustrations intended to catch the attention and hold the interest of anyone who speaks Spanish."—*The Baptist Times*.

● **Baptist Church in Cairo, Egypt.** First Baptist Church in Cairo, Egypt, dedicated its new auditorium August 2, in a service attended by more than 300 persons. Made possible by gifts from Southern Baptists through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, the building is the first constructed for Baptist worship in Egypt, said William O. Hern, missionary to Jordan who travels to Egypt occasionally.

● **European Baptist Men.** Forty participants from seven European countries met at the Baptist seminary in Rüschlikon, Switzerland, July 24-31, for the Conference of European Baptist Men. Mr. Cyril Petch, secretary and chief commissioner of the Baptist Men's Movement in Great Britain, presided. The conference theme was "Men as Ambassadors for Christ." Men from Denmark, France, Germany, Great Britain, Holland, Italy and Switzerland joined in Bible study and group discussions and heard addresses by Baptist leaders from Europe, America and the seminary.

● **Youth Conference in Salzburg, Austria.** The Austrian Baptist youth met for two summer conferences in 1963. In June the annual conference was held in Salzburg with messages by the new Youth Secretary, Rev. Oswald G. Rehner, and Rev. August Hirnboeck, on "Church and Youth" and in August a holiday was held for one week in Steinbach am Attersee. The theme was "The Message of the Prophets of the Old Testament" and the leader was Rev. Gerhard Manns.

● **The Whiteshell Baptist Church of River Hills, Manitoba** has extended a call to Rev. Bruno Voss of Moosehorn, Manitoba. He responded favorably to the call and is already serving the church, having succeeded Rev. Arthur Gellert, now of Terrace, B. C. Mr. Voss was the pastor of the Moosehorn Church from 1958 to 1963.

● **Rev. A. J. Borchardt, pastor of the NAB churches in Streeter and Medina, N. Dak.,** was recently honored with the Doctor of Divinity degree by Burton College and Seminary, the same school from which he received his B.Th. degree. At that time it was the Pikes Peak Bible Seminary and Burton College. Congratulations, Dr. Borchardt!

● **The Baptist Church of Davin, Sask.,** is being served by Mr. Darold Sauer, a Bible School student in Regina, Sask. This church is located in the small town of Davin near Regina. It has been pastorless for some time and the congregation is therefore grateful for this ministry rendered by Mr. Sauer.

● **Professor Roy W. Seibel of Sioux Falls, S. Dak.,** is on leave of absence from the faculty of the North American Baptist Seminary and is spending a second year of graduate study through June 1964 at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, Minn., concluding his residential work towards the Ph.D. degree. He is enrolled in the Department of Speech at the University.

● **The Temple Baptist Church of Swan River, Manitoba** has extended a call to Rev. Herbert Bushkowsky of Ochre River, Manitoba to which a favorable reply has been given. He has announced that he will begin his ministry in the Swan River church on Jan. 1, 1964, succeeding Rev. Leslie Zilkie. He has been the pastor of the church in Ochre River since 1962.

● **Miss Jean Jacobsen of Bellwood, Ill.,** began her services on Sept. 16 as secretary to Rev. L. Bienert and as clerk in the Book Store of the Roger Williams Press in Forest Park, Ill. She is a member of the Bellwood Baptist Church. She has succeeded Miss Virginia Priestley, who will be married to Mr. William Neuman, a 1963 Seminary graduate, in Brookings, S. Dak., on Nov. 2.

● **The East Olds Baptist Church, Olds, Alberta** has extended a call to Rev. E. L. Thiessen of Saskatoon, Sask., to become its pastor. Following a month's vacation during September in the ministry of the Hudson Bay Park Baptist Church at Saskatoon, Mr. Thiessen began his ministry at the Olds Church on Oct. 1. The church there has been without a minister during the past year since Rev. Herman A. Pohl went to Minitonas, Manitoba.

● **Rev. and Mrs. Alvin Harsch of Emery, S. Dak.,** have announced the birth of a son on Sept. 7th who has been named Jeffery Alvin. Mr. Harsch is pastor of the Plum Creek Baptist

Church near Emery. Rev. and Mrs. George W. Lang, missionaries at Ndu, West Cameroon, Africa, have announced the birth of a daughter on Sept. 22 who has been named Linda Jane. Mr. Lang is a teacher at the Baptist Bible Training Center in Ndu.

● **Rev. and Mrs. B. W. Krentz** have accepted a call to take charge of a Nursing Home at Walhalla, N. Dak., west of Pembina, N. Dak., and two

what's happening

with other mission-related activities throughout the world. She will enter a Spanish language school in San Jose, Costa Rica in January 1964 and will leave the position at the Bethel Church some time before the first of the year, depending on her replacement.

● **The Riverview Baptist Church, West St. Paul, Minn.,** has extended a call to Mr. Merv Noah to serve as church

miles south of the Canadian border. This is a modern, 70 bed Nursing Home when completed at a cost of about \$400,000. One wing was opened in June with about 22-25 guests in the Home. The town has a population of about 1800. It is a Community Home, mostly Lutheran. Mr. and Mrs. Krentz brought their ministry at the Baptist Home in Bismarck, N. Dak., to a close in August 1963.

● **The Snowview Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio** has extended a call to Rev. W. C. Damrau, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Buffalo (Cheektowaga), New York since 1958 to which a favorable reply has been given. He will begin his pastorate in the Snowview Church on Dec. 1, succeeding Rev. Harold W. Lang, who is on his way at the present with his family to West Cameroon, Africa, as our NAB missionary. The Snowview Church has a uniquely beautiful edifice that was only recently dedicated to the glory of God.

● **Miss Anita Richards, assistant to Rev. H. H. Riffel, pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church, St. Clair Shores, Mich.,** has accepted a candidacy with the World Radio Missionary Fellowship which operates the radio-television station HCJB in Quito, Ecuador, along

missionary and to assist the pastor, Rev. Harold E. Weiss, in the program of church visitation. He is a second year student at Bethel College in St. Paul and hopes later to enter the North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak. His wife, Bonnie (Teske) was a member of the first team of God's Volunteers in 1956-1957. They have two children, Sharon and Susan. Mr. Noah began his ministry at the Riverview Church on Oct. 1.

● **Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Milner** resigned as superintendent and matron of the Evergreen Baptist Home at White Rocky, B. C., effective July 15, 1963. Their health did not allow them to carry on this work any longer. Mr. Ertman A. Bredin was appointed superintendent and his wife, Agnes, became the matron. They began their duties on July 15, 1963. They are members of the Trinity Baptist Church of Kelowna, B. C. Mr. A. Joe Klassen of Vancouver, B. C. is the president of the Evergreen Baptist Home Society and Rev. P. Daum of Vancouver is the secretary.

● **The North American Baptist Seminary of Sioux Falls, S. Dak.,** held its second annual retreat from Sept. 9 to 11 at Lake Poinsett, S. Dak. A large group of 54 persons, including faculty members and guest speakers attended this inspirational retreat. The program was centered on "The Men of God." Rev. David J. Draewell, secretary of stewardship and higher education, gave three lectures on the theme. Orientation lectures on the students were given by Dr. for new students and Rev. Frank Veninga, Seminary president, Dr. J. C. Gunst, Central District secretary, served as the devotional and discussion leader.

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WHITE CROSS SHIPMENTS

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

A little girl in Sunday school was asked to define a saint. Thinking of the figures of the saints in the stained-glass windows of the church, she replied, "A saint is a person that the light shines through." Using this apt description, the women of our denomination would say, "Mrs. Borrmann, the White Cross worker at Headquarters, is a saint." She has let the sun shine through the work she has done to make our White Cross endeavor possible.

Mrs. Borrmann receives all the supplies sent to Headquarters in Forest Park. As soon as a box arrives, she notes the name of the church and the sender. The contents are emptied and the content slip is put on file, because the society must receive credit. The articles are placed on shelves provided in the White Cross Room. Hours and hours are spent preparing a box or bale. Each contains a specific quantity of articles requested by the White Cross Chairman of each of our hospitals. As an example, imagine counting 8000 surgical sponges, 2 inches by 2 inches for one bale; or 1200 bundles of cotton squares for one bale! Medicine bottles have to be assorted according to size, and Mrs. Borrmann even trims loose threads on the cotton square bundles!

The last shipment of hospital supplies left Chicago on May 2, containing 2763 pounds net, consisting of 31 units. All these were packed painstakingly by Mrs. Borrmann and then, with the help of the men workers, the bales were placed in heavy presses. Each bale has to be sewn with a certain ravel-proof stitch before it is ready.

The shipment is not yet ready! Mrs. Borrmann still has the written forms to prepare. In this last shipment, for example, she has a detailed form of the contents of 25 bales, one bundle and five cases. She is, indeed, the one we women should thank for the fact that the supplies, which we make, reach Africa and our doctors and nurses. May the light continue to shine through Mrs. Erika Borrmann!

Co-laborers Together With Christ

By Mrs. Erika Borrmann of Forest Park, Illinois, in charge of all White Cross shipments for the mission field.

I WONDER HOW MANY of our women realize that each one has or could have a very active part in the work for God's Kingdom. Often I find myself tracing back my feelings which were mine as a member of one of our churches. What did I think about our Women's Work? How much did I know about it? There were specific questions that popped up and for which I had no answer. Headquarters—what would it be like? I had no idea—it was a place far away. Not even in my dreams did I expect to see headquarters some day, but the Lord had his plans with me and he led me to Forest Park as secretary to the general missionary secretary, Dr. R. Schilke. White Cross Work is a "sideline" of my tasks.

ENDLESS WHITE CROSS PARCELS

White Cross is of interest to all our women. I have experienced that again and again. Visitors coming to headquarters are amazed (as I was in the beginning) about the many items found in the White Cross room. Here the parcels, 1000 or more per year, coming from East and West, North and South, are unpacked and sorted. I do this in my spare minutes or when I am in need of a change, for typing can get very strenuous when there is no break for hours.

After sorting, the material which can be pressed will be packed in the baler and baled. Many of you will know that the bales have a wrapper of watertight paper and burlap, that they have to be closed at each end

and that this is done by sewing it with string and sackneedle. Medical supplies are bought, and I order them according to the requests from the field. Breakable materials are packed in wooden cases lined with watertight paper.

If I tell you that we ship annually from 8,000 to 12,000 pounds of White Cross material to Cameroon, Africa, you can imagine how many parcels have to be unpacked and how much lifting has to be done before the bales and cases are ready for shipment. Careful packing, even and tight, is necessary in order to bring the White Cross materials into the hands of our missionaries in good condition. While I am doing these jobs, my thoughts start to wander.

Here I am, taking the diapers, or jackets, or blankets out of the shelves, hundreds and thousands of them. How many groups have worked on that bale? How many women have had a share in it? Some worked and gave of their talent; others donated money. Some may have found the work easy, others perhaps difficult. The same might be true with regards to the donations. How many widows may have brought a sacrifice? What an endless chain of willing hands and hearts!

A CONTINUOUS STREAM OF BLESSING

It is like a stream flowing toward headquarters, and here I stand, trying to the best of my ability to gather

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Mrs. Erika Borrmann (right) shows Mrs. Arthur R. Weisser, White Cross chairman of the Woman's Missionary Union, how the thousands of White Cross materials must be sorted and neatly packed for shipment to Cameroon, Africa. (Photo by Mrs. Alice N. Pohl).



A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: November 17, 1963

Theme: **THE POWER OF A DEDICATED LIFE**

Scripture: II Corinthians 2:14-3:6

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: The triumph in our life does not depend on winning our own battles, but on letting Christ win the battles for us.

INTRODUCTION: No life can succeed without a great deal of dedication. Men who are dedicated to sports must keep their bodies in excellent best. Paul could not help but notice the dedication of the men who took part in the Roman games. "Every man perate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible" (I Cor. 9:25). A half-hearted athlete can never be chosen to be a member of the Olympic team.

The man who thinks that his business will run itself will soon find himself in danger of bankruptcy. A limited dedication in fields of science, education and government will not advance the man nor will it help humanity.

Christianity demands dedication. Jesus could not afford to choose half-hearted followers. The man who puts his hand to the plow must not look back (Luke 9:62). Those who began to make excuses (Luke 14:18ff) wanted to compromise their dedication, but because the kingdom of God did not come first in their lives Jesus said, "None of those men who were bidden shall taste of my supper."

I. DEDICATION AND TRIUMPH. II Corinthians 2:14-16.

Paul declares that we will always triumph in Christ. It may not always look and feel like a triumph but it comes out in the way God knows best. It does not mean that things and circumstances will always come out exactly as we expect them, or want them, or even planned them. But if we have faith, they will come out better than our expectations. In all of our experiences we gain and grow in the knowledge of Christ and this helps us more and more to look for the kind of triumph Christ has in store for us. Our dedication becomes more complete as we see Christ's life, blessing and joy in our lives. In contrast to our dedication, we see frustration, defeat and loss in the lives of those who reject him.

II. DEDICATION AND SINCERITY. November 7, 1963

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TY. II Corinthians 2:7.

Our dedication must of necessity include dedication to the Word of God. No doubt Paul was here referring to those who purposely misquoted Christ's words, who twisted them to fit their own preconceived ideas and compared them to the teachings of pagan religions. The power and the purity of Christ are destroyed if we destroy God's Word. In order to understand and obey the Word of God, we must be dedicated in our sincerity to follow where it leads and not attempt to misinterpret, add or subtract in order to avoid full obedience to his will.

III. DEDICATION IN LIFE. II Corinthians 3:1-3.

Paul is saying that our lives are the ultimate proof of our dedication. The true worth is the worth that we carry in our hearts. No matter how many recommendations, written or verbal, we may receive through people, it is our life that will expose us and let people know who and what we are.

IV. DEDICATION BASED ON GOD'S SUFFICIENCY. II Corinthians 3:4-6.

No matter how deeply and sincerely dedicated we may be, we cannot rise to what God expects of us without relying on his help. We are not self-sufficient but God-sufficient. Our responsibility is more and more dedication and God's responsibility is more and more power.

Questions for Discussion:

1. What is the meaning of the words, "the letter killeth, but the Spirit giveth life?"
2. How is God's Word corrupted today?
3. What does the word, "Dedicate," mean to you?

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: November 24, 1963

Theme: **THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION**

Scripture: II Corinthians 5:11-21

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: When sinful man is an enemy of a loving God, reconciliation is difficult but possible.

INTRODUCTION: Most churches know from experience how difficult it is to reconcile two parties who are at enmity with each other. More often, both are at fault but neither have the courage or humility to take the first

step at reconciliation. Pride is an insurmountable obstacle for many people, and Christians are not immune from this disease.

We see enmity in the world all around us. Nations are constantly striving, not toward reconciliation but toward superiority. The United Nations, since its beginning, has constantly been kept busy trying to effect reconciliation between conflicting countries. The most difficult role for us is to act as a "go-between," a peacemaker among people and nations who need to seek a common ground upon which they can be brought together. It is the peacemaker who often suffers most and bears the brunt of the battle as well as the blame. Only in a very limited way can we understand how much Christ suffered in order to make peace between a sinful world and a holy God.

I. RECONCILIATION AND SERVICE. II Corinthians 5:11-13.

The expressions in the 11th verse are a little difficult to understand unless they are studied within the context and original meaning of the words. "The terror of the Lord" has a frightening implication. But we must remember that the words, "fear" and "terror," often refer to a holy sense of awe, reverence and respect which springs from a love and devotion to God. God is also the Judge before whom all must stand.

But Paul thought in terms of love and gratitude because of what God had done for him. In his service to Christ, he would now use all his powers of argument and reasoning in order to "persuade" men, not as one recommending himself, but as one who is trying to give the Corinthians something so that they could be proud of him. He is not offering his service for appearance sake, but because it comes genuinely from the heart.

II. THE MESSAGE OF RECONCILIATION. II Corinthians 5:14-19.

If Christ died for all, then we must take for granted that all were dead. To atone for sin, Christ died and took upon himself the sin of all men. Without Christ, therefore, men are dead in sin. With Christ, men are dead to sin.

In the 16th verse Paul seems to be justifying his relationship to Christ. There were those who questioned his apostleship because, like the twelve, he did not know Christ in the flesh. It is useless to speak of Christ in the flesh when no one will now have the opportunity. The important thing is to be in Christ which is far better, for

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Happy in the Service of the King

Reports of a Church Extension baptismal service, Round Robin Missionary Conference, and welcome for a returning Cameroon missionary.

BAPTISMAL SERVICE AT SHERWOOD PARK CHURCH, GREELEY, COLORADO

THE SHERWOOD PARK Baptist Church at Greeley, Colorado, experienced great joy on Sunday, Sept. 8, when it observed its first baptismal service in a beautiful outdoor setting. Four candidates, the first fruits of this new Church Extension project, followed their Lord in obedience to him. Rev. Edwin Michelson, pastor at LaSalle, brought the message, and a Ladies' Quartet from LaSalle presented the music.

The testimonies of these candidates will not soon be forgotten by the church. Two of these young men accepted Christ as Savior after hearing the testimonies of the charter members at the meeting when this new church was organized. Two weeks later one of these boys gave a radiant testimony for his Lord at a young people's meeting, which resulted in a young man (a school teacher) giving his life to the Lord in full surrender. He was the third candidate for baptism and is today the president of our C. B. Y. F. The fourth candidate accepted the Lord at Vacation Bible School.

We are trusting God for continued blessings as his Word is proclaimed in Greeley.

Raymond Harsch,
Church Extension Pastor



First Baptism for Sherwood Park Church, Greeley, Colorado.

Left to right: Rev. R. Harsch, pastor; Tom Haley, Ben Howard, Jerry Howard and Lynn Krieger.

ROUND ROBIN MISSIONARY CONFERENCE FOR FIVE CHURCHES, CLEVELAND

Metropolitan Cleveland churches enjoyed their third annual Round Robin Missionary Conference, Sept. 12-15. Erin Avenue, Hillcrest, Parma Heights, and Snowview Baptist

Churches planned the conference and invited the new Mission Baptist Church to participate. A relevant theme was chosen, "Witnessing For Christ to a World in Transition," and the missionaries very deftly wove this theme into their messages giving a definite unity to the conference.

Since our missionaries were all from our Cameroon field, Africa was highlighted. Rev. Fred Folkerts, Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson, and Miss Eleanor Weisenburger along with the denominational representative, Dr. M. L. Leuschner, all drew a realistic challenging picture for us showing both the heartaches and victories in Africa.

Mr. Folkerts described the total program, the many avenues of reaching Cameroonians, letting us know that the Cameroon government is prodding us to open more schools and to in-



Rev. Raymond Harsch, pastor of the Sherwood Park Baptist Church, a Church Extension project, of Greeley, Colorado.

crease our hospital staff and facilities. Miss Weisenburger gave more detail on the medical work bringing us to the realization that our doctors and nurses are carrying an amazingly large work load. Their plea is for helpers but we could tell their love is so great they'll never do less for their Lord. Both Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson highlighted local church situations, evangelism, and gave precious portraits of individual fellow believers.

In addition to the individual church nightly meetings, we held a Saturday morning Inter-church Round Table Discussion at Erin Avenue Baptist Church and later the same day had our Youth Banquet there too. One hundred young people attended the banquet, enjoyed the meal and program, and were challenged by Mr. Henderson's message.

Fred M. Penner,
Reporter



MISSIONARY GERTRUDE SCHATZ

arrives in Winnipeg, Manitoba to be greeted by her sister, Mrs. Dan Walters (right) and her husband and by a band from our Winnipeg churches playing "Onward, Christian Soldiers."

BAND AND HUNDREDS OF NORTH AMERICAN BAPTISTS GREET MISSIONARY GERTRUDE SCHATZ

Many of us have heard the story of the missionary couple who returned from Africa after having spent their whole lifetime serving God there. Returning on the same ship from hunting wild game was the United States president. All the attention was focused on this important man. When the ship docked, there were the thousands to greet him, and the bands to welcome him home. But the missionaries, having given emotional, physical and mental health in serving God, had no one to greet them.

They checked into a cheap hotel. They were hurt. They said that it just wasn't fair. Here this man came home from a game hunt and received such a tremendous welcome. "And we come home from serving God in Africa, and there is no one to meet us." God then put his hand on their shoulders and said, "Missionaries, you're not home yet."

Well, this was not the case when our missionary, Miss Gertrude Schatz, returning from Africa arrived at Winnipeg. A band from our Winnipeg churches played "Onward, Christian Soldiers" as they saw Miss Schatz walk into the station. She was so overcome with emotion and surprise that

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BAPTIST HERALD

our denomination in action

special events

• **First, Emery, S. Dak.** We of the First Baptist Church, Emery, S. Dak., have come to a very significant time in the building program of our new edifice, to which we have looked forward for many years. We held the cornerstone laying ceremony in connection with our morning service on Sept. 8. Our pastor, Rev. L. H. Friesen, preached on "What Do These Stones Mean?"—(Mrs. Walter Heitzman, Reporter.)

• **Plevna, Montana.** The First Baptist Church, Plevna, Mont., had the pleasure of seeing pictures of Africa on August 27, when Missionary and Mrs. Ernest Zimbelman stopped at Plevna, Montana to visit his sister and family, Rev. and Mrs. E. Kopf. Nine people from Plevna attended the C. B. Y. F. Conference at Williams Bay, Wis. On Sept 8th several of these young people reported to the church of the blessings received while attending the conference. On this same Sunday evening the annual musical program was presented by the choirs. Mrs. E. Kopf directed the 30 voice senior choir and Miss Mary Ann Fuchs the junior choir. Mrs. Wilmer Huber accompanied them. On Sept. 15, we had the pleasure of being host to our sister church of Sidney, Montana for our annual Fellowship Sunday. Rev. Arnold Friez brought the morning message and the Sidney choir provided the music. A pot luck dinner was served to about 180 people at noon.—(Ruth Sieler, Reporter.)

woman's missionary societies

• **Bethel, Anaheim, Calif.** A pot-luck dinner was enjoyed by the Woman's Missionary Society of the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., on Tuesday, Sept. 18. A duet, "My Lord and I," was sung by Mrs. Viola Eggert and Mrs. Gwen Yeske. The program chairman for the evening, Mrs. Emily Hoover, introduced the speaker, Mrs. Dorothy Zimbelman, our missionary from Cameroon, West Africa. Mrs. Zimbelman spoke about life in Africa in general and the women's reading class at Soppo.—(Mrs. Dorothy Ernst, Reporter.)

• **Parkston, S. Dak.** The Woman's Missionary Society of the Parkston Church, Parkston, S. Dak., observed its annual Guest Day on Aug. 7 with the Avon, Tyndall, Danzig, Tripp, Emery and Plum Creek societies as guests. About 100 ladies attended. Devotions were led by LaVerna Mehlhaff,

followed by a reading given by Irene Mehlhaff. Mrs. Elmer Buening brought a Church Extension report. Special music was rendered by a ladies' sextet. Our national Woman's Missionary Union president, Mrs. Harm Sherman, was our guest speaker, speaking on "Going a Little Farther With Jesus." The Parkston ladies served as hosts.—Mrs. Leland Koth, Reporter.)

• **Goodrich, N. Dak.** On Sept. 12 about 40 ladies of the First Baptist Church, Goodrich, N. Dak., gathered at the parsonage honoring Mrs. Jacob Ehman on her birthday. A program was rendered and a beautiful quilt was presented to her which had been made by the women. A four tiered birthday cake was served with ice cream and other cakes. On Sept. 22 we had the privilege of having Miss Eleanor Weisenburger, missionary to West Cameroon, with us for a Ladies' Tea. She gave an interesting talk about the work being done in Africa. A corsage was presented to her by our president, Mrs. Paul Stober. Our pastor, Rev. Jacob Ehman, conducted meetings at McLaughlin, S. Dak., recently.—(Mrs. Albert Schmidt, Reporter.)

CBY (youth) fellowship

• **C. B. Y. F. of Sask. Association.** The C. B. Y. F. of the Saskatchewan Association held a Youth Retreat at Good Spirit Lake, Sask., August 30 to Sept. 2nd. Twenty young people registered for the complete weekend. A number of others took in the Sunday services. Rev. Henry Pfeifer, pastor of the Faith Church of Regina, was guest speaker. Soul winning was the theme of the messages for the weekend. Missions was presented by Mrs. Ruth Martens, missionary on furlough from Aruba, Netherlands Antilles. (Mr. and Mrs. Martens are members of Faith Church of Regina. Mr. Martens had been called back to Aruba to assist in the erection of a government television tower and so was unable to attend the retreat.) We were also privileged to have Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Croes and daughters, Marjorie and Verna, who are converts from the mission field where the Martens labored in Aruba, with us for the entire weekend. The challenge of missions took on new meaning as we saw before us in reality the fruit of missionary service.—(Dilys L. Browatzke, Secretary.)



YOUTH RETREAT OF SASKATCHEWAN ASSOCIATION

Left to right, front row, seated on bench: Marjorie and Verna Croes, Mr. and Mrs. Croes, and Mrs. Ruth Martens. Rev. Henry Pfeifer is at left in the center row.

Terry Wetter; Youth Council members, Lynda Perry and Don Rostomily; and Social Chairmen are Marsha Perry and Roger Nicholas. The service was ended with Mrs. Margie Joens singing, "So Send I You."—(Thelma Fischer, Reporter).

sunday school programs & events

• **First, Emery, S. Dak.** On Sunday evening, Aug. 25, those who had engaged in Scripture Memory work in the First Baptist Church, Emery, S. Dak., took part in the evening service under the leadership of Mrs. Tony Doorn. There were 75 completing the one year course. Linda Terveen and Dole Weeldreyer completed the nine year course and received the grand award of Sallman's "Head of Christ." On Sunday evening, Sept. 1, the young people who attended the Youth Congress at Lake Geneva, Wis., presented an enthusiastic panel discussion report. They were: Stanley Friesen, Lyle Terveen, Merry Terveen, Gloria Terveen, Joyce Edzards and Carol Tammen. On Sunday evening, Sept. 15, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bleeker brought an illustrated report of their recent trip to the Holy Land and to the Baptist Youth Conference at Beirut, Lebanon.—(Mrs. Walter Heitzman, Reporter.)

• **Temple, Lodi, Calif.** On Saturday evening, Sept. 21st, an Appreciation Dinner for Sunday school teachers and workers of the Temple Church, Lodi, Calif., was prepared by various women of the church and served by the 7th and 8th grade girls Sunday school class. This is a yearly occasion at which time the Sunday school teachers and workers are recognized. Verne Howen was Master of Ceremonies. The person chosen as "the worker of the year" was Mrs. William (Mary Jean) Pirtle, who richly deserved this recognition. After the dinner hour, the entire group met in the church sanctuary where the Lord's Supper was observed, a very solemn and soul stirring occasion. In observance of Family Day, both in the Sunday school and in the church, an All

Church Sing was inaugurated with the First Baptist Church invited. A goodly number from both churches attended, after which cookies, punch and coffee were served. Ed Wild of Temple Baptist led the song service, and Rev. Harvey Mehlhoff of First

Baptist brought the devotions. Special music consisted of a male quartet, consisting of Cap Lohr, Ruben Burgstahler, Ed Wild, and Gerald Olson, and an accordion duet by Laura Wild and Darrell Harr.—(Thelma Fischer, Reporter).

ANNIVERSARIES & RECEPTIONS

• **Anamoose, N. Dak.** The golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Kessler of Anamoose, N. Dak., was a joyous occasion, observed with friends and relatives in the church which held many memories for the family. A program preceded the reception. Scripture was read by Hilmer Kessler with opening prayer by Rev. Ronald F. Derman of Harvey. The grandchildren were featured in the special music with a song by the Hilmer Kessler children, a piano solo by Carla Johnson, a duet by Sandy and Karen Kessler, a duet by Linda and Mrs. Lora Lautt, and a trio by the Mayer sisters. Gordon Mayer also brought a solo and Paul Kessler paid a tribute to the parents. Rev. Ernest Lautt and Rev. Milton Vietz brought brief messages. The closing number was a Family Chorus, including 23 grandchildren, singing "Count Your Many Blessings."

• **Watertown, Wisconsin.** Mr. and Mrs. Elmer P. Fralich of Watertown, Wis., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 19. The First Baptist Church of Watertown, of which Mr. and Mrs. Fralich are faithful members, gave a Service of Recognition in their honor on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 22, with Rev. Donald Miller, pastor, presiding. Rev. Rudolph Woyke, pastor of Temple Church, Milwaukee, Wis., and a former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Watertown gave an inspirational talk. Mr. B. V. Krueger, First Baptist Church, and Miss Marlis Fralich, daughter of the couple, brought short tributes. A quartet of Mrs. Roger Norman, Mrs. Glenn Sutton, Mr. B. V. Krueger and Mr. Henry Krause, sang "Sweeter As the Years Go By" and a trio of Mrs. Roger Norman, Misses Nancy and Dorothy Norman sang "Jesus Leads." The children of Mr. and Mrs. Fralich



Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Kessler of Anamoose, N. Dak., on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

held Open House at the church following the program. Their three daughters: Mrs. Luella Hacht, Mrs. June Hatley, Miss Marlis Fralich; one son-in-law, Carl Hatley; three of their four grandchildren, Hope and Dawn Hatley, Arnold Hacht, Jr.; and one great-grandson, Toby Jay Hacht; were present at the program and Open House.

• **Emmanuel, Marion, Kansas.** A pot luck dinner in the social rooms followed the Sunday morning service recently at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Marion, Kansas, honoring Rev. Elton Kirstein, Paul and Jeannie, before they left for their new home in Steamboat Rock, Iowa. In the afternoon John Hett was in charge of a program during which representatives of the various church organizations presented numbers. Ralph Popp, S. S. superintendent, opened the program. George Galliant led the devotions. At the close of the program a desk set and a desk lamp were presented to Mr. Kirstein by Bill Wray for the Homebuilders Class of which Mr. Kirstein has been the teacher. John Helmer presented a monetary gift from the church, and a silver tray was given to Mrs. Kirstein by the Woman's Missionary Society, the presentation being made by Mrs. Earl Morse.—(Mrs. Billy Wray, Reporter).

• **Steamboat Rock, Iowa.** On Thursday evening, Sept. 12th, the members and friends of the First Baptist Church, Steamboat Rock, Iowa, welcomed their new pastor and family, Rev. and Mrs. Elton Kirstein, Paul and Jean. The program was in charge of Harry Luiken. Words of welcome were expressed by various organizations of the church: Sunday School by Royce Luiken, young people's societies by Janet Havens, the ladies' groups by Deane Luiken, and Geo. Folkerts in



Mr. and Mrs. Elmer P. Fralich of Watertown, Wisconsin, members of the First Baptist Church of Watertown, at their golden wedding anniversary celebration.

behalf of the church. Several musical numbers were given and Rev. Carl Sentman, (who so willingly supplied when needed), also gave words of welcome. Rev. Donald Patet of Aplington brought the evening message. Rev. and Mrs. Elton Kirstein expressed their heartfelt thanks for the kind words of welcome and also for the pantry shower given them earlier in the week. As a congregation we are confident that the Lord will bless their work in Steamboat Rock, as we once again work faithfully together in Christ's Name.—(Mrs. Wm. H. Schuneman, Reporter).

BAPTISMAL SERVICE

• **Appleton, Minnesota.** On Sunday evening, Aug. 25, ten people were baptized by Dr. C. H. Seecamp, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Appleton, Minn., and were given the hand of fellowship into the church. These baptized persons are: Mrs. Gladys Hendrickson, Martin Giese, James Boettcher, John Winje, Susan Smith, Sharon Smith, Judy Carter, Tommie Carter, Mary Schnaser and Paula Gariepy.—(Ester Ulstad, Church Clerk.)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

• **Hilda, Alta.** The Hilda Baptist Church, Hilda, Alberta held a successful Vacation Bible School in July with 49 children attending regularly. Ten faithful teachers imparted the lessons with the theme, "Christ's Way—My Way." We trust that the seed that was sown into the young hearts will bear fruit. The children brought \$20.00 in offerings for Leper Missions. Our closing program was held in connection with the annual Sunday school picnic.—(Mrs. Loretta Strauss, Reporter.)

MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION

• **Minnesota Association.** The Minnesota Association met for its annual meeting at the Jeffers Baptist Church from Sept. 13-15 with over 160 persons present on Sunday. More than half of those in attendance were young people. Guests at the Association were Rev. John Binder, Miss Alma Zimmerman and the God's Volunteers Teams along with their director, Rev. Walter Hoffman. The theme was "Every Baptist a Missionary," combined with the Scripture text of Isaiah 54:2. Rev. John Binder spoke on the topic, "Enlarge the Place of Thy Tent" at the opening service. The ministry of God's Volunteers in service and testimony on Saturday evening and on Sunday was very much appreciated by everyone. The new officers for the coming year are: Mr. Ted. Hirsch, moderator; Rev. Eleon Sandau, vice-moderator; Mrs. Gottlieb Dockter, secretary; Mr. Allen Smith, treasurer; Rev. H. J. Wilcke, mission committee for two years; and Mr. Milton Hildebrandt, mission committee for three years.—(Eleon Sandau, Reporter).



DRIVE-IN CHURCH SERVICE, PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Pictured in silhouette on a rainy Sunday evening, Rev. Richard W. Paetzel, pastor of the North Sheridan Baptist Church, Peoria, Ill., plays a selection on his trumpet to the piano accompaniment of Mrs. Walter Kohrs at Drive-in Church Service conducted in the church's parking lot on Sunday evening, August 18.

Believed to be the first such services ever conducted in Peoria, the church held a second drive-in service on Sunday evening, Aug. 25. Each program, which featured vocal and instrumental selections and a message by the pastor, was amplified over a loudspeaker system so that the worshippers, seated in their cars, could hear. Some 30-35 carloads of worshippers attended. The event was reported on television and radio newscasts over Peoria stations.—Photo by PEORIA JOURNAL-STAR.

• **Calvary, Tacoma, Wash.** The Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, Wash., held its first full church retreat on Sept. 6 and 7 at the Glendawn Bible Camp grounds a few miles from the city. The retreat opened on Friday evening with challenging reports, projected ideas and inspirational messages covering all phases of the work of the church. On Saturday morning all Sunday school teachers, youth advisors, Brigade and Pioneer Girls' advisors, deacons and deaconesses, trustees and Finance Committee, Education Board and youth officers met to lay plans and draw up programs for the fall and winter months. It was the first workshop session of this nature ever held. Such blessings and inspiration were received that it was contended by all that this should become an annual proceeding. We look forward to greater blessings as the months come and go because of the faithfulness of all workers and the unity in the Spirit derived from this retreat.

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GERTRUDE SCHATZ WELCOMED

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she could only say, "A band—for me!" Over the loud speaker, Rev. R. Grabke as chairman of the Baptist Pastors' Fellowship for Winnipeg and surrounding area, welcomed Miss Schatz. Rev. A. W. Bibelheimer welcomed her in behalf of the Manitoba Association. Other pastors present were Rev. John Wollenberg, Rev. Fred Taubensee and

hundreds of friends and members of the various NAB churches.

Mrs. R. Grabke pinned on Gertrude Schatz a corsage of roses in behalf of Grant Park Baptist Church and Mrs. H. J. Schultz presented her with a bouquet of roses from the McDermot Woman's Missionary Society. Miss Gertrude Schatz responded over the station loudspeaker expressing her gratitude for this gesture. "It is just overwhelming," she said.

For all of us, it was a real blessing and gave us a new realization that

these missionaries are OUR MISSIONARIES!

R. E. Grabke
Reporter

CO-LABORERS WITH CHRIST

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these goods and to direct this flow toward the mission field, paying attention to all rules and regulations of the Cameroonian government, so that our missionaries will have no difficulties in clearing the shipments.

When I think of this incoming stream (which at times literally drowns me!), my heart is filled with warmth and thanksgiving for all of you, my co-laborers, for without you I could not send it on. And when I hear from the missionaries now and then how happy they are to receive this White Cross material, how much they appreciate the work our women are doing, how much time is saved to receive the material assorted, and that they cannot remember a broken bottle, then I am happy.

I wish that everyone of you could share the same happy feeling of having something accomplished through unity and cooperation in the love of Christ. THANK YOU to those who labored so faithfully! To those who fell short for some reason or other, may I say that there is a second chance, for our task is getting bigger as our medical work in Cameroon, Africa grows.

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Obituary

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

MR. JOHN LITZ of Lodi, California

Mr. John Litz of Lodi, Calif., was born in Russia 78 years ago and passed away on Sept. 13, 1963. At the age of 19, he was converted and baptized. In 1913 he came to St. Paul, Minn., where he lived until 1951, when he moved to Lodi. In October 1959, he and Mrs. Litz observed their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

He leaves his wife, Emma, of Lodi; a daughter, Esther Sligl of St. Paul, Minn.; 3 sons: Arthur, Harold and Reuben, all of St. Paul, Minn. There are 15 grandchildren. One son, Herman, was killed over Burma in World War II. Mr. Litz also leaves a host of friends in the First Baptist Church, where he was a faithful member. Memorial services were held from the First Baptist Church on Sept. 17 with the undersigned officiating.

First Baptist Church
Lodi, California
AARON BUHLER, Pastor

MRS. K. KAPPEL of Drumheller, Alberta

Mrs. Karoline Kappes of Drumheller, Alberta was born on Nov. 20, 1884 in Ashley, N. Dak. She accepted the Lord as her Savior and was baptized in 1905 by Rev. Bishop. She married John Kappes in 1907 and moved to Canada to live near the Carleton Place. The Lord blessed the union with 7 children: John, Martha, Ida, Ester, Louise, Lena and Annie. John, Louise, Ester and Martha preceded her in death; also her husband, who died in 1940.

She leaves to mourn her sudden death of Sept. 8th: Ida, (Mrs. Bill Reinhardt); Lena; and Annie (Mrs. Oscar Gleck); 9 grandchildren; two great grandchildren; one brother, George Ziegler; and one sister, Mrs. Bill Metzger. Funeral service was held in the Zion Baptist Church of Drumheller on Sept. 11.

Zion Baptist Church
Drumheller, Alberta
FRED H. OHLMANN, pastor

MRS. HENRIETTA PEDDE of Swan River, Manitoba

Mrs. Henrietta Pedde, nee Oldach, of Swann River, Man., born Feb. 22, 1893, and died as a result of a heart attack on Sept. 22, 1963, having reached the age of 70 years, six months and 18 days. In 1910 she was united in marriage to Teofil Ginter. In 1923 they immigrated to Canada and lived near Minitonas, Man. Her husband passed away in 1937. In 1938 she moved to marriage to Andreas Pedde. In 1962 they moved to Swan River, Man. Mrs. Pedde accepted Christ as her Savior in her youth and since 1928 was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church of Minitonas.

She leaves to mourn her departure: her husband, Andreas Pedde; two sons: Fredrich and Benjamin Ginter of Prince George, B. C.; 6 daughters: Hulda (Mrs. Robert Betcher) and Adina (Mrs. Jerry Koutecky), both of Swan River, Man.; Olga (Mrs. Julius Heiman) of Winnipeg, Man.; Maria (Mrs. Ron Sibbald); Martha (Mrs. Dave O'Donnell), and Esther (Mrs. Wm. Pearson), all three of Toronto, Ont.; two step-children: Albert Pedde and Freda (Mrs. Harold Drannitzki), both of Kitchener, Ont.; one brother, and one sister in Argentina.

First Baptist Church
Minitonas, Manitoba
HERMAN A. POHL, Pastor

MRS. THEODORE SCHWARTZ of Avon, South Dakota

Mrs. Theodore Schwartz of Avon, S. Dak. was born on Aug. 25, 1898 on a farm near Avon, S. Dak., and passed away on Aug.

22, 1963, in a hospital in Mitchell at the age of 64 years, 11 months and 27 days. She recognized her need of a Savior early in life. On May 19, 1912, she was baptized by Rev. George Lohr and received into the fellowship of the Avon Baptist Church, where she remained a member until her death. She was active in her church, teaching a class in the Sunday school for a while, and serving as secretary of her class for some years.

On July 20, 1922 she was united in marriage to Theodore Schwartz. They farmed their entire married life on a farm south of Avon. It was her lot to suffer a good deal in her life. Death came as a result of sickness that had hospitalized her for several weeks. She leaves to mourn her passing her husband, Theodore of Avon; 3 sisters: Louise Gled of Sioux Falls, Martha (Mrs. William Jurrens) and Lena (Mrs. Dave Radak) both of Avon. Two brothers preceded her in death. Beside these there are many other relatives and friends who mourn her passing.

Avon, South Dakota
PETER J. WIENS, Pastor

MR. CLARENCE E. WILKENS of Lorraine, Kansas

Mr. Clarence E. Wilkens of Lorraine, Kansas was born Oct. 12, 1910 near Lorraine. He passed away to his heavenly Home very suddenly on Sept. 5, 1963. He was united in marriage to Helen Kruse on June 12, 1933 and to this union were born one daughter and two sons, Grace Johnson of Ludlow, Massachusetts; Delbert Wilkens of Wichita, Kansas and Garry Wilkens of the home. Clarence Wilkens experienced his conversion at an early age and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Lorraine until his death. As he served his church in its many functions, so he also served the community in which he lived.

Remaining are his wife, three children, a daughter-in-law, Carol Wilkens; a son-in-law, Richard Johnson; four grandchildren, and one brother, Loyd, of Panhandle, Texas. Clarence was a kind and loving husband and father, always willing to lend a helping hand to his many friends. Among his many friends are those he so thoroughly enjoyed in his association with the International Flying Farmers and the Citizen Band Radio Club.

Lorraine, Kansas
FRANK FRIESEN, Interim Pastor

MRS. ALBERTINE PLETZ of Lodi, California

Mrs. Albertine Pletz of Lodi, Calif., was born on Oct. 16, 1875 in South Russia. In 1893 she came to the U. S. with her parents who made their first home in this country in Orleans, Nebraska. In 1888, as a young girl of 13 years, she accepted Christ as her personal Savior and was baptized on confession of her faith. In the course of time the small group of Baptist people organized a church and she became one of the charter members.

On Jan. 12, 1898, she was united in marriage with Albert Pletz. By God's abundant grace they were privileged to share 66

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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then we will become new creatures.

Paul is convinced that the ministry of reconciliation has been given to him because of his assurance of being reconciled to his Savior.

III. THE AMBASSADORS OF RECONCILIATION. II Corinthians 5:20-21.

Every Christian is an ambassador for Christ. He represents the colony of heaven. God has not entrusted the work of reconciliation to angels but to men who have become new creatures. There can be no greater responsibility given to man than to be chosen as a royal representative of Christ. On the other hand, no work is more difficult than to represent God in a godless world.

Questions for Discussion:

1. Are Christians really conscious of their high and noble calling?
2. What are our duties as ambassadors compared to the political office?
3. What does the term, "reconciliation" imply from man's side and from God's side?

blessed years of life together. The Lord blessed this union with four children, one daughter dying in infancy. During the years following their marriage, they lived in a number of states. In 1930 they settled in Anaheim, Calif., where they were members of the Bethel Baptist Church and later the First Baptist Church at Costa Mesa, Calif. In 1955 they returned to Lodi. Mrs. Pletz was a faithful and a devoted Christian who loved the house of God and was fruitful in attending the services whenever possible.

It pleased the Lord to take her home to glory on August 8, 1963, at the age of 87 years. She is survived by her beloved husband, Albert Pletz, of Lodi; Mrs. Gustave Burgstahler (Elsie); Mrs. George Schmiedt (Ella), both of Lodi; and Paul Pletz of Anaheim. She also leaves 7 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren and many friends. Funeral services were conducted from the Temple Church with Rev. G. G. Rausser of Stockton officiating.

Temple Baptist Church
Lodi, California
ELDON G. SCHROEDER, Pastor

SEPTEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS—N.A.B. GENERAL CONF.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	Sept., 1963	Sept., 1962	Sept., 1961
Atlantic	\$ 2,358.17	\$ 2,045.17	\$ 2,585.57
Central	12,830.59	9,131.50	11,358.37
Dakota	7,526.32	4,954.04	7,272.48
Eastern	2,113.60	2,304.82	1,030.45
Northern	3,493.58	3,268.57	5,297.65
Northwestern	7,977.73	18,837.03	6,192.20
Pacific	3,282.70	5,287.76	7,700.60
Southern	531.90	463.23	446.74
Southwestern	4,203.70	3,207.51	11,370.80
Inter-Conference	2,943.20	2,607.59	4,462.24
Total	\$ 47,261.49	\$ 52,107.22	\$ 57,817.10

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

	Budget Contributions	Other Contributions	Total Contributions
For the month of Sept., 1963	\$ 41,967.86	\$ 5,293.63	\$ 47,261.49
For the month of Sept. 1962	43,697.29	8,409.93	52,107.22
For the month of Sept., 1961	39,516.79	18,300.31	57,817.10

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1963 to Sept. 30, 1963	\$292,630.18	\$ 27,156.23	\$319,786.41
April 1, 1962 to Sept. 30, 1962	299,465.29	57,647.76	357,113.05
April 1, 1961 to Sept. 30, 1961	252,779.41	57,353.01	310,132.42

November 7, 1963

Statistics of Our Churches, 1963 — North American Baptist General Conference

Conference	Churches	Baptisms	Church Members	Sunday Schools	Sunday School Scholars	Teachers & Officers	W.M.U. Societies	W.M.U. Members	C.B.Y.F. Societies	C.B.Y.F. Members
Atlantic	22	148	3,847	22	3,068	370	36	1,060	27	498
Central	38	353	9,782	38	9,277	1,111	51	2,007	60	1,395
Dakota	65	285	8,008	66	8,062	1,283	82	1,705	92	1,420
Eastern	23	146	3,009	23	2,477	344	27	689	29	622
Northern	58	273	7,991	56	7,582	1,122	52	1,450	68	1,432
Northwestern	39	233	6,840	38	5,371	795	62	1,741	69	1,175
Pacific	45	343	9,725	45	10,211	1,328	61	2,286	84	1,758
Southern	10	29	853	8	670	115	7	113	10	250
Southwestern	26	88	2,570	26	2,630	454	34	747	29	377
Total	326	1,898	52,625	322	49,348	6,922	412	11,798	468	8,927
Total Last Year	317	1,858	52,073	328	47,796	6,065	423	12,083	469	9,209
Total Increase	9	40	552		1,552	317				
Total Decrease				6			11	285	1	282

OUR VISION OF FAITH AS NORTH AMERICAN BAPTISTS

NORTH AMERICAN Baptists will read the denominational statistics on this page with joyous encouragement and sorrowful reflection. There are evidences of progress, both spiritual and numerical. But there are also telltale signs that we are not doing all that God expects of us individually and as churches in witnessing for him, as stewards of his possessions, and on the far flung mission fields of the world.

We received 10 new churches into our fellowship this past year, giving us a net gain of 8 churches. The new churches welcomed into our denomination are the following: Community Church, St. Clair Shores, Mich.; Temple Church, Lemmon, S. Dak.; Calvary Church, Penn Hills, Pa.; Brentview Church, Calgary, Alta.; Bethel Church, Edmonton, Alta.; Melville, Sask.; Cedarloo Church, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Rose of Sharon Church, Richmond, B. C.; Sierra Heights Church, Renton, Wash.; and Garcias Ranch Church, Rio Grande City, Texas.

With 1,898 baptisms recorded during the past year, one would have expected

a very encouraging net gain. But that gain was only slight (552) so that our present membership is now given as 52,625. An inspiring host of 82 missionaries represent the Lord Jesus Christ and our denomination on our several mission fields. Sunday school scholars total 49,348 (a smaller total than our church membership); members of Commissioned Baptist Youth societies number 8,927; and the membership of 422 Woman's Missionary Societies is 11,798.

In the financial reports, we can smile more broadly as we contemplate the results of our stewardship during the past year. Total contributions by North American Baptists reached a new all time high with \$6,329,922.40 laid on God's altar. Of this, the total of local church contributions was \$5,016,187.67 and the missionary contributions were \$1,313,734.73. This represented a per capita giving of \$121.56 which is more than \$10.00 higher than the per capita giving of last year. There is a general increase over that of last years across the board, which you can see if you will study the

financial figures. It was especially encouraging to note that the smallest increase was in the column, "For Other Than NAB Missions," which means that our people are becoming increasingly concerned about "our own household" which God has entrusted to us.

In 1964 we shall engage actively in a cooperative World Evangelistic Program in the Baptist Jubilee Advance. The challenging theme, "Winning More in '64," will confront each one of us. There is much more that we can do in winning others for Christ, in witnessing to his saving Gospel, in supporting our missionaries and mission work, and in going forward with Christ to greater heights of service. We have received "A Vision of Faith" with our current objective for our missionary and service program amounting to \$1,050,000. With God's help and with the sacrificial giving and living of our people, this vision can be realized—this goal can be reached—this task of Christ can be completed!

Contributions of Our Churches, 1963 —

Conference	For Local Church Operating Expenses	For Local Building Fund Expenses	Total for Local Field	For N.A.B. Missions & Benevolent	For Local Conference Missions	Total for All N.A.B. Missions	For other than N.A.B. Missions	Total for All Mission Purposes	Total for All Purposes
Atlantic	\$ 271,318.00	\$ 164,759.00	\$ 436,077.00	\$ 33,774.00	\$ 5,609.00	\$ 39,383.00	\$ 64,635.00	\$ 104,016.00	\$ 540,093.00
Central	773,487.08	361,616.23	1,135,103.31	180,826.38	36,087.42	216,913.80	88,360.64	305,274.44	1,440,377.75
Dakota	442,561.58	292,642.93	735,204.51	130,789.19	10,953.25	141,742.44	15,491.52	157,233.96	892,438.47
Eastern	169,184.47	103,795.47	272,980.04	33,484.35	8,318.35	41,802.71	12,501.39	54,304.10	327,284.14
Northern	409,316.36	263,188.25	672,504.61	146,095.16	20,184.91	166,280.07	33,477.49	199,757.56	872,262.17
Northwestern	381,815.98	167,303.95	549,119.93	99,416.91	11,479.18	110,896.09	57,722.63	168,618.72	717,738.65
Pacific	611,278.56	344,525.82	955,804.38	159,191.53	31,882.97	191,074.50	38,935.80	230,010.30	1,185,814.68
Southern	46,375.28	13,062.37	59,437.65	10,045.89	677.82	10,723.71	1,999.15	12,722.86	72,160.51
Southwestern	158,401.06	41,555.18	199,956.24	69,762.17	7,535.32	77,297.49	4,499.30	81,796.79	281,753.03
Totals	\$3,263,738.37	\$1,752,449.30	\$5,016,187.67	\$863,385.59	\$132,726.22	\$996,111.81	\$317,622.92	\$1,313,734.73	\$6,329,922.40
Last Year	3,057,834.85	1,469,957.71	4,527,792.56	792,883.67	123,765.63	916,649.30	307,424.89	1,224,074.19	5,751,866.75
Total Increase	\$ 205,903.52	\$ 282,491.59	\$ 488,395.11	\$ 70,501.92	\$ 8,960.59	\$ 79,462.51	\$ 10,198.03	\$ 89,660.54	\$ 578,055.65