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OUR MISSION IN NIGERIA



TRIBUTES TO THE WALTER SUKUTS

After fourteen years of faithful and effective service for Christ on our mission field in Japan, Rev. and Mrs. Walter Sukut and family were forced to give up this work so dear to their hearts, because of health problems. Several months have already passed since the Sukuts returned to the States, but they are still much in the thoughts of the missionaries, pastors, and people to whom they endeared themselves here. The Sukut family was one of the pioneers in opening up our NAB mission field in Japan. Brother Sukut served not only on our stations in Ise, Kyoto, and Matsusaka, but also devoted many long hours to the work of Field Secretary and Treasurer. We rejoice that they are able to continue their service for Christ in the homeland, where they have taken the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Avon, South Dakota. We trust that God's people in Avon will be as richly blessed through their ministry as were the people in Ise and in Kyoto.

We, who had the privilege of working and fellowshiping with them in their sincere efforts to present Christ to the people of Japan, have found that their departure from the field leaves a real vacancy not only in our work but also in our hearts. We sometimes wonder at the *why* of God's leading, but in a very real sense, our loss here in Japan is gain for the Gospel ministry in the homeland. To you in Avon; to the Dakota Conference; to our North American Baptist constituency as a whole, we urge you to receive the Sukuts warmly. Continue to pray with us that their devoted ministry for Christ may be prospered with restored health, a blessed pastorate, and much precious fruit for the Master.

"And (we) ask you also, true yokefellow(s), help these (brethren), for they have labored side by side with (us) in the gospel together with . . . the rest of (our) fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life" (Phil. 4:3).

Rev. Fred G. Moore, secretary, North American Baptist General Mission in Japan.



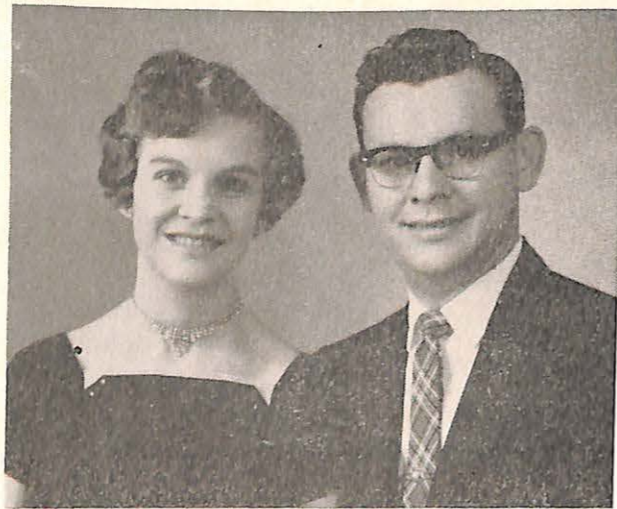
Rev. Walter Sukut preaching his farewell sermon at Kyoto, Japan.

Rev. and Mrs. Walter Sukut, though not the first, belong to the group of our early missionaries to Japan. They went out to Japan in 1953 and have pioneered in the early days of our beginning in Japan which dates back to 1951. Throughout these 14 years of service in Japan, they have evidenced deep concern and faithfulness in every aspect of missionary work. Brother Sukut served in almost every area of missionary work: as evangelist and pastor to the church in Japan, as field secretary, as field treasurer, as chairman of our Mission in Japan, as occasional part-time teacher at Osaka Biblical Seminary, and as friend and counselor to missionary and national alike. His service in Japan has been very much appreciated, and his wise counsel and years of experience have been greatly valued.

Missionary work in Japan is difficult and often frustrating even when things are at their best. Both Brother and Sister Sukut have experienced more than the ordinary missionary's share of illness. Several years ago while in Japan, Mrs. Sukut was critically ill. The Lord restored her health sufficiently so that they could return to Japan in 1964 for a third term. However, before three years had gone by her health condition became such that it was thought wise for them to return. Based on the doctor's recommendation, they were to remain home for several years where climate and adequate medical care could better improve her health and bring her back to a normal way of life. This necessitated their termination of missionary service for a time.

Our missionaries in Japan will miss them. The churches in Japan and particularly the one in Kyoto will miss them. We thank them for what they have done. May the year 1968 bring them many joys in a happy ministry at Avon to which they have now given themselves in devotion and service.

Dr. Richard Schilke, general missionary secretary, North American Baptist General Conference, Forest Park, Illinois.



Rev. and Mrs. Walter Sukut

Editorial

WHAT READERS EXPECT

In this issue we are beginning the column entitled "Open Dialogue" (or letters to the editor). It is intended to provide an opportunity for dialogue among the readers of the HERALD. Our hope is that the opinions expressed regarding the content of the magazine or any other contemporary issue of concern to Christians will prompt all of us to evaluate our Christian views and commitment.

In my first editorial, as editor of the BAPTIST HERALD, I asked you, as readers, to express your opinions regarding the future purpose and function of the HERALD. I did not fully realize that I would get such diversified responses. As time passes, I understand in greater measure the difficulty in providing the needed Christian reading for such a wide range of readers.

Numerous persons have given encouraging and supportive comments. These are joyfully accepted.

A few people have expressed disapproval of certain articles and emphases in the HERALD. How does an editor accept these? The editor may disagree or feel that the accusations are not valid, or that the readers have possibly misunderstood the intent. In any case, this editor is honestly trying to listen to what all the readers are saying and to give due consideration to all, because it is your denominational magazine. Where possible, the editor is making a definite effort to personally discuss the content and policies of the HERALD with readers that have disagreed with certain emphases.

However, the readers must also understand the editor's dilemma. There are certain policies that have been adopted by the Publication Board with which the editor must abide. These policies, though, may be reviewed and changed. An editor also has some convictions that he feels are Scriptural and of the Holy Spirit. He must have some editorial freedom to maintain his own integrity. What an editor selects for the magazine may not necessarily reflect his point of view or that of the organization which he represents. Some material is presented only to stimulate thinking so that we may arrive at a more intelligent Christian perspective. There are deadlines to meet, and only limited material available when someone has not sent in the promised article. Finally, no matter what an editor does in a magazine, it will not meet the expectations of all.

In a local church when a member does not agree with a program or policy that has been adopted, he is still expected to cooperate and support the ministry of the church. Differences of viewpoint should not necessarily cause a rift between genuinely concerned Christians. In fact, these may help us to grow in our own Christian perspective. We must heed the admonition of 2 Peter 1:5-7, ". . . add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge, temperance; and to temperance, patience; and to patience, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, charity."

Very often we agree on the goals to be achieved, but we differ as to the methods or means which should be used. Here we need a double portion of Christian love and mutual respect. Too often we draw conclusions and make quick judgments without knowing all of the facts involved.

Much has been learned in the last few months, and much more needs to be learned. None of us can ever afford to stop learning, so we continue to welcome your comments. As each one in his own way seeks to defend the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us be sure we are not shooting down our own troops.

—John Binder

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Missionary nurse, Minnie Kuhn, giving an injection for rabies.



Dr. Schilke and Rev. Folkerts being presented with chickens and eggs as they are greeted at Warwar, Nigeria.



Rev. Fred Folkerts, field secretary, and Miss Minnie Kuhn, nurse, viewing the stones and sand that are ready for building the maternity center at Warwar, Nigeria.

MAMBILA

by RICHARD SCHILKE

THE FORMER Northern Cameroons roughly follows the line of the Donga and Mburi Rivers between Nigeria and the state of Cameroon and reaches wedgelike up to Lake Chad. Following World War I this area, along with Southern Cameroons, was administered by the British as a mandated territory under the League of Nations and, later, following World War II, under the United Nations.

In 1961 when Southern Cameroons chose to join East Cameroon, the former French mandated territory, and become West Cameroon within the Republic of Cameroon, the northern section did not go along. Instead, the people of Northern Cameroons chose to join Nigeria and thus severed their relationship with Cameroon. Thus, a border was raised between the two areas. This did not leave the kindest feelings. For geographical reasons the border was not well policed and controlled. Even today there is no official border crossing for immigration and custom purposes.

THE MAMBILA PLATEAU

The southernmost part of this region, beginning roughly with the Donga and Mburi Rivers and reaching northward some 70-90 miles, constitutes the highlands, known as the Mambila Plateau which has an elevation of over 4,000 feet. It is largely grazing area consisting of valleys and hills, and many herds of cattle, sheep and goats can be seen grazing on these highlands and watched over by their owners, mostly Fulani tribesmen.

There is some farming on a small scale in garden plots to provide the necessities of life. For many years these people have had to live off the land. They often lived in abundance during the harvest season and then came near to starvation in the dry season of the year.

Statistics are hard to come by, so it is difficult to estimate the population. There are only several large towns in this whole area, but villages are spread throughout. Mohammedan Hausas have come down from the north. Many Kaka people from the Mbem area have migrated in past years and settled almost all over the plateau. Estimates have been made of up to 90,000 people and more occupying the hills and valleys in villages

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and towns throughout the Mambila Plateau.

MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES AMONG THE MAMBILAS

Our Cameroon Baptist Mission had formerly reached up to Warwar, just south of the Donga River. In the late thirties and early forties Dr. and Mrs. George A. Dunger, former missionaries in Cameroon, had penetrated this area and established the Warwar station. They were joined for a short time by Miss Hilda Tobert (the present Mrs. Harold W. Gieseke), former missionary nurse. From 1947-51 Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert Schneider were stationed at Warwar. Brother Schneider built the present missionary home to which Dr. Dunger had laid the foundation. In his early reports Brother Schneider stated that a white man was seldom seen in the area. Often when he would visit a village, the people had disappeared before he arrived, and only a few would slowly return and meet him. He found their needs to be desperate spiritually and physically. To help them in every way, he taught them some agriculture, how to raise and store their products in order to have something to eat in the lean seasons. Here at Warwar Brother Schneider also started his first herd of cattle which was later brought to Bamenda New Hope Settlement at Mbingo to become part of the self-support program at our leprosy establishment.

In 1952 Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert Schneider were stationed at Mbingo on their return to Cameroon. They were followed at Warwar by Rev. and Mrs. F. Kenneth Goodman who, for two four year terms, served till 1961. Up to that time missionary activities were carried on from the only missionary station at Warwar, reaching out into many areas but staying mostly south of the Donga River. Native Christians reached out north of the Donga River to Gembu and other towns and villages and established the Baptist witness. By 1961 the churches numbered 35 with a total membership of 2,200. Available statistics show that the highest baptism in any one year was 328 in 1959. In addition to the work of the church, we also had mission schools at Warwar and Mbanga.

PROBLEMS SEEK SOLUTIONS

The year 1961 brought many ques-

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tions with reference to the work at Warwar. Rev. and Mrs. Goodman left Warwar before Unification Day on October 1 as a measure of expediency and safety. Direct missionary work among all the people had been difficult right along. The residence permit of the missionary included a clause which limited his activity to non-Mohamedans, and violation of that clause could mean deportation. The missionary was bound to observe these regulations, and none of our missionaries faced deportation.

However, the native Christians had no such limitations. They were free to propagate their faith and give witness to their Christian experiences. The Goodmans, in particular, held many short-term Bible courses of a week or two week duration with the Christians in the many villages. These short Bible courses strengthened the faith of the native Christians, and they went out into other villages to tell what they had learned and experienced. In this way the churches grew in number.

Following Unification Day on October 1, 1961, Rev. and Mrs. Goodman were on furlough, and another missionary was not available to be placed at Warwar. Rev. and Mrs. Fred Holzimmer, who were then stationed at Mbem in Cameroon, supervised the work at Warwar and visited the area as often as they could even though it took a two day trek from Mbem to Warwar.

Repeatedly the Christians at Warwar requested the placement of a missionary, especially a doctor, since there was no medical work in the whole area. In 1964 Miss Minnie M. Kuhn, missionary nurse in Cameroon, was placed at Warwar, and a limited maternity and dispensary work was started. A nurse had not been stationed at Warwar since the days of Rev. and Mrs. Schneider in 1951.

In September, 1965, Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Fluth were also stationed at Warwar for a six months period, before going to Mbingo, the leprosy settlement in Cameroon, to replace Dr. and Mrs. Eugene R. Stockdale. It was at this time that for some unexplainable reason, the Nigerian Immigration Authorities placed Cameroon Baptist Mission on a quota of one for Nigeria. This quota of one did not include Miss Kuhn who, again for some unexplainable reason, had received her resident permit without reference to a quota. Once the

quota was established, the difficulties in getting visas and resident permits for future missionaries became quite evident. When Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Fluth came out of Warwar in March, 1966, we hoped to place Dr. Lothar G. Lichtenfeld into Warwar immediately, but permission was not received until June of that year. Miss Kuhn also came home on furlough during that time. When Miss Kuhn was ready to return to Warwar in July, 1967, it became quite evident that a resident permit was not issued to her until Dr. Lichtenfeld, who was due for furlough, left the country. In the spring of 1967 Dr. and Mrs. Willi D. Gutowski were specifically appointed to be placed at Warwar in addition to Miss Kuhn, but it became evident that this could not be done unless a different quota were given us.

To ease the situation it was felt that our mission should no longer operate in this section of Nigeria under the name of Cameroon Baptist Mission. Consequently, the name of Mambila Baptist Mission was adopted in 1966 and notice to that effect sent to the proper authorities. Even this change of name did not speed up any negotiations regarding an increase in quota; thus it was felt that negotiations from Cameroon with regard to these matters should cease, and direct negotiations from the home office be undertaken. This was one of the problems which required a visit to Africa by the general missionary secretary. Nigeria was thus on my itinerary following my visit to Brazil. On October 21, 1967, I arrived at Lagos, Nigeria.

Preparatory work prior to my arrival in Lagos had been undertaken. Contact with the immigration office was made by correspondence. Rev. Fred C. Folkerts, field secretary in Cameroon, met me on arrival. Dr. and Mrs. Willi D. Gutowski arrived in Lagos on October 23 on a visitor's permit. Together we approached immigration authorities concerning our problems and received a hearing. The change of name to Mambila Baptist Mission was again placed on file. Our quota problem was given sympathetic hearing in the hope of a later settlement of some kind.

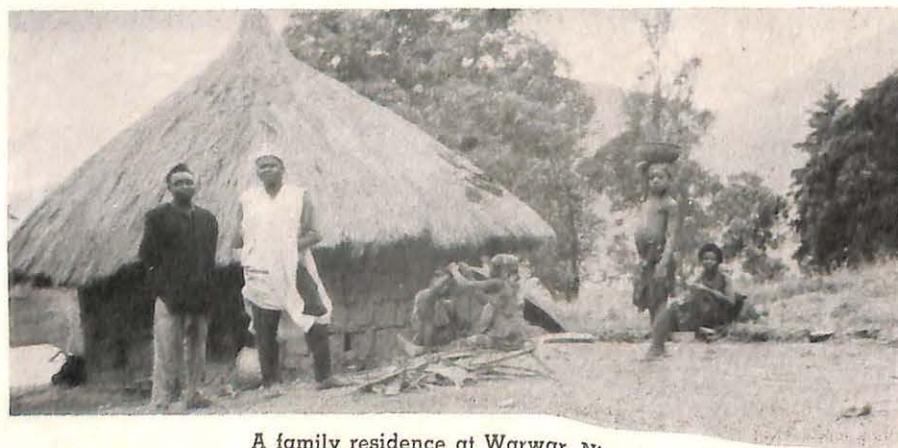
Resident permits for Dr. and Mrs. Gutowski were issued under the circumstances apart from the quota problem. Since Dr. and Mrs. Gutowski were to have an orientation course of several weeks at Bansa Baptist Hospital and since they were on their way to

Banso, they were given re-entry permits to Nigeria valid for their return up to the middle of January, 1968. Thus our immediate problem seemed to be solved, and we saw the hand of God in this.

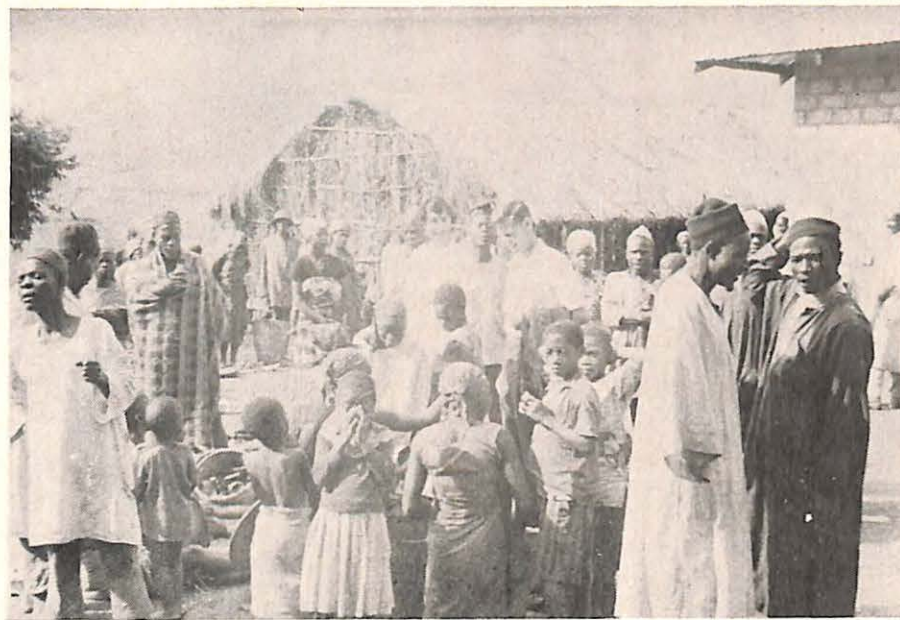
I should pause here and relate an incident which could have posed another serious, though personal, problem. Sunday evening, October 22, Brother Folkerts and I attended First Baptist Church at Lagos where I was called on to bring greetings. We were lodged at the Baptist House next door. Coming out of church after the evening service I did not see the open six foot deep cement gutter in the dark and stepped right into it, falling against the cement edge of the wall with my left side and scraping my right ankle down the opposite cement wall. It was a very painful fall from which I could not arise until after some moments and not without help. I felt that, though I was hurt, no bones were broken. This was also confirmed by Dr. Gutowski who arrived by noon the following day. This incident caused me to miss my meeting the Gutowskis at the airport on their arrival. It also gave the doctor the honor to have me as his first patient in Africa. By noon of that day I got out of bed, for there was work to do, and we had only a limited time. My hobbling along brought many expressions of regret. Perhaps God used even this to get things accomplished, for I received the ready sympathies of all under the circumstances.

OPPORTUNITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Warwar was to be visited, but the route to be taken was left for a decision pending our findings in Lagos. Brother Folkerts and I decided that it would be best to visit Warwar via the long route in Nigeria and visit it before we came to Cameroon. On October 26 we flew by Nigerian Airways from Lagos to Jos. The following day Sudan United Mission flew us to Serti in Northeast Nigeria. From there the missionary of the Christian Reformed Church drove us down to Gembu a distance of 86 miles (down since it went south but really up the escarpment to the Mambila Plateau). This gave us



A family residence at Warwar, Nigeria



The Warwar Medical Clinic

an opportunity to cross the entire Mambila Plateau from north to south which was also a new experience for Brother Folkerts. From Gembu to Warwar we had to trek on foot, crossing also the Donga River. I, in my condition (a later verdict said that I had a cracked rib, a torn ligament and a chipped ankle), could not go by foot, and so a horse was found for me. Under normal conditions this would be a two hour trek. In our condition, it took us two hours to get to the Donga River, crossing three swollen streams before getting there. Actually we were trapped for a while between the second and third flooded stream and crossed the Donga River in pitch darkness only by the goodness of the boatman. He would not take the horse across in the darkness of night. There was no choice but to stay in the native hut on bamboo beds and thank God for the hospitality of the boatman who offered us his hut. On Saturday morning at 8:00 o'clock we surprised Miss Kuhn at Warwar and soon informed her that we were without breakfast, even without supper.

The time spent at Warwar was all too short. We had to be back again at Serti by Sunday night for the SUM plane was to get us from there at 7 A.M. Monday morning. This meant that we had to leave Warwar by 8:00 A.M. Sunday. The 24 hours were spent with Miss Kuhn in fellowship, conference, prayer, feasting and a short night of rest.

The Christians, upon learning that we could not stay for the Sunday service, came to the mission home on Saturday evening to greet us. They were overjoyed to hear that Miss Kuhn had now received her resident permit and could stay with them and that Dr. and Mrs. Willi D. Gutowski would join her by mid-January. "Thank God, thank God . . ." could be heard over and over again, "our prayers are answered." This same rejoicing took place at Gembu where we met with the church on Sunday forenoon with over 200 in attendance.

At Warwar stones and sand had already been carried for the building of a new maternity and dispensary center. The older buildings had served for the past two years and had been temporarily enlarged by Dr. Lichtenfeld but were far too inadequate and too small. Plans for the building of a new center had already been made by Dr. Fluth; these were now enlarged, and permission for the enlarged plans were sought in the next few weeks. Early in 1968 this new building is to go up under the supervision of Mr. Berndt E. Lemke.

We also learned that the Native Authority had petitioned the ministry of Health in Kaduna, Nigeria, to permit the Baptist Mission to build a hospital at Gembu. This was new to us, for we had never filed such a request. On our return from Warwar, we stopped at Kaduna to get more information about such possibilities and to set the records straight. Though we had never petitioned the Ministry of Health for such

permission, it could be possible that we might consider the building of a Rural Health Center if God would have us do so, if funds would be provided, and if permission would be granted.

DARE WE ADVANCE?

That there is need for a maternity and dispensary center at Warwar cannot be doubted. That there is need for a Rural Health Center in other areas of Mambila Plateau can also not be doubted. The whole of this Mambila Plateau has no medical service; yet this is the type of service which still has open doors to missionary activity. Since 1961 we have wondered whether we should stay in Warwar or withdraw because of the political division of this region. The decision was finally and prayerfully reached to stay and, in answer to the many requests, to place a nurse and doctor in this area. We are still the only Christian witness on the Mambila Plateau. Sudan United Mission reaches to the Plateau in the north but has not come up to it. It



The Chief and Quarter Heads of Warwar visiting Minnie Kuhn.

waited to see what our decision would be with regard to it.

It is not a question of opportunities, it is a question of personnel and finances which we face. Actually the Lord has given us the medical personnel, and indications are that other missionaries would be ready to enter this region as soon as we can get permission and send them. Thus, it comes down to the question of finances and whether the budget of North American Baptists can be increased to include an expansion of this mission in Nigeria, Mambila Baptist Mission. A faithful stewardship of God's people can give an affirmative answer to this question. We dare to advance, if we are willing to give more to the Lord and if we consider that the need in our own



The Temple of Justice at Liberia, Monrovia.

School at Ebolowa in East Cameroon where Miss Ingrid Bergatt served as one of the teachers from 1964-67.

The real problem came when these children reached high school age, since Ebolowa does not have a high school, and there are no plans for one. It meant, in most cases, that the children of high school age were either left at home in the U.S.A. or that the parents themselves resigned from missionary service.

This was a second problem which necessitated the trip to Nigeria. While on our way to Warwar, Brother Folkerts and I stopped at Jos, Nigeria, and on our return from Warwar to Lagos, we spent several days in Jos. We visited Hillcrest School in Jos where Amy and Holly Strauss presently are for their first year, Amy in high school and Holly in elementary school.

Jos is a city of over 50,000 people located on a high plateau which gives it a climate similar to California, though it has much more rain. It is the headquarters of both SIM and SUM.

Hillcrest School has presently 250 children in elementary school and 92 in high school with a staff of 17 teachers. We found it very adequate and comparable to a school in the U.S.A. Several missions are cooperating in this school, and presently, membership to new missions is still open upon application. Conditions for such membership are a capital investment of \$2,800 for elementary and \$5,600 for high school plus one teacher at mission cost for children up to 12 in number. Children of member missions have a reduced tuition fee, and based on ten children, the capital investment would be returned in tuition reductions over a period of less than six years. We also found that adequate arrangements could be made for SUM to fly our missionary children between Cameroon and Nigeria at the opening of school, during Christmas vacation, and at the close of the school year.

Brother Folkerts and I agreed that to seek membership in Hillcrest School would be our best solution to the problem of education for our missionary children on both high school as well as elementary school level. We subsequently recommended the step to our Cameroon Field Committee in session at Bamenda in November. CFC approved this step, and the Board of Missions has since then ratified it. Our application for membership is presently before the Trustee Board of Hillcrest School. We hope for a favorable consideration, and if granted, we hope to have found another solution to a very pressing problem to the parents of our missionary children and thus to our mission in both Cameroon as well as Nigeria.

Dr. Richard Schilke is the general missionary secretary, North American Baptist General Conference. This article is a report of his recent visit to Nigeria.

OPEN DIALOGUE

— LETTERS TO THE EDITOR —

CONGRATULATIONS

To the editor: I was happy to hear that you were appointed to serve as editor of English Publications. We have been blessed in increasing measures through the ministry of the BAPTIST HERALD.—Willis Potratz, pastor, Grand Forks, North Dakota.

To the editor: I'm sorry to hear that Dr. Leuschner has had to resign because of illness. Please convey my best wishes to him. My congratulations to you as you take up your new assignment. The life of an editor is both an exciting and rewarding one as you serve the cause of Jesus Christ. But it is a life also fraught with peril and pain occasionally. I'm sure you were aware of this when you accepted the appointment.—Alfred P. Klausler, Executive Secretary—Associated Church Press

To the editor: Just a word of thanks and appreciation to you in the work of our denomination. The fine BAPTIST HERALDS keep coming our way with continued blessings and news.—Orville Meth, pastor, Elgin, Iowa.

To the editor: Please accept our congratulations and best wishes as you enter your new position. Mrs. Rich and I are both pleased with the new direction the HERALD is taking, believing that it more nearly relates to the times in which we live, the needs of people and the problems of today's society for both individuals and collectively.—Samuel J. Rich, Hillsboro, Oregon.

NOVEMBER 15, THANKSGIVING ISSUE

To the editor: After reading your first issue of the BAPTIST HERALD—as official editor—I am constrained to write to you and to Mrs. Binder, who has done such a fine job of "pinch-hitting-editor" since Dr. Leuschner became too ill to do the work—to say, that one of the main things I am thankful for this Thanksgiving Day is that God has found in our denomination such a wonderful editor who promises to at least equal the accomplishments of our former editor, Dr. Leuschner. And that is saying a great deal, because we thought he was wonderful. We have been faithfully reading the BAPTIST HERALD since Dr. Leuschner became editor many years ago and whenever we found the HERALD especially good we have always tried to express our appreciation to him. I want to especially thank you for publishing that wonderful article, "Facing Illness with Christ," by Rev. Wessman, in the Nov. 15 issue. I also

thought the article by Dr. Glenn H. Asquith, "That Thanksgiving Feeling" was wonderful too.—Mr. and Mrs. Walter P. Schindler, Detroit, Michigan.

To the editor: Your editorial "Dreams and Deadlines," in the Nov. 15 issue makes us realize in greater measure the work, time, energy, thought, etc., that goes into publication of a Christian magazine as the BAPTIST HERALD. Dr. M. Leuschner gave us a very fine publication through the years, and we feel you will also.—Mrs. H. G. Brouleewe, Hutchinson, Kansas.

To the editor: I very much enjoyed your editorial in the Nov. 15 issue. We see great things in store for the HERALD and you.—Milt Zeeb, pastor, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

DECEMBER / POVERTY ISSUE

To the editor: The Dec. 1, poverty issue arrived several days ago and I appreciated the emphasis. We were all overstuffed—had the refrigerator doors bulging yet from Thanksgiving—So you realize our feeling! We think you are doing a fine work in your new position—liked your first editorial—our people will know the real you I'm sure now.—Mrs. Delmar Wesseler, Lorraine, Kansas.

To the editor: Just a few lines to express our concern over the increasing emphasis on social issues in the BAPTIST HERALD. Do these articles represent the denomination, or are you primarily expressing yourself? Considering how much of this is constantly thrown at us via news media and every other means, it would appear the church—and her publications, has its work cut out for them as never before. Namely, to proclaim the Good News, in season and out of season. Concerning the articles and their authors, much could be said. Certainly the article, "Poverty in the U.S.A.," in the Dec. 1 issue by J. Stewart Sweet has many questionable inferences. In fact we consider paragraph ten an insult to every Christian American citizen. In answer to Mr. Dean Kelly, we would guess that one reason the church is not "despised and rejected" is that it has joined the "in" crowd, no longer pointing the way to the Savior as the solution but rather has joined the hue and cry for social reform.—Mr. and Mrs. John D. Kirschmann, Bismarck, North Dakota.

To the editor: I would like to commend you and your publication board for the very fine Dec. 1 poverty issue of the BAPTIST HERALD. I think that you have very well illustrated the

conditions of poverty in this land. Your treatment of this topic was most timely and very well done. As a former Peace Corps Volunteer, serving in one of your mission schools in Cameroon, I feel a special message in this issue. Though the poverty of West Africa may be much more in evidence, I saw the poverty of this country in a new light after my sojourn in Cameroon. Again my commendation and congratulations on a job well done.—Richard W. Weber, Special Assistant to the governor of the State of North Dakota, Bismarck, North Dakota.

To the editor: Do you accept Martin Luther King greatest Christian in the world? The "Standard" wrote that Bap. General Conf. accept no Federal aid and much money has come in because of this. Besides American Bap. are ecumenical, not in our class. Being Baptist not enough Jesus said must be BA, saved, converted. If Nelson Rockefeller only had American Bap. background, I can understand his breaking up a home and now live in adultery. Please could we have Christ in the news? Ignorant people don't know the difference and thinks you OK this. Yes, we need to live, do and witness of Jesus but first we must pray for these to be saved and they will listen! The article by Upchurch and SS lessons only mention Christ. Check over Dec. 1 and see how clear, plain or understandable salvation, gospel, saved, converted, witness, born again. We talk and write about everything else. This is why I've not been saved long and many others.—Mrs. Hazel C. Sievers, Portland, Oregon.

To the editor: Sincere best wishes in your new job as editor of the BAPTIST HERALD. I have complete confidence that you will do a superb job in every way. We also got our Dec. 1 issue ahead of time!—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Patzia, Burlington, Ont.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

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"LEARNING TO WITNESS"

by Daniel Fuchs

EQUIPPING THE SAINTS

"He himself appointed and gave men to us, some apostles (special messengers), some prophets (inspired preachers and expounders), some evangelists (preachers of the gospel, traveling missionaries), some pastors (shepherds of the flock), and teachers. His intention was the perfecting and the full equipping of the saints (his consecrated people), that they should do the work of ministering toward building up Christ's body (the church)" (Ephesians 4:11-12, Amplified Version).

What has been the greatest victory of satan in the church?

It has been the fact that at least 95% of the membership of the church has been taken out of the battle for truth. We have lost the army along the church's front lines of conquest and only the generals are left.

Somehow the adversary has been able to convince the average church that only the four-star generals really count. We spend much of our time trying to sharpen up the generals, while far too often the ordinary warriors remain unprepared, unequipped and uninvolved. We want an evangelistic church, but what we often mean is we want an evangelistic preacher.

Christ himself appointed and gave to the church apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. "His intention was the perfecting and the full equipping of the saints (his consecrated people), that they should do the work of ministering toward building up Christ's body (the church)" (Ephesians 4:12).

Winning the lost for Christ and building up Christ's body the church is a ministry that was intended for all the saints, not the leadership of the church only. Every member is a witness and has a personal share in this ministry. Pastors and evangelists have been given to the church for training and equipping the saints Christ's people "that they should do the work of ministering toward building up Christ's body the church."

Are you personally willing to learn to witness and be equipped to do the work of evangelism in your church as Christ intended it to be done?

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APPRECIATION EXPRESSED FOR CLOTHING

"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever" (Heb. 13:8). This Biblical truth becomes very evident in the lives of God's people. It is because of the Spirit of God dwelling in the hearts of His people that His children always respond in the same loving manner that He has always responded.

It would be hard to guess just how many tons of used clothing did come to us for distribution. The fact remains that almost 100% of the churches contributed, and they gave very generously.

Actually the clothing contributions from the NAB churches were enough to have taken care of the immediate emergency. It has filled the emergency needs and has made up the original losses suffered by many of our Mexican neighbors from across the River.

At first we tried to acknowledge each individual contributor, but the task became difficult. We take this opportunity to use these means in communicating to each individual contributor; to each W.M.S. group, and to every church that gave so generously, a grateful "Muchas Gracias!" (Thank you very much.)

We, your missionaries to the Spanish-speaking, are very grateful to all the N.A.B.G.C. constituency for making it possible for us to be vessels used in conveying these goods to the needy in their great emergency.

Our personal prayer for all of you is: "The Lord bless and reward you real good."

—Robert and Maryscella Sandoval,
North American Baptist
General Conference missionaries
to the Spanish-Americans in Texas



Laymen and pastors from the Chicago area NAB churches sorting and packing clothing that was sent to the Rio Grande Valley in Texas. This was done at the Forest Park office.

We send "greetings" and a hearty "thank you" from the Rio Grande Valley and the Edinburg Mission, Texas, for the response of the North American Baptist churches to our S.O.S. for flood relief. We have had many opportunities to contact souls through the distribution of the used clothing that was sent.

We were in 90-110 mile winds during the hurricane and received 22 inches of rain; our chapel had 15 inches of water inside for two weeks. When the waters receded and the clean-up was done, your generous giving filled our rooms to the ceiling. It was a wonderful testimony to the people as approximately 10 tons of used clothing came pouring in. Proverbs 19:17 comes to mind here: "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will He pay him again."

We wanted to send individual "thanks" to each church for their "Labor of Love," but we were literally "flooded" a second time with clothes and couldn't keep track of it all. We do hope you will accept our sincere thanks by means of the *HERALD*.

—Dempsey and Marcia Harris,
North American Baptist
General Conference missionaries
to the Spanish-Americans in Texas

Editor's Note:

An error occurred in the January 15 issue of the *BAPTIST HERALD* when it was reported that "20 thousand tons" of clothing were sent by our churches to the Rio Grande Valley. It should have read "about 20 tons."



The truck driver (l. to r.) and Pastor Herb Freeman are loading the barrels of clothing that were shipped by truck.

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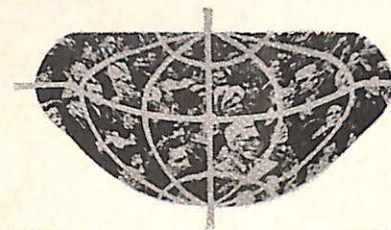
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NEWS & VIEWS

BOB PIERCE RESIGNS AS WORLD VISION PRESIDENT

Monrovia, Calif. (EP) Dr. Bob Pierce has announced his resignation from the presidency of World Vision, Inc., for reasons of health.

BAPTISTS JOIN UNIT TO FIGHT UNETHICAL PRACTICES

Atlanta, Ga. (ABNS) In line with the new Southern Baptist trend toward social involvement, three prominent members of the denomination have joined a committee to fight unethical political practices in the United States, and especially in the South.

Brooks Hays, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and former Arkansas congressman as well as adviser to Presidents Johnson and Kennedy, heads the 18-man Ethics Committee on Political (SCOPE). According to Mr. Hays, SCOPE will support full participation of racial minorities in political processes, voter education, and will seek to dignify the profession of politics and encourage a climate for free discussion of public issues. "It follows that we oppose racism, voter apathy, and improper electoral procedures, such as inordinate use of money in campaigns," said Mr. Hays. The non-profit organization will be nonpartisan, he said, and would not seek to influence legislation directly, but will collect and disseminate information through mass media and public speaking.

ONTARIO-QUEBEC BAPTISTS SEEK FUNDS TO SAVE CONVENTION

Toronto, Canada. (ABNS) In an effort to relieve a severe deficit, members of the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec have been asked to contribute an extra \$2 each before December 31, 1967. Sixty convention leaders have been dispatched on a fund-raising campaign, to present the convention's 400 congregations with the dismal financial picture and urge increased contributions from every member.

Expenses now exceed income by \$189,000, according to the Canadian Baptist, the convention's official publication. The stewardship and finance committee estimates that the deficit may reach \$200,000 by the year's end. According to Delton Kropf, chairman of the committee, theological conflict among the autonomous local congregations caused the deficits, which could

mean the death of the convention within 10 years. The Rev. Lawrence Mason, executive secretary of the committee, said: "If we get \$2 per member, we shall probably end up just about in the black."

TILLER CALLS ON LAYMEN TO SUPPORT CRUSADE

Washington, D. C. (ABNS) Dr. Carl W. Tiller, former president of the American Baptist Convention, has issued a call to some 100 lay leaders among American Baptists to support the Crusade of the Americas.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

(Continued from page 18)

one knows, the truth often hurts especially when it must be proclaimed and expressed.

Questions for Discussion

- (1) Why are some Christians more interested in the mechanics of how the Holy Spirit came than in possessing the fruit of the Spirit?
- (2) Do you think speaking in tongues is more meaningful than speaking in love?
- (3) Does the gift of the Holy Spirit necessitate a dramatic experience?

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: March 24, 1968

THEME: ABIDING IN CHRIST

Scripture: John 15:1-12

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT. The fruit of the Christian is a Christlike life.

INTRODUCTION. A broken relationship is difficult to mend. Sometimes it is beyond repair. We are so interdependent that it is impossible to be a total hermit. Man is meant for fellowship. God was aware of this important need when at the dawn of creation he said, "It is not good for man to be alone." But even in the closest fellowship among men there is a hunger for someone who can supply needs of the heart and soul that cannot be found in the best of humanity. Our interdependence comes to an end at one time or another and we suddenly realize our dependence upon God.

"An unbeliever is weak and helpless," said someone, "because he has no invisible means of support." Although God may be invisible he is nevertheless real. The Holy Spirit is witness to the fact that it is possible to experience his abiding presence.

Prayer, the reading of God's word and fellowship and working with God's people strengthen the reality of that presence. Service, or fruitbearing, is a natural result of a meaningful union with Jesus Christ. Too often the church has tried to make disciples without practicing discipleship.

I. The Source of the Christian Life. John 15:1.

The figure of the vineyard was readily grasped by the disciples. In fact the Old Testament frequently uses the vine as an illustration of Israel's union with God. Checking your concordance you will find passages such as Isaiah 5:1-7; Ezekiel 15; Psalms 80:8-13, all making use of the symbol.

It was generally taken for granted that all of Israel was identified with God. The prophets identified only a remnant, the faithful and obedient, with Jehovah. Jesus, however, gives it a personal and particular meaning. He is now portrayed as the true vine, and the source of life is found only in him.

II. Pruned to Produce. John 15:2-6.

Pruning is necessary or trees and bushes will turn into a wilderness. Grapevines need the severest pruning. A vineyard, after it is pruned, looks almost completely bare. Not only the dead branches, but also the unfruitful branches must be removed because they take strength away from the fruitbearing branches.

According to Paul some of the dead wood refers to the unbelieving Jews who have rejected the salvation offered in Christ (Rom. 11). Some may be Christians who have defected from the faith. Like Judas they may have had only a superficial attachment to the true vine. Such people become parasitic rather than productive members of the fellowship.

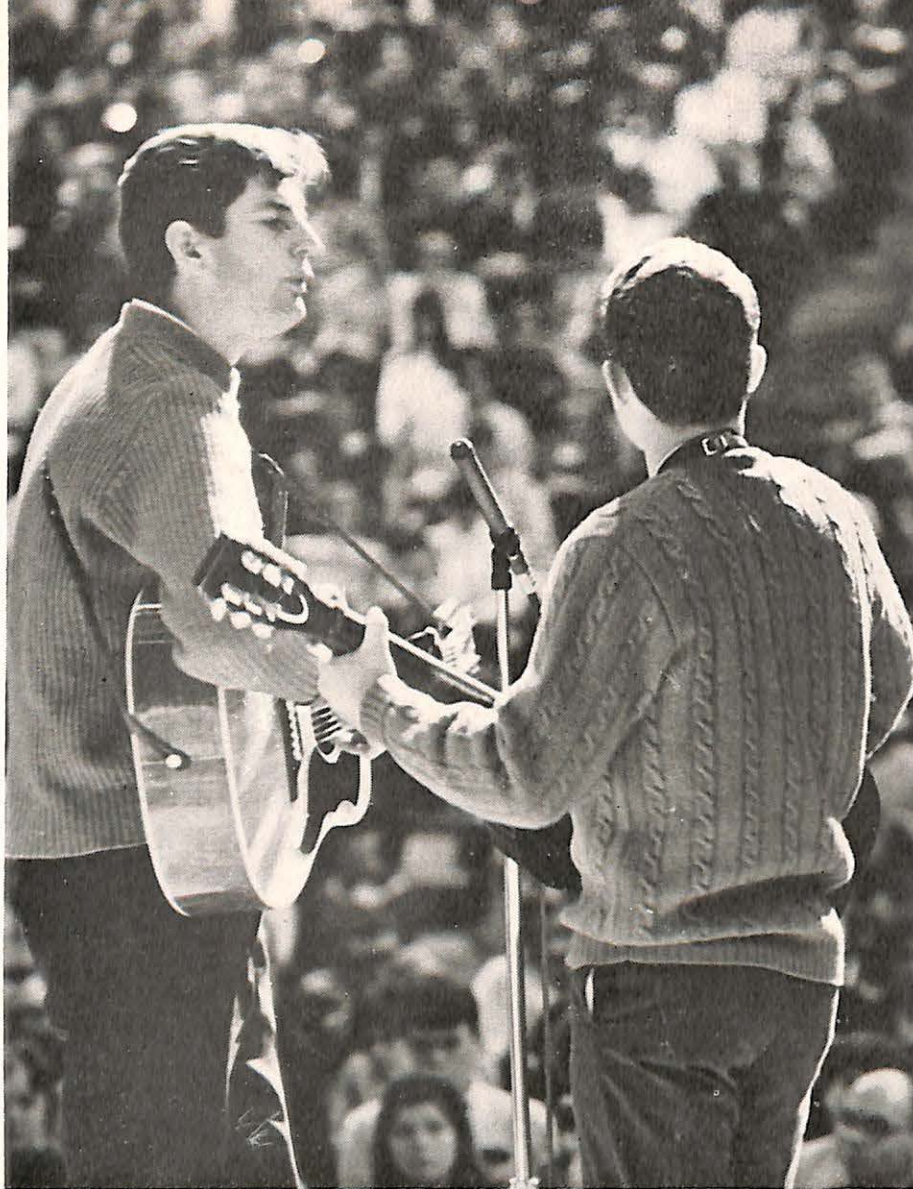
Pruning is also necessary for active members of the church who need renewal that comes from the disciplinary and cleansing action of the Holy Spirit.

III. A Bountiful Harvest. John 15:7-12.

The closer we come to Christ the closer we are to health and life. Claims to devotion are easily made, but it is the life that either proves or disproves them. Jesus emphasized productivity. "By their fruits ye shall know them." This of course does not necessarily refer to the number of souls we win, but to the quality of life we live. It includes prayer, witnessing, the realization of God's love and joy "unspeakable and full of glory."

Questions for Discussion

- (1) Should a difference be made between being cut off from the vine and necessary pruning?
- (2) Is there any security in saying, "Once saved, always saved?" Does Jesus imply that some may be cut off?
- (3) Verse 12 is often referred to as the eleventh commandment. In what way is it different from the other ten?



by Roberta Veit

DURING the closing week of 1967, over 9,000 students gathered on the campus of the University of Illinois at Urbana, many of them to have the course of their lives changed.

Student delegates at the Eighth Inter-Varsity Missionary Convention spent four and a half days of their Christmas vacation in large and small group sessions from 8:30 a.m. to 10:15 p.m. with lunch and dinner breaks.

What prompted these students to give up part of their vacation, some of them to travel across the nation or from other countries, many of them at their own expense?

Did they come to hear the more than 20 mission speakers, or to visit the mission boards' displays or to take a trip with their friends? Certainly these played a part in their reasons for coming, but spiritual curiosity was also an incentive.

Many traveled to Urbana to hear about God's purpose for reaching the world, how His purpose is being carried out today and where they fit into that purpose.

The delegates learned that God wants to build men of all nations into disciples of Jesus Christ and that He

needs disciples in order to build disciples (Matt. 28:19 and II Tim. 2:2). They heard the challenge to be intelligent, Biblical fanatics for Christ's sake.

They listened as men from Latin America, Japan, Africa, Europe and North America presented the need for Christ's disciples everywhere, beginning on their own campuses and stretching throughout the world.

Warren Webster, missionary to West Pakistan, told the delegates: "If I had my life to live over again, I would live it to change men, because you have not changed anything until you've changed men."

It is the gospel that changes men's lives. It is the gospel with which a life must be brought into conformity before that life can be used of God to reach others for Himself.

Students listened closely as George Verwer, coordinator of Operation Mobilization, warned them concerning the dichotomy in the ranks of the church. "What we say we are, what we believe and sing does not affect our lives. If we are to be effective for God, His word must affect our lives."

The sessions were not emotional appeals for commitment, but made a reasonable presentation of Christ's

commission to those who had already responded to His invitation, "Follow Me."

The students responded in their giving—financially of \$93,000 toward student work overseas and personally of their lives.

In the small Bible study and prayer groups, fellows and girls requested prayer for their own needs and those of their unsaved friends, shared how God had changed their heart attitudes and verbalized their commitment to be disciples of Jesus Christ.

Following small group prayer sessions at the close of each full convention day, one or two hung back to seek counsel or a prayer partner in response to God's working in their lives.

Individuals were stirred. Many of them were moved by the working of God in their hearts, minds and wills through Jesus Christ.

Miss Roberta Veit, a graduate student, Medill School of Journalism, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, attended the Urbana Student Convention. She is a member of the First Baptist Church, Elk Grove, California.

EIGHTH INTER-VARSITY CONVENTION

by Mervin Kramer

STUDENTS from Hawaii to Maine, Washington to Florida in the United States, from British Columbia to Nova Scotia in Canada, and representatives from 50 other countries—converged on the University of Illinois campus in Urbana for the five-day gathering of the Eighth Inter-Varsity Missionary Convention. They came by chartered buses, special trains and air flights, and hundreds of auto caravans. Some came out of curiosity, some to gather information, some to contact missionaries and mission boards, and many to make firm commitments for the future.

God spoke through speakers who came from all over the globe, through Bible studies, through small group sessions, through personal conversation, and perhaps most vividly during the time spent alone with Him in personal, quiet time.

There were many times when the question was asked for one reason or another, "Are you a Christian?" The answer came back, "Yes, I am a Chris-

tian." We heard it from students who represented schools throughout the United States and Canada. We heard it from foreign students. We heard it from the men and women who are serving Christ on foreign soil. At first one had a tendency to shrug it off and say, "Well, are we not all believers?" And yet the people making this response, especially the missionaries and foreign students, are those for whom the belief has meant going into a new way of life, leaving in some cases a family or a country. It has meant a basic change in the whole meaning of life.

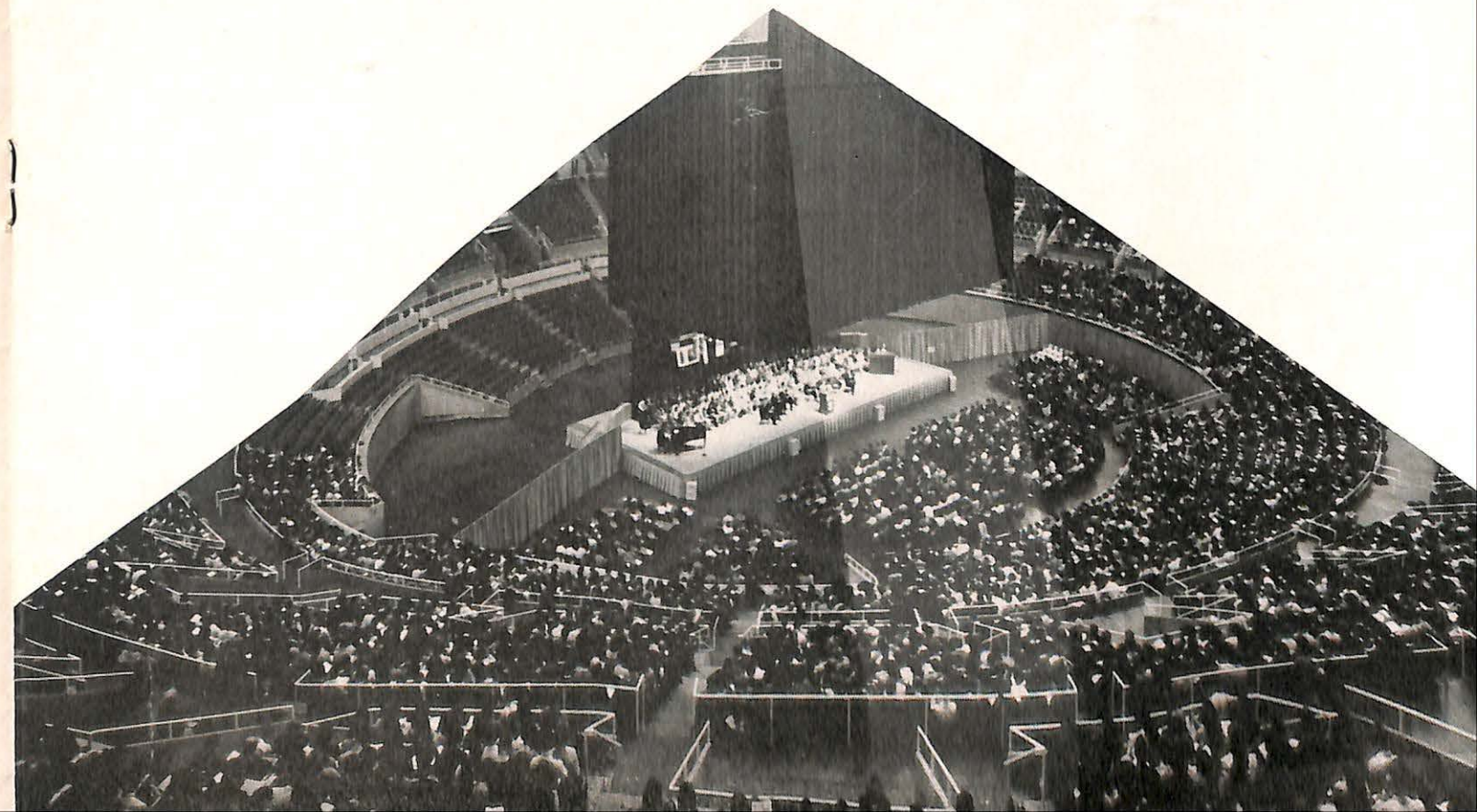
We sensed the power of a single life. We met those who live by an authenticity and a validity which is shattering in its power. I think of George Verwer, leader of student training programs and ministry in literature for Operation Mobilization, who spoke to the hearts of all because of his genuineness and dedication. I think of all those students of foreign countries who left their own religions to become Christians and thus were rejected by their families. Or I think of a missionary from our own fellowship

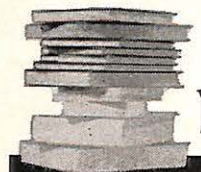
who was present, W. Norman Haupt, who leaves the best of facilities here in the United States to teach in Africa. There is power in this kind of dedication.

I left the convention asking myself this question, "Am I willing to accept the burden and joy of this kind of a calling?" We are called to enter into the suffering of our Lord that we may discover His resurrection (Phil. 3:10). This is the first item on the agenda for all American Christians. As we learned from Paul Little of Inter-Varsity, "A missionary does overseas what he would do in his home country. If he's not a witness and missionary at home, he'll never be one overseas. The question is not will we be missionaries, but where."

Rev. Mervin Kramer, assistant pastor, Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Illinois, attended the convention at Urbana as the Illinois campus chaplain for the North American Baptist General Conference. Rev. Kramer had a fellowship meeting with North American Baptist students that participated in this convention.

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BOOK REVIEWS

By B. C. Schreiber

PARENTS ON TRIAL, Why Kids Go Wrong—Or Right, by David Wilkerson. Hawthorn—1967—\$4.95.

The author is a minister in the Assemblies of God Church. He is far removed from the "Holy Roller" image given to the holiness groups a generation ago.

As founder and head of the Teen Challenge, his ministry is one of complete involvement where the kids are—on the roofs, in basements, in the tenements, on the playgrounds and in prisons. He and his staff take the message "where the action is." The action is by no means pleasant.

This is not an easy book for parents to read mainly because they won't like it.

The shooting of Bobby Foster led Mr. Wilkerson to an intensive effort to try to get through to the parents. The results of his investigation revealed a consistent adult attitude. All the parents claimed that they were good fathers and mothers. Bobby Foster's mother is a case in point. She wanted forgiveness for Bobby but not for herself. And she blamed everyone who had ever figured in his death—except herself.

On the other hand the interview with youngsters revealed that they

much time with the children of his congregation that he had no time for his own. By the time he woke up it was too late. His sons were drug addicts. The second involved a missionary mother who was so busy saving souls that she had no time to prepare meals for her daughter who became a lesbian.

Early rejection of a child can form lifelong impressions that are difficult and sometimes impossible to erase.

THE ART OF UNDERSTANDING YOURSELF, by Cecil Osborne. Zondervan—1967—216 pages—\$4.95.

"One hour a week in church was never intended to provide answers to our deepest spiritual needs." This statement is becoming more meaningful to pastors and seminaries as they minister to their congregations and prepare themselves to understand the all-pervading needs of mankind. Christianity is meant to apply to every aspect of life. We can no longer live in the secular world and in the spiritual world. If we try to divide ourselves the cross currents will soon overtake us and break us.

The author has developed a group system in which people can learn to know themselves and their problems of anxieties, sin, guilt, loneliness, and a multitude of other ailments. During his long and fruitful ministry he has learned the value of personal counseling and the book gives ample evidence of this successful practice.

THE NATURE OF CONVERSION, by Albert I. Gordon. Beacon Press—1967—\$5.95.

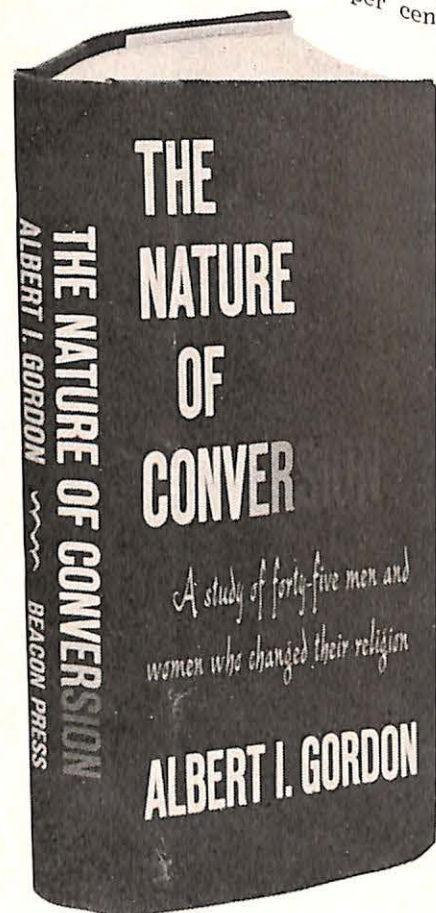
This is an objective study of forty-five men and women who changed their religion. Dr. Gordon's purpose is not to attempt to prove or disprove anything. His purpose is simply to obtain and share as much knowledge as possible. So far no intensive research was pursued in this field.

Because the author is a Jewish Rabbi he has found it relatively easy to find those converts whose life stories were significant and meaningful among those of his own faith. This is why two-thirds of the life stories involve Jews. However, the process of conversion varies only in details, whether the convert is Protestant, Catholic or Jewish.

In the first chapter it is important to note at least one comment made by the author which is meaningful to the psychologist as well as the minister. Thirty-eight of the forty-five converts felt a sense of loneliness and

insecurity, and many of them indicated that their present homelife was affected by the homelife in their childhood.

An overwhelming majority changed their religion because of marriage. Eighty per cent of all conversions in the three major faiths come out of the desire to marry someone of another faith. Authentic conversions, however, constitute no more than ten per cent



of the total number of conversions in the United States. Even though the majority of conversions are not successful in a truly religious sense, the marriage and homelife of the persons concerned has been strengthened, although this can be dangerously deceptive.

Dr. Gordon has divided the converts into three classifications. The *Pro Forma* converts who follow the original convert and purpose. The *Married* convert who has a desire to retain ties with his original religion although he has been "converted." The *Authentic* convert is he who is concerned only with finding what, to him, is the "true" religion. These, of course, are in a very small minority.

The book is written without bias or prejudice. However, it would have been more realistic to include studies in cases where conversion has not "worked" in so far as the family relationship was concerned.

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GOD'S VOLUNTEERS TEAMS REPORT

GOD'S VOLUNTEERS TEAM I by Jeannie Nordheimer

"Lord lay some soul upon my heart
And love that soul through me.
And may I humbly do my part
To win that soul for thee."

THESE WORDS of song that always close our daily devotional time as a team contain the essence of our purpose during these past three months. Up until Christmas break our team served in ten churches, the majority of them being in the State of Kansas. A new town brings another campaign, a unique situation and a receptive congregation. Each time we left a church and its people, we felt as if we were leaving a little of ourselves behind. Many dedicated pastors have



Rev. Edgar Klatt and team members mingling with elementary school students following a school assembly program.

paved the way in their churches for evangelism to take place. We express our appreciation for the Christian hospitality, fellowship and love that we received from so many of you.

Our morning starts with a daily commitment to Christ, as we meet for team devotions. Our lives may touch hundreds of lives before the day is done leaving countless marks for good or ill. It is our prayer that we not let opportunities pass by and that our lives may help other lives we touch on the way. We continue to remember in prayer our former congregation and those who made decisions and commitments.

Occurrences, which seek to blight our faith and weaken us as workers, come our way and will continue to do so. Being a God's Volunteer does not guarantee a sincere burden for others. Each of us could say that this is perhaps our greatest petition when we come before our Lord—that He would BURDEN OUR HEARTS WITH LOVE FOR THE LOST.

The reception we receive in some public schools is not always positive and kindly. We may leave feeling rather discouraged, and yet, we realize it is the mind of satan to belittle our efforts.

Often times we face situations which we feel are beyond our capacities. He alone can equip us for the tasks and

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duties which are ours.

We are thankful for our wonderful director, Rev. Klatt, for his patience and personal interest in each of our lives, and for his fine Christian example. The fellowship we find in each other is truly that of kindred minds, but we miss our friends and families. It was with great joy and anticipation that each of us made our way home for Christmas.

As we minister to individuals, such as those in the corrective school for girls in Kansas, we praise Christ for His gift of salvation which can lift them from their lostness and transform their lives. Our hearts went out to these girls, and we trust Christ was able to speak to them through us.

A good many services have been conducted in homes for the aged. It is these people in particular who receive a great blessing when the Word is imparted unto them. In their failing health and loneliness, they reach eagerly for the consolation and faith they can find in Christ.

Some of our most joyous times are spent with the youth of the various churches. Laughter abounds, but their minds are always eager to contemplate the seriousness of a situation. They are most receptive to the influence of the Holy Spirit. It is a privilege to share some of their intimacies and to endeavor to direct them when they are seeking a way, an answer or a closer walk with their Savior.

It would be impossible to enumerate in detail the events of the past months. Each one of the over 1,500 calls we made in our visitation program afforded us a different experience. As we once again congregate, as team and director, after the Christmas break to begin the second phase of our ministry, we intend to make every day worthwhile, to raise our values higher, to attune our hearts to the needs of others, and to take time to care.

For this new year each one of us asks that you would pray that God would give us strong hearts and a confident faith that we may witness to others the Christian life.



Judy Leppke, Heidi Schaffrin and David Lake loading the station wagon to leave for Christmas vacation.

GOD'S VOLUNTEERS TEAM II by Linda Frey

HOW COME we talk about everything else but never about Jesus Christ? This statement was made by a man to his neighbor who had decided to talk with him about his spiritual life. They had known each other for years, but for some reason anything of a religious nature was never discussed. Jesus Christ is the most important person in our life; yet very seldom is He even mentioned in a conversation.

In our door-to-door visitation, we ask people such questions as "Who is Jesus Christ?" and "How do you become a Christian?" People are quite often surprised by these questions as they are very seldom confronted with this topic outside of the church. Common answers are "Jesus was a good man," and "One becomes a Christian by attending church and being good." If they seem interested, we explain the plan of salvation to them. Many people are just hungry to talk about God, and it is not unusual to spend an hour or more in one house.

Another important part of our program is the morning Bible Study. In this study, we take a passage of Scripture, analyze it, and apply it to our lives. While we were in the Wishek Baptist Church, where Rev. Carl Weisser is pastor, we were pleased to see from fifteen to twenty people at the studies every morning. We hope that these people will be encouraged to continue this type of Bible study on their own.

An evening fellowship with the Wishek young people was much enjoyed by all. In our work, we are especially interested in helping the young people and usually have two fellowships at each church. A typical youth meeting would include some choruses, introductions, testimonies, and small discussion groups. Each Volunteer leads a group in discussing the importance of the Bible in our lives and anything else they might be concerned about. After a discussion, one high school girl came up to a Volunteer and said, "Please pray for me. I need help." We find these young people really opening up as they search for something real and meaningful in life.

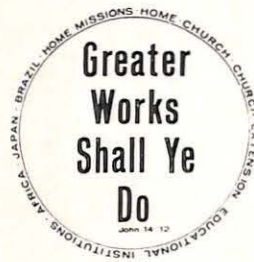
Our last two campaigns before Christmas were in McClusky and Fessenden, North Dakota. The McClusky church is currently without a pastor, and we found many of the people rededicating their lives in a new sense of togetherness. Rev. Ray Hoffman is the pastor of the Fessenden church. As this was the Christmas season, we added some Christmas songs to our programs and felt especially joyful singing praises to God.

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were able to pinpoint the blame for their troubles—mother, father, or both.

His research brought to light a simple truth. It was the amount of love and understanding and time for showing that love that was the gauge for a healthy emotional and stable life.

Two of the most tragic incidents involve the so-called Christian family. There was the minister who spent so



WE THE WOMEN

BY MRS. HERBERT HILLER, Woodside, New York, President Woman's Missionary Union

AN IMPORTANT DATE IN '68

February 29th gives us one day more, because of Leap Year. Since this occurs only every 4th year I cannot resist pondering what difference that could make to wise stewards of time. They know what a precious commodity one more day can be—in the home, business, or in the struggle for life. Affluent patients have offered doctors huge sums of money for efforts to prolong life for just another day. Queen Elizabeth I of England, on her deathbed, reportedly promised half of her kingdom for a few more hours to live. Israel's courageous leader Joshua found his strategic task of defeating the Amorites endangered by a shortening day and called for an extension of time. I cherish such enthusiasm in the Lord's work that will make every day seem dangerously short.

One sure thing a calendar does to us, it makes us count our days. So here is granted us an extra day. What will or can we do with it? Let us make it an extra-ordinary day by following a few suggestions:

1. Bring into focus in your daily devotion life's very purpose and ask yourself the question: "Is my time used well?"

2. Take time to check up on your spiritual health and habits, catch up on some neglected duty or relationship, write the overdue friendly letter. Nothing brings more joy to life than when wrongs are righted and good is done, to even an "unlovable one," who may not return your kindness. There is no cure for want of love, but love. Try it.

3. Do some special thing for our Woman's Project or your church which will indicate a change in attitude and spirit, whereby you as well as others will be blessed. Remember "Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might" (Eccl. 9:10).

Your heart will "leap" with the joy of accomplishment. Dear ladies, let us make February 29th a memorable date in '68!

SONG BOOKS WANTED

Churches and choirs no longer using "Selected Gospel Songs" and willing to make them available to others are requested to contact Mr. Philipp Kaplun, c/o German Baptist Mission Church, 1185 Mulvey Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

GENERAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

by Irvin H. Schmuland

THE GENERAL Christian Education Committee met for their annual meeting Nov. 29-Dec. 1, 1967, at Forest Park, Illinois. Christian Education Secretaries and Youth Representatives from the nine local conferences were present to review the Christian education activities of the denomination of the past year and to chart new plans for the future. As time allowed, denominational staff members and visitors shared in the sessions.

Staff Member Changes

Because of decisions made at the General Conference, personnel changes became a necessity. Rev. John Binder, Assistant General Secretary and Director of Youth Ministry, has accepted the appointment by Roger Williams Press to the position of Editor of the BAPTIST HERALD and Promotional Coordinator. Rev. Bruce Rich, who served as Director of Children's Ministry, has accepted the position of Assistant General Secretary and Director of Youth Ministry. It is hoped that a Director of Children's Ministry will be found soon. Also, by action of the General Conference we were able to welcome Miss Dorothy Pritzkau, our newly appointed and first full-time Editor of Christian Education Literature. Rev. Gideon K. Zimmerman was re-elected by the General Conference as General Christian Education Secretary and Director of Adult Ministry for three years. He is beginning his thirteenth year in this department.

Reports by Staff Members

The General Secretary reported what we can expect in the 1970's and how we need to meet the challenge of a changing age—beginning now. Mr. Zimmerman reported that he attended a meeting of Christian Education Executives, composed of seven Baptist denominations. The major part of their discussion was devoted to the needs of learning and teaching in the computer age. "Machines which can read and write are being developed. They will be used in translating languages. Eventually it will be possible to translate Sunday school lesson materials into many languages by machine." He cited another example as to what will happen to our learning processes. "In a decade or two it will be possible for a library to feed a question into a worldwide computer complex and get all the information known by man to answer your question."

In his report, Mr. Zimmerman challenged the committee members to utilize every moment to earnestly evaluate our ministry of Christian education in our denomination and in our churches. He said, "The religious life of our people will be affected by these rapid changes surrounding them. The 1970's will require Christians who are

trained to stand up for their beliefs in a secular and scientific culture."

Objectives of Christian Education

Just off the press is a tool which will help us to meet the challenge of the rapidly changing future. It is the booklet *The Objectives of Christian Education*. Every pastor, superintendent, Board of Christian Education, and teacher should become acquainted with and use these objectives to relate the Bible message to daily living in a better way. Miss Eva Cornelius, Christian Education Consultant for Gospel Light Publications, praised our denomination for having developed such distinct and precise objectives.

Another area emphasized by the General Secretary was the wide acceptance of the Roger Williams Christian Education curriculum in our churches although not all the churches are using the Roger Williams Press imprinted materials.

Our Youth Ministry

Rev. John Binder, outgoing Assistant General Secretary and Director of Youth Work, reported on the Student Service Plan, camps, campus chaplains, youth activities at Detroit, and the Baptist Youth World Conference in Berne, Switzerland, July 22-28, 1968. Under the Student Service Plan, 21 students served in various capacities in 11 churches, 4 camps and one mission field. In all, 32 camps reported 2,622 campers, 181 conversions and 213 rededications. In some areas suitable camps are hard to rent, in others, the camps are far removed from the churches.

Last July, 12 of our 14 campus chaplains attended a two-day seminar at the Kellogg Center, Lansing, Michigan.

The youth activities at Detroit proved helpful and enriching to our youth. Over 100 young people have expressed the desire to attend the Baptist Youth World Conference in Berne. Space for 45 has been confirmed, and more space is being requested.

Our Children's Ministry

Rev. Bruce Rich, Director of Children's Ministry, reported on the new closely-graded Scripture Memory Program which has been in effect for one year. There has been a growing interest in week-day and Sunday evening activities for children in our churches. Materials are recommended to churches interested in initiating such programs.

Local Conference Committee Reports

Written reports were shared by all of the nine local conference secretaries. Some had been in the work only a few months while others were able to share first-hand experiences of their ministries. In all the reports there was a feeling of frustration in that the fields are so white in Christian education

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The Sunday School Teacher and Assistant Teacher

by

Robert J. Radcliffe

THE CHRISTIAN Education program of any church must be carried on by individuals who are members of a team. Some of the most significant members are the Sunday school teacher and the assistant teacher. The role of the teacher must be understood so that the team will pull together toward common goals. Following are some of the duties and relationships that affect the whole Christian Education team in the local church.

THE TEACHER'S DUTIES

All of the duties of a Christian Sunday school teacher cannot be listed and/or fully discussed in this article but perhaps a few can be. The main duty of the Christian teacher is to teach another about Jesus Christ. But what does it mean to teach? It has been said that "teaching is the art of providing conditions by means of which students can learn and can learn how to learn." Using this as a springboard, the duties of a Sunday school teacher might be catalogued as conditions. As suggested in the *Westminster Dictionary of Christian Education* by Perry LeFever (Westminster Press) they would include:

- 1) sensitivity to the students' needs, interests and background;
2) mastery of the subject matter to be learned;
3) the use of appropriate methods of teaching;
4) the desire to improve by use of self-criticism and experimentation;
5) the presentation of the teacher's life as a model of Christian living.

A basic duty of the Sunday school teacher is to help the student desire to learn. Motivation is a vital key to suc-

cessful learning. After motivation to learn, there must be a positive response. Ray Rozell, in his publication, "Talks On Sunday School Teaching," has said, "The teacher must guide his pupils to discover Biblical truths so that a positive response for good is secured in his life." Without this response, real teaching is not taking place.

There is an old adage that says, "Curriculum is ninety per cent teacher." If this is true, then what the curriculum is designed to do is also what the teacher should be doing. The summation of goals for Christian Education given in the *Objectives of Christian Education* (Roger Williams Press) is, "Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to introduce persons to God through Jesus Christ, so that they, by faith, may enter into a personal, enduring relationship with God, and to lead them into such an undivided loyalty to Christ as Lord so that they will earnestly desire to know God's will and in the strength of the triune God, determine to do it." This is our goal and the Sunday school teacher and assistant teacher must implement his teaching to reach that goal. Specific short-range goals may be set to help reach the long-range goals. J. N. Barnette in his book, *A Church Using It's Sunday School*. (Convention Press) suggests these short-range goals:

- 1) regular attendance in all of the church agencies;
2) a Bible study and prayer time;
3) church membership;
4) systematic giving;
5) some Christian service;
6) growth in a desire to and knowledge of witnessing.

THE TEACHER'S RELATIONSHIPS

In order to serve effectively, each member of the educational team must understand the relationships that he has and how they affect his teamwork. The first relationship is to God. Personal commitment to God through Jesus Christ is essential. Since Christianity is basically a personal relationship with God, the one who is teaching about Christ must have that relationship.

Another important relationship to consider is that of the Sunday school teacher to the local church. The teacher is the connecting link between the class and the church. The teacher is a representative of the church. Sunday school teachers and assistant teachers should be members of the local church and be approved by the church as a whole or through representatives. The entire program of the church is geared to help individuals spiritually and this includes both evangelism and education. Evangelism and education are not mutually exclusive but rather are complementary. Evangelism is a basic part of Christian Education and education is often a prelude and follow-up to evangelism. Both are needed to do the job in the local church.

The Sunday school teacher and assistant teacher are vital links in the

Christian Education program in the local church. When a clear grasp of the duties and relationships of a teacher are understood by all members of the team, then the team can better work together toward common goals.

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Every order from Roger Williams Press results in a contribution to our Missions Program

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but there is not enough time to do a soul-satisfying work. The Youth Representatives gave varied reports of their activities within the local conferences, Associations, Youth Retreats and the camping programs.

Other Changes and Innovations

Proposed changes in the Sunday school standard enrollment and report were presented. A program of recognizing outstanding Sunday schools was also explained.

Two new campus chaplains will serve the Saskatchewan and Iowa areas beginning in 1968. Campus chaplain appointments are made on the basis of greatest student concentration in a given area. Another new program is the *Youth to Youth Ministry*. This program is scheduled to begin in September 1968. Watch the BAPTIST HERALD for further information.

"Our Ministry in Evangelism," a special emphasis in our denomination for the next triennium, should captivate the heart-beat of every teacher, superintendent and pastor, to witness and lead a soul to Christ. The highest calling of every lay worker is to be saturated with the spirit of New Testament evangelism and Christian education. The spiritual returns will be according to the interests, time invested, and energies expended. The concluding words of our General Secretary's report are apropos here. "Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom for the future. Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will be established" (Prov. 19:20, 21).

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B. C. SCHREIBER

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: March 10, 1968

THEME: CHRIST, THE HUMBLE SERVANT

Scripture: John 13:1-15

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT. It is easy for a servant to be a servant; but for a master to be a servant takes unusual grace and humility.

INTRODUCTION. When studying the Gospel of John it is important to remember how significant it is to have access to the entire record of Jesus' ministry. The other three Gospels record many events which are missing in John. If we had only the Gospel according to John we may never have found reason to institute the observing of the Lord's Supper. The real meaning of Communion at the Lord's Table is missing here. Nowhere does Jesus take the bread and say, "This is my body, which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me." Nor does he take the cup and say, "This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you."

John emphasizes the servant ministry of Jesus and Messiah. He sees something in the farewell meal which none of the others reported. To John there were three things that stood out and which he thought were important: Jesus as servant, Jesus as love and Jesus as an abiding Presence. Perhaps because he had the reputation of being called the "son of thunder" he saw things differently when he became "the disciple whom Jesus loved."

I. Divine Love. John 13:1.

Jesus could have continued his teaching, preaching and healing ministry for the rest of his life. But this was not the only mission for which he came. The climax of his life was fast approaching and Jesus was preparing himself as well as his disciples. His hour had come! He was ready but his disciples were not. He would love them to the end but his best friends would forsake him. Like a shepherd he would lay down his life for the sheep.

II. Satan's Last Effort. John 13:2.

The devil has no respect for holy places, holy things or holy people. We fool ourselves when we think that he is on "Skid Row" and not in our respectable suburbs; that he "hangs around" in night clubs and not in our churches; that he associates only with drunkards, criminals and immoral people and never bothers ministers, missionaries or other Christians. His attendance record in church far surpasses the best church and Sunday school member. Every time there is trouble and discord his presence is

felt. He makes a particular point of attending all business meetings. If he did not hesitate to approach Jesus, let no saint think that he can shrug the devil off easily. He penetrated the ranks of Jesus' disciples and won Judas.

III. Divine Service. John 13:3-15.

Where an ordinary man would have the greatest cause for resentment Jesus revealed the greatest love and humility. On this night Christ left the place of honor and took the place ordinarily occupied by servants. Neither Peter nor any other disciple offered to perform the work of a servant. All of them had visions of high office and argued as to who would be the greatest.

The demand of Christ is that we become servants. However, the good example of Jesus on this night did not help the disciples until after the day of Pentecost when their true imitating strength was revealed.

Questions for Discussion

- (1) With all the intense competition all around us how is it possible to have a humble spirit and imitate Christ?
- (2) How was it possible for a man who lived so close to Jesus to stoop so low as to betray him?
- (3) What humble services besides footwashing can we perform today?

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: March 17, 1968

THEME: THE PROMISE OF THE SPIRIT

Scripture: John 14:15-26

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT. The promise of the Holy Spirit depends upon our humble acknowledgment that we need him.

INTRODUCTION. Some Christians believe that when the Holy Spirit takes control they are free of any personal responsibility. Because of this they have made many foolish decisions and taken part in unwise conversations. Others have associated the Holy Spirit with noisy demonstrations. According to Paul speaking in tongues is the lowest rung on the charismatic ladder (I Cor. 12:28). Yet there are many who are more interested in the rushing mighty wind, the cloven tongues like fire and the speaking in other tongues. All of these accompanied the birth of the Holy Spirit age and were outward signs of what actually took place in the lives of these first Christians.

Because of ignorance many Christians deny themselves the joy, the guidance and the power that the Holy Spirit gives. He is an abiding presence whom we can rely upon to help, com-

fort and strengthen us in every area of life.

Some have referred to Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper as his farewell address to his disciples. Actually Jesus merely said a temporary "good-bye" in order to give them an abiding presence. His final word was, "Lo, I am with you always."

I. A Condition and a Promise. John 14:15-21.

Three words seem to be impressed upon our minds as we read the gospel of John: love, commandments and Spirit. Love and obedience are always interrelated and the climax of this relationship results in the receiving of the Holy Spirit. However, this brings up a number of questions in the minds of Christians and non-Christians alike. How much love and obedience are necessary in preparation for the receiving of the Holy Spirit? Some may also wonder whether the giving of the Holy Spirit is a reward for being good. If this is the case, who then is worthy?

Our best answer is found in the example of the early Christians who "continued with one accord in prayer and supplication" (Acts 1:14). They simply did their best while waiting for God to do his best. They knew there was something better than what they had and they would not give up until they found it.

II. The Possible and the Impossible. John 14:22-24.

Judas, not Iscariot, asked a pertinent question. "Why will you make yourself known to us and not to the world?" We do not always know why God should reveal himself to us and not to others. John Bunyan felt this too when he saw a poor drunkard stumbling down the street and said, "There, but for the grace of God, go I."

There is a sharp distinction between the believing church and the unbelieving world.

Jesus' answer sounds simple enough. If a man loves God he will make every effort to obey him until he finds him. In the meantime God is also seeking him and he will make every effort to make the heart of such a man his dwelling place.

III. Comfort and Illumination. John 14:25-26.

The concept of *comfort* should not be confused with the word *comfortable*. It should not be overlooked that the Holy Spirit is a disturbing, upsetting and troubling influence. He can affect your personal life, your family, your church, your community or your nation. He reveals truths to us which we might have forgotten. And, as every-

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OUR DENOMINATION IN ACTION

OREGON ASSOCIATION MEETS

PORTLAND, ORE., ASSOCIATION. The Oregon Association held its annual meetings at the Immanuel Church, Nov. 16-18, with Dr. Gerald Borchert, of our seminary faculty, and missionary Lloyd Kwast, on furlough from the Cameroon, as featured guests.

The theme, "The Word—In You," with studies from Colossians, was developed by the guest speakers and local pastors. Rev. Eric Kuhn, Baptist Home superintendent, served as the moderator. Simultaneous women's, men's and young people's dinners were well attended. Dr. Ben Lawrence and Rev. Joe Sonnenberg joined Dr. Borchert for a panel presentation and provocative discussion on "The Minister and the Congregation."

Mr. Sonnenberg reviewed the reports of the churches, commenting particularly on the answers requested on the "greatest blessing" and "greatest need" in the churches. The answers were significantly uniform that the greatest blessing was the emergence of a faint tide of enthusiasm and concern. The greatest need was that this enthusiasm and concern become a wave which would carry others with it. There are too many of us who care not at all what happens to the work of Christ. Our faith has lost its passion and commitment, leaving a lonely remnant to shoulder the burden of the awful hour. But then history seems to suggest that ultimately God has always resorted to the "faithful remnant" to bring about His purposes. Perhaps this is His way with us in our churches here in Oregon. (William H. Jeschke, reporter.)



DEDICATE NEW PARSONAGE

TURTLE LAKE, N. D. Sunday afternoon, Oct. 29, about 250 people participated in the open house and dedication of the new parsonage of the Turtle Lake Baptist Church. Following sale of the former parsonage in January, a building committee was appointed, lots across the street from the church were purchased, and plans were drawn up. Building began in June, and on Sept. 20 our pastor, Rev. Gordon C. Huisinga and family moved into the new parsonage.

The dedicatory message was brought from Nehemiah by Rev. W. D. Dachtler, pastor of the Minot Crestview Baptist Church. Congratulations were extended by pastors of neighboring churches and the city mayor. Refreshments were served in the church dining hall. Our prayer is that God will continue to bless us and those who endeavor to do His will, as they make their home here with us. (Mrs. Glen Moore, reporter.)

WACO WELCOMES SCHAUER FAMILY

WACO, TEX. On Friday evening, Dec. 1, the Central Baptist Church of Waco held a welcome service and reception for their new pastor and family, Rev. and Mrs. LeRoy Schauer, Michelle, Jocelyn, Carlene, Robert

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and John. R. E. Engelbrecht, chairman of the board of deacons, presided and welcomed visitors from our neighboring churches in Dallas, Houston, Kyle and Crawford. He also commended Rev. Henry M. Apperson and Rev. Earl B. Stewart for the fine work they did as interim pastors.

A piano and organ duet and a male quartet provided special music for the evening. Guest speaker for the occasion was Rev. Elton Kirstein, pastor of the Anderson Road Baptist Church of Houston, Texas. The various organizations welcoming our new pastor and family were represented as follows: Gus Koch, Sunday school; Mrs. Herbert Schneider and Mrs. Tommy Kittlitz, woman's missionary society; Royce Stone, training union; Carlton Springfield, choir; Ed Gummelt, brotherhood. R. E. Engelbrecht spoke for the church as a whole. Rev. and Mrs. Schauer responded with testimonies and thanked the church for the welcome. Following the service a time of fellowship was enjoyed in the church dining room.

As an expression of love, the church members placed various food items in the parsonage pantry. The Schauers have come to Waco from Columbus, Nebraska, where they served the Redeemer Baptist Church for the past seven years. It is our prayer that pastor and people will work together for God's honor and glory. (Mrs. R. E. Engelbrecht, reporter.)

MEADOWLARK COUNTS 70 CONVERTS

EDMONTON, ALTA., MEADOWLARK. The Meadowlark Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta had the joy of receiving 13 new members Nov. 26. Pastor Sibley baptized 11 converts in the evening service and then extended the hand of fellowship to them plus two others who joined on profession of faith. During the first 11 months in 1967, the Meadowlark Baptist Church had 70 converts with 27 Baptisms and 37 additions. The speaker at the baptismal service was Rev. J. D. Carlson, well known evangelist and radio speaker. In response to his message several more came forward to meet the Lord. This was the third baptismal service held this year. (Rev. William Sibley, reporter.)

FAREWELL FOR REV. GRENZ

BILLINGS, MONT. On Nov. 19, the Calvary Baptist Church had a farewell service for Rev. and Mrs. Richard Grenz and Stanley. Included in the program were remarks from the different departments. The church, Sunday school, Jr. CBYF, and Sr. CBYF were represented. The Women's Missionary Society presented Mrs. Grenz with a gift.

A love offering was given. A time of fellowship and refreshments followed the service.

During the seven years of ministry by the Grenz family, 88 united with the church. We are praying that God will send us another able leader to continue the good work of Pastor Grenz. As they leave us may God's richest blessings go with them as they serve the Park Baptist Church in Greeley, Colorado. (Mrs. Ray Kapptie, reporter.)

HILDA HEARS GUEST SPEAKERS

HILDA, ALTA. The Hilda Baptist Church was inspired during the evangelistic meetings with Rev. Oscar Fritzke of Trochu, Alberta as speaker. These meetings were from Oct. 26-Nov. 5. The theme for the meetings was "In times like these." One person came forward to accept Christ as their Lord and Savior. Rev. Fritzke was also speaker for the Tri-Union and Youth Rally held on Nov. 4.

On Nov. 12 the Hilda Baptist Church had as speaker Rev. Jespersen from the Bethany Home at Wetaskiwin, Alberta. In the evening he gave a very interesting

illustrated report with slides of the children's work in the home.

On Nov. 19 the Hilda Baptist Church had a special Christian Training Institution Promotional Program with Prof. W. Goltz as speaker. Walter Wuerfel was chairman. The Northern Conference Churches wish to reach a goal of \$125,000 to build a new school. The building will begin early in 1968 and the school will be called "The North American Baptist College."

The Women's Missionary Society of the Hilda Baptist Church held a Christmas Social on Dec. 1. There was a short program consisting of songs, musicals, poems, and prayer. A few games were played and gifts were exchanged. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship with other Christians. (Mrs. Alvin Reiling, reporter.)

TYNDALL CHURCHES HOLD SPECIAL MEETINGS

TYNDALL, S. D., The Harvest Mission Festival was observed at the Danzig Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon Nov. 12 with Rev. Bert Itterman of Sioux Falls as the guest speaker. In the Tyndall Baptist Church, the Rev. Walter Sukut, Avon, was the special harvest mission festival speaker on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 26. A special mission offering was received at each service.

Special evangelistic meetings were held in the Tyndall Baptist Church with the Danzig Baptist congregation cooperating from Nov. 27 through Dec. 3 with Rev. Walter Hoffmann, Plum Creek Church, Emery, S. D., bringing the messages. Special music at the services was rendered by Rev. and Mrs. Hoffmann and their two sons. Rev. David Zimmerman is the pastor of the Creston Baptist Church, Creston, Nebraska. (Mrs. David Zimmerman, reporter.)

ACTIVE IN SHARING CHRIST

PITTSBURGH, PA. TEMPLE. Approximately sixty members of Temple Baptist Church conducted a community survey on two Sunday afternoons in November. Some 3,000 calls were made. The survey turned up some very interesting and helpful results. Possibly the greatest benefit came to those who braved the chilly November days as they became involved in actually confronting people regarding their relationship to Christ and His Church. Many testified as to the blessing received.

Five persons were baptized Nov. 26 and the following Sunday, Dec. 3, eight persons were welcomed into membership.

Temple Baptist shared with sister Baptist churches in a missionary conference December 7-10 with missionaries Dr. Jerry Fluth, Patricia Heller and Rev. Harold Lang.

Our youth choir presented a Christmas Vesper program Dec. 17 and a Christmas program "What Christmas Spirit?" on Wednesday evening, Dec. 20. (Mrs. Helen Seebacher, reporter.)

YEAR ENDS WITH MEETINGS, PROGRAMS

EDMONTON, ALTA., Namao Park. Commencing Sunday evening Oct. 29 through Nov. 5, the Namao Park Baptist Church enjoyed evangelistic meetings with Rev. Leverette. He brought stories for the children and inspiring messages for all. It was a week filled with blessings for those who attended.

On Sunday evening Nov. 26, the Ladies Missionary Society presented their second annual program. We centered our thoughts on how great we are in God's sight and presented a play entitled, "True Greatness." Following the service we gathered in the lower auditorium for refreshments and fellowship.

On Sunday evening Dec. 3, we enjoyed a sacred concert brought by the "Choristers" of the Christian Training Institute. Through word and song we were inspired to a closer walk with God and also given the desire to do our best towards the new college building program.

On Sunday evening Dec. 10, the young people of the Namao Park Baptist Church and the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, presented a play entitled, "Two Shall See the Light." (Mrs. H. Mandzie, reporter.)



HACKMANN'S MARRIED 60 YEARS

ELGIN, IOWA. The First Baptist Church at Elgin, honored Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hackmann (above) on their 60th wedding anniversary, Sunday Dec. 3 with a program and reception. All of their family was present including: Reuben, Elgin; Gertrude (Mrs. Clarence Kohls), Strawberry Point, Iowa; Hugo, West Union, Iowa; and Louise, (Mrs. Burtram Kurth), Omaha, Nebraska.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Hackmann have been active members of First Baptist Church. Mrs. Hackmann sang in the choir, and was pianist in the primary department of the Sunday school. Mr. Hackmann served as Sunday school teacher, church treasurer, and deacon. (Mrs. Fred Schaeer, reporter.)



TEENS, BUILDING MAKE NEWS

RACINE, WIS. Members of Grace Baptist Church broke ground recently for a new church building. The 16,300 square foot structure will have seating for 470 persons. Plans are to complete construction of the two-story brick structure by September.

Included in the building will be a chapel, office, church parlor, educational facilities, a kitchen and a multi-purpose room large enough to set 300 for dinners. A picture of the architect's model is shown above (right).

Racine City Champs of the Youth for Christ quiz teams are members of Grace Baptist Church. The Quiz Program was based on the first six chapters of John. Receiving the trophy from Jerry Jensen (left) are Captain Kim Genich, Joyce Wilzewske, Donna McQuire, and Bonnie Fragale, Coach. At the right are Sam Berg, youth director, and Rev. George Brietkruez, pastor. Mr. Jensen is Southeastern Director of YFC. (Mrs. William Genich, reporter.)

VOLUNTEERS VISIT HOPE CHURCH

HOPE, KAN. The First Baptist Church of Dickinson County, had a week of meetings with God's Volunteers Team I with Rev. Henry Lang beginning Nov. 24.

On Sun., Nov. 30, the Ebenezer Church met with the Hope church to hear Dr. J. C. Fluth, missionary doctor from the Cameroon mission field. Dr. Fluth showed slides and told of the work among the patients there. (Mrs. C. A. Piper, reporter.)

EMPHASIZE MISSIONS AND TEACHER TRAINING

POUND, WIS. The Pioneer Baptist Church held a week of meetings on world missions and evangelism in December with Rev. Jake Klassen. Special features included the showing of slides of mission work in Ecuador and

the latest North American Baptist film reports of work in Japan, "Building Bridges for Christ in Japan: and in the Cameroons, "A Lay Look at Our Ministry in Cameroon."

The annual Christmas eve program was presented by the children with Leo Gross in charge and Mrs. Jerry Gusick leading the primary department in musical numbers.

The pastor, Rev. Anthony Guenther, is conducting a teacher training class on Mon. evenings by showing slides on "How to be an Effective Sunday School Teacher." (Mrs. Emily Matrisch, reporter.)

FAREWELL TO SCHUMACHERS

MEDICINE HAT, ALTA., Members and friends of the Temple Baptist Church met on the evening of Dec. 29 to bid farewell to Rev. Henry Schumacher and family, who have served as pastor there the past nine years.

Farewell greetings and gifts were presented by the various organizations of the church. Pastors from neighboring churches spoke appropriate farewell greetings.

Rev. and Mrs. Schumacher have left to do extension work at St. Catharines, Ont.

On Dec. 31, Rev. Schumacher held his final baptismal service as pastor of the church. Eight candidates were baptized. Rev. Schumacher asked all to stand who were baptized during the years of his ministry, as he called their names. He also recognized the ones who had joined the church and the couples that were married by him. Communion service followed at which time the baptismal candidates and three other members were welcomed into the membership. (Mrs. Gertrude Grose, reporter.)

MISSIONARIES VISIT STAFFORD

STAFFORD, KANSAS. Calvary Baptist Church held a Missionary Conference Nov. 26-28. Sunday speakers were Mrs. Barbara Glewwe with a spotlight of Missions and Dr. Jerry Fluth who serves at Warwar and Mbingo New Hope Settlement in Cameroon. On Monday afternoon Miss Pat Heller spoke to the ladies of the church at a Missionary Tea. She told of her work as a nurse at the Belo Maternity Center. On Tuesday evening Rev. Harold Lang spoke about the training of the Nationals for church leaders, teachers and preachers. He presented the challenge for "God's Volunteers," in the Cameroons. (Mrs. J. B. Giedinghagen, reporter.)

"WALK" MEETINGS TOPIC

GOODRICH, N. D., Nov. 12-17 the Goodrich First Baptist Church held special meetings with Rev. R. C. Stading of Gackle, N. D. He preached on "Walking with Christ," and gave children's stories. Rev. Harry Johnson is the pastor. (Mrs. Albert Schmidt, reporter.)

TEN JOIN ROCHESTER CHURCH

ROCHESTER, N. Y. During the year six members were admitted to the Zion Baptist Church fellowship by baptism and four by personal testimony. During the Harvest and Missions Program October 8 special music was provided by the German Guitar-Choir of Hamilton, Ontario. The church had a special week of Bible study with Rev. A. Hussmann. James' epistle was the study subject.

At the beginning of December, Rev. Walter Damrau and his wife moved into the parsonage recently acquired by the church.

Each family participated in the Advent program organized by the Women's Missionary Society. The Christmas program, Dec. 24, was presented by the Sunday school. The church reviewed the events of the past year during the Watchnight service. (Willy Hellmann, reporter.)

SPECIAL MEETINGS AT FESSENDEN

FESSENDEN, N. D. The Esther Circle and the Womens Mission Circle of the First Baptist Church in Fessenden held their Annual Ladies Mission Program Sept. 24. Mrs. Harold Lang of Grand Forks, missionary to the Cameroons, was guest speaker and showed slides from the mission field. She was given a gift certificate from the circles.

The two circles also cooperated in a dedication program for the White Cross work they completed during the year. This program was given Sunday evening, Nov. 26.

The Esther Circle hosted the Christmas party Dec.

7, for ladies and husbands from both circles. The film "A Gift for Each" was shown; games were played and refreshments served. (Mrs. Olga Wipf, reporter.)

Cottage prayer meetings and a visitation program were held prior to the week of special evangelistic meetings, Nov. 12-19 with Rev. G. G. Rauser of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. God's Volunteer Team No. 2, under the leadership of Connie Salios, held meetings Dec. 10-17. Several decisions were made for Christ and many rededicated their lives to a more faithful service to Him. (Mrs. James McBain, reporter.)

LODI FAREWELL TO BUHLERS

LODI, CALIF. First. During the evening service Dec. 12, 19 recent converts were baptized by Rev. Aaron Buhler at Lodi First Baptist Church. Following the Baptismal service, the 19 and a couple who joined by letter were welcomed into the church fellowship. The service concluded with communion.

Dec. 17 the church held a reception for the Buhlers who have accepted the pastorate of the Parma Heights Baptist Church in Cleveland, Ohio. Rev. Buhler has been pastor at Lodi for more than eight years. During that time the church has received 551 new members of whom almost 300 came by baptism. The church reports that it has given nearly a quarter of a million dollars for missions during the eight-year period. Since April, 1961, the Sunday morning services have been broadcast over the local radio station. (Edna Bansmer, reporter.)

TEN BAPTIZED AT RIDGEWOOD

BROOKLYN, N. Y. Ten young people of the Ridgewood Baptist Church were baptized during the worship service Dec. 17. The church held its annual Christmas candlelight service that afternoon. Music included choral numbers, solos by Mrs. Gus Beck, and violin solos by Mrs. A. Lamprecht. (Marion von Ahnen, reporter.)

ZEPIKS MOVE TO ILLINOIS



General Conference office in Forest Park, Illinois. (Alvin Wolff, reporter.)

SELBY, S. D. On the evening of Dec. 3, the Faith Baptist Church honored Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Zepik and Lois (at left) with a farewell program. The church congregation presented the family with a portable television set as a gift.

Rev. Zepik had served the church two and a half years, before accepting a position as print shop supervisor at the North American Baptist

YOUTH OBSERVE CHRISTMAS

PARMA, OHIO. Pilgrims and pals of the Snowview Baptist Church had a get acquainted day at which the Pilgrims put on a skit of the Christmas story for their Pals.

FOURTEEN JOIN VICTOR CHURCH

VICTOR, IOWA. On Sunday, Oct. 1, the following new members were added to the Victor Baptist Church: Mr. and Mrs. Donald Alba and Sharon, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cochran, Mr. and Mrs. Audrey Border and Steve, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Shedenhelm, Mrs. Marvin Cordes, Mrs. Vivian Olson, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Smith. (Mrs. William Salzbrenner, reporter.)

WOMEN SHARE IN MANY WAYS

MILWAUKEE, WIS. The women's missionary society of Zion Church held its Advent program on Dec. 9. Husbands were guests. Rev. R. Kerstan, pastor, brought the message. Each member learned who her secret prayer sister was for 1967. Several women testified of blessings and joys they had received in 1967 from their secret prayer partner. During the year women packed used clothing and send it to the mission in Rio Grande Valley, Texas. Several women went to Forest Park Headquarters to visit the White Cross section,

and helped pack some bales. Financially we were able to contribute \$516.11 to missions plus \$100 towards the support of our missionary, Geraldine Glasenapp. (Mrs. Bruno Ziegler, reporter.)

EXTENSION CHURCH JOINS ASSOC.

REDMOND, WASH. The Sherwood Forest Baptist Church, a church extension project of the Pacific Northwest Association, was officially recognized as a sister church of the association.

The recognition council for the Sherwood Forest Baptist Church was held on Dec. 1, 1967, at the Sierra Heights Baptist Church of Renton. Delegates and pastors represented the various association churches. The Sherwood Forest Baptist Church was represented by its pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. John Hisel, and several organizing members.

The council unanimously voted to bring the new church extension project into the association as a sister church.

The recognition service was held Dec. 3. Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, Western District secretary, was the guest speaker. Several pastors from the area participated in the afternoon program. During the afternoon program 15 members of the Sherwood Forest Baptist Church signed the church charter. (Rev. John Hisel, reporter.)



PORTLAND AVE. ADDS MEMBERS

TACOMA, WASH., PORTLAND AVENUE. The church reviewed its activities during the first year of ministry by Rev. Harvey Mehlhaff. The Daily Vacation Bible School, held nightly for a week, had an average attendance of 118. This was followed shortly by the annual Sunday School picnic attended by about 125. On Sunday evening, Dec. 3, Pastor Mehlhaff baptized eight new Christians. At the close of the baptismal service the hand of fellowship was extended to these eight together with nine joining the church by letter, one by profession of faith. On Dec. 10 Mrs. Fred Kapstein was welcomed into the fellowship.

New members pictured above (l. to r.) are: Front row—Nancy Schmidt, Linda Hobbs, Tim Johnson, and Mark Johnson; Second row—Barbara Anderson, Willa Ristvet, Leola Anderson, Jim Flake, Irene Flake, Susan Hobbs, and Helen Phipps; Third row—Rev. Mehlhaff, Mary Bair, Charles Gasper, Daisy Gasper, Pam Ferguson, Richard Ferguson, Sandy Monnett, Terry Monnett, and Jewel Smith. (Mary McIntosh, reporter.)



CHILDREN PORTRAY CREATION

GRAND FORKS, N. D. "Out of the Darkness" was the theme of the Sunday school Christmas program of the Grace Baptist Church in Grand Forks, on Dec. 15. The kindergarten and primary children brought the welcome

and sang several songs; the rest of the students through grade six portrayed the Seven Days of Creation. Special numbers were played by: Leora Potratz—violin; Jolin Ackerman—Clarinet; Yvonne Walters—Accordion. The Christmas offering taken was designated for the support of work among children on our mission fields. (Mrs. Charles Balogh, reporter.)



FOUR BAPTIZED AT YEAR'S END

WESSINGTON SPRINGS, S. D. Ebenezer Baptist Church united with the Immanuel Baptist Church for Watchnight Service. Four young people were baptized. Pictured above with Rev. Thomas Lutz are (l. to r.) Dianne Rasmussen, Clinto Bender, Kim McCartney and Steven Hasz. Following an intermission during which the ladies served lunch, a closing service was held. The four who had followed the Lord in baptism and one who joined by letter were received into the fellowship of the two churches—two into the Immanuel Church and three into the Ebenezer Church. The service concluded with the observance of the Lord's Supper. (Thomas Lutz, reporter.)

RECOUNTS CLOSING SERVICES

GEORGE, IOWA. On Nov. 16, the Central Baptist Church held a fellowship supper to create the atmosphere for the following special meetings were held during Thanksgiving week. Rev. Paul Obinger, associated with the American Messianic eFellowship, was the speaker.

Dec. 24 our senior choir gave the Cantata, "Carol of Christmas" by John W. Peterson under the direction of Mrs. Helen Sudinga.

James Stubbe, high school senior and member of the church, was chosen to speak to the student body at the Christmas Convocation. He spoke on the effectiveness of Christ's coming into the world. (Mrs. Harvey Schmidt, reporter.)

PROGRAM FEATURES TREE

GRAND FORKS, N. D. The combined circles of the WMU of Grace Baptist Church met Dec. 5 for their annual Christmas program. The program titled "The Talking Christmas Tree" pointed out the symbolic Christian use of the Christmas tree and its decorations. Mrs. Charles Balogh is Chairman of the Esther Circle, and Mrs. Clayton Edinger is President of the Women's Missionary Union. (Mrs. Fred Kranzler, reporter.)

EMPHASIZE CHURCH EXTENSION

COLUMBUS, NEBR., Highlighting the fall activities of the Shell Creek Church, was the mission conference Nov. 17-19, with the theme "Extending Our Witness Through Church Extension." Guest speakers were Rev. Lyle Wacker, director of church extension, and Rev. Thomas Kramer, church extension pastor at Lincoln, Neb. Colored slides were shown of the Church Extension work at Lincoln. (Mrs. George Behlen, reporter.)

ADDITIONS AND CHANGES IN CHURCH STAFF

LANSING, MICH. The Colonial Village Church after looking for a director of Christian education for almost two years welcomes to its staff David Howard. Mr. and Mrs. Howard are natives of the Lansing area and graduates of Moody Bible Institute. At present Mr. Howard is taking some additional work at Michigan State University. The Howards began their work at the church Oct. 1.

Miss Bonnie Morgan has been appointed director of visitation and women's work. Mrs. James Sandefer, has accepted the job of church secretary. (Melba Penner, reporter.)

Obituary

NORMAN B. SCHROEDER of Ochre River, Manitoba

Norman Bruno Schroeder, aged seven years passed away at his home Nov. 15, 1967 following a long illness. Funeral services were held at the Grace Baptist church.

He was born in Dauphin, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schroeder of Ochre River. Besides his parents he is survived by three brothers and three sisters, Kenneth, Eldon and Garry, Edith, Lois and Sharon, all at home.

Grace Baptist Church
Ochre River, Manitoba
D. Unrau, pastor

MRS. LYDIA JAEGER of Salina, Kansas

Lydia Miller Jaeger was born in Wayne, Wis., Aug. 2, 1871, the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Miller and departed this life on Nov. 29 at the age of 96. As a young girl she accepted Christ as her Saviour and was baptized by her father.

On Jan. 15, 1892 she was united in marriage to William S. Jaeger at Lebanon, Wis. They came to Lincoln County, Kan. to make their home and united with the Bethany Baptist Church where both remained faithful members until their deaths. Mr. Jaeger preceded her in death in May, 1940.

Survivors include two sons, Harold, of Salina, Kan., and Martin, of Great Bend, Kan.; and four daughters, Mabel Wirth of Lincoln, Kan.; Myrtle Wirth of Salina, Kan.; Evelyn Munson of Hemet, Calif.; and Lois Greiner of Mulvane, Kan.

Funeral services were held at the Bethany Baptist Church, Hunter, Kansas, on December 2 with Rev. J. H. Kornelsen officiating.

Bethany Baptist Church
Hunter, Kansas

MR. ALBERT BOLLINGER of Sealy, Texas

Albert Bollinger was born in Markkirch, Alsace-Lorraine on June 2, 1881. He accepted Christ as his Savior at the age of 17 and was baptized in the Baptist Church in Markkirch, Alsace-Lorraine.

He has been active in the Lord's work and a faithful member of the Baptist Church through the years. As a young man he came to America and settled in the Mowata community in Louisiana, where he became one of the first members of the newly organized Mowata Baptist Church, then known as the German Baptist Church. During his later years he lived in Sealy, Texas, where he was an active member in the First Baptist Church. On Nov. 23, 1967, he passed away at the Hospital in Sealy, Texas, after an extended illness at the age of 86 years, five months and 21 days.

On Feb. 26, 1910, he was married to Maria Loewer Virnau in the Mowata community. She preceded him in death on June 29, 1964. He is survived by six children: Walter A. Virnau and Karl H. Virnau of Sealy, Texas; Werner R. Bollinger and John Bollinger of Brookshire, Texas; and Ralph Bollinger of Sealy, Texas; also remaining are 16 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

The memorial service was held at the Mowata Baptist Church of Branch, La., on Nov. 25 and interment was at the Mowata Baptist Cemetery.

Mowata Baptist Church
Branch, Louisiana
ELEON L. SANDAU, pastor

EDWARD LICHTÉ of Stafford, Kansas

Edward Lichte was born near Stafford, Kans., on Feb. 6, 1915, to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lichte. He passed away to be with the Lord Jan. 7, 1968, in a Hutchinson hospital at the age of 52 years, 11 months.

Mr. Lichte grew up in rural Stafford and lived here throughout his adult life except for 11 years spent in the community south of Zenith. He was engaged in farming as his occupation. His activity in community affairs is evidenced by his membership on the Board of Directors of Southwest Dairies, Inc.

Brother Lichte accepted Christ as his personal Savior at an early age, during the ministry of Rev. Roth. He immediately followed the Lord in believer's baptism. A consistently loyal church member, he was

regular in his attendance at worship, and he served willingly as an usher, church clerk and deacon. He was secretary of the Deacon Board at the time of his passing. It is also notable that he taught a Sunday school class of younger children, providing an excellent masculine example during their youthful Christian education.

On August 9, 1938, he was united in marriage to Hulda Fritze. This union was blessed with a daughter, Mrs. James Elman (Janet), Oscoda, Mich., and a son, Sam, Sterling. In addition to these, he is survived by his mother, Mrs. Anna Lichte, Stafford; a twin brother, Edwin, Stafford; two sisters, Alatheia, Stafford, and Lois, Sylvia, Kan.

Interment was in the Stafford Cemetery, Calvary Baptist Church, Stafford, Kansas

JAMES A. SCHACHER, pastor MRS. FRIEDA RUEB of Tripp, South Dakota

Mrs. Freida (Wetzler) Rueb was born March 11, 1900, in Naper, Neb., to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Wetzler and passed away unexpectedly at the Armour Hospital, Jan. 2, 1968, at the age of 67 years, 10 months and 21 days.

Freida was married to Edward Rueb Nov. 9, 1922. Freida was converted in 1930, was baptized by Rev. A. W. Lang and joined the Tyndall Baptist Church.

Later she moved to Tripp and became a member of the Tripp Baptist Church where she was a member until her death.

Survivors include her husband, Edward Rueb; two sons: Ardell, Tripp, S. D., and Delbert, Omaha, Neb.; one daughter, Mrs. Rosie Williams, Yankton, S. D.; three brothers; two sisters; and nine grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Fred Sprenger of Parkston, S. D., at the Tripp Baptist Church, Jan. 5, 1968.

Tripp Baptist Church
Tripp, South Dakota

SOLOMON H. GEIS of Durham, Kansas

Solomon H. Geis was born March 6, 1884, near Durham, Kan., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Geis and passed away Jan. 9, 1968, after a lingering illness, at the age of 83 years, 10 months and six days.

Mr. Geis lived in the Durham community all his life.

He was united in marriage to Lottie Bletz on May 14, 1905. This union was blessed with two sons and one daughter.

In his early youth Solomon accepted Christ as his personal Savior at meetings conducted at a school, was soon thereafter baptized and became a member of the Baptist Church of which he remained a member until his death.

In the church he served on the Board of Trustees and other committees. In his community, he served for many years on the school and township boards. He was engaged in farming until he retired in 1950.

Left to mourn Mr. Geis' departure are his deeply bereaved wife, Lottie; two sons: Erwin of Durham and Bud of Circleville, Kan.; one daughter, Mrs. Frances Caywood of Hutchinson, Kan.; one brother, Edward of Hillsboro, Kan.; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; besides a host of other relatives and friends. Two brothers and six sisters preceded him in death.

Mr. Geis will be missed by his family and the church. May our loss be heaven's gain. "Blessed are they which die in the Lord."

First Baptist Church
Durham, Kansas
HENRY LANG, pastor

MRS. RUTH MARIE COULOMBE of Vancouver, British Columbia

Mrs. Ruth Marie Coulombe was born on Dec. 26, 1923, to Mr. and Mrs. Schaeffer at Lodi, Calif. She passed away on Dec. 22, 1967, after being struck with a fatal malady about one month prior to her demise.

At 14 years of age she had immigrated with her parents to the Canadian prairies. On Oct. 9, 1948, she was married to Alphonse Coulombe. Following this they moved to Sandspit, B. C. God blessed their union with a son and a daughter.

Her passing away is mourned by her husband, Alphonse; her daughter Corey Day; her son, Milton Arthur, all of Sandspit; her mother, Mrs. Christine Schaeffer of Waseca, Sask.; one sister, Clara Snelder of Calgary; and two brothers, Ed Rubin of Kamloops and Dave of Saskatoon.

Bethany Baptist Church
Vancouver, British Columbia
ERNIE ROGALSKI, pastor

WILLIAM KESSLER of Harvey, North Dakota

William Kessler of Harvey, N. D., went to be with his Lord on Nov. 1, 1967, at the age of 72 years, five months and three days. Mr. Kessler, the son of Mr. and Mrs.

Lorenz Kessler, was born on May 28, 1895, at Olivet, S. D. His parents moved to North Dakota while he was still a boy.

In 1910, at the age of fifteen, Mr. Kessler surrendered his life to Christ and in the same year followed the Lord in baptism. Mr. Kessler joined the fellowship of the Martin Baptist Church where he remained a member in good standing until 1946 when he transferred his membership to the Bethel Baptist Church of Harvey, N. D.

On Sept. 27, 1917, he was united in marriage to Lydia Lang at Anamoose, N. D. This union was blessed with four children: one daughter, and three sons.

During his life he faithfully served his Lord by assuming various positions in the Church.

Mr. Kessler leaves to mourn his passing: his wife, Lydia, of Harvey; one daughter; three sons; thirteen grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; three sisters; six brothers, and a host of relatives and friends.

May his soul rest in peace in the kingdom of our God.

Bethel Baptist Church
Harvey, North Dakota
ALLAN KRANZ, pastor

ALBERT STEPHEN of Winnipeg, Manitoba

Our brother in Christ, Albert Stephen, was born on July 15, 1878, in Wolynien, Poland and died in the Selkirk Hospital on Dec. 27, 1967, at the age of 89 years.

He was united in marriage to Mathilda Patzer by Rev. Jeske; this marriage was blessed with 10 children, two of whom preceded him in death. His wife preceded him in 1960.

Albert Stephen came to Canada with his wife and four children on Aug. 5, 1913. He homesteaded at Shorncliff and Whitemouth. In 1916 Albert was converted under the ministry of Rev. Wotke and became a member of McDermot Avenue Baptist Church where he was a member until his departure.

Albert Stephen was a quiet man and a hard worker. He was very faithful in his attendance at the church services.

Mourning his passing are four sons: Emil of St. James; Daniel of St. Boniface; Edmund of Charleswood; and Richard of Benton Harbor, Mich.; four daughters: Emma Knight of Winnipeg, Helen Henschel of Great Falls, Man., Charlot Schmidt of Fort William; Lois Noel of Ottawa; one brother, Emil, in Benton Harbor, Mich.; 29 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren, and a host of friends.

McDermot Avenue Baptist Church
Winnipeg, Manitoba
WALTER STEIN, pastor

MRS. ELIZABETH WARDIN of Portland, Oregon

Mrs. Elizabeth Wardin was born in Switzerland on Sept. 6, 1876. She was united in marriage with Gustav Wardin on Dec. 5, 1901. They came to the United States in 1890 and settled in the Hillsdale area near Portland where they operated the Fulton Park Dairy for 45 years. Mr. Wardin died in 1942.

Mrs. Wardin was an active member of Trinity Baptist Church having been baptized by Rev. J. Kratt in 1917. She faithfully attended the services until a week before her death on Dec. 4, 1967, at the age of 91. Her friendly smile and cheerful greeting will be missed by all who knew her.

The family who loved her dearly, consists of two children, nine grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Trinity Baptist Church
Portland, Oregon
ROBERT SCHREIBER, pastor

WILLIAM ERNEST MIELITZ of Big Stone City, South Dakota

William Ernest Mielitz, son of Carl and Martha Mielitz, was born Jan. 26, 1897, in Grant County, S. D., and passed to his eternal reward Dec. 25, 1967, at the age of 70 years, 11 months.

He lived his entire life in the community of Big Stone City, S. D.

At an early age he accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior, was baptized by Rev. C. A. Gruhu, and became a member of the church at Big Stone. In recent years he joined the First Baptist Church of Ortonville, Minn., and was an active member at the time of his passing.

On Oct. 30, 1923, he was married to Helen Giese, and two children were born to this union: one daughter, Mrs. Donald Von Eschen (Avis), and one son, Donald, both of Big Stone.

Survivors include his widow, Helen, daughter and son, and six grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. Arthur Giese (Esther) of Appleton, Minn., Myrtle and Irma of Big Stone; two brothers, John and Albert, of Big Stone.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Memorial Services were conducted at the First Baptist Church, Ortonville, Minn., by Rev. Ivan Backtell on Dec. 29.

The Family

● **The Ebenezer Baptist Church, Vancouver, B. C.**, is the present church in which God's Volunteers Team I is serving from Feb. 13-25. Following the time of service in Vancouver, the Team will be at the Cypress Baptist Church, North Seattle, Wash. Rev. Edgar Klatt is the director. *Team II* with Rev. Connie Salios, director, is serving at the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Newark, N. J., Feb. 11-16, and will be serving at the Valley Stream Baptist Church, Long Island, N. Y., Feb. 18-23, and at the Immanuel Baptist Church, Woodside, N. Y., Feb. 25-March 3.

● **The Temple Baptist Church of Medicine Hat, Alta.**, has engaged Rev. R. Kanwischer to serve as their interim pastor until a new pastor arrives. Mr. Kanwischer's services began on Jan. 1, 1968.

● **Stanley C. Johnson, Tacoma, Wash.**, co-owner of Gerrish Machinery Co. and moderator of the North American Baptist General Conference, has been elected to membership in the American Institute of Parliamentarians. The Institute aids in the improvement of parliamentary as a tool of democracy.

● **Rev. Milton Vietz began his ministry** as the pastor of the Faith Baptist Church, Selby, S. D., on Jan. 21, 1968. His former pastorate was the Spring Valley Baptist Church, Canistota, S. D.

● **Rev. Oliver Strong, Kankakee, Ill.**, was elected chairman of the General Christian Education Committee at its annual meeting in December.

● **The Regency Baptist Church** is the recently selected name of the church extension project in Lincoln, Neb. The church extension group in Burlington, Ont., has selected the name, *Pineland Baptist Church*.

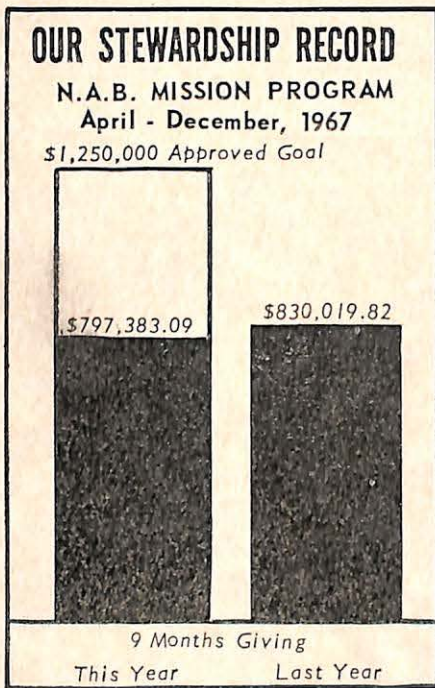
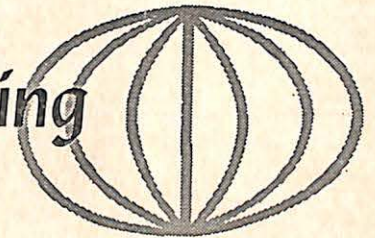
● **Rev. Benjamin Schilpf of Fort Dodge, Iowa**, passed away on Jan. 16, 1968. Mr. Schilpf, whose ministry for the Lord exceeded 65 years, served five North American Baptist Churches in Canada and the United States, was instrumental in bringing into existence the Northern Conference, the Dakota Conference, and the Home for the Aged, Bismarck, N. D. He also served

as missionary pastor in Bucharest, Roumania; supervised mission-supported churches in Roumania, Hungary and Austria, and was instrumental in the formation of the South-east European Baptist Union. He was honored by the North American Baptist Seminary Alumni Association at the 35th General Conference in July, 1967, for his long and faithful ministry.

● **Rev. John Ziegler, Burlington, Iowa**, has been appointed by the General Council as a member of the Committee on Higher Education to replace Rev. Everett Barker.

● **Rev. and Mrs. Richard Rabenhorst** of Bento Goncalves, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, announce the birth of their first child, a son, Murrey Jay, on Jan. 16, 1968. The Rabenhorsts are our missionaries in Brazil.

what's happening



CONTRIBUTIONS SUMMARY December 1967

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	Dec. 1967	Dec. 1966	Dec. 1965
Atlantic	\$ 7,307.89	\$ 7,460.47	\$ 8,301.74
Central	32,968.69	35,434.20	59,796.62
Dakota	17,466.98	23,266.42	26,883.07
Eastern	7,453.68	5,065.67	5,281.79
Northern	21,090.25	19,926.22	16,692.10
Northwestern	10,866.16	16,771.81	15,717.61
Pacific	23,580.84	17,583.64	25,325.22
Southern	1,917.97	2,561.41	3,294.98
Southwestern	12,362.19	12,589.93	12,391.07
Inter-Conference	3,197.47	3,330.10	4,203.91
Total Contributions	\$138,212.12	\$143,989.87	\$177,888.11

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

	Budget Contributions	Other Contributions	Total Contributions
For the month of December 1967	\$122,808.64	\$ 15,403.48	\$138,212.12
For the month of December 1966	132,889.72	11,100.15	143,989.87
For the month of December 1965	160,492.07	17,396.04	177,888.11

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1 1967 to December 31, 1967	\$705,969.67	\$ 91,413.42	\$797,383.09
April 1, 1966 to December 31, 1966	766,881.68	63,138.14	830,019.82
April 1, 1965 to December 31, 1965	691,686.88	57,149.16	748,836.04

GOD'S VOLUNTEERS

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The time came to say good-bye to the Fessenden people and to each other as we left to spend our Christmas vacation with our families in Canada, Oklahoma, Illinois, Michigan, and Iowa. Each one of us was looking forward to being home and sharing the experiences we had. Looking back on the first half of our tour, we praised God for all He had done in these past months.