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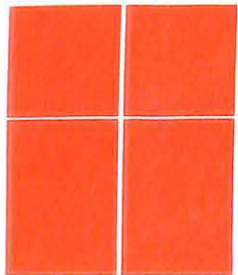
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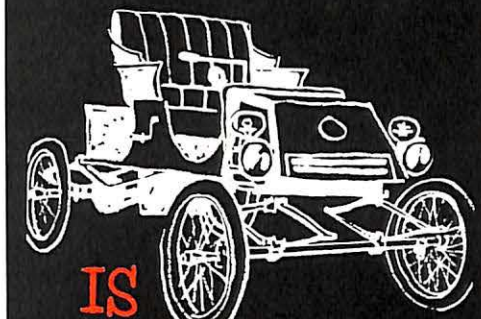
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For a change... READ THE GOOD NEWS

by Clarice Franklin

People are searching for answers to personal problems, and the churches have the answers in simple understandable language. The people and the answers need to be brought together.

"I am president of a new and struggling company and the question of God in my business has often entered my mind, but I have not received any answers that make much sense to me," says one young man.

As if in reply to his letter the sales manager of a large tool company gives this advice, "We have a devotional period before starting work each morning and feel that the Bible is absolutely the greatest handbook, in any situation, that has ever been written. If more businesses would operate on these principles, we would find that many of the problems facing us today would become less and less."

Many people think of the Bible as being obsolete because it was written so long ago. Only when they read it do they discover how relevant it is.

"What we thought would never happen has happened," the Rev. William Housam of Ankeny, Iowa, told his Baptist congregation. He said a man who sold insurance remarked, "I have read it almost right through," and a woman visiting in a home which had received the "Good News" picked it up and began to read. "Hey," she exclaimed, "this is the Bible," and she continued to read intently. These instances occurred after churches in Indiana had distributed 225,000 copies of "Good News for Modern Man" (the American Bible Society's New Testament in Today's English Version).

"Can anything good happen to you in jail?" is the question put to recent arrivals at Harris County jail in Houston, Tex., by the Rev. Coke Lambert, an ordained United Methodist pastor who ministers to them. One man replied, "I can change my thinking."

The first 12 hours in jail are the crucial ones. Mr. Lambert takes the prisoners to a small room. He pulls out post-cards and stamps from his pocket and asks if anyone would like to notify someone that he is in jail. Then he gives them "Good News for Modern Man" from which they read. A prayer closes the session.

Help is the Gift Love Gives

Inexpensive Scriptures are being used by many churches to say to their neighbors, "I care about you." This gift of Scripture is a way of telling them that the Bible has the answers and that God really does make a difference in anyone's life.

When three free Selections, "How Great Thou Art," "New Every Morning" and "Sermon on the Mount" were offered to the patients at Mercy Hospital in Denver the demand was so great that a new supply has had to be ordered almost weekly.

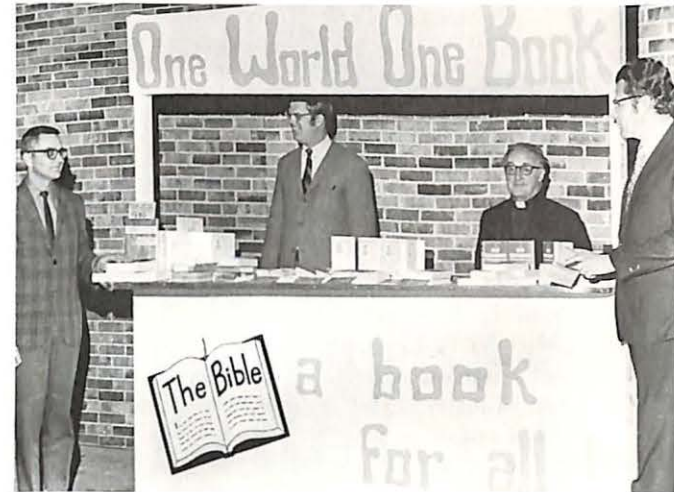
Scripture Portions and Selections (a Portion contains at least one complete book of the Bible; a Selection is less than a book) contain words of guidance, comfort or help. Many people do not know how to find such passages in the Bible.

The American and Canadian Bible Societies acting on behalf of concerned Christians provides free Scriptures to chaplains in hospitals, institutions and in the armed services.

Miss Clarice Franklin is the Bible Reading Material editor of the American Bible Society, New York, N.Y.

Be A Bearer of Good News

Many churches and individuals will share the "Good News" and a plan for reading it during National Bible



From the left, Mayor Jerome A. Nesbitt receives a selection, Bible Readings for Bible Week, from the Rev. William Venske, President of the Tri-City Clergy Council which sponsored the booth as an inter-faith effort to increase reading of the Bible.

Week (November 19-26) and Worldwide Bible Reading Month (Thanksgiving to Christmas).

A Bible Week booth was erected in Menominee, Michigan's M & M Shopping Plaza last year under the sponsorship of the Tri-City Area Clergy Council. The Rev. William Venske, president of the Council (and pastor of Calvary Temple) officially opened the booth by presenting a copy of Bible Readings for Bible Week (a Selection) to Mayor Jerome A. Nesbitt. With a banner which proclaimed, "The Bible, A Book for All," and supplies of large print inexpensive and easy-to-read Scriptures, the Tri-City Area Clergy Council encouraged everyone to read the Bible.

Pastor Allen B. Herman says, "Our city of Arnold, Pennsylvania, asked Union Baptist Church, a North American Baptist church, to prepare a float for the Christmas parade that would highlight the true meaning of Christmas. We chose as our theme, "Let us put Christ back in Christmas," and our large float had the words, "Love Came Down at Christmas." Our youth distributed Scriptures along the pa-

Union Baptist Church chose as the theme of the Arnold, Pa., Christmas Parade, "Let Us Put Christ Back in Christmas." The Church provided two majorettes, a color guard of military men of the church, home on leave, and two floats.



rade route. Our efforts have created much good will for our church." The two floats prepared by Union Baptist Church were used in five parades and an estimated 50,000 people saw them.



The Rev. Allen B. Herman, pastor of the Union Baptist Church, Arnold, Pa., says, "We also placed a float in the Tarentum Quasiquicentennial parade and it took first place. Thus began a ministry which we have enjoyed and which has also been a means of getting the message before an estimated 50,000 people."

Good News is Welcome

The American Bible Society sees evidence of great hunger for spiritual guidance. The librarian for Alameda County (California) says, "I find increasing Bible interest among young adults. I would like to purchase 5 or 10 Bibles to give away as gifts. I have been relying on thrift stores but the Bibles are in pretty bad shape."

"We have had the pleasure of providing our neighbors with the most important item in their lives," say the 375 members of Grace Lutheran Church in East Vancouver, Wash., who have bought and given away 30,000 copies of "Good News for Modern Man," the New Testament in today's English. They feel that they have a message to deliver that is second to none and that other churches would experience their own joy if they would try this program.



A young woman attending St. John's College in Annapolis, Md., signed herself, "A new Christian." She wrote, "Please send me a Bible. I ordered one last year but now my brother has it. Have you thought of selling inexpensive Bibles in colleges and universities? Please consider it."

Those persons who have had the persistence and faith to use the Bible as their guide have discovered a new life. "I know that I am full of faults," writes 16-year-old Laurel "so I jump at a chance to strengthen my faith and reduce my shortcomings. This is a wonderful program and I thank you for your help."

Here are some ways that have been used to bring persons and answers together:

Introduce People to the Bible. A Presbyterian church in Orange, N.J., invites its members and their friends to discover the answers in the Bible during a week of reading and learning. Thanksgiving Day dinner is included for \$2.

Persuade People to Listen to It. Five thousand copies of plans for reading the Bible were distributed by the local churches and students at South Dakota State University.

Make Certain That People Have Scriptures. The Grace Lutheran Church in Vancouver Wash., gave "Good News" Testaments to young people who attended rock festivals in Washington and Oregon and to legionnaires at their annual convention. The church also gave away 30,000 copies in stores and supermarkets.

Provide Special Editions for Special Needs. The Ministerial Alliance in Watonga, Okla., sold large print and pocket-sized Scripture editions at sidewalk tables.

Union Baptist Church was offered space for a Bible Week display in a home remodeling store in Arnold, Pa. Bibles in different languages and The American Bible Society's "Good News for Modern Man" in the today's English version on cassettes were featured in the display.



Invite Businessmen to Share the Bible. Cobb County businessmen in Marietta, Georgia, sponsored a 26-week feature in the Daily Journal to test readers' Bible knowledge. One thousand Bibles were awarded as prizes.

Tell your neighbors that the Bible has the answers. □

SUGGESTED RESOURCES

00215	"The Way of Life" (Paperbound KJV Bible)	\$.75 ea.
02790	"Good News for Modern Man" (Paperbound New Testament, TEV)	.35 ea.
17134	1973 Daily Bible Reading Plan	2.00/100
04402	"Good News By A Man Named Luke" (Large Print, TEV)	.25 ea.
06525	Sing a New Song (Psalms 95.1-100.5, TEV)	2.00/100

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bible readings for national bible week

BIBLE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

A.M. Deuteronomy5.1-10
P.M. Matthew7.7-14

Monday, November 20

A.M. Psalm3.1-8
P.M. John12.44-50

Tuesday, November 21

A.M. Psalm118.14-29
P.M. Acts2.37-47

Wednesday, November 22

A.M. Isaiah40.25-31
P.M. Ephesians4.20-32

Thursday, November 23 (Thanksgiving Day)

A.M. Psalm100
P.M. Philippians4.5-13

Friday, November 24

A.M. Jeremiah17.9-14
P.M. I John1.1-10

Saturday, November 25

A.M. Isaiah65.17-25
P.M. Hebrews4.12-16

Sunday, November 26

A.M. Proverbs1.2-9
P.M. Revelation21.1-7

THE GOOD NEWS THAT JESUS IS GOD

November 27 John8.12-19
November 28 John10.1-18
November 29 John11.21-27
November 30 John14.6-12

DECEMBER

DAY BOOK CHAPTER

1 John15.1-8

His Coming Kingdom on Earth

2 Sunday Isaiah11.1-10
3 Isaiah12.1-6
4 Isaiah4.1-6
5 Ezekiel34.11-22
6 Ezekiel36.24-38
7 Zechariah12.10-13.1
8 Acts15.14-17

The Coming King to Reign on Earth

9 Sunday 2 Samuel7.8-16
10 Psalm2.1-12
11 Psalms89.3, 28-37
12 Ezekiel34.23-31
13 Zechariah14.1-9
14 Acts1.6-7
15 Revelation19.11-16
16 Revelation20.1-6

God's Son Is Given to Redeem Us

16 Sunday Isaiah7.10-16
17 Isaiah9.1-7
18 Galatians4.1-7
19 Luke1.26-38
20 Luke1.39-56
21 Luke1.57-73
22 John1.1-14

The Child Is Born Who Is Our Savior

23 Sunday Matthew1.18-25
24 Luke2.1-7
25 Christmas Luke2.8-20
26 Matthew2.1-12
27 Matthew2.13-23
28 Hosea14.1-9
29 Revelation1.9-18

Jesus Invites Us to Himself

30 Sunday Revelation22.16-21
31 Matthew11.25-30

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CALL TO PRAYER

by Daniel Fuchs

"Calling our continent to repentance and prayer" is the first phase of Key 73. The date for this continent-wide prayer call has been set for December 1972 to January 1973. This is the emphasis that lays the foundation for all the other emphases.

Any major thrust in evangelism must begin with a call to an awareness of sin and the need for repentance and prayer. God's people across the land from Alaska and Canada to the United States and Mexico are called to pray, especially remembering the promise of God: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (II Chronicles 7:14).

Many people talk about prayer, but too few really practice it. The followers of Jesus in New Testament times prayed and lives were changed. Prison doors were opened. God's power came down and the church was born. History was never the same.

It can be so today! The presence and power of Christ are available now! He said: "All power is given unto me in heaven and on earth . . . and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Matthew 28:18, 20).

Can you imagine the results of fifty million Christians across this continent praying together? Can you imagine the power of prayer groups meeting in offices, stores, churches, schools and homes to humbly seek God's face and pray? Here lies the power of Pentecost.

What can you do in Key 73? You can pray. First, draw close to Jesus Christ and come to know him personally as your Savior and Lord. Once you know him, you will be ready to make him known to others.

You can pray with others. Seek out one other person where you work or attend school. Share your lunch break with him and pray. You may find a neighbor in your block, someone in the apartment below or above you. Seek out one other person and then pray for repentance and power to witness. □

The Rev. Daniel Fuchs is assistant general secretary of the North American Baptist Missionary Society.

The Pilgrims And Their Bible

A leader in the company of 102 men, women and children who dreamed of a new life in a new land, William Bradford, described their action this way: "They knew they were pilgrims, and looked not much on those things, but lifted up their eyes to the heavens, their dearest country, and quieted their spirits."

What happened when the Bible-loving Pilgrim Fathers went in search of religious liberty 350 years ago is being remembered these days.

Before heading for the new world and the fulfillment of their dreams, the Pilgrims lived as exiles for 12 years in Leyden, Holland. They had desired to read the Scriptures for themselves and thus severed connections with the established church in England and its "unholy prying." "We promise and covenant with God and one with another," they agreed during the days in Leyden, "to receive whatsoever light or truth shall be made known to us from His written Word."

The written Word for the Pilgrims was a beloved and influential English translation known as the Geneva Bible. The product of earnest and schol-

arly men also driven by persecution out of England, the translation was published in Geneva, Switzerland, in 1560. The American Bible Society Library contains a worn but solid copy of the first edition, bound in calf and closed with metal and leather clasps.

The translation is sometimes given the flippant tag, "the breeches Bible," because of the rendering of Genesis 3. 7. Instead of the word "aprons" used in other English versions at this verse, the 1560 Bible tells that Adam and Eve "sewed fig tree leaves together, and made them selues breeches." This identification conveys little of the version's true significance. One scholar says that chiefly owing to distribution of copies "a sturdy and articulate Protestantism was created . . . which made a permanent impact upon Anglo-American culture."

Every family in the Plymouth colony believed to have possessed a handy-sized Geneva Bible, which they studied diligently and with open minds. Such efforts were enhanced by the fact that the translation was the first to use roman rather than gothic or black-letter type plus the first to use chapter

and verse divisions. Also it contained copious textual and explanatory notes "vpon all the hard places." In fact, when the version began disappearing after publication of the King James Bible in 1611, many people complained that they "could not see into the sense of Scripture for lack of the spectacles of those Genevan annotations." An estimated 19 per cent of the text of the King James Version came from the Geneva Bible.

Along with a metrical version of the Psalms, the Geneva Bible was the keynote to the Pilgrims' worship. The day after their landing at Plymouth was Sunday. They gathered on board the Mayflower to read the Scriptures, to sing psalms, to offer heartfelt prayers and to listen to a Biblical exposition by one of their leaders, William Brewster. This order persisted when early the next year the colonists moved their services to the newly built Common House. There each Sunday they assembled to the beat of a drum.

In organizing their first church the Pilgrims made another covenant, promising "to bind ourselves to walk in all our ways according to the rule of the Gospel, and in all sincere conformity to His holy ordinances, and in mutual love to, and watchfulness over one another, depending wholly and only upon the Lord our God to enable us by His grace hereunto." Thus the Geneva Bible was also their guide for both individual conduct and community life. They "discussed, disputed and cleared up by the Word of God" every question that arose among them. "Thus said the Lord" meant the final word of authority.

The Geneva Bible was even a source of recreation and amusement for the colonists, being employed in games and riddles. They had access to practically no other books. Because they could find no warrant in Scripture for such holidays as Christmas and Easter, they observed no religious festivals.

Hard work, perplexities, fears and even near starvation made up the Pilgrims' life as they went about establishing themselves in America. Always they turned to the Book which was the foundation of their lives, comforting and challenging themselves with words worthy of remembrance during this anniversary year: ". . . No man y putteth his hand to the plough, and loketh backe, is apte to the kingdome of God" (Luke 9.62), or, ". . . man liueth not by bread onely, but by euerie worde that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord, doeth a man liue" (Deuteronomy 8.3). □

From the Pastorate to the MISSION FIELD



Rev. and Mrs. Peter Schroeder

Introducing the Rev. and Mrs. Peter Schroeder, missionaries to Africa

by Richard Schilke

God often works in mysterious ways to lead his people from one area of service to another. He uses both the joyful and the tragic experiences in the lives of his people to lead them to new types and areas of service. This can be seen in the lives of the Rev. and Mrs. Peter Schroeder of Calgary, Alta., whom God led from a busy pastorate to the mission field on another continent.

Early Impressions

Peter Schroeder was born on Feb. 10, 1922, in Rosenthal, Russia, to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Schroeder as the fifth child in a family of eight children, of whom Gary Schroeder, former missionary in Cameroon, was the youngest. In 1926 the family, then with seven children, immigrated to Canada and settled on a farm south of Winnipeg, Manitoba. In 1930 his father accepted an appointment with the British and Foreign Bible Society and moved to Edmonton where Peter spent most of his years. At Edmonton Peter had his primary and high school education, though not completing his high school when the hardships of life forced him to find work and help the family in its struggle for sustenance.

Already at the age of seven Peter had accepted Christ as his personal Savior. He has forgotten most of the details of this experience, but he remembers the deep impression which was made upon him by the Rev. August Kramer, then pastor of the Central Baptist Church in Edmonton, as he in a kind and fatherly manner explained to him the love of God and the meaning of the cross. It was not until twelve years later, February 1941, that he was baptized by Dr. E. P. Wahl and became a member of the Central Baptist Church. Concerning this affiliation Peter says: "I have been active in

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almost every branch of the church and its organizations in the course of my life."

Florence May Schroeder, nee Morrison, was born on Sept. 29, 1922, at Edmonton, Alta., to Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Morrison as the youngest of three children. Her parents were not born again Christians. As a young girl May played with the neighbor children from a Christian home and began to attend Sunday school and church with them at Central Baptist Church. In her early teens she accepted Christ as her personal Savior and 1936 she was baptized by the Rev. August Kramer and became a member of Central Baptist Church. She soon found her place in various activities in the Sunday school, youth departments and choir. In 1940 she graduated from the Eastwood High School in Edmonton and found employment with Swift Canadian Company in the produce department.

Choices in Life

After working for two years with the Canadian Bedding Company in Edmonton, Peter Schroeder enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1942 and received training as an Aero Engine Mechanic. After two years of training he was sent overseas where he saw action in England, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany.

Peter and May came to know each other better in the various activities of their church life. A week before Peter went overseas, he and May were married on June 9, 1944. The writer of this article was pastor of the church at that time and performed the ceremony of uniting them in marriage. The next two years were not easy for either of them with Peter away in the hazardous war. But God led in a marvelous way. Concerning those war experiences, Peter says with David: "A thousand shall fall at thy side and ten thousand at thy right hand, but it shall not come nigh thee." After two years of active duty he returned home.

For the next eight years Peter was employed in various capacities: as auto mechanic, carpenter, constructor, machinist, welder and jointly as machinist-welder. During this time four children were born to them: Donna Mae on January 25, 1947; Karen Louise on July 10, 1949; Susan Dianne on July 25, 1951; and Peter Timothy on February 24, 1955. In 1951, when McKernan Baptist Church on the southside of Edmonton was founded Peter and May became charter members and helped in the building up of this church.

Call to the Pastorate

Peter does not know anything about an early call to the ministry. In fact, during the six years that this writer

was his pastor, Peter never expressed such a desire. While actively engaged in the work of the new McKernan Baptist Church and particularly when counseling others during a city-wide crusade in Edmonton, the Lord spoke to his heart regarding full time Christian service. With the responsibility of a family of four children it was not easy to make a decision and go back to training for the ministry. But God prevailed and the decision was made.

In 1954 Peter enrolled in the Christian Training Institute at Edmonton where he completed his remaining year of high school. Then he enrolled at the University of Alberta for one year and at St. Stephens College for another year. In 1958, when the Christian Training Institute was reorganized and began its theological department, Peter enrolled there. In 1960 he was the first B.Th. graduate from the theological department of the Christian Training Institute, now the North American Baptist College. During those years of training he continued his part time employment as machinist-welder with Alco Machine Works in Edmonton. During the last two years of his theological training he served as student pastor in the nearby Rabbit Hill Baptist Church.

Following his graduation from NABC, he was or-

dered into the Christian ministry, July 29, 1960. From 1960 to 1964 he pastored the Southey Baptist Church in Southey, Sask. During that time the church erected a new sanctuary and Peter not only gave guidance in the construction, but put in many hours of manual labor in helping to build it. Early in 1965 Peter and May were called to Esterhazy, Sask., to begin a new church. During their four years there, they erected a parsonage and a chapel and saw a congregation on its way to a fruitful ministry in that area. In 1969 they moved to Calgary where Peter became the pastor of the Grace Baptist Church until his departure to the mission field overseas in 1972.

Directed to the Mission Field

The decision for service on the overseas mission field came over a period of three years, according to Mr. Schroeder. Mrs. Schroeder in her application for missionary service relates some of the struggle which led to this decision: "While we were in Esterhazy, Minnie Kuhn spent several days with us. She planted the first missionary seed in my mind by telling my husband (who in his early years had done carpenter work, welding, machine work, and who was also very handy in plumbing) just how badly they needed someone like him on

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SHORT TERM SERVICE IN CAMEROON AND JAPAN

Introducing two short term missionaries

by Richard Schilke

The short term missionary service in Cameroon, sponsored by the North American Baptist General Missionary Society, has now functioned since 1965. More than fifty young people had the opportunity of missionary service under this program, mostly in the area of teaching at secondary schools. Of this number, three have since received regular full time appointment and two more may receive such full time appointment by next year. In Japan our short term missionary service is a comparatively new program. The first five young people went to Japan in 1971. One of these five was formerly a short term missionary in Cameroon. The program in Japan is more limited and specific in that it consists of teaching

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Dr. David W. Lake, Cameroon



Miss Rebecca Heerts, Japan

conversational English. Replacement for Japan is being asked for by next year when the present five may come home, unless one or the other would consider extending the service for a third year. This possibility is open on a voluntary basis.

Just how long the program in Cameroon will continue, is not known. As more and more Cameroonians qualify for the teaching positions in the secondary schools, they fill the vacancies. It was thought by some and to a certain extent rumored that in 1972 we would no longer need any short term missionaries in Cameroon. Then suddenly a request came for at least three. Because of the rumors, fewer young people applied and we could not fill the request. For a time it looked as if we may have five, but finally we were left with one. Two of the present short term missionaries extended their service by another year and are helping to fill the need.

For Japan a sudden opportunity came for one person this year. In 1972 therefore one short term missionary has gone to Cameroon and one to Japan. The BAPTIST HERALD presents them through this article to its readers.

Dr. David W. Lake — Cameroon

David W. Lake had a strong interest in Cameroon for quite a number of years. His first letter of inquiry was written seven years ago. At that time he thought of medical missions on a full time basis but God led otherwise.

David W. Lake was born on April 2, 1944, in Edmonton, Alta., Canada, to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lake as the third son in the family. His mother was a sister to the late Rev. Gary Schroeder who met death by accident in Cameroon in February, 1970, and to the Rev. Peter Schroeder who has gone to Cameroon this past summer.

Christian Experience and Activity

Early in life David accepted Christ as his personal Savior, was baptized in 1957 by Dr. Herbert Hiller and became a member of Central Baptist Church in Edmonton where his parents were very active members. David followed in their footsteps as he grew up and found his activity in almost every branch of church work, serving as youth president, Sunday school superintendent, choir director and in many other areas.

In 1960 David graduated from Victoria Composite High School in Edmonton. That same year he enrolled at the University of Alberta, Edmonton, where he received his B.Sc. degree in general science in 1965, and his M.A. degree in geography in 1967. For the year 1967-68 he served on our God's Volunteers in the area of evangelism. Since 1968 he continued his education in the area of geography at Indiana University and at Oklahoma University. From the latter he received his Ph.D. degree this past summer.

Genuine Interest to Win, To Train, To Learn

In his application for the short term service in Cameroon, David stated that it was the former missionary from Japan, Mrs. Walter Sukut, who at a camp at Sylvan Lake, Alta., first interested him in missions. It was at that time when he thought of medical missions but God led him to the teaching field instead. In spite of his advanced training, the opening in Cameroon was not as readily available since the field of geography was not a major area of studies in the secondary schools in Cameroon. However, David pursued this field and waited upon the Lord to open the specific door. For his missionary purpose he stated: "I want to witness to people, to win them to Christ, to train students and to demonstrate that education and Christianity are quite compatible, indeed they are reinforcing one another; to learn how Christians in another culture grow and express their faith."

On August 28, 1972, David left for Cameroon where he will find his place of duty at Joseph Merrick Baptist College at Ndu. May he be used of God to influence many students.

Miss Rebecca Heerts — Japan

Rebecca Heerts was born on September 16, 1947, at Waterloo, Iowa, to Mr. and Mrs. William R. Heerts as

the first born in a family of five children. Her great grandfather and her uncle were Baptist pastors, a cousin is presently preparing for the ministry, and a sister is training for missionary service.

Christian Experience and Activity

Early in life Rebecca accepted Christ as her personal Savior and was baptized in 1959 at the age of 9 by the Rev. Ronald McCormick and became a member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Parkersburg, Iowa. Here she found joy to serve her Lord in various activities of church life: as Sunday school teacher, Vacation Bible School teacher, choir member and in youth activities.

In 1965 Rebecca graduated from the Dike Community High School in Dike, Iowa. That same year she enrolled at Sioux Falls College, Sioux Falls, S.D., where she graduated in 1969 with a B.A. degree in elementary education. For the past two years she taught school, grade two, at McKinley Elementary School in Owatonna, Minnesota.

Desire to Communicate God's Love to Children

Rebecca had a desire to share God's love with others. Following her graduation from college, she had this opportunity as a member of the God's Volunteer program in 1969-70. With reference to the experience of that year she writes: "During my year with God's Volunteers I was able to counsel with a number of children and lead them to the Lord. . . . My year with God's Volunteers first made me aware of the need of reaching out to share Christ's love with others, and through that year a burden grew in me for the unsaved."

Early this year a request came from Japan for a teacher to teach missionary children at Osaka Christian School where the children of the Rev. and Mrs. C. Richard Mayforth are attending. When Rebecca heard of this need, she was one of several who applied. She writes: "Probably the initial cause for considering this possibility was the contact with missionary friends and seeking God's will for my life." Miss Lucille I. DeBoer, short term missionary in Japan, was that particular friend from college days. The various applications were referred directly to Osaka Christian School and Rebecca received the appointment for a year or two.

Our mission in Japan has entered into a closer official relationship with Osaka Christian School and our Japan Field Committee recommended that Rebecca be considered as one of our short term missionaries to Japan with the specific assignment to Osaka Christian School. This request was readily granted and Rebecca received her Japan visa on the basis of missionary status. On August 30, 1972, she left on a charter flight from San Francisco for Japan. The Rev. and Mrs. Wilfred Weick and their children were also on that charter flight returning to Japan for their second term of service.

May the Lord give Rebecca the fulfillment of her desire to communicate God's love to children. In her application she stated: "I have felt a need to communicate God's love to the children I work with, but in a public school this cannot be done as verbally as I would like to; hence, my desire to teach in a Christian school." The children of missionaries need this as much as any other children. □

HAPPENINGS AT THE BAPTIST BIBLE TRAINING COLLEGE IN CAMEROON

by Mrs. David H. Burgess

Sunday, July 9, 1972, was a very special day at the Baptist Bible Training Centre, Ndu, Cameroon. The important events of the day began with the commencement exercises at 10:00 a.m. held at the Ndu Baptist Church which was filled with members and guests. The service included greetings and commendations by the local Fon or village chief; a government official; the Rev. Peter Jam, president of the Cameroon Baptist Convention; the Rev. Oryn Meinerts, evangelism secretary; and representatives of CBC churches. Special musical numbers were sung by the BBTC school choir, the entire student body and the graduating class, all under the direction of Mrs. Louis Johnson. Dr. Jerry Fluth from Mbingo Baptist Hospital gave an inspiring commencement address which was followed by the presentation of diplomas to the twenty-one graduates by Dr. Louis Johnson, principal. Certificates were also given to the wives of graduating students who had completed work in the Pastors' Wives Department. This was done by Miss Tina Schmidt, department head.



The newly dedicated chapel of the Baptist Bible Training College, Ndu., Cameroon.

The enclosed pictures show the chapel which will seat 270 persons. Inside are pews with backs (which is rare for Cameroonian chapels or churches), a communion table, a pulpit with a set-in cross on the front, and a pump organ. All the furniture is of mahogany and was provided for by funds from the Immanuel Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta., the home church of Mr. and Mrs. Lemke. The organ was given as a memorial gift from the family of the Rev. William Miles who passed away in February while visiting his son-in-law and daughter at Ndu, the Rev. and Mrs. David Burgess.

The speaker for this dedication service was the Rev. Enoch Yongkuma, principal of Baptist Teacher Training College, Soppo. God has provided in wonderful ways the needs of having a fine chapel for worship. During the school term it will be used twice a day for morning and evening devotions at 7:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Another significant part of the afternoon service was led by the Rev. Oryn Meinerts. This was the official changing of the name of the school from Baptist Bible Training Centre to Baptist Bible Training College. Because of the raising of standards at the school it was expedient that this change be made.

The full day of special services was concluded with a tea given in the library. It is the prayer of the staff of BBTC that as the graduates go out from the school in service for the Lord and the new chapel is used in worship of God, the Baptist Bible Training College will continue to stand as a lighthouse and testimony to God who made all of this possible. "To Him be majesty and glory both now and forevermore." □



Choir of the Baptist Bible Training College, Ndu., Cameroon, with Mrs. Louis Johnson, director.

In the afternoon of the same day the dedication of the new chapel was held. For eight months construction of the chapel has been going on, under the direction of Mr. Berndt Lemke and now it is completed with the exception of colored glass for the windows. Mr. Lemke's testimony concerning the chapel was, "During the time I have been in Cameroon I have been used to build several houses for men, but it has always been my dream to build a house for God. Today that dream is fulfilled."

The Rev. and Mrs. David H. Burgess are teachers at the Baptist Bible Training College, Ndu, Cameroon, West Africa.



by Gerald L. Borchert

Dear Dr. Borchert:

I have a question I would like to have answered by you. Can a Christian have the Holy Spirit but yet not be filled by the Holy Spirit? The Bible teaches that a Christian has the Holy Spirit in him (Romans 8:9); yet it also teaches that we should ask for the Holy Spirit (Luke 11:13). I also realize that we can quench the power of the Holy Spirit or not be fully controlled by it. Do you feel that this is why many of us are leading only mediocre Christian lives? J. H.

Dear J. H.: When we enter upon a discussion of the Holy Spirit we touch the threshold of the "numinous." This is a complex word which really means the realm of the divinely mysterious. The realm of the Holy Spirit is in fact a realm which transcends adequate description. For me to state this fact does not mean that I do not talk about the Holy Spirit, but it means that words are poor communicators concerning that divine presence which on the one hand knives through a man's false masks of self-made security and leaves him helplessly aware of his human weaknesses, but on the other hand offers him the unbelievable experience of touching the tiniest finger of the most powerful loving care in the world.

You may find this description strange, but the more I study the Bible, the more I must do so in an attitude of prayer. In this process I have learned that God's Spirit is not "raw power," but the marvelous personal fulfillment of the command to cast all our cares upon God (I Pet. 5:7), because he is the one who guards us from the prowling adversary (v. 8). Unfortunately, many books that are written about the Holy Spirit — whether from the conservative, pentecostal, or

liberal points of view — are cold, logical treatises which are aimed at defending a position. The facts are neatly arranged so that the Holy Spirit's work is programed to support a certain type of Christianity. And that is just as true of Pentecostals as of other conservative or liberal Christians. But I am grateful to God that his Spirit is bigger than our little Christian cliques. And in God's sight there are self-centered Pentecostals who speak in tongues and self-centered Baptists who don't. The test of the presence of the Spirit is not noise or its lack (Satan can sponsor both), but the sense of unworthiness before God and the marvelous joy of learning to discover that God's Spirit is reliable. He is reliable whether it is in relation to coping with insufficiency of money, to dealing with ill health, or to being unfairly ridiculed for Jesus' sake. Check the New Testament for these and other ways in which God's Holy Spirit touched men in the dilemmas of living. God's Spirit is personal and is concerned with us as persons in our personal lives.

In this relationship with God's Spirit there is one phenomenon which I have found should be present among Christians but which is generally lacking — that is the expectation of miracle. For many Christians the anticipation of miracle ends with conversion. My brothers and sisters in Christ, conversion is only the beginning of a life of miracle. Our problem is that we don't really live with God (some may call it being filled with the Spirit) and we drift without real concern for God until something unforeseen happens when we virtually start over again with God. So we are constantly like new born babies who need milk (I Cor. 3:2) and the maturity of living in the Spirit and eating the meat of God's Word and presence is unknown. Do not think that grieving the Spirit (Eph. 4:30) applies only to those who curse God.

God is personally interested in you and everything related to you. Do you pray for your employer or employees, your teacher or your students, your colleagues; not only as part of a prayer list but as their names cross your mind during the day (check I Thess. 5:17)? To be living in the Spirit is to have the mind of Christ (check what Phil. 2:5 says). J. H., there are many Christians who have entered the door of salvation but not the home of living with Christ. To live in the Spirit is not just a second blessing, it is a daily miracle. It is a life which is filled with the surprises of God. □

TRIBUTE TO Miss Mary Leypoldt



Miss Mary Leypoldt at the farewell dinner given in her honor at the N.A.B. office in Forest Park.

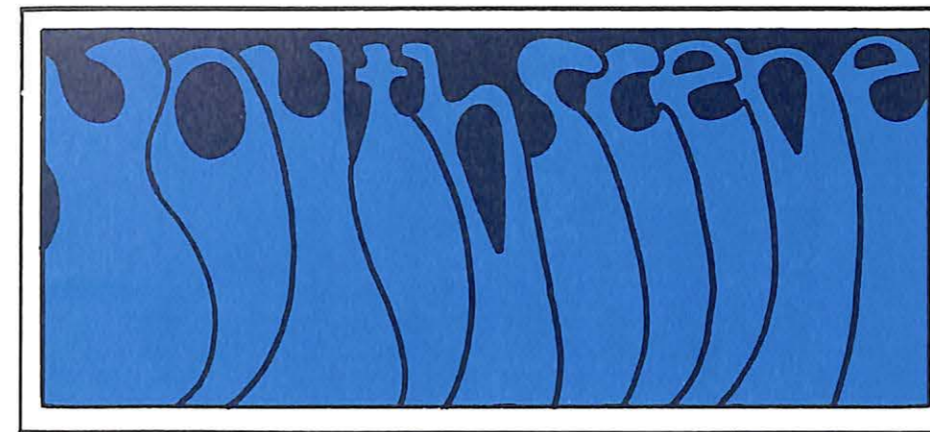
by G. K. Zimmerman

Miss Mary Leypoldt, a faithful employee of North American Baptists for the past 26 years, which included 17 years as comptroller, resigned recently to relocate to Philadelphia, Pa. The responsibilities of the comptroller's office were continually increased during these years of Miss Leypoldt's ministry, since boards and committees initiated many new programs such as church extension, enlargement of the missionary staff, capital funds drives, relocation and building programs of both the seminary and the college, and the relocation of the Roger Williams Press to the Forest Park Office. Miss Leypoldt, together with her capable staff, was able to carry out the accounting responsibilities efficiently, which the new programs required.

We commend Miss Leypoldt for her dedication to the Lord's work as she served in our Conference these many years. We shall all miss her as a staff member because, having served for these many years, she was like a human computer, knowing the answers to many questions relating to the financial operations of the Conference. We wish her God's guidance in her new area of service in Philadelphia.

Miss Leypoldt will be residing with her sister, Dr. Martha Leypoldt, who is resuming teaching responsibilities at Eastern Theological Seminary after a year's absence, due to illness. We wish these twin sisters God's abiding blessings as they continue their services for Christ. □

Dr. G. K. Zimmerman is the executive secretary of the North American Baptist General Conference.



Youth in Ministry

from Chautauqua . . .

"My experience at the Chautauqua Youth Congress was a rich one because of my general attitude. I went to Chautauqua with the desire and intention of deriving real spiritual food from the activities. As a result I spent a lot of time in meditation and waiting on the Lord for direction. I had never before realized the power that can come from taking time to talk with God and also listen to him. After Dr. Patzia's lecture on "The Holy Spirit" I realized that I was already filled with the Spirit but my job was to open my life and remove all barriers so that he could use me. I prayed that God would show me what to do and thus give me some evidence that he was really working through me. After a morning lecture I was in a very thoughtful mood — in fact, I felt like talking to no one. As I approached the park I noticed a guy sitting alone on a bench. In spite of myself, God made me go and talk with him. He was so ready to receive Jesus Christ that I was certain, without a doubt, that God had used me in a tremendous way and that I had done nothing to initiate the situation. Time spent in honest communication with God can only result in a closer walk and a means of letting the Holy Spirit make you effective. Because I was willing to really search for God, I now have a new brother in Christ."

—Lowell Riemer

from Student Summer Workers . . .

"The summer of 1972 at First Baptist Church, Leola, S.D., was a tremendously enriching and rewarding experience for me. It was very hard work, and a large load for me, but I really praise the Lord for opening up and placing me into that position.

"I feel the Student Service Program provided me an excellent opportunity to learn, to serve the Lord and to deepen my relationship with him. I do thank him and you for providing me with the opportunity. The Lord willing, I will probably be re-enlisting again."

—Ray Lick

"I considered the summer service program to be very worthwhile and meaningful. As a student it is important to get the practical training in a "complete" way which a summer program alone can offer. There were several highlights, the first one being EXPLO 72. After that I had the privilege of starting a door-to-door witnessing program together with the youth of several churches. We also had some programs at the jail at which several men seemed to be open for our Christian message. The camp for 10-year-olds where I was a Bible teacher was very meaningful. Finally, the opportunity to do a fair amount of preaching was especially worthwhile."

—Bill Schmidt

"My experiences this summer included working with Vacation Bible School, counseling at camp, visiting with church members and community residents, teaching the adult Sunday school class, and conducting the Sunday services at Faith Baptist Church, Selby, S.D.

"Vacation Bible School work at Herreid filled my first week being responsible for the various missionary periods. This early acquaintance with the children seemed to open the door to better relationships with them.

"July 13 through 19 I counseled at the Senior High Youth Camp at Crystal Springs. I would classify this period as the highlight of my summer, as I saw God working in the lives of many young people.

"Visitation filled a large percentage

of my time. This included visiting with residents and staff at the rest home, calling in homes and helping farmers when needed. This was one of the major means of learning to understand the needs, problems and aspirations of the people.

"I trust that the congregation learned through my sermons, Bible studies and Sunday school lessons; I learned through preparation for them."

—Herman Kesterke

"My summer assignment was to work with the youth and be assistant to the pastor at First Baptist Church in Minot, N.D. We had a weekly program for the Junior High and Senior High. Along with these were a few special outings. The college age group was well-attended and growing. The youth were kept on the move throughout the summer, either with church programs planned for their age, or with church youth projects. One project was a



The Fourth of July float built by First Baptist Church youth of Minot, N.D.

Fourth of July float which the youth built. Six youth from the church handed out a half sheet message which went along with the theme of the float. It was a message of loyalty to our country through love for Christ, and pride in what the United States stood for in religious freedom. Along with the message of America, the four spiritual laws were worked in the message. The six young people handed out 5,000 leaflets as the float passed through the street.

"During the State Fair, in Minot, First Baptist Church youth and adults had the opportunity to staff a booth for the local Bible Book Store. We also developed a small survey to be taken and to enable a person to share his faith with a fair visitor. The opportunities were great and the experiences rich. All around, the summer was busy, exciting and rich with blessing." □

—Eric Coulon

Woman's World

'COME LET US PRAY'

by Mrs. Jeanette Stein, president of the W.M.U., Winnipeg, Man.

To copy the prayer life of Christ should be the aim of every Christian. On many occasions Christ left the multitudes and retired into a solitary place to pray. This was no selfish act, rather it increased his service to others through renewed spiritual strength. Our service can become very shallow and our influence very weak if we neglect the ministry of praying alone. It is wise to obey the command of Jesus to shut the door to all disturbances and distractions and pray to God in secret.

Jesus' words about praying together with others are quite as positive as his words about praying alone. The reference to "two or three" is the contrast between social and solitary prayer. Christ stresses the fact that he is especially present in a praying group.

Jesus encourages us to pray for one another. In his model prayer he teaches us to pray, "Our Father," "our daily bread," "our debts," "our debtors." As we observe Baptist Women's Day of Prayer on November 6, let us remember to pray for people all over the world.

May the spirit of unity so take hold of each one of us that we will no longer see ourselves as separate threads but as an inseparable element in the closely woven fabric of human life.

This year the theme of our program is "reconciliation." The program features testimonies and special prayer requests from women all over the world. Be sure to attend the prayer service in your area, and God will especially bless you as you participate in this social intercessory prayer for others. □

NEWS FROM FARROUPILHA

A Letter from Mrs. Ralph Nelson, missionary in Farroupilha, Brazil

We have experienced many blessings in the work here and are happy to see some progress. We have had a bap-

tism recently, and now five more are ready for baptismal classes, most of them are teenage boys.



The Ralph Nelson family

We have a large youth group, about 20 from the church, and as many as 40 in attendance. We meet on Saturday nights in our basement because many will not come to the church building.

Our own children are in school. They speak Portuguese quite fluently for which we are thankful.

We are praying for a new church building in the near future. Our little house is too small and is overflowing on Sunday night.

Farroupilha is an interesting town. It is hilly and green with eucalyptus, acacia, citrus, pine trees and vineyards. It is about 2000 feet altitude which means that we get a lot of fog. The winter months are quite cold; that is why we asked the Rabenhorsts to bring us a pot-bellied wood stove. The local people cook with a wood fire, but the stoves are small and don't hold much wood.

The town was founded by Italians and presently has about 20,000 inhabitants. The people are warm and friendly when we visit in their homes. In Christian love,
Martha Nelson

Editor's note: This letter from Mrs. Martha Nelson was so interesting and gave us so much information I felt I should share it with you. Letters like these are a part of the compensation I receive for being the editor of the Woman's World.

Would you like to brighten the day for a missionary far from home? Why not take time to write to some of the missionaries? Sometimes a word of encouragement is immensely helpful. Give them the assurance that you are praying for them and that you love them. Unless we have been far from home, we cannot realize how much a letter from home can mean. □

ANDREAS FOUND IT

by Laura E. Reddig, Mbingo Baptist Hospital

"What does this line mean?" Andreas pointed the longest finger of his almost fingerless hands at a torn page of a Bible he had found on the road. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart," was the reply. "Read it again," he begged, excitement mounting in his voice. Over and over the words were read with his finger following each word. After numerous repetitions, Andreas announced quietly: "Now I will read it," and he did.



Missionary Laura E. Reddig

He found other things to read, and each letter and word of the first Scripture passage were identified in the new material. "Read me another line," he requested of a "book man" (one who could read.) This process was repeated several times, again identifying the letters and words in the new reading material, the result of his curiosity and hunger to learn. Andreas wanted his own Bible. He would read it with the help of many friends who were now familiar with his constant request: "Read this to me."

Reading the Scriptures brought Andreas face to face with Jesus, and oh, the joy when he realized he could belong to Jesus! Then Andreas learned to write, often jotting down on a scrap

of paper the reference of some verse he couldn't understand. "What does this mean?" now became his daily question. On hearing an explanation, his usual comment was, "Oh, that is too, too wonderful!"

When the NEW LIFE FOR ALL evangelistic program came to Mbingo, Andreas requested having a prayer-cell in his house. He reported great enthusiasm and joy when another man had taken part in the prayers, and much excitement when his own housemate accepted Christ. Patients who had no interest in attending church, couldn't resist Andreas' warm invitation to "prayer time" at his house. He wanted to share the GOOD NEWS, this NEW LIFE with everyone.

On discharge day, Andreas tried to express his gratitude to God for his love and blessings: "Even though I have no fingers and only one leg, I am thankful God brought me to Mbingo. The very best of life—I've found it!" □

GOD'S ABOUNDING ABUNDANCE

by Mrs. Adam Huber, editor of the Woman's World.

"The Lord shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand" (Deut. 28:12).

Our nation has been showered with an abundance of material things. Once a year we set aside a day to observe a time of thanksgiving. To live in a land whose foundations were based on Christian principles, is most certainly an added blessing. It is difficult for us in America to understand the plight of those who go hungry or those who do not have adequate housing or the necessary medical care. Sometimes we take it so lightly.

We should rejoice and be thankful each day. The Psalmist says, "Offer unto God thanksgiving" (Psalm 50:14a). Each day, as we reflect on the goodness of God, our hearts should fill to overflowing with thankfulness and gladness. A thankful heart will give us the new dimension we need to serve the Lord with gladness and joy. A thankful heart will make it easy to share. When we share our blessings, they multiply. The five loaves and two fishes were sufficient to feed a multitude when they were shared. How much lighter a task becomes if our hearts are filled with gladness and thanksgiving.

Thankfulness is a personal matter. We can choose to be thankful. It only requires a bit of remembrance, for

God's rich provision surrounds us. We see God's goodness everywhere if we but look. It takes only a moment to reflect on the many blessings that are ours. God abounds in abundance.

If we are truly thankful, we will serve our Lord—feeling always that it is a privilege to serve. How sad, though, that today in many areas of Christian service it is difficult to find the necessary volunteers to staff and implement a good church program. Our choir lofts should be filled and bulging, our Sunday schools should have an abundance of dedicated teachers, and the recruiting of workers should be a joy to pastors. But alas, choir lofts are not always filled, Sunday school teachers are sometimes difficult to find and dependable church workers are often a rare commodity. Why? Because we do not serve our Lord with gladness which comes from a thankful heart.

God has a plan of service for each life. There are special tasks for each person. If we fail to do them, they will never be done. The real spirit of true thanksgiving will spill over into our lives daily if we express our thankfulness to God in real service.

No service in itself is small
None great though earth it fill,
But that is small that seeks its own
And great that seeks God's will.

Then hold my hand, most gracious God;
Guide all my goings still;
And let it be my life's one aim
To know and do Thy will.

(Anonymous)

Express your thankfulness to God for his great abundance in real service. Seek his will for your life. Consecrate your service to him and it will bring great dividends. Amy Bolding in her book, "Please Give a Devotion of Gladness," writes, "The widow who used the last of her oil to cook for the prophet received in return all she could use. The little boy who gave up his lunch for the use of others still had a feast that day." Let there be joy in your service: "Serve the Lord with gladness, come before his presence with singing" (Psalm 100:2).

The Bible speaks much of serving our Lord with gladness, but it also speaks of grudging and unthankful service. We speak of a difficult task as a duty. The joy of service is absent and the task becomes a burden and strain and often remains unproductive. To Israel God spoke of this wrong attitude of service in this fashion: "Because thou servedst not the Lord thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of

heart, for the abundance of all things; therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies which the Lord shall send against thee, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of all things" (Deut. 28:47, 48).

God has not changed! God's instructions given to Israel are as authoritative and applicable now as they were then. Remember—our accountability is to God who abounds in abundance of material and spiritual blessings. □

THE W.M.S. IN ACTION

Gifts for the Mission work in Monte Vista by Gertrude E. Ahrens, Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Washington

The W.M.S. of Calvary Baptist Church is particularly interested in the N.A.B. Spanish American Mission work in Monte Vista, Colo., because it is being carried on by missionaries from our own church.

Women of the church gather and bring new and used children's and adult's clothing which we carefully inspect, clean and mend as necessary. We have also made a number of quilts, spreads, sheets and pillows. We always try to make everything as attractive and modern as possible in order to show our love in giving of our best, not our castaways.



Officers of the W.M. Society of the Calvary Baptist Church, from left to right: Mrs. Elsie Helmrich, white cross chairman; Mrs. Myrna Harsch, circle chairman; Mrs. Ethel Stillwell, secretary; Mrs. Caroline Schmidtke, president; Mrs. Herta Bullock, circle chairman; Mrs. Marie Schmunk, circle chairman.

The freight on these shipments amounts to approximately \$100 annually.

We also set up a Missionary Room in our church with wearing apparel and linens, for visiting missionaries to take as they wish and can use.

Editor's notes: The concern for our visiting missionaries is particularly commendable. To have items on hand that the returning missionaries can take "as they wish and can use" is a very thoughtful gesture. □

"Reach Out For Jesus"

1972 Youth Congress Chautauqua, New York

by Bruce A. Rich

We didn't plan a revival, but we did pray that the Holy Spirit would have freedom to work as he willed in the planning and conducting of the Youth Congress at Chautauqua, New York. Two-hundred and five youth and staff attended the congress.

The theme "Reach Our for Jesus" became reality as we found greater dimensions to our faith and commitment. In written testimonies seventy-two indicated that they had made a deeper commitment or had yielded more fully to the presence and power of God in their lives. Nine made themselves available to God for a church related ministry. Three accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior, and five said they had witnessed to someone else for the first time. We also shared together in reaching out and witnessing to many with the result that thirteen youth and adults prayed to receive Jesus Christ as their Lord.

The real joy of this week can best be shared through some of the personal testimonies of the young people.

"The communion service on Wednesday was a rich blessing to me. I praise God for the love and the fellowship of this entire week. I've decided to be bold for Jesus, and by bold I mean I don't care if others laugh, mock or jeer at me; I am still going to stand up for Christ. I am going to proclaim Jesus without apology. I have let go of the material things I have clung to for the past 17 years because I could not hold on to them and at the same time reach out for Jesus. Total surrender and total commitment, along with having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ are what living is all about. I have set great goals for myself and they will be achieved, because I can do anything through Jesus Christ who strengthens me. I have let go and let God. Jesus is my Lord." — B. W.

"In my own life I have committed one year of my life to the Lord by attending seminary and then letting the Lord lead me from there as to the future vocation of my life.

"This week has been a week of sharing with several individuals in which they made new 100 percent total commitments to Christ. God has shown me how the Holy Spirit works in our lives. I've had many blessings. I got new enthusiasm and determina-

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tion to move ahead. God has taught me many things and I thank and praise him. This week has not only been a week of receiving God's blessings, but also has been a week of sharing for the Lord and trusting in him by faith and working for him." — H. B.

"This week I rededicated my life to Christ. I also feel that I would like to attend the seminary in Sioux Falls after I graduate from college.

"This past week I spoke to two people who prayed to accept Christ as their Savior." — D. L.

"On Tuesday night the Lord talked to me and called me into the ministry. I now look forward to college and seminary." — B. R.



Counseling



Dr. Arthur G. Patzia, guest speaker



Sharing time in the Hall of Philosophy

"I received Jesus Christ as my Savior this week. Then at the communion service I had a feeling I never had before. To know I am right with the Lord is the most fantastic experience. My heart is just filled with joy and peace.

"Thursday night was really filled with the Holy Spirit. I gave my testimony that night. I have never had so much love in me or even felt so much love by other Christians. The songs we sang really came from the bottom of my heart. Praise the Lord." — T. N.

"This week I turned my entire life



A voluntary prayer group

to my Lord. His love for me is so unbelievably great, I can't give him anything less. I praise God for leading me here and beginning a closer relationship with him. I seek now to do only God's will and not try to live on my own power." — J. B.

"I came to camp with a need: I wasn't on fire for Christ. This week has made me proud to be a Christian, not apologetic like I used to be. I want the Lord to use me in any way he sees fit. Also, I feel that our youth group will grow spiritually because we are going to start Bible studies." — D. H.

"This congress has meant a lot in that God has given me a renewed strength I needed for a long time. I experienced a great togetherness with other kids." — S. H.

"During the week I became confused about really following the Bible. I was first hoping to have someone give me the advice to "do what I would," but I thank the Lord that the people here weren't afraid to say the truth. Thursday afternoon I agreed in prayer to really quit trying to do what my friends and peers like, and start doing what Jesus Christ wants." — K. E.

Tally of registrants by states and provinces.

U.S.A.

Arkansas	1
Connecticut	1
Illinois	14
Iowa	12
Michigan	16
Minnesota	22
Montana	10
New Jersey	4
New York	12
North Dakota	8
Ohio	12
Oregon	1
Pennsylvania	6
South Dakota	8
Texas	1
Wisconsin	7

CANADA

Alberta	22
British Columbia	7
Manitoba	15
Ontario	19

"This week has been a real blessing and joy to me. It showed me a lot of faults in my own spiritual life. I especially benefited from the topic on "God's Will." Through Christ and trusting him all things are possible." — E. B.

"In this last week I have found the true meaning of Christianity. On Wednesday I recommitted myself to the Lord. For the first time now I can really call myself a Christian. Yesterday I had an opportunity to witness to one of the area residents. He claimed to be an atheist but I believe that with prayer he will be led to Christ. This was the first time that I have ever witnessed to someone, and it was the greatest experience that I have ever had. I just praise the Lord for this week and my new love for him. I hope when I get back home I will be able to continue to be busy in the Lord's work." — K. S.

"This week has meant a lot to me. It has once again shown me what is missing in my Christian life: full commitment. As I go back to college I just pray that God will use me as an instrument of his working. I know now that if God wants me in full time service with and for him, I'm willing to go anywhere." — F. R.

"For the first time in my life I was able to say to the Lord, "Take my whole life; and I'm ready to go where ever you lead me." I have great inner peace." — B. H. □

GOD'S VOLUNTEERS SAY "YES" by Daniel Fuchs

Thousands of people never darken the doors of our churches. What about them? Will they be lost because they do not come to us? Or is it up to us to go to them? Can they be evangelized? God's Volunteers say YES!

A study of our modern-day church life clearly shows that we are much concerned to have people come to our churches. People are invited and exhorted weekly through sermons, announcements, Sunday bulletins, church news letters, to come to church and to keep the attendance high. "Come to the worship service, come to the mid-week service, come to the special evangelistic crusade, come to the board meeting, come to the church fellowship, come, come, come and keep on coming."

The "come-type" attitude is certainly important and the come-to-church emphasis must be continued and not neglected. Although nowhere in the New Testament is the success of a Christian effort judged purely on the basis of the number of persons gathering in one place, nevertheless, the Christian church from its earliest beginnings has always been characterized as a "gathering people." Christians have consistently followed a pattern of gathering together for worship, thanksgiving, instruction and inspiration.

The Rev. Daniel Fuchs is assistant general secretary of the North American Baptist General Missionary Society.

We find, however, that the New Testament church was also what Dr. Paul Benjamin in his recent book, *The Growing Congregation* calls a "scattering church." They gathered to worship and they scattered to witness. The come-to-church emphasis was balanced by a go-to-witness action. Ordinary Christians kept themselves busy personally spreading the good news of the Gospel in the temple, in their homes and in their communities (Acts 5:28, 42). That is why the early Christians experienced an evangelism explosion. In spite of the barriers of distance and the lack of communications media, by the end of the first century the Gospel had gone as far as Rome, and the Mediterranean had become what someone called "a Christian lake."

What about the thousands who never darken the doors of our churches? Can they be evangelized? Can they be reached with the Gospel of Christ? God's Volunteers say YES!

The key to twentieth century evangelism is found in the first century procedure of churches gathering and scattering. They gather to worship, to pray and to train in private and on the job, and then scatter to witness and share the Gospel through person-to-person encounters with people wherever they are.

This joyous, positive worship-witnessing ministry is being emphasized and implemented through God's Volunteers. Committed Christian young people give

eight months of their lives to help our churches balance the come-to-church emphasis with exciting go-to-witness action. They visit thousands of homes with the Gospel and every year hundreds of men, women and youth are led to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Twelve spirit-motivated young people met September 5, 1973, with their director, the Rev. Ray Harsch, at the N.A.B. College in Edmonton, Alberta, for five weeks of training. Instructors for the period were: The Reverends Ray Harsch, Ron Berg, Richard Darling, Dan Fuchs, Bruce Rich, and the professors Willy Muller, Bernard Schalm and Werner Waitkus.

The twelve young people were divided into the following two teams:

Team 1	Team 2
Janis DeBoer West Center Street Baptist Church Madison, S.D.	Marilyn Black Bethany Baptist Church Portland, Ore.
Renee Hoffer Bismarck Baptist Church Bismarck, N.D.	Agnes Litfin First Baptist Church Lodi, Calif.
Carol Walker First Baptist Church McLaughlin, S.D.	Edith Schroeder Center Baptist Church Milwaukee, Wis.
Sandra Walker Grace Baptist Church West Fargo, N.D.	Trudy Spletzer Trinity Baptist Church Kelowna, B.C.
Gordon Bauslaugh Redeemer Baptist Church Warren, Mich.	Ray Lick Bethany Baptist Church Milwaukee, Wis.
John Neufeld Pineland Baptist Church Burlington, Ont.	Jim Schneider Grace Baptist Church Calgary, Alta.

Crusades will be held in 40 different churches. (For a detailed schedule see the September issue of the *Baptist Herald*.) Both teams have been scheduled in the same general area, so that the Rev. Ray Harsch will be able to give direction to both teams. Several pastors will assist as guest directors with Team 2.

Churches wishing to invite God's Volunteers from 1973-74 may send their request to: God's Volunteers, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois 60130. The 1973-74 schedule will be made up early in 1973.

God's Volunteers covet the prayer support of all North American Baptists. Backed by your deliberate and decisive support in prayer, both teams will be greatly used of God to assist our churches in a worship-witnessing ministry that will reach thousands with the redeeming Gospel of Jesus Christ. □

Inrigh into Christian Education

A CHRISTMAS POTPOURRI

Music

Everyone enjoys singing and listening to the music of Christmas. Perhaps more than anything else, it kindles the emotions of Christmas within us.

Tell the Christmas story through carols. Arrange the carols in chronological sequence to tell about the prophecy, birth, growth, etc. of Jesus. Intersperse with Scripture passages. A variation would be to use hymn stories to tell about the events of Christmas and then sing the hymn or carol. This will bring more meaning to the words. Use these as part of a special program of carols. The evening might be called "A 'Carols of Christ' Sing" or "The Carols of Christmas."

Throughout the month of December use carols for quiet music in Sunday school. Recordings of "Joy to the World," "Silent Night" and the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's *Messiah* are excellent. Let the children sing their favorite carols often in the assembly group and classes. The pianist will add much to the Christmas joy if she will be in the department early encouraging groups to gather around the piano to sing the carols.

During a special Christmas gathering, have children and/or youth and adults pose the scenes suggested by the carols while everyone sings the carol.

Decorations

The brightness and gaiety of Christmas decorations add much to the joy of Christmas as well as to teach and bring to mind the true meaning of Christmas.

Ideas for very young children. Make a simple creche from a wooden crate or covered corrugated box. Let the children place the figures of the holy fam-

ily and some straw in the creche. The shepherds may be added one Sunday and the wise men on another as the stories are told. Let the children handle the figures and place them to suit their fancy.

Keep the tree about the same height as the children—not towering above them. Decorate with paper ornaments: stars, angels and various pictures cut from Christmas wrapping paper or cards and strung on a cord. Let the children decorate the tree as they come. During the Sundays it is up it can be decorated and redecorated frequently without harm. Do not use lights or sharp ornaments of any kind.

Holly decorations. Cut red and green yarn into 24 inch lengths. Use a blunt darning needle for each string. Cut holly leaves and red circles from green and red construction paper, felt, or foam, with holes punched for yarn to weave in and out of the leaves and berries. Hang the garlands on the tree or decorate the room with them.

For children's departments. If possible, let each department have its own tree. Have each child bring one tree decoration from home and schedule a time when each one can hang his special decoration on the tree. Have extra decorations on hand for those who forgot to bring one or who could not obtain one from home. As a variation, provide materials and let each child make a decoration for the tree. Create a special singing and story time program to go with the project. Just before Christmas, the children may wish to give their tree to a shut-in, someone very poor or a classmate who is ill.

Sharing

Most of all, Christmas is a time to share. God shared his love by giving

us Jesus. We share this love by giving our love and our gifts to others.

As part of the Christmas eve service have a special love offering for missions and missionaries. Boys and girls may bring what money they can, but let them also bring good, clean clothing they have outgrown, canned food and unbroken toys which they would be willing to share as their special love gift offering. Discover people in your community who could use donations of clothing, food and toys.

A church in Massachusetts replaced their regular Christmas pageant with a special Christmas project to teach their students that giving of oneself is a genuine response to Christmas. The time generally devoted to rehearsals for the Christmas pageant was used instead to make gifts to give to shut-ins of the church. Each class was responsible for one or two crafts. These included candy Christmas trees, Christmas centerpieces, planters, facecloth kittens, leather Bible covers and picture frames. Teachers and staff contacted the shut-ins and asked them to be prayer partners with the individual classes. On the Sunday evening just prior to Christmas, instead of presenting the traditional pageant, the children told the audience about "craft day." During Christmas week surprise visits were made to the shut-ins to distribute the gifts with affectionate wishes from the Sunday school for a blessed Christmas. Each shut-in prayer partner received a framed picture of his particular class with the hope that such a visual reminder would encourage him to pray for the class.

Instead of a tree decorated with lights and ornaments, have the children bring socks, mittens or some other small article of clothing to hang on the tree. Send these gifts to a needy area or give them to a local children's home.

Draw and cut out a Christmas tree from heavy green poster paper. Draw, cut out and paste on a base from another color poster paper. Glue tinsel, stars, cutout decorations, etc., on the outline for trimming. Tie or tack small gifts to the tree. They might include puzzles, small handicrafts, gum, lollipops, hankies, crayons, cookies, etc. One package might contain the "makin'" for Christmas cards, or some other light hand craft to keep the sick child or shut-in busy. The larger packages may be put around the base. If the gift tree is to be given to a child he may open one package each day.

Fellowship

Christmas is a time for get-togethers
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God's Volunteers teams 1 and 2 Left to right standing: Renee Hoffer, Sandra Walker, Gordon Bauslaugh, John Neufeld, Ray Harsch, Ray Lick, Jim Schneider, Trudy Spletzer, Edith Schroeder. Seated: Carol Walker, Janis DeBoer, Marilyn Black, Agnes Litfin.

COME TO WICHITA!



Wichita, Kansas, will be the place of the 37th Triennial Conference of the North American Baptist General Conference, Aug. 14-19, 1973

Wichita's skyline by night

by Charles Ehresman

Right away we want to answer some of those questions you may have about our city.

- Yes, the General Conference meets here in August of 1973.
- No, we no longer wear six-guns on the street.
- Yes, the air is clear, clean and fresh.
- No, we haven't had a buffalo stampede in years.
- Yes, we have symphony, theater, ballet and art.
- No, not even the sheriff rides a horse.
- Yes, modern highways lead right into the city.
- No, it doesn't get *that* hot here in August.

Now, just in case the above does not completely answer all of your questions, we are going to offer below more information about Wichita, Kan., Center City U.S.A.

History

Wichita has progressed from a small Indian village to a bustling cow town to the air capital of the world. The first permanent settlement here was made in 1860 at the site of a Wichita Indian village. The city was incorporated in 1870, and was homesteaded and settled principally by union veterans of the Civil War. The States of Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Illinois and Indiana contributed

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the largest numbers of the original settlers. The early days of Wichita are included in one of the most colorful chapters of American History when it was the center of the "Wild West." Early history is filled with names such as Jesse Chisholm, Kit Carson, Wyatt Earp and Buffalo Bill.

Today, Wichita is Kansas' largest city and in 1961 was named an All American City. It is a hustling trade and cultural center with an expanding economy based primarily on agriculture, livestock, manufacturing and petroleum. Progressive and dynamic, historical and friendly, it is a good place to live or visit.

Geography and Climate

Wichita is called *Center City U.S.A.*

Wichita produces over 65 percent of the world's business and private airplanes. Most aircraft plants are open to visitors

sunshine, fresh air and constant breezes which prevail from the south. The average wind velocity is 13 miles per hour. Wichita ranks second among the 52 major cities in the least amount of air pollution, and smog is unknown. The average annual rainfall is 30.18 inches. The coldest month is January, and the warmest month is July, with an average maximum daily temperature of 90.8 degrees.

We feel that Kansas has received an undeserved notoriety for tornadoes. Statistics reveal that several other states have recorded more tornadoes than Kansas. The majority of us have never witnessed one.

Facilities

We are currently undergoing a city wide improvement program which includes core area beautification. Two projects already completed include one of the nation's newest and most spectacular convention centers named Century II and a new library housing over 185,000 volumes, music and art rooms, auditorium and numerous reading areas.

Shopping is easy on the safe and friendly streets in the downtown area or in any of the more than 25 shopping centers. Shops range from giant Macy's and Shepler's, the world's largest western store, to hundreds of specialty shops. Over 800 restaurants along the way offer a wide variety of meals.

Wichita has 52 parks, many swimming pools, golf courses and other recreational opportunities. This is also the home of a professional baseball team called the Wichita Aeros, a farm team of the Chicago Cubs, playing in the Triple A League.



because it is located 161 miles southeast of the exact center of the continental United States. We are in the heart of the Great Plains Region on flat terrain along the banks of the Arkansas River. The city encompasses 83 square miles at an average altitude of 1,300 feet. Visitors have easy access by air, train, bus or car.

Our weather is characterized by

This area offers excellent medical facilities which provide day-to-day health care for us all. There are seven hospitals in the city and nearly 400 doctors of medicine. A world renowned speech correction center, the Institute of Logopedics, is also located in Wichita.

We also have three universities or colleges, Wichita State University,

Friends University and Sacred Heart College. In the public school system are 92 elementary, 21 junior and senior high schools, and one Area Vocational-Technical School, plus six privately-owned technical and professional educational facilities.

Wichita is a religious community having more than 300 churches representing 67 denominations. There is one N.A.B. church, Memory Lane Baptist Church, located at 4100 Memory Lane. The Rev. Rudie Matheuszik is the pastor.

Cultural Attractions and Entertainment

The city boasts one of the finest symphonies as well as theater, ballet, art and historical museums. The Wichita Art Association Galleries contain traveling art exhibits, one of the nation's largest Children's Theaters, and advanced art instruction facilities. The Wichita Historical Museum is noted for its collection of Indian and war relics, antique guns and personal possessions of "Buffalo Bill" Mathewson. It houses Wichita's first dental room and the Cannonball stagecoach and

"Cowtown," an authentic restoration of Wichita's early history, is an attraction to young and old alike



includes gem, mineral and music rooms. The Wichita Art Museum features the Roland P. Murdock Collection of American Painting and Sculpture, plus the Naflager European Print Collection.

Wichita, known also as the "Air Capital of the World," produces over 65 percent of the world's business and private aircraft and major components of jetliner transports. Visitors can tour the aircraft plants and see one of America's great industries in action.

Many re-live history at "Cowtown," an authentic restoration of Wichita's early history including an old west village with 37 restored buildings in a

realistic setting. A new 210 acre zoo is currently under construction and will be open by August of next year. Cheney State Lake and Lake Afton are both near by and provide for boating, swimming, camping, and picnicing.

People

Like most communities, we consider our people to be the area's most important asset. Wichita has a population of 263,291, with the metropolitan area including 389,352. We feel our people are friendly, ready, willing and able to exhibit true hospitality.

Come, see us next August. We believe our people will be so friendly that it will be hard for you to leave. □

What will the 1973 N.A.B. Triennial Conference Offer?

by Henry Fluth

The people of God in old times made annual pilgrimages to Jerusalem to attend the Passover. They began a tradition that may well be the model for our denominational triennial conferences.

In a grand design God often assembled his people in large gatherings . . . holy convocations . . . feasts of remembrance . . . congregations to hear the Word of God . . . celebrations of deliverance . . . confirmations of faith . . . meetings for prayer and praise.

The fellowship of believers is more important than we may ever understand. The unity of spirit is a communion that presages our forever-fellowship with our Lord and Savior in his glory.

Our North American Baptist General Conference is such a "Holy Con-

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gregation," that brings us together at Wichita for the days, August 14-19, 1973.

This conference is planned to be an enriching experience in Christian relationship and spiritual insights. The program will focus on our high calling of being co-laborers with Christ in the ministry of reconciliation.

More than at previous conferences there will be a larger involvement of pastors and lay people. Means and modes of our N.A.B. Conference will be discussed.

One of the exciting aspects of every Triennial Conference is the recounting of the blessings of God reflected in the reports of our ministries in missions, education, stewardship and church life. Opportunities for evangelistic outreach and advance will be given.

Preaching, teaching, and musical treats will be offered. Japanese drama group will perform. Missionaries will share their concern and joys. James Irwin, the well-known Christian astronaut and Dr. James Kennedy, the pastor of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, who initiated a successful program in lay

evangelism in his church, will be the two most prominent speakers.

A series of seven elective sectional meetings will provide opportunity for involvement and discussion. The conference theme is "Reconciling the World Through Christ." The seven elective study opportunities are: 1. Reconciliation through the Individual. 2. Reconciliation through the Family. 3. Reconciliation through Social Consciousness. 4. Reconciliation through Church Structures. 5. Reconciliation through Political Opportunity. 6. Reconciliation through Cooperation with Other Christian Groups. 7. Reconciliation through use of James Kennedy Films.

The business sessions will be open to the public. Important decisions will be made in the fields of missions, church extension, education and in other areas of church ministries.

The convention center Century II will provide the ultimate in ideal accommodations. Come and make the Triennial Conference an enriching family involvement which will be cherished for a long time. □



CHURCH EXTENSION BUILDERS REPORT

TACOMA, WASH., CHURCH EXTENSION PROJECT FOR NOVEMBER



Rev. and Mrs. LeRoy Schauer

Randy and Robyn Zahnow are a beautiful Christian couple in the Lord. This was not always so. Married seven months and searching for answers to life's deep problems they came knocking on the door of the University Place Boosters Club where they had heard a group of Christians were meeting for Bible discussion. Before the evening had passed they had stepped by faith from spiritual death to spiritual life by inviting Jesus Christ into their lives.

All this happened months before the actual organization of Olympic View Baptist Church took place. But it was a significant touch of the Lord on the lives of witnessing Christians. It was his sign that he had an important work to be done in this area of Tacoma. It was proof of Christ's promise to his own: "This message is sent to you by the one who is holy and true, and has the key . . . to open what no one can shut and to shut what no one can open. . . . I have opened a door to you that no one can shut" (Rev. 3:7, Living Bible).

With time the new work saw fifteen families of North American Baptist background link themselves together in witness. Thirteen of these were from Calvary Baptist and two from Portland Avenue. In a day when reconciliation

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of persons with God is a top priority of the church, the spirit of outreach evangelism becomes the driving force for the new work. The Lord blessed the new fellowship with strong leadership and has given them unique open doors: doors of witness, doors opening into the lives of persons who seek life's fulfillment, as did the Zahnows, through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. More and more the group realized "that a wide door for effective work had opened" (1 Cor. 16:9, RSV).

The basis for reaching persons were week-day and evening Bible discussion groups, usually held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for adults. There was a ladies group meeting on a certain morning, as well as one for Junior High girls who wanted to reach out in witness. One open door of evangelism has led to innumerable opportunities for entrance.

Events moved along rapidly following the decision of the group to become a local organized group of believers. Regular Sunday meetings were begun the first Sunday in February of this year. Sunday meetings are held at the Sunset Elementary School, a few blocks from the church's property site. A Sunday school was organized. A constitution was drawn up and the church organization was incorporated.



Preparation for second baptismal service

by LeRoy Schauer

A request for pastoral leadership was granted by the denominational church extension committee. In April LeRoy Schauer accepted the call of the Olympic View Baptist Church via the N.A.B. Conference Church Extension Committee. In June the pastor and family arrived to work with the church in its further development. A three-acre piece of property was purchased in July for the church building site. A parsonage was begun in late July.

A person to person ministry is developing. The Bible discussion group meetings are informal, personal opportunities to bring non-Christians into the new setting to introduce them to Jesus Christ. Sunday services are



Families at morning worship service

geared to seek public commitment for persons who have or are inviting Christ into their lives. Such commitments are common at the public services. Two baptismal services were held at American Lake in August and September. In addition to this the Lord has blessed a counseling ministry by our people which has resulted in the strengthening of marriages and families. We are thankful that at present about 25 families made up a new unit of witness for Jesus Christ and behind our people are the many N.A.B.'s who share through prayer and financial support the venture of going through the open doors supplied by Jesus Christ! □

book reviews by B.C. Schreiber

The Life of Mary Baker G. Eddy, and the History of Christian Science.

By Georgine Milmine, Grand Rapids, Mich. Baker Book House. \$5.95.

It is strange that Christian Scientists have never published an "official" biography of their founder. The original was published in serial form in *McClure's Magazine*, 1907-1908. A year later it was published in book form and disappeared almost immediately. Christian Scientists are said to have bought the copies to prevent their circulation.

The present Christian Science church has achieved a degree of dignity and respectability and it is a far cry from its tempestuous beginnings and its even more tempestuous founder. It may be for this reason that the church may not be too interested in having its organization and development exposed. From a psychiatric and psychotherapeutic point of view it makes for an interesting study.

There is no doubt that Mary Baker Eddy's character and behavior was the result of a very unstable home environment. To describe her father as being peculiar is putting it mildly. His uncontrollable temper dominated his wife, children, community and church. The qualities of Mark Baker were transmitted to his children. They were high-tempered, headstrong and self-assertive. At home, however, they had to "knuckle under." The father was sole master in the house, at least until Mary Baker was born. From early childhood she exploded into such convulsive attacks and hysteria that even the father had to make special concessions to her.

Her later ills were the result of her own violent nature, and by the time she was forty she was well known as an eccentric.

Having supposedly been cured of a "spinal ailment" by a Dr. Quimby who practiced mental healing she suddenly became obsessed with this approach. Nine years later she published a book entitled *Science and Health*, in which she developed a system of curing disease of the mind. She acknowledged no indebtedness to Dr. Quimby for this idea.

Years of frustration followed which included organization, litigations, law suits of various kinds. She also became a widow three times. Disgruntled Christian Scientists went off on their

own and started many "reformed" varieties. Her students even considered expelling her from her own church.

Although her power over the Mother Church in Boston was absolute, having written its bylaws, appointed its officers, selected its membership and virtually owned the church property, she was forced to leave because of the fear of mesmerism.

It is doubtful that Mrs. Eddy was ever really "healed." Even at the advanced age of 68 her trembling palsy affected her head and hands and her fear of mesmerism amounted to mania. Suspicion, envy, distrust, and the delusion of persecution grew upon her. She believed that she was watched and spied upon (paranoia?). Only the strong will to deny all this kept her alive until she died at age 91.

If there is any contribution that she made to society it is the awareness of psychosomatic illness. Physicians have been forced to take into account, more and more, in their dealings with the sick, the condition of the patient's mind and to use it as a cooperative force with their medical treatment.

Contrary to what is commonly believed, Christian Scientists have a by-law which permits members to go to medical doctors. □

A Christmas Potpourri (Continued from page 19)

and fellowship for all ages. These first ideas are for the very young children, those in nursery and kindergarten ages.

Plan an afternoon party, about one and one-half to two hours, in length, for young children and their mothers. Have the familiar activity and play centers ready and the room neat and in order. After a happy play and story time, the children may have "the party" which is the ice cream or refreshments for them. Work in the Christmas story and songs. During a free play period of 30 or 45 minutes, the mothers may meet in a separate room to discuss meaningful ways to observe Christmas in the home.

A variation would be to call it a "Happy Birthday Party for Jesus." Tell the Christmas story with touch and feel objects such as cotton, straw, rough wood, incense, etc.

Kindergartners will enjoy these games. Bend a coat hanger into a hoop shape. Fasten a small bell near the top of the hoop. Hang it in a doorway. Let the children take turns throwing a bean bag or small ball through the hoop. The object is to hit the bell as often as possible.

Hide wrapped Christmas candies around the room. At a given signal everyone starts hunting.

Lollipop drop. This is similar to dropping clothespins in a wide-mouthed jar. To make it Christmasy, use lollipops, candy canes, wrapped candy or nuts instead of clothespins.

Pinning the stick on the lollipop. The procedure is similar to pinning the tail on the donkey. The "lollipop" is a large circle of bright red paper. The sticks are made from brown paper. The child who, blindfolded, pins the stick nearest the correct spot is the winner.

A Christmas progressive supper. Have the young people or adults organize a progressive supper social in which the various Christmas foods and specialties will be served in different courses at different homes. At the last place have a devotional on Christmas foods and Christ's food for us. If there is still time, return to the church or go to another home to play various Christmas games.

Variation: Have each person responsible for inviting one other person who does not know Christ. Let the whole project center in providing the kind of atmosphere that will encourage non-Christians present to want Christ.

Family Activities

Don't neglect family activities in the hurry and busyness of Christmas. Try one or more of these Christmas experience ideas.

Invite another family or two, and go caroling together.

Begin the tradition of having an annual worship service in the home.

Visit a shut-in or elderly couple on Christmas day, taking a box of gifts prepared by the entire family.

Invite a lonely person into your home as an extra member of your Christmas family.

Study television schedules in advance and plan to view selected Christmas programs together.

Learn about Christmas customs of other countries and incorporate one that appeals to you into your family experience.

Beautiful Christmas cards, poetry, pictures, family traditions and ideas collected over the years may be made into a meaningful scrap book. Start with your baby's first Christmas.

Begin carol singing at bedtime early in December. Let each child choose one or two of the familiar carols. Use "Silent Night" for the good-night song. Children will quiet down as they sing it and are tucked in for the night. □

OUR CONFERENCE IN ACTION

VANCOUVER, B.C. The July issue of the Baptist Herald carried the report of this year's first baptismal service in our Bethany Baptist Church. The second service was held on Sunday, June 18. Seventeen believers were baptized. The



hand of fellowship was extended to them. Some do not have parents of Baptist faith. This was done during our communion service on June 25. Dr. H. Waltereit, pastor of the church, is pictured on the right. (Fred Hesmert, reporter.)

ESTERHAZY, SASK. On May 21, 1972, the Esterhazy Baptist Church celebrated a mortgage burning service. The Rev. Peter Schroeder, the first pastor of the church participated in the service. The church is now totally debt free, made possible largely by the estate bequeathed to the church by the late William Delmage in 1970.

On June 18, Mr. Bud Huckell was baptized in a special service. The Rev. Walter Bernadsky is the pastor of the church.

SACRAMENTO, CALIF. The Lincoln Village Baptist Church had a baptismal service recently in which eight new converts were baptized. These were the results of a week of youth revival and a Sunday to Sunday emphasis on evangelism. The Rev. H. Schauer is the pastor of the church.

LEDUC, ALTA. On April 16, 1972, the First Baptist Church had a baptismal service during which five candidates were baptized by the Rev. Allan Wilcke. The new converts were Murray Grunwald, Randy Johnson, Kathy Kern, Doug and Sandra Plitt. (Mrs. Loretta Miller, reporter.)

STAFFORD, KAN. On Sunday, March 26, Calvary Baptist Church held a baptismal service. Three youths were baptized and given the hand of fellowship at the communion service the following Sunday morning by Rev. James Schacher, pastor of the church. (Mrs. O. L. St. John, reporter.)

KELOWNA, B.C. In June the annual weekend retreat at Green Bay Baptist Camp was attended by the Ladies Missionary Guild of Trinity Baptist Church. Guests included ladies from the Grace Baptist Church of Kelowna and the Faith Baptist Church of Vernon. Guest speaker was Miss Minnie Kuhn who spoke of her work in Warwar, Nigeria, and also showed slides. On Saturday she introduced the discussion topic, "Limiting God." This subject was further explored in smaller groups. Summaries of these discussions concluded the studious portion of the program. (Magdalene Spletzer, reporter.)

TURTLE LAKE, N.D. On Sunday, June 11, the Turtle Lake Baptist Church welcomed their new pastor, the Rev. Richard Voth and family. Rev. Clarence Walth, our area secretary, was the guest speaker. Music consisted of a duet by Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Mehrer and a number by the men's quartet. One member from each organization also gave welcoming remarks after which Rev. and Mrs. Voth responded. Neighboring churches also attended.

The Voth's are natives of Oregon. Before coming to Turtle Lake, Rev. Voth was the associate pastor of the Central Peninsula Church in San Mateo, Calif. (Mrs. Glen Moore, reporter.)

RIVER HILLS, MAN. A combined baptismal service was held on June 25, in the newly installed baptismal font at the White Shell Baptist Church. Fourteen young people and one adult were baptized on confession of their faith in Christ. Six candidates were from the Whitemouth German Baptist Church, Rev. Kujat, pastor, and nine from the White Shell Baptist Church, River Hills, Rev. Peter Aaldyk pastor. Visiting pastors were Dr. William Sturhahn of Winnipeg and Rev. Schuster of Pinawa. The brass band of the Rowendale Avenue Baptist Church of Winnipeg helped to make the evening a memorable one. (Katie Alpers, reporter.)

ABERDEEN, S.D. The Central Dakota-Montana Association W.M.U. presented their program at the sessions following the theme, "The Fruit of the Spirit." About 150 women met at the Holiday Inn, June 24, for their annual luncheon and business meeting. The group was welcomed by the local society president. Miss Myrna Good-

man led in a devotional entitled "Vessels." A memorial service was led by Mrs. A. J. Fischer. A program was presented at Calvary Baptist Church by the Women's Society again carrying out the theme. (Mrs. Walter Rueb, reporter.)

BISMARCK, N.D. Douglas D. Sathren, a recent graduate of our N.A.B. Seminary and pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church, Harvey, N.D., was ordained into the gospel ministry on July 7, 1972, in his home church, the Bismarck Baptist Church. Dr. Roy Seibel brought the ordination message. Mrs. Doug Sathren served on the program with a solo.

An ordination council examined Doug Sathren during the sessions of the Central Dakota-Montana Association in Aberdeen, S.D., June 22. Rev. Arthur Fischer was elected moderator and Rev. Lorimer Potratz, clerk. The council voted unanimously to recommend the ordination. (Rev. Lorimer Potratz, reporter.)

ASHLEY, N.D. Yukio Fujie, a Japanese student at the North American Baptist Seminary, was the guest of the Ashley Baptist Church June 29-July 3. His messages in word and song were much appreciated. (Mrs. Carl Fischer, reporter.)

GREELEY, COLO. On Sunday, July 2, the Sherwood Park Baptist Church dedicated their new parsonage. The pastor, the Rev. James DeBoer, was in charge of the service. Dr. J. C. Gunst gave a message entitled, "That House Over There." The First Baptist Church of LaSalle, Colo., and the Sierra Baptist Church of Arvada, Colo., were our guests with their pastors Rev. Milton Falkenburg and Rev. Merv Kramer participating. At the evening service Rev. Merv Kramer brought the message and a report on church extension work in Arvada.

Mrs. Bill Smith of the LaSalle W.M.U. and Mrs. William Scoggins of Sherwood Park W.M.U. each presented kitchen gifts on behalf of their societies to Mrs. Merv Kramer of the Arvada W.M.U. An offering was taken and designated for church extension work. (Mrs. W. Wacker, reporter.)

SPOKANE, WASH. On July 2, 1972, Pastor Myrl Thiesies of Terrace Heights Baptist Church extended the hand of fellowship following baptism to Mike and Monty Simmons, Nerrisa Cornell and Darlene Simpson.

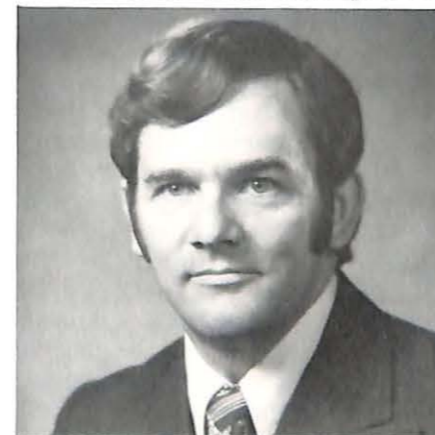
July 16, Mission Sunday, we had two of our missionaries with us. Miss Minnie Kuhn spoke in the morning service. For the evening service slides from the Japan Mission were shown by the Rev. Edwin Kern. Special musical numbers were presented by the Kern family. (Mrs. Dee Rueb, reporter.)

INGLEWOOD, CALIF. On July 30, 1972, the Inglewood Knolls Baptist Church held its closing service. Many former members were in attendance. We were blessed by words of history, choir anthems, organ solos, testimonies, recognition of the faithfulness of God's people since 1886 and words of encouragement from the Rev. H. J. Wilcke. He urged us to continue to be active for the Lord wherever we worship.

A nucleus of worshippers rallied around our pastor, the Rev. Henry W. Barnet, as we prayed and worked to grow in our neighborhood. God led us to realize that the changed area would better be served by a community church, thus we sold to the Westside Missionary Baptist Church. (Virginia Schreiber, reporter.)

CALGARY, ALTA. On Aug. 6, a welcoming service was held for the Rev. and Mrs. E. Klingenberg and family, who assumed pastoral duties at Grace Baptist on that date. The Klingenbergs come to us from Janzen, Sask. We look forward to many years of shared blessings and growth. (E. Martens, reporter.)

WICHITA, KAN. On Sept. 8, 1972, the Memory Lane Baptist Church called a council of 27 delegates, representing 10 churches of the Kansas Association for the purpose of setting aside Mr. Rudie Matheusik (pictured)



for the gospel ministry. The Rev. James Schacher was elected chairman

and the Rev. Donald Decker, clerk. The candidate was examined concerning his conversion experience, his call and preparation to the ministry and his doctrinal views. The council recommended unanimously that the church proceed with the ordination.

The ordination service was held on Sunday, Sept. 10. The Rev. Milton Zeeb, south central area secretary, gave the ordination sermon, "A Man Sent From God." Ordination prayer, Rev. James Schacher; charge to the church, Rev. Harold Weiss; charge to the candidate, Rev. Donald Decker; hand of fellowship, Rev. Ed Oster; presentation of ordination certificate, Mr. Jerry Hardin, church moderator; presentation of gift, Mr. Bob Sharp, chairman of Board of Deacons.

MERCER, N.D. The First Baptist Church added twelve more to its membership list. A baptismal service was held on Sunday, Aug. 20, 1972, at Postals lake, ten miles north of Mercer. Twelve candidates were baptized (pictured) on confession of their



faith by Rev. John Silvey and were given the hand of fellowship to the church on Sept. 10, 1972. (Sam Rust Jr., church clerk.)

BISMARCK, N.D. On July 2, 1972, the Bismarck Baptist Church installed the Rev. Ron Norman as assistant pastor. Rev. Clarence Walth, north central area secretary, presented the message. Pastor Walter Dingfield led the installation service with a charge to the new minister and the congregation. Words of welcome were extended by the Pulpit Committee chairman, Mr. Alvin Haas (pictured). Ray



Jesser represented the Board of Chris-

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tian Education and Dean Redington gave remarks in behalf of the Senior Youth Group. Rev. Alfred Weisser led in the prayer of dedication. A musical selection was presented by Mrs. Ray Jessor, Ted Hochhalter and Elmer Fandrich. After the response by the Rev. Norman and closing prayer by the Rev. Clemence Auch, the congregation and friends enjoyed a time of fellowship with the new pastor, his wife, Sandy and son, Corey. A gift of food items was presented to the Normans.

Pastor Norman will serve as Director of Christian Education, Youth Director and will assist in general pulpit duties. (Mrs. Arnold Franke, reporter.)

ARNOLD, PA. More than 40 campers, staff and part-time helpers attended the recent fifth annual youth camp sponsored by Union Baptist Church (pictured). The six-day event



was held in a 12-acre church grove. The Rev. Dempsey Harris, missionary to the Spanish Americans, was speaker.

Morning curriculum included "Bible Study on Christian Living" by the Rev. Harris; Baptist history, the Rev. Allen B. Herman, camp director; handicraft, Mrs. Howard Bilbie; Scripture memorization, the Rev. Harris, Miss Cathy Strate, Mrs. Allen Herman, Mrs. Wray Heffelfinger and Mrs. Ronald Meanor.

Afternoon sessions were devoted to recreation. Many of the youth helped repair roads and the parking area.

Meals were cooked by women of the church under the direction of Mrs. James Hamilton.

Gathering around a campfire concluded the evening sessions.

MISSOULA, MONT. On June 4, the Bethel Baptist Church had Sunday school promotion. Each department took part in the program with memory work or special music. During the morning service high school and college graduates were honored. Four young couples came forward to dedicate their infants to Christ. In the evening three young people were baptized. Seven new members received

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the hand of fellowship the following Sunday.

A group of 15 young people and four sponsors attended Explo 72 in Dallas, Texas. (Mrs. Ben Oelke, reporter.)

KENOSHA, WIS. The Immanuel Baptist Church (pictured) observed its 50th anniversary on Sept. 9-10 with our pastor, the Rev. Jothan Benke presiding. Church members and friends attended a banquet on Saturday night with Rev. George Breitreuz as guest speaker.

The theme for the special services was, "Holding Forth the Word: Yes-

terday, Today and Tomorrow." Our own missionary, Ruth Rabenhorst, was



guest speaker at the morning service and the Rev. Clarence Walth, area secretary, spoke at the afternoon and evening services. Several charter members were honored for their con-

tribution to the church and the Lord's work at Immanuel.



At the evening service, a musical presentation, "Clear Light," was given by the Youth Choir under the direction of Mrs. Benke. (Collie Westbrook, reporter.)

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From the Pastorate . . .

the mission field. Because we had three teen-age daughters at the time and an eleven year old son, I convinced myself that the Lord wanted us to stay in this land and continue to serve him in the pastoral ministry. In September 1969 we moved to Calgary. There we had Barbara Kieper in our home and she, too, expressed that the Lord could certainly use Peter in Africa. This did prick at my conscience quite often, but I continued to tell myself that we still had one daughter and a son at home and the Lord would want us to stay and care for them. Even after Gary's death, when Peter again became very restless and expressed a desire to serve on the mission field, I still could not see clearly that this was where the Lord wanted us. It wasn't until I criticized someone else for being blind to the need of spreading the gospel—that the Lord spoke to me: 'Are you blind too? Can't you see the need of spreading God's word and love in other countries?' I then told Peter that if he felt the Lord was calling him to serve as a missionary, I was now willing to go along and serve my Lord in anyway he could use me there."

Mr. Schroeder sums it up by referring to two events which clinched his decision: "Two events of the recent past have served to underline in my mind the necessity of complete reliance upon God. In October, 1968 I became ill and subsequently underwent major surgery. God was good and granted quick and complete recovery. The second event happened in February, 1970, when my brother Gary was taken from active duty on the mission field by a tragic fatal accident. I have committed my life into the hand of God and feel the imperative of working for him as long as he grants health, strength and time."

Their appointment as missionaries to Africa was given them by the Board of Missions in mid-year of 1971-72. By the end of 1971 their third daughter was married, the older two being already married before. This left only Peter Timothy with them, who by 1972 would be a senior in high school. The appointment as to place and country was somewhat open—either Cameroon or Nigeria. With his training in the various areas as outlined above,

Peter's talents could be used almost anywhere on the mission field. Our Cameroon Field Committee recommended that the Rev. and Mrs. Peter Schroeder become houseparents to our missionary children in Jos, Nigeria, and should go there immediately upon the homecoming for furlough of the Rev. and Mrs. Harold F. Lang. This meant a departure for Jos in June or July, 1972. Plans were made for them to go to Nigeria and the application for a Nigerian entry permit was filed in November, 1971. As the months went by, it became more and more evident that one delay followed another in the processing of this application for Nigeria. Finally word was received that the application might not be granted. As a result of this, Dr. and Mrs. Willi D. Gutowski were asked to serve as houseparents in Jos from August to December, 1972.

Was this an indication that God intended the Schroeders to go to Cameroon? We did not know but now plans were made for Cameroon. This also changed a further decision on their part with reference to Timothy. Had they gone to Jos, Nigeria, Timothy would have gone along to take his final high school year at Hillcrest School in Jos. Now it meant that Timothy remained in Edmonton to complete his high school.

On August 2, 1972, Peter and May Schroeder left Edmonton for Cameroon and arrived in Douala on August 7.

For the time being they will live at Bamenda and help the Rev. and Mrs. Oryn G. Meinerts in the area of evangelism and church work in visiting churches, holding seminars and conducting area workshops. Whether they will eventually go to Jos, Nigeria, in the capacity of houseparents to our missionary children is not known at this time. In addition to the work as houseparents, Peter was also to have supervised the construction of a new hostel in Jos. This also had to be postponed, partly because of new problems which we face in Nigeria.

It is quite possible that Peter may yet be called of God to take up the work which his brother Gary through his untimely death could not finish. It may be that in due time he may yet go to Jos and construct a new hostel. The important thing to know is that they are where God wants them to be and, for the time being, that place is Cameroon. May God use them either in Cameroon or in Nigeria according to his plan. □

IN MEMORIAM

**ROSEMARIE HACKMANN
1931-1972**



From a friend and co-worker, **AR-DICE ZIOLKOWSKI**, missionary in West Cameroon

I thank God for the privilege of knowing and working with Rosemarie; my life is richer for it. One of her outstanding traits that influenced me was her compassion for the sick, the sorrowing and underprivileged. When we worked together at Mbingo Hospital in West Cameroon she always had time to converse with the many long-term leprosy patients and listen to their story of aches and pains. In her uniform pocket she carried a tube of first aid cream, which she called her T.L.C. cream, and with the tender-loving-care in her heart she would soothe away an ache in a tired, discouraged heart as she tenderly rubbed the aching joint. In the mornings when we arrived at work her first concern was always to peek in and see how the tiny premature babies were doing. Her patients were part of her!

Rosemarie not only shared her friendship and time, but her attitude toward material things depicted her emphasis on eternal things. She loved the Lord and others, knowing that "where your treasure is there shall your heart be also." As a short-term missionary nurse on minimal salary, her generous spirit was evident in many ways. As a friend I could never out-give her. When our baggage was lost as she and I took a trip through Africa and Europe, she gratefully looked at our hand luggage and sang, "All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me."

Her love for the Lord and her desire that others might know him was a motivating force within her. At Mbingo, when we trained new ward workers in nursing skills, she suggested that we simultaneously give them a course in personal evangelism, and to make it practical we went to the hospital wards to share the Good News of the Gospel.

Rosemarie was an esteemed friend of Andreas, one of our leprosy patients who often expressed his testimony in this way: "I'm thankful that I have leprosy for if it hadn't been for this I may never have heard about Jesus." He learned to read at the Settlement.

and when Rosie and I gave him his very own Bible his joy knew no bounds, and he burned his precious midnight oil trying to satisfy his spiritual hunger as he read the Word and discovered new exciting truths. Now her memorial fund goes to help patients like Andreas. Perhaps it was his spirit of grateful acceptance that was so contagious.

In December when Rosemarie wrote me about her illness, I was inspired and challenged by her submission to whatever God had in store for her, and to praise him through it. When I was with her during her last days at West Suburban Hospital, Oak Park, Ill., (where she trained, taught and was a Head Nurse even during her illness) many doctors, nurses, aids and cleaning ladies came into her sick room to speak of the testimony she had been to them by her cheerfulness and steadfast trust in the wisdom of God.

I am so thankful that the Lord allowed our paths to intertwine and then to direct the timing of our schedules so that I could be with her and her parents to experience the nearness of our God during her crossing from this life to eternity. I shall never forget how her face lit up as I quoted from John 14, 1-2: "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions . . ."

Thank you, God, for letting me know Rosie! □

In Memoriam

MISS ROSEMARIE HACKMANN of Maywood, Ill., died Aug. 11, 1972. She was born at Clermont, Iowa, on May 10, 1931. In 1943 she moved with her parents to Maywood, Ill. Here she accepted Christ as her Savior, was baptized and became a member of the Forest Park Baptist Church. She was active in her local church and also served as missionary nurse at Mbingo, West Cameroon for 27 months. She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Hackmann; and one brother, the Rev. David B. Hackmann and family. Memorial services were held at Forest Park Baptist Church on Sunday, Aug. 13, 1972, with the Rev. Elton O. Kirstein officiating. A memorial fund has been established which will be used for the construction of a second doctor's home at Mbingo, West Cameroon.

MRS. GLADYS ANNA ALLEN, 63, of Long Beach, Calif., died on Aug. 10, 1972. She was born on July 30, 1909, in Marshalltown, Iowa. At an early age she accepted Christ as her Savior. At the time of her passing she was a member of the Inglewood Knolls Baptist Church. She was married to Howard Allen in 1944. Surviving her are their children: Robert and William Embry, Edwin and Harold Allen; Joan Boucher, Janice Sandberg and Diana Alexander; 25 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. The Rev. Henry W. Barnet was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

RUDOLPH ARTHOFER, 83, of Bethlehem, Pa., died on April 1, 1972. He was born in Europe on April 3, 1889. He accepted Christ as his Savior, was baptized and joined the fellowship of the Calvary Baptist Church where he was a

member for more than 50 years. He served in various offices in the church, primarily as deacon, trustee and lay leader, and he was an avid reader of the Baptist Herald and Der Sendbote. Surviving him are his widow, Mary; two daughters: Mrs. Anna Leeb and Mrs. Esther Bauder; three sons: Rudolph, Albert and William; 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Because the church was pastorless at the time, the Rev. Russell C. Rosser was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

MRS. EVA BEIGAY, 97, of Los Angeles, Calif., died on Aug. 29, 1972. She was born on Dec. 20, 1874, in Germany. At the age of 18 she was converted and baptized. At the age of 20 she was united in marriage to Samuel Beigay. She had been a member of the Inglewood Knolls Baptist Church since 1926. Surviving her are one son, Paul; four daughters: Mrs. Mayme Elliot, Mrs. Anne Debay, Mrs. Clara Sinks and Mrs. Harriet Crawford; 12 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren. The Rev. Henry W. Barnet and Dr. Harold Proppe were the officiating ministers at the funeral service.

MISS ANNA MARIE BRINKMAN, 93, died on Sept. 8, 1972, in Alhambra, Calif. She was born in Germany on March 23, 1879. She was an early graduate of The Baptist Missionary Training School in Chicago. She was the sixth president of the Women's Missionary Union of N.A.B. Women. For 49 years she served as a church missionary and field worker. She served as the beloved missionary of the White Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio, and for nearly 20 years as the Matron of the Baptist Home for Business Girls in Chicago. She has been a member of the Inglewood Knolls Baptist Church since 1951. In 1955 she became a resident of the Atherton Baptist Homes in Alhambra. She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Bertha Gerleit. The Rev. Henry W. Barnet was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

WALLACE GEORGE BUECHLER, 15, of Cathay, N.D., died on June 6, 1972. He was born in New Rockford, N.D. He was a member of the Germantown Baptist Church and served as sound and light man for the New Life Singers. Surviving him are his parents and three sisters: Marcy, Laurie and Melanie. The Rev. D. H. Waggoner was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

MRS. HULDA CIRANKEWITCH, 74, of Calgary, Alta., died on July 26, 1972. She was born on Aug. 20, 1897, in Poland. She was married to Boleslaw Cirankewitch in 1942. She was converted in 1909, baptized the next year and became a member of the Baptist church in Poland. Surviving her are a stepson, Leonard; two brothers and two sisters. Mrs. Cirankewitch was a member of the Grace Baptist Church in Calgary. The memorial service took place in Trochu, Alta., pastor Hans Serger officiating.

MRS. MARGARET HILDEBRAND, 82, of Stafford, Kan., died on Aug. 3, 1972. She was born at Bison, Kan., on Feb. 2, 1890. On June 4, 1913, she was united in marriage to Mr. Henry Hildebrand. In her youth she accepted Christ as her Savior and was baptized. At the time of her death she was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church and had also been a faithful member of the Women's Missionary Society for many years. Surviving her are three daughters: Mrs. Harve Fritzeimer, Mrs. Fredric Moore and Mrs. Alice Weiland; one son, Alfred; two sisters; 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. The Rev. James Schacher was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

MRS. ANN SENTMAN nee DeBries, 68, of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, was born on Sept. 25, 1903, in Steamboat Rock. She died on Aug. 30, 1972. At an early age she accepted Christ as her Savior, was baptized and united with the Steamboat Rock Baptist Church. She was married to the Rev. Carl Sentman. For more than 26 years she participated in the musical ministry of the Bible broadcast in Mason City. Surviving her are her widower; one daughter, Mrs. Clarice Meyers; one son, Paul; five grandchildren and two brothers. The Rev. Jacob Ehman officiated at the funeral service, assisted by the Rev. Harm Johnson.

DANIEL WESTEROTH, 65, of Terrace, B.C., died on Aug. 11, 1972. He was born Dec. 10, 1906, in Germany. In 1933 he was married to Else Maruhn. He emigrated to Canada in 1952 and settled in Terrace in 1956. Since that time he has been a member of the Zion Baptist Church. Surviving him are his widow; two daughters: Mrs. Gesela Williamson and Sigrid Bahr; one son, Manfred, and 12 grandchildren. The Rev. C. Zimbelman was the officiating minister at the funeral service. □

NEWS & VIEWS

Baptists in Indonesia Seek One Million Converts

Baptists in Indonesia have set a tentative goal of one million new converts by 1981. Indonesian Baptists now number about 20,000 as compared with 853 in 1960, and the country is one of the fastest growing Christian communities in the world.

Other suggested goals with the same target date: 100,000 small groups (house churches or other groups meeting regularly for worship and Bible study), each with its own lay leader; 10,000 churches with up to 50 members each, and 300,000 leaders, including Bible class teachers; 1,000 churches with 50 to 100 members each and 7,000 leaders; 100 churches with 500 members each and 150 leaders. □

Baptists Die in Burundi Massacre

Reports filtering out of the Central African republic of Burundi indicate that at least several Baptist leaders have been murdered.

Three grown sons and a sister of a Baptist pastor have been reported killed in massacres. A third son is missing.

And of the 14 members of the executive committee of the Burundi Baptist Union, only one or two are still alive.

The victims belong to the Hutu tribe, peasant people on whom the ruling Tutsi tribe are heaping revenge in wholesale killings. Last month the Hutu tribal majority revolted against their traditional overlords, the Tutsi tribesmen, and the Tutsi-controlled government. The revolt was put down after two weeks of fighting, but not before tens of thousands of Tutsis had been slain. In the town of Nyanza-Lac alone, it is reported that a single Catholic priest presided over the mass burial of 15,000 Tutsis.

The killing did not stop when the revolt was crushed. Enraged Tutsis, who are outnumbered by about six to one throughout Burundi, proceeded to round up—and evidently murder—Hutu tribesmen of wealth, education, or power. Hutu schoolteachers disappeared, as did Hutu bank clerks, taxi drivers, and farmers.

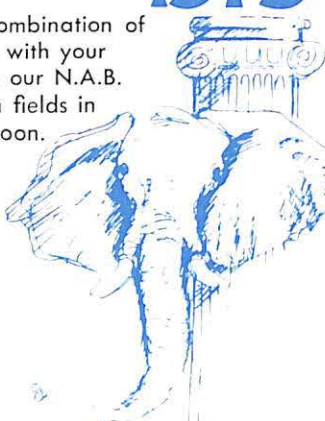
Reports say that no fewer than 50,000 and perhaps more than 100,000 people have been slaughtered in the fighting and in the massacre that followed.

Baptist leaders, many of them the products of European Baptist mission work, especially that of the Danish Baptist Union, have been killed apparently because they are leaders. There are no indications of religious persecution as such. It appears to be entirely a conflict between two tribes.

There were about 3,000 Baptists among the Burundi population of 4,000,000. The peasant Hutus have been attracted to the congregational polity of Baptists, with the result that most Baptists in Burundi are Hutu.

Knud Wumpelmann, general secretary of the Danish Baptist Union, says in an article which is to appear in the Danish Baptist weekly: "In Rwanda the Hutu tribe rebelled about 10 years ago and got in power. With this in mind a tense atmosphere had characterized Burundi and a constant fear that the same sort of coup might happen there. So the horrifying events of the last month must be considered against this background. Thousands of unoffending people have been hit, especially those who were going to build the future of the country." □

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by Paul Siewert

Recently I read the account of an old-line fundamental Baptist Church in Ohio that declared complete independence from the American Baptist Convention some 20 years ago. Though the church had always been a good solid Bible-teaching congregation, little growth was realized for many years. The Sunday School attendance averaged from a low of about 300 to a high of about 400. Finally, through the pastoral leadership, unprecedented emphasis was placed on soul-winning. The results were almost immediate in attendance and Sunday School enrollment. In two years the Sunday School doubled and many new converts were baptized.

Though this may sound like just another "success story" it does pose some provocative questions. Is it possible to be fundamental and not evangelistic? Is the reason for our smallness as churches a lack of evangelistic concern? How many churches are there who claim to be fundamental but are obviously not evangelistic? That is, they are not leading people to a life decision for Christ.

Obviously it is not for us to make rash conclusions. However, several things are obvious. As churches, pastors and people of the church, most of us are far too concerned about fundamentalism (whatever that really stands for) and far too little concerned about bringing the unbelieving to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. □

The Rev. Paul Siewert is the pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Vancouver, B.C. In this column Mr. Siewert analyzes current religious news of his choice.

■ *The Rev. William Sibley*, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Wausau, Wis., injured his head while playing softball at a church picnic, Aug. 19. He had to be operated on, but has been unconscious in the Wausau hospital since the day of the accident.

■ *The Rev. Reinhold Wilde* is the new pastor of the Parkdale Baptist Church, Drumheller, Alta. He previously served the Baptist Brethren Church in Winnipeg, where the Rev. Henry Pfeifer is pastor now.

■ *The Rev. Eugene K. Stroh* is the new pastor of the Westbrook Baptist Church, Santa Ana, Calif. He began his ministry in Santa Ana on Sept. 10, 1972. He previously served the Bible Baptist Church, Troy, Michigan.

■ *The Rev. Loren Weber* has accepted the call of the Conference Church Extension Committee to serve as the pastor of the new Church Extension project in Ottawa, Ont., effective Nov. 1, 1972. He previously served the First Baptist Church, Arnprior, Ontario.

■ *The Rev. Philip R. Grabke*, pastor of the Hudson Bay Park Baptist Church, Saskatoon, Sask., has resigned, effective Aug. 13. He has accepted a Conservative Baptist church in the U.S.A.

■ *The Rev. David H. Wick*, director of Christian Education at the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., since 1970, has become the pastor of this church, effective Sept. 1, 1972. The

What's Happening

Rev. Milton Zeeb, south central area secretary, was the former pastor of this church.

■ *The Rev. Manuel D. Wolff* is serving as interim pastor of the Cypress Baptist Church, Lynnwood, Washington.

■ *The Rev. Isador Faszer* has been appointed by the General Council to serve as Northern Area Secretary, effective Feb. 1, 1973. Brother Faszer will succeed Dr. William Sturhahn whose ministry will terminate Jan. 31, 1973, when he will retire. Presently Faszer is serving the Valley Stream Baptist Church, Long Island, N.Y.

■ *The Rev. Jesse G. Hood* has accepted the call to become the pastor of the Central Baptist Church, Waco, Tex., effective Nov. 1, 1972. He previously served the King's Highway Baptist Church, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

■ *The Rev. Oliver K. Ringering* accepted the call to become the pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Marion, Kans., effective Oct. 29, 1972. He previously served the Canaan Baptist Church, Crawford, Texas.

■ *The Rev. John Silvey* has accepted the call to become the pastor of the Greenvine Baptist Church, Burton, Tex., effective November 1972. He previously served the First Baptist Church, Mercer, N.D.

■ *Mr. Irwin Kujat*, N.A.B. Seminary '72 graduate, is the new pastor of the East Olds Baptist Church, Olds, Alberta.

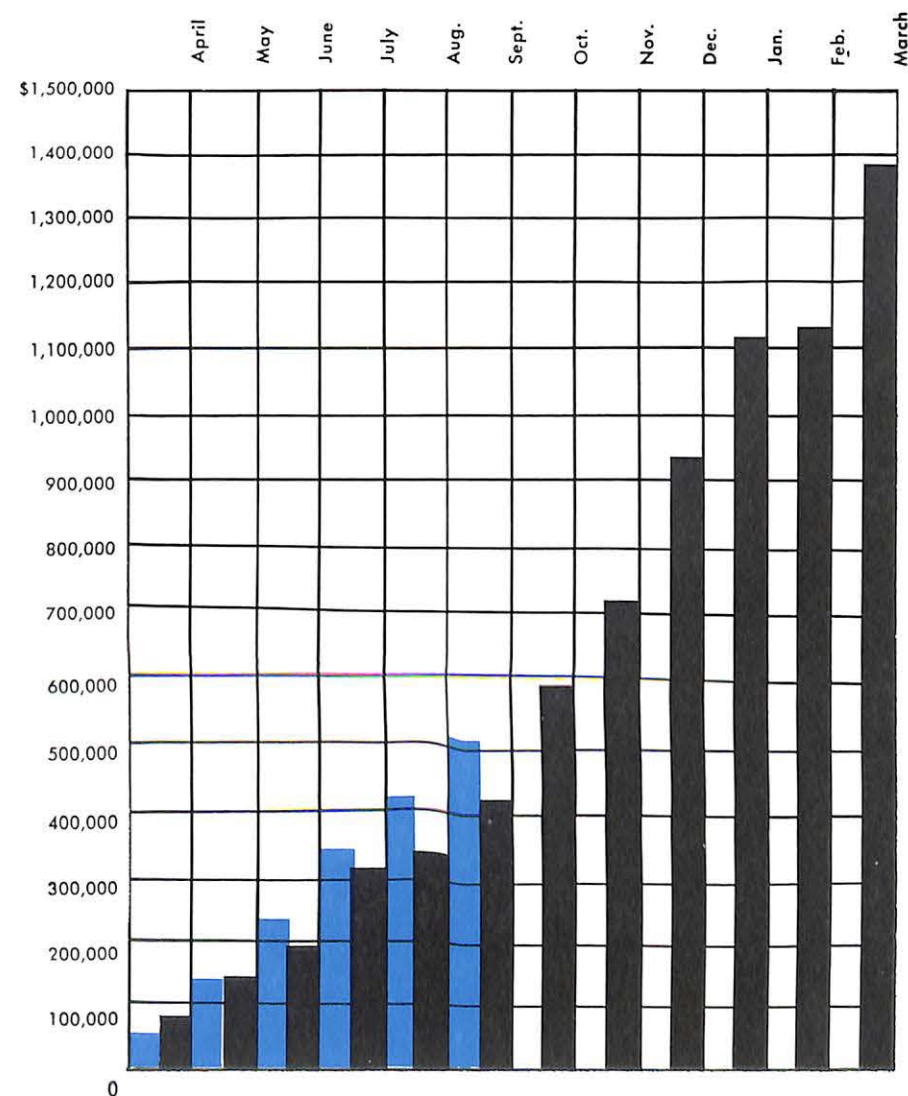
■ *The Rev. David Unrau* has accepted the call to become the pastor of the Canora Baptist Church, Canora, Sask., effective Nov. 12, 1972. He previously served the Grace Baptist Church, Ochre River, Manitoba.

■ *The Rev. Delvin C. Bertsch* has accepted the call to become the pastor of the Minnetrista Baptist Church, St. Bonifacius, Minn. He previously served the Nokomis Baptist Church, Nokomis, Sask., where he presented his resignation, effective September 30. Because of immigration clearance, no exact date has been set for the beginning of his ministry at St. Bonifacius.

■ *The Rev. Lorimer D. Potratz* has accepted the call to become the pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Billings, Mont., effective Jan. 1, 1973. He previously served the Ventura Baptist Church, Ventura, N.D.

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