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HOW CAN YOU FORGET

Words and Music by Darwynne Pucek

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Sa - viour. Were you there when they
were you there when they jeered & smote the Sa - viour. Did you stand with the

cru - ci - fied my Lord. Did you see how the Crown of thorns had bruised Him, Did you
mob that mocked my Lord. Did you hear when He begged, My God for - give them, and with

see how the nails had pierced His hands. Don't you know that your sins sent Him to
love looked on those who put Him there. Did you watch as they hung Him there at

Calvary. Where He glad - ly bled and died for Thee. Can't you see how He
Calvary. Did you know that He died to set you free. Can't you see how He

suf - fered there in ag - o - ny, How can you for - get that you were there!
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*Last four measures repeated after second verse.



PRAYER FOR INTEGRITY

Our Father, we are in trouble. We humbly seek your help. We pray that integrity may be established as the characteristic of our words, the mark of our behavior, indeed as the life-style of our nation.

We pray for our nation—

that the erosion of credibility between citizens and governmental officials may be arrested before the gap becomes a canyon;

that the leaders of our country may, by both words and deeds, reestablish the importance of honesty in national affairs and in personal matters;

that the laws of the land and the institutions which implement their intent may be spared manipulation for personal gain and utilized for justice and the public good;

that the trust of our republic may not be limited to that power which is measured in megatons or to that wealth which is reflected in the Gross National Product but that it may rest in You;

that our commitment to honesty, our pursuit of justice, our elimination of discrimination, our support of freedom, our efforts at world peace, may be of such a nature as to assure us a place of moral leadership in the international community.

We pray for the citizens of our nation.

Lord, our trust has been ruptured by double talk and immoral behavior on the part of persons within high echelons of government.

Our minds are troubled by a tumult of crises. Our wills are frustrated as we vacillate between a sense of importance as citizens and a sense of futility.

We are in desperate need of your help.

Forgive our worship of a civil religion which equates nationalism with Christianity, confuses governmental policy with your will, and interprets patriotism as blind allegiance.

Disturb any apathy concerning the political arena until complacency becomes creative involvement in politics on behalf of basic morality.

Translate our political cynicism into a responsible citizenship which persistently works at every level of government, supporting that which is right and challenging that which is wrong.

We pray for the leaders who have gathered in this room— that they may ever be cognizant of your support even as of your expectations for them;

that they may be among those who by moral leadership secure once again the shaking foundations of this democracy.

May their faith be a source of courage and their communion with you a source of strength.

Now keep us disciplined in our fellowship of the One who was the incarnation of integrity, the One who thus can make us free. Amen. □

This prayer was spoken at a fellowship breakfast held for Baptist Congressmen and Senators at the United States Capitol in October, 1973. Mr. Gaddy is director of Christian Citizenship Development of The Christian Life Commission, Nashville, Tennessee.

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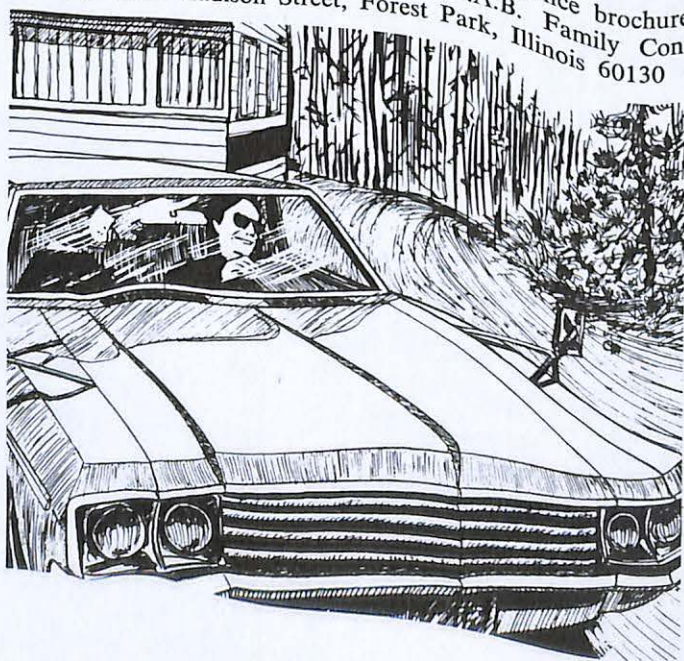
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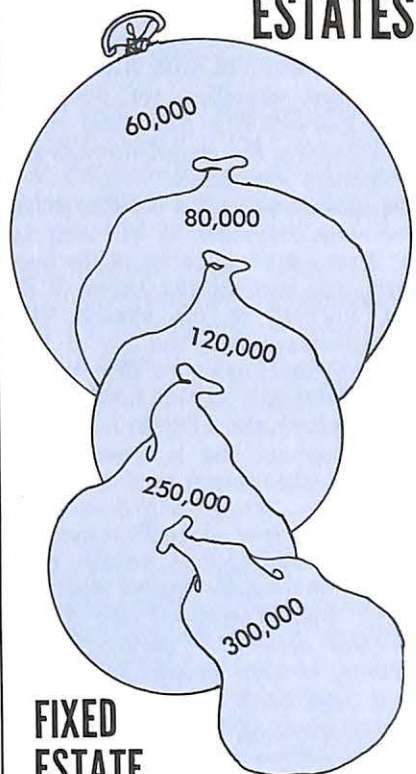
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M.C.F.C. QUARTERLY REPORT

by Daniel Fuchs

Exciting reports are coming in from all across our N.A.B. Conference. Pastors and churches are describing with enthusiasm new plans and priorities for sharing the gospel through person-to-person evangelism.

The gospel of Jesus Christ is the power unto salvation to all who believe. From the beginning of the book of Acts, you can see the power of the gospel working in the church. The disciples witnessed on the day of Pentecost, and the impact of their witness shook Jerusalem. About 3,000 people were added to the church.

Not everyone who is witnessed to, will accept the gospel of God's good news to him. Experience does show, however, that ever since Pentecost the key to exciting church growth is in personally sharing the gospel with people and making contacts for Christ. Again and again our pastors report: "Numbers of our people have made contacts and have had decisions. We are enthusiastic about the challenging goal of a million contacts for Christ!"

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ONE MILLION CONTACTS FOR CHRIST

Associations

Associations	October-December 1973				Total for Triennium			
	Personal Contacts	Decisions	New Members	Persons Making Contacts	Personal Contacts	Decisions	New Members	Persons Making Contacts
Alberta Association	163	5	17	24	163	5	17	24
Atlantic Association	672	31	7	57	683	32	7	61
British Columbia Association	116	7	30	21	162	9	31	30
Central Dakota-Montana Association	424	67	36	113	700	67	36	125
Eastern Association	1,151	20		73	1,151	20		73
Illinois Association	29	4	12	12	41	7	12	17
Iowa Association	55	5	16	16	55	5	19	16
Manitoba Association	5			1	13	6	2	6
Michigan Association	607	61	25	191	843	145	47	303
Minnesota-La Crosse Association	57	12	13	26	57	16	17	26
Northern California Association	192	12	18	19	200	12	18	19
North Dakota Association	201	22	45	47	216	23	45	49
Oregon Association	89	26	16	26	92	29	16	27
Pacific Northwest Association	715	20	20	55	721	23	20	57
Penn-Ohio Association	328	4	1	12	929	21	23	62
Saskatchewan Association	22	11	6	2	22	11	6	2
South Dakota Association	34		18	11	153		24	25
Southern Association	96	6	3	16	96	6	3	16
Southern California Association	285	21	26	60	1,133	108	43	200
Southwestern Association	466	64	47	46	512	66	47	57
Wisconsin Association	62	9	7	17	84	13	10	24
Totals	5,769	407	363	845	8,026	624	443	1,219

HOW CAN YOU FORGET

Darwynne Pucek,

the composer of the hymn on the front cover, explains his song

In a world that is so torn by doubts and is quick to label everything false that doesn't fall within the table of its disbelief—for this world—where is the pathway that leads to truth? What is the subtle word, the magic elixir that will help this dying mass to discover what has always been? A Divine Creator.

So frequently our cliches and trite sayings fail to capture the attention of the doubter. To them, a life en-

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wrapped in dedication is a dullard's farce, and those so engaged would naturally "miss out" on the freedom of self-expression, the experience of the sexual revolution, the opportunity to be what they, as an individual, really want to be. How narrow their view!

One always finds freedom when one is truly committed. Perspectives and views are sharpened, and time leads to the realization of a full and happy life. Self-expression becomes *one* with praise for Christ who emancipated this life so dedicated.

This was the challenge that brought

itself upon my thinking—

In a world of disbelief it is sometimes difficult to make a person recognize that there is *One*, who is above all others. But as I pondered the thought that Christ died for *even* these who flaunt their disbelief, a question haunted my mind. How can people not realize that the blood so willingly spilled at Calvary by God's Son was spilled for them. Wouldn't they have believed if they were there?

So I ask the question, "Were you there when they crucified my Savior?" And then I ask, "How Can You Forget That You Were There?" □

SEVEN YEARS IN BRAZIL

by Richard Schilke

In three separate articles in the *Baptist Herald* issues of March and April, 1964, I reported on the mission survey trip to South America which took six weeks of travel and many conferences with missionaries and nationals in eight countries of South America. I entitled these articles: "On Our Way to South America," "South America From Colombia to Chile", and "South America, From Buenos Aires to the Amazon." In my further report to the Board of Missions in April 1964, I recommended five different areas of possibilities where the need for additional missionary work was great and where I felt that we would be welcome and could work in a given area within the framework of the Baptist Convention of that particular country. These five areas were in Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Argentina and Brazil. From those five the Board of Missions selected South Brazil and tentatively chose the states of Rio Grande do Sul and Santa Catarina.

Why We Chose Brazil

The question was raised at that time—why Brazil? Brazil already had more missionaries than any other South American country. The answer to that question

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was difficult to give then and may still be difficult to give now. The immediate answer was that the members of the Board of Missions prayerfully considered the various recommendations and seemed led of the Holy Spirit to choose the south of Brazil.

It could be that there existed a link with the past. In 1901, the Rev. H. Schwendener, denominational evangelist at the time of the turn of the century, paid a visit to Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, and also visited the German Baptist settlers in various parts of the state. As a result of his report several missionaries were partially supported, among whom were Karl Roth and F. Matschulat. Through misunderstandings the work was dropped after a little more than a decade.

However, this could not be a main reason for choosing Brazil, for the decision was not at all to link up with the past and work again with the existing German-speaking Baptist churches, but rather to work within the framework of the Brazilian Baptist State Convention in the Portuguese language and among the Brazilians.

Perhaps a better reason, if one is to look for one, was the fact that the Baptist witness seemed weaker in the south of Brazil than elsewhere in Brazil. Cities such as Rio de Janeiro, São Paulo, and a goodly number of others had many Baptist churches and many missionaries. For



The General Secretary for Missions meeting with North American Baptist missionaries at Camp Sante Maria.



The groundbreaking service for the new building at Caxias do Sul took place on Dec. 30, 1973.



Our Baptist Church in Caxias do Sul.



The missionary home at Caxias do Sul, where the Effas are living.



Our Baptist Church in Bento Gonçalves, where the Rev. and Mrs. Richard Rabenhorst are ministers.

some reason or other the southern part of Brazil had few missionaries and the Baptist witness was weak. Reports had come repeatedly that missionary work did not find the ready response in the south as it did elsewhere. This seemed to throw out a challenge to us, for here was a definite need.

Our First Missionaries in Brazil

It took two more years to carry out that decision to go to Brazil. In 1964 we did not have the missionary candidates for Brazil nor did we have the funds. The goal was set for 1966, and by that time the Lord gave us two couples. The Rev. and Mrs. Herman L. Effa came from Linton, N.D., where they were ministering in their second pastorate and had eight years of pastoral experience. The Rev. and Mrs. Richard C. Rabenhorst had just concluded seminary training, and Brother Rabenhorst graduated that spring. The write-up of these "Our First Missionaries to Brazil," appeared in the *Baptist Herald* issue of October 1, 1966.

A year of language study was the first requirement and this was taken at the language school in the city of Campinas, Brazil. At the mid-year school break our missionaries undertook a further survey of south Brazil and found three areas which they recommended. One was in the western section of the state of Parana, the other was in the area of Pelotas at the southern top of Rio Grande do Sul, and the third was a 75 mile radius area around Caxias do Sul, the northeast section of Rio Grande do Sul. Their report stated that whereas the ratio of Baptists to the total population of Brazil was about 1 to 200, in the state of Rio Grande do Sul it was only about 1 to 2,000; and in the northeast section of this state it was even about 1 to 8,000. This seemed another challenge to meet a great need, and thus the northeast section of Rio Grande do Sul was chosen.

We also had an invitation from the State Board of the Brazilian Baptist Convention to come to that state; and another invitation from the only existing Baptist church in the northeast section, in Caxias do Sul. After language study our missionaries settled in Caxias do Sul and Bento Goncalves respectively. The two places are about 25 miles apart and were the only two cities in the area where Brazilian pastors resided. The Bento Goncalves work was not yet an organized church but merely a mission or congregation under the supervision of the small church in Caxias do Sul. The *Baptist Herald* issue of February 1968, had a report on my second visit to Brazil in early October 1967 and on those first beginnings ("Brazil Rio Grande Baptist Mission").

Adjustments and Testings

Our missionaries were very grateful that in those first few years they could work so closely together with Brazilian Baptist pastors. This helped them to adjust to a new culture and to get to know the people much better. Unfortunately, the pastor at Caxias do Sul could not take the winter climate and left within two years. Subsequent pastors did not have the leadership abilities and left in a short time. Each time in the interim our missionaries were called on to pastor the church and this

hindered them from a wider outreach into the total area.

An anonymous gift of \$15,000.00 through the Baptist World Alliance for the sole purpose of evangelism made it possible to purchase a Chevrolet van and equip it with a sound system for a film ministry. This ministry took our missionaries into a goodly number of cities. Thousands of people heard the gospel message and many hundreds of conversions were reported. However, it soon became evident that the report of decisions was only one phase. To bring about a decision for baptism and church membership was quite another thing, especially so in the stronghold of Roman Catholicism in this area. The expected results kept evading and many testings came. In spite of this, the congregation at Bento Goncalves could be organized into a church. With the coming of the Rev. and Mrs. Ralph R. Nelson in July 1971, our third missionary couple, and their settling at Farroupilha, halfway between Caxias do Sul and Bento Goncalves, the congregation at Farroupilha could also be organized into a church. Unfortunately, internal difficulties arose at Farroupilha and the Nelson family moved to Santo Angelo in the western part of the state and well beyond our stated northeast area. In that new area they found an outreach in evangelism and teaching ministry in cooperation with more than ten churches in the Northwest Association and under the guidance of Pastor Wilson A. Oliveira, president of the state convention.

Presently, both the Effas and the Rabenhorsts are again pastoring the churches at Caxias do Sul and Bento Goncalves respectively. The church at Caxias do Sul had a ground-breaking service on Dec. 30, 1973 (at which I could be present) and is beginning the construction of a new church. From our Brazil Chapel Revolving Loan Fund (which comes from MAP) a loan of \$15,000.00 has been expended to the church. The remainder of the term of service of the Effas (till the summer of 1975) will keep them very busy in giving guidance to the building program. The present need at Bento Goncalves is for a missionary residence. Costs of homes have doubled in the last two years and hardly anything can be found for less than \$30,000.00. We were indeed fortunate that we could get a missionary residence in Caxias do Sul about four years ago for \$14,000.00. Today that home sells easily for \$35,000.00.

Expanding Our Horizon

The present need at both places calls for our missionaries to pastor the churches. This may well occupy them till their next furlough time. It will definitely limit their outreach into other cities, but there seems to be no choice. It is, however, hoped that after this period over the next two years, these churches will experience growth and will be in a position to have a Brazilian pastor so as to free our missionaries for a wider outreach into other cities.

The fact that the Nelson family moved beyond our immediate area as far west as Santo Angelo brought the question of area responsibility into surveillance. In

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DR. BERNARD SCHALM 1928-1974

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Dr. Bernard Schalm

EVERY MAN'S REQUEST-REMEMBER ME!

by Joseph Sonnenberg

The Gospel records, supported by what the Apostle Paul wrote regarding the institution of the Lord's Supper, suggest that Jesus, the night before he was betrayed, gathered his disciples around himself and instituted there the sacred meal. There are indeed a good many reasons why the supper came into existence, and among the various reasons is one of simple human significance which we nearly always overlook, the universal desire to live on in memory long after our lifeless form is placed in its final resting place. Every man wishes to be remembered, and in that respect we are like the Savior himself. Whether we be pharaohs or peasants, our pyramids and prayers suggest that to be forgotten is something we dread.

It is no different with our departed and esteemed colleague. He wishes to be and he will be remembered. The question is what images, sharp and clear, are etched upon the memory lanes of our mind? In an effort to answer that question I recall the scene portrayed in Hebrews 12:1-2, where life is pictured as a race in which the runners straining for the coveted prize are encouraged on by the vast "cloud of witnesses." In my judgment, based on my faith, Dr. Schalm has joined that select throng, and while his material form has been lifted from our sight, he, next to our Savior, is the strongest champion of your cause and mine. The proper exegesis of this passage further suggests that the rewards that accrue to him are held up in part until our race is done, and our victory won, and that his joy and jubilation is either enhanced or diminished depending on what we make of this race.

Dr. Schalm would remind us that the Christian life, here depicted as a race, must be run according to rules,

Dr. Joseph Sonnenberg is the president of the North American Baptist College, Edmonton, Alta. This tribute was given at the Memorial Service for Dr. Bernard Schalm, held at the North American Baptist College Chapel, on Feb. 6, 1974.

and his memory will tell us that he kept those rules.

The first rule of importance is to run the race with *resolution*. Let me quote from his ordination statement: "As I spent my time, seventeen years it was, and energy in the pursuit of a worldly crown, so after my conversion it was my desire to give myself wholly to the service of my Lord." As his pastor when a student in Chicago, and as a cherished student assistant while there, and now in the capacity of Academic Dean, Dr. Schalm was transparently and unfailingly dependable. You could count on him in every instance. This quality has often been misunderstood, and Dr. Schalm was fully aware why. I quote him again. "It is part of my personality structure to be conscientious and offer myself completely to a given task. Although I am thankful to God for this endowment, I have felt its disadvantages in that it has robbed me of much sleep, inner peace and patience in the face of spiritual indifference in the lives of Christians." That was written sixteen years ago. Since then he has not faltered in his resolute commitment. His patience with the slow of heart has grown infinitely.

The second rule to be observed is this: *Don't play to the grandstand, but play to the Grandmaster*. Dr. Schalm embodied that principle. His dedication to his Master was complete and overwhelming. He had neither need nor did he much concern himself with the applause of men. He walked quietly among us but once his designated mission was completed, whether at a Conference, an Association, a preaching service or a classroom, the impact remained. Men did not always agree, but questions which they felt had been settled long ago commanded new attention.

I recall vividly an occasion where he and I shared the topics at a particular Association gathering. Dr. Schalm in this instance questioned an approach to worship widely practiced which he felt had no biblical foundation. That made him a disturber of many. The morning after this session an individual came to me and made this unusual observation: "I disagreed with him, but last night I went

home and studied that passage all night. I think he is right." That is the point. To be right is far more important than to be popular. Dr. Schalm believed and lived that principle.

Last August he shared with me a note from a student of a few years vintage. Said the student in this letter of appreciation, "I dreaded to come into your office, but I'm so glad I did. You told me the truth about myself." The point I'm making is this. The race is won by those who are in tune, not with the music of the grandstand, but with the music of the Grandmaster, and Dr. Schalm can rightly claim that distinction! He lived by that rule.

The third rule is that the race is not for the faint-hearted, but for those who are willing to endure. Dr. Schalm's memory here is an urgent manifesto to every soul who deplores his meager endowment. This manifesto written indelibly upon our minds is, "Take heart!" Dedicate wholly what you have and victory is assured. Listen to his testimony: "As I grew in my Christian life, I was many times confronted with serious emotional disturbances; a result of over-conscientiousness and re-

bellious reaction against personal handicaps, including bodily suffering. It has been hard for me to accept God's permissive will for my life and to be content to be the recipient of his grace which is sufficient for every need. I am convinced, however, that all things work together for my own good; every experience of life is used by the Lord to mold and form our character and make us usable in his service!" His seventeen years of service since that quotation was written is a commentary on the truthfulness of what he said. In spite of his handicaps he was a better ping-pong player, a better student, a better preacher, and a better teacher than men of more affluent endowment! He undertook more and more difficult tasks than most of us and completed them.

The last words I spoke to him were: "Good night, Bernard, good night." I'm not sure he heard me. But when the opportunity will arrive, as it surely will, to say, "Good morning, Bernard, good morning," he will hear me! Until that time he is part of that cheering throng, urging us on to run the race according to the rules that assure victory. □

A Tribute From Students of the Past

by Werner Waitkus

The year is 1959. It is registration day at the old CTI. The first official day of existence for the new Theological Department. Over twenty freshmen assembled on that day, determined to jump into the unknown depths of the sea of theological studies. And what a group it was! Some had not yet discovered the joy of shaving, others were grey-haired already; some spoke with a silvery Anglo-Saxon tongue, others surpassed Mr. Kissinger's Teutonic accent with ease; some thought their theological structures were firm and already in place and needed but a little polish, others only had the cornerstone and the conviction that little else was needed. One thing they had in common with students of all ages: a slight disregard for rules. For here they were on the first day in the library, arguing away with vigor in a room dedicated to thought and silence, when the door opened and there appeared the man whom we were to respect and to love in years to come. He gave us that gently admonishing look, and we were not quite sure whether he had murmured: "Brethren . . .," and strode on to the shelves to pull out more reserve books. An informed student now whispered: "That's the new New Testament teacher, Dr. Schalm."

We respected him for the rare combination of sincere commitment to the truth already known and a genuine openness to truth still to be discovered. A teacher towering high over us in knowledge, yet a student, searching. He expected much of us, but when we saw

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what standards he had set for himself, our well-rehearsed complaints died on our lips. Slowly he instilled in us the joy of efforts, of dedication, of cognition. He moved on without ceasing, and when we were in danger of getting side-tracked in arguments which appeared to us of enormous theological import, he would stand at the blackboard, a little impatiently, his arm raised to write the next point, turn his head slightly and say: "Let's go on, brethren."

We respected him, sometimes belatedly, for his ability to awaken us from our dogmatic slumbers with short and bold statements, which could easily be misunderstood; and sometimes they were. But we really needed those jolts to get our own minds in gear.

We respected him for his integrity. He had no axe of his own to grind; he allowed us to form our own convictions once he had us at the point where we could scan the terrain with him. And if in the process of learning we stood before a mystery which defied our feeble efforts, he was usually the first to recognize that. There was no trace of that false pride in him which often prevents us from saying, "I do not know."

Then we came to love him, for in the give and take of daily classes we discovered rare human qualities. To be sure, you had to be attentive, for these qualities were never on display. He was not out to make a name for himself, his goal was clear: to serve his Lord in what he could do best, teaching and molding the lives of his students. Once, in his famous and treasured asides in class he said: "There can be no greater joy for a teacher than to see his own pupils surpass their teacher" — and the words rang true!

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THE REV. EMANUEL BROECKEL 1876-1974

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Pastor: 1913-17 at Washburn;
 1917-19 at Eureka, S.D.;
 1919-21 at Goodrich, N.D.;
 1921-24 at Washburn;
 1924-31 at Turtle Lake, N.D.;
 1931-37 at Danzig & Tyndall, S.D.;
 1937-43 at Lehr, N.D.
Interim Pastor: 1951-53 at Mercer, N.D.;
 1953-54 at Selfridge & Fort Yates, N.D.
Retired: 1953 at Bismarck, N.D.
Died: Jan. 12, 1974 at Bismarck.



The Rev. Emanuel Broeckel

A TRIBUTE TO THE REV. EMANUEL BROECKEL

by G. K. Zimmerman

The Rev. Emanuel Broeckel, Dakota Territory pioneer and Baptist minister for more than half a century, was called to his eternal home on Jan. 12, 1974, at the age of 97. After having been ordained in 1913 he has served churches in North and South Dakota. He could speak very authoritatively concerning pioneer days in the Dakota Territory, because his parents were among the early settlers in South Dakota. He could relate many experiences from boyhood days, when he lived in a sod house with his parents while they were trying to get a foothold in the new land of opportunities. At an early age he experienced the reality of God's presence as he committed his life to Christ. He availed himself of the lim-

ited education opportunities which were available by reading whatever he could find which would add stature to his Christian life.

A TRIBUTE FROM STUDENTS

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He was concerned about our welfare, invited us into his home and surprised us at the door wearing a sport shirt — and those were the days when ties were mandatory in class. If anyone was in need, he was there; not a man of many words, but his one hand always extended. With his own subtle sense of humor he would sometimes say: "I have no difficulty with the admonition of our Lord to not let the left hand know what the right is doing."

ited education opportunities which were available by reading whatever he could find which would add stature to his Christian life.

His call to the ministry came after having been in business for several years. After selling his business, he launched upon his life's adventure of training for the ministry at the Seminary, then located in Rochester, N.Y. Student days were accompanied with many hardships, because he had to support a family in addition to bearing the expenses of training for the ministry. In his more than 50 years as a pastor he served churches in North and South Dakota, where multitudes became followers of Christ. His preaching was characterized by strong convictions and an unflinching faith in God. For many years after retirement he continued to serve as an interim

pastor. In these opportunities of service he was like "a balm in Gilead."

On a number of occasions I had opportunity to visit Brother Broeckel. At my last visit with him in November 1973, I concluded our time of fellowship with reading from the Scriptures and having prayer with him. As at previous times, also he prayed which always made me feel like I had been ministered unto, because of the heartfelt concern which this man of God could express in prayer. The last prayer from his lips which I heard was concluded with the words, "Lord, help us, that when we get to the other side we shall not be strangers." These words from this prayer can very well serve as a commission to all of us that we continue daily to prepare ourselves for that day when we shall join him and others in eternity. □

Yes, we respected him and loved him; and we always will. For we were privileged to have him as teacher and friend in formative years. And now that he has joined the cloud of witnesses, we still can hear him say: "Come, brethren . . ." And we know we must press on — he gave of himself that we in turn might be able to give — we dare not disappoint him. "St. Bernard" we used to call him among ourselves with a great deal of affection — how fitting this choice was we are only beginning to discover. □

CHRISTMAS 1973 - THERE WAS A VACANCY SIGN IN THE INN

by Benno Przybylski

In contrast to the first Christmas when Bethlehem was so crowded that there was no room in the inn for Mary and Joseph and the Christmases of recent years when Manger Square was filled with Christian pilgrims, Christmas Eve 1973 was marked by the absence of Christians from abroad. The relatively small crowd that did take part in the festivities seemed to be composed mainly of Christians from Israel and the occupied territories and of Jewish onlookers.

Why did Christian pilgrims from abroad stay away this year? Why were so many Holy Land tours cancelled? The answer is obvious. Christians generally seem to be unwilling to seek the Prince of Peace in an atmosphere of war.

At this point I anticipate two main reactions. Some readers may think: Good to hear that few pilgrims came, because I always thought that pilgrimages to the so-called holy sites were idolatrous anyway. Other readers may think: Of course I admit that spending Christmas in Bethlehem can be a great spiritual experience. However, it's only natural not to go there in a time of political unrest and face possible danger.

Let us consider these two reactions. First, is there any value in visiting the Land of the Bible? Yes, there is. God can speak to us in many ways. He can speak not only through his Word, through others, through prayer or through nature, but also through the voice of history as portrayed in the many sites where the great events of salvation history occurred. This is not theory but fact based on personal experience. As we have retraced some of the footsteps of Jesus in the past five months, my wife and I have had many experiences where biblical passages which previously had little meaning for us suddenly came alive.

Not always does God speak in the way we expect. For example, on Christmas Eve he did not speak to us during the magnificent procession with all its pomp and ceremony which proceeded from Manger Square to the Church of the Nativity but rather through the indeed plain voices of several sisters as they sang in the Grotto of the Church of the Nativity. It was at that point that we understood God's command to Moses in Exodus 3:5: "Put off your shoes from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." Yes, there are holy places.

Of course there can be a false worship of history and historical sites which can lead to idolatry. However, if we reject altogether the idea of meditating at the historically significant places in the life of Jesus we may very well miss a great opportunity to understand the Bible.

Now the second reaction: Yes, I want to visit the Land of

the Bible but only in times of complete peace. With this attitude my wife and I had to struggle.

We arrived in Israel on July 9, 1973. About a week before the outbreak of the Yom Kippur War we received a letter from Rev. Gerhard Kalmbach asking us, "Do you feel secure in Jerusalem?" At that point I felt very secure. We were greatly looking forward to a six-day Sinai trip starting on October 22. In September we had visited the Golan Heights. Generally, I felt that nothing was going to curtail my year of research at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and our program of visiting biblically significant places.

And then came the sound of air-raid sirens at 2:00 p.m. on October 6. Yes, we had a few tense moments, but generally a situation always looks more dangerous from the outside than from the inside. Nevertheless, on October 18, the 12th day of the war, we succumbed to ever mounting pressures from worried parents and left Israel to go on a European vacation. However, I was extremely restless in Europe and it was not until our return to Jerusalem and the resumption of my studies that I felt at ease again.

The fact that we as Christians so often tend to shirk back in the face of danger has far-reaching implications at a time when the future of Israel is being discussed at the conference table. Many Jews interpret such an attitude as cowardice. For example, Mr. Teddy Kollek, the mayor of Jerusalem, recently stated that one of the main arguments the Jews have for maintaining control of Jerusalem is the fact that they are the people who have been willing to sacrifice the most for this city. Nevertheless, it was indeed encouraging to hear that Mr. Kollek supported the view that in any future settlement the Christians should be guaranteed the right to have independent control of their holy places.

However, there are other voices in Israel who draw different conclusions on the basis of the Christian's general reluctance to become actively involved in the problems of the Middle East. They conclude that Christians have lost any real claim to Jerusalem and the Land of the Bible in general.

Dr. L. I. Levine of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem recently stated that for Christians, Jerusalem is simply a museum. It has never been intrinsically linked with their real life. Another professor even went so far as to say that it is incomprehensible for him how any of the non-Jewish religions can have any claim on Jerusalem.

Is it true that Jerusalem has no meaning for Christianity? If this is the case then the death and resurrection of Jesus have also lost part of their meaning, for they are inextricably related to Jerusalem.

These are among the problems and questions we as Christians have to face as we view the proceedings of the Middle East peace conference. Will the historically important Christian sites, the Christian schools and the Christian hospitals be guaranteed a special status in the final solution? Or have we as Christians abdicated all rights in the Land of the Bible? How much are we willing to sacrifice for Jerusalem? □

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God's VOLUNTEERS TEAM 1 REPORTS

by Gaylia Boerchers

As the last chord faded, the silence was broken by a powerful "Amen." Here we were singing to a roomful of kids at a college campus in Oklahoma. I must admit that we were a bit nervous and tense as to what our reception would be. But what could be more uplifting than to hear an "Amen" to let you know that they are in tune with what you're singing about. As the program progressed, one could feel the Holy Spirit right there with us. For us as a team it was exciting to see young people so enthusiastic about our Lord. This was just one of the highlights of our crusade in Okeene, Okla.

As we drove westward, the excitement mounted, not only about the next crusade, but also because of the fact that some of us Canadians had never been to California before. It was pretty exciting to see a first orange tree, cactus or palm tree! But this excitement of God's handiwork was topped by seeing how the Lord can work inside a human life and mold him into the kind of person he wants him to be. As we go from door to door we see the eagerness that people have in wanting a Christ-controlled life. This in return makes us eager to share Christ with others. WHAT ABOUT YOU? □



UPPER LEFT: God's Volunteers sharing with some of the kids at the Baptist Student Union on South Western State College campus, Wetherford, Oklahoma. UPPER RIGHT: Visiting a senior citizens meeting in Oklahoma meant sharing and singing with them. LOWER LEFT: Our guest evangelist, Jim DeBoer from Greeley, Colorado, conversing with some senior citizens in Okeene. LOWER RIGHT: Leaving the Zion Baptist Church of Okeene, eager to go out and share Christ with the community.

God's VOLUNTEERS TEAM 2 REPORTS

by Michaele Schauer

Squeals of delight rose in the air as both teams of God's Volunteers came back together at the Kansas City Airport after their two and a half weeks of Christmas vacation. After an evening of telling the experiences of sharing Christ during our Christmas holidays, the two teams parted for Stafford and Marion, Kan.

In Marion, our team found a town open to discuss its relationship to Christ. Mr. Cowan, a member of the church, got quite excited when he and Diane (Patzner) experienced two young ladies invite Christ into their lives. It's

encouraging to see the faces of church people light up when they hear that their friends and acquaintances really are concerned about their spiritual lives. We also spent some time at a retreat with the young people of the Kansas Association.

Our next crusade was in Waco, Texas. Here the young people really participated in the visitation program. One of the college girls had the privilege of leading a high school girl to the Lord. Along with making 700 calls, we sang in three schools, two rest homes and on two television channels.

Then came the three-day trip to Spearfish, S.D. Colleen Bredin and Mrs. Voegele were present when a lady on the church prospect list invited Christ into her life. The team enjoyed working with this new thriving church extension project.

In three crusades, we had the variety of sledding in Kansas to sunbathing in Texas to seeing the Black Hills and Badlands of South Dakota. Just the same, people in all of these places came face to face with the realization that they had to make a decision about Christ. □



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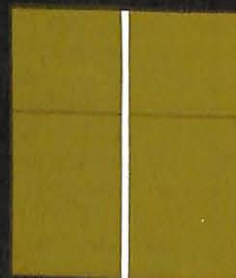
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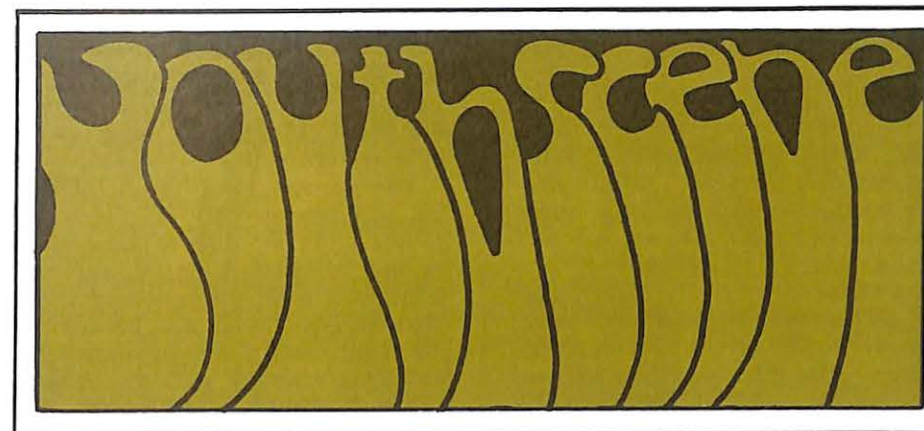
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RETREATS: TRIAL OR TRIUMPH

by Robert Orr

Do you have a problem making theology relevant to the young people to whom you minister? Do you talk of the transcendence and immanence of God and receive blank expressions of bewilderment in return? Take courage, have a retreat! Turn those blank expressions into words of praise to the Almighty for the wonders of his creation and the fact that he has revealed himself to his creation and is intimately involved with it. What is it that makes retreats such a spiritual highlight in the lives of those who attend? Let me suggest three things.

Fellowship

First of all, there is the fellowship—real down-to-earth and up-to-heaven fellowship. You may ask, "But don't we have fellowship at church every Sunday?" Yes, that is true, but fellowship is present in varying degrees. At a retreat we share everything we have in common—our faith, our Lord, our problems and our triumphs. There is no time clock to cut it off, no roast in the oven that may burn, no football game that comes on five minutes after the service ends and so on.

Fellowship is also present at various levels. Generally in the hustle and bustle of our church life we only get to know our brothers and sisters on a superficial level. We see them as Joe or Mary Christian but may never see the real person. Retreats provide the atmosphere for multilateral fellowship on the spiritual, emotional, intellectual and social levels.

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Seclusion

The second ingredient would be seclusion. If fellowship speaks of the common relationship we have with our brothers and sisters, seclusion would speak of the communion we have with God alone. If you share the same difficulties I do, it is almost impossible to get alone even for a few minutes. There is always something that comes up that seems to steal the time I so dearly crave just to be alone with God. Often as I have walked around the campgrounds and viewed the wonders in the creation of the God I know, I find myself bursting into song, "How Great Thou Art." The still, small voice of God wants to speak to us. We need to be alone, secluded, willing to listen.

Saturation

The third ingredient would be saturation. If a person participated in every service the church offers in any given month, they would still not have the exposure to the things of God in that time that they would receive in a single weekend retreat. This is one of the reasons I believe that so many young people accept the Lord at camp. There is the constant saturation of the Word of God into their lives. It is the "gospel of our salvation" (Eph. 1:13). Many of the so-called incorrigible hearts are softened as the Word of God pierces their lives.

Planning Principles

Reading thus far you would perhaps be led to believe that all retreats are just one step away from heaven. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Good retreats just don't happen, they are caused. The converse is also true. From my limited experi-

ence let me share a few things that may help you in the planning of your next retreat.

To begin with, we must be *people conscious* rather than *program conscious*. Many retreats focus on the quality of the program. There is every conceivable activity at every conceivable hour, yet the retreat seems to be a flop. A simple suggestion is to tailor the program to the people instead of trying to force people into the mold of the program.

Next, retreats must be *goal oriented*. Everyone who is planning a retreat should ask this question first of all: "What are we planning to accomplish?" The seer has truly said, "If you aim at nothing, that's exactly what you will hit."

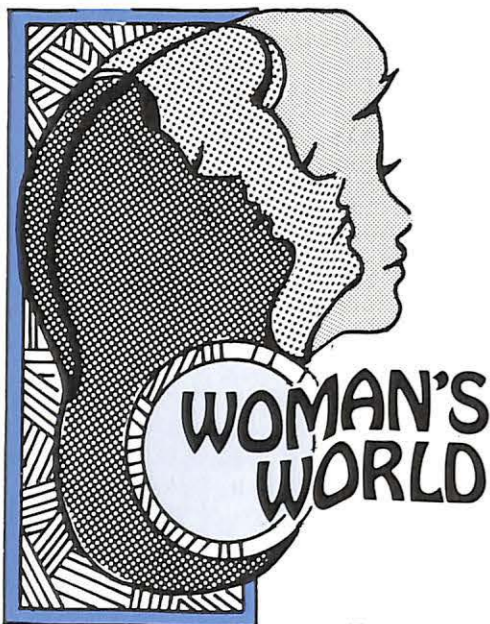
Goals grow out of the needs of the people. For example, people's needs would not be met where the retreat messages have a strong evangelistic emphasis and there are no non-Christians present. A college level theme to a high school audience would be equally as crass. Take time and consider the needs of the participants and set a definite goal in the light of those needs.

Lastly, the retreat should be *practical* rather than theoretical. All of us have experienced the "after-retreat-let-down syndrome." If the retreat has only given theory to its participants, the fall between that theory and the mundane world of Monday morning may be nothing less than a disaster. A practical subject however will give to the retreaters something that will turn mundane Monday into marvelous Monday.

Retreats—trial or triumph? They are what you plan them to be. □



"He asked me if I'd accept a nomination to be Program chairman of the youth group this coming year, and when I said, 'yes,' he fainted."



PURITY

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

Beautiful Easter lilies! What a lovely sight to catch and hold our attention as we enter the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Our eyes are automatically drawn to the spot where this majestic flower has been placed. There isn't any flower that could better symbolize the message of Easter than the stately, white lily. Have you ever listened to its message? This Easter Sunday, as the organist is softly playing the prelude, allow this dignified little minister to speak to you.

The lily stands for spotless beauty and its message is that of purity. It tells of the matchless purity of our resurrected Lord. It also proclaims the good news that some day we, too, shall be as pure as the lily, for when we see Jesus we shall be like him. Our garments will be more spotless and white than any lily, no matter how perfect and pure it may be. "But what of today?" the lily asks. "This day which the Lord has made, this day in which you should rejoice and be glad. Are you pure now?"

The lily challenges us to purity in our personal lives. Purity is the ticket into our eternal home. "Who shall

ascend into the hill of the Lord? He that hath clean hands and a pure heart."

The lily would also challenge us to purity so that we may see God. Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God." In his reference to the pure-hearted, Jesus meant the undivided heart that is completely loyal to him.

As we worship God this Easter, may we do so with an undivided heart; then we shall surely see God in all his holiness. One glimpse of him and our lives will be completely changed. The Easter lily is challenging us to just such an experience. □

"COLORFUL" ROLE OF AREA SECRETARY'S WIFE

by Ruth Potratz, wife of the Rev. Willis Potratz, Great Lakes area secretary.

Someone said to a woman who was in the midst of great sorrow, "Sorrow does color life, doesn't it?" The lady replied, "Yes, and I propose to choose the colors." In like manner, our Lord permits each of us to choose the colors of our lives. Presently, as the wife of

an area secretary, I look upon the first major color of my life as being SOLID. This is in being able to be a full participant in a local church without the added involvements often carried by a pastor's wife.

The second color is SUBDUED but a necessary part of a complete picture. It is the time of being alone. In this, however, I find a new challenge in making the necessary household decisions, trying new hobbies, doing more reading and participating in additional activities with the children.

The third color is STRIKING. This relates to the experiences of accompanying my husband on occasion. The Christian fellowship with pastors' families, with Forest Park staff members and their wives and many others, has been truly enriching and encouraging.

The richness of each color centers pre-eminently in the privilege of knowing and serving the risen Christ. This is that which fills all of life with eternal value and brightness.

Thank you for praying for the wives of our Forest Park staff and area secretaries that we might be enabled to serve faithfully in the calling that is ours. □

GOD'S VOLUNTEERS REQUEST PRAYER FROM SIX TO ONE FOR CHRIST FROM WOMEN

by Gaylia Boerchers, Team 1

Serving in sunny California was a highlight for all of us! Since we have four Canadians on our team, the warm weather, especially in January, was a real treat. Sunshine has always been a main ingredient on our team regardless of the weather, for we let the love of Jesus shine in our lives.

These past months of touring have been a great experience for each one of us because we have been molded from six individuals into one unit working for the Lord.

Our most exciting thrills come when we see men and women concerned enough about their communities to be willing to give of their time to go out on visitation and share Christ with others. It is spiritually uplifting to know that when we leave a church there are people who will carry on with the work we have started.

Continue to pray for us as we finish our tour. Pray especially for Rita Franz and her family. Rita's mother passed away in February. The Lord has really strengthened Rita so that she can truly say, "Through it all I've learned to trust in Christ." □



Team 1, left to right: John Hanselman, Clair Ziolkowski, Gaylia Boerchers, Emily Seutter, Rita Franz, the Rev. Ray Harsch, director, Karoline Koutecky.

RESURRECTION POWER

by Michaelle Schauer, Team 2

"You see, Jim, the reason why Christ is the only way to God and the other religions of this world are worthless is because Christ didn't just die. He rose again. This means that Christ is alive today and can come into your life if you would just invite him in," said Michaelle as she explained the importance of Christ's resurrection.

This "resurrection power" that Christ gives is best seen when a life is changed. Gordon and Barb saw this power at work when they revisited a lady that they had introduced to Christ during an earlier visit. She told them that she cried after they had left the first time until she finally invited Christ into her life. They were thankful for the opportunity to see how a living Christ changed her life.

Diane shares how this same "resurrection power" has affected her life: "The resurrection of Christ is a proven historical fact, but I have a far greater proof in my life, as Christ daily reveals himself more and more to me when I allow him to live through me."

Our purpose as God's Volunteers, and plea to all of you, is to urge everyone to experience the living Christ in his own life. □



Team 2, left to right: Michaelle Schauer, Diane Patzer, Gordon Bauslaugh, the Rev. Daniel Fuchs, guest evangelist, Steve May, Barbara Voigt and Colleen Bredin.

CHURCH EXTENSION MEANS NEW LIFE

by Mrs. Gordon (Rose) Voegele, pastor's wife, Spearfish, S.D.

Today people want to be where there is Action . . . Life . . . New Life! Hal Lindsay, in his book, *Satan Is Alive and Well on Planet Earth*, bears this out by saying, "People are tired of being spectators. They want to be participators!"

This is the challenge put before us in church extension: that the people might become excited over the fact that there is a new Baptist church in Spearfish. The competition is keen. There are three other new groups besides ours, but people are asking "What type of program do you have? Is there something for our entire family, where we can all be involved, where our spiritual needs are met, our souls satisfied?"

What a responsibility! This is my greatest prayer concern: that we may be able to offer just this type of program and that God will guide us in our selection of specific programs and activities that will point people to Christ. We do not want to just go through the motions or repeat a canned formula or deliver an impersonal message that means very little to the hearer, but we want to share the soul-satisfying experience of being rightly related to God through Jesus Christ and knowing personally his love and power.

Pray also that we may not become "weary in well doing" but will radiate enthusiasm that is contagious.

May this be church extension . . . New Life . . . and Easter! □

PROGRAM IDEA FOR MAY

by Adeline Kopf, packet editor

During the month of May we try to honor mothers with a banquet, tea or special program. A page of mother-daughter banquet suggestions is included in your packet.

For your meeting in May you will find an interesting play telling of an American mother's visit to her missionary daughter. You will also meet some African mothers in the dialogue, "Unto the Least of These." Dr. Laura Reddig wrote a devotional, "A Time of Service," which will go very well with this program.

If you wish to have a more conventional emphasis for Mother's Day, look at the readings in the Feature section.

Your May meeting is a good time to invite mothers who do not belong to your society. Make them your special guests. □

EASTER IS SHARING TIME

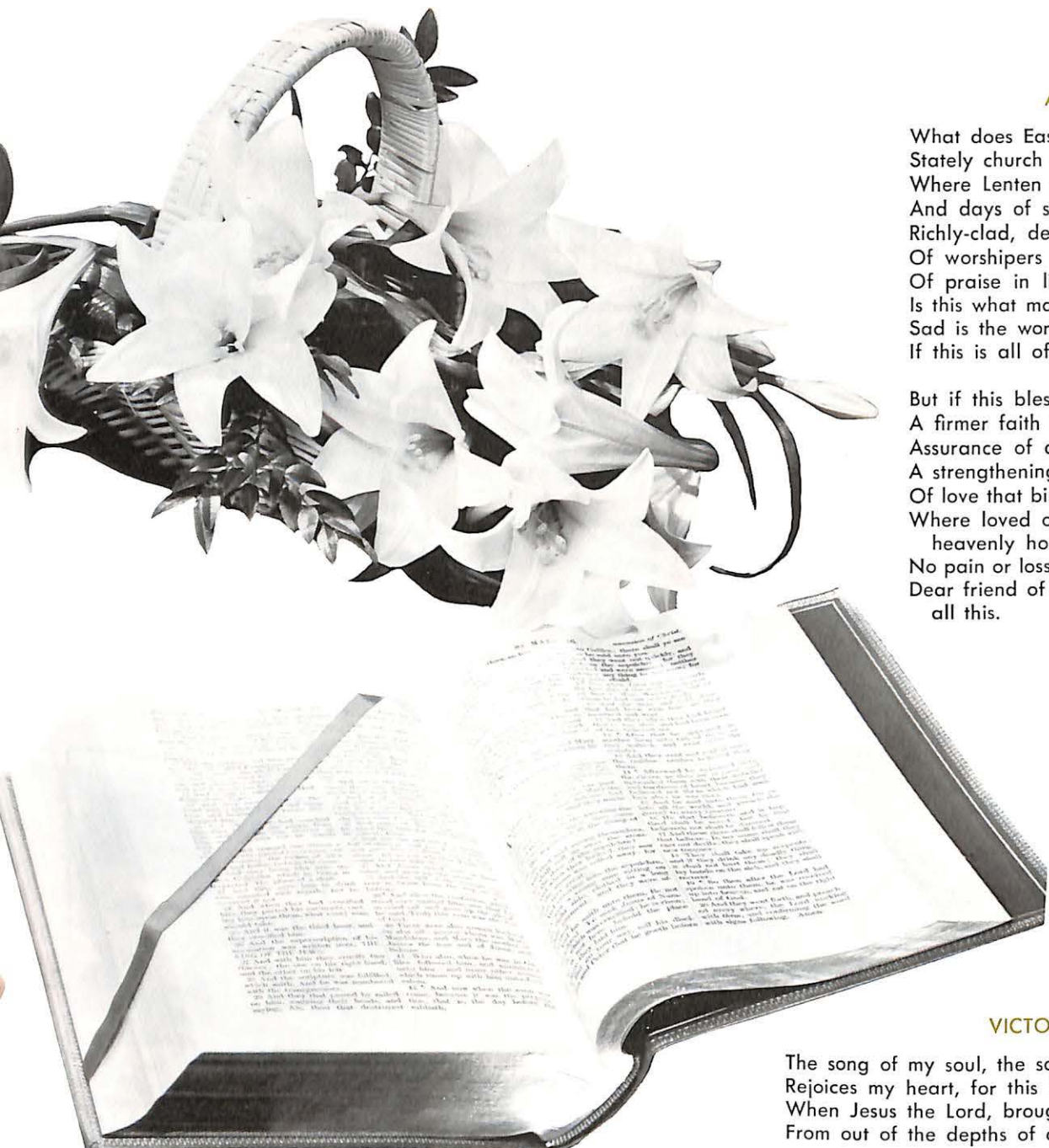


by LaVerna Mehlhaff

It was women — Mary, Mary Magdalene, Salome — who were the first to see the risen Christ. They KNEW, they BELIEVED and they REJOICED and quickly PROCLAIMED the best news the world has ever heard and ever will hear. Christ the Lord is risen!

We serve a risen Savior. The women in the time of Christ were faithful in telling the good news. Our privilege and responsibility is still the same: to share the good news wherever we are, wherever we go and whatever we do.

"Wherever the followers of the way went, they took the gospel of Jesus Christ with them" (Acts 8:4). □



AT EASTER

What does Easter mean to you,
Stately church with cushioned pew
Where Lenten season, gone at last
And days of self-denial past,
Richly-clad, devoted throngs
Of worshipers unite in songs
Of praise in lily-scented air?
Is this what makes your Easter fair?
Sad is the world and cold and gray
If this is all of Easter Day.

But if this blessed season brings
A firmer faith in holy things;
Assurance of a living Lord;
A strengthening of the tender cord
Of love that binds us to the life to come
Where loved ones wait us in the
heavenly home,
No pain or loss can e'er efface the bliss,
Dear friend of Easter, when it means
all this.

—The Canadian Baptist

VICTORY!

The song of my soul, the song of redemption,
Rejoices my heart, for this is the day
When Jesus the Lord, brought with Him salvation
From out of the depths of death and decay!

The prison of death no longer could hold Him,
The strong Son of God arose from the grave.
And deep shades of night in haste fled before Him,
The great Prince of Life, the mighty to save!

The Shepherd who came to the flock of His pasture
But to be smitten by hirelings of sin,
Carried dark portals of death and of nature
Into the sunlight, now conquered by Him!

No longer I need to dwell in the shadows
Of sadness, so gloomy and darksome drear,
He leadeth me to the sunny green meadows
And by the still waters, refreshing and clear.

The song of my soul, the song of redemption,
Rejoices my heart, for this is the day
When Jesus, the Lord of life and creation
Arose from the dead, and living for aye!

—Herman Palfenier

TRIUMPH OF EASTER

Three crosses rose on Calvary's hill
Against the darkened sky;
Three crosses bearing souls to God,
Three men who had to die.
And two were thieves whose sins were plain,
Whose faults were known above;
But One was there who knew no wrong,
Whose every act was love.

And one beseeched in anguished tone,
"O Lord, remember me!"
For two had known the robber's den,
But One . . . Gethsemane.

A shining cross, an empty tomb
From whence our Lord had gone . . .
A promise that in Him we see
Eternal Easter dawn!

**The Famous
Doctor,
Our Pride**

*A Cameroonian Salutes
Dr. L. M. Chaffee* by Jeremiah N. Waindim



Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee, 1909-73

I first saw Dr. Leslie Martin Chaffee in 1949 when he entered the old Baptist church at Belo. His head almost touched the ceiling. This was perhaps his first time of visiting and worshipping with us in the Belo church. In the usual manner, the whole church turned in great anxiety to behold one that was soon to become known as a great man of God and famous doctor because of his ability to eliminate diseases, thereby reducing infant mortality and the death rate in general on the Bamenda Highlands.

Usually it was the custom of Dr. L. M. Chaffee to visit churches and cure people of their diseases. Christians and school children usually informed their parents and villagers about his arrival to heal the sick. Multitudes of sick

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Dr. L. M. Chaffee on his first term of missionary service (1948-65) surrounded by Cameroonian citizens discussing the erection of hospital facilities at Bamenda.

people — men, women and children alike, sought relief from Dr. Chaffee. They returned to their respective homes rejoicing for either being cured or relieved from acute pains.

Soon his name spread far and wide in Cameroon and hundreds of Kom patients climbed the Kom-Oku hills weekly to see the wonderful physician who could cure most of their various diseases. They praised Dr. L. M. Chaffee for his great work when they returned home.

It was not only the Kom people who attended Bansa Baptist Hospital, but also people from other far places. Fons, nobles and government officials attended the famous Bansa Baptist Hospital which eclipsed other hospitals on the Bamenda Highlands. Baptists all over Cameroon talked about the great Bansa Baptist Hospital with pride, and Dr. L. M. Chaffee's name became a song in the mouths of those who knew him.

In contrast to other Cameroon Baptist Convention organizations the Baptist Medical Authority has given the

Cameroon public an everlasting impression. The name of Dr. L. M. Chaffee will remain an indelible mark in the minds of the Cameroonians.

In Bansa, a place which Dr. Chaffee made his home, he was given the honor that could only be given to the Fon (high ranking chief). For Baptist work to thrive well in this strong Roman Catholic area, it could only be the work of a giant. Dr. Chaffee had a commanding, admirable and enviable personality. He was totally committed to the service of Christ. He loved his patients and felt their pains with them. His sense of humor and manner of touching the patients gave them relief before he could administer treatment.

His ability to cure the sick and partly his physique made it much easier for him to acquire land and permission to build Baptist churches and schools in a predominantly Roman Catholic district.

The elevation of the area in which the late doctor rendered medical services, preached the good news of salvation and administered schools is high. The Oku Highlands are the highest point on the Bamenda Highlands. On these highlands grow tall Indian bamboos which are used for building houses. Dr. Chaffee's greatness of physical structure and spiritual strength matches the height of this land. In the minds of the Cameroon Baptists, especially on the Nso and Oku fields, his memory will remain high as the geographical features of Bui Division where his body finally awaits the sound of the last trumpet. (I Cor. 15: 52)

We appreciate the work the Chaffees did and we glorify God for a doctor of Leslie Martin Chaffee's calibre. May his death not become a hindrance to the continuation of his work that reached so many people, but instead may his memory serve as an inspiration for many more missionaries to serve God in Cameroon. □

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To Editor, BAPTIST HERALD

Date Jan. 31, 1974

Dear Sir:

Many people have been asking how is Rev. Henry Schroeder? I thought you might be interested in the following. "When I was young I always wanted to play grown up, but now that I am grown up I enjoy playing young again." This is how Rev. Schroeder summed up the day he was crowned prime minister of the Wilder Infirmary Winter Carnival festivities in conjunction with the famous Winter Carnival in St. Paul, Minn.

When told he was having his picture taken for the Baptist Herald, he gave the following greeting to all his many friends: "Well, I don't know what to tell them except it's nice to get old when you have so many friends who sympathize with you and try to make things pleasant for you. It's probably good that we don't know how old we will get to be or what lies ahead for each of us. I never expected to be this old either. Sometimes I wonder why we are left here when we can't do anything. When I feel like this I remember what someone once said, 'They also serve, who only stand and wait.' If everyone was strong as an ox, if we never had a need or any of us were never sick or poor, there would be no sympathy in the world. No one would care for anyone else. So, we have to realize there is some good in the trouble we have."

When asked how old he would be on his birthday February 17 he replied, "Oh my! I will be 88. Can you imagine that! Who would have ever thought I would live such a long, long, life. I feel pretty good. The thing that surprises me most is that I have so many, many friends who remember me at my birthday and other things during the year. I have visitors every day who take me walking. It means so much to be remembered. Someday I hope to do something for everyone who has been so kind to me."

With a twinkle in his eye he summed up our talk by saying; "You know, it takes such a short time to get sick and such a long, long time to get well! Things could be worse and they could be better! Oh well, what can a person do!"

Rev. Schroeder suffered a stroke over two years ago, and now resides at The Wilder Infirmary, 512 Humboldt Ave., St. Paul, Minn. Through the daily visits of many of the members and friends of Riverview Church, and their help in a daily exercise program, Rev. Schroeder is able to be up and about, he is able to walk with a cane and use his right hand to some degree.

Marilyn Shandorf, Riverview Baptist Church
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THE CHURCH MINISTERING TO FAMILIES

by Loren A. Weber

One unique characteristic of the ministry of the early Jerusalem church was that it was conducted in the homes of the believers as well as in the designated places of public worship (Acts 2:46). More is implied in this than that the believers simply met in various homes for prayer, fellowship and worship. The early Jerusalem church was a fellowship of families, as well as individuals, and was responsive in its ministry to the needs of families.

It is imperative for the local church to minister to families in their homes today as did the early Jerusalem church, for families are the basic unit of the local church, and as go the families so goes the church. The question that confronts us is, how can the church best help and minister to families in the home situation?

Visitation

The most basic way the church can minister to families in their homes is through a visitation ministry that seeks to lead families into a vital personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Many churches are branching out into a structured ministry of visitation evangelism that involves both the pastor and laymen. Churches are discovering that the preaching and teaching evangelistic ministry must be supplemented with a visitation program of evangelism.

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Home evangelism is basic for several reasons. First it gives opportunity to witness to every member of the family and to lead people to the assurance of salvation. It is also important for the establishment of harmony in the home. Harmony is more than a matter of adjustment to one another. It is also a matter of letting God work his will in the home so that the fruit of the Holy Spirit may be manifested in family relationships and work.

Parents need to rely upon Jesus Christ in the daily frustrations of their parental responsibilities. Being a parent is an awesome job. Most parents could probably do with less scolding for failing and with more encouragement from the church to daily trust Christ for help in their job.

Families especially need a strong personal faith in Jesus Christ to sustain them in temptation, crisis, sickness, loss and bereavement. The job of the church is to help foster a faith in Christ that will prepare them for such eventualities.

Help Families Attain Goals

A second way that the church can minister to families is by both helping families establish and attain Christian goals. The church in its preaching and teaching ministry can help families establish Christian values and goals, but how can it help families attain them?

One way the church can help is through guidance. Families often need guidance in establishing family worship and in learning to communicate their faith in the home. The pastor and trained leaders in the church have a

special responsibility to give guidance in these and other areas where help is needed.

The church can help families attain Christian goals by providing resources for their use. Besides the daily devotional guides which many churches provide for their families, a church can make available a library of books, filmstrips, tapes and records that are helpful.

Counseling

Counseling is also a vital part in the ministry to families. Counseling is especially important in preparation for marriage, when there are marital and family problems and when there is sickness, mental illness, affliction or death in a family.

Others besides the pastor can be and often are involved in the counseling ministry in a church. There may be other staff members or members of the congregation who are especially skilled in counseling in some areas. Sometimes pastors team up with other professional people in the community in providing the best possible counseling services to a congregation.

Source of Vitality

Any church that extends its ministry beyond the four walls of its building to the homes of the congregation will see a new vitality come into the church. It is reported that Richard Baxter, the great English hymn writer, was able to revive a cold and non-church going congregation by going from home to home in his congregation and instituting family worship wherever he stopped. Today we need to be up-to-date Richard Baxters by calling on homes and sharing our faith, giving guidance, counsel, encouragement, support and providing resources for the families. □

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"FRIENDS"

by Heinz D. Rossol

When we look at Paul's letter to the Philippian Church, we find that the first verse sets the tone for the whole letter. This is not the type of greeting Paul usually uses in his letters; here he makes no mention of what his position or status is in relation to them and the rest of the church. This is not so much a letter from Paul, the apostle and evangelist, but rather a letter from a man to his friends. To the Romans he wrote, "Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle . . ." (1:1). To the Corinthians he says, "Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God" (2 Cor. 1:1). Here Paul addresses the churches with what could be called his official title. Paul is telling them, as it were, of his authority for writing and of their obligation to take his words seriously.

In his letter to the Philippians he does not have to ask for the attention of his readers. He knows they will listen to his words because of their love towards him. Of all the churches with which Paul had contact, it seems he had the closest relationship with the one at Philippi. Thus he does not write as one who has to exert his authority, but as a friend to his friends.

Paul's action should come as no surprise. This is the tenor of the whole Bible. This is the attitude that God displays towards us in all that he does. God does not force himself upon anyone. He does not come to us in all of his power and with his many legions of angels, so that we are forced to believe in him. Rather, he comes to us as a friend going to his friends.

The prophet Elijah had a wonderful experience in this regard: "And as Elijah stood there the Lord passed by, and a mighty windstorm hit the mountain; it was such a terrible blast that the rocks were torn loose, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind, there was an earthquake, but

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the Lord was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake, there was a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire, there was the sound of a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his scarf . . ." (Living Bible, I Kings 19:11-13).

That is the way Jesus came when he became man and lived on earth. The people had expected a king. They were looking for someone who would establish his kingdom with power and might and would free Israel from her bondage. The wise men from the East, when they were looking for the newborn child, looked first at the palace. But he was not there. He was in a small cave, lying in a crib. Even his own disciples still expected him to set up a political kingdom. They had to learn—as we also have to learn—that God's Kingdom does not depend upon outward strength, on that which men call mighty and powerful, but solely on the personal, friendly relationship to God. Faith is the deciding element.

When we look at the Word of God, the Bible, as a whole, we find in it the same approach. God did not give us any outward, irrefutable evidence that the Bible is his word. We believe it, but we can never prove it to another person to the extent that he has to accept it as being a fact. We do not have to believe it. God does not force us into it. That may be one reason why there are so many people, even so-called Christians, who do not accept the word of Scripture as being the Word of God.

The Bible does not speak through outward signs that must be believed. It speaks inwardly—to our hearts and spirits. It speaks as a friend to friends. It speaks to us of the great love of God which wants to bring us into a faith relationship with his Son Jesus Christ.

It would have been child's play for God to have done all this in a different way. He is the creator. He is the one who upholds this world, the whole

universe and everything there is. He has and is all power. When he speaks, it comes to pass. He could easily show his great might to mankind in such a way that it could not be denied. He could come to earth with his heavenly hosts and take immediate charge of all nations and peoples. Would there be anyone who could then still deny God? We would have to believe. We would have to serve him. We would have to obey him. We could not do otherwise.

When Jesus came to earth, he could have established an earthly kingdom. Who would have been able to fight against him? We would all have come under his rule. We would have had no other choice. We would all belong to God. We would all have to live according to his will and to obey him. But in so doing, would God have accomplished what he is trying to accomplish with us and in us now? God has a purpose in creating us with a free will. He has a reason for giving us the choice of whether we want to obey him or not. God wants to give us his love; but in order to give, there must be someone who is able to receive. To be able to receive love requires a free will. That is why God made us the way we are. That is why we can choose. If we had to serve God because we could not do otherwise, if we had to believe in him because unbelief would be impossible, where would love fit in? Forced obedience is no true obedience. When we are forced to believe, our faith is not real faith. When we are forced to love, it is not genuine love.

Therefore, God comes to us as a friend to his friends—in his Word and through his Son Jesus Christ. He comes and shows us his love. He comes and speaks to us of his grace and forgiveness. He comes and invites us to be his friends. There is no force here, no high power salesmanship, rather the quiet invitation to believe, and through this faith to become the friends of Jesus Christ and children of God. □

book reviews by B.C. Schreiber

Drugs at My Doorstep. By Art Linkletter, Waco, Texas, Word Books, \$5.95.

By this time everyone has become aware of the tragic death of the 20-year-old daughter of the Linkletters. It must have been a difficult book for Mr. Linkletter to write; it is not a pleasant book to read. Only those who have gone through similar anguish can truly identify with him.

Section two of the book can be helpful to those who are concerned enough to take specific action.

The Psychology of Religion. By Wayne E. Oates, Waco Texas, Word Books, \$7.95.

Dr. Oates is Professor of Psychology of Religion at Southern Baptist Seminary and has 25 years of teaching experience. Only a person with classroom and personal counseling experience can bring both the sacred and secular definitions of human life together and give them a meaning that puts God in the center. Many contemporary psychologists have a value system in which personality is described purely in secular terms and leaves a great void in the realm of the spiritual. Dr. Oates brings out the "holy in the human" and at the same time brings religious experience down to earth.

The contents reveal that the author is well informed about all the leading psychologists, psychiatrists and theologians and their various beliefs and methods. The copious notes and references reveal Dr. Oates' intensive study and research.

The Becomers. By Keith Miller. Waco, Texas, Word Books, \$5.95.

Since the publication of "The Taste of New Wine," the reputation of the author has been established in the religious as well as the so-called secular world.

So much good material is crowded into this volume that it is difficult to quote the most important or outstanding sentences or paragraphs. Through his personal experience (which he does

not hesitate to express), counseling with groups and individuals, Keith Miller has gained unusual insight into human nature.

His knowledge of psychiatry and psychology is evident, not so much because of his extensive reading as it is from experience and relationships.

His chapters on "Conversion," becoming "Becomers" and "What About Christian Growth," and "Leap of Faith" and "Turning Loose—to Free the Hands for Loving . . . and Becoming" are outstanding.

The Preachers. By James Morris, New York, N.Y. St. Martins Press \$8.95.

Biographies include Oral Roberts, Billy Graham, Carl McIntire, A. A. Allen, Billy James Hargis, C. W. Burpo, the Armstrongs, Kathryn Kuhlman, Rev. Ike. Everyone will find this interesting reading. The bizarre characters such as A. A. Allen and Rev. Ike stand out in sharp contrast to Billy Graham.

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NO CHANGE?

by Pye Rho

Come, my Children, let us return to the ways of our fathers for they are the ways which will lead us to the good, old days. Were not our fathers' ways better than our ways, and our fathers' days better than our days? If this be so, we must not follow the foolish and unwise ways which we have been given direction to by our prophets nor give ear to the young who would lead us from our ways down strange paths our fathers had not known.

Beware of change, Children, for it leads to folly and away from God. It also leads us to worldliness by making our faith relevant. Therefore, we must remain untainted by the world and must keep our young in line and persuade them that only the ways of the fathers are best. The church must remain transcendent to this earth and must contain the truths which no one grasps unless they first submit unquestioningly to the ways of the fathers.

It grieves my heart, dear Children, to see your impatience for I see you busily working to retain the ways of the fathers, and yet, you are unable to grasp what those ways are. So, before I finish my little story, I will guide you back to the ways of the fathers with a very simple formula which will completely destroy any argument you may receive from anyone arguing for change. The formula which I will give is easy to understand; beautifully stated and succinct, it contains just seven words. This formula should be used quickly and often when change threatens or when a new idea is presented. It is best to even make these words your second nature. Here is that formula for keeping the ways of our fathers: "We have always done it this way." □



CHURCH EXTENSION BUILDERS REPORT

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SACRAMENTO, CALIF., CHURCH EXTENSION PROJECT

APRIL 1974

by Eugene A. Kern

The Northern California Association of the North American Baptist General Conference churches is happy to announce the birth of a "new child." The Holy Spirit gave to us the vision and we anticipated the joy of its birth sometime prior to the actual event. We prayed, planned and worked for the birth of this child. Surveys were taken in the expanding suburbs of Orangevale, Citrus Heights and Fair Oaks to determine the feelings of various people about the possibility of this child taking up residency somewhere in these growing communities. A number of people indicated their desire to study the Bible so they would be ready for the eventual birth.

We have decided to name this new infant: Sunrise Baptist Church. Sunrise, because it will grow up near a large Shopping Center, known as Sunrise Shopping Mall. Many people are moving to the area and will observe the growth of this child, and it is our prayer that many will become involved in its development. A five and a half acre plot of land has been purchased for the construction of a worship, study and growth center for this infant.

On Jan. 1, 1974, Pastor and Mrs. Eugene Kern and their three children arrived to be the guardians of this child. While we are not able to report the actual weight of this infant, we do know that on the first Sunday, February 3, twenty-two people were present, and in a week this number had grown to thirty-six. We praise the Lord for this exciting beginning.

It was a real joy for us to have had God's Volunteers Team 2 with us for two weeks in February. During those first weeks of infancy we had their help, not to pace the floor at night, but to pace the streets, from home to home announcing the good news, that Jesus loves them and it is his desire to fellowship with them and with many other people through one of his children, Sunrise Baptist Church. Over seventeen hundred calls were made by the team and approximately one hundred prospective families were discovered. Pray with us that we will be used of the Lord to help these prospective families into a deeper relationship with Christ and eventually into the fellowship of his Church. We are now looking forward to the development of additional Home Bible Study groups.

What a joy to see the miracle of birth and the daily growth of that which God brings into being, and we invite you to pray with us for this new child in our fellowship. We want to thank you for all your gifts you will give for the nurture and growth of Sunrise Baptist at this month's Church Extension Builder's Baby Shower. Praise God for parent churches that continue to give birth to infant churches such as this one in North-East Sacramento, California! □



Top: Sunrise Baptist Children's Sunday School Class.

Center: Pastor and Mrs. Eugene Kern and family.

Bottom: Sunrise Baptist Home Bible Study Group along with members of God's Volunteers Team 2.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schultz of Burly, Idaho, observed their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 30, 1973. They are members of the First Baptist Church of Paul, Idaho.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stripling of Calgary, Alta., observed their 50th wedding anniversary on Jan. 4, 1974. They are members of the Grace Baptist Church in Calgary.

PARMA, OHIO On Sunday, Oct. 7, the Missionary Baptist Church, at a combined evening service with the Parma Heights Baptist Church, our pastor, the Rev. Paul Winslow, baptized nine persons. Most of the baptized made their decision for Christ through the ministry of Rev. Winslow, who became our pastor last year. Other members were added to our church, and a family that moved to Canada, returned to us.

At our Mission Harvest Festival the offering for missions and Building Fund exceeded by far the goal of \$1,000. Our Women's Mission Circle had a Christmas supper. The president, Mrs. Ruth Winslow, had a Christmas devotional about the manger and the cross.

Our Sunday school held its annual Christmas program Dec. 23. The young people presented a play, "The Christmas Story," arranged by Becky Pedrick and directed by her husband Dave, our educational director. At the close of the year, we gathered together for a Watchnight service. The climax of the evening was when our pastor announced that the Building Fund exceeded \$10,000.

A boys' brigade has been organized, attended by more than 20. A girls' pioneer group has been reorganized, attended by 20-22. Our Women's Mission Circle has been reorganized. We had some new decisions for Christ, many members rededicated their lives, many doubtful hearts were uplifted and many members became more conscientious in attending and giving. (Lydia Maliszewski, reporter.)

KILLALOE, ONT. The Calvary Baptist Church had the opportunity of having three of the Cameroon missionaries, the Rev. Fred Folkerts, Miss Ruby Salzman and Miss Tina Schmidt at a Missionary Conference Oct. 7-10. The theme was "Missions, My Responsibility." The Conference ended with a fellowship meal.

December was a full month of blessings. Each Sunday evening a special

program was presented by our young people, Missionary Society and the Sunday school. The last Sunday of the month from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., "A Vesper Hour Musicale," with candlelight was a highlight of the year. The Rev. Albert Fadenrecht is the pastor of the church. (Jean Weckworth, reporter.)

BETHLEHEM, PA. At Calvary Baptist Church the holiday season was ushered in with the Ladies' Christian Fellowship celebrating their annual Christmas party on Dec. 4 with a covered dish supper. A program, consisting of special music, and Mrs. Doris Munyan as speaker, followed the meal. On Dec. 18 the ladies went Christmas carolling at the Good Shepherd Home Rehabilitation Center, and for the Rev. and Mrs. Victor Prendinger who were visiting in Bethlehem at the time.

On the evening of Dec. 23, the choir, directed by Mrs. Gordon Thomas, presented John W. Peterson's cantata, "Love Transcending." It was a thrill as Christmas day arrived to be singing "Silent Night" in a church filled with the glow of candlelight. On Dec. 31 our Watchnight service began with the showing of the film, "In the Presence of Mine Enemies," followed by a time of fellowship. A candlelight service ended the evening with the observance of the Lord's Supper. (Betty Bambu, reporter.)

MADISON, S.D. Witnessing is for all at West Center Baptist Church. Under the leadership of Pastor David Ewing, the Andrew Club was organized this year for training and witnessing. Small home Bible groups share the claims of Christ and study God's Word each week. We received four new members by transfer of church letter and twelve by baptism. Our average attendance and giving have increased. We are inspired by our church choir under the direction of Herbert Holter, and our two youth groups meet regularly. (Mrs. Harm Frerichs, reporter.)

LORRAINE, KAN. The First Baptist Church presented the Christmas drama, "Born a King," to a full house, even though there was an ice storm. During the last choir song, when the lights were to be dimmed, a spotlight was to accent a huge crown. All the lights went out, courtesy of nature, and the spotlight, operating on its batteries, was doubly effective. The unexpected darkness contrasted the message of the LIGHT of the KING. On

Jan. 9, our church, which is looking forward to the return of the King, learned at our annual business meeting, that we have added twenty-four to our membership by baptism this past year. The Rev. Donald Decker is the pastor of the church. (Mrs. Paul Peters Jr., reporter.)

EAST DETROIT, MICH. Wenzel Hanik, assistant pastor of the Ridgmont Baptist Church, was ordained to the Gospel ministry at Ridgmont on Oct. 13, 1973. Dr. Herbert Hiller, host pastor, presided. Special music was rendered by the male chorus and the brass trio. Professor Werner Waitkus of the North American Baptist College delivered the message entitled, "Dimensions of Ministry." A time of fellowship and refreshments followed. Eight local churches participated in the examination council. The council was chaired by the Rev. Adolph Braun, Redeemer Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (Rev. Mayforth, reporter.)

RIDGEWOOD, N.Y. The annual meeting of the Ridgewood Baptist Church was held on the first Sunday in December. Following the morning worship service and the church dinner, the Rev. A. Lamprecht led the business session.

At our Sunday school Christmas program the children presented an Advent calendar. Our Superintendent, Mrs. Tom Mangino, originated the idea and her family constructed a huge calendar from floor to ceiling. The participants represented the symbols of Christmas with appropriate costumes and spoken lines. As each symbol was removed from the calendar the corresponding speaker appeared in the open window. New words were sung to the old tune, "The Twelve Days of Christmas," by a group of young people. Finally on Dec. 24 the nativity scene was revealed while Mrs. Walter Marklein sang "Silent Night."

Our choir presented some of the music of Christmas on Dec. 23. Mrs. A. Lamprecht played the violin obligato in Mozart's "Christmas Lullaby," as well as a solo. Mr. Walter Marklein rendered the soprano solos and our young people formed an instrumental trio.

At the 119th anniversary, Jan. 20, 1974, the Rev. Frank Veninga, vice president, Eastern Baptist Seminary, Philadelphia, spoke about the church in a restless world. Following dinner our Moderator, the Rev. A. Lamprecht, presided at the presentation of

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reports from each organization on the accomplishments of the year. (Marion von Ahnen, reporter.)

WINNIPEG, MAN. A "first" for the McDermot Ave. Baptist Church took place when our pastor, the Rev. W. Stein, baptized four young people in Nutimik Lake. This was in conjunction with our annual church outing to the camp.

The Rev. Paul Siewert, Minot, N.D. conducted Deeper Life meetings on the theme of discipleship, spelling out the characteristics of a true disciple of Jesus Christ.

A Choral Seminar and Workshop was sponsored by our church. Mr. A. F. Penner, former music teacher at N.A.B.C., conducted various sessions and workshops for conductors, beginner conductors, accompanists and choir members. Participants from all our Winnipeg churches gathered nightly, forming a choir of about 115, reading and learning new music under the able instruction of Mr. Penner. This choir, directed by Mr. Penner, presented a special concert on the last day of the Seminar, consisting of the new music learned.

On New Year's Eve we gathered for the final service of prayer — fellowship, testimonies and special numbers from the various organizations. It concluded with a short message and the observance of the Lord's Supper. (M. Rogalski, reporter.)

SWAN RIVER, MAN. The Temple Baptist Church welcomed the Rev. and Mrs. Fred Ohlmann and their son, Fred, on Jan. 20, 1974. Pastor Ohlmann's message Sunday morning was, "A Debtor to Our Lord Jesus Christ," taken from the first chapter of Romans. At the evening service, Sister Ohlmann was presented with a corsage from the W.M.S. president. Rev. Ohlmann and son Fred were also presented with boutonnieres. A beautiful flower arrangement was a tribute from the church. All the individual church organizations took part to present a welcoming program which was followed by a fellowship lunch. (Gisela Rosenreter, reporter.)

SPOKANE, WASH. The Women's Missionary Union and the Christian Friendship Circle of Terrace Heights Baptist Church presented their annual women's program on Sunday evening, Jan. 27. The main feature was "Happiness Is and Can Be," presented by the C.F.C. ladies. Installation of officers for 1974 was held with a short mes-

sage for the ladies by the Rev. Emanuel Wolff. A time for fellowship and refreshments was held following the program. (Mrs. Dee Rueb, reporter.)

NORTH FREEDOM, WIS. The year ended with a baptismal service. The Rev. Allan Gerber baptized Melvin Gaetzke, Delana Gerber, Lisa Harman and Stacy Knoop at the morning worship service on Dec. 30. On New Year's Eve the film, "In His Steps," was shown with a lunch and fellowship hour following, and then bringing in the new year with a communion service and extending the hand of fellowship to the four new Christians.

The Rev. Willis Potratz, Great Lakes area secretary, was with us for a worship service, lunch and afternoon service on Jan. 20, 1974. (Louise Faivre, reporter.)

POUND, WIS. God's Pioneers of the Pioneer Baptist Church observed Youth Week Jan. 19-27. Dr. Jerome Fluth, missionary to Cameroon, was the speaker on Jan. 19. He also showed slides. On Sunday he took part in the morning service with the Rev. Wilfried Bruns. After dinner another missionary service was held. Monday a baby shower was held for our youth sponsor's wife. Tuesday the young people went to the local school gym for "game night." Devotions were led by Rev. Bruns. Wednesday we had our prayer meeting. Three adults and three young people debated youth dress and participation in worldly activities.

Sunday was the most exciting day! The young people took every responsibility from the adults except the morning message. After a snowmobile party in the afternoon, Rev. Bruns closed the week with a message for youth in the evening. (Esther Bruns, reporter.)

REDMOND, WASH. The Sherwood Forest Baptist Church distributed tracts and a letter of information about the church to 1,000 homes.

On Dec. 23 our church sang the cantata, "Carol of Christmas," and the Sunday school gave its annual Christmas program. Our choir is under the direction of Mr. Robert Rierck. The Sunday school program was directed by our Superintendent, Mr. Wayne Lind. We closed the year with our first New Year's Eve Watchnight service. We sang and shared blessings and concerns and prayed together. The Rev. Chester Strobel is the pastor of the church.

WACO, TEX. On Dec. 16 Central Baptist Church presented the Christmas cantata, "The Savior Has Come," directed by Milton Lippert. After the cantata the Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Hood invited the choir to the parsonage for refreshments.

The Sunday school Christmas program was presented on Dec. 23, with Mike Askew, youth director, in charge. After the program the church presented Pastor Hood with a love gift, and the choir also presented church organist Mary Lou Hoeffner and choir director Milton Lippert with gifts of appreciation for their work throughout the year. A group of members went caroling to some of the elderly and shut-ins. On Dec. 31 we had our Watchnight service.

Pastor Jesse Hood entered a local hospital on Dec. 28 for surgery. He has made a speedy recovery and resumed full duties. God's Volunteers Team 2 and the Rev. Ray Harsch were with us Jan. 15-23. We had four public night services, two nights of visitation, and one night of neighborhood Bible studies held at six different members' homes with 56 attending. On Sunday the church had lunch after the morning service with visitation afterwards.

In addition to having several get-togethers with the church young people, the Team had two television appearances, three public school programs with attendance of approximately 1300-1400, and two at local nursing homes. There were 737 calls made, with 405 contacts, nine decisions, 43 prospects for salvation and 55 for church membership. The Rev. Jesse Hood was the co-ordinator of all the activities of the week. (Miss Marie Chance, reporter.)

McCLUSKY, N.D. Watchnight service was held at the McClusky Baptist Church combined with the Goodrich



testimonies from both churches until 10 p.m. when we joined together for fellowship. Afterward we had a baptismal service with candidates from both churches (pictured). The Rev.

Myrl E. Thiesies is the pastor of the church in McClusky, the Rev. Daniel Heringer is pastor at Goodrich. (Mrs. Alvena Dockter, reporter.)



SURREY, B.C. The Sunshine Ridge Baptist Church had special meetings with Dick Goodsell from Trinity Western College explaining how prayer can be used in dealing with our problems. Last fall we celebrated our 5th anniversary. During a church dinner and program we had a time of reminiscing and sharing. We have grown from 29 charter members to 99 members. On a designated thanksgiving Sunday we were privileged to have the Rev. Hans Wilcke, our area secretary, as speaker. A third highlight was when 14 people (eight young people, six adults) were baptized and 17 (pictured) accepted into membership. The Rev. Edmond Hohn is the pastor of the church. (Sue Chaffee, reporter.)



VERNON, B.C. On Dec. 31, 1973, the Faith Baptist Church held a baptismal service. Five candidates (pictured) were baptized upon confession of their faith in Jesus Christ as their Savior. The Rev. Siegfried Hoppe is the pastor of the church. A time of fellowship was followed by a communion service when the five candidates were received into the membership. We ended the year 1973 with testimonies and prayer. (Mrs. G. Glinsbockel, reporter.)



SHAKOPEE, MINN. The new year at the Shakopee Church Extension Project started with the first group of 21 being welcomed into the membership of the Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn., by Dr. Peter Fehr.

OUR CONFERENCE IN ACTION

This is our parent church which will hold the membership until the group organizes. Six were baptized upon the confession of their faith in Christ (pictured) and the rest came either by letter or testimony.

The first Christmas program was presented on Sunday evening, Dec. 16, with 54 in attendance. The highest attendance at a morning service was on the same day with 45 in attendance. The first few people started meeting a year ago on Sunday evenings. Pastor and Mrs. R. C. Stading came on the field on June 1, 1973.

GOODRICH, N.D. The First Baptist Church was privileged to have the Rev. David Ewing of Madison, S.D. as guest evangelist for one week. Several people accepted Christ during this



time, and other personal commitments were made.

The W.M.S. had their annual White Cross work day, presented a program, and had a dedication service for the White Cross materials.

Our church choir, under the direction of Mrs. Daniel Heringer, presented the cantata, "Carol of Christmas," on Dec. 23.

On Dec. 31 we united with the McClusky Baptist Church for Watchnight and baptism services. The Rev. Daniel Heringer led six candidates into the waters of baptism (pictured.) (Mrs. Paul Stober, reporter.)



SHATTUCK, OKLA. The Ebenezer Baptist Church purchased an attractive parsonage (pictured) near the church. After a morning service a short dedication service was held in the church. The congregation proceeded to the parsonage for an open house.

The Rev. and Mrs. Oryn Meinerts, missionaries to Cameroon, were with us and served as speakers at our Harvest Mission Festival. They gave chal-

lenging reports of the work, including the showing of slides.

The Sunday school Christmas program was presented on Christmas Eve.

On Wednesday evening the church meets for Bible study and prayer. The W.M.S. is active in devotional meetings and workdays. The Rev. Edwin C. Ollenburger is the pastor of the church.

Revival meetings were held in February with the Rev. John Silvey of Burton, Tex. (Mrs. E. C. Ollenburger, reporter.)

KENOSHA, WIS. Last year the Women's Missionary Society of the Immanuel Baptist Church adopted the circle plan and it is working out very well.

At our Fall Festival the ladies showed their many talents by displaying their hobbies, and a demonstration on apple carving was most enjoyable. We viewed the missionary film, "Through Gates of Splendor."

Before Christmas a "Mitten Tree" (pictured) was set up in the church



lounge. The purpose of this tree was to collect mittens and small toys for the Spanish-American Mission in Colorado. A total of 76 items were mailed in time for Christmas. The Rev. Jothan G. Benke is the pastor of the church. (Mrs. Don Ladwig, reporter.)



SPEARFISH, S.D. There were 10 candidates (pictured) who followed the Lord in baptism on Sunday, Jan. 20, in the Mountain View Baptist Church. There were also four others, not pictured, who joined the church that day by letter and confession of faith

The present membership is 49. The Rev. Gordon Voegele is the pastor of the church.



VENTURIA, N.D. A baptismal service in the Venturia Baptist Church was the highlight for our Watchnight service. This was our pastor's first baptism service (pictured) and he had the privilege of baptizing his own son. The following Sunday the hand of fellowship was extended to these and a retired school teacher. Our Watchnight service began with a talent musical hour and a time of fellowship. A short message was followed by baptism. We entered the new year with prayer.

On Jan. 13 the Ashley Church choir presented a cantata at our church, "Let the Earth Hear His Voice." The Rev. Vernon Schneider is our pastor. (Mrs. Adolph Heupel, reporter.)

BENTON HARBOR, MICH. The Na-



pier Parkview Baptist Church has called Miss Florence Miller (pictured) to serve as their Director of Christian Education. She has taken a year's leave of absence from the mission field in Japan where she has served since 1951. Her father passed away this past summer, at age 81, while Florence was on tour in the United States with the Japanese Drama group. She has decided to spend a year at home to be with her mother.

Florence was one of N.A.B.'s first missionaries to go to Japan. First she did pioneer evangelism and later en-

gaged in student evangelism. Since 1960 she has served as Christian education instructor at the Osaka Biblical Seminary. The Rev. Norman H. Vernon is the pastor of the church. (Mrs. Irma Wise, reporter.)



WEST FARGO, N.D. On Sunday, Jan. 27, our interim pastor, the Rev. Otto Fiesel (pictured on right), had the joy of baptizing 10 candidates at the Grace Baptist Church after they professed Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. The hand of fellowship was extended to them on Sunday morning, Feb. 10, followed by the Lord's Supper observance.

On Feb. 3 our own missionary, Miss Barbara Kieper, spoke to the Primary and Junior Departments during the Sunday school hour on the home and family life of the children in Nigeria. During the morning worship service she gave us an insight of her work as a missionary nurse. A supper was held at the church in honor of Barbara Kieper's birthday. After supper Miss Kieper spoke and also showed slides of her work.

The Rev. LeRoy Moser of New Leipzig, N.D., has accepted the call to be pastor of our church. He will begin his work here on April 21, 1974. (Mrs. Harold Fried, reporter.)



KYLE, TEX. In Jan. 1974 Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Barsh (pictured) marked their 10th year as pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church. They also observed their 45th wedding anniversary recently.

Rev. Barsh is a graduate of Rochester Theological Seminary and was ordained at the Bethel Heights Baptist Church, Gatesville, Tex. He continued to study at the University of Rochester, Rochester, N.Y., Hartford Seminary Foundation, Hartford, Conn. and at Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Conn. He has served several of our North American Baptist churches,

as chaplain in the U.S. Army in Europe, and taught at the University of Houston.

Mrs. Barsh is an accomplished musician. She received her training at Eastman School of Music as a concert violinist and a major in piano. She has been a violinist with the Houston and Austin Symphony, and with the symphony at Trinity University, San Antonio, Tex.

Rev. and Mrs. Barsh are very active in the Southern Association and denominational affairs. They have a great interest in church extension, in the mission program, especially in the Edinburg and Garcia's Ranch Baptist Churches of the Rio Grande Valley. This devoted couple has been a real source of blessing to our church and their untiring efforts have been an inspiration to our community. Brother Barsh has been in the ministry for 46 years. (Mrs. Adolph Hill, reporter.)

PORT COQUITLAM, B.C. The Mary Hill Baptist Church regretfully accepted the resignation of Pastor Rudy Lemke. We are deeply indebted to the Lemkes for their hard work and encouragement. While the contractors, church members and friends shared in



the construction progress, we met in a school gymnasium for Sunday school and morning worship services, and alternated in our homes for all other meetings. We are grateful to the members of our N.A.B. churches and friends that still support us financially and participate in our work. Our church was dedicated last year. (pictured.)

During the time that God's Volunteers Team 1 and the Rev. Ray Harsch were with us we rededicated ourselves to reaching into our community toward souls that long for Christ. Shortly thereafter the Rev. Paul Siewert was with us for four nights of deeper life meetings. Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Felberg served as interim pastor for four months.

Pastor Manfred Taubensee has accepted our call, and he and his family have been with us for about nine months. Since 1970 our membership has grown to 32 (largely by letter of transfer and testimony). After two

baptisms held in other N.A.B. churches we had a baptismal service in our sanctuary for the first time on Jan. 6, 1974.

New outreach programs are taking root in our fellowship: Women's Missionary Society, ladies' morning Bible coffee hour, couples' evening home Bible study, "Colonists" girls' work, "Battalion" boys' work.

We will begin construction of the parsonage and hopefully a Christian education wing for the growing Sunday school and special activities. (Gina Alexander, reporter.)



CRESTON, NEB. A bulletin board (pictured), which in former years had been used by the Parkston Baptist Church, Parkston, S.D., and the First Baptist Church of Emery, S.D., was repaired and repainted and presented to the Creston Baptist Church by the pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. David Zimmerman.

We enjoyed interesting mission field information and experiences by Larry Scheffler who returned from Cameroon, and by Sandra Scheffler who had the opportunity of a summer of sharing God's Word in Asmara, Ethiopia, under the sponsorship of Sudan Interior Missions.

Our Harvest and Mission program was combined with Bible Day.

On Jan. 6 we observed our pastor's birthday with a dinner. (Mrs. Milton Scheffler, reporter.)



EMERY, S.D. Miss Pennie Jucht, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Jucht of Emery, S.D., was honored at a farewell service at the Plum Creek Baptist Church Sunday evening, Feb.

3. She has since left for Cameroon, where she will be a missionary nurse at Banso. She also served as a clinic nurse at our Spanish American mission in Monte Vista, Colo.

Mrs. Agnes Harsch hosted a missionary tea at her home in honor of Pennie. Singing and devotions were led by the Rev. Adine Harsch. Mrs. Wayne Decker presented the gifts from the missionary ladies. Miss Deanna Jucht baked and decorated a cake in the shape of Africa which was served to the ladies. Pennie is pictured holding the cake. (Mrs. Vernon Janssen, reporter.)

EUREKA, S.D. The First Baptist Church of Eureka, S.D., had a watch-night service on New Year's eve.

During the service the deacons gave their annual reports. Special musical numbers were rendered. During the baptismal service eight young people were baptized.

Following the baptismal service there was an hour of fellowship, followed by the Lord's Supper. The hand of fellowship was then extended to the baptismal candidates.

The last few minutes of the old year were spent in sharing of testimonies and prayer. Rev. Fred Fuchs is the pastor. (Mrs. Harry Bertsch, reporter.)

In Memoriam

MRS. LYDIA BENDER nee Heft, 75, of McClusky, N.D., died on Jan. 12, 1974. She was born on Feb. 8, 1898, in Russia. She emigrated to the United States with her parents while she was a little child. In 1917 she was united in marriage to John F. Bender. She received Christ as her Savior during her 20's, was baptized and joined the McClusky Baptist Church. Surviving her are three daughters: Mrs. Ruth Hissung, Mrs. Ruby Schmieke, Mrs. Erna Laib; two sons: Reinhold and Ralph; eight grandchildren, one great-grandchild, two sisters and two brothers. The Rev. Myrl E. Thiesies was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

CARL JOHN BERNDT, 70, of Cathay, N.D., died on Jan. 24, 1974. He was born on June 4, 1904, in Wells County, N.D. He was converted as a teenager, baptized and united with the Cathay Baptist Church. He is survived by his widow, Lydia; two brothers: Clinton and Arnold; a twin sister, Mrs. Arlene Oxta; and eight grandchildren. Pastor Peter J. Wiens was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

ROSE M. FRAUTSCHY, 90, of Madison, S.D., died Dec. 23, 1973, at the North American Baptist Nursing Home. She was born Dec. 9, 1883, at Elgin, Iowa, where she married Mr. Frank J. Frautschy on Jan. 27, 1904. They were blessed with one son, Carl; two daughters: Mrs. Carrie Black and Mrs. Lena Kruger. Mrs. Frautschy was a baptized believer and member of the West Center Street Baptist Church. The Rev. David Wipf and Pastor Dave Ewing were the officiating ministers at the funeral service.

MAGDALENA GALAMBOS nee Potzner, 78, of Wauwatosa, Wis., died on Dec. 31, 1973. She was born in Hungary on Aug. 30, 1895. She accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior in 1913, was baptized and joined the First German Baptist Church in Budapest. In 1928 she was mar-

ried to Paul Galambos. During World War II in 1944 she fled with her family to Germany and in 1948 the family emigrated to the U.S.A., where her husband served as pastor in Baptist churches at Washburn, Streeter-Medina, N.D., Yorkton, Sask., and in Buffalo, N.Y. She was very active in these churches teaching in the Sunday schools, and serving as president of the Ladies' Missionary Societies in most of these churches. Surviving her are her widower; four children: Theodore, Gerda Klingbeil, Charles, William; one brother, two sisters and grandchildren. The Rev. R. I. Thompson of the Temple Baptist Church was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

ALBERT JUHT, 80, of Emery, S.D., died in Jan. 1974. He was born on May 24, 1893, in Emery. In 1914 he professed Christ as his Savior, was baptized, and became a member of the Plum Creek Baptist Church, Emery, S.D. He was united in marriage to Ida Koth in 1922. Surviving him are his widow; two daughters: Mrs. Alvin Huber and Mrs. Donald Wuerter; one son Harvey; six grandchildren and two sisters. Memorials will be given to the Pennie Jucht mission fund. The Rev. Adine Harsch was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

RUDOLPH SAYLER, 64, of Medicine Hat, Alta., died on Jan. 29, 1974. He was born Sept. 28, 1909, in Mott, N.D. He attended the Hilda Baptist Church. Surviving him are two brothers and three sisters. The Rev. C. T. Remple was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

MRS. MINNIE L. SCHMIDT, 72, of Sullivan, Ill., died on Feb. 5, 1974. She was born in Buffalo, N.Y., on May 27, 1901. She married Walter Schmidt in 1920. She was a faithful member of Temple Baptist Church of Cheektowaga, N.Y. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Lillian Schmidt; two sons: the Rev. Walter Schmidt and Roger Schmidt; one sister, four brothers, and nine grandchildren. The Rev. Ernest Hoffman was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

MRS. MAGDALENE SCHRADER, 76, of Yorkton, Sask., died on Dec. 5, 1973. She was born Oct. 21, 1897, in Roumania. She married Adolf Schrader in 1921. She accepted Christ as personal Savior early in life, was baptized in 1931, and remained a member of the Central Baptist Church, Yorkton. She is survived by her widower; two daughters, one son, one sister and one brother. The Rev. M. Schultz was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

JULIUS SCHULTZ, 95, of Milwaukee, Wis., died on Feb. 5, 1974. He was born on July 15, 1878, in Russia. While in that country he was married to Martha Schmidtka. In this country, after his first wife passed away, he was united in marriage to Germina Roelvink. He accepted Christ in his early adult years. He was a charter member of the Bethany Baptist Church of Milwaukee and served many years as a deacon and taught the German Bible class. Surviving him from his first marriage are two daughters: Miss Elsie Schulz and Mrs. Martha Ross; three sons: Albert, Alfred and Otto. In his second marriage one daughter was born and survived, Mrs. Lydia Abitz. In addition there are five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. The Rev. James Schacher was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

WILHELM R. WEBER, 71, of Wessington Springs, S.D., died on Dec. 28, 1973. He was born on April 25, 1902, in Emmons County, N.D. In 1925 he married Emma Wahl. He was converted in 1927 and was baptized. At the time of his death he was a member of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Wessington Springs. Surviving him are his widow; one son, Curtis; three daughters: Mrs. Esther Winegarden, Mrs. Dorothy Slyder, Mrs. Helen Baum; eleven grandchildren, five brothers and two sisters. The Rev. Grayson Paschke was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

HARRY ZEITNER, 43, of Edmonton, Alta., died Dec. 25, 1973. He was born April 29, 1930, at Hilda, Alta. He accepted Christ in early youth, was baptized and joined the Grace Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, Alta. In 1954 he was united in marriage with Caroline Herrmann. He was a charter member of Meadowlark Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta., serving in the choir, Sunday school, treasurer, moderator and deacon. At the time of his death, he served as vice moderator of the Alberta Baptist Association. He is survived by his widow; four sons: Wayne, Randy, Ken, Gary; his parents, and one sister. The Rev. Bert Milner officiated at the funeral service.

NEWS & VIEWS

Hong Kong Plans Welcome For Baptist Men's Conference

The Baptists of Hong Kong are extending a warm welcome to Baptist men of the world who will be coming here for the first World Conference of Baptist Men, Nov. 26-30, 1974.

David Y. K. Wong of Hong Kong, chairman of the Men's Department of the Baptist World Alliance, said that the program will include Bible study, panel discussions on the application of Christian truth in various parts of the world, practical lessons in soul-winning, and international fellowship.

Mr. Wong announced also that the Hong Kong Brotherhood has accepted responsibility for the accommodations (sleeping, eating and local transportation) of 100 Asian delegates.

He asked that men's groups in other parts of the world also become involved in the project by providing air fare for delegates from all developing countries.

Owen Cooper, secretary of the Men's Department and president of the Southern Baptist Convention of the USA, underlined Mr. Wong's suggestion. He said that individual men's organizations might underwrite a full delegate subsidy for \$400, or undertake a half or a quarter of that amount.

"If representative delegations from all areas of the world could attend this conference, we would be schooled in personal soul-winning, exposed to Bible study, inspired by contacts with other Baptist laymen, and motivated to go back home and do an even greater job for Christ," Cooper said. "This could be the most meaningful experience in our lives." □

550 European Youth Coming To Baptist Youth Conference

Large delegations from other continents are already assured for the 8th Baptist Youth World Conference, meeting in Portland, July 21-Aug. 4, 1974.

Karl-Heinz Walter, chairman of the Youth Committee of the Baptist World Alliance and presiding officer for the conference, said that 550 young people from Europe are already committed with advance payments for attendance at the world meeting.

Walter said that arrangements are being made for two charter planes, one from North Europe and one from South Europe, to accommodate the European Youth.

Other delegations have been assured from Hong Kong, Australia and Brazil, according to conference planners. A group of 50 is expected from Brazil.

It will be the first time the youth conference has met in the United States.

The overseas delegations are expected to tour wide areas of North America enroute to and from the meeting. They will visit in churches and also in American homes, according to Theo Patnaik, BWA youth secretary. A total attendance of about 8000 is expected. □

National Award Goes To Bible Scholar

Kenneth N. Taylor, who paraphrased the runaway best-seller, *The Living Bible*, received the 1974 "Better World Award" from the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

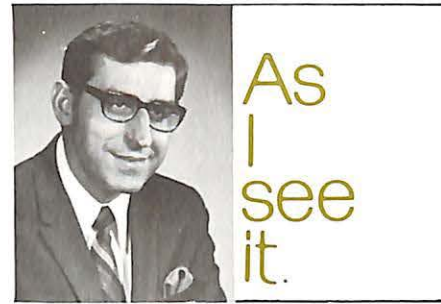
The Auxiliary is one of the largest women's service and patriotic organizations in the world. It is composed of blood relatives of veterans who have served overseas in the United States Armed Forces.

"The 'Better World Award' recognizes your magnificent contribution to building a better world through *The Living Bible*, your inspiring and easy-to-understand interpretation of the Bible," said Mrs. Alvin E. Gossett of Monroe, La., national VFW Auxiliary president, to Taylor.

"The award carries a \$1,000 stipend for the honorees designated charity or organization.

In receiving the award, Taylor joins a list of achievers which includes Frank Borman, who read the Bible in space; Danny Thomas, the force behind St. Jude Hospital in Memphis; Dallas' Ross Perot, for his work with POWs, and Art Linkletter, for work in drug abuse.

More than 16 million copies of *The Living Bible* have been sold since it was published in 1971. "Publisher's Weekly," the voice of the publishing industry, named it the number one best selling book in 1972 and 1973. □



by Paul H. Siewert

A recent study, recorded in the periodical "United Evangelical Action," revealed that a large percentage of Christian students leaving home to go to college not only fail to establish meaningful relationships with a church near the college, but also lose contact with their home church. One of the major reasons is neglect on the part of the home church.

The study showed that very few pastors stay in touch with the students by correspondence. Few students receive weekly mailings from their church, such as newsletters, bulletins, etc. A few receive correspondence from church friends and youth leaders. And little is done in the way of recognition when students leave for college or return home.

Some churches have made noble attempts to correct this problem by having special farewells for students, sponsoring a special college fellowship, putting the students on a regular mailing list, writing to local pastors to inform them of students coming to their area, etc. In addition, some pastors have made it a point of interviewing students leaving home, writing periodic notes and just paying special interest to the students in a number of personal ways.

Probably much more could and should be said about this very crucial matter. More should be done! As a pastor, I know how poor our performance has been. □

The Rev. Paul H. Siewert is the pastor of the First Baptist Church, Minot, N.D. In this column Mr. Siewert analyzes current religious news of his choice.

CHUCKLE WITH BRUNO

Letter from camp. Dear Mom: The camp counselor had another nice talk with me. He said there were 73 boys in the camp, but he wished there were only 72.

■ *The Rev. R. Hugo Zepik*, who terminated his ministry at the Bethany Baptist Church, Hunter, Kans., on March 31, is now serving the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Lehr, N.D., as interim pastor.

■ *The Zion Baptist Church* of Rochester, N.Y., has changed its name to *Winton Road Baptist Church*.

■ *The Rev. LeRoy Moser* has accepted the call to serve the Grace Baptist Church, West Fargo, N.D., effective April 21. He previously served the New Leipzig Baptist Church, New Leipzig, N.D.

■ *The Rev. Nevin A. Korb*, since 1971 pastor at the Forest Baptist Church, Winburne, Pa., has given notice of his retirement.

■ *The Rev. Leland Friesen* has accepted the call to serve the Terrace Heights Baptist Church, Spokane, Wash., effective April 30. He previously served the Redeemer Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn.

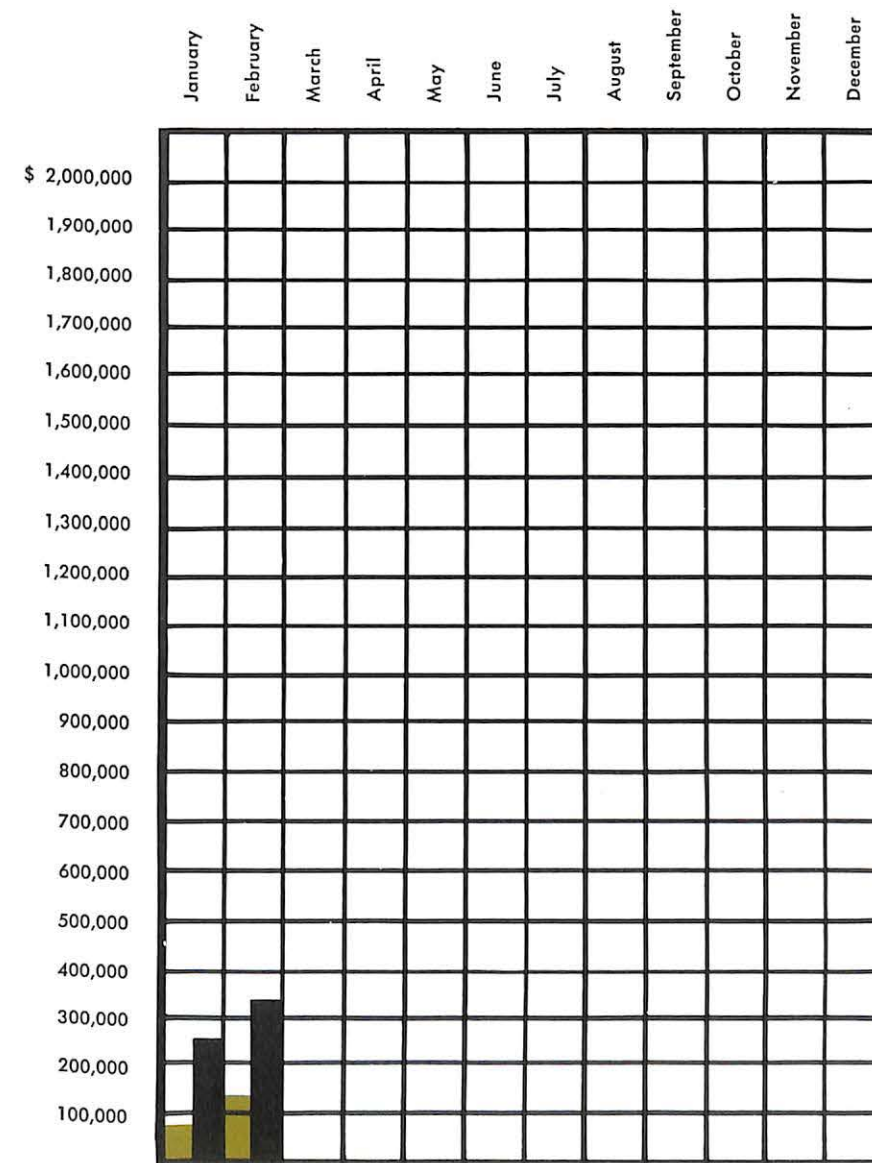
■ *The Rev. Roy Anderson*, pastor of the Osoyoos Baptist Church, Osoyoos, B.C., terminated his ministry on Feb. 28, 1974.

OUR STEWARDSHIP RECORD/NAB BASIC MISSION PROGRAM

February 1974 — \$148,287.11

Goal for 1974 — \$1,974,000

February 1973 — \$337,465.99



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What's Happening

■ Since the dedication of the new church building, the *Central Baptist Church*, Edmonton, Alta., has the following address: 9419 - 95th Street, Edmonton, Alta. T6C 3X8, Canada.

■ *Dr. Ernest Zimbelman* has accepted the call of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S.D., to serve as assistant professor for Pastoral Counseling, effective September 1974. □

■ *Mr. Marvin Busenius*, a graduating senior from N. A. B. Seminary, has accepted the call from Ebenezer Baptist Church in Vancouver to become Minister of Visitation and Christian Education, effective Aug. 1. He will join the Rev. Phil Yntema, director of Christian education. Dr. Arthur G. Patzia has already accepted the call to become the pastor.

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Reflections at the Garden Tomb

The Sunday Morning Worship Service is to begin in a few minutes. Our group, consisting of thirty Baptist communicators, editors and executives has gathered at the Garden Tomb in Jerusalem to worship along with other English speaking tourists who have come from all over the world. Here sits a blond Swedish mother, on each side a brown-eyed, dark-haired child; her husband is a Sabra, a born Israeli. Behind her sits a family of six from Spain. They are Catholics and look in vain for richly ornamented altar utensils. A plain lecturer marks the place from where the speaker will be preaching. Hundreds of people are here. They come in all colors and nationalities. Many of the worshipers have participated in the World Conference on the Holy Spirit, which was held in Jerusalem, March 2-5. It is therefore no wonder that the Sunday morning congregation has people from Australia, India, Korea, Japan, China, Finland, Germany, South Africa and from many other countries.

Over the last eight days our group has seen many places and visited many historical sites. The invitation by the Israel Government Tourist Office in cooperation with the American Jewish Committee intended to give us a chance to "examine Jewish-Christian-Moslem relations in Israel in light of the tensions resulting from the Yom Kippur War of October, 1973." And we really have been exposed to the contemporary scene. We have seen how Jews, Christians and Moslems in Israel relate to each other; we have tried to understand their complex problems of how to live in peace with each other and how to find a just solution to the problem of displaced Palestinians, just to name two of the many problems.

Travelling by bus we have toured the country from south to north and west to east. We have roomed in hotels and slept in a kibbutz; we have visited the front line of the Syrian-Israeli military confrontation on the Golan Heights; we have looked across the border into Lebanon, Syria and Jordan, have talked to merchants, farmers, officers, government dignitaries, educators, street beggars.

But now, sitting in front of the site which is very precious to all Christians, it suddenly strikes me how the whole of this country, from the sources of the Jordan, near Dan, to King Solomon's port on the Red Sea, is full of Biblical associations. The examination of the modern side of Israel has left deep impressions on our memories. Yet, travelling as a Christian group, we had an additional "impression bonus": We have seen the hills and cities, such as Jericho and Hebron, which were old before Abraham lived; and have walked the roads where Jesus trod. To look for example at a mountain at the horizon and to realize that this site has not changed its appearance since Christ must have looked at it, leaves a feeling of deep oneness with the Nazarene. This and not the pompous shrines in holy places have truly impressed me most.

As an historian I realize that especially the history of Jerusalem is so well chronicled in the Bible that it has become a part of the history of us all. Through God's dealings in the past, events have molded belief and belief has molded events (and event-honoring shrines), until it seems that every square inch of the city has its own story. The city of David, 3000 years old, has retained its ancient aura of sanctity and continues to draw an endless stream of pilgrims. Her name means peace, yet bloody wars have raged about her. Men have loved her, yet hated one another within her walls. She has been destroyed and each time rebuilt. Each of Jerusalem's builders used the old and added his own fresh expression of piety and love.

To me, however, the plain Garden Tomb is the greatest expression of God's love toward men: the tomb is empty! Death could not hold back Jesus. Here is no shrine, no gold adorned church building, just the simple opening of a cave tomb. History in its fulfillment! On Easter—death was swallowed up in victory through Christ. He broke the sting of death. "Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 15:57). RJK

OPEN DIALOGUE



letters to the editor

Dear Editor: I'm wondering if there was anyone besides myself upset by this wonderful resolution passed at the conference of our denomination this past summer: That each member of our Conference witness to six people in the next three years! Wasn't there anyone there that could recognize the foolishness of this? If they instead had spent some time on a resolution that no man in our conference be allowed to call himself a minister of the Gospel who spent less than four to five hours a day poring over the Scriptures that he himself might know the Lord whom he professes to serve well enough that he might have something worthwhile to share with his congregation. Members of a congregation with a pastor like that would be witnessing to six times sixty persons in the next three years without any resolutions.

With all the shortages showing up in our economy we wonder about the world-wide famine that's foretold. I've become convinced that material famine is the least of our worries. At the present time there's far more spiritual famine than there is material famine. It's known that a church will not rise above the spiritual level of its pastor. I'm wondering what many of our members have to witness considering the spiritual condition of too many of our pastors.

The feeling, perhaps disgust, for men today calling themselves ministers of the Gospel, when they don't bother to find out what the Gospel really is, is one of real sympathy for them too at the rude awakening they may get some day. For many years I've had a burning desire to know more and more of the Word, that I might know more and more of Him. Then I discovered this in John 1:1; it tells us, "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God." Rev. 19:13 says, "And he was clothed with a vesper dipped in blood; and his name is called The Word of God." Could that possibly mean that when I see Him as He is, I will know this Word the way I long to know it now? If it does, what about the poor pastors who are just pretending to know Him now, then they too will know Him and the

Word. What if He should say to them, "You'll have to listen to all the sermons you preached about me." That's just surmising, but, who's to say it couldn't happen. What real weeping and gnashing of teeth there could be then. Perhaps they would realize then what some of us are experiencing now, sitting Sunday after Sunday longing for some word of Him, and many times hearing nothing from our pulpits.

Let's not kid ourselves about all the crooks being in our government. The Watergate crooks messed around with our material wealth, which may very soon pass away. What about the men, being paid, some of them fine salaries, to shepherd the flocks and minister to the spiritual needs of the souls of men, women and children for whom the Lord died. No one will last long in the business field if he's not doing the job he's hired for.

I would advise all of our pastors to take time to do a real in-depth study of the book of Jeremiah; if that doesn't shake you up a little, then there's just nothing to shake. Mrs. Ethel Jacobson, Hutchinson, Minnesota. □

N.A.B. REPRESENTATIVES ATTEND GOSPEL LIGHT CONFERENCE

"The Church and Future Shock, Now" was the keynote theme for the 11th Annual Denominational Services Conference sponsored by Gospel Light Publications, Glendale, Calif.

Keynote speaker was Dr. Earl Radmacher, president of Western Conservative Baptist Seminary, Portland, Ore. Other speaker/resource leaders included Dr. Ray Stedman, Palo Alto, Calif., C. Peter Wagner, Fuller Evangelistic Association, H. Norman Wright, Biola College, Dr. Dennis Guernsey, Evangelical Welfare Agency, Ethel Barrett and a team of 18 from Gospel Light's management and staff.

"In discussion sessions and study groups conferees addressed themselves to the place of Christian education in the church, future trends, principles of church growth and the importance of curriculum," according to Dean A. Dalton, G/L's Vice President of Denominational Services." Sessions also

centered around new curriculum developments, teacher/leader education and family life education.

Gospel Light is one of several independent publishers of Christian education curricula in the United States, supplying many of the participating denominations with their Sunday school curriculum. The North American Baptist General Conference has been an imprinter of G.L. curriculum since 1964.

The conference marks the beginning of the fifth decade of Gospel Light, founded by Dr. Henrietta C. Mears in 1933. From one church in that year to more than 40,000 churches in over 70 denominations, today the publishing house produces more than 1700 products and has a staff of 250 in its Glendale offices and across the continent.

Representatives from 18 denominations participated. □

SEVEN YEARS IN BRAZIL

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committee session during the first week in January the question of principle was seriously and prayerfully studied. At first it was thought that we could perhaps widen our area of responsibility to also include the Northwest Association which also had no missionary till the Nelsons moved into the area. Then the question of the southern half of the state also came under consideration. As North American Baptists we now have three missionary couples; Southern Baptists have four in the south half of the state: Porto Alegre, Pelotas, Santa Maria and Alegrete. This past year the Rabenhorsts had been invited to serve interim at Porto Alegre, serving the First Baptist Church and supervising the theological extension course both in Porto Alegre and in Pelotas, pending the return of two of the Southern Baptist missionary couples. This fact and other invitations brought the whole state into question and resulted in the following decision: "That we continue to look upon our northeast section of the state as our immediate area of concern and responsibility, with Caxias do Sul as the central place of our mission. However, we revise our policy and widen our outreach to include all of the state of Rio Grande do Sul with regards to the placement of missionary personnel according to the need of such area, availability and talent of personnel and upon invitation of and approval by the State Board."

Opportunities Abound

The enlarging of the principle to look upon the entire state of Rio Grande do Sul brings with it more opportuni-

ties than what we can presently meet. However, it brings with it the flexibility and variety of an expanded ministry to meet the various talents with which missionaries are endowed. We need more missionaries who will work with and under the guidance of our Brazilian brethren to strengthen the outreach and meet the needs.

One of the greatest needs is to begin more centers of theological extension courses. These must be supervised and visited. Teaching and counseling is necessary, not in every day classes but on a weekly basis. A missionary could well have a circuit of such centers under his supervision and responsibility. These centers may not prepare men fully for the ministry, but they will prepare many for a lay preaching ministry and for leadership in the churches. The Rev. Daniel Sharpley, missionary in the state for over 20 years and executive secretary of the state convention for the past several years, has now moved to Rio de Janeiro. During his last days in the state he emphatically said: "My only hope for the stability and growth of our churches here in the south lies in the training at these theological extension centers and in the preparation of a strong lay leadership in our churches."

It is our prayer to our Lord that the new opportunities created by the expansion of the principle of area responsibility may not go unheeded. We need men of God! We need the prayer of the saints of God! And we need the equipment which the gifts of God's people can provide! We trust that the response will be in all areas and that we may experience a mighty moving of God's hand and a visible and healthy outreach and growth of his church. □

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