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# RESOLUTION ON WORLD HUNGER

Adopted by Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee, August 8, 1974

" . . . the gospel mandate  
for Christian people . . . "

In view of the alarming world food situation threatening multitudes of the world's population with famine and starvation, and recognizing the gospel mandate for Christian people to meet such urgent human need; be it resolved that:

1. We encourage mission agencies and related church bodies to assist peoples to increase food production, and to teach good nutrition—a significant contribution to meeting the food crisis in places where people are undernourished;

2. We urge nations of the world to expedite the export and import of food, seed, and fertilizer among the nations;

3. We respectfully recommend that nations increase their budgets for relief and development efforts, and encourage the greater use of multilateral aid;

4. We encourage governments of the world to pursue migration policies that will permit equitable and stable distribution of population;

5. We encourage the United Nations and governments to enter into international agreements over fishing rights and to reduce pollution of the oceans, so that the oceans could be used as a greater food resource;

6. We ask that nations free religious bodies (such as Baptist unions) from foreign exchange restrictions, sufficiently to permit them to give financial and/or material support to such international relief efforts (as Baptist World Alliance Relief);

7. We further ask governments to permit duty free entry of relief sup-

plies to authorized church-related relief agents;

8. We encourage the United Nations and other such international agencies to continue to utilize the non-government organizations, including church relief agencies, in the distribution of food in areas of need;

9. We urge all persons in positions of responsibility to take all necessary steps to reduce waste and to develop all available resources for the production of more food; and

10. We call upon pastors and other leaders to preach and teach the specific responsibility of those who have plenty, to pray, give, and even to reduce their caloric intake so that more of the limited food supply of the world could be made available to those who are in want.

11. It is our conviction that an efficient relief service cannot be enacted unless peace is preserved on earth. Famine and starvation—among other causes—are a natural consequence of wars. We feel that it is our Christian duty to be actively engaged in promoting understanding among nations, an action conducive to peace. Peace and justice are pre-conditions enabling nations to work with the hope of success upon meeting the urgent material needs of the world.

Submitted by the Resolutions Committee

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# "Whatever Happened to MAP?"

by Everett A. Barker,  
MAP Coordinator



**MISSION ADVANCE PROGRAM**  
Building to teach and witness

"Teach all nations . . . be my witnesses"  
(Matt. 28, Acts 1)

That is the question that has come up at many denominational meetings during this past year. It is hard to believe that seven years have passed since the 1967 General Conference met in Detroit and adopted a \$1,000,000 capital funds goal, later known as the Mission Advance Program (MAP). Rapid inflation has dulled some of our recollection as to how sizeable the sum of \$1,000,000 was to North American Baptists at that time. We asked our people to give this money over-and-above their normal giving to local church and Conference ministries. I must say that the goal was a great challenge to my faith, and as I look back from the vantage point of time I have to admit that my faith was small.

With God's help through the faithful giving of North American Baptists a

*The Rev. Everett A. Barker is MAP Coordinator and Estate Planning Director of the North American Baptist Conference.*

total of \$1,189,193.61 has been given to date. Expenses of \$122,130.72 must be deducted which still means that God enabled us to exceed the \$1,000,000 goal by \$67,062.89.

Exceeding the giving goal was possible also because of thousands of man hours donated and miles traveled by volunteers enabling us to plan, promote and present the challenge to individuals and local congregations.

There is much that could be written about the benefits of MAP, but I have chosen to list only a few:

1. The uniting of North American Baptists around a common goal;
2. The strengthened faith of many because we reached and exceeded the goal;
3. The expanded giving of individuals and families who accepted a covenant challenge far beyond anything they had ever attempted;
4. The expanded giving of local churches who were surprised at the good response of their people;
5. The continuing benefits to God's work because the giving sights of North American Baptists were raised higher than ever before.

Four representatives from N.A.B.C., N.A.B.S., Church Extension and Missions will tell how MAP dollars were used to fulfill the mission of MAP: "Teaching all nations . . . Be my witnesses." □

## North American Baptist College and MAP

by Willy R. Muller

In 1968 the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta, stood at the crossroads of her development. There was no question about the Lord having brought the school into being but the big question facing her Board of Governors had to do with her future. Should the school expand on her present site or relocate to a new area where there would be unlimited opportunity for development? The residential district in which she was then located placed many restrictions before those

*The Rev. Willy R. Muller is associate professor of English and Pastoral Theology at NABC.*

who were planning for the days ahead. Acquisition of additional property would be extremely costly. On the other hand, to relocate would mean to start from the ground up and erect a completely new campus. The cost seemed prohibitive.

At best, the sale of the old location should bring about 150,000 dollars and, together with the donated site from the Alumni Association, it still left a gaping hole in the proposed building budget. It was at this crucial time that MAP funds were made available to the C.T.I. The Plans were finalized and approved by the General Council. A builder was engaged, and construction was completed in time for the opening of the fall term of 1968. In all, MAP has provided 275,000 dollars or



The North American Baptist College under construction.

about one-quarter of the cost of relocating to the new campus.

While no specific portion of the campus was especially designed as having been provided through MAP funds, it is easy to see how the total program of relocation would have been impossible without such timely and sizeable assistance. The designated MAP funds were used entirely in the capital expenditures for the

## North American Baptist Seminary and MAP

by Donald N. Miller

The unmistakable blessing of the Lord can clearly be seen in the continued growth and development of North American Baptist Seminary.

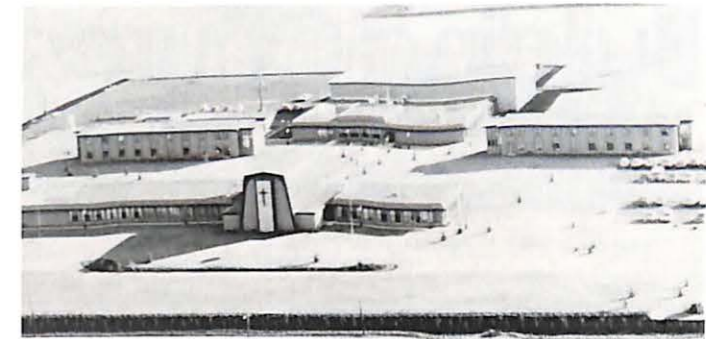
The MAP capital funds campaign undertaken by our denomination six years ago, of which \$150,000 was allocated for the Seminary, is part of that growth and advancement.

Today student enrollment is at an all time high with nearly 70 full-time students preparing themselves for the growing needs of our Conference. The faculty, dedicated to a faithful teaching of the Word of God, is the finest ever. The curriculum has been enriched and a new Doctor of Ministry program had been added. A new 18-unit apartment building has recently been completed to make room for a growing student body, and another one is presently under construction.

In addition, classrooms, the chapel, the library, archives and the conference room have all been remodeled and refurnished. The dining room on the first floor of the main building has also been renovated and furnished with lounge chairs and tables, providing an attractive Fellowship Center for students and faculty. Much needed office equipment has been purchased, and the seminary endowment investment fund had been increased.

Much of this has been made possible through the prayers and financial gifts of committed individuals and churches. As a result, the Seminary now offers a greatly

*The Rev. Donald N. Miller is vice president for development at NABS.*



—and after completion.

construction of the original facilities at the time of relocation. Our North American Baptist General Conference can be justly proud of its investment at North American Baptist College, Edmonton, through its MAP giving. Our facilities there are among the finest on the continent and stand as a memorial to the dedication of our people to their God and the service of youth. □



N.A.B. Seminary

improved educational environment for the preparation of biblically-grounded men and women for the ministry.

To date the Seminary has received approximately \$193,000 from MAP giving. The funds have been used specifically as follows:

Remodeling and Furnishings	\$ 48,000
Endowment Investment	40,000
Apartment Building	105,000
	<hr/>
Total	\$193,000

We are deeply grateful for the generous support of countless friends of the Seminary who have made this expansion possible.

As the Seminary continues to grow, the need for more buildings, faculty members and curriculum development requires additional prayer and sacrifice. This will, in turn, mean the training of more qualified men and women with a clear sense of God's mission in the world. □



# Building Churches with MAP Funds

by Lyle Wacker

The total received from MAP funds by Church Extension was approximately \$294,000.00. This entire amount went into the fund known as Church Extension Revolving Fund. The purpose of the revolving fund is to assist new churches with capital financing of land and church building programs. During this past year (1974) we have started 11 new churches. This high number of new starts would have been impossible for our Conference to finance had not the MAP funds been made available to us for the necessary capital investments needed for the projects.

The best way for me to describe the effect MAP funds have had in reaching souls for Christ would be for me to quote a number of churches who have received loans from the fund.

**The Rev. Ron Berg** of the Steele Heights Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta, reports: "We were in the lawyer's office requesting some legal work for the then brand new Steele Heights Church Extension Project. The lawyer just shook his head. 'How do you Baptists do it? We're shutting

*The Rev. Lyle Wacker is the associate secretary for Church Extension of the N.A.B. Conference.*

down churches all over the place and you people are building them. Where do you get the people to finance them?" The truth of the matter is that North American Baptists all over North America have sacrificed financially in raising funds through MAP to assist our project. And that church isn't shutting down. Today it is filled with people who have received Christ because North American Baptists turned a fund drive into a spiritual venture.

**The Christians at Fort Richmond Baptist Church** of Winnipeg, Manitoba, share this thanksgiving note: "Through the MAP response, the local church extension council was enabled to secure the present church site. Through the MAP response additional financing on a loan basis was available for church construction. Through the MAP response Fort Richmond Baptist Church has literally been placed on the map. Our hearts are filled with joy and gratitude 'because of all your wonderful help in making known the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard until now (Phil. 1:5 LB).'"

**The congregation of the Grace Baptist Church of Carpentersville, Illinois,** shares this testimony: "The



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*Building to teach and witness*

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loan granted us was the solution to a life or death struggle for our church. Without the loan the building would have been sold and our already dwindling group would have faced a perilous future. With the loan our small group of less than 25 has grown to over 100 in a little over one year. Yes, NAB has assisted us to re-establish a positive witness for Christ in our community."

The MAP program has been strategic in starting new churches and reaching souls for Christ. □

# What Help Has MAP Been to Missions?

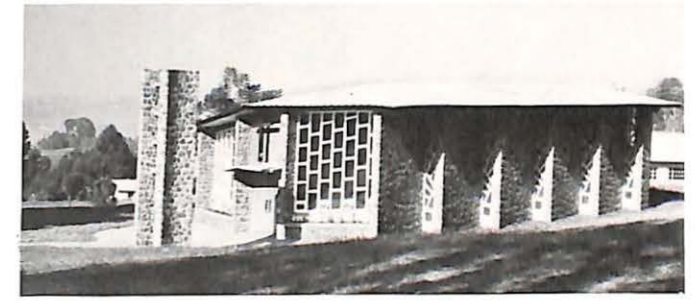
by Richard Schilke

In 1967, when the Mission Advance Program of \$1,000,000 was launched, it was stated that home missions was to receive \$50,000 and overseas missions \$250,000, provided that the net goal of \$1,000,000 was reached. This was to take care of capital expenditures for the decade ending with 1976. The anticipated funds were then allocated to various projects. Some projects could be completed with the allocated funds whereas other projects needed more than allocations allowed. In the latter cases, funds were solicited over and above the allocations on the basis of approved "special projects."

The following report will be a resumé of what has thus far been accomplished. Round figures only are given for the purpose of this report.

1. In Center, Colorado, a chapel \$ 15,000
  2. In Edinburg, Texas, a chapel and residence 20,700
  3. In Cameroon several projects were completed:
    - a. At Kumba, a missionary residence 8,000
    - b. At Mbingo, repair of doctor's residence 2,300
    - c. At Mbingo, a second doctor's residence 10,000
    - d. At Ndu, Bible College chapel 8,000
    - e. At Ndu, improvement of water supply 1,730
    - f. At Ndu, a handcraft building 1,270
  4. In Nigeria several projects were also completed:
    - a. At Jos, Hillcrest School, capital equalization 7,865
    - b. At Jos, hostel known as "Woyke House" 15,232
    - c. At Jos, missionary duplex residence 10,000
    - d. At Warwar, missionary duplex residence 10,000
    - e. At Warwar, hospital construction (another \$25,000 was solicited as a special) 25,000
  5. In Japan several projects were assisted:
    - a. Osaka Biblical Seminary dormitory 29,300
    - b. At Nagoya, a missionary residence 19,783
    - c. Land for homes and chapels 11,820
  6. In Brazil several projects were completed:
    - a. At Caxias do Sul, a missionary residence 14,000
    - b. Purchase of two cars 6,000
    - c. Assistance in chapel building 17,000
- Total expended for all projects \$233,300

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The Chapel at the Baptist Bible Training College in Ndu, Cameroon.

The Dormitory-Dining Hall building at the time of the dedication in 1968.



The maternity ward at Warwar, Nigeria.

Left to right: Missionaries Dick and Beth Rabenhorst, Martha and Ralph Nelson, Ardath and Herman Effa in front of the missionary residence in Caxias do Sul, Brazil, where the Effas reside. At left, part of the car is visible which also was purchased with MAP funds.



Since MAP netted over a million dollars, we received some additional funds so that a balance of slightly over \$90,000 for all fields is still on hand. However, all of this is committed and will be expended in the next few years. Among these committed projects are the following: Schroeder Memorial Chapel in Cameroon, \$13,700; Youth Center in Cameroon, \$15,000; towards settlement of Osaka Biblical Seminary in Japan, \$31,600; toward a second missionary residence in Brazil, \$23,000; for home missions still uncommitted, \$14,000. More may be needed for each of these committed projects. New projected needs are already proposed and new funds will be needed to meet these needs. Another capital funds drive is an urgent matter. □

Two of the many churches which were erected with the help of Church Extension funds. Left: Greenfield Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta. Right: Hazelwood Baptist Church, Auburn, Washington.





# News From Japan

## Baptism in Nagoya

by Reimer Clausen

Before coming to Japan I had repeatedly heard how difficult it is to win the Japanese people for the Lord and that church growth here is slow and painstaking. So I was delightfully surprised when, attending our Inokoishi Christian Church in Nagoya for the first time and having been in Japan only two weeks, I heard that three people were to be baptized that morning. Pastor Arita performed the baptism. After the baptismal service we celebrated the Lord's Supper and had a fellowship meal of curry and rice. Then almost everyone shared a few words of testimony and encouragement for the new believers.



Pastor Arita baptizing Mr. Tamura at the Inokoishi Christian Church in Nagoya.

One of the three people baptized was Mrs. Kajita, the mother of Pastor Kajita from our Ikeda church. One of her other sons is also a Christian and a member of the Nagoya church. The other lady was a mother of two lovely children, whose husband is not yet a Christian. The third person was Mr. Tamura, an architect, who first came into contact with Christianity through an English Bible Class taught by Missionary Weick. All three found the Lord in a series of evangelistic meetings

The Rev. Reimer Clausen is missionary in Japan. In preparation for his missionary service he is presently in language school in Tokyo.

in May, 1974. Praise God that his word does not return empty!

Pray for our fellow believers of the church in Nagoya as they try to be a light in that city of two and one half million people. At the end of October they will be participating with many other evangelical churches in a city wide evangelistic crusade. Pray for our other churches, too, as they try to be small beacons of light in these huge crowded cities where most of the people don't know anything at all about Jesus Christ. □

## "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings"

by Ronald Stoller

It all started with a few drops of water. During the night over 12 inches fell in about eight hours. This is by no means the hardest hit area. A town about 50 miles away had about 30 inches in the same time.

At 6 a.m. I was awakened by dripping water falling directly on my bed. Not long later I had pans and towels on the floor. At 7 a.m. a doctor called me to ask how I was doing. He said that this was only a temperature inversion which is leaving unusually lots of water. He said he was unable to go to his hospital because roads were under water. Thinking he was "all wet" I headed out in the opposite direction for our weekly prayer and Bible study at the Tsu Church. I soon found out at the bottom of the hill that he wasn't wet, I was, as I was driving through streets with water as high as my car door. I arrived at the church and saw about six inches of water running down the street in front of the church.

By 2 p.m. I had made my way toward the Tsu Christian Student Center. I found water was much deeper in this part of town. The main truck route was closed to all car travel for that day

Mr. Ronald Stoller is working as a missionary in Tsu, Japan.

on this main highway. One train line resumed travel the next day. Another line was out of business for one week.

I ended up walking to the Center and at one point found water over my waist. Thanks to "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" I continued by raft! The first two snaps show you what I saw when I found the Center. After trying to put everything on the tables I headed back to my dry home.

The water went down by the next day. Then started the big clean-up. It was several weeks before all the utilities were back in use. With 10,000 homes flooded and eight persons dead this was the worst flood in the history of Tsu. When it rains it pours. □



The front of the TSU Christian Student Center.



The back view of the Center. The University campus is visible in the background.

Getting everything off the floor and on three tables was not too easy.



# THE MISSIONARIES AND THE SEA

by Bonnie Phillips

A session at the Ryokan with the Rev. Wilfred Weick (center) presiding.



A week on the Japan Sea!—doesn't that sound exciting? Well, it was! But it was exciting for reasons other than what you think. It wasn't the sun, the sea, the beach, nor the ryokan that made this week what it was, but rather the Christian fellowship and openness that was shared. You see, the site of this year's missionary conference was Fukui Ken on the Japan Sea.

By the way, have you ever heard of a ryokan? It's a Japanese Inn—the kind of place where the comforts of home are left home! That is to say, chairs, beds, "our kind" of food and



Little Brent Weick with Japanese friend playing Sumo. Jana Weick is watching for the outcome.

silverware are usually nowhere in sight. It was this setting where we had a unique, challenging and inspirational conference.

One wouldn't think that with the Japan Sea only a stone's throw away,

the scheduled meetings would quite bring out that special exciting feeling. But, it was great how right away we felt a special bond of unity. We were a small group this year. There we were, eight missionaries who were really concerned about each other and eager to share with each other the joys and trials of our work in Japan.

To start off the day we were joined by Paul Siewert who gave us meaningful, thought provoking devotionals—via cassette tape. We all appreciated Rev. Siewert's willingness to share with us.

It was with a feeling of unity that we began our study of a book, titled THE JAPANESE SOCIETY. It was a book which we all benefitted from, for it gave us a greater insight into some

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# TOUCHDOWN WITH GOD

by Lois Faust

"17 - 62 - 34 . . . Hike!" The kickoff was good as the N.A.B. Japan missionaries gathered together to open the upcoming '74 - '75 season. First "down" was reached as the new short-termers were introduced and welcomed into the group by experienced players.

As we huddled for the next play, a sweet spirit of concern for each other could be sensed. This play allowed us to gain enough yardage to achieve the second "down." Strategies for this game had been masterminded by several Japanese pastors and resident missionaries. Lectures presented dealt with the Japanese style of living, thought processes, church programs and the short-termer's position within that framework. This type of training aided us in making the third "down" possible.

Still short of a down, the question was to punt or go for it. The decision was difficult, but with bowed heads we committed ourselves to the Lord for the upcoming year. Asking for God's coaching on every play to be made. And with God as our coach . . . TOUCHDOWN! □

Miss Lois Faust is a short-term missionary to Japan. She is stationed in Nagoya.

TEAM MEMBERS (Left to right)

Back row: Wilfred Weick, Shirley Bailey, Reimer Clausen, Bonnie Phillips, Fred Moore, Ron Stoller.

Front row: Lucille Wimpfy, Lois Faust, Carol Potratz.

Pastor Aoki sharing strategies with his newly enforced team.





# NEWS FROM CAMEROON

## MBINGO'S LATEST PORTRAIT

by Laura E. Reddig

Let me introduce you to Mbingo Baptist Hospital's latest portrait. How can a dream become such a big reality? Only seven of our nine buildings are shown on this picture.

1—Lower left-front is the Leprosy Ward with 24 beds, and often 30 patients.

2—The next long ward with the slanting "ambulance" entrance is the newest ward, dedicated in February 1974. This contains a 3-bed maternity ward and a delivery room; a women's ward, a 2-bed room, X-Ray Room, drug store room, and even an office for me.

3—The next building, almost parallel with the women's ward, is the men's ward, with two smaller rooms for isolation or special patients.

4—Connected with covered verandahs to the first three buildings is the long Out-Patient and Surgery block. This contains consultation rooms, registration office where also bills are paid, a dispensary, the laboratory, doctor's office, treatment and out-patient small-operation room, and the office for the Director of Nursing services (Geraldine Glasenapp's office). The right end of this wing is the operating room with two operating tables, a hand-me-down surgical light hanging from the ceiling, and a sterilizing room. This is a busy place every Wednesday on the regular surgery day. When Dr. Helen Marie Schmidt was here, she was often operating every day, with either scheduled or emergency surgery. Mine was the privi-

Dr. Laura E. Reddig works as a missionary nurse at Mbingo Baptist Hospital at Mbingo, Cameroon.



Banso Baptist Hospital graduating class of Brevete nurses in September 1974. Pierre Ngo had the highest score of all nursing graduates in the Northwestern Province. Missionary Trudy Schatz, their instructor, is presently on furlough.



Mbingo Baptist Hospital. (The buildings are described in the article.)



All, but two, of the graduate nurses working at Banso Baptist Hospital in Cameroon. Missionary Trudy Schatz trained most of them. (Photo was taken in September, 1974.)

lege of giving about 40 general anesthetics since returning here in March.

5—This is the former men's ward, now filled with children and babies who are sick. "Gigi" (Geraldine Glasenapp) had this dream long ago, and she is a real mother to these children, and a big sister to the mothers themselves. There are no baby cribs here, for the children fear sleeping alone, and so the mothers want to sleep in the big beds with their sick children.

6—In the upper right-hand corner is the laundry for the General Hospital.

7—The unfinished building at center-right is the laundry and kitchen for the leprosy hospital. This was completed and dedicated along with building No. 2 when I returned in February 1974. (Wasn't that a nice welcome-back celebration?)

8—The Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation building with the shoe-making department is not seen on this picture. Here missionary Pat Lenz rules, helping to bring about near-miracles as she urges lazy or paralyzed or injured parts of the body to resume normal activities again.

9—The Clinic building (not shown) is the scene of all our leprosy patients bi-weekly treatments, and where all patients are given a thorough quarterly "physical" with progress noted on their charts. Dr. Ronald Hiller has kept a careful eye on these patients during Dr. J. Fluth's absence.

In the front yard, near the Out-Patients Building, is the parking lot where we often find up to ten taxis

and several private cars each forenoon. Some taxis come twice a morning from Bamenda (23 miles). The beautifully shaped tree on the upper left bears delicious avocado fruit. Eucalyptus trees line the road leading to the medical staff homes. Beyond those live the missionaries.

What began as a leprosy hospital has now become a busy General Hospital with many more medical and surgical patients than leprosy patients. There is still special emphasis given on the rehabilitation of leprosy patients, and this is the center for leprosy training for medical students and nurses. Out-station clinics refer leprosy patients here for special care. Dr. Hiller visited dozens of leprosy clinics, many of which had not been visited by a doctor for six to ten years. 299 patients rejoiced in being awarded the cherished Discharge Certificate, indicating they were symptom-free of leprosy. Can you imagine the joy this brought to many families?

Mbingo still has its herds of cattle, the coffee farms, lots of baskets being made by leprosy patients, our market and shop. Women leprosy patients earn a little money by sewing under the direction of Marian Hiller. Yes, Mbingo is a busy place. The church is pastored by the Rev. Samuel Lawyer, and two or three choirs add their beauty to each Sunday worship service. Samuel Jam, our hospital chaplain, adds much to our patients' awareness that God is working at Mbingo. We praise God for this privilege. □

# IT COULDN'T HAPPEN, OR COULD IT?

by Mrs. Dwight Brown

The following play takes place in 1977—just 2 years after the Equal Rights Amendment was passed. The setting is a living room where Anne is cleaning, and watching the children. Doorbell rings.

Anne: Oh hello, Joan, come on in. I was just cleaning up the house. How are you?

Joan: I'm fine. I just thought I would drop by and see how you're doing. Say, how are your boys? Are they making all that noise?

Anne: Oh no. I'm keeping the neighbor's children. You see, she was recently divorced from her husband. By the time she paid her lawyer's fee and all the court costs, she had a bill way over \$3,000. So, she had to go to work. She was quite shocked when she realized that ever since the Equal Rights Amendment or ERA was passed, she would have to pay those expenses herself. The judge also ruled that her husband would not have to pay alimony, so that means she has to support her children and pay all the bills herself. She had to take a job immediately; so I'm watching the children until she can find a full-time babysitter. That poor girl, along with all the hurt feelings and adjustment problems of the divorce, now she has all the financial responsibility for her family.

Joan: Gee, that's terrible. I didn't realize that if the ERA was passed, it would mean things like that would happen! I thought it just guaranteed equal pay to women for an equal job done.

Anne: No! That's what most people thought! Now we have to live with this amendment. I wish I would have known earlier, all the harmful repercussions of this bill. Maybe someone would have done something about it.

Joan: I guess this ERA has affected all of us. We noticed on our vacation last week, that the gas stations

Mrs. Dwight Brown lives in Junction City, Kansas. Her husband is the pastor of the Highland Baptist Church.

and restaurants no longer have separate restrooms for men and women. The signs just say "Restroom," and you go on in and take your chances. It's really embarrassing at times. I wasn't going to bring this up, but we've really been having trouble with our 13 year old daughter. Well, since the schools no longer have separate bathrooms, she refuses to go to the bathroom during the school day. You know how shy teenaged girls are at this age. Last week she was in the bathroom, and a boy started banging on the door of the stall she was in, and started peeking at her underneath the door. She was so embarrassed, she ran out of the restroom crying, and they had to send her home from school. Now she refuses to use the bathroom during school. She won't drink any liquids at breakfast or lunch. I'm afraid she's going to get sick. She came home yesterday with terrible pains in her side. I'm so worried about her.

Anne: Joan, that's terrible! Have you talked to the principal at school about it?

Joan: I sure have, but he told me that it's a law, and he can't do anything about it. He said we're just going to have to learn to live with it. Isn't there something we can do?

Anne: I don't know. I just got a letter from my sister this morning. I can't believe it! She got a letter from the draft board a few days ago, telling her that she is being drafted. She called them up and told them she has an 18 month old baby, and is expecting her second child. They said that was too bad, but they were now drafting women with children as well as single women, because they can't fill their quotas since the Middle East War started. They told her they would arrange for her to be stationed in the states until after her child is born, so she can make arrangements for her baby to be brought home. After the baby is born, she'll be shipped to the combat zone, the same as any other man or woman that is drafted.

Joan: That's incredible! What are they going to do?

Anne: I'm not sure. She and her husband are trying to figure out if he should care for the children, hire a housekeeper, or if the whole family will pick up stakes, sell their home, and move to Canada or some other country where this won't happen to them.

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**Rethinking our Priorities, The Church: Its Pastor and People** by J. Sidlow Baxter, Grand Rapids, Mich., Zondervan \$6.95.

According to the author this volume is concerned primarily with the reformation of the pastor. He is convinced that once the minister has his personal priorities in order then the church will follow. It is natural that he would be more qualified to give the congregation the leadership it needs and deserves.

The first 100 pages are given over to the discussion of the Bible and the negative influences which have affected it in the past. A return to the belief in the original divine inspiration is necessary for the pastor and people.

Pentecost and the inner experience are presented as necessary experiences. Dr. Baxter is not so much concerned about speaking in tongues as he is in the one tongue that has been touched by the Holy Spirit.

Some practical thoughts are also added about public worship, the Sunday evening service and of course preaching. There is enough material included in this book to make any minister and church rethink their priorities. □





by Gerald L. Borchert

Dear Dr. Borchert:

Some of my friends were trying to tell me that the North American Baptist General Conference belongs to the World Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches. If this is so, why do they belong to these two organizations? E. G.

Dear Miss G.: Thank you for your letter. Although I answered a similar question from a Mrs. G. S. in this column in July 1970, I suspect that the time lapse is sufficient to warrant a review of the situation.

Briefly stated the answer to your concern is that the North American Baptist General Conference does not belong to either the World Council of Churches or the National Council of Churches. And since you asked "why" in relation to the misinformation of your friends, it is only fair that I try to say why the Conference does NOT belong. Again, the answer seems to be simple. The members of the N.A.B. General Conference do not seem to feel a kinship theologically with the aims and the member participants of the World Council or the National Council and therefore they have not voted to join.

But one of my personal concerns with your letter and its question is the lack of information that seems to reach

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our people and the clear indication of how easy it is for our people to be moved by incorrect information.

Moreover, your letter points out the great necessity of democratic nations relying upon an informed population. Sometimes I have heard people in North America remark how ridiculous it is for a country behind the iron curtain to claim that one of their people invented the telephone or discovered penicillin. But remember that if misinformation is handed to you as a constant diet your whole sociological frame of reference may be different.

But social reconditioning is not simply taking place behind the iron and bamboo curtains. It is taking place in North America as well. Television and other communications media, such as the printed page, in the hands of the wrong people will have a profound effect upon the thinking of even church people in Canada and the United States. Whenever, therefore, we receive wrong information and discover it to be wrong, we should search out the actual source of that information and try to determine why it was being proclaimed. Such a search may reveal some very significant hostilities.

There are some people, you know, who are trying to discredit the North American Baptist General Conference for their own ends. There are some who are very insecure and feel they gain stature when they can deride somebody else. There are others who profit financially, dictatorially and membership-wise when they are able to condemn the work of North American Baptists. And sometimes, my friends, it is done in the context of very pious sounding phrases. Accordingly, let us all be on our guard for those who condemn others, and let us test the spirits, to see if they are from God.

But to carry your question one step farther, let me tell you that the North American Baptist General Conference, like the Southern Baptist Convention and the Baptist General Conference, belongs to the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs and the Baptist World Alliance. These coordinating organizations enable North American Baptists to have a greater impact upon the world in terms of religious liberty, international missions and freedom of proclamation, and world relief given in the name of Jesus Christ. G. L. B.

### GOD'S VOLUNTEERS REPORT

by Tina Angeles

Our closing prayer circle as we left Camp Caroline in Alberta was mingled with sadness in leaving those who had become our family for the month and with an air of excitement as we looked forward to our first crusade.

Creston, B.C., was our first stop. The door-to-door ministry proved to be very fruitful. There were seventeen decisions for Christ as well as many prospects for the church.

An exciting thing for us as a team was to watch the enthusiasm grow among the church members themselves as they caught sight of the vision how to win people for Christ.

Moving on to Calgary, we found the people at Grace Baptist anxious to go calling as they were thinking of the month of March when they wanted to fill their brand new church building. It was a thrill to work with them in this new area and to witness the support the people gave their pastor in coming out each night to go door-to-door.


As I write this article, we are finishing up the crusade here in Prince George, B.C. It has been a privilege to work directly with the Church Extension program in the College Heights area. We found ourselves calling in a wealthy residential area, and the slightest result was a thrill for the church people. Many homes were open to further contact from the church because they had been visited personally.

We have to smile now as we think back of our training period and the many apprehensions we had. God has been teaching us new things with each place we go, and it's great to be serving him in this way. □

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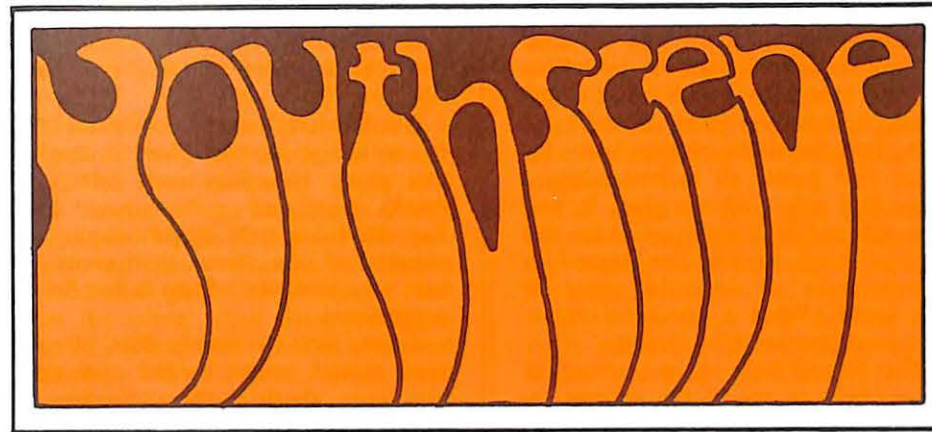
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## YOUTH SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

by Daniel Fuchs

It has well been said, every person in this world is either a missionary or a mission field. Which are you?

Do you want to do something meaningful? Do you want to help someone? Are you concerned about others as well as about yourself?

The ultimate objective of life is to know and obey God's will for you—his plan for you. It doesn't take much imagination to realize the strength and satisfaction that can come into your life if you are directed by God. If you will seek God's plan for you with prayer and faith, you will find your whole life changed. It will become meaningful and charged with excitement and purpose.

"Go," Jesus said, "Go into all the world." Who is to go? If you are a genuine believer in Christ, you are to go. This is his commission to his church and if you are a part of that body, then you better go.

Where? You are to go into all the world. You are responsible for the lost person across the street or next door or in this city or this nation or in other nations. You are to give God all that you have in your power to see to it that there is no nation and no

The Rev. Daniel Fuchs is evangelism director with the Church Ministries Department of the North American Baptist Conference.

city in the world that doesn't have a witness for Jesus Christ. That is your responsibility. You can't get rid of it; you can fulfill it.

Our North American Baptist Youth Service Opportunities program provides for a number of college and post-graduate student workers to serve in various conference churches and organizations during the summer months, the latter part of May through September of each year.

Students may serve in various ways. Camping opportunities include being a camp director, teacher, counselor or director of recreation, music, creative activities or crafts. Other opportunities are teaching in or directing vacation Bible school, leading home Bible studies, serving as a pastor (preaching), assistant pastor or director of youth work, church extension pastor or serving as minister of visitation.

Opportunities are also available for youth groups to volunteer their services for several days or a week with church extension churches or committees. Several types of involvement are available such as conducting vacation Bible schools, helping with community surveys and canvasses, assisting with actual building construction such as painting, installing paneling, flooring, landscaping and preparing parking lots.

Another opportunity for groups of five to fifteen volunteer workers is

available for selected work projects on our Spanish American mission fields. June and July are usually the preferred months for these projects although other dates may be arranged in consultation with the missionaries on the field. A project may include general clean-up work; painting interiors and exteriors of chapels, clinics, homes of the poor; day camp possibilities; group programs for sharing faith in Jesus Christ. A project should be no less than four days in length and should preferably include a weekend so that the group can worship with the Spanish American people on Sunday.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old, post-high school students and persons of mature attitude. Secure the appropriate application form from your pastor and mail your application to Youth Service Opportunities, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, IL 60130. Applications must be mailed by Feb. 1, 1975. The Youth Service Opportunities committee meets during the middle of February to consider all student applications and church or organization requests.

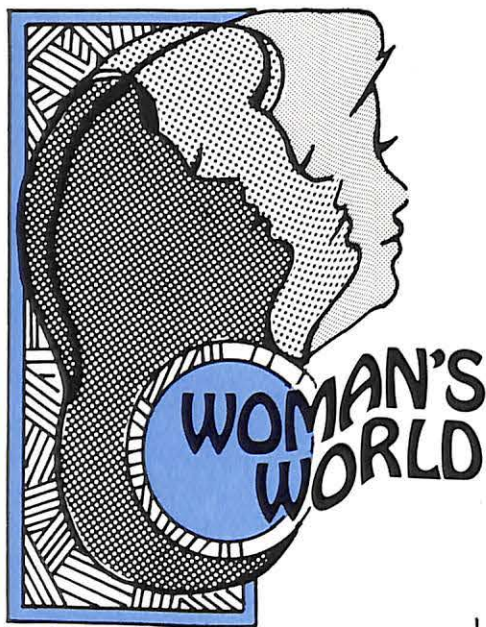
Churches and organizations are encouraged to support our Youth Service Opportunities program and make use of student workers as much as possible. Your request for a worker must be made before the middle of February. Additional application forms as well as the Youth Service Opportunities booklet describing the program are available upon request from the Church Ministries Department.

Where the assistance of the Youth Service Opportunities program is not needed, churches desiring the services of North American Baptist seminary or college students should apply directly to the president of the seminary or the college. □



"I'D RATHER LISTEN TO 3 OF YOUR SERMONS TO ONE OF MY DAD'S!"





## UNTAXABLE ASSETS



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

After the Christmas holidays are over and the New Year has been ushered in, our mind automatically turns to Exempt-taxes, assets and exemptions. These are very important and all items are carefully checked to make sure that nothing has been missed. We also have some untaxable assets. Maybe there are more of these than you are aware of.

Eternal life is an untaxable asset that every Christian has. It is something that is given as a free gift, something that never decreases in value even during times of inflation, a possession of which no one can be robbed. This asset is of more value than the whole world.

Some people have beautiful homes and the taxes on such possessions are climbing higher every year. As believers we have a mansion in heaven and no place on this earth can even compare with it. An untaxable asset.

Address all articles and correspondence regarding Woman's World to Mrs. Clarence Walth, 234rd St., Bismarck, ND 58501. 1343 N.

Many Christians have claimed the abundant life that Jesus said he came to give. It can become the possession of every one who is willing to accept it and it is exempt from taxation.

A few fortunate people have the peace that passes all understanding, a peace that only God can give. It, too, is a gift and will stand up under any kind of stress. It does not depend on circumstances as does the peace of this world. What a wonderful untaxable asset this peace of God is.

The blessed hope of the return of Jesus Christ is one of the greatest assets that a Christian can have. It colors all of our days making each day a rosy one. A person claiming this untaxable asset will be an optimistic person filled with unspeakable joy.

When we keep in mind all the untaxable assets, it doesn't seem so hard to pay taxes on the few taxable possessions we have. Christians get by very cheaply. □

## KEEP SENDING THOSE KILOS!

by Mrs. Irma Koch, White Cross chairman of the W.M.U., Forest Park, Ill.

"What are kilos?" you ask. I'm glad you did because I've gotten excited about them after coming across an article written by Mrs. Walter Schmidtke of Dallas, Ore., in the April 1969 issue of the *Broadcast*.

Kilos are a personal contact with an overseas missionary. Mailing a kilo box directly to the missionary on the field is something each Woman's Missionary society can do as a group or you can do as an individual. Use a half-gallon size milk carton as a container. Fill it with things which we find in our stores but which are not obtainable on the mission fields. It must not weigh more than two pounds, four ounces, wrappings included. Wrap it securely in heavy paper and tie with a heavy cord. Do not seal with tape. A green customs sticker from your local post office needs to be attached to the package. It can contain personal items or feminine

An assortment of suggested kilo box contents.



things for a lady missionary, small plastic toys or games for a missionary with children, dry edibles, sewing notions or school supplies.

Our Salt Creek church in Dallas, Ore., has mailed at least 90 boxes in the last two years, receiving many letters of thanks from our missionaries. Mrs. Ray Hoffman puts up a display of samples of the items that could be used as a reminder. Here is her list of suggestions:

**Sewing notions:** safety pins, straight pins, thread, snaps, hooks and eyes, bias tapes, elastic, buttons, needles.

**Food items:** jello, sweetened drink mixes, soup mixes, puddings, packaged seasonings, sauces, dips, gravies, macaroni, pizza mixes, cake mixes, life savers, gum, dream whip.

**School items:** pencils, rubber bands, small note pads, felt-tip pens, games for children, toys, index cards.

**Toiletries:** combs, tooth brushes, tooth paste, shampoo in tubes or plastic bottles, hair clips, band aids, small kleenex packages, cotton swabs, aspirin, soap.

**Other:** shoe laces, handkerchiefs, ties, knee socks, wash cloths, decorated table napkins, sandwich bags, aluminum foil.

I'm sure that you can come up with other ideas once you start thinking. Be sure the missionary's complete address is on your label. Remember: a kilo equals two pounds, four ounces.

Send a kilo and you shall receive! □

## FRIEND

by Mrs. Bernice Machande

"Who hath a friend with whom to share Hath double cheer and half of care."

Friend is a lovely word. Webster defines it as "one who is attached to another by esteem, respect and affection."

Kingsley wrote: "A blessed thing it is for any man or woman to have a friend—one soul whom we can trust utterly; who knows the best and worst of us and loves us in spite of our faults; who will speak the honest truth to us while the world flatters us to our face and laughs at us behind our back; who will give us counsel and reproof in the day of prosperity and conceit; but who again, will comfort and en-

**Editor's note:** Mrs. Machande of Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn., leads two women's Bible study groups involving about 70 people, teaches an adult Sunday school class and is president of one of the W.M.U. groups in the church.

courage us in the day of difficulty and sorrow when the world leaves us alone to fight our own battles as we can.

"Non-Christians can know what it is to have friends, but friendship among Christians has a special depth and glow because of the Lord Jesus Christ. Our friendship is fellowship—deeper, richer and fuller—because his love is poured through us to be shared, one with the other. And Jesus called us friends! 'Henceforth I call you not servants, but I have called you friends' (John 15:15)."

Oh, the inexpressible comfort of feeling safe with a person, having neither to weigh thoughts nor measure words but pouring them all right out just as they are, chaff and grain together, certain that a faithful hand will take and sift them, keep what is worth keeping and, with the breath of loving kindness, blow the rest away.

"Friendship with Jesus, fellowship divine. Oh, what blessed sweet communion, Jesus is a friend of mine." □

## WHO ME? WHO NEEDS IT?

by Mrs. Anne Hoffmann, secretary-treasurer of the W.M.U., North Tonawanda, N.Y.

Pamphlets and tracts come to us in the mail and in various other ways throughout the year. So the question may well be asked of the W.M.U. pamphlet, "Who Me?," who needs it anyway? Just another tract.

But wait a minute before you throw your copy away. Read it again. Perhaps it does have something to say and can be used by you and your society in a profitable way.

First of all, it speaks to each woman, whatever role she plays in life, whatever business she may be in, however busy she finds her days. "Who Me?" is a call to busy women to become busy in the Lord's work. It is a challenge to a broader view of involvement in reaching others for Christ.

There are many ways this pamphlet can be used. Read yours and give it to a friend. Then explain to her what joy W.M.U. work has been to you, how it has met your need and helped you to reach others. Some women's groups have used the pamphlet as a bulletin insert. Thus they reached each person who attended on that Sunday with this invitation to help in God's work. Maybe your church has a couple who greet people at the door before the service. "Who Me?" can

be offered to the ladies who are welcomed.

There are ever so many ways this little leaflet can be spread around. Send it with cards or notes to friends, take it with you as you make calls and visits.

The leaflet is free upon request to anyone writing to Woman's Missionary Union, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, IL 60130.

Years ago Paul said that he used every method so that "I might by all means save some" (1 Cor. 9:22). Let us use every means we can to reach some for Christ and his work. □

## THANK YOU, GOD, FOR ANOTHER SON

by Mrs. Sharon Buechler, Cathay, N. Dak.

I truly believe that God wants his people to be happy, and when we are, he rejoices.

When we lost our only son, Wally, suddenly in a highway accident on June 6, 1972, I couldn't see how life could go on. All the joy was gone.

Wally was 15 years old. He was so dear to each one of us. He loved his home, family, the farm and he would say, "I love the Lord, and I know he loves me."

Wes and I thanked God daily for the precious children with which he had blessed our home. Wally had become the big brother to three sisters, Marcy, Laurie and Melanie. He was third in line but suddenly was taller than any of us.

God has been rejoicing with us in



Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Buechler, Ryan, Melanie, Marcy and Laurie.

our last few years together. We had all come to know the Lord and his love was binding our home into a happy place.

Then the big void came, the emptiness and heartache that comes with separation. When one loves a lot, one hurts a lot also.

We had God's abiding presence within us. We knew he cared; now he seemed to be grieving with us. He had gone through it, too, only he gave his only son. He continued to heal and comfort through his word, through communication and answer to prayer and through the people he sent our way with love and concern.

His word tells us "in everything to give thanks." We found we had so much to thank God for, yes, even for taking Wally home. We still hurt, however; life was difficult even with the Lord. God knew our needs. He clearly revealed to us through many circumstances to have another child. Our family talked about it, prayed about it and even dedicated (if it should be) this child to him. Then before long we

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## A RESOLUTION

by LaVerna Mehlhaff, women's work director

"And every day the Lord added to their group those who were being saved" (Acts 2:47b, TEV).

The formula followed by the early church brought results. What did they

do? The believers put into practice, daily, that which they were being taught. They met regularly to study. They were deeply concerned about one another, sharing that which they had with those in need. They prayed together as they met. They rejoiced as they experienced answers to their prayers. Rejoicing Christians and praising Christians will bring about "the good will of all people." Our part is to allow God to use us to share the plan of salvation and he will add to the church such as will be saved. Will we enter the New Year with praise for our wonderful God and Savior and with resolve to actively share our faith? It WILL bring results in our lives as well as in the lives of others. □



When Dr. Vern Kuehn was asked to be the speaker at the NABS Fall Retreat, he was asked to do something speakers of the past had never done.

"We didn't want him to come and talk to us," said Eric Coulon, retreat committee chairman, "rather we wanted him to get us to talk to him, and to each other."

The retreat, centered on the theme, "Meeting the Crisis Situation," was held September 13-14 at Lake Shetek Lutheran Camp in Slayton, Minnesota and brought together about 75 persons of the seminary family.

Dr. Kuehn, chaplain at the Harper Hospital in Detroit, came to the retreat to share some of his insights on crisis situations. Many of us waited to hear about hospital tragedies, death and dying and emotional problems. We wanted to know how we should handle such a tragedy in the life of another person. We were unaware that Dr. Kuehn wanted us to be sensitive to the crises in our own lives.

"We have run into the problem as students and as teachers of not being able to see and feel what is going on around us," Coulon had said in a letter to Kuehn. "What we would like is to have you (Dr. Kuehn) open us up to recognize what each of us are afraid to face—our personal weakness."

Some of us were students. Some of us were faculty. Some of us were wives. Each of us had expectations of the retreat and of Dr. Kuehn, and within the opening session, it was evident that whatever we thought crisis to mean, it was surely not the crisis within ourselves.

"What happens to the counselor in a counseling situation? How do I treat a person in a crisis situation? How can I help a person deal with the fact that he is dying?" were some of the questions we asked.

Dr. Kuehn introduced himself as being a facilitator, a resource person. He said he was there to speak, listen and relate in a very significant way. "I did not come to give lectures."

He began the first session of the retreat with an ice-breaker where each person introduced himself and then told something important and something good about himself. From these primary introductions, Dr. Kuehn then focused on various statements made by the people in the group.

"Many people," observed Dr. Kuehn, "identified themselves as good or important in a role situation. We

*Mrs. Glenna Frederick is the wife of incoming student Denny Frederick, Tacoma, Washington.*

*by Mrs. Glenna Frederick*

# Seminary Retreat Focuses on Ministry to the Crisis Situation

never say we are good or important just because we are who we are."

In the last part of the session, a question-answer period, Dr. Kuehn began to answer many of the questions of the members of the group by focusing on the person who asked the question. "What do you mean when you use a certain cliché, such as 'the grace of God'?"

"We assume other people understanding what we mean," continued Dr. Kuehn, "but do we understand what you are talking about?" He stressed the fact that we should be specific in our communication.

Throughout the first session, Dr. Kuehn stressed the importance of our coping with crises in our own lives. "People out there are remote. You need to find out more about yourself and then ask, 'Am I the crisis?'"

Near the end of the evening, during the singing and sharing time, many students and faculty expressed feelings of reciprocation and needs. A time of honesty and prayer appeared to bring some of the seminary community closer in touch with themselves, with each other and with Christ.

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Dr. Vern Kuehn



Dr. Vern Kuehn in action, as he "lectured" at the Seminary retreat.



Incoming students, fall semester, 1974: James Allen (Frances), Sioux Falls, SD; Alan Aman, Portland, OR; John Asonibare, Nigeria, West Africa; Leland Bertsch, Carbon, AB; Ron Butterfield, Lincoln, NB; John Chapman, Sioux Falls, SD; Steve Corum, Sacramento, CA; Jack DeVaney, Dell Rapids, SD; Dennis Frederick, Tacoma, WA; James Foster (B.), Colman, SD; Gary Garnatz, Sioux Falls, SD; Robert Goethe, Edmonton, AB; Roger Hartman, Sioux Falls, SD; Shelley Hartsook, Sioux Falls, SD; Vance Jorgensen, Chicago, IL; Dennis Kee, Midland, MI; Sue Krier, Bethlehem, PA; Jay Mitchell, Mitchell, NB; Clarence Porter, Sioux Falls, SD; Michael Seto, Sacramento, CA; Fredric Spalding, Glen Ellyn, IL; Mark Stevens, Tekamah, NB; Perry Schnable, Lehr, ND; Robert Thiel, W. St. Paul, MN.

## Enrollment up by 21% at North American Baptist Seminary

*by Donald N. Miller*

NABS experienced an increase of 21 percent in enrollment for its fall semester which began September 9. A total of 108 students are enrolled in its various degree and lay leadership programs.

The rise over last year's enrollment figures of 89 is largely due to the new Doctor of Ministry program launched this fall and the increase in the number of students enrolled in the lay leadership development program. The Doctor of Ministry program is an advanced professional degree program designed for those already engaged in ministry.

Twenty-four of the students enrolled in the various master's degree programs are new, incoming students.

A breakdown of the fall semester figures show that 12 students are enrolled in the Doctor of Ministry program; 39 in the Master of Divinity; 10 in the Master of Ministry; 10 in the Master of Arts with a specialization in Christian education; 2 in the Master of ministry studies; 8 students are auditors and associates; 20 are taking courses on a non-credit basis; and 7 are unclassified (i.e. not enrolled in a degree program).

While the incoming class this fall did not reach the large proportions of last year's record class, it is nevertheless one of our largest incoming classes. It is anticipated that five or six additional students will enroll in the master's program in the second semester, bringing the total incoming class to about 30. Also, a approximately 30 more students will enroll in the Doctor of Ministry program.

Students enrolled for credit courses come from 15 states and four provinces of Canada. And some come from as far away as Jordan, Taiwan and Germany. They represent 17 denominations and come from large universities and smaller colleges—both Christian and secular.

Approximately 10% of the full-time student body is comprised of women, and 70% are married. Students range from 21 to 61 years of age. □

*The Rev. Donald N. Miller is vice president for development at NABS.*



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## AS PASTORS TELL IT

by Daniel Fuchs

It is exciting indeed to receive the Million Contacts For Christ reports from pastors and churches each quarter. What a thrill to note beyond a shadow of a doubt, wherever contacts are being made for Christ in city or country churches, in large or small churches, the Holy Spirit brings many to repentance and faith.

Some pastors report only those contacts where the Gospel was personally presented to an individual. Others report also those where a personal contact was made in the interest of the Gospel ministry in the community, even though the plan of salvation was not actually shared.

The main thing is that adults and young people in our churches are led to consistently do the work of personal visitation evangelism. God honors such efforts with spiritual results, even though the plan of salvation can not always be shared fully at the initial contact.

In addition to reporting the number of contacts, pastors have been requested to report any helpful experiences that might be shared with others. Here are as many as space will allow:

"We had the privilege being part of a Crusade for Christ in Bensen, Minnesota. Sixteen of our members counseled for the crusade, dealing personally with approximately 320 people. Eight persons have been added to our membership." First Baptist, Appleton, Minn.; Rev. Terrence Jarosch.

"Five decisions for Christ were as a result of our five day clubs." Nepean Baptist, Ottawa, Ont.; Rev. Loren Weber.

"In addition to the 124 contacts made this quarter, literature was left where people were not home. We have added 23 new members this quarter." Bloomfield Hills, Mich.; Rev. Elmo Tahrán, Mrs. Mary Lee Krause reporting.

"I have a membership class of between 30 and 40 people at the present time. God is really blessing." Brentview Baptist, Calgary, Alta.; Rev. Arlyn Thielénhaus. □

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# Inight into Christian Education

## Hollow Men

by Ernie Zimbelman

"Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ" (Eph. 5:21, RSV).

There are many discussions and there are articles and books written on the theme that the family is outdated. Personally, I cannot fully understand what these people are trying to say, because the family is many things, it takes many shapes, sizes and forms. My family to me is not like my car or my house, that it gets old or worn out. To me it is not like a buggy—which is no longer used because it has been replaced by the automobile, which may soon be replaced by some kind of space vehicle.

If you ask what family means to me, I'd say it means warm, intimate, personal relationships. If we do not have such relationships we become less than we were intended to be by our Creator. We quite literally become less "person" and more mechanical and robot-like. When we lose our sense of "personness" and we become mechanical and robot-like, we become

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"hollow men." It means we are devoid of spirit. We get a feeling of "meaninglessness" about life. It's a horrible condition to be in.

When we have warm family relationships, where feelings such as love, trust, caring, tenderness and understanding prevail, then, in spite of external circumstances which are very difficult and bleak, somehow life maintains meaning and hopefulness.

There are many, many people who do not know the meaning of being loved and cared for! In Psalm 22:9 we read: "On my mother's breast I learned to trust" (New American Standard Version). Many do not know how to face the world with trust. Their chief approach to life is fear and suspicion, fueled by hostility. This is a tiresome way to exist!

It is individuals such as these who are cynical about the need for families. Unfortunately their bitterness is understandable. The source that was to let them experience the factors which make life meaningful failed them. Therefore, in their anger and resentment they hope to wipe out the whole system that has betrayed them—but what will be put in its place? Many suggestions are made, but I personally find them seriously inadequate.

No one who was raised in a warm, loving home atmosphere thinks that the family as an institution is bankrupt. Those who remember mother's tenderness and love, who recall father's fairness and concern, who experienced the companionship of brothers and sisters will never believe that families have no use.

There is a longing on the part of people in our society today to receive love and give love as probably never before. Yet probably never before have so many felt so inadequate to give it or receive it.

What do we find in its place? Hostility acted out in competition! It is competition which destroys our family life. Ephesians 5:21 says: "Be submissive to one another out of reverence for Christ." This takes conscious effort, and unless we are consciously aware of the need for providing for each other in all areas of life, we are going to look after ourselves. Our basic nature and our natural circumstances will make us selfish. We must be exposed to experiences which show us that "giving is more blessed than receiving," that "to do to others as you want them to do to you" leads to more meaningful living and greater happiness than constantly trying to outdo the other person.

These principles must be learned early in life. It is not hard to teach these principles intellectually; that is, to memorize them. But that is really quite meaningless. If the concept of love is to have meaning, it must be experienced. It must be experienced over and over, again and again.

In John 15:12, Jesus says: "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." Are your family relationships characterized by feelings of caring, love and understanding? Or do you more often share feelings of anger, hostility, competition and rejection with each other?

The former feelings lead to responses of happiness, joy and fulfilledness; the latter lead to more feelings of hostility, competition and, eventually, depression. Jesus said: "I am come that you may have life, life in all of its fullness" (John 10:10b).

If your home life is not producing feelings of fullness—don't go on as you are! Confront your husband or wife or children. Begin verbally sharing your needs, and as you share and show concern for each other's needs, you will feel fulfilled and you will experience what wonderful things a family is. □



# SET YOUR HOUSE IN ORDER

by Adolph Braun

This message was first printed in "The Christian Voice," monthly paper of the Redeemer Baptist Church of Warren, Mich. These were excerpts of the pastor's message given at the conclusion of 1973. The printed message was slightly edited for this publication.

Isaiah 38:1-8; 2 Kings 20:1-11; 2 Chronicles 32:24-33  
Mao Tse-Tung said, "I have an appointment with God." The Bible states that we all have an appointment with God: "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27).

The end of the year is an opportunity for serious reflection and resolution for correction in the coming year. It is a time for setting things in order. What would we do if we knew that this day was not only the end of this year but the end of our life? That is what Isaiah told King Hezekiah: "... Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die and not live" (Isaiah 38:1).

King Hezekiah was the best king of Judah (2 Kings 18:5). Seventeen Bible characters are occupied with Hezekiah. He became king at the age of 25 and ruled for 29 years. His father, Ahaz, was a wicked man. He even sacrificed one of his own sons to the God of Molech. Ahaz brought idolatry throughout all of Judah, but Hezekiah brought about religious revival and broke down the idols and returned to the law of Jehovah (2 Kings 18:22). He engineered a water tunnel from outside the Jerusalem walls to a cistern inside Jerusalem, 1708 feet through solid limestone. This was for safety in case of enemy attack upon Jerusalem. He wrote poetry (Isaiah 38:9-22) and his servants copied Solomon's proverbs (Proverbs 25:1). Most of all, he was a king of faith, taking his problems to God (2 Kings 19:14-35 and Isaiah 38:1-8). He was buried in great honor (2 Chronicles 32:33).

## I. ISAIAH'S FACTUAL PROPHECY—"... SET THINE HOUSE IN ORDER; FOR THOU SHALT DIE" (Isaiah 38:1)

- A. The Lord spoke by his prophet—"... Set thine house in order..." (v.1). It is a blessing to know God has spoken, and it is a blessing to have time to prepare temporal and spiritual affairs for an appointment with the Lord. Not all have time to prepare as Hezekiah.
- B. The last chance to prepare to stand before God—"... Thou shalt die and not live" (v.1). No crooked books will deceive our Lord. No unrepented, covered sin will go unpunished. Christ died to pay for our sins; and if we confess our sins to him "... he is faithful and

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just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (I John 1:9). If we refuse to confess our sins to him, there is no other alternative but judgment.

## II. HEZEKIAH'S FEAR OF DEATH—"HEZEKIAH... PRAYED AND WEPT..." (Isaiah 38:2-3).

- A. His faith—"Hezekiah... prayed..." (v.2). It is wise to seek the Lord in time of trouble. There are many who would do well to follow the example of Hezekiah when they get into deep trouble. It is well that when we're facing death we would pray and even weep before the Lord. Who else can understand and help us in such an hour! Hezekiah believed that God cared and thus he pleaded with him. He reminded God of doing his will, destroying the idols, etc. His plea was based on his obedient life to the Lord. That struck me. I wonder how many of us could bring our obedient life to God and say, "Lord because of my walk with you, I request that you extend my life?"
- B. His fear. Hezekiah turned to the wall and prayed—"... Wept bitterly..." (v.3). In those days, especially the wealthy, had couches that ran along the wall, so that in Hezekiah's case, he turned from spectators to the wall, to hide his emotions and to talk with God.

## III. GOD'S FAITHFUL RESPONSE—"... I WILL ADD UNTO THY DAYS FIFTEEN YEARS" (Isaiah 38:4-8).

Isaiah was God's prophet who announced to Hezekiah that he should set his house in order for he would die. After his announcements, he began to walk away; and before he was halfway across the court of the palace, God heard Hezekiah's prayer and gave orders to Isaiah to revoke his utterance of death and extend Hezekiah's life another 15 years (v.5).

Some say that Hezekiah sinned in asking for his life to be extended. They give evidence of this by the fact that the king had no sons until three years after God had extended his life. Manasseh was born and became the most wicked king in Judah. Heredity is not always transmitted from parent to child. Hezekiah had a wicked father but he himself was the best king of Judah; yet he had a very wicked son.

Nevertheless, here we see the truth that the "prayer of a righteous man availeth much" with God (James 5:16). God did answer Hezekiah's prayer. Note seven things listed in the answer:

1. "... I have heard thy prayer..." (v.5)—God answers prayer.

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# PERSONAL ESTATE PLANNING



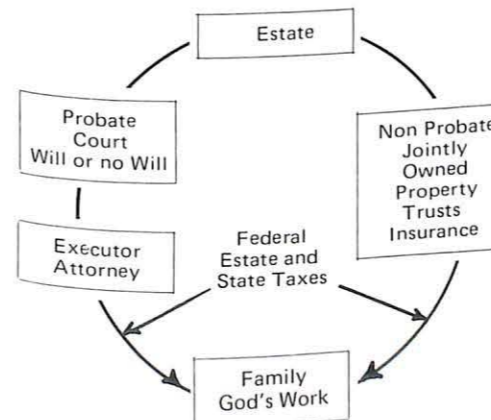
by Everett A. Barker

You have probably heard about good and bad experiences with probate from relatives, friends and neighbors. Perhaps you have been through the process in your family and have had your own particular experience. Much depends upon the circumstances.

## PROBATE

What does the word mean? Probate simply means, "proving of the will." Probate is a county division of the United States court system where you are domiciled (your permanent residence) which handles a decedent's probate property. Whatever probate assets you have must pass through this court whether you do or do not have a will. If you have a will in which you named an executor who is eligible and willing to serve, he or she will be empowered by the court to handle your estate. If you do not have a will the court will, if possible, appoint an administrator from your closest family members or relatives. The basic purpose of probate is to see that the terms of the decedent's will are carried out, claims are paid and the probate laws are obeyed. If you do not have a will, your state has laws determining what is best for your estate, which may or may not be true.

Involved in the probate process are definite steps such as: filing the will, proving heirship, guardianship, proving the will, bonding, receiving claims against the estate and inventorying all probate assets which must be pre-



# PROBATE—What's It All About?

sented to the judge. One of the first things an executor or administrator will need to do is to engage an attorney to take you through the probate procedure.

Some people are not aware that probate is a matter of public record. Any person can go to the courthouse and read the will or any records relating to the estate of a particular individual. This is one reason why some people use trusts and other private vehicles to pass on their personal and real property.

## HOW MANY ESTATES DO YOU HAVE?

It is important to understand the distinction between probate and non-probate property and the tax implications. How you hold title to your property can make all the difference in the world. Here are four estates you need to consider:

**Probate**—Personal and real property in the name of the decedent.

**Non-Probate**—Personal and real property which passes by law: joint-tenancy, trusts, insurance passing to beneficiaries, payable on demand, etc.

**Federal Estate Taxes**—Probate and non-probate assets are included for tax purposes. Charitable gifts reduce taxes.

**State Inheritance Taxes**—Regulations vary from state to state.

The following diagram shows the route estate assets can take and the relationship of federal estate and state inheritance taxes:

## HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE?

This can vary considerably from six months to many years depending upon complications such as will contests, suits, I.R.S., property problems and the speed of your lawyer. There is a specified claim period so the estate isn't likely to be settled in less than six or seven months. If the gross estate is over \$60,000, the Federal Estate Tax Report is due nine months from date of death, and as a practical matter few attorneys file before the due date. It is fortunate for any but small estates to be closed in less than a year.

## WHAT DOES IT COST?

The court portion of probate is not expensive unless there are complications which require many appearances. The attorneys' and executors' fees usually make up the expense. If you have probate property in another state, ancillary administration may be required with additional expense. Executors' and attorneys' fees are usually based on a fee schedule relating to

the size of the estate and the work involved.

These few paragraphs only cover the surface of probate and admittedly can be confusing. I strongly urge each family or individual to take time for estate planning which can save your family many problems and money as well. Consult your attorney and discuss with him your estate planning needs. We will be happy to make available to you one of our Estate Planning Counselors who will privately sit down with you to get you started with your estate planning. Some unfortunate situations have been left by loved ones which could have been avoided by good estate planning. □

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# CHURCH EXTENSION BUILDERS REPORT

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### ELSMERE, DEL., CHURCH EXTENSION PROJECT

JANUARY 1975

by Herbert J. Freeman

Down to seven members attending Sunday morning worship! That was the situation at the First Baptist Church of Elsmere, Delaware, in the spring of 1973. With no pastoral leadership, few people and almost no funds, the church was about to give up, sell its buildings and pay off its debts. It was at this point in time that hope arose on the horizon, and here is that story.

New hope came about when the remaining members turned to our denominational leadership for guidance. Responding to the church's request were Dr. Richard Schilke, general secretary of missions, and the Rev. Rubin Kern, eastern district secretary. Several options were suggested to the church. The members voted to commit the work into God's hands through the services of the Forest Park Office and the local Association. When all debts would be satisfied through the sale of its parsonage the church would then disband, to make way for a truly new work to begin.

The second step toward the renewal of this field was to find a pastor especially suited for this particular situation. Such a pastor was found in the person of the Rev. Walter C. Damrau who was about to retire from his pastorate in Rochester, N.Y. Rev. Damrau accepted the call to serve for one year. God's blessing was evident from the beginning. Through visitation, counseling and with the help of the 1973-74 God's Volunteers, Team II, the work began to recover its witness. Progress was so encouraging that a new church was organized on Feb. 24, 1974, with 27 charter members, of whom one-half were new people. The first baptismal service was held on Palm Sunday when two adults and one teenager were baptized. At the end of one year the church had 41 members with an average Sunday morning attendance of 34. A Sunday school and a Women's Missionary Society were also organized.

Meanwhile, a third step was taken toward the calling of a permanent pastor. Under the guidance of the Rev. Lyle Wacker, associate secretary for Church Extension, a plan was set up to meet this need. With the consent of the local church and the Association a call was extended to the Rev. Herbert J. Freeman of Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church in Philadelphia. The call was accepted and Mr. Freeman began his ministry in Elsmere on Aug. 1, 1974.

Elsmere is a small suburb of Wilmington, Delaware. There are two Protestant churches in a community of both new and old housing. The town is surrounded by newly developed areas from which the church is already drawing people. There are other areas beyond the church's immediate area where possible church extension may develop.

The church is well situated one block from the main highway. Average attendance on Sunday morning has moved up to

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about 40. The Rev. and Mrs. Walter Damrau have settled in the area and are active members. A visitation program has familiarized many homes with the program of the church. The high attendance at the midweek prayer service is a most encouraging feature. The faithful stewardship of the members today has promise of greater things tomorrow. The pastor and people covet your prayer support for this work and will accept your financial support as a trust from God, as indeed it truly is! □



Education wing is to the left.



Pastor Herbert J. Freeman



Pastor H. J. Freeman conducting Wednesday evening Bible study.

1st and 2nd Graders in Sunday School. Joyce Gearhart teaching. Helpers are (L-R) Mary Smith and Bertha Gearhart.



#### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Schlecht observed their 50th wedding anniversary in Sept. 1974. They are members of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Beulah, N.D.

**MC CLUSKY,** The Mc Clusky Baptist Church held its Harvest Mission Festival on Sept. 2. Our guest speaker was pastor Arthur Freitag of Mercer, N.D. A fellowship dinner was served at noon with the Naomie Circle in charge. (Alvina Dockter, reporter.)

**SURREY, B.C.** On Saturday, Sept. 24, 1974, the Sunshine Ridge Baptist Church held a church family farewell for our former pastor, the Rev. Ed Hohn and family. The evening began with a supper sponsored by the King's Daughters, followed by a time of special music and sharing, expressing our thanks, best wishes and farewells to our pastor who served us well for the past six years. The evening ended with a very meaningful time around the Lord's Table. Sunday Sept. 25, 1974, a public farewell service was held for Rev. Hohn and family, who have felt the call and challenge of the Lord to begin the church extension project of Lakeview Heights Baptist Church near Kelowna, B.C. Rev. John Wollenberg, formerly of Kelowna, began his ministry with us on Oct. 1, 1974. (Donna Rapske, reporter.)

**ASHLEY, N.D.** Sunday, Sept. 29, the Ashley Baptist Church held its annual Missionsfest. Rev. Arthur Freitag of Mercer, N.D. was the guest speaker. In the evening Rev. Freitag and his wife showed films of their work while they were missionaries in Cameroon.

The Men's Brotherhood sponsored a Sacred Talent Program Tuesday, Oct. 1, 1974. Five churches participated, bringing selections by various groups. Culminating the program a volunteer men's choir of the attending audience rendered two numbers. A fellowship hour was then held in closing.

The Women's Missionary Society held its annual birthday observance on Oct. 8. The program was centered around the theme, "Fruit of the Spirit." Guest speaker was the pastor's wife of Eureka, S.D., Mrs. Fred Fuchs. The Rev. Etan Pelzer is the pastor of the church. (Mrs. Carol Fischer, reporter.)

**BEULAH, N.D.** The Immanuel Baptist Church Women's Missionary Society presented two programs, one at the Bismarck, N.D. Baptist Home and one at the Mc Clusky N.D. home.

The church held its Round Robin Missionary Conference and its Harvest Mission Festival. Our guest speaker was Miss Katherine Ann Hunt home on furlough from Cameroon. Our mission offering was \$3,324.79. Building Fund \$350.00; Map \$200.00; Wilma

Binder fund \$65.00. The total offering was \$3,939.79. The Rev. George Neuhart is the pastor of the church. (Mrs. Alvin E. Moos, reporter.)

**MC LAUGHLIN, S.D.** The First Baptist Church participated in a Missionary Conference with the Isabel and Mc Intosh, S.D. churches. The Rev. and Mrs. Geo. Black and the Rev. Richard Mayforth presented many interesting facets of their work as missionaries in Cameroon and Japan.

The Rev. Robert Hoffman of Hebron, N.D. served as evangelist at special meetings in our church. The theme of his messages was based on 2 Chr. 7:14. The Rev. Kendall Mercer is the pastor of the church. (Mrs. Leo Friez, reporter.)

**WEST ST. PAUL, MINN.** About 250 friends and members gathered on Sept. 15, 1974, for a fellowship supper and farewell reception in honor of the Rev. and Mrs. Raymond P. Yahn. Pastor Yahn resigned the pastorate of Riverview Baptist Church after nearly eight years of service. Following the supper, a time of reflection and appreciation was held with many people testifying to the effectiveness of the Yahns' ministry. A "love offering" was presented to the Yahns.

On Sept. 29 members and friends of Riverview Baptist Church gathered for fellowship and to say goodbye to the Rev. and Mrs. V. David Steinfeld, Jr. Rev. Steinfeld resigned as Minister of Christian Education at Riverview to accept a position as Assistant Pastor at Bismarck Baptist Church, Bismarck, N.D. (Mrs. Mildred Bruce, church clerk.)

**BISON, KAN.** On Sept. 8, 1974 the First Baptist Church had the joy of welcoming its new pastor, the Rev. Chester Strobel and family. They have four children, Susan, Steven, Sandra and Shelia. A fellowship dinner was held in their honor. (Leona Hanhardt, reporter.)

**TACOMA, WASH.** On Sept. 14-15, 1974, the Calvary Baptist Church marked the 75th anniversary. The festivities began with a banquet. The Rev. Bernard Thole, a former assistant pastor, now pastor of our church at Auburn, Wash., was Master of Ceremonies. Another former worker, the Rev. Gale O'Neil, who served as Minister of Visitation, now pastoring in Payette, Idaho, gave a challenging message. Many former members were our guests. The church began in 1899



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and was organized with seven people. The first baptismal candidate was present to enjoy the program. Pictures of former days, letters from former pastors and members, brought back many cherished memories.

On Sunday our Western Area Secretary, the Rev. H. J. Wilcke, was our speaker. Pastor Wilcke had been our former pastor. His challenge to the church was, "Hitherto and Henceforth."

Sunday afternoon we recognized the area churches. Calvary is the mother church of two in the Tacoma area: Portland Avenue, where the Rev. Harvey Mehlhaff is serving, and the Olympic View Church, where the Rev. LeRoy Schauer is pastor. On this particular Sunday another church extension project was making its beginning at Lacey, about fifteen miles from Tacoma. We have been privileged to help in seven church extension projects.

Using Joshua 14, the Rev. Everett Barker, representing the denomination, challenged our hearts on a message, "What does a 75th anniversary really mean?" A short history was given by our church moderator, Jack Dugwyler.

Our young people had charge of the evening service. A son of the church, the Rev. Larry Neufeld, who is now a church extension pastor in the Portland area, brought the message. His challenge was directed to everybody.

Calvary now totals 470 members. The Lord has richly blessed in many ways. Pastor Edgar Wesner preaches the Word and many have joined our fellowship through his ministry. The Rev. Bert Harsch is our Christian Education Director. This year we began home Bible studies and find our prayer groups have grown. The Lord has blessed us in the past and now we as a church look forward to years of service for him. (Mrs. Henry Schmunk, reporter.)

**KELOWNA, B.C.** On Sept. 15, 1974, at the evening service, members and friends gathered at Trinity Baptist Church to bid farewell to the pastor, the Rev. John Wollenberg. He has accepted a call to Sunshine Ridge Baptist Church, Surrey, B.C. The former moderator of Trinity and visiting pastors from Faith Baptist Church, Vernon, B.C., and from Grace Baptist Church, Kelowna, B.C., gave messages of appreciation and thanksgiving to God for the nine years of faithful service by our pastor. Also dear to the hearts of the congregation are the pas-

tor's wife, Irene, and their two sons, Mark and Tim. The church presented the Wollenbergs with a stereo as a token of love and esteem. (Mrs. Frank Griffin, reporter.)

**ANAHEIM, CALIF.** The youth choir, "Spirits Alive" (see picture), and drama team of the Sunkist Baptist Church went on a six-day concert tour in northern California. Under the direction of Mr. Richard Hoffman, the 60-voice choir presented the musical, "Lightshine," by Buryl Red and Grace Hawthorne to audiences at the Swain Oaks Baptist Church, Stockton, Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, and the O.H. Close School for delinquent boys in Stockton. They were also privileged to sing on the steps of the state capitol in Sacramento and to perform in two city parks—William Land Park in Sacramento and Alameda Park in Santa Barbara. The young people raised most of the \$2,300 needed for the 1000-mile trip through various projects.



Evangelism training and practical opportunities were given to prepare the choir members for witnessing on the tour. Accompanying the group were several chaperones and staff members: Rev. Richard Fox and Rev. Robert Radcliffe. The Rev. William Hoover is pastor of the church. (S. Radcliffe, reporter.)

**GEORGE, IOWA** About 50 young people from the First Baptist Church, plus several persons who served on the staff, attended the various weeks of camp at Lansing and about 11 attended the Adult Retreat. The campers wrote short paragraphs sharing their ideas about the camp for the Lamplighter, an addition to our regular Sunday bulletin. The Musical Messengers, the Melody Masters Quartet, and the Trumpet Trio have cut their third record, "It's a Wonderful Life," and were made available in July. Sixteen new converts were baptized and were received into the church membership.

A farewell was held for Janet Schneiderman, our missionary who

had come home from Nigeria, Africa, and returned there. The annual Christian Hour Circle family night featured the Alvin DeBerg family singing group followed by a social hour in the fellowship hall. About 15 members attended the Iowa Association at Sumner, Iowa. Phillip Voss of Alpena, Michigan, a middler student at the NAB Seminary at Sioux Falls, S.D., has been added to our staff as student pastor.

**EDMONTON, ALTA.** Three years ago the Salem Manor Society was organized by interested people of our churches in the Edmonton area to undertake finding means and ways to build a home for the aged on the three care level; Self-Contained Units, a Senior Citizens' Lodge and a Nursing Home. In spite of severe difficulties the Board of Directors (pictured) succeeded in securing governmental support to build the Self-Contained Units of 40 apartments for 65 people and their consent to pay for the construction which amounts to \$828,059.

On Saturday, Sept. 21, 1974, members and friends of Salem Manor Society gathered at the building site in the town of Leduc, Alta., for a groundbreaking ceremony. The following took a special part: the Honorable Minister of Health and Social Development of Alberta, Neil Crawford; Mr. H. K. Lotzgeselle, program administrator of Alberta Housing Corporation; a representative of the town of Leduc; the Leduc Ministerial Association Secretary, Rev. S. B. Dakinn; the moderator of the Alberta North American Baptist Association, Mr. Daunovan Buyer; a representative of Graham Construction, Mr. Thomas Stollery; the president of Salem Manor Society, Dr. E. P. Wahl.



Professor of music at our N.A.B. College, Mr. J. E. Long, assisted with his trombone by accompanying the congregational singing and playing the prelude and postlude. The mixed choir of our German Zion Baptist

Church in Edmonton under the leadership of Bro. H. Riemer rendered two selections. The Rev. R. Neumann, vice president of Salem Manor Society, was the leader of the service. (Miss Inez E. Wahl, reporter.)

**PEORIA, ILL.** More than 50 Illinois Association men held their annual Baptist Men's Fellowship Retreat at Camp Hickory, Round Lake, Ill., Sept. 20-21. Guest speaker was Rev. R. Dale Chaddock, psychologist-counselor from Wheaton, Ill., who formerly held pastorates in Pennsylvania. The theme was "Honesty Toward God and Others." The opening feature was a film showing problems resulting from inadequate communications, wherein a foreman instructed a maintenance man, with neither really understanding what the other wanted. "Their's were honest mistakes", Rev. Chaddock pointed out, "because neither understood what the other wanted."

"Hello God, It's Me," was the startling subject of the morning session. The leader posed the question, "What Is Honesty?" His hearers voiced just about as many definitions for it as there were listeners. Some commented that that reminded them of Pilate asking, "What is truth?" Rev. Chaddock stressed that men must approach God in prayer or meditation knowing himself to be a sinner, basically dishonest because man is human, and seeking, sometimes at great sacrifice, to live within God's will.

His after-lunch topic was "Honey, I'm Home," stressing the necessity of heads of families to show consideration for the other, even after "a hard day at the office" or after a household routine beset with myriad problems. He emphasized the necessity of showing love and appreciation for efforts of children, so that every member of the family knows he or she is an important part of the family circle.

Programmed subjects were discussed in depth by "buzz groups" throughout the day. Representative of problems voiced: If law officers were seeking to locate your relative (or a dear friend) and you knew where he was, would you turn him over to the officers, or would you be dishonest and claim you didn't know where he was? No hard core solutions were arrived at.

Recreation was arranged by the Rev. Arthur Garling and Conrad Koch. Dr. Herbert Pankratz and his C.F.C. Men's Chorus and volunteers presented inspirational selections. (Walter Kohrs, reporter.)

**COLFAX, WASH.** Upon her return from Africa, Kathy Kroll was royally greeted in her home church, First Baptist of Colfax, during a morning worship service as she brought brief greetings. A special "Kathy Kroll Day" (pictured) was set in September, when Kathy told of her work in Cameroon. The people were thrilled to see the great place of service God has given her on the field. The church was filled as she spoke in the morning service. She was honored at a fellowship dinner attended by about 200, where a cake was inscribed with the words "Welcome Home, Kathy."



In the evening she showed some pictures of her work and other places she visited. An offering of more than \$2,000.00 for North American Baptist mission was received. The Rev. Bernard Edinger is pastor of the church. (Joan Togerson, reporter.)

**JAMESTOWN, N.D.** Ten years ago, on Sept. 13, 1964, with God's blessings, the N.A.B. Church Extension approval for financial help, Dr. Gunst's advice and counsel and Dr. Vanderbeck as interim pastor, Temple Baptist Church became a reality.



We celebrated our 10th anniversary with the theme, "For the people had a mind to work." It was suggested by Alex Buck, a charter member and deacon. A banquet was held on Friday evening with Dr. Gunst as guest speaker. Places were set for 150. At

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the Saturday evening youth service the Rev. Clarence Walth, area secretary presented the message. Our young people, under the guidance of our youth director, Doug Bittle, presented skits and musical numbers. The youth also presented the church with a check for \$400.00, as another payment towards the bus they are purchasing for our Sunday school.

Sunday morning we were privileged to have Rev. Fred Folkerts as guest speaker, and a special missionary emphasis service was held. The choir, under the direction of Mr. Bittle, with Mrs. Ruben Wolff as organist, supplied special music.

Our anniversary service was held on Sunday afternoon, with our guest speakers sharing their personal testimony and short message. Following the service, a time of fellowship was enjoyed.

Offerings totaled \$7,000.00, 70% for debt retirement and 25% for missions. The Rev. George Breikreuz is the pastor of the church. Pastor and guest speakers are pictured. (Mrs. James Scherbenske, reporter.)

**APPLE VALLEY, MINN.** "You Can! Are You?" was the theme of the Minnesota-La Crosse Association at Apple Valley Baptist Church Sept. 6-7, 1974. Apple Valley, a church extension work of our association, less than three years old, and without a pastor, hosted our association.

Three seminar sessions: "Child Evangelism, Campus Crusade for Christ," "Way of Life," and "Bus Ministry," implemented the Million Contacts for Christ's goal.

The Rev. Peter Unruh, senior pastor, Wooddale Baptist Church, Minneapolis, brought the address at the Friday evening session and also at the Saturday evening Youth Banquet. Providing a musical packet were the "Apple Corps," the youth choir of our Apple Valley Baptist Church. Don Yoder, Appleton, Minn., former lead singer with a national rock band and now recording artist with Word Records, gave his testimony in song. Missionary guests at the association were the Rev. and Mrs. Douglas Woyke. The Rev. Clarence Walth, North Central area secretary, also took part. (Mrs. Barbara Glewwe, reporter.)

**SUMNER, IOWA.** "The joy of the Lord is your strength," Neh 8:10, was the theme of the Iowa Association hosted by the First Baptist Church. Delegates and pastors from the four-



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teen Iowa churches were present. The guest speaker, Dr. Roy Seibel, N.A.B. Seminary, Sioux Falls, S.D., led the group to a better understanding that the life in Christ is truly a life of joy. Two denominational missionaries, Katherine Hunt of Cameroon, and Rebecca Heerts of Japan, shared their experiences on the mission field. Special activities for the young people were scheduled.

Luncheon for the ladies' and men's work were held Saturday afternoon at St. John Lutheran Church and a banquet was held Saturday evening at the Legion Hall. The weekend concluded Sunday morning with worship at the Baptist Church and dinner at the Legion Hall. Our thanks to those of this community for their cooperation and help. (Pastor Val Cudnowski, reporter.)



**NEW LEIPZIG N.D.** "To God Be The Glory," was the theme of dedication on Aug. 4, 1974, when New Leipzig Baptist Church dedicated its new church building. (pictured)

Present for the service were several previous pastors and/or wives. Those present were Rev. B. C. Schreiber (1945-1950), Mrs. Emil Becker (1951-1958), Rev. David Littke, (1940-45) and Pastor LeRoy Moser (1970-1974). Present pastor is Roger Frelander. (pictured on the left.)

From 350-500 persons were in attendance for the day's services which were followed by dinner and lunch served in the new fellowship hall. Members and friends of the church gathered the evening before to view a pageant depicting the church's history.

Sept. 26-29 the church joined area Baptist church in a Round Robin Missionary Conference. Missionaries attending included Rev. and Mrs. George Black, Cameroon, Rev. Richard Mayforth, Japan and Katherine Hunt, Cameroon.

## In Memoriam

**JACOB ALDINGER**, 84, of Mound City, S.D., died on Sept. 23, 1974. He was born on Nov. 12, 1889, near Eureka, S.D. In 1916 he married Rosie Salziedler. Mr. Aldinger was baptized into the fellowship of the Herreid Baptist Church in 1924. He is survived by one son, Raymond, three grandsons, two brothers and three sisters. The Rev. Edward A. Kopf was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

**MRS. ALBERTINA BREDIN** nee Edell, 90, of Winnipeg, Man., died on July 30, 1974. She was born in 1884 in Russia, she is survived by one daughter and one son, seven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and one brother. The Rev. Walter Stein was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

**JOHN J. FORSCH**, 87, of Carbon, Alta., died on Sept. 13, 1974. He was born in Long Lake, S.D. In 1909 he was united in marriage to Magdalena Schell. In 1919 he emigrated with his family to Canada and settled in the Carbon area. He was a member of the Carbon Baptist Church and served as deacon for many years. He also served as Mayor of Carbon for a good number of years. He leaves to mourn three daughters: Mrs. Alma Permann, Mrs. Viola Beetsch, Mrs. Ida Zielger; one son, Arthur, nine grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and four sisters. The Rev. Bert Milner was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

**FRED GRABKE**, 83, of Whitmouth, Man., died on Aug. 17, 1974. He was born in Poland on Sept. 22, 1891, and emigrated to Manitoba at the age of four and there he resided most of his life. In April, 1917 he was united in marriage to Ida Knopf. He was one of the oldest pioneers in the Whitmouth area. As a teenager he made a firm commitment to Jesus Christ, was baptized and joined the Whitmouth Baptist Church. He is survived by his widow, Ida; five children: Mrs. Helen Zink, Rev. Phil Grabke, Mrs. Best Surry, Irvin Grabke, and Rev. Richard Grabke; 16 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; one sister. The Rev. Peter Aaldyk was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

**ALFRED KELBERT**, 72, of Swan River, Man., died April 28, 1974. He was born April 6, 1902, in Russia. In his 19th year he was saved and baptized and joined the Baptist church in Kolozna. In 1925 he married Agatha Hempler. This union was blessed with three children: Arnold, Irma Rempel, Lina Patzer. The Kelberts came to Canada in 1928. He leaves to mourn his wife and family, three brothers, ten grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. The Rev. Fred Ohlman was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

**EDWARD RALPH KLETKE**, 46, of Oklahoma City, Okla., died Sept. 9, 1974. He was born January 27, 1928, in Philadelphia, Pa. and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Oklahoma City. Ralph Kletke, as known to many North American Baptists, was a member until 1971 of the Pilgrim Baptist Church in Philadelphia. In 1971 he with his family was transferred to Minneapolis, Minn., and they were active in the Faith Baptist Church. In 1972 a transfer was made to Oklahoma City. In these churches he served various capacities such as Sunday school teacher, in the choirs, on the Finance Committee and as deacon. He was also a member of the Denominational Finance Committee until 1973, the DAP Committee, president of the Conference C.B.Y. and Sunday School Union in years past and served on other committees of the denomination. In 1968 he was married to Jeanne Nolte. He is survived by his widow; one daughter Kristen Jeanne; his mother, Mrs. Edward Kletke.

The Rev. Milton W. Zeeb was the officiating minister at the funeral service held in Philadelphia, Pa.

**WALTER H. LAWRENCE**, 70, of Sheboygan, Wis., died Sept. 4, 1974. He was born in Germany, Feb. 28, 1904, lived a few years in Canada and moved to Sheboygan at the age of 19. He was an active and faithful member of Bethel Baptist Church, having served in positions as a Sunday school teacher, trustee, deacon, moderator, and most recently on the new church building committee. Surviving him are his widow, Frances; two sons: the Rev. Richard Lawrenz, and Robert; one daughter, Mrs. Ruth Thurston. The Rev. Ben Hulsing was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

**MRS. WILLIAM MAUCH** nee Brodehl, 67, of Goodrich, N.D., died on July 12, 1974. She was born Jan. 24, 1907, at Harvey, N.D. She married William Mauch in 1924. Mrs. Mauch was a member of the First Baptist church of Goodrich. Surviving are her widower; two sons: Willis and Harold; two daughters: Mrs. Marilyn Kreiter, and Mrs. Betty Berreth; three sisters and three brothers; eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. The Rev. Daniel Heringer was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

### THE MISSIONARIES AND THE SEA (Continued from page 9)

of our encounters with the Japanese people. Through the leading of Fred Moore and Wilfred Weick, we were able to apply many aspects of this book to our own individual situations. As in any foreign country, there are certain cultural differences which missionaries must understand in order to fully understand the people God has called them to work with.

Naturally, there were also business meetings which, done in a rather informal atmosphere, proved to be a good medium for drawing us closer as friends.

During the afternoon, the beautiful Japan Sea's salt water and cooling waves were much appreciated. The rain tried to dampen our spirit a few times . . . but unsuccessfully. Regardless of atmospheric conditions we (the three short-termers at least) took advantage of the facilities.

Our ryokan was near to a quaint fishing village. Each village in Japan is unique in its own way, and this was no exception. Divided by a bridge, it held quite a contrast. On one side were all the brown, weathered homes and shops, the fishing boats, nets and drying fish. Directly across the narrow bay was a gigantic nuclear power plant. The exploration of the very old and new proved to be an unexpected addition to our conference as well.

The nightly excitement was two-fold. It usually began with a couple of movies and ended with a "bang!!" Using Tiny's (Wilfred Weick) projector and a sheet on the wall, we watched a couple of 'golden oldies' . . . Laurel & Hardy and Abbot & Costello. What a riot!! We even invited some of the other ryokan guests to join us—humor is sure international!

It is fantastic how great God really

is! He desires that everyone of us have a chance to hear about his love. The Japanese who laughed with us were also able to hear God's message presented through the other movie shown: Excellent movies that were made here in Japan about actual life—stories of Japanese Christians. Especially the latter movies surely must have had some impact on our friends.

Why our evenings ended with a

**BANG?** You see, summertime is fireworks season in Japan. There are all kinds of fire crackers available for anyone who wants to buy them. Our bunch joined others along the sea wall to enjoy a warm summer's evening display.

There's a special feeling that often is present when one is surrounded by the beauty of nature and one's close friends. But far greater is the lingering

joy which we felt as the Holy Spirit opened our hearts as we gathered for communion before our departure. As we prayed and shared in God's presence, we felt peace. This peace, which came silently during the conference, brought a special closeness among us, a deeper longing for understanding of our Japanese brothers, and the continued assurance of knowing that Japan is God's place for us. □

### SEMINARY RETREAT

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Saturday morning came early. During the second session with Dr. Kuehn, we were divided into groups of eight and sent in different directions to discuss the following concerns: a working definition of what the seminary community ought to be; what are some of the barriers; and what can I (we) do to enhance community and caring in my (our) fellowship in the community? Again Dr. Kuehn stressed, "No generalities or trite statements."

Within an hour, we met again in a large group and discussed what we had concluded in our small groups. Many groups focused on the definition of what the seminary community ought to be as a caring, accepting community with open fellowship.

"Allow people to come into the community at their own rate. Hold off on decisions about one another. Pick someone out to support or encourage."

Barriers within the community were identified such as study loads, differences in schedules, outside activities as well as commitments to organizations such as churches and youth organizations.

Dr. Ernie Zimbelman, NABS professor of pastoral counseling, stressed the fact that "we as individuals are responsible for our own behavior." Specifics given by other members of the group included prayer, more personal interaction and a change in personal attitude.

In the final session with Dr. Kuehn, we were asked to find something on the ground and give it to someone we hardly knew at the retreat. After giving our gifts, Dr. Kuehn then returned a gift to the group and read the Deserata.

The rest of the afternoon was spent in sports and conversation. While many people talked with one another, others played softball, volleyball, went canoeing or paddleboating.

Some people who attended the retreat expressed discouragement because they expected a speaker who would lecture to them. But as the purpose became clear, they found the retreat to be helpful in ministering to their own needs.

Jeanine Emry, a student, stated, "I guess I was expecting information dealing with meeting crisis situations in general, but not in specific relation to our community. I never completely reoriented my expectations and was, therefore, disappointed in the speaker."

"However," continued Miss Emry, "what came of the situation may prove to have been good and necessary

for a wholesome year in the seminary community. This depends on the follow-up."

In a recent interview, Eric Coulon stated, "The committee tried to set the pace—giving a title with a second meaning. We didn't mean ministering to someone else but rather to ourselves."

Other students, as well as Coulon, expressed that the retreat gave them time to reflect upon their personal lives and to meet other people of the seminary.

I remember walking along the lake and asking myself and God if this was the right place to be—so alone and so far from home. It was good to meet people who had the same uncertainties, the same questions, the same doubts. I could now put their name with their smile—and know, perhaps, that they too, were going through the same crisis of facing a new place and a new challenge. I hoped that we could share and talk about it. □

### BIBLE STUDY

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2. ". . . I have seen thy tears . . ." (v.5)—God is moved by our sorrow.
3. ". . . I will add unto thy days fifteen years" (v.5)—God has the power to lengthen life.
4. "I will deliver thee" (v.6a)—God rules over the nations.
5. ". . . I will defend this city" (v.6)—God guards his own.
6. "This shall be a sign" (v.7a)—God keeps his promise.
7. "I will reverse the sun ten degrees" (v.8a)—God controls time. Only he can make time by setting the sun back.

There is nothing too hard for God. It is not difficult for him to do much or to do little. So the sun obeyed and was reversed ten degrees.

Three men were telling one another how they refused to believe anything which they could not understand. A wise Christian overheard them and said, "On my way here today I saw geese, pigs, cows and sheep eating grass. Do you believe that?" They all said, "Yes." Then he said, "Yet the grass produced feathers on the geese, bristles on the pigs, hair on the cows and wool on the sheep. Do you believe that?" And they all said, "Yes." Then he said, "Now can you explain it?" There are many things in this world that we cannot explain. That does not mean that it does not exist. It only means that we are limited and God is sovereign. □



# NEWS & VIEWS

## EMPHASIS ON EVANGELISM PERMEATES ANNUAL MEETING OF BAPTIST ALLIANCE

LOUISVILLE, Ky. USA—The Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance gave major attention during its 1974 annual session here (August 4-9) to plan for the 13th Baptist World Congress scheduled for July 8-13, 1975 in Stockholm, Sweden. This included proposals for revision of the BWA constitution, first adopted in 1905.

A total of 216 persons from 25 nations participated in meetings of the Executive Committee, five study commissions, and a variety of smaller committees on the campus of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. This seminary, incidentally, had been the training ground for four of 13 presidents in BWA's 69 year history: Edgar Young Mullins, C. Oscar Johnson, Joao F. Soren, and V. Carney Hargroves.

Three new organizations—the Bolivian Baptist Convention, the Baptist Convention of Guiana, and the African Baptist Assembly of Bolivia—were voted into the Alliance's membership. This brings the BWA constituency to 98 members bodies in 75 countries. Only national indigenous organizations are eligible.

The Alliance secretariat, headed by General Secretary Robert S. Denny, announced also that Baptist churches in 140 nations and dependencies reported a membership of 33,492,813 baptized believers as of January 1974. This is an increase of 2.25 per cent during 1973. Statistician Carl W. Tiller projected this membership figure to mean a total international Baptist "community" of 63,561,445. This larger figure includes persons reached by the work of the churches but not included in the baptized membership.

Major proposals of a Committee on Structural Changes, chaired by David S. Russell of England, would seek to establish regional "areas" within the world structure, designed to take the Alliance to the people in their home areas and facilitate the cooperation of Baptist peoples within geographical zones.

A majority vote from the floor suggested addition of "evangelism and education" as a fourth major division within the Alliance structure. Other divisions listed by the committee and

actually in effect for many years are communications, relief and development, and study and research.

All proposals reported by Russell and tentatively approved by the Executive Committee will be incorporated in a revised constitution submitted to the 1975 congress in Stockholm for acceptance or rejection.

Gerhard Claas, of West Germany, reported for the program committee looking toward next July's congress in Stockholm. A format providing emphases on Bible study (by language groups), on inspirational messages, on discussion forums, and on international fellowship was approved. The congress theme will be "New People for a New World—Through Christ." The theme is seen as a climax to the World Mission of Reconciliation Through Jesus Christ, which has encouraged member bodies to promote reconciliation (man with God and man with man) in their own ways since the 1970 congress in Tokyo.

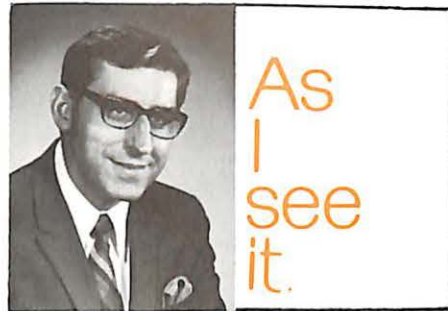
The 1975 theme is based on 2 Corinthians 5:17, part of the same paragraph of the 2 Corinthians 5:19 verse from which the 1970 theme "Reconciliation Through Christ" was taken.

Joseph B. Underwood, chairman of the World Mission of Reconciliation steering commission, reported that 98 conventions and unions in 85 countries have participated officially. Unprecedented gains in evangelism have been noted, including thousands of baptisms in such scattered areas as Nigeria, India, and Brazil.

Underwood said that more than 20,000 "first time decisions" have been reported in Nigeria, including tribal chiefs and kings.

"Similar responsiveness to the gospel of Christ in many other countries of Africa," Underwood noted, "has caused students of that continent, who a few years ago predicted that the entire continent would be Muslim by the year 2000, to revise their predictions with the belief that if present trends continue, by the year 2000 Africa south of the Sahara will perhaps be the world's most Christian continent."

Treasurer Fred B. Rhodes reported that a shortfall of contributions caused the BWA's headquarters office to operate at a small deficit in 1973, but that good management indicated that 1974 accounts will about balance if income continues as expected. A budget of \$228,500 was approved for 1975, a figure Rhodes estimated as much too meager for a world organization. □



by Paul H. Siewert

I am delighted at how God provides fresh ministries to his church. A couple of months ago our church had the privilege of offering a new seminar called "Christian Reality", taught by Henry Teichrob, a member of one of our Conference churches in Regina, Saskatchewan, to our church membership. It was nothing short of a unique delight in the Lord.

Henry Teichrob is a former High School science teacher and administrator. Henry, and his wife Freda, were both touched by God in the spiritual awakening that caused many Christians in Western Canada to commit their lives anew to the Lordship of Christ. Through many personal encounters in revival fellowship meetings and prayer room activities in the Sutera Crusades, unique insights into God's way of meeting people became evident to the Teichrobs. This seminar consequently grew out of a deep concern to share these truths with those who honestly desire to make the Lordship of Christ a reality in their daily experiences.

Personally, I'm delighted in the way God has selected this Christian brother for this ministry. To me this seminar is easily comparative to the Bill Gothard seminar tradition. Because of its abbreviated form and personal thrust, it is most suited for the local church. Consequently, it bears my highest commendations. □

*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

A husband who was experiencing marital troubles was asked, "Were you married by the justice of the peace?" "Yes," came the doleful reply, "but they should have called him the secretary of war." □

■ The address lists of the subscribers to the BAPTIST HERALD and DER SENDBOTE have been fed into a computer. The computerized mailing system will hopefully cut down on many man hours and will speed up the processing of address changes. Please, check the address label on this and the next issues and report any errors with corrections.

Thank you for your cooperation.  
The Editor

■ The Rev. George W. Lang, library administrator and instructor in Missions at North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S.D., received the Master of Library Science (M.L.S.) degree

from University of Oklahoma. Congratulations!

■ The Rev. Klaus H. Tonn has accepted the call to the Grant Park Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Man. He previously served the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Ebenezer, Saskatchewan.

■ The Rev. Kenneth L. Howe, since 1967 minister of education at the Oak Street Baptist Church, Burlington, Iowa, has resigned from his position. He has accepted the call of a non-N.A.B. church.

■ The Rev. John Reimer, who has served from 1972-74 as interim pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Wood-

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side, N.Y., is now serving the Missionary Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio.

■ Dr. David W. Lake, former short-term missionary to Cameroon, is now serving the Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta., as director of Christian Education.

■ The Rev. Jack Dundas, since 1970 pastor of the Garfield Baptist Church, Utica, Mich., has terminated his ministry, Sept. 15. His future plans are not known.

■ The Rev. Raymond P. Yahn, since 1966 pastor of the Riverview Baptist Church, West St. Paul, Minn., has terminated his ministry in fall of 1974.

■ The Rev. Waldemar Ertis has accepted the call of the Grace Baptist Church, Kelowna, B.C., effective Feb. 9, 1975. Presently he is serving the Immanuel Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta.

### INFORMATION, PLEASE

The Chaplain School has been tasked with an extensive project of producing an objective, comprehensive and up-to-date History of the United States Chaplaincy. The final product is envisioned as a five volume work describing the progression of the spiritual ministries in the Army from the days of the American Revolution to the present.

Chaplain (LTC) James H. Young has been assigned to research and write volume IV, and he is attempting to contact as many people as possible who served on active duty as chaplains anytime between 1920 and September 1945. He is vitally interested in the specific experiences of all chaplains.

Any related information should be directed to James H. Young, Chaplain (LTC) USA, US Army Chaplain Center and School, Fort Wardsworth, N.Y. 10305.

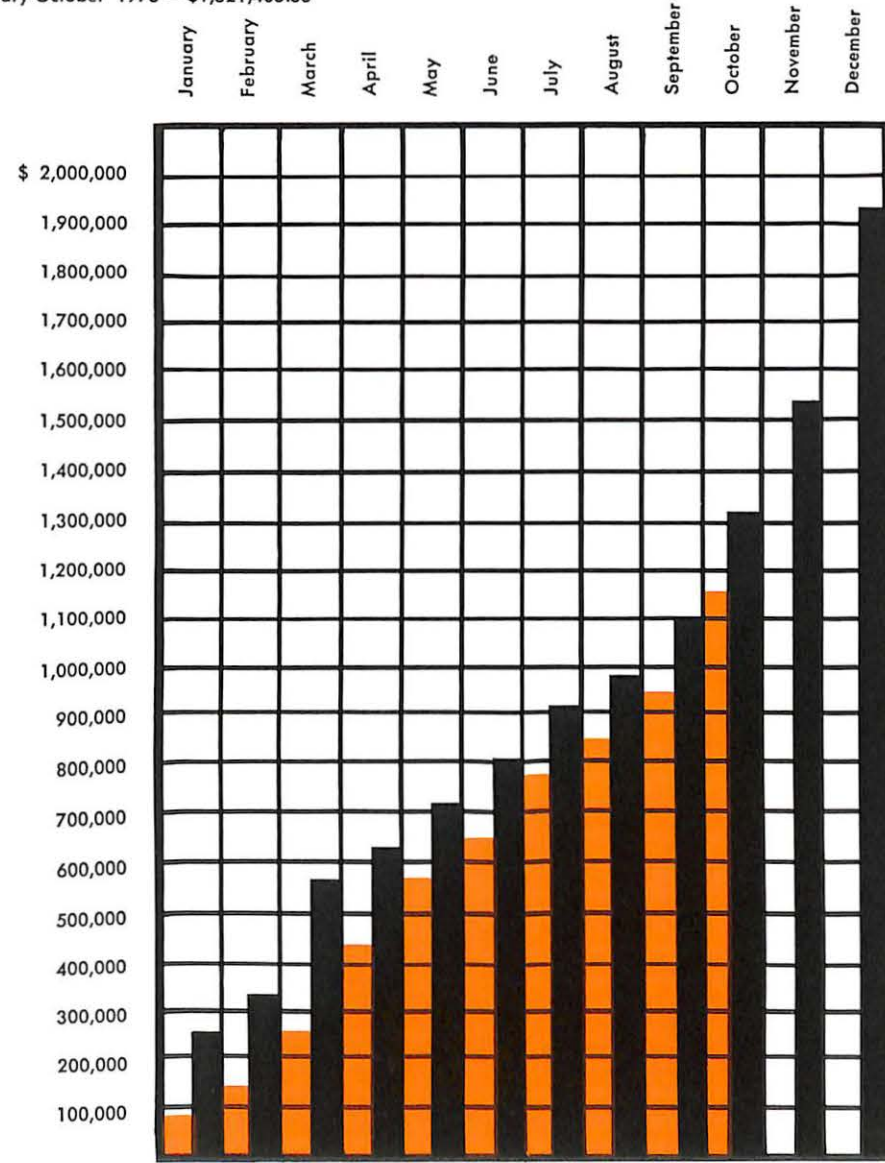
### THANK YOU, GOD, FOR ANOTHER SON

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were rejoicing because a child was to be born! Joy was coming back and anticipation was exciting. We knew the Lord would give us just what we needed. May was to be the month, the same month Wally had been born. Then it happened—May 17, 1973—a son was born! God was right there! His love is so real! We continue to praise and thank God for Ryan Wesley. We know God will use him for his glory. Another son! Thank you, God! □

### OUR STEWARDSHIP RECORD/NAB BASIC MISSION PROGRAM

Total for ten months  
January-October 1974 — \$1,188,158.14  
January-October 1973 — \$1,321,405.33  
Goal for 1974 — \$1,974,000



Color line for 1974; black line for 1973





## FALSE BEAMS OF A RISING MOON

"We have a perfect God, and his children have to be even more perfect."

"I have been in heaven and I have been given the power to see and understand the plan of God."

Those are a few of the "utterances of wisdom" with which the Reverend Sun Myung Moon bombards his audience, about 1000 people, attending the dinner at Chicago's plush Palmer House. Civic and religious leaders have been invited. Each table is hosted by one of Reverend Moon's so-called international missionaries. Rev. and Mrs. B. C. Schreiber and I have ventured to come here, in order to find out more about this new movement, called The Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity, or short, Unification Church. Besides our host, Fritz from Germany, there is seated a group of Baptist General Conference executives at our table. While we are enjoying our roast prime rib of beef, stuffed baked potatoes and string beans with mushrooms, Fritz, a neatly dressed, friendly and very polite young man of about 22 years, is lecturing to us.

We learn that on Easter morning in 1936, while the 16-year-old Sun Myung Moon was in prayer on a mountainside in

Korea, Jesus Christ appeared to him to reveal to him that he had chosen him for a very important mission, to fulfill God's providence.

Just when we are ready to feast on Palmer House Ice Cream Cake with Strawberry Sauce, the New Hope Singers International begin their presentation. Their radiant, clean appearance is matched only by the quality of their voices. The choir members represent twelve nations.

They are followed by the Korean Folk Ballet. A writer for the Unification Church states that the ballet's "freshness and beauty are a delight as they express their love for God and man through joyful dance." Well, the charm and skill of their performance are a delight; but I have the hardest time to figure out how their dancing ties in with the proclamation of the gospel.

After a French quartet and an impressive drum act, it is time for the message of Rev. Moon, in whose honor the dinner was staged. For the next fifty minutes Rev. Moon, who speaks no English, but otherwise gives nothing away to Billy Graham for fervor of address, smiles, shouts, whispers and karate-chops his way through an address which has unselfishness as its main motto.

"This world is a training ground before we enter the spiritual world. Our training is a sacrificial life of love."

"The Unification Church is here to practice the way of life of God: selflessness of love."

Then Mr. Moon presents what he calls the greatest principle: "Husband is for wife, wife is for husband; parents are for children, children are for parents; family is for society, society exists for the benefit of nation; nation exists for the benefit of the world, world exists for fulfillment of God; God belongs to you" (exact quote).

Why are the beams that this Moon radiates false? Contrary to the Bible Rev. Moon teaches: "The crucifixion of Jesus did not take place according to God's will." "Jesus . . . can by no means be God himself." "Jesus was chosen to be the Lord of lords, but because he could not complete his work he was unable to attain that position."

Let us heed to Christ's warning: "False Christs and false prophets will arise and show great signs and wonders, so as to astray, if possible, even the elect" (Matt. 24:24).

Christians today do not need "The New Future of Christianity" as presented by Sun M. Moon. "Heaven and earth (and Sun and Moon) will pass away, but my words will not pass away." Christ's promise is sufficient for me. RJK



letters to the editor

**Dear Editor:** The only time I have ever written to the editor of the BAPTIST HERALD has been to express my appreciation for the splendid job that you and those who have preceded you have done in giving us an excellent denominational periodical.

However, this time I am writing to express my concern and disappointment over an article in the September issue, entitled, "Luther, please Shout Again!", by the Rev. Ron Susek. That caution needs to be exercised in this area is a point well taken; but as I read and re-read this article I couldn't help but feel that the author himself is guilty of excessiveness and abusiveness. Misrepresenting and generalizing about the beliefs and the experiences of others, on the basis of sighting a few extremes.

He downgrades personal experience and home Bible studies and prayer services, stating that: "too often they are no more than someone trying to pawn off his experience on others." This type of generalization is unfair and in my opinion very uncharitable. Some of the people in my own church, who have home Bible Studies and prayer services, are also among those who are my strongest support in the church, by upholding the preaching of the Word of God. They are excellent students of the Bible; and have led others to the Lord and brought them into the church, through these home meetings.

He quotes Jesus' words in Matthew 12:39a to downgrade signs and experiences; but what about passages such as John 14:11-12, Acts 15:12 etc.? In John 20:30, 31, John clearly states: "and many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ. . . ."

He states that Paul didn't suffer "for trying to defend his experience on the Damascus Way. He suffered terribly for preaching the historic word of God." Yet again and again we find Paul sharing his personal experiences,

and through them encouraging others to believe in Jesus Christ. The Gospel he preached could hardly be called the accepted historic Word of God, at the time he preached it. It seems to me that Paul could well have been accused of being experience-oriented (read Acts 26 and II Cor. 11:21-33).

The logical conclusion that brother Susek's article calls for would be to say that Peter was wrong in going to the home of Cornelius, a Gentile, on the basis of a personal vision that he alone had experienced.

Also, as I see it, Luther would be on the other side of the fence. The church was calling him the "false teacher", against whose teachings it had to protect, and I quote, "gullible people".

It seems to me that brother Susek might well take to heart Gamaliel's advise to the Jews in Acts 5:38-39. W. Sukut, pastor; Eldridge, Iowa.

**Dear Editor:** Thank you for "Luther, Please Shout Again" in the September issue of the BAPTIST HERALD. I pray God will use it to encourage and inspire every minister of His Word. It is a message that is needed so much today. Is there any possibility of getting some reprints of it? Sincerely, Mrs. Ralph E. Cooke, Anaheim, California.

**IT COULDN'T HAPPEN . . .**  
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Joan: I can't believe it! Thank goodness I'm too old to be drafted. But wait, I have a 13 year old daughter, who will be eligible for the draft and combat duty in just 5 years. What will we do then?

Anne: I don't know. That's something to think about! Did you read in the paper the other day that nearly all military installations are setting up free abortion clinics, since the pregnancy rate has sky-rocketed so high lately. They've discovered that since they started drafting women, their barracks have become like the co-ed dorms of the campuses—almost like a house of prostitution!

Joan: That's right. I also read in the paper yesterday that a young woman awaiting trial was raped in her prison cell by the man she was sharing the cell with. And that's happening here in our own city. There are no longer separate facilities in the prisons and reform schools. We may think, that it "serves those criminals right," that it could never happen "to me", so I won't think about it. But I know that shouldn't be our stand if we are Christians.

Anne: You know, so many of us have thought to ourselves "it won't affect me," but that's not true. Another neighbor lady of mine took a job at a printing company last week. She later found out that she is expected to carry huge bundles of newsprint to the press room. Her employer no longer is required to supply elevators, so she has to carry the bundles up from the first floor to the second. When she complained about the heavy work to the supervisor, he told her that employers are no longer required to limit the heavy work to men, provide elevators, or maintain adequate lighting and ventilation. The ERA has completely wiped out all the protective legislation it has taken years to establish for women. He told her if she didn't like the job, she could quit, but it took her so long to find this job, she's afraid to quit.

Joan: Oh Anne, I'm so ashamed. I remember hearing back in 1974 about the ERA and some of the things it could do, but I never did anything about it. I figured I was just one woman. What could I do? I never took the time to write letters to my congressmen, write letters to the editor of our local newspaper, sign a petition, or even pray about the matter. You know, I was just too busy. I had my family to take care of, meals to fix, other things to do. There was just no time to "get involved". I wish I had just taken the time, before it was too late. Anne, isn't there anything we can do?

Anne: I don't know. Maybe there is.

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This program is based on an article in the February 1974 Moody Monthly entitled "What's Behind the Equal Rights Amendment" by Rosemary Thomson. Reprints are available of the article upon request from Moody Monthly, 820 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, Illinois 60610.

The ERA or Equal Rights Amendment is an innocuous little document which reads:

"Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any state on account of sex."

The Equal Pay Act of 1963, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the Equal Employment Opportunities Act of 1972 already provide equality for women in employment. A major Constitutional Amendment is not needed to rectify this inequity.

President Nixon signed the Equal Rights Amendment as passed by Congress. To become a legal amendment to the Constitution, 38 states must ratify it.

If ERA has passed in your state, ask your lawmakers to rescind it. Nebraska revoked a too-hasty ratification in March of 1974. Several other states are considering similar action. If your state has not yet passed the ERA, write letters to your congressmen, stating your opposition. Write letters to the editor of your newspaper. Get up petitions. Talk to friends and neighbors and enlist their support. Visit your congressmen if possible. And, PRAY. Let's not underestimate the power of prayer. A few hours spent now may save a lot of heartache later, if the ERA becomes an amendment.

The defeat of ERA in Illinois in 1972 is another example of what can be accomplished through united effort. One woman contacted other Christian women all over the state, and the ERA was defeated. But, the women's libbers are persistent. They plan to bring up the ERA every year until 1979, until it is passed by the necessary 38 states. Are we as dedicated? "There is no limit of influence to a letter sent in prayer!"

Edmund Burke once wrote, "The only thing necessary for evil to succeed is for good men to do nothing." Let us, as Christian women, not be found wanting. □

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