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In 1978, the North American Baptist Conference will spend \$2.50 every minute (that's \$1500.00 a day) to support its witness and work throughout the world. Multiple ministries to thousands of people are provided by 103 missionaries and approximately 540 national Christian workers. Every minute counts!

If each North American Baptist would accept responsibility for at least 10 minutes—\$25.00—our mission work with people throughout the world could be maintained and increased. The message of Christ would be brought to thousands more in underdeveloped areas. Young and old suffering from disease and inadequate health care could be treated. Pastoral and medical training would aid thousands in their own countries to learn how to help themselves and their neighbors to a more Christian and healthier life.

The above two paragraphs appear on a bulletin insert to be distributed in our churches on Easter Sunday, March 26, 1978.

Your commitment in the past is to be commended. When I think of all that you have done to support the mission and ministry work of the Conference, I lift my heart in praise and thanksgiving to God. The goals we have adopted for 1978 are higher than for 1977. We will need more funds to reach these goals. We are looking to the Lord in faith to supply the increased financial needs. Your gifts are urgently needed.

May you find much joy in your heart as you decide to make a generous gift this year to the LAURA REDDIG EASTER MISSION OFFERING. You may give through your local church or mail your gift directly to the North American Baptist Conference International Office, 1 South 210 Summit Avenue, Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois, 60181.

G. K. Zimmerman
Executive Secretary

Dr. Laura Reddig typifies our missionaries. Her work as a nurse in Cameroon for 38 years portrays the love, compassion, help and witness which we seek to give in the name of Christ. Her enthusiastic account of what God has done in her life has prompted many others to join in the work and witness overseas.

Laura asks for our commitment when she says: "So when you are planning for your Easter Mission Offering this year, please remember to count your blessings and riches in Christ Jesus and share with a touch of real sacrifice your love and concern for the people of our N.A.B. Mission fields."



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Telegram From Our Brethren In The USSR

Christmas and New Year services were held solemnly and joyously in the churches of the Union of Evangelical Christian-Baptists in U.S.S.R. Joy of festival services shared with us well-known evangelist of U.S.A., Dr. William Bright. Several Western people accompanied him here for a three weeks visit in U.S.S.R. Guests visited Moscow, Leningrad, Minsk, Kiev, Tula, Klin, Vostryakovo, and took part in 12 worship services of local churches. They were received in Moscow University, in Soviet Committee for Peace, in Council on Religious Affairs, and had meetings with Soviet officials. At a press conference organized in honor of guests, Dr. William Bright said, "Everything that I have seen in the U.S.S.R. has encouraged me. I was convinced that God lives in the hearts of many people in Russia, and I have come to the conclusion of the necessity of strengthening confidence and mutual understanding between the people of U.S.S.R. and U.S.A."

Alexei Bichkov, general secretary of the All Union Council of Evangelical Christian-Baptists in U.S.S.R.

Alexei Stoian, Director of International Department of the All Union Council of Evangelical Christian-Baptists of U.S.S.R.

This telegram message was received at the North American Baptist Conference International Office on January 11.

Part I: Nigeria

My first visit to Africa in the fall of 1954 took me to our Cameroon mission field. At that time, we had only a stop-over in Lagos, the capital of Nigeria, where I spent a day and made flight connections to Tiko Airport in Cameroon. North American Baptists had no mission work in Nigeria in the 1950's. Warwar, now in Nigeria, was then still a part of the former British Cameroon.

My Fifth and Last Official Visit to Africa

by Richard Schilke



Mrs. Schilke surrounded by students and house parents at Woyke House.



Dr. Ron Hiller and family in front of their house, the oldest missionary residence in Warwar.

It was the farthest inland mission station in Cameroon and accessible only by foot or on horseback. In the company of the late Dr. Paul Gebauer, then superintendent of our Cameroon mission field, I trekked for three days from the end of the motor road beyond Ndu to Warwar. The Rev. and Mrs. F. Kenneth Goodman were our only missionaries at Warwar at that time. Dr. and Mrs. George A. Dunger had pioneered in that area from 1939-1942 and established the Warwar mission station.

Twenty-three years have passed since that first visit. Tremendous changes have taken place during these years in people, land and culture. But the needs of man are still the same: their physical ills need medical care; their spiritual ills

need the Good News of salvation in Christ. On this my last official visit as general secretary of missions, my wife accompanied me by request and courtesy of the Board of Missions. This was her first visit to Africa, and she greatly enjoyed it. This is my brief report about each of our mission stations in Nigeria in chronological order of our visit.

JOS: WOYKE HOUSE AND HILLCREST SCHOOL

We left for Africa from O'Hare Air-

quite different from our regular mission work and outreach. Jos is the capital of Plateau State in Nigeria, a city with a bustling and growing population of over 150,000. Because of its high elevation on this plateau, it has the most ideal weather of all of Nigeria. Plans for an international airport at Jos are in the making.

Our Mission was first attracted to Jos because of the location of the Hillcrest School, a cooperative school operated by more than a dozen different mission



Dr. and Mrs. R. Schilke meeting with the Mambilla Baptist Convention executive secretary, Rev. Jonathan Yep.



Chapel at Hillcrest School.



Outpatients at Warwar Hospital.



Dr. Schilke (left) with Warwar Hospital staff.

port, in Chicago, on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24, 1977, via Europe. The first weekend was spent in Belgium concerning mission matters. A few days were spent in Hanover, Germany, visiting relatives.

On December 2, we landed in Kano, Nigeria. There we missed our flight connection to Jos due to late plane arrival. We found lodging with SIM in Kano for the day and night and sent a radio dispatch to Jos, which brought the Rev. Reinhard Neuman and Dr. Ronald E. Hiller to Kano by car. The following morning we left with them for Jos. The road between Kano and Jos is good, and travel time is less than four hours. The stay in Kano gave us an opportunity to see SIM's Eye Hospital and Clinic, where our missionary doctor, Helen Marie Schmidt, learned some of the techniques used in eye surgery.

Jos is usually added as a "postscript" to our mission in Nigeria, because it is

boards for the purpose of the education of missionary children. Presently, it has an enrollment of about 500. I first visited Jos in 1967, accompanied by the Rev. Fred Folkerts, then field secretary of our Mission in Cameroon. That visit resulted in our affiliation with Hillcrest School in 1968. In 1969 a house was purchased. With some remodeling, it served as a hostel for our missionary children. It was named "Woyke House" in memory of Mrs. Chris Woyke. The Rev. and Mrs. Harold F. Lang, Cameroon missionaries, were transferred to Nigeria and became the first houseparents, 1970-1972. During the time the Rev. and Mrs. Peter Schroeder were houseparents (1973-77), Woyke House was enlarged to a maximum capacity of 20 children. On the property, Peter Schroeder also built a duplex, one side is occupied by the Lang family and the other side is a teacher's residence, occupied by Miss Carla J. Braun, short-

term missionary teaching at Hillcrest. Harold Lang has been the chaplain of Hillcrest School since 1973. The Schroeders were succeeded by the Rev. and Mrs. R. Neuman as houseparents at Woyke House in April 1977.

At the time the Lang family was on furlough, so we occupied their home for the weekend. While there, we received a good insight into the needs of Woyke House and Hillcrest School. The Neumans are still in their adjustment stage and find many unexpected problems, with which in a foreign culture are not easy to cope. Going from their parsonage in Edmonton with one high school age son to a home of 14 youngsters



Happy faces reflected the joy over the dedication of the Bible Training Center at Mbu.



Mrs. Kay Schilke rejoicing over new-born twins.

(eight our own and six from other non-N.A.B. homes) was not a simple change. Slowly they are adjusting and are loved and respected by children and parents. Carla Braun's ministry is much appreciated. She adjusted well, loves her work and is well liked by the school administration.

Sunday morning we worshipped at the Hillcrest School chapel with the students, staff and friends of the school. The school's administration told us how much the Langs have been appreciated and with how great an anticipation they awaited their return from furlough. Woyke House needs some additional equipment to adequately serve the larger number of children. An additional water tank and a deep freeze to adequately store water and food were considered as emergency measures, and the children's Education Committee, meeting in Cameroon after Christmas, approved its immediate installation.

GEMBU: MAMBILLA BAPTIST CONVENTION CENTER

On December 5 we left Jos for Gembu with Dr. Ronald E. Hiller, acting secretary of our Mission in Nigeria in addition to his medical practice at Warwar Hospital. We had to fly to Yola, the capital of Gongola State, in order to have our passports stamped for exit from Nigeria to Cameroon. Dr. Hiller had made arrangements with the Christian Reformed Church to fly us in their mission plane from Jos to Yola and wait there until we had our documents in order. Then they flew us to Serti, one of CRC's mission stations, where we stayed overnight and had very delightful



Originally intended for the location of a hospital, Mbu is now the site of the Bible Training Center.



Two mothers had a set of triplets each, increasing quickly the statistics in their way.

fellowship with their nurse-midwife, Miss Marge Koiman.

Dr. Hiller had left his Toyota Land Cruiser in Serti on his way to Jos. Tuesday morning we traveled the 90 miles to Gembu over rough mountain roads in about four hours. At Gembu we were guests of the Rev. and Mrs. F. K. Goodman, whose home is to the back of the Mambilla Baptist Convention Center, which was built about four years ago. The Rev. Jonathan Yep is the executive secretary of the Convention. He studied at N.A.B. College in Edmonton several years ago on a one-year Schroeder Memorial Scholarship. A meeting with the churches at Gembu was not possible this time. However, the executive secretary arranged for a meeting with the General Council of the Convention upon our arrival. Mutual problems were discussed. Needs are always greater than what we can meet. There is never any hesitancy in making

the requests known. I trust that the frank and forthright discussion brought about a better understanding of our genuine interest yet our limited financial ability to help. It is difficult for the Nigerian brethren to understand that the Mission has limitations and also must follow mission principles. The Mission is willing to assist and to cooperate but also expects that within their means the churches do all they can. This they have done in a unique way, especially with regard to their Bible School.

In addition to the work of treasurer of our mission in Nigeria, directing the T.E.E. program and church visitation, Kenneth Goodman also gives religious



A new missionary residence at Mbu under construction.



Baptism in a stream at Warwar.

instruction in both primary and secondary schools in Gembu. This is part of the school's curriculum. Recently he saw a number of students accept Christ as Savior. This past year, over 40 of these pupils were baptized and added to the church. Wednesday morning was devoted to a visit to one of these schools.

MBU: MAMBILLA BAPTIST BIBLE TRAINING CENTER

December 7 was a highlight for the Mambilla Baptist Convention. This was the day of the dedication of its Bible Training Centre now located at Mbu. The decision to relocate the Bible School from Mbamnga to Mbu was made five years ago. The Mbu site, about three miles from Gembu, was the intended site for a hospital, and construction had already begun in 1970. However, when the decision was made to build the hospital at Warwar, the Mbu site had to

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Dr. Richard Schilke is general secretary of the North American Baptist Missions Department, Oakbrook Terrace, IL.



The new Baptist Church in Caxias do Sul in the Province of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil.

The Story Of N.A.B. Missions In Pictures

The most amazing mission story of all times is the expansion of the tiny group of followers of Jesus Christ into a world-wide fellowship, vaster in number than any other group of any kind in all history.

The North American Baptist Conference, although a relatively small group of about 57,000 members, has also seen a dramatic mission expansion over the years.

In 1947 the N.A.B. Missions Department counted 22 missionaries among its task force. Today more than 100 North American Baptist missionaries are serving in five general mission fields.

The photo essay on these two pages show some of the missionaries in their threefold ministries of preaching, teaching and healing. Their missionary zeal demands our unfailing prayer and financial support. Men and women have left their homelands to serve in foreign cultures and societies. We have sent them out, wishing them God's blessings and promising them loyal support. The Laura Reddig Easter Mission Offering is another outstanding opportunity to demonstrate our love for God and missions by giving sacrificially what the Lord has entrusted to us.



Three happy boys who heard stories of Jesus at the Baptist church in Camargo, Mexico.



There is no impassable road for the mission Jeep. Here it has taken our missionary to one of the low rent homes in Bento Concalves, Brazil, where church meetings are held.



Rev. Yukio Mahazono, pastor of the Matsusaka Baptist Church, Japan, preparing for his sermon.



Dr. Helen Marie Schmidt, missionary doctor, pulling teeth at Jikijem Clinic in Cameroon.



Dr. Richard Schilke, general secretary of the North American Baptist Missions Department.



Rev. Fred Folkerts, associate secretary for overseas missions.



Rev. Robert L. Sandoval, Rio Grande City, TX, Spanish-American missionary, preaching in Camargo, Mexico.



Mr. E.K. Martin, president of the Cameroon Baptist Convention, congratulating Dr. Laura E. Reddig upon her 38 years of missionary service as nurse in Cameroon.



Outdoor evangelism in Brazil conducted by the Rev. and Mrs. Herman Effa, former missionaries.

Missionary Wilfred Weick (center) acting as chef for his Men's English Bible Class in Japan.



Youth retreat in a beautiful Brazil setting. As they become disenchanted with State Churches and political doctrines, missionaries seize the opportunity to introduce them to Jesus.



Some of the ten Young Ambassadors of Japan who toured churches in U.S.A. and Canada in 1973. They gave more than 40 drama presentations, witnessing to N.A.B. mission work in Japan.



Dr. Ron Hiller and missionary nurse, Minnie Kuhn, treating out patients at Warwar Hospital, Nigeria.

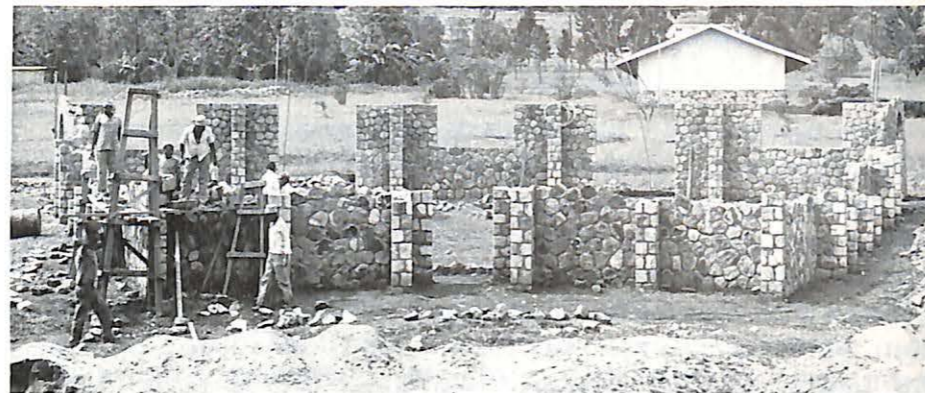
The Kom Baptist Vocational Technical College is situated in Belo Area in the Northwest Province of the United Republic of Cameroon. Belo Area has a population of over 30,000 people. Twenty percent of them are Baptist Christians. The college has a current enrollment of 246 students. About 60 percent of the student population are Baptist Christians. The college is alive in Christian activities. Students go out to teach Sunday school in the nearby churches every Sunday. Morning and evening prayers form an integral part of the daily lives of the students. Several choir groups exist in the college—thus students learn to praise God through songs. Eight students and one of the tutors accepted the Lord and were baptized on February 20, 1977.

In 1965 the Baptist Teachers' College was transferred from Ndu to Belo and became known as the Kom Baptist Teachers' College. Hardly had the teachers' program been well established in Belo, when the Government of the United Republic of Cameroon decided to cut back on teacher training. It became apparent then that the Kom Baptist Teachers' College was fated to phase out by June 1976.

Baptist Christians and Kom people began to inquire as to what would be done with the campus when the teachers' program would phase out. In the Baptist Bible and Grassland Conferences, as well as Convention and Education Authority Meetings, the issue of a good program to replace the former one was always debated. The Fon (King) of Kom made special appeals to the Rev. Fred Folkerts, who was then the Field Secretary of the Cameroon Baptist Mission; Mr. E. K. Martin, president of the Cameroon Baptist Convention, and the Rev. E. W. Yongkuma, principal of the then Kom Baptist Teachers' College, to give Kom people another educational program which could be a better substitute for the teachers' program. It should be noted that both Dr. R. Schilke and the Rev. Fred Folkerts were involved in surveying the possibilities of getting a suitable educational program for the Kom people.

After consultations with the Government and planning by the Education Authority of the Cameroon Baptist

Mr. Jeremiah Waindim is trained both as a teacher and minister of the gospel. He received training as a teacher in Cameroon and at the graduate level at the University of Northern Iowa in Cedarfalls. He also received training for the ministry at the Baptist Seminary in Ogbomosho, Nigeria. He is presently the principal of the Kom Baptist Technical College.



Schroeder Memorial Chapel under construction.

Convention, the Government of the United Republic of Cameroon gave approval for a Baptist Vocational Technical College to be opened as a substitute for the teachers' program. In September 1974, the first class of the Vocational

working, Electricity and Drafting. It is dedicated to preparing students for the world of work on a sound Christian and general education background. It provides opportunities for students to prepare themselves for the General Cer-

by J. Waindim **Kom Baptist Technical College**

DEDICATED TO PREPARE STUDENTS FOR THE WORLD OF WORK



Jeremiah Waindim.

Technical program was started by Mr. Jeremiah N. Waindim. During the first two years, the Vocational Technical program was run concurrently with the teachers' program, which finally phased out in June 1976. The Vocational Technical program entered its fourth year in September 1977. It is a five-year program.

The college offers Vocational Agriculture, Home Economics, Business Education, Building Construction, Woodworking, Auto Mechanics, Metal-

working, Electricity and Drafting. It is dedicated to preparing students for the world of work on a sound Christian and general education background. It provides opportunities for students to prepare themselves for the General Cer-

tificate of Education also. It further recognizes the fact that many youth are mindful only of selecting and preparing for a vocation which they wish to make their life's work—thus it provides such opportunities also. As we look back to what has already been achieved with limited finances during the past three years, we see God's total participation and involvement in the supply of leadership and materials required for the achievement. The construction of the college workshop is worthy to note. It contains adequate classroom space for the trades, two lecture rooms and two offices. The Executive Council of the Cameroon Baptist Convention gave about one million francs for the roofing of the workshop. The construction of the Schroeder Memorial Chapel is in progress. We thank Christian friends in the North American Baptist Conference, particularly the late Gary Schroeder's family, for financing the construction of a Chapel which will be a place of worship and Christian activities for over 500 students. Already the \$2,500 Special Project for 1977 for the equipment of the workshop has been met. Another Special Project of \$2,500 is approved for 1978.

The students have already enjoyed the services of Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis Schlafmann who have recently been trans-

ferred to the Baptist Central Treasury. God blessed the Schlafmanns with a baby girl when they were tutors in our college. She was named Ngwe Nakom (Nakom means "the mother of the Kom tribe"), after the mother of the late Fon Nsom Ngwe who gave the CBM our college land. Presently, the Berndt Lemkes are serving with us. Berndt is the tutor in Building Construction and Woodworking. He is also our manager and the builder of the Schroeder Memorial Chapel. Lily Lemke is responsible for student health. We have found these families a real help through their Christian influence and involvement in their assigned responsibilities.

In order that we may continue to improve and expand our program, we need more missionary instructors from all walks of life. Some may have little formal education but much practical experience and skill in their particular vocational areas, while others may have a great deal of formal education in conjunction with their special skills. The college is in dire need of more missionary instructors with practical experience and skill in the following vocational areas: Agriculture, Auto Mechanics, Metalworking and Woodworking; instructors adequately qualified to teach Business Education, Agriculture, Home Economics, Building Construction, Woodworking, Metalworking and Electricity. The college is also in dire need of technical books for use in its library.

While we are appreciative of the con-

tribution the North American Baptists have already made toward the educational program of the Cameroon Baptist Convention, we ask God to speak to individuals, groups or congregations to adopt the Special Project for 1978 of \$2,500.00 approved by the Board of Missions for the equipment of the Kom Baptist Vocational Technical College workshop.

Striking activities of our college have placed it among some of the best institutions in the Province during the 1975/76 and 1976/77 school years. Students enjoyed wiring the workshop, making buckets, building their kiln, wash places, and chicken pen, and raising many varieties of vegetables for food and some income. The Kom Baptist Vocational Technical College is an approved vocational college. It is renowned for its sports and agricultural programs in the Northwest Province of Cameroon. In sports our students took active part at the local and national levels, winning a medal for the school. In Agriculture, we have been awarded a second prize for sheep breeding during the Kom/Bum Mini Festival of the Arts and Agriculture at Fundong. Our college was also placed first in Home Economics and Metalworking display. Last year our college was placed third in the Competition for the National Grand Prize for Manual Labour in the Northwest Province in Cameroon. We are confident and working hard to win the first prize next year. □



Students tending cattle.



Student making bricks.



Students involved in metal work.

Market Day in Cameroon

by Marilyn Schlafmann

Stepping from the car, my boots slither in the soft mud, and I gingerly make my way to the entrance of the market. Already people are arranging their wares in neat stacks in hopes of attracting business their way. Soap, cigarettes, tinned tomatoes and fish . . . We hurry past, toward the solitary stall which supplies us with fresh vegetables sold there once every week. There, under his canopy of zinc, the man displays his tomatoes, lettuce, peppers, carrots, green beans and cabbage in piles on the ground or in large burlap bags, carried in from the countryside on his head.

Waiting my turn, I observe the people around me. In line ahead of me are the cooks of other missionaries and volunteers, eager to pick out the best and return to prepare dinner. Everywhere people are busily setting up attractive displays of food products, toiletries or cloth. There is much laughter, mingled with heated bargaining for some desired purchase.

On to the open air market, filled with chattering women, seated on mats on the ground with their spinach, yams, okra, pineapples and guavas spread before them. I hear calls of "white man" and "good morning, Madame;" it is a happy, friendly place. From babies at the breast to old women, it is crowded and alive. The colorful Pidgen English is interspersed with local dialects and French. Everyone is delighted to see Melody, nine months old and contentedly watching all from her secure position on my back. Of course they think she is a boy, because her ears are not pierced, but they are pleased that we have been blessed with a child while here in their country.

women's meeting

Friday afternoon, time for women's meeting, and my turn to teach. I again fasten Melody on, gather several Bibles, and off we go. The church is a good mile away, but we enjoy walking and greeting people as we go. Once there, we soon leave again to visit a delinquent member and to hold our meeting in her house! Songs, prayer, then the lesson. I am fortunate, for in this church, about seven women can read. Many churches have only one or two, some none, and the pastor must teach the lessons. We study together, then challenge the

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Marilyn Schlafmann is an N.A.B. missionary in Cameroon.

Family camps, overnight vacation Bible school camps, Japanese youth camp, English Bible camp, missionary children's camp—the summer of 1977 had all of these in various forms and places . . . by the ocean, by a quiet mountain stream, off the beaten track high in the mountains.

Learn what camp meant to some campers through comments given in reports from our Japanese churches.

Church School

Vacation Bible School Campers

"The sun, the sea—God gave them all. Thank you, Lord, for this wonderful remembrance of camp."

"The weather was good and camp was better than I'd expected. Because I was the only seventh grader, I didn't expect to have a good time, but I did. The campfire and swimming were the best, while crafts, on the other hand, were unpleasant for me. Our theme, 'Walk as Children of Light,' is difficult to do, I



Mrs. Akasaka teaching the girls in grades 1-3 at the Ise VBS camp. She is the wife of the pastor of the Ise Church.

think, because I get angry easily. But I want to walk as a child of light."

"Swimming, crafts, eating supper outside, campfire with a Bible story, and games . . . these are all happy thoughts of camp."

Japanese Youth Campers

"I'm happy because the other high school youth in my tent made decisions for Christ."

"I received blessings from the Lord during the quiet time held in conjunction with the sunrise services."

"This was the first time I was able to attend for the entire camp period."

"I learned a lot through the morning lectures on 'Happy Marriage.'"

"The Bible study lead by Pastor Murakami was good. We were taught how to compare passages of Scripture,

Miss Lucille Wipf is an N.A.B. missionary in Japan.

how to use a Bible map, etc."

"I consecrated myself to the Lord."

Vacation Bible School Counsellors

"By living together with the children, I could see them from a different perspective."

"I was able to fellowship with the children from the other classes."



Cookout at the Nagoya Childrens Camp.

Camp! Camp! Camp!

by Lucille Wipf



Lucille Wipf and campers at the Ise VBS camp by the Ise Bay (Pacific Ocean) in the background.

Family Campers

"There was lots of free time. I was blessed through the Bible study. I decided to begin having my quiet time again."

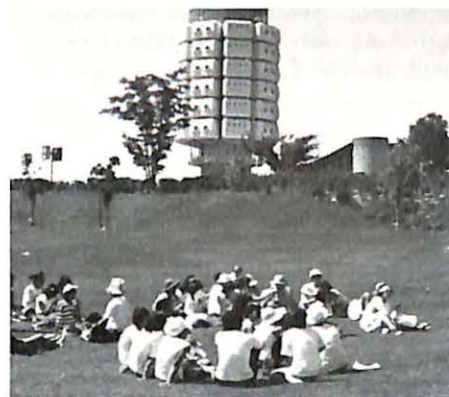
English Bible Camp

Learn about what took place at

English Bible camp through the report from short-term missionary, Susan Pahl.

"On a hot summer morning in July (the 23rd to be exact), about 48 Americans, Canadians and Japanese gathered overnight equipment together and headed out for the weekend. They came from Kyoto, Osaka, Matsusaka, Ise and Nagoya. They used various forms of transportation—cars, trains, buses, taxi, and even bicycles. At around noon, they all converged at Kibogaoka, a large recreational park with a youth hostel known as 'the Castle.'

"After an introduction to the Castle rules, we had lunch and headed out en-mass on bikes to the sports area. There we could choose from a large variety of activities—swimming, tennis, softball and biking, to mention a few. As the afternoon wore on, a tired group of people headed back to the Castle for supper. But after a refreshing bath, most people felt in great form for the



Game time at the English Bible Camp. The campers slept in the capsule in the background.

evening session including a film, some singing and a message by Douglas Woyke. All messages were translated into Japanese by Pastor Yukie Fujie. After this session, there was time for small group interaction before lights out.

"On Sunday we had both physical and spiritual emphasis, with Lucille Wipf leading a time of English fun and games, and Douglas Woyke again sharing from the Word. One of the theme verses was John 3:16. After lunch, we had some freetime to sit around, talk, play games and sing. The closing message was brought by Reimer Clausen. After this we had a sharing time when the campers could express what they had learned. Many showed a greater interest in knowing God and following Christ.

"A warm spirit prevailed in the camp so that when it was time to say goodbye, one wished that camp wasn't over so soon." □

The biggest event of this past year was supervising the building of and, on Nov. 16, 1977, moving into a new house. It is a lovely four bedroom Western style house. We praise God that a new home has been provided for us through his graciousness and all of the gifts which you have so generously given. Now we are only ten minutes from the Kansai Christian School, where Joyce entered as a first grader last September, instead of 45 minutes as in Tanabe. The Kansai Christian School is primarily for missionary children. This year there are 13 students from four different countries.



The Woyke Family.

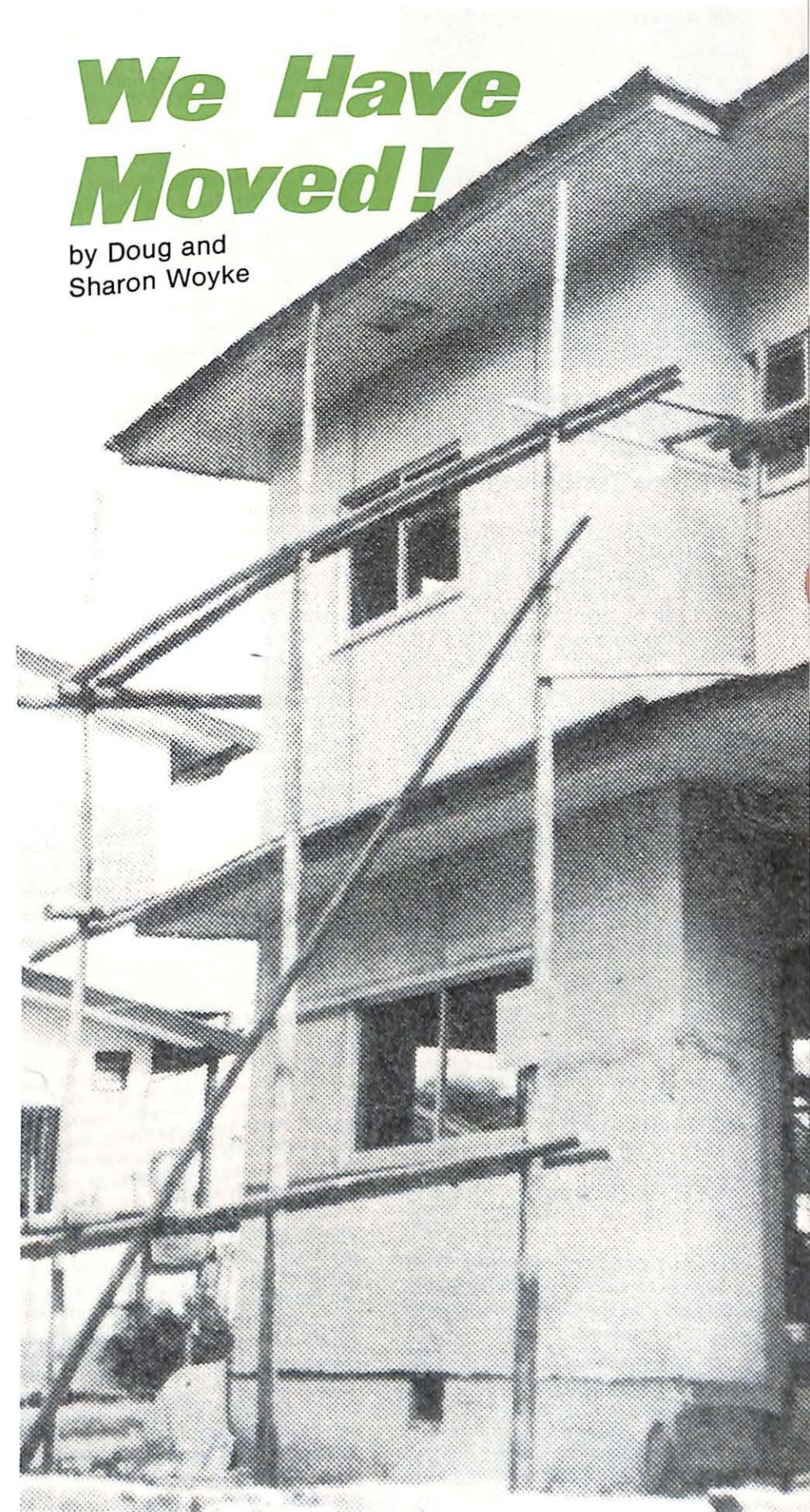
We are also closer to the Heijo Christian Church, where we continue to work with Pastor and Mrs. Shoji Nakae. Please be assured that your prayers for this church are being answered! Our church family continues to grow. We are into our third year. Now there are 11 members. On a Sunday in December, there was an attendance of over 30. We still meet in our small rented room, but we need a church building very soon. When thirty people crowd into an eight foot by fifteen foot room, it gets cozy! We praise God that church land will be available soon.

Please pray for our family: Todd in Japanese kindergarten; Joyce in first grade (and reading already—that's just a word from a proud Daddy!); Sharon—wife, mother and wonderful homemaker; Douglas—father, assisting in church planting, and mission treasurer. Our new address is 706-83 Mitsugarasu Cho, Nara Shi, Nara Ken, Japan 631. □

The Rev. and Mrs. Doug Woyke are N.A.B. missionaries in Japan.

We Have Moved!

by Doug and Sharon Woyke





Putting it together

by Ernie Zimbelman

The following question did not come in the form of a letter but as a personal question: "Many times I feel so much anger. I get very angry at family members. I can be angry at work. I feel so guilty about my anger. What can I as a Christian do about my "feelings of anger?"

My first reply to this person was: "Anger is godly behavior; therefore stop feeling guilty about your anger at the "feeling level."

Pick up any concordance, and you will find many references to God being angry, God feeling and showing his wrath, and Jesus feeling indignation and anger.

Let us look at a few of these references which I have chosen at random. Numbers 11:33 (American Standard Bible) says: "While the meat was still between their teeth, before it was chewed, the anger of the Lord was kindled against the people . . ." Deuteronomy 13:17: ". . . in order that the Lord may turn from His burning anger . . ." Psalms 21:9: "The Lord will swallow them up in His wrath . . ."

Jesus also experienced the emotion of anger. Mark 3:5: "And He looked around at them with anger . . ." And in Mark 10:14: ". . . He was indignant . . ."

These are just a few references. What do they say to me? To me the Bible says that anger is a godly and a Christlike

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behavioral pattern. If God experienced it, it is godly! If Christ experienced it, it is Christlike!

Therefore, in order for me to be fully godly and Christlike, I, too, need to experience anger.

Now regarding the feeling of anger, it is as any other feeling, there is no virtue or sin in any feeling, per se. Sin comes when I do not act out my feelings in line with a godly and Christlike spirit.

The Bible has much to say about the misuse and danger of anger. In the space allotted here, I cannot begin to cover all the passages related to this subject, so I will use only Ephesians 4:26: "Be angry and yet do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger."

Three comments: First, we are commanded to be angry. There is no end of evil and frustration in this world. A person who does not feel anger is not for real. But in our anger we must not sin.

Of all the emotions a person can experience, most of us see and experience strong anger more than anything else. The Bible frequently cautions about being "slow to anger" (James 1:20, Titus 1:7).

Also, when Paul in Ephesians says, ". . . do not let the sun go down on your anger . . .," he knows that anger that is held onto turns into hostility, resentment and deep bitterness. This can destroy us not only spiritually but also physically. Hypertension, ulcers, depression, and many other diseases are related to bitterness.

Anger can be such a simple emotion. Little babies only a few weeks old can feel and show anger. In the threatening and competitive world in which we live, we will experience anger—either passively or actively.

We began with the question: "What can I as a Christian do about my feelings of anger?"

A. Accept feelings of anger as normal Christian behavior.

B. Accept responsibility for your feelings of anger. We do not lose our tempers; we throw our tempers away. Realize that you choose how you are going to respond in certain circumstances. You can choose to be angry, or you can choose some other kind of a response.

C. If you choose to respond to a certain frustration with anger, then be sure you do not use more anger than is appropriate. If a child spills a glass of milk at the table and you hit "the ceiling," and it ruins your day and the child's day, in my opinion you have over-reacted and "sinned." If vandals break into your house, destroy your furniture, and pour yellow paint all over, and then you "are fit to be tied," not only I, but God, would understand. But even then, you cannot nurse and hang onto your anger.

book reviews

by B.C. Schreiber

GOOD REPRINTS BY GREAT PREACHERS

published by Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, MI.

The Life of the Christian, Morgan, \$1.95.

Evangelism, Morgan, \$1.95.

Behold, He Cometh, Morgan, \$1.95.

The Growing Minister, Blackwood, \$3.45.

The Fine Art of Preaching, Blackwood, \$2.95.

12 Sermons on the Prodigal Son, Spurgeon, \$1.95.

12 Sermons on the Plan of Salvation, Spurgeon, \$1.95.

12 Christmas Sermons, Spurgeon, \$1.95.

12 Sermons of Comfort and Cheer, Spurgeon, \$1.95.

All of Grace, Spurgeon, \$1.25.

Devotions and Prayers, Spurgeon, \$1.25.

1,000 Devotional Thoughts, Spurgeon, \$6.95.

Lectures to My Students, Spurgeon, \$4.95.

And the Prophets, Chappell, \$2.95.

Ten Rules for Living, Chappell, \$2.95.

Chariots of Fire, McCartney, \$2.95.

The Greatest Questions of the Bible and of Life, McCartney, \$2.90.

Sermons on Old Testament Heroes, McCartney, \$2.95.

The Woman of Tekoah, McCartney, \$2.95.

Sangster's Special—Day Sermons, Sangster, \$2.95.

The Footsteps of the Flock, Morrison, \$4.95.

Anger is a broad emotion. It can run from having just a little bit to an overpowering rage; i.e., a situation may make me feel annoyed, upset, frustrated, provoked, resentful, mildly angry, mad, angry, very angry, violently angry, or raging mad.

The "amount" of anger is not what determines whether I have sinned or not. It's "what is the whole situation about?" We must learn to respond appropriately to our situations. □

YOUTH SCENE

YOU ARE SOMEBODY!

by Denny Miller

"Beauty, brains and money. Today, if you don't have at least one of them you're labeled a nobody. And which of us likes to be a nobody?"

I just don't buy that concept.

There's a saying that goes something along the line of "God made me, and God don't make no trash." I know that in God each and every one of us is valuable. God isn't judging us on beauty, brains or money when he deems us worthy beings. Think about this: God made us in his OWN image (Gen. 1:26). That takes my breath away. I feel I must be pretty special—we all must—if we're created after the likeness of God.

If such is the case, then beauty, money, brains, etc. shouldn't matter so much to us. We shouldn't be so critical of our and others' faults. We should be warm, accepting and confident of ourselves while remaining humble before our Creator.

"Sure," you say, "that's all good and fine, but somehow it doesn't change the fact that lots of times I feel ugly, worthless, lonely, stupid and inadequate—to name a few. What do you have to say about that?"

I'd like to posit that the work required to overcome feelings of inadequacy and self-doubt involves two types of attitudes: first, and perhaps primarily, your attitude toward yourself. In other words, how you visualize your own personal worth—your self-esteem. Secondly, and very closely related, is the manner in which you view and treat other people.

Do you constantly pick at little things in your nature, tear yourself down and chastise yourself for things you feel you've messed up? Do you remind yourself of past errors and rigidly compare yourself to others? If so, there's your mistake. I look at myself and real-

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ize my attributes and also my flaws. (Incidentally, it's a good idea not just to objectively view faults but also work on correcting them—becoming more "God-like.") Once I look at them I attempt to accept them. ("Okay, so I'm not Farrah Fawcett-Majors, and maybe I do talk too much, but God and I are working on the talking problem, and God gave me my looks. I know there is a niche in life for me. I know God is rooting for me. My friends like me for who I am; therefore, between the two of them I have 'redeeming characteristics'—even though they're hard to think of when I'm down.") Once a friend told me, "Denny, whenever you look in a mirror and feel like running yourself down, just tell yourself, 'Esther loves me. She thinks I'm beautiful. She says I'm someone special. And Esther always means what she says.'" It sure works for me. I can smile through my tears and face the world again.

Although you shouldn't really rationalize your downfalls, I think you should go beyond them. When you do something dumb or make a mistake, even if it is something as simple as stuttering in public or making an obvious blunder, you should look at it and know why you did it, how to avoid it and then tell yourself it is in the past. Commit it to God. Tell him your problems. Then don't dredge up the experience when you're in a similar situation. Instead, reassure yourself. For example, when I meet new people or am in a group of people, often I can just feel my insides freeze up. I'm nervous. I feel everything I could say would probably sound stupid and gauche. Instead of shaking in my boots and coming across as a deaf mute I take a second and rationalize, "I'm a person with something worthwhile to offer. Other people here encounter the same doubts I have. With God's help I may be able to reach out and touch someone—make them feel at ease. But if I don't, I can accept that and try again—everyone messes up sometimes." Then I take a deep breath and plunge in. Miracles don't always happen overnight. Again, it takes work. And it's not foolproof. Sometimes I still feel stupid, but I pick myself up, tell myself I'm okay and try again.

Sometimes reading your Bible and praying seems so hopeless because when you let yourself slip, God seems so distant and unreachable. Don't give up. Read a portion of the Bible you haven't read before or for a long time. Or read one or two passages in three or four versions and compare meaning. Use a study guide sometimes. Always say a short prayer before reading, even if it's just "Reveal your word to me; show me something that really applies to me." I believe in underlining passages that say

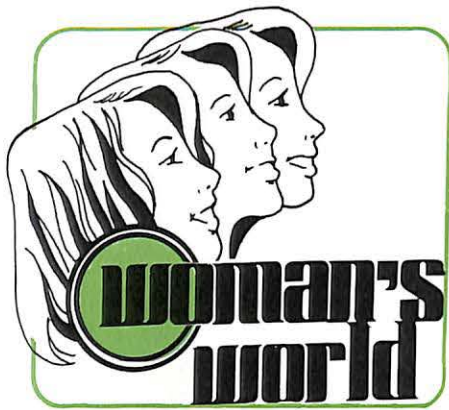


something to me. It seems to help later, if I'm in a similar situation again. Some verses I turn to for comfort over and over—and not always the traditional ones everyone seems to quote (not that they don't comfort).

Make your prayer a real and live situation. Don't assume God knows everything you do, so why tell him. Your parents like to hear things firsthand from you even if they know what is happening. So it is with God. Share joys, laughter, tears, hopes, dreams, prayers, emotions—everything. You don't have to save everything for the end of the day. You can talk to God as you walk to class or in quieter minutes at work, etc. Every once in a while I grab a pencil and list everyone and everything I want to remember in prayer. I read the list to God and talk a little about each person. ("God, I've told you about Mary before. Today I can't think of any special concerns, but be with her. Let her feel your presence and love. Help her to realize she is someone special.")

"Love your neighbor as yourself" (Matt. 22:39). I think it's a beautiful passage. Treat your friends and strangers as you would like to be treated. Give them the same thought and consideration you give yourself. But more than that, I like the "as yourself." Often we acquire the "such a worm as I" attitude. But the Bible teaches love, and in your tally of kinds of love, don't forget love for others and, equally, self-love. □

Faith is . . .
How would you complete this statement? We are looking for young people to do just that for the Youth Scene page. Type your "Faith is . . ." statement on one page, double-spaced and send it to Youth Scene, Baptist Herald, 1 So. 210 Summit Ave., Oakbrook Terrace, Villa Park, IL 60181.



Trusting God

by Sigrid Hoffman,
Vancouver, BC. Student
at N.A.B.C. and WMU
scholarship recipient.

"Do not fear, for I am with you; do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, surely I will uphold you with my righteous right hand" (Isa. 41:10 NAS).

I kept repeating this verse as I packed my suitcases to come to college. If only my faith would have been strong enough to anticipate what God was going to do in my life in the next two years.

Now I look back and wonder, how did he do it? He took my very personal fears and weaknesses and made them strengths to use in his service.

I began studying in the Diploma of Music program, thinking that was all the potential I had to develop. Now, through the guidance of the faculty at North American Baptist College, I find myself looking forward to completing my degree in Sacred Music.

It was so exciting to see God's hand moving, molding every area of my life. Perhaps the most obvious result of having God dealing in my life was when I came back home weighing 60 pounds less than when I left eight months before. What was my secret? I discovered that loving myself was the first step toward loving others more. Hating myself the way I did, I decided to discipline myself with God's support, and the results came.

I never dreamed it possible that I would look forward to a musical career in the church. Again, through the consistent, loving efforts of my professors,

I have been given the opportunity to serve in several churches in the Edmonton area and develop gifts I didn't know I had. As of January 1, I have been directing the Junior Choir at Central Baptist in Edmonton. It is a challenge and so rewarding to see children learn to enjoy singing as I had been taught when I was a child.

Trusting God for various needs has been another good lesson for me to learn. I would like to thank the women of the WMU for their financial support. I appreciate it a great deal. With it I will continue my studies and become more effective for Christ, learning to be confident in his love.



A Super Blessing

by Becky Heerts,
Parkersburg, IA. Student
at N.A.B.S. and WMU
scholarship recipient.

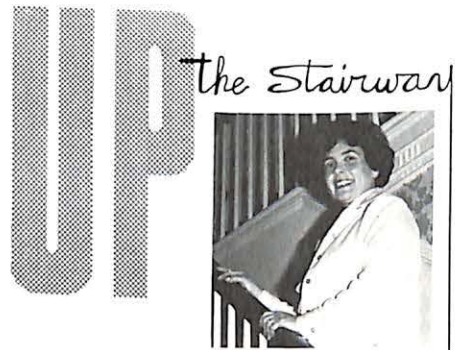
"To God be the glory for the things he has done."

These words came to my mind when I heard that I was the recipient of a scholarship from the Woman's Missionary Union. Last spring while still in Japan, I was pretty sure the Lord was leading me to our North American Baptist Seminary beginning September 1977, but by what means I wasn't at all sure! However, as I looked back on times in my life when I had felt specific guidance and then experienced God's complete provision, I knew this was one more time when I would prayerfully need to take that step of faith and let the Lord work out the details along the way. Well, he began to do just that—the parts began to fit together just like pieces of an intriguing puzzle.

I praise the Lord for all the rich blessings I've experienced since coming here. He's proven his faithfulness once again by providing a part-time job, allowing again the privilege of living with Carol Potratz (a senior at N.A.B.S. this year and former roommate when we were short-termers in Japan), giving opportunities for service and for sharing about our mission work in Japan, letting me meet friends from my years spent at Sioux Falls College and filling each day with meaningful relationships with professors, staff and fellow students through which I can experience personal and spiritual growth. The classes and activities are stimulating and challeng-

ing, and I just know they are good preparation for my future work in Japan.

Besides all those good things, Sioux Falls is close enough to my wonderful family in Parkersburg, Iowa, so that I can get in on family things during these two years of study, as well as visit my home church there. I came here expectantly, but little did I know all that God would do! Hearing of the WMU scholarship was like icing on a cake—a super blessing! I'd like to express my sincere appreciation to the ladies of the Conference for providing this scholarship and for the privilege of being selected to receive it this year. Such a substantial amount really helps in meeting expenses of schooling. May the Lord bless you through your giving and sharing.



UP the Stairway

by Dorene Walth,
W.M.U. president,
Sioux Falls, SD

Ascending the "stairway" with God is so good! Upon considering his benefits, I often think in terms of bigness and generalities—health, home, food, clothes and loved ones. Just for fun, I decided to list "little" goodies and free bonuses that God gives me. They are only captured and cherished by me, so I, alone, know their true value.

—The tug of a little child's hands on the hem of my skirt indicating he needs me.

—The nostalgic aroma of freshly baked bread at my mom's house.

—Counting the number of filled jars the day after canning.

—Waking up in the morning and remembering I don't have to fix breakfast for anyone today.

—Removing warm clean clothes from the dryer and folding them.

—Wearing something new for the first time.

—Feeling good after having written a long overdue letter.

—Opening the oven door or the "junque" drawer and finding it clean.

—The feel of freshly showered legs sliding across smooth clean sheets.

—A balmy, refreshing breeze blowing through my hair when it doesn't have to look groomed for the next 12 hours.

—Sunrays shining through the sparkling clean living room window.

—The chemically fragrant, clean smell after the weekend housecleaning.

—Opening up a new cube of butter to place on a clean dish.

—Stepping on the scale and finding I still weigh the same after overindulging on the weekend.

—Hearing, "Thanks, Mom!" for something I've done a million times and thought no one noticed.

—Offering an answer at Bible study and learning it was just the response the pastor wanted.

—Awaking to find the severe headache of yesterday gone.

—Knowing all day I'll have the evening at home alone.

—A song heard in an unexpected place or at an unexpected time—lovely enough to give me "goose flesh."

—Having the elephant at the zoo eat the peanut that I threw into the pen.

—Having enough. Kleenex, toothpaste, thread, gasoline in the car, milk, pillows for company, food for unexpected guests.

—Getting into a warm car on a cold winter night.

—Going to a "duty" committee meeting at church and finding it organized, stimulating and short.

—Finding a new copy of my favorite magazine in the mail.

—Spending a day "just looking" downtown or at the mall—and escaping a big department store without spending any money.

—Driving alone down the highway with the radio on—very loud.

—Eating on an airplane.

—Replying, "I made it myself."

—No little thing—discovering that Jesus Christ really is my very own Savior.

—Finding a Scripture passage that seems to be written just for me alone: "Unto you therefore which believe, he is precious" (1 Peter 2:7).

If I didn't know God, whom would I thank for these very personal gifts?

Who Decides?

by Dorothy M. Dunn

If all men Islands be,
Who then, does judge upon which sea
Each Island shall be placed?
If all men Islands be,

Who then shall plant the seed,
To grow within the soil,
A seed so good or bad,
The one of love,
The one of hate,
That stays to grow,
And thus does rule each man.

Who colors all the landscape,
To make the Islands black or red,
Or yellow face?
Who then decides, if white the color
best?

And so to One who does decide,
I pray,
To serve His purpose best,
To make my life a ship,
To touch each shore,
Of every Island that is man. □

A Woman God Can Use

by Joy Foster,
Kankakee, IL. Student
at N.A.B.C. and WMU
scholarship recipient.



All through my high school years I remember my father saying that he would like to see each of his children spend at least one year at our N.A.B. Conference Bible school. He wanted to provide for us the opportunity to study the Bible and be spiritually prepared to face the world.

Knowing that I wanted to go into some type of fulltime service, but not knowing exactly what God wanted me to do, I looked forward to that year of studies. And now I am looking with anticipation to the finish of my studies in the Diploma of Music. Daily I am assured that God wanted me here again this year, because he has supplied my needs. The funds that were lacking have been graciously given by loving people concerned for those preparing for Christ's service. Thank you for your concern.

I have learned very much spiritually, academically and personally, and I know it will stay with me the rest of my life. God has called me into a special work of his. I hope to continue my schooling, so I may become a woman God is able to use.

Investing In God's Work



by LaVerna Mehlhaff,
women's work director

I praise the Lord for the vision and faith of our women to have adopted a triennial goal of \$400,000. I praise the Lord for the faithful contributions.

Our women believe in the project which they have adopted. They believe in missions at home and overseas. Their response in support of the projects adopted shows their love for the work of the Lord. The united effort of our women has provided opportunities to assist in the support of many areas of our N.A.B. Conference mission programs. This would not be possible were each society to carry on a project of their own.

It thrills my heart to know that because you are giving generously, some of our young people are given assistance each year in their training at our Seminary and College. This school year three of our young women are receiving scholarships. The training they are receiving will enable them to become more effective in their ministry for Jesus Christ. Investments in the work of the Lord will repay many times over every investment made for him and his work.

The giving towards the \$400,000 goal will conclude December 31, 1978. God bless each of you as you give to him who so abundantly blesses us, his children. □

WOMEN'S MEETINGS

(Continued from page 9)

woman to return. She is given a chance to explain why she is no longer coming. After more encouragement, we go our way.

Walking together with the women back down the hill, I feel good inside. We are trying. We see many discouragements and many slide back to the old ways, but we will continue to try by teaching, exhorting and listening, and by being examples. We are watched closely to see how we live. It is not easy, because many of our ways are different, but our goal is to be loving, consistent, and free of sin. Our attitudes must be those of Christ, who loved all men as himself.

Are we happy? Yes! God called us here, and he gives us the strength we need and true joy in serving him.

"Hi! You probably don't think vans lead a very exciting life, but we know differently. We're 'Chester' and 'Bert,' vans that are the road homes for the two sections of the God's Volunteers team as they travel from crusade to crusade. We'd like to share with you just some of the things that take place in a typical G.V. week."

"Being the eldest of the two vans, I've seen a great deal of country while travelling with the follow-up section. I've always been known as 'Bert, The Brown-Noser.' Jim Calamunce is my car custodian, meaning he's my chief driver. He also keeps me clean and spotless. He sees that I have my regular check-ups. On travel days I have the big responsibility of getting the follow-up section safely to their next crusade on time! During the week's stay in each city, I'm often seen in the church's neighborhood, parked and waiting for the team to come back from their various calling assignments. It's really thrilling to hear the kids share their exciting experiences of the afternoon. One time I remember waiting a little longer for Brenda. When I heard her share just how her visit had touched and renewed someone's spiritual life, I realized the wait had been well worth it all."

"I'm a regular 'van of all trades' as the follow-up has equipped me with a



"This is me in the snow!" Chester, the music van.



Janice Streuber and Lynnette Hochalter.



The team completing paper-work from an afternoon of calling.



The music section singing in a home for the aged.

team a rest from their busy week's activities and gives them a good opportunity to relax."

"So you see, ours is not an ordinary life—because working and travelling with the God's Volunteers makes for a "van-tastic" time!"

the purchase of this trailer. Dave Robinson, my car custodian, really knows how to pack it well. How he gets all that gear in there, I'll never know!"

"After we arrive for a crusade, I just never get a moment's rest. Each day brings something new and different. The music section is off bright and early to radio, on T.V. stations, nursing homes, high schools, or shopping malls. One time we even went to the city civic centre for a special community Thanksgiving program."

"It's fun to go with the team on their "day-off" and take in the many sights and sounds. One time we got to see a beautiful waterfall in one of the canyons in the Black Hills. Day-off gives the

library, tape-deck system and snack-box that helps to fill our travel days with a flurry of activities."

"Hi! This is Bert's younger brother, Chester, speaking. I began to travel with the music section of the G.V. team in early November when they arrived in Chicago to record this year's album, 'The Body of our Lord.' What a busy time meeting them all! Little did I know I'd have such a big job! As if transporting them to and from Universal Studios for recording sessions wasn't enough, I also had to get used to pulling a trailer behind me, loaded with sound equipment and luggage. Contributions were given by several people from the First Baptist Church in Emery, SD, toward

OSTERN

Das Grab der Welt ist aufgetan.
Freue dich, Erde!
Gott rief die starren Felsen an
und ruehrt' den Stein mit Machtgebaerde.
Da sprang der Erde Tuer und Tor,
und Christ ging aus dem Grab hervor,
dass er der Herre werde.
Freue dich, Erde!

Gott hat der Erde neu beschert
Frieden und Freude.
Das Leben hat er neu gewaehrt
nach Kreuz und Tod und bittrem Leide.
Der aller Erde Schoepfer war,
ward wunderherrlich offenbar;
er gab und gibt auch heute
Frieden und Freude.

Der alte Feind, der Tod, ist tot.
Liebe ist staerker!
Die Welt ist frei. Der Herr ist Gott.
Gebunden liegt der Tod im Kerker.
Weil Liebe liebt, haelt Liebe fest.
Gott ist's, der liebt und nimmer laesst,
und waer der Feind noch aerger,
Liebe ist staerker!

Auch du, mein Herz, sollst heute sehn
Liebe und Leben,
sollst aus den Graebn auferstehn,
Gott will dich aus den Fesseln heben.
Blick nicht zurueck in Grab und Gruft
und bleib nicht stehn, wenn Gott dich ruft!
Nimm hin, was Gott gegeben:
Liebe und Leben!

Arno Poetzsch

GOTT SITZT IM REGIMENT

Vom Schriftleiter notiert

Waehrend ich diese Zeilen schreibe, schneit es draussen heftig. So etwas hat es in der Geschichte Illinois wohl noch nicht gegeben! Bisher hatten wir drei schwere Schneefaelle, darunter den gewaltigen Schneesturm Ende Januar, von dem sich unser Staat nur langsam erholt, waehrend andere Staaten, z.B. Ohio und Indiana, noch viele Monate brauchen werden, bis sie wieder zum normalen Leben zurueckkehren koennen.

Eine ganze Anzahl Menschen sind gestorben von der ungewohnten Anstrengung des Schneeschaufelns. Es gibt in der Chicago-Gegend wohl niemanden mehr, der sich ueber den fast taeglich neu fallenden Schnee freut. Die Reisebueros registrieren eine erhoehnte Nachfrage fuer Florida-, Arizona- und California-Reisen. An zwei Tagen in der vergangenen Woche konnte ich nicht zum Dienst fahren, weil meine Garage an beiden Tagen von einer fuenf bis sechs Fuss hohen Schneewehe blockiert war. Der heftige Wind hatte die am Vortag weggeschaufelte Schneemasse wieder genau an der gleichen Stelle aufgetuermt.

Mitten in dieser schneueublen Zeit erreichten uns verschiedene Postsachen aus Europa. Meine Eltern aus Deutschland berichten, dass sie so gut wie keinen Schnee in diesem Winter hatten. Meine Verwandten in Schweden schreiben von hohen finanziellen Verlusten in der Holzschlaegerei, weil aus Mangel an Schnee die gefaellten Baeume nicht zu Tal gefoerdert werden konnten. Andere Postsachen von jenseits des grossen Teiches haben aehnliche Meldungen.

So sehr ich den Europaeern unseren Schnee wuensche, komme ich trotzdem nicht aus dem Wundern heraus, wie es wohl moeglich ist, dass sich altvertraute Klimaverhaeltnisse so drastisch aendern koennen. Ebenso stark staunte ich bei meinem Besuch 1976 in der Sowjet Union ueber den vielen Regen, den die russische Republik erhalten hatte, waehrend das restliche Europa unter einer ungeheuren Trockenheit litt. Seit Jahren schon habe ich immer wieder das Munkeln gehoert, dass vermutlich die Russen an unserem Wetterumschwung Schuld sind. Ich bin zwar kein Wetterspezialist, noch kenne ich mich politisch zu gut aus, aber das will mir einfach nicht einleuchten, dass die Russen etwas mit unserem Wetter zu tun haben sollten. Vielmehr wird es mir zunehmend klar, dass bei aller Technik und bei allem phantastischem Fortschritt Gott sich einige Dinge vorbehalten hat, ueber die wir Menschen keine Gewalt haben.

Als zu Beginn der Menschheit die Menschen sich anschickten, sich einen Namen zu machen, indem sie "eine Stadt und einen Turm bauen, des Spitze bis an den Himmel reiche", da verwirrte Gott ihre Sprache: "Also zerstreute sie der Herr von dort in alle Laender, dass sie mussten aufhoeren, die Stadt zu bauen" (1. Mose 11).

Unsere heutige Welt ist staendig darauf bedacht, sich einen Namen zu machen, um von ihrer Staerke und ihrem Koennen zu protzen. Und tatsaechlich ist es den Menschen gelungen, die intelligentesten Computer und kompliziertesten Maschinen zu bauen. Kommt es aber zu der relativ einfachen Angelegenheit des Wetters, so muss der Mensch sein Unvermoegen eingestehen.

Waehrend ich das hier schreibe, schneit es zwar immer noch, aber ploetzlich macht mir der Schnee nicht mehr so viel aus. Jede Schneeflocke scheint mir ein Beweis zu sein, dass Gott im Regiment sitzt. Zwar kann ich den Schnee wegschaufeln, ihn aber am Fallen zu hindern, das kann kein Mensch. Und das ist gut so; und das macht mir den Schnee ploetzlich ertraeglich. RJK

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„Indem wir bekennen, dass Jesus Christus von den Toten auferstanden ist, bekennen wir unsere Hoffnung und Zuversicht, dass auch wir auferstehen werden. Die undurchdringliche Mauer des Todes, die alle Menschen einschliesst, ist an einer Stelle durchbrochen: da, wo Christus durch die Macht Gottes sie durchschritten hat. Es gibt nun einen Durchgang vom Tod zum Leben. Freilich, wer ihn finden will, muss hinter Christus hergehen. An allen anderen Stellen bleibt die Macht des Todes bestehen. Es kommt darauf an, dass wir mit Christus leben und sterben, um teilzuhaben an der Macht seiner Auferstehung. Es kommt darauf an, Glied am Leibe Jesu Christi zu sein (Eph. 4,15). Dann gilt auch, was Paul Gerhardt in seinem Osterlied „Auf, auf, mein Herz mit Freuden“ sagt: „Wo mein Haupt durch ist gegangen, da nimmt es mich auch mit“.

H. Ockert, „Glaubenskunde fuer junge Christen“.

„Nun aber ist Christus auferstanden“

1. Korinther 15, 20

*Die Erde erbebte, die Sonne verlor ihren Schein.
Dann Stille, der Gottessohn starb nach qualvoller Pein.
Er liebte, er litt, Dir und mir zugut,
Erkaufte die Schoepfung mit seinem teuern Blut.*

*Karfreitagsstille, ein heiliges Schweigen ringsumher—
In der Tiefe der Erde liegt unser Herr.
Verlassen von Gott und Menschen, fuer uns zur Suende gemacht,
Das grosse Werk der Erloesung, Christus, Du hast es vollbracht!*

*Und in das Leiden und Schweigen der dunkelsten Nacht
Griff Gott-Vater hinein mit gewaltiger Kraft,
Entriss den Sohn seiner Liebe den Todesgewalten,
Denn seine Verheissungen muessen doch recht behalten.*

*Entwaffnet, Tod — Hoelle, wo sind Deine Siege —
Du konntest im Tode nicht halten den Koenig der Liebe.
Er hat nun die Schluessel, Ihm gehoert alle Gewalt;
Tiefster Dank, Dir o Jesu, tiester Dank Dir erschallt.*

*Dein Sieg, o Lamm Gottes, ist auch mein Sieg —
Deine Auferstehungskraefte mir heute gib.
So darf ich froh durch dies Leben geh'n.
In Dir geborgen den Kampf besteh'n.*

Unbekannt

Nicht im Topf bleiben

Wir berichten in eigener Sache

von Doris Fehr

Das W.M.U. Exekutivkomitee traf sich am 15.-17. Sept. 1977 in Oakbrook Terrace zur jaehrlichen Sitzung. Wir sind dankbar fuer eure Gebete. Unter LaVerna Mehlhaffs und Dorene Walths gewissenhafter Leitung wurde alles Geschaefliche erfolgreich erledigt. Wir duerfen dankbar sein fuer die gute Zusammenarbeit des Komitees. Gottes Wort sagt: „Stellet euch nicht dieser Welt gleich, sondern erneuert euch durch die Umwandlung eures Sinnes“. Sind wir bereit dazu? Das muss auch unser Ziel in der Frauenarbeit sein.

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Auch du kannst das naechste Mal dabei sein

21. Alberta Baptist Women's Retreat in Banff.

von Elsie Wilde

Das Leben Jesu war wie eine volle Aehre, die sich tief beugte. Sind wir dagegen nicht vielmehr wie eine leere Aehre, die hoch dasteht? Jesus ruft uns zu: „Lernet von mir; denn ich bin sanftmuetig und von Herzen demuetig, ich habe Wohlgefallen an Barmherzigkeit“. Der Herr bietet jedem von uns ein kultiviertes Herz an und ein Leben, das so denkt, handelt, spricht und urteilt, dass wir Jesu Geist ausstrahlen. Viele Frauen geben sich Muehe, reizend und anziehend auszu-sehen. Es ist gut und wichtig, auf's Aeussere zu achten, aber das Ausschlaggebende im Leben eines glaeubigen Christen ist ein sauberes Innenleben, mit dem all unsere Taten den Herrn verherrlichen.

Konferenztage bieten uns die Gelegenheit, daran erinnert zu werden, dass es unsere goettliche Berufung zu dienen ist,

einfach fuer den anderen da zu sein. Wir sollen unseren Naechsten lieben, auch wenn er unsere Liebe nicht verdient. Es ist also die Pflege am Inneren Menschen, die bei uns immer oben an stehen sollte. Indem wir z.B. einer guten Gastrednerin zuhoeren und in der Gemeinschaft unser Herz und Ohr offen haben fuer die Freuden und Leiden anderer Schwestern, hat der Herr Gelegenheit, an unseren Herzen zu arbeiten, um den Horizont zu erweitern. Wir hoeren dann auf mit dem schnellen Richten und Kritisieren und versuchen, den Menschen zu verstehen. Wir wenden die Schoenheit eines geuebten Sinnes und Herzens an, die die Gefuehle anderer Menschen beruecksichtigt und Jesus reflektiert.

*Schoen ist der Mund, der nie sich sucht zu raechen,
durch bitt're Worte, die nur Zwietracht sae'n;
der lieblos nie bespricht der andern Schwaechen,
der Mund, der segnet, wenn die Feinde schmaehn.*

*Schoen ist die Stimme, die nicht Eigenwillen,
nicht Heftigkeit verraet, noch Ungeduld,
die troestend sucht der anderen Leid zu stillen
und ihnen sagt von ihres Heiland Huld.*

*Das ist die Schoenheit, welche nie veraltet,
im rauhen Sturm des Lebens nie verbleicht,
Und droben dann, vollkommen
ausgestaltet,
Die herrlichste Vollendung einst erreicht.*

Was ist denn der eigentliche Grund einer jaehrlichen Frauenkonferenz? Es geht uns in etwa so wie es unserm Herrn Jesus ging, als er auf Erden wandelte. Suchte er nicht die Stille, wo er ungestoert mit seinem Vater reden konnte, um so neue Kraft und Leitung fuer seine Aufgaben zu empfangen und in dem Willen seines Vaters zu bleiben?

Wir leben in einer Zeit, die von Unruhe, Druck und Eile gekennzeichnet ist. Und es ist fuer uns Frauen notwendig, auszu-spannen, um neue Kraft zubekommen, damit wir unsere Perspektive neu ausgerichtet bekommen. Wie schnell werden wir vom Strudel der Zeit mitgerissen! Es nimmt nicht viel, und ein liebloses Wort oder ein kalter Ton schluempft ueber unsere Lippen. Sind wir nicht manchmal mehr bemueht um die aeusserlichen Eindruecke, die wir geben, als um des anderen Wohlergehen? Satan ist staendig darauf bedacht, uns die Sicht zu ver-wischen, damit wir ja nicht danach streben, so gesinnt zu sein, wie Jesus Christus auch war (Phil. 2,5-8).

Elsie Wilde arbeitet als Predigerfrau mit ihrem Mann in der Immanuel Baptisten-gemeinde in Edmonton, AB.

BERICHTE UEBER DIE NORDAMERIKANISCHE BAPTISTEN FRAUENKONFERENZ IN FREEPORT, BAHAMAS, vom 12.-15. Oktober 1977.

„In der Liebe Jesu wachsen“

von Caroline Zeitner

Muede und abgespannt kamen wir in unserem Hotel in Freeport, Bahamas, an. Leider waren die Angestellten des Hotels der Meinung, wir wuerden erst am naechsten Tag kommen. Unser Zeugnis fuer den Herrn wurde auf die Probe gestellt. Nach langem Hin und Her bekam jeder ein Zimmer.

Bruder Andrew MacRae versorgte uns mit lebensnahen Bibelarbeiten, die uns zum Nachdenken brachten. Er stellte uns die Frage, die Jesus einst an seine Juenger gerichtet hat: „Wer sagt ihr, dass ich sei“? Zum gesunden Wachstum in der Liebe zum Herrn muss eine Erneuerung in unserem Glauben geschehen, gegrundet auf Gottes Wort. Die eigentliche Bedeutung in unserer Erneuerung liegt in der staendigen Verbindung zum Herrn. Gottes Wort zeigt uns Jesus, wie er ist. Wir muessen ein intimes Verhaeltnis mit dem Herrn aufbauen. Geheime Nachfolger Jesu gibt es nicht. Wir sind seine Zeugen hier in der Welt. Verspueren Menschen Gottes Naeh in unserem Leben?

Im zweiten Bibelstudium gebrauchte er wieder eine Frage, die der Herr stellte:

„Ihr nennt mich Herr und tut nicht was ich Euch sage?“ In der Naeh Jesu bleiben bedeutet Wachstum. Es ist eine gefaehrliche Sache, wenn wir unseren Glauben nur mit dem Mund bekennen. Frommes Reden ist nicht genug, sondern der Herr will voellige Hingabe und Gehorsam. Darum lasst uns hoeren und handeln, denn das gefaellt Gott.

Die letzte Frage traf den Nagel auf den Kopf. Jesus stellte, wie damals dem Petrus uns die Frage: „Hast du mich lieb“? Ist Jesus mir wirklich wichtiger als meine Familie, Freunde, Geld, freie Zeit, Beruf, Hobby? Vielleicht gehoert bei dir das Christsein nur zum guten Ton. Der Herr will den ersten Platz in unserem Leben einnehmen. Jesus liebt uns, er vergibt uns, auch wenn wir ihn enttaeuschen. An unserem Lebenswandel kann man erkennen, ob wir Gottes Kinder sind.

Andere Veranstaltungen trugen ebenfalls zum geistlichen Wachstum bei. Nachmittags gab es Gelegenheiten, in den verschiedenen Arbeitsgruppen mitzumachen. Die Themen dieser Seminare behandelten Gebet, Bibelstudium, Familie, Gemeinde, Mission. An musikalischen Darbietungen fehlte es auch nicht. Lob und Dank dem Herrn, der diesen Frauenkongress ermoeglich hat!

Caroline Zeitner ist Sekretarin-Schatzmeisterin der W.M.U. Sie lebt in Edmonton, AB.

An der Nordamerikanischen Baptisten Frauenkonferenz nahmen 126 Frauen und Maenner unseres Bundes teil, wie aus diesem Foto ersichtlich.



Persoenliches Zeugnis

von Isabel Nornberg

Die Frauenkonferenz in den Bahamas hat mein Leben veraendert und beindruckt. Das Thema "In der Liebe Jesu wachsen" hat uns in diesen Tagen intensiv beschaeftigt.

Anhand der Bibel versuchte Dr. Andrew McRae uns klarzumachen, dass Gottes Wort Realitaet in unserem persoenlichen Leben sein sollte.

Ich war beeindruckt von der Vielfaeltigkeit und Einsatzfreudigkeit der faehigen Leitung unseres N.A.B.W.U. Der Baptisten-Weltfrauen-Gebetstag wurde mir in diesem Jahr besonders wichtig, weil ich besser orientiert bin ueber die weltweite Frauenarbeit. Das Gebet verbindet und bringt uns naeher trotz aller Verschiedenheiten.

Unser Herr moechte das Beste fuer dein und mein Leben! Mir wurde klar, dass Gott auch eine solche Konferenz dazu gebraucht, mir Menschen in mein Leben zu schicken, die meinen Glauben staerken.

Ich moechte mit dem Psalmwort schliessen: "Wir sollen dem Herrn danken fuer sein Guete und fuer seine Wunder, die er an Menschenkindern tut, dass er saettigt die durstige Seele und fuehlt die hungrige Seele mit Gutem" (Ps. 107, 8-9).



Lillian Wong, Leiterin der Asian Baptist Women's Union und die Frau des B.W.A. Praesidenten David Wong, sprach zweimal zu der Konferenz.

*Gott, schenk mir klare Augen,
Der Menschen Weh zu sehn,
Und schenk mir feine Ohren,
Ihr Rufen zu verstehn!*

*Gott, schenk mir flinke Haende
Fuer aller Menschen Leid,
Und liebe, zarte Worte
Fuer unsere harte Zeit!*

*Gott schenk mir flinke Fuesse,
Zu dienen Deinerstatt:
Bis jeder meiner Brueder
Den tiefsten Frieden hat.*

aus dem bundeswerk

- **Rev. Arthur Kliever**, seit 1968 Prediger der Elim Baptist Church in Beausejour, MB, hat am 31. Januar seinen Dienst in der dortigen Gemeinde beendet. Seine Zukunftsplaene sind nicht bekannt.
- **Rev. William McLatchie**, seit 1974 Prediger der Forest Baptist Church in Winburne, PA, dient ab 1. Maerz der Hillcrest Baptist Church, in Cleveland, OH.
- **Rev. Milton Falkenberg** ist der neue Prediger der First Baptist Church in Gackle, ND.
- **Herbert W. Bachler** ist der neue Prediger der Southey Baptist Church in Southey, SK. Rev. Robert J. Reid diente zuvor dieser Gemeinde; er lebt jetzt in Grande Prairie, AB.
- **Rev. Wenzel Hanik**, seit 1976 Jugendprediger der Deutschen Baptisten Missionsgemeinde, ist seit dem 1. Februar Jugendprediger und Direktor fuer christliche Erziehung in der Pineland Baptist Church in Burlington, ON.
- **Charles Whims** wurde am 5. Dez. 1977 Direktor fuer christliche Erziehung in der Grace Baptist Church in Grand Forks, ND.
- **Rev. George Neubert**, von 1965-76 Prediger der Immanuel Baptist Church in Beulah, ND, ist jetzt der Prediger fuer Besuchmission in der Bismarck Baptist Church, Bismarck, ND.
- **Rev. Mike Holtzinger**, frueherer zweiter Prediger der Temple Baptist Church in Everett, WA, ist seit Dezember 1977 Prediger der Valley View Baptist Church in Everett.
- **Tony Ahrends** ist der neue Prediger der Immanuel Baptist Church in Loyal, OK.
- **Eagle Rock Baptist Church** is der neue Name des Neuland Missionsprojektes in Idaho Falls, ID. Rev. Robert G. Lennick ist der Prediger dieses Projektes.
- **Southdale Community Baptist Church** heisst die Neuland Missionsgemeinde in Winnipeg, MB.
- **Rev. Randall C. Tschetter**, seit 1974 Prediger der Turtle Lake Baptist Church, ND, dient seit dem 16. Februar der Ventura Baptist Church in Ventura, ND.
- **James Calkins** ist seit dem 29. Januar der zweite Prediger und Jugendprediger in der Napier Parkview Baptist Church, Benton Harbor, MI.

- **Rev. Robert Orr**, seit 1970 Jugendprediger der McDermot Avenue Baptistengemeinde in Winnipeg, MB, hat den Ruf einer Baptist General Conference Gemeinde in Winnipeg angenommen.
- **Rev. Berthold E. Milner**, seit 1971 Prediger der Meadowlark Baptist Church in Edmonton, AB, arbeitet seit Januar zusammen mit seiner Frau als Missionar in Kamerun, Westafrika.
- **David Wood** ist seit Dezember 1977 zweiter Prediger in der Ebenezer Baptist Church in Detroit, MI.
- **Rev. Ben K. Hulsing**, seit 1973 Prediger der Bethel Baptist Church in Sheboygan, WI, dient seit dem 26. Februar der First Baptist Church in Elgin, IA.
- **Dr. Wayne Peterson aus Milford, MA**, ist ab 1. Maerz der akademische Dekan am Nordamerikanischen Baptisten-seminar in Sioux Falls, SD.
- **Die Great Plains Pastors Conference** findet vom 11.-13. April im Nordamerikanischen Baptisten-seminar in Sioux Falls statt. Dr. Norman Archer und Evangelist Ron Susek sind die Gastsprecher.
- **Leonard Kageler**, seit 1975 Jugendprediger in der Ebenezer Baptist Church, Vancouver, BC, dient jetzt einer Allianz Gemeinde in North Seattle, WA.
- **Rev. Mervin J. Kramer**, seit 1969 Prediger der Sierra Baptist Church in Arvada, CO, dient jetzt dem Neuland Missionsprojekt in Brandon, SD.
- **Rev. Ron Hartman** ist seit dem 1. Januar Prediger des Neuland Missionsprojektes in Corona, CA.
- **Rev. C.T. Remple** ist seit Dezember 1977 zweiter Prediger in der Thornhill Baptist Church in Calgary, AB.
- **Rev. Fred Spreeuwers**, seit 1971 Prediger der First Baptist Church in Sidney, MT, wird ab 26. Maerz der East Side Baptist Church dienen. □

EINLADUNG ZUM GEMEINDEJUBILAEUM

Alle ehemaligen Glieder der DEUTSCHEN BAPTISTEN GEMEINDE [jetzt Thornhill Baptist Church] in Calgary, Alberta, sind herzlich eingeladen zum 25-JAEHRIGEN GEMEINDEJUBILAEUM am 9. Juli 1978.

RELIGIOESE RUNDSCHAU

Sowjetbehoerden geben Kinder zurueck

Drei Kinder sind in der UdSSR ihrer christlichen Mutter zurueckgegeben worden, nachdem eine Artikelserie in der amerikanischen Zeitschrift Moody Monthly ueber auseinandergerissene Familien in der Sowjetunion eine Flut von Briefen an die sowjetische Botschaft und den sich mit Menschenrechtsfragen in der Sowjetunion befassenden Senator Henry Jackson, Washington, ausgeloeht hatte.

Die Kinder im Alter von elf, acht und sechs Jahren waren 1973 ihrer Mutter, Zoya Radigina aus Perm, wegen "falscher Erziehung" weggenommen worden. Ihre Lehrer gaben an, sie haetten die christliche Erziehung der Kinder an ihren "oft merkwuerdigen religioesen Antworten auf biologische und wissenschaftliche Fragen" erkannt. Die offizielle Erklaerung der sowjetischen Behoerden fuer die Wegnahme der Kinder laute, so James H. Bowman, Redakteur der Chicago Daily News, Frau Radigina habe in keiner Weise ihren Mann daran gehindert, ihre Kinder sexuell zu missbrauchen.

Die Information stammt aus einem Nachrichtenblatt, das vom "Rat der Familienangehoerigen gefangener Evangeliumschrinden-Baptisten" in der Sowjetunion herausgegeben wird.

"Peking-Rundschau": religioeses Wiedererwachen der Sowjetunion

In einem Artikel, der sich mit einer neuen Bibelaufgabe in der Sowjetunion

befasst, verweist die "Peking-Rundschau" missbilligend auf die in der Sowjetunion zu beobachtenden "zunehmenden religioesen Aktivitaeten". Auch das altbewaehrte Mittel, so schreibt die Zeitung, durch Religion das Volk einzulullen und sich dadurch die Macht zu sichern, sei den Fuehrungskreisen der Sowjetunion heute recht.

Die zweite Ursache, weshalb die Religion in der Sowjetunion einen so guten Naehboden finde, liege in der Furcht und Hoffnungslosigkeit der Leute, welche nur noch im Glauben seelischen Trost und Hilfe finden koennten.

Neben der russisch-orthodoxen Kirche, der 60 Prozent der Russen, Ukrainer, Belorussen, Georgier, Karelner und Moldauer angehoerten, wuerden die roemisch-katholische Kirche, die protestantische Kirche sowie zahlreiche Sekten immer aktiver. Sogar intellektuelle Kreise wendeten sich wieder vermehrt der Religion zu, wobei als Beispiel eine Radarmannschaft erwahnt wird, unter der sich eine Anzahl Religionsanhaenger befaenden — ein Mitglied haette sogar ein religioeses Traktat an die Uniform angeheftet; Soldaten in Uniform aus den Armeebarracken naehmen an Messen teil, und einige Grundeinheiten der Partei "kaemen den Beduerfnissen religioeser Braeuche entgegen".

Christen in China

"Hoffnungsvolle Anzeichen" fuer eine Ausbreitung des christlichen Glaubens in

China sah Tatsun Caver Yu, Doktorand der evangelikalen Hochschule China Graduate School of Theology, Hongkong, auf der Studentagung der Arbeitsgemeinschaft Evangelikaler Missionen. Die unter Mao mundtot gemachte Gemeinde komme durch Zeugnis und Tat langsam zum Vorschein. Die wenigen Glaebigen "riskierten" zunehmend die Mission an ihren Genossen, sagte Carver Yu. Trotz Verbot und Reprassalien verstummten Berichte ueber geheime Gebetskreise und Evangelisationen in der Volksrepublik nicht. Ausserdem lasse die Verfolgung die Christen dort enger zusammenruecken, so dass eine starke Bruderschaft entstehe.

Carver Yu hielt die Epoche nach Mao fuer "unbewusst evangeliumsdurstig". Schon die Gedichte junger Leute zeigten eine grosse Traurigkeit der nachwachsenden Generation und damit Sehnsucht nach Sinn, der ueber die materiellen Beduerfnisse hinausgeht.

Allerdings muss nach Meinung Carver Yus eine kuenftige chinesische Kirche durch die Chinesen selbst gebaut werden. Denn die ehemalige Mission durch weisse Christen habe zu sehr den Makel des Imperialismus an sich getragen, so dass auch viele nur um des materiellen Vorteils willen Christen geworden seien. Das Martyrium chinesischer Christen habe auch zum Abbau der Spaltungen und zur "unkonfessionellen" Konzentrierung auf das Wesentliche des Glaubens beigetragen.

Fuer einen "Mythos" erklarte Carver Yu die westliche Ansicht, in China herrsche Religionsfreiheit. Ihre Garantie in der Verfassung bedeute nichts anderes als eine Farce, da der Staat die Christen unter der Anklage der Reaktion und der Menschenfeindlichkeit verfolge.

Diese Erinnerungen gaben der Familie am Sonntagmorgen einen besonders herzlichen und warmen Empfang von unseren Gemeindegliedern.

Der Sonntagnachmittag war von den acht Winnipeg Gemeinden der Manitoba Vereinigung mit Grussworten ausgefuehrt, so wie mit mannigfaltigen musikalischen Umrahmungen.

Gleichzeitig verabschiedeten wir auch unser Jugendprediger-Ehepaar Wenzel und Maria Hanik. Sie haben eine feine Arbeit in der Jugend so wie in der Gemeinde getan, besonders als wir ohne Gemeindeprediger waren.

gemeindenachrichten

Geschw. Alexander und Antonia Laubstein feierten am 31. Dez. 1977 in der Salem Baptistengemeinde ihre Goldene Hochzeit. Die Gemeinde hat ihnen ein schoenes Programm bereitet. Geschw. Laubstein sind seit 17 Jahren Glieder der Salemgemeinde in Kitchener, ON. Rev. Otto A. Ertis ist der Prediger dieser Gemeinde.



WINNIPEG, MB. Am 15. Jan. 1978 hatte die Deutsche Baptisten Missionsgemeinde die Einfuehrungsfeier der neuen Predigerfamilie Hoppe.

Welch ein Tag der Freude und des Wiedersehens, denn Bruder Siegfried Hoppe war vor mehr als 12 Jahren in unserer Gemeinde als Jugendleiter, Vorstandmitglied und ein Jahr als Studentenprediger taetig!



Prediger Walter Stein hat uns in dieser predigerlosen Zeit mit der Wortverkündigung treu gedient, so dass wir sagen koennen, dass der Herr unsere Gemeinde treu versorgt hat. Ihm sie die Ehre dafuer. Artur Arndt.

VANCOUVER, BC. Auch wir als Immanuel Baptistengemeinde moechten hier mitteilen, welch grosse Segnungen wir von unserm Herrn im Monat November empfangen. Pred. Kroguletz durfte mit sieben jungen Täuflingen am 6. November im Morgengottesdienst ins Wassergrab steigen. Die Taufbotschaft lautete: "Ohne Busse keine Taufe". Jeder Täufling bekennt mit seiner Taufe, dass er in Busse der Welt und der Sünde den Ruecken kehrt, weil er in Jesus das ewige Leben gefunden hat.

Am 11. November erfreute uns die Schwesterngruppe mit einem Missionsabend. Dieser Abend stand unter dem Motto: "Hast du mich lieb?" Lied, Gedicht und Floetenspiel verschoenerten den Abend. Es wurde ein Filmstreifen vom Bundeshaus ueber die Weisskreuzarbeit gezeigt. Anschliessend hatten wir schoene Gemeinschaft an reichgedeckten Tischen. Willi Strelau, Schreiber.

KELOWNA, BC. Am 18. Aug. 1977 durften wir Br. Harald Gruber als zweiten Prediger in unsere Gemeinde einfuehren und auch seine liebe Frau Jan Gruber begriessen. Am 25. Sept. 1977 feierten Geschwister Johann Stuerle das Fest der goldenen Hochzeit bei bester Gesundheit im Kreise ihrer Kinder und der Gemeinde.



Wir wuenschen dem Jubelpaar Gottes Segen fuer ihren weiteren gemeinsamen Lebensweg. Artur Arnold.

Die trauernden Hinterbliebenen sind ihre zwei Soehne Willi und Alex, ihre Tochter Herta Rist, 2 Schwiagertochter, 1 Schwiegersohn, 7 Enkelkinder, 1 Urenkel, 5 Schwestern in Deutschland: Martha, Elsa, Alma Gottschling, Lydia Weber und Wanda Schulz; sowie 2 Brueder in Deutschland: Adolf und Ferdinand; und ihr Bruder Edward in Detroit.

Die Trauerfeier am 5. Dezember fand in der McDermot Avenue Baptistengemeinde statt und wurde von den Predigern R. Goetze, W. Stein und Wm. Sturhahn geleitet.

Richard Goetze, Prediger
McDermot Avenue Baptist Church,
Winnipeg, MB

RAPSKE—Emil Rapske wurde am 11. April 1899 in Berestowitz, Wolhynien, geboren. Am 7. Sept. 1920 heiratete er Sara, die ihm am 16. Sept. 1969 im Tode vorausging. Der Herr segnete diese Ehe mit drei Toechtern: Otilie Kepp, Hedwig Ziesmann und Alma Senoff; drei Schwiegersoehnen und sechs Enkelkindern.

Im Alter von 23 Jahren wurde er von Prediger Martin Jeske getauft. Er wohnte bis zum Ausbruch des Krieges in Berestowitz und wurde in den Wartegau umgesiedelt. Am Ende des Krieges fluechtete er mit seiner Familie nach Deutschland. 1947 kam er nach Morris, MB, wo er sich der Baptistengemeinde anschloss. Im Jahr 1957 zog er nach Winnipeg und wurde ein treues Glied der Deutschen Baptisten Missionsgemeinde.

INHALTSVERZEICHNIS

- 1 Ostern (Gedicht) A. Poetzsch
- 1 Gott sitzt im Regiment RJK
- 2 Was Gott mit unserer Welt vorhat A. Pohl
- 3 Wenn Christus nicht auferstanden waere U. Betz
- 4 Die Seite der Frau
Wir berichten D. Fehr
Auch du kannst E. Wilde
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Eine kurze Zeit vor dem Tod seiner Frau schrieb er: "Hier auf Erden koennen wir Gott nicht genug danken. Am Throne Gottes in der ewigen Herrlichkeit werden wir Ihm ewig danken ohne Aufhoeren".

Der Herr rief ihn am 25. Nov. 1977 im Alter von 78 Jahren ploetzlich heim. Die Trauerfeier fand in der Missionsgemeinde statt. Die Prediger Walter Stein und Wenzel Hanik leiteten die Beerdigung.

Prediger Wenzel Hanik
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Winnipeg, MB

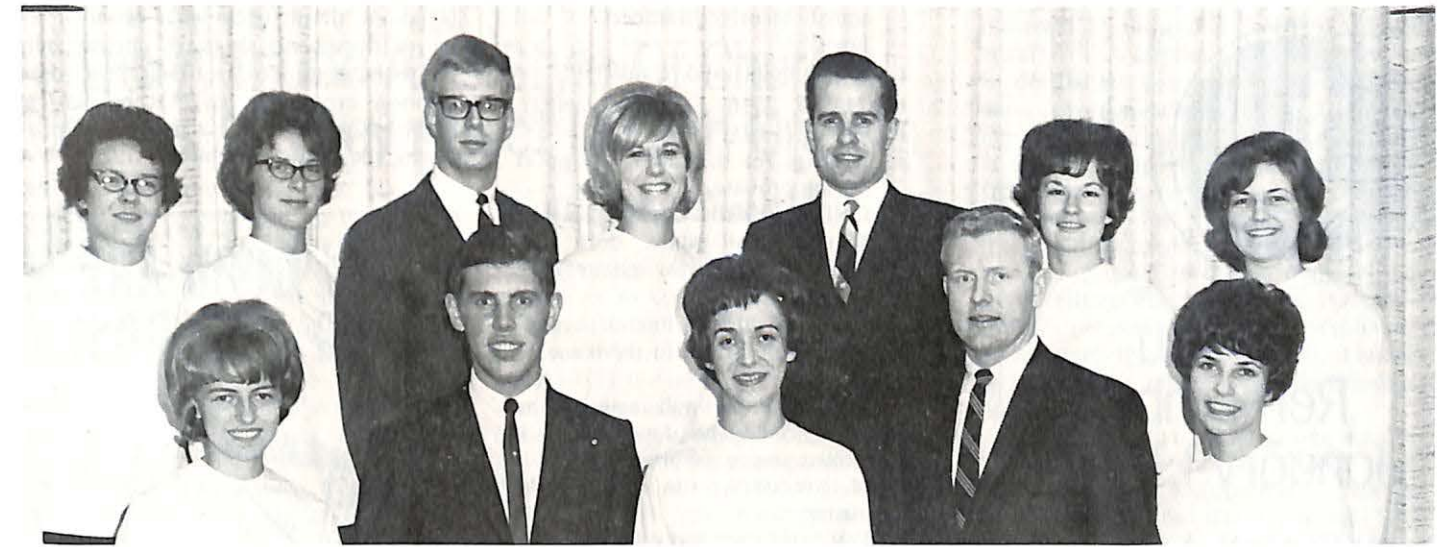
A love letter. Who wouldn't enjoy getting a letter filled with love? If there are five love letters in a single envelope then it is even more special. I received such a letter today.

us? Read on and find out.

Erica (Ricky) Loewer Labrenz was our southern gal from Branch, LA. She married Helmut Labrenz from Edmon- ton and now lives in Terre Haute, IN,

she finds time to be involved in the ladies' work in the Dakota Association.

Berniece Werk, formerly from Melville, SK, our team treasurer, has remained close to financial matters. After



Back row, l. to r., (the numbers indicate the teams): Marlene Bender (2), Sharon Schlafmann Woyke (1), Don Ziemer (2), Carolyn Brown Heringer (1), Wally Fuss (2), Erica Loewer Labrenz (1), Shirley Bertram Fuss (2). Front row, l. to r., Irmgard Tiede Ziemer (2), Wenzel Hanik (1), Berniece Werk (1), Douglas Woyke (1), Nancy Green (2).

God's Volunteers Staying In Touch

by Wenzel Hanik

Thirteen years ago I, as well as 49 other young people, sent in application forms for God's Volunteers service. From these 50 applicants, six of us became Team 1, 1965-66. After 8 1/2 months of travelling together with "P.K." Klatt as director, we grew to love and appreciate one another. Places such as Eureka, Anamoose, Winnipeg, Branch, Kyle, Waco, Dallas, Corn, Enid, Cherokee, Columbus and Minneapolis became "home" to us.

As the year came to a close, we were concerned about staying in touch with one another. It was suggested that we have a "round robin" letter which would keep us in touch. And so this "round robin" has migrated its circular route more than 25 times. Ricky Loewer Labrenz, our team secretary, had the responsibility of setting it up and starting it off on its road.

The Lord has richly blessed all of us in these past years. What happened to

where both work in a Mental Health Center. Ricky has continued her education and is working towards her doctorate.

Wenzel Hanik from Vernon, BC, was the team reporter. After graduating from N.A.B.C. in Edmonton, he served for three years at Ridgemont Baptist Church, East Detroit, MI. While there, he met and married Maria Muchortow. After serving for two years the German Baptist Mission Church, Winnipeg, MB, he is now the minister of youth and Christian education at Pineland Baptist Church, Burlington, ON.

Carolyn Brown Heringer, our team program co-ordinator and nurse, hailed from Emery, SD. She married Darrel Heringer of Anamoose, ND, where she presently resides. In the latest round robin Darrel wrote the following: "I probably look forward to the team letter more than anyone. Lord willing, we will have the G.V.'s in our church again this December. It seems only yesterday that another group was coming, and in it would be my wife." Carolyn is the proud mother of four lovely daughters. Besides being housewife and mother,

working at our Forest Park Conference Office for a while, she moved to Vancouver, BC, where she is a bookkeeper. She spends a lot of time in travels and other interests.

Doug Woyke from Minneapolis, the team leader, knows God's Volunteers can be very beneficial, as he met his wife, Sharon Schlafmann of Turtle Lake, on the team. After he completed his studies at our North American Baptist Seminary, they went to Japan as missionaries. Now being married for nine years, they have two children, Joyce and Todd.

We are all thankful for Pastor Klatt and the interest he took in each one of us. We are happy to see that he is still active in the Lord's work as interim pastor wherever he is needed. He resides in Edmonton, AB.

Recently I was asked if I felt the God's Volunteers program is worth the effort. The answer to that must be a resounding: YES! Each one of us met the Lord in different ways that year, and we were equipped to work better in his Kingdom. Even after these years we are thankful for the experience we had. □



KAMCHEN—Mathilde Kamchen, geb. Gottschling, wurde am 2. Aug. 1892 in Porozie, Polen, geboren. Sie starb am 1. Dez. 1977. In ihrer fruehen Jugend fand sie den Weg zum Herrn und wurde von Prediger Eichorst in Zdunski-Wolla getauft. Im Jahre 1923 heiratete sie Johann Kamchen. Aus dieser Ehe gingen vier Kinder hervor, von denen eins im fruehen Alter starb. Im Jahre 1935 starb auch ihr Mann. Mathilde Kamchen lebte mit ihren Kindern im Kreis Radomosko bis 1945. Dann musste die Familie alles verlassen und nach Deutschland fluechten. Sie machte ihre neue Heimat in Apolda, Thuringen. Dort bildete sich eine kleine Gemeinde, die von ihrem frueheren Prediger, Gustav Strohschein, geleitet wurde.

1953 kam sie mit ihrem aeltesten Sohn nach Winnipeg und schloss sich der McDermot Avenue Baptistengemeinde an, wo sie Mitglied war, bis sie der Herr heimholte.

PERSONAL ESTATE PLANNING



Do You Remember January 1, 1977?

by Everett A. Barker

You probably don't remember the day, but it was the day established by Congress in the Tax Reform Act of 1976 to establish property values. The purpose, of course, is to establish values for tax purposes. Record keeping is becoming more and more important for your heirs and executor.

The following are suggestions of important information to be recorded and placed with your will:

- 1) Legal and street description of real estate.
- 2) Date acquired.
- 3) Who was it acquired from?
- 4) Cost and how paid (cash, mortgage, note, etc.).
- 5) Improvements (list and estimate cost).
- 6) Depreciation charged on income tax.
- 7) Notation of any portion of property sold or given away.
- 8) Any supporting papers, income tax returns, which will give information about property.
- 9) Secure information from any knowledgeable person about a transaction. Some attorneys suggest having it recorded and notarized.

To give you an idea what is involved in being an executor of a will, I am listing some of the major duties:

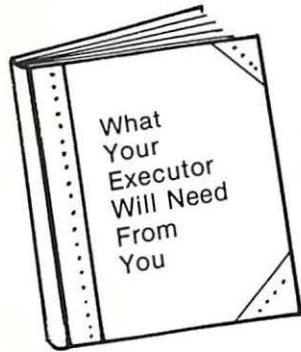
1. COLLECT ALL ASSETS AND NECESSARY RECORDS
 - a. Locate will, insurance policies, birth certificates, real estate papers, car registrations.
 - b. Take possession of safe deposit boxes, bank accounts, real estate,

- c. automobiles and personal effects.
 - c. File claims for pension, social security, profit-sharing and veteran's benefits.
 - d. Inventory all assets.
 - e. Obtain names, addresses and social security numbers of all heirs.
 - f. Set up books and records.
2. MANAGE THE ESTATE UNTIL IT IS SETTLED.
 - a. Arrange for the family's support during probate.
 - b. Collect the debts due the estate.
 - c. Manage real estate, deal with tenants, arrange for maintenance and repairs.
 - d. Collect dividends, interest, rents.
 - e. Register securities in the name of estate.
 - f. Sell securities and reinvest as prudence dictates.
 - g. Collect insurance proceeds.
 - h. If necessary, run the family business.
 - i. Pay real estate and other taxes.
 - j. Place proper insurance on assets.
 3. DETERMINE WHAT THE ESTATE'S OBLIGATIONS ARE.
 - a. Check on mortgages and other loans.
 - b. Determine which claims are legally due and oppose (if necessary in legal proceedings) invalid ones.
 - c. Determine priorities for payment of debts and how to raise necessary cash.
 - d. Obtain receipts for all claims paid.
 4. COMPUTE AND PAY ALL "DEATH" TAXES DUE.
 - a. Value all assets.
 - b. Select tax alternatives which are most beneficial.
 - c. Determine all allowable deductions and exemptions.
 - c. Decide which assets to sell to provide necessary funds.
 - e. Pay taxes on time to avoid penalties.
 - f. Resist unfair valuations established by government tax agents.
 5. COMPUTE BENEFICIARIES' SHARE AND DISTRIBUTE THE ESTATE.
 - a. Sell assets to pay cash legacies.
 - b. Determine who gets particular items and settle family disputes.
 - c. Again register the securities, transfer title to real estate and other property.
 - d. Give accountings to and obtain receipts from all beneficiaries.
 - e. Pay final estate costs.
 - f. Prepare accountings for the court's approval.

After looking at the specific duties of an executor, the average person might shrink from the responsibility. What frequently happens is that an attorney is engaged who carries out many of these responsibilities. The executor, in some instances, simply becomes a signer of required documents. It is, of course, better to have an executor who has some business experience, so that he can be involved in the business process of probating the estate. If you do not have a

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HOW GOOD ARE YOUR RECORDS?



Where Are Your Papers Kept?

If you are like most people, you probably keep important information in your head, but this won't help your survivors.

Essential information and papers can affect your estate settlement. Such information as the location of your will, bank accounts, real estate papers, trusts, assets in joint names, gift tax returns, financial transactions, names of family members, etc., should be listed and readily available. Put the information in writing and specify where these records can be found.

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insight into christian education

The Attitude And Style Of Church Leaders As They Affect Church Growth

by Floyd E. Moore

Much has been written and said about church growth and outreach in recent days. In keeping with differences in individuals, churches and denominations, a variety of emphases are being expressed. In some groups a very limited concept of growth is being espoused; but I believe it is more profitable that, in North American Baptist Conference churches, growth and outreach should be concerned with a wide range of Christian and church ministries as suggested in Eph. 4:11-16.

Rarely do mere numbers reveal the deeper meanings relating to the desire to grow and reach out. Wendell Belew states it this way: "It must be remembered that church growth is not primarily concerned with those statistics which say that 'the Grace Church or the Calvary Church has more members than it had a year ago,' but it is concerned about the qualitative enlargement of the church in terms of its being a part of the wider acceptance of the personhood of Christ. This will most likely reflect itself in visible and numerical enlargement, but is largely a byproduct of the major purpose of communicating Christ" (*Churches and How They Grow*, Broadman Press).

Whether a narrow or very broad view is taken concerning growth, the result is greatly influenced by the attitude and style of church leaders. In clear and unmistakable terms, Peter Wagner spoke the following to faculty, students and area pastors at N.A.B. Seminary: "A church will grow only if the pastor and people want it to grow and will pay the price to see it grow." This is in the first instance essentially an attitude which could provide the basis for planning and action or defeat efforts to grow. The heartfelt desires of church leaders have a way of motivating members of a congregation in matters of individual and corporate goals and commitment.

Few church situations are so ideal

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participative style, would tend to have a more positive effect upon church growth and outreach than the others.

Participative style of leadership has a distinct, if not unique, characteristic. The leader is seen by himself and by members of the group as "first among equals." This applies whether the leader is designated pastor, chairman, president, superintendent or director. The key factor in this aspect of leader style is that the participative leader is free from pressures to maintain a position and can give full attention to helping the group accomplish the task or reach the goal. Since growth and outreach, in the Christian church context, is so intensely personal and people-centered, broad participation is a must. Leader style is directly related to group member participation.

The participative leader is one who is "in the struggle with members." Not just theoretically but actually. Not a do-as-I-say style but true modeling. The leader must model personal growth in a maturing faith and loving concern for people, as well as in going where needy people are and in reaching out to increase the Body of Christ. Leroy Eims, in his book, *Be the Leader You Were Meant to Be*, says, "It takes one to make one." Here he lists biblical examples where one leader was both a model and inspirer of other persons, some of whom became leaders in their own right. This is growth in terms of multiplying leaders and, potentially, in outreach as well.

"Whoever will be chief among you, let him be servant" (Matt. 20:26b). Such a concept is at the heart of the New Testament message and constitutes the amazing paradox of Christian leadership style. None would deny that Christ was the ideal leader, and he "took upon him the form of a servant" (Phil. 2:7). In other styles of leadership, individuals tend to build up a sphere of personal power, but it should not be so for the Christian.

A servant-leader will demonstrate commitment to a shared ministry. Servanthood as a style brings healing, wholeness and unity. These three elements at work in a congregation will bring growth on many levels, and available needy individuals will be anxious to join the group.

Permeating both attitude and style must be a Holy Spirit directed urgency. He will not make us abusively aggressive but will open our eyes to see the multitudes that are truly lost as sheep without a shepherd. When he has the freedom to work through a congregation, they will find a way to minister to the needs of individuals and will consequently register meaningful growth. □



Reach out and Grow

by
Henry G. Ramus

N.A.B. Sunday School Enlargement Campaign for the seven-Sunday period, Sept. 25 to Nov. 6, 1977, under the theme, "Reach Out And Grow."

The highest achieving church, the Hillside Baptist Church of Dickinson, ND, where David Miller is the superintendent, reported an attendance gain of 71%. They have been experiencing a steady growth pattern. One year ago, they achieved third highest in Class A. Now this year they made it to the top by almost doubling their percentage increase in attendance gain. The pastor, the Rev. G. W. Blackburn, attributes this growth to the following factors: 1) Many families moving into the area, 2) Bus ministry, and 3) Visitation program. With regard to the latter, the pastor reports "personal visitation and inviting people to come and hear God's Word is the most important factor."

The second highest church which achieved 59% increase in attendance was the Temple Baptist Church, Cheektowaga, NY, where the Rev. Bernard Thole is the pastor. The superintendent, Albert Hartman, writes: "We had a Fisher of Men contest. We divided the Sunday school into two divisions, the under 25 and the over 25. The under 25 were named the Sharks and the over 25 were named the Swordfish. Points were awarded as follows: 1 point for coming to Sunday school, 1 point for bringing a newcomer, 1 point for staying for morning worship, 1 point for a correct answer to our Bible quiz."

"Each point gave the contestant a chance to fish in the fish pond. This consisted of different small prizes. The record was kept by two paper thermometers. Also, cut-out Sharks and Swordfish were taped to the wall with the contestants' names on them. Perfect attendance was awarded with a gold colored fishhook lapel pin. The losers had to

serve at our upcoming Thanksgiving Breakfast. Everyone enjoyed the contest as the Sharks won 447 to 372."

The third highest achievement in Class A was the Startup Baptist Church in Washington, where the Rev. William Neuman is the pastor. They experienced a gain of 44% in attendance for the campaign period. Mrs. Mary Schalo is the superintendent. They show a consistent sizable increase in attendance over last year. On one Sunday during the campaign, they almost doubled their attendance, showing persistent effort and commitment to growth.

The recognition of the results was based on the percentage increase in attendance of the 1977 campaign period over the comparable time in 1976. There were three categories of achievement, based on enrollment at the beginning of the campaign, namely, Class A: Up to 124, Class B: 125-249, and Class C: 250 and up.

To the top Sunday school in each category would be sent a special recognition citation. The top three in each category were to be featured in the Baptist Herald. The campaign was open to all Sunday schools of the North American Baptist Conference churches, having been in existence one year or more. In order to be entered in the Conference campaign, the attendance figures had to be reported for the seven Sundays specified, namely Sept. 25 through Nov. 6, 1977. A report of the results had to be in the Conference office by Dec. 1, 1977, deadline.

THE HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT IN CLASS B, of those who reported, was Bernal Road Baptist Church, San Jose, CA, where the Rev. Aaron Buhler is the pastor, with 19% increase. Mrs. C. R. Wyatt is the superintendent. This church, too, has shown a consistent growth pattern. One year ago, they achieved the top place in Class A. Now again, they made it to the top in Class B, even with their increased enrollment.

The second highest achievement in Class B was accomplished by Trinity Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, SD, where the Rev. Leon Bill is the pastor. Dr. Floyd Moore, the superintendent, reported 11.1% increase in attendance, and writes: "We used the emphasis from 1976—'reach out and touch.' We also recorded two high attendance days of 190 and 195. As a result of our attendance and increase, we organized a new adult class on November 20, 1977. Our goal was to reach a 15% increase but failed to come up that much. I trust many other churches have had good success this fall."

The third highest percentage increase in Class B was 10.8% achieved by First Baptist Church, Steamboat Rock, IA,

where the Rev. Dennis Dewey is pastor. The superintendent, Royce Luiken, writes: "We approached this special emphasis with the thought that our first priority would be to encourage our own people to not only make a special effort to be in attendance during these seven Sundays but also to continue to be faithful in the future. Another factor is the growth of our new 'Pathfinder' class which was begun several months ago by Pastor Dewey. This is a class of young married couples, which has grown from two or three couples to an average attendance in the twenties. We had a 15% increase as a target but did appreciate the efforts made and look forward to continued growth."

Achievements in Class C were first made by the Pineland Baptist Church, Burlington, ON, where the Rev. Walter Kerber is the pastor, with a 16% increase. One year ago they were recognized for being first in Class B. Now that they have grown to make it to Class C in their enrollment, they are again first. The superintendent, Mrs. Gail Slater, reports how they did it, as follows: "Teachers' Workshop and Meeting Sept. 10—explaining contest and our point system for attendance—ideas for using bulletin boards and puppets in each classroom—encouraged teachers to contact all pupils who didn't attend the first Sunday of our fall program immediately—Bus Ministry Visitation (2 buses in working order this fall)—Special Missionary Sunday in grades 1-6 (during the opening)—Open Session Grades 1 through Adults October 16 and aired that program on radio—Offering a prize to the student in each class (grades 1-9) with most attendance points by December 11. Prizes to be awarded at our Christmas Concert—Offering a grand prize to the pupil with highest points in S.S., prize to be a week at camp, expenses paid.—Posters and bulletin boards on display."

The second highest percentage increase in Class C was 9% achieved by the Bismarck Baptist Church in North Dakota, where the Rev. Ron Norman is the pastor and Ray Kiemele is the superintendent. The director of Christian education, Gordon Bauslaugh, reported the following: "Our Sunday School at Bismarck Baptist is very much encouraged. We realize that we did not have large advances in our attendance compared to last year's records, that is, at least when one first glances at it. We did gain though. When you add the thought of over 20 Sunday school members at Bismarck Baptist have, since last year, gone to Century Baptist (our daughter Church Extension Project) who were recorded in last year's figures and not this year's, we then see a large,

steady climb forward in attendance.

"We had a Sunday School Emphasis entitled 'Bloom Where You Are Planted.' Each class competed against the other classes on a percentage basis. (Larger classes had a harder time getting everyone there, but they had more people in class to invite new visitors.) If a class had 77% in attendance on a given Sunday, they received 7.7 points. If in that 77% they brought one visitor, they were also given a complete point for each visitor, making their total 8.7 pts. A class received credit for bringing a visitor no matter how old or different age the visitor was. Members bringing a visitor received a flower made out of a pipe cleaner for each visitor brought that they wore for that day. They were to wear all of these accumulated flowers the last Sunday of the emphasis. The top class after seven weeks was the second grade class with 111.8 pts., they and Century Baptist Church (which competed with us as a separate class and received 137.5 pts.) were given a bouquet of flowers. They both came out smelling like roses."

There were no other achievements reported in category C. Others in this class had experienced a loss in percentage increase of attendance. Some Sunday schools had increase without too much reported involvement. One report read: "We did no promotion. This was

just growth over last year. Next year, with our building addition, we will promote for a larger percentage gain." Yet they had a 36% increase in attendance in category A.

Some Sunday schools promoted their enlargement campaigns under different themes. The Milo Terrace Baptist Church in Los Angeles, CA, where Doty Wallace, superintendent, reports a 27% increase in attendance and writes: "We called our time of Sunday school emphasis, our 'Sunday School Faithfulness Campaign.' Each was asked to pray for one and bring one. We added an adult Spanish-speaking class at the beginning of the campaign. Our people always enjoy this Sunday school emphasis. We have participated in all of the seven years and would like to encourage others to join next year."

The Sherwood Park Baptist Church, Greeley, CO, where Eugene Robb is the superintendent reports: "We used football for the theme of our contest. One of our members donated two tickets to a Denver Bronco football game as a prize. We also had Bible football, two books on sports, stuffed bear and Air Port for prizes. Points were 1) Bring someone, 6 points (touch down), and 2) Invite someone, 1 point (extra point).

The First Baptist Church of Watertown, WI, where Mrs. Roger Norman is

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1977 FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL ENLARGEMENT CAMPAIGN RESULTS

(The top three churches in each category that achieved recognition for the greatest percentage gain over the preceding year in Sunday school attendance.)

CLASS A (enrollment up to 124)	2nd Trinity Baptist Church Sioux Falls, South Dakota Rev. Leon Bill		
1st Hillside Baptist Church Dickinson, North Dakota Rev. G. W. Blackburn			
2nd Temple Baptist Church Cheektowaga, New York Rev. Bernard Thole	3rd First Baptist Church Steamboat Rock, Iowa Rev. Dennis Dewey		
3rd Startup Baptist Church Startup, Washington Rev. William Neuman	CLASS C (enrollment 250 and up)		
	1st Pineland Baptist Church Burlington, Ontario Rev. Walter Kerber		
CLASS B (enrollment 125 to 249)	2nd Bismarck Baptist Church Bismarck, North Dakota Rev. Ron Norman		
1st Bernal Road Baptist Church San Jose, California Rev. Aaron Buhler			
Central Dakota-Montana Association 71% David Miller, superintendent	South Dakota Association Dr. Floyd Moore, superintendent	11.1%	
Eastern Association 59% Albert F. Hartman, superintendent	Iowa Association Royce Luiken, superintendent	10.8%	
Pacific Northwest Association 44% Mrs. Mary Schalo, superintendent	Eastern Association Mrs. Gail Slater, superintendent	16%	
Northern California Association 19% Mrs. C. R. Wyatt superintendent	Central Dakota-Montana Association Ray Kiemele, superintendent	9%	

"I am convinced that the Sunday school is the greatest single agency for teaching people God's Word, as well as a tremendous evangelistic force in its own right." This is how Dr. Billy Graham sees the Sunday school. To him, it is a great Bible teaching agency with "a tremendous evangelistic force" for outreach.

Likewise Dr. Kenneth Chafin, pastor of South Main Baptist Church in Houston, Texas, views the Sunday school as vitally important to church growth. He states: "I am convinced that the priority organization in church growth is the Sunday school." He believes Sunday school is "the most adaptable organization" that can produce growth in the church. It involves the most people. It can grow as large as it can without sacrificing the quality of ministry. It develops its own leaders as needed. It provides leadership for all the church's other main ministries."

So shared Dr. Chafin at the National Consultation on Evangelism and Church Growth held in Kansas City. His theme was "Developing an Evangelistic Ministry in Your Community." He believes you can't do it without an active Sunday school that is reaching people.

Thus both Graham and Chafin agree to the vital effectiveness of the Sunday school for evangelistic outreach. The Sunday school can and should reach out and grow. A number of our churches also agree to the effectiveness of the Sunday school as a people-reaching agency. Last fall, 22 of our churches reported their participation in that kind of commitment to growth. It was the

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CHURCH EXTENSION BUILDERS REPORT

UPPER SANDUSKY, OH, CHURCH EXTENSION PROJECT

March 1978

Neh. 2:18: "Let us rise up and build." That statement rang out in the heart of Dr. James Reidling, who realized the need for a gospel witness for Upper Sandusky, Ohio, population 10,000 and on the grow, with new industry locating in and around the area. Thanks be to our Lord Jesus Christ, that burden resulted in the forming of Grace Baptist Temple in December 1976.

Pastor Reidling located an abandoned Nazarene Church building that was for sale. Contact was made with the previous owners. Agreement was reached to temporarily rent the building to the newly formed church. In May 1977, the membership was able to purchase that building on 3/4 acre. They are currently involved in a remodeling program. Owing to an evangelistic emphasis, they have nearly outgrown the present facilities. As finances are available, they will be expanding.

The emphasis of Grace Baptist Temple has been the winning of souls in a lost and dying world. After winning the lost, they feel a further responsibility to encourage growth. Over the past 11 months an average attendance in the Sunday morning worship service has been 80 with many souls saved. There have been 35 baptized. Pastor Reidling and the membership encourage all who read this article to help fulfill Christ's great commission here in Upper Sandusky, Ohio.

The needs are great at this time for a baptistry, office equipment, folding chairs and a communion table. At the present time, the church is using a borrowed piano and organ and needs to purchase permanent instruments. The nursery is presently equipped to handle two infants. There have been as many as 14 during one worship service, with only one crib available.

We praise the Lord for the open doors and the acceptance of our ministry in this community. We are going and growing under the leadership of our Lord Jesus Christ and His Word. We praise the Lord for the North American Baptist Conference and the Penn-Ohio Fellowship for all the prayers and fellowship we have received. It is our prayer to have a future part in founding N.A.B. Conference churches. Send your gift for this project to the North American Baptist Conference, 1 So. 210 Summit Ave., Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181, and designate it for "Grace Baptist, Upper Sandusky, OH."



Junior Sunday School class.



Primary and Junior Departments in the Sunday School Christmas program.



Thursday visitation team with Pastor Reidling, fourth from left.

Why celebrate such an odd anniversary? We observe many fifty year jubilees, but seldom the anniversary of immigration. Admittedly—I am a bit partial to immigration per se, because not only am I an immigrant from Europe, but I have been used by God to assist in the immigration of thousands of people. Next to birth in the secular realm must certainly be the resettlement into another land with different customs, culture and language. To say what might have happened to us or to our children had we not emigrated is, of course, largely speculative.

In the year 1927 the families of Blessin, Meyerhoff and Sturhahn left their home city of Varel, church, relatives and friends for an unknown future and destiny in Canada. The immigration was under the sponsorship of the German Baptist Immigration and Colonization Society with the Reverends F. A. Bloedow and E. P. Wahl as secretaries. On May 5 of that year we were escorted by E. P. Wahl to the area of St. Rose—Ochre River, Manitoba, which was to become a new settlement project for Baptists. Other families from Ostfriesland and other parts of Germany followed that spring and summer. The German Baptist Church—now called Grace Baptist Church, was organized that same summer, and on June 12, 1977, the church observed its fiftieth anniversary. During these fifty years probably more people have left the settlement than have remained. The idea of celebrating the immigration anniversary originated during a two-family get-together in Vancouver. The idea struck a spark, which lit a fire of enthusiasm.

Because the majority of members of the three families now live at the West Coast, the first celebration was planned to be held in Vancouver-Chilliwack, B.C. On a Saturday noon more than sixty-five people, young and old, came together for a garden picnic in the home of Helmut and Pauline Blessin in Chilliwack. July 24, the following day, became a day of thanksgiving and praise, with the highlight in a worship service held at the Bethany Baptist Church in the afternoon. To us "Seniors" the keen interest and participation of the younger generation people was most amazing and gratifying. In fact, we had a family of four generations, originating with two of the original immigrants. Statistics showed that the original nineteen immigrants of three families increased to 200 souls

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during the span of fifty years. God protected and led. Of the original settlers only the senior members have gone to be with the Lord. The program had been prepared under the leadership of Mr. Werner Blessin, a second generation immigrant of the Blessin clan. It was enhanced by the choir-like singing of members of the three families under the direction of Mr. Herbert Sturhahn. Brief, appropriate addresses were given by the eldest grandsons of the three original settlers—Mr. Walter Meyerhoff, Mr. Lanny Blessin and Mr. Herbert Sturhahn Jr. The main message was

recently installed as the new pastor, gave proper leadership and introductions. The visitors, under the leadership of Herbert Sturhahn, sang three songs of praise. The Rev. Wm. Sturhahn preached the message, again pointing to God's marvelous leadership. The message was suitably enhanced by a solo of Herbert Sturhahn with choir accompaniment of Irving Berlin's well known "God Bless America," only it was sung "God Bless our Canada." And surely we must say that this country has been good to us. We thank God for his blessings.

Fifty Years In Canada

by William Sturhahn



delivered by the Rev. Wm. Sturhahn, second generation immigrant of fifty years ago.

But Vancouver was not to be the final place of rejoicing and praise: Why not organize a motorcade to the original place of settlement, and why not invite and include all former settlers who now live in the "diaspora"? Again the enthusiasm was remarkable. The people of Grace Church in Ochre River extended a cordial invitation—a date was agreed upon—September 3 and 4 in Ochre River. Planning was in the hands of Werner Blessin and Herbert Sturhahn. On August 31, a total of eight automobiles, including 22 persons, started from their respective homes. Every evening they met at a pre-determined place for a palaver and singing, and on Saturday noon they arrived at the Grace Church on Hwy. #5 between Ochre River and St. Rose, Manitoba. They had covered a distance of 1500 miles without mishap. The Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Sturhahn and Mr. J. Brueckner, a youth friend of all three families from Germany, came from Winnipeg. There were twenty-five visitors. The afternoon was used to visit the old homesteads. In the evening visitors and some of the old-timers of the church gathered for a time of getting acquainted and thanksgiving to God. Sunday morning became the highlight with a worship service of praise and thanksgiving. Pastor Helmut Poschwatta, only

Celebrations continued in the afternoon. Again a large group of visitors, members and friends gathered informally in the church basement. Old time songs in German and English with mandolin and guitar accompaniment contributed to an atmosphere of informality. Sharing stories of the first years of settlement brought laughter and reflection. There was the incident of brother and sister huddled in their home-made box sleigh during a raging blizzard, completely lost on the prairies, having to depend on their horse to find the way home; or the incident when Herb, sitting on his plow behind four horses, tried to shorten the long hours by singing well known Sunday school songs. When he sang "Die Sonntagschul' ist unsre Lust," and came to the "Ho-siannah, ho-siannah" the horses stopped on the spot; and then there was the son who was sent to the general store in St. Rose to purchase some groceries. Among the items on the list was Cream of Wheat, which in German is "Gries." The Jewish store owner who could understand German filled the order promptly, but when mother opened the package she found to her amazement a one pound can of "wagon grease", just a slight bit of confusion of tongues.

The departing guests left their benediction with members and friends of the Grace Baptist Church. □

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Freitag were honored at an open house at the Zion Baptist Church, Drumheller, AB, in celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Oct. 21, 1977. Their son, the Rev. Arthur Freitag, pastor of the Grace Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, participated in the program.

Dr. and Mrs. E. P. Wahl celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary in October 1977. It was on Oct. 30, 1917, in the home of my father near McClusky, ND, that the Rev. F. Mindrop in the presence of members of our families, united us, Dr. and Mrs. E. P. Wahl, in marriage and prayed that God might richly bless the union and make us a blessing as we give our strength, talents and dedicated heart in serving our Lord and fellowman.



"God leads his dear children along." That includes the many times God would cancel out our plans, wishes, "dreams," and make us turn about face and surrender to his will. Often the way was rough, dreary, difficult and thorny. Not always were we understood, and we made our mistakes. The Lord from time to time found it necessary to have us experience our "thorn in the flesh." Often we heard Jesus say: "What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter."

Our children planned, worked and freely gave to celebrate our diamond wedding anniversary. Congratulations and greetings were received from friends from far and near (from five different Provinces of Canada and from 12 different states of the United States). Over 500 took part in celebrating at "an open house" held Oct. 30, 1977, at the multi-purpose building, North American Baptist College. A special "thank you!" to the many who took part in arranging and in being a special blessing to all present.

The surprise party the guests and friends of Goldage Apartments arranged and the special program prepared for the occasion on Nov. 1, 1977, was a complete success. We will always remember the loving kindness of our dear senior citizens of our Home in Leduc.

He, our Lord God, has made real to us the words of the hymn writer: "He leadeth me, O blessed thought."

PLEVNA, MT. The Plevna Baptist Church had their Missionary Conference Sept. 18-21, 1977, with the Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson and Miss Wilma Binder, missionaries to Cameroon, Africa, as speakers. Wilma Binder was also speaker at a salad supper sponsored by the Ladies Mission Circle.

On Oct. 9, 1977, we observed our Harvest-Mission Festival. Pastors Walter Hoffman and Elmo Tahran of Sioux Falls and Rapid City were speakers. They were also here for our fall evangelistic meetings, Oct. 9-14.

The Men's Annual Singfest was held in Plevna on Nov. 13, 1977. Two services were held, one in the afternoon and one in the evening. The Rev. R. H. Zepik brought the afternoon message.

Our church celebrated its 60th anniversary on Nov. 27, 1977. Three services were held with the Rev. Dan Fuchs of Oak Park, IL, speaking in the morning and evening. A former pastor, the Rev. Ed Kopf, Herried, SD, spoke in the afternoon. The Rev. D. Littke, another former pastor from 1944-48, was here from Florida and spoke in the evening.

The Sunday School Christmas Program was held on Christmas Eve. On Jan. 1, 1978, the Baptist Youth Fellowship was in charge of the afternoon service. They presented two skits, some special music, and several readings. The Rev. Richard Lawrenz is the pastor. (Paula Fuchs, reporter.)

BROOKS, AB. The Brooks Baptist Church is still holding services at the Elks Hall, as suitable land still hasn't been found. Working together, we were able to paint our bus, send 13 children to camp, hold an outdoor club with 50 attending, have a S.S. picnic with 90 attending, and start a boys' club.

Our sister churches, Temple of Medicine Hat provided 20 adult chairs and one family communion set, and Temple Band, Calgary, provided 25 junior chairs.

On Sunday morning we've had a share time. It is blessed to hear how God has led in various ways. We're grateful for the support by churches in Medicine Hat, Carbon, Calgary and the Association, as a whole. The Rev. Philip Grabke is the pastor. (Mrs. Mary Alguire, church clerk.)

LONDON, ON. We experienced a great thrill as we celebrated our second anniversary since our inception as the Forest City Baptist Church. In the morning service an attendance high of 107 joined us to celebrate our anniversary. In the evening service an attendance high of 96

was reached. We had eight adults come forward for rededication on Sunday morning. This attendance high is double that of our morning service attendance on our first anniversary. The Rev. Paul D. Benson is pastor.

VANCOUVER, BC. Although Thanksgiving Day is long past in Canada, yet Ebenezer Baptist Church has special cause for thanksgiving at this time. Sunday, December 11, 1977, we witnessed 14 fine young people following the Lord in baptism. The following Sunday, December 18, sixteen new members were welcomed into the church. The Rev. Arthur Patzia is pastor of the church. (Mrs. Margaret Gowe, reporter.)

BEULAH, ND. On July 30, 1977, an ordination council of the North Central Dakota Association met at Immanuel Baptist Church to consider the ordination of Herman W. Kesterke to the



Christian ministry. Upon recommendation of the Council, an ordination service was held July 31, 1977.

Regular services were held in the morning with Dr. Ernie Zimbelman, professor of Counseling, North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, SD, bringing the message.

At 2:30 p.m. the ordination service was held at the Civic Center with area ministers taking part. Dr. Ernie Zimbelman delivered the ordination message. The Rev. Wesley Blackburn, pastor of Hillside Baptist Church, Dickinson, ND, gave the charge to the church. The Rev. Walter Klempel, father-in-law of the candidate, gave the charge to Herman and presented him with the ordination certificate. Laying on of hands by the deacons of the local church and visiting ministers was high point of the ordination service.

Musical selections were provided by the local church and group of relatives from Canada. The Rev. Herman W. Kesterke gave the benediction. A reception followed. (Mrs. Gilbert Ost, church clerk.)

LEDUC, AB. The W.M.S. held their annual Christmas banquet on Dec. 1, 1973, at the Leduc Golf and Country Club. Everyone enjoyed a fine program

of carol singing, poems, and jokes. Guests for the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Agrey, New Sarepta, who provided several musical numbers and some short inspirational thoughts. The rest of the evening was spent fellowshiping together.

On Dec. 11, 1977, the W.M.S. presented their annual program. Guests for the evening were the Rev. and Mrs. Peter Schroeder who showed some very interesting slides on their work as houseparents at Woyke House in Jos, Nigeria.

On Sunday evening, November 27, the N.A.B. College Choristers presented a very lovely program at First Baptist Church. The annual elections and church business meeting was held November 30. The Rev. Herbert Bushkowsky is pastor. (Henny Ohlmann, reporter.)

DRUMHELLER, AB. On Nov. 27, 1977, the Zion Baptist Church held a baptismal service at the Parkdale Baptist Church in Drumheller with Pastor Ron Parrott officiating, assisted by the Rev. Sieg Koslowski. Ten persons were baptized. (Ida Ziegler, reporter.)

BISMARCK, ND. Two firsts took place recently at the Century Baptist Church. On Dec. 11, 1977, they witnessed their first baptism when eight persons followed the Lord's command to be baptized. Of these eight, five were from one family, the parents and three children. This service was conducted at the mother church, Bismarck Baptist, in a combined service when five from their church were also baptized, along with an eighty-year-old resident of the Baptist Home. It was a joyous occasion.

On Dec. 18, 1977, the first Sunday School Christmas program was presented by the various departments. As a church just ten months old, we rejoiced over God's blessing in giving us such growth that we could put together such a fine program. With a Sunday school enrollment of over fifty and a morning attendance running in the eighties, God has blessed the work in a mighty way. We look forward to greater things to be done in his name in 1978. The Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom is pastor. (Mrs. Verena Ganstrom, reporter.)

WARREN, MI. Redeemer Baptist Church held a Harvest Dinner in our fellowship hall on Nov. 27, 1977. About 350 friends and members attended. After dinner a film, "Happiness Is . . ." was shown. This was followed by a mini-concert by the Chancel Choir singing three selections from the Harvest Celebration Cantata. After the first number, Abraham Lincoln (played by Lloyd Silverthorn in costume) delivered

his Thanksgiving Proclamation. A family Bible was given to the Rod Koop family who were dressed most authentically in the style of our Pilgrim Fathers. All of this was climaxed by Pastor Pete Unrau's message, "What Is Real Thanksgiving?"

Redeemer also celebrated its 35th anniversary as a church this week. (Doris Kintzer, reporter.)

ROCK RAPIDS, IA. Have you been wondering what has happened to the church extension project at Rock Rapids? Well, it has been quite a year for Faith Baptist!

It began in January with testimonies by people who wanted to become charter members and wanted to share their faith and experiences with others.

In March eight young people (pictured) from the group were baptized by



the Rev. Reuben Grueneich, pastor, in the mother church, First Baptist of George. On March 24, the church Statement of Faith and Constitution were presented.

Next came the much awaited event, charter signing. Forty signed the charter in the presence of many fellow N.A.B.'s, who had gathered in the Community Building in Rock Rapids for the occasion.

The purchase of 6 1/4 acres of land for the purpose of building was the next big step.

We were accepted into the Iowa Association on Sept. 9, 1977. Eight adults and 13 young people attended the Association from Rock Rapids.

A building committee has been formed and is moving ahead with prayer and plans.

We, in Rock Rapids, have truly been blessed this year. We had a large Bible School; bi-monthly conducted services at the two care centers; a booth at the local fair and the youth gave out hundreds of tracts; formed a "Homebuilders" group and maintained an active visitation program. (Mrs. Gary Stump, church clerk.)

VANCOUVER, BC. Friday, Nov. 25, 1977, was a red-letter day for the young

people and College and Career Group at Bethany Baptist Church. They converted the church basement into a restaurant extra-ordinaire, complete with moustached waiters wearing white shirts and black ties, candlelight and roses, and entertainment. Reservations had to be made. They managed to feed 150 people at two sittings. The menu included everything from "Helmut's Perogy Geschmaeck" to Yuk Foo Ping Flambe; however, the management exercising its right to make last minute substitutions served everyone the day's special of lasagna.

Good food and good times were had by everyone. When it came time to pay the check (donations only), everyone gave generously. All the long hours of planning plus the hard work were rewarded by a profit of over \$1,000. This money will be sent to Mbu where one of our former young people and his wife, Curt and Marva Radke, are teaching and also building a training school for pastors. The Rev. H. J. Waltereit is the pastor. (Trudy Zindler, reporter.)

SPRINGSIDE, SK. We of Springside Baptist Church have enjoyed many blessings in the past months: listening to the Haiti choir from the Haiti Islands; hosting the Baptist Women's Day of Prayer, under the direction of Jean Keith, with Yorkton and Ebenezer ladies as guests; witnessing a dedication of five children on Nov. 27 with Pastor Keith in charge; expressing our gratitude to God at the thanksgiving service for the bountiful harvest we garnered in spite of the inclement weather. We praise the Lord for these blessings, since we are a farming community.

On Nov. 18, 1977, our church invited all the churches in the Saskatchewan Association to send delegates to form a council for the ordination of our pastor, Wm. Keith. Eleven churches responded. The Rev. Morley Schultz, Yorkton, acted as chairman; the Rev. Robert Hoffman, Regina, was secretary. After Mr. Keith presented his conversion, education, preparation and doctrinal statements and call into the Christian ministry, the Council recommended the candidate for public ordination, which took place Nov. 20, 1977, with Jake Berg, the moderator, in charge. Guest speaker was Paul Magnus; the soloist was Wilf Gaertner of Caronport. The Rev. Isador Faszer, Northern Area secretary, gave the charge to the Church and pastor. The Rev. Morley Schultz gave the prayer of dedication. A fellowship lunch concluded the afternoon.

On Nov. 30, 1977, we bid farewell to Missionary and Mrs. Walden Schmidt and family, who have completed deputation work and are returning to Peru, South America.

During the month of November, we took part in the "Here's Life" Campaign, after taking a training course prepared by Campus Crusade. Lay people witnessed for the Lord through personal contact or telephone. We are convinced that this is a good way to get lay people actively involved and make it a way of life rather than the usual once a year evangelism thrust. Young and older people alike—nothing like this has ever happened to our church before. (Julia Yanke, reporter.)

SIoux FALLS, SD. The North American Baptist Seminary Auxiliary held its Fall Tea on Oct. 25, 1977, in the afternoon in the N.A.B. Seminary chapel. 97 women were present.

The Seminary President, Dr. David Draewell spoke of some of the present and future activities of N.A.B.S. and asked for prayer for these endeavors. Several new faculty and staff members have been added; more are expected. The Accreditation Review is approaching in 1978. Seminary growth and campus development plans are progressing. Land is needed for educational development and a student apartment building. Funds are needed for this land purchase and an apartment building to place on some of that land.

Mrs. Joyce Harris, faculty wife advisor, introduced the new Seminary staff and faculty members' wives: Mrs. Betty Oster, Mrs. Dorene Walth and Mrs. Marietta Faszer.

Silvia and Eliezer D'Avila presented the song, "Surely Goodness and Mercy," in Portugese. They are husband and wife students from Brazil presently studying at the Seminary. Samuel Ngum, Cameroon, Africa, gave a testimony and short history of his family and life in Cameroon. Becky Heerts, a former short-term missionary to Japan, spoke of her work in Japan and shared her anticipation of returning to Japan following her studies at the Seminary. Dan Edzards presented a vocal solo, and Doug Bittle and Warren Hoffman presented a trumpet duet.

A business meeting followed the program. Mrs. Louise Terveen is the Auxiliary President. (Mary Ann Poppinga, secretary.)

MADISON, SD. "New Fruits from Old Roots," taken from Col. 2:6-7, was the challenging and inspirational theme of the 131st meeting of the South Dakota Association, as they met in Madison on Sept. 29-Oct. 1, 1977, at the West Center Street Baptist Church.

Dr. Reinhold Kerstan was the keynote speaker for Thursday and Friday morning. The Rev. Clarence Walth, N.A.B. Seminary and former area secretary,

and Dr. Richard Houts, also of the seminary, spoke.

Reports and business, transacted for the N.A.B. Nursing Home in Madison, were followed with a complimentary supper served by the administration and staff of the Home for all persons at the Association, giving them an opportunity to view the Home and the new addition now in progress.

Saturday noon the Men's Brotherhood and W.M.S. enjoyed luncheons at the local college cafeteria followed by business meetings and an interesting and inspiring message by Mrs. Harold Lang for the W.M.S. and the Rev. Harold Lang, Nigeria, for the Brotherhood.

Special meetings and a camp-out for the young people, discussion groups, musical selections and fellowship at coffee breaks added to the enjoyment and spiritual nourishment of those who attended the association.

Officers for the coming year are moderator—Rev. Charles Hiatt; vice-moderator—Mr. Duane Heeren; recording secretary—Mr. Ray DeNeui; treasurer—Mr. Elmer Olthoff, and statistical secretary—Mrs. Ray DeNeui.

Rev. Oliver Bender is pastor of West Center Street Church, and David Rapke is the new student assistant. (Mrs. Graydon Rohren, reporter.)

CARRINGTON, ND. On New Year's Eve, Calvary Baptist Church, of which the Rev. Frank Unruh is pastor, had a baptismal service. Pictured are two young boys who were baptized and two



young women who joined the fellowship during the Communion service. A very impressive candlelight service, an hour of fellowship and the showing of the film, "So Long Joey," were also part of the service. (Elizabeth Reddig, reporter.)

COLUMBUS, NB. The Shell Creek Baptist Church observed its annual Harvest and Mission Festival on Nov. 20, 1977, with our *Baptist Herald* editor, Dr. Reinhold Kerstan, as guest speaker.

Dr. Kerstan brought the message at the regular morning service, after which a fellowship dinner was enjoyed by all present. At 2:00 p.m. Dr. Kerstan spoke

to the congregation and guests from Redeemer and Creston churches. The choir sang at both services. A mission offering was received at the morning service. After the afternoon service, Dr. Kerstan showed a film of his visit to the churches in the Soviet Union.

On Dec. 4, 1977, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Penner, Norfolk, presented the work of the Rural Bible Crusade. The Rev. William Effa is the pastor. (Mrs. William Effa, reporter.)

VANCOUVER, BC. On Nov. 13, 1977, the membership of Bethany Baptist Church were truly blessed when 11 young people were baptized by Dr. H. J. Waltereit. The pastor challenged the congregation to encourage these new converts in their Christian growth and to be true signposts to effective Christian living for Jesus. (Trudy Zindler, reporter.)

BROOKLYN CENTER, MN. The Rev. John Priestly, a new evangelist, conducted a five day series of meetings at Brook Park Baptist Church. Rev. Priestly ministered to the whole church, especially to the youth of our congregation. (Anthony Guenther, pastor.)

WEST FARGO, ND. The week of Nov. 13, 1977, Pastor LeRoy Moser was guest speaker at the First Baptist Church, Linton, ND.

On Sunday evening, Nov. 27, 1977, members and friends of the Grace Baptist Church honored Pastor LeRoy Moser and family with a farewell potluck supper. Pastor Ted Keck of the Metropolitan Baptist Church, Fargo, was guest speaker. Comments were made by different department personnel, and some special musical numbers were presented.

Pastor Moser served us faithfully for three and one-half years. He has accepted a call to Red Deer, AB, to a new church extension project. A love offering was taken and presented to him. (Frances Abrahamson, reporter.)

GACKLE, ND. The Grace Baptist Church held a welcome reception for the Rev. and Mrs. Milton W. Falkenberg on Dec. 11, 1977. The evening began with a potluck supper followed by an informal program. Pastors and their wives of various churches in Gackle were present. All the organizations of the church extended their welcomes and had a short part in the program. The Rev. Jim Arends, Crystal Springs Bible Camp, was the guest speaker and presented a warm welcome and challenge to the pastor and the congregation. Rev. Falkenberg began his ministry in Gackle on Dec. 1, 1977, coming from Phoenix, AZ.

Unique Witnessing

by Florence Miller

One aspect of my work since returning to Japan this term is teaching two English Bible Classes at the Y.M.C.A. in the neighboring town of Toyonaka. The advanced class has about 13 students and the elementary class about 10. The students are all housewives who come to the Y.M.C.A. to learn English. There are none, to my knowledge, who are professing Christians; although there are several that have been dealt with individually and seem to accept the Christian message in so far as they understand it.

I invited the two classes to my house for lunch last summer. The advanced class asked many questions and then requested another opportunity for discussing the Bible during summer vacation. So we met again. I spent most of the

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time answering questions. We are studying Genesis in that class. The ladies have shown much interest. But it is always disappointing to discover that some, who have seemed most interested, do not yet know for sure if there is a God or not. Some say clearly that their purpose in studying the Bible is merely to understand Western culture, or to receive some moral uplift during the week that will make them a better per-



Florence Miller with students.

R.S.V.P. and Richlands Senior Citizens. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Roy Lee (Dorothy) Wright of Cedar Bluff; a brother, James Gwilyn Anwyl of Melbourne, FL, and Rochester, NY; and four grandchildren. The Rev. Dr. James B. Hollenhead of Virginia officiated at the funeral services.

MARIANNE BARESEL, Anaheim, CA, died Oct. 25, 1977, at age 51. She was the wife of Fritz Barese. She was born in Offenbach, Germany, and grew up in Berlin, where she was baptized in 1939. Marianne and Fritz immigrated to Canada in 1952 and were married there. They came to California in 1958. In 1959 they joined Magnolia Baptist Church where Marianne served the Lord in many areas. She is survived by her husband, a son (Frank), and a daughter (Linda). Her mother, Mrs. Lydia Jaap, still lives in Germany. Drs. Clyde Cook and Russell Jones officiated at the funeral service held October 28.

LYDIA BERTHOLD nee Eichstaedt was born Aug. 13, 1896, in Lusbin, Poland, and died Dec. 10, 1977. Her father, Andreas Eichstaedt, was a Lutheran minister. In 1915 she accepted the Lord as her personal Savior and was baptized. She married Gustav Berthold in 1924; he was killed during the war in 1945. The Lord blessed her with four children; one of whom preceded her in death at the age of two. In 1947 she fled to Western Germany. In 1950 she immigrated to Chicago, IL. She always evidenced love for her Lord and Savior. She was very active in her church in Poland. When she came to Chicago, she joined Foster Avenue Baptist Church of which she was a member until her death. She loved to go to church. The past five years she was a resident of Central Baptist Home, Norridge, IL. Surviving her are three children: Ruth (Mrs. James Hunter), Herbert, Ellie (Mrs. Ronald Miller); six grandchildren; and one brother. The Rev. Eldon Schroeder officiated at the funeral service.

JOSEPH FEIGE of St. Joseph, MI, was born Feb. 27, 1888, in Lotz, Poland, and died Dec. 1, 1977, at 89 years. He accepted Christ as Savior in his youth, was baptized, and joined the church. He was a faithful Christian until the time of his death. He loyally and faithfully served his Lord in the men's choir and as deacon of the church for many years. He married Therese Heckert in April 1908. In 1914 he came to the United States. Survivors include his widow, Therese; one son, Arthur, Cincinnati, OH; one daughter, Mrs. John (Lydia) Prillwitz, Berrien Springs, MI; five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, one brother and one sister. Funeral services were held Dec. 5, 1977, with Pastor Oscar Fritzsche officiating.

WILLIAM G. JASTER was born Dec. 21, 1890, in Poland. He graduated from the Baptist Seminary at Rochester, NY, in 1929. He served as pastor in various churches in Canada, North Dakota, and South Dakota for 18 years. In 1947 he retired from the ministry and moved to Southern California. At that time he became a member of the Bethel Baptist

son. They are hesitant to call themselves "seekers" in the sense of wanting to become Christians. They feel free to attend the Bible Class at the "Y," because it can be classified as English study, and no one will object. But if they were to attend church on Sunday morning, they might receive opposition from their families.

On two occasions, we have planned a ladies' tea at the church and invited these women plus others. Last spring about 30 attended. On December 20 and 21 we had a Christmas Ladies' Tea. We had a testimony by a Japanese woman, a short message by the pastor, refreshments, and discussion around the tables.

Please pray for genuine acceptance of Christ as Savior and commitment of life to him on the part of some. Please pray for me that I may present the way of salvation clearly and help them feel their need of it. I would like to have more opportunities to talk with the women personally in their homes. Pray that the Lord may lead me in creating such opportunities. □

Church, Anaheim, CA, and kept his membership there until his death. He died Dec. 5, 1977, in Olympia, WA. He is survived by three sons: Walter, Wesley, and Lesley; one daughter, Esther Garner; five brothers; three sisters; and nine grandchildren.

SOPHIA MARIA NEUMANN was born March 19, 1889, in Hebron, ND, to Martin and Ernestine Petri and died Dec. 11, 1977. She married Christian Neumann April 15, 1909, in Mott, ND. Nine children were born, three of whom and her husband preceded her in death. She accepted Christ on Feb. 1, 1930, was baptized and joined the Baptist Church of New Leipzig where she served as S.S. superintendent and W.M.S. president. Upon moving to Elk Grove, CA, in 1946 she joined First Baptist Church of Elk Grove. Survivors include two sisters: Martha Underdahl, Hebron, ND, and Barbara Craft, Jacksonville, FL; three sons: Ervin, Fargo, ND, Ernest, Pomona, CA, and Kueben, Battle Lake, MN; three daughters, Agnes Schultz, Sacramento, CA, Luella Park, Napa, CA, and Laura Schuh, Elk Grove, CA; 17 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and many other relatives and friends. Pastors Fred Klein and Merle Brenner officiated at the service.

BERTHA OHLHAUSER was born in Eureka, SD, March 30, 1902, to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Bertsch. The family moved to the Carbon, AB, area in 1913 where she resided until 1949 when she and her family moved to Calgary. She accepted the Lord and was baptized at the age of 13. She married Samuel Ohlhauser on Nov. 15, 1923. She passed away suddenly on Dec. 16, 1977. Survivors include her husband; three sons: Ivean, Milton, and Roy; one daughter, Priscilla Busenius; eight grandchildren; two brothers and three sisters. She was predeceased by her parents, five brothers, two sisters and two granddaughters. She will be remembered as a faithful Christian who was always friendly and thoughtful. The Rev. Ron Kernohan and The Rev. Harold Kokot conducted the funeral service on Dec. 21, 1977, at Brentview Baptist Church, Calgary, of which she was a charter member.

MRS. THEKLA WOKOECK was born March 26, 1894, in Burgsteinfurt, Germany, and died Dec. 26, 1977, at the age of 83. In 1923 Mrs. Wokoeck came with her family to Canada and lived in Winnipeg until her death. In 1914 Thekla married Gustav Wokoeck. Three children were born, the oldest died in infancy. Her husband preceded her in death in 1966. The last year was a difficult one for Mrs. Wokoeck, but she bore her sickness with courage and a great faith in her Savior, Jesus Christ. Mrs. Wokoeck found great satisfaction in serving the Lord in the Women's Missionary Society and in Sunday school. For every occasion in the church activities, Mrs. Wokoeck was called on to write a poem; her talent was appreciated by all the members of McDermot Ave. Baptist Church. Survivors include her son, Gustav Adolf, and family; her daughter, Bertilde Gale, and family; grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The Reverends R. Goetze and W. Stein officiated at the funeral service.

NEW ISRAELI LAW MAY MEAN TROUBLE FOR CHRISTIANS

JERUSALEM (BP)—The Israeli Parliament has passed a new law that could be "misused in restricting religious liberty in Israel," according to the United Christian Council (UCC).

The law, making it a criminal offense to offer material inducements for conversion to another religious belief, is based on the "myth" that Christians bribe people to join their religious community, said Southern Baptist representative Robert L. Lindsey.

Southern Baptists serving in Israel have representatives on the United Christian Council which registered official protest of the law. In addition, Southern Baptist representatives met with the director of the Ministry of Religion. Lindsey reported that meeting was good, although "strong words" were exchanged.

"The offering of material inducements for conversion is totally unethical and has never been a part of our missionary effort," said J. D. Hughey, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's administrator for that area. "The only danger is that false accusations may be made."

The chairman of the United Christian Council, Naem Ateek of the Evangelical Episcopal Church, said he knows of no Christian group in the country that engages in such practices.

In Israel, changing one's religious beliefs means moving from the community and breaking many relationships. "The theory is that nobody would change unless there were advantages in doing so," Hughey said.

Southern Baptist representatives and other evangelical groups encourage new Christians to stay within their own community.

Lindsey said wording of the law is quite vague. Punishment for one offering "unfair" inducements can be as much as five years in prison plus a fine of 50,000 pounds. The one taking the bribe faces up to three years imprisonment and a smaller fine.

Considering the ambiguity of the law one UCC member protested that an "innocent act of charity" given to a person interested in learning about another faith could be considered "unfair inducement." Baptist representatives were also concerned about the possible harassment of persons who had already become Christians.

One parliament member who pushed

for passage of the bill assured Christians that it applied equally to Jews seeking to convert Christians to Judaism. According to Israeli figures, about 500 Christians convert to Judaism annually, primarily for purposes of marriage.

Lindsey said the secular Jewish community was also unhappy with the law. The head of the Israeli Secularist League denounced the law as a "charter for persecution of Christians."

However, the most objectionable wording of the bill was in the introduction which was not made a part of the official Knesset (parliament) record. This section accused Christian missionaries in Israel of offering "huge sums of money" to "ensnare the souls" of the poor.

The bill was originally intended to stop all missionary activity, but was changed in the interest of religious liberty. It was introduced by Rabbi Yehudah Meir Abramowitz of the ultra orthodox Agudat Israel Party. □

HIGH COURT TO RULE ON FCC BAN OF OBSCENE WORDS

WASHINGTON (BP)—The U. S. Supreme Court will decide whether seven four-letter words are indecent and can be banned from the airwaves by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

The federal agency charged with regulating the broadcast media asked the justices to overrule a lower court decision denying them the right to forbid the broadcasting of the seven words, all of which describe sexual and excretory organs and activities. A section of the federal communications act forbids "obscene, indecent or profane language."

The FCC action was aimed at radio station WBAI of New York City for airing a 12-minute segment of an album by comedian George Carlin which consisted almost entirely of the repeated use of the seven words. The complaint was lodged by a father who had heard the program while driving in his car with his 12-year-old son.

At the heart of the FCC's position is the view that broadcasting is basically different from other communications media. Among broadcasting's distinguishing characteristics, FCC attorneys argued, are children's "easy access" to and "unsupervised use" of radios. The FCC is also concerned about the location of radios in the home, "a place where an individual's privacy interest is entitled to particular deference."

Finally, the FCC attorneys maintain that the agency action banning the obscene words "was justified by its statutory obligation to promote the

larger and more effective use of radio in the public interest."

Attorneys for the radio station, on the other hand, argued that the FCC order was "overbroad" and "vague" and violated the no-censorship requirement of another section of the law.

That was the view of the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, which ruled last March that the order amounted to "censorship, regardless of what the commission chooses to call it." □

BAPTIST COLLEGE SELLS RARE MANUSCRIPT

BRISTOL—A rare manuscript of the Wyclif Bible brought £9,500 at an auction at Sotheby's last month, according to "Baptist Times."

Dated about 1400, it contained St. Matthew's Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles, written in brown ink on 168 vellum pages, in the first version of the English translation of the Bible by John Wyclif.

It was a duplicate of a fuller manuscript of the Wyclif Bible owned by Bristol Baptist College. The more attractive manuscript will be preserved among the institution's rare collection of medieval manuscripts and Bibles.

The collection was given to the college under the will of the Rev. Andrew Gifford (1700-84), minister of the Eagle Street Baptist Chapel which stood on the site of the present Baptist Church House in London.

"There is no question of the college getting rid of precious manuscripts or books which it ought to keep," said Dr. Morris West, Bristol president.

"It is really a matter of the best use of the college's capital—instead of letting some of it lie about in glass cases, the college committee thought it wiser to turn it into another form of capital, to be invested and the interest used to support ministerial or missionary students." □

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what's happening

■ *Mr. Leonard Kageler* resigned as minister of youth of Ebenezer Baptist Church, Vancouver, BC. He has served in this position for three years. He is serving a Christian and Missionary Alliance Church in North Seattle, WA.

■ *The Rev. Mervin Kramer* resigned from the pastorate of Sierra Baptist Church, Arvada, CO, effective Feb. 4, 1978. He is now the pastor of the new Brandon, SD, Church Extension project.

■ *The Rev. Fred Spreeuwers* has accepted the call to become pastor of East Side Baptist Church effective March 26, 1978. He has been pastor of First Baptist Church, Sidney, MT, since 1971.

■ *The Spring Decision Conference* on church-related careers will be held at North American Baptist Seminary, March 10-13, 1978. College age youth and older are invited.

■ *The Rev. David Wood* became assistant pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit, MI, in December 1977.

■ *The Rev. Ben K. Hulsing* resigned from the pastorate of Bethel Baptist Church, Sheboygan, WI, effective Feb. 19, 1978. He has accepted the call to become the pastor of the First Baptist Church, Elgin, IA, beginning there on February 26.

■ *Dr. Wayne Peterson* of Milford, MA, has been appointed Academic Dean at North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, SD, effective March 1978.

■ *Dr. Norman Archer* and *Evangelist Ron Susek* will be speakers at the *Great Plains Pastors' Conference*, North American Baptist Seminary, April 11-13, 1978. The theme is "Ministering to the Needs of the Pastor."

■ *The Rev. Ron Hartman* began as pastor of the new *Church Extension* project in *Corona, CA*, on Jan. 1, 1978.

■ Recently approved for a new *Church Extension project* was the *Covington, WA*, area.

■ *The Rev. Wes Andrei* began as the fulltime pastor of *Canora Baptist Church*, *Canora, SK*, on Dec. 4. The church has had a combined ministry with *Ebenezer Baptist Church, SK*, since the summer of 1977. Now, under the leadership of *Rev. Andrei*, the work has been revitalized. *The Rev. Ed Schellenberg* continues as pastor of *Ebenezer Baptist Church*.

■ *The Rev. C. T. Remple* became the assistant pastor of the *Thornhill Baptist Church*, *Calgary, AB*, on Dec. 1, 1977. He is therefore no longer available for interim ministry. □



welcoming the new area secretary

The North-Central Area, composed of the states of North and South Dakota, Minnesota and Montana has a new secretary! We welcome the Rev. Ronald E. Mayforth, 39, to his new position which he assumed on February 1. He and his family are now living in Bismarck, ND.

PERSONAL ESTATE PLANNING

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relative or friend who is competent enough, you can use the services of a bank trust department or your attorney to function in this capacity. States have fee schedules which entitle an executor

Rev. Mayforth was born on July 18, 1938, in Chicago. In 1960 he was graduated with a B.A. degree from Fort Wayne Bible College. At the North American Baptist Seminary he earned the B.D. degree in 1963. He is presently enrolled in the Doctor of Divinity program of North American Baptist Seminary.

Ronald Mayforth brings a wealth of experience to his position. Upon graduation from North American Baptist Seminary, he served for one year as director of Christian Education at Central Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, SD. From 1964-67 he was pastor of West Center Street Baptist Church, Madison, SD. In 1967 he accepted the call to Brentview Baptist Church in Calgary, AB, where he served until 1972. He comes to this position from Troy, MI, where he pastored the Bible Baptist Church since 1973.

In addition to his pastoral duties, Rev. Mayforth served on various Conference and Association committees (General Council, N.A.B. Ministers'

Fellowship, etc.). His membership on the Board of Trustees of North American Baptist College, Edmonton, AB, gave him a practical exposure to today's educational scene.

His colleagues, co-workers and friends know Ron as a person with a clear perspective, good judgment and pleasant leadership abilities. Through his Bible-centered preaching and friendly ministry he established rapport with the people in the churches he served and in the communities in which he lived.

The North American Baptist Conference is happy that Ronald Mayforth was willing to fill the area secretary position, which had been left vacant through the resignation of the Rev. Clarence Walth, who is now associate director of development at North American Baptist Seminary.

Ron and Sharon have three children: Pam (13), Polly (11) and Perry (9). His brother, Richard, is a missionary in Japan; another brother, Robert, is the comptroller at the Conference Office in Oakbrook Terrace, IL. □

to remuneration for the services rendered. Of course, much will depend upon the size and complexity of your estate. Because duties and liabilities of an executor are considerable, give careful thought to your selection. It is wise to review your present will to determine whether the present person you have chosen is able to function as you had originally anticipated. When Senator Robert Kennedy was assassinated, it was

discovered that he had named his deceased brother, John Kennedy, as executor of his will.

To assist you in determining necessary records and documents which your executor will need from you, we have a booklet for this purpose, "What Your Executor Will Need From You." Please feel free to use the coupon on this page to receive your free copy at no charge or obligation to you.

guest editorial
by Fred Folkerts

The Laura Reddig Easter Mission Offering is an opportunity to express our commitment to the Lord.

AN OCCASION FOR COMMITMENT. The offering is a special occasion each year to give to the unified mission ministries of our North American Baptist Conference. Those ministries occupy our Conference in six countries: Japan, Brazil, Nigeria, Cameroon, Canada, and the United States. God has given us an extensive mission work to perform, and the cost is great. This Easter Offering is one special occasion in our year to help meet that cost.

We have much from which we may give. Even though inflation subtracts from the increases we receive, we still enjoy a wealth of good things. We only need to compare our condition with that of many people elsewhere in the world to remember that we have an abundance of material blessings. It is out of that abundance from which we are expected to give.

We need to give abundantly. We have a big mission to perform. The financial goals which we have set for ourselves this year can only be reached by the faithful and sacrificial giving of our

North American Baptist people. We know that our N.A.B. membership is not large. We do not ask people outside our Conference fellowship to help us meet our missions cost. So each one of us within the Conference fellowship needs to adopt a substantial portion of our financial goal as a personal obligation and privilege.

A MOTIVE FOR COMMITMENT. The present world population is approximately four billion people. A careful estimate indicates that only approximately one billion people have had a meaningful opportunity to hear the gospel. Three billion people live in our world today unreached by the message of Jesus Christ. This gives believers a tremendous task.

The Apostle Paul says, "that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ," (II Cor. 5:19, 20).

The task which has been given to us, as believers, should move us to reach out wherever we are with the reconciling message of Christ's love and forgiveness to those who will repent and believe.

A CALL FOR COMMITMENT. Dr. Laura Reddig says in a letter from Mbingo Hospital, "In a very real way you are here, sharing and helping in our work for Christ's kingdom. Every time I go into our White Cross store, it is with a prayer of deepest thanks and praise

that God has given us such a tremendous army of co-workers, who may not plant their feet on Cameroon soil but are very definitely involved with us in the world's most exciting and worthwhile endeavor."

Laura goes on to tell of the need for additional work in schools, women's groups, youth groups, churches, and other areas of ministry. She describes a trip to Esimbi, a place where Baptists are quite new.

"For our women's meeting, we had 36 women and 49 men and children in attendance. The church consisted of a thatched roof with some poles holding it up, and a few crude benches to sit on. Later, we ate cassava and cocoyams with the pastors and the other leaders of the area and listened to their account of the ministry. For the 15 Esimbi churches, only seven had a leader, and only three of those had been trained for church leadership."

Laura asks for our commitment when she says: "So when you are planning for your Easter Mission Offering this year, please remember to count your blessings and riches in Christ Jesus, and share with a touch of real sacrifice your love and concern for the people of our N.A.B. Mission fields. Remember, Easter is the time to remember, praise, give, and pray. And let us thank God that he's counting on us to be faithful and generous. His love in our hearts can make giving such a joy, for it is just one little way of saying 'thank you' to him." □

Charismatic makes the Holy Spirit subject to his selfish needs and desires. Jesus said in Luke 10:20; "Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you; but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." Milton W. Zeeb, South Central Area Secretary, Kansas City, MO.

Dear Editor:

I am enclosing a money order of \$5.50 for one year subscription of the BAPTIST HERALD. I look forward to receiving the magazine and enjoy reading it. It is a blessing. May it continue to be so to whoever receives it. I have been a subscriber for many years and would feel lost without it. May the good Lord continue the work and effort put forth to make it what it is intended to be. Mrs. John Ebel, Schuler, AB

REACH OUT AND GROW

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the superintendent reports: "We competed with North Freedom Baptist, WI, as we have in previous years. Exciting was Oct. 23, 1977, when our attendance

was only two less than our record attendance was the Sunday both G.V. teams were in Sunday school! We used a banner across the front of the sanctuary, bar graphs for within the S.S. class competition, and North Freedom vs. Watertown. Our younger adult class won!"

What about growth in your Sunday school? It should happen, and it can! As long as the Sunday school teaches the Bible to others, it needs to reach out to touch people for Christ. Continue to reach out and grow.

LAST VISIT TO AFRICA

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be given up.

Re-application for the site for the building of a Bible School was made in 1972, but not until 1977 was the Certificate of Right of Occupancy granted. This full-scale building could not begin until then. Mr. and Mrs. Curtis E. Radke remodeled the former administration building at Mbu into a missionary home, where they now live. We were their guests that day. Under the guidance of Curtis Radke, a building of three classrooms, several tutor houses and two four plex dormitories have been erected, a second missionary home has its walls and roof rafters up, and mud blocks for additional dormitories are being made. The school opened in September with 15 students, with 17 more to be admitted in January. The dedication of grounds and buildings made December 7 a day of great rejoicing for our Mambilla Christians.

The Mambilla Baptist Convention churches have met the cost of operating the Bible School since its beginning about six or seven years ago. Presently this includes paying the salaries of four tutors and assisting in feeding the students. The Mission's assistance has gone toward the construction of the buildings. Though the General Council of the Mambilla Baptist Convention requested aid in paying the tutors, the brethren were encouraged to do their utmost as before and to look upon the school as their very own school and not the Mission's. Their support of their Bible School is an example to the Cameroon Baptist Convention with reference to its Theological College at Ndu.

**MAYO NDAGA: FIRST FIELD
BIBLE CONFERENCE**

A Missionary Fellowship meeting was to take place at Warwar on Thursday, December 8, so we crossed the Donga River and drove to Warwar. On the following day, Curtis Radke, Barbara Kieper and Minnie Kuhn drove us to

Mayo Ndaga, a four-hour drive, to be present at the first Bible Conference in Mayo Ndaga field. Five years ago, I accompanied Dr. Hiller, Dr. Gutowski and Barbara Kieper to this same place for an outpatient clinic, when about 465 patients were treated. An occasional clinic visit is still made, but this time it was strictly a field gathering of churches. Choirs were represented, reports were heard, and messages brought. The executive secretary was also present for the occasion. We stayed overnight in a Nigerian house, fellowshiped with the Christians and experienced the blessings of God. The Convention would like a missionary couple to be posted at Mayo Ndaga for a greater outreach in that area. We returned to Warwar late Saturday evening, past the hour of regular Donga River crossing.

**WARWAR: HOSPITAL WITH
A CONTINUING WITNESS**

Though Warwar is our oldest mission station in Nigeria, it has ceased to be a mission station in a technical sense. It is possible that in the future a missionary may not reside here. Presently Dr. and Mrs. Ronald E. Hiller, Miss Barbara E. Kieper and Miss Minnie Kuhn live here. When we built the hospital at Warwar, we realized that the Nigerian government would one day take it over, in line with its policy to bring all private hospitals under government administration. We anticipated about five years under mission administration, and we had a bit more time than that. In the Spring of 1976 we were informed that beginning with April 1976, the hospital at Warwar would be under government administration. At the same time we were asked whether the entire staff, missionary and national, would stay on for at least two more years. The handing over was orderly, and government contracts were signed by missionary and national staff. We asked for compensation of missionary homes but not of actual hospital buildings. This proved to be a wise request.

What influence has this turning over had thus far? The Christian witness is somewhat restricted but is possible within limitations. The missionaries continue their person-to-person influence and testimony. Their exemplary lives bear fruit. The church at Warwar (across the valley from the hospital grounds) employs a chaplain who is at liberty to make his daily rounds and be of spiritual help to those who desire it. The missionary salaries, paid under government contract, can be used for other purposes. So there is even a financial gain.

Will the Warwar Hospital remain open after these contracts expire? Will

government find staff for this remote area? There is evidence that government intends to keep it going. It has let contracts for the construction of an administration building and for two additional 30-bed wards. Construction has begun. While at Yola, the permanent secretary's first question to me was whether we would be willing to supply staff also in the future, because government may find it difficult to find adequate staff for this remote area. My answer was positive, if government desired it, and if we also can find enough doctors and nurses.

We should by all means continue to supply medical staff to government, and we herewith request that interested candidates contact us. This is one way to continue the Christian mission's witness at Warwar. News had also reached our mission, just prior to my arrival, that the application for compensation of the missionary homes was granted. The permanent secretary assured us that compensation would be paid in full as requested, as soon as his office receives the funds.

On December 8, we also saw the operation of hospital services in full swing. Over 400 outpatients were treated. Several surgeries were performed, and my wife witnessed the birth of a baby, an experience in which she greatly rejoiced. This was baby number 1,415 for the year 1977. In the evening all of our missionaries on the Mambilla Plateau met in the Kieper residence. We spoke about the work with its future possibilities, fellowshiped together in worship, and I brought a brief challenge from God's Word, based on John 15:12-15: "Our Friendship for Christ."

On Sunday, December 11, we witnessed a three-hour service at the Warwar Church, which included a baptismal service at the stream, where seven were baptized, as well as bringing greetings and being greeted. The service culminated in a communion observance with the Christians at Warwar. It was a fitting close to our visit in Nigeria.

Sunday evening was given to fellowship with the entire hospital staff at Hiller's home. It was a delight to fellowship with them and see their devotion and Christian commitment in this new setting. Since we were already in the Christmas season, I challenged them to think especially on Christ, who came as Savior and Lord to all who would receive him, basing my thoughts on Matthew 22:42.

We left Nigeria on Monday, December 12. Curtis Radke drove us to the Cameroon border, where Miss Kathy Kroll, missionary nurse at Mbem, met us. We entered Cameroon from the north at Nwa. (Part II will relate our visit to Cameroon). □



letters to the editor

Dear Editor:

The two letters to the Editor which you have printed recently in issues of the HERALD have disturbed me very much. They are written in response to the exclusion of the First Baptist Church of Eldridge, IA.

In both instances the individuals are writing only on reports but not on first hand information. The issue at hand for the First Baptist Church of Eldridge was relative to its relationship to the Association. What a church does about the Charismatics in its membership is its own privilege and exercises its own autonomy. What the Iowa Assn. did

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1978 Mission & Ministry Budget & Goals

MISSIONS **\$1,276,006 40%**
Special Projects **\$97,000**

- To proclaim the gospel through evangelism, church planting, church work, education and medical services (when needed) in Cameroon, Nigeria, Japan, Brazil and the United States, through the witness and service of 114 missionaries and short-term missionaries.
- To proclaim the gospel by providing hospital treatment and medical care for more than 100,000 patients in Cameroon and Nigeria.
- To maintain a Bible college in Cameroon with an enrollment of at least 110 students.
- To establish more firmly the Bible school in Nigeria with an enrollment of 30.
- To establish a new pastoral training program in Japan during 1978-79.
- To expand the number of centers for Theological Education by Extension (TEE) in Brazil.
- To provide consultation to associations in becoming involved in inner city ministries in their area and to assist them with subsidies in establishing such ministries.

CHURCH EXTENSION **\$458,312 14%**
Special Projects **\$35,000**

- To start 10 new churches.
- To assist in supporting 50 projects.

NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST SEMINARY **\$365,116 11%**

- To increase the total enrollment to 250 students.
- To construct a 21-unit apartment building for student housing.

NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST COLLEGE **\$247,101 8%**

- To increase the fulltime enrollment to 200.
- To construct a new library building.

DEVELOPMENT AND ADMINISTRATION **\$356,532 11%**

- To assist local churches in stewardship education by providing resource materials and by conducting 10 seminars.
- To provide reliable estate planning information and counseling regarding wills, trusts and tax savings opportunities to our people.
- To secure additional commitments for N.A.B. ministries through wills, trusts and other estate planning agreements of \$3,000,000.

- To raise \$3,200,000 for the Conference mission and ministry budget.
- To increase deposits in the Church Extension Investors Fund to a total of \$1,600,000.

CHURCH MINISTRIES **\$223,770 7%**
Special Projects **\$9,000**

- To make 180,000 church growth contacts resulting in a net membership increase of 2,300.
- To provide services which will help churches to grow in all phases of church ministry such as spiritual growth, leadership ability, unity, maturing in faith and increase in the body of Christ.
- To further the ministry to the aging by sponsoring conferences on "Ministry with the Aging" for Baptist Home leaders and other interested persons.

AREA MINISTRIES **\$148,932 5%**

MINISTERS AID **\$56,280 2%**

- To distribute financial aid and pensions to pastors, pastors' wives and other Christian workers.

CONTINGENCIES **\$57,951 2%**

SPECIAL PROJECTS **\$10,000**
Baptist World Alliance **\$7,500**
Bible Distribution **2,500**

FELLOWSHIP

Associations

- To encourage participation in association-sponsored opportunities for fellowship, ministry and learning.

Conference

- To provide fellowship and continuing education opportunities for pastors and their families at the 1978 N.A.B. Pastors' Conference.

Baptist World Alliance

- To encourage participation in the 1978 Baptist World Youth Conference in Manila.
- To receive and distribute funds to help meet the needs of people through the Baptist World Alliance Relief Fund.

BASIC OPERATING BUDGET **\$3,048,000**
SPECIAL PROJECTS **152,000**

Total \$3,200,000