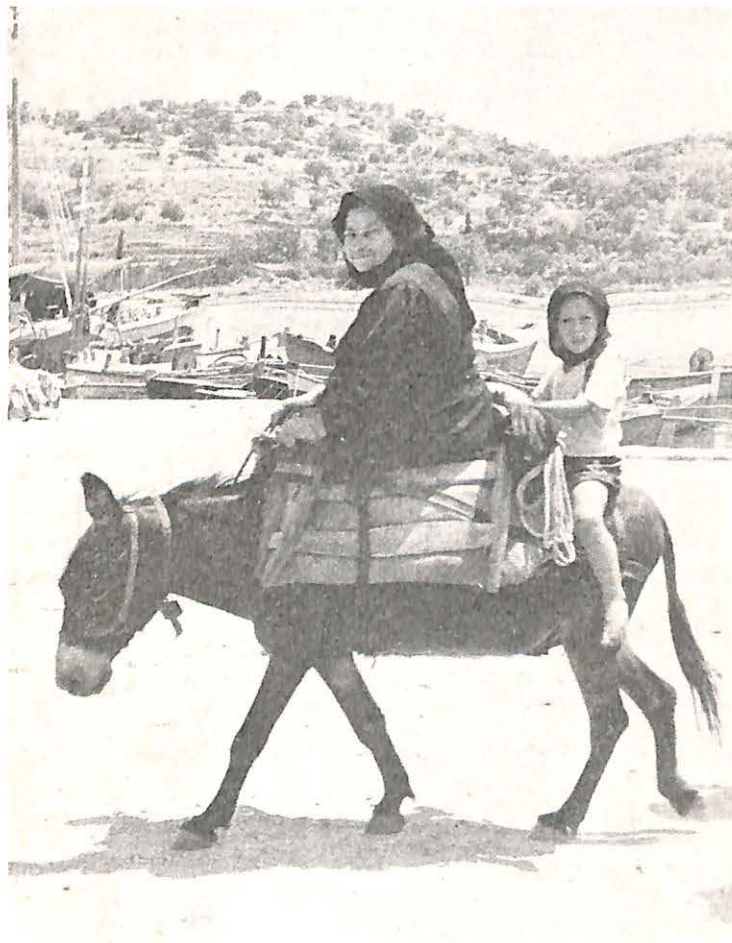


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Tuesday, August 8 — The Celebrating Servant

1:00 p.m. Registration and get acquainted
7:30 p.m. Inspirational Service
Leader: Dr. Joseph Sonnenberg, N.A.B. College
Keynote Address: Dr. Sydney Page
Prayer and Praise Time: Rev. Herman Effa
9:00 p.m. Refreshments and Fellowship

Wednesday, August 9 — The Suffering Servant

8:30 a.m. Leader of the Day: Dr. David Draewell, N.A.B. Seminary
9:30 a.m. Bible Study: Dr. Gordon Harris
The Responsible Servant Workshops
•Planning Year-Round Stewardship in the Church. Resource Leaders: Rev. E. A. Barker, Rev. John Binder, Rev. Connie Salios
•How to Determine Your Church's Growth Potential Resource Leaders: Rev. Ray Harsch, Rev. Henry Ramus
•Personal Relationships between Pastor, Staff and Church Leaders. Resource Leaders: Dr. Richard Houts and Rev. Willy Muller
10:30 a.m. Break
11:00 a.m. The Suffering Servant — The Pastor and His Wife: Dr. Craig Massey
1:00 p.m. Lunch
2:00-3:00 p.m. The Suffering Servant — The Pastor and His Family: Dr. Craig Massey
5:30 p.m. Supper
7:30 p.m. Inspirational Service with the Theme of the Day continued: Dr. Craig Massey
8:45 p.m. Refreshments and Fellowship

Thursday, August 10 — The Innovative Servant

8:30 a.m. Leader of the Day: Rev. Walter Goltz, N.A.B. College
9:30 a.m. Bible Study: Dr. Gordon Harris
10:30 a.m. The Responsible Servant Workshops (continued)
11:00 a.m. Break
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5:30 p.m. Free Time and Recreation
5:30 p.m. Supper
7:30 p.m. Inspirational Service: Rev. Richard Krenz
8:45 p.m. Refreshments and Fellowship

Friday, August 11 — The Responsible Servant

8:30 a.m. Leader of the Day: Dr. Wayne Peterson, N.A.B. Seminary
9:30 a.m. Bible Study: Dr. Gordon Harris
10:30 a.m. The Responsible Servant Workshops (continued)
11:00 a.m. Break
Bible Stewardship: Rev. A. R. Fagan
1:00 p.m. Lunch
2:00-3:00 p.m. New Testament Giving: Rev. A. R. Fagan
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Special Music: old and new singing groups
Song Leader: Rev. Ted Faszter
Address: Dr. Herbert S. Dickerson

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news Flash

Graham Invited To Poland

WARSAW—Evangelist Billy Graham has been invited by the Baptist Union of Poland to come to this country for a series of religious meetings.

Mr. T. Dusik, vice-minister for non-Catholic groups in the state council for religious affairs, notified Baptist leaders this morning that the government has given approval for an invitation, with the dates, length of stay and itinerary to be arranged by church representatives.

"We are happy to announce that Billy Graham can come to Poland," Mr. Dusik said.

Polish Baptists, who have worked with other Christian groups here for almost 20 years to bring about such a visit, immediately sent a cabled message to Dr. Graham confirming their welcome.

They expect that Dr. Graham will respond affirmatively, and hope the visit will take place this coming September. Dr. Walter M. Smyth, director of international ministries for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, had already advised that the evangelist "would clear his calendar of other engagements" should an official invitation be extended.

This will be Dr. Graham's second official visit to a socialistic republic in Eastern Europe. Last September, on invitation of the Free Church Council, he and a team of co-workers spent one week in Hungary.

The U.S. Baptist evangelist also held public meetings in non-aligned Yugoslavia in 1967. □

I had only one mother—and she was a good one! The memories I retain of life at home are warm and good.

She gave herself to the task of motherhood. She penned in her diary: "Training my children is the most important task I have while they are under my care and nothing shall interfere with that training. The housework, church demands, social obligations—all must be subservient to my children's welfare."

This she practiced!

Despite the demands as a busy wife, she always found time to spend with us. Under a large tree, she would tell us the stories from the Bible, illustrating them in the sand with rocks and stones for houses and mountains and representing the patriarchs of old with twigs. She captured our imaginations; and our heroes became David instead of Fabian, and Mary instead of Liz Taylor.

We were taught the Scriptures and to pray before we could say much else. Before we started school, we could recite the books of the Bible in order, the twelve disciples, and quote more Scripture than many ministers. We grew up with the Word of God as an integral part of our lives.

The only mother I ever had, penned in her diary: "The sculptor spends hours in shaping the features of the face; the painter labors to give color to the hair or expression to the face. Their work is to stand for ages to come. But I, as a mother, am shaping substances more imperishable than canvas or marble. I can afford to be patient and wait long for results. I have all eternity in which to watch developments."

My mother worked patiently and consistently. When we grew older, she would pick out chapters and portions of Scriptures, give us scissors, glue, a bundle of magazines, and a scrapbook. Then she would challenge us to illustrate these chapters with pictures from the magazines. We accepted the challenge, loved every minute of it—and, not incidentally, memorized those chapters word for word.

She played Bible games with us! If we ran out of new ones, she created some. She could always be counted on for fun, companionship, and—although we were often unaware of it—religious training.

She told us the Bible stories and then challenged us to live like the heroes we came to adore. We could listen to the story of the sweet spirit of Joseph, the trust of David, and dream that "some day" we would live like that! But she challenged us to be like that now! She gave to our dreams of service an outlet so they could find fulfillment.

She soothed me when I was sick. She played Ping-Pong with me in the basement, dolls in the house, and baseball in the street. She listened to my opinions and made me feel important. She made me believe she enjoyed my numerous parties. She joked about it when she had guests and discovered too late that I had used all of the sugar the night before in a fudge party. She liked my friends.

My only mother was proud when I won honors and built me back up when I lost. Her eyes flashed tears of joy when I was happy. Her arms held me tightly when I was sad. My mother filled my world with happiness,

love and God. She kept her spiritual life so lovely and radiant that I lived in the splendor of it all of my life.

I had only one mother—and she was a good one! She shaped my life for good. If she had not been a good mother, my life would be different. How I thank God for my mother and all the mothers who have given of themselves for their children.



I'm The Only Mother My Children Will Ever Have

by Ruth Vaughn

I occasionally slip into the nursery in my house and look at the sleeping forms of my children. I am now fashioning their memories of home. I am now molding their adult lives and influencing their relationships with God.

Unless accident comes, I am the only mother my children will ever have. I'd better be a good one! □

Honor at Home—Respect for Parents

by Adolph Braun

This commandment stands between man's responsibility to God and man's responsibility to man. Of all our duties to our fellow man, the first and foremost is our duty to our parents, which lies at the root of all our social relationships.

The world is in great need of godly mothers and fathers who have accepted their position as parents from the Lord. As the home goes, so goes the nation and the world, for good or for evil. Civilization is determined largely by the home. Charity is not the only thing that begins at home. Thoughtfulness, respect, truthfulness, honesty, uprightness, education, culture, character, habits, attitudes, values, and qualities of manhood and womanhood make us what we are at home. Statesmen, thinkers, moral men, spiritual pioneers, and also thieves, gangsters, and criminals are made at home. The home makes the community and the world.

The neglect of these commandments has brought much evil into the world. Parents today are preoccupied with worldliness and want someone else to train their children. The corruption of society is in proportion to the neglect of these commandments. The result of ignorance and disobedience of these fundamental truths is idolatry, disrespect for parents, murder, adultery, stealing, lying, and covetousness. Are not these the greatest problems of our society?

Husbands and wives today are even too selfish to really love and care for one another. Forty years ago, one

out of thirty-three marriages ended in divorce. Now it is one out of three ending in divorce in some areas, and in a few states it is even higher than that. Fifty years ago, fifty per cent of the Christians had a family altar. Now only five per cent take time for a family altar. Do you? What are you feeding your children?

While the first four commandments have to do with man's relationship to God, this commandment begins with man's relationship with man, the very foundational cornerstone of man's living in society. If he learns to obey the first four commandments, he learns how to be rightly related to God, and then it will be a natural follow-up for him to honor his parents and to live right in the world. But he who disregards and neglects the first four will sweep away all of the following six.

I. PROCLAMATION. "Honor thy father and thy mother."

Honor must be earned. We honor God because he is worthy. He has proven himself faithful to us. So parents must teach their children and prove themselves honorable.

A. Parents are as God to the child. They are his providers, protectors and teachers. Parents ought to be jealous to teach their children the best things before they ever get to school. Parents are by God's design the first teachers. Parents ought to teach their children where they came from why they are here, and where they are going. Parents ought not to leave this up to the public school teacher who may not know where he came from, nor why he is here, nor where he is going. You should

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"Honor thy father and thy mother" God

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teach your children that God has a plan for their lives. Shakespeare said, "The voice of the parent is the voice of God." A little girl said, "I asked my mother what God is like. She did not know. I asked my teacher what God is like. She did not know. Then I asked my father, who knows more than anyone else in the world, what God was like. He did not know. I think if I had lived as long as my mother or my father I would know something about God."

Don't let the TV become the teacher of your child and instruct him in the ways of evolution before you teach him of creation. "Bring them up in the nurture and the admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4).

B. Parents are guardians of children. Socrates complained, "I can't understand how people can take so much pains to train up asses and so little pains to train up children." This is still true today. Children are part of our depraved humanity and need instruction in the ways the Lord has planned. When the Christians fail, the nation becomes confused. Israel was confused for 450 years following the death of Joshua because the generation following his death did not teach their children in the ways of the Lord. So a generation gap developed as a result of parents and national leaders neglecting their responsibility. The Bible says, "And there arose another generation after them, which knew not the Lord, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel" (Judges 2:10). Instruction in the right things and warnings of the wrong things is complete and wholesome instruction. "Chasten [discipline] thy son while there is hope" (Proverbs 19:18). Wherever parents discipline their children, there is honor and respect. Strong, loving discipline will bring about a right attitude in the heart of the child. Discipline is for the good of the child and a better child will result in a better society.

C. Parents have been honored by the greatest people. Jesus is our greatest example, "He went down with them [his parents] and came to Nazareth and was subject unto them" (Luke 2:5). "I do all those things that please him [his Father]" (John 8:29). "Though he were a son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered" (John 5:8). Honor is the outgrowth of obedience taught.

II. PLEDGE. "That thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee."

A. Promise of a long life. "That thy days may be long." We are born with a definite length of days determined. We can shorten those days by sinful neglect of our body, our mind and our morals. A child left to himself will develop poor living habits. His eating will be irregular; his sleeping may be late; his food diet may be candy and cake and the things that will be harmful to his body, thus developing poor health and a poor spirit,

because what we eat also affects our spirit. On the other hand, the child that is taught of God and learns how to discipline his sleeping, eating and health habits, and learns to use his mind correctly, has the blessings of the Lord upon him. We all know or have experienced the attitude of a growing person. At ten years of age, the child thinks his parents know it all. At 16 he is not so sure about his parents. At 19 he feels he has surpassed his parents in knowledge. At 22 he has completely outgrown his parents. At 30 we remember our parents were right right about a lot of things. At 40 they were just about perfect. At 50 we recall the wisdom of our fathers.

B. Promise of a good life. Paul says that this is the first commandment with promise: "That it may be well with thee" (Ephesians 6:1-3). How terrible to live bad and live long. How terrible to live as a murderer, a liar, a thief, a curser, a false witness, an adulterer, a covetous person, or an idolator, for a long time!

Christian parents pass on the best inheritance. What a blessing to live a good life a long time. God be praised for such a good and loving law. It is well-known that those who have made their decisions to be ministers and missionaries have done so at a very early age. About 70 percent of all preachers became Christians when they were 12 years of age. This means that they were probably influenced in their homes by their parents.

III. POWER FOR SUCH A LIFE

Man fails in himself. He cannot even be saved by living by the law. He is weak and as a result falls short of the glory of God. Christianity is a family religion. The home is the mold and the maker of men. So the power to live such a life begins with the parents who will treat and train their children in the right way. However, recognizing no matter what training we have, we still need the spiritual power of God so that we may live a disciplined life and not yield to the terrible temptations of Satan. Jesus said, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3). The Apostle Paul, commenting on the teachings of Jesus, said, "A man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ" (Galatians 2:16); "The law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ that we might be justified by faith" (Galatians 3:24); "The law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death" (Romans 8:2). Parents themselves need to be born of the Spirit so that they can teach and lead their children in the way of the Lord. As the parents teach their children, so will the home, the community, the nation, and the world be. No nation, family or individual lives long or well without obedience to God and his Word. "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33:12). □

Christmas was over; the decorations were still up, papers and boxes had not yet been put away, but everyone was making his way to Bamenda. Along the rocky, rough, narrow road up from Warwar, the Land Rover crept around the curves. The final destination—Bamenda! It took two days to cover the distance of less than 170 miles.

The smooth, wide road from Jos dwindled into a dry-mud-single-track-rough-and-dusty road, but it led to Bamenda. It was the annual reunion of the missionary family in Africa from both Cameroon and Nigeria. "Hello!"; "Greetings!"; "So glad you have arrived." This was music to our ears. Most of us flopped into bed early that first night. We were worn out from traveling but happy to be at the annual missionary conference.

Helen Marie Schmidt kept us happy with good food and her enthusiastic spirit. Jarvis Schlafmann presented us with a good program. Testimonies from the new missionaries gave us a better understanding of the young people God calls today. The two seminary students joined our happy throng. Furlough



Lunch fellowship at Bamenda.

reports usually ended with "I am so glad to be back here in Africa!"

"Learn to Forgive," "Learn to Forget," and "Learn to Care" were the stimulating Bible studies that Dr. Schilke shared with us. Two panels on "What Lies Ahead" and "Spiritual Maturity" caused us to rethink our priorities and spiritual development. The discussion and prayer times renewed our interests and concern for others.

There was fun and fellowship for all with a good banquet and fun night.

Mrs. June Goodman and her husband, Kenneth, are missionaries in Gembu, Nigeria.

the missionary family

by June Goodman



Cameroon Missionary Fellowship 1977 at Bamenda.

Some of the skits portrayed the idiosyncracies of the old and new alike. Even Kay Schilke took part in the skits. All of us enjoyed having Kay with us. Dr. Schilke's visit was much more complete by the lively wit and ways of his wife.

Saturday night we welcomed the New Year of 1978. On Sunday many of us attended the baptism at Nkwen Church. Reily Neuman, with zest and deep spiritual concern, conducted the Lord's Supper for us in a new and different way. Testimonies and words of thanks continued on and on. No one wanted to stop. This would mean "good-bye and good night." Some had to be on the way before daylight. The roads home had not improved, but we had much to talk, laugh, and think about. How could we possibly wait twelve months to see all of our beloved missionary family again? □



The Mambila (Nigeria) missionaries at the Annual Missionary Conference. Mrs. J. Goodman, second from left.



Children performing at the conference, directed by missionary Esther Hoffman.

My Friend Yasuko

by Val Urquhart

Before coming to Japan, I thought everything would completely change in my life except my relationship with the Lord. It is true that the daily life, the food, the neighborhood, the work and the language are different,



Val Urquhart with her friend Yasuko.

but man is the same no matter from what country, city, community or corner of the world he comes. The Lord equips each one of us with his knowledge and skills, so that we can communicate his love to the ones he loves. This article is about my friend, Yasuko, and how the Lord brought us together for a special reason.

Valerie Urquhart is a short-term missionary in Japan.

It was an August evening in 1976, when two of my Japanese fellow teachers at the Y.M.C.A. introduced me to this artist-teacher. We had dinner at one of the ladies' homes. As we chatted, we could see the city lights and fireworks way off in the distance. As I got to know this artist, she said her name was "Yasuko." I sort of laughed and said, "Is that Russian?" We laughed together, and that was the start of our friendship.

She invited me to her home several times for an art lesson, and I would teach her English. Also, she would come to my house, or we would go to an iris garden or someplace interesting, where we could sketch or paint or simply speak in English. During these times I would share what was on my heart. Many times there would be a chance to tell her how much the Lord meant to me. A short while ago, she mentioned something I said during one of the first times we met, which had impressed her. She had never forgotten: "Art is no longer the most important thing in my life, but Jesus Christ is the number one in my life."

The Lord is working in her life. This is one of the reasons I'm in Japan, to help at least one soul discover God's love. □

A Missionary's Jottings

by Lucille Wipf

If "a picture is worth a thousand words," then I could stop right now. You'd already have 27,000 words. With someone as cute as our youngest member, Jonathan Steller, included, the value goes up. This picture shows our entire NAB missionary family in Japan—regular and short-term missionaries, gathered for our missionary Christmas. It's very unusual to have everyone present on the field, so we wanted to be sure and take a picture this year. Next Christmas the Clausens will be on furlough. Maybe you're wondering who took the picture since we're all on it. We had two lady guests from our Rowandale Church in Winnipeg with us. They were in Japan from Dec. 25 to Jan. 13. It was a joy to have them with us for not only that day, but also to visit us in our homes during the time they were here.

Lucille Wipf is a missionary in Ise, Japan.

An item for praise and prayer: One evening in February, I went to Matsusaka by train. A girl sitting down a way from me smiled at me, so I smiled back. When she got off at one of the local stations, we smiled and said "goodbye" to each other. Imagine my surprise when I got off the train here in Ise yesterday to see the same girl sitting in the station waiting for a train. So I

talked to her because I thought maybe I should know her. As it turned out, she had studied Jehovah Witness materials but was not satisfied and so quit; but she is very much interested in studying the Bible. She plans to come to my English Bible class. Since she lives close to Matsusaka, I'm going to invite her to our church there. Her name is Ikuko Kubota. □



The entire N.A.B. missionary family in Japan pictured December 27, 1977, in front of Nagoya Inokashi Church.

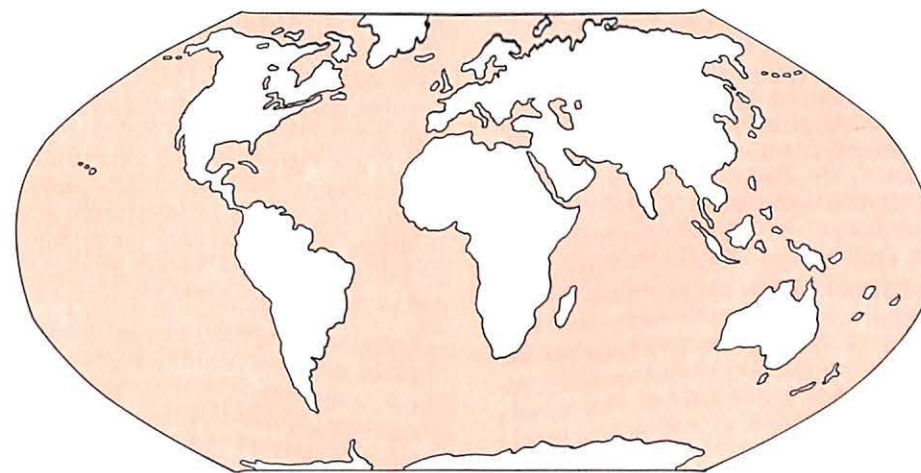
THE BOUNDS OF EARTH

world population haunts governments, planners and economists because of the obvious impact upon available resources and the environment. Where do Americans stand in the world picture? Our growth rate has slowed, and current birth rates place us

near that zero population growth level advocated by many.

Suppose the world population was compressed into a single city of 1,000 people. In this imaginary city, 55 of the 1,000 people would be American citizens. Of this 945 people, 215 would

by Arthur H. Doerr



The world's population is currently close to 4,000,000,000 people. The net increase per day is about 200,000, which means, of course, that the annual growth in the world's population is more than 70,000,000 persons. The current annual growth rate of the world's population hovers around two percent. At this rate the world's population will double in 35 years. In underdeveloped countries the growth rate is as high as 3.5 percent per year. The population doubling time for such countries is 20 years. The specter of a rapidly rising

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be citizens of the People's Republic of China. The 55 United States citizens would receive more than 40 percent of the town's income. These 55 people, representing 5½ percent of the population would consume almost 15 percent of the town's food supply; use, on a per capita basis, 10 times as much oil, 40 times as much steel and 40 times as much general equipment.

Among the 1,000 people in the town, less than 300 would be Christian, and more than 700 would have some other religion or no religion at all. Of the population about 300 would be white and 700 non-white. The 55 Americans and their European counterparts would have a life expectancy of 70 years com-

pared to 45 years for the other citizens of the town.

And, although most of the citizens of the world have accepted their lot, this has ceased to be so. This has become an era of rising expectation of the world's peoples. Everyone seeks his share of the "good life."

Central to any consideration of a good life is an adequate, available and dependable food supply. Two-thirds of the world's peoples are currently undernourished or malnourished. And, although the "Green Revolution" has been pointed to by some as a solution to the world's hunger, it should be recognized that greatly improved yields add demands for irrigation and fertilizer which causes a host of environmental and energy problems.

Further, it should be recognized that the mere satisfaction of caloric needs will not satisfy the omnipresent protein hunger. Terrestrial sources from such countries as the United States are limited as exhibited in numerous ways, including meat shortages here.

Many have pointed to the sea as a bountiful new source of protein. It should be recognized, however, that although the world fish catch tripled from 1950 to 1968, that, beginning with 1969, there has been no additional expansion of the catch (in fact there has been a modest decline) in spite of greatly increased efforts and costs. Overfishing has resulted in destruction of many of the world's most productive fishing grounds, and some biologists fear that we are on the brink of causing catastrophic declines in the catch of certain species.

If we are to preserve the sea as a major source of food, if we are to expand the extraction of minerals from ocean waters, the lands beneath the seas, and the sea floors; and if we are to manage carefully the dumping of wastes in the sea, we must have international cooperation in the use of the seas. Just as nations have always recognized the right of transit on the open seas so must the sea's resources be husbanded for all of mankind.

And, as man must have food, so he must have energy. In the 19th and 20th centuries civilization has been dependent upon the use of fossil fuels. Best estimates suggest that with current recovery techniques and projected demands that the world's coal supplies will last to about the year 3000, its oil to about 2050, and its natural gas to about 2025. And, although atomic reactors are pointed to as a solution to the power problem, it is expected that fissionable materials will last to about the year 2000.

Obviously other sources of power are available for expansion or development.

Those are not recounted here, but stress should be laid on the expansion of energy sources consonant with the maintenance of environmental quality. It is a reasonable prediction, however, that the days of cheap, abundant energy availability are over forever. Energy may again become abundant, but at a price.

In our concern for energy we must not neglect environmental quality. Indeed the ecological consciousness which has become widespread is a salutary phenomenon which must be nurtured and preserved.

Basically we must come to grips with the fact that resources are finite and that conservation is an inevitable answer to the world's principal dilemmas. The ethnic of conservation has two fundamental commandments, i.e.;

1) *Thou shalt maintain energy flow.*

2) *Thou shalt not sacrifice the eternal or the continuing to the temporal or the expedient.*

Each of us must recognize within that framework of conservation the ecological law that within any dynamic structure a change in any variable will change all variables dependent upon it as well as all variables dependent on the affected variables. In our development of the affluent society, the age of creature comforts, and the growth syndrome, we Americans have become the greatest modifiers of the environment in the history of the world.

Some examples of resource use and environmental impact are seen in the following statements.

1. We are currently destroying agricultural land at the rate of 1,000,000 acres per year.

2. We discard, use, or discharge into the environment each year:

- a. 48,000,000,000 cans
- b. 26,000,000,000 bottles
- c. 142,000,000 tons of smoke
- d. 61,000,000 tons of carbon monoxide
- e. 16,000,000 tons of hydrocarbon gases
- f. 7,000,000 junked automobiles
- g. 6,000,000 tons of nitrogen oxide
- h. 210,000 tons of lead

We use each day 4 gallons of oil, 300 cubic feet of natural gas, 25 pounds of coal, and smaller amounts of energy from other sources per person—eight times the world average.

Environmental impact or technological prospects are succinctly and humorously set forth in the two anonymous poems which follow:

A Conservationist's Lament

The world is finite, resources scarce,
Things are bad and will be worse.
Coal is burned and gas exploded,
Forests cut and soils eroded.
Wells are dry, and air's polluted.

Dust is blowing, trees uprooted.
Oil is going, ores depleted.
Drains receive what is excreted.
Land is sinking, seas are rising—
Man is far too enterprising.
Fire will rage with man to fan it,
Soon we'll have a plundered planet.
People will breed like fertile rabbits,
People have disgusting habits.

Moral

The evolutionary plan
Went astray by evolving man.

The Technologist's Reply

Man's potential is quite terrific;
You can't go back to the Neolithic.
The cream is here for us to skim it—
Knowledge is power, the sky's the limit.
Every mouth has hands to feed it,
Food is found where people need it.
All we need is found in granite
Once we have the men to plan it.
Yeast and algae give us meat
Soil is almost obsolete
Man can grow to pastures greener
Till all the earth is Pasadena.

Moral

Man's a nuisance, man's a crackpot,
But only man can hit the jackpot.

Fundamental to all our thinking must be the sobering fact that we are on this fragile planet alone. There are no other intelligent living creatures in our solar system. We share the air, the water, the resources, and the energy with our fellow human beings and living creatures on this planet—alone.

As John Donne put it, "No man is an island entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main; if a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as if a manor of thy friends or thine own were; any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind; and therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee."

Perhaps at last at this time if we really realize the dimensions of our problems; if we really care about this country and the world's peoples; if we really act responsibly we can avoid the events described in Carl Sandburg's "Four Preludes on Playthings of the Wind."

The doors were cedar
and the panels strips of gold,
And the girls were golden girls,
And the girls chanted:
We are the greatest city,
the greatest nation:
Nothing like us ever was.

The doors are twisted on broken hinges.
Sheets of rain swish through on the wind,
Where the golden girls ran
and the panels read:
We are the greatest city,
the greatest nation:
Nothing like us ever was.
It has happened before.
Strong men put up a city
and got a nation together
And paid singers to sing
and women to warble:
We are the greatest city,
the greatest nation:
Nothing like us ever was.

We face a crisis of unparalleled proportions. We can wring our hands and sink into a miasma of despair, or we can recognize that a crisis is a threatening opportunity.

I recommend, therefore, that we initiate a national program with temporal priorities, with a level of funding, and a measure of commitment comparable to the *Manhattan Project* which led to the production of the atomic bomb in World War II or to the *Apollo Project* which culminated in a space adventure bringing Neil Armstrong's words from the surface of the moon, "That's one small step for a man—one giant leap for mankind." To repeat, a project with the broadest possible authority, coordinated with comparable national projects elsewhere, and merged into an international undertaking with all the world's peoples contributing, should be undertaken now to assure world economic opportunity, to provide adequate energy resources, and to conserve the world environment.

I recommend, therefore, that national projects merge into international programs addressing economy, energy and environment and be initiated at once.

In my judgment, we owe our Creator, fellowmen, nation, state and community one last adventurous try to save the world and to provide for the posterity of all man, in the words of Christ, "I am come that you might have life and that you might have it more abundantly." Surely now is a time for selflessness rather than selfishness; a time for cooperative action rather than individual self gratification; a time for real rededication to Judeo-Christian principles in all their ramifications.

In closing I respectfully request that each of us consider two pieces of advice from the Bible:

"He who heeds the wind will not sow; and he who regards the clouds will not reap."

"Where there is no vision the people perish." □

A Creative Life Out Of Loss And Grief

by Verne W. Howen

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:5, 6). These verses flashed across my mind with deep meaning when death crossed my path with sudden reality. My wife had just been killed in an auto accident.

We had been on vacation, traveling on a new freeway going from our home in Northern California to Southern California. The day was bright and sunny, but the freeway was lazy and monotonous. It had a tendency to lull you to sleep. I was dozing beside my wife as she was driving. Then it happened without my knowing about it. The car left the road and rolled over several times. My wife had evidently fallen asleep at the wheel and had been killed instantly in the collision.

I was dazed momentarily; then I realized what had happened. With blood streaming down my face, I knelt down beside her lifeless body. When death comes with such sudden reality, what do you do? What do you think about? My first thought was for my wife's welfare. Then, two verses flashed through my mind with tremendous force. I had memorized the verses some years before when I was a pilot in the U.S. Air Force. The verses rang out in my mind with penetrating clarity: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart (Verne), and lean not unto thy own understanding. In

The before marriage inventory entitled, "What Should Couples Discuss Before Marriage?", can be obtained from Creative Life Seminars, 1111 W. Elm St., Lodi, CA, 95240. Price: 2 copies for \$5.00 plus \$1.00 for handling and postage. Total \$6.00. Two copies are needed for each couple.

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all your ways acknowledge Him (God in Christ), and He shall direct thy paths." It was just what I needed in that moment of deep grief. All of a sudden a strange comforting peace came over me. I knew I could make it. When I had time, I prayed. I told God I would take him at his word even though I could not understand it all.

Now I can tell you what has happened to me in the past two years since the accident. About six months after my wife was killed, I was asked to speak at a business men's breakfast meeting. In the speech I related to the men how I had been helped to build a new life out of my deep loss. I explained that my greatest help and strength came from God, and how I trusted God in Christ to do for me what I could not do on my own. The next day I received a phone call from a businessman who heard me speak the day before. He asked me if I would talk to a friend of his whose wife had died of cancer some months before. He told me his friend was not able to face reality and was not doing well at all since his wife's death.

I was able to speak to this grieving man and found him in deep despair. In his confused state of mind he asked me if I thought it was all right if he committed suicide in order that he could go to heaven to be with his wife. I was happy to explain what the Bible had to say about death, how one gets to heaven, how Christ had provided the way, how anyone could commit his or her life to God in Christ, and receive the same help I had experienced. He was happy to learn that he could have a new creative life; though his loss was great. He made a personal commitment to Christ that day. Recently I learned that he now has a ministry by visiting people in rest homes attempting to bring hope to them and sharing in their loneliness.

Because of this experience, I realized how many people suffer so deeply in their loss and grief. With my background as an educator in the social sciences, my past experience as an educational counselor, and the fact that I enjoyed doing research, I began to read widely and to interview those who had either faced a great loss in their lives or who worked professionally with those who had. The interviews included widows, widowers, clergymen, physicians, nurses, psychologists, the divorced, the dying, and others.

My research shows that the average person can do much for himself and for others as an extension of the work of the clergy and the other helping and health professions. Loss can be a shattering experience. Thankfully, there is help. Persons can find new courage and strength when they begin to understand

and utilize the spiritual and practical resources that are available.

During my research, a college professor became interested in my findings and invited me to hold a seminar on loss, grief and recovery for a group of single adults that he was helping. The response was beyond expectation. With almost no advertising, the normal group of 40 swelled to over 100 each session. The content of the seminar dealt with how one can cope with the trauma of personal loss resulting from death, divorce, or other personal loss. As a result of this initial seminar, requests have come to me to hold similar seminars in other cities. This seminar ministry has continued to grow; now not only single adults but also married couples are attending. Some of the topics covered are The Stages of Grief and Loss, How to Develop a New Creative Life Out of Any Loss, Tears—Do They Help?, Death, Divorce and Loss—Any Similarity?, Loneliness—What Can Be Done About It?, What Should I Say—to the Dying, the Bereaved, and the Divorced?, When Death Takes A Child—What Then?, How Can I Be Prepared for Death?, Wives and Husbands Need To Be Prepared for A Possible Widowed Life—Why? How?, and Heaven—Myth or Reality? What Is Heaven Like?

All, or part, of the seminar topics are being presented to various churches, national conventions and dinner meetings for different organizations. Various comments have encouraged the continuation of the seminars, such as: A widow states, "The seminar helped me understand what I have been doing wrong in trying to solve my problems. The seminar helped renew my hope and faith." A married couple states, "We now can be more compassionate to others who have or will have a loss. It gave us an excellent opportunity to look objectively at loss; something we carefully pushed away before this. We can now talk about it and have constructive information for ourselves and for others." Another stated, "I have never married, but I can apply the basic truths of the seminar to my professional life with its many valleys of defeat and loss."

One very interesting outgrowth of the seminar involves a "before marriage" inventory. The subject of marriage was brought up by some of the widowed and divorced at the seminars. It was mentioned that a second marriage involves great risk. It was felt that it was difficult to know one's prospective mate sufficiently well enough before a possible marriage. It seems that some of their friends were having such difficulty. It was suggested that a "before marriage" inventory would be helpful to those con-

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putting it together

by Ernie Zimbelman

Recently I attended an adult Sunday school class where the topic under discussion was "humility." The discussion was based on James, chapter 4. I was

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very interested in the comments of the class members in regard to humility. Here are a few:

"Humility is the opposite of pride."

"When you realize you are humble, that's a sign you are not."

"When you love others more than yourself."

"Not to think of oneself more highly than he ought" (Romans 12:3).

Other comments reflected the attitude that humility relates to a kind of "self-putdown;" I need to be good, in fact very good. But I must never admit it to myself, much less ever verbalize it to others.

As the class discussion progressed, the teacher asked for a biblical example of a person who was humble. Christ was suggested as such an example. What are some of the attitudes Jesus had toward himself? 1) He repeatedly claimed to be the Son of God (John 3:34-36). 2) He equated himself with God (John 5:18 and Matthew 11:27). 3) He took authority to forgive sins (Matthew 9:2-8). 4) He claimed divine and eternal powers (John 4:14). 5) He openly denounced hypocrisy in others (Matthew 23:3-9). 6) He claimed to be truth and taught truth (John 14:6). 7) He proclaimed himself as a leader (Matthew 4:18-22).

There are other examples in which Jesus functioned in an assertive and demanding way. But we still see him as

a humble person. What then is the nature of Christian humility?

Let's look at the passage in James 4:10-12. The first part of this passage reads: "Humble yourself before the Lord and he will exalt you." Humility is not a matter of negating my positive ability and achievements. It is primarily a matter of keeping a proper perspective and relationship between myself and God. In fact, if I get myself "lined up" with him appropriately, "he will exalt" me.

As soon as James has given the formula for humility in a positive way, then he states what can destroy it. I lose my right relationship with God when I "speak evil against the brethren," and I begin to judge them. If my gifts, abilities, or achievements are used to belittle or humiliate another person, that is sin. But if I tell of my effective work and my example is for the good of others, then God's blessing will be on me.

In II Corinthians 11:21 ff. Paul gives a list of his credentials. He feels like a fool for doing it, but he feels it needs to be said. As he states all his abilities and accomplishments, he does not lack humility; he is "telling it like it is."

If we have a meaningful relationship with God, we should be aware of it. We should also be aware of our gifts and achievements, and live joyfully in this context. □

It includes the proclamation of God's love to all people in all places, beginning at Jerusalem, Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the world. It includes a passion for justice in our social, political and religious world. It includes preaching, teaching, healing and witnessing. The Great Commission is a mandate given for the whole man, in the whole world and for the whole society.

How to be Born Again. By Billy Graham, Waco, TX: Word Books. \$6.95. The news media has picked up the expression "born again" as if this were some new phenomenon. Some newsmen have given it a derisive connotation when it referred to men who held high public office. It is much more refreshing and meaningful when it is used in its biblical sense by the world's best known evangelist.

Because the term is often used by journalists, it may seem as if Dr. Graham is taking advantage of the publicity. Actually the book was planned and being written before "born again" was so commonly seen in newsprint.

The book is well-written in typical Billy Graham preaching style. Three main chapters—"Man's Problems," "God's Answer," "Man's Response"—

have thirteen sub-chapters.

The numerous examples and illustrations make the volume interesting and inspiring. To the hungry, thirsty seeker it is compelling. The rich and poor, the intellectual and ignorant, the gross and refined, those with sins of the flesh and sins of the spirit—all have experienced the riches of Christ through the new birth.

Dr. Graham, however, is careful to add that to be born again is only the first step. Growth, for many, is often slow and sometimes painful.

Like a Watered Garden. By Maureen Hay Reed, Scottsdale, PA: Herald Press. \$5.95. This book is definitely for family reading. All the ingredients that are part of life and living are evident in this volume: career, marriage, children, love, faith, hope, doubt, disappointment, blessing, financial problems, and death and sorrow. But like Mary Magdalene in the Garden, Mrs. Reed knows that Christ is there, even through her tears.

The author writes in the form of a diary in which she exposes herself through some of her more eventful and meaningful days.

Those who read *Decision*, *His*, *Moody Monthly* and *Sunday Digest* will recognize her as a frequent contributor.

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Letting God In

by Linda Patzia

Young people from all parts of the world are sharing basically the same problem that teenagers faced over 2,000 years ago. The generation gap, or lack of communication as I prefer to call it, is prevalent now more than ever.

The growing-up years are the most important time in anyone's life. If a person carries away unhappy memories of family living, they may mar his life permanently in this area. Too often, both the parent and child are at fault when conflicts arise. Whether or not the family stays harmoniously together is up to us as individuals.

It is so important to be able to get along with your parents. Roughly one-third of your life is spent at home with your family, and how you act with them will reflect upon your relationship with other people. One cannot expect to turn into Mr. Nice Guy the minute he steps out the door; it has to be practiced at home.

Between the ages of one and 20, the character of a young person changes so drastically that it is almost impossible to keep up with the changes. At age five, a child will think of his parents as the smartest people in the world. At age 13, Mom and Dad suddenly don't know as much, and around 14 or 15, their I.Q. has seemed to have dropped considerably. Slowly, nearing the late teens or early twenties, you look back and realize that it wasn't your parents who were changing; it was you, and, for some strange reason, they know an awful lot now.

It is only during the past year that the relationship between my parents and me has begun to grow and strengthen. Only through many "after-dinner-talks" were we able to get to the point of being able to discuss things openly—as friends. Communicating does not necessarily mean agreeing on everything all the time. Varied opinions may muddy the

waters at times, but each of us has to respect the other for who he is, not who he could be.

Two years ago at Bible college, I made the decision to accept Christ as Lord. That meant giving him every area of my life, especially the area including my parents. As in any relationship, it takes two to have anything meaningful, and I guess I was the one who wasn't trying. With the help of the Lord, I was able to do my part. I remember the first time I said, "I love you," to my parents. I had withheld doing that for years, because I wasn't sure I meant it and didn't want to seem hypocritical. When I finally let that feeling of love out, it was from the bottom of my heart.

I can only thank the Lord for the parents he has given me. They disciplined me heavily at times—sometimes I thought too heavily—but only because they loved me. Even though we had our disagreements, we were on a communication level above most families.

Through a lot of Bible study and prayer, the Lord has taught me more than I dreamed possible. As in any relationship, there is a lot of give and take. During devotions one night, I came across this thought: "Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself; do not merely look out for your own personal interest, but also for the interests of others" (Phil. 2:3, 4, NAS).

Paul was writing to the Philippians out of love and concern, and I don't think he could have made things any clearer: "... regard one another as more important than himself. . . ." That more or less sums it up.

No matter how much literature we read, or how much practical advice we apply to our family living, nothing is going to work, unless we put God in



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complete control. Philippians 4:6, 7 tells us to "be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (NAS).

Relief flooded over me the first time I read this verse. Just think, it's all in God's hands! He gives us the strength and wisdom to make decisions that wouldn't be possible with only our own power. All we have to do is ask.

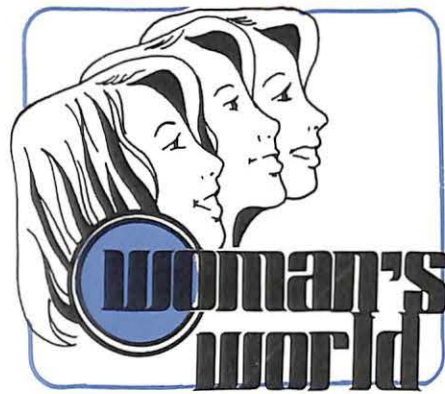
"I sought the Lord, and he answered me" (Psalm 34:4a, NAS). □

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. Each respondent will receive a gift.



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A Tribute To Laura E. Reddig

by Verna Michelson,
Cameroon missionary

My first contact with Laura was in 1938 when she came to our youth camp in North Dakota to share her testimony and call to Cameroon. Even then I much admired and respected her, for she found the Christian life exciting and was full of joy and enthusiasm in going to the mission field for the first time.

In 1944 she came home on her first furlough and, with Dr. Kuhn, came to our seminary in Rochester, NY, to challenge the students for service in Cameroon. As she enthusiastically spoke of her experiences and the needs, God again spoke to our hearts and confirmed a call we had known. We responded to his call and were ready to go to Cameroon that same year. Laura was a big encouragement and help to us as we made preparations to go. Three months before sailing to Africa, we learned we were expecting our first child and wondered whether this would hinder our going. Dr. Kuhn consulted with Laura about the matter. She assured him that I would receive good medical care, that we were young and could take it, and God would take care of us—and he did!

Laura lives by a firm and steady faith in God and has faithfully served him through all these years in Cameroon. Her positive attitude, radiant Christian testimony and good sense of humor have been a blessing and inspiration to us. She has endured well as she has lovingly and prayerfully cared for the sick and tackled difficult maternity cases. She would always remember to give God the praise and glory whenever she experienced miraculous recoveries and answered prayers.

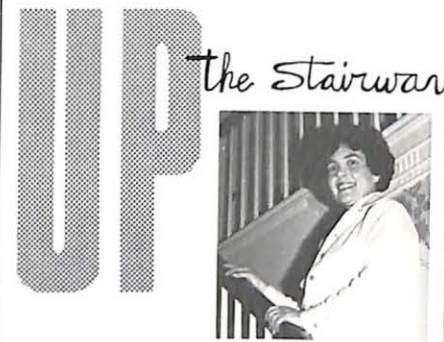
In the early years she would trek up the hills and down through the valleys, forests and streams to encourage and advise the teachers of our primary

schools, the pastors (church teachers), and she always remembered to pay proper respects to the village chiefs. She would walk and ride a horse many miles and cheerfully sing and joke along the way. One of her favorite gospel songs is "Count Your Blessings," and she would "name them one by one" even in times of sickness, discouragement and disappointment.

Many of the hopes and aspirations she had concerning her people in Cameroon were realized in her time in Cameroon. She saw Banso Hospital and the maternity centers become a reality. One of her greatest desires was for a leprosy hospital. It was a big thrill and joy for her when the New Hope Leprosy Settlement was opened at Mbingo. Ever since then she has been a devoted nurse among the leprosy patients.

Perhaps one of Laura's most outstanding characteristics is the way she has gracefully and ably adjusted to the

many changes that have taken place in Cameroon. She has witnessed Cameroon becoming an independent nation with some of its Baptists as leaders, and growth and progress of the country and the turning over of the churches, schools and medical facilities to the Cameroon Baptist Convention. She has worked side by side with some of those whom she helped bring into the world. They are her children, and they affectionately call her "Ma" Reddig. To many others she is known as "Nini" Reddig (great big mama) because of the great love and respect they have for her. She has been a great co-worker and has ably served her Master. She will always be remembered for her dedicated, full life and service. Her Christlike influence will continue on in the lives of those she has touched. I am sure, as she retires, she will have many happy, fond, gratifying and blessed memories of her Cameroon. □



by Dorene Walth,
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"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6).

For many years I've been aware of this verse. Knowledge of it was a secure, comfortable feeling when our children were young. It caused me to feel rather smug about the way our children were being raised. Surely with two FINE parents and "proper" Christian upbringing, the stages of their lives would automatically be God-honoring at all times!

When the temper tremors and insidious insubordination of adolescence attacked the anatomy of this "perfect" family, I concluded that Proverbs 22:6 wasn't a reliable promise. My children were not insured against the enticements of this world and rebellion toward God. But I had not studied the full impact of this bit of proverbial wisdom!

While sitting on the steps of the

"stairway," climbing nowhere, I had to deal with my own defiance and doubts toward God's word. He, of course, showed me that a child would "not depart" from "the way"—when he is OLD! This simply means at a certain age or length of existence. How could I possibly be able to judge God's permissiveness and timing in the lives of my offspring! How puny of me to question his way in their lives! There could be countless years of experiences between their "training" and the "old" in their lives. I may not even live to see God's promise fulfilled, but what a delight to once again claim Proverbs 22:6 for my sons!

I no longer had to be manipulative and suppressing but could let each creative life blossom toward God in its own natural way. To love them and accept them as individuals with interests, talents and God-given spiritual gifts *unique to themselves* is perhaps the greatest legacy a parent can give. I could not squeeze them into a mold of my liking. I was to let God shape them into the magnificent mold he had pre-designed. And behold, it is good! Better than anything I could have planned.

According to Webster's dictionary, to train means to lead, direct growth of, to form by bending, pruning, instructing, drilling, disciplining, educating and teaching so as to be fitted, qualified and proficient. What a tremendous task for a parent. Yet God gave the command. I'm thankful it carries with it the promise that he performs the end result and that one's efforts will not go unnoticed by him or unrewarded in eternity! □

Experiencing Cameroon

by Joanna Derman,
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May 26, 1977, marked the beginning of an exciting adventure in the lives of Joanna Derman and 12 other young people from the U.S. and Canada, because we were chosen to meet in Chicago on this particular day to prepare for a trip to Africa. This wasn't just an ordinary tourist jaunt, because we, the Good News Ambassadors to Cameroon, were to be representatives of the North American Baptist Conference with the responsibilities of encouraging the missionaries and people of our churches in Cameroon by singing at the Cameroon Baptist churches at our mission stations; leading seminars on witnessing, youth ministry, Sunday school teaching and church growth; and visiting, eating and

sleeping in the homes of our missionaries.

About 21 hours of the next three days in Chicago were spent rehearsing songs for our programs in Africa. The rest of the time was spent in prayer, Bible study and fellowship. My expectations of what Cameroon would be like were based on the pictures and presentations of missionaries on furlough, but I'm so thankful that I had the chance to experience Cameroon.

After a day and night of flying we were thrilled when several of our missionaries and seven Cameroonians met us at the airport in Douala, Cameroon, to give us warm greetings. I'll never forget that first 24 hours on Cameroonian soil.

Some of the team's luggage had been accidentally sent to Rome, so while the rest of us were waiting for negotiations to be carried out with the airline officials we, and the visiting Cameroonians, sang songs in the airport parking lot. We'd take turns singing our favorite songs, and then we sang some together. Curious people (taxi drivers, children selling bananas and passersby) gathered around us. Right away I was assured that even though we were separated by a great expanse of ocean, we and these Christian Cameroonians were one in the bond of love—one in the Spirit.

Later, we loaded into Peugeots and drove an hour to get to the first mission station which was in Victoria. After I got settled and comfortable in the car, I spotted a strange creature scurrying across the ceiling above my head. I screamed but was calmed down with the report that it was just a harmless lizard called a gheko. Whew!

That night we traveled on one of the few paved roads of Cameroon, and, as we were speeding along the road, we almost barreled into a herd of long-horned cattle. I quickly covered my eyes and head and awaited the gory end, but the cattle parted like the River Jordan, and we passed right between them. I breathed another sigh of relief. My initial adventures weren't to end there. The next day the team and I were walking down a dirt road that led past a row of shanties where the people sold their wares in an open market, when out of the corner of my eye I saw a truck, piled high with crates of beer and wine, veering around the corner beside me. Being a quick thinker and fast mover, I froze to that spot and crates of beer and wine crashed down around me and bottles broke on my legs and feet. Immediately I was surrounded by black children who began pointing at little pieces of glass that were clinging to my legs. Amazingly, I had only a few small cuts, and I was assured from that experience that the Lord was going to watch over

and protect me the rest of the tour.

We stayed in Victoria three days which was the norm for the length of our stays in each mission station.

We usually traveled from mission station to mission station in a taxi. Now this wasn't your run-of-the-mill Yellow Cab. It was a three-seated van with a section in the back that had two benches on each side facing each other. Get the picture? Once we squeezed 19 people into this van, but it was great fun. We got pretty adept at entangling ourselves for maximum comfort. One of our taxis was appropriately named Psalm 23. Each road had its own characteristic curves, potholes, etc., and the taxidriver really had to be a good shepherd to maneuver that taxi, piled high with our suitcases and music equipment, over those roads.

After several hours of driving, singing and laughing we arrived at our destination—the mission station. We usually slept in the missionaries' homes or in resthouses which are homes provided for those traveling in the country or for lodging for conferences, etc. The missionaries and their cooks and help did their best to make us feel "at home." They fed us fried chicken, mashed potatoes and pie. They introduced us to milder examples of African food. They washed our piles of dirty clothes, stayed up late to talk to us, translated for us and made us comfortable in these new surroundings. I was proud of them, awed by their creativity and versatility and encouraged by their strength.

We performed in many different shapes and sizes of churches. People always came out in full force to see and hear us, not only because they were hungry for the Gospel but also because 14 white American youth were such a novelty to them. Sometimes 1,000 people attended our concerts. In pews that we, here, would seat ten, they seated 20. Children would sit on the glassless windowledges. When the aisles and every available space would be used up, people would stand in rows outside the church and peer in through cracks in the walls. Our program usually consisted of a concert of songs and drama; even when the people couldn't understand us, they'd listen attentively. We would be encouraged by the rows and rows of white teeth shining out from the masses of smiling black faces.

These people didn't come just to hear our programs or get in on our classes, but they came in full force to show their talent, too. Usually a whole afternoon was spent in our being entertained by the Cameroonians. Every choir, attired in their brightly colored robes, proudly sang their special choir numbers with a

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Home Training



by LaVerna Mehlhaff,
women's work director

The home is the greatest educational institution in the world. There is no training more lasting than that given in the home. Good training or poor, each will produce results. Statistics show that 55 percent of all things retained in the life of an individual are those learned in the home. Good Christian training given in the home will produce good results. Paul commends Timothy on the good home training he had received from his mother, Eunice, and his grandmother, Lois. Study the life of Timothy to see the results of good home training.

The month of May has been set aside for special emphasis on the family. Materials mailed to each church include suggestions, ideas and a bibliography which will be helpful in planning activities for Family Month. We suggest that special emphasis on the family be considered not only for the month of May, but that special emphasis be planned for each month of the year. The strength of the church, the community and the nation depends on what happens in the home. □

TEXAS, HERE I COME

The flight from Alamosa, CO, to Dallas, TX, has a stopover in Denver. The mountain ranges below glow in the warm morning light. In Dallas I take a TEXAS INTERNATIONAL plane, and soon I am heading for Houston. There are no mountain ranges any longer. Endless deserts with sporadic steppe vegetation indicate that the plane is flying over south Texas. The big city of Corpus Christi becomes visible. Then the plane flies along the Gulf of Mexico coast, where the long Padre Island seems to be the navigation cue for the pilot. A swift turn to the west brings us to McAllen/Edinburg.

The Rev. Robert Sandoval picks me up at the airport. A breath-taking orange blossom smell is everywhere in the air, even on the airport parking lot. What a difference to the polluted air at O'Hare Airport in Chicago!

Brother Sandoval's old station wagon is a good runner, but it certainly does not keep the dust out. In a few minutes a fine film of dust covers everything. The stopover at the Peaceful Valley Home is a welcome interruption. Here we invite ourselves into one of the orange groves that belong to the Home. Robert Sandoval has a standing invitation by Evangelist Lester Roloff, the owner of Peaceful Valley Home, to help himself to oranges and grapefruit. "Aren't you glad it is cooler here?" asks Brother Sandoval, as with one hand we are picking oranges and with the other we are fighting off hundreds of blood-thirsty mosquitos. "Cooler?" —"Well, out there at the airport we must have had at least 95 degrees." I look around and discover a huge thermometer by the road: "91°."

Loaded up with oranges and grapefruit we hit highway 83 to Rio Grande City. The vegetation is much greener here than in Colorado. Palm trees, banana bushes, blooming cacti—it sure looks different here than in Chicago in March. It does not even look like this in the USA! Many of the stores have their signs in Spanish. Most of the people have dark hair and dark complexion, and only few speak English.

From Garciasville on the vegetation becomes much sparser. Once we are in Rio Grande City, green grass and trees are a luxury that only few home owners can afford.

TRUE MEXICAN-AMERICAN MISSIONARIES

The welcome in the Sandoval home is warm and has southern grace. Mrs. Marysella Sandoval was born in Mexico. Her husband Robert was born in Yoakum, TX; also he grew up in a Spanish speaking family. He was still a

VISITING THE

SPANISH-AMERICAN

MISSION FIELD

Part 3

Text and Photos by the Editor

student at Rio Grande Bible Institute in Edinburg, TX, when the call came to them to serve as missionaries to the Garcia's Ranch Baptist Church in Rio Grande City, where they have been since 1963.

In 1967, the devastating hurricane Beulah, opened an opportunity for the Sandovals to minister across the border in Mexico. Beulah had wrecked the city of Camargo, just across the Rio Grande River, the natural border between USA and Mexico. Because just about all of the houses and stores had been destroyed, many refugees were brought across the river to Rio Grande City. Sixty-five people found temporary shelter at the Garcia's Ranch Baptist Church. When a call was sent out for clothing, North American Baptists responded by sending tons of clothing to these refugees.

During their stay at Rio Grande City, the Mexicans were cared for by the Sandovals and some of them accepted Christ as their personal Savior. After they were able to live in Camargo again, they started having church services there. It did not take very long, and the mission work spread to another community, Villa Nueva, about three miles south of Camargo.

Right upon my arrival we plan to go across the border to have a midweek service in Camargo. At supper time I get to know the entire family. Lluvisella is the oldest daughter. She is 20 years old and about to be married to a fine young Christian from Mexico. (In the meantime the couple and their newborn baby live in Rio Grande City.) Her younger sisters Elizabeth and Rhoda are both seventeen years old. Noe was born in 1963, and Rhonda, 7, is the "baby" of the family.

The entire family accompanies me to Camargo. The border crossing is very simple. Rev. Sandoval is overanxious to please the border officials. Mexico! Heat, dust, potholes, scantily dressed children, pigs and goats roaming around. The street is getting worse as we approach Camargo. Many, many months ago the town has put sewer pipes into the streets. The ditches were never refilled and are an ever present danger to automobiles and even pedestrians. "As people are dumping in their garbage, the ditches are slowly filling up," Brother Sandoval says stoically. "But what about sanitation?" I ask in horror. "What do they need sewage



The editor picking oranges at the Peaceful Valley Home.



The Sandovals with future son-in-law, Pepe Rodriguez (left).



Border station to Mexico in Rio Grande City.



Open ditches in Camargo make driving very hazardous.



Mud hut in Camargo.



Baptist Chapel in Camargo.



Jose Rodriguez, the barber of Miguel Aleman, who preaches every Sunday at Villa Nueva.



The children at Camargo were the happiest church goers.



...they sing



...they laugh



...they play



Missionary Sandoval conducting a sight-seeing tour through Miguel Aleman, a typical Mexican border town.



The midweek evening congregation at worship.



...they worship.

lines for, if they dump their rubbish out in the open?" No answer, because not even the town officials would have an answer.

We stop in front of a house made out of mud bricks. The church building is in the back of this house. It is pitch dark. The small fire under a huge pot hardly gives a flickering glow. Gradually my eyes get used to the darkness, and now I can see how a woman, surrounded by a number of children, is cutting off the thorns of a cactus piece, from which she is making a hot tasty spinach. A pig is tied up to a nearby tree and tries to snatch some of the cactus thorns. What a hardy stomach that animal must have.

After a short chat with the family, we walk over to the church. It is time for the service to begin, but not a single church-goer has shown up. "Patience, brother," says Rev. Sandoval, "they will come. They just don't have a clock or watches to be on time."

The first to arrive at the church are the children. They are not at all intimidated by my presence. In no time we chat and laugh along as if we had been friends for many years.

About 30 to 40 minutes later enough adults are assembled to start with the evening service. Heartily sung hymns alternate with testimonies and prayers. We all kneel during the prayers. Two women read long portions from the Bible. They are now new converts and have just learned to read, and the congregation is overjoyed to see these ladies put their newly acquired skill to practice. Then it is my turn to speak. Rev. Sandoval is my interpreter. The congregation is all ears. I can feel how hungry they are for spiritual food. They accompany my message with short approving exclamations and the nodding of their heads.

After the service, Sandovals decide to pay a brief visit to an old ailing member. More feeling than seeing where we are going, we make our way to an adobe building. The house consists of only two rooms. In one of the rooms burns an open fire, built right on the mud floor; it gives a bit of light, which is almost choked by the heavy smoke. The house has no windows. We stand close to the bed of the sick brother in order to understand his whispered words. There is wet laundry hanging all over the room. The women weep with quiet lamentations covering their faces with their aprons. The younger genera-

tion stands with open eyes, watching our visit. The bed on which the man is lying seems to be the only bed in the house. We pray and comfort the patient and his family.

Back on the road leading to the border (without having fallen into the sewer ditches!), I cannot help but marvel at the calm and determined dedication of the Sandovals, who have made Camargo their special mission on the mission field.

GOD IS THEIR COMFORTER AND HELPER

I am glad the night is over. I had no pillow in my bed, and the hot night did not allow me much sleep. But the fellowship around the breakfast table revives my strength. Today we will be making several house calls with members of the Garcia Ranch Baptist Church.

Our first stop is Roma, a city with a predominantly Roman Catholic population. Like in Rio Grande City, Roma's law enforcing agencies seem to have laws of their own. Border smugglers have friends in the police force and among town officials. The common citizen feels unprotected and helpless.

From Roma we cross the border into Mexico, where we visit Jose Rodriguez, the barber (not of Seville) of Miguel Aleman. Jose is the future father-in-law of Lluvisella Sandoval. Besides his occupation as barber, he is in charge of the church work in Villa Nueva. We watch him perform his barber skill, while at the same time we are discussing matters of the Lord, much to the surprise of his customers.

Mexican souvenir shopping is fun, and I get away with good bargains. Then we are driving back into the USA, crossing the famous or rather infamous Rio Grande River, the border between the two countries.

"This river has carried more assassinated and brutally murdered bodies than any other river," muses Brother Sandoval, as we are driving across the Rio Grande. Gangs on both sides of the border dispose of their evidence by letting the bodies float down the river into the Gulf of Mexico. Only seldom can the identity be established, and even then the police hardly ever prosecutes the murderers."

In the evening we cross the border another time, this time to go via Camargo to Villa Nueva. At one time this small town must have seen better times. Imposing house ruins tell of a more prominent past. Now after the hurricane disaster there is not a single store, restaurant or even church here, other than our mission work conducted

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in the living room of one of the local Christians. The small mission had started the construction of its own church building, but a heavy storm has knocked down most of the walls, so that they are now facing the task of clearing the rubble and starting all over again.



There are more ruins in Villa Nueva than inhabited houses.



This private home is the meeting place of the small congregation in Villa Nueva.

HOSPITALITY IN MIDST OF POVERTY

Today is Saturday. We have a full plan for the day. Again we visit some of the members of the church in Rio Grande City. Only seven percent of the population speaks English. Some of the church members are able to lead a simple conversation in English. Over a cup



Lluviscella Sandoval playing the miniature pump organ at Villa Nueva.



The walls of the church structure, destroyed by a storm.

The evening meeting begins when there are just about enough people assembled to get some singing going. Mr. Jose Rodriguez, the barber and father of the children, has brought along his guitar, and soon the typically hoarse and loud Mexican voices resound through the village. We sing until the room is filled to the last standing place. Again there are testimonies, prayers and short messages of Rev. Sandoval and myself. I wonder how we can keep on breathing, for the oxygen is almost used up in this overcrowded room. But love seems to keep us going. There is a warm and cordial feeling of oneness in the Lord which can hardly be found in well established church buildings. "The Lord is our helper," says one woman, with tears in her eyes. "He permitted Satan to destroy our new church structure, but he will help us to build an even nicer church." Another woman is nursing her baby, but also she gets her turn in the sharing time: "I praise the Lord that he has saved my husband. His god was the bottle. But now he has found the true God, and there will be no more bottles in our house." The congregation understands and several "Praise the Lord" shouts confirm her decision.

I love these people. In the midst of apathy, drunkenness and crime they uphold the Law of God and they praise him.

of coffee or tea we discuss some of their major problems and concerns. Drugs are the city's enemy number one. Political corruption certainly ranks as enemy number two.

"Brother," says one of the men, as he looks over part of the city which he loves and hates at the same time, "our county attorney came to our pastor and threatened him before the election, claiming that he had discouraged our church members from voting. He was elected district judge. Now he is in deep water for corruption. That's how it goes down here in the Valley."

In all my contacts I have a hard time to believe that all this is happening in the United States of America. If somebody would have told me that such conditions exist in Mexico or in South American countries, I could have believed it. But open corruption and stark poverty in the U.S.A.?

Elijio and Rosa Medina with baby are glad that we want to drive them back to Camargo. They are active members of the Baptist church there. Elijio is in charge of the Sunday morning worship services. Today they have bought a large electric window fan in Rio Grande City for their home in Mexico. The border crossing is easy for me, but quite complicated for Elijio. The customs officer starts a long palaver and orders Elijio out of the car. He finally asks him to

pay \$4.00 duty. The couple is overanxious to pay this random price, as long as they get the fan into Mexico. The officer puts the cash into his coat pocket. No receipt is being issued . . . I just watch in amazement!

On the way to Camargo we stop at a farm house. Lizzards are running up and down the mud wall. The one room



Missionary Sandoval introduces Elijio Medina to the BAPTIST HERALD.



Happy and loud singing with the help of Jose Rodriguez's guitar. R. Sandoval at right.

and kitchen house is a regular zoo: chicken, ducklings, a goat and pigs roam through the house, look for edible objects, including my shoes. The bedstead of the farm wife is our sofa. I move very little, so as not to disturb the possible "population" of the bed.

Then we continue our dusty trip. Not for long, though. Going through one of the deep potholes on the road, our car loses its muffler. After a quick repair job in the middle of the road, we are all totally covered with dust and mud. The shoeshine job in front of the home of one of the Villa Nueva Baptist Church members is therefore most welcome. While the little boy works hard on my shoes, a pig slips up to my chair and starts chewing on my camera case. You have to be alert in Mexico! How much should I pay this nice fellow? His price is 10 cents for one shoe and 15 cents for two shoes. I hand him a dollar bill. He looks up, grabs it and runs into the house, dragging his mother out by his hand. "Mother, Mother, the man just gave me a dollar!" he shouts jubilantly. Roberto Sandoval explains that this family has three of their children work as shoeshine boys to supplement their meager income.

We pray with the family, drink orange juice, discover that they have one bedstead for ten family members,

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insight into christian education

Inner-City Ministry: A Unique Opportunity

by James Correnti

Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church is located in one of the most rapidly changing (and often declining) areas of Philadelphia. The area, once a German suburb, is now teeming with blacks, Puerto Ricans and other ethnic groups: Philipinos, Slavs, Pakistanis, Koreans, etc. It is located on Hunting Park, one



Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church, Philadelphia.

of the city's larger parks, and only a short distance from Temple University.

We believe that God has led us, as a congregation, to stay and work at this location, for we have a unique opportunity for an evangelical inner-city ministry in the midst of darkness and superstition. The biblical model of Paul in Ephesus (Acts 19-20) will serve well as a pattern as we outline the present ministry of the church.

Servants of Men Through God

Paul was very much like his Lord: "I was with you all the time serving the Lord with all lowliness of mind, and with tears, and with trials . . . I shrank not from declaring unto you anything that was profitable . . . I hold not my life of any account as dear unto myself" (Acts 20:19, 20, 24, ASV). Our great desire is to live as compassionate servants in the midst of the people to whom we are ministering, participating in their lives, sharing their tears and joys, earning their respect, so that we may proclaim the gospel of grace in God's time. We believe God calls us

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first to be good neighbors, lending the needed cup of sugar, sharing plants and vegetables from our garden, carrying groceries, shoveling snow, attending weddings and funerals, visiting relatives in the hospital. Such simple acts of kindness are often rare acts in the cold, impersonal inner city; doing them in the



A friendly get acquainted chat between Pastor Correnti and men from the community.

name of Jesus Christ sets us off from the world and can be an opening for a bold witness. Sometimes our stand for righteousness (refusing to lie for others, for example) brings persecution, but ultimately we must build a reputation as people whose word can be trusted.

The Complete Message

Paul preached "repentance toward God, faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ . . . the gospel of the grace of God . . . the kingdom . . . the whole counsel of God . . . the word of his grace" (Acts 20:21, 24, 25, 27, 32). When we look around and see the ignorance, crime and poverty, it is evident that God will have to visit our area with kingdom power, restoring broken lives by his grace, creating spiritual skills and attitudes. We rest in the promise that as Christ builds his church, it will be a supernatural building in which God, himself, will be pleased to live (Eph. 2:22). At this stage, we are especially aware that the Word must be doing these very things in our own lives, so that others will be attracted to the church by the presence of Christ and they will not find it hypocritical that we tell them they must deal with sin in their lives, seeing that we are already doing

the same in ours. To this end, preaching has included such practical areas as forgiving offending brothers, the tongue, healing, fasting, unity through the Word, wine, reaching out to the stranger, the ordinances, officers in the church, etc. As we have seen how Scripture deals with these areas, the call to repentance and faith has become more specific and relevant, and God has been pleased to use it to give us growth and change.

God's Methods

In this portion of the Scripture, one cannot fail to be impressed with the variety of legitimate platforms Paul used for the gospel: the synagogue, school of Tyrannus, house to house and personal ministry (Acts 19:8, 9; 20:20, 31). He used various methods of communication: bold reasoning and persuading, declaring and teaching, testifying, preaching and admonishing (Acts



Pastor J. Correnti inviting neighborhood children to Sunday school.

19:8; 20:20, 21, 24-26). He was there on the scene, taught of God and visible to men.

We have begun extensive door-to-door witnessing, have transferred our Sunday evening services to the homes of various members, have held summer services in the park (presenting *Pilgrim's Progress* in a series of plays), have had special children's programs with films, lights and dolls and have had evangelistic crusades with God's Volunteers and a noted local black evangelist.

As there are so many children, often lonely and bored, it seemed natural to form our "Bible Club" (ages 6-13 presently), in which we emphasize discipleship in simple ways. Most of our time is spent memorizing and singing Bible verses with discussion and quizzes on the meaning of the verses, how to apply them to our lives and use them to defend the faith. We have visited some of the shut-ins of the church, painted a fence at our North American Baptist Retirement Residence, written to a penpal in Cameroon and collected discarded bottles in the park. This last project we did with the help of a local McDonald's Restaurant which was happy to supply the trash bags, boxes and free hambur-

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When a person returns from a trip to a foreign country, among the first questions asked by your friends usually includes "How did you like it? Was it like you expected it to be, or much different?" And to me the question was raised, "What were your impressions of Africa and of our mission work?" Impressions—strange, wonderful, interesting phenomena influenced, I'm sure, by one's personality, past experiences, and cultural conditioning. The limitations of time and the number of places we visited prevented much of an in-depth study of many situations of which we would really like to know much more. I do not want to give the impression that I have become an authority on either Nigeria, or Cameroon, or our

Impressions Of An "Instant Missionary"

by Kay Schilke

mission work there. But many things made definite and lasting impressions on me. I am happy to be able to share some of them with you.

"You are welcome!" Everywhere we went, these words were repeated in a smiling, cordial greeting, not only among our missionaries, our African Christian brothers and sisters but also among the people we met more casually in the markets, in government, and in our hospitals and schools. Even the children seemed delighted to greet and shake hands with the white lady from America. Many times this welcome was expressed in tangible ways with gifts, especially to me, since it was my first visit to the mission field.

On the Sunday afternoon of our weekend in Jos, Reily Neuman took us sight-seeing. A very interesting place we visited was the bakery which supplies some of the bread for Woyke House. The owner's son very graciously showed us the procedures and the outdoor clay oven in which the bread is baked. When we left, he gave me a loaf of bread: my first African "dash." Later that week the various women's groups from the Gembu area had a combined meeting to greet and welcome me. There I was presented with a long brown and white tie-dyed gown, a head tie, necklace and a Mambilla basket, which they use for carrying loads on their backs.

The next Sunday afternoon following

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Dr. and Mrs. Schilke in Bamenda.

who was born on the day that our Dr. Leslie Chaffee died.

New Year's Eve we had the delightful privilege of being invited to a private dinner at the palace of the Governor and Madame Abouem a Tchoyi in Bamenda. They are a charming Christian couple. The delicious dinner was served with a background of recorded music from Handel's "Messiah." When we left, they gave us a "chest" of Ndu tea and several pounds of Cameroonian coffee.

On Sunday evening, Dec. 18, 1978, at Victoria, the staff of Saker Baptist College met with us at the home of Prin-



Kay Schilke receiving her first "dash," a loaf of bread, from the baker's son.



A typical kitchen in Cameroon.

icipal and Mrs. Wm. Tayui for a real feast of food and fellowship. Mrs. Tayui had prepared the Cameroonian food and Miss Eunice Kern the Canadian-American dishes. After dinner they presented me with a lovely blue and white embroidered Cameroonian gown and my husband with a tie-dyed satin shirt.

Belo Field's gift to me was a more traditional costume—a "buba and lapa" with matching head tie and a covered fufu-basket. Mbingo station's gift was a

hand-embroidered luncheon cloth and napkins made by leprosy patients and a hand-woven basket filled with some more of that delicious coffee. Ndu area pastors and the Musang church at Bamenda gave us hand-woven grass purses. All these and more were tokens of welcome and love from groups and individuals.

But even more importantly, all of our missionaries gave us the immeasurable gift of loving hospitality in their homes—their best food saved for our coming, clean beds, hot showers after a day of dusty travel, and bottles of boiled, filtered water thoughtfully provided for drinking and toothbrushing. And then



Dr. and Mrs. Schilke visited the Fon, Bifon II, in the inner court of palace. Missionary Eleanor Weisenburger at right.

to top it all off, another beautiful embroidered gown for me and an equally beautiful lizard briefcase for my husband were presented at the Cameroon Missionary Fellowship banquet on New Year's Eve. What a fantastic group of people! How can we adequately say, "Thank you"?

Speaking of our missionaries, I was much impressed by the many and varied talents of this dedicated group of men and women. Typical of this were the excellent lesson plans and visual aids for both women's and children's meetings prepared by and shown to us by Esther Hoffman at Victoria. Two weeks later she brought them along to CMF and shared them with anyone else who was interested and wanted copies. I saw many other instances of this same kind of cooperation, helpfulness and sharing.

Do you realize how *wealthy* we as Americans are? I didn't. But when one



The road from Warwar to the Donga River.

shovel and wheelbarrow, yet I do feel that possibly we spend too much time, effort and money in the acquisition of more *things* which could be put to much



Kay Schilke with friends at the Mbu Bible School dedication in Nigeria.

better use in our increased efforts to further the work of the spread of the "Good News" to people who have never heard and are waiting to hear.

There is much more that could be said. Hopefully, I will have a chance to say it as I speak to groups and individuals in the coming months. I am thankful to God for the opportunity I had to go to see for myself and am very grateful to be a part of the great work of North American Baptist Missions. HOW ABOUT YOU? □



The women pounding corn with pestle and mortar.



CHURCH EXTENSION BUILDERS REPORT

HOUSTON, TX, CHURCH EXTENSION PROJECT

by Ron Miller

MAY 1978

The north Houston Church Extension Project is now in the process of becoming the Treschwig Baptist Church. No formal organization has yet taken place, but informal organization is now being discussed among the interested families. Our future address will be 22800 Birnam Wood Blvd., Spring, TX 77373, a suburb of Houston, approximately 20 miles from downtown. We are purchasing three acres at the entrance to the Birnam Wood Subdivision, east of I-45. Contract negotiations are under way; we have a lighted sign on the property; and we will probably begin collecting building ideas soon.

During the fall of 1976, the Southern Association Church Extension Committee began looking at the north Houston area as a possible site for a new Church Extension project. After responding to God's call to this new work, we moved to the field in April 1977. The following summer a student worker, Merle Hoots, and I visited some 2,000 homes in the area, taking a religious survey. We were not able to start Bible studies the way we had anticipated, but we decided to begin worship services on September 11. The early services were well attended with help from the neighboring churches of our Association; however November and December attendance was low. We did much inner searching.

During the past three months God has allowed us to begin seeing the fruit of our labor; a nucleus for the new church is now forming. We are currently meeting in the Jenkins Elementary School, located about one mile from the property. Even this is a victory God has wrought, because we were given a flat refusal upon first request. The school is an excellent place to meet, with a carpeted music room for worship and a cafeteria for Sunday school space.

Our Christmas ministry of a live manger scene on our property and the ministry of God's Volunteers in January gave us great encouragement and seemed to be God's precise timing. He has won other victories along the way; providing mimeograph equipment, providing land at one-half or one-fourth the average cost, and awakening several families to their spiritual needs are a few that stand out vividly.

Making the community aware of its spiritual needs is our basic approach, centering upon the greatest need of

faith in Jesus Christ. Most of the families in our area, and many of those we have been reaching, have some background of church affiliation but are currently doing little or nothing about their needs. Through our church we are seeking to provide a fellowship in which these needs can be met.

Pray for these early committed families; pray for our continued outreach, and share in our need for property and building through financial support. Send your gift designated for the Treschwig Baptist Church, to the North American Baptist Conference. □



Pastor and Mrs. Ron Miller and son, Paul.



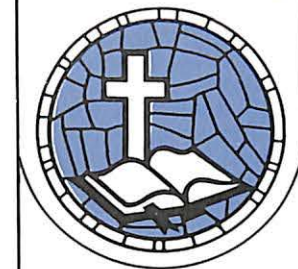
First Sunday worship service Sept. 11, 1977.



Property of Treschwig Baptist Church.

The Rev. Ron Miller is the pastor of the newly begun Treschwig Baptist Church Extension project in north Houston, TX.

PERSONAL ESTATE PLANNING



Get Your Will Done Before Summer by Everett A. Barker

I am told by attorneys that a trip by air is one of the stronger motivations for people to get a will made. This is particularly true when a husband and wife are planning to travel together. What often happens is that during the rush of getting travel plans completed it suddenly dawns on the husband or wife that they don't have a will or that the present will needs some changes. A quick call to an attorney is made, and he is asked to do a rush order on their wills for signing the next day. Well, I guess this procedure is better than none, but there are better ways to do it. The old adage says: "Haste Makes Waste," and this may be true when inadequate planning is made for a will and other related estate planning matters.

This article is being readied for reading in May so that you won't wait until you are ready to leave on your summer trip to get your will made. Perhaps I am assuming too much that you are already convinced that you should have a will. There are still people around who resist getting a will. Yes, there are even some attorneys who have counseled our people against having a will. I have spoken with dozens of attorneys in the United States and Canada during the past seven years, and all of them advise having a will. To be sure there are always some exceptions to the rule of having a will, but few of us are the exceptions. Remember, an attorney will collect his fees whether you do or do not have a will. Many people say to me, "I have my bank

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accounts and property in joint tenancy, why do I need a will?" It is true that joint-tenancy ownership bypasses probate, and even if you have a will it may not be necessary to probate it. However, unforeseen circumstances can arise which would make a will necessary; so it is better to have a will that is not needed than to die and not have a will that is needed. If it is your intention to give a gift to the Conference and your local church, a will, trust or other type of agreement is necessary.

Basically, the reason for a will, and for that matter estate planning as well, is simply to have a legal plan tailored to dispose of your property to the person(s) and organization(s) you desire under the conditions you choose. By the use of a will you try to cover as many bases as possible to pass on your property for the benefit of the family and God's work. For instance, a husband and wife with minor children and limited resources will usually want to leave everything to the survivor to care for the children. If an accident suddenly removes the husband and wife, provision can be made for guardianship of minor-age children. A provision can be made in the will for a trust to care for the children's financial needs until they reach the age of majority (most often 18) or any age you choose. In the event that a whole family is wiped out, which occasionally happens, most of the financial responsibilities are removed, and a will can provide for larger gifts for the Lord's work. A widow or widower with no children or adult children have more options for gift giving.

A will is a flexible instrument and provisions of various kinds can be made to meet the needs of the individual and family. It can be used to complement other estate plans you have made. It seems to me that you will enjoy your summer vacation better with a will and plan that care for the needs of the family and make a provision for the Lord's work. If you don't have a will, I urge you to get started. If you do have a will, I encourage you to review it and see if it meets your needs and whether God's work has been included. Jesus' parable of the ten virgins teaches that some were prepared for the bridegroom and others were not. Are you prepared with an up-to-date will? □

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PHOENIX, AZ. A recognition council consisting of representatives from Southern California Association churches met in Phoenix to officially recognize the Thunderbird Baptist Church as a part of the Southern California Association of North American Baptist Churches. This they did unanimously.

The church began as a church extension project in 1975 with the Rev. Lanny Johnson as the founding pastor.

The church is in a rapidly expanding area, located in the center of a planned community of 1,200 new homes; some are under construction. The church has had a slow but steady growth and is now at the point of a building program on recently purchased property.

A recognition service was held that evening, Jan. 20, 1978, at the pastor's home where the council met a number of the church family. The Rev. Adolph Braun presented the charge to the church. The Rev. Hans J. Wilcke, Western Area secretary, delivered the message at the worship service on Sunday morning following the recognition council on Friday.

MADISON, SD. Members of South Dakota Association Churches and friends from the city of Madison met at the North American Baptist Nursing Home for the dedication of the new addition to the Home. Dr. Jeanie Sherman, First Baptist Church, Madison, gave the dedication message, and the Rev. Charles Hiatt, First Baptist Church, Emery, SD, offered the prayer of dedication.

The new addition includes a lovely multi-purpose room which also serves as a chapel, an office for the administrator, Mrs. Mary DeWaard, and rooms for twenty new residents. This addition gives the Home a total capacity of 62 residents for skilled and intermediate nursing care.

Earlier in the day, Jan. 19, 1978, the Board of Directors of the Home voted to establish the new position on the staff of Chaplain and Assistant Activities Director and called the Rev. Oliver Bender for that position. Mr. Bender, formerly pastor of West Center Street Baptist Church, Madison, began his new duties March 1, 1978. (Oliver Bender, reporter.)

VANCOUVER, BC. The missions committee of Ebenezer Baptist Church sponsored a "Missions and Christian Vocation Conference" Feb. 2-5, 1978.

The first evening, groups met in each of five homes, where we heard from a missionary couple in depth and became acquainted personally.

Friday, at a Tea Fellowship for Women, we enjoyed hearing from Mrs. Peter Schroeder and Mrs. Edwin Michelson, missionaries to Cameroon. Workshops, group sessions and coffee were followed by a panel discussion in the evening.

Saturday, Men's Prayer Breakfast met with Dr. Joseph Sonnenberg, president, N.A.B. College. In the evening all shared in a family banquet.

Our guests participated in both Sun-

day services, with the Rev. Fred Folkerts, associate secretary for overseas missions, N.A.B. Conference, preaching in the morning and Dr. John Hise, North American Baptist Seminary, in the evening. Dr. Arthur Patzia is pastor. (Margaret Gove, reporter.)

LODI, CA. Temple Baptist Church had another wonderful missions conference with missionaries, the Rev. and Mrs. Peter Schroeder and the Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson, and our Associate Secretary for Overseas Missions, the Rev. Fred Folkerts. They spoke to all ages of Boys' Brigade, Pioneer Girls, Whirlbirds, Sunday school classes, Sunday morning and evening services, women's meeting and men's meeting. On Monday evening our speakers met informally with the various Adult Sunday school classes in private homes.



Interesting and colorful table displays of our Cameroon, Nigeria, Brazil, Japan, and Spanish-American fields were viewed and appreciated by many. Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Pasiciel, missionaries to Cameroon, also shared in some of our services. This has been another thrilling experience for our church, which causes us to be more interested in our mission fields and missionaries. Dr. Ken Fischer is senior pastor of the church. (Mrs. Thelma F. Fischer, reporter.)

GRAND FORKS, ND. Eighteen people were recently received into the membership of Grace Baptist Church. Nine of these were baptized by the Rev. Robert F. Penner, pastor. Eleven came into the membership by experience and letter.

On Feb. 10 and 11, 1978, a marriage enrichment seminar was held with Dr. Roy Seibel, N.A.B. Seminary, speaking. Dr. Seibel also spoke at our Valentine banquet held on Feb. 11, 1978. (Mrs. Bonita J. Shambaugh, reporter.)

WEST FARGO, ND. The Rev. Connie Salios, associate secretary for stewardship, spoke at both Sunday services on Feb. 5, 1978. We also celebrated the Lord's Supper. After the evening service, we had a coffee break. Rev. Salios gave a report on the goals and accomplishments of the N.A.B. Conference, entitled "Every Church Visit." (Frances Abrahamson, reporter.)

BENTON HARBOR, MI. Several missionary couples, as well as Dr. and Mrs.

Richard Schilke, Oakbrook Terrace, IL, were at Napier Parkview Baptist Church for a N.A.B. welcome banquet entitled "The Three Billion and You," on Jan. 22, 1978.

Dr. Herbert Atkinson, former missionary to Africa, was master of ceremonies. Dr. Robert Schindler, another former missionary to Africa, sang. This was followed by special numbers from every N.A.B. church in our area.

We then had an informative panel discussion, led by Dr. Schilke, which included missionaries, the Rev. and Mrs. Edward Hoepner, the Rev. and Mrs. David Burgess, and Mr. and Mrs. George Baab, missionaries to Cameroon, and Pastor and Mrs. Herman Effa. Four home missionary couples also attended.

Mrs. Schilke gave a thought-provoking and touching report of her impressions of our African missions which moved every listener. (Losi Breikreuz, reporter.)

WINNIPEG, MB. After 7½ years of service at McDermot Avenue Baptist Church as director of Christian education, the Rev. Robert Orr and family said farewell on Feb. 19, 1978.

Program chairman was Moderator Hans Rogalski. Musical items were presented and the combined choirs sang.

Representatives from the Manitoba Association were present and thanked Rev. and Mrs. Orr for their contributions in the past. Bob was involved in two church extension projects in our area and was vitally interested in our Nutimik Baptist camp. He was responsible for instituting the canoe trips which our young people enjoy so much.

Various representatives of our societies and our pastor, the Rev. Richard Goetze, spoke words of thanks and wished the Orrs God's blessing in their new task at Ness Ave. Baptist Church. (Alice Parr, reporter.)

BENTON HARBOR, MI. On Sunday evening, Feb. 5, 1978 we welcomed our new youth pastor, Jim Calkins, his lovely wife, Kathy, and children, Jennifer and Jimmy. All enjoyed a blessed evening of fellowship, food and a shower for them. The whole evening was an enriching experience for all. The Rev. Herman Effa is pastor. (Lois Breikreuz, reporter.)

CALGARY, AB. Temple Baptist Church participated in a missionary conference held for Calgary and area churches from Feb. 15-19, 1978. Missionaries Edwin Michelson and George Baab from Cameroon gave excellent reports and slide presentations. Missionary Peter Schroeder spoke in our morning service.

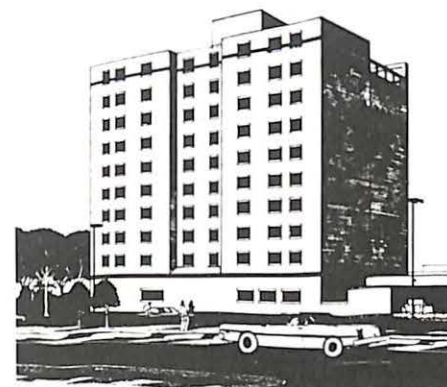
Excellent films, "He Restoreth My Soul" and "Corrie Ten Boom" have been shown in our Sunday evening services. The organizations in our church presented various programs this past winter. Our highlight was talent night; many participated.

The Rev. Herman A. Pohl, Milwaukee, WI, was evangelist at special meetings held Feb. 26-March 5. The Rev. Franz

Schmidt is the pastor. (Mrs. Irene Wirzba, reporter.)

DETROIT, MI. The annual Thanksgiving concert of the Ebenezer Baptist Church was presented by Johnny Hall, popular Christian recording artist. Our Thanksgiving Project goal of \$40,000 was presented at that time. The project will go toward the purchase of a new 15 passenger van, adding part-time staff, launching a daily radio broadcast, development of a telephone crisis center and building refurbishments. The Rev. William Cummins is pastor.

WINNIPEG, MB. It is with gratitude and rejoicing that the Manitoba Baptist Home Society Inc. announces the opening of Meadowood Manor, a 100 unit elderly persons home and 90 unit personal care home. The Board of Directors of the Society has worked long and diligently to make this complex a reality. We are grateful to the Lord for the opportunity to minister to the elderly, knowing that these facilities are direly needed for the care of our brothers and sisters.



The Society, along with about 400 of our members and invited dignitaries representing the various government agencies, participated in the dedication service on Jan. 8, 1978. The service was led by the treasurer of the Society, Murray McClarty. Also participating in the service were Richard Mueller, president, Horst Nickel, chairman of the building committee, and the Rev. Walter Stein, a director. A number of ministers, the Rev. Richard Goetze, the Rev. Klaus Tonn, the Rev. Gerhard Poschwatta, Dr. William Sturhahn and Mrs. Walter Stein, who represented the Ladies' Auxiliary, lent their considerable talents to make this a joyous and memorable occasion.

After the dedication service all guests had the opportunity to tour the personal care home and view the many features and conveniences which make this a showcase for this type of facility. (Jurgen Schmidt, reporter.)

MINOT, ND. For ten consecutive weeks beginning January 15, 1978, the film series, "How Shall We Then Live?" by Francis Schaeffer, have been presented

to the public at the First Baptist Church. The film is shown at 6 p.m. followed by the 7 o'clock evening service with a correlating theme. The film is shown again at 8:15 p.m. for the benefit of people in the community who may attend services in other churches.

A time of informal discussion, with light refreshments, led by Pastor Ralph Cooke concludes the evening. These have been well attended by the local membership while also attracting many interested people from the community. (Inez Rhone, reporter.)

SACRAMENTO, CA. The Women's Missionary Union of the Nor-Cal Association met for their annual meeting on Feb. 23, 1978, at Sunrise Baptist Church. Our theme was "Walk Worthy in the Lord." The evening was begun with a delightful buffet supper, followed by an interesting program consisting of special music by the Living Stones of the First Baptist Church of Elk Grove, election and installation of new officers for the 1978 year, and a most challenging and inspiring message by our missionary speaker, the Rev. Edwin Michelson. He showed us pictures comparing the work of the earlier years of his ministry in Cameroon and his most recent three years spent there. (Mrs. Thelma F. Fischer, reporter.)

SPEARFISH, SD. Four persons were baptized on Jan. 1, 1978. They, with six others, were received into the member-



ship of Mountain View Baptist Church. The Rev. Robert F. Brown is the pastor of this church extension work.

An all-church potluck dinner preceded the annual meeting on January 11 at which the new church officers were elected.

On January 29 we had excellent attendance as we showed the film, "The Conversion of Colonel Bottomly." (Robert F. Brown, pastor.)

CALGARY, AB. Six missionaries participated in the closing rally of the Calgary N.A.B. churches' Round Robin Missionary Conference at Brentview. It was challenging and exciting to hear the positive things that the Lord is doing as our representatives in Nigeria and Cameroon carry out their varied responsibilities.

Special music by a band and vocal numbers added to the blessings. Those involved in the Conference were Brentview, Grace, South Calgary Community, Temple and Thornhill Baptist Churches.

Mr. George Baab, the Rev. David Burgess, the Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson and the Rev. and Mrs. Peter Schroeder shared at the five churches over a period of five days to adults, boys' and girls' clubs, a senior citizens' luncheon, a Valentine banquet, and a youth rally. The Rev. Ron Kernohan is pastor of the church. (Linda Ohlhauser, reporter.)

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wish them well, and then we are on our way again. In Villa Nueva I stroll through the almost deserted town and take pictures.

Hurricane Beulah has done a devas-



The farmhouse with an open fire niche...



...and all kinds of animals running around. Little Diana Medina is hugging a goat.

tating job, because there is not a single house that does not show damage. In order to get the economy going, the town offers free lots to anybody who wants to build. But except for the construction site around the church lot, there is no sign of any building activity.

After we have visited some of the homes, Rev. Sandoval stops his car, looks at me and says: "Brother Kerstan, I want to thank you for mingling with the people, for being one of us. Frankly, our people don't care so much for financial help—as much as it is needed—; they rather want people like you to come and share their lives." I do not know what to answer.

"If I had a better educational background," Brother Sandoval continues, "I would have started a much needed medical ministry, as we have it in Cameroon and Nigeria. We even had a medical doctor, who found Christ through our ministry. He moved away a few years ago, but I am confident that one day he will come back and work with and for our mission."

The conversation continues a bit later as we are sitting in Eljio's and Rosa's plain but clean house. It is very, very small, but the Medinas are very happy that Eljio could finish building it before their second child will arrive. Rosa puts a clean table cloth (her only one?) out and starts serving us: Hot tortillas, even

hotter chili and very tough meat. I have to catch my breath and occasionally even fight my tears, so hot feels the food in my mouth; but I love these people, I love their gracious hospitality—and I love their food.

A BUSY LORD'S DAY

Sunday is a busy day for the San-



Getting the shoes shined at Villa Nueva.

dovals, and I am ready to share their lives on this last day with them. Sunday school starts at 10 a.m., or there about. At 11 a.m. (plus) the morning worship service starts. I bring the message, and Rev. Sandoval is again my interpreter. The service lasts for more than 1½ hours. There are about 50-60 people in the service. The church has about 80 members. Pepe Rodriguez, the fiance of Lluviscella Sandoval, is a master on the guitar, while Lluviscella is an accomplished pianist. They see to it that the singing is lively.

We hardly have enough time for lunch, before we crowd into the hot car to visit the county jail. The Sandovals have from the very beginning faithfully included this prison ministry in their missionary work. Over the years, they have seen two murderers accept Jesus Christ; they have distributed Bibles and tracts; they have sung and witnessed to countless prisoners; they have run many errands for the inmates. The jail cells are on the uppermost floor of the County Building. The temperature must be at least 105 degrees here.

Within a very few minutes we have good rapport with the prisoners. They know the Sandovals, and they wait for their visit from Sunday to Sunday.

We sing and witness to these men. Some of them understand English, so that I can address them in both lan-

guages. Again we sing, and I can see how some of the prisoners try to sing along. Especially little 5-year-old Rhonda wins the heart of these men. "I sure don't want my kids to end up at a place like this," whispers a young father from Kalamazoo. He tells me his story of what brought him behind prison bars. "But when I see this little girl sing and

pray, it tears my heart out to think of my two girls. I have never taught them to pray, and they know only my ugly beer songs."

Roberto Sandoval leads them in a prayer, and just about all of them repeat his words. We are kneeling. Mrs. Sandoval and her daughters have beautiful long dresses on. Now these dresses are sprawled all over the dirty jail floor. But they don't mind it a bit. Their concern is for the souls of these inmates.

In the next jail hall we have the privilege of seeing one young man accept Jesus Christ as his Savior. He is behind bars, but our hearts are united, praising God for his salvation.

The jail experience is exhilarating, but the two hours in the hot, stuffy jail are beginning to take their toll. Suddenly I feel tired and drained. How must these prisoners feel, in their hot cells week after week and month after month, with very little contact with the outside world. Some have even never appeared in court and are being held without a chance of bail. Is Rio Grande City really in the U.S.A.?

Supper somehow does not taste so great. My mind is still preoccupied with the men in the jail. Praise the Lord for freedom!

At 7 p.m. the two-hour evening worship service begins. Half of the morning

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in memoriam

JOHN E. MUEHLHOFF of East Detroit, MI, was born of missionary parents in Ngao, Kenya, East Africa, on May 14, 1903, and died on Jan. 15, 1978. In 1933 he married Margaret Brinkmann. For many years both were faithful in service to the Lord, including the last few years at the Ridgemont Baptist Church. Preceded in death by one son, he is survived by his wife, one son, and five grandchildren. The Rev. Alfred Grams officiated at the service.

BRUNOSLAV SPITZKE was born June 24, 1900, in Rozich, Poland and died Oct. 2, 1977, in Swan River, MB. He became a Christian during his teen years, was baptized, and joined the Baptist church in Rozich. In 1925 he married Helena Schlender; they came to Canada in 1929, settling in Minitonas. In 1968 they retired to Swan River. He is survived by his wife, Helena; two sons: Arnold and Richard; three daughters: Tobea, Freda, and Gladys; two sisters: Hilda Sardachuk and Ida Heckert; one brother, Alex; 13 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Pastor Leland Bertsch officiated.

ABRAHAM KORNELIUS (JOE) KLASSEN was born March 23, 1907, in Walbeck, Russia. Later, in 1925, he immigrated to Canada and settled in British Columbia in 1929. He attended the German Baptist Church, Vancouver, was baptized in 1938 and continued to be an active and faithful member until the time of his death. Joe died on Dec. 9, 1977, while traveling through Indonesia. He leaves to mourn his widow, Freda, and a family of six children. Pastor Arthur Patzia officiated at the Ebenezer Baptist Church.

EMIL KOKOT was born April 26, 1897, in Puchawa, Wolhynien, Poland, and died Dec. 21, 1977, in Swan River, MB. He became a Christian Jan. 1, 1919, and was later baptized. On Aug. 4, 1919, he married Ernestine Rhode. In July 1928 they moved to Canada settling in Minitonas. He was a member of First Baptist Church, Minitonas, and later a charter member of Temple Baptist in Swan River. He is survived by his wife, Ernestine; three sons: Arthur, John, Walter; three daughters: Olga Beselt, Adina Daudrich, Hannah Kern; 21 grandchildren, and 19 great-grandchildren. Pastor Leland Bertsch officiated.

MINNIE BLOCK, born May 27, 1910, in Poland, died Dec. 21, 1977, in Saskatoon, SK. Minnie married Sam Block on Dec. 18, 1926, and immigrated to Esk-Jansen, SK, in 1928. Minnie accepted Christ at age 12 and was baptized. She was an active member at Jansen. In 1951 she moved to Saskatoon where she helped start the German Baptist and Hudson Bay Park Baptist Churches successively. She is survived by her husband, Sam, with whom she enjoyed 51 years of married life; two daughters: Ruth Torwalt, Jansen, SK, and Dorothy Kaye, Victoria, BC; three sons: Dr. Ervin, Spirit River, AB, Arthur, Saskatoon, and Billy, Jansen; nine grandchildren; her mother, Mrs. Caroline Winslow, Manville, AB; three sisters: Mrs. Olga Teske, Mrs. Helen Bonney, and Mrs. Martha Renz. The Rev. Dieter Gohl and the Rev. Cliff Pedersen officiated at the services.

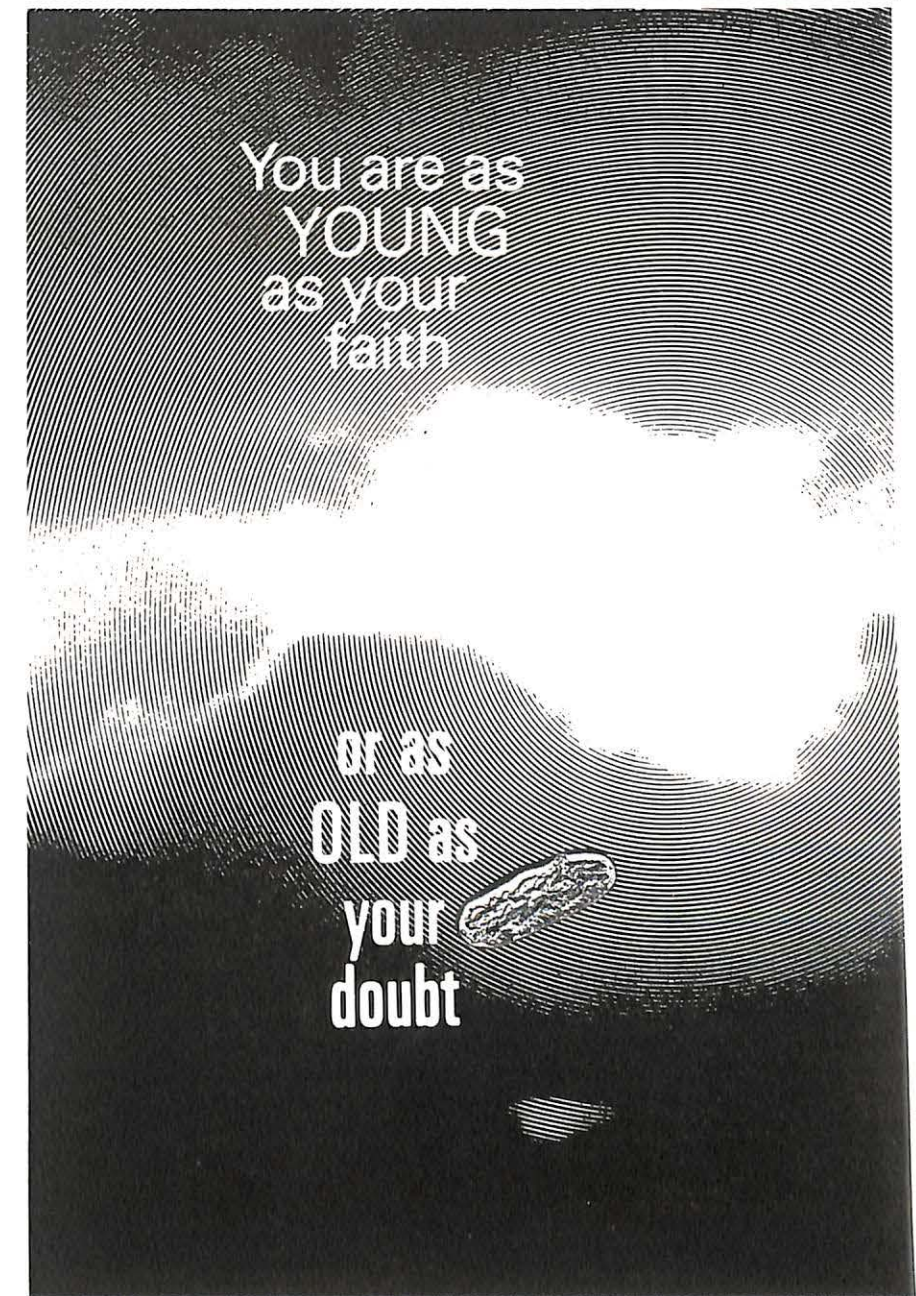
THE REV. ERICH O. GUTSCHE, 80, of Bismarck, ND, died Jan. 31, 1978. He was born Dec. 15, 1897, near Berlin, Germany, receiving his education, including trade school, there. At the age of 13 he accepted the Lord as Savior, was

baptized and became a member of First Baptist Church in Berlin. In 1924 he came to New York City, became an American citizen, and transferred to the Second Baptist Church, New York City. That same year he entered Rochester Baptist Seminary, Rochester, NY, graduating in 1929. He was ordained in 1930. He married Ruby Schulz of Washburn, ND, in June 1931. They served N.A.B. Conference churches in the following areas: Plum Creek, Emery, SD; Leduc, AB; Benton Harbor, MI; Corona, SD; Hettinger, ND; and Medicine Hat, AB. The Gutsches retired to their own home in Bismarck, ND, serving as interim pastor in various churches and later helped at the Baptist Home. He was a member of Bismarck Baptist Church. His wife, Ruby, survives. The memorial service was held in the Baptist Home Chapel with several ministers participating. Chaplain Orville H. Meth officiated.

HENRY LOCH was born Oct. 5, 1884, in Hungary. On Aug. 7, 1905, he married Christine Binder of Germany. This marriage was blessed with 11 children, four of whom preceded him in death. In 1913 he immigrated to the United States, hoping to have the family follow. However, World War I separated the family for seven years. In 1927 they moved to Regina, SK, Canada, and in 1944 to Vancouver, BC. He was baptized in 1926 and served his Lord as a faithful deacon and board member for a number of years. He died Feb. 7, 1978, at the age of 93. Survivors include one son, Henry; six daughters: Katherine (Mrs. John Anschau), Betty (Mrs. Ben Friesen), Helen (Mrs. Art Pudlas), Anne (Mrs. Hugh Jeckel), Edith (Mrs. Al Bismeyer), and Evelyn (Mrs. Art Dayton); 18 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson. The Rev. H. J. Walterit officiated at the memorial service.

Heavy Thinking

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RHODE ISLAND— ONE OF THE 13 ORIGINAL STATES

On May 29, 1790—188 years ago—Rhode Island became the last of the original 13 states to ratify the Constitution. The smallest of the 50 states, it has the longest official name: State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations. The first part of its name derives from an island within its boundaries, which Verrazzano discovered in 1524 and described as being similar to the Island of Rhodes. The state is distinguished historically for its battle for freedom of conscience. This battle was begun by Roger Williams, founder of Providence, who had been exiled for religious dissent from the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1636. Rhode Island renounced allegiance to the British King on May 4, 1776, antedating by two months the Declaration of Independence. Rhode Island's largest single industry is textiles, dating back to Samuel Slater's cotton mill built in 1790. □

CHURCH-STATE CHANGE PROPOSED

STOCKHOLM—A new proposal, if accepted by the Swedish parliament, would bring a change in status for the Church of Sweden which counts 96 per cent of the population as members at present.

The Church would be authorized to determine its own affairs; although the state finance system would continue to impose the church tax, expected to total about 275 million Swedish crowns per year.

In families where parents are members, children would be considered adherents only up to the age of 18 years if not baptized by then. However, the religious ministries of the Church would be available to all citizens.

Municipalities would become responsible for burials, unless it is desired that the Church take charge.

A Church synod, meeting twice yearly, would direct church affairs. Its central committee would be made up of nine persons, including the Archbishop.

The proposal is to come before state authorities this year. If adopted, it will take effect in 1984.

CIRCULATION INCREASES

MOSCOW—"Bratski Vestnik," (Brotherly Messenger), the publication of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists in the U.S.S.R. increased its circulation from 7,000 to

10,000 copies per issue beginning last month.

The magazine appears every two months, usually in an 80-page edition.

TO OBSERVE 120th YEAR

WARSAW—Baptists in Poland will celebrate 120 years of Christian witness since the country's first Baptist congregation was started at Adamow in 1858 by twelve persons who had been baptized by immersion upon their profession of faith in Christ.

The Baptist Union of Poland has invited representatives from other Unions in neighboring republics to take part in their Anniversary observance, scheduled Nov. 6 through 12, 1978.

"Faith, Hope, and Love," is the Anniversary theme.

ARCHAEOLOGISTS TO DIG UP 'LOST' TALMUD PERIOD

A programme aimed at "recapturing the lost 500 years of Jewish history in Eretz Yisrael"—a reference to the Talmudic period—has been launched by the Archaeology Division of Tel Aviv University.

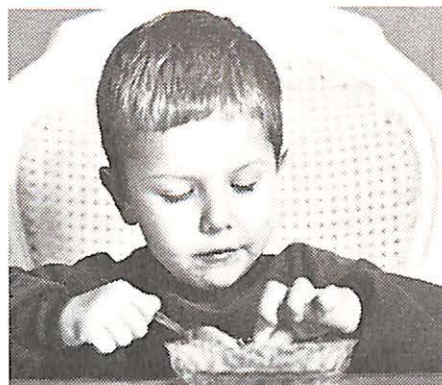
Archaeologists at the university will concentrate their efforts on the thousands of sites from the Talmudic period that have not yet been explored, Prof. Mordechai Gichon said.

"Archaeologists have concentrated on the period before the destruction of the Second Temple (70 C.E.)," he said in an interview. "But there's been little attention paid to the period from the Bar Kochba revolt (135 C.E.) to the Moslem invasion (613 C.E.). This was the period which created the values which serve us till this day. This was when the Mishna, Midrashim and Talmud Yerushalmi were written. The Jews apparently constituted a greater part of the population than is generally believed."

Gichon said that scholars from other disciplines in the university's department of classical studies would be involved in the project so that the influence of Gentiles and Jews in the country on each other could be measured. He said it was important to create a generation of scholars in Israel who had a deep knowledge of both Jewish studies relating to the Talmudic period and early Christianity.

While Christian scholars had explored the Jewish past, he said, Jewish scholars had not paid sufficient attention to early Christianity.

"Our aim is to reconstruct life in the time of the Mishna and Talmud in Eretz Yisrael. There is still a tremendous gap in our knowledge." □



Happy
Mothers
Day!

■ The Rev. Bruno Voss has accepted the call to become pastor of Capilano Baptist Church, Edmonton, AB, effective July 1, 1978. He has been pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Morris, MB, since 1970.

■ The Rev. John F. Thielenhaus received the Th. D. degree from Berean Graduate School of Theology. He is pastor of Parma Heights Baptist Church, Cleveland, OH.

■ The Rev. Donald Richter has accepted the call to the new Church Extension project in San Ramon, CA. He has been pastor of McKernan Baptist Church, Edmonton, AB, since 1973.

■ Mr. Richard Carter is the new assistant pastor at First Baptist Church, Auburn, MI, as of Feb. 6, 1978. His primary responsibility is with the youth. The Rev. Fred M. Penner is the senior pastor of the church.

■ Community Baptist Church is the name of the church extension project in Red Deer, AB, where the Rev. LeRoy Moser is pastor.

■ Chaplain Erhard Knull was promoted to full-time senior chaplain at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Cleveland, OH, Dec. 18, 1977, with additional responsibility for developing an Extended Community Care Visitation Program for veterans who are placed in community care residences.

As our van drove through the narrow and crowded streets of the inner city of Philadelphia, many feelings raced through our minds—fear of the unknown and anticipation of meeting the people here. As we peered out the windows from the security of our van, we realized we would be experiencing a different type of culture: different races of people, rapidly declining row-houses and insecure existence; survival of one's



A typical calling area in Philadelphia.

own physical life, financial income, and emotional well-being seemed to be the foremost needs that were evident here.

Looking back on the time we spent ministering with the Fleischmann Memorial Church in the inner-city of Philadelphia, each one of us found our week to be one bearing the theme of learning about life and living it. Our attitudes were changed as we actually met persons behind those crowded row-houses. The shadows behind the doors became real persons, showing us their needs. There were needs not only for warmth, food and education, but also spiritual needs of understanding and experiencing God's love and forgiveness. We experienced a real openness as we

Marlene Ginter is the reporter of God's Volunteers.

God's Volunteers Experience The Inner City

by Marlene Ginter

shared the gospel with them. Scott MacDonald and his calling partner experienced this openness when they were invited into a home and were able to share the gospel. The woman asked Christ to come into her life to be her Lord and Savior. "This was a very meaningful experience for me," Scott relayed, "as I welcomed this lady into the Kingdom of God, she just cried tears of joy and happiness in her release of guilt and realization of her heritage as a child of God."

Jim Calamunce experienced an attitude change. While he was fearful of the area in which we would be calling, fearful of bodily harm and of not being accepted as an outsider, through the door-to-door calling experiences he realized that God loved the people in the inner city. This realization came through

the new God-given love he felt for the people whom he contacted in the neighborhood.

The music section had the opportunity to sing in a large elementary school in the area. 300 boys and girls responded by listening very attentively to the songs and testimonies. Some of these same children came to the evening musical programs at the church. Friendships were established, and the love that



God's Volunteers van in front of the parsonage, where the Correnti family lives.

shone through the smiling faces of these boys and girls encouraged us tremendously.

Each one of us was thankful for the experiences in the inner city. We learned from Pastor Jim Correnti that "the church cannot work in the inner city with the attitude of being the 'great white hope,' but by realizing that it is a part of the city; only then can it become an integral part of the community." Modeling the ministry of the church after Jesus, we as God's Volunteers as well as all members of the church of Jesus Christ, must be available to be channels for meeting physical as well as spiritual needs of people all around us. □

(For more information on the ministries of Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church, see page 29.)

... SPANISH-AMERICAN MISSION FIELD

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congregation has come back to study God's Word and to enjoy Christian fellowship. Rev. Sandoval brings the message. His clear voice and the fresh ap-



Rev. Sandoval and Elijo in front of the house he built.



On a hot muggy Sunday afternoon, witnessing at the County Jail.

proach do not betray the hours of tiring ministry throughout the day. I cannot help but thank God right there in the evening service at Garcia Ranch Baptist Church for the dedication and faithfulness of this servant of God and his family. Three services on Sunday and one during the week in Rio Grande City, twice a week Bible studies in Camargo, one to two services at Villa Nueva, in between house visitation, hospital calls and other duties keep the Sandovals very busy. The younger members of the family would like to get away from it all: the poor school system, the dust, the poverty—but the Rev. Robert Sandoval strongly feels that Rio Grande City is the place where God wants him to be. In spite of great effort on their part, they are not fully accepted in the community. The fact that they are Baptists in an otherwise totally Catholic environment has not helped them to feel one with their fellow citizens.

There is a great need to proclaim the Gospel in the neighboring towns of Camargo. There is only one other Bap-

tist church in Camargo, and its Southern Baptist pastors change frequently. There is a large Adventist church building, but there is no congregation to fill it.

Rio Grande City, Camargo, Villa Nueva—these are just names to many North American Baptists. They were just names to me, until now, that I have



One of the childrens Sunday school classes at Garcias Ranch Baptist Church in Rio Grande City.



A friendly "good-bye" smile from Rhonda Sandoval.

visited them. How will I ever be able to laugh freely again when I know that many children in North Mexico have never learned to laugh? How will I manage to enjoy my home again when I know of Christian brothers and sisters who do not even have a bed in their mud huts?

One short week has passed since I left my office in Oakbrook Terrace. My visit with the Spanish surnamed Baptists in Colorado (Center, Del Norte, Monte Vista) and with the Mexican-American brethren in Texas and Mexico have spurred my zeal for our home-mission field. There may be more exotic splendor and adventure in the mission work in Cameroon, Nigeria, Brazil and Japan; but also here in Colorado and Texas are people who need to hear the Good News. Also here we need to help, spiritually and physically, so as to demonstrate to the world that we Christians love one another, and that "if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it" (1 Cor. 12:26). □

chuckle with bruno

When you see how some people work, you wonder what they will do when they retire.

Some people are so afraid to die that they never begin to live.

Woman at perfume counter: "Will it make a man put down his newspaper?"

Pan handler: "Actually, I'm an author. I once wrote a book titled *One Hundred Ways to Earn Money*."

Businessman: "Then why are you begging?" Panhandler: "It's one of the ways."

Old bookkeepers never die; they just lose their balance.

Old secretaries never die; they are just filed away.

History shows that man has learned from his mistakes. By now he can make them almost flawlessly.

Sign on college bulletin board: Cancer prevents smoking.

He: "Dear, I just insured myself for \$20,000, so if anything happens to me, you and the children will be taken care of."

She: "That's nice. Now you won't have to go see a doctor every time you feel sick."

Someone has said that a leader has nothing to do except to decide what should be done; to tell somebody to do it; to listen to reasons why it should not be done; to follow up to see if it has been done; to discover that it hasn't been done; to inquire why it hasn't been done; to listen to excuses from the one who should have done it; to follow up again to see if it has been done, only to discover that it has been done incorrectly; to point out how it should have been done; to conclude that as long as it has been done, it might as well be left where it is; to wonder if it is time to get rid of the person who can't do it right; to reflect that he probably has a wife and a large family, and certainly any successor would be just as bad and maybe even worse; to consider how much simpler and better it would have been if he had done it himself in the first place; to reflect sadly that he could have done the job in 20 minutes and now has to spend two days to find out why it took someone else three weeks to do it wrong! □

... OUT OF LOSS AND GRIEF

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templating a second marriage as well as those entering a first marriage. The inventory would be like a third party suggesting that a couple should discuss some important questions before marriage. This would enable a couple to discuss sensitive subjects with much less tension. Faulty communication is a major cause of the breakdown in marriages today. Couples have found that the inventory has helped them talk about vital subjects more openly and with less hesitation. A couple should be able to com-

municate with each other so well that they can share their views on any subject. Subjects in the inventory include personal interests, social activities, finances, health, religion, in-laws, personal habits, sex and children. Those that have used the inventory have indicated that it was of great help to them. Each person filled out a separate inventory; then they discussed their answers. They indicated that they learned how to understand one another better and felt that it helped in developing a deeper, more intimate relationship, as they discussed the inventory.

Three years ago, I would never have

guessed that I would someday be the director of Creative Life Seminars or be a part of publishing a before marriage inventory entitled, "What Should Couples Discuss before Marriage?" Out of loss and grief has come much comfort and inspiration. God's ways are always creative. Just as God created the earth out of chaos and darkness, and even light, God wants to create something constructive out of any type of loss you may face. Out of your loss God will not only want to be creative but will give you a greater compassion to help and comfort others. What higher calling or personal ministry is there than this? □

EXPERIENCING CAMEROON

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full accompaniment of wooden xylophones, hollow wood drums, elephant tusk horns and shakers. Drama, traditional dances and volleyball games were also a colorful part of this fellowship time. The Cameroonians are so agile. We decided that it was a talent or else hereditary—we felt like klutzes. As the grande finale, we were often treated to a potluck supper of Cameroonian chop: foo foo (looks like hard cream of wheat

formed into a loaf), goosy-goosy soup, jamma-jamma, rice and loads of fresh pineapple, bananas, oranges, mangos, etc. Of course, this new variety of food didn't agree with everybody, but I loved it and had a tough stomach, so while some were losing weight—I was maintaining mine.

I could go on and on telling you about my adventures, feelings and impressions of Cameroon—its people and our missionaries, but I think several images will remain in my mind forever: seeing the Saker girls "jumping and

leaping and praising God," (a song we taught them) in their bright blue uniforms; seeing the joy and hope on the faces of leprosy patients who found Christ; watching Laura Reddig walk from bed to bed at Mbingo Hospital saying a word of cheer to every patient; seeing young children carrying their brothers or sisters who were half their size on their back; standing on mountains overlooking valleys untouched by industry—awed at God's majesty; and seeing missionary children playing with their Cameroonian friends. □

INSIGHT INTO CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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gers to all participating children each week.

James tells us that mere words are not sufficient when practical action is also needed (James 2:14-15). Our Deacon's Benevolent Fund has provided food and clothing for needy families and provided opportunities to tell of the love of Christ. We have also been thankful to be a member of a community action group made up of churches, block clubs and other civic groups in our immediate area, for this enables us to make an impact in areas which would be too large to take on by ourselves. We have been to city hall many times to confront officials concerning community development funds, collection of taxes, rehabilitation of HUD houses, rehabilitation of park facilities, various street conditions, zoning permits and related matters. We have confronted realtors about "panic peddling" and banks about "redlining." Our church also recently hosted an excellent series of classes presented by the city on home maintenance and repairs. All these things add to our credibility as concerned neighbors.

Every network of communication has to be explored. In addition to the community actions just mentioned, cultivating a relationship with the area public

schools has proved fruitful. We have had opportunities to attend PTA meetings, serve on a teacher-community committee and appear on programs. So when God's Volunteers came to the church recently, the school had even been willing to march the students to the church for several programs, had the weather permitted!

Another helpful contact has been other evangelical churches in the Philadelphia area of like precious faith and similar direction in the ministry, even when this crosses racial and denominational lines. We have been able to share the riches of special ministries and material resources (such as printing of literature) and receive counseling in areas where others had more experience.

Direction for the Future

We realize that the work has only begun; new community people and other races are only beginning to join us. But God has brought us this far, and we know he will continue to lead us as a congregation into the lives of more and more needy people. As Christ dwelt in the midst of his people, so we desire to dwell in the midst of those whom he will make his people. As Christ carried out his mission to completion, so we desire to see him complete his purposes for this area through us, by his grace. If you would like to receive our prayer letters and pray along with us, write to

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