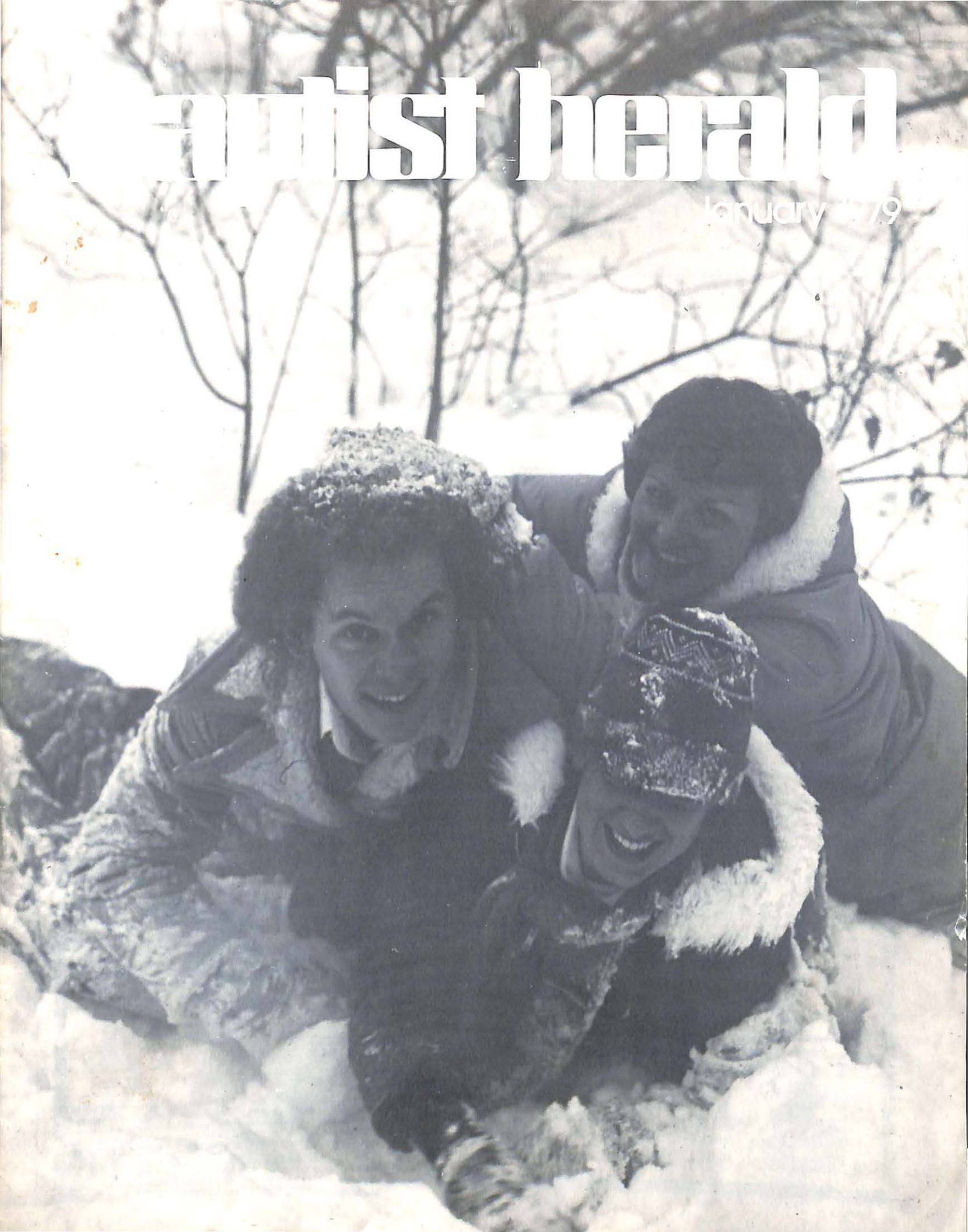


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A. THE PRE-EXISTENT CHRIST

JOHN 1

IN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
2 The same was in the beginning with God.

B. CREATION

1. DECLARATION

PSALM 90

2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

2. ORIGIN OF CREATION

GEN 1

IN the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

3. SATURDAY

17 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. The earth was without form, and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering upon the face of the waters.

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NEWS Flash

BWA to Send 25,000 Bibles and 5,000 Concordances to USSR

WASHINGTON—Baptists in the USSR have been granted permission to import 25,000 Bibles and 5,000 concordances in the Russian language.

News of the highly unusual decision by Soviet authorities came to Baptist World Alliance headquarters here in a cable from the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists, of which Alexei Bichkov is general secretary.

Making the announcement in Washington, D.C. Ronald Goulding, director of the BWA's Division of Relief and Development, said that the Russian language Bibles and concordances are available through the Bible Society in Brussels, Belgium, but the cost of approximately \$150,000 must be met through the Alliance's emergency relief program.

"We have assured our brethren in the USSR that they must go ahead in planning to receive these 'gifts from the Lord,'" Dr. Goulding said.

Meanwhile a special appeal is being sent to the BWA's 111 member bodies around the world to help meet the expense. On Baptist World Alliance Day, Feb. 4, 1979, your contributions may be designated toward this project. □

Job Descriptions - Let's Overhaul Them!

by Richard F. Houts

The nominating committee at Crossroads Baptist Church was having their usual annual "deflation" experience. Key positions for the coming year were again becoming "begging" propositions! Or, in other words, securing commitments for directing or teaching on a sustained basis was most difficult!

The scapegoats are many. "So and so wants to be more mobile and less tied down on weekends." Or, there is a sense of sheer inadequacy after seeing the job description. Some say they are approached tactlessly or in a way revealing much incompetency in enlistment interviewing. And some who are approached refuse, knowing that they are not the Christians they should be in such a position.

But let us hypothesize! Assume that a person is being considered for a key position. He or she is mature emotionally and spiritually and has the potential needed for the job in question. The enlistee is simply turned off by the job description. He or she is appalled to see little more than a lengthy list of expected activities to be maintained. As Robert Townsend asserts in *Up the Organization*, "Job descriptions are straitjackets. Judgment jobs constantly change in nature." Townsend is saying that such job descriptions are activity traps. They do not differentiate between "responsibility" and "accountability" or "authority."

My thesis is that *job designs* should replace job descriptions. The former would emphasize relationships, results and boundaries. Such a design would be flexible enough to be negotiable or tailored to fit the person being enlisted.

Recently I experienced a job *design* in giving leadership to family life education at my church. A statement was formulated and negotiated with the pastor and Board of Christian Education. It might well have been prefaced by a section entitled "Qualifications," setting forth background expectations such as character, academic record, experience and/or church membership. However, as in my case, qualifications are often taken for granted.

In the following job *design* the reader will immediately see a difference from the usual typical job description. Note especially that it centers on what is to be accomplished and the authority to do so.

After almost a year in this position, all persons aware of and affected by this job design appear to find it helpful. One significant evidence of this is that a number of other key positions in the same church have been redesigned using the same format. These positions included age-group coordinators, mission coordinator and librarian.

I have found greater autonomy and freedom to maneuver with such a design rather than feeling trapped by

having to undergo predetermined detailed activities. My job design as coordinator of family education has several other advantages. It clearly gives expected results from my ministry as to what will hopefully happen by way of changes in the "learners." It outlines the "fences" inside which I may make specified decisions. It is flexible enough to permit creativity, while at the same time provides control by a Board to which I report.

What about your church? Do you even have job descriptions? And if so, could they not be much improved by remaking them into job *designs*?

COORDINATOR OF FAMILY EDUCATION

I. Accountability (To whom, for what results?)

The coordinator of Family Education would be seeking to facilitate the strengthening of families in becoming more Christian and biblical in their values, beliefs, lifestyle and behavior. This person would foster the utilization of these Christian factors and principles in relationships such as pre-engagement, engagement, husband-wife and parent-child.

This coordinator would be amenable to and report to the Board of Christian Education, of which he or she would be a non-voting member, but able to participate otherwise.

II. Authority (Decision-Making)

The coordinator of Family Education has no authority to minister in crisis or severely troubled relationships, or to provide such ministry. However, in addition to teaching, in this ministry there might be groups or one-to-one experiences of conflict resolution or problem-solving.

The coordinator may make only those kind of decisions delegated to him by the C.E. Board, including the pastor. Any curriculum or new proposals must be approved by the C.E. Board.

III. Responsibilities (The ministry of this person)

The coordinator of Family Education would be or do the following:

1. Be a resource person in the area of Family Education.
2. Innovate proposals of a teaching-learning nature in consultation with the pastor or other appropriate persons, and formulate these proposals for consideration by the Board of C.E.
3. Consider carefully, either with the Board of C.E. or an ad hoc committee appointed by it, various avenues of approach or strategy that would appear to be most feasible for this local church, such as: Family or couple retreats, assessment of family needs, S.S. classes, nursery facilities, Family Month focus, adult electives, hospitality vs. entertaining emphasis, sermons, weekly family night, a family-centered library

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The Rev. Ed Oster, buildings supervisor at North American Baptist Seminary, recently had to undergo a very serious operation with the threatening possibility of having his voice box removed. A few weeks after the surgery he could resume his duties at the Seminary. In one of the chapel devotions he gave the following testimony.

Faith amidst Adversity

by Ed R. Oster

This has been a fabulous experience, even with the ominous note of malignant cancer. Oh, I had my days of being down in the dumps, don't kid yourself. We all have them, when you get to the crux of the problem. But that day I happened to have a visitor, Doug Radke, from Riverview in St. Paul, and his friend Brian Pucker. I said, "Gentlemen if you have ever had something to pray about, here it is." And by nighttime I began to come out of the dumps praying to God.

I know that thousands have prayed for us, and literally that number have shared through words with us. But even though all of you here were fervently praying, I still had to walk that road alone. But you know my Lord was there. These are the words that I read which were my strength, Phil 4:4: "Rejoice in the Lord always; and again I say, Rejoice." That isn't easy when you have cancer. Rejoice for cancer? But that is what it says, "Let your forbearing spirit be known before all men for the Lord is near. Be anxious in nothing but by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God, and the peace of God which passes all comprehension guide your heart, your mind in Christ Jesus." And again, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." And then again, "My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus." Paul knew long before you and I even experienced it what it was to have a fabulous God. And I have learned that too.

I had some surprises. One was the generosity of this family here at the Seminary. The offering you took for us did something to strengthen our faith. Then, too, I woke up Saturday morning, when I came out of intensive care into my room, still a little groggy. I hadn't fully come out of the medication, and when I looked up there were my wife Betty, Sharon, and Jean. I had no idea that they were coming, but there they stood, and they still don't quite believe me that I recognized them, but I did, really. In my apartment I have hung up all the cards that have come, and I think there are about 100 of them. This is quite a lot. I am no great spiritual giant. I think of how inconsistent my own hang-ups and my own problems were, and then I look at what God has done for me. We have a fabulous Lord God almighty who

stoops down and does great things for us who are so weak and fickle; I have learned that.

I had my time of questions, as I said. I found my victory Thursday night in God's Word. At the hospital they tell you the whole works as to what can happen. They don't hold one thing back. If anything, they go to the extreme, which is good psychologically, because you are totally alerted. When you come through surgery, that already is a real boost. On Thursday evening I told my wife, "The voice box stays!" But Dr. Vall said it may go. Well, it is here, praise the Lord! And I had an opportunity to show faith.

Before we went to Minneapolis, I, by the grace of God, determined to honor the Lord where I could. And as they were wheeling me into the operating room on Friday morning, my doctor was in the hall. He greeted me. I reached out and called him by name, and my orderly stopped. I said, "Dr. Vall, can I have prayer with all of you before you knock me out?" He said, "Sure." So after the operating team was done with the preparations for my operation, they gathered around me. I thanked them and had prayer. I finished, looked up, and here was Dr. Vall still with his eyes closed, and I don't think he is a Christian. And then, crash, I was gone! Some five and one-half hours later they moved me out into intensive care. Afterwards I had many opportunities to share the Lord with my nurses. It was a fabulous ward with tremendous people.

God's timing is tremendous. A lot of people thought when we came here we were going out of the ministry. We were told that, really. But you know it all worked out beautifully, because here I still have my job, although I am handicapped for a little while. And then the timing of employing Les, my assistant. I was able to lay there for two weeks, and I didn't worry about this place at all. I knew he was doing the job and that it was in good hands. That was a relief.

Talking about timing. Our boys came up on Sunday after surgery. They flew in from Denver. Paul is running from the Lord. Doug Radke had come to visit, and we wanted Paul to meet Doug. I am sure that they crossed paths on the walkway. Doug got to the point where he felt he had to go; his time was about up when Paul walked in. He sat down and they talked. God put the timing beautifully.

I guess I amaze a lot of people. You know, they took a two-inch piece out of the jawbone, a big hunk out of the back of the tongue and sewed it together, that is why I am a little tongue-tied today! It is still stiff. I have kidded my doctors about cutting a road map that split me right down the middle of the map. But I had no need for painkillers. A lot of discomfort, sure. The doctor said, "You won't swallow for about two weeks." I didn't care too much. My tongue felt like a stone. But not one painkiller! I had a nurse one night, who almost begged me, "Don't you need even a little bit of painkiller?" And since my communication was in writing, I wrote, "No, I have no pain;" and I didn't, thanks to God.

They told me too, that I just about broke the record for food taken in the first time I was able to eat.

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Dr. Richard H. Houts is professor of Church Administration and director of Field Education at North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, SD.

Thank-you!

by Daniel Kiblin

Thank you for this opportunity to come and share with you this morning. Usually it is the other way around—someone from the Conference Office is coming to the church. The message that I would like to share with you is two-fold and it is something that we all need as Christians: appreciation and encouragement (1 Thess. 1:2-4).

Paul almost always showed appreciation for the people of the churches he wrote to by saying how thankful he was for them. It is such a beautiful way of showing appreciation, yet it is sometimes forgotten. Thank you should be the first words said in the morning and the last at night—and all the time in-between should be spent living out that thankfulness. So I bring you a message of thankfulness this morning from all the people at Twin Grove Baptist Church, myself, and I am sure that I speak for all the churches in the N.A.B. Conference. We are thankful for:

1. *Your Work of Faith* (v. 3): These are the good works that characterize the life of faith. Our life is in a living Savior and consequently our whole life is transformed. This is evident in your lives in many different ways: courtesy on the phone, help in choosing the correct teacher training filmstrips, a letter of application, patience with a new pastor,

who was late with the annual report, and many more ways that I have experienced in just two months.

2. *Your Labor of Love* (v. 3): The word "labor" expresses the cost of your love. This is serious, because it represents all of your efforts which may or may not have immediate, visible success. It is closely related to God's love for us, for indeed his love was costly! But God loves us, not because we are worthy, but because it is his nature to love. In a similar way it is the Conference's nature to love. Your labor of love is that labor which you each invest yourselves in, because you love God and are willing to sacrifice to further his kingdom: the planting of new churches; the continual upholding of all works, in good times and in bad; the ministries labored over so strenuously, but maybe not accepted so readily by the churches or not fully appreciated right away. What I am saying is thank you, and do not stop laboring in this manner, because it is appreciated, and it does have results!

An example of this happened this past weekend when Keith and Bev Murgatroyd were baptized. Their baptism was a fruit of a real labor of love in which many of you, as well as those in our congregation, have participated. That is, the growth and development of our church over the past eight years.

3. *Your Steadfastness of Hope* (v. 3): Our hope is in Jesus Christ, and it is a living hope. In relation to our hope there are two things for which I am thankful: First, that you here at the Conference Office help the churches to keep their hope fixed upon Jesus Christ, that means being solid in doctrine and giving correct spiritual guidance which churches need. Do not ever waiver from

this! Secondly, you truly communicate our hope as a living hope. You do this not only through ministries developed for the churches, but also through personal care. The first time I came here to the office and met with some of you to discuss my candidacy for pastor at Twin Grove, I was encouraged by your concern for the church and the way you communicated your hope for its future. William Barclay seems to put it well, "Bearing things not with resignation, but with blazing hope." Your hope in both of these ways is greatly appreciated by our church.

In closing I would like to stress verse 4. Brotherhood was a very real thing in the early church. The Christian brotherhood is the fellowship of the redeemed. We, as brothers and sisters in Christ, are continually loved by God, and we are "chosen by him unto a salvation to be revealed in the last times at the revelation of Jesus Christ." God has also chosen us, the Conference and churches working together, to further his kingdom. It is in reference to the Great Commission that I think you are in a unique position. You were just as much a part of that baptism which I mentioned before as I was; I only wish that all of you could have been there. But at the same time you are also a part of baptisms and conversions taking place in Cameroon, Brazil or in any of our churches. You are continually involved, directly or indirectly, with people coming to know Christ and growing in their relationship with him. Truly, we labor together as brothers and sisters in Christ, to fulfill his command and further his kingdom. Thank you and be encouraged, for you and your ministries are greatly appreciated. □

Prior to 1960 our Christian men from Mambilla, Nigeria, received pastoral training in Cameroon. This became increasingly difficult after the plebiscite, when Mambilla officially became part of Nigeria.

Early in the 1960s, a number of our men were strongly burdened by the need for a school for theological training for our pastors in Mambilla. God gave the Rev. Timothy Yula, who was field pastor at the time, and the Rev. Moses Ishi, who was the convention chairman, a



vision of what could be done. They presented the idea of a Bible Training Centre to the field executive committee, which received it enthusiastically.

At that time the Mambilla Field consisted of only four small Associations of churches. No missionary lived in Mambilla. The Rev. Fred Holzimmer, who lived at Mbem, visited, advised and encouraged the work in Mambilla.

In October 1964, the Rev. Abraham Jeminda organized a Prep Class. Fourteen students enrolled in the first class. The entrance fee was 50 kobo per student.

Problems in the Early Years

The first class began with no classrooms, dormitories, tables, desks, chairs, books or a tutor's house. The Mbamnga Christians kindly offered the use of their church building for a classroom, along with tables, benches and chairs. The pastor of the church moved his compound, and the pastor's house was given to the Prep Class tutor.

Whenever there were church meetings, classes were held in sleeping houses or outside under the trees. During the rainy season, rain splashed on the students' books and legs, which served as tables for writing.

From time to time, Rev. Jeminda went to Mbem to discuss problems with, and receive advice and encouragement from Rev. Holzimmer.

In 1965 the class moved to Warwar, where Miss Minnie Kuhn and Mrs. Jerry Fluth taught some of the classes. However, toward the end of that same year, when all the missionaries left Mambilla, Miss Kuhn went on furlough and Dr. J. Fluth back to Cameroon, the class moved back to Mbamnga.

Christians from the four associations joined efforts

and built a three-room building for classes. Unfortunately, a strong wind blew it down. With the help of gifts from the field, Associations, organizations and individuals, the students constructed a better building.

Recent History of the School

In 1971 the curriculum of the Prep School was revised and upgraded, and the school became a Bible School. The Rev. Timothy Yula, who had completed his Theo-

A Brief History of the Mambilla Baptist Bible Training Centre

As remembered by the Rev. Timothy Yula and the Rev. Abraham Jeminda



New missionary house under construction in 1977

logical Certificate at Ndu the same year, was appointed principal.

In 1972, Miss Kuhn, who was back at Warwar, and Curt Radke, who was building the hospital at Warwar, assisted with several classes for a short time.

Two years later, the school was moved from Mbamnga to Gembu, where classes were held in the Convention Office Building and Gembu Church building. During that year, Rev. Yula, Rev. Jeminda, Mr. and Mrs. Curt Radke, Miss Minnie Kuhn, Miss Barbara Kieper, and Mrs. Bijl, the wife of the Christian doctor at the hospital at Gembu, taught the students. While in Gembu, Mrs. Radke developed the present school curriculum which was approved and accepted by the Board of Governors and the General Council. In 1975, the school was moved back to its temporary location in Mbamnga.

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The Rev. Daniel Kiblin is pastor of Twin Grove Baptist Church, Buffalo Grove, IL. He delivered this message in one of the weekly chapel times at the North American Baptist Conference International Office, Oakbrook Terrace, IL.

Little is said about chaplains when a nation is not at war, but they are still on the job, seeking to minister to the needs of men and women in the military community.

During the 203 year history of the Army chaplaincy, 550 chaplains have been injured or killed in the line of

Know Your Chaplains-Missionaries Under Special Assignment

by Bruce A. Rich



Chaplain Fred A. David



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The Rev. Ray W. Hinsch



Chaplain Herbert J. Freeman



The Rev. Alvin Harsch

our prayers. They need to be included in the activities of Associations when they are in the States. They need to be encouraged through correspondence from home churches and others who commit themselves to undergird their ministry.

Know and support these, your special missionaries!

The following brief paragraphs will give you a glimpse of what is happening currently in their lives and enable you to pray more personally for them.

● *Chaplain Clinton E. Grenz*, serving at Ft. Dix, NJ, was recently selected for Regular Army Lieutenant Colonel. This selection gives him the option to serve up to 28 years on Active Duty.

● *Chaplain David A. Samf* was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Force, effective April 1978. He is currently serving in the Personnel Division, Chief of Chaplains Office, Washington, DC.

● *Chaplain Fred A. David*, serving the Veterans Administration Hospital in Portland, OR, received the Citizens Advisory Committee Merit Award in recognition of public service to the students of Vocational High School and to the citizens of Portland. He also periodically serves as Acting Chief of Chaplains at the Hospital.

● *Army Chaplain (CPT) Helmut A. Michelson* com-

pleted his Clinical Pastoral Education at Ft. Sam Houston in San Antonio, TX, this past summer. He and his family are now serving the military in Germany.

● *Veterans Administration Chaplain Erhard Knull* has been developing a Community Outreach Program for Veterans in the Cleveland area, Ohio. This program in-

volves clergy and social agencies of the community. He reports a number of opportunities to share the salvation message with residents in homes and nursing care centers. He is assigned to the Brecksville V. A. Hospital.

● *Ray Seutter* is serving as a Pastoral Counselor in the Pastoral Clinic Center in Winston-Salem, NC, while working on his Ph. D. degree.

● Since returning from Germany in 1977, *Chaplain (MAJ) Henry E. Wake* completed a six-month chaplains advanced course at Ft. Wadsworth, NY, and is now serving at Ft. Devens, MA. His ministry is devoted entirely to the student body of the Army Intelligence School. Upon leaving Germany he was awarded the Army Commendation Medal, third oak leaf cluster.

● *Chaplain (CPT) LeRoy Kiemele* completed his tour of duty at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, DC, and is now serving a separation tour in Korea at the 121st Evacuation Hospital. His family has relocated from Wheaton, MD, to the Tacoma area, WA.

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Friends, when you haven't eaten for ten days and you wonder whether you'll eat or whether you'll vomit and come up through the nose, then you understand that the first time you manage to get food down was quite a thrill. The medical staff also said that of all the many patients I was the second person in that ward who had no troubles with swallowing the first time. It went down right away.

All I can really say about this experience is that my Lord has been fabulous. Your Lord is fabulous too. Regretfully too often it has to come to something like this to express that greatness of God. But I thank you again for your prayers. I guess, in closing, a hymn can tell you what I have tried to say: "I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I've

● *Army Chaplain Curtis Wiens* completed his service at Ft. Sill, OK, in June, attended chaplains school this past summer in New York, was promoted to Major and is now ministering in Germany.

● *Chaplain (CPT) Tom Oswald* is serving the Army personnel of the 3rd Brigade at Fort Lewis, WA. In ad-

dition to his normal ministry to the troops, he has started a special program for dependents.

● *The Rev. Ray W. Hinsch* who formerly served the Bethany Baptist Church of Hutchinson, MN, entered the Air Force Chaplaincy as a Captain this past summer. He is currently stationed at Patrick Air Force Base, Florida.

● *Chaplain Herbert J. Freeman* is ministering at the Veterans Administration Center, Wilmington, DE. His main interest is to serve those who are dying. He also appreciates the enriching contact with other chaplains across denominational borders.

● *The Rev. Alvin Harsch* is chaplain for the Rehabilitation Hospital in Grand Forks, ND. One phase of his ministry that is highly appreciated by pastors in the area is his Parish Visiting Training Program. Through this program he is helping selected persons from the churches learn how to overcome their inadequacies when talking with the disabled, seriously ill or nursing home shut-ins. □

committed unto him against that day."

Join with me in prayer: "I thank you, heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ who made it all possible to love you and to know that you care. Thank you for people who are interested and concerned, and I thank you too for what you have done to this seminary family here, drawing them together unto you, oh Lord, because of us. Anoint each student with a greater fervency for the Spirit of God. Anoint our professors with the joy of the Lord and the insight of reaching out to help these students, the staff and faculty. Oh God, we praise you for each one. We praise you even for the ominous ring of the word cancer, and that the report was negative and that it had not spread. I thank you for the joy of the Lord that you have given. Give us joy as we serve and direct each heart, because we love you. Thank you. In Jesus' name. Amen." □

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I Thank God for NABS...



by Jeanne Stubel

On Oct. 11, 1978, the North American Baptist Seminary had set aside a special time for us as students, faculty and staff to express our thanks for NABS. We were asked to complete the following statement. "I thank God for NABS because . . ."

This started me thinking. I really have a lot to be thankful for. The four years that I will have spent here at NABS will be the best years of my life. The changes that have taken place in me have been astronomical. The encouragements, testings, love and concern shown by the people here have all attributed to the "new me." God has blessed this place with special people.

It was very traumatic for me when we first moved from Michigan to the Seminary in South Dakota. It was the first time that I was any distance from my family, friends and home church. All my inner strength was dependent on them. I was shattered to live on my own with Norb for the first time. I only had him to lean and depend on now, and so I did completely. There was no involvement on my part in any of the school activities. I was only here because this is where Norb wanted to be and so, being the self-sacrificing wife I was, I played the part very well. I carried a lot of bitterness inside of me for having been taken from all my "moral support" back home. My self-concept was at its all time low. "Love your neighbor as thyself" meant very little to me. I was totally miserable. I never got to know anybody at the Seminary, nor did I want to. I only wanted to be myself. I went to work and came home, and that was just about it. I figured if I had three more years like this, I didn't know how I was going to make it. How could Norb do this to me, I thought.

The summer had gone and the new year began right on schedule. Here we go again, I thought. Norb will be involved with his studies, and I would be left out in the cold for another whole nine months by myself. After much talking, Norb finally convinced me that I should take an evening class. This was my first exposure to the caring people here at the Seminary. This was to be the beginning of a chain of events that would change my whole life and attitudes. The class was designed so that there were lectures, small groups and a discussion time. For the first time, I didn't feel rejected by my classmates because of anything that I may have expressed in class. They accepted me for who I was. By the summer of that year there was a job opening at the Seminary. I went to apply for it just to see if I could get the job, not that I really wanted it. Well, I did get the job, much to my

surprise. Little by little I got to know the people of the Seminary, and they seemed to like me. I couldn't understand why. What was it they saw in me? I had a hard time accepting the statement, "You are what other people see you as." They saw the good, and all I could see was the bad. God was using them in ways that I'm sure they probably had no idea of what was going on inside of me.

The third year of my Seminary experience began, and I decided that since I was working at the Seminary, it would be the perfect opportunity to audit as many classes as I could. I started to take a few of Dr. Ernie Zimbelman's counseling classes. I knew that I wouldn't get much out of them unless I did the work right along with the rest of the class. During this time I learned a new concept. That was to "risk" myself, which means taking chances to better myself. I had to write several papers about me, and it took a great deal of thought and time to put it down on paper. It forced me to take a good long look at myself, where I was and what some of the goals were I had set for myself. Having it down on paper made it clear to me that I had a lot of changing to do. I didn't like what I saw. These changes had to take place before Norb and I go into the full-time ministry. There were painful changes that took place that year, and there were times that I wanted to throw in the towel and give up. Much prayer and support came from the people who really cared about me the most. They got me through that toughest year of my life. I now can look into a mirror and say with a complete confidence that I like what I see. I've changed a lot of the ideas I had about myself. God loved me just the way I was. For me that was a tremendous concept to grasp onto and believe in.

There are four major changes that have taken place in my life: 1) I've learned to love and accept myself for who I am and stop trying to be something that I wasn't. 2) I've become more outgoing and am involved in more activities than ever, and I love every minute of it. 3) I'm able to relate to others with confidence. Before it was so hard just to get up enough courage to talk to others let alone relate on a "gut" level. 4) I'm able to enjoy life more now. I have the freedom of being myself which helps me to relax and enjoy life.

Come as you are! God will have you no other way. How true that is. I praise God for his willingness and loving-kindness to take us just as we are.

I am now in the fourth year of growing at the Seminary. I have never been more happy with myself and am looking forward to the remainder of this year and all that it has in store for me.

I thank God for NABS because of the dedicated people here. They are concerned about each one of us. They have a genuine way of showing that you are a special person. They have been able to prepare me for the ministry because I was willing to risk myself. They have given me the confidence that I needed to prepare me for the ministry that I thought was totally impossible four years ago.

I thank God for NABS because I have become the "new me," and this is what the Lord intended for me all along.

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Two Days I Will Never Forget

by Ken Priebe

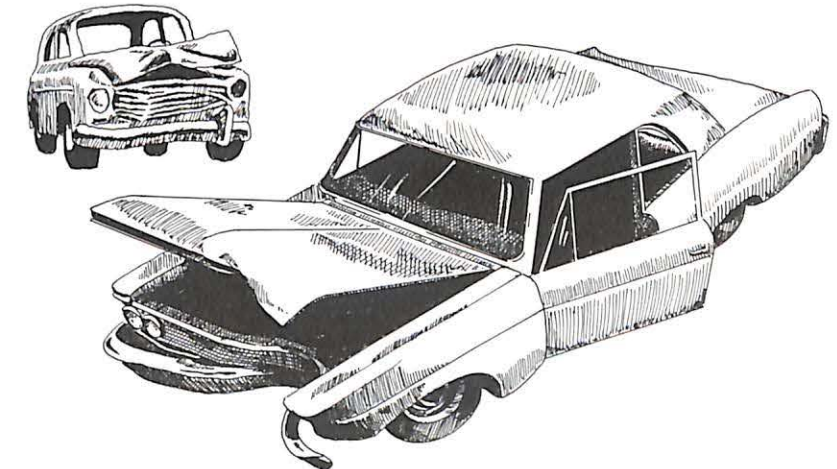


Tuesday morning at about 5:00 my wife, Eileen, took me to the taxi park in Kumba. I was about to leave for a two day trip to Yaounde, the capital of Cameroon, for passports. We found out that our son Kendall needed surgery on his feet, so we were planning our return trip to America a couple months early.

The taxi park was congested with vehicles of all kinds, those who took five passengers and those who took 19. Eileen dropped me off, and I began looking for a taxi going to Douala (the main port town on the coast of Cameroon from where I would fly to Yaounde). I waited for a taxi but couldn't find one direct, so I took one which went half way. It was an old taxi, and when I entered I heard one of the passengers say that we probably wouldn't make it to Tiko, because it was such a "wo-wo" (run down) car. Everyone laughed as the driver tried his hardest to close his door. Finally the ten of us going to Tiko were on our way. It was still dark, so vehicles were using their lights. The driver was going around 120 km/hr, and every time he took a corner the taxi would sway and something would grind under the car. Everyone was quiet as we drove curve after curve. Approximately 20 kilometer from Kumba, another taxi was approaching. Both taxis were about to meet at the curve. Our taxi hugged the inside of the curve, and the other taxi came too far out. They met head on sending our taxi into the ditch and the other skidding along the road. I was in the front passenger side and wasn't hurt, but one of the ladies in the back seemed to be injured. A few of us got out of the taxi and ran to the other taxi to see if anyone there was hurt. All the way I could hear people crying and wailing. Both drivers amazingly were unhurt and immediately looked for means to get the people either to the hospital or to their destination.

A short time later, a friend of mine drove by, recognized me and stopped to help. He was on his way to Douala, so he offered me a ride. The people at the accident seemed to be cared for. However, the two vehicles, almost beyond repair, remained along the side of the road. I didn't speak much with my friend driving to Douala. At the time I was thinking of how fortunate I

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was to be alive. I remember my son Kent praying for me the evening before, asking God to keep me safe. I remembered myself praying for safety as I left Kumba in the "wo-wo" taxi. Thank God he heard our prayers!

Well, because of my friend who picked me up after the accident, I was able to reach Douala early and get the early flight to Yaounde. I arrived in Yaounde at 10:30 a.m. and got all the passport matters fixed up by 12:30. Only two hours which normally takes two days! I could hardly believe it. My return ticket was for two days later, but because of the surprisingly quick service, I decided to return to Douala that same evening. I waited for the 8:00 p.m. flight which was enroute to Paris, but found out it was full. So I waited for the 10:00 p.m. flight. I prayed that there would be space. When it came in, I was told it was full. What was I going to do? I hadn't made any arrangements for overnight lodging, nor did I think I would get any at that late hour. I went to talk to the airline manager. I explained to him the situation, and after thinking about it for a few seconds, he gave me a boarding pass. You can believe me, I was one of the first people on the plane for fear of having to remain in Yaounde. Only after we were in the air did that fear leave me. All seats were occupied

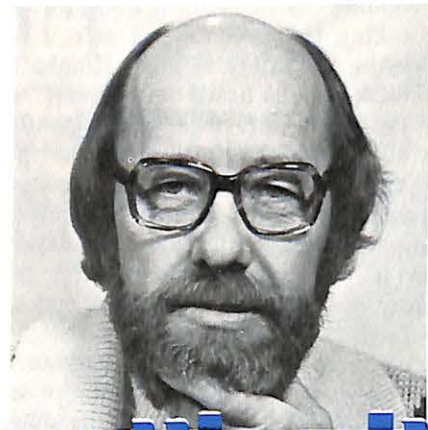
including those reserved for the stewardess. Again I saw and felt God's care for me.

I arrived in Douala and stayed overnight at the Catholic Mission. In the morning, for some strange reason, I woke up sick. I felt nauseated, dizzy and had a terrible headache. So I quickly went to the taxi park to get a ride to Kumba. As I arrived at the taxi park, there was a white taxi that needed only one more passenger. I thought to myself that I should take that taxi, but at the same time I was so sick I only wanted to lie down quietly and rest a while. The taxi driver laughed and said there were other people just anxious to take my place. I felt bad in a way, because I could have been in Kumba in about two hours, and now I would probably arrive after five hours. But I got the rest I needed and was assured of a ride in the second taxi which would leave later.

After two and one half hours I finally left Douala for Kumba. It was raining hard, but the driver was careful. We had driven for about one-half hour when I saw a gravel truck facing the ditch. The taxi driver slowed

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putting it together

by Ernie Zimbelman

All of us face problems. For the sake of easy discussion, I'll divide all problems into two simple classes—long-range problems and short-range problems. Short-range problems are not much of a problem, because by definition they don't last long. Most of us are able to

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down and passed. When he did, I noticed a white taxi smashed into the side of the ditch. He said it was the same white taxi which had one more space for Kumba, which I gave up, because I was sick. A feeling of fear went through me as I thought about it. We continued on to Kumba. When I reached Kumba, I immediately went to bed. Later on one of the pastors in Kumba came to visit me and asked if I had heard or seen the accident which happened about 50 km outside of Douala. He said it was a white 404 Peugeot in which four people had died, and three were in critical condition in the hospital. Later I found out that the four who died were in the back seat where I was to sit. Tears immediately came to my eyes out of gratitude. God again showed his working hand

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or resource center, literature promotion, intergenerational groupings and activities, family worship models, and provision for special tar-

and his safety over my life. Had I not been sick, there would have been nothing keeping me from being in that white taxi. Even in sickness there is blessing, and this time it was very clear.

I will never forget these two days, because I was able to see very clearly God's hand at work. An ordinary unbeliever probably would classify this incident as one of chance and luck. For me this was no chance or luck.

God has promised in his Word that he will care for his own. I also believe that God answers the prayer of a young boy praying for daddy's safe trip. I also believe that God provides safety showing and telling people that their work for him is not finished. I thank God for these experiences, because I have seen power in prayer, have received affirmation of our continuing work in Cameroon and seen clearly God's hand working in and over our lives. □

get groups such as Christian with non-Christian spouse, one parent families, or extended families.

4. Be a preventive kind of counselor where possible.
5. Follow through in execution and evaluation. □

endure a little trouble a great deal of the time and even big trouble once in a while.

The same cannot be said for problems that last for a long time. There are many people who have long-range, difficult problems. Some examples of such problems are: poor health, financial difficulties, uncooperative or downright rebellious children, an alcoholic spouse, hard to get along with relatives, unpleasant work circumstances, a church that doesn't meet my needs, and many other situations. You name your own.

If I have a long-range problem, what is the solution to it?

The story is told of a man who, one night as he was sleeping, had a vision. In this vision he was given the answer to all the problems of the world. While still in his trance, he got up from bed, went to his desk and wrote the information on a piece of paper. Then he returned to bed and fell asleep again.

The next morning, after he awoke, he lay in bed and remembered his dream. But he could not recall what he had been told was the way to solve all problems. Then he remembered that he had gotten up! So he jumped out of bed and rushed to his desk and found the paper on which he had written. There was the answer to solve all the problems! "Think in new categories!"

Most of us have long-range problems, because we refuse to approach them from a new viewpoint. Rather than change our view of a situation that troubles us, we want the situation to change.

This proneness of ours to continue in

old, destructive and misguided ways is illustrated over and over in biblical accounts. The freeing ways of God are available, but people repeatedly return to other non-productive ways.

A specific example of this is in the church at Galatia. Paul even addresses them as, "O foolish Galatians . . ." (Gal. 3:1), because they had learned a new, meaningful way in Christ and now were again returning to their old, legalistic, superstitious ways.

Literally, all problems have a solution. James says this (1:5): "If any man lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all men generously and without reproaching, and it will be given him."

Too often we ask that the problem should be removed. In problem solving this is a category we use most frequently. But there may also be many other categories. For example, if I'm short of money, I may pray: "Lord, I'm short of money again, give me some." Then I sit down and wait for the money to show up.

But if I took time to analyze my problem, which is ongoing, I may discover that I manage money poorly, I'm irresponsible, or I'm underemployed. By finding a new area of employment, I may not only solve my financial problem but also render more meaningful service. Also, I can learn to manage better what I do have.

Next time you have to deal with one of your long-range problems, first think of the obvious solution you'd like. Then pray for wisdom to discover some other ways in which the situation could be handled. □

Onward Christian Soldiers

by Wayne Jorstad



God's Volunteers learning their music during training at Central Baptist Camp, Lansing, IA

On October 1, 1978, you could almost hear the bugle sounding off as in a military camp. Soon the team of soldiers for Christ were moving out. They had been training for the past 31 days so as to prepare for the most important war of all times.

War . . . that's an awesome word that draws the fear out in every human being. Even the strongest of men out in every word because of its reputation. This old earth has seen many different kinds of war, such as of ours the Revolutionary War, Civil War, World War I, World War II and Vietnam. Yet these wars were just temporary compared to the war that these trained soldiers of Christ will be involved in. In many ways this particular war is more awesome because of its silent battles which are unnoticed except by those who are a part of the army of Christ.

Just as any army is divided up into squadrons, the army of Christ is without exception. The squadrons are essential, and it is important that each squadron uphold of the load so as to be effective in battle. The its share entitled God's Volunteers is such a squadron. They are trained now and have matured into an organized team. Though they are self-confident, organized and trained, they still have the fears that go along with inexperience. Yet the will to be used by the commander Jesus Christ is bubbling within them.

Paul writes in Ephesians that there is a spiritual struggle

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gle or battle, not against flesh and blood but against the spiritual forces of darkness. It's difficult to battle against an enemy that is unseen, but its effect is staggering. To fight such a battle one must take up the full armor of God. To some this armor may seem heavy and hard to bear, but to the squadron of God's Volunteers it is essential. At least once in his life, a soldier of this squadron knows how it feels to go into battle without his armor. Fear, anxiety and lack of wisdom are the main feelings of an unprotected soldier. Without this proper protection his spirit is open to the fiery arrows of Satan, and he is useless on the battlefield.

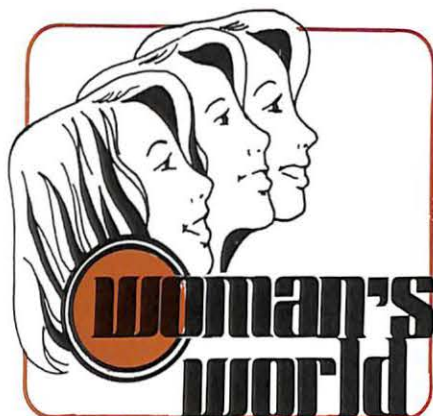
The battlefield is not an open field or a thick forest, but it's right in our own neighborhoods. Chances are these battlefields will never be covered with the blood of dying men, but they still will be covered with men who are dying spiritually and in need of life. This life is only



Wayne Jorstad, reporter for the GV's follow-up team, preparing for service

given by our commander, Jesus Christ. But how will these dying people know of him if the various squadrons of the army of Christ don't go into battle? The squadron of God's Volunteers continues to need the other squadrons, such as the local churches, to help pull the load. These squadrons work together well, and already they have seen victorious battles won, when they allow Jesus Christ to lead.

We are all equipped for battle and are expected to go into battle as ordered. In man's war, if a soldier disobeys an order, that is sufficient grounds for a court martial. What about the spiritual war? Are there grounds for us as soldiers to be court-martialed? □



Conference Corner

by Carolyn Heringer,
Anamoose, ND

July 1979, seemed so far away as we

women started to plan the decorations for the Triennial Conference almost two years ago. Now, with the Conference only seven months away, one really gets excited. Excited that everything will be done right and especially that all of you coming will see how great the State of North Dakota is through our decorating.

North Dakota, South Dakota and Montana women are laboring in love to sew something special for each woman who will attend the luncheon on Friday, July 13. We want to make this Conference one you won't forget because, through the things we make, you will see God's love. We will try to show you our State bird and flower, our coal, wildlife, farming, beautiful snow, grains and the Peace Gardens.

Ladies, as you come to stay in Bis-

marck, you will find a fantastic shopping center across from the Civic Center—one to meet all your shopping needs.

Excited? Yes, as I said before, we're excited about having you see our great State. Come and see how wonderful the Lord has been to each of us and we'll share his love with you. □

by Verna Ganstrom,
Bismarck, ND

Isn't it exciting when a missionary comes from Brazil, Africa, Japan or the Spanish-American work to show pictures and tell us of God's working in special lives at home and across the sea? Sometimes they even show us articles and clothing that other nations use. It helps us to pray more specifically for

trast that enhanced our home. Our love and appreciation for you is immeasurable.

Dear Youngest Child:

You know we've always loved you best. You were the caboose—the last (not the end)! We could spoil you. You broke all records for bumps, bruises and falls. You accepted the bedroom next to Mom and Dad while your brothers were privileged to sleep on another floor. This was so we could hang on to you longer, we thought.

You were content with the hand-me-down toys, baseball mitt and tee shirts. You got jeans with patches already on them. We learned hockey from you, and you thrilled us with your dramatic performances on and off stage! You were so delighted to get your first pimple (zit) indicating you were becoming a teen! When you were four, you were going on eight; when eight, you were going on twelve. Now that you are twenty, you are going on twenty-four.

You have sharpened our compassion and sensitivity. You taught us flexibility. You have contributed uncontained excitement and enthusiasm to our household. You, our "free spirit," have made us realize that God's children do not fit parental molds. You stretched us in ways we never dreamed possible. We are stronger and richer because of it. Thank you for keeping us alert and youthful!

Lord, I'm thankful there are no perfect parents or perfect children. (I wish I'd have understood this years ago!) Love my sons (your gifts) through me and in spite of me, and may they reciprocate that love.

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above" (James 1:17). □

God's work among these people. That is what our Women's Missionary Societies are all about!

When you come to Bismarck in July 1979, you will have the opportunity to personally meet missionaries from each of the continents. Wednesday and Friday evenings have been set aside for informal missionary emphases and displays at the Civic Center—as well as some "treats." It is hoped that the Rev. Samuel Ngum, a product of your prayers and giving, will be present to speak to you personally.

During each Conference day, various missionaries will be introduced during the programming to present special vignettes for your information and interest. Be sure to ask your special representative to bring back a full report so that your Society will be well informed. I challenge you to learn more about the field and missionaries which your church supports. □

Are you Winning your Battle?

by Deanne Barker,
Matsusaka, Japan



Battle stations, women! The enemy is surrounding us. It is approaching from the front. Look out! It is sneaking in from the rear. The "Battle of the Bulge" has begun. We didn't even have an adequate warning system to prepare us. What had started as a few pounds has shifted into World War III.

As Christians, we represent Jesus Christ. Our faces glow, we do kind things for our neighbors, attend Bible study and teach Sunday school. Yet, the first impression we make on anyone is our physical appearance. We are responsible for that first impression. It's a poor army when the uniforms do not fit or are out of style.

But the problem is more than physical. Overweight women are usually unhappy. They get depressed when they look into a mirror. Then they go have a piece of cake to make them feel better. Some women dwell on this problem, and it can interfere with their relationship with Christ.

Other divisions in the army do not help. The slim and trim women have no idea of the agony. They tell their overweight buddies, "Don't worry, you have a great personality. Everyone loves you. Here, have a piece of pie. I baked it just for you!" They become the enemy rather than partners in the battle.

This brief account of the "fat fight" is my own personal story. I have been

heavy since junior high. There was much unhappiness and tears over being fat. I would try for awhile, get discouraged and go back to the old eating habits.

I had been attending the Seminary for a year, after four years of teaching elementary school. The year had been very good. I had straightened out many things in my life. The "inner woman" was renewed and strengthened.

It was now time for the "outer woman" to do some catching up. A friend introduced me to Weight Watchers and invited me to join. I went with fear and trembling; someone else was going to find out my weight! Horrors!

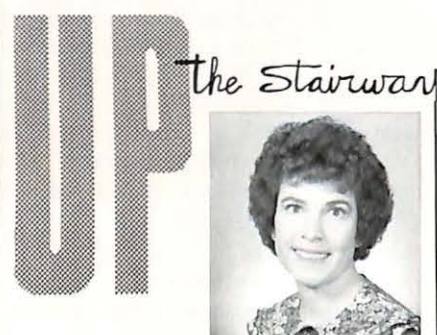
That was the first of June 1977, and by February 1978, I had lost 30 pounds. Easy? No! But it was worth it. Other friends went with me, and we encouraged one another. My slim friends saw I meant business and helped out by serving me "legal" foods at parties.

The battle is far from over. Every day is a new challenge, and I can never let my defenses down. The Lord knows how weak I am, and he gives me strength: "Fear thou not for I am with thee, be not dismayed for I am thy God, I will strengthen thee. . . . (Isa. 41:10).

At my last meeting of Weight Watchers, I was called forward to receive a pin for reaching my goal. I shared with the group that I was going to Japan as a missionary. I wasn't a fat old maid who couldn't do anything else but was an attractive woman who had chosen to serve God in a foreign country. There were tears in many eyes as they understood my feelings of worth.

Does one need to be slim to have worth? No! God loves and accepts us as we are. I first had to love and accept myself as a worthy child of God. Then my outward appearance began to show how I felt on the inside.

I hope my sharing will give some encouragement in the battle. Write to me and we can pray for each other as we "fight the enemy" together. (Deanne Barker, 310-3 Tsuchitori, Maenoheta Cho, Matsusaka Shi, Mie Ken 515 Japan) □



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

Even though it is against "parenting rules," a mother does tend to compare her children with each other once in a while. Is it possible to love one more than the other? Each child needs assurance that he is loved for himself. I will begin the new year with a love letter to each of my sons.

Dear Eldest Child:

We have always loved you best. You were our first miracle, the first born—the one we practiced on! We didn't know how to take care of a baby, and you brought "directions" with you. You will always be our pride and joy. You grew and developed even though the doctor would only allow me to feed you every four hours! When you became a teen, you questioned us more than we questioned you!

You cemented our marriage and helped us through those lean years of McDougale Burgers and Early Donate-It-to-the-Parson furniture. You taught

Reason to Rejoice



by LaVerna Mehlhaff,
women's work director

"Rejoice in the Lord and again I say, rejoice" (Phil. 4:4).

The united effort of all of our women has enabled us to go over the top of the \$400,000 goal that we adopted at the triennial W.M.U. luncheon held in Portland, OR, in 1976. We have much reason to rejoice.

A new challenge is being set before us. The W.M.U. Conference Executive Committee has recommended a goal of \$675,000 for the new triennium, January 1, 1979-December 31, 1981. The \$75,000 is to be a very special offering as we celebrate our Diamond Jubilee in 1982 at our Triennial Conference in Niagara Falls, NY. Commitment in prayer and in giving will be needed to reach our new goal.

As women, we are grateful that we have a vital part in sharing the gospel with the people of the world. Ours has been a ministry of supporting not only home missions but also overseas missions. We are a part of the fulfilling of Mark 16:15: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." □



Looking for Service?

by Nadine
Baumbach,
Lodi, CA

I was in need of Christian friends with whom I could share personal burdens and concerns. I asked God to supply

this need.

The answer came through opportunity to serve Christ as I became active in a Christian women's club in town. There I found warmth and women who cared about me and for me. I was accepted without having to "prove" myself in any way.

At the monthly prayer and share time, women of all ages came together. We could be open with one another,

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1979 TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE

... at a glance

Location: Bismarck, North Dakota
Date: July 10-15, 1979
Theme: Building Relationships Through Christ



"...encourage one another and build one another up..." 1 Thess. 5:9-11

| TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
|---|--|--|---|--|---|
| | | 7:30 a.m. N.A.B. College Breakfast | 7:30 a.m. N.A.B. Seminary Breakfast | 7:30 a.m. Missionary Breakfast; Church Extension Pastors' Breakfast | 7:30 a.m. Pension Fund Breakfast |
| 9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. Registration | 9:30-10:15 a.m. Singing, Prayer, Bible Study: <i>Rev. Ben Haden</i> | 9:30-10:15 a.m. Singing, Prayer, Bible Study: <i>Rev. Ben Haden</i> | 9:39-10:15 a.m. Singing, Prayer, Bible Study: <i>Rev. Ben Haden</i> | 9:30-10:15 a.m. Singing, Prayer, Bible Study: <i>Rev. Ben Haden</i> | 10:00-11:30 a.m. Closing Service: Message - <i>Dr. Kenneth Fischer</i> Commissioning of New Missionaries Installation of New Conference Officers and Elected Personnel |
| | 10:15-10:45 a.m. General Council Report | 10:15-10:45 a.m. N.A.B. Seminary Report | 10:15-10:45 a.m. N.A.B. College Report | 10:15-12:00 noon Business Session | |
| | 10:45-11:15 a.m. Open | 10:45-12:00 noon Business Session | 10:45-12:00 noon Business Session | | |
| | 11:15-12:00 noon Business Session | | | | |
| | | | Women's Luncheon Men's Luncheon Ministers' Luncheon | God's Volunteers' Luncheon | |
| 1:00-5:00 p.m. Conference Workshops: <i>"Strengthening the Local Church"</i> 1:00 p.m. General Council Sessions | 1:30-2:00 p.m. Move with Missions | 1:30-2:00 p.m. Report of Board of Missions | Free Time | Free Time | |
| | 2:00-2:30 p.m. Church Extension Report | 2:00-3:00 p.m. Church Ministries Report | | | |
| | 2:30-3:00 p.m. Musical Interlude and Testimony | 3:00-3:30 p.m. Musical Interlude and Testimony | | | |
| | 3:00-3:30 p.m. Reports: BWA, BJC, ABS | 3:30-4:30 p.m. Business Session | | | |
| | 3:30-4:30 p.m. Business Session | | | | |
| 7:30-9:00 p.m. Keynote Message: <i>Dr. Stephen Olford</i> "Building Relationships Through Christ" | 7:00-7:20 p.m. - Music | 7:00-7:20 p.m. - Music | 7:00-7:20 p.m. - Music | 7:30-9:00 p.m. Musical Night Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social | |
| | 7:20-7:30 p.m. - Organ | 7:20-7:30 p.m. - Organ | 7:20-7:30 p.m. - Organ | | |
| | 7:30-9:00 p.m. Stewardship Lifestyle: <i>Lloyd Omdahl</i> ; State of Conference Report; N.A.B. History Book: <i>Dr. F. H. Woyke</i> | 7:30-9:00 p.m. Missions and Vocational Commitment <i>Rev. Herman Effa</i> | 7:30-9:00 p.m. Evangelism and Discipleship: <i>Rev. Peter Unrau</i> | | |
| | | 10:00 p.m. - Concert: <i>Benny Hester and His Band</i> | | | |

Recipe

by Dr. Peter Fehr, chairman
1979 Program Committee

Ingredients:

1 Bible teacher [Dr. Ben Haden, Chattanooga, TN]
1 keynote speaker [Dr. Stephen Olford, formerly of
New York City]
1 women's luncheon
1 men's luncheon
1 pastors' luncheon
1 God's Volunteers' luncheon
Several strong youth programs — graded
4 excellent evening programs
1 inspiring closing rally

Add:

adequate time for business and departmental reports
lots of missionaries
lots of fellowship among those who attend

Blend all together, and the results will be another
excellent Triennial Conference to be held in Bismarck,
ND, July 10-15, 1979.

This was the work of your Triennial Conference
Program Planning Committee in December 1978, as we
prepared for Bismarck, 1979. Having an excellent youth
program was high priority of all members of the
committee.

In the brackets are listed the special speakers from
outside our N.A.B. fellowship, who will be sharing
inspirationally with us at the conference. All of the plans
have now been tentatively confirmed, and the
committees are continuing to work to outperform all
previous conference committees.

Any recipe, no matter how excellent, will fail if any
important ingredients are left out or put into the mixture
in an inadequate amount. We have scheduled a great
program; we have arranged fine meeting facilities; we
have booked space in motels and hotels, but the
ingredient which will make the conference a real
success is the presence of all of you in Bismarck, July
10-15, 1979.

Make your plans to spend these days with us, so that
we can be assured that our recipe for a successful
conference will be accomplished.

the GROWING edge

The Growing Edge

Something new to begin the New Year—that's the Growing Edge. It will be taking the place of *Youth Scene* and *Insight Into Christian Education*. Growing Edge pages come to you from the Church Ministries Department, and we plan to keep them filled with brief, interesting, provocative articles. Denny's Column will be a regular feature, especially for youth. Denny Miller is a college student living in Portland, OR, and she invites youth (or parents) to send in questions. She (and other young people) will do their best to provide helpful answers.

Denny's Column

by
Denny
Miller



This past summer our family spent a weekend at the beach. Early Sunday morning, I got up to walk the shoreline. Normally, I would hope to find a perfect sand dollar and other ocean-brought treasures. That Sunday, I just wanted to think. I was feeling sorry for myself. But I was halfway trying not to. The water was cold and the sand was hard. Suddenly, I knew that I wanted to rely on God.

I prayed a strange prayer. "Lord,

make me forget myself and instead, reveal to me just one piece of beauty, one piece of your truth. Calm me with your love."

After walking for a while longer, I was disgusted. What an ugly beach. There were no shells, no coastal rock formations. Nothing! I walked way out to the water. There were little pools of water on the way—with little bits of crab shell floating in them.

Ahead of me, four seagulls were pecking at a crab. Melodramatically, I hoped to save him. I frightened off the birds and turned the crab over. He wasn't moving too fast. He wasn't moving at all. Instead of feeling sick, I realized it was beautiful how God worked things out. It is a fact of survival and species balance that each animal preys upon another. I left. The seagulls returned.

I approached a group of seagulls around a pool. They all flew away—except one. I was curious. It was a young seagull and obviously frightened.

Not soft seats and a subdued light, but strong and courageous leadership.

Not the sweet tones of the organ, but sweet personalities that somehow reflect Jesus.

Not the tall towers with chimes and bells, but a lofty vision of its people.

One day recently, the original builder showed up. He knocked on the door, and I came outside to chat with him. As we visited, he reminisced about my house when it was first built and the plans he had for it. As we talked, I began to feel a little ashamed and wished I had taken time to clean up a bit.

Sensing my chagrin, he kindly laughed and put his arm around my shoulders. He then proceeded to share with me his home improvement plan—contingent on my willingness to accept his leadership and devote my life to constant upkeep. After thoughtful consideration of the cost, I smiled and invited him in. Together we drew up a 99-year contract which went like this:

"I, _____, do hereby accept the cost of all previous damage; accept the guidance and leadership of the master architect; agree to start improvements immediately."

P.S. It's a good thing I signed the contract. I later learned he is also the landlord.

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Still—he didn't fly. I poked him gently. He swam in his small pool. He couldn't fly. What would happen to him? One bird cannot look after another. Thank you God for making me whole. Thank you for taking care of me and giving me family and friends to help me. How wonderful to know that when I, like the seagull, am alone I am not truly alone.

I turned to the shore and caught a flash from a lighthouse in the distance. God always maintains that position in my life. Even if I refuse to see the guiding light, he guides the other ships around me. I am never alone in the night because the light is eternal.

As I walked back, I noticed how quickly the tide was coming back in. It changed the appearance of the shore.

That morning, I found something more special to me than a perfect shell. I found not one beauty, but many. And all of these revelations were important in showing me how I figured into his picture. I have a perfect and loving God.

Not big budgets, but a big heart.

Not the amount of finance received, but the amount of service rendered.

Not the large membership, but God's presence and direction and power.

Not what it has done in the past, but what it is doing now and will do tomorrow.

For the New Year: Resolve to take Time

Take time to think: it is a source of power.

... whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, let your mind dwell on these things (Phil. 4:8).

Take time to work: it is the price of success.

When you shall eat of the fruit of your hands, you will be happy and it

will be well with you (Psalm 128:2).

Take time to play: it is the secret of perpetual youth.

A joyful heart makes a cheerful face, but when the heart is sad, the spirit is broken (Prov. 15:13).

Take time to study: it is the foundation of knowledge.

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth (2 Tim. 2:15).

Take time for friends: they are a vital source of happiness.

A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity (Prov. 17:17).

Take time to worship: it is a highway to reverence.

Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker

(Psalm 95:6).

Take time to love: it is Christ's commandment to us.

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another (John 13:34-35).

Take time to laugh: it lightens life's load.

A joyful heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit dries up the bones (Prov. 17:22).

Take time to pray: it claims the power of God.

With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints (Eph. 6:18). (Author unknown.)

The Church School Teacher

by Sharee Keely

You are a very special person. You have committed yourself to being here every Sunday, prepared and ready to work with a variety of students. You have a

family who willingly (most of the time) shares you with your church school students. You have the willingness to learn and share with your students and fellow teachers. You are willing to open your lives as a witness to the Christian faith you are sharing with others.

You are our church school teachers.

Without you, our church education program would fall very, very flat. No amount of curriculum, administration, resources or spacious building can make

up for your skill and talent. We need you very much. Sometimes we fail to say thank you to you. Other times directly or indirectly, we may even sound complaining in our expectations of you. Please forgive us for these human frailties. We do sincerely appreciate all the effort and sacrifice that go into your teaching. Thank you once again. (From *The Church School*, June 1978. Copyright © 1978 by Graded Press, used by permission.)

How to Build a Pastor

You can build a pastor, or you can tear him down. A great pastor will build his church and a great church will build her pastor. A church is as responsible for what she does for her pastor as is the

pastor for what he does for the church. How can we, as members of a church, help make our pastor's ministry more effective?

Build his spiritual power by praying for him. When you pray for your pastor, you pray for your church, your community, your family.

Build his reputation by speaking well of him. He will have weak and strong points. His influence will depend on

which of them you stress.

Build his leadership by cooperating with him. For every great leader there must be some great followers.

Build his pulpit by hearing him. Full pews challenge a man to prepare and deliver great sermons. Empty pews discourage him.

But the greatest thing you can do for your pastor is to *follow the Christ he preaches*.

How to Build a Sunday School

For a Sunday school to grow it must have the full support of pastor and other church leaders. We endeavor to promote, pray for and sponsor the Sunday school in our total church program. This enthusiasm has proved to be both supporting and contagious.

Our teachers are contacted at least once a year by the pastor expressly to discuss their class. They discuss their joys and problems and plan together. The superintendent contacts each teacher at least once each quarter to

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What Makes a Church Great?

What's in a Name (or a title)?

The Editor Interviews Missionary
Eleanor Weisenburger



Missionary "Yaah" E. Weisenburger

Editor: Miss Weisenburger, almost two years ago it was reported that you had been made a Yaah. Would you please tell our readers what this title means and who bestowed it upon you.

Weisenburger: The title of Yaah (also spelled ya-a or yaa) is a traditional title, literally translated "Mother of the Fon." This title was conferred on me by the Fon of Nso (a Fon is a prominent chief, Ed.) during a traditional celebration in 1976. I had no missionary friends with me at the time to help me remember exactly what was said. When the Fon started to speak, I did not immediately recognize that he was speaking of me. The gist of his speech was that the honor was given in appreciation of my many years of service to the Nso people,

mainly in helping many women deliver babies safely and well.

E.: Is the brass band you are wearing a sign of your title?

W.: Yes, as evidence of my new position, a solid brass band was placed around my neck by the official next in rank to the Fon.

E.: What exactly does it mean to be a Yaah? Do you have any special privileges you did not have before?

W.: Two years later I am still trying to fully understand the rights and duties of a Yaah. The name given to me is Yaah-Wo-Nkavikeng (Nkavikeng being the local area where one hospital is situated). The title of Yaah gives me direct access to the Fon at any time. Normally, one approaches the Fon only on invitation or by permission. It also entitles me to special protection by the Fon's personal bodyguard. I was told "If you are ever in trouble anywhere, just call on us." In matters of protocol, I am asked to sit with Suh Fais, men who are next in rank to the Fon.

E.: Coming to Chicago you may just need the Fon's personal bodyguard protection! But seriously, now that you are a Yaah, do you have to observe certain rules of etiquette, or more importantly, do I have to keep some rules in mind?

W.: One traditional etiquette that seems very important to the people is that a Yaah must not be touched. When women from other places shake my hand, for instance thanking me when I give them a baby layette, and a Nso woman sees it, she will say, "Are you ready to bring a chicken tomorrow? You have touched a Yaah." I try to avoid embarrassment to people by learning to hesitate to extend my hand. But *you* may shake my hand anytime.

E.: That is if I am willing to make restitution. But since I have no chicken to bring, I would have to at least invite you to a "Chicken Delight" dinner, right?

W.: Oh, a luncheon at Colonel Sander's Kentucky Fried Chicken will do.

E.: What are some of the other duties of a Yaah besides sitting next to the Fon?

W.: A Yaah has many duties in giving advice and helping to make important decisions in her community. Fortunately, I am not often called upon for this, because I do not feel I understand the Nso tradition well enough. When a Yaah died last year, I was informed that it would be proper for me to buy and donate a grass mat or blanket and help entertain those who dug the grave. I felt privileged to donate a colorful grass mat from my storeroom. The woman who died was well known to me for many years and was said to be almost a hundred years old.

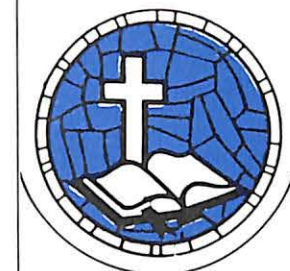
E.: You are about to rush off to get a thorough medical examination, as all of our missionaries do upon return from the mission fields. I will therefore not keep you any longer. Thank you for the interview which our readers will enjoy.

And since I must not touch you, let me just express my warmest—though "distant"—welcome greetings to you. God bless you during your furlough.

W.: Thank you.

Editor's Note: After Miss Weisenburger's "thank you" she took me into her arms and embraced me. Now, where do I get a live chicken from? □

PERSONAL ESTATE PLANNING



Financial and Estate Planning

by Everett A. Barker

Financial and estate planning are the "in thing" in the United States and Canada these days. When I started in this field ten years ago, the idea of financial and estate planning was left to the rich and sophisticated people. I suspect that inflation, taxation and money problems have caused more people to be open to the idea of financial planning. Another reason is the fact that insurance companies, brokerage houses, farm organizations, colleges, hospitals and religious organizations have been doing much by way of literature, magazine articles and audiovisuals to alert a larger segment of our population to the importance of financial planning.

The need for personal and family financial planning can vary all the way from the family that is struggling to keep the bill collectors off the doorstep to people who can set aside funds for investment and to those who want to maximize investment income. At this point, it is well to understand the terms we are using. Like with other terminology, you can find as many definitions as you have books. I have chosen to define the terms as follows:

Financial Planning—The management of money and resources in order to develop and conserve them for the purpose of achieving the chosen goals of the individual or family.

Estate Planning—A plan for the prayerful and careful distribution of resources through the use of appropriate planning vehicles (wills, trusts, etc.) so as to maximize their benefit for family members and for the use in the Lord's work.

Why should a Christian be concerned

about planning for finances when God will take care of us from day to day? This is true, however, God is not against planning as long as our plans and lifestyle are within the will of God. Our Christian commitment touches all aspects of life, and finances cannot be compartmentalized and relegated as a less spiritual function of Christian living.

A new financial planning booklet called, "Bold Living for Christian Stewards," has recently come to my desk. I am relating in the broad outline the five steps which they suggest for good stewardship of resources:

STEP 1 SET GOALS FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God . . ." (Matt. 6:33)

GOALS—for family needs and special ministries to others

GOALS—for this year (priority)

GOALS—for the next five years (priority)

STEP 2 EVALUATE YOUR LIFESTYLE

"Teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom" (Psalm 90:12).

1. Determine how much God has entrusted to you.

a. What you own . . . what you owe . . . result = net worth

b. Average monthly income

STEP 3 DECIDE HOW TO USE YOUR RESOURCES IN CHRISTIAN LIVING

" . . . let us not live in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth" (I John 3:18).

1. Look for ways to claim growth in Christian lifestyle

2. Follow proven guidelines

Be personalized

Be flexible

Be written

Control credit

Include planning for life-time—savings and investments—retirement—insurance

3. Plan your spending program

Fixed expenses . . . flexible expenses

Plan for the things your family needs and wants

STEP 4 DISCIPLINE YOURSELF IN FULFILLING A CHRISTIAN LIFESTYLE

"Moreover it is required in

stewards that a man be found faithful" (I Cor. 4:2).

1. Record your income and expenses, monitor your spending plan

2. Credit card record

3. Record the location of important papers

STEP 5 EXTEND YOUR CHRISTIAN LIFESTYLE

"Honor the Lord with thy substance . . ." (Prov. 3:9).

1. Plan your distribution

2. Secure information about your will

These five steps are merely a sketch of what is involved in financial and estate planning. You will be amazed what God can do through good financial and estate planning. The detailed booklet is written in understandable style and is available upon request at no charge by filling out and sending the coupon on the Personal Estate Planning page. □



To assist you further in your financial and estate planning, the above booklet is available without charge.

☐ Please send the booklet, "Bold Living for Christian Stewards"

☐ I desire a personal contact by an estate planning counselor

☐ Please send information about a financial and estate planning seminar for our church.

Name _____
Address _____
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Send to: Everett A. Barker, North American Baptist Conference, 1 So. 210 Summit Ave., Oakbrook Terrace, Villa Park, IL 60181. Telephone (312) 495-2000



CHURCH EXTENSION BUILDERS REPORT

TULSA, OK, CHURCH EXTENSION PROJECT

by Bruce Ewing

January 1979

"I have never before experienced the love and acceptance I sensed when I first walked through the door at the Y," was the remark of Jerry, a carpenter. After about fifty minutes of teaching the pastor apologized for "going a little over," and he was encouraged during the coffee break by several people: "Don't worry about the time; we are here to be taught the Word—we love it!" Roy, a new Christian businessman, commented, "It's good to know God doesn't work on the point system anymore."

These comments are quite typical of the responses of people at Fellowship Bible Church of Tulsa. The responses of these and others indicate that the emphasis of Bible teaching, personal relationships and reaching into the community are becoming a reality in meeting the needs of those around us.

Three years ago the Lord raised up three families to pray and work toward the establishment of a fellowship to meet the needs of people, who were not finding the teaching and fellowship they desired in a more traditional setting.

Fellowship Bible Church is scattered throughout the cities of Tulsa and Broken Arrow and meets on Sunday mornings at the Thornton Y.M.C.A. in south Tulsa.

Both present and projected growth indicate that we are in one of the fastest growing areas of the country. Tulsa is progressive and aggressive. It is the per capita wealthiest city in the world. The church can easily be rejected if she is not readily touching lives with God's truth in a questioning, objective society.

Fellowship Bible Church became officially recognized on Sept. 3, 1976, when application was accepted and approved by the State of Oklahoma. In June 1978 Fellowship Bible Church affiliated with the North American Baptist Conference, at which time the first full time pastor/teacher was called. The growth of Fellowship Bible Church has been encouraging. There have been seven baptisms, and relationships are becoming deep.

At the present we are experiencing the need for developing facilities which will enable us to be more efficient

The Rev. Bruce Ewing is pastor of Fellowship Bible Church of Tulsa, OK.

in meeting the needs of people. We ask you to share with us in prayer as we ask God to provide wisdom and facilities so that we can continue to carry out Christ's Great Commission in Tulsa as well as in northeastern Oklahoma. □



The congregation during Teaching Hour



Pastor Bruce Ewing teaching with the help of an overhead projector



Bob and Mary Ann singing during Sharing Hour



Learning Center activities

Update on Evangel Baptist Church

by Joyce L. Batek

The Evangel Baptist Church is the first of two N.A.B. churches to be started in the State of Florida. The church is pastored by the Rev. Norman

Joyce Batek, a former Japan missionary, is a member of Evangel Baptist Church, Boca Raton, FL. The church hopes to occupy the building in January 1979.



Vernon. The population of Boca Raton is approximately 54,000 and is said to be one of the fastest growing areas of the country. Fifty years ago Boca Raton was described as 27 miles south of Palm Beach and 43 miles north of Miami, boasting 358 days of sunshine a year. Today it is referred to as the Gold Coast of America where wealth and recreation abound.

Addison Mizner was the founder of the city. In his own words Boca Raton would be "the culminating achievement

from a modest home to the most magnificent hotel—should eventuate as an architectural entity—supreme in construction—lasting in magnificent utility." In Mizner's eye Boca Raton was to become El Camino Real (the highway of the kings), a royal highway with giant palms forming an arcade over a venetian-like canal. Thus beauty, pride and planning has reigned supreme in the building and future growth of Boca Raton. All building permits, except single family units, must be approved by the Community Appearance Board to insure quality and compatibility with existing architecture. Many stringent regulations are in force concerning fences, walls, parking, hedges, etc. To church builders this has posed many difficult and expensive problems.

Into the center of this playground of luxury, God has called and raised up the Evangel Baptist Church—to introduce the occupants of the highway of the kings to the King of Kings Himself, the Lord Jesus Christ, and to show them that the real wealth of Boca Raton is contained in the message of salvation which is faithfully preached by only a few of the many churches in Boca Raton today. If ever a church faced a monumental challenge, it is the Evangel Baptist Church.

Construction on the church began soon after the groundbreaking ceremonies held on Easter Sunday, March 26, 1978. The challenge began the day the first timber was erected. Because of the strict building code mentioned earlier, the church must be completely furnished and landscaped by the time we occupy the building. Countless hours have been spent in supervision of the work and in prayer before God as problems have arisen, but God has answered those prayers and encouraged our hearts over and over again. One such challenge were 174 parking spaces which were reduced to 75 thus saving thousands of dollars. A future challenge is a concrete wall required around the church. The neighbors in the area have already expressed their disapproval and have assured us that they will stand with us in protesting this wall when the issue comes up. Not only will this wall be costly, but it will make the church look like a prison and do away with some beautiful trees. Pray with us about this need.

God has been blessing abundantly and answering prayers in unbelievable ways, as only God can. \$50,000.00 was estimated to furnish the church. Just recently a check came from some N.A.B. friends in Michigan to cover the cost of the pulpit furniture and communion table. Many gifts have come from peo-

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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Seecamp celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Oct. 1, 1978. Friends and relatives greeted them at an open house in the First Baptist Church of Cambridge, MN, where Rev. Seecamp serves in the capacity of



minister of visitation. Congratulatory messages were received from many friends of the various churches in which the Seecamps served; this added to their joy as they recalled the many happy days they've spent together serving the Lord in a total of ten congregations.

WINNIPEG, MB. A challenging, new venture for 13 Winnipeg area churches was a Missionary Conference held Oct. 11-15, 1978. The Rev. Siegbert Zukowski was general chairman of the planning committee consisting of pastors and missions representatives from each church.

Missionaries participating were the Rev. and Mrs. Reimer Clausen, Japan, the Rev. and Mrs. Gary Ostercamp, Brazil, Curtis Radke and Barbara Kieper, Nigeria, and Ernstina Schmidt and the Rev. Larry Scheffler, Cameroon. Former missionaries, Dr. and Mrs. Willi Gutowski and the Rev. and Mrs. David Lake, also assisted in special assignments.

Rallies were held with the missionaries in various churches from Wednesday through Friday evening and at the Sunday morning worship services. Special combined events, enthusiastically supported by the churches, were an afternoon senior citizens' rally, a Saturday men's breakfast, a women's luncheon, and youth night.

The Rev. Connie Salios, N.A.B. International Office, brought the missionary challenge at the closing Sunday afternoon combined rally.

Our people surpassed our financial goal and responded with a total of \$14,230.00 in offerings designated for N.A.B. missions. (Verna Peter, reporter.)

STEVENSVILLE, MI. Lakeshore Baptist Church celebrated its fifteenth anniversary, Oct. 14 and 15, 1978. An outgrowth of First Baptist Church of St. Joseph, the original group of 78 has grown to a membership of 271.

Special speaker was Dr. Gerald Borch-

ert, dean, Northern Baptist Seminary, Lombard, IL. Dr. Borchert spoke at a 10 a.m. coffee Saturday on the book of Revelation followed by a banquet Saturday evening. Dr. Borchert also spoke at the combined Sunday school session and the morning and evening worship services.

Special recognition was given to charter member, Doyle Barkmeier; the Board of Deacons appointed him deacon emeritus for his tireless and fruitful leadership for 15 years. His wife Donevieve was recognized for her contribution as organist and choir director since the first service in 1963.

The Rev. R. I. Thompson is the current pastor, serving since 1975, succeeding the Rev. B. A. Itterman and the Rev. Richard Paetzel. (Nellie Beath, reporter.)

PORTLAND, OR. On Oct. 8, 1978, the Immanuel Baptist Church held a reception for the Rev. Anthony Salazar and family. Our Oregon-Idaho churches were well represented. The Rev. Edgar Wesner of Trinity Baptist Church read scripture, and the Rev. Donald Miller of Bethany Baptist Church led in prayer.

A ladies trio and greetings from leaders of the church followed, with Dean Gonnerman bringing greetings from the Oregon-Idaho Association.

The Rev. Bernard Fritzke, Riviera Baptist Church, Salem, gave a challenge to Pastor Salazar and to the church members.

The Rev. Robert Vogel, former pastor and instructor at Western Baptist Seminary, spoke briefly and led in closing prayer. (Rod Rosentreter, moderator.)

JAMESTOWN, ND. On October 1 our pastor, the Rev. George Robinson, baptized one youth at Temple Baptist Church. He and two others (pictured) were added to the church membership at this service. On October 29, three more persons joined our fellowship.



During November 1-8, God's Volunteers team, "New Day," challenged many in their beautiful and powerful presentations each night. (Mrs. Theodore Meisch, reporter.)

GACKLE, ND. On October 1, the congregation of Grace Baptist Church met on the church lawn to witness the double cornerstone laying of their new building. The Rev. John Reimer, Fredonia, a former pastor, gave the mes-

sage. The stone date 1930 from the old building was placed next to the one dated 1977. A prayer of dedication followed.

An organ was presented to the church by the Remboldt and Speidel families in memory of loved ones on October 13. A dedication service followed.

On October 22 the congregation was thrilled to hear the voice of their former pastor, the Rev. Ed Oster, via tape, after surgery.

Special meetings were held October 24-29 with the Ron Dalzells. A time of fellowship followed the last meeting with special recognition for the 33rd anniversary of our pastor, the Rev. Milton Falkenberg. (Mrs. Jalmer Anderson, reporter.)

SWAN RIVER, MB. At the thanksgiving service on Oct. 8, 1978, the Temple Baptist Church had their last service in the building which has served them for 31 years. At the morning worship service, young and old took part through singing, recitations and reminiscings of the days gone by. After this service, the congregation gathered at the site for the groundbreaking ceremony conducted by our pastor, Leland Bertsch (pictured).



During the evening service the Lord's Supper was celebrated followed by further fellowship in the lower auditorium.

The construction of the new church commenced the following week. (Gisela Rosentreter, reporter.)

DRUMHELLER, AB. On July 1 and 2, 1978, the congregation of Zion Baptist Church celebrated its 25th anniversary of becoming a church. Prior to that, it was a station of the Freudental Church, presently the Carbon Baptist Church. All pastors who have served the church participated in the program: the Rev. W. Effa, pastor, Shell Creek Baptist Church, Columbus, NE; the Rev. F. Ohlmann, chaplain, Sunnyside Nursing Home, Medicine Hat; the Rev. B. Merrifield, pastor, Park Meadows Baptist Church, Lethbridge, and the Rev. H. Quantz, Drumheller.

The Rev. W. Effa spoke at an informal service on Saturday evening. On Sunday morning, the Rev. F. Ohlmann spoke on the theme, "Zion Rejoices Again," and the theme song, "Let the Temple Be Filled." The program of the day was highlighted with duets, trios and special numbers by the junior choir and senior

choir of which all were members of the first senior choir when the church was organized. Arthur Forsch gave a brief historical sketch.

Our offering of \$967.32 was given to the N.A.B. College Library Fund. At a previous program, the youth gave \$71.00 to the N.A.B. College Library Fund, and the Sunday school gave \$200.00 to the same fund. The Rev. Siegfried Koslowski is pastor. (Ida Ziegler, reporter.)

BURLINGTON, IA. Twenty-six people presented the folk musical, "Tell it Like It is," by Ralph Carmichael and Kurt Kaiser, under the direction of Mrs. B. Lawrence Sweeney. Pianists were Lori



Newman and Elizabeth Sweeney; organist, Mrs. Herbert Wittkamp. The presentation showed much talent by these young people and was very enthusiastically received by a large attendance. The Rev. B. Lawrence Sweeney is pastor of the church.

ST. CLAIR SHORES, MI. On October 29 Bethel Baptist Church celebrated its first anniversary of the Bethel Hours. This one-hour radio program is heard weekly from 10 to 11 a.m. over WBRB AM and FM. God blessed the anniversary emphasis as Mr. and Mrs. Fred Charlie were baptized. They came to Bethel and in turn to Jesus Christ as a result of the radio ministry. The goal is to expand this ministry of outreach in 1979. The Rev. Kenneth C. Fenner is pastor. (Ruth Gerber, church secretary.)

TROCHU, AB. On Oct. 1, 1978, the congregation of Trochu Baptist Church and friends held a pantry shower for the Rev. Ben and Frieda (Derman) Stroschein, who returned on furlough from Chad, Africa. Ben was appointed as missionary in evangelism and church planting to the Republic of Chad under TEAM in 1950. In 1965 they were assigned to the capital city of N'Djamena where Ben served as field chairman, and Frieda was in charge of the missionary guest house. Ben organized the Lake Chad outreach to minister to the physical and spiritual needs of the Moslems in that area. They have two children: Philip, 16, and Suzzane, 13. The Rev. John Hoffman is pastor. (Marjorie Haller, reporter.)

ANAHEIM, CA. On Sunday evening, Oct. 29, 1978, the membership and friends of Sunkist Baptist Church gathered to celebrate an ordination service for Pastor Norris L. Helms.

Pastor Adolph Braun, chosen by the candidate, delivered the sermon. He was assisted on the program as follows: scripture reading, Dr. Vernon Doerksen; duet, Fred and Olen Martin; report of the ordination council, Richard Hardy; charge to the church, the Rev. Ron Hartman; charge to the candidate, the Rev. Hans Wilcke; ordination prayer, the Rev. Don Wyatt; welcome to the ministry, the Rev. Hans Wilcke; presentation of certificate, Donald Melvin, and benediction, the Rev. Norris Helms. (Jo Harwood, reporter.)

REGINA, SK. On Oct. 29, 1978, the Rev. Richard Quiring baptized two persons on confession of their faith. Nine new members were received into the fellowship of the church in November. (Vera Rosom, reporter.)

REGINA, SK. On Oct. 17, 1978, 18 delegates from seven churches of the Saskatchewan Baptist Association gathered at Faith Baptist Church as an ordination council and recommended that Robert Vogt be ordained into the Christian ministry. The Rev. Robert Hoffman was elected moderator and the Rev. Cliff Pederson, clerk of the council.

Faith Baptist Church ordained Robert Vogt on October 22. The pastor of the church, the Rev. Richard Quiring, gave the ordination sermon, "Preach the Word." Ordination vows were led by the Rev. Edgar Martens, the ordination prayer by the Rev. Sam Archer, the charge to the candidate by the Rev. Roy Martens, the charge to the church by Pastor Darold Sauer, and the welcome into the ministry by the Rev. Robert Hoffman. The Rev. Robert Vogt gave the benediction. (Vera Rosom, reporter.)

CALGARY, AB. Temple Baptist Church's Sunday school teachers and others interested in teaching children attended a bus ministry seminar. Dedicated people under the leadership of our Sunday school superintendent, along with a "Big Feathered Friend" (Mr. Bird), canvassed on Saturdays. First we invited them to vacation Bible school as well as to Sunday school. We set up a bus route in an



area with a lot of opportunities.

An excellent film, "A Distant Thunder," was shown in our church on September 24. Our Thanksgiving Fellowship Supper was held October 1. Different

branches of the church participated in the program.

Our Deeper Life Crusade with Dr. H. Waltereit was held October 16-22; he spoke on "The Return of Jesus Christ." The Rev. Franz Schmidt is pastor. (Irene Wirzba, reporter.)

MISSOULA, MT. Bethel Baptist Church bid farewell to the Rev. Robert Lang in a special service on Oct. 22, 1978.

For the past three years, Pastor Bob served the fellowship as senior pastor. During his ministry, the church has shown steady growth spiritually and has seen many changes in style and scope of outreach.

During his stay in the community, Pastor Lang was involved in city-wide church activities sponsored by the Missoula Evangelical Ministerial Alliance. During the past two years, he served as its president.

Rev. Lang has assumed the position of associate pastor and director of youth ministries at Willow Rancho Baptist Church, Sacramento, CA.

Dan Van Gerpen, director of church ministries, is serving as interim pastor of Bethel Baptist Church. (Mrs. Donna Moran, reporter.)

BUFFALO, NY. Austin St. Baptist Church had a summer packed full of excitement. The congregation gathered many times in the local parks and at beaches for Sunday afternoon picnics and a time of fellowship and devotions. Our week of vacation Bible school and a seminar on the family by Dr. Reinhold Kerstan, associate secretary for communications, were also a part of summer and fall activities.



The actual highlight took place on Father's Day when 16 people followed the Lord in baptism. Most of these were our young people who had accepted the Lord some time ago. Through the ministry of God's Volunteers last spring in one of our sister churches, these believers decided to be obedient to our Lord and follow his example in baptism. We praise God for what he is doing here in our church. The Rev. Herbert Bluhm is pastor. (Rick Foster, youth director.)

GRAND FORKS, ND. On Oct. 27 and 28, 1978, Chaplain Alvin and Evella Harsch led a marriage enrichment seminar held at the American Inn, East Grand Forks, MN. Twenty-two couples from Grace Baptist Church attended.

On Nov. 4, 1978, a prayer workshop was held at Grace Baptist with 43 people attending.

On Nov. 5, 1978, the senior choir gave the cantata, "Tribute to the Trinity," at the First Baptist Church, Minot, ND. The Rev. Robert Penner is pastor. (Mrs. Bonita J. Shambaugh, reporter.)

WEST ST. PAUL, MN. Pastors and delegates from churches in the Minnesota-LaCrosse Association met as an ordination council on Oct. 7, 1978, to consider the ordination of Robert Coombe to the ministry. The Rev. Larry Friesen served as moderator and the Rev. Terrence K. Jarosch as clerk.

Upon confirmation of the ordination council, an ordination service for Mr. Coombe was held on Oct. 15, 1978, at 3:00 p.m. at Riverview Baptist Church. Churches in the Minnesota-LaCrosse Association joined in this time of worship and rejoicing; several of the pastors participated in the service. The message was brought by the Rev. Douglas Radke, senior pastor at Riverview. Mr. Coombe's parents from California were present, and Mr. Coombe, Sr., offered the ordination prayer.

Robert Coombe has served as assistant pastor at Riverview since June 1977, during which time the church has come to love and appreciate Bob, his wife Susan, and their children, Tammy and Jason. (Mildred Bruce, church clerk.)

NAPOLEON, ND The Rev. and Mrs. Henry Lang, Avon, SD, were guest speakers at Deeper Spiritual Life meetings held at Napoleon Baptist Church, October 2-8.

On October 4, Mrs. Henry Lang spoke at the annual program of the Women's Missionary Society.

On Celebration of Gratitude Sunday, October 22, the offering amounted to \$3,070. The Rev. and Mrs. Milton Falkenberg were guest speakers. The Rev. Edwin Walter is pastor. (Helen L. Walter, reporter.)

PRINCE GEORGE, BC On Oct. 6, 1978, an ordination council, consisting of delegates from six British Columbia churches, meeting at the Fort George Baptist Church, unanimously recommended that Mark W. Morris be ordained into the Christian ministry. The Rev. E. Hohn, Kelowna, served as moderator.

The ordination service was held on Oct. 8, 1978, at the Fort George Baptist Church. The Rev. H. Wilcke, area secretary, brought the ordination message, "A Separated Servant." The Rev. J. Neudorf, pastor of the ordaining church, led in the ordination prayer and gave the charge to the candidate. The Rev. E. Klingenberg, College Heights Baptist Church, gave the

charge to the church. Having been welcomed into the Baptist ministry and presented with the ordination certificate, the Rev. M. Morris in his response asked the church for prayer support and closed the service with the benediction.

The newly ordained minister is presently the associate pastor of the Fort George Baptist Church. (R. Katzberg, clerk of the council.)

KESWICK, NJ. On Nov. 3 and 4, 1978, 110 women of the Atlantic Association Women's Missionary Union attended the 15th annual retreat at America's Keswick, Whiting, NJ. Guest speakers were Oryn and Pat Meinerts, missionaries to Cameroon, West Africa, who challenged the women with messages on Friday evening and Saturday. They gave new insight into the work on the mission field as well as showed slides of a typical "working" day in Cameroon.

The missionary offering amounted to \$285.05. (Mrs. Lynda Kosik, reporter.)

SIDNEY, MT. The First Baptist Church is rejoicing with four more people who have made decisions for Jesus Christ.

Through the efforts of concerned believers in Jesus Christ, another ministry outreach program has been added. A radio broadcast hosted by the First Baptist Church and the Rev. Dale Axt, pastor, broadcasts the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the Sidney area on KGCX Radio of Sidney. The broadcast, known as "The Carpenter of Nazareth and His Message," is aired Sunday mornings from 7:30 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. (Cyndee Axt, reporter.)

ANAMOOSE, ND On Oct. 15, 1978, the Anamoose Baptist Church held their annual Harvest-Mission Festival. Dr. Jerry Fluth, missionary to Cameroon, was guest speaker. A potluck dinner followed the morning service. The evening service was a joint service with Harvey, Martin and Rosenfeld churches as guests. Dr. Fluth spoke and showed slides depicting life in Cameroon. This was followed by a time of fellowship. The Rev. Richard Macha was pastor. (Lorraine Frank, reporter.)

VENTURIA, ND On Oct. 19, 1978, the Missionary Society of the Venturia Baptist Church sponsored a tea. A daughter of the church, Eleanor Weisenburger, missionary to Cameroon, Africa, was the guest speaker. A short program was presented. Joanne Tschetter, wife of Pastor Randy, sang. Ladies from Wishek, Eureka, Ashley, Leola, and Herreid attended.

ADALINE ALF (nee Bausak), born at Ebenezer, SK, May 5, 1892, died Oct. 19, 1978. She accepted Christ as Savior and was baptized, and joined the Baptist church. On March 17, 1914, she married the Rev. Frederick Alf at Ebenezer, SK. Mrs. Alf served with her husband in several Baptist churches throughout Canada and the United States. He prede-

A time of fellowship followed. (LaVilla Dollinger, reporter.)

NORTH FREEDOM, WI. The ninth annual meeting of the Wisconsin Association was held Oct. 20-21, 1978. Eighty-five delegates represented 15 churches. The delegates welcomed into the Association the Church Extension project in Sun Prairie, WI, with the Rev. Dave Rushton as pastor. The first service was held on October 29. The Rev. Willis Potratz and the Rev. Ray Harsch gave the N.A.B. Conference reports challenging us to increase our giving.

A highlight of this association were the ten minute spots allotted to seven of our pastors speaking on the theme, "Called to Be," (Phil. 4:8-9). Missionary speakers at the Saturday night banquet were Mr. and Mrs. Gary Ostercamp. The Rev. Jothan Benke, Kenosha, was elected moderator. (Alice Gates, recording secretary.)

WEST FARGO, ND. A "Spiritual Gift" seminar was held Nov. 4, 1978, at Grace Baptist Church. Dr. Richard Houts, N.A.B. Seminary, Sioux Falls, SD, was the seminar leader. Topics discussed were "Disciples Are Gifted," and "Ways of Discovering My Gifts." After a potluck lunch at noon, the sessions were concluded with discussion groups and questions.

Dr. Houts also spoke at the Sunday service on "What Marriage Was Meant to Be." The Rev. Lester Buenning is pastor. (Frances Abrahamson, reporter.)

MISSOULA, MT. The Pacific Northwest Association of N.A.B. churches met at Bethel Baptist Church, Oct. 12-15, 1978, to celebrate their 75th anniversary as an Association. The theme of the Association was "Farther by Faith" based on Hebrews 11:39, 40 and 12:1, 2. The theme song, "We've Come This Far by Faith," was sung by the host church choir on opening night and was used throughout the Association meetings.

Special speakers for the event were Dr. Joseph Sonnenberg, N.A.B. College president; Miss Eleanor Weisenburger, Bango, Cameroon; the Rev. Hans J. Wilcke, area secretary, and the Rev. Larry Bienert, estate planning counselor.

The Rev. Bruce Rich, general director of church ministries, spoke at the youth retreat, a special feature of the Association this year. This was held at nearby Lolo Hot Springs Resort. More than 65 youth attended. Rev. Rich was also speaker at the banquet which was attended by 275 people. (Mrs. Donna Moran, reporter.)

ceased her in 1966. She was active in women's missionary societies, Sunday school teaching, singing in the choir, serving as deaconess, and in various other church activities and Christian service. She held church memberships in the various churches where her husband ministered and was a faithful member of Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, OR, at

the time of her death. Mrs. Alf is survived by her three children, Mrs. Estelle Brown and Elenor Baker of Portland, OR, and Vernon, San Francisco, CA; four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. The Rev. Edgar Wesner and Dr. John Wobig officiated at the memorial service.

HULDA BREMER, born Sept. 11, 1895, in Leduc, AB, to Fredrick and Fredricka Knopf, died Oct. 22, 1978, at the age of 83. She and her parents moved to Lorena, TX, in 1897. In 1900 they moved to Bessie, OK. In 1906 she was baptized upon confession of her faith in Jesus Christ. She married William Bremer in Wasco, CA, July 10, 1936; they moved to Oklahoma. He predeceased her in 1961. She moved to the Baptist Manor, Portland, OR, in 1970. Survivors include one sister, Bertha Kepl, Baptist Manor; one stepson, Walter Bremer, Wimberly, TX, nieces and nephews. The Rev. Edgar B. Wesner officiated at the service.

JOHN KRANZLER, 73, born near Lehr, ND, on July 9, 1906, died Nov. 1, 1978. John married Minnie Fuxa, April 5, 1931; shortly thereafter, he became a rural mail carrier. He served as the mayor of Lehr, on the city council and the school board. He was a faithful, capable, and efficient servant of the Lord, serving in various capacities in the church. He taught Sunday school for many years. Survivors include his wife, Minnie; his son, Gerald, Eugene, OR; his daughter, Linnea (Mrs. David Veeder), Billings, MT; five grandchildren, three brothers and two sisters. The Rev. Arthur J. Fischer officiated at the funeral service.

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and we cared for each other. I thought, "isn't this beautiful . . . the way Christ would want it."

Our national W.M.U. president, Dorene Walth, spoke at one of our Fall Festivals at Swain Oaks Church in Stockton, CA. She told of the opportunities through women's work in the church and the need for leadership. She mentioned the ministry of praying and caring for other women in our own churches. I realized, as the Holy Spirit

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give the same opportunity. The teachers report quarterly to the office of the pastor. They complete a report form for

SAMUEL LOEBS, 69, was born July 19, 1909, near Linton, ND, and died Oct. 5, 1978. In 1935 he married Emma Mueller. In October 1954 he accepted Christ, was later baptized and became a member of First Baptist Church of Linton, ND. At the time of his death, he was serving as a trustee. He is survived by his wife Emma; two sons: Melvin and Harold, and two grandchildren. The Rev. Clyde Zimbelman officiated at the funeral service.

MRS. AUGUSTIA LOEWER was born Dec. 21, 1911, at Frankenburg, Germany, and died Oct. 5, 1978. She came to the United States in 1924 and settled in the Mowata, LA, area. On Nov. 14, 1934, she married Carl Loewer. Mrs. Loewer made a profession of faith and became a member of Mowata Baptist Church, Eunice, LA, where she served as Sunday school teacher, choir member, and in the W.M.S. for many years. Survivors include her two sons: Raynold and Wilfred of Eunice; one daughter, Ellen (Mrs. Jim Hall), Hattiesburg, MS; one sister, Mrs. Fritz Loewer, and seven grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Harold Drenth and Dr. Clark.

MRS. ANNA B. MULDER (nee Anna Walbaum) born Nov. 11, 1893, to Fred and Anna Peters Walbaum at Parkersburg, IA, died Sept. 7, 1978. She married R. H. (Richard) Mulder Jan. 1, 1914. Anna became a Christian in 1919, was baptized and became a member of Calvary Baptist Church of Parkersburg. Anna was active in the church, the Sunshine Society, Parkersburg Woman's Club, Arts and

worked in my heart, that the energy and time I was spending in the Christian club I enjoyed, could perhaps be expended through women's work in my own church!

I felt led to pray that if there was an area of service in my church where I could be used, that God would lead me to it. I didn't have the office of W.M.S. president in mind, but that is where I now find myself!

I am convinced that our W.M.S. meetings should truly be a fellowship time—a special time when women can confess needs, share joys and sorrows, doubts and fears, openly and honestly

each student. It reports attendance, spiritual growth, behavior and other related aspects of the student's development. The teacher also shares prayer concerns, outlines future plans and makes suggestions regarding the Sunday school program.

Crafts Club and the Parkersburg Historical Society. Surviving are her husband, R. H. (Richard); Mrs. Mark (Sherry) Schoneman of Cedar Falls, and Leonard L. Linn of Iowa Falls, who were reared in their home; 10 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews. The Rev. Phyllip Putz officiated at the funeral service.

JOHN PUDWILL was born Aug. 6, 1892, near Herreid, SD, and died Oct. 18, 1978. He accepted Christ in 1917 and was baptized into the fellowship of the Herreid Baptist Church where he remained a faithful member until his death. He married Helen Huber Oct. 16, 1916. Survivors include his wife Helen; two sons, five daughters, 25 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, and two sisters. He was preceded in death by his parents, one son, two grandchildren, three brothers and one sister. The Rev. Edward Kopf officiated at the funeral service.

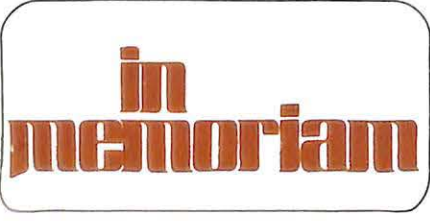
ANNIE WECKWORTH, born May 22, 1894, to John and Augusta Gienow, died Oct. 18, 1978. She lived in Killaloe, ON, marrying Frank Weckworth in 1913; he predeceased her in 1936. She confessed personal faith in Jesus, was baptized in 1906, and became a member of Calvary Baptist Church. Annie was always active in the church serving the Lord faithfully until her death. Survivors include five daughters: Naomi (Mrs. Gordon Weber), Jean, and Leona (Mrs. Russell Manwell) of Killaloe; Christena (Mrs. Alex Kuehl), Pembroke; Anna (Mrs. Robert Frey), Kitchener; grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. The Rev. Carl Weisser officiated at the funeral service.

with one another. Often the woman sitting next to us is carrying a heavy burden, and we can experience a tremendous blessing by listening, sharing and then praying for each other's needs.

What a testimony a God-honoring W.M.S. group can be to outsiders! The Word of God says we are to cast our cares upon him, but it also says, in Gal. 6:2, that we are to bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ. He made us with this need for human contact and fellowship.

I want to serve God through my church. What better avenue than the Woman's Missionary Society! □

Occasional dinners and banquets are held in their honor. We affirm their excellence. This close communication has solved many potential difficulties quickly and smoothly. It has made planning together an adventure. (From *Christian Education Challenge*)



"A SHIP CALLED 'THE CHURCH' "

BRASOV, Romania—More than 1800 believers packed into the beautiful new building of the Brasov Baptist Church at its opening on Sunday, Nov. 5, 1978. Hundreds more listened to the dedication over loudspeakers in the large basement.

Dr. Gerhard Claas, secretary-treasurer of the European Baptist Federation, seeing that the building resembled a ship, exclaimed, "A Ship Called 'The Church'."

In his dedication sermon, Dr. Claas emphasized that a ship does not remain in port, but puts out to sea and has a goal . . . God's coming Kingdom!

The Rev. Cornel Mara, Brasov pastor who also is president of the Baptist Union of Romania, reported on the construction history. More than 85% of the members put in time working on the building, which cost 2.5 million Lei and two million hours of volunteer labor (estimated at another 1.5 million!)

It is one of the most beautiful church buildings in Romania. Members painstakingly painted the ceiling with exquisite, many-colored floral designs. They used more than 26 truckloads of cement for the construction, which began in June 1977.

During the 17 months of day and night labor, there were always at least 30 workers present, and sometimes as many as 80. Those helping ranged from a seven-year old boy to an 82-year old man.

Evergreen Home Enlarges

by Walter Tutschek

With great joy the Vancouver North American Baptist churches celebrated the dedication of another expansion to the Evergreen Baptist Home, White Rock, BC, on September 10. The desire of our churches to have a home for the elderly became a reality in 1962 with the construction of a 40 room residential wing, situated on a 6.07 acre site covered with evergreens and overlooking the Pacific. Since that time the planning and expansion has continued:

1965—the first apartment building

Mr. Walter Tutschek is the secretary of the administration board of the Evergreen Baptist Home.

Different women—two every day—took turns cooking food which they bought and paid for themselves, for the workers. In all they spent 300,000 Lei on food.

German Baptists started the first congregation at Brasov in 1900. The Romanian Baptist congregation began in 1927 with only eight members. Today, there are 400 members and a community of friends totalling over 650 persons.

Pastor Mara, who came in 1944, has baptized more than 1,000 new Christians during his service. Even with the building program, there were two baptismal services this year. Another 18 converts are awaiting baptism this month.

A representative from the State Department of Cults brought greetings on the part of the state. Due to last year's earthquake, there has been a shortage of building supplies, but the Baptists never lacked material or supplies for this building.

The building was open from eight in the morning until after 8:00 P.M. It was immediately filled for the first service which lasted from 9:00 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. After a meal, the next service began. Although many visitors came, everyone was fed as a guest of the church members. The well-trained church choir best expressed the sense of joy and expectancy as they sang, "Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee!"

LEBANON: BAPTIST BUILDINGS HIT

BEIRUT—Two Baptist churches in the Beirut area were damaged during recent fighting between Syrian forces and right wing militia. The shelling took

place before the latest cease-fire, but damage was not reported until interrupted cable service was restored. No one was injured in the shelling.

A direct hit on the Bikfaya Baptist Church building, east of the city, did not harm the 30 people in the building. The Baptist Relief Committee in Lebanon voted to spend \$3,500 for repairs, Baptist Press (BP) said.

For the second time since fighting began again this fall, the Badaro Street Baptist Church building, in the Furnesshebbak suburb, was damaged. Three rockets made direct hits on the ground floor and the pastor's apartment.

The Beirut Baptist School and the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary have opened for fall classes, and Baptist radio and publications ministries continue although hindered by lack of mail service.

400 SYRIAN JEWS STILL SUFFER IN KAMISHLI GHETTO

Foreign Minister Yigal Allon has told the Knesset that 400 Syrian Jews still live in the Kamishli ghetto, in isolation and under degrading conditions.

Mr. Allon said the houses of the 60 families were daubed with red paint and the Jews suffered isolation, degradation, poverty and pressure. Their movements, their work and their religious liberty were all severely curtailed. They could give their children neither education nor trades. Most of the young girls found it hard to marry, since Kamishli had no ties with other Jewish communities.

He said that 50,000 Jews still live in Arab countries, 42,500 of them in the Maghreb lands—Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia. □

tors and Government representatives gathered for the official opening and ribbon cutting. Stanzl Construction was the contractor; W. D. Buttjes and R. Rapske Associates, the architects. The Rev. Rudy Rapske is the administrator of the Home.

We are grateful to God that after many years of planning another dream has been realized. □



■ *The Rev. Mark W. Morris* was ordained by Fort George Baptist Church, Prince George, BC, on Oct. 8, 1978. He is the director of Christian education at the church.

■ *Dr. Stanley Grenz* became pastor of Rowandale Baptist Church, Winnipeg, MB, on Jan. 1, 1979. He has been working on his doctor of theology program at the University of Munich, Germany, since 1976.

■ *The Rev. Robert Vogt*, assistant pastor of Faith Baptist Church, Regina, SK, was ordained into the Christian ministry Oct. 17, 1978.

■ *The Rev. William Jeschke* accepted the call to Calvary Baptist Church, Bethlehem, PA, effective Jan. 7, 1979. He has been pastor of Forest Park Baptist Church, IL, since 1975.

■ *The Rev. Laurie Taylor* has resigned from the pastorate of Rabbit Hill Baptist Church, South Edmonton, AB, to attend North American Baptist College, Edmonton, AB, and is now also pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Valleyview, AB. He has served the Rabbit Hill church since 1976.

■ *The Tri-Community Baptist Church of Elk Grove Village, IL*, with the Rev. Marvin Busenius as pastor, was accepted into the Illinois Association on Nov. 4, 1978, at its fall session. The *Community Fellowship Church of Indianapolis, IN*, and the new *Church Extension work in the Naperville-Warrenville, IL*, area were accepted as official projects of the Illinois Association at the same time.

■ *The Rev. Phyllip Putz* begins as pastor of the new Church Extension work

at Rocklin-Loomis, CA, on Jan. 1, 1979. He previously served Calvary Baptist Church, Parkersburg, IA, since 1974.

■ *The Rev. Dave Steinfeld* resigned as Church Extension pastor of Community Fellowship Church, Indianapolis, IN, effective November 1978.

■ *The Rev. Mike Seto* resigned from the position of associate pastor/minister of music of First Baptist Church, Lodi, CA, effective Jan. 31, 1979. He is awaiting the Lord's guidance as to a future ministry.

■ *Mr. Clair Westby* resigned from the position of associate in church ministries at Oak Street Baptist Church, Burlington, IA, effective Sept. 1, 1978. He served there since 1976. He is currently working in the Burlington area. □

Please Hear What I'm Not Saying

Don't be fooled by me.
Don't be fooled by the face I wear.
For I wear a mask. I wear a thousand masks.
Masks that I'm afraid to take off.
And one of them is me.
Pretending is an art that's second nature with me.
But don't be fooled.
I give you the impression that I'm secure.
That all is sunny and unruffled with me.
Within as well as without.
That confidence is my name and coolness my game.
And that I need no one.
But don't believe me.
Please.

My surface may seem smooth, but my surface is my mask.
My ever-varying and ever-concealing mask.
Beneath lies no smugness, no complacency.
Beneath dwells the real me in confusion, in fear, in aloneness.
But I hide this.
I don't want anybody to know it.
I panic at the thought of my weakness and fear being exposed.
That's why I frantically create a mask to hide behind,
A nonchalant, sophisticated facade, to help me pretend.
To shield me from the glance that knows.
But such a glance is precisely my salvation. My only salvation.
And I know it.
That is if it's followed by acceptance.
It's the only thing that can liberate me from myself.
From my own self-built prison walls.
From the barriers that I so painstakingly erect.

It's the only thing that will assure me of what I can't assure myself.
That I'm really worth something.
But I don't tell you this.
I'm afraid your glance will not be followed by acceptance and love.
I'm afraid that you'll think less of me, that you'll laugh, and
Your laugh will wound me.
I'm afraid that deep down I'm not much.
And you will see this and reject me.
So I play my game, my pretending game.
With a facade of assurance without.
So when I'm going through my routine do not be fooled by what I'm saying.
Please listen carefully and try to hear what I'm not saying.
What I'd like to be able to say, but can't.
Who am I, you may wonder. I am someone you know very well.
For I am every man you meet, and every woman you meet.

Unknown

HISTORY . . .

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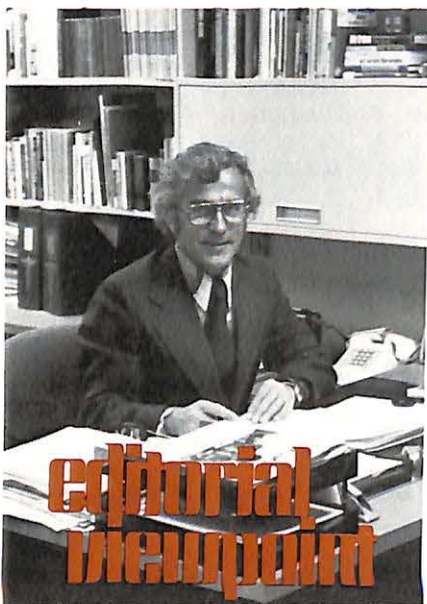
The Christians within the Mambilla Baptist Convention earnestly prayed for a permanent location for the school. The Rev. Jonathan Yep, executive secretary, worked very hard and with the Lord's help secured the Certificate of the Right of Occupancy for the land at Mbu.

The Bible School was moved to its permanent location

at Mbu on Sept. 1, 1977. Construction of classroom buildings, family dormitories, tutor's house and a missionary house has been going on ever since.

The total number of students who have received training since the start of the Prep Class in 1964 has been 131. The following tutors have served: The Rev. Abraham Jeminda (1964-1977), the Rev. Moses Ishi (1960-1970), the Rev. Philip Sol (1970-1972), the Rev. Timothy Yula (1971-1977), Mr. and Mrs. Curt Radke (1974-1977),

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A Lesson from the Jonestown Tragedy

People all over the world were stunned by the news of the mass suicide and murder that happened at the People's Temple commune in Jonestown, Guyana, a few weeks ago. More than 900 followers of this religious group, headed by "The Rev." Jim Jones, were either murdered or committed suicide at the command of their leader.

A report in NEWSWEEK said that Jones called members of the People's Temple to a final communion service. "Everyone has to die," Jones told them. "If you love me as much as I love you, we must all die or be destroyed from the outside." NEWSWEEK further reports Jones then ordered his "medical team" to bring out a large tub, filled with strawberry flavored water and cyanide.

After the babies and little children had drunk the poison first, the adults joined them in the act of suicide. Immediately they were led away by armed "Jones Guards" who told them to lie down in rows, face down. Some families held hands or embraced each other before they gasped for air and died. Those who refused to take the deadly drink were shot down in gang-style killing.

The news media were at a loss as to how much of this macabre massacre could be shown to the audiences in

North America. From the security of the living room, it was almost impossible to relate to the insane fanaticism of a madman in the jungle of Guyana.

How and why does a Christian magazine, such as the BAPTIST HERALD, take a stand on an event which will puzzle sociologists and psychologists for a long time? The only reason why I am picking this topic is to draw at least one, if not the most important, lesson from these happenings.

Right at the outset, I want to state my conviction: The Jonestown murder-suicide shows a clear pattern of the demonic.

Dr. John P. Newport, professor of religious studies at Rice University, author of books on demonism and cults, comes to the following conclusion with regard to Jim Jones and the People's Temple movement:

"Earmarks of the demonic, revealed in the macabre events at Jonestown, which destroyed the lives of more than 900 persons, include preoccupation with pain and death, distortion and perversion of sex and family life, mind control, use of religion as a vehicle of power with the leader claiming to be God incarnate, such counterfeit gifts of the spirit as healing and use of spiritual phenomena, mind control techniques and deprivation of freedom, and progression from something good to moral degeneracy."

As Christians we know that Satan's plan is to disrupt and destroy the true knowledge and worship of God. At the same time he seeks to build his own kingdom by controlling sinful men and obtaining their worship. The fallen angels, who followed Satan in his revolt against God, are his loyal helpers.

The danger about Satan is that he often disguises his followers as "angels of light" or "servants of righteousness." History knows of many tyrants, dictators and even cult leaders who thought of themselves as gods, while in truth they were the reincarnation of demons.

I venture to call Jim Jones a follower of Satan. He sought to pervert and distort plain and humble people's desire to worship. News reports reveal that 70 percent of his followers were underprivileged people from urban ghettos. He took advantage of their religious inclination by posing as a Christian prophet and divine healer.

His original love of people soon was twisted into love of power. After Jones had gained the adherence and interest of his members, he began to work on the control of their minds and lives. All possessions were held in common.

Members were forced into adulterous and homosexual relationships, just to be afterwards exposed and humiliated—and tied even closer to the person of Jones. Deprivation of food and sleep, the classic techniques of mind control, were common. Even the passports and all the money of the members were in Jones' hands, crippling any attempt to escape.

Soon he claimed that he was God incarnate or the incarnation of Christ, Buddha and Lenin. Faith in him dissolved all aspects of right and wrong. Shortly before the tragedy in Guyana, Jones stated: "I am God. There is no other God, and religion is the opiate of the people." He personally supervised mock mass suicide rituals, "to be ready when need for it will arise... Mass suicide in the service of me and my cause will further the cause in my memory. It's beautiful to die for me and my cause."

I thank God that I never had any contact with Jim Jones. But had I met him in his Temple in San Francisco, which criteria would I have applied to "test the spirits to see whether they are of God" (1 John 4:1)? The same verse cautions the believers of Christ: "... for many false prophets have gone out into the world."

Jesus gives the advice: "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits..." (Matt. 7:15-16). Thus, we have to look at Jones' fruit of his efforts, his moral and spiritual teachings and practices. We know that Satan works primarily on bondage of the will, but Jesus Christ delivers us from bondage and makes us free to be children of God.

May we learn from the Guyana tragedy that Satan is still very much alive leading man astray from the true God to worship his own idols and man-made fallacies.

On my trips across the country, I have up to now tried to be fairly kind and understanding to followers of cults such as Rev. Moon's Unification Church and Hare Krishna. I realize now that I will have to take a firmer stand against these cultists in Christ's name and for His sake. Jesus Christ wants to free people from sin and damnation; while false prophets are leading mankind and even Christians back into man-made structures of sin and slavery. Satan may be the ruler of this earth, and he may have many demonic helpers, but Christ came to set us free, and before Him even the ruler of this world has to bow. Let's stay close to Jesus Christ, our salvation. RJK □



letters to the editor

Dear Editor:

I am having a difficult time accepting the future consequences relating to the General Council's decision to allow our N.A.B. Seminary and College to directly solicit financial support from N.A.B. church members. The outcome from such a decision has the possibilities of being devisive with many ramifications automatically added to it.

I'm sure we can all appreciate the financial pinch our schools are in. I would like to see our Conference churches give more financial help to them, if done so properly through the local church budgets.

I THANK GOD . . .

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I thank God for NABS because it has taught me the skill of "risking," putting myself into situations that I would never have dreamed of four years ago.

HISTORY . . .

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the Rev. Peter Jumvah (1976-1977), the Rev. Peter Tomnyi, acting principal, (1977-) and Mrs. Peter Tomnyi, women's tutor, (1977-).

The Operation of the School

The Prep Class tutor's salary was paid by the Mission in 1964-65. In 1965-66 the Mission paid half and the field paid half. In 1966-67 the Mission withdrew aid, and

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ple whom we do not know but who want to have a part in this work, and we praise God for each one of them. One such gift has made it possible for us to add a beautiful steeple to the church. God has put a Christian contractor on the job as well as a Christian superintendent and architect. This makes it easier and more blessed to deal with matters of controversy as they arise. Nearby neighbors have expressed to us that they are excited about the

This issue directly confronts a historic Baptist principle of complete independence of the local church. How? With our N.A.B. churches being bypassed (not always completely) by our schools, and our schools asking individual members for a financial gift. Church members will then give to our schools what they call their tithe, instead of giving it to the local church as is taught in Scripture. I'm sure our Conference schools would agree with me that this gift to them is not one's tithe either, but it still goes on.

Our churches are facing the financial pinch too! Christians must learn how to give through the local church so that all of our Conference agencies can go forward glorifying God. There is no doubt in my mind that if this three year trial period, where our schools may go and solicit within the membership of our churches, is extended, it will weaken the local church.

If this soliciting would continue, churches might choose to remove our schools from their local church budgets since their membership is already giving to these schools. If this would begin to happen, we would no longer have denominational schools. According to true definition, our schools would now become independent.

As a result of the above, I am disenchanted with our Conference schools making such a request to the General Council. I am even more surprised in the General Council opening the door to such a proposal on a trial basis.

I thought our schools were formed to train leaders for the local church. To ignore proper procedures of the local church is contradictory to be sure.

The ultimate outcome only hurts the school's source of where their future students come from. Gordon Bauslaugh, director of Christian education and youth, Bismarck, ND.

I can't help but feel that there are several other wives at the Seminary who are going through some of the same struggles that I have gone through. I thank God for the new ministry even here at NABS as being President of the *Seminary Women's Fellowship*. Here I am able to work with the wives and hopefully help them to realize that they too can find themselves here at NABS. □

the field paid in full.

We are grateful for the prayers and concern of the Christians in Mambilla. They helped with food and other gifts for the building of our school. We thank missionaries from Cameroon and Nigeria for their gifts of books. We gratefully thank the Lord for the Christians in America and Canada who have given money to build the school and provided books. Most of all, we praise and thank the Lord for his guidance and his goodness toward us. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Phil. 4:13). □

church being constructed where it is, because they would like to attend. These people come from Catholic, Lutheran and Episcopal backgrounds.

We have 56 members now and an average attendance of 80-90 during the winter and spring. Attendance this summer has remained good, even though many are away on vacations. Our prayer meetings have been a blessing to all. Excitement is mounting as the building nears completion. Those who are away are kept informed with letters and up-to-date pictures of the progress. The contractor assures us we are on schedule.

Pray for us as we organize and make plans for reaching the neighborhood to

introduce our church and its ministry to the people. The church faces the Boca Raton Country Club. Wouldn't it be great if people stopped playing golf on Sunday and started attending church? It is not impossible. □

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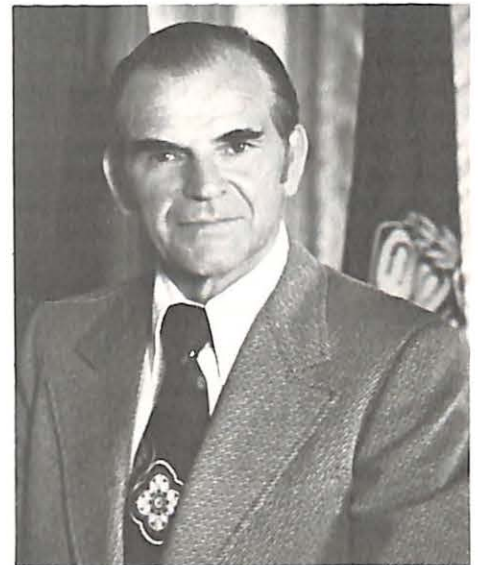


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Greetings:

Life in North Dakota is a rewarding experience. We are proud of our heritage and our farms and ranches. The open spaces, our frontier grasslands setting was central to the shaping of men and women of unique character.

During your visit to Bismarck, I hope you will take time to discover our rich and varied legacy and lifestyles. The warm blend of people and things to do and see provides a stimulating and colorful adventure.

On behalf of all North Dakotans I welcome you to our state and hope you will have an informative and successful conference. Be sure to take advantage of the tremendous vacation opportunities and learn about our state and its people.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Arthur A. Link

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