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One of our joyful responses to the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, can be evidenced in our giving to the Laura Reddig Easter Mission Offering. This offering, to be received on Easter Sunday, April 19, 1981, goes toward the 1981 N.A.B. Conference Mission and Ministry budget.

The offering was named after Miss Laura Reddig, a pioneer missionary, who served forty years in Cameroon. Her commitment and enthusiasm, as a missionary, prompted others to answer God's call to serve as overseas missionaries. The offering, with its goal of \$300,000, helps support the ministry of 95 missionaries serving in five countries.

During these weeks prior to Easter, pray especially for our N.A.B. missionaries and their various ministries. Then determine prayerfully what your own response will be in *sharing joyfully*. Below are some of the commitments, which the offering supports.

BRAZIL, CAMEROON, JAPAN and NIGERIA

Ministries		Personnel Related	
Evangelism	83,600	Outfitting, Passage and Freight	72,400
Bible Training	66,800	Education of Missionary Children	36,400
Deputation and Furlough	39,900	Missionary Insurance	105,910
Maintenance and Supplies	39,000	Language Study (Japan)	2,400
Promotion	22,600	Moving and Rental (On field)	22,300
Pastoral Support (Brazil and Japan)	27,900		
Radio (Cameroon)	1,000	Administrative Expenses	
White Cross (Cameroon)	7,700	Office Expenses	51,300
Scholarship (Cameroon)	5,200	Cooperative Organizations	3,900

SPANISH AMERICAN WORK IN COLORADO AND TEXAS

Travel	9,000
Camp program	1,500
Insurance and Pension	10,650
Promotion	2,500
Baptist Health Center, Monte Vista, CO	4,500
Missionary Children College Scholarship	1,000

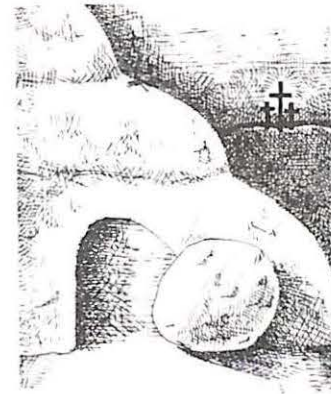
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Christ Arose—Share Joyfully by Harold Lang

"And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word" (Matt. 28:8).

Talk about mixed emotions! Can you imagine how those women felt inside? They had gone to the tomb, sorrowful and dejected, to anoint the body of Jesus. As they went, there was the great earthquake. The angel of the Lord rolled the stone back from the door. The angel, dazzling in his brightness, spoke to the women. He told them that Jesus was not here but was risen. "And go quickly," the angel instructed, "and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you" (Matt. 28:7).

So there they were, hurrying along the path. It had all happened so quickly. Was it really true? The tomb was empty, of that they were sure. But could they really believe that Jesus was alive? They were afraid.

But that was not all. They were, at the same time, filled with joy. If Jesus had really risen from the dead as the angel had claimed, then this was the greatest news on earth. The impossible had happened. Their hopes and aspirations, so devastatingly crushed when they saw Jesus hanging on the cross, would be fulfilled.

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So the women hurried on, filled with "fear and great joy." And as they ran, Jesus himself met them, met them in their obedience to the instructions of the angel. "All hail," he said. "Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me" (Matt. 28:10).

Their fearful joy was replaced by worshipping joy, by radiant joy. They knew. There was no possible doubt. Jesus, the Living Master, had met them on the way. Now they, the first group of witnesses to the resurrection, could truly SHARE JOYFULLY. Wherever there is this assurance, that the One who died on the cross is risen, there is the joyful sharing of the good news, the greatest news!

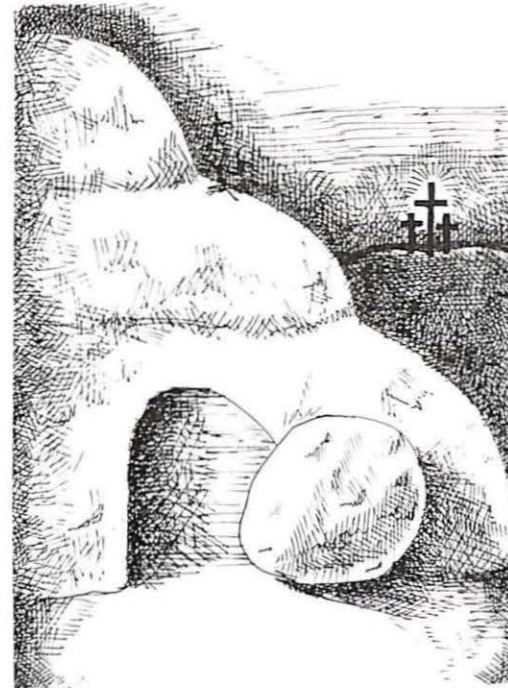
In this missions issue of the *Baptist Herald*, we want you to rejoice in the way the message of the Risen Christ is being shared on our mission fields around the world.

Enjoy the photoessay which gives you a glimpse of various means by which God's Word and love is spread through the Cameroon Baptist Convention. Look at their faces. See your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Read of the first impressions of our latest group of short-term missionaries to Cameroon, as they have answered God's call to "go and tell."

Go to Brazil and see a different aspect of this sharing. Thank God for those who have felt the Lord's leading to be a part of the education of missionary children. And thank God for the way these students are learning to communicate their faith.

Then come back home and look inside your own life. Has the truth of the Resurrection resulted in sharing joyfully in your own life? How? Does it make a difference in



your living? What about your giving?

This is the time for our annual Laura Reddig Easter Offering. For over forty years, in her active ministry in Cameroon and now in her visiting the churches, Laura Reddig has had a vital part in joyful sharing. The money that comes in though this offering does not go to her and her ministry, but it is used in our total foreign and home ministries as North American Baptists.

In the midst of spiraling costs and fluctuating exchange rates, seriously consider how much you will, how much you should, give. So many still need to hear the Greatest News, and this is only possible as you, too, SHARE JOYFULLY.

Sharing Love → Action in Brazil by Martha A. Nelson

"Do you want to stay in the States, finish your two years of high school and then get started in college here?" we asked Gene and Mike, while on furlough in June 1980. Their decision was to return to Brazil and study at Paca—Pan American Christian Academy in Sao Paulo, knowing the facilities and electives would probably not be equivalent to those at home.

SHARING LOVE

It took *love* and vision for the Paca staff to initiate a school to meet the needs of missionary children. Most of the teachers are missionaries and receive no extra pay for their work.

It took *love* and dedication for the school coach to teach at Paca, having been on an All-American basketball team in the States and with Christian Athletes in Action in the Orient.

It took *love* and sacrifice to prepare a hostel for the first time for seven boys. The school does not have ample funds to construct a dormitory, so a home was rented. The upkeep is more than the amount the boys pay for tuition, room and board.

It took *love* and self-resignation for Carl and Ruth Johnson to refuse a pastorate of a large church in the

Martha A. (Mrs. Ralph) Nelson is an N.A.B. missionary in Santa Angelo, Brazil, and mother of Gene and Mike.

States so they could be houseparents at the hostel, receiving only a small stipend for their labors. Their desire is to free the missionary for his work by devoting themselves entirely to the boys' needs.

LOVE COMPELS ACTION

The spiritual glow of the Paca staff ignites sparks in the student body. Gene wrote upon arrival at Paca, "The students here seem to be real Christians, and the teachers are really helpful—they care about the students!"

Recently, Paca chose a team to participate in a multi-sports coed competition in basketball, handball, soccer and volleyball. The competition would be in Belo Horizonte and Salvador would also participate, but Paca would be the only Christian school represented, so they were preparing for evangelism.

The coach said, "We want *Christians* who are athletes and *not* athletes who are Christians." Mike was happy to be chosen for the team and began enthusiastically preparing ahead by giving out tracts on public busses.

The team made an *impact* spiritually—and came out first in all sports, except in volleyball in which they placed second.

Paca is nurturing tender plants. To see their concern is humbling to us. To see the spiritual growth in our two boys is a blessing. How we praise God that a wonderful



Mike and Gene Nelson with the coach at Pan American Christian Academy, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Christian school such as Paca is available for future missionary children—the involvement in Paca is an eternal investment!

Short-Term Missionaries Describe Impressions

Short-term missionaries continue to make significant contributions in our N.A.B. mission work in Cameroon and Japan. In September 1980, 13 of the 14 new missionaries sent to the field were short-termers.

What compels these persons to share Christ joyfully? What draws a person to short-term ministry? What are their first impressions? What is it like to leave their home country and work in a totally different culture? What are their responsibilities?

To answer these questions, we interviewed several short-term missionaries who have recently gone to the mission field.

KARIN HAAS, who sees as her purpose to give the people whatever she can to fill their needs, whether it be sharing Christ, being a friend, hard work or sharing knowledge about business education, is from Cleveland, OH, and teaches at Kom Baptist Technical College, Belo, Cameroon, West Africa.

TERESA WOLFF says that, as a teacher, the interaction with students is the most valuable means to provide an exemplary life of love for God. Wolff is from Ellinwood, KS, and teaches at Saker Baptist College, Victoria.

DENISE MILLER feels that the Lord has given her so much that she must return her life to him as Master. She felt a definite leading to do full-time work and felt she wouldn't be happy unless she went as a short-term missionary. Miller is

from Portland, OR, and is teaching at Saker Baptist College, Victoria.

JOHN MACLOSKIE. To follow the obvious calling of the Holy Spirit in his life and to provide a service for God's people's needs are purposes in Macloskie's life leading him to share Christ as a teacher at Joseph Merrick Baptist College, Ndu, Bamenda, Cameroon. Macloskie is from Winnipeg, MB.

KAREN MACLOSKIE desires to be a service to people through her profession and to allow God to show himself through her in what she does for and with others. She is married to John Macloskie, is from Winnipeg, MB, and is school nurse at Joseph Merrick Baptist College, Ndu.

CLEO ENOCKSON is involved in an opportunity in which she uses her musical ability and training. She sees her job as a challenging and giving opportunity to work with people of another culture. Enockson is from Washburn, ND, and is involved in preparation for a Cameroonian choir tour to the U.S.A. and Canada this coming fall.

What influences led you to consider missionary service?

HAAS: The testimonies of the Rev. and Mrs. Elmer Strauss, former missionaries to Cameroon, have shown me true submission to God's call. My commitment is not dependent on my location or my physical conditions. If a job needs to be done, which I can do (in God's strength)—that's where I'll go. I've been aware of my responsibility to go anywhere, should God ask it of me, since my commitment to Christ.

WOLFF: Personal interest and visits with practicing missionaries on furlough influenced me.

MILLER: When I was a fifth grader, I told Laura Reddig (who was a



Karin Haas, short-term missionary, teaches typing to students at Kom Baptist Technical College, Belo.

missionary in Cameroon) that I'll meet her there. I've known so many outstanding missionaries. I've always received encouragement from church people.

JOHN MACLOSKIE: A member of our church, Helga Kahler, gave us a "wanted poster," which outlined the needs in Cameroon. As soon as we read the poster, we both felt that this work was for us.

KAREN MACLOSKIE: Listening to missionaries visiting Winnipeg must have affected me early in life. It has been something I felt God might be able to use me in.

ENOCKSON: Response to the Great Commission.

How is Cameroon like or different than you expected?

MACLOSKIES: One of the first things that struck us after we had landed in Douala, Cameroon, was the general condition of the Cameroonians. I suppose, like any "developing" nation, there must be the very poor, but the meaning of poor takes on new meanings here. Yet most of the nationals seem happy, and the Christians whom we have met always greet us with a smile and a firm handshake.

HAAS: People are friendly and open. Scenery cannot be described. Words cannot express the beauty of these hills surrounding Kom Baptist Technical College. The food I've tried so far has been fine. Although I just can't make myself fry and eat a grasshopper yet, my students are being patient about it. When someone tells you the roads are bad—believe them. It's fun as long as you aren't the driver.

ENOCKSON: Cameroon is everything I had expected and more. My home is in a beautiful valley surrounded by hills and waterfalls. The people eagerly welcome us and help us to feel at home. The missionary family has been a great help to me in the adjustment to a new culture.

I am learning to enjoy going to market and trying to "make market" or "beat the prices." Most of the comforts of home can be found in the little shops in the market, but I discovered that the prices are very "dear;" ie: \$7 for a box of Rice Krispies. I enjoy the new fruits such as pawpaw (papaya) and guava, as well as inexpensive bananas, pineapple and avocado.

There are large plantations producing rubber, palm oil, bananas, pineapple, coffee and tea as well as small farms for produce. The small farms are where the women work to raise produce to be sold in the market. They utilize so much of the land, with farms high in the hills, land which would only be used to graze livestock in America.

MILLER: I was astounded by the beauty of the country. The palm trees and plantations. The rolling hills. Majestic Mt. Cameroon. A glimpse of the ocean and Fernando Po's outline. Vivid sunsets. Crickets chirping. The night sounds of Victoria wafting up to Saker Baptist College. Butterflies. Rainbow lizards. I still see that beauty—and discover God's artistic hand in new places here everyday.

Then I had to settle down to some of the facts of everyday life. Sometimes we have no water. Water must be heated for drinking and doing dishes. Cockroaches refuse to die. Concrete floors still don't look clean after scrubbing. Everything takes longer here than at home. You just learn to accept it.

What are your responsibilities?

MACLOSKIE: Having just arrived, we haven't had a chance to get involved with more than regular school duties. Karen is school nurse and has been kept busy with a case of malaria, cutlass cuts, and various minor tragedies.

HAAS: I am a business education tutor. I teach accounting and typing to Class 4 (grade 11) and Class 5 (grade 12) students and biology. I'm the girls' dorm master, which means I'm "mother," "watch dog," and whatever else you may want to call me for fifty girls ranging in age from 12 to 22.

My major responsibility is in my Christian example. The girls are somewhat overbearing, and the boys are unruly—put them together, and you get havoc.

ENOCKSON: My responsibility here in Cameroon is to be the director for the Cameroon Baptist Convention Tour Choir. I will be in Cameroon for one year to select the

choir members and prepare them for a tour of the U.S. and Canada from September to November 1981. I travel to hospitals, schools, churches, and field conferences listening to choirs in order to acquaint myself with the Cameroonian style of music. I am also collecting a "tape library" of songs.

I work with an excellent committee of six people, including missionaries and Cameroonians. They are part of the decision-making process concerning the choir.

MILLER: Teaching English and being librarian at Saker Baptist College, Victoria, are my major responsibilities.

WOLFF: I teach Bible, physical education, and typing at Saker Baptist College, Victoria, Cameroon.

What were your first impressions of the country and of your school?

MACLOSKIE: The Cameroon country is beautifully lush and green. Here in Ndu, the countryside is rolling grassland with a generous supply of trees and bushes. Joseph Merrick Baptist College is a good school; some of the students have considerable difficulty getting into the pattern of study.

MILLER: Some things are not so different here at all. Like students and teaching. There are still lesson

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plans. Typically, the students will test you in the beginning. They pass notes; they talk, and they violate your rules. And then sometimes, they will ask you questions: "Are you always happy? Why?" "If God forgives me, why can't I do anything I want?" "Is God against everything that is fun?"

It is these opportunities, which I begin to see as my primary task here: To get to know people, to somehow learn to relate to them, and to try to offer answers. In the beginning, it is difficult to be patient, as I struggle with trying to understand what a student is trying to say on a linguistic level, let alone dealing on a spiritual level.

WOLFF: Impressions for me are diverse and hard to define. In two weeks of work at Saker Baptist College, I have traveled mentally through many impressions that ranged from disbelief and fear to excitement. I couldn't believe that Cameroonians in Victoria were desperately trying to achieve a westernized end without any successful means to achieve this goal.

HAAS: The country is the easiest thing to adjust to. I come from flat farmlands of Ohio. I'm now stationed in Belo where the hills are endless; it's a nice change. My students laugh at my awe and wonder, saying, "These aren't even big enough to be called hills; they are too small." The climate here is

rather pleasant. It is cold in the morning and evening hours. Yet in the afternoon, it could get up to the 80s. We have a fireplace to keep us warm and cozy in the evenings. One sees woodburning stoves, chickens running around everywhere, cattle walking wherever they please—like right through our tomato plants—and marketing being the event of the week. We have a butane gas stove and a kerosene burner in the bathroom for heating bath water, and we have electricity for lights and radios from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Teaching school is very different than I had anticipated. About the only thing I can really count on is that chalk will always be available. Classes can be suddenly cancelled for a work detail or an outing. Students may be sent home to collect fees and miss a week at a time. Funny how that seems to happen around test time. Otherwise, students here are much like students at home—coming unprepared to class, stalling for tests.

I've learned to plan my schedule flexibly. Students are willing to spend extra time to make up for lost time, since my students are learning a trade. They give up their game time during the week and their Saturday and Sunday afternoons to practice typing and to work out accounting exercises together. Their zeal for business is rewarding to me.

ENOCKSON: I was surprised by the "night life," that we saw the first evening as we drove from Douala to Victoria. Young people were roaming the streets traveling from the night clubs to the "Off License" establishments or bars. In every major city, one can hear "disco" music far into the night. It is more difficult for the youth here to find a

gathering place for fellowship and times of sharing. The church has a lot of competition for the lives of the youth.

What is an interesting experience that you have had?

MACLOSKIE: The most pleasant aspect about our adjustment to Cameroon has been the way people have gone out of their way to make us feel welcome. The missionaries have been especially generous. In the few weeks that we have been here, we have really come to love the others. We have had a house break-in, robbery, and "capture" all in two days. A student broke into our home in November and took some luggage, food, clothes and a mouth organ. The next day I found him merrily tooting away on the harmonica. We found the rest of the bounty in the dormitory.

HAAS: The Social Prefect, Stephen, who is the Class 5 student in charge of social activities, similar to Saturday night youth meetings, is a real character. Everyone knows and likes him. What is interesting about him is his openness to be himself. He still has a lot of growing to do, but he is not afraid to ask questions.

Last week in the study hall, he complained to me that he thought Bible class was a waste of time, since there is no official government exam to take at the end of the year.

I said, "Stephen, repeat what you just said slowly and think about the meaning."

"Bible study is a waste of time." He cringed at the sound of it. We began to discuss how great God is, especially for giving us his Son to die on the cross for our sins. Can we ever do too much for the Lord? Shouldn't we spend our free time studying more to learn of God's goodness to us?

The study hall was quiet. I know many students were listening to our conversation about how I know God is real by the beauty of nature,

by God's changing lives around us, and especially by the change in my life through my daily walk with him.



What challenge does your work present?

MACLOSKIE: We feel challenged to improve the young people of Joseph Merrick Baptist College, both spiritually and educationally.

WOLFF: I was afraid that I couldn't communicate effectively enough in such a culture. But now that I'm teaching, I'm excited about the ability to communicate love to the students in their own culture.

ENOCKSON: The biggest challenge I faced was the selection of the choir members for the tour. By mid-February, the selection was completed. Now the work of rehearsals and orientation has begun.

MILLER: While the culture may be different, the people I deal with are very real human beings with everyday needs—both physical and spiritual. Where does one start? With the beginning of the school year, the task before me looked overwhelming; yet I knew that God does not place a task before us and then abandon us.

Another thing, which I felt very early, was that everyone was

watching me. When I go to town, the children cry out, "White Man!" Students know when you come and go. People watch my conduct and

my actions. Sometimes they apply things that they have observed of other white people, and many times they are not true of you. It is a responsibility.

All-in-all, being new here is very exciting and challenging. It forces one to expand, grow, reach out, and seize opportunities. But most of all, to trust God.

What items of praise or prayer request do you have for the people who read the Baptist Herald?

MACLOSKIE: Please pass on praise to the missionaries (full-time) in Cameroon. They work long, hard hours, away from their loved ones and continue to "ooze" the spirit of God and the Holy Spirit. They require much prayer support from N.A.B. churches and also direct contact through greetings and kilo packages of "little goodies" that make life much brighter. Please also pray for the students of Joseph Merrick Baptist College and

Cameroon Baptist Theological College.

WOLFF: Pray that these first impressions will lead to a lasting maturity, so I can be a very effective teacher in Christ's name in Victoria, Cameroon.

HAAS: I praise God for the lives here and that I have Jesus in my heart who gives me the right words to say. "And pray also for me, that God will give me a message when I am ready to speak, and that I may speak boldly and make known the gospel's secrets" (Eph. 6:19). That is my plea to the readers. Pray for more missionaries. Short-term mission work is a good program for willing workers. In the hospital area, there are great needs. I praise God for his Word, his never-ending love and discipline, his protection, and his provisions.

ENOCKSON: Praise. I have had a relatively easy adjustment to this new culture. We have a comfortable home. I have been given a lot of support from both missionaries and Cameroonians. I have had safe journeys with few problems on the road.

Prayer requests. Pray for the people selected to be on the choir tour—for their musical ability and their spiritual maturity. Pray for safe travel for myself and choir members, as the rehearsals are held once a month from February to July. Pray that we will be able to make every moment of our rehearsal weekends count.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Our pages this month are centered around N.A.B. Conference ministries, specifically the N.A.B. Seminary at Sioux Falls and God's Volunteers, or New Day, their new name. We, as North American Baptists, are concerned not only with programs and budgets but also and primarily, with people—who they are, whom they serve, how they can be

reached, and how they affect the Kingdom of God. Here are examples of people being touched by what we, as women, can accomplish by giving and by building on our Conference ministries. Watch next month's issue for more about Conference ministries as N.A.B. College scholarship recipients give their testimonies.

Experiencing His Way

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One year has passed in my Seminary training. A year that may be called a "gift," since it is God's grace, which entitles me to live, breathe, and testify of

our Lord Jesus Christ. This gift has been very special: learning from dedicated men of God, studying with committed Christians, absorbing Scripture, listening to God.

I heard about the corruption of our society but did not feel the pain it creates until I worked at the state penitentiary in Sioux Falls. The penitentiary was my Seminary field education placement for one year. Every Friday afternoon, I participated in a rap session with the chaplain and several prisoners. I saw broken hearts grope for help. I felt the hidden wounds of deprived childhood living conditions and the deep pain of loneliness. I also saw the horror of man's

criminal treatment of his brother.

This tremendous learning experience instilled within me a new awareness of man's human condition and the unsurpassed need to proclaim the message of Christ, to teach Christ, and to live Christ. I am very thankful that God has included in his plan for my life the Christian education I am receiving at N.A.B.S. It has sensitized my life to the needs in our world and has provided useful tools to meet these needs.

The goals I originally had upon entering the Seminary have altered to a great degree. God has led Neil Nelson into my life. We plan to be married June 20, 1981. Neil and I graduate in May 1981. We would appreciate prayer for our future placement in the North American Baptist family.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Women's Missionary Fellowship, which has so graciously supported me financially for two years. "Thank you" to each and every lady who has contributed to this fellowship. I would also like to thank the Seminary and my home church, Redeemer Baptist Church in Cleveland, OH, for their continual support.

Following His Call

by Stephen May,
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WMF scholarship recipient



"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will direct your paths." These verses from Proverbs have become very special to me, because through the years I have learned to trust God in all things. It is hard for me to believe that I am in my senior year at the Seminary, but I

am, and I praise God for helping me get this far.

When I look back to the time when I accepted Christ as my Savior, I am continually reminded of how God prepared me for that day. There were several factors in my life that pointed me to a loving God. First was the privilege of being born into the Marvin May family. There are no words to express my thanks to my parents and my brothers for showing me a love that is characteristic of God's love. The second factor, my home church, Salt Creek Baptist, taught me what it meant to be loved by a body of believers. I believe the prayers and encouragement of this body put me where I am today.

I accepted Christ at Camp Tapawingo. Five years later, during a Bill Gothard Seminar, I rededicated my life to Christ. A year after that, I was ap-

pointed to serve with God's Volunteers during the 1973-74 tour. The following summer was a turning point in my life. I sensed, then, the call of God to enter the ministry. The next seven years have consisted of school and church work in the summer. Through this opportunity, I was able to minister in Colorado, Washington, and California.

This is a brief look at how God has been and is working in my life. I would like to thank the Women's Missionary Fellowship for their assistance in my educational pursuit.

Did You Know . . .

that our vice president, Iona Quiring, is WMF representative to the Board of Missions? Pray for her as she attends the Board of Missions meetings in April, for what she can learn and contribute on our behalf.

Working His Will



by Linda Opp,
student at
North American
Baptist Seminary,
WMF scholarship
recipient

When my husband, Steve, began his studies at the North American Baptist Seminary in the fall of 1978, I certainly had no intention of becoming a student myself. However, in the spring of 1979,

I took a couple of courses at the Seminary. Before long I knew that God was giving me the desire to become a Seminary student. At first, I fought against these desires. How on earth would we be able to make it financially with both of us in school? And beside, I did not wish to prepare myself for any particular career—maybe this was just an unnecessary luxury.

God was at work in spite of my doubts. I made the decision to begin in the Master of Arts in Religious Studies program, and the Lord has been working out the details in many marvelous and unexpected ways. Our physical needs have been abundantly provided

for, and I have been allowed the unique privilege of attending Seminary with my husband.

It has been a challenge, figuring out how to juggle school, three jobs between the two of us, time with each other, and time with God. But we have also developed a wonderful kind of partnership and strength in our relationship with each other. We know that God has called us individually and as a team to minister in his name. We are more sure of that than ever before.

Thank you, women of the North American Baptist Conference, for your part in helping me to prepare for ministry!

And God Keeps On Working

by Maria Rogalski,
Winnipeg, MB

Reading the God's Volunteers report, "Coffee, Tea, or Thee," by Shari Hildebrand last March, prompted me to share the eventual outcome of one such coffee held at our home three years ago.

When the Volunteers were at our church in the early spring of 1977 and

were looking for homes for Bible coffees, I was quite ready and willing to offer ours. But when it came to inviting my neighbors, it was not so easy. Most of them are "unchurched." I had had no difficulty, in the past, inviting them to a Tupperware or book party at my home but just could not get up enough courage to invite them for a Bible coffee.

Then one morning the devotions in *Moments with God* centered around Luke 18:27: "The things which are impossible with man are possible with God." The thought starter said: "What seemingly impossible thing would you like God to do for you today?" Courage to invite many of my neighbors to a Bible coffee was my "impossible" that day. I asked the Lord for that courage and promptly went to the phone.

Eleven women were assembled in our living room when Kathy Sharp and Tanell Gerloff shared the Good News.

Unknown to any of us that day, Darlene, one of my neighbors, was so touched by the message and so aware of her need for salvation that she was ready to commit her life to Christ right then and there. But she did not speak up, and none of us knew. God, however, kept on working.

A few weeks ago, both her girls, ages 11 and 7, asked her to lead them to the Lord—and she did! Darlene's spiritual growth has been phenomenal. It has given her staying and coping power in a problem-filled marriage, as she is living out her faith before her husband. Last May, she was baptized despite the strong disapproval from her maternal family and became part of a warm Christian fellowship where she already serves her Lord. God keeps on working. All of these blessings are the direct result of one "Coffee, Tea, or Thee," which planted the initial seed. To God be the glory! Great things he has done!

Boxes for Our Blessings



by LaVerna
Mehlhaff,
women's work
director

Have you ordered your Blessing Boxes for this year? Because the Women's Missionary Fellowship will be celebrating its 75th anniversary in 1982, the national WMF executive committee decided that all money sent to our office from the Blessing Boxes should go toward the \$75,000 Diamond Jubilee offering, which is a part of the \$675,000 WMF triennial goal. This Jubilee offering will be given to the Missions Department to be used for special projects on our mission fields. The Blessing Boxes are free. Write and ask for the number you can use.

Our Stewardship of After-Life Finances

by Charles M. Hiatt

When a neighboring pastor lost his entire library in a fire, I realized again that all that one possess is from God and is only retained as He allows it to be. In a society of "things" and materialism, it is easy to begin to count one's value by "how much" or "how many" things he possesses. Jesus told the parable of the rich fool in Luke 12:13-21 to help his followers, then and now, realize the foolishness of counting riches as a measure of personal success or fulfillment. Three questions help one discern the meaning of this parable.

How Can One Be Rich?

The rich fool had fallen into the trap of covetousness. To covet means to seek "to have more." When Jesus was asked to divide a family's inheritance, he responded that he was not on earth for that purpose. Jesus is not a probate lawyer but a Master Teacher. He seized this "teachable moment" for an advanced lesson in stewardship.

Jesus warned, with a parable, that life does not consist of things. A man is not completed by things. Love for one's children is not completed by giving things. Love for one's heirs is not completed by the dispersment of things.

Many people today plan, scheme, dream, and work to give their families the most things but lose the essence of life.

Jesus says, "Beware of covetousness." When someone displays a "beware of dog" sign, I believe them. I am careful about getting out of my car until I know

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for sure that the dog is not lurking in the shadows ready to devour a portion of my leg. The warning against covetousness should cause us to be careful. The desire for possessions is not the way to riches.

The rich fool in this parable worked hard. His land produced plentifully. He began to think carefully, "What will I do with all of my abundance?" The rich fool was very self-centered in this thinking. He failed to realize all of this abundance was from God. Such a response to God's blessings revealed his foolishness.

How Can One Be a Fool?

Having built bigger barns, the rich fool sat back and concluded that all was well in his satisfied soul. The soul is not fed by goods, however. Spiritual happiness is not found in an "eat, drink, and be merry attitude." In fact, trying to feed the soul a diet of things will damage the soul. It is like watering one's house plants with salt water. As a soul is fed things, goods, and riches, the scale of life is tipped toward the old nature.

The fool thought that he was in charge. He failed to realize that all the things he had were loaned to him by God. He had gathered in a great crop of possessions. When his greatest possession, his soul, was called for, the things did no good. His materialistic view of life led to his designation as a fool. To whom will these things belong?

Oftentimes, like the rich fool, we look at our possessions and say, "My, mine, I." we can become self-centered with our possessions and fail to heed the question in a wise and well-prepared way.

How Can One Be a Wise Steward?

We must remember that all things come from God and belong to God. We have a leasehold, not a freehold, on all of our possessions. The lease expires when God says, "Thy soul is required."

We are stewards of what God has given us to care for in this world. A wise steward remembers his master. I believe a wise steward will do all he can to further God's work through his estate planning. A wise steward will do all he can to give the most he can to his heirs and to his Lord.

Many often think they do not have a large estate. It has been estimated that the average estate is \$150,000. If one multiplies that times 20,000 families in our Conference, he sees a three billion dollar estate potential in our Conference. If each family would tithe on their estate, 300 million dollars could be given to God's work in our Conference. That, of course, would be dispersed over about 50 years, leaving six million that could be received *annually* for the Lord's work. Thus, available within a simple tithe of our estates are more resources per year than we have ever sought in a conference annual budget. This needs to be considered! If one merely adds up the dollar value of his land, home, cars, insurance, stocks, and bonds, he may easily exceed the \$150,000 average.

Three very practical points need to be remembered. First, money that is willed to a church or a conference is money that otherwise would go to taxes and not to one's heirs. Second, *everyone* needs a will! Even if you have a very small estate, you need a will to determine disbursement according to your desires instead of the court's. Third, anyone with minor age children needs a will to determine who would raise the children in the event of the death of both parents. Otherwise, the courts will determine who will raise your children.

Good stewardship is not completed unless one has been faithful with his after-life resources also. For your sake, your children's sake, and for your Lord's sake, make a will that clearly indicates your realization that all you have comes from God. Our N.A.B. Conference estate planning counselors are a very good source of counsel in making such arrangements. Pray to God and determine what your after-life stewardship will be.

God's Word Goes . . .

Through women



Esther Hoffman teaches women how to use visual aids with children.

Surgery and therapy, medicine and medical training, schools and teaching, planning and administration, building and finances: through these and more, God's Word changes lives. The joyous, gentle faces of the Christians pictured in these photographs do more than words can in telling us what our sharing has accomplished. Now, they also can joyfully share God's Word.

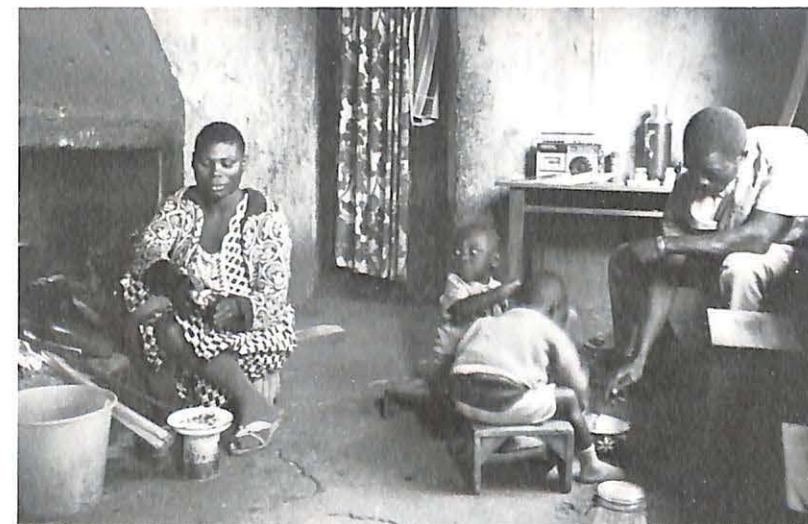
by Nancy Palmer and Patricia Meinerts
Photographs by Nancy Palmer, Dennis Palmer, Patricia Meinerts, Helen Schmidt, Jerry Fluth, and Harold Neff

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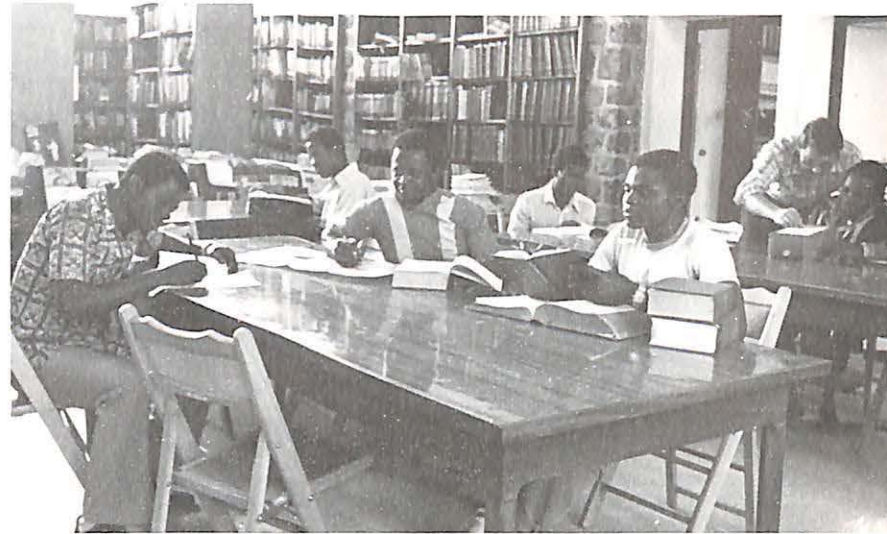
Margaret Fominyen and Patricia Meinerts teach 3-H girls

into homes far and near,



A Bible college student and his family in the married couples' housing unit

Through books



Students in the Cameroon Baptist Theological College library

God's Word reaches the sick,



Chaplain Moses Tanni witnesses to patient at Bansa Baptist Hospital.

the studios,



Theological Education by Extension class of student nurses led by Eleanor Weisenberger

and equipment



Oryn Meinerts and Augustine Kimbi load equipment to use in a crusade.

into hearts of receptive people,



Bansa Youth Conference

the attentive,



Patient at Bansa Baptist Hospital and his father

Through planning,



Rev. Samson Khama, Cameroon Baptist Convention executive secretary, and Ray Hoffman, evangelism secretary, planning church strategy

preparation,



Bee Westerman, editor of Sunday school lessons, and Clement Bumuh mimeographing

In practical ways like surgery,



Surgery by Dr. Julia Gifford, Dr. Steven Delvanthal, and Dr. Helen Schmidt at Bango Baptist Hospital.

physical therapy,



Pat Lenz, physical therapist, helps amputee learn to walk at Mbingo Baptist Hospital.

financial administration,



Richard Ekema, Saker Baptist College bursar, and Joel Michelson, assistant treasurer, checking finances

building,



Berndt Lemke, architect, and Kathy Kroll, midwife, look at layout of new Mbem Health Center.

and organization,



William Tayui, principal, Saker Baptist College, and Wilma Binder, vice principal, review college schedules.

teaching skills to homemakers,



Tina Schmidt teaches sewing to Bible college students' wives.

students,



Denny Miller, short-term missionary, teaches typing to students at Saker Baptist College, Victoria.

and our children,



Mrs. Lilly Lemke teaches school to her three children.

And through leadership development in hospitals, meetings, and offices.



Pennie Jucht, director of nursing services, Mbingo Baptist Hospital, and Joseph Ngam, assistant director of nursing, standing.



Monie Fluth and Fern Sandberg plan a women's leadership training course, Belo Field.



Dr. Jerry Fluth and Mbingo Baptist Hospital Chaplain Samuel Jam discuss counseling techniques.

North American Baptist Christians help God's Word to manifest itself in song,



Church choir from Oku Field



Kumbo Baptist Church thanksgiving service.

in thanksgiving,

in commitment.



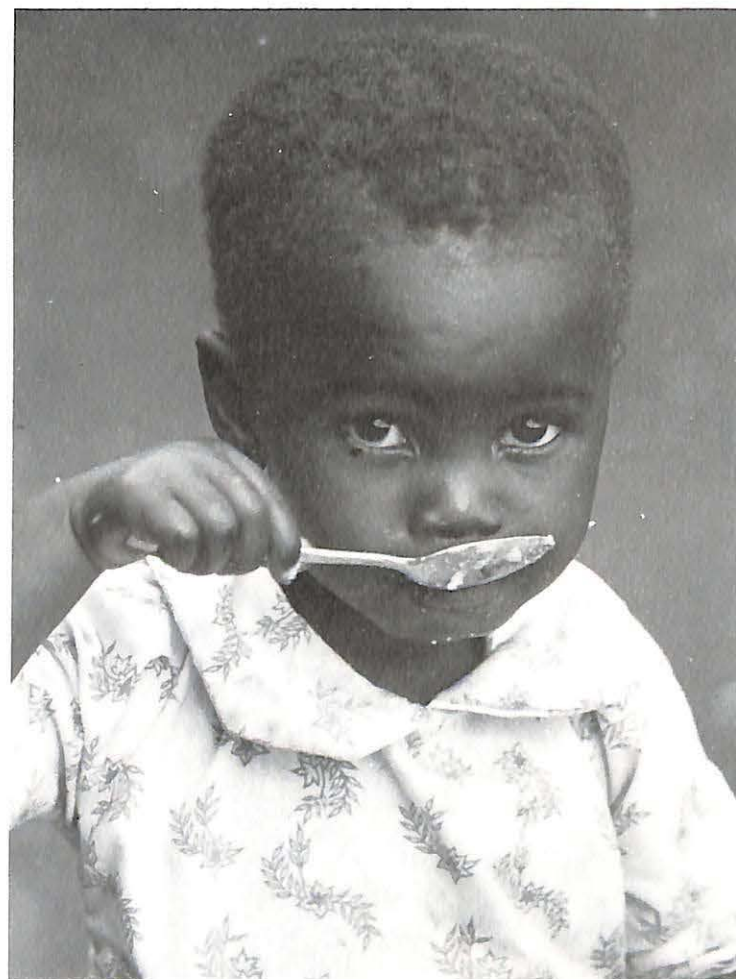
Banso Field Youth Conference



Cameroon Baptist Theological College, Ndu, quartet

May God's
name
be praised!

Let us
continue
our efforts
that this child,
too, and many
more like
her, will be
filled with
the grace
and knowledge
of Jesus Christ
as Lord.



Miss Blessing Fahka, pastor's daughter

Church Extension Project

A New Church for Fastest Growing Area of British Columbia

by Willis Carrico

"Would you be willing to serve in Prince George, BC, in a church extension work? I promise you that the people there will back you one-hundred percent and the work will be rewarding." This was part of a conversation in a phone call from John Ziegler, director of church extension, to me in Phoenix, Arizona, with an exciting challenge. My wife and I were asked to pray for one week before making a decision. Now, after being in "beautiful British Columbia" in the booming town of Prince George for two months, and serving at the *Hartland Baptist Church*, we must indeed agree that the people *do* back the work, and the work is rewarding. Here is why we are excited.

The area in which we are working is strategic. We meet in the Austin Road School of the Hart Highway area. This is one of the fastest growing areas of Prince George (pop. 72,000), which, in turn, is one of the fastest growing areas of British Columbia. New residents are moving in every day. They are largely unchurched, unsaved people who need our ministry. The property, on which we plan to build, is located directly across the highway from the busy Hart Shopping Center and will be highly visible. Both the

school in which we meet and the pastor's home are located nearby.

The "core" group is made up of people with experience and talents. We have five couples with a total of twelve children. Three of our adults have Bible school training, and all are well qualified as teachers. They have already displayed a deep desire to win others for Christ and have set out to bring their neighbors to the Lord.

After only a few months, we already have a going church program. As many as forty have attended Sunday school and thirty-nine persons the worship service. We also have a Sunday evening service, mid-week service and have begun a house-to-house outreach program. God has blessed our small group with outstanding musical ability with which to minister for his glory.

We have supportive N.A.B. Conference churches in the city. We are blessed with grandmother, mother, and sister churches with which we enjoy good fellowship. We have already shared in a combined Round Robin Missionary Conference and look forward to many joint efforts in the future.

We appreciate your prayers and financial support as we think in terms of building a new church building in this Hart Highway area. Your financial contributions should be sent to our North American Baptist Conference, 1 So. 210 Summit Ave., Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181, designated for Hartland Baptist Church.

The Rev. Willis Carrico is pastor of Hartland Baptist Church, Prince George, BC.



Sunday evening services are held in the home of a member



Sunday morning worship service with 39 attending on this day

the GROWING edge

Features from your Church Ministries Department to expand the growing edge of the mind and soul—to suggest, perhaps, new avenues of thought and action.

Denny's Column

by Denny Miller, short-term missionary in Cameroon



Deuteronomy, Chapter 8—Today

Lord—
For what seems to be forty years, you have led me through the wilderness of my life: my mind.
From all sides I was affronted with spiritual poverty.

Many a time when I thought I would go hungry
for lack of evidence of nourishment,
Miraculously
You brought forth the simple manna
with which to sustain my soul.
You humbled me and cleared away the chaff.
Again and again I was brought to depend on you.
You always saw to it that there was sufficient to carry me through.
Now today.
You are bringing me to a land that is green and lush.
Where my soul and my heart may drink up spiritual encouragement and

blessings.
I will not need.
And as I grow in you, I will praise you
For that which you have given me.
Oh, that I do not become proud
and forget the years of poverty and simplicity.
That I do not forget the monsters you battled for me
and the water you brought from a rock to calm my feverish head.
Tomorrow,
keep me from braggartly ways.
From saying, "By my hand I achieved all of what I am and have today."
For it is you who tested me
and delivered me
and brought me safely to nurturing pastures.

Friendship

Friendship is one of the most fulfilling parts of our life. We value our friends as we grow through childhood, adolescence, and adulthood. There is no time of life when friends are not necessary. Friendship is part of every relationship we have—family, marriage, community, church, work. And it requires effort and understanding. The following articles talk about several different aspects of friendship.

Helping a Child Learn About Friendship

Among the essential skills of living, few are more crucial than understanding how to build and preserve good friendships. Whether with God or those around us, friend relationships are the stuff from which we carve self-worth and a happy life. They enormously impact personal development and are the

real glue which bonds strong families together.

But what characterizes the art of making and being a friend? And how will your children learn it? Both research and common sense suggest that it begins largely with what you model as a father—the qualities of friendship your children observe in how you treat and respond to your wife. Fortunately, modeling isn't the only way we can teach our children about friendship. Here are some others for children at various age levels.

Your child's first six years are spent moving toward a sense of separation from you and especially his mother. The focus is on mastering himself and his environment. "Friends" are seen as mere parallel travelers, which explains his or her frequent disregard for their interests. While preschool is an excellent laboratory for learning which responses to "natural" inclinations are acceptable, you can also be dynamically involved. Take your three or four-year-old on an outing with two or three friends. Notice

his or her verbal and physical expressions of selfishness. And in a gentle, positive way offer your child some ideas of alternative behavior. Play is the primary laboratory at this age for learning good friendship skills.

As your child's comfort with autonomy grows, so will his attachment to others. Talk together a lot about his or her friends. Help your child express what they're like and like to do. Make up adventure stories and draw pictures which include these friends. And begin talking about the negative results of choosing poor friends.

In the middle and preadolescent years, your child's focus of relationships will move more to peers of the same sex and to adults outside the family. This "gang" helps him or her learn feelings of belonging and the sense that he or she has something to offer. Scouting and other children's clubs and organizations are also a healthy expression.

You may need to step in and help your child evaluate and dissolve those friend relationships which are having a

negative impact. And you'll likely need to help your child learn to appreciate and include people whom he or she doesn't see as "likeable."

Through these years, you are your child's sanctuary from those who reject him. And, of course, you are still his or her model of reaching out to others. Be sure to talk with your child about the basic qualities of good friendship such as listening and being interested in others, seeking them out, praising them, sharing feelings and keeping confidences.

In adolescent years, your child is moving through self-re-evaluation process, initially through group participation and acceptance and later through more individual and independent actions. With his maturity comes your opportunity to express unconditional acceptance and to model adult qualities of true friendship. This must include the transparency of taking off the masks we build to hide our true feelings from others.

Take time to explore your feelings and those of your child. Discuss and list the qualities you look for in a friend. Prioritize these and evaluate your current relationships in light of these lists. Recognize together that friendship is both getting and giving. And spend time demonstrating to one another the key friendship qualities of communication, advice, compliments, loyalty, and trust. Talk also about the negative side of friendships, such as jealousy, deciding between two friends, apologizing, and the death of a friendship.

If, at this point, you and your child are not true friends, take steps to restore that relationship. This will begin with a genuine humbling, forgiveness, and acceptance. These are the tough moments of friendship when wrong must be admitted and the truth spoken in love.

Your child's skill at initiating and nourishing good friendships will depend in large measure on the modeling and learning experiences you give him. It's a solemn responsibility, but the happy fruit is a life-long treasure of knowing your child as your genuine friend. (From *Dads Only*, Resource for Successful Dads and Husbands, San Diego, CA.)

Friendship—A Trust Relationship

by James Olthius

Friendship is reciprocal, preferential, and selective. Friendship is a pledged

vow of troth between two persons based upon psychic congeniality. A relationship simply develops, matures, and slowly slides into friendship; troth takes time to develop. The vow of trust is usually unspoken, yet we all know our real friends. The moment we begin talking about friendship, something seems to be lost. My friend and I are working at the same task; we don't become self-ishly competitive. I wish him the best, and when he is successful, I share his happiness and rejoice in it almost as much as he.

Friendship is exuberant, spontaneous, and tender. Friends support one another and count on one another; they even begin to think alike. A friend can be called on for help, but we are almost embarrassed to trouble him in this way. For when a friend sees a problem, he offers help, but he doesn't want it mentioned. He only did what a true friend does. No one deliberately treats a friend shabbily, but he understands when we do. We treasure a good friend. When we say to ourselves, "He is worth his weight in gold," the old cliché takes on real meaning for us. A person has only a few such friends, if that many, in his entire life. As Francis Bacon exclaims, a friend "doubles a man's joy and cuts his sorrow in half."

On the other hand, a friend says his piece; he doesn't automatically approve of everything we do or say, and we take it because we know it is for our good. As Solomon, put it, "Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful" (Prov. 27:6 KJV).

Friends do not attempt to control each other because they respect each other too much. Friends give of themselves, for only in mutual self-giving can troth and friendship prosper. Holding back in order to control the situation and manipulate a friend kills trust and deepens loneliness. Friends can accept anything from each other—except a break in troth. The only injury to a friend is mistrust, which will end the friendship if it is not corrected. Ecclesiastes says it beautifully: "If you have drawn your sword on a friend, do not despair; there is a way back. If you have opened your mouth against your friend, do not despair; there is a way back. If you have opened your mouth against your friend, do not worry; there is hope for reconciliation; but insult, arrogance, betrayal of secrets, and the stab in the back—in these cases any friend will run away" (Ecclesiastes 22:21-27, JB). (From

I Pledge You My Truth, Harper and Row, 1975, pp. 112-113)

My Mate, My Friend

by Coleen and Louis Evans

(Think of your marriage as you read this.)

What is a friend? Many things.

A friend is someone you are comfortable with, someone whose company you prefer. A friend is someone you can count on—not only for support, but for honesty.

A friend is one who believes in you . . . someone with whom you can share your dreams. In fact, a real friend is a person you want to share all of life with—and the sharing doubles the fun.

When you are hurting and you can share your struggle with a friend, it eases the pain. A friend offers you safety and trust . . . whatever you say will never be used against you.

A friend will laugh with you, but not at you . . . a friend is fun.

A friend will pray with you . . . and for you.

A friend is someone with whom I can share my ideas and philosophies, someone with whom I can grow intellectually. If one marriage partner is growing intellectually and the other is not, then their relationship will be strained. So it's good for a couple to read and discuss the same kinds of literary, political, social, and religious material. They ought to be aware of what is going on in their community, their nation, and their world. This is one of the ways in which they shape their goals. Since friends are people who have common goals, growing together intellectually is a form of friendship.

My friend is one who hears my cry of pain, who senses my struggle, who shares my lows as well as my highs.

When I am troubled, my friend stands not only by my side, but also stands apart, looking at me with some objectivity. My friend does not always say I am right, because sometimes I am not.

Honesty has to be a part of friendship. Sometimes it disrupts the calmness of a marriage, but it pays off in the long run. When my friend challenges my point of view, it helps me to get in touch with my feelings. It also forces me to become more objective about myself. (From *My Lover, My Friend*, Fleming H. Revell, 1976, pp. 121-123)

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Huber of Spokane, WA, celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary on Aug. 23, 1980. An open house was held in the afternoon followed by a family dinner. Their daughter and families: Dr. and Mrs. Edwin Kern, Edmonton, AB; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Baxter,



Quito, Ecuador, SA, and Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Huber, Las Vegas, NV, hosted the event. They were assisted by eight grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Philip Huber are members of Terrace Heights Baptist Church, Spokane. The Hubers express their gratefulness to the Lord for this special occasion in their lives.

On Aug. 10, 1980, an open house was held at the East Olds Baptist Church, AB, to honor Henry and Helen Weidman on their 60th wedding anniversary. They are members of East Olds Baptist Church, where they find joy in serving their Lord.



The Weidmans have six children, 20 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. The family members, many friends and relatives joined them in celebrating this joyous occasion. Helen Weidman is a sister of the Rev. Ruben Kern, former Eastern District secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilhelm Seidel, (pictured) who were married on Sept. 27, 1930, in Flensburg, Germany, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Bethany Baptist Church, Vancouver, BC. They



have three sons: Rudi, Fred, and Manfred, and eight grandchildren. The Seidels came to Canada in 1954 settling in the Lethbridge area, and then two years later in Vancouver. They have been faithful members at Bethany for many years. (Trudy Zindler, reporter.)

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schultz, (pictured) who were married in Edmonton, AB, at the Central Baptist Church on Oct. 16, 1930, were honored at a 50th anniversary at Bethany Baptist Church, Vancouver, BC. They have three daughters: Trudy, Betty, and Gloria, and ten grandchildren.



This couple has been active at Bethany since 1944, at which time they moved to Vancouver from Edmonton. They served on the church board, in Sunday school, in the choirs, and wherever their help was needed. (Trudy Zindler, reporter.)

John and Jacoba Conrads celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary, Nov. 8, 1980, with an open house. About 240



friends and relatives honored the couple, who received many letters of congratulations. Their four sons: John, Abe, Jake, Bernie, and families hosted the event. The Conrads have been faithful and active members of Calvary Baptist Church, Parkersburg, IA, since coming to the United States from Jennelt, Germany, in 1951. John served on the Church Building Committee, served six years as deacon, sang in the choir and still sings solos. (Bonnie Buss, reporter.)

LODI, CA. First Baptist Church held a pantry shower to welcome Mr. Steve Davis as youth pastor. Steve and Jennifer Davis and their daughter, Stephenie, and son, Jeffrey, came to Lodi from Vancouver, WA. Steve joins the Rev. Walter Dingfield, who became senior pastor in June, and Mr. Dennis Rockford, minister of music.

Pastor Dingfield and his wife, Gladys, came from Kankakee, IL, where he served as pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church. Dennis Rockford joined the staff in September 1979. He and his wife, Priscilla, and sons, Jeremy, Jonathan, and Joel, came to Lodi from Onamia, MN.

A farewell reception was held in June for the Rev. James DeBoer and his family. Rev. DeBoer served as interim pastor from January through June 1980. (Mrs. Elwood Hausauer, reporter.)

WINNIPEG MB. On Sunday, Nov. 30, 1980, six persons were baptized at McDermot Ave. Baptist Church.

Before the service, the six candidates met with the deacons and the church's three pastors. Each candidate gave a testimony; several deacons told of their Christian experiences and encouraged the young converts to come to them for spiritual help.

In the evening service, the Rev. R. Goetze and Rev. W. Kurtz gave meditations. Each candidate had chosen someone to be his prayer partner. Before each was baptized, his chosen deacon or Sunday school teacher came to the front and prayed for him. The congregation then sang a verse of a song chosen by the candidate. Pastor Goetze baptized them all, among them, his son. Each candidate was presented with a gift. The service ended with the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

Welcomed recently was our new Christian education and youth minister, Tim Rieck. (Alice Parr, reporter.)

PLEVNA, MT. Plevna Baptist Church presented the musical, "First Christmas," by Joe E. Parks at the Mountain View Baptist Church, Spearfish, SD on Dec. 12, 1980, and at the Plevna Church on December 21. Bob Burkle directed the thirty-two member choir.

The children of the Sunday school, senior B.Y.F. members and many adults participated in the Christmas Eve service. At a watch night service, the congregation

welcomed in the New Year. Mr. Greg Odell is pastor. (Mrs. Alberta Couch, reporter.) reporter.)

MEDINA, ND. Pastor Pat Colley and family were welcomed as new pastor and family to the First Baptist Church on Nov. 23, 1980. The family was honored during a fellowship time following the



Sunday evening service. A pantry shower was also received. Pastor Colley, his wife, Jan, and their three children; Becky, Doug, and David, have recently moved to Medina from Jamestown, ND. (Pam Arends, reporter.)

MILWAUKEE, WI. The Eleventh Annual Wisconsin Association met at Ridgewood Baptist Church, Oct. 17-18, 1980. Special speakers included the Rev. Connie Salios, secretary of stewardship and communications; the Rev. Willis Potratz, Great

CALGARY, AB. Nov. 2, 1980, the Thornhill Baptist Church and Pastor and Mrs. Cornelius Remple celebrated their double 40th anniversary. The afternoon included a program with Rev. Richard Grabke as guest speaker. Following the program, everyone enjoyed a dinner and fellowship together.



Pastor Remple was ordained on Nov. 3, 1940, in Whitemouth, MB, and on Nov. 25, 1940, the Remples were married in Ebenezer, SK. Since then, the Remples have served churches in Whitemouth, MB; Trochu, AB; Venturia, ND; Hebron, ND; Missoula, MT; Tacoma, WA; Temple Baptist, Calgary, AB; Grace Baptist, Medicine Hat, AB, and Thornhill Baptist, Calgary, AB.

Since retiring from full-time service, Pastor Remple and his wife, Gertrud, have been a blessing to the members of the Thornhill Baptist Church, Calgary, where Pastor Remple has served as assistant pastor for the past three years. (A. Klukas, church clerk.)

ELLINWOOD, KS. The fall Missions Conference, a joint effort with the N.A.B. Baptist churches in Stafford, Lorraine, and Bison, KS, was a real success, thanks to Keith and Glenda Eitel, Lucille Wipf, and Doug and Sharon Woyke, missionaries.

On Saturday afternoon, the women from these churches gathered for a missionary tea. The highlight of the tea was a panel discussion where we had opportunity to hear and question the missionaries about life as a missionary.

On Nov. 3, 1980, the ladies from Bison and Stafford joined the Ellinwood women in observing the Baptist Women's Day of Prayer. Women from each of the three churches participated in the program, "A Call to Committed Living." We paused to remember specific needs both here at home and abroad. (Carol Potratz, reporter.)

BILLINGS, MT. The Women's Missionary Society presented their annual Christmas program. The women had made white and gold Christian symbols. As they decorated

our conference in action

the Christmas tree, they told of the special meaning of each symbol. There were special numbers and Christmas carols during the program. (Gladys Beusch, reporter.)

SHEFFIELD, IA. Grace Baptist Church recently completed a Basic Christianity/Membership Sunday school class. New couples and singles from the community (pictured) began attending just the Sunday school of the church but now have become more involved. A young adult fellowship in homes has begun with sixteen attending the first night. An Awana program one and one



half years old has sparked community interest as has a newly formed singing group, "Grace Singers," composed of youth and adults. They have presented fourteen concerts in eighteen months. Dr. Ted Faszer, professor, N.A.B. Seminary, spent a weekend working with the group to improve their music.

The church hosted the Iowa Association of N.A.B.C. churches in the fall of 1980. The Rev. Bill Loge is pastor.

NORTH FREEDOM, WI. The North Freedom Baptist Church hosted a week of evangelistic meetings with the Rev. and Mrs. Ronald Dalzell. The "Musical Dalzells" sang and played a number of instruments. Rev. Dalzell brought informative, challenging, and inspiring messages from God's Word each night.

The church recently welcomed three new members into its fellowship at the communion service. The three, including a father and son, had been baptized by Pastor Dirk Spalding on September 28. We rejoice in their public commitment to Jesus Christ. (Dirk Spalding, pastor.)

KANKAKEE, IL. The Immanuel Baptist Church officially installed its new pastor, the Rev. Robert F. Penner, at its morning worship service on Dec. 14, 1980. Moderator Orville Foster was in charge of the service. Guest speaker was the Rev. Willis Potratz, Great Lakes Area secretary. In the evening service, there were words of welcome from the various boards and committees. A reception and time of fellowship followed. (Alice M. Luhrs, reporter.)

FESSENDEN, ND. At First Baptist Church, Susan Krier, missionary to Cameroon, as Harvest-Mission speaker,

gave an interesting report and showed slides about her work in Cameroon.

At another service, Lucille Wipf, missionary from Japan, told about mission work among the youth of Japan.

The Esther Circle hosted the Light House Quartet for family night.

The Women's Missionary Fellowship presented an annual program, at which time Ella Lenz showed her pictures of her visit in Cameroon.

The Omega group showed the film, "The Rapture."

The Baptist Women's Day of Prayer was held at First Baptist Church, with members of several neighboring churches as guests.

The W.M.F. invited the women of the church to a missionary birthday party. Tables were set for each month with a cake and missionary names of those having birthdays the same month. Helen Feisel spoke about the experiences of their early mission work. Missionary Ligia Gallot from Guatemala spoke and showed slides about the life in Guatemala. The pastor was the Rev. Fred Fuchs (Regina Pepple, reporter.)

BENTON HARBOR, MI. Pastor Jack Whitehead has accepted the position of associate pastor and minister of youth at Napier Parkview Baptist Church. He served his first Sunday, Nov. 23, 1980.



The W.M.F. sponsored a Chinese supper with the Rev. Ed Hughes, Grant Park Baptist Church, Winnipeg, as guest speaker. The Rev. Ed Fuellbrandt is our pastor. (Sharon Bredin, reporter.)

PRINCE GEORGE, BC. On Nov. 12-16, 1980, College Heights Baptist Church held its first missionary conference in connection with the mother church, Fort George Baptist, and grandmother church, Bethel Baptist. The various services, ladies' tea, and men's prayer breakfast featured guest missionaries: Miss Lucille Wipf, Japan; Miss Susan Krier and the Rev. Keith Eitel, Cameroon, Africa, and Dr. Richard Schilke, former general secretary of missions. Missions became more alive, and prayers more specific as individuals met the missionaries personally.

A "double" special occurred on Nov. 30, 1980: five persons were baptized, and attendance in Sunday school set a record with 42 present. The pastor of the church is the Rev. E. Klingenberg. (Mrs. V. Kwiatkowski, reporter.)

BETHLEHEM, PA. The Alpha and Omega youth groups recently participated in "Mission: Possible." This project raised \$1,066 for the N.A.B. Conference missions deficit. The 22 youth involved were responsible to raise support for a 24-hour planned fast. The sponsors pledged twenty-five cents per hour,



systems and teaches voice and piano students.

Sunday, Nov. 9, 1980, was a day of re-joining at the Strassburg Baptist Church as three people were baptized into the membership. A candlelight communion service followed. Pastor James Brygger conducted the services. (Janet Meisinger, reporter.)

GLADWIN, MI. On Dec. 9, 1980, the Round Lake Baptist Church hosted the N.A.B. Area Dinner Conference. Alpena and Auburn N.A.B. churches also attended. There were testimonies and enjoyable special music.

The Rev. Connie Salios presented an audio-visual about the N.A.B. Confer-

ence, followed by an open discussion. Many questions were answered, and suggestions made.

The Rev. Robert Brown is pastor of the church. (Mrs. Jean Kleiss, reporter.)

KELOWNA, BC. A missionary conference, hosted by the Okanagan Valley N.A.B. churches, was held in Kelowna, Nov. 19-23, with guest missionaries, Lucille Wipf, Eunice Kern, Susan Krier, Keith Eitel, the Rev. and Mrs. R. Neuman, and Dr. Richard Schilke.

Special highlights were the ladies' brunch, men's breakfast and combined missionary banquet, at which time our missionaries shared pictures and reports. We were challenged to respond totally to

our conference in action

God in our sacrifice of living and with our substance. A special missionary offering was received. (Ervin Hoffman, reporter.)

PARKERSBURG, IA. Three young ladies were baptized during the evening service at Calvary Baptist Church, Nov. 23, 1980, by Pastor Lanny R. Johnson. These girls shared their testimonies. One accepted Christ at camp last summer in Lansing, IA; one accepted Christ during vacation Bible school, and one received Christ under the direction of her parents. The baptism was held in conjunction with the final session of special meetings with Dr. Roy Seibel, professor, N.A. B. Seminary, Sioux Falls, SD. (Bonnie Buss, reporter.)

son, Robert of Princeton, and a brother Kenneth. The Rev. Karl Bieber officiated at the service.

ROSIE (DIEDE) HARSCH ZIEGLER, 72, was born March 19, 1908, in Glenham, SD. At five years of age, she and her family moved to the Carbon, AB, area. Rosie accepted Christ as her personal Savior, was baptized at the age of 12 years, and was a faithful and active member of Carbon Baptist Church, AB, until her death on Dec. 15, 1980. In 1927, she married Chris Harsch. God blessed their marriage with five sons, all serving the Lord, four of whom are ordained in the ministry. She was widowed in 1969 and married Edwin Ziegler in 1978. Survivors include her husband, Edwin; one brother, John; three sisters: Elizabeth Reiffenstein, Dorothy Beinaessner, and Edith Biebrick; five sons: Raymond, Lombard, IL; Richard, Carbon, AB; Alvin, Grand Forks, ND; Adine, Harvey, ND, and Wilbert, Edmonton, AB; seven stepchildren: Elmer, Carbon, AB; Clifford, Stettler, AB; Fred, Trochu, AB; Lorraine Renn, Drumheller, AB; Leah Cate, Bend, OR; Anita Giesbrecht, Nanaimo, BC, and Florence Morgan, Carbon, AB; 13 grandchildren; 19 stepgrandchildren, and five stepgreat-grandchildren. The Rev. Richard Grabke, her pastor, officiated at the funeral service with her sons, Raymond, Alvin, and Adine assisting.

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MRS. MARTHA SUE BURGERS, 31, of Woodward IA, was born to Lawrence and Judy Stevenson Dreyer, Oct. 11, 1949, in Waterloo, IA, and died Dec. 4, 1980. She accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior, was baptized Feb. 9, 1958, and became a member of Aplington Baptist Church, IA. On July 15, 1972, Martha Sue married Larry Burgers. She taught in Sidney, IA, until 1976. About 2½ years ago, she became ill with leukemia. With great determination and faith, she courageously underwent several series of treatment. Survivors include her husband, Larry; two sons: Andrew Jonathan, age 4, and Aaron Johnson, age 1; her parents, Lawrence and Judy Dreyer, Aplington, IA; two sisters: Mrs. James (Carol) Schuttenga and Miss Connie Dreyer. The Rev. Donald Patet officiated at the funeral service.

MISS JOHANNA DEBUHR, 93, of Aplington, IA. Johanna was born to Wessel and Berntje VanLoh DeBuhr, Aug. 4, 1887, near Aplington, IA, and died Oct. 28, 1980. Johanna accepted the Lord as her personal Savior in her youth, was baptized on March 25, 1906, and became a member of Aplington Baptist Church. She remained faithful to her Lord and the church throughout her life. For several years, she served as organist and pianist and was a devoted member of the Benevolent Society. She ministered in various ways quietly, behind the scenes. Survivors include her sister-in-law, Mrs. George W. (Lettie) DeBuhr; two nieces: Mrs. Elvin Uhlenhopp and Mrs. Matt McGovern, and one nephew, Wallace DeBuhr. She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers: George and James, and a sister, Helen. The Rev. Donald Patet officiated at the funeral service.

KARL MILLER was born June 6, 1933, in Glen Ullen, ND, and died Dec. 14, 1980, after an illness of several years. He was the son of Jacob and Elizabeth Schmidt Miller. He married Lorraine Heinle, Dec. 27, 1953. Survivors include his wife, Lorraine; one daughter, Leona Flemmer; two sons: Lee and Lyle; four brothers: Lester, Edwin, Ernest, and Herbert; seven sisters: Edna, Florence, Ruth, Violet, Frieda, Cinda, and Gloria. He was very active in First Baptist Church, Hebron, ND, and in the associational work and will be greatly missed.

DR. JAMES F. WEISERT was born in Jamesburg, NJ, on June 28, 1912, and died on Nov. 7, 1980. Dr. Weisert was a dentist by profession. He had served in the Armed Services of our country during World War II as a dentist. When Dr. Weisert returned to civilian life, he established his practice in Morris Plains, NJ. Surviving James are his wife, Elizabeth White Weisert; a daughter, Joan; a

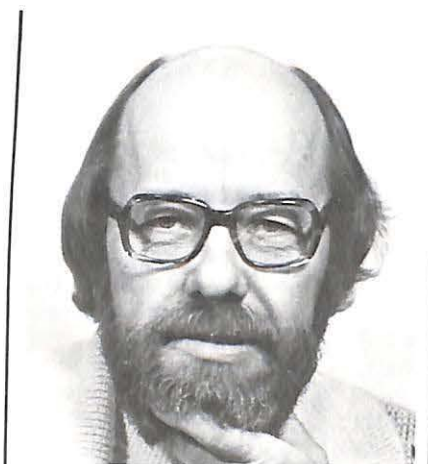
We, as Christians, have many things to be thankful for: family, friends, health, freedom, prayer. The list is endless!

As we have been traveling in the United States and Canada, we, as team members, are constantly reminded of

the beauty of the land and all of God's creation. It is exciting to look at mountains, prairies, lakes, streams, or whatever, and to be reminded of God's work so many years ago. What a privilege it is to be part of all of this, to enjoy it, and to be able to thank God for the beauty

of the earth.

God shows us his love in so many ways. We praise and thank him for his love. How steadfast it really is. He reminds us of that love in so many ways. Read about it in Psalm 100.



putting it together

by Ernie Zimbelman

During the past few months, I have been chairman of the stewardship committee for my church. As a family counselor, I see many problems in family life, which relate to poor financial management. The task of our stewardship committee is to help individuals become better managers of their resources.

People have been responsible for their resources since the beginning of time. In Genesis 1 we read: "... fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature. . . ." (Genesis

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1:28). It is generally agreed that the people God created are to have dominion over this creation. It is also generally agreed that man has done a pretty poor job of stewardship of what was left in his care by God.

Many church leaders are hesitant to assert themselves in teaching and preaching about responsible stewardship. There are more Christians who become upset, and even alienated, from their church over the subject of finances than any other. People do not want to be held accountable in this area.

The responsibility of the church is the saving and disciplining of the lost. In order to accomplish this, the church must draw on the personal resources of its people. But the people's resources cannot be used by the church unless these resources are shared with the church.

Some Bible verses related to this topic are "Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (I Cor. 9:7). "How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called the children of God" (I John 4:19). For many Christians, the idea of giving joyfully to God who loves them lavishly is the motivating force of their lives. But for many others—maybe even a majority of Christians—the words "love," "cheerful," and "giving" are quite meaningless.

What is the church's responsibility in regard to believers who have never experienced the blessedness of giving for the benefit of others?

Such a situation is not just a financial problem. Individuals who do not know how to give generously do not know how to center in on God.

Stewardship education has far broader implications than raising more money for the church. There is no doubt in my mind that people who do not know how to give freely and generously to the Lord's work have themselves not been the full recipients of God's love, grace, and mercy.

As Christians, we must not be content to let others exist without experiencing the fullness of God's love. "He who does not love does not know God; for God is love" (I John 4:8). So we may conclude that stewardship education is really an approach to help Christians appropriate greater resources, especially the greatest resource—God's LOVE.

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■ *The Rev. Fred Fuchs* resigned from First Baptist Church, Fessenden, ND, effective April 1, 1981. He was pastor there since 1975. Fuchs is awaiting God's leading for the future.

■ *The Rev. George Engle* resigned from the pastorate of Lakeshore Baptist Church, St. Catharines, ON, on March 15, 1981. Engle has served Lakeshore since 1975. He becomes pastor of a non-N.A.B. church in New York state.

■ *Mr. Jack Whitehead* is the new associate pastor and minister of youth at Napier Parkview Baptist Church, Benton Harbor, MI. He began his ministry on Nov. 23, 1980.

■ *Cascade Park Baptist Church* is the name for the Church Extension project in Vancouver, WA. The Rev. Donald Ganstrom is the pastor.

■ *Mr. Ken Stoller* began his ministry as youth pastor at Grace Baptist Church, Racine, WI, on Feb. 5, 1981. Stoller is a December 1980 graduate of North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, SD.

■ *The Rev. John Wollenberg* became pastor of Osoyoos Baptist Church, BC, in February. He had been the chaplain at the Evergreen Baptist Home, White Rock, BC, since 1977.

■ *The Rev. Manuel Wolff* has accepted the pastorate of Bismarck Baptist Church, ND, effective June 14, 1981. He has served as pastor of First Baptist Church, Ellinwood, KS, since 1973.

■ *The Rev. Kent Carlson* was ordained by Grace Baptist Church on Nov. 16, 1980. He had served the church as youth pastor and minister of music for four years. Kent became a part of the church-planting team of South America Mission in Santa Maria, Columbia, effective February 1981.

■ An *N.A.B. Estate Planning Workshop* was held Jan. 15-16, 1981, at the N.A.B. International Office, Oakbrook Terrace, IL. Those attending were *the Rev. Wil Dachtler*, Abilene, KS; *Dr. G. K. Zimmerman*, Glen Ellyn, IL; *The*

Rev. Larry Bienert, Portland, OR; *Mr. Herb Lattin*, Lodi, CA; *the Rev. Alfred Weisser*, Sioux Falls, SD; *Mr. Arthur Petrie*, Edmonton, AB; *the Rev. Charles Hiatt*, Sioux Falls, SD; *Mr. DeForest Bullock*, Portland, OR; *Dr. John Binder*, *the Rev. Connie Salios*, *Mr. Robert Mayforth*, *Mr. Steve Pace*, and *Mr. Jim Frey*, associate secretary for estate planning. One resource leader was *Mr. Paul Kindschi* of Billy Graham Evangelical Association.

■ *Chaplain (Major) Henry E. Wake*, Senior N.A.B. Army Chaplain on active duty, has been selected for the Army's Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Approximately five chaplains are sent to this specialized Army training each year.

The course is for nine months and deals with working as a Staff Officer in Division or larger sized units. Chaplains undergo such schooling to help them better understand the workings and needs of these units. This, in turn, enables the chaplain to minister more effectively.

Chaplain Wake's selection for this very important assignment is a credit to the N.A.B. Conference and to himself. He will be accompanied to Fort Leavenworth by his wife, Mary, son, David, 16, and daughter, Lien, 9. The Wakes hope to be sent to Europe when the school is completed.

■ *Professor Edward B. Link*, an alumnus of the Christian Training Institute and faculty member of CTI/NABC for more than 27 years, retired from his teaching position at the end of the 1980 calendar year.



During his long tenure Professor Link taught in many areas as was needed, specializing in Music, History, Church History and Drama. He traveled on numerous tours with the College Choristers, gospel teams, and drama troupes and served regularly as song leader and soloist at Association meetings and Triennial Conferences.

Professor Link will best be remembered at NABC for his contribution in music and drama. The annual college

Thanksgiving dinner was often enhanced by a drama written, directed, and produced under his capable leadership. Recognition was given to Professor Link for his contribution to NABC when faculty, students and friends celebrated the College Family Thanksgiving at dinner, November 27, 1980. An engraved brass music stand was presented—symbolic of Professor Link's contribution in furthering the concern for Christian Fine Arts which convey a positive Christian message.

■ *Mr. and Mrs. Ron Salzman* became the parents of a daughter, Joy Esther, born Dec. 28, 1980. Salzman is the associate secretary for business services in the N.A.B. Missions Department. They have two other children: Greg (7) and Jessy (4).

■ New staff positions at Quail Lakes Baptist Church, Stockton, CA, have been filled by *Mrs. Pat Guntert*, children's coordinator and *the Rev. Harvey Larson* as minister of visitation and senior citizens. *The Rev. Fred Jantz* is senior pastor.

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Editorial Viewpoint

Christ Arose— Share Joyfully

It is wonderful to feel the joy of resurrection in Christ and to see it in the lives of his followers. The two women at the empty tomb were the first to express great joy at the resurrection of our Lord. Their joy was accompanied with witness to others. If you are a believer in Christ, you have undoubtedly had the joy of sharing with others your ex-

Guest editorial by the Rev. Fred Folkerts, general missions secretary.

perience of the living Lord Jesus.

North American Baptists have joyfully shared Jesus Christ with others in many ways. The Laura Reddig Easter Mission Offering is one way for each of us to do that. I have seen great joy and blessing fill the lives of many people who have answered the call to mission by the faithful stewardship of their funds. Invariably, their joy in sharing springs from a close and regular fellowship with the living Christ.

Within the last fifteen months, I have visited all four of our overseas mission fields and each of our three home mission areas. It is wonderful to see our missionaries and national Christians

sharing the gospel so joyfully and enthusiastically. It is obvious that they believe in and know a risen Christ. A missionary in Brazil reports seventeen first time decisions for Christ in a recent crusade. A home missionary is elated by twelve rededications and eleven conversions during recent revival meetings. A missionary from Cameroon describes the opening of several new churches with new believers. A pastor from Japan relates his thrill in leading a businessman to the Lord. A student pastor in Nigeria is overjoyed, as he uses his new ministry skills to witness to children in the nearby government school.

We have all shared in these joyful ministries, as we have given funds for N.A.B. missions and have prayed for God's blessing on the use of those funds. Let us do it again this year—joyfully.

Open Dialogue

Dear Editor:

This paper (BAPTIST HERALD) is a "must" in our home. This paper lets us know about people we know from far and near.

May God bless each and every one of

you in a special way. Mr. and Mrs. John Menke, Tripoli, IA.

Dear Editor:

I enjoy very much *Der Sendbote*. I like to read every word of it. I read every bit of the English stories in the *Baptist Herald*. It is very interesting and inspiring. I am very thankful for that Christian *Baptist Herald* magazine. Many thanks. Mrs. Hulda Miassirer, Crawford, TX.

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