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## Because of His Unfailing Kindness, We Give

"How I cried out to you, my God, when I read the Psalms of David, those hymns of faith, those songs of a pious heart in which the spirit of pride can find no place! . . . How they set me on fire with love for you! I was burning to echo them to all the world, if only I could . . .," wrote St. Augustine. The theme of this year's Celebration of Gratitude offering is "Because of His Unfailing Kindness, We Give" (Psalm 18:50 NIV).

In Psalm 18, David bursts into extemporaneous praise to God for his power and mercy. The occasion for this praise, according to 2 Samuel 22, is the death of Saul and the end of David's long flight from Saul's vengeance. David probably looked back over all the events of his life and saw clearly the working of God in so many of them.

In Psalm 18:1-3, David notes the all-sufficiency of God's salvation; in verses 25-29, the mercy and kindness of God, and in verses 30-36 that the way of the Lord is perfect. David concludes Psalm 18 by giving thanks to God and praising God for his unfailing kindness.

"Therefore, I will praise you among the nations, O Lord,  
I will sing praises to your name. . .  
He shows unfailing kindness to his anointed,  
To David and his descendants" (Ps. 18:49-50 NIV).

Thanksgiving is a time for us to reflect on the past year. We reflect on the struggles and the blessings, and we see woven through all of the events the Lord's handiwork.

Let us affirm with David that because of God's kindnesses towards us that his name is worthy to be praised among all nations. As you reflect on the unfailing kindness of God in your life, consider making a gift to the Celebration of Gratitude Offering.

Through a contribution at this special time of year, you can witness for Christ in communities that have not heard the gospel nor experienced the caring fellowship of a local church. You can provide instruction for national pastors in the overseas mission fields of Africa, Brazil, and Japan and medical care for hundreds of people in Africa.

Your gifts may be \$20, \$30 or more. Please pray about the amount you give to help reach the goal of \$400,000. Give your gift as an offering of thanksgiving to God and to praise his name among the nations.

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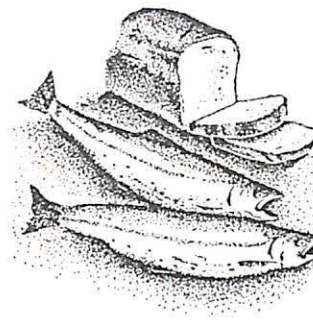
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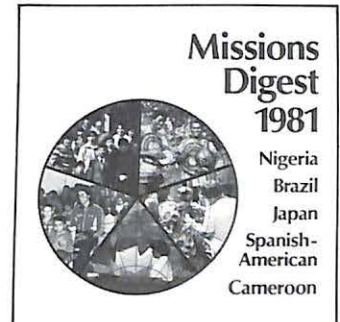
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# Wrong Reasons

Examine your own, motivation, why do you give? by Art J. Petrie

"Mom, would you make me a lunch, please?"

"Where are you going?" was Mother's curious response.

"I want to go and listen to Jesus," her son replied.

The conversation continued; a time was set for him to be home, and the contents of the lunch were discussed. In this home, there were not many options, as the family was poor. It was not a choice between peanut butter and jam, cooked ham or summer sausage.

"I'll put five barley loaves and a couple of fish in a bag for you," Mom said, and off went the lad.

If you have an 11 or 12-year-old son, you are quite aware of how important lunch is to a boy that age. Eagerly, he caught up to the crowd following the Savior, listened and played throughout the morning. Toward noon his biological clock reminded him that he was hungry and out came the lunch. Just then, one of Jesus' disciples, Andrew, walked by and noticed him.

"Would you like to meet Jesus?" he asked. (Notice in Scripture whenever Andrew is mentioned, he is always bringing someone to the Savior.)

"Would you give Jesus your lunch?" came the second question.

In that adolescent, as with most young people that age, we find a simple faith and generosity.

"Sure," was the quick reply. Together with the lunch, they went to Jesus where the Savior took it, broke it, blessed it, and multiplied it.

## Giving for Self

Examine the lad's motivation for giving. He did not *give for self*. For all he knew, Jesus was going to eat the lunch himself, and he would have none. He did not give to get something back.

How often among the Lord's people today we find *giving for self*. We will give for an elaborate new

sanctuary that *we* can use and admire; for a new church organ that *we* can enjoy; for new pews, the comfortable ones from California with padded seat and back; for a

"Jesus, raising his eyes and seeing a great crowd on their way toward him, said to Philip, 'Where can we buy food for these people to eat?' (He said this to test Philip, for he himself knew what he was going to do.)

"Two hundred dollars worth of bread would not be enough for them," Philip replied, 'even if they had only a little each.'

"Then Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, another disciple, put in, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and a couple of fish, but what's the good of that for such a crowd?'

"Then Jesus said, 'Get the people to sit down' John 6:5-10 (Phillips)."

youth worker to minister to our troubled teens; for church education and recreation facilities so *we* can play volleyball Tuesday night; for soundproofing the nursery, so we will not be disturbed during worship. We give only if we get the benefit, *giving for self*.

Quickly the cliches are marshalled in defense. "Charity begins at home."

"The Lord's instructions were Jerusalem first then Judea, Samaria and, (if there is any left over,) the uttermost part of the earth."

"There are real needs in our own neighborhood and the local church."

I realize that, and don't misunderstand me, but do we only

give if we get the benefit? What are your true reasons for giving?

Simon offered to give to Peter and John, but he wanted the same power the apostles demonstrated. Simon was ready to give if he could get something in return.

Peter said to him, "May your money perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money! You have no part or share in this ministry, because your heart is not right with God." (Acts 8:20, 21 NIV). Selfish giving betrays the condition of the heart.

Teaching in the Pharisee's house over lunch Jesus said, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous" (Luke 14:12-14 NIV).

Examine your own motivation, why do you give? Giving for self is not giving at all! Give with no intention of receiving benefit from your gift.

## Giving to Be Seen

Some of us *give to be seen*. Nobody noticed the young lad in the crowd, apart from Andrew. Nobody heard the conversation; nobody saw the lunch change hands. It was not announced that lunch was courtesy of one young boy. The master of ceremonies for the day did not call the lad to the center of the crowd and give an eloquent dissertation on the boy's philanthropic nature. Nobody knew. What happened was the young lad gave away his lunch. He did not give it to be seen.

How do we give? The little bronze plaque is attached to the organ; the room in the nursing home bears our name; the conference periodical records our gifts. Oh, it is not wrong in itself, but is that why we give? Ananias and Sapphira decided they wanted to be seen as giving all. They wanted the local church in Jerusalem to be impressed with their sacrifice. God was not pleased and judgment was the result (Acts 5:1-5).

**"When you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret will reward you."**

Observing the religious form and ceremony of his day, Jesus said, "Be careful not to do your 'acts of righteousness' before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.

"So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honoured by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees

what is done in secret will reward you" (Matt. 6:1-4 NIV).

## Giving with Strings and Stipulations

Others *give with strings and stipulations*. I am willing to give, but it must be used the way I direct. Suppose the young lad that day knew the Lord would work a miracle.

He might have said, "All right, I'll give my lunch, but 20 percent of the increase must go to my community. There are real needs there."

He did not do that. He gave unreservedly with no strings attached and no stipulations pending. He gave with simple transparency of motive, because he wanted the Savior to have his lunch.

Scripture is full of examples of what happens when we give to the Lord without stipulations and strings. It is this unreserved, unconditional giving that the Lord honors; yet how often we give only if the gift will be used the way we stipulate.

Oh, it may not be for our own benefit, but by placing stipulations upon our giving, we are in effect saying to the Lord, "We know better how this should be used than do you."

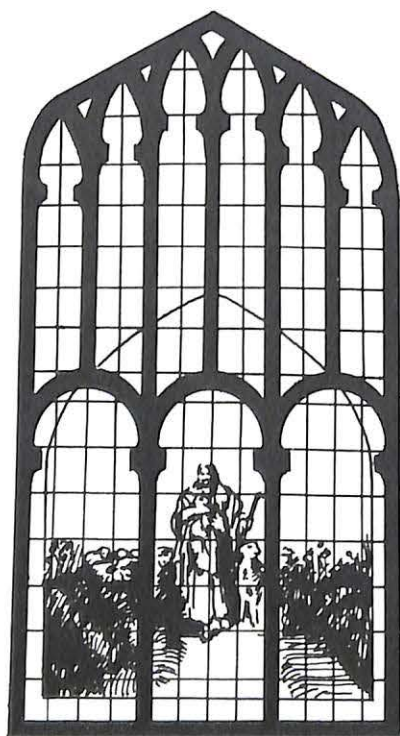
How often is your gift given with stipulations and strings attached? Conditional giving is not real giving at all.

## Giving the Soiled and Superfluous

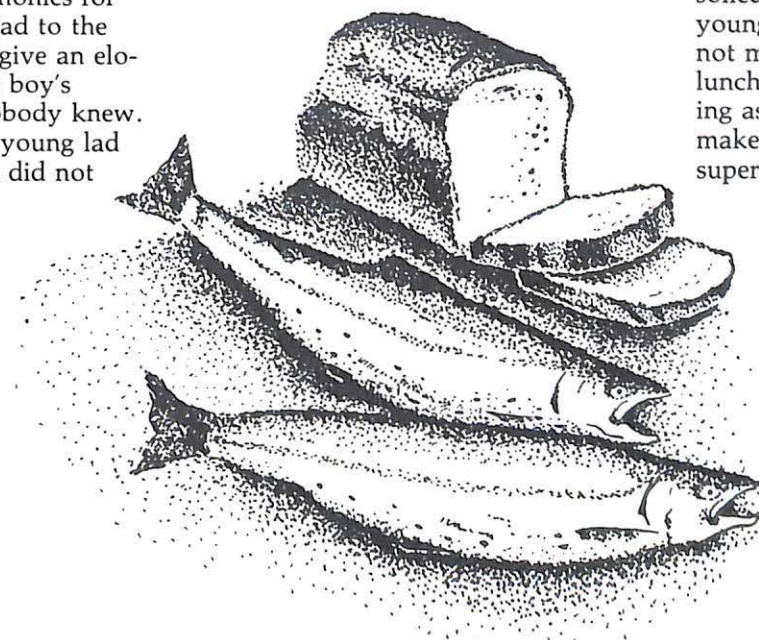
Finally, *we give the soiled and superfluous*. There was nothing soiled or superfluous about the young lad's lunch. The bread was not moldy, or the fish spoiled; that lunch was as appetizing and appealing as an adoring mother could make it, and it certainly was not superfluous. It was the only lunch



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he had; it represented a significant portion of his family's provisions.

Does your giving consist of the worn-out rumpus room furniture, the out-of-date styles in your clothes closet, the garden equipment that you have replaced with the latest model? So often we give that for which we have no further use—that which costs us nothing.

King David had sinned. The Lord convicted him and gave specific directions as to David's sacrifice:

"Go up and build an altar to the Lord on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite."

David followed the Lord's direction, and when Araunah saw the king approaching, he asked, "Why has my Lord the King come to his servant?"

"To buy your threshing floor," David replied.

Araunah offered to give King David not only the threshing floor but the oxen and the wood for the offering, but David's response showed his insight and spiritual maturity.

"No, I insist on paying you for it," David said.

"I will not sacrifice to the Lord my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing" (2 Samuel 24:24).

Do we give that which costs us nothing?

The Lord watched as the poor widow approached the place where offerings were given at the temple. She put in two very small copper coins worth only a fraction of a penny. What was his response?

He called his disciples and said to them, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she,

out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on" (Mark 12:42 NIV).

She put in everything—all she had to live on. Is our giving motivated by our affluence? Do we give the superfluous? The Lord does not want that which costs us nothing.

The spiritual state of the children of Israel had sunk to the despicable place where they brought as offerings to the Lord the blind, the lame, the sick, the damaged. They gave that which they would not use themselves. God was displeased and refused to accept such offerings.

**"Let us give motivated by the love for the Savior who gave himself for us and by the concern he has placed in our hearts for the teeming millions who do not know him whom to know is life eternal."**

Not unlike them, we bring to the Lord the leftovers of our time, talent, and treasure. After we have creamed off the top of our lives, the thick rich portion for ourselves, we give the dregs, the leftovers, to the Savior.

Oh, that we would hear the Lord say to us as he did to the children of Israel of old, "I hate that; you are robbing me."

Giving requires sacrifice. To a hungry lad, it meant giving away

his lunch, the only lunch he had. May our reasons for giving be not that we do not need it or that we do not want it, rather may our giving be sacrificial.

Why do you give? Is it to receive something in return, to be seen, to accomplish your own end, to dispose of what you do not need or want? Current giving programs and modern development psychology deal in the most part with manipulation of the individual based on improper giving motives. Such giving does not honor or please God. If you are a potential large donor, there are so-called Christian organizations who will fly you across the continent and pick you up at the airport in a white Cadillac in order to present their ministry and ask for your gift.

Peter, after the Lord asked him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonas, do you love me?", acknowledged that the Lord knew his heart and motives. We deal with a God who does not look on outward appearances but on the heart. "All things are naked and open before the eyes of him with whom we have to do" (Hebrews 4:13).

#### Giving Out of Love

God has made us in such a way that our make-up requires that we give. "It is better to give than to receive." God has given us the ultimate example of giving: "Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift" (2 Cor. 9:15). As the Lord did with the lad's lunch, he will, when we give to him our substance and ourselves wholly, unreservedly, unconditionally, take us, break us, bless us and multiply in his hand and for his purpose our treasure and our talents. Let us give motivated by our love for the Savior who gave himself for us and by the concern he has placed in our hearts for the teeming millions who do not know him whom to know is life eternal. □

## The Sacrifice of Thanksgiving by Gideon Zimmerman

The real meaning of some passages in the Scripture are interpreted best through the experiences and testimonies of people. This was true for me with respect to Psalm 116:12 and 17: "What shall I render into the Lord for all his benefits toward me? I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the Lord."

Preaching on this psalm at a Thanksgiving service a number of years ago, I felt that my exposition of the psalm was very clear. However, in my recent travels, the message of these two verses was dramatically interpreted.

Recently, a rather generous contribution was sent to our N.A.B. Conference Office by a North American Baptist couple. Since I was visiting in their area, I stopped to visit them. When I arrived at the home, I found the husband lying on a hospital bed, gravely ill.

Almost immediately, I expressed gratitude for the generous gift which they had sent for the Lord's work, only to be given the response, "Please don't thank us, but thank God who has been so good to us and made possible this gift."

They, then, explained the reason for giving such a generous gift. After building a fairly prosperous business over a number of years, the family was forced to leave Hungary shortly after World War II, because of impending danger to their lives. They were permitted to take with them very limited possessions, as they journeyed to Western Germany.

Upon their arrival, someone directed them to a Baptist church where they were given food and clothing packets, which had been sent to Germany from our North American Baptist Conference Office.

Following World War II, North American Baptists were involved in a very extensive program of sending packets of food and clothing with the inscription, "In Jesus' name," to displaced persons. It was these kinds of packets which they received.

Again the couple expressed their gratitude to God and to their brothers and sisters in America.

**"What shall I render to the Lord For all His benefits toward me? To Thee I shall offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving. And call upon the name of the Lord" (Psalm 116:12, 17).**

They related further that they had come into contact with the North American Baptist Immigration Office in Germany, whose program it was to help displaced persons relocate to Canada and the United States following the War. After arrangements were made, this family was soon on its way to America.

At this time, they made a covenant with God. Because of his unique leading in their lives, which included protection and the opportunity to go to a free country, they would provide a "sacrifice of thanksgiving" unto the Lord when resources became available. The generous offering which they gave recently was the fulfillment of their covenant.

Again, I expressed gratitude for the gift.

They repeated, "Please do not thank us, but thank God, who delivered us from danger and brought us to America and who made this gift possible."

As we stood beside the bed of the father, I took his German Bible and read once again from Psalm 116.

As I read, I began to understand with much greater dimension the meaning of the verse, "I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving."

I then suggested that we pray. The wife interrupted asking if her husband could pray first in his language, Hungarian.

Listening to his prayer, I sensed his sincerity; even though I could not understand the words. Later, his wife told me his thoughts are fully clear and coherent; even though at other times coherency is lacking. One could not help but feel the presence of God in this man's life. Communion through prayer remained a continuous contact with God who was his source of refuge, strength, hope, and steadfastness of faith.

"What shall I render unto the Lord for his benefits toward me?" This question struck me anew. My wife and I have given our lives to the Lord as a ministry of sacrifice. We have tried to be generous in support of the Lord's work by giving tithes and offerings, but this experience raised the question, "Have we really offered to God the 'sacrifice of thanksgiving'?"

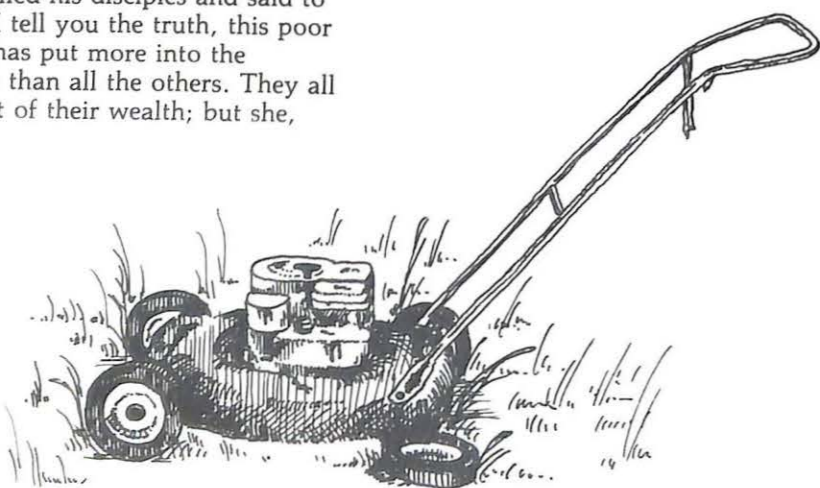
In relating the impact of this experience, it is impossible to communicate the inner feelings which we experienced as we listened to this couple's testimony. Through them, God communicated that our benefits from the Lord really require a sacrifice of thanksgiving.

Each of us could enumerate a long list of God's unusual benefits. From time to time, we stop and consider these. We are amazed at God's goodness.

As each of us takes such an inventory, let us, in the quietness of our own heart, utter the statement of the Psalmist: "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits to me?"

Do our present plans, as well as our final estate plans, include an offering to God—a "sacrifice of thanksgiving?" □

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# Because of God's Lovingkindness, We Give

by William Nso Tayui

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life," (John 3:16) NIV.

The above verse is a glorious passage of the Christian faith. This verse reveals the mind of God towards a needy world. The world was in need of a Savior. God demonstrated his kindness to man when he gave his only son.

Lovingkindness opens the heart to give, and giving is an opportunity for Christian service. Of course, those of us who are not directly called to the ministry of preaching in the pulpit serve by our giving. This is done in various ways. Because of God's lovingkindness, we not only give during the usual Harvest-Thanksgiving Festival, but also as often as the need arises. Although most of us, as Christians, in the Cameroon cannot squarely give proportionately, a few of us who try to, do it. We do this because we know the kind of blessings God gives in return. Here are five Biblical motives for giving:

## Command

To be great with God, we must be obedient to his commands. In Malachi 3:10 we read, "Bring ye all

the tithes into the store house." Also, in I Corinthians 16:2 and in Hebrews 7:8, we are given similar commands by the Lord.

## Honesty

Malachi 3 speaks of honesty. Here, the principle of honesty should prompt us to give. For if we are honest with God, he will also be honest to give to his servants.

## Love

Where there is love, there is a desire to demonstrate this love to the one you love. We give to God's work to show that we love him. Christians who do not cheerfully give to God show that they do not really love him; even though they profess that they do. We cannot love our children and allow them to wear filthy clothes and starve. We provide for them, because we love them. So it is when we provide for the Lord's work.

## Gratitude

We ought to give out of gratitude for what God has done for us. What does it mean to you that Christ died for you? It means God gave his only son; he emptied heaven of its greatest treasure for you and me. Therefore, in gratitude, every Chris-

tian should give for the propagation of the Gospel of Christ.

## Faith

Do you believe God? Oh yes, you may say, "I believe every word in the Bible."

God says, "Bring ye all the tithes into the store house." This is a test of faith (Malachi 3:10-11).

While God calls for all our tithes, he ends up with a promise. We get this feeling from Proverbs 3:9-10, and this, of course, is the proof of his lovingkindness.

The primary motive for our giving is the fact that God has a reward for every faithful gift and giver.

Above all, our faith should prompt us to give cheerfully. God has been faithful to us. We ought to be faithful to him through the ministry of our giving.

It is with these Biblical motives that I have sought to meet God's commands in providing for his service. I have experienced great blessings from him in all my life as a servant of the Lord.



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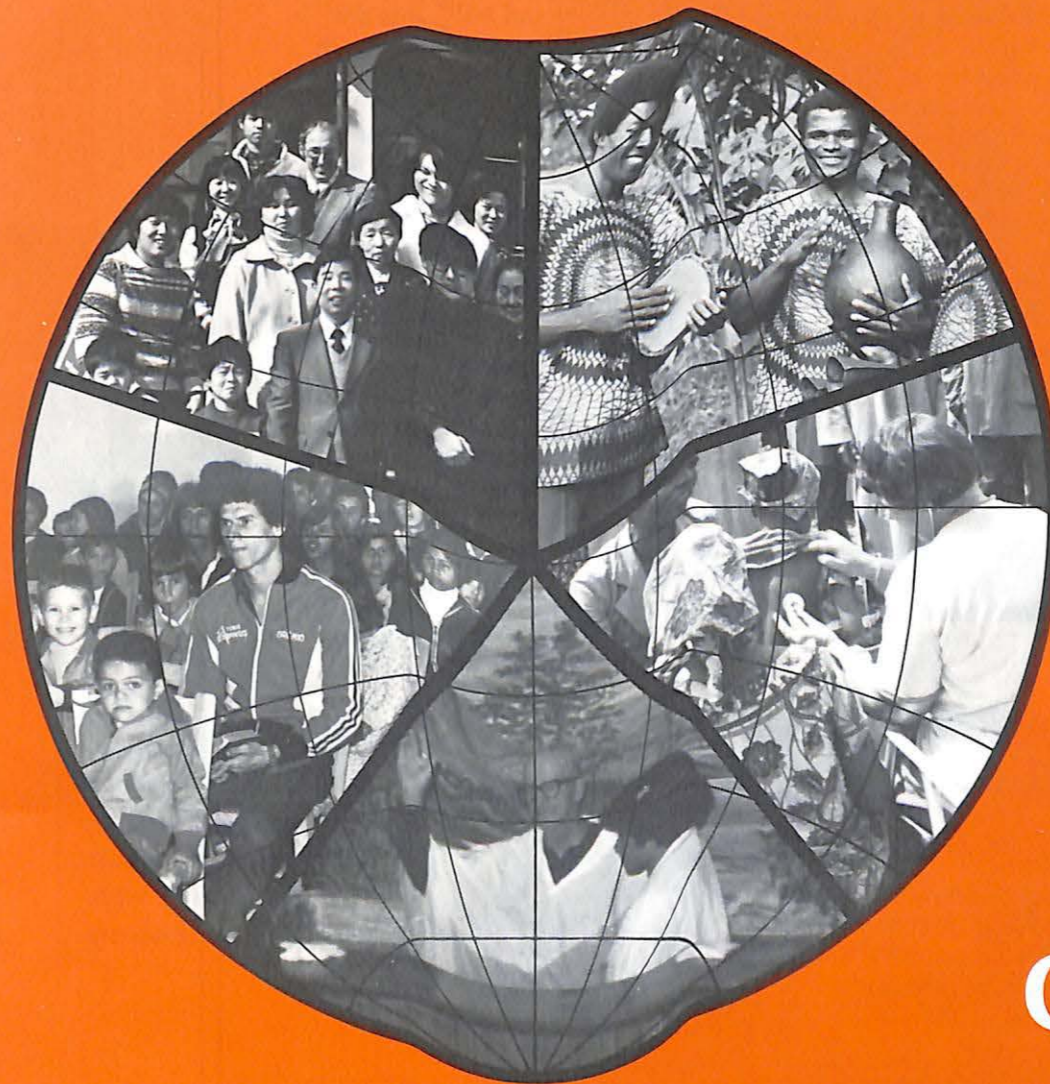
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## Missions 1981

"Thank you for your interest, prayers, and financial support." "We appreciate your support; through it, we have experienced a spiritual and rapid growth in our convention." "Your missionaries are grateful. . . ." These comments are representative of expressions of gratitude by missionaries and national church leaders for your faithful support. Repeatedly, on our mission fields, people's lives are being transformed by the Gospel.

Our task in missions has remained basically the same since we first sent missionaries. The command of Christ and the great commission still prompt missionaries from our North American Baptist churches to witness, baptize, teach and heal throughout the world. I am thrilled to see the dedication and commitment of our missionaries to their call. God is blessing their faithfulness with much fruit.

But the needs and unmet opportunities on our present mission fields are tremendous. Beyond that, the needs among minorities at home and the unreached populations abroad are a constant challenge for us to remain faithful and to reach out further with the gospel.

Our Conference budgets are limited. Our missionaries are calling for replacements. National Christians are repeating the ancient appeal, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." I believe that the Lord has given us all the resources we need, but we must invest those resources to fulfill our task. I pray that the love of Christ will constrain us, and the Holy Spirit will enable us to reach out to many others with the gospel. Each of us can witness to someone near us, and we all can be involved with our missionaries through our prayers and financial gifts. Let us respond joyfully to meet the needs and opportunities described on the following pages.

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## Brazil



"This is Brazil's time!" is the assertion of Rev. Wilson Alves de Oliveira, executive director, Rio Grande do Sul Association of the Brazilian Baptist Convention. In ten years, the Association has grown from 146 to 3,497 members. Through evangelistic campaigns, student visitation teams, faithfulness of local church members, person-to-person witnessing, laymen involvement—God's Word is being effectively spread.

Yes, *This is Brazil's time!*

Missionary Karen Kaiser visits with a farm family as she contacts them for a new church extension project.





Some of the children reached at one of the evangelistic preaching points by Ralph and Martha Nelson

## This is Brazil's time . . . Witness

One of the eight new church extension projects under construction is located in Florianopolis, Santa Catarina.



## College Students Help Start Churches

During the summer, about 40 young people from different seminaries and Bible schools in Brazil helped six Brazilian Baptist missionary families begin and develop new church extension projects. These new projects are being used by God to greatly encourage the already established churches in evangelism.

During 1980 about 50 people were baptized as a result of the ministry of the four new church extension projects in Rio Grande do Sul. Two more projects in different cities have recently been started," says Richard Rabenhorst, field secretary in Brazil. "North American Baptists are aiding the new church extension projects financially, especially in helping to provide places of worship and rented quarters for the missionaries.

Enthusiasm for Christ has spilled over to the established churches, and new life is seen in them. Missionary Richard Kaiser (left) confers with leaders of an established Baptist church in Bento Goncalves.



## This is Brazil's time . . . God is transforming people

## Evidences of God's Transforming Power

Traveling six miles to church by bicycle over rutty, muddy roads, Tiburcio Garcia at 73 is not hindered in his desire to learn more of the Word of God. Tiburcio received Christ and was baptized by Missionary Ralph Nelson during an evangelistic crusade at a newly-established preaching point. Tiburcio, a typical "Gaúcho" with rustic dress and manner of speech, continues to be an inspiration to his congregation as well as to the Nelsons.

Following a serious accident, Christian and Susana Hidalgo dedicated their lives to Christ. Mr. Hidalgo is an engineer in charge of a large foundry. During a recent evangelistic campaign, the Ralph Nelsons stayed in their home and visited the foundry. "Christian Hidalgo's testimony in the factory and his leadership at the Baptist preaching point are impressive," say the Nelsons.

These persons are examples of God's working in newly established

preaching points. Their enthusiasm for Christ has spilled over to the established churches, and new life is seen in them. "Even though the Baptist work has always been slow and difficult in this strongly Roman Catholic city of Bento Goncalves," writes Richard Kaiser, missionary, working at Bento Goncalves and Vacaria, "God has shown evidences of his transforming power."

Jose Carlos, his wife, and four children recently joined the Baptist church in Bento Goncalves. Jose manages a sporting goods factory. By Brazilian standards, he is very well-off financially.

"It is a joy to see this family's availability to God and his work, something that has been generally lacking in our church," states Richard Kaiser, missionary.

Another family in the church also has four children. They live in a wood shack without running water or lights, an hour's walk to church. The father, Waldir, cares for a vineyard. He gets paid once a year at harvest time. His wife helps out by weaving chair seats. But even in these conditions, they have

found satisfaction in Christ. Waldir is available to share his faith daily; even though it means criticism from family members.

Truly "this is Brazil's time"—a time of God's working in individuals' lives and through his church.

## 80,000 Persons Hear Personal Witness of Christ

"Through the 'Good News Brazil' Crusade in the State of Rio Grande do Sul, about 80,000 persons received the 'Good News Brazil' tract and heard a Christian's personal testimony," reports the Rev. Richard Rabenhorst, field secretary in Brazil.

Murrey Rabenhorst, son of Dick and Beth Rabenhorst, shared the tract and his personal testimony of conversion with Jorge, a boy about his age. Jorge accepted Murrey's invitation to attend church where Jorge made his decision for Christ.

In the bus depot in Rio de Janeiro, Beth Rabenhorst led a teenage girl to Christ through using the tract and giving her personal testimony.

Person-to-person witnessing is yielding results.

This is Brazil's  
time . . . Pray

A new Seminary to train pastors for Baptist churches in Rio Grande do Sul began in March 1981, with an enrollment of 10. Richard Rabenhorst, a North American Baptist missionary, teaches there. North American Baptists also provide financial help for operating expenses, books, and equipment for the Rio Grande do Sul Baptist Theological Seminary.



### This Is the Time—Remember Brazil!

Missionaries Richard Rabenhorst, Richard Kaiser, and Ralph Nelson share prayer goals to help you intercede for our mission work in Brazil.

*Pray for opportunities of daily sharing the Gospel as part of the "Good News Brazil" Crusade and that individuals may decide for Jesus Christ.*

*Pray that God will continue to raise up consecrated leadership among the men in our churches in Brazil.*

*Pray for the churches of the Northeastern Association: Caxias do Sul, Bento Gonçalves, and Farroupilha. Two of these are struggling for existence and in need of full-time Brazilian pastors.*

*Pray that a new church may be started in the Northeastern Association.*

*Pray for the church extension projects in the state of Rio Grande do Sul, and, particularly, for the work in the city of Vacaria which started in December 1979.*

*Pray that two more Brazilian missionary couples will be available by the end of 1981 to begin the last of the eight church extension projects during the three-year period.*

*Pray for the faculty and students at the new Seminary.*

*Pray that permanent visas will again be granted to new missionaries. Presently the government is granting only two-year visas to new missionaries.*

*Pray that in the near future more missionaries will be sent as*

our last new couple was appointed almost four years ago.

*Thank God for the opportunity of expansion into the adjoining State of Santa Catarina. Upon invitation from Brazilian Baptists, Ralph and Martha Nelson have been working in Florianopolis since March 1981.*

*Thank God for the Pan American Christian Academy and for its excellent Christian testimony and academic standards. Eugene and Michael Nelson and other missionary children are privileged to attend this school.*

*Materials taken from reports by the Rev. Richard Rabenhorst, the Rev. Richard H. Kaiser and the Rev. Ralph R. Nelson.*

## Cameroon—Working and Witnessing



Surgery at Banso  
Baptist Hospital

more important than the actual health care delivered at the hospital.

Providing an evangelical Christian witness in this community through the activities of the chaplain, staff, and missionaries rounds out the mission of the hospital.

Changes have come to Banso Baptist Hospital to improve our ministry. After beginning the year with a single doctor, staffing was increased to three full-time doctors during the last six months of the year. The addition of a hospital administrator has greatly improved the management of the hospital. A Cameroonian Assistant Director of Nursing Services was trained and has been very helpful in the nursing administration office. The eye work continues to progress with the training of an eye screener, and the establishment of an eye room in the Out Patient Department. A blood bank has been functioning for several months, easing the problem of lack of blood for transfusions. The private ward area was re-modeled to allow space for an administrative area. Work on the long-awaited airstrip was completed in the spring of 1981 which allows use of the Mission Aviation Fellowship plane.

Many problems are still faced by the hospital. One of the most pressing is in the area of finance. Increasing costs from rising drug, supply, and personnel costs necessitated a 25 percent increase in hospital fees during the latter part of the year. Unfortunately the incomes of our patients do not keep pace with world inflation. One wonders how many people will not come for treatment because of the increased cost. One of our priorities must be to find ways to provide quality medical care at low cost.

### Ministry of Banso Hospital Extends into Many Areas

The ministry of a hospital extends into many areas. The healing ministry is our most obvious function. Figures, however, are not able to share the human side of the hospital—the joy of recovery from a

*Dr. Dennis Palmer, Banso Baptist Hospital*

major illness, or the sorrow that comes—all too often—from the death of a patient.

Teaching is also an integral part of this ministry. The impact from this area is more difficult to evaluate: the impact on future doctors, nurses, and midwives. Perhaps, in the long run, this is

## Working and Witnessing Through Medical Work



Dr. Jerry Fluth, assisted by Pat Lenz, makes new legs for an amputee at Mbingo Baptist Hospital.



Through the ministry of hospital chaplains, all patients hear the Gospel. Many have accepted Christ as Savior. The chaplains also conduct Sunday evening services in the hospital chapels.

## His Mercies New Every Morning at Mbingo Hospital

Sometimes, we feel a little fatalistic like King Solomon: "What has been is what will be . . . and there is nothing new under the sun." No lack of patients and work, shortage of staff, continuing inflation, deficits, and a few labor palavers all seem to lend credence to Solomon's lament—which Satan is pleased to have us accept.

*Dr. Jerome C. Fluth, Mbingo Baptist Hospital*

But, reflecting on the past year in a more Spirit-prompted optimistic mood would reveal that there is change, and *new* things do happen:

Like a totally *new* counselling internship program in cooperation with the Cameroon Baptist Theological College. The intern, the chaplain, and I learned so much. Several patients were healed more fully than they could have been before.

Like the *new* birth in dozens of patients.

Like Spiritual Emphasis Days when Rev. Nteff and Rev. Ngum challenged us to *new* levels of commitment.

Like a *new* Cameroonian Assistant Director of Nursing Services, who is doing a great job. We are continuing to work toward Cameroonization of more medical positions.

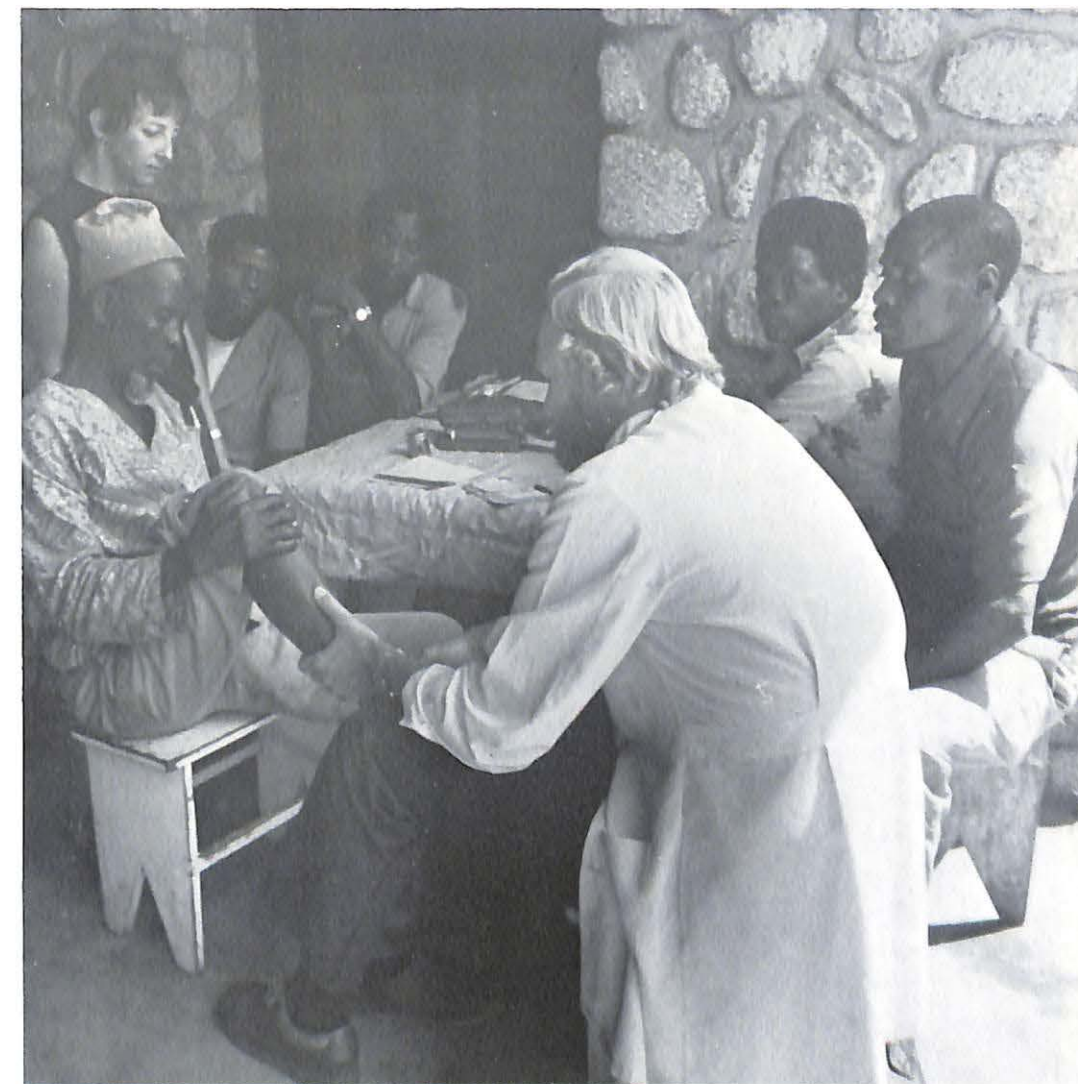
Like the gift of a *new* Unimog (a Mercedes cross between a tractor and a small dump truck) through a Swiss Leprosy Relief Organization (ALES).

We express our sincere thanks to everyone who makes it possible for our leprosy and general hospitals to continue serving, witnessing, and experiencing new joys and troubles. Above all, praise be to God whose mercies are *new* every morning.

Health Worker doing a finger prick.



## Working and Witnessing Through Medical Work



Dr. Dennis Palmer and Miss Daphne Dunger teach village health workers in the Life Abundant Program, begun in 1980 by the C.B.C. Medical Authority. This provides primary health care and health education in outlying areas. Each village "post" has a local guiding committee and two village health workers.

These workers undergo five weeks of classes and two weeks of practical field work as basic training. Then villages purchase a basic supply of medicines to be distributed by the workers. They also conduct measles and D.P.T. clinics.

## Working and Witnessing Through Evangelism and Outreach



Eleanor Weisenburger teaches a Theological Education by Extension course to nursing staff at Banso Baptist Hospital.



Under the leadership of Miss Berneice Westerman, missionaries and Cameroonians write materials for pastors' wives, for men's work, for children's New Life Clubs, and Bible Conferences. Then courses on the use of the literature are held.

## Medical Facilities

Two major construction projects are in progress. Work on the Mbem Baptist Health Centre expansion began with the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Berndt Lemke and children in September 1980. The project is funded by grants from Bread for the World and the Baptist World Alliance.

In February 1981, Mr. Darrel Schuh and his family began constructing a dispensary building and staff houses for the Nkwen Baptist Dispensary at the Baptist Centre, Nkwen. This Laymen-in-Action project is an example of North American Baptists with specific technical skills coming to Cameroon for special assignments.



## Working and Witnessing Through Theological Education

Working with students' wives at Cameroon Baptist Theological College, Ndu, Tina Schmidt teaches reading, sewing and Bible.

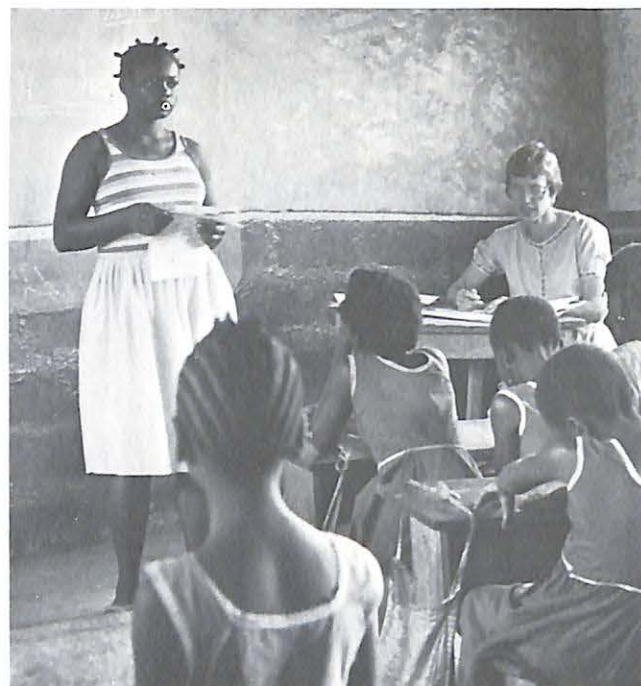
Within the Convention the women are actively working toward the establishment of home economics facilities and courses.



In 1980, the school opened for its thirty-third year of training Christian leaders with an enrollment of 52 men. In addition, 15 students' wives enrolled in the women's department.

Here a student is pictured with his family in a married couples' housing unit.

Children's New Life Clubs and 3-H Girls groups continue to grow. Margaret Fomiye and Pat Meinerts teach 3-H girls at Bamenda.



## Baptist Schools Make Impact on Students' Lives

"570 teachers in Cameroon Baptist Convention primary and secondary schools instruct more than 24,500 students with the Word of God at least five times a week," says Rev. E. W. Yongkuma, Cameroon Baptist Convention Education Authority secretary.

"Schools are staffed with Christian principals and teachers so they can be instrumental in leading the students to the saving knowledge of Christ by their teaching and personal lives," continues Yongkuma.

Each school has a chaplain who coordinates the school's religious program, which includes annual Spiritual Emphasis Days.

"We have found Spiritual Emphasis Days in our primary schools to be one of the most effective ways of winning youth to Christ," says Yongkuma. "The pastors in the local Baptist churches who take part in the Spiritual Emphasis Days follow-up the children who make professions of faith in Christ as Savior."

There are four Cameroon Baptist Convention secondary schools:



Saker Baptist College, Victoria (335 students); Baptist Boys' Secondary School, Soppo, (470 students); Kom Baptist Technical College, Njinikijem, (197 students), and Joseph Merrick Baptist College, Ndu, (280 students).

The greatest problem in the schools is staffing; there is need for trained Christian teachers. In 1970 there were 28 North American Baptist missionaries teaching in the secondary schools; in 1981 there are five.

## Working and Witnessing Through Education

A short-term missionary, Karin Haas, teaches typing to a class of students with only two typewriters.

Mr. Tayui encourages North American Baptist men and women to accept the challenge of teaching in Cameroon. "Along with the fine examples of the missionaries are, also, a good number of responsible Cameroonians who have really demonstrated their faithfulness and devotedness. We are thankful to God for them. The selection of tutors is important and needs the concern of both the North American Baptist Conference and the Cameroon Baptist Convention.

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## DANKET DEM HERRN!

David singt: "Ich danke dem Herrn von ganzem Herzen und erzähle alle deine Wunder" (Ps. 9,2). Wieviel Dankbarkeit bringen wir zum Ausdruck?

Viele haben am vorjaehrigen Danksagungstag zum letzten Mal ihre Dankbarkeit bekundet. Seitdem haben sie nicht mehr gedankt; sie klagen; sie finden nichts, wofuer sie dankbar sein koennten.

Letzten Sommer mussten viele Bauern mit ansehen, wie ihre Weizenernte vertrocknete, wie ihre Huehner tot umfielen, wie das Vieh verkauft werden musste, bevor es marktfertig war — alles der aussergewoehnlichen Hitze wegen. Andere befanden sich in einer Gegend, die verwuestet und unter Vulkanasche begraben wurde. Wie koennen diese Menschen dem Herrn danken?

Wieder andere haben ihre Arbeit oder ihren Betrieb verloren. Manche Pensionaere stellten fest, dass sie der hohen Benzinkosten wegen nicht mehr reisen koennen. Manche haben ihre Gesundheit verloren — oder einen ihrer Lieben — oder einen Freund. Sie sind nun allein. Manche graemen sich wegen eines Kindes, dass seinen eigenen Weg gegangen ist — dem Wunsch der Eltern entgegen.

Einer dieser Gruende genuegt oft, um uns vom Danken abzuhalten. Hiob jedoch, ein Mann des Glaubens, stand vielen dieser Dinge auf einmal gegenueber. Und doch ruft er aus: "Der Herr hat's gegeben, der Herr hat's genommen; der Name des Herrn sei gelobt!" (Hiob 1,21).

Oft sind unerkannte Segnungen in den Dingen die uns befallen — Segnungen, die wir nicht sehen und verstehen moegen. Gott geht seltsame Wege mit uns. Er fuehrt uns nicht immer auf dem Pfad, den wir gewaehlt haben. Bedeutet das Unglueck — oder fuer uns Glaebige Gottes allmaechtige Vorsehung, seine Segnung, fuer die wir, wenn unsere Augen geoeffnet wuerden, danken muessten?

Wir haben viel, wofuer wir dankbar sein koennen, aber vor allem fuer geistliche Segnungen in Jesus Christus — stetig und unveraenderlich.

Ihr habt diese Dankbarkeit durch Eure Opfer fuer den Herrn bezeugt. Immer wieder erhalten wir Briefe von den Einheimischen auf unseren Missionsfeldern, in denen sie Euch — den Nordamerikanischen Baptisten — dafuer danken, dass ihr Missionare mit der Frohen Botschaft zu ihnen gesandt habt. Wir erhalten Briefe von Predigern in der Neulandmission, die sich fuer Eure Hilfe beim Aufbau der Gemeinden bedanken. Briefe gehen ein von Studenten unseres Colleges und Seminars, die sich fuer die ausgezeichnete Ausbildung bedanken, die sie erhalten, weil Ihr geopfert und gebetet habt.

Wir danken Gott fuer die Missionsarbeit, die er uns anvertraut hat, und fuer alle Segnungen, und dafuer, dass er durch Euch gearbeitet hat. Ich danke Gott fuer einen jeden von Euch.

Dr. John Binder, Exekutiv Direktor  
[uebersetzt von Ilse Mollenhauer]

# Nuechterne Gedanken zum Erntedankfest

von Siegfried Schuster

“Halleluja!  
Danket dem Herrn; denn er ist freundlich,  
und seine Guete waehret ewiglich” (Ps. 106,1).

Wer hat nicht als Kind dieses Tischgebet gelernt? Wir haben es wohl ueber die Jahre so oft ausgesprochen, ohne dabei den Hintergrund dieser Schriftstelle zu bedenken. Aber irgendwie haengt das Danken doch mit dem Denken zusammen. Schon als Kinder mussten wir immer wieder zum Danken ermahnt werden. Wie oft musste die Mutter sagen: “Na, was sagt man da ...?” Oder: “Wie heisst das schoen ...?” Trotz haeufiger Ermahnungen seitens der Eltern haben wir doch viel zu leicht vergessen uns zu bedanken, wenn wir etwas geschenkt bekamen, oder wenn uns jemand eine freudige Ueberraschung bereitete. Es war so leicht, dies alles als ganz selbstverstaendlich hinzunehmen.

Meine Mutter erzaehte oeffter eine kleine Episode aus dem Leben meines aelteren Bruders, die uns als Beispiel dienen sollte. Anscheinend war unsere Familie zu Besuch bei Verwandten auf dem Bauernhof in Schwaben. Nach dem Essen sollte sich mein Bruder hoeftlich fuer die gute Mahlzeit bedanken. Er weigerte sich aber entschlossen mit der Erklarung: “Ich brauch doch net dankschoen sagen. Ich bin doch auch a Schuster!” Damit drueckte er auf kindliche Weise aus, was wir als Erwachsene oft stillschweigend als selbstverstaendlich in Kauf nehmen. Selbst als Glaebige erwarten wir oft selbstverstaendlich, dass uns der Segen Gottes zusteht, weil wir eben auch zu seiner Familie gehoehren. Wie oft bedenken wir aber dabei, dass es doch immer wieder neue Gnade Gottes ist, wenn wir im Leben gesegnet werden? Das Beispiel der Israeliter kann uns dabei zur Lehre dienen, indem wir hier die menschliche Tendenz ganz sichtbar vor Augen gefuehrt bekommen. Das Tischgebet, das wir so oft im Leben wiederholt haben, kann uns eine Ermahnung werden, besonders wenn wir dabei den ganzen biblischen Zusammenhang lesen, und vielleicht noch besser in dem geschichtlichen Zusammenhang mit 5. Mose 6 betrachten. Denn zwischen diesen beiden Schriftstellen besteht zumindest eine thematische Verbindung, die wir nicht vergessen sollten.

In 5. Mose 6 ermahnte Mose das Volk Gottes, dass sie sich auf die neue Zeit vorbereiten sollten. Die Israeliter naeherten sich zu der Zeit dem Ende ihrer vierzigjaehrigen Wuestenwanderung. Moses wusste, dass ihm nur noch wenig Zeit blieb, und dass sein Volk vor einem neuen Zeitabschnitt stand. Sobald sie im Gehorsam auf Gottes Befehl das verheissene Land in Besitz nehmen wuerden, stand ihnen eine ganz grosse Umstellung bevor. Koennen wir uns

diese Umstellung vorstellen? ... Diese Israeliter, die waehrend der letzten vierzig Jahren als Nomaden in der Wueste ziellos hin- und hergezogen waren, bis die ganze ungehorsame Generation ausgestorben war .... Sie kannten nichts als Wuestensand, gelegentliche Wasserstellen, um die man mit rauberischen Banden kaempfen musste ... armselige Zelte und tragbare Haushaltsgeraete. Immer wieder mussten sie mit ihren Tieren weiter wandern in Suche nach Wasser und spaerlicher Vegetation. Es gab damals heisse Tage und oft kalte Naechte ... Wuestenstuerme ... und feindliche Nachbarstaemme, vor denen man sich in acht nehmen musste. Diesen Israelitern waren die folgenden Verheissungen Gottes gegeben:

“Wenn dich nun der Herr, dein Gott, in das Land bringen wird, das er deinen Vaetern Abraham, Isaak und Jakob geschworen hat dir zu geben, grosse und feine Staedte, die du nicht gebaut hast, Und Haeuser, alles Guts voll, die du nicht gefuellt hast, und ausgehauene Brunnen, die du nicht ausgehauen hast, und Weinberge und Oelberge, die du nicht gepflanzt hast, dass du essest und satt werdest” (5. Mose 6,10-11).

Wenn man diese Verheissungen im Lichte der nomadischen Armut betrachtet, dann sollte man doch gewiss denken, dass solch ueberraschender Reichtum ganz selbstverstaendlich zum Dank leiten muesste! Ganz sicher wuerden die Israeliter niemals vergessen, was der Herr grosses an ihnen getan hatte. Nie wieder wuerden sie von ihm abirren und sich vom falschen Glanz der Umwelt verblenden lassen, oder gar falschen Goettern dienen wollen! Der Beweiss seiner Guete und wunderbaren Fuersorge war doch zu gross .... Und doch fuehlte Moses es angebracht und sogar notwendig sein Volk vor der guten Zeit zu warnen, weil er eben die undankbare Natur seiner Mitmenschen nur allzu gut kannte. Deshalb fuhr er fort:

“So huete dich dass du nicht des Herrn vergessest, der dich aus Aegyptenland, aus dem Diensthaus, gefuehrt hat; Sondern du sollst den Herrn, deinen Gott fuerchten und ihm dienen und bei seinem Namen schw hoeren. Und sollst nicht andern Goettern nachfolgen der Voelker, die um euch her sind ...” (5. Mose 6,12-14).

Es scheint also, als ob es uns leichter faellt, Gott zu dienen und ihm fuer unser taegliches Brot zu danken, wenn es uns nicht ganz so gut geht! Auch als Christen ist es wohl so, dass wir die Armut geistlich gesehen besser verkraften koennen als den ploetzlichen Reichtum.

Wenn ich so zurueckdenke an die Zeit meiner Auswanderung .... Als ich damals als Einwanderer ankam, steckten all mein Hab und Gut in einer Kiste und einem Koffer. Dazu erhielt ich einen Umschlag mit zweolf



Minnie Kuhn berichtet im Missionskomitee in Oakbrook Terrace ueber ihre Arbeit

**D**ie Menschen in Nigerien sind sehr offen fuer das Evangelium! sagte unsere Missionarin, Minnie Kuhn, kurz nach ihrer Rueckkehr aus Afrika, als die Schriftleiterin Gelegenheit hatte, sich mit ihr zu unterhalten.

**Welche Eindruecke oder Erlebnisse draengen sich dir so kurz nach der Rueckkehr aus Nigerien auf?**

Wir haben aufgrund von Personal-mangel im verganenen Jahr sehr unter Druck gearbeitet. Es war darum ein schweres und manchmal entmutigendes Jahr fuer mich. Vielleicht sollte ich das jetzt nicht sagen, denn nachdem ich eine Weile zu Hause war, mag ich meine Meinung aendern.

**Welche Aufgaben hattest du in den letzten Jahren auf dem Missionsfeld?**

Nach meiner Ankunft arbeitete ich bis September 1979 im Regierungs-krankenhaus in Warwar. Das Krankenhaus wurde von unserer Mission gebaut und spaeter von der Regierung uebernommen. Waehrend ich dort als Krankenschwester arbeitete, war ich auch fuer die Evangelisation verantwortlich. Spaeter uebernahm ich vollamtlich die Evangelisationsarbeit. Nebenbei unterrichtete ich wegen Lehrermangel auch noch in der Bibelschule und half bei theologischen Fortbildungskursen.

**Nehmen die Menschen in Nigerien immer noch das Evangelium von den Missionaren an?**

O ja, sie sind sehr offen fuer die Verkuendigung des Evangeliums

## Unsere Aufgabe ist nicht vollendet!

durch Missionare. Rev. Peter Schroeder war Gastredner auf unserer Gebietskonferenz, bei der die Gemeinden aus unserer Umgebung zusammenkommen. Durch seine Wortverkuendigung kam es zu 40 Bekehrungen und 65 Neuweihen. Die einheimischen Leiter wuerden es sehr gern sehen, wenn wir uns mehr an der lokalen Evangelisationsarbeit beteiligen wuerden. Wir tragen die Hauptverantwortung in der Schulung

zum Grenzschutzposten. Nachdem wir abgefertigt waren, fragten die Soldaten, ob wir etwas fuer sie zu lesen haetten. Ich hatte zufaellig ein Traktat in meiner Handtasche, das wir fuer unsere “Gospel Teams” gebrauchen. Es beschreibt den Erloesungsplan anhand von Bildern und Texten. Die Burschen zankten sich beinahe darum, denn jeder wollte es haben. Auch mehrere Reisende, die mit uns zusammen ankamen, haetten



Als verantwortliche Missionarin fuer die Evangelisationsarbeit in Nigerien arbeitet Minnie Kuhn zusammen mit den Leitern der Gemeinden.

und Ausbildung, aber sie wuerden es sehr begruessen, wenn wir auch an der eigentlichen Evangelisation beteiligt waeren. Dabei muessen wir als Missionare allerdings etwas vorsichtig sein, denn die Religionsgesetze verbieten es uns, die eingezaeunten Grundstuecke zu betreten, es sei denn, man laedt uns ein. Es bietet sich aber reichlich Gelegenheit, Schriften zu verteilen. Wir werden beinahe ueberall, wo wir uns bewegen, gefragt: “Hast du ein Buch fuer mich, oder sonst irgendetwas zu lesen?” Das Verteilen von Schriften bietet uns eine gute Missionsmoeglichkeit. Ein Vorrat von guten Traktaten wuerde uns dabei sehr helfen. Amerikanische Traktate sind jedoch nicht immer geeignet. Es sollten gute, einfache Traktate sein, oder aber auch Traktate, die nur einige Schriftverse enthalten.

Auf dem Weg zu unserer Missionskonferenz in Bamenda kamen wir

gern das Traktat gehabt. Wir verpassen vielleicht die besten Gelegenheiten, wenn wir in einer solchen Lage nicht vorbereitet sind.

**Wie koennen wir dabei helfen?**

Eine Gemeinde in Edmonton schickte mir eine Auswahl von Traktaten, von denen ich die geeigneten bestellen konnte. Ich wuerde z.B. vorschlagen, dass unsere Frauengruppen gute, einfache Traktate, die den Erloesungsplan in drei oder vier Punkten darlegen, besorgen und sie in ihren Karten oder Briefen an uns beilegen. Wir koennen sie bei uns haben und, wenn sich eine Gelegenheit bietet, verteilen. Dies ist ein Dienst, den manche Gruppen tun koenntnen.

**Minnie magst du das afrikanische Essen?**

Ich mag eigentlich so ziehlich alle afrikanischen Gerichte. Einmal haben wir uns jedoch koestlich

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# Die Seite der Frau

Im Oktober feiern wir traditionell in unseren deutschen Gemeinden das Erntedankfest. Dies Erntedankfest wird mit Liedern des Dankes, Predigten, Opfern gefeiert. Heute moechte ich, dass wir in diesem Monat des Dankens unsere Gedanken zu dem 9. und 10. Gebot wenden und somit einen Schritt weiter gehen. Wir sollen naehmlich nicht nur dankbar sein fuer das, was Gott uns gibt, sondern wir sollen nicht gegehren, was uns nicht gehoert.

## “Du sollst nicht begehren...”

von Eva Helwing

Lass mich mit Freuden ohn' alles Neiden sehen den Segen, den du wirst legen in meines Brueders und Naechsten Haus. Geiziges Brennen unchristliches Rennen nach Gut und Suende— das tilge geschwinde von meinem Herzen und wirf es hinaus.

Paul Gerhard verstand es in diesem Vers den zwei negativen Zuegen unseres Wesens dem “Neid” und dem “Habenwollen” in einer befreienden Art Ausdruck zu geben. Wenn ich den Unterhaltungen von Schwestern zuhoere, meine ich fast, dass wir Frauen in besonderer Weise mit diesen negativen Zuegen zu kaempfen haben.

Nicht jedes Begehren ist verwerflich. Kinder duerfen begehrende Haende zu ihren Eltern ausstrecken. Wir Glaeubige sollen ja auch unsere Haende zum himmlischen Vater hinstrecken. Berufsziele koennen und sollen wir begehren. Was waere der Mensch, der sich keine Ziele fuer sein Leben steckte? Wir sind keine willenlosen Christen die von Schicksal geschoben werden.

Nur eines sollen wir nicht

begehren: des Naechsten Eigentum. Gott geht hier noch einen Schritt weiter; er will nicht nur, dass wir des Naechsten Eigentum nicht stehlen, sondern wir sollen in unserem Herzen die Grenze zwischen mein und dein anerkennen. Mit anderen Worten, wir sollen nicht begehren, nicht neidisch sein.

Wir sollten wirklich nicht meinen, ueber der Nachbarin Haus schiene die Sonne laenger, und sie habe es leichter mit ihrer Arbeit, ihr Mann verdiene sein Geld leichter, und die Sorgen der Familie seien geringer und ihr Glueck groesser. Neid zersetzt jede menschliche Gemeinschaft. Neid macht uns haesslich und ungeniessbar. Neid waechst auf dem Boden falchen Begehrens, welches unsere Unzufriedenheit und Undankbarkeit verreaet.

Was wollen wir eigentlich? Unser “Habenwollen” bedeutet vielfach folgendes:

1. Ansehen von anderen
2. wirtschaftliche Sicherheit
3. hoeheren Lebensstandard
4. moeglichst viel Genuss

Wir meinen heute einen Anspruch auf vieles zu haben, woran wir vor 30 Jahren mit keinem Gedanken gedacht haetten. Damals hofften wir auf “Freiheit” und das “taegliche Brot” und heute? “Ich muss unbedingt haben!” Wirklich? Ein Philosoph hat ueber den modernen Menschen

gesagt, er benehme sich genauso wie ein verwoehntes Kind (Ortega y Gasset).

Beide, der moderne Mensch und das verwoehnte Kind sind gewoehnt, dass ihnen alle Wuensche erfuehlt werden. Kaum hat irgendein Schaufenster oder ein Katalog irgendeinen neuen Wunsch geweckt, so muss man es schon haben. Man sagt zu sich selbst wie eine weichliche Mama: “Natuerlich, mein Liebling, du sollst es haben. Ich sehe ein, es ist wirklich notwendig. Morgen, oder wenn es garnicht anders geht, uebermorgen...”

Falsches Begehren hat schon ganze Familien zerstoert und ihr Zusammenleben unmoeglich gemacht. Neid hat schon Freundschaften, Gemeinden zerstoert. Ein Mensch, der vom Neid getrieben wird, tut nicht nur anderen, sondern besonders sich selbst Schaden, denn diese Gefuehle des Neides koennen zu physischen und psychologischen Problemen fuehren.

Unser Leben als Geschoepfe Gottes steht auch heute noch unter seinen Geboten, die der Herr nie und nimmer aufgibt, auch wenn manches verwoehnte Kind an dieser Festigkeit zerbricht. “Du sollst nicht begehren... deines Naechsten Haus (9. Gebot), deines Naechsten Weib, Knecht,

Magd, Vieh oder alles, was sein ist (10. Gebot). Er stellt unser “Habenwollen” von der Ewigkeit her in Frage. Er gibt uns sein Wort, dessen Schaerfe zwar schmerzt, aber unserem Menschsein vor Gott ungemein gut tut.

Er sagt: “Huetet euch vor dem Geiz: denn niemand lebt davon, dass er viele Gueter hat” (Lukas 12,15). Er sagt: So wie ich euch meinen Sohn geschenkt habe, so sollt ihr darauf achten, dass all euer Tun auf das Schenken gerichtet ist. Die Folge des Habenwollens ist nur eins: Selbsttaeuschung, die bis in die Ewigkeit reicht: “Aber Gott sprach zu ihm: Du Narr! Diese Nacht wird man deine Seele von dir fordern; und wes wird's sein, das du bereitet hast?” (Lukas 12,20).

Was schaffen wir uns Unheil und Verdross mit Wuenschen die sich meist am Rande der finanziellen Moeglichkeiten oder darueber hinaus bewegen. Wie ganz anders ist es, wenn unser Begehren auf das lohnende Ziel ausgerichtet ist: “Trachtet am ersten nach dem Reiche Gottes und nach seiner Gerechtigkeit, so wird euch solches alles zufallen” (Matth. 6,33). So werden andere Werte vor uns ausgebreitet, die einen bleibenden Gewinn haben. □



Wir haschen wie kleine Kinder nach Gaben, die eitel Tand und Spielzeug sind, und unsere Gedanken flattern im Wind wie die bunten Voegel launischer Knaben. Und all die leuchtenden, bunten Schaetze, und all unser eigenes Denken verrinnt. Nichts bleibt, wovon unsere Seele gewinnt, daran sie sich zeitlich und ewig ergoetze, als einzig das, was mit Gott uns verbindet; das Wort des Herrn, das ewig bleibt, der heilige Geist, der zum Vater treibt, das Blut Jesu Christi, das die Welt ueberwindet.

Edith Frehse

## Frauendienst in der Gemeinde

von Britta Hildebrandt

Die Rolle der Frau ist in unserer heutigen Zeit eine viel diskutierte Angelegenheit. Unsere Aufgabe als Frau besteht darin, eine Gehilfin fuer den Mann zu sein. Obwohl Mann und Frau sich in ihrem Wesen unterscheiden, ergaenzen sie sich gleichzeitig. Daraus duerfen wir schliessen, dass gegenseitige Achtung und Respekt Voraussetzungen sind fuer eine gute Zusammenarbeit im alltaeglichen Leben und in der Gemeindearbeit.

### Arbeitszweig der Gemeinde

Als Frauengruppe sind wir nicht die Gemeinde, wir sind ein Teil der Gemeinde. Als Frauen duerfen wir die Gemeinde beeinflussen zum Guten, aber wir sollen nicht herrschen. Unsere Hauptaufgabe als Schwestern in der Gemeinde ist es, nicht muede zu werden Gutes zu tun, uns da einspannen zu lassen, wo wir gebraucht werden, und helfend mit Hand anzulegen, wo es noetig ist. Jede Schwester wird auf die eine oder die andere Weise gebraucht. Wir muessen nur offen sein, uns vom Herrn gebrauchen zu lassen. Man koennte sagen, dass jeder Dienst in der Gemeinde und an meinen Naechsten ein Geschenk fuer Jesus ist,



ein Dankeschoen fuer die Liebe, Treue und Geduld mit welcher Jesus mich taeglich umgibt.

### Stellungnahme der Heiligen Schrift

Der Apostel Paulus gibt uns Frauen im Brief an Titus eine geistliche Ermahnung und zugleich eine ernste Ermunterung zum vorbildlichen Leben; dies ist nur eine von vielen Stellen.

Ebenso die aelteren Frauen sollen in ihrer Haltung priesterlich sein, nicht verleumderisch ueber andere reden, natuerlich nicht der Trunksucht ergeben, im Gegenteil Lehrerinnen in allem Guten sein. Sie sollen damit zugleich die juengeren Frauen anhalten, ihre Maenner und ihre Kinder liebzuhaben, damit sie besonnen und tuechtig sein sollen, sich auch gern ihren Maennern unterordnen, damit nur nicht ein Schatten auf das Wort Gottes faellt. Titus 2,3-5

### Ziele einer Frauengruppe

1. Gemeinschaft foerdern unter den Frauen der Gemeinde durch geistliche Erbauungstunden fuer alle Schwestern.
2. Unterstuetzung von Heimat- und Aussenmission.
3. Unterstuetzung in der lokalen Gemeinde. Fuer Frauen in unserer Zeit bieten sich manche Moeglichkeiten und Gelegenheiten, Dienste am Naechsten zu leisten. Deshalb lasst uns die Zeit aussnuetzen. Gutes zu tun an jedermann. Fuer mich ist es immer ein besonderes Vorrecht, fuer den Herrn zu arbeiten, denn man gewinnt dabei an dem inwendigen Menschen.

Britta Hildebrandt ist Predigersfrau in der Deutschen Zionsgemeinde, Edmonton, AB.

# Frage & Antwort

**Frage:** Wie sollen wir uns als Baptisten zur Taufe und Mitgliedschaft von Kindern stellen? I.M.

**Antwort:** Der weitere Wortlaut Ihrer Frage laesst erkennen, dass es Ihnen um etwas Konkretes geht: veröffentlichte Taufbilder in unserem Organ zeigen manchmal eine Schar von Kindern (Pastor im Hintergrund) die getauft worden sind. In Sachen 'Taufe und Mitgliedschaft' muessen wir biblisch vorangehen — unter Beruecksichtigung der baptistischen Taufpraxis.

Prinzipiell sieht es folgendermassen aus: Baptisten praktizieren keine Kindertaufe sondern nur eine Glaubentaufe; wobei zu bemerken ist, dass Kinder ohne weiteres glaeubig sein koennen. Ich moechte es gleich vorweg erwaehnen, es kann trotz aller Aufmerksamkeit hinsichtlich baptistischer Grundsaeetze, zu einer unweisen Taufpraxis kommen. Die Beteuerung, dass bestimmte Kinder glaeubig sind (woran, nebenbeigesagt, niemand zweifelt) ist in manchen Faellen nicht der springende Punkt. Es geht manchmal einfach darum, dass hinter den jugendlichen Täuflingen strebende oder gar ehrgeizige Eltern (Grosseltern) stehen, die es gerne sehen wuerden, wenn ihre Angehoerigen sich taufen liessen und so zur Gemeinde kaemen. Manchmal handelt es sich auch um ueberaus eifrige Pastoren, die das harmlose Verlangen ueberkommt, zu taufen. All' diesen und anderen Bestrebungen duerfen wir keinen Vorschub leisten! Die Frage, die ich zu beantworten suche, erkundigt sich nach unserem Standpunkt; wie sollen wir uns dazu stellen? Unsere Stellungnahme muss biblisch, vernuenftig und korrekt sein. Es sei nebenbei bemerkt, dass derartige Stellungnahmen uns nicht populaer machen.

Wenn es offensichtlich ist, dass Täuflinge im Kindesalter

*Biblische und theologische Fragen koennen direct an Rev. Peter Duncan, 4507 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago, IL 60630, gerichtet werden.*

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Dollar, die mir als Anfangshilfe von der Einwanderungsstelle gegeben wurden. Damit kam ich nach Winnipeg, wo ich in der Mietwohnung meines aelteren Bruders Aufnahme fand. Ich schlief damals im Wohnzimmer auf einem Rollbett, das tagsueber zusammengeklappt und mit einer Decke zugedeckt in die Ecke gestellt wurde, um etwas mehr Platz zu machen. Die Kueche hatte nur eine armselige Einrichtung, und das Wasser zum Kochen musste man nebenan im Badezimmer holen. Es gab nur drei alte Stuehle, einer davon ohne Lehne, sonst sassen wir auf Apfelkisten. Das Essen war oft recht aermlich, weil eben nicht immer Arbeit zu finden war. Dennoch kann ich mich kaum erinnern, dass wir je einen Sonntag ohne Gaeste waren. Meistens Neueinwanderer, die noch keine neue Heimat gefunden hatten. Sie wurden nach dem Gottesdienst auf's beste bewirtet und dann wieder in den Abendgottesdienst mitgenommen. Kein Wunder, dass damals viele zum Herrn fanden. Es war eine Zeit grosser Dankbarkeit, weil wir alle einen neuen Anfang machen durften. Man war dankbar auch fuer die kleinsten Hinweise der Liebe und Treue Gottes und teilte gern mit den Mitmenschen, die uns Gott in den Weg stellte.

Ich glaube, viele unserer Sendbotenleser koennen wohl auf aehnliche Erfahrungen zurueckblicken. Wie steht es aber jetzt? Jetzt, wo wir in unseren eigenen Haeusern wohnen

manipuliert werden—und den Sachverhalt nicht verstanden haben—dann gilt es, dieses zu erkennen und zu korrigieren. Die Taufe erreicht nur dann ihren biblischen Zweck, wenn der Täufling selbst getauft werden will, und nicht, wenn andere es gern sehen, wenn so-und-so getauft werden wuerde. Ich moechte hiermit nicht sagen, dass Personen, sagen wir unter dem zweoelften Lebensjahr, nicht getauft werden sollten; es kommt einfach auf den Sachverhalt und auf den Kandidaten an.

Ich schreibe aus jahrelanger Erfahrung und formuliere daher folgendermassen: wenn zu erkennen ist, dass angehende Täuflinge die Zusammenhaenge bezueglich der Taufe und Mitgliedschaft nicht erfasst haben, dann gilt es zu warten. Die Taufe bzw. Mitgliedschaft entscheidet ja nicht zwischen Heil oder Unheil (Gerettetsein oder Verlorengehen), sondern sie ist ein Gehorsamsschritt. —

Mit diesen Worten wende ich mich an ein Gemeindemitglied; ich moechte meinen Kollegen im Dienst keine Vorschriften machen, wann oder wen sie taufen sollen. Derartige Fragen muessen im Rahmen der Ortsgemeinde entschieden werden.

**Frage:** Pastor Duncan, was haelst Du von Krankenheilungen? Kevin V.

**Antwort:** Allgemeingestellte Fragen beantworte ich in allgemeiner Hinsicht; waere die Frage genauer gestellt, haette ich sie eingehender beantworten koennen. Was ich von Krankenheilungen halte? Ziemlich viel! Leider werden aber nicht alle Kranken gesund. Es liegt auch garnicht im Bereich unserer Erwartungen, dass alle Kranken gesund werden. Sollte es aber tatsaechlich zu einer Heilung kommen, dann bin ich dafuer. Kevin, unterseide bitte zwischen einer vorlaeufigen Besserung und einer Heilung. Ein Krankheitszustand ist eine hoechst individuelle Angelegenheit und kann daher nicht allgemein beantwortet werden. —PD

und vielleicht selbst noch ein oder zwei Haeuser vermieten ... Jetzt, wo wir nicht nur ein, sondern vielleicht zwei oder drei Autos besitzen ... Jetzt, wo wir eine sichere Stellung haben ... uns grosse Reisen leisten koennen ... Ein Wochenendhaus am See oder einen Reisewohnwagen besitzen ... Sind wir noch genau so dankbar wie damals? Sind wir dankbarer geworden? Sind wir immer noch so gastfreundlich, ganz gleich, ob die anderen uns das wieder vergelten koennen? Ist unser Heim immer noch eine Staette der Mission, in der wir versuchen, Menschen zum Heiland zu bringen? Wie steht es mit unserer Opferbereitschaft in Bezug auf Geld, Zeit und Einsatzbereitschaft zur Mitarbeit?

Dies sind nuechterne Fragen, die in dieser Erntedankzeit ganz einfach eine Antwort verlangen! Vom Volk Israel lernen wir, dass es durchaus moeglich ist, die Guete Gottes zu verkennen, und die Gnade Gottes zu missbrauchen. Dadurch laden wir seinen Zorn auf uns, und sein Segen bleibt aus. Es ist sogar moeglich, dass wir soviel materielle Gueter ansammeln, dass es uns am Ende davor eckelt! (Siehe Ps. 106,15) So soll es aber im Christenleben nicht sein. Deshalb endet der Psalmist diesen Psalm mit der innbruenstigen Bitte, "Hilf uns, Herr, unser Gott, und bringe uns zusammen aus den Heiden, dass wir danken deinem heiligen Namen und ruehmen dein Lob. Gelobet sei der Herr, der Gott Israels von Ewigkeit zu Ewigkeit, und alles Volk spreche: Amen, halleluja!" (Ps. 106,47-48).

# Aus Gemeinde und Gemeinschaft

**BROOKFIELD, WI** — Ridgewood-Gemeinde. Die Saenger der drei Gemeinden (Center, Milwaukee, Missionsgemeinde, Chicago und Ridgewood, Brookfield) versammelten sich am Sonntagnachmittag, dem 31. Mai d.J. in unserer Kirche zu einem Gesangsgottesdienst.

Die deutschen vereinigten Gemeinde-Choere brachten drei Lieder: "Ambrosianischer Lobgesang" v. Gebhard, "Die Himmel erzaehlen die Ehre Gottes" aus der Schoepfung v. Jos. Haydn und "Das Lied des Lammes" v. E. Ruh.

Die englischen vereinigten Gemeinde-Choere sangen: "Our Father" von A. H. Malotte und den "Hallelujah"-Chor v. G. Haendel.

Pred. Klaus Joujan beteiligte sich mit dem Solo: "Amazing Grace". Der Maennerchor der Ridgewood-Gemeinde ermunterte mit dem Liede: "Auf, ihr Brueder" v. Bader zum

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amuesiert, als wir mit ungefaehr 500 Frauen an einer Frauenkonferenz teilnahmen. Einige der leitenden Schwestern, Barbara Kieper und ich schliefen in der Kirche. Etwa 15 von uns waren im Predigerhaus eingeladen, wo es "Fufu" (Maisbrai) gab und eine grosse Schuessel mit "Suppe", was wir wohl Fleischsosse nennen wuerden. Wir hatten Leber



Nigerischer Junge mit Yam Blatt.



Lobe Gottes und einem frohen Dienst fuer den Herrn.

Pred. Peter Duncan, Chicago, sprach ueber die *Gemeinschaft* (Apg. 2,42-47).

Nicht nur die Mitglieder unserer Gemeinde, sondern auch die vielen Gaeste und Freunde erfreuten sich an den musikalischen Darbietungen. Wir waren etwa. 500 Personen versammelt.

Nach dem Gottesdienst hatten alle

Anwesenden Gelegenheit bei Kaffee und Kuchen ihre persoelichen Kontakte aufzunehmen.

Wir sind fuer diese Moeglichkeit, uns an dem schoenen Liedergut zu erfreuen, sehr dankbar. Lobenswert ist es, dass die Saenger den guten Willen zeigten und ihre Zeit nicht sparten, diese Lieder einzueben.

Gott wird gelobt und unser Glauben gestaerkt! (Gertrud Treichel)

**Du hast seit 1952 als Missionarin in Kamerun und Nigerien gelebt; fuehlst du dich eigentlich in deinem Heimatland Kanada oder drueben in Afrika mehr zu Hause?**

Das ist schwer zu beantworten (meinte Minnie lachend). Es kam mir neulich, als ich fuer meine Rueckkehr packte, ploetzlich in den Sinn, dass ich wahrscheinlich laenger in Afrika als in Kanada gelebt habe. Afrika hat sich aber so sehr veraendert, und es besteht kein so sehr grosser Unterschied mehr zwischen dem Leben dort und hier. Die Menschen sind materialistisch eingestellt, sie haben nette Haeuser, und auch die Verhaeltnisse bessern sich.

**Hast du besondere Plaene fuer dein Urlaubsjahr?**

Abgesehen von den Gemeindebesuchen habe ich noch keine bestimmten Plaene. Zuerst einmal werde ich nach diesem schweren Jahr etwas reisen. Ich hoffe sehr, dass wir noch ein weiteres Missionarsehepaar fuer Nigerien bekommen. Ich weiss, dass es junge Leute in unseren Gemeinden gibt, die an dieser Arbeit interessiert sind. Wir muessen sie nur finden und das Geld fuer weitere Missionare aufbringen. □

erwartet, die es gewoehnlich fuer Gaeste gibt, und die sehr gut zubereitet ist. Aber...es war Kuhmagen, und er schien noch etwas sandig zu sein. Wir sahen das Essen an, schauten einander an, und beschlossen schliesslich, ein Stueck herauszufischen. Als die afrikanischen Frauen sahen, dass wir assen, fuehlten sie sich alle genoetigt, auch davon zu essen. Wir mussten aber alle so sehr ueber unsere enttaeuschten Gesichter lachen.

Ein andermal probierte ich Heusschrecken. Wir hatten zum ersten Mal, seit ich in Afrika war, eine Heuschreckenplage. Die Afrikaner gingen ganz frueh am Morgen hinaus und fingen die Heuschrecken koerbe-weise, solange sie noch still sassen. Dann wurden sie getrocknet und mit etwas Oel, Zwiebel und rotem Pfeffer zubereitet — sie schmeckten wirklich recht gut. Auch Termiten sind sehr gut gebraten — sie schmecken wie Speck. Einmal brachte mir aber jemand einen riesengrossen gruenen Heuhopfer, den ich dann doch nicht herunterkriegen konnte. Wir haben natuerlich auch sehr gutes Obst — Ananas, Guajaven, Mangopflaumen, Papayas und Bananen.

## Gib mir das Brot!

*Er sah mich an  
mit den Augen der Ewigkeitstiefe  
als ein Wissender:  
"Du wirst verhungern ohne mich,  
denn ich bin dein Brot".*

*Und als er mich ansah,  
stand in meiner Seele  
der Hunger auf und rief:  
"Gib mir das Brot!"*

*Ich aber ging hinweg zu den Andern  
und ass Erde. . .  
und nannte es Leben.  
Aber die Seele ward nicht stille in mir,  
soviel ich ihr befahl  
Und das Beste der Erde ihr brachte  
zu essen. . .*

*Nun komm ich wieder,  
Herr Jesus,  
und weiss, dass du recht geredet:  
Ich muss verhungern ohne dich,  
denn du bist Brot.*

Fritz Philippi, 1869-1932

## Nachrichten Aus Aller Welt

### "JAHRHUNDERT DER CHRISTENVERFOLGUNG"

Von einem "Jahrhundert der Christenverfolgung" sprach der Praesident von "Christian Solidarity International", der Schweizer Pfarrer Hansjuerg Stueckelberger, auf der Jahrestagung dieser Weltorganisation in Zuerich. Vor rund 40 Delegierten aus 14 Laendern stellte Stueckelberger fest, angesichts der wachsenden Ideologisierung der Welt sei eine weitere Eskalation zu erwarten. Mit der Verfolgung und Behinderung von Christen in totalitaeren Staaten werde eines der wesentlichsten Grundrechte gebrochen.

Wie aus einer Presseerklaerung hervorgeht, berichteten Experten vor der Jahresversammlung ueber die Unterdrueckung christlicher Minderheiten in verschiedenen Laendern der Welt. Dabei wurde auf die Leiden der koptischen Kirche in Aegypten, der armenischen und syrisch-orthodoxen Kirchen in der Tuerkei, der Protestanten und Katholiken in den baltischen Staaten sowie die Verfolgung afrikanischer und indischer Christen verwiesen. epd

### IM JAHRE 2000 SECHS MILLIARDEN MENSCHEN?

Die Weltbevoelkerung wird bei gleichbleibenden Bedingungen bis zum Jahr 2000 um 50 Prozent auf 6.3 Milliarden anwachsen. Zu diesem Ergebnis kommt die noch im Auftrag des fruheren U.S.-Praesidenten Carter erarbeitete Studie "Global 2000". In der Studie wird eine schnelle Verschlechterung der globalen Lebensqualitaet vorausgesagt, falls sich die Politik nicht aendert und der technologische Fortschritt unveraendert anhaltet.

Als eine Folge der wachsenden Ueberbevoelkerung stellen die Autoren den weltweiten Raubbau dar. Ein Beispiel dafuer sei die Zunahme des Wuestenguertels in der Sahelzone. Hier komme den Kirchen eine besondere, neue Verantwortung zu, meinte Hubert Weinzierl, stellvertretender Vorsitzender des Bundes fuer Umwelt- und Naturschutz. Wegen der raschen Zunahme der Weltbevoelkerung wuerden z. B. die tropischen Regenwaelder gepluendert, mit allen sich daraus ergebenden Konsequenzen. epd

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"Da die Regierungen in Osteuropa gesehen haben, dass sie mit der Existenz einer Kirche in ihren Staaten rechnen muessen, werden sie auch bereit, den Christen die Genehmigung zu geben, Bibeln zu drucken oder einzufuehren", aeusserte der Generalsekretaer des Weltbibelbundes, Ulrich Fick. So konnten beispielsweise 1979 in Leningrad 20 000 Bibeln gedruckt werden.

Rev. Samson Khama, C.B.C. executive secretary, and Rev. Ray Hoffman, evangelism secretary, discuss goals adopted by the C.B.C. for the next five years. The primary goal is to increase Convention membership by 15,000 by Dec. 31, 1985.



### Needs in Evangelism

The church ministries of the C.B. Convention need missionaries in the area of evangelism. At present, there are no full-time missionaries

serving as area coordinators. Two Cameroonian pastors have been appointed as area advisors, while all 16 fields do employ Cameroonian field pastors.



### Working and Witnessing Through Evangelism and Outreach

The Cameroon Baptist Convention supports mission work in Mamfe, Mamfe Overseide, and Ndian. New congregations have begun in Yaounde and Bafoussam, and efforts are being made to establish one in Douala.

After more than six years of searching, a plot of land in the capital city of Yaounde was purchased in early December 1980. Acting quickly, the leaders of the Yaounde church obtained a building certificate. Mr. Berndt Lemke met with the leaders regarding a site plan. It will be followed up with a temporary building for worship until a permanent structure can be erected. The church presently meets in a school.

# Japan—Is It The Dawn of Revival?

The Rev. Fred Folkerts, during his first visit to Japan, helped the missionaries and the Japan Baptist Conference establish a base upon which to develop strategies and field goals. Mr. Folkerts (right) is pictured with Pastor Akasaka (left), moderator of Japan Baptist Conference, and the Rev. Wilfred Weick, field secretary.

Our mission's focus for the 1980s will be upon strengthening the existing works in Japan, rather than starting new projects. Expansion in

Japan will come as the younger churches grow into firm, mature churches.

North American Baptists presently are supporting two pastors, the Rev. Yukio Fujie and Rev. Yoshiharu Hata. "We need two more pastors in established churches," Missionary Ronald Stoller states. "As you give, pray for these two pastors as well as the other four who are working in self-supporting churches."



Missionary Reimer Clausen baptizes Mr. Imagawa.



"According to the Japanese fortune calendar, 1981 is the year of the 'rooster,' the animal that crows just before dawn. Many Christian leaders in Japan feel that the dawn of revival may break forth in 1981. "There is justification for this. Encouraging reports are coming in from many evangelical churches who have experienced increases in the numbers of baptisms, 30-50 in some cases in 1980! But, what is even more exciting is to hear reports of pastors and laymen who are dedicating themselves anew to our Lord Jesus Christ in prayer," reports the Rev. Wilfred L. Weick, field secretary.

"An evangelistic highlight was the October 1980 Billy Graham Crusade with results beyond expectations. Though the church in Japan faces problems of the 'follow-up,' we are seeing positive results. For example, five persons were baptized at the Nagoya church Easter 1981," continues Mr. Weick. "All are the direct result of the crusade and follow-up in Nagoya. One of the candidates presently attending University may be a pastoral candidate in the future. Praise God!"

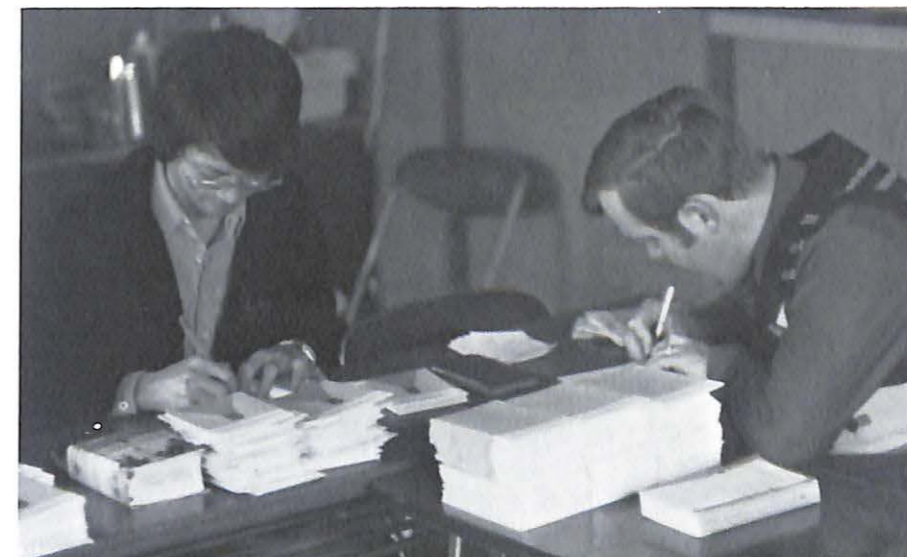
## Tsu Christian Education Center

For several years, our North American Baptist Mission, along with the Japan Baptist Conference, had been working toward the development of a Christian Education Center, a place for student evangelism and an English Institute. The English Institute would minister to the Japanese community through English teaching, be an arm of evangelistic outreach, provide income for the pioneer evangelism fund of the Japanese Baptist Conference, and provide possible training for missionaries in teaching English as a second language.

Additional goals for the Christian Education Center would be to provide for a Christian dormitory for university students and facilities for



The first continuing education course for pastors and missionaries was led by Dr. Wayne Peterson, North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, SD, on pastoral care and human relationships in June 1980. Dr. Ernie Zimbelman of N.A.B. Seminary, conducted the second course in June 1981 at the Tsu Christian Education Center.



At the Tsu Christian Education Center, a student leader, Tanaka, and Ron Stoller, missionary director, prepare tracts for distribution to students on the University campus.

various Japan Baptist Convention and mission activities.

While the above goals were being developed, unknown to any of us, a building three stories high was built almost overshadowing the tiny former 12 x 18 foot student center. The owner, however, found himself in financial difficulties and could not meet his payments. When he learned the purpose for the Center, he chose to negotiate with us, since this fit closest with his own purpose; even though there were other prospective buyers. So the purchase of the land and building was made with funds available on the mission field at half its estimated value. God made the

impossible possible, and the transaction was made without sacrificing the present evangelistic church planting outreach.

## Short-term Missionaries Affect Japanese Lives

Karin Klettke moved into her apartment in Matsusaka on a Wednesday in September 1980. She had just arrived in Japan as a short-term missionary. On Saturday, as she was cleaning, she prayed that she might find a Christian friend.

There was a knock at the door. Karin knew no more than simple

greetings in Japanese. Her heart was beating hard. She opened the door. There stood the only young adult girl she had seen at the small Matsusaka church on Wednesday night. This 21-year-old girl had most of the responsibility for the Sunday school work during the missionary's furlough. Fumiko Shiozaki, the girl, knew very little English.

With just as much fear of not being able to communicate as Karin was feeling, Fumiko said, "I want to be your friend."

Karin could hardly believe God's rapid reply to her prayer. Together, the girls enjoyed the rest of the

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Short-term missionaries teach English in a variety of places and ways and also witness for Christ through this and Bible teaching.



afternoon communicating with the use of a dictionary.

Less than four months after Karin was given this friend, on January 14, 1981, Karin had to be told that Miss Shiozaki had been hit by a truck and killed.

Why did God call to himself this girl who was the most active young person of this small church? This is not for us to ask.

However, we can thank God that, at the Christian funeral, Miss Shiozaki's non-Christian mother was exposed to the Christian world. In addition, on that occasion, a tape of one of Miss Shiozaki's testimonies was played. Miss Shiozaki was able to give her testimony to some 60

adults and Sunday school children even after her death.

Karin, as well as other previous short-termers in Matsusaka, had an effect on Miss Shiozaki. All of our short-termers have opportunities to share their lives in a variety of ways. Thank God for this.

Last spring, there were six short-term missionaries on the field, but now there are only three. Pleas have gone out for replacements, but it seems there are very few interested in this work. The work of the short-term missionary is a vital part of the total picture of our mission's work.

The major responsibility of the short-term missionary is that of teaching English in a variety of

places, becoming acquainted with their students, and then introducing these students to Christ and the church. Much time is spent by the short-term missionary out of class in personal contacts with students. The STMs have been a real encouragement to the churches in which they work despite the language barrier. We are all brothers and sisters in Christ regardless of nationality or language.

Continue to pray for new applicants of any age who would be willing to serve for two or three years.—Ronald Stoller, short-term missionary coordinator in Japan.

Japan—Is it the Dawn of a Revival?

## Nigeria



"We could not do this evangelistic work and theological training without your enthusiastic support," says Minnie Kuhn, missionary.

### Inspiration, Communication, and Frustration

Three area Bible Conferences of the Mambilla Baptist Convention were a great success and blessing. The emphasis was on evangelism. Eighty-eight persons rededicated their lives to Christ, and 43 persons made first-time decisions to receive Christ as Savior. Follow-up statistics show that the Spirit is continuing to work, and the Christians are continuing to witness.

After seven or eight years of trying, we finally got a two-way radio. On December 12, 1980, we were able to transmit and receive our first communication. We have regularly scheduled broadcasts three times each day on a network that connects us with most parts of Nigeria and directly with Cameroon as well. It is a real blessing, and we thank God.

There is a great need for missionaries in the Mambilla Baptist Mission. Minnie Kuhn, evangelism secretary and acting T.E.E. director, is now home on furlough, which

leaves us without a worker in both of these areas with no replacement in view. Mr. Ed Hoepner suffered severe injuries in a motorcycle accident in 1980 and is in the U.S.A. for treatment. A replacement is urgently required. We are down to two couples and one single missionary. We need people on the mission field. Don't just pray—COME out here and work a while.

### Evangelism—Mambilla Baptist Mission

Recently, Missionary Minnie Kuhn read, "The Work of God in the world is given out as *piece work* among his children." She states, "I am glad that we all have some '*piece work*' to do, both here in Nigeria and at home in North America.

"Here in Mambilla, Nigeria, new churches are springing up, and new members are being added to old churches. As of October 1980, we

have a *first* for our Mambilla Baptist Convention: we have sent out our *first* missionary. Yes, we have sent a national as a missionary to an unreached area off the Mambilla Plateau, and the Convention is taking care of his needs. God is wonderful.

### Teaching and Training

"This growth leads to a tremendous need for training and teaching. In view of this, we had leadership training courses for our Bible school graduates, church pastors, and leaders. The subjects taught were Romans 1-8 and a course on Christian marriage. Later in the year, these men went out two-by-two and taught the leaders in the associations who in turn taught the courses in the local churches.

"There is a tremendous need to visit and counsel with Christians in the local churches. This is especially necessary when we see so many of our pastors and church workers going into the teaching of Christian religious knowledge in the primary schools. They have little time left to properly prepare and "feed the flock

The Rev. Peter Schroeder, field secretary, Mambilla Baptist Mission, Nigeria

Miss Minnie Kuhn, R.N., evangelism and Theological Education by Extension director

## Working and Witnessing in Nigeria

Missionary Barbara Kieper examines a child during a Mobile Public Health Clinic. A pastor, seated at left, obtains the patient's history, while the Village Health Worker, seated at right, explains how to use the medicine. The mother of the child, in foreground, hears instructions in her own language, which may be Mambilla or Fulani with Pidgin English.



of God." Government has given permission for us to have a religious knowledge teacher in every school of which we have 182. New people are to be recruited. They will need training and supervision. The government secondary school (high school) and teacher training center are asking for teachers of Bible knowledge."

### Annual Conferences and Retreats

Every organization in the church has a conference or retreat each year. There are three fields in the Mambilla Baptist Convention, and each field has a women's conference, men's conference, deacons' retreat, 3H Girls (Pioneer Club), Christ's Ambassadors Boys' Club, pastors' retreat, school teachers and school chaplains' retreat, and a senior youth retreat. This makes about 23 different meetings for which your missionaries prepare materials and help in the teaching.

### Theological Education by Extension

Theological Education by Extension is a tremendous educational opportunity, but there is little time in which to do it. The faculty members

of Mambilla Baptist Theological School travel to various areas every other Saturday to hold four seminars.

Missionary Minnie Kuhn teaches and trains the graduating students at Mambilla Baptist Theological School to be seminar leaders as well as about 17 nationals not in the school. This helps a great deal in expanding the T.E.E. program. At present, there are 18 groups and requests for four more. These leaders need a lot of supervision and help. This work cannot be carried on without your enthusiastic support.

### Medical— Mambilla Baptist Mission

After receiving a supply of medicines from Jos, Nigeria, Missionary Barbara Kieper, R.N., started a Mobile Public Health Program toward the end of February 1980. She traveled to 20 villages where 18 of the villages chose a Village Health Worker. While in the villages conducting health clinics,

*Missionary Barbara Kieper, R.N.,  
director of health ministries*

Miss Kieper trained these Village Health Workers. This training was followed by a concentrated two-week course plus a refresher course. Missionary Minnie Kuhn, R.N., assisted with the teaching.

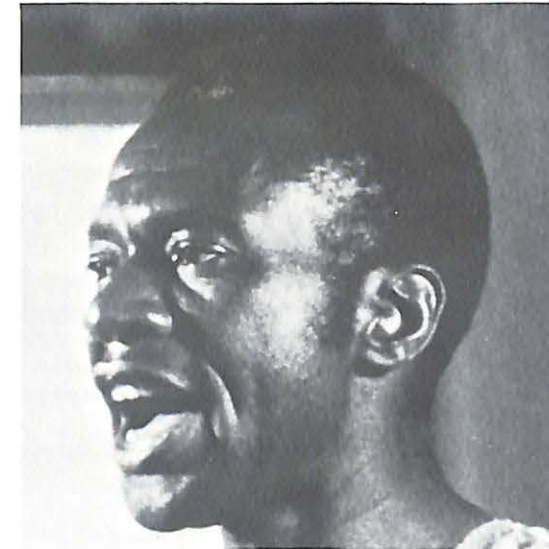
Missionary Curt Radke has been busy in Mayo Ndaga building a new house for Miss Kieper. When it is finished, it will become headquarters for her, as she travels to do her clinic work and health training program. So far, Miss Kieper has been living in Gembu, and her medical supplies are stored at Mbu six kilometers away. Her new home and her medical headquarters will be in the same building.

While seeing patients with the Village Health Worker, Missionary Kieper asks the pastors and church teachers to witness to the people while they are waiting to see her.

Warwar Field has 10 health stations; Mayo Daga Field has five, and Gembu Field has four. This is the limit of what one nurse can do.

Plans for the future are to send one person to Yola and another to Kano for Rural Health training to continue, expand, and take over the work.

"Both the faculty members and the student body of Mambilla Baptist Theological School, Nigeria, send their sincere thanks to you for your gifts of books, money, some faculty members, and prayers for the growth of this school," says the Rev. Peter J. Tomnyi, principal of the school.



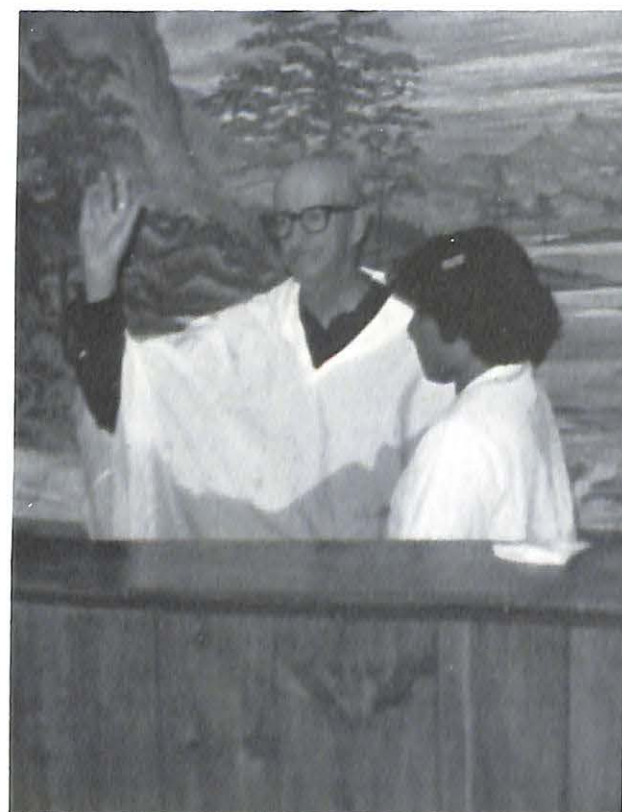
## Working and Witnessing in Nigeria

Thirty-eight students were enrolled in the Mambilla Baptist Theological School during the 1980-81 school year. In July 1981, the school sent out its third class of graduates. The churches of the Mambilla Baptist Convention rejoice because they are receiving trained pastors.

Mrs. Tomnyi, wife of the principal of Mambilla Baptist Theological School, is in charge of the Women's Department. She teaches the wives of the Bible school students. Here she is teaching cooking and nutrition.



## Spanish American Work In The United States



Five persons professed faith in Christ and were baptized by Missionary Timmons at Garcia's Ranch Baptist Church. Recently, seven children made a public profession of faith in Christ as Savior. "We give God the glory and praise," says Timmons.

Seventy children attended vacation Bible school where every child received a Bible or New Testament. Missionary James E. Timmons (pictured) works with the people of the Garcia's Ranch Baptist Church in Rio Grande City, TX, a city located on the Mexican border with 7,500 people; 95 percent of whom are Spanish-speaking—a challenging mission field. When Timmons began working with the church, there were two Sunday school classes with 35 in attendance. Now there are five classes with an average of 75 attending. Women's, men's and young people's groups have been organized.

### God Uses Trials to Bring Blessings

"We are truly grateful to the Lord for his guidance and blessings in the outreach ministry of Iglesia Bautista Central in Edinburg, TX," states the Rev. Lindbherg J. Ake, part-time missionary. "Thank you so very much for your love, your faithful prayers and financial support, for your burden for the salvation of our beloved Spanish people, and the

*Lindbherg J. Ake, part-time missionary, Iglesia Bautista Central, Edinburg, TX*

## Working and Witnessing Among Spanish Americans and Mexican Nationals in Colorado and Texas



The Bernie Jacques family helps distribute commodities, available through the Donated Foods Program of the U.S. Federal Government, to qualifying families in Monte Vista, CO. Only children six years and under, and pregnant or lactating mothers can be recipients.

spiritual growth of this local church."

A time of rededication to the Lord began our church year at a prayer watch night service, which lasted until 1:30 a.m. During the year, we had two bonfires in backyards, with singing, testimonies, refreshments, and a good salvation message to neighbors who do not come to church. One of the bonfire meetings was held on the grounds of the future church site.

Once again, we experienced a hurricane. But the Lord was merciful, and your prayers were answered. We had much water—Edinburg was flooded. Three families from the church stayed in our home for days, and it was a

God-given opportunity to witness. Many of our believers' families lost everything in the water. Church services were suspended, because the church was flooded inside and around. We praise the Lord that the site for the future church was dry.

God blessed our congregation with a very good week of revival and evangelistic services. Three men and one woman were saved during this week, and three other men accepted the Lord as their Savior while we visited them in their homes.

On January 25, 1981, six brothers and sisters in Christ were baptized, and another group of believers was baptized in the spring.

Some of our faithful church

families have suffered some very hard trials during the year, but God has turned this suffering into blessings and into a close fellowship in our church family. One woman lost her baby girl. Through this, her husband returned to the Lord. At the cemetery, there was a tremendous opportunity to share Christ with many unsaved relatives.

For six years, we had been praying for the salvation of a man who this year suffered a massive heart attack. The Lord gave me the opportunity to lead this man to Christ.

Pray for our group of believers that they may continue to grow strong in the Lord. Without the Lord, we can do nothing.

Dr. Earl Ahrens, preaching at Grace Baptist Church in Monte Vista, CO, says, "Thank you, Lord. Salvation decisions have been generous from the Lord. Four persons were baptized in 1980. Follow-up and spiritual consistency constitute a continuing burden."



### Working and Witnessing Among Spanish Americans and Mexican Nationals in Colorado and Texas



Missionaries Earl and Lois Ahrens are involved in a many-faceted mission outreach in Monte Vista, Colorado. Various aspects of this outreach are preaching and counseling, providing housing for low income families, distributing food to the needy, and supervising a thrift shop.

Some of Ahrens' time is devoted to providing housing for low income families and maintenance of non-profit corporation rental units. Here Missionary Ahrens works on a building project. More than 100 homes have now been built by the non-profit organization of which he is a part. The majority of these have been for low-income families who would not otherwise have anything approaching adequate housing.

Children play on the floor of the waiting room of the Baptist Health Center while Miss Katherine Hunt checks their mother, who is expecting another child. Miss Hunt, missionary nurse/midwife in charge of our Baptist Health Center in Monte Vista, CO, meets the needs of women and infants at the maternity center.



### Working and Witnessing Among Spanish-Americans and Mexican Nationals in Colorado and Texas



Mrs. Evangeline Madril, welcomes customers to "The Thrift Shop," where they can buy donated clothing at low cost.

### God's Power Meets Human Needs

The Living Bible declares Habakkuk's song (chapter 3) a prayer of triumph. "O Lord, now I have heard your report, and I worship you in awe for the fearful things you are going to do. In this time of our deep need, begin again to help us, as you did in years gone by. Show us your power . . ."

Growth here is painfully slow,

*The Rev. David Keiry, missionary,  
Center and Del Norte, CO*

but we believe that God is working deeply in some hearts. Young families, in the growing process, are involved in the Del Norte mission church. A good women's Bible study, led by the women, is an important part of the work. The women have also started meeting together in Center in a larger fellowship.

Opportunities continue in working with youth through Bible clubs, youth groups, vacation Bible school and youth camps. In towns, the emphasis is "one on one," individualized ministry. With many peer pressures, there is a great need for

personal counseling in the areas of Christian growth.

Praise God for the way in which he has ministered, especially when our believers have been "attacked" by the various crises which they continually face. We see God's power in meeting these needs.

There are areas where the message did not accomplish its intent: continuing unstable family life, suicide, teenage pregnancy and peer pressure toward the things of the world. Alcoholism and drug abuse are still very real problems, not only listing victims who are adult but also youth and children. □

# North American Baptist Conference

## 1981-82 Missionary Personnel

### SPANISH AMERICAN BAPTIST MISSION

#### SAN LUIS VALLEY, COLORADO

**Monte Vista:** Dr. and Mrs. Earl Ahrens, **Center and Del Norte:** the Rev. and Mrs. David C. Keiry.

#### BAPTIST HEALTH CENTER, MONTE VISTA

Nurse/midwife: Miss Katherine A. Hunt.

#### TEXAS

**Edinburg:** the Rev. and Mrs. Lindberg Ake, part-time; **Rio Grande City:** the Rev. and Mrs. James E. Timmons.

### CAMEROON

#### CAMEROON BAPTIST CONVENTION

**Missionary personnel:** •*Field secretary:* the Rev. and Mrs. Oryn Meinerts •*Evangelism secretary:* the Rev. and Mrs. Ray Hoffman •*Field treasurer:* the Rev. and Mrs. Fred Holzimmer, the Rev. Gilbert Gordon, assistant •*Medical secretary:* Miss E. Mantay •*Women's advisor:* Mrs. Patricia Meinerts •*Youth director:* Miss Susan Krier •*C.B.C. office manager:* Miss Bernice Westerman •*Area coordinators:* the Rev. and Mrs. Ken Priebe, the Rev. and Mrs. Bert Milner, the Rev. and Mrs. Ray Hoffman, the Rev. and Mrs. Fred Holzimmer.

#### CAMEROON BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE STAFF

**Personnel:** the Rev. John Nfor, principal; the Rev. and Mrs. David Burgess, vice principal and librarian; the Rev. and Mrs.

Ken Priebe, station manager; Miss Ernstina Schmidt, director of pastors' wives' department.

#### MBINGO BAPTIST HOSPITAL

**Missionary personnel:** Dr. and Mrs. Jerome Fluth, on furlough; Miss Pennie Jucht, nursing supervisor; Miss Pat Lenz, physical therapist, on furlough; \*Miss Diane Monteith, physical therapist; \*Mr. Harold Neff, station manager; Dr. Rodney Zimmerman, medical officer.

#### BANSO BAPTIST HOSPITAL

**Missionary personnel:** \*Miss Deborah Auch, director of nursing school; \*Miss Laurie Clipper, director of nursing services; Miss Daphne Dunger, nurse; Miss E. Mantay, nurse; Dr. and Mrs. Dennis Palmer, medical officer; Miss Gertrude Schatz, nurse, on furlough; Dr. Helen Marie Schmidt, medical officer; Miss Eleanor Weisenburger, nurse; \*Dr. John Killick, dentist.

### BRAZIL

#### BRAZIL BAPTIST MISSION

**Missionary personnel:** the Rev. and Mrs. Richard Rabenhorst, field secretary and director of evangelism and church growth, on furlough; the Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Nelson, acting field secretary and director of evangelism; the Rev. and Mrs. Richard Kaiser, field treasurer.

### NIGERIA

#### MAMBILLA BAPTIST MISSION

**Missionary personnel:** •*Gembu/Mbu:* the Rev. and Mrs. Peter Schroeder, field secretary; Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Radke, field treasurer and builder; Miss Barbara Kieper, nurse; Miss Minnie Kuhn, evangelism and TEE director, on furlough. •*Mbamnga:* Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hoepner, on sick leave. •*Jos:* Mr. and Mrs. Dale Wilcke, houseparents; Miss Trudy Spletzer, teacher.

#### MAMBILLA BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL, MBU-GEMBU, NIGERIA

**Personnel:** the Rev. Peter J. Tomnyi, principal; the Rev. and Mrs. Peter Schroeder and Miss Minnie Kuhn.

### SECONDARY SCHOOLS

#### Saker Baptist College, Victoria, Southwest Province

**Personnel:** Mr. William Nso Tayui, principal; Miss Wilma Binder, vice principal, on furlough; \*Miss Denise Miller; \*Miss Monica Ruff; \*Miss Theresa Wolff.

#### Baptist Boys' Secondary School, Great Soppo, Buea, Southwest Province

**Personnel:** the Rev. Robinson F. Fominyen, principal; \*Mr. Stanford Blade.

#### Joseph Merrick Baptist College, Ndu, Northwest Province

**Personnel:** Mr. D. N. Nijini, principal; \*Mr. and Mrs. John Macloskie.

#### Kom Baptist Technical College, Njinikijem, Northwest Province

**Personnel:** Mr. J. M. Mbeng, principal.

\*Indicates short-term missionary.

# WOMAN'S WORLD

## Our Unique Colorado Ministry

by Sara Pasiciel,  
Steinbach, MB

Earl and Lois Ahrens are missionaries with our Spanish-American work in Monte Vista, CO. The following telephone "interview" with Lois Ahrens took place while she was in the midst of preparing for their summer camp, readying her house for the stay of a visiting pastor and his family of eight, and otherwise moving into a series of hectic summer activities.

**Sara:** We are interested in seeing how the work of your field has continually changed and developed. What are your specific ministries at this time?

**Lois:** I'm personally involved with a ladies' Bible study which meets once a week. We have many women who attend, but they cannot break away from their background enough to come to the church. Then I also teach a Sunday school class, and we have a tremendously successful children's Bible club. Our only problem is that there isn't enough lay help to keep up with the needs of large numbers of children.

We get a lot of company; that takes time. But we're so glad to have members of our N.A.B. family come to visit to see what is happening. We have two summer workers again this year who are doing a great job. They're very busy, so I cook for them, too.

Then, of course, our food ministry takes up much of Kathryn Hunt's, Earl's and my time. We distribute eight to ten tons of food every month for children from six years old and up. It's government surplus, but we keep the records and do the distribution, which means that we as missionaries do all the work of screening and deciding which children have the economic and physical needs for the program. Then, Kathryn needs to see all of these children in the clinic and keep medical records on them as well. I might mention that we have been authorized to have a second nurse/midwife, but we have no one yet—that's a real item of prayer.

We also have a Bible camp in the summer for our three churches, using a nearby campground. It's a tremendous ministry. We appreciate the chance to get some of these young people away from unhappy and unhealthy home situations even for a short while. But the sad thing is that after we have a good time with them, and such a good harvest, we have no Sunday school teachers to keep up

a consistent ministry. So many of them stop coming to church within a couple of months. We also find this camp a real challenge. Most of these kids have no discipline at home and are not used to rules, so we need to limit the number of campers per counselor. Even so, we're often short-staffed.

**Sara:** What are some of the unique aspects of the culture that you're working in? You spent many years in Cameroon. How does this cultural situation differ from what you experienced there?

**Lois:** We found that the Africans had a great deal of self-confidence, but here the opposite is true. Our people are terribly inhibited; it takes years before a convert has the confidence to do things in the church. This is one reason we have such a need for Sunday school teachers, for instance.

Another difference between the Africans and the Spanish-Americans is that the Africans usually had a strong extended family to support them. Here there is a very unstable family existence; I'd say that 90 percent of the children have no strong father image. When we started here, it was entirely a children's work. It was seven years before we had our first adult convert! The people needed to develop confidence in us and in our ministry. Now we're just beginning to have a whole-family ministry.

Most of our people come from a nominal but legalistic type of church background where they had assimilated mostly the negative and even some superstitious aspects. In fact, there is a real stigma on anyone who is

## Niagara, I'm Coming

By Maria Quiring,  
Minneapolis, MN

Niagara, I'm coming! You're quite an attraction in your own right. But I'm particularly thinking about that great hub of excitement being

revved up for us N.A.B.ers who plan to attend the 1982 Triennial Conference. In the spin-off, you see, I expect to . . .

- . . . get a vision of future N.A.B. happenings,
- . . . sit in on some lively "how-to-make-it-happen" business sessions,
- . . . give my spiritual batteries a quick charge with inspirational music and worship,

- . . . meet N.A.B. International Office people,
- . . . match missionaries with *Baptist Herald* articles and pictures, and
- . . . share again a special oneness in faith and fellowship with friends I rarely meet.

The Conference is my three-year edition of WHO's WHO and WHAT'S WHAT. So reserve me a bay, Niagara, I'm coming!

baptized in our church; they're literally dumped by their family and friends. One of our most outstanding workers took nine years after her conversion to follow the Lord in baptism. Now she's continuing to grow beautifully and is such a help to us.

There's a problem here with "impulse living." Many of the people are seasonal laborers, not used to

## Faithful Women

by LaVerna Mehlhaff, women's work director



It is heartwarming to read of the projects in which our women have been involved throughout the years, serving through the local church because of their love for Christ. God has blessed so abundantly. Praise the Lord for their faithfulness.

Today we continue to carry out the purpose adopted by our women many years ago and look forward to a bright future of service and an expanded ministry. We encourage you to pray for the women's ministry in our churches, that we may be found faithful in our service to our Lord.

As you plan and prepare for the W.M.F. 75th anniversary celebration program this fall, you may want to use the program prepared by Iona Quiring entitled "Diamond Time." Additional copies are available from our office. God grant you much joy during this special time of gratitude, thanksgiving, and praise as we celebrate this anniversary together.

The theme for the Baptist World Day of Prayer, to be observed November 2, is "Free to Receive." Pray that many women around the world will be able to participate in this special time of prayer. Plan to attend the Baptist World Day of Prayer observance in your area.

schedules or sustained responsibilities. It's the idea of "if you feel like it, go to school; if you don't, don't bother." Also drugs, alcohol and unemployment are always a problem.

**Sara:** What, at this point, gives you the greatest joy in your ministry?

**Lois:** Definitely the women's Bible study. What a joy to watch them grow and come out week after week. Earl has begun a small men's group on Saturday mornings with men that these ladies have prayed into that group! For Earl, it's still his preaching ministry. More and more the response to his messages is positive and results in fruit.

He's also always busy with the housing ministry, the non-profit housing for low-income people which you've read about previously. And, as I mentioned earlier, we are beginning to see results, to see a whole-family ministry develop; that's so encouraging!

**Sara:** Your ministry in Colorado is unique and special. What can we, as women, do specifically to help or to give you encouragement?

**Lois:** First, I have to say that the ladies of the W.M.F. are our lifeline. We're so much aware of

and depend on their prayer support. Please keep praying for the development of lay help within our congregation, for willingness to commit themselves to the Lord and have confidence that the Lord will enable them to do the work. We do appreciate your letters and cards; though we're not quite so happy to see the ones that say, "Tell us about your work." We're sorry that there just isn't time to answer all those requests.

**Sara:** How about something specific that you or the church could use?

**Lois:** I would personally appreciate things like an occasional pizza mix. I use those for the young people whenever we can, and "extras" like that just aren't in our budget. Then we could use items for prizes for the children in Bible school, Sunday school or Scripture memory—the kind of little thing you buy at a Christian bookstore. Our nearest Christian bookstore is 250 miles away! We can also use felt pens and scotch tape!

**Sara:** Thanks so much for talking and sharing with us, Lois. We will continue to pray for you and for Earl, for your family, for the ministry, and for your own spiritual refreshment and growth.



Kay Hunt, nurse/midwife, (center) visits with the family of twins whom she delivered.

**CHICAGO, IL.** Under the musical direction of Annemarie Schmidt and youth director, Jennell Mauch, the youth of Foster Avenue Baptist Church presented the musical drama, "Bright New Wings," by Cynthia Clawson.



The musical drama changed the time perspective of five biblical characters to the old American West: John, Jesus' disciple, Lazarus, Martha, the Sinful Woman, and one of the ten lepers—all told of their encounters with Christ and how he changes people's lives.

Two performances were held to encourage community participation. (Diane Budnik, reporter.)

**MISSOULA, MT.** At Bethel Baptist Church, an average of 175 children attended vacation Bible school this summer.

The senior choir, which sings every Sunday of the year, presented a mini-cantata, "We Have Come," by Tom Fetke recently.

Pete Sommerfeld, who was director of Campus Crusade on the campus of the University of Montana for the past three years together with his wife, Helen, served as summer workers at the church.

The Rev. Hero Ulrichs is the pastor of our church. (Kathryne Staiger, reporter.)

**CHILLIWACK, BC.** Church extension, building God's kingdom, could be described as the central emphasis of the British Columbia Association, convening May 14-17 at Evergreen Baptist Church. Reports of growth, churches becoming self-supporting, new projects being started, and other evidences of God's grace encouraged and challenged delegates and guests.



Rev. Goltz

Rev. Hohn

The special speaker for the event was the Rev. Walter Goltz (pictured) N.A.B. College/Divinity School, speaking on the family.

Saying farewell to Dr. Hans Wilcke, Western Area minister, and installing the Rev. Ed Hohn, pictured, Kelowna, as British Columbia Area minister, included humor, prayer, warm memories, and close fellowship. God has been gracious. (Harald Grueber, reporter.)

**ELGIN, IA.** The senior choir (pictured) presented the John W. Peterson cantata, "It Took a Miracle," during the Easter morning worship service. Mrs. Leo Lehman was narrator for this cantata.

The junior (pictured) and senior choirs



of the First Baptist Church, presented the musical, "An Old Fashioned Christmas,"

**OVERLAND PARK, KS.** The West Lenexa Community Baptist Church began in the home of the Rev. Rubin Herrmann in an area of West Lenexa, KS, in 1979. All possible locations for a church site in this area were checked, but it seemed the Lord directed the Church to a five-acre plot south of Lenexa.

The Church has now purchased land, located on the corner of College Boulevard and Plumm Road, bordering Lenexa, Overland Park, and Olathe. The Church

has changed its name to College Boulevard Baptist Church of Overland Park, KS.

Since June, the Church has been meeting in the facilities of Faith Village (pictured) located one half mile from the new church site.

God has been blessing the personal contacts of Pastor Herrmann. A number of adults and youth have been led to the Lord during the past several months. (Elaine Strobel, reporter.)



They shared musical selections ranging from traditional hymns to contemporary gospel songs as well as personal testimonies and an inspiring message from the Word of God. The members are Jacques Churchill, Mike Decker, Gigi Hudson, Denise Noteboom, Scott Peterson, Tim Blackburn, director, and his wife Jodi. One concert was presented at the N.A.B. International Office in Oakbrook Terrace, IL. (Jane Noteboom, reporter.)

**KELOWNA, BC.** The Trinity Baptist Church was committed to "in depth" evangelism this spring with two specific projects. The first was working with other



## our conference in action

churches in a Terry Winters crusade—as choir members, ushers, or counselors—in meetings of 1,500 and upward each night for one week, which resulted in a number of first-time decisions and also rededications.

The second project was working with "New Day," as they presented both their musical program and their follow-up work. Steady growth in the church evidences that souls have been won to the Lord by the witness of church members in various capacities. Eight persons were baptized, and another baptismal service is scheduled in the near future. (Lena Spletzer, reporter.)

**GRAND FORKS, ND.** Grace Baptist Church had the joy of welcoming Pastor and Mrs. Ralph E. Cooke on Sunday, June 7. That morning he delivered his first message as our pastor.

In the evening, a welcoming service was held with special music and greetings from the various organizations and committees of the church. "Cooke's Culinary Cupboard," a depository for food items, was well stocked and presented to the Cookes. (Mrs. Fred Kranzler, reporter.)

**JAMESTOWN, ND.** Four new members were accepted into the fellowship of Temple Baptist Church



recently. Three were by baptism, and one came by transfer of letter. The Rev. Jim Dick is our pastor. (Mrs. Ted Meisch, reporter.)

**ARNPRIOR, ON.** On a recent Sunday, a special dedication service was held commemorating the dedication of recently translated church minutes which covered a 50-year period, 1873-1923.

In 1869, two years after Confederation, the First Baptist Church of Arnprior was founded. It was during the year 1965 a rather small insignificant book was discovered in a trash bin ready for garbage pick-up by a trustee. Upon investigation, it was discovered that it contained the first recorded minutes dating back to March 7, 1873, and was handwritten in the German language. The pages of this book contained the recorded minutes of 50 years of early church history dating up to the year 1923.

In 1978 Professor Kurt Nabert contacted the church in search of some early family history. On seeing this book, he graciously consented to translate the original church minutes from the German to the English language. Upon completion of his work, he had it bound in a beautiful volume, dedicating his work in the memory of late brother, Heintz Herbert Nabert, a co-worker and a servant of the Lord and of this church, who went on to be with the Lord in the year 1978.

Mr. Jack Strike, trustee chairman, accepted the beautifully bound volume, followed by a response from the Church Moderator Gerald Kuehl. Visitation Pastor Carl Weisser closed with a prayer of dedication. (Rosalie Russett, reporter.)

**VANCOUVER, BC.** Following Pastor Rick Laser's challenging message on the "riches" that are ours through the Holy Spirit at Bethany Baptist Church, 11 young people, wishing to express their



obedience to Christ's teaching, presented themselves for baptism. The hand of fellowship was extended to them immediately afterwards. A time of sharing and prayer was particularly inspiring as was the celebration of the Lord's Supper and the symbolic laying on of hands by the deacons. (Trudy Zindler, reporter.)

**WINNIPEG, MB.** Over the years, the Rowandale Baptist Church has been blessed by many letters from the various mission fields. This communication has intensified since the John Macloskies began their short-term service at the Joseph Merrick Baptist College, Ndu, Cameroon, in October 1980.

Great rejoicing at Rowandale occurred as five persons were baptized recently. Two of the five people were children of church members, and the others were adults from the community.

The end of June marked the conclusion of the ministry of Pastor Stanley Grenz and the singing ministry of his wife, Edna. The N.A.B. Seminary, Sioux Falls, SD, will benefit from the teaching ministry of Dr. Grenz. (H. Kahler, reporter.)

**GRAND FORKS, ND.** The Rev. Leslie P. Albus concluded his interim ministry at Grace Baptist Church, Grand Forks, ND, on June 1. During his ministry four per-

sons were baptized and nine persons added to the membership of the church. Other persons are enrolled in a church membership class.

**ASHLEY, ND.** An ordination council consisting of delegates from seven N.A.B. churches was convened July 13 in the Ashley Baptist Church to consider Mr. Steven Opp for ordination into the Gospel Ministry. Mr. Art Bender, Wishek, was elected moderator of the Council and Rev. Randall Tschetter as clerk. This council recommended to the Ashley Baptist Church that they proceed with the ordination service. Mr. Opp was ordained at this church on July 19, 1981.

**VALLEY CITY, ND.** The members of the First Baptist Church praise God for the movement of his Spirit among our ministry. Eleven people answered the call of Christ to follow him in the waters of baptism recently. These and five others



were extended the hand of fellowship following the baptismal service. Pastor Bill Van Gerpen and Deacon Chairman Andy Wiedmeier are pictured with the new members. (Becky Boettcher, reporter.)

**XENIA, OH.** The youth group recently enjoyed a progressive dinner—the courses being served in homes of members of the church.

During an evening service, the powerful film, "Image of the Beast," was shown.

The men in the church are enjoying playing softball in a league with others of Deavercreek.

On Wednesday nights, Pastor Art Bollaert has been leading studies in Revelation, after which we separate into small groups for prayer. (Esther L. Lucius, reporter.)

**WATERTOWN, WI.** Six adults, four by letter of transfer and two by baptism, have been welcomed into the membership of First Baptist Church since the first of this year.

The Kids for Christ choir, director-accompanist, Mrs. Russell Miller, presented the musical, "Life," by Otis Skillings, at First Baptist Church.

Enthusiastically, the choir challenged each of us to have a direct confrontation with Jesus Christ and accept God's gift of everlasting life.

The Rev. Allan Kranz is pastor of the church. (Karen Timm, reporter.)

**SIOUX FALLS, SD.** On May 7, 1981, an ordination council composed of delegates from the 12 East River South Dakota Association churches met at Trinity Baptist Church to examine Randy L. Kinnison, a senior Master of Divinity student from North American Baptist Seminary.

The Rev. Leon Bill, pastor, Trinity Baptist Church, presided. The Rev. Dick Persson, pastor, First Baptist Church, Chancellor, served as moderator. The Rev. Norbert Stubel, pastor, Memorial Baptist Church, Parkston, served as clerk.

After a period of questioning, the Council went into executive session and unanimously recommended that Trinity Baptist

Church ordain Randy Kinnison on May 24, 1981.

Upon graduation, Randy Kinnison, his wife Sharlyne, and their daughter Amy Beth moved to the First Baptist Church in Ellinwood, KS, where he is now pastor. (Rev. Norbert Stubel, reporter.)

**LEDUC, AB.** After three and one half years of service at Temple Baptist Church, Pastor John Martens resigned. On June 7 a program and potluck dinner were held in the Martens' honor. Words of appreciation and gifts were given by representatives of various areas of the church. Rev. Martens responded with gratitude to the church as well as to the Lord for forty years of service in the ministry.

The many visits in our homes, the prayers, the words of encouragement, his ministering to the shut-ins and sick and the many hours Pastor Martens gave during the church building will always be

remembered. His love for the Lord and his tremendous knowledge of the Bible was a great inspiration to all. (Vi Fleck, reporter.)

**WINNIPEG, MB.** In an impressive service, 18 persons were baptized by the Rev. Willi Kurtz, at McDermot Avenue Baptist Church, among them his son. All candidates gave glowing testimonies, and Rev. Kurtz gave each one a Bible verse to remember the occasion.

We are grateful for our Baptist camp at Lake Nutimik, where so many of our young people have accepted Christ as their Savior.

To end a blessed Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Kroeker, just baptized, had their baby daughter dedicated to the Lord.

Maria Rogalski, in charge of Cradle Roll, spoke, and presented the parents with a lovely rose. (Alice Parr, reporter.)

## In Memoriam

**REINHART H. ACKERMAN**, 80, son of Henry and Christina Buckenberger Ackerman, was born April 19, 1901, near Java, SD, and died July 1, 1981, in Linton, ND. He moved to Herreid, SD, with his parents as a boy. He married Meta Huber on June 28, 1923. They lived in Herreid throughout their 58 years of married life. He accepted Christ as his personal Savior in 1927, was baptized, and joined Herreid Baptist Church in 1931. He was a member of the church advisory board, the Baptist Men's Brotherhood, and the church choir. He also was the financial secretary for the church. Survivors include his wife, Meta; two sons: Warren, Grand Forks, ND, and Maynard, Yakima, WA; one daughter, Dianne, Mrs. Willis Van Heukelom, Herreid; three brothers; four sisters; nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. The Rev. Edward Kopf officiated at the funeral service in Herreid.

**HENRY BINDER**, 76, was born in Ottenborg, Germany, on July 9, 1905, to Niklaus and Katherine, nee Friedrich, Binder, and died July 10, 1981. At the age of three, he moved with his parents to a village in Hungary. At the age of 14, he accepted Christ as Savior, was baptized and joined a Baptist Church in Hungary. On Jan. 5, 1926, he married Katherine Sauerwein. In 1927 the family immigrated to Saskatchewan, Canada, and in 1933, they moved to the Swan River Valley in Manitoba, where he farmed until 1974 when he retired. Mr. Binder was one of the charter members involved in the organization of Temple Baptist Church, Swan River. He served as Sunday school teacher, trustee, and in various other capacities in the church. Survivors include his wife, Katherine; three sons and their wives: Henry of Vancouver, BC, John of Oakbrook Terrace, IL, and David of Vancouver, BC, and seven grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents, one brother and

one sister. The Rev. Leland Bertsch officiated at the funeral service.

**LOUIS HEIDEMAN**, 82, was born Aug. 18, 1898, in Kyle, TX, and died on June 22, 1981. He lived his whole life in the area of his birth. In 1922 he married. He is survived by his wife Louise; two sons, Gilbert and William, and four grandchildren. He became a Christian as a young man and was an active member of the Immanuel Baptist Church in Kyle, TX. Pastor Keith E. Eitel officiated at the funeral service.

**ELIZABETH ALBRECHT LANG**, 98, of Edina, MN, died on Jan. 17, 1981. She was the widow of the late Valentine Lang of Lehr, ND. Three children: William Albrecht Jr., Roland Albrecht, and Lydia Guhm preceded her in death. She is survived by two daughters: Mrs. Amelia Wolfe, Edina, MN, and Mrs. Elizabeth Shaw, Needham, MA; 12 grandchildren; 31 great grandchildren, and three great great grandchildren. Memorial services were held in Minneapolis, conducted by Rev. Robert Oman, and at the First Baptist Church, Aberdeen, SD, with Rev. Harold E. Salem officiating.

**MRS. CAROLINE OSTER**, 68, born Aug. 16, 1912, to Karl and Elizabeth (Crossiant) Rothman at Loveland, CO, died May 18, 1981. On Jan. 7, 1934, she married Albert Oster at LaSalle, CO. Engaged in farming, they were life-long residents of the Platteville, CO, area. A member of the LaSalle Baptist Church, Carrie was a faithful and willing Christian, loved by all, and active in many church organizations serving in various positions. Survivors include two children: Mrs. Joann Vogel of Greeley, CO, and Alvin of Simi, CA; three sisters: Mrs. Emily Hoffman, Mrs. Elizabeth Crossant, and Mrs. Christian Busman; brother, John Rothman; two step-sisters: Mrs. Bertha Roth and Mrs. Martha Winters; two stepbrothers, Albert and George Moser; two

grandchildren, and one great grandchild. A brother, Jacob Rothman, and an infant daughter, Verna Jane, preceded her in death. The services were conducted by the Rev. Lester Hirst.

**MRS. OLGA S. ALBRECHT**, 84, was born in Russia of German parents on Aug. 14, 1896, and died April 3, 1981. She married Alfred Albrecht on Jan. 10, 1919. They came to the United States from Germany to Detroit, MI, in 1926. She was a member of Burns Avenue Baptist Church, Connors Avenue Baptist Church, Ridgemont Baptist Church, and Fellowship Baptist Chapel of Sterling Heights, MI. She touched many persons through her testimony and dedicated Christian life. Two sons, Herbert and Harry, preceded her in death. Survivors are her husband, Alfred; three daughters: Helga Williford, Eleanor Bredow, and Ruth Florence; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one sister, Alice Wesner, and two brothers, Oscar Peitsch and Jonnie Peitsch. Dr. Torrey Johnson, Rev. Frank Crumley, and Rev. Frank Walker officiated at the memorial service in Boca Raton, FL.

**LAURA VIOLA BOEKAN**, 77, was born to August and Theresa Kihn, Aug. 2, 1903, in Ellsworth County, KS, and died June 22, 1981. On Aug. 4, 1923, she married Fred Boeken. To this union eight children were born. She was predeceased by her husband Fred and two sons, Donnie, and Ted. She accepted Christ as her Savior and was baptized in the First Baptist Church of Lorraine, KS. Laura will be remembered as a willing helper. Survivors include three sons: Merle of Lorraine, Dallas of Hollywood, and Arthur of Ardmore, OK; three daughters: Mrs. Evelyn Shoemaker of Ellsworth, Mrs. Rose Albright of Hutchinson, and Mrs. Parthena Shulz of Great Bend; 18 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren, and three brothers: Ervin Kihn, Art Kihn, and Emil DeMar. The funeral services were conducted by Pastor Herbert Vetter.

# What's Happening

The Rev. Douglas Bittle, pastor of West Center Street Baptist Church, Madison, SD, since 1978, has accepted the pastorate of a new church extension work in Red Deer, AB, effective Sept. 1, 1981.

The Rev. Larry Cavin, pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church of Cranberry Township resigned effective September 1981 and became the pastor of First Baptist Church, Norridge, IL, in October.

Mr. Mike Hodgin became pastor of Sherwood Park Baptist Church, Greeley, CO, on July 15, 1981.

Mr. Roger Cauthon became pastor of Meadow Hills Baptist Church, Aurora, CO, on July 1, 1981.

The Rev. Norman Vernon, pastor of Evangel Baptist Church, Boca Raton, FL, resigned effective October 1981. He has been with Evangel church since its beginning in 1975. He is relocating to Sycamore, IL, from where he will be available for interim pastoral service and as Bible conference speaker.

The Rev. Norbert Stubel resigned as pastor of Memorial Baptist Church, Parkston, SD, and accepted the pastorate of Lakeshore Baptist Church, Stevensville, MI, effective Sept. 1, 1981. He has been pastor at Parkston since 1979.

Mr. David Stockdale resigned as pastor of Hilda Baptist Church, Alberta.

Mr. Steven May was ordained June 7, 1981, at Salt Creek Baptist Church, Dallas, OR. He became minister of youth at First Baptist Church, Elk Grove, CA, on June 14, 1981.

The Rev. Edwin Broadway accepted the pastorate of the new church extension work in Whitecourt, AB, effective Aug. 16, 1981. He had previously served as pastor of Brooks Baptist Church, Alberta, since 1979.

The Rev. Herman Effa accepted the pastorate of Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, AB, where he began serving Sept. 13, 1981. He previously served Napier Parkview Baptist Church, Benton Harbor, MI, since 1976.

The Rev. John Ziegler accepted the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Colfax, WA, effective Sept. 20, 1981. He previously served as secretary of church extension for the North American Baptist Conference since 1979, and prior to that as associate secretary for church extension since 1976.

The Rev. James Reidling became the pastor of Austin Street Baptist Church, Buffalo, NY, on July 19, 1981. Prior to this, he was pastor of Grace Baptist Temple, Upper Sandusky, OH.

Mr. Daniel Berger was ordained June 14, 1981, at Salt Creek Baptist Church, Dallas, OR. He became pastor of First Baptist Church, Fessenden, ND, in June 1981.

The Rev. Edward A. Kopf accepted the pastorate of Zion Baptist Church, Okeene, OK, effective Oct. 1, 1981. He had served as pastor of Herreid Baptist Church and Faith Baptist Church, Selby, SD, since 1970.

Miss Carol Potratz accepted the position of director of Christian education and youth at Bismarck Baptist Church, North Dakota, effective Oct. 4, 1981. She previously served as Christian Education worker at First Baptist Church, Ellinwood, KS, since 1978.

The Rev. Dennis Sigle became pastor of Bethany Baptist Church, Hunter, KS, on July 31, 1981.

Mr. Brad Westover, a 1981 graduate of North American Baptist College/Divinity School, Edmonton, AB, became pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Edmonton, AB, effective Sept. 1, 1981.



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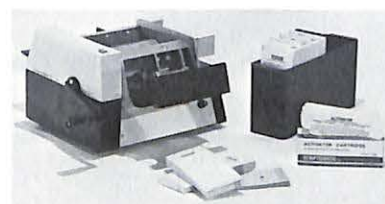


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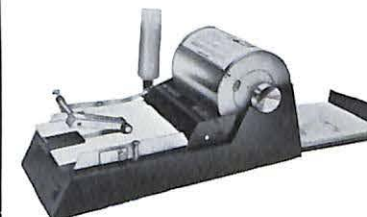
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