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For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:
and the government shall be upon his shoulder:
and his name shall be called

**Wonderful.
Counsellor.
The mighty God.
The everlasting Father.
The Prince of Peace.**

Isaiah 9:6

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Are You Prepared for the Holidays? by James Correnti

Holidays are times of great anticipation. How wonderful it is to look forward to times with our families and friends and make all the preparations that traditionally go with them—preparations as to meeting place, food arrangements, and that one last present that remains to be bought. Hopefully, we are also sufficiently mature in our Christian faith that we have not let the busyness of the season crowd out the basic elements of our personal walk with the Lord—prayer, Bible reading, devotional literature, and meditation.

But how often do we think of taking time to prepare spiritually for the many conversations we will be having during the holiday season—often with people we have not seen since the previous year? So many of our brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles, parents and/or children, or some of the best friends we had in college are now spread over the country. So much has

happened in the year we have been apart! And almost all of us have some among these special acquaintances and relatives who do not know the Lord.

As we have grown in the Lord in the past year, the spiritual gap between us has grown even wider. Have we taken the time to seriously prepare ourselves for the brief but golden opportunity which will soon be ours as we once again are brought together with loved ones who are in eternal danger if they do not have the Lord Jesus Christ as the Lord and Savior of their lives?

The meeting between Moses and his father-in-law Jethro (Exodus 18:1-12) provides much helpful food for thought as we attempt to determine the principles that will make our time of reunion more fruitful. The occasion of the meeting is the return of Moses' wife and sons to him after a stay they had had with Jethro.

We do not really know why Moses had "sent them away" (vs. 2). Whether it was because his wife Zipporah did not understand his ministry (4:24-26), or because Moses was aware of the difficulty and danger of the task before Pharaoh, or simply because his wife was having a nice visit home with her dad is not really important for our consideration. However, it is clear that Jethro had somehow caught wind of the great things that had happened to Israel (v. 1) and perceived that it was time to return the group. There are at least five principles of good conversation that we can learn from this account.

Show Mutual Respect

It is hard to get anywhere in honest communication without respect for one another. How easy it would have been for Jethro to concentrate on the respect that was

due him as an older man or the respect and ceremony that was due a more experienced religious leader (v. 1), for he was a priest at Midian. Or he could have desired to keep Zipporah for a longer time since she was, after all, his daughter.

How easy it would have been for Moses to be puffed up with the significance of his leadership role and all of the miracles which accompanied his ministry—the rod turned into the snake, the plagues, the march through the Red Sea, the waters becoming sweet at Marah, the quails and manna, the water coming from the rock. But instead we find Jethro taking the initiative to return his daughter to Moses with apparent good spirit (vs. 6) and Moses showing proper honor to his father-in-law by going out bowing down and kissing him (vs. 7), as was the custom of the day.

Good conversation begins here. If we are feeling superior to others because of our commitment to Christ, growth and understanding in spiritual things, length of time we have been Christians, the positions of leadership we hold in our church, or any other reason, it is going to affect our attitude and manner with others.

Perhaps even worse are the grudges and resentments that unfortunately have often been allowed to build up against those we claim to love the most. Maybe they have not written to us in the past year, or they forgot to acknowledge our birthday, or there is still that nasty interchange of words that our husbands had 13 years ago that we have apparently agreed that we will not talk about!

It is amazing, even as we travel to the reunion place, how Satan brings all these things to our minds. Upon our arrival, they become foremost in our thinking, so that the entire



time together becomes successfully sabotaged.

Certainly their eternal destinies as well as our obedience to the Savior (see Matthew 6:12 and 18:21-35) demand that these matters be resolved within us before the Lord in prayer, or even with them by a phone call, before we come face to face with them. Especially at a gathering in which we are supposed to celebrate the birth of the Savior who came into the world to reconcile us to God and one another!

Start Where You Are

While we should have the highest of spiritual intentions, we must also be realistic about the fact that much time has gone by. Moses and Jethro "asked each other of their welfare" (vs. 7). There is a true place for catching up on the news and showing concern for the everyday circumstances or a person's existence. After all, if a person does not have eyes to see the other world, this is the only one he knows to describe. And make sure that you are not just producing chit-chat but that you really mean it.

Ask Questions

We would also want to note that Moses and Jethro did not merely talk *at* each other concerning their *own* welfare but that they asked about the other's welfare. We all know the feeling of being trapped by someone who rattles on in-

cessantly without asking us about ourselves. Let us make sure that we do for them what we wished they would have done for us! If you do not consider yourself a "good conversationalist," come equipped with a list of simple questions you can ask to get the other person talking. While only some of us are extroverted by nature, all of us are called to serve one another (Mark 10:42-45).

Take Opportunity to Initiate Spiritual Discussion

"Small talk" can consume an amazing amount of time. According to our text, the discussion about their welfare took place upon the initial meeting and was basically completed by the time they went into the tent (vs. 7). The substance of their discussion (vs. 8) is the deliverance of God's chosen people from the land of bondage. When God is mightily at work, stupendous events occur, and they certainly deserve the larger amount of discussion time. Obviously, these things must be done with sensitivity and love.

We have previously noted that Jethro already had some awareness of these events. Moses was not merely unloading on Jethro a barrage of facts that were foreign to his thinking and his interest. We must take these factors into account as well if we want to retain the ears of those who so desperately need to hear the facts of the gospel and our witness to God's dealings with us.

But do not miss the fact that

Moses' heart was filled with thoughts of God and his great desire was to talk about God's wondrous works (Psalm 105:1-2). This should also be our desire so that the discussion six hours after we have arrived is still not solely focused on the children's latest shoe size, the color of the bridesmaids' dresses at the past year's wedding, and the latest football scores.

If you are one of God's people, you know God has been good to you. You already have taken great pains to enter into their world; there is certainly a place for letting them in on your world.

You can do this not just with straightforward testimony but also by subtle attempts to steer the conversation to a more spiritual direction.

After a long string of laments over the depressing state of the world, ask about why it is that people all over the globe seem to hurt one another with such ease.

After there has been enough complaining about personal woes, share your own inability to handle these things without the help of your personal Savior. Notice that Moses not only talked about the Lord's deliverance but also "all the hardship that had befallen them on the journey," which were the occasions of the deliverances.

Beware of letting your testimony appear to be an unbroken string of unqualified victories. Sometimes the unbeliever who is honestly seeking, sincerely resents such a presentation, which smacks of unreality. When they speak of hardship, surely that is part of your world, too. The difference is you know a Father who is able to bring deliverance as well.

Carry Spiritual Discussion as Far as It Will Go

Moses presented his message properly, and God gave light to Jethro. The result of all the discussion was Jethro's giving the glory to God and not Moses (vs. 9-11).

Although in this short amount of time, he did not have ultimate theological precision (vs. 11), he was now more than a mere priest of Midian. He now praised the true God and was ready to enter into a joint worship service to the Lord along with Moses (vs. 12). Some commentators have suggested that the bread which they ate must have been the manna which was the Israelites' bread during their journey.

If we are making proper preparations for our conversations at our holiday gatherings and if God has been leading us in prayer, we should be expecting him to answer us. Part of our preparation should be a tentative plan as to what we might do if the Lord opens up an opportunity for a more formal time of group worship. After all, in our country even many unsaved people are "church members" and will not think it unusual to give *some* kind of honor to Christ at Christmastime.

How about suggesting a time where you sing Christmas carols together as a family? (Why not even helpfully bring along some of your own song sheets so that you can choose the carols, and you do not have to endure any more about Santa and Rudolf than is necessary?)

Take time to analyze ahead of time the wonderful words of some of the finest carols such as "Joy to the World" or "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" so that you can guide them into a discussion of the concepts which they have sung a hundred times before but perhaps have never taken time to think about.

If after they have finished preaching this "sermon" to themselves from the carols, the Lord has opened them up to more of the Word, have your own sermon ready—maybe just five minutes

from one of the Christmas Scripture passages or the outline of a sermon you especially appreciated from your pastor during the Christmas season.

In summary, we should simply pray that God will give us the humility to be listeners and servants and the boldness to be witnesses of the God who is the mighty Saviour of His people. It is interesting to note that in Exodus 17:8-16, we see the first instance of the heathen *attacking* God's people after their redemption from Egypt. In the passage we have briefly discussed here, which immediately follows it, we see the first instance of a heathen *joining* God's people.

Oh, that the Lord would be bringing in "the heathen" from around our holiday tables. Surely there are difficulties in witnessing to these we have never met before; sometimes the difficulties of witnessing to those we know the best are even greater. But by prayerful preparation on our part and the powerful working and guidance of the Spirit we may expect fruit that will bring glory to the Lord Jesus Christ in this Christmas season. □

Twenty-three . . . and Even More! by Harold Lang

Twenty-three missionaries commissioned at the Triennial Conference in Niagara Falls! The most missionaries sent out in one year in the history of the North American Baptist Missionary Society! And that at a time when the North American Baptist Conference is struggling to complete the liquidation of a million dollar debt.

Impossible! Impossible!

Then how did it happen?

Truly God put together the personnel and the finances. He is the one who turned it around. The Holy Spirit has been working—through you.

Late last fall, as we surveyed the needs of the mission fields, the outlook was not bright. There were a number of missionary prospects, but most were very tentative. It was discouraging. God had closed the doors on several prospects we felt were desperately needed.

The new year, 1982, brought a significant change. What was it? A renewed commitment to prayer among our people? Individuals in a more definite way seeking God's leading and guidance in their lives? Something happened.

God Provides Personnel

In place of one possibility for a short-term missionary conversational English teacher in Japan, there came more applications than we could fill. As time passed, God continued to answer prayer concerning urgent needs including field secretaries, medical personnel, candidates in areas of finance, and those with theological training. Let's look at how God worked.

A teller at a local Portland, OR, bank notices that the check cashed by the Rev. Larry Bienert is from the North American Baptist Conference. She asks what kind of a Conference that is and if they have a mission enterprise.

Frank and Cathy Betzer take their first step toward becoming short-term missionaries in Japan.

A young Christian attends the initial Bible study of a new church extension project in Vancouver, WA. God begins working in his life and that of his fiancée through the pastor, former missionary, Dr. Donald Ganstrom. Following Gregg and Maria's marriage, the Lord continues to direct, showing them how they can use their abilities as elementary school teachers to teach missionary children in Japan. And so, the Evans go to teach at Kansai Christian School.

A young mother attends a retreat for Christian women in the Chicago, IL, area. Her husband, who has served as a Christian school principal, is presently studying at Wheaton Graduate School. They have felt the tug of God toward missions. At this retreat, Judy meets Mrs. Marj Lang and learns of the work and needs of our mission society. Now, Mr. and Mrs. Don Bates with their four children are in Jos, Nigeria. Don serves as guidance counselor at Hillcrest School.

The list goes on—God working, people responding.

Dr. and Mrs. Ken Jones return to the hospital at Mbingo, Cameroon, which they helped to found 25 years ago.

Dr. and Mrs. David Lake return to the land where they had met as short-term missionaries a decade ago and served for a year following their marriage.

Dr. and Mrs. Don Titus, on temporary service in Nigeria, come in contact with the Rev. Fred Folkerts, N.A.B. missions director, during his last tour of Africa. Learning of the need for a dentist, Don volunteered. As a result, they serve at Bansa Baptist Hospital.

Eloise Potratz, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Willis Potratz, attends a session of the Michigan Association. Touched by the mis-

sion's challenge, she experiences God's leading to become an elementary teacher at Hillcrest School, Jos, Nigeria.

Two 1982 N.A.B. Seminary graduates, the Rev. Allan Effa and Mr. Paul Miller, receive encouragement and direction in missions through the interest and support of Seminary personnel. Missionaries on furlough make an impact on the lives of a number of those who presently have gone to serve.

Do you get the picture? Do you catch the thrill? Through different people, in various ways—some suddenly, some gradually—God is working. God will not be forced into a mold. He works in his way, in his time, in the lives of those who are willing to listen and respond.

That's one side of the picture. But, how is it possible for them to go to the field? What about finances? The debt? Once again God worked.

God Provides Finances

The very currency exchange which had contributed so significantly to the huge deficit in 1978 was now, in 1982, working in our favor. Gradually, but steadily, the dollar increased in relation to foreign currencies. For us, this has amounted to thousands of dollars.

There was help from the field itself, especially for medical personnel. Through excellent administration at our Cameroon medical facilities, increasing amounts of expenses were assumed by the medical institutions. In 1982, Bansa Baptist Hospital hired its first Cameroonian doctor, Dr. Gad Fokum, with finances coming completely from hospital sources. Increasingly, the hospitals have been able to contribute toward the costs of mission personnel serving there.

At Hillcrest School, Jos, Nigeria, and the Kansai Christian School, Japan, the schools themselves contribute financially. In our conversational English program in Japan, all the costs are met through the in-

come received in teaching conversational English. So, financing for some missionaries comes directly from the field.

The response of our North American Baptist people to special projects has been very encouraging. In 1981, over \$30,000 was received for sending desperately needed replacements on our Mambilla Baptist Mission Field, Nigeria, in 1982. As a result, the Rev. and Mrs. Elmer Strauss and the Rev. Allan Effa began service.

Other special projects were approved for 1982. This included \$30,000 for the continuing support of Allan Effa and the sending of Dennis Kerber as assistant treasurer in Kumba, Cameroon. To assist in the sending of the Evans, a \$10,000 two-year project was approved.

But, the approval of projects does not mean that the money is in hand. As churches and individuals have heard the need, the Lord has moved them to respond. Although all the money for these various projects is not yet totally received, God, through you, is faithfully providing.

Then there are those who receive some of their support from sources outside the N.A.B. Conference. Not personally being members of North American Baptist churches but being vital evangelical Christians, they serve as associate missionaries, working with those under regular appointment. Dr. and Mrs. Don Titus, United Methodists, receive support through Bansa Baptist Hospital, where he serves as a dentist, as well as from personal sources. Mr. and Mrs. Don Bates receive a significant portion of their support from the Wheaton Bible Church, Illinois.

But that's not all. Others beside the 23 commissioned at the Triennial Conference have gone to the field.

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Metje and their two sons are stationed at Mbingo Baptist Hospital, where Steve serves as hospital administrator and Lydia assists as a nurse. The Metjes are short-term associate missionaries. Supported through hospital funds and private sources, including regular support of their American Baptist church, the Bethlehem Church, Lake Oswego, OR, the Metjes were able to go to

the field in November.

Finally, we are indebted to the Baptist General Conference for its continued assistance in our mission work in Cameroon. They have not only helped in supplying us with missionaries but also have provided the needed financial support. In June, Miss Barbara Knudsen, after two years in the United States, returned to teach at Bansa Baptist Hospital. In October, the Rev. and Mrs. Ken Gullman, veteran Baptist General Conference missionaries in Ethiopia, arrived in Cameroon to teach at Cameroon Baptist Theological College, Ndu, and to work in church planting. Dr. and Mrs. Carl Sandberg, who served for two years in Cameroon, plan to return to the field in the spring of 1983.

Twenty-three missionaries . . . and even more!

Still There Are Tremendous Needs

But, there still are tremendous needs. In Japan, the Richard Mayforths and Wilfred Weicks have resigned in recent years. They have not been replaced in areas of church planting.

In Brazil, the Ostercamps have not been replaced. With the Richard Rabenhorsts and the Ralph Nelsons in North America on furlough, only the Richard Kaisers have been on the field for the past six months. Continuing needs in Nigeria and Cameroon, especially in areas of theologically-trained personnel, still need to be met.

As you read the brief sketches of those appointed to serve, remember to pray for the significant needs that still remain. Give as the Lord directs you. And don't forget to praise God for

"23 and even more!"

"23 and even more" Short-term Missionaries to Japan



Raised in George, IA, Tanell Gerloff became a Christian through the ministry of First Baptist Church. In 1976-77 Tanell served with God's Volunteers. She was an active member of Brook Park Baptist Church, Brooklyn Center, MN, while attending the University of Minnesota. After receiving her degree in Home Economics in December 1980, Tanell taught for a year at Little Rock Community School, Iowa. She now teaches conversational English in Japan.

"My purpose is to share Christ in any way I can. Whether that be through teaching English, my attitudes toward people or in another way, I want to follow where he leads. I feel that life is very short, and I don't have a lot of time to share the Gospel."



Paul Miller comes from Brentview Baptist Church, Calgary, AB. In 1978 he graduated from the University of Calgary with a Bachelor of Education in Secondary English. Following that, he attended the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, SD, receiving a Master of Divinity degree in 1982. Paul

teaches conversational English in Japan.

"My presence in Japan is to be a contact maker. Through English conversation and English Bible classes, I intend to



Frank and Catherine Betzer graduated from Western Oregon State College in June 1982. Frank's major was in history and social studies, while Cathy's was in psychology and sociology. Recently baptized by the Rev. George Breitzkreuz, they are members of Salt Creek Baptist Church, Dallas, OR. They are teaching conversational English in Japan.

introduce interested persons to the local church, its pastor, and to the person of Christ. I am going, by faith, where I believe I am being sent."

"I believe God has created each of us for special activities and has prepared us with the necessary experiences and desires of the soul to accomplish those in activities. We see the needs of the people of Japan for the heart-changing call of Christianity and we must go," say the Betzers.

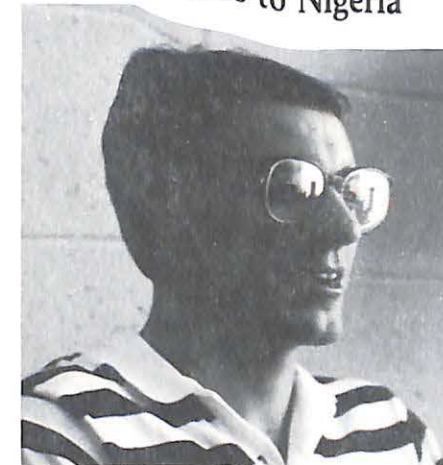


Gregg and Maria Evans have been active members of Cascade Park Baptist Church, a church extension project in Vancouver, WA. Following graduation from Central Washington University in 1980 with degrees in elementary education, they have been teaching in an elementary school. They teach at Kansai Christian School near Nara City, Japan, as their short-term missionary service.

Maria teaches in the lower elementary grades and Gregg in upper.

"We have sought to make ourselves available to God in total. We sense a need to make our total commitment more than mere words. God's clear calling renders anything other than the mission field unthinkable for us at this time. We are going where we feel called."

Missionaries to Nigeria



Allan Effa is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Herman Effa, former missionaries to Brazil, now serving Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, AB. Allan attended North American Baptist College, Edmonton, AB, earning a B.A. degree in Religion. He then attended the North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, SD, receiving a M.Div. degree in May 1982. He has served as student pastor at Plum Creek Baptist Church, Emery, SD. Although especially interested in service in Brazil where he grew up, Allan volunteered to go temporarily to Africa, realizing the great need to assist in the work there.

"My purpose is to strengthen Christ's church by serving in an area where Christianity is growing rapidly, and there is a critical need for trained leadership. I also would like to contribute to the numerical growth of the church through personal evangelism and preaching."



Eloise Potratz is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Willis Potratz, N.A.B. area ministries director. Eloise graduated from Western Michigan University with a B.A. degree in English and Elementary Education. A member of Napier

Parkview Baptist Church, Benton Harbor, MI, Eloise has served as teacher and principal of River School, Sotos, MI. She teaches second grade at Hillcrest School, Jos, Nigeria.

"My mission is to compassionately and consistently present the need for



Donald Bates received his B.A. in history at the Florida International University, M.A. degree in School Administration from Antietam Biblical Seminary, and an M.A. from Wheaton College Graduate School in Christian Ministries. He has spent several years as principal and administrator of two schools as well as dean of students at the Antietam Bible College. His wife, Judy Bates attended King's College in New York where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in Music Education. Don and Judy have four children. They are

members of the Wheaton Bible Church, Illinois. Appointed as associate missionaries to Nigeria, Don is guidance counselor at Hillcrest School, Jos, Nigeria.

"During the dedication of the Billy Graham Center on the Wheaton College campus, Ken Medema sang of what the graduates of the Center would be doing. He sang, 'They would go!', the idea of being open to God's world-wide call. This was really the turn in my life toward missions."



Elmer and Ruth Strauss are not strangers to Africa, having served as missionaries in Cameroon from 1958-76. During part of those years, Elmer and

Ruth helped train pastors at the Bible School at Ndu. Now, as they serve at the Bible School in Mambilla, Nigeria, they are working with some of the very

personal faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ. My purpose in going to Nigeria is to serve God as an elementary teacher at Hillcrest School, Jos, Nigeria. I feel blessed to have the opportunity to share in the lives of these children."

people whom they helped train. Elmer also ministered for one year as the director of God's Volunteers and later in the pastorate. From 1976 until their return to the field, they pastored Redeemer Baptist Church, Parma, OH. Moving with their family to Texas, they joined North Carrollton Baptist Church, Carrollton, TX.

"Very early in 1982 we received four communications from Nigeria, Chicago and Canada within a few days, asking us to consider service in Nigeria. Again the need is great . . . the money available . . . but the laborers still few. Needless to say, we were overwhelmed and began to seek the Lord's confirmation if that was his will for us, his servants."

Missionaries to Cameroon



Dennis Kerber grew up in Temple Baptist Church, Calgary, AB, where he was baptized in 1973 and is presently a member. In 1982 he graduated from the University of Calgary with a Bachelor of Commerce degree in Finance. Applying for short-term missionary service in a finance-related area, he has been appointed as a short-term missionary to Cameroon to act as the assistant field treasurer at Kumba.

"Urbana '81, student missions conference sponsored by Inter-varsity Christian Fellowship, really helped me. It was at Urbana that I realized that I could no longer ignore missions as a life-style. It was now my turn to give back what I had gained. For me to go to the field will open my eyes and in some ways challenge my faith to become a better Christian."



Twenty-eight years ago, Clem and Sylvia Auch left the United States for a tour of service as missionaries to Japan. After serving for five years, they returned to pastor a number of North American Baptist churches. In 1971, Clem became chaplain at the Baptist Home, Bismarck, ND. Later he became the administrator of the Home, where he has served until the present time. Clem and Sylvia have three children, one of whom, Deborah, is presently serving as a missionary nurse at Bansa Baptist

Hospital. They look forward to service at Bansa Baptist Hospital, where Clem will be the administrator and Sylvia a nurse.

"Thirty years ago my wife and I felt called to Africa—due to no opening and since my second choice was Japan, we went there. Since returning, missions has never been totally out of our thinking. I want to be used to train Africans to be administrators of our hospitals in Cameroon as a support ministry to evangelism."



Mike and Dawn Kirschman are members of Trinity Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, SD. Mike graduated in 1978 from the University of Texas at Austin with a B.S. in Business Administration. In 1982 he received his M.A. degree in Counseling from North American Baptist Seminary. Dawn has education in health-related fields, receiving training as a medical lab technician. Following the completion of their course at the North American Baptist Seminary in January

1982, the Kirschmans lived in Texas where Mike served as an employment counselor, and Dawn worked as a medical lab technician. The Kirschmans left October 31 for Kumba, Cameroon, where Mike is serving as field treasurer.

"Our purpose in going to the mission field is to use the gifts and abilities God has given us so that others too might come to accept Christ as Saviour and Lord of their lives."



Dr. and Mrs. Frances Jones left for Cameroon for the third time. From 1954-57, Dr. Jones served as a medical doctor opening the leprosy work at Mbingo; in 1977 they served there for another six months. Now Ken and Fran have again returned to Mbingo Baptist Hospital. Through the years, they have worked with international students in the Portland, OR, area, as well as being involved in ministries in Samoa, Mexico, Honduras, Dominican Republic, and Liberia. Under regular appointment, they are members of Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, OR.

"To minister help and healing in Jesus' Name and to be a channel for his love is our purpose in going to the mission field. I accept; I go—not out of desire or recognition or sense of worthiness or ability, nor, we hope, out of any sense of guilt, but as a symbolic act to demonstrate our faith in God and our love for Jesus and obedience to the Spirit."



Don and Martha Titus serve in Cameroon as associate missionaries. With a deep personal commitment to Christ, they are members of the United Methodist Church. Don and Martha Titus have been involved in a number of short-term missionary opportunities in Africa. The Bansa Baptist Hospital has a program for short-term dentists. Dr. Titus applied for this position. In this capacity, he along with his wife are serving in Cameroon.

"We feel that those who have so little in the form of money or services in the third world, as compared to our people in North America, have tremendous needs. This is part of the service we can provide through the ministry of teaching, preaching and healing as exemplified by Jesus Christ. We wish to go to the mission field to provide a needed professional service and to train nationals in that field."



David and Dorothy Lake returned to the country where they both began as short-term missionaries, met, then served as husband and wife—Dorothy from 1969-74 and David from 1972-74. Before going to the field originally, David earned his Ph.D. degree in Geography at the University of Oklahoma and spent one year with God's Volunteers. Dorothy received her B.S. degree in Music from Dickinson State College and had taught elementary school for two years. Following their

return from Cameroon, David graduated from the North American Baptist Seminary in 1978. Since that time, they have served at Fort Richmond Baptist Church, Winnipeg, MB.

"The progressive revelation of short-ages of missionary personnel encouraged us to inquire of the Lord whether he wanted us to help fill this big gap. Our purpose in going to the field is to be used by God to enhance the church in Cameroon qualitatively and quantitatively."



Nine years ago, shortly after accepting Christ as his own Savior, **Steven Metje** led his wife **Lydia** to a saving knowledge of the Lord. As they have grown in their faith, God has led Steven and Lydia to missionary service. Living in the Portland area, they assisted students and refugees, especially from Oriental countries. In 1979 they attended the United States Center for World Missions where their commitment to the cause of mis-

sions was strengthened. Since 1980, Lydia, a registered nurse, has worked at the Multnomah City Refugee Health Clinic, with those from southeast Asia, Ethiopia, Afghanistan, and eastern Europe. Steven, who for the past two years has owned and operated his own meat market, has worked with Japanese college students, led Bible studies with Cambodians, and trained and managed southeast Asians in meat-marketing skills and operations. Steve, Lydia, and their two sons Michael, age 15, and Robert, age 13, are members of the Bethlehem Church of the American Baptist Convention in Lake Oswego, OR. In November they arrived in Cameroon where Steven serves as Mbingo Baptist Hospital Administrator and Lydia assists in nursing care. Receiving a major portion of support from their home church, the Metjes are associate missionaries.

"I see my call to cross-cultural missions as God's opportunity to reinforce a world perspective and God's plan for the world in the hearts of my family. I believe God will use our family for his service in a foreign field, supplying our needs from his unlimited resources, and giving us inner strength through his Holy Spirit that we might be a blessing to others." □

Opportunities for You to Meet Needs by Harold Lang

Earthquake in Nicaragua, draught on the Sahel, revolution in El Salvador—whether due to natural causes or man's hatred, the result is the same: people are hurting and desperately need help.

What can we do? Where do we begin? In a world that is wracked by human suffering, it is possible to become so overwhelmed by its magnitude that we do nothing at all.

Today there are Baptist Christians in most countries of the world. Through these Christians, Baptist World Alliance channels its world aid money. As a North American Baptist Conference, we work closely with Baptist World Aid. In this way, we are assured that funds and help are provided to those in need.

Here are four areas to challenge your attention.

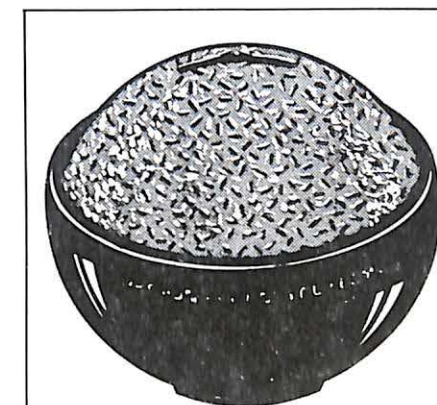
World Hunger

In 1983, 15 to 20 million people will die from the effects of hunger: 40 thousand each day; 28 each minute, 21 of whom are children. A

The Rev. Harold Lang is associate director of missions, N.A.B. Conference.

World Hunger Rice Bowl is available to remind you that half a billion people go hungry every day. Money collected through these bowls should be sent to the North American Baptist office designated for world hunger.

Rice bowls may be ordered through the Baptist World Alliance. Churches ordering rice bowls in lots of 50 or 100 will receive them free of charge. Also the leaflet, "A Hungry World to Feed," or the booklet, "World Hunger Guide for Prayer and Devotion," are available through the Baptist World Alliance office. A new set of slides with



Rice Bowls are now available for use by Baptist groups and churches, in raising funds to underwrite the cost of the hunger ministries of Baptist World Aid.

script from the Baptist World Alliance entitled "Still Hungry and Thirsty" may be purchased for \$10 or rented for \$4 or an offering designated for world hunger. For these various materials write to

Baptist World Aid, 1628 Sixteenth Street N.W. Washington D.C., U.S.A. 20009.

Development and Fellowship Project in Cameroon

Administered through the Baptist World Alliance, development and fellowship projects aid our Cameroon Baptist Convention ministry in three specific areas of need.

One need is for Bibles. Both in English-speaking and French-speaking sectors of Cameroon, there is a continued demand. By providing money for this need, you make it possible for individuals to have a Bible for their own.

Another need is the completion of the home economics center at Mutengene in the coastal area of Cameroon. This center, a project of the Women's Union of the Cameroon Baptist Convention, will provide training in homemaking and Christian living for girls who have gone through primary school.

The third need is for the completion of the construction of the Mbem Health Center. Bread for the World and the Baptist World Alliance financed the construction of this health center, which is featured in this issue of the *Baptist Herald*. Funds are still needed for the completion of the children's ward and for equipment for the center. This center gives the Mbem area, one of the most remote areas of Cameroon, ever-improving health services.

Specific Projects for 1983

As we look at continuing world needs for relief and development, we are overwhelmed. Six projects have been selected so you might give and pray more specifically.

January/February—Lebanon. Devastated by war, overwhelmed by massacre, Lebanon is a country filled with hurting people.

March/April—Argentina. The First Baptist Church of Buenos Aires is presently constructing a Community Center. This Center will provide medical aid, day care, craft and domestic skills instruction, as well as the resources of social workers.

May/June—El Salvador. The Baptist churches of this revolution-torn land are deeply involved in medical/clinical care and in nutrition centers, refugee centers for children and elderly, food storage facilities, small loans for rebuilding homes and reactivating small businesses as well as pastoral counseling and vocational centers.

July/August—Eastern Europe. In countries under communist control, the needs are many. Bibles, Christian books, and other helpful materials are in great demand. Funds are needed so these can be printed and distributed.

September/October—Ethiopia. The shortage of rain, hailstorms, high winds, pests and worms—all have worked together to magnify the suffering in this draught-stricken country. Assistance to provide food, clothes and medical care is a priority.

November/December—India. Water is desperately needed for land to be made productive. Through the provision of irrigation wells, many people will be able to grow their own food on their own land.

Emergencies

Each year throughout the world, there are emergencies which arise demanding immediate attention. Hurricanes, volcanic eruptions, revolution, devastating fires—we have no idea when or where these and other calamities might occur. If in 1983 these situations do arise, you may give toward the need immediately; even though no formal appeal has been sent out.

These are our plans in world relief in 1983. How do you contribute? Funds sent to North American Baptist International Office will be forwarded to the Baptist World



Food, shelter, clothing, medicine—all are urgently needed in Lebanon. This child was wounded by phosphorous shells in West Beirut (© Dan Connell, Oxfam America, 1982.)

Alliance for the specific projects designated. Undesignated funds may also be contributed for use where they are most needed. Contributions for relief and development should be sent to North American Baptist

Conference, 1 So. 210 Summit Avenue, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181. If you have questions or desire further materials, please feel free to contact the Rev. Fred Folkerts, missions director.

A Miracle—An Answer to Prayer for God's People at Mbem

by Bernie Lemke

Who? The Bernie Lemke family of Edmonton, Alberta. *What?* an architect/builder to build a health centre for the Mbem area. *When?* September

1980—August 1981. *Where?* In a remote area of Cameroon—Mbem. *Why?* To provide better health care and facilities for the 50,000 people of the area.

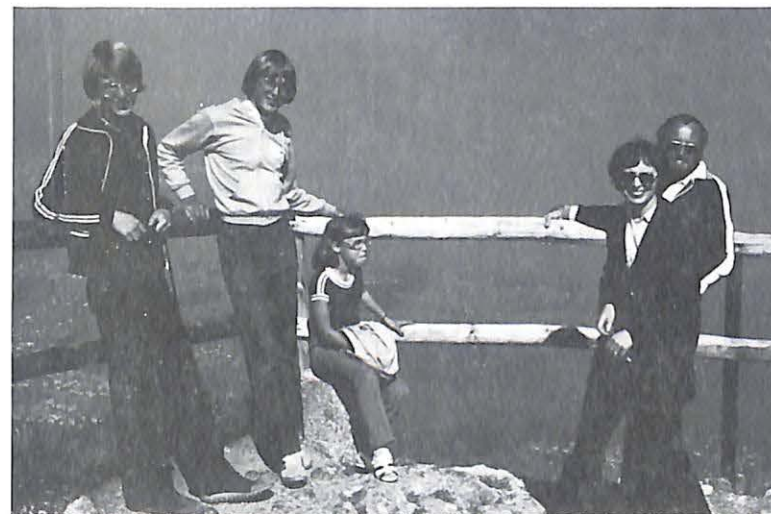


photo by Lemke

Selected by the Missions Department, the Bernie Lemke family—Milton, Marvin, Marie, Lily, and Bernie—left their home in Edmonton, Alberta, on September 20, 1980, for Cameroon. Enroute they spent two days in Europe. One spot they visited was the top of Mt. Pilatus in Switzerland. They returned home almost one year later, August 31, 1981, in time for their children to enroll in school.

"The Mbem area constitutes a particular challenge because of its remoteness," says Lemke. "The need of the people there is greater than we have witnessed anywhere else, and we simply felt we needed to respond to that. The well baby clinic had been conducted on a crowded veranda. More adequate facilities had long been an acute need."



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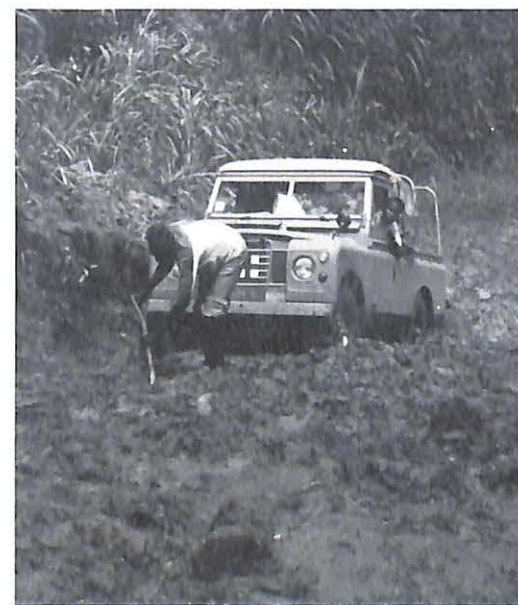


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Ambulance service from Mbem to Bango Baptist Hospital has saved lives but at great expense. Better health care at Mbem for 50,000 area residents was needed.



photo by Nancy Palmer

Having developed the proposal for the building of the Mbem Health Centre back in 1976, Lemke did not need a lengthy orientation to the project, so he went right to work. Nor did his family need as much orientation to the country of Cameroon, since the Lemkes had served as missionaries in Cameroon from 1966-78. Missionary nurse/midwife Kathy Kroll, in charge of the centre, discusses the plans with architect/builder Lemke.

People from the community supplied local materials such as sand and stone for the project. Children from the village school delivered building stones to the site.



photo by Lemke



photo by Nancy Palmer

Masons prepared stones for the walls of the buildings.



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Several North American Baptist laymen saw action during their annual holidays. Gerd Klingbeil from Edmonton, AB, wired the entire health centre for light and power.



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And so the building continued.

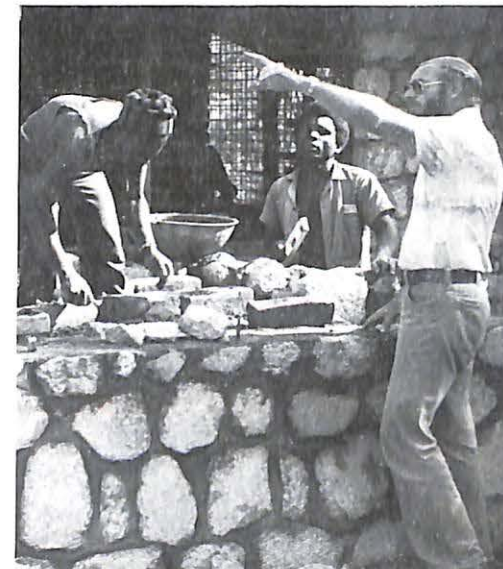


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The new Out-Patient Department now provides a waiting area, consulting rooms, operating theatre, laboratory, dispensary, offices and storage rooms.

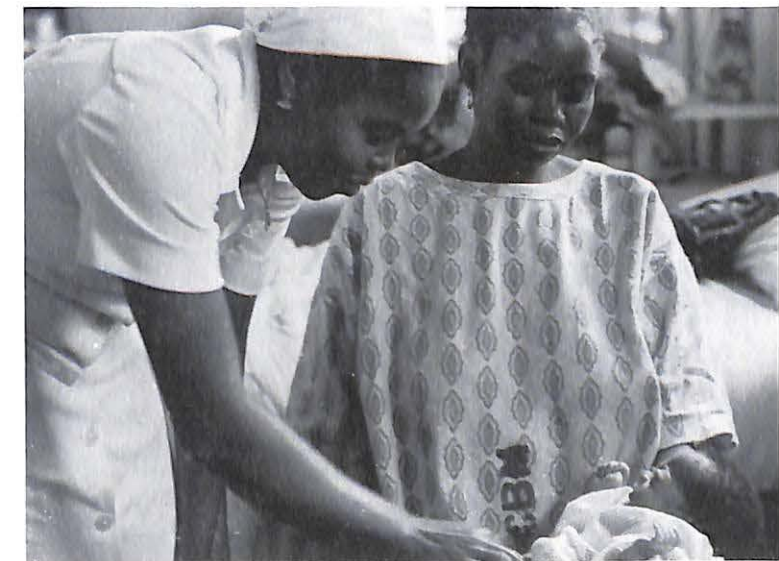


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The new maternity section now houses a labor room, a delivery room, a 12-bed maternity ward, and isolation rooms. Solar roof top collectors were installed on the small building behind this section of the maternity to provide hot water for the laundry and for the showers for the patients.



photo by Lemke

A former horseshed and garage was recycled to become a chapel. In this chapel, devotions for staff and patients are held as well as Sunday evening services.



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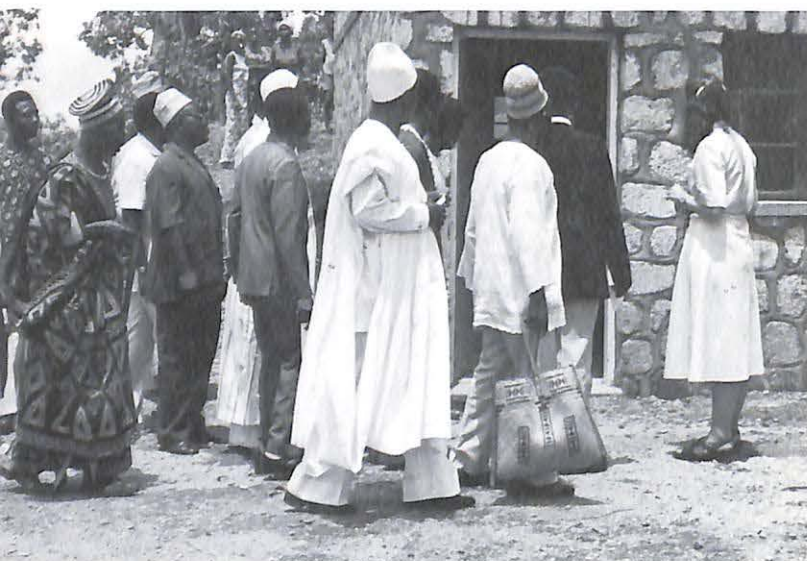
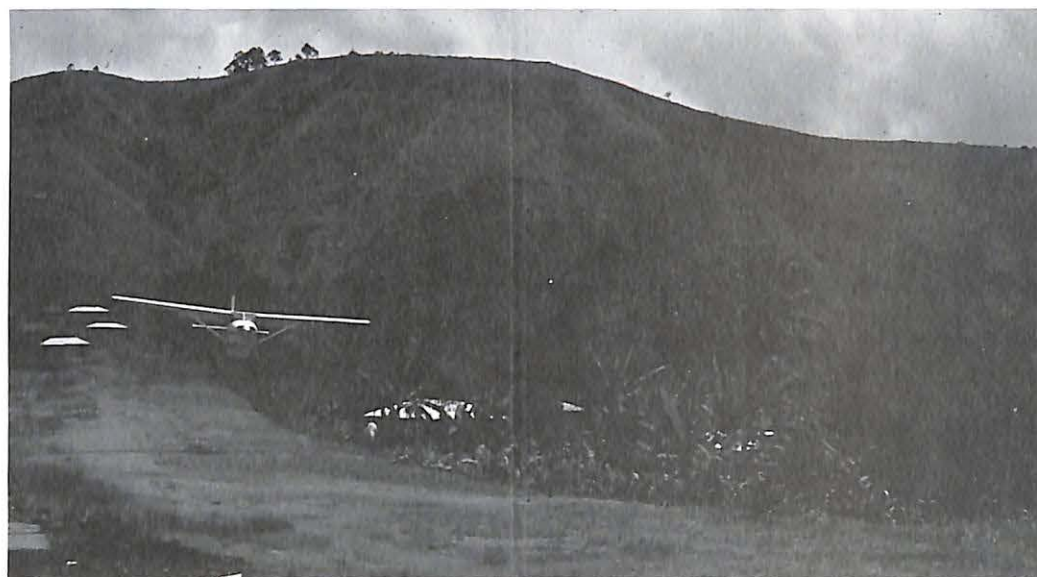
Through the entrance-way to the health centre, one sees the medicine store and pharmacy.



The Mbem people celebrated the first landing of the M.A.F. plane on the newly completed Mbem airstrip on August 19, 1981, after two years of construction. A great deal of hand labor was donated by the community to make emergency evacuations and transportation of medical/evangelism personnel easier. Digging the airstrip by hand, the villagers were able to level the top end of the strip. However, there was a major depression at the other end where up to eight feet of fill material was required to provide a more level approach. It was generally considered an impossibility to have a bulldozer come to Mbem over the narrow Rom Pass, but actual measurements revealed that there was a six-inch clearance on either side between the rock outcrop on one side and the steep dropoff on the other for the machine to pass. It was an exciting moment when, for the first time in history,

such a big machine arrived at Mbem. In three days, the depression was filled in and a new access road created. Final leveling was done by hand, as was the

planting of grass to prevent erosion. The entire cost for the Mbem Air strip was underwritten by Baptist World Aid of the Baptist World Alliance.



And so, after many years of crowded facilities, the Baptist Health Center was dedicated on April 30, 1982. Baptist leaders from the Southwest and Northwest Provinces in Cameroon as well as many people from the community joined together to dedicate these new buildings. The building project was made possible by funds from the Baptist World Alliance, Bread for the World, and North American Baptists who provided the salary of Missionary Bernie Lemke. Visiting dignitaries are given a tour by Missionary Kathy Kroll (right)

Truly, the people's prayers were answered for better physical health care along with spiritual guidance. Missionary Kroll gives a brief sketch of the history of the Health Centre. Praise God! Continue to pray for Missionary Kathy Kroll and the national nurse/midwives and assistants as they provide physical and spiritual care. Funds are still needed to complete the children's wing of the Centre. □



The North American Baptist Historical Society by George A. Dunger

History is serious business, especially for the Christian and the Church. Why? Every one is involved. The individual. The local church. The church association. National. International. How so? A few statements must suffice: God is Lord over history. Christ entered history as a person. The Church is a part of this revelation history. And it would be a serious mistake to overlook the Bible. How many times did the Spirit of God tell his chosen servants, "Write!" The Bible is the history book of God's plan for his people, mankind and the whole world, parts of which are still future.

Our North American Baptist churches and their people are a part of God's plan of the ages. Our self-image as followers of Christ, as churches belonging to his body on earth, as a corporately responsive, responsible and active Conference—though marked by human frailty—is that of a faithful servant upon whom God's blessings have rested for many generations and continue to rest.

What Is the Christian Understanding of History?

History, therefore, is not merely a description of people, events, places and times. The Christian understanding of history is centered in the person of Jesus Christ.

Experienced salvation, spiritual growth, the work of the local churches and their associations, together with the Conference, spelled out concretely in evangelism, church growth and missions, testify to the blessings of God through Christ. This is the reality and meaning of history for us as North American Baptists.

Dr. George A. Dunger is the Conference archivist. You may correspond with him at the North American Baptist Seminary Library, 1605 S. Euclid Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57105.

People, places and dates are no longer dull and boring, dusty and musty history. By God's grace, the dynamic of living faith actually and literally molds life, conditions and environment. This is fact since the very first German-speaking Baptist on this continent witnessed to his fellow immigrants to this day when many thousands of God's people in the home lands and on the mission fields testify to souls saved and conditions changed.

A North American Baptist Historical Society to be Established

The importance of North American Baptist history was both acknowledged and supported by the General Council and the Niagara Falls Triennial Conference. Now a North American Baptist Historical Society is to be established, and the Conference Archives Committee is to work out the details.

The great multitude of data of our history—first convincingly demonstrated in Dr. Frank H. Woyke's enlightening volume, *The Heritage and Ministry of the North American Baptist Conference*, with its 1,849 notes—needs to be seen in its grand totality and beautiful diversity as recorded from the lives and the work of God's faithful people. There is so much significant and challenging material that another five or six sizeable volumes could be published. The reason? To remind us and our coming generations of God's fatherly and majestic hand being upon us and to be called to "enlarge the place of your tent, and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out; hold not back, lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes" (Isa. 54:2)

The Work of the Historical Society

The scope of our work in a gradually expanding way is to be: Assisting in the gathering and disseminating of information to Baptist leaders and concerned persons; engage in research projects concern-

ing North American Baptists primarily; making available bibliographical assistance; compiling and issuing indexes; writing articles, pamphlets and other materials for the promotion of North American Baptist work; participating in field engagements, conferences and workshops for the benefit of churches, associations, institutions and the Conference; assist in the promotion of the Archives, the Historical Library and the Museum; share materials with Conference departments, agencies and institutions; establish and maintain cooperative relationships with other historically active persons and groups, especially those of Cameroon, Nigeria, Japan, Brazil and ethnic congregations in the United States and Canada; and aid in the development of a Baptist view of history.

I once climbed Mt. Cameroon, starting at about 3,000 feet elevation from the sea. The summit is over 13,000 feet high. It took a lot of foot work, hard breathing and courage, hour after hour, to reach the top. It will be like that as we develop our N.A.B. Historical Society. Seeing that the General Council and the Triennial Conference have given us their support, we are just about at the "3,000 foot level"! All along the way, though difficult, there will be the great and beautiful vistas of God's people doing God's work!

WOMAN'S WORLD

Editor's Note: This issue of Woman's World represents the last month of our 75th Diamond Jubilee Celebration for the W.M.F. It's been a good year, a time of remembering and honoring past contributions and sacrifices, a time of rejoicing in the continuing ministry of women throughout our N. A. B. Conference, a time of planning and looking toward the future for service and study.

On these pages you'll find, as one more "remembrance," articles from Christmases past.

On these pages, you'll also find Dorene Walth's last "Up the Stairway" column. Dorene's term of office as president of our national W.M.F. expires this month. We're grateful for Dorene's contributions to these pages and look forward to hearing still more from her.

Magnets, Corks, Watches, and Sugar

by Mary June Burgess,
Ndu, Cameroon

(A longer version of this article was featured in the December 1980 issue of the Baptist Herald. Mary June and her family are now on furlough, with their home base in Lapeer, Michigan.—Editor)

Question: What possible connection can there be between these unrelated objects? Answer: None, but they each illustrate God's sovereignty and his promise to supply all of our needs. This is the story of how God has used *you* to "bless the missionaries."

For several years now, you, North American Baptist women, have gone above and beyond your call of service and have sent kilo packages to the missionaries . . . Sometimes the packages may take six or seven

months to reach us, but we do receive most of what you send and in good condition. We do appreciate so many of the little touches of home you send to us.

Several of the missionaries have spoken of something that they received which came just in time—a box of pudding to stretch a dessert for unexpected guests; some throat lozenges to relieve a dry season "tickle"; some peacock blue thread to match the cloth in a sewing project. I firmly believe that the God who is concerned about the number of hairs on our head is also concerned about what is needed in these kilo packages that come at the right time.

For example, like most of the mis-

sionary mothers of small children, I am teaching mine by correspondence. I was a bit puzzled as to what to do about a science unit on magnets coming up. One experiment involved putting a magnetized needle in a cork, then floating it in water, "steering" it with another magnet. We had a little magnet holding notes on our refrigerator door. But a cork? We had no idea where to buy one in Cameroon, except perhaps in Douala, 300 miles away. But the Lord knew. About a week before the science lesson, we received a kilo package from a supporting church with four small magnets and two corks! We had never received corks before, but I guess we hadn't really needed them!

how to study the Bible, for instance. All these books have their place, and we need to learn from them. Experienced people need to teach others what they have learned about an effective Christian walk. I'm grateful God has helped others record in print and verbally by tape recordings gems and nuggets of wisdom from which I benefit.

Yet, it's easy for me to get hung up on the mechanics of being spiritual, and I find I've often neglected the best experiences of actual prayertime, Bible study, and sharing my faith, simply because I felt I had to finish a book or perfect a technique first.

I've always learned best through firsthand experience. I think I'd climb the stairway quicker if I'd pay attention to *acting* on God's Word more frequently than reading, reading and reading about how to go about acting on his commands.

"Work hard so God can say to you, 'Well done.' Be a good workman, one who does not need to be ashamed when God examines your work. Know what his Word says and means" (2 Timothy 2:15, LB).

"Lord, help me to be a practical, practicing (not procrastinating), Christian in 1983!

Up The Stairway

by Dorene Walth,
W.M.F. president,
Citrus Heights, CA



The retiree said one of his goals in retirement was to learn to procrastinate . . . but he never got around to it!

Christians procrastinate in such devout ways. I have an acquaintance who from his youth till now, at age 57, is taking college courses trying to determine what God would have him do with his life. He thinks he will become a pastor some day, but he hasn't had enough education yet. Meanwhile, he doesn't work or serve anywhere. His wife graciously accepts the situation and continues in employment to "put hubby through college."

Perhaps he is an unusual person in this regard, but I know people who read and study book after book on the subject of prayer, witnessing, or visitation, yet never feel ready or qualified to get involved in any of these Christian disciplines.

Think of all the books written on

I had been asked to make a wedding cake for a pastor friend of ours. I had misjudged the amount of icing sugar we would need, and the cake looked bare with what we had. The little bit of sugar I had left was hard and lumpy, difficult to roll smooth with a rolling pin. Then I remembered the kilo package we had just received. It contained a box of icing sugar, soft and smooth—just enough to finish the icing on the cake! God knew, and he provided through you.

God uses different ways and different people to supply our needs. A church in Canada had mailed us a package with some things especially for the children. Three months later, another church in the Midwest did the same thing. Both packages were received the same day. It was like Christmas! The children were excited to see all the crayons, balloons, barrettes, and little toys packed especial-

ly for them. But some sadness came; there were only two toy watches in the package from the Midwest, and we have three children. Any mother who has young children close to each other in age knows the difficulty of not having an equal share to go around! But then, we opened the remaining package. Across the span of hundreds of miles and three months, God knew our need that day. Just a small thing, bringing happiness to young children. He supplied! There in the last kilo package we opened was one more toy watch.

I believe these examples do not show "just a coincidence," as some would say, but they illustrate the power and perfect timing of God. They also show how he is using *you* and your "caring packages" to help supply our needs; even though these needs may be as seemingly insignificant as a cork or a toy watch.



Where is He?

by Jeanette
Stein,
Richmond, BC

(This article first appeared in the December 1975, issue of the Baptist Herald. Mrs. Stein was W.M.U. president at the time. She is now retired and living in Richmond, BC.—Editor)

At Bethlehem, almost 2,000 years ago, the only place offered Jesus was a manger, a place away from the inn and the fellowship of people. Because he was put in a manger, nobody in the inn was disturbed or put out of their room. Because he was put in a manger, nobody saw him except those who went seeking him.

The story of the manger makes a very pretty picture. It can be made to look so lovely and artistic. It may be a beautiful picture, but it is a very poor practice. The story of the manger is repeated in many Christian hearts. Christ is received as Savior but then is guided to the manger of the heart.

It is so easy to invite the Lord in

and then put him in the manger. There, just as at Bethlehem, no one is disturbed, and we carry on as before. If he is in the manger, no one will be annoyed, no complaints from neighbors, friends, or business associates.

When the Wise Men went searching for a king, they went to a palace. Instead, they were sent to search for a manger. A king cannot rule from a manger; he must be on the throne. If Christ is kept in the manger, it is because we do not want to disturb the other guests in the inn. The inn of our hearts is the place of everyday living.

When Jesus sits on the throne, he will be in control of mind, emotions and will—the contents of the personality. Thoughts will be pure, reading material will pass his test, the imaginations and ambitions will be in obedience to him. There will be no sudden outbursts of temper, no hate, no jealousies, no mean thoughts or vicious backbiting. Instead there will be love, joy, peace, and comfort for the needy, the hopeless, and the lost. There will never be any sorrow over a hasty remark or years spent in an agony of remorse over a wrong decision.

Where is Christ this Christmas? Is he in the manger, or is he on the throne? Is he king, or is he beggar?

Thank You for Giving

by LaVerna
Mehlhoff,
women's work
director,
Oakbrook Terrace, IL



We thank all the women for the good response in financial support for the many projects that the W.M.F. adopted this year. As we near the end of the year, we especially want to remember our December project: The support of evangelism on all our fields—Cameroon, Nigeria, Japan, and Brazil.

Our sisters in Japan have sent \$280 toward the support of evangelism in Cameroon. We are grateful to God for their vision for the spreading of the gospel in our countries. During this Christmas season, as we pray especially for the work of evangelism on all of our fields, we would also encourage your giving towards the project.



Church Extension Project

A Look Back in Gillette

by Harry Haas

When Pastor and Mrs. Harry Haas moved to Gillette, Wyoming, to start a Church Extension work in August 1979, they brought with them two teen-age sons, Jeremy and Craig. The two boys helped in the work of the church by teaching Sunday school classes, ushering, serving communion, setting up tables and delivering advertising in the community.

Now they are both attending college, but Pastor and Mrs. Haas now have a sizeable congregation to help carry on the important work of Gillette Baptist Church. Craig and Jeremy could tell some interesting stories about the Sundays when only one person showed up for services, so they sat around the dining room table and studied the gospel of John. They also remember the Sundays when the congregation reached a new high in attendance. After the count was taken and announced, the congregation would stand and sing the "Doxology" for the second time. They saw the attendance go from 5 to 122.

After three years of Church Extension work, the Haas family list the following problems in successfully planting a new church:

1. Choosing of the city.
2. Choosing the area of the city.
3. Finding an association of churches and a "mother church" interested in supporting the work.
4. Finding a pastor who has not only a burden for Church Extension but also a call to the work.

The Rev. Harry Haas is pastor of Gillette Baptist Church, Gillette, WY.

5. Finding a pastor's wife and family who are as excited about Church Extension as the pastor.
6. Finding a home for the pastor and family and the funds for a down payment for purchasing a home.
7. Finding people who are interested in the difficult work of starting a new church.
8. Finding a place to meet.
9. Discovering the type of services that will be of interest to the greatest number of people, such as youth work, children's work, ladies' Bible study, couples' group, worship service.
10. Creating an enthusiasm and concern in the attenders to want to invite others.
11. Finding teachers who are willing and able to teach.
12. Overcoming discouragement because young Christians are often not dependable.
13. Organizing the Church.
14. Writing the Constitution.
15. Meeting the financial obligations of rent, operating, and salary plus preparing for a building program.
16. Leading the small congregation in planning for a building.
17. Directing the group in wise planning of a church budget.
18. Keeping people coming when facilities and programs are not what other churches are offering.
19. Keeping priorities straight—the purpose of the work is not to build a building or create an organization but to lead individual people to an encounter with Jesus Christ and help them to grow in their new faith.



George and Teri Anderson accepted Christ as Savior on Easter Sunday as a result of an invitation to the service by the Brose Family.



Rev. & Mrs. Harry Haas, Gillette, WY



Jerome and Barbara Brose and their daughters witnessed to the Anderson Family.

"Get Fit" by Connie Kaiser and John Kiemele

How is your body? Do you suffer from sore muscles? Tired feet? A throbbing headache or pulled ligaments?

Our world is crazed by the idea of having well-conditioned bodies. We strive to our fullest to make and shape them. But what about our spiritual bodies, the very dwelling place of our Lord Jesus Christ?

The focus for New Day's month of training was just that, being the Body of Christ. Throughout the weeks of sessions, study and practical application, the team discovered just what being his body entails. Exemplifying a functioning body, diverse yet unified, for a common purpose was the theme of the month of training. New Day wants to stay fit and help others get fit.

So then let's get our bodies in shape to serve the Lord. But how? Well, let's go through a "body-building routine."

Routine—You have to be faithful to a particular routine

Bible reading and prayer are essential elements in the routine of a body member and unless faithfully maintained turn up ineffective. Each day at designated times the team gathered to share with each other insights and spend time communicating with God through prayer. These times were truly enriching and fulfilling.

Salt—Make sure salt is not merely contained within the body, but rather sprinkled into the world

We focused in on the importance of claiming the privilege and purpose that is ours to be called salt of the earth. New Day studied and formulated in their minds the idea

of flavoring and preserving the world and saw the application that as a body of believers (the church), it is our role to be actively involved in carrying out the salting of our world.

Warm-ups and Stretching—Warm up in the Word and stretch out into the world

New Day experienced this phase by warming-up in the Word. Along with the daily personal and group devotions, Dan Heringer led sessions on evangelism and the importance of incorporating this as a life-style, pushing ourselves to become more like Christ in all things (stretching).

Reaching—Reaching out to meet the needs of others

In addition to the quality times of learning, there were times to apply these principles in a practical way. The Minnesota-LaCrosse Association, a public music concert held at the camp, and visibility calling with Bible Baptist Church in LaCrosse provided other avenues for the team to continue reaching out. These few exposures were just a preface to one of the aims of the year: to be actively involved in reaching out to meet the needs of others.

Lifting—Exalting and glorifying the name of our Lord

Another aim New Day, as a body, will zero in on is that of lifting up the name of the Lord in all they do, whether it be in their visitation programs, or any one of their 12 seminars or public concerts. The body, Christ's dwelling place, needs to be involved in proclaiming Christ. If they don't take this up, then who will exalt the name of our Lord?

Push-ups—Encouraging one another

Another area of lifting is pushing up one another. Just as 1 Thessalonians 5:11 states, it is New Day's intent to display encouragement as member tends to member. This tending process was fully carried out in the setting of prayer partners. Little encouraging cards from one to

the other. The example of Christ and the disciples was followed to seal the commitment between the partners.

Other times of lifting was during a session on the volleyball court or on the horse trail, not to mention the "surprises" found around many corners. This played an important role in strengthening the ties within the body, and as it carries on will continue to do so.

Cardio-Vascular Exercise—Exercising caring, listening and having a heart for others

This is such an important aspect of the Christian living, and something only practice can and does produce. New Day had this displayed to them very plainly by those in charge of taking care of them for their training month, Curt and Diantha Junker, Brenda Arndt, Dave Stoutland and Art Pearce.

The beauty and love of the Lord beamed through these committed lives and really left an example to which New Day can allude. As the body strives to build a strong "caring center" in the heart, it cannot help but increase its endurance to run the race for Christ.

Outfit—Putting on the Armor of God

No body builder can operate without the proper outfit, and so it is with us body builders. We need to set aside all the excess luggage that is "out of season" and hinders us in our daily walk. In its place, we are to put on the Armor of God so that we will be ready in all respects. As the team looks back

As you can see, New Day has learned the concept of the Body during its month of training. It is the members' desire this year to take the concept and put it into use, letting their hands serve, allowing their feet to bring the gospel, opening their mouths to share, offering a caring heart, and in all this, keep conditioning and renewing their minds in Christ as they minister with churches in this N.A.B. Conference. □

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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. and Mrs. William Ebner of Rossmoor Community, Jamesburg, NJ, were honored with a covered dish dinner at the First Baptist Church in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary, Sept.



30, 1982. They have been active in the Lord's work all their lives. (Grace J. Epp, reporter.)

The Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Weisser of Sioux Falls, SD, were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary at an open house hosted by their daughters, Mrs. James (Laura) Westby and Mrs. John (Barbara) Binder, and their families at Trinity Baptist Church on July 11, 1982.



The Weissers served pastorates in Stafsford, KS; Carrington, ND; New Haven, CT; Parkston and Tripp, SD; and Herreid and Artas, SD; as administrator of Baptist Home, Bismarck, ND; and in estate planning for the N.A.B. Conference.

The Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Weisser of Wells, VT, were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary at an open house hosted by their children and grandchildren on July 11, 1982, in Granville, NY. The Weissers served pastorates in Edenwold, SK; Wishek, ND; Lodi, CA; and Rochester, NY. They were married in a double wedding ceremony at the same time as the Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Weisser on July 13, 1932.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Strauss of Chilliwack, BC, were honored at a program and dinner on the occasion of their

50th wedding anniversary at Evergreen Baptist Church, Chilliwack, BC, on July 31, 1982. The Strausses were members of



Springside Baptist Church, SK, and Central Baptist, Edmonton, AB, before coming to Chilliwack in 1959. (Monika Schulz, reporter.)

PLEVNA, MT. A 65th anniversary commemoration was held at First Baptist Church on July 11 with a full day of services. The Rev. Charles Littman, area minister, spoke to the adult Sunday school classes. The Rev. Greg Odell, pastor, delivered the morning message. A potluck dinner was enjoyed at noon.

The afternoon service featured sermons from the Rev. Dale Axt, Sidney, MT, and Rev. Littman. A supper was followed by an evening service.

Evening messages were given by former Pastors Richard Lawrenz and R. H. Zepik, and by the Rev. Dan Fuchs who was raised in our church. Special music was provided by the choir and various individuals. Rev. Zepik wrote a special poem about the Church's 65 years and the 11 pastors who have served.

The day was an inspiring one with sermons challenging the people to continue working for the Lord. (Alberta Couch, reporter.)

MC LAUGHLIN, SD. July 11, 1982, was a joyous day at First Baptist Church as the new pastor and his wife, Lamont and Kym Loudenslager, were warmly welcomed by each department in the church at a reception held in their honor.

Special musical selections and dedication of the church members to work together with the new pastor was a part of the service. Pastor and Mrs. Loudenslager expressed their appreciation for the warm welcome and pantry shower. Pastor Loudenslager is a 1982 graduate of N.A.B. Seminary. (Mrs. Leo Friez, reporter.)

MARTIN, ND. On July 17 and 18, 1982, the Martin Baptist Church celebrated its 85th anniversary. The theme was "Laborers Together with God" (1 Cor. 3:9).

Preceding a buffet supper on Saturday

evening, July 17, 350 people registered for the two-day celebration. The buffet was followed by an informal program of reminiscing, musical numbers and slides.

On Sunday, July 18, a worship service was held in the forenoon. A presentation by the Sunday school was given as well as special music by the choir and a women's sextette. The Rev. Charles Littman, area minister, brought a very challenging message, "Laborers Together with God."

The program at the afternoon service consisted of a trumpet trio; letters of greetings read by the moderator, Mr. Milton Kessler; and music by the men's chorus, church choir and a men's duet. The church history was given by Mr. Walter Weinholz. Speakers for the afternoon were three former pastors and a former missionary: "Laborers with God in the Outreach to Our Community," the Rev. Reuben Grueneich; "Laborers Together with God through Organizations in the Church," the Rev. Alvin Auch; "Laborers Together with God in Missions," Miss Esther Schultz; and "Laborers Together with God in Evangelism," the Rev. John Engel.

The afternoon offering was designated for church extension.

Some of the recent accomplishments for the 108-member church were adding a steeple to the church, a cross, a communion table cloth, two fans and padding the pews.

The Rev. Bill Keple is the minister of the church. (LaVerne Fiesel, reporter.)

VANCOUVER, BC. A single morning worship service, combining the German and English congregations, emphasized the beginning of the fall education program on September 12 at Bethany Baptist Church.

Sunday school workers, mid-week ministry workers, and adult ministry leaders were introduced. After a prayer of dedication for each group, Pastor Ulrich Laser's pertinent message referred to the "go teach" command in the great commission.

A meal of celebration and gratitude was then enjoyed by the congregation following the service. (Elsie Baum, reporter.)

ST. CLAIR SHORES, MI. A recognition service, "Treasures of the Past, Tackling the Future," was held on September 12 for Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Fenner for 14 years of faithful ministry at Bethel Baptist Church. Words of appreciation were spoken by Deacon Board chairman, John Wybenga. Dr. Fenner spoke from Philippians 1:6.

During the evening service, the choir and soloists presented special musical favorites of the Fenners. A special plaque and love gift were given, followed by an after church fellowship.

Dr. Fenner has assumed his new posi-

tion as Great Lakes Area Minister for the N.A.B. Conference. (Ruth Gerber, reporter.)

WINNIPEG, MB. Four young ladies were baptized and welcomed into Southdale Community Baptist Church recently. Following the service, there was a family fellowship time in the home of one of the girls.

The children's film series, "Buford and Friends," was sponsored by the Church with one film being shown each month from January to May. This proved to be a good method of meeting new children and reaching out to the community. The Rev. Jerry J. Edinger is pastor of the Church. (Kathy Knopp, church clerk.)

ARNPRIOR, ON. The congregation of First Baptist Church honoured Visitation Pastor Carl Weisser upon his anniversary of 40 years in the ministry at a special service, followed by a luncheon, on Sunday, June 27. A gift was presented to Pastor Carl (r) on behalf of the congregation by John Page, moderator, (l). Also shown in the picture is his wife Eva.



Pastor Carl was ordained in Arnprior on July 5, 1942. His first pastorate was with the First and Calvary Baptist Churches in Killaloe from 1942-51. From 1951-58 he served Calvary Baptist Church, Carrington, ND; 1958-61 First Baptist Churches in Streeter and Medina in North Dakota; 1961-68 First Baptist, Wishek, ND; 1968-74 Redeemer Baptist, Columbus, NE; 1974-77 chaplain, Central Baptist Home, Norridge, IL, and currently Arnprior since 1977.

"Totally surprised by the luncheon, Pastor Weisser was touched," says Rosalie Russett, reporter.

TORONTO, ON. The Eastern Association meetings were held September 17-19 at the Humbervale Park Baptist Church.

The theme was "The Recovery of Family Life" with Professor Walter Goltz, president, North American Baptist College and Divinity School, Edmonton, AB, as guest speaker. His messages, "The Family Confronts Contemporary Values," "Principles of Successful Family Life," "Commitment and Communication," "Christian Relationships in Family Life,"

and "Marriage Enrichment in the Church" were very helpful, thought-provoking and relevant to the problems families face today.

The Association business sessions were conducted under the able leadership of Moderator Bill Kauffeldt, First Baptist Church, Arnprior, ON.

The beautiful weather, the warm hospitality of the Humbervale church and its pastor, the Rev. Fred Merke, the music, and wonderful fellowship with God's people contributed to a weekend filled with God's choice blessings and spiritual enrichment. (Eva Weisser, reporter.)

WETASKIWIN, AB. Calvary Baptist Church held a farewell program for the Rev. and Mrs. Larry Parker and family who resigned August 31 after serving for more than five years.

On the evening of August 29, a program was held in their honor with special music and words of appreciation by representatives of various areas of the Church. Many from the congregation expressed their gratitude. A lovely clock was presented to them. Lunch and fellowship followed the service. (Minnie Knuenz, reporter.)

EMERY, SD. The 136th meeting of the South Dakota Association met at First Baptist Church September 22-23 with Mr. Ray DeNeui, moderator, presiding.

Highlights of the Association included the celebration of 125 years of ministry of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, through a multi-media presentation, special music, testimonies and a keynote address by Seminary President Charles Hiatt. Missionary speaker was Oryn Meinerts, Cameroon, Africa, and a native of Emery.

Two special luncheons included one for men with Oryn Meinerts speaking on missions and one for women featuring Janelle (Mrs. Charles) Hiatt as the speaker.

Church growth is a key goal of the Association as is evidenced by the two new churches planted in Brandon, SD, and Gillette, WY.

The Rev. Leon Bill was elected moderator of the Association. (Rev. Larry Salsbury, reporter.)

ODESSA, WA. Installation services were held at Odessa Baptist Church on July 18 for the Rev. and Mrs. Myrl Thiesies, who formerly served Evergreen Baptist Church, Renton, WA. Dr. Hans Wilcke was guest speaker.

Greetings were given by the Mayor of Odessa and ministers of Odessa churches. Special music was furnished by the Spokane and Colfax churches. The Rev. Harvey Motis, Spokane, gave the charge to the pastor, and the Rev. John Ziegler, Colfax, the charge to the congregation.

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Rev. and Mrs. Thiesies gave a musical response.

Everyone enjoyed a time of fellowship following the service. (Geraldine Goetz, reporter.)

SWAN RIVER, MB. A farewell and commissioning service was held September 19 at Temple Baptist Church for Pastor and Mrs. Leland Bertsch, Phyllis Schroeder, Cheryl Dahl and Calvin Dahl who feel their call to missionary service with Emmanuel International. After three months of training, they leave in January for a year of service in the Philippines. The Rev. Rubin Kern is serving as pastor from September through December 1982. (Lynn Patzer, reporter.)

HOPE, KS. The First Baptist Church of Dickinson County felt a loss after Pastor Zier and his family left. Prayers were answered as the Rev. Chester Strobel and family accepted the call as pastor of the Church. On September 19 a reception dinner was held for the Strobels and a pantry shower was presented. Rev. and Mrs. Strobel and their four children have beautiful musical talent. The Lord has certainly blessed us. (Virla Piper, reporter.)

PRINCE RUPERT, BC. Five persons, pictured with Pastor Terry Jarosch, were baptized and welcomed into the member-



ship of Bethel First Baptist Church during baptismal services on May 2, and July 25. (Dorothy Potter, church clerk.)

PLEVNA, MT. The Rev. Monte Michelson, Calvary Baptist Church, Aberdeen, SD, was guest speaker for a week of special meetings September 27 through October 3. His messages focused on Christian growth and family life, both

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in personal families and in God's family. His final messages on October 3 were for the annual Harvest-Mission Sunday.

Pastor Greg Odell is currently teaching a series on cults. The film, "Heavenly Deception," was shown recently. (Mrs. Alberta Couch, reporter.)

VANCOUVER, BC. It was a week of bountiful blessings at Bethany Baptist Church. On September 28 the Bowker Brothers from Alberta performed on two grand pianos. They shared their talents and testimonies through music.

On Friday of that week at the church family banquet, hosted by the Bethany Dorcas Ladies, Missionaries Pete and May Schroeder were guests. Rev. Schroeder spoke and showed slides of the mission work in Nigeria. A generous offering for missions was received. (Elsie Baum, reporter.)

OVERLAND PARK, KS. The "New Day" Music and Discipling Teams ministered at College Boulevard Baptist Church in March. The Music Team appeared live on KYFC TV-50 in Kansas City. Both teams ministered at a shopping mall in addition to the regular services.

The congregation has experienced "packing up and moving on" over the past nine months. At least four changes have had to be made in the meeting place for Sunday services.

The Southwestern Association Church Extension Committee met at Lenexa, KS, in April. The committee felt the location of the building site was excellent; they recommended that we proceed with plans for building our first unit, and committed more money from the Association toward the land.

Pastor Rubin Herrmann was appointed chaplain-on-call at the local Day's Inn Motel. On the first call he received as chaplain, Pastor Herrmann was able to lead a young man to the Lord. (Elaine Strobel, reporter.)

HARVEY, ND. The Bethel Baptist Church celebrated its first anniversary in its new building, which was dedicated in January 1981. The Rev. Charles Littman, North Central Area minister, brought the message in the morning service centering on the ministry of prayer. The church band, directed by Brian Tessman, furnished the music.

The congregation enjoyed a dinner and a time of fellowship following the service. The Rev. Eric Coulon is pastor of the church. (Emma Fuhrman, reporter.)

NAPOLEON, ND. The annual Harvest-Mission Festival was held at the Napoleon Baptist Church, Sept. 26, 1982. Pastor Allan Gerber, Ashley, ND, was the guest speaker for the morning and after-

noon services. A potluck dinner was held in the church basement. In celebration of our gratitude, a total offering of \$2,182.25 was given. (Claudia Schulz, reporter.)

ABILENE, KS. On July 4, the Ebenezer Baptist Church honored the Rev. and Mrs. Harry Haas for their 25 years of active ministry.

Pastor Haas began his first full-time pastorate duties at Ebenezer in 1957. Since then, they have ministered in Kansas, Iowa, Oklahoma and the Dakotas, and are now in church extension work in Gillette, WY.

Rev. Haas brought the morning message, and he and his sons provided special music.

A love offering was presented to Rev. and Mrs. Haas at a basket dinner following the service. An informal praise service followed. Guests came from the Haas's former churches to help celebrate. (Reva Lutz, reporter.)

ALPENA, MI.

Arnold Kirschner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Kirschner, of Alpena was ordained as a Baptist minister on June 20, 1982, at the Ripley Boulevard Baptist Church. It was Father's Day and very appropriate that the parents of Arnie should see their son ordained into the Baptist Ministry.

The ceremony took place at the 11:00 a.m. service and was attended by 300 persons. Pastor Jacob Ehman gave the ordination sermon. Arnie's oldest son, age 14, sang.

Arnie graduated from North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, SD, with a Master of Divinity degree. He and his wife, Loleta, and their three children are serving a pastorate in North Freedom, WI. (Mary Coy, reporter.)

GLADWIN, MI. On Sept. 24-26, 1982, the Round Lake Baptist Church conducted its annual Missions Conference and Harvest Festival.

On Friday, the Rev. Al Fedder, pastor, First Baptist Church, Spring Lake, spoke. Saturday all enjoyed a potluck supper.

A Missionary Christmas Offering was received for the missionaries the church supports. The Rev. Larry Messer, Kalamazoo, represented church extension in Michigan.

Special guest speaker for all services on Sunday was the Rev. Harold Lang, associate director of N.A.B. missions and former missionary to Cameroon.

In the evening service, the congregation brought garden produce and canned

foods. The Rev. Robert Brown is pastor. (Mrs. Jean Kleiss, reporter.)

FESSENDEN, ND. It is always a pleasure to have the missionaries who grew up in First Baptist Church return. Barbara Kieper recently showed slides of her work in Nigeria. We thank our Heavenly Father for answered prayer for Pat Lenz' health, making it possible for her to return to Cameroon.

During the Mission Conference, Daphne Dunger and Oryn Meinerts, missionaries from Cameroon, shared their mission work. The Rev. Don Ganstrom, interim church extension director spoke about church extension, and the Rev. Fred Folkerts, missions director, gave a missions review. (Regina Pepple, reporter.)

ALPENA, MI. On Friday, June 18, an ordination council, called by Ripley Boulevard Baptist Church, met to consider Mr. Arnold A. Kirschner for the ministry.

The council unanimously recommended Mr. Kirschner for ordination after due consideration of his testimony and doctrinal statement. He was ordained by the Church on June 20, 1982. (Bob Vogt, council clerk.)

CALGARY, AB. Under the faithful and devoted service of Pastor Heinz Schoenhoff (pictured), and Assistant Pastor Keith Bienert (pictured), all branches of Temple Baptist Church work well together to the glory of the Lord.



Schoenhoff

Bienert

The Rev. R. Hohensee, Kelowna, BC, conducted Deeper Life services, which the Lord blessed richly. Through the testimony of Ernie Hollands, precious souls were saved, and the church experienced the joy of revival.

Two baptismal services were held. Others desire to be baptized.

The Church is grateful to the Rev. Reinhold Kanwischer, who willingly served as interim pastor, assistant pastor and choir director.

The church rejoiced in the celebration of the following golden wedding anniversaries: Mr. and Mrs. Rudolf Guderjan, March 6; Mr. and Mrs. William Koslowski, April 24, and Mr. and Mrs. George Maerz, July 31. (Helene Klippe, reporter.)

LODI, CA. What could be more exciting than seeing 247 women gather together for a one-day Nor-Cal Women's Retreat hosted by the Women's Missionary Fellowship of Temple Baptist Church. It was a day of fun, fellowship, inspiration and food.

Shirley Cook, author, was the main speaker for the day, and she chose the book of Esther as her topic. Her mother, Modena Galien, gave her testimony.

It was a thrill to see many young women of the Nor-Cal churches take part. Many spoke of the inspiration that this retreat had upon their lives. (Mrs. Donna Platt, Secretary, Nor-Cal W.M.F.)

ANAMOOSE, ND. On June 26-27, Anamoose Baptist Church celebrated its 75th anniversary. The key verses for the event was Philippians 3:13-14.

A banquet was held on Saturday evening with speakers being former pastors and missionaries.

The Sunday event began with a time of fellowship followed by the morning worship service. A time of sharing, music by a former quartet from the church, and a sermon by former pastor, the Rev. Alvin Auch, were parts of the service. This was followed by a potluck dinner.

The 75th anniversary service began at 2:30 p.m. at the Anamoose School gym. The keynote speaker for that was the Executive Director of the North American Baptist Conference, Dr. John Binder. A time of fellowship followed the service.

The Anamoose Baptist Church began 75 years ago with 89 charter members. The church was called the German Baptist Church until 1952. The church presently has a membership of 70 with all of the departments of the church actively carrying on the work. The church building was totally renovated with a large new foyer in 1975. A new parsonage was built in the fall of 1979. The Rev. Byron Brodehl is pastor. (Lorraine Frank, reporter.)

EDMONTON, AB. Northgate Baptist Church held its Annual Women's Missionary Fellowship program Sept. 19, 1982. The W.M.F. group sang as a choir. A poem was shared by Dora Johnson. An offering was received for Theological Education by Extension. Miss Trudy Schatz, returned missionary, Cameroon, was special speaker.

Several ladies were honored for 45 years of service with W.M.S. and W.M.F.: Mrs. Bertha Schubert, Mrs. Marie Schubert, Mrs. Martha Hoffman, and Mrs. Lydia Schultz, as well as Mrs. Helen Nordheimer and Mrs. E. Jelinek, in absentia.

Mrs. Lola Weber and Mrs. Ellen Hein have been with the W.M.F. for 30 years.

Each lady received a lovely corsage. Egermeir's Handbook of the Bible was placed in the Church library as a token of

appreciation for their faithfulness.

White Cross projects and an album of photos from the past 45 years were displayed.

TACOMA, WA. Calvary Baptist Church celebrated 75 years of W.M.F. work with a fun night. Several ladies told of their experiences and blessings in



belonging to the Women's Missionary Fellowship. Our president, Carolyn Schmidtke, has served several terms as president for a total of 24 years.

VENTURIA, ND. The W.M.F. of Venturia Baptist Church celebrated the birthday of our pastor's wife, Joan Tschetter.

The W.M.F. took Easter baskets to the elderly and May baskets to the I.C.F. in Ashley. This included one for Missionary R. Hoffman's mother.

Our ladies attended the Ashley Tabitha Society's birthday program at which Mrs.

CALGARY, AB. Nine candidates were baptized recently by Pastor Sieg Koslowski (pictured left) and were received into membership along with two others by letter of transfer.



In Memoriam

BENJAMIN DOJAHN (76) was born Aug. 18, 1906 to Gottlieb and Berta Dojahn in Jagodenka, Russia, and died Aug. 23, 1982. After World War I, the Dojahn family moved

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Stan Shauer spoke. (Mrs. Asoph Haas, reporter.)

BELLWOOD, IL. The Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Fuchs of Oak Park, IL, were honored at a farewell dinner by members and friends of First Baptist Church on September 25. The Fuchs were much loved by the congregation during their interim ministry from January through September 1982. During this time, Rev. Fuchs held membership classes and welcomed 24 new members into the church, most of whom are adults.

LODI, CA. Four hundred mothers and daughters attended the Mother-Daughter "Old English Tea" sponsored by the W.M.F. of Temple Baptist Church. The food, prepared by the young women of the church, was elegantly served by their husbands.

The ladies heard the life story of two antique dolls and a most inspirational message on the old, but ever new, topic of loving one another. Ginger Shingler of Stockton was speaker.

The quite young daughters were treated to a puppet show and made gifts for their mothers. Kathy Fowler and Karen West served as co-chairwomen of the Tea. Lorelie Barth is president of the W.M.F., and Dr. Kenneth Fischer is senior pastor. (Thelma Fischer, reporter.)

The Lord continues to bless at Thornhill. Recently special programs included Vacation Bible School and a fall discipleship program.

Herta Dojahn; two sons: Mr. and Mrs. Gordon and Marie Dojahn, Edmonton, AB, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald and Lorraine Dojahn, Millet, AB; one daughter, Mrs. Marlene Balzer and husband Rolly, Leduc, AB; six grandchildren; and one brother Emil. The Rev. Richard Hohensee and the Rev. Reinhard Neuman officiated at the funeral service.

ADOLPH HEINLE (73) Jamestown, born Oct. 10, 1908, near Denhoff, ND, to Henry and Elizabeth (Heil) Heinle died Aug. 12, 1982. Adolph married Caroline Gienger Nov. 13, 1932, at Lincoln Valley. They farmed near Denhoff. In 1955 they moved to Lincoln Valley and in 1958 to Jamestown. He served as deacon and Sunday school teacher in Temple Baptist Church, where he was a member. Adolph will be remembered by his wonderful Christian testimony, even during his illness. Survivors include his wife; five children: Mrs. Larry Tingle (Darlene), Mrs. Merle Zumbaum (Glorianne), Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, all of Minneapolis; Roger Heinle, Redding, CA; Tim Heinle, Helena, MT; 18 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one brother; and three sisters. The Rev. George Robinson and the Rev. N. E. McCoy officiated at the service.

MRS. GERTRUDE SCHROEDER, nee Peters, was born Nov. 15, 1893, in Schoenfeld (near Odessa), Russia, and died Jan. 24, 1982. She accepted Jesus Christ as personal Savior and Lord early in life. On June 9, 1914, she married the Rev. G. P. Schroeder who predeceased her in 1980. In 1923 the family moved to Canada where the Schroeders served in several churches. In 1936 they moved to the United States where they served in various ministries, with a final move to Lodi, CA, in 1948. Mrs. Schroeder was a member of Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, when she died. Mrs. Schroeder was well known for the supportive ministry she extended in the places where her husband served and for her hospitality even when material means were very limited. Her work with the women's organizations of the churches they served, her quiet spirit and her dedication in ministry will long be remembered by many. Survivors include five daughters: Margaret Sinclair, Ottawa, KS, Katherine Freeman, Three Hills, AB, Trudie Lippert, Lodi, CA, Joanne Wiebe, Lodi, CA, and Doris Ehlers, Silverdale, WA; two sons: Peter and Gary, Lodi, CA; three sisters: Anna Steingart, Susan Peter and Mary Klassen; 20 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. The Rev. Ernie Rogalski officiated at the funeral service.

ELSIE (WALTER) WETGEN (81) of Columbus, NE, was born June 22, 1901, in Platte County to Joseph and Meta Kamm Krause, and died July 13, 1982. At the age of 12, she was baptized and joined Shell Creek Baptist Church. She married Walter Wetgen at Columbus Feb. 5, 1920. After their marriage, they lived on a farm north of Columbus until 1955, when they moved to Columbus. Survivors include two sons: LaVern and Melvin, Columbus; one daughter, Mrs. Evangeline (Clarence) Reick, Columbus; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, three sisters, one grandson and one great-granddaughter. The Rev. William Effa officiated at the funeral service.

LYDIA BUCK (83) died Aug. 1, 1982. Lydia accepted Christ at 16. She married Alex Buck at Napoleon, ND, May 5, 1919. They farmed near Napoleon until 1945 when they moved to Jamestown. Her life was an example and inspiration. Survivors include her husband; two sons and four daughters: Melvin and Mrs. Stanley (Rita) Herr, Minneapolis; Arnie Buck and Mrs. Ben (Clara) Staiger, Fargo; Mrs. Adeline Tahrn, Lodi, CA, and Mrs. Lorraine Wolff, Jamestown; three brothers; two sisters; 14 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. The Rev. Gordon Voegele officiated at the funeral service.

HILLARY KRULL (91) was born Dec. 30, 1890, in Lyon County, IA, to Weert and Geske (Kruger) Krull, and died July 6, 1982. Hillary was baptized upon profession of his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ Feb. 23, 1941. He married Minnie Kix March 8, 1913, at George, IA. Hillary was an active member of the Central Baptist Church holding various offices: trustee, Sunday school secretary-treasurer and usher. Survivors include three sons: George, Fred, and Wilfred (Bill) Krull of George, IA; three daughters: Mrs. Alice Jansen, Mrs. Phyllis Petres, and Harriet (Mrs. Fredwin Ackerman), George, IA; 20 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; one brother, Weert W. Krull; and one sister-in-law, Mrs. Esther Kix. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, three sons, four brothers, one sister, two granddaughters and one great-granddaughter.

BEN LEICHT (85) of Lodi, CA, was born in Long Lake, SD, on Nov. 5, 1896, to Christ and Elizabeth Leicht and died July 19, 1982. He married Tillie Ulrich Nov. 11, 1926, in Ashley, ND. He received Christ as Savior, was baptized and joined the church in Eureka, SD, in 1927, where they lived for 18 years. He served as a deacon. In 1943 they moved to Lodi where he joined First Baptist Church and served as Sunday school secretary. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Esther Adams; a grandson, Larry Weisser; four brothers: Jake, John, Ed and Chris; and a sister, Elizabeth Ulrich. Survivors include his wife, Tillie; a daughter, Elsie Weisser; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. The Rev. Walter Dingfield and the Rev. G. G. Rauser officiated at the funeral service.

MRS. DOROTHY NIES (74) of Wishek, ND, was born July 26, 1907, at Davenport, IA, to Wilhelm and Augusta Puhlmann, and died July 18, 1982. She married David Nies on June 9, 1935. Her growing years and married life were spent on the farm in the Ashley area. She was active first in Rosenfeld Baptist Church, then Ebenezer Baptist, Lehr, ND, and then Ashley Baptist, ND. She taught Sunday school and served in the Women's Missionary Society. Survivors include one son, Delmar, Anoka, MN; one daughter, Henrietta (Mrs. Harold Hjelle), New Brighton, MN; one step-daughter, Darlene (Mrs. Ted Bollinger), Lehr, ND; eight grandchildren; one brother; and one sister. Pastor Allan Gerber officiated at the funeral service.

MRS. GERTRUDE E. RUPP (91) was born to John and Mary Miller in Detroit, MI, in 1891 and died Aug. 12, 1982. Mrs. Rupp will always be remembered by her smile, her faithful

church attendance and light-hearted attitude even though she was totally deaf. She had been a member of Colonial Village Baptist Church for over 25 years. Mrs. Rupp had been a resident of Lansing for 70 years. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Foad S. (Mariam D.) Ceasar; four grandsons; and two sisters. Her only son preceded her in death this past year. Dr. Arthur W. Boymook officiated at the memorial service.

CLAIRE DENNIS SCHULER (25) born Feb. 1, 1957, was the only child of Ben and Frieda Schuler and died June 11, 1982. Shortly after moving to Kelowna with his parents, he married Shelly Persinger of Munson, AB. In November 1981 both of them accepted Christ and were baptized. Within a month, he was told he had cancer. During the two weeks that he was in the hospital, he was a real witness, as well as through a tape he made for his former church praying that someone would accept Christ as Savior. Survivors include his wife Shelly and her parents, Howard and Eileen Persinger, of Munson; his parents, Ben and Frieda Schuler, of Kelowna; and his grandparents, Karl and Lydia Schuler, of Carbon. The memorial service was held in Carbon with the Rev. Richard Grabke officiating.

OLGA SCHULZ (73) nee Bross, was born Aug. 4, 1909, at Penkof, Wolhynia, Russia, and died Aug. 8, 1982. During the First World War, the Bross family emigrated to Kelchen-dorf, East Prussia, Germany. She married Samuel Schulz Nov. 6, 1931. They celebrated their 50th anniversary a few months ago. In 1952 they immigrated to Lethbridge, AB, and in 1954 they moved to Chilliwack, BC. It was at Lethbridge in 1953 that Olga accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Savior. She was baptized in Evergreen Baptist, Chilliwack, in 1954. Her older son, Gerhard, preceded her in death in 1969. Survivors include her husband, Sam; one son, Kurt and wife Sara, Vancouver; one sister in Poland; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

JOHN OSTER (71) of Medicine Hat, AB, was born in Kansanka, Ukraine, Russia, March 2, 1911, and died Aug. 25, 1982. On Sept. 1, 1940, he was united in marriage to Ella Schaf-fert. During World War II, they left Ukraine. In 1945 they settled in Mistellgan, West Germany. In 1952 they immigrated to Canada. John accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior and was baptized in his youth. He united with Temple Baptist Church in 1970 where he was an active member until his death. Survivors include his wife Ella; two daughters: Mrs. Benno (Lilly) Fus of Medicine Hat, and Mrs. Emil (Edda) Hein of Calgary; one son, John Edward of Calgary; and five grandchildren. The Rev. Loren A. Weber and the Rev. Paul T. Hunsicker officiated at the funeral service.

What's Happening

Mr. Charles P. Davis, Jr. became assistant to the pastor in Christian education and music at Bloomfield Hills Baptist Church, Michigan, on Sept. 19, 1982.

Mr. Neal Effa resigned as minister of Christian education and youth at Springside Baptist Church, Saskatchewan, effective Nov. 21, 1982. He served there since 1980. He will continue his education.

The Rev. Anthony Arends began his ministry as pastor of Mowata Baptist Church, Eunice, LA, on Nov. 14, 1982. He served as pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Loyal, OK, since 1978.

The Rev. Kirk Johnston is the new pastor at North Highlands Bible Church, (formerly North Highlands Baptist), Dallas, TX, effective Oct. 17, 1982.

The Rev. Marvin Dewey became director of development, financial aid and alumni, at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, SD, October 14. He had served as youth pastor at Ebenezer Baptist Church, Vancouver, BC, since 1979.

The Rev. James Lavender became pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Kyle, TX, on Nov. 7, 1982.

The Rev. Douglas Radke assumed the pastorate of Hollyview Baptist Church, Boring, OR, Aug. 1, 1982. He formerly served Riverview Baptist Church, West St. Paul, MN, since 1975.

The Rev. Ted Keck resigned as pastor of Metropolitan Baptist Church, Fargo, ND, effective Nov. 30, 1982. He founded this church in 1977. He will be moving to Carrollton, TX, where he will have a bi-vocational ministry. His interest is to start Bible studies which would possibly become a church.

The Rev. Fred Kahler became associate pastor at Central Baptist Church, Kitchener, ON, effective Sept. 2, 1982.

Dr. J. Gordon Harris is the new vice president for academic affairs at N.A.B. Seminary, Sioux Falls, SD, effective February 1, 1983. He has been professor of Old Testament there since 1976.

Rev. Danny Kroeker assumed the position of minister of visitation and discipleship at Grace Baptist Church, Calgary, AB, in October 1982.

Dr. Martin Stuck began his ministry as pastor of Bloomingdale Baptist Church, Illinois, in August 1982.

The Rev. Clinton Grenz accepted the position of executive director of South American Missionary Evangelism, located in Bismarck, ND, effective Nov. 1, 1982. He previously served as assistant administrator of the Baptist Home, Bismarck, ND, since 1979.

The Rev. Dan Van Gerpen, a 1982 graduate of the N.A.B. Seminary, Sioux Falls, SD, became pastor at Randolph Baptist Church, Minnesota, in November 1982.

The Rev. Edward Carter became pastor of First Baptist Church, Bellwood IL, on Oct. 1, 1982. He came from a pastorate in Wayne, NE.

Aberdeen Hills Baptist Church, Kamloops, BC, changed its name to Summit Drive Baptist Church. The Rev. Werner Lemke is pastor.

The Rev. Norris Helms became the full-time pastor at Mountain View Baptist Church, Chino, CA, effective Oct. 1, 1982. He resigned as minister of Christian education and visitation, Sunkist Baptist Church, Anaheim, CA, where he served since 1977.

Dr. Stanley Grenz, assistant professor of Theology, N.A.B. Seminary, Sioux Falls, SD, was selected for inclusion in the 1982 edition of *Outstanding Young Men of America*.

The Rev. and Mrs. William Crews, Sioux Falls, SD, received Doctor of Ministry degrees from Trinity Evan-

gelical Divinity School, Deerfield, IL, in May 1982.

Mr. Charles Giambra is the new assistant pastor at Austin Street Baptist Church, Buffalo, NY.

Mr. Paul Thomas is the new part-time youth pastor at North Pointe Baptist Church, Warren, MI. The Rev. Gordon Thomas is senior pastor.

Mr. Brian Perry is the youth pastor at Victor Baptist Church, Iowa, effective Aug. 22, 1982. The Rev. Terry Tareila is senior pastor.

The Rev. Fred Lacuesta resigned as Christian education worker of First Baptist Church, Ellinwood, KS, in August to accept the position as chaplain of Dehner Hospital, Troy, OH.

Mr. Dennis Thum, associate pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, SD, since June 1, 1982, was ordained into the ministry on Oct. 24, 1982, by that church.

Mr. Daniel O'Clair became the pastor of Sierra Baptist Church, Arvada, CO, on Nov. 15, 1982.

Mr. Arnie Heineman is the new minister of Christian education at Immanuel Baptist Church, Vancouver, BC.

The Rev. Dale H. Axt resigned as pastor of First Baptist Church, Sidney, MT, effective Oct. 1, 1982. He served there since 1978. Presently he is seeking the Lord's direction; however, he is employed in the Sidney area, and is serving as a chaplain in the United States Air Force Reserves.

Dr. William Crews resigned as pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, SD. He served there since 1979.

Dr. Howard Andersen, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, Vancouver, BC, since 1980 resigned effective Aug. 31, 1982.

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Pray that God will provide the resources to meet our 1982 mission and ministry need of \$4,000,000 through our Conference churches. Over \$1,000,000 will be needed during the month of December to reach this goal.

Pray for Ruth Strauss, the wife of our Field Secretary in Nigeria, and her first year women's class at the Mambilla Baptist Theological School. The students are easily discouraged since many are illiterate and have difficulty understanding English.

Pray for the staff needs of the Cameroon Baptist Convention Primary School in Bwiwuku. There are only five teachers for the 500 students. Pray for Bibles and Christian literature for the school as well as Cameroon.

Pray for Rev. Celio Trugilho, the pastor of a church extension project in Vacaria, Brazil, and Rev. Richard Kaiser, acting field

secretary of our Brazilian field, who also ministers in Vacaria. This city of 55,000 has been very resistant to the gospel.

Pray that our Conference women will be able to supply the additional 500 baby blankets, 320 ladies' hospital gowns and other White Cross materials needed by our Baptist Health Center at Mbem.

Pray for Rev. Ted Keck as he takes a step of faith and seeks self-employment in order to begin a church extension project, the third in the Southern Association.

Pray for the "New Day" music and discipleship teams as they share the gospel in song and word among our Alberta churches during December.

Pray that God would provide the funds to meet the unexpected increase in applications for student financial aid at our

College and Divinity School in Edmonton. Provision was made for 20 students; however, 43 students have applied for financial assistance.

Pray for the board members of our Seminary in Sioux Falls as they seek God's guidance in calling two new faculty members. The Seminary is searching for a Professor of Christian Education and a Professor of Bible and Homiletics.

Pray for the spring Decision Conference at our Seminary in Sioux Falls, March 25-27. The Decision Conference seeks to encourage young people to enter full-time Christian service.

Pray that God would continue to encourage individuals and businesses in Sioux Falls to meet the Seminary's Local Capital Funds Drive goal of \$325,000 for an addition to the Seminary's Library.