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“Tell of His Glory Among the Nations”

Psalm 96:3

Keeping In Touch



tee or custodian of gifts entrusted to us. It also means being understanding and responsive to the concerns of those who have given. Please "keep in touch" by sending me your expressions of concern for ministry in your area or other areas of our Conference. □

John Binder

Executive director
North American Baptist Conference

I have been deeply moved as the report came to me about the total contributions of N.A.B. churches and individuals toward the mission and ministry budget of 1982. \$3,929,957 was given! I am very grateful for the commitment of people to advance the cause of Christ through the cooperative ministries of our Conference. It is a demonstration of faithfulness, generosity and even sacrificial giving at a time of widespread unemployment and economic depression for many in Canada and the U.S.A.

I am thankful to God for his intervention and to all who have participated with large and small gifts to meet the very urgent financial needs. I am also grateful to missionaries, Conference personnel, pastors and a host of lay persons who have told the story of what our goals are and how God is working among us.

The \$4,000,000 budget goal in 1982 included \$3,750,000 for our basic missions and ministry budget and \$250,000 for final debt liquidation. There were contributions in 1982 of \$217,134 designated for debt liquidation as part of the total giving of \$3,929,957.

Even though there is a small shortfall from the \$4,000,000 goal, the million dollar operating debt which we have tried to liquidate during the last three years is now wiped out. Praise the Lord!

Beginning with 1983, we will build a positive operating reserve for mission advance. A goal has been set by the General Council to build a 60-day positive operating reserve so that we do not have to pay so much interest on borrowed money during the lean months. For 1983 that 60-day reserve would be about \$660,000. Obviously this cannot be achieved in one year. It will need to be done over several years and through the Conference-wide Capital Funds Drive scheduled for the fall of 1983.

Now that the operating debt is almost liquidated, we will be able to concentrate our efforts more toward mission advance. This has already happened as 23 new missionaries were appointed and sent out to Nigeria, Cameroon and Japan. We will also be giving more attention to planting new churches, ministering in needy urban centers among various cultural groups and providing help for churches to grow that are in transition or declining.

Those of us who are involved in making decisions about the use of all of these gifts want to do it responsibly. This means being a good trustee

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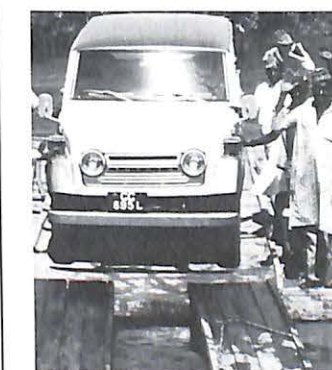
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Tell of His Glory . . . through Primary Health Care and Education

by Daphne Dunger

Our Primary Health Care and Education ministry known as the Life Abundant Programme is alive and growing! It is a ministry of the local Baptist churches in villages with populations of more than 1,000 people—a ministry that teaches people to find practical ways to prevent much illness and to find cures.

Before I, the director of the programme, left on furlough, the Life Abundant Programme (L.A.P.) team plus five other volunteer helpers spent four days in Koffa, a small but important "hub-city" village in the Mfumte Field area. Our main task was to conduct a health survey, part of the process leading to a Life Abundant Post for the village.

In addition, we held clinics on two days, spent time with the Christians, learned as much as we could about the community, and had working sessions with the pastors, the Chief, the Njis and other leaders to assist them to carefully organize their health committee and choose their trainees.

Preliminary to this visit was our ten-day circle trek of Mfumte, when we met with the people of various villages as well as the Christians and then continued in dialogue by correspondence. Four other villages in Mfumte are also working towards their own L. A. Posts. In Mbem Field, another four or five are trying, also.

In 1981 we were able to assist only four to five of these. The others were "next in line" for 1982 and 1983.

Since December 1980, our efforts have been, out of necessity, slowed down. I was transferred to another additional full-time job. The new

Miss Daphne Dunger is a missionary nurse/midwife working in the Mbem Area of Cameroon as director of the Life Abundant Programme. She has been on furlough this year.

coordinator, Pastor Laban Chaimbah, was learning; funds were low; and two village-L.A.P. problems threatened, slowing down our progress. But God has shown his love and power in behalf of his many "forgotten" children in our remote and underprivileged areas.

How we praise God that soon we can again push ahead "full-steam"! I was freed to return to the Programme full-time. Two of our first L. A. Promoters (through the help of the preventive medicine doctor at our divisional headquarters) were able to participate in a six-week community development course for health workers sponsored by UNICEF. Though major external assistance funds did not come through from our first attempt, Bread for the World (based in Germany) did grant us sizable help for 1982 and 1983

primarily for transportation costs and the coordinator's salary. Also a very helpful amount of equipment, funds, and knowledgeable encouraging advice were given by and through Dr. and Mrs. R. Brown, former Presbyterian missionaries in Zaire serving with USAID in Yaounde.

Now with two intradermal jet-injectors, immunization clinics will be more efficient and economical, portable refrigeration will make our vaccines "guaranteed to work," sturdy hanging spring-type infant weighing scales will make possible meaningful under-five clinics, and calculators, typewriter, and a file will make the important paper-work easier. A glimpse of the Life Abundant Programme shows the dedication of the workers and necessary aid provided for the people.

Mrs. Karen Macloskie, short-term missionary 1980-82, feels for an enlarged spleen during a health clinic.



Jonathan, the field assistant, questions one of the village men about the village social, economic, traditional, and environmental factors.



(above) Another child was born and so this three-year-old may not nurse anymore . . . and food is inadequate (no protein), in part, because the father prefers the other wife, not caring for this one.

(below) Terry Wolff, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. M. D. Wolff, and a short-term missionary 1980-82, checks the hemoglobin of a young boy.





Terry's visiting sister, Edie Wolff, checks for Sickle Cell disease.

The local economy "runs on" local selling of palm oil, palm wine, and some handcrafted articles like this sleeping mat. Health care, to be meaningful, must be "programmed" within the means of the community . . . not an easy task!



Pastor L. Chiambah, L.A.P. coordinator, measures a child's upper arm for his nutritional level, using a simple colored string geared to children under five.



Daphne checks the blood pressure of one of the women patients who came during the clinic.



We still need:
Insight and wise-priority-setting-ability to "design" a workable Christ-centered program;
Physical strength for trekking;
And the know-how to make spiritual health teaching culturally relevant, practical, and effective.
 We thank God for the privilege to give our minds, hearts, hands, feet, strength, and love to him to break, multiply, and bless the many still hungry in body and soul. □

Update: While Daphne has been on furlough, Kathy Kroll and several of the trained staff of the Mbem Health Centre have been working with Pastor Chiambah in providing continued guidance, supervision, and immunization services for the nine L.A.P. posts now functioning in Mbem and Mfumte Fields. Hopefully when Daphne returns at the end of April, she and Ruby Eliason will be working together with Laban in further developing the work and outreach of this vital health ministry through our Cameroon Baptist Convention churches.

Photos by Milton Lemke and Daphne Dunger

Laymen In Action: Why Not Us?

by Iona Quiring

LAYMAN noun [LAYMEN pl.] One of the laity; a man not belonging to the clergy or other profession or body of experts.

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"The General Secretary . . . recommended that a program be approved called 'Laymen-in-Action' whereby men and women in our North American Baptist Conference with special interest, funds, skills, and time may contribute these resources to meet special projects on our mission fields." (excerpt from Board of Missions minutes, 1980, page 42, item 3125).

Ever since we first visited Cameroon in 1973 with our four children, my husband Ed and I had talked about going back. We loved the country, the people, and the missionaries. So when the Cameroon Baptist Convention and

Mrs. Iona (Ed) Quiring, Rogers, MN, is national W.M.F. president (1983-85).

Board of Missions came up with the Laymen-in-Action plan, we thought, "Why not us?" Ed wanted a chance to help, to do some of the maintenance and fixing jobs that the missionaries just don't have the time or the tools to do.

Through the Missions Department and letters from my brother, Dr. Jerry Fluth, at that time a medical doctor at Mbingo Baptist Hospital, we were aware of several projects, which had been approved for Laymen-in-Action. As we began to seriously consider actually going to Cameroon, many questions arose. Would we be able to do the jobs that would be required of us; did we have the necessary skills? What equipment should we take with us? What about family here at home, our children and grandchildren, our parents? Could we really afford to go? What about leaving our business that long? Would we be able to work well with missionaries and Cameroonians? Where would we live?

Some of these questions we couldn't answer completely; we just had to make the best preparations and decisions we could regarding our family and our business, and leave the rest up to God. Communication with the North American Baptist office staff and with Cameroon helped resolve some of the other issues. As we prepared to go, continuing to pray for God's direction, we became increasingly confident that this was his plan for us. The whole-hearted support of our family and of our friends at Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, MN, was a tremendous encouragement. It was a super-exciting day when we left on May 6, 1981.

During the two months we were in Cameroon, we lived at Mbingo with Jerry and Monie Fluth and their son Kevin, so we didn't have to bring any household items. That made it much easier for us.

Once we were in Cameroon, what would we be doing? Our qualifications weren't especially impressive. I am a housewife, and I can type. But I found out that even those abilities can be useful. Jerry often needed extra typing done, and that was something I could do.



Frida, the office girl, and I conquered the mimeograph once Ed got it fixed. Pat Lenz prepared a booklet for new residents of Mbingo, and I cut the stencils, ran them off, and put it together for her. Sometimes there were exams to grade, records to coordinate and compile, letters and forms to type, books to organize, TEE courses and grades to record. My greatest frustration was in getting used to two strange typewriters and a different mimeograph! Sometimes I longed for my IBM Selectric III, but it wouldn't have been much good with only a few hours of electricity each day.

Monie Fluth was very involved in youth work and women's work, so there were things I could do to help her, too. Even with the help of Sam, the capable cook, there was cleaning, cooking and baking to do, since we were always entertaining somebody. And just washing and ironing takes more time in Cameroon. I was healthy and content, and I really enjoyed working at home and at the hospital.



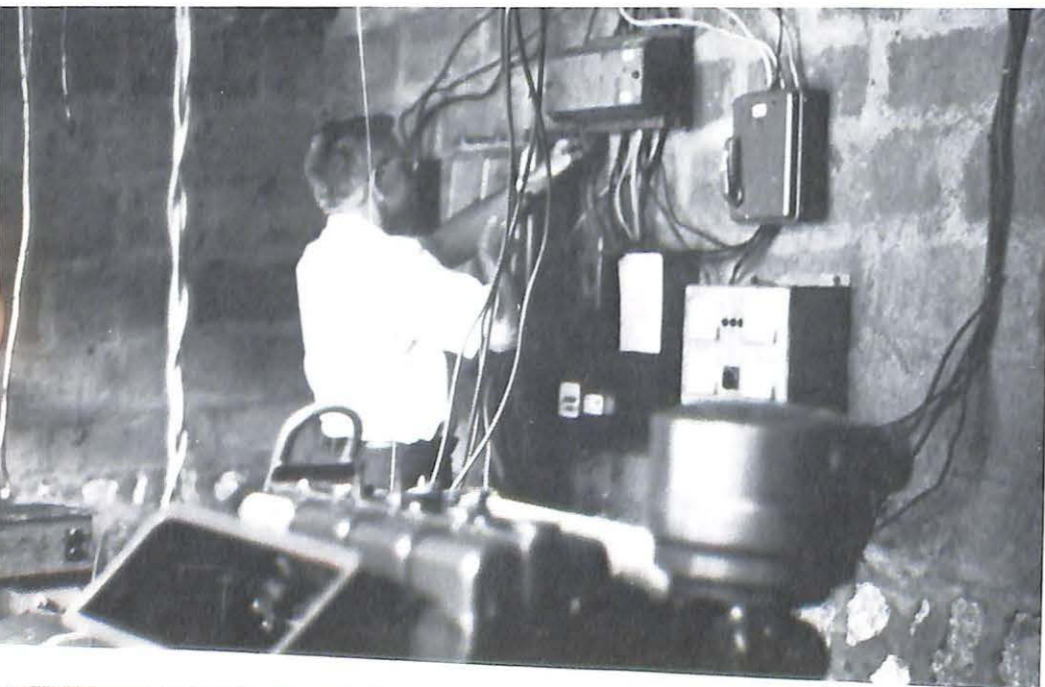
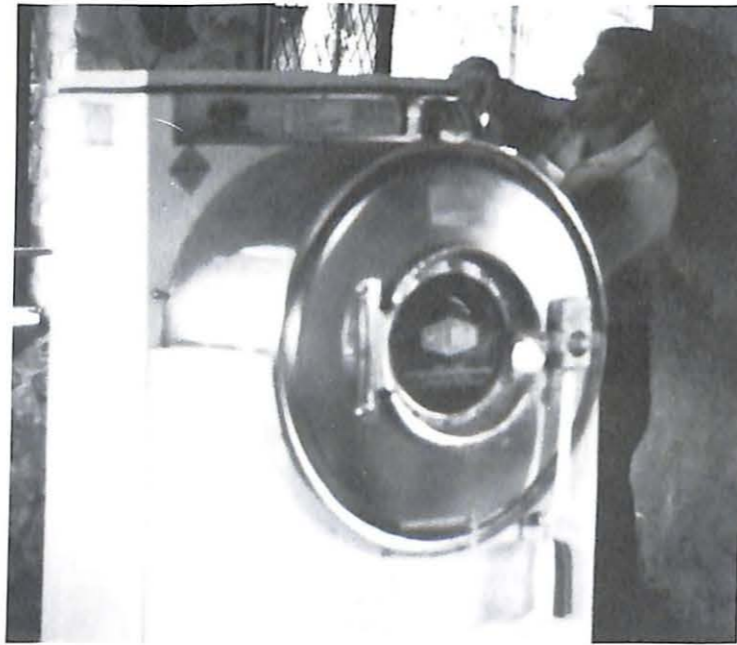
Ed (right) is a machinist by trade and general handy-man by experience. Jerry (left) was ready for him! He had prepared a list—"Jobs to be Done." Fortunately for Ed, one day the list got soaked in the rain and became illegible. Unfortunately, Jerry had another copy! One by one, items were checked off the list: Fix hospital intercoms, repair hospital lawnmower, hook up mower to the Unimog (a remarkable Mercedes cross between a tractor and a truck), fix shoe shop drill press and grinder, get mimeograph working, fix copier, check out Suzuki, work on electrical generator, fix old hospital washing machine, look at Shadrak's chain saw, repair slit lamp for eye exams, or find short in Operating Room. The list kept getting longer instead of shorter!



Not only did everyone have something to add, but as fast as some things were fixed, other things broke. One could keep busy full-time just keeping buildings and equipment in good repair.

In addition to "The List," Ed hoped to concentrate on three larger projects. One of these didn't even get started before we had to leave; that was building a system utilizing manure to produce biogas, which in turn could be used to heat water for hospital use, particularly in the laundry.

Another job Ed determined to complete was the installation of a large commercial washing machine in the hospital laundry. It had been donated several years earlier, but had never been installed because 1) there was not adequate three-phase power running to the laundry building; 2) it needed a firm concrete foundation to stand on; and 3) it required a source of pressurized hot water in order to operate. Missionaries simply did not have the time to get all of those things done. The day we left, the washer ran for the first time. *That was exciting!*



Probably the rewiring project was Ed's most ambitious undertaking. In order to make the entire electrical system at Mbingo safer, simpler, and more efficient, it was determined that new power lines should be set up throughout the compound, with individual drops to each building.



Imagine walking among the eucalyptus trees, picking out the ones you want to use for power poles. They were 40 feet tall. There was plenty of work for the crew of men Shadrak supervised. From 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. every day, they followed Ed up and down the hills, through the tall grass, cutting down and trimming the trees, carrying them to the holes they had dug, setting up the poles, putting insulators on top of the poles, stringing the line.



(below) What gives Ed the greatest satisfaction when he reflects on his two months' work in Cameroon? "The time I could spend teaching. Jacob was a willing worker and an eager learner. He wanted to know everything I could tell and show him about electricity. He studied the books I gave him. He asked questions. The things I fixed while I was in Cameroon will break again. But the things I was able to teach Jacob will continue to help the people there as Jacob uses his gifts and abilities. He's a fine Christian young man; I'm glad God let me work with him." □

(above) When Ed is asked what he liked best about his time in Cameroon, he replies without hesitation, "Working with those guys every day was the most enjoyable thing I did. At first, we had some difficulty understanding each other, but we soon overcame that. It was just a great experience being able to do the job together."



If you are interested in missions, and if you have the time and the desire to serve God and his people in this way for a few months, inquire of the Missions Department, N.A.B Conference, 1 So. 210 Summit Ave., Oak Terrace, IL 60181. They will give you further information, tell you what projects are available, and help you to realize your goal.

A Conversation with Ralph and Martha Nelson

"This is God's time in Brazil!" This assertion by Rev. Wilson Oliveira, executive director, Rio Grande do Sul Association, Brazilian Baptist Convention, is not simply a wistful dream or a wishful statement. God is working in Brazil in exciting ways. North American Baptist missionaries in the Southern states of Santa Catarina and Rio Grande do Sul are part of this action.

Missionaries Ralph and Martha Nelson are a vital part of the evangelistic thrust of mission effort in Southern Brazil. Through their conversation with Ron Salzman, associate director of missions, become acquainted with some of the things that God is doing through the Nelsons' ministries.



RON SALZMAN: In 1981 you moved from the State of Rio Grande do Sul to Florianopolis, Santa Catarina, in Brazil. What is the city like?

RALPH NELSON: We're living in Florianopolis, a city which is the capital of Santa Catarina, the second state up from the south of Brazil. We moved to this new area for North American Baptist mission work in 1981.

Florianopolis is a coastal city. Half of the city is an island and the other half lies on the mainland of Brazil. It is joined by two bridges: a suspension bridge and a concrete bridge. It reminds me of San Francisco and the suspension bridge there. The area around Florianopolis is beautiful.

The Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Nelson have been serving as N.A.B. missionaries in Brazil since 1969. They returned to Brazil in December 1982 following their furlough.

RON: In this city, what is a typical day like in your life?

RALPH: On a typical Wednesday, we get up at 6 or 6:30 a.m., have devotions, take care of mission business, which includes letter writing, and prepare for our evangelistic campaigns. These campaigns start on Thursday or Friday and last through Sunday. This is what the churches prefer. We travel to one of the five churches in our association on a weekend.

RON: You say, "Travel." Tell us some more about this.

RALPH: Since we moved to Florianopolis, Martha and I work together as an evangelistic team. We were never able to travel together very much before because of the children. But now that our daughter is married and the boys are in college in California, Martha and I have been working together as a team.

Martha plays the portable electric organ, which we take with us, and the accordion. She takes care of the musical part of our campaign.

I work with film equipment. We have quite a few Moody Science Films and Cathedral Films on the life of Christ. These aid with my work in evangelism and church planting, which is helping to start and develop new church extension projects.

Many times we have open air meetings in the nice weather and use the film equipment. We have had as high as 1,000 people in these open air meetings. This is no problem as we have very powerful sound equipment.

I do most of the preaching in evangelistic campaigns. The Brazilian pastors feel that when there is a missionary there, that is a special feature, and it helps bring out people.

RON: How large are the towns you go to?

RALPH: We serve churches in five different cities outside Florianopolis. The largest of these five cities has a population of around 200,000. Another city has around 100,000 and another has about 40,000.

The smallest town that we serve has a population of about 12,000. It is a Latvian town up in the mountains. It is the coldest area in Brazil. It snows there every winter.

RON: Do each of these churches have their own pastor?

RALPH: No. The Latvian church in the mountain does not have a pastor. They have problems keeping a pastor because it is a very isolated area, and it is very cold in the wintertime. Pastors who come from the northern part of Brazil are not used to cold weather, so it is difficult for them. The other churches in the association have pastors.

RON: Are all these pastors Brazilian?

RALPH: Yes, they are.

I should mention that we also have evangelistic campaigns in the city of Florianopolis, where we live. This is a city of about 300,000.



RON: Martha, what do you do beside providing music at the evangelistic campaigns?

MARTHA NELSON: I often have music clinics for either the children or adults. I also teach first aid and give lessons on the accordion, piano and organ. I work closely with the women's societies. So I do a lot of training in the churches within the program of the Brazilian Baptist Convention.

RON: You mentioned the Brazilian Baptist Convention. What's the relationship between our mission and the Brazilian Baptist Convention?

RALPH: In Brazil, our mission is a member of the Brazilian Baptist Convention, which includes five other Baptist mission groups.

In the two states where we minister, Rio Grande do Sul and Santa Catarina, we are working with Southern Baptist missionaries. They work more in the area of administration, strategy and planning; whereas Martha and I work on the grassroots level.

RON: Tell us more about the Brazilian Baptist Convention.

RALPH: Southern Baptists came to Brazil 100 years ago, and the Brazilian Baptist Convention was organized soon after. As years went on, more and more Brazilians began to occupy state leadership positions. So now, most of the executive state secretaries in Brazil are Brazilian.

RON: What is your working relationship with the Brazilians?

RALPH: We work directly with the Brazilian nationals and under their leadership. When we lived in the state of Rio Grande do Sul, where our N.A.B. mission started its work in 1966, I was area missionary for 15 churches of an association that was very highly organized, but I was never the executive secretary.

Since going to Santa Catarina, I have been chosen as executive secretary of a small association of five churches, because this association did not exist before. They asked me to be executive secretary until they can get a Brazilian.

All of our church extension projects are sponsored by a mother church. We, as missionaries, do not start

anything ourselves. We go into homes to witness to someone and that person comes to know Christ. A nucleus or a Bible study starts that way.

RON: Are there cultural differences you notice as you work with the Brazilians?

RALPH: We have excellent relationships with the Brazilians. One thing, the Brazilians are not as tied in with the time schedule as North Americans are. North Americans feel that they should produce so much within so many hours in a day. Brazilians produce, but they spend a lot of time in making friendships.

We have had to work at not being so time conscious, and really take time with people. For instance, when you meet a Brazilian, and merely want to know directions, you do not immediately ask the question. You explain who you are and gradually lead into the question.

RON: In what areas have you seen the work grow in Brazil?

RALPH: We have seen the work grow in church extension in Brazil. For instance, in the state in which we are working now, Santa Catarina, in the last three years, there has been a tremendous evangelistic thrust. Last year, our church organized three new churches in our city. Church extension is the most exciting work in Brazil.

We have also seen progress in the area of finances. Some Brazilian churches have a problem supporting their pastors, but they are providing more support for their pastors gradually.

MARTHA: For me, home Bible studies are an exciting area of ministry. Our executive secretary of the local Junta, a Brazilian man, has written a course of 16 lessons, which are excellent basic Bible lessons. Individual members of the churches are encouraged to contact people to start nucleus Bible studies. Many members of our own local church are doing that. Many of the women whom I have been teaching in the Baptist Friendship House have started home Bible studies. It's thrilling to see how the Lord works.

As you get into the Word with these people, they are really shocked to see how the Word is so different from what they had been taught all their lives. Many of them are coming to the Lord and then they become part of the churches. This is really exciting. People are excited about being involved in evangelism, even the young people.

Many, many young people in the pastor's training class lead these Bible studies. They are winning people to the Lord, too. That's really thrilling.

RALPH: For many years in Brazil, though I was primarily involved in mass evangelism, I would always try to be involved in personal evangelism as much as possible. I always felt that I would like to do more personal evangelism and teach Bible courses. The Lord has given me this opportunity now.

I preached one night after a baptismal service in our church in Florianopolis, and a lawyer came forward to

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accept Christ. The next day our pastor came over and said, "I want you to disciple this man."

I said, "I'll accept the challenge."

I felt that I had the confidence of the man. He had come from Sao Paulo, where our boys had been studying at the Pan American Christian Academy. I went through 16 Bible courses with him. We developed a beautiful relationship.

When we went to the airport to catch the plane out of Florianopolis to come to America for furlough last year, he was at the airport with his family. He gave me a hug and a kiss, and he told us that we were the best friends he's ever had in Brazil.

We feel that Bible study courses and being friendly and interested in people are probably the best ways to lead someone to Christ. When you make a lasting friendship with someone, they never forget it.

RON: What else excites you about being a missionary in Brazil today?

MARTHA: What is really exciting is "the open door." In Brazil, you never get a door slammed in your face. People are very open. They may not necessarily agree with you or they may not even accept what you say, but they will listen very politely and will thank you for talking to them. They will receive your literature and will invite you back. They are very polite people. You can approach people; you can talk to them, even on a bus, and they won't be insulted.

RON: If you had more missionaries, how would they minister?

RALPH: The Brazilians have requested people to work in evangelism and church extension. This is top priority.

Training of Brazilians to reach their own people is next. This includes training in various areas such as Christian education and the training of young people. They are asking for at least one seminary professor for the newly established seminary in Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul.

Our prayer is that soon Allen Effa, now missionary in Nigeria, will be able to go to Porto Alegre to teach in the seminary. Another professor for the seminary will be needed later.

RON: This has been very helpful. What are other areas of your ministry?

MARTHA: I work with the women in a local church. We meet every Tuesday afternoon. I do a lot of visitation with them. Since most of the Brazilian women do not have cars, I help with transportation. Many times we go visiting at night. Sometimes, the women also do visitation on Thursday afternoons. The women are very active in their Christian ministry in Brazil and have a diversified program.

RON: Does this include all ages of women?

MARTHA: Yes, in Brazil the women's society is in charge of the youth groups in the church, like Boys' Brigade and Pioneer Girls. In Rio Grande do Sul, they have a young teenage girls' society with state leaders. So the women's department supervises and encourages these other groups. They are very active. The local pastors really appreciate the women's societies because they basically do most of the church visitation.

RON: Is there a final word you want to add?

MARTHA: I think that Missionaries Richard and Karen Kaiser would appreciate prayer in the new ministry they started.

RALPH: Yes, the Kaisers are in the same city, Caixas do Sul, where the Herman Effas and the Gary Ostercamps worked for many years. The Kaisers, however, are working in church extension in one of the suburban areas in Caixas do Sul. It's a city that's grown—doubled in the last seven years with a population of about 300,000 people. Pray for their ministry in this rapidly growing city. □



Yes, I'll Pray for You! by Celesta Cooke

The Lord touches my heart at missionary conferences. I see the needs and hear the burdens of these servants of the Lord who have been called to share the Good News of Christ's love to all the world. I respond to share with them in prayer. It is easy when I see the missionaries face to face to say, "Yes, I will pray for you."

The conference closes. I become busy in my own little area of ministry. My family and the people I see in the daily situations seem to block my memory. Oh, yes, I still pray when I am reminded by a letter or other communication. I realized I needed a more constant jarring of my memory to be a faithful prayer warrior.

How could I remember to pray? I am a list-maker. I dare not go shopping without my list, or I will be sure to forget an important item. To get things done, I remind myself in this way of things to do today, this week, and those I hope to do someday.

My first inclination was a missionary prayer list to remember those my church supports. That worked well, but seemed to lack something.

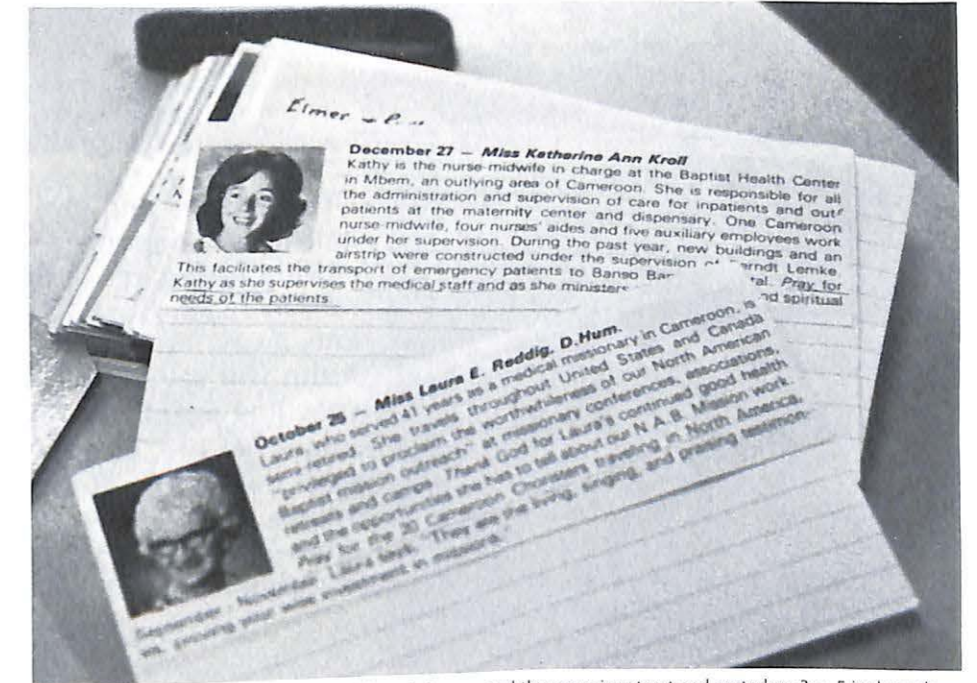
How could I pray more intelligently? The answer came when our church began to insert the quarterly "Missions Update" in the bulletins. I saw this could be a useful tool to make missionary prayer time more specific and personal. This became a great way to become acquainted with missionaries I had not met. I found many answers for which I could praise the Lord. I began to underline the prayer needs in red pencil. The Lord's work in Africa, Brazil, Japan, and on the home fields came alive.

Mrs. Celesta N. Cooke, Grace Baptist Church, Grand Forks, ND, accompanied her husband, the Rev. Ralph Cooke, to Cameroon in December 1981 when he was speaker for the Cameroon Missionary Fellowship meeting.

Next I found an extra "Update" at the church. Why not cut out each picture with the news and needs and paste them on 3x5 inch cards? This I did and found a basket to

in the spreading of the gospel in an exciting way.

I had the wonderful privilege to visit our mission fields of Nigeria and Cameroon with my husband



From "Missions Update," the picture of the missionary and the news is cut out and pasted on 3 x 5 inch cards to serve as prayer reminders throughout the year.

hold them. I keep the basket with my Bible in the Family Room.

My husband and I daily take cards from the front of the basket, pray for the needs underlined and return the card to the back of the basket. We add other requests as they come through letters, the *Baptist Herald*, Women's Missionary Fellowship materials and missionary speakers. It takes some time to keep the requests and answers current, but it has been well worth this investment. This type of reminder can encourage a family, Sunday school class or Bible study group to share

last year. We bounced over the rough dusty trails in the motor vehicles to visit mission stations, schools, churches, hospitals, markets, and national homes. It was not the great shock and surprise I expected. I felt I already knew the missionaries, the nationals, and something about God's work there. Why? I believe it is because God spoke to me a long time ago about not remaining ignorant about missionaries and their needs. It was my responsibility to pray, and to pray I needed some reminders. □

All in a Day's Work!

Tell of His Glory . . .
through Mobile Health Clinics by Barbara Kieper

The rainy season is here, and it brings beauty and difficulties. As I sit in my house, the hills are green, and God's beauty is shining forth in majestic splendor.

Rain also brings its problems. Travel is somewhat restricted. Some roads and hills are impassable and impossible at times. Gas prices go up and sometimes double.

But, won't you come and join me as I travel from village to village in my mobile health clinic ministry? Let's go on a "typical day." Typical? Is there such?

Let's start early so we can cross the river. It is 7:20 a.m.,

and we are at the river, but there is no one to take us across. We wait until 10 a.m., and the ferry is ready to take us across. Because we got this late start, clinic begins at noon instead of 8 a.m. We finish clinic at 9 p.m. and have seen only 350 patients. The village people bring a bucket of water for me, so I can bathe. Following this, it's bedtime.

Off to an early start in the morning, we arrive at the next village at 8 a.m. and see 485 people that day.

A typical day? What is a "typical" day in the life of a missionary rural health nurse? It could involve



(above) Experiencing the security of sitting and not squatting over a hole in this latrine, rather than having a latrine collapse under you and hanging on to the edge to keep from falling into a 15-foot hole.



(above) Being annoyed with a deacon who usually helps with clinic. He comes late, and I can smell that he has stopped in the market for a drink of mimbo first as it is market day.



Driving three and one half hours, opening and closing four gates in the rain to reach Gora 72 kms away. (Minnie Kuhn will say I am speeding again.) Or getting a flat tire, and the man the people of the village find to fix it comes only with a tin of rubber cement.



(right) Seeing a nice-size clinic of 250-300 patients.

(left) Seeing the happy smiles of women who walked to the village for clinic—knowing that you have come. Feeling a sense of accomplishment in that you have seen no cases of measles for at least five months until a visitor from Cameroon comes to clinic, and her child has measles.



(left) Getting stuck on a black dirt hill.



(right) Taking a bath at night under the stars using a pan of nice warm water. Hopefully it is not raining. The bathhouse, pictured, is about four feet high. My head sticks





(left) Sleeping on a cot each night in a room provided by the village. Always be careful not to put the cot near the wall, or you will have rats as company. Or getting 20 chiggers in each foot after sleeping in an empty house. Eating fufu five times a day and cocoa and bread in the morning, or having no food in the evening, and some times two people bring food. How do you eat the second time when you are already full?



(left) Attending to the needs of 689 patients in one day—an absolutely ridiculous size for a clinic; seeing malnourished children and repeating for the hundredth time: give them eggs, beans, ground-nuts (peanuts), egusi (pumpkin seeds), fish, beef, and milk.

(right) Crossing a bridge—especially after the grass has fallen off, so that when the tires slip in between the logs, I must jack up the vehicle and put logs under it, so I can drive away. This has only happened three or four times in three years!



(above) Registering a Fulani women who is pregnant: "Indamah noi?" "Alima." "Indah gorko noi?" "Alhaji damah noi?" "Alima." "Wuro ha toi?" "Zongo Ajia." "Bikkoi noi ha Musa." "Sappo joyenayi." "Bikkoi mayi?" "Nayi." "Redu wonna noi?" "Didi." "Mi some!"
Translated: "What is your name? What is your husband's name? Where do you come from? How many children at home?" 19. "How many children have died?" Four. "How many miscarriages?" Two. Then she adds, "I am tired."

Any wonder, especially since this is Ramadan, a Moslim holy month in which they cannot eat from sunrise to sunset for one month; they can't even swallow their own saliva. They can only eat after dark.



(above) Corn growing in the motor as the sacks to carry Mambilla Baptist School corn have holes in them. The water was deep when I had to drive off the ferry in the middle of the river so that water came into the motor, and the corn got wet. Or, trying to make the closing deadline of 6 p.m. at three different ferry crossings.

(right) Experiencing frustration after sending a child with a dislocated shoulder to a Hospital, and they give injections. When you see the child in six weeks, he can't move his arm.



(above) Screaming children coming for immunization as they remember I was the one who did it the last time.

These are some of the things that make up the Baptist Rural Health Work in Mambilla, Nigeria. The days are long, and you need patience as those seeking medical attention all want to be seen first. The people are very grateful for this kind of service. Many come with gifts of eggs, bananas, and milk. Continue to pray for this program of Mobile Public Health Clinics. Pray for safety in travelling. Recently Missionaries Minnie Kuhn and Allan Effa visited a remote village to which the Mambilla Baptist Convention had

sent an evangelist, a national missionary, to bring the Gospel to the people there. After motoring for seven hours from Gembu to the end of the road, Missionaries Kuhn and Effa trekked four hours to the village, Kwasan Doro. This village had had a village health worker who had been trained by Barbara Kieper, but the man had now gone into teaching. Villagers—250 of them—met the missionaries and walked them to the village. They requested that another village health worker be trained for their village.

So already scheduled for Barbara when she returns to Nigeria is a training class in April. One student will be taking the first year course, six the second year course, and 12 will be taking the advanced course. Barbara visits each of the 18 villages every six weeks to see referrals made by the village health workers. She sees up to 600 people a day beginning between 6 and 8 a.m.—sometimes until 11 p.m. at night with light provided by a cartridge bottle gas lamp. Continue to pray for this ministry.

Ever Sleep on a Futon? by Valeree Mikul

In Japan, when they say camp, they really mean *camp!* Picture sleeping in tents on *Futon* (sleeping mats), that only come in size junior petite; cooking in a kitchen Shogun's mother must have used; and having meetings in a large wooden building, where the central beam is made from two logs that don't meet in the middle. The word "rustic" comes to mind, but even that is being a little generous.

Now that we have the setting, picture about 35 young people ranging in age from teens to thirties,



Valeree Mikul is a short-term missionary originally from Wausau, Wisconsin, and now of Spearfish, South Dakota. She is in her second year of teaching con-

versational English in Japan and also works with the pastor and members of the Tsu Shinmachi Christian Church in Tsu.

excited and somewhat nervous, wondering what the Lord has for them this weekend. By Sunday afternoon, five youth have been counseled in making a decision for



These are the youth who didn't mind that there were no electrical outlets or mirrors at camp; they came to get closer to Christ!

Christ, and more than three-fourths of those who attended, have dedicated their lives anew—including three young men committing themselves to full-time Christian service. Talk about excitement!

For me, as a short-term missionary in Japan, this camping weekend was certainly a growing experience as well as a fond memory. The guest speaker was fervent and moving. Even if the messages hadn't been translated for

us by the full-time missionaries who always generously provide this service for short-term missionaries, I believe I still would have understood. Where the Holy Spirit is so

evidently working in a person's life, words are hardly necessary.

The times of singing and sharing were special, also. There were several guitars and even a banjo—country-western music, Japanese style. *Subarashi!*

What impressed me most, though, was the spirit of the whole weekend. Here were kids who didn't mind that there were no electrical outlets for curling irons or blow dryers; in fact, there were no mirrors. Kids pitched in at cleanup time without complaining or ever questioning as to what task they were assigned. Kids mingled together and included everyone, without forming separate groups and cliques. They were there for a fun-filled weekend of camp, but that wasn't the real reason they came. They came to get closer to Christ, and truly, isn't that what camp is really for? □

Church Extension Project

"Plant a Church in Beiseker?"

by Alan Johnson

"Plant a church in Beiseker, Alberta?

Don't you know that two evangelical churches have died there already?" That's what people were saying, but in spite of objections like these, God's people at Carbon Baptist Church had the courage and faith to step out for God. And God has rewarded their faith!

Forty-five miles northeast of Calgary, the signs say Beiseker is "World Wheat King" country. With 600 people, the town is not large. But there has not been a gospel-preaching, Bible-believing church here, or in Irricana (five miles south), or in Acme (eight miles north), for some time. Until now, that is.

Community Baptist Church held its first service July 19, 1981, with 67 people present at the Beiseker Hall. At first, many people from the mother church, Carbon Baptist, attended these evening services. But now, there are regularly 60 people out for the morning service just from this area (and only one of the families has a North American Baptist background).

With a pastor still finishing his senior year at Prairie Bible Institute 35 miles away, this last winter was a hectic one for the baby church. But the Lord had brought together a small, dedicated core of born-again Christians (from various backgrounds), and these have provided excellent leadership. God has also blessed with a healthy number of new Christians. And somehow, over the last

The Rev. Alan Johnson is pastor of Community Baptist Church, Beiseker, AB.

year, God has knit us all together as only he can, into one body. There is no church building yet, but there certainly is a church!

As for the future? We're just not sure. But we don't plan to hinder God by a lack of faith. With our mother church's substantial help, we are in the process of buying 3.9 acres of land in Beiseker. We hope to have a church building up within two years. Meanwhile, we're plenty busy just building a church body. A vibrant ladies' group has been meeting for sometime. We are now just launching into a Christian Service Brigade program, a young people's group, evening services, a men's breakfast, and what is especially exciting, a visitation program!

Newcomers talk about the "life" they notice in our services, and we're excited—about the past, the present, and especially, the future. Beiseker is strategically located at the crossroads of two highways and will doubtless continue to grow. We would really appreciate your prayers for us, that many more would find eternal life through Jesus Christ as we seek to represent him here.

Our people have been very faithful in giving, but we still need a great amount of finances to see a building put up. If God moves you to help us out, we would be very grateful. But please remember us in prayer anyway, and thank you, North American Baptists, for making us a part of your family!

Contributions may be sent to North American Baptist Conference, 1 So. 210 Summit Ave., Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181 designated for Community Baptist Church, Beiseker, AB. □



Meeting in the pastor's home for a mid-week Bible study.



The Rev. Alan Johnson with his wife Joyce serve as pastor and wife of Community Baptist Church, Beiseker, AB.



A new church is being planted in the "World Wheat King" country in the town of Beiseker, Alberta.

WOMAN'S WORLD

Missions in Our Fellowship

by Sara Pasiciel,
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Recently my daughter received a gift from her Sunday school teacher—an embroidered bookmark with her name on it. But in addition to her name, the stitched printing included the meaning of that name—"Lisa . . . Consecrated to God." It was good to be reminded of the reason we had chosen that particular name for her. It made me stop to think about my own responsibilities and relationships beyond the basic mother/daughter role each of us plays.

There's another name which we frequently say, but seldom really hear . . . Women's Missionary Fellowship. It's easy to hear and be conscious of the women and of the fellowship, but not so easy to remember the reason for the "missionary" part of that name. In fact, being called a missionary group turns some younger women (and some older women) away from participation in that group—not because they don't like missionaries, but because the name has so many uncomfortable meanings and concepts "hanging on" to it that the real significance has been overlooked.

The missionary part of W.M.F. doesn't need to be ignored or downplayed or even pushed under the rug. Certainly there is more to women's ministries in our churches than reading a missionary letter or story. But in a very real important sense, *all* of the work of the church is a preparation for mission, for reaching out to people all around us as well as overseas with the word that salvation comes through Jesus Christ and his sacrifice for us. Missions is not what we talk about or even just what we pray about—it's what we *do* because of what we believe!

I'd like to suggest three "keys" to help us understand and work with the concept of "training for mission" in our churches.

Key 1. We need to see ourselves—the whole church—as partners in mission. This means that everybody—children, young people, and adults—should picture themselves as involved in the total mission and ministry of the church. It's our task as a body of believers to identify the gifts of those among us, and then encourage and support, according to our gifts, those who have specific gifts. We need to find the missionaries among us, those who can, in a special way, communicate the gospel of Christ to people from other cultures. We need to train them, prepare them, encourage and strengthen them while they are a part of our local body. At the same time, it is important for us to realize that we are truly partners, that we are engaged in mission with our neighbors, the people we meet daily, and even our families.

This sounds like a difficult task! How can we possibly maintain this

kind of consciousness, this kind of effort? One help would be Key 2: to see that we, as women, and, in turn, the entire congregation are informed about mission and about specific missionaries and their work. Often it helps to know not only something about the missionaries as people, but also about the country in which they serve, about the particular job they do, even a little about the politics and other religions of that country. One of the biggest advantages in having people sent out from our particular church is that much of this information is already available. We know what's going on because we hear it from a friend, a close brother or sister in Christ.

Key 3. We need to emphasize the importance of prayer as an integral part of the mission of the church. Not only prayer for our missionaries and for specific mission fields, but also prayer for each other, for the work and witness we do in our communities, for the children and young people of our churches who are learning about the Scriptures and seeking God's will for their lives.

These are general ideas to help us to see the need for understanding and accepting missions as a major part of our fellowship. Here are some specific suggestions for helping people to become interested, informed, and involved.

- If you don't already have one, organize a missions committee or find a missions chairman, someone who is interested in promoting missions in the church.

- Schedule missions activities right into the regular church program. For example, center a vacation Bible school around a missions theme; provide Sunday school class electives in missions or related topics; have a missions report or "Missionary Moment" as a part of each morning service.

- Begin a missions library or resource center, with missionary biographies, periodicals, geographies, and a globe.

- When missionaries visit, involve them in areas other than the morning or evening service. Let the children talk with them, have the youth interview them, or join them for a fun night, include them in coffee fellowship after church, encourage as many

In The Potter's House



by Iona Quiring,
W.M.F. president,
Rogers, MN



"I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God!" That's not just a song the Gaithers sing. It's an enthusiastic declaration of how I feel about belonging to God and his church. When I received Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, God the Father accepted me as his child, and the Holy Spirit came to live inside me. I have countless brothers and sisters around the world and in heaven who share this joy. Some day we will all live together in the same house. Jesus said his Father's house has many rooms, and he is preparing them for us.

But right now, here in Minneapolis, about 320 of us live in a family called Faith Baptist Church. Our building on Russell Avenue doesn't look much like Solomon's Temple or the Tabernacle, but it surely is God's house. Sunday services have become really special to me. It's sort of a celebration feeling—the way I feel when all of our kids come home at once. Maybe that's how God feels . . . joy, because his children are gathering in his house on his day.

"Go down to the potter's house, where I will give you my message,"

God told Jeremiah. God, the Master Potter, invites us to his house. He has chosen to proclaim his message there. But what's so special about living in the church, about being in the Potter's house?

The ministry of the pastor, especially in Sunday worship, is one of the reasons why the church is so important to me. I love the music, and the pastoral prayer is special. But the sermon is the best part. Not that I always enjoy it—the other Sunday, for instance, I had to face the fact that my lack of peace had a direct relationship to my own prayerlessness. But God's message got through. I'm sorry that I have too seldom said, "Thank You," to godly pastors for being faithful, loving, creative, honest, and approachable.

My pastor says that a church is a place where people love God and are learning to love each other. People serving people for Jesus' sake is taught and demonstrated there. That's important, whether it's directing the choir, serving in the nursery, driving the church bus, writing letters to missionaries, supervising the tape ministry, taking the high school kids on a camping trip, starting a neighborhood Bible study, doing visitation

evangelism or White Cross work. I know people who are doing those very things because they love God and people.

When I was about eight years old, we lived very near a park. I remember going there to play one day, with the clear understanding that I was to come home immediately when I heard the car horn blow. That seemed like a perfect signal. The trouble was that I got so busy on the swings and monkey bars that I absolutely did not hear the repeated honking of the horn calling me home.

There are many attractive and interesting opportunities outside the church, most of them worthy causes, that clamor for our time and energy. It's easy to get so busy with garden clubs and Brownies and garage sales that there's little or no time left for the Potter and his house: Too much noise, too many distractions. We can't hear God calling us back home.

Once Jesus healed a man who had been paralyzed for 38 years. He walked off without really getting to know Jesus, and he lost Jesus in the crowd. When people questioned him about how he had been healed, he couldn't answer them. But when he went back to the temple, he found Jesus there.

Jesus is looking for me in his house. That's where I belong. He wants me to know him better. He has much to teach me, and I have much to learn.

"Go down to the potter's house, where I will give you my message" (Jeremiah 18:2).

of the people of the church to get to know them as possible.

- Find out what members of your church are doing to reach out to those around them—then encourage them, possibly even help in their ministry.

- Involve the children and youth in specific projects, which help others and which give them an opportunity to share their faith.

- Provide classes or courses in evangelism and personal witnessing; then provide opportunities to express what has been learned.

- If you don't already have one,

organize a prayer chain which focuses on the needs of those who are in ministry, both at home and overseas. Try to keep as up-to-date as possible on prayer requests and freely share answers to prayer, which become evident.

Just because a church is aware of missions now does not guarantee that it will continue to be so. The next generation will not simply "catch the vision." They need to be informed, trained, and encouraged for mission, and for an understanding of their personal involvement in missions.

So when we refer to the Women's Missionary Fellowship, let's be conscious and even proud of the word "missionary." It means more than a name that we've inherited from previous generations . . . it means that we're working together with the church to share the gospel of Jesus Christ!

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond (Gussie Hirsch) Engelbrecht were surprised by the Central Baptist Church, Waco, TX, on Sunday evening, Nov. 14, 1982, with a reception held at the church honoring them on their



50th wedding anniversary. This beloved Christian couple has served their Lord and church with hard work, time and money and supported our Waco church in all ways. Their dedication is outstanding. (Louise Hoeffner, reporter.)

Mr. and Mrs. William Fishbook, Swan River, MB, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 26, 1982, at First Bap-



tist Church, Minitonas, where they are members, with a reception and program given by their children and grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fisher of Aberdeen, SD, were honored on their 60th wedding anniversary at an open house reception at the home of their son, Wayne, and family. They had been active members of the



Ashley Baptist Church for 58 years before making their home in Aberdeen where they became members of the Calvary Baptist Church. (JoAnn Klein, reporter.)

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Isbell, Anaheim, CA, celebrated their 50th anniversary on Nov. 28, 1982, at a lovely celebration in the Bethel Baptist Church hosted by their



children and grandchildren. They have been very faithful and active members of Bethel since 1951. (Ann Niederer, reporter.)

HILLSBORO, OR. Phil 4:4 was the theme of the 95th annual session of the Oregon-Idaho Association, now renamed Central Pacific Association, as it met at Faith Baptist Church Nov. 5-7, 1982, with the Rev. Anthony J. Salazar as moderator.

Of special significance was the voting by the delegates to receive Cascade Park Baptist Church, Vancouver, WA, into the Association. The Central Pacific Association is comprised of two churches in Idaho, 10 churches in Oregon and Cascade Park Church. It was a time of rejoicing to have a number of the members of the Cascade Park Church present at the Friday evening service to be welcomed by Moderator Salazar.

On Friday evening, Dr. H. J. Wilcke, former Western Area minister, presented through slides and narration the history of each Association church.

Fellow believers shared the many blessings that have been experienced among the group during prayer and praise time. Rev. Ralph and Martha Nelson made missionary time meaningful as their enthusiasm and dedication shone through while they reported on the work in Brazil. This is the 25th anniversary year of the Nelsons' work in that country.

The new Western Area minister, the Rev. LeRoy Schauer, encouraged the Association in its responsibilities in the overall N.A.B. Conference. He spoke at the Saturday night adult banquet on "Being the People of God."

The W.M.F. of the Association met for

a business meeting and elected Mrs. Adeline Rocks as president.

Bryan and Holly Hochhalter ministered in song and gave a presentation of the N.A.B. Seminary, Sioux Falls, as well as being special guests during the youth pizza party on Saturday evening. The youth groups had met earlier in the afternoon for Bible quiz competition on the life of Joseph for which they had been preparing for a number of months.

The closing rally was held Sunday afternoon at Trinity Baptist Church, Portland. The new Association officers were installed with Doug Graf as moderator. Missionaries Steve and Lydia Metje were introduced.

Missionary Ralph Nelson was the afternoon speaker and further expanded on the work in Brazil. (Grace E. Voth, reporter.)

SWAN RIVER, MB. Temple Baptist Church together with First Baptist Church of Minitonas hosted a Missionary Conference November 11-14. The theme, "Fields Ripe for Harvest," was well presented by the following missionaries: the Rev. and Mrs. Ken Priebe, Cameroon; the Rev. and Mrs. Wilfred Weick, former missionaries to Japan; Rodney Seib, returned from Taiwan; and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wynn, Northern Canada Evangelical Mission. A tremendous blessing was received through testimonies, message and slides.

The Rev. Willi Kurtz of Winnipeg, and the Rev. Siegfried Schuster, area minister, also spoke. It is exciting to see how God continues to call people to himself and to his service. (Lynn Patzer, reporter.)

KANKAKEE, IL. Daniel Williams (pictured) is the new assistant pastor and youth director at Immanuel Baptist Church. Pastor Robert F. Penner welcomed Dan, his wife and two children on Sunday evening, October 10. A reception and pantry shower followed the service.



Twenty-two members were welcomed into the membership of the Church on November 7. They had given their testimonies several weeks before at the Wednesday evening service. (Alice M. Luhrs, reporter.)

KESWICK, NJ. The Atlantic Association Women's Missionary Fellowship met on Nov. 5-6, 1982, for its 19th annual Retreat at America's Keswick, Whiting, NJ, with 135 women attending. Guest speakers, the Rev. Oryn and Pat Meinerts, missionaries from Cameroon, West Africa, challenged the women with messages on Friday evening and Saturday. They gave new insight into the mission work, presented a skit in pidgin English, and through slides presented the story of a woman in Cameroon, serving the Lord through the many trials, family difficulties and personal handicaps.

Hearts were richly blessed by the messages the Meinerts presented throughout the retreat. The setting of Keswick Conference grounds during the autumn season made each one who attended even more mindful of God's abundant bounty and beauty all around us.

The missionary offering amounted to \$405.75. (Mrs. Lynda L. Kosik, reporter.)

BEISEKER, AB. "It's been hectic but exciting at the Beiseker church extension project," reports the Rev. Alan Johnson, pastor. On June 27, Community Baptist Church was officially organized; five people were baptized, and 36 people signed the charter membership role. A great time was had on this day at the joint baptismal charter-closing service at the mother church, Carbon Baptist.

On July 10, a Recognition Council met at Beiseker to consider Community Baptist's suitability as a N.A.B. church.



Delegates from East Olds Baptist, Trochu Baptist, Carbon Baptist, and Airdrie Baptist, along with the Alberta Area minister, the Rev. Isador Faszler, voted to recognize the church as a duly organized N.A.B. church.

On July 18, a blessed Recognition Service was held for the new church at the Beiseker Hall, with more than 140 guests from churches of the Central Area of the Alberta Baptist Association. Music, testimonies, a message by the Rev. Richard Grabke of the mother church, and a time of fellowship following the service, made for a very special day.

MARION, KS. The Rev. O. K. Ringering is graciously serving as interim pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church.

The W.M.F. invited the neighboring sister churches to the Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer service in November.

On Nov. 14, 1982, the W.M.F. presented its annual mission program. A playlet by Mrs. O. K. Ringering depicting the past 75 years of the Women's Missionary Fellowship was given.

The Rev. Art Helwig, N.A.B. Seminary, Sioux Falls, spoke to the congregation on November 21 telling of the work of the Seminary and presenting a challenge to work for the Lord. That evening the members and friends gathered together for a praise and thanks supper. (Mrs. Herman Janzen, reporter.)

BALGONIE, SK. At a Round Robin Missionary Conference, Missionaries Barbara Kieper, Peter and May Schroeder, and Ken and Eileen Priebe shared about their mission work and prayer concerns at Balgonie Baptist Church. On another Sunday morning, Ben Strohschein shared his concern for the land of Chad.

Balgonie Baptist Church hosted the Saskatchewan Association Song Fest with approximately 400 people enjoying an afternoon of music and song in praise to the Lord. The Rev. Sig Schuster, area minister, brought the closing message.

The film series, "The Family: God's Pattern for Living," by Dr. John MacArthur, Jr. was shown.

On Remembrance Day, the young adults met at the church for a prayer breakfast and Bible study. Mr. Darold Sauer is pastor. (Janet Roth, reporter.)

COSTA MESA, CA. Harbor Trinity Baptist Church started a preschool/day care center in September and now has an enrollment of 34.

On November 28 and December 5, 17 members were received into the fellowship of the Church. Nine of these came by baptism.

From Jan. 16-19, 1983, the church was led in a Bible Conference by Dr. Malcolm Cronk, Los Angeles. His subject was "The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit." The Rev. Aaron Buhler is pastor.

GRAND FORKS, ND. Seven new members were welcomed into Grace Baptist Church Nov. 14, 1982. Four of these new members were baptized the previous week. The Rev. Ralph Cooke is pastor. (Myrna Hoop, reporter.)

HEBRON, ND. A church can go for months with few visible results. Faith grows dim; fervency diminishes; spirits lag. Suddenly something happens, and the results are awesome!

This was the experience of First Baptist

Church. Ron Susek held meetings, Nov. 21-26, 1982. Several prayer groups began meeting two months in advance. A sense of expectancy developed. The results were amazing.

Fifteen people, believers, came forward the first meeting. Thirty more followed that evening. In all, about 60 people made their way to the altar out of an average attendance of 120.

The stress of the messages was placed on spiritual warfare and personal problems. Only on the last night was the message directed to the unsaved.

Although there were no first-time decisions, the church is now ready to "evangelize." The atmosphere is conducive to the rebirth of individuals, and the membership yielded and ready to reach out in friendship, warmth and love. (H. Schauer, pastor.)

ANAHEIM, CA. Members and friends of Sunkist Baptist Church hosted a farewell reception for Pastor and Mrs. Norris Helms and family. Pastor Helms has been at Sunkist Baptist Church for five years in the position of Minister of Christian Education and Visitation.



A love offering was presented to the Helms family from the congregation.

Rev. Helms is now the full-time pastor at the Mountain View Baptist Church in Chino, CA, a church extension project. Sunkist Baptist Church serves as the mother church.

We pray for God's best for them. The Rev. A. Braun is senior pastor at Sunkist. (Carol Justus, reporter.)

KYLE, TX. The children of Mrs. Elsie (Hill) Wiegand honored her on her 90th birthday with a reception. She has been a member of the Immanuel Baptist Church, for 74 years. She continues to attend the Sunday morning worship services and special occasions. (Adolph Hill, reporter.)

LINTON, ND. The First Baptist Church Women's Missionary Fellowship hosted the Baptist Women's Day of Prayer. About 120 ladies attended from Linton, Gackle, Wishek, Ashley, Lehr, Fredonia, Napoleon and Venturia.

Mrs. Arthur Fischer of Linton led the afternoon program on "Faith—Growing

our conference in action

More and More." Musical numbers were presented by the Gackle and Ventura groups with Lavern Giedt of Ashley as the guest speaker.

Following the program, lunch and fellowship were enjoyed. (Alice Wagner, reporter.)

KYLE, TX. On Nov. 7, 1982, the Rev. and Mrs. James Lavender of Lewisville, TX, were welcomed to the Immanuel Baptist Church, as its new pastor. An Installation Service was held with representatives from several Southern Association churches present as well as members from the community churches. A reception followed the Installation Service. Mrs. Lavender is the former Joan Terveen, from the North American Baptist Church, Donna, TX. Rev. Lavender is a graduate of Dallas Bible College, Texas. The Lavenders have three children. (Adolph Hill, reporter.)

MC INTOSH, SD. October 10-15 First Baptist Church had special meetings with the Rev. Jim Carmon and daughter Janell of Oberlin, KS. Jim told a children's story each night using J. C. (his dummy). His messages were on Christian living. Janell shared through music. Three young people accepted Christ, and others responded for prayer.



A Biblical Character Costume Party (pictured) was held at the Bernie Moser home. A hayride was followed by games and refreshments. The Rev. Paul Brannan is pastor. (Sally Brannan, reporter.)

LODI, CA. At a recent Sunday evening service at First Baptist Church, seven people were baptized. No sermon was preached at the service, which consisted of Scripture and poetry readings and special music interspersed with hymns and carols sung by the congregation.

The choir presented its musical, "Prince of Peace," under the direction of Dennis Rockford on December 19. Pastor Walter Dingfield spoke on "Peace." (Della Lutz, reporter.)

MC CLUSKY, ND. The Northern Dakota Association Round Robin Missionary Conference was held Sept. 19-26, 1982. The following persons spoke at various services in the McClusky Baptist

Church: Kay Hunt, medical missionary, Spanish-American Field, Monte Vista, CO; the Rev. Fred Folkerts, N.A.B. missions director; Miss Daphne Dunger, missionary to Cameroon; and Dr. Donald Ganstrom, N.A.B. interim church extension director. Dr. Laura Reddig, former missionary to Cameroon, spoke at the Harvest-Mission Fest Sunday service.

An all-German Reformation Sunday service was held October 31 with the pastor, the Rev. Oscar Fritzsche, speaking.

The Rev. David Ewing, pastor, Century Baptist Church, Bismarck, ND, held special meetings from November 7-12.

The Rev. Charles Littman, area minister, was guest speaker on November 21. (Marion Kirschman, reporter.)

MINITONAS, MB. Members of the First Baptist Church now have their own Senior Citizens' Home. There had been a growing need for housing for the elderly members, so the church appointed a committee to investigate. The result is a \$500,000 project initiated by the newly formed Minitonas First Baptist Housing Corporation, supported by a five percent grant from the Manitoba Housing and Renewal Corporation, along with technical help mortgage interest rate assistance from the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, under Section 56.1 of the National Housing Act.

The 12-suite project is situated adjacent to the church and is named "Pioneer Baptist Lodge" in honor of the Baptists who pioneered First Baptist Church, many of whom came to Minitonas in the late 1920s. The lodge opened on Dec. 1, 1982. (Mrs. Elsie Fichtner, reporter.)



SPRUCE GROVE, AB. At Parkland Baptist Church, the congregation is regularly treated to a joyful noise by talented youngsters as they worship their Creator and King.

Under the direction of Mrs. Dawna Hannah, the children have ministered musically in a special way. Beginning two years ago with the direction of Mrs. Lorraine Walters, the choristers presented the musical, "Down by the Creekbank." Continuing with Mrs. Hannah, they presented "Noah's Ark," "What's New Corky?"

MINNEAPOLIS, MN. A recognition service was held recently by the congregation of Faith Baptist Church for Alvin and Maria Quiring who retired as choir director and organist after more than 30 years of service to the church in these positions. In grateful appreciation, the church presented them with a color television set. John Firtko, moderator, presided at the



service of recognition during which the choir sang several of Mr. Quiring's favorites. (John A. Firtko, reporter.)

NAPOLEON, ND. The annual W.M.F. Missions Program was held at the Napoleon Baptist Church Tuesday evening, Nov. 16, 1982. The women from Gackle Baptist Church were guests. Mrs. Edwin (Verna) Michelson of Bismarck, ND, was guest speaker.

After the program, which was greatly enjoyed by all, a delicious lunch was served by the W.M.F. (Lillian Streyle, reporter.)

(pictured), and "A Miracle Happened at Christmas."

During their rehearsal times, the youngsters discuss the situations and feelings of the characters from a scriptural viewpoint. In this way, they gain insights in Christian growth and understanding as well as practical scriptural living. Thus when they present the musicals, they are teaching, not just performing, and all are blessed. The Rev. Lyle Richards is pastor. (M. L. Hadlington, C. E. chairman.)

KYLE, TX. Martin Jam, from the Cameroon Baptist Mission Field, West Africa, is attending college in Texas, majoring in business education. Martin, the son of the late Robert Jam and a nephew of the late Peter Jam, is a member of the Kumba Baptist Church in Cameroon. He is presently attending the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kyle, TX. Those interested in contacting Martin may write him c/o Adolph Hill, P.O. Box 337, Kyle, TX 78640. (Adolph Hill, reporter.)

LODI, CA. Mike Russ became the youth worker at First Baptist Church succeeding the Rev. Steve Davis, who resigned to accept a position in Idaho. Mike, originally from Stockton, CA, and his wife, Kathy, from Colfax, WA, are a welcome and vital addition to our staff.

George Redington will become associate pastor after he completes his studies at Dallas Theological Seminary in May 1983. He and his wife, Lindell, of Bismarck, ND, pursued their careers in that city until called into the ministry in 1979, and so enrolled in Seminary.

Both Mike Russ and George Redington served as summer workers at the Church. The Rev. Walter Dingfield is senior pastor. (Della Lutz, reporter.)

OLDS, AB. East Olds Baptist Church invited students from the agricultural college in Olds to a Sunday potluck supper followed by the film, "Ordinary Guy." Several students are regular attenders as a result.

Missionaries Dr. Helen Marie Schmidt, Eileen Priebe, and May Schroeder shared meaningful experiences at the December 1982 W.M.F. meeting.

The church appreciated the ministry of the "New Day" discipling team December 3-15. The seminars of "New Day" stimulated the Church to grow both as individuals and as a body of believers. The Church was encouraged under the music team's ministry which climaxed with a time of family renewal.

The two kids' choirs and church band ministered to the senior citizens' home in Olds recently. The Rev. Ritchie White is pastor. (Jeanine White, reporter.)

SPRINGSIDE, SK. The Rev. Ervin Strauss, pastor, Rose of Sharon Baptist Church, Richmond, BC, spoke during a week of spiritual living meetings, Oct. 31-Nov. 5, 1982, at Springside Baptist Church. It was a good week.

On November 22, a potluck dinner and farewell service was given for the Associate Pastor and wife, Neil and Amy Effa. Neil is continuing his studies at Winnipeg Bible College. (Grace Goltz, reporter.)

TABER, AB. On Sept. 12, 1982, Taber Community Baptist Church celebrated its first year birthday. Many attended along

our conference in action

with a few from the mother church, Park Meadows Baptist Church, Lethbridge. In total, more than 65 people were present. We are excited for the noticeable growth which has taken place during the first year. The Rev. Dennis Liesch is pastor.

VANCOUVER, BC. November 21, 1982, was a joyful morning at Bethany Baptist Church, when two young men, testified, "Yes, I believe," were baptized, and received as members of the church. Later, Pastor Ulrich Laser (pictured center with those baptized) spoke on the significance of baptism and prayed for each.



In addition, three persons were welcomed as members through membership transfers. (Elsie Baum, reporter.)

WATERTOWN, WI. First Baptist Church celebrated its 100th birthday on two Sundays, Sept. 19 and 26, 1982. On September 19, the theme was "Thus Far Has the Lord Helped Us" (1 Sam. 7:12b). Dr. John Binder, N.A.B. executive director, was guest speaker with the Rev. Richard Rabenhorst, missionary to Brazil and son of the Church; the Rev. Paul Meister, Philadelphia, PA; and the Rev. Lawrence Prast, North Bergen, NJ, former pastors, also having a part in the service.

On the second Sunday, the theme was "Our Hope for Years to Come," with the

Rev. Connie Salios, N.A.B. development director; the Rev. Jothan Benke, Norridge, IL, a former pastor; and the Rev. Ron Norman, Glen Ellyn, IL, a son of the church, taking part. A potluck dinner was served both Sundays to about 130 members and guests.

At the afternoon services, the church enjoyed group singing, anthems sung by a mass choir of present and former members, greetings from many who could not attend, and words of reminiscence and gratitude from some who were in attendance. A brief history of the past 100 years was given on the first Sunday, and the plans for a new church building were outlined on the second Sunday.

A display of scrapbooks containing pictures, articles, W.M.F. minutes, and Church minutes dating back to 1882 was available for perusal. The original minutes of 55 years ago were written in the German script; these had been translated into English. One offering was taken for missions and one for the church's expansion fund.

The W.M.F. had an anniversary meeting on Thursday evening during that week to which all former members were invited and honored. A "Diary of the Past 100 Years" was presented.

The Rev. W. Allan Kranz is pastor. (Mrs. Erma Norman, reporter.)

TORONTO, ON. An ordination council comprised of delegates from 11 Eastern Association churches met to examine Harald Anton for the Christian ministry on Nov. 13, 1982, at Humbervale Park Baptist Church.

Pastor Fred Merke was elected by the Council to serve as chairman.

The Council after hearing Anton's statement and having discussion, approved recommending Anton for ordination.

The ordination service was held at 7:00 that same evening. (Dale H. Fuchs, clerk.)

In Memoriam

ASSAF HUSMANN (84) was born to Herman and Julianna (Maiden) Husmann on Nov. 15, 1898, and died in Boca Raton, FL, on Jan. 1, 1983. In the late 1800s, Herman Husmann left America as a missionary to the German-speaking people near the Volga River in Russia. There he married Julianna. Assaf was the youngest of seven children born to them and the only survivor as his six sisters died of diphtheria. The Lord spared Assaf's life several times of the same illness. In 1917 Assaf and his mother fled Russia to Germany. After serving in the German army, he came to the U.S.A. in 1921. He attended the North American Baptist Seminary, Rochester, NY. In May 1928, Johanna Kaiser and Assaf were married and then left

for his pastorate in Tacoma, WA. In 1934 they moved to Philadelphia with their two sons, George and Ernest, where Assaf pastored Pilgrim Baptist Church for six years. Then, God led him to Forest Park, IL, where he served the North American Baptist Conference as promotional secretary for two years. He became a professor at the North American Baptist Seminary, NY, for four years. His next pastorate was Immanuel Baptist Church, Woodside, NY, for 17 years. After retirement from the full-time ministry, Assaf served several churches as interim pastor, giving him 50 years in the Christian ministry. In 1970 he and his wife moved to Boca Raton, FL, where they spent 12 happy years together. Survivors include his wife and two sons, George and Ernest, and their families.

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ERNESTINE KIEMELE (69) was born July 7, 1913, on a farm west of Linton, ND, to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Kiemele, and died Nov. 6, 1982. She received Christ as her Savior in October 1937, was baptized at the Ashley Baptist Church, Nov. 22, 1937, and joined First Baptist Church, Linton, ND. Over the years, she was active in the church, as a Sunday school teacher, Junior League leader and pianist. She is survived by two brothers: Jake and Ferdinand of Linton; three sisters: Mrs. Lydia Tschritter and Miss Esther Kiemele of Linton and Miss Emily Kiemele of Bismarck. The Rev. Clyde Zimbelman officiated at the funeral service.

LYDIA LANGE (74) nee Hoffmann, was born Dec. 19, 1907, in Matschulek, Poland, and died Nov. 20, 1982. At a young age, she received Jesus Christ as her Savior, was baptized at the age of 17, and joined the Baptist Church of Matschulek. On Oct. 10, 1926, she married Heinrich Lange. Thirteen children were born to this union. At the end of World War II, she escaped to the western part of Germany and immigrated to the U.S.A. in 1951. One year later, she came to Canada. Since 1969, she was living in Vancouver, BC, and was a member of Pilgrim Baptist Church. Survivors include her husband; five daughters; two sons; 17 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; one sister; and one brother. Pastor Walter K. Schroedter officiated at the funeral service.

ROBERT ORTHNER (64), Raymore, SK, was born Sept. 16, 1917, to Rudolf and Maria Orthner, and died May 10, 1982. He accepted the Lord as his Savior, was baptized, and joined the Serath Baptist Church in 1937. He attended church faithfully and was church

clerk for many years, both at the Serath and Raymore locations. When the new church was built, he was construction supervisor. On July 18, 1947, he married Elizabeth Cragg. They were engaged in farming. He is survived by his wife; four daughters: Trudy, Joyce, Norma and Lois; one son: Lorne; eight grandchildren; three brothers; and four sisters. Pastor Don Harder officiated at the funeral service.

ARENDINA VENINGA SCHMIDT was born May 17, 1895, in Halte, Germany, and died Nov. 16, 1982, in Lodi, CA. She accepted the Lord at age 18. She met and married John Schmidt in Emden in 1923. A month later the newlyweds immigrated to America settling in Thornton, CA, and joining Zion Baptist Church, Franklin, (now First Baptist, Elk Grove). Her favorite verse, "Rejoice in the Lord always," was exemplified in her cheerful disposition. Three children survive: Henrietta Broom, Soledad; Frank Schmidt, Thornton; and Ruth Goehring, Lodi, CA. Pastors Fred Klein, G. G. Rauser and Merle Brenner officiated at the funeral service.

FREDRICH STRELAU was born Nov. 11, 1908, in Nuri, Poland, and died Nov. 5, 1982, in Vancouver, BC. At 15 he accepted Christ as his Savior. In 1928 he moved to the Prince Albert, SK, area. In 1931 he moved to Vancouver, BC, where he married Lydia, nee Witze. He was baptized and joined Ebenezer Baptist Church. In 1937 he became a charter member of Bethany Baptist Church, where he sang in the Male Choir and was a respected trustee. He loved the work within the body of Christ, his church and his denomination, and attended the Triennial Conferences. Survivors include his wife, Lydia; two daughters: Irene (Mrs. Gordon Rathbun), Vancouver, and Lin-

da, Seoul, Korea; two sons: Erick, Vancouver, and Rev. Leonard, Chilliwack; two brothers: Henry and Karl; one sister: Lotte Jerke; and eight grandchildren. Pastor Rick Laser officiated at the funeral service assisted by Dr. Helmut Waltereit and Pastor Len Strelau, Chilliwack.

EUGENE HAUSER was born Dec. 19, 1909, in Upper Silesian, Poland, and died suddenly Nov. 16, 1982, in Toronto, ON. After his high school years, he graduated from the police academy and worked as a police officer. With the beginning of World War II, he was drafted into military service and forced to leave home. He served 18 years in the army, eight of these in Great Britain. Sponsored by his fiancée, Gertrud Fiedler, he emigrated from England to Canada in October 1948. On Nov. 20, 1948, they married. Survivors include his wife, Gertrud; his children: Isa and Lars; two sisters and a brother in Poland. The funeral service was conducted by Pastors H. Anton and F. Merke.

MRS. FRED (ERNA) HELFENSTEIN (59) of Ashley, ND, was born June 12, 1923, near Artas, SD, to George and Lydia Scherbenske, and died Dec. 8, 1982. She married Fred Helfenstein Dec. 3, 1946. In 1952 she confessed her faith in Christ, was baptized and joined Ashley Baptist Church where she taught Sunday school and vacation Bible school and was active in the Tabitha Society. Survivors include her husband, Fred; children: Charles, Eau Claire, WI, Ronnie, Spring Lake Park, MN, Carol (Mrs. Chester Saylor), Herreid, SD, and Floyd, Ashley, ND; three grandchildren; three brothers; and three sisters. Pastor Allan Gerber officiated at the funeral service.

Karen Dickau Appointed Director of Loans



Miss Karen Dickau of Norridge, IL, was appointed assistant director of loans for the North American Baptist Conference. This appointment, made by the Board of Directors of Church Extension Investors Fund (C.E.I.F.), took effect Jan. 1, 1983.

C.E.I.F. is the financing subsidiary of the Conference. Her position involves the direction and supervision of Conference loan funds, which includes processing requests for loans and promoting investments in C.E.I.F.

Miss Dickau has served as the ad-

ministrative assistant of loans and administrator of C.E.I.F. for the past four and one half years.

"Based on her concern for the C.E.I.F. investors that I have seen during the past four years and her ability, I am confident that she will do a good job in this position," says Robert Mayforth, financial services director.

Miss Dickau succeeds Mr. Alvin Haas who resigned Sept. 30, 1982, to become administrator of the Baptist Home, Bismarck, ND.

What's Happening

Mr. Harald Anton was ordained into the ministry at Humbervale Park Baptist Church, Toronto, ON, on Nov. 13, 1982. He is the assistant pastor at the church.

The Rev. Terry Stoltenow accepted the pastorate of Metropolitan Baptist Church, Fargo, ND, effective Feb. 1, 1983. He was pastor at North Sheridan Baptist Church, Peoria, IL, since 1980.

Miss Cindy Adolph, a 1982 graduate of North American Baptist College, accepted the position of director of Christian education/youth at First Baptist Church, Ellinwood, KS, Jan. 6, 1983.

Mr. Roger Cauthon was ordained into the ministry at Meadow Hills Baptist Church, Aurora, CO, on Jan. 9, 1983. He has been pastor of the church since 1981.

At its annual meeting in November, the Oregon-Idaho Association changed its name to *Central Pacific Association*.

The Rev. Lester J. Hirst received the Master of Bible Theology degree from International Bible Institute and Seminary on Dec. 3, 1982. He is pastor of First Baptist Church, Minot, ND.

The Rev. Peter Schroeder, N.A.B. missionary to Nigeria, 1974-82, resigned to become pastor of Bethany Baptist Church, Lethbridge, AB, effective Feb. 1, 1983.

Faith Community Baptist Church is the new name of the church extension church in Airdrie, AB. The Rev. Harold Weiss is pastor.

The Rev. Assaf Husmann, Boca Raton, FL, died Jan. 1, 1983. He served N.A.B. pastorates in Tacoma, WA; Philadelphia, PA; Woodside, NY; and served as interim pastor after his retirement. He also served the N.A.B. Conference in promotional work and as professor at the Seminary when it was located in Rochester, NY.

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Crowned at Last!

A tribute to the Rev. Reinhard Neuman, N.A.B. missionary to the Indians in Alberta and Saskatchewan, missionary to Nigeria, and pastor in Canada. by Richard J. Hohensee

"Servant of God, well done. The glorious warfare's past, the battle's fought, the race is won and thou art crowned at last." These words of Charles Wesley express our sentiment on the day of Pastor Reinhard Neuman's funeral. He was born into the Christian family of Gustav and Olga Neuman on Nov. 17, 1918, in Jansen, Saskatchewan. Both of his parents were committed Christians, and they raised their family of nine boys and two girls in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and the application of sound biblical principles. The knowledge of the scriptures made him wise unto salvation, and as a young child, he accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior of his life. He was baptized on the confession of his faith by the late Rev. E. J. Bonikowski and received into the membership of the Baptist Church of Esk, Saskatchewan, in 1929.

According to his testimony, he loved the fellowship of the believers and greatly appreciated some of the older pastors who had influenced his life positively. As a young man, he heard the call of the Master and enrolled as a student in the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta, in preparation for the Gospel Ministry in 1939. He was not able to graduate from Bible School because he was drafted into the Army in 1942 and served his country for four years in the Military Forces. For two of the four years, he served overseas.

While he was a student at the Christian Training Institute, he met his wife, Mildred nee Weisser, and they were married on April 7, 1942, in Camrose, Alberta. This marriage was blessed with harmony and oneness of purpose in the service of Jesus Christ. The Lord also blessed this marriage with five children, all of whom mourn the early death of their

The Rev. Richard Hohensee is senior pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Kelowna, BC, where the Rev. R. Neuman served as assistant pastor.

beloved father.

After his discharge from the Army in 1946, our Brother Neuman was occupied in secular work in a cabinet building shop in Camrose, Alberta, but in 1948 he was appointed to mis-



The Rev. Reinhard Neuman
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Indians in Canada—1948—1959
Nigeria—1977—1980
Pastor
1959-1977; 1980-1982

sionary work among the Indians of Alberta and Saskatchewan. For fifteen years, he and his whole family served with great dedication and enthusiasm. General missionary work and a lot of practical services were rendered in the name of Jesus among the native people of Canada. On April 20, 1951, he was ordained by the Bethany Baptist Church of Camrose, Alberta.

Another 14 years of his active ministry were spent in three North American Baptist Churches where he and his wife and family served the Lord in the pastorate: In Edenwold, Saskatchewan, 1959-1961, the Grace Baptist Church of Calgary, Alberta, 1965-1969, and the Capilano Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta, 1969-1977.

In 1977, responding to a need in Nigeria, Brother Neuman and his wife volunteered their services as houseparents of missionary children in Jos, Nigeria, but due to illness, this missionary tour was terminated after two and a half years on the field.

In September of 1980, he accepted the call to become the Assistant Pastor of Trinity Baptist Church of Kelowna, British Columbia, where he served with great enthusiasm and wholehearted commitment. Pastor Neuman loved the Lord, and he loved people until the Lord of the Harvest called his faithful servant home, relieving him of his fight with cancer, on Sunday, Nov. 14, 1982, at the age of only sixty-four years less three days.

Mourning the death of Brother Neuman are his loving wife Mildred; his two daughters: Mrs. Gloria White and husband Larry of Calgary, AB, and Mrs. Gail Albrecht and husband Harvey of St. Albert, AB; his three sons, Conrad and wife Helen of Yellowknife, NWT; Timothy and wife Carla of Kelowna, BC, and Sheldon of Edmonton, Alberta; his twelve grandchildren; his brothers, Alfred and wife Adema, Herbert and wife Gladys, his twin brother Arnold, Otto and wife Darlene, Leonard and wife Sylvia, and Alvin; his sisters, Mrs. Elsie Close and husband Wallace and Mrs. Lucille Howg and husband Harold; and his only aunt, Mrs. Albertine Bonikowski.

The funeral service was held from Trinity Baptist Church, Kelowna, BC, on Nov. 18, 1982, with the following ministers participating: the Rev. Richard Hohensee, Trinity Baptist Church, Kelowna; the Rev. Ed Hohn, British Columbia Area Minister; the Rev. Henry Schumacher, Faith Baptist Church, Vernon, BC, and the Rev. John Wollenberg, Osoyoos Baptist Church. The Trinity Male Choir, of which Brother Neuman was a member, rendered the special music. Pallbearers were fellow pastors. In lieu of flowers, a Memorial Fund for N.A.B. Missions or N.A.B. College in Edmonton has been established.

Servant of the Lord

by Fred Folkerts

The Rev. Reinhard Neuman went to be with the Lord on November 14,

Barbara Binder Appointed Baptist Herald Editor

Following her services as interim editor, since the resignation of Dr. Reinhold Kerstan in 1980, Mrs. Barbara Binder was appointed to the office of Associate Director/Editor of the *Baptist Herald* as of January 1983 for a three-year term. This appointment, announced by the Rev. Connie Salios, development director, was made by the General Council Executive Committee.

Mrs. Binder brings to this position a background of previous experience with the *Baptist Herald*. She served as interim editor for 18 months in 1966 and 1967 during the illness of Dr. Martin Leuschner, then editor. From 1976 to 1979 she was employed by the Conference as a part-time editorial assistant with responsibilities related to the *Baptist Herald*.

She is a graduate of Sioux Falls College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, with a bachelor's degree in English, Speech and Drama. Following her graduation, she taught in a secondary school in Minnesota for two years and took courses in Library Science at the University of Minnesota. Answering the call to Christian service, she earned her M.R.E. at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux

1982—a true servant of God and people throughout the world. I first met "Reily" Neuman when he was a missionary to the Indians on the Bull Reserve in Alberta, Canada, and I was a missionary on furlough from Cameroon in 1963. His commitment to serve others was obvious as I went with him from house to house on the reservation and he inquired about the well-being of every family member.

Much later in his ministry, I had the privilege of working closer to Rev. Neuman, and I saw again his deep concern for others and for the work of the Lord. He and Mildred, his wife, were houseparents for the missionary children at Woyke House in Jos, Nigeria. I was the associate missions secretary on tour in Nigeria.

Falls, South Dakota. At the Seminary, she had major responsibility in the development of the Dynamic Junior Camping curriculum used in our Conference.

Mrs. Binder has a North American Baptist heritage. She is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Weisser who served N.A.B. pastorates for many years and are now retired.

Her journalistic abilities have been greatly appreciated during the time she has served as interim editor.



The Binders live in Westchester, Illinois, and have three children: Laurette, a junior at Northern Illinois University, DeKalb; Douglas, a junior in high school; and Brian, in the fifth grade. Her husband, John, serves as Executive Director of the Conference.

A number of children in Woyke House were from nonmission families. Some of the children did not know Christ. I watched "Uncle Reily" gather the children around him as Christmas season drew near, and he enthusiastically described the meaning of Christ and Christmas.

Later, I learned that three of the non-Christian children at the hostel accepted Christ. For me that incident gave a true sketch of Reinhard Neuman—a missionary evangelist and servant, a heart for all ages and races, a man of compassion and cheer.

The Rev. Fred Folkerts is N.A.B. Conference missions director.

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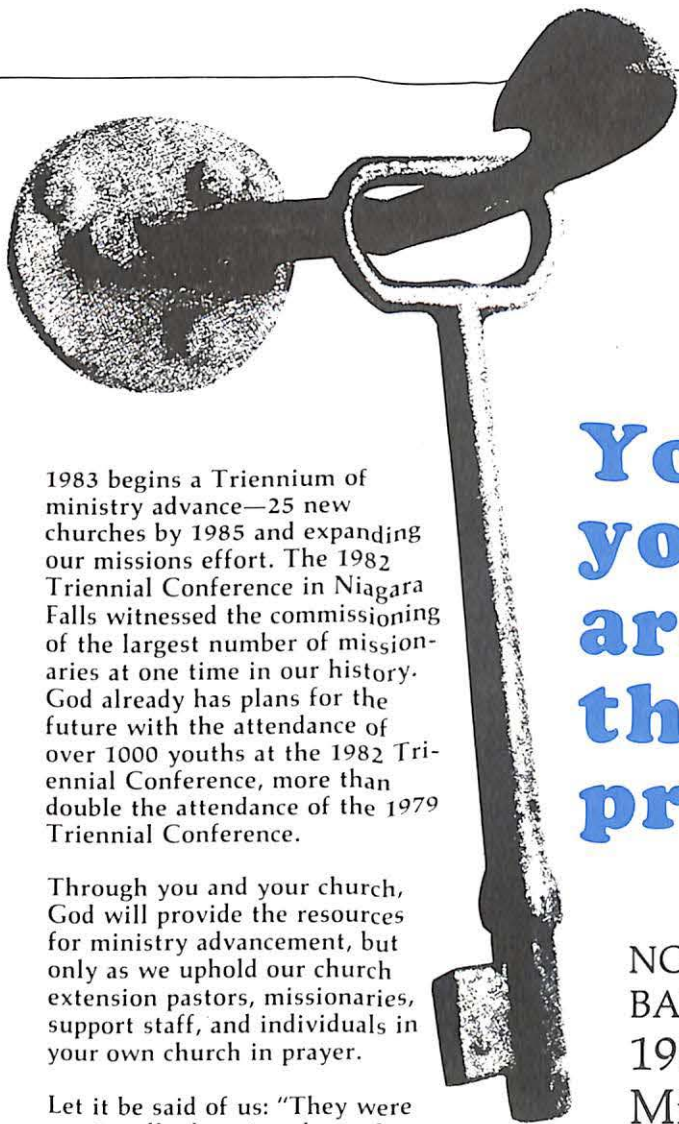
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