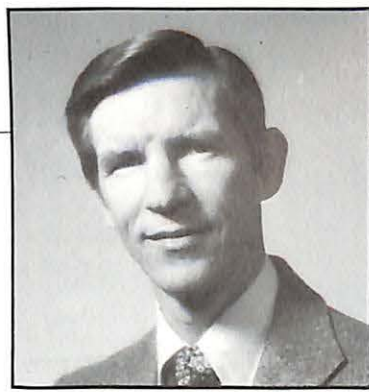


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Equipping Nationals for Leadership and Service

by Fred C. Folkerts

Equipping national Christians on our North American Baptist Conference mission fields for leadership and service is an important part of our ministry. It is the outgrowth of our philosophy of missions. Our mission task is to bring people to Christ, train them in Christ, and send them forth for Christ.

The Apostle Paul lays the foundation for this practice in Ephesians 4:7-13. He says that each Christian has received a special gift from Christ. Some are appointed to be prophets, others to be evangelists, others to be pastors and teachers. "He did this to prepare all God's people for the work of Christian service, in order to build up the body of Christ. And so we shall all come together to that oneness in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God" (Eph. 4:12,13).

Each succeeding generation of people not only must hear the gospel and have opportunity to respond to it in repentance and faith, but also must receive training in the Word and work of God from those who have received it before them. Our early missionaries responded in obedience to this task.

Paul Gebauer trekked up and down the hills of Mbem from village to village with Cameroon evangelists during the 1930s pro-

claiming the gospel of Christ. Many converts stepped by faith out of the darkness of superstition and fear of death into new life in Jesus Christ. Paul's wife, Clara, took these new converts into classes on her front porch, teaching them the basics of reading the scripture, growth in the Christian life, and health and family care. From these early beginnings in Cameroon, developed extensive training programs. This is the case on each of our overseas fields.

Five secondary schools and approximately 125 Baptist primary schools were opened by N.A.B. missionaries in cooperation with national church leaders following the Second World War. Now all of these schools are operated and administered by Cameroonians.

Seventy-five student pastors and their wives are preparing for the ministry at the Cameroon Baptist Theological College at Ndu. More than 200 other pastors receive theological education through extension courses while they pastor churches.

Banso Baptist Hospital operates a Training School for Nurses and Midwives, and village health workers are trained at Mbem for the Life Abundant Programme. Many students have received scholarships to become teachers, pastors, youth workers, nurses, hospital administrators, and accountants in the service of the Cameroon Baptist Convention.

In Nigeria, forty student pastors and their wives study at Mambilla Baptist Theological School at Mbu. A new effort has been launched to give inservice training to other pastors and church leaders through Theological Education by Extension. At Jos, a school provides quality primary and high

school education for children of missionaries, Nigerians, and other international families.

Your missionaries in Brazil assist in the training of 20 student pastors in the State of Rio Grande do Sul. We have also been asked to supply short-term missionaries for the Baptist elementary and secondary school in Porto Alegre.

In Japan our Mission along with the Japan Baptist Conference sponsors the English Language Institute at Tsu. We also contribute teaching staff to Kansai Christian School in Nara.

The results of these educational programs are very gratifying. Mr. Smith Eko studied at Cameroon Baptist primary schools and then graduated from Bali College, a secondary school staffed partially by the Cameroon Baptist Convention. Smith received a scholarship from the Gary Schroeder Memorial Scholarship Fund to study at Sioux Falls College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree. He then completed a Masters Degree in Communications from Wheaton Graduate School. Now he teaches at the Baptist Boys' Secondary School, Soppo, Cameroon, and is in charge of the Baptist broadcasts on the national radio station at Buea.

Hundreds of other examples could be given of God's grace and development in the lives of young people on our N.A.B. mission fields. We trust that the articles in this issue of the *Baptist Herald* will give you a better understanding of our extensive program of equipping nationals in Christian faith, work, and witness and that you will be encouraged to participate in this effort with your prayers and gifts. □

The Rev. Fred C. Folkerts is missions director for the North American Baptist Conference.

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Theological Education at the Cameroon Baptist Theological College in Ndu influences Cameroon culture as students define

Commitment to Christ

by Keith Eitel



Peter senses a call to return to his people and aid their understanding of Christ as well as their need for a total life commitment to him.

The process of training young men called of God to perform the task of ministry in Cameroon is very different from that in North America. The challenges Cameroonians face in modern Africa require a training designed to meet the changing cultural needs of the people.

Cameroonian culture contrasts that of North America at many points. One such contrast is the contest

The Rev. Keith Eitel is academic dean, bursar and tutor at Cameroon Baptist Theological College in Ndu, Cameroon. This school is the place where the future pastors and their wives are prepared for church ministry in the Cameroon Baptist Convention.

between traditional gods and the God of the Bible. Acknowledgment of pagan deities gives Cameroonians a sense or taste for the supernatural. Yet their gods are inadequate for the goal of eternal salvation.

At the Cameroon Baptist Theological College in Ndu, Cameroon, we try to address this issue to achieve a goal of consistent Christian witness in a cultural climate that is moving out of traditional polytheism. Peter Ngum, a graduating student, represents one who has moved through this issue and is developing into a mature leader. Much of his development is a result of his training here. His training is available primarily through the generous support from our North American Baptist Christians.

Peter Ngum was born in the village of Elak in the Oku area of Cameroon. His father is the Chief of Oku, and his mother is one of the Chief's inherited wives. He attributes his early impressions about life to the tribal setting into which he was born.

As a young boy, his mother instructed him about the main god of Oku, Mkong Moteh. Soon he heard stories about lesser gods who control the natural phenomena found in Lake Oku, the surrounding forests, and rivers. In the corner of his house stood a decorated pot and calabash, which were representations of their family gods.

His uncle, who was mainly responsible for the father role in his life, was very proud of Peter. He took special interest in introducing Peter to the practices of juju societies (these are secret societies, which perform a major part of the religious rituals in many Cameroonian tribes.) His uncle was pleased when Peter did very well in juju displays. He proved to be a promising practitioner of the juju arts.

At this time, another influence came into Peter's life. He attended a Baptist primary school and was taught about Christ. Soon he began attending church to learn even more. In 1970 he felt the need to receive Christ as his Savior. In that same year, he was baptized.

At first, he saw no contradiction between the claims of Christ and some of the traditional practices. While reading Ephesians 5, he was touched by the contrast between the life of the Spirit and the flesh. He then realized his life-style was one of contradiction and sensed the need for a deeper commitment to Christ. He chose then to put behind him those things in his tradition and culture that were in contrast to his life as a Christian.



While reading Ephesians 5, Peter Ngum was touched by the contrast between the life of the Spirit and the flesh.

This step of faith eventually led him to the pastorate. He soon realized the need to study formally the Word of God. In 1979 he entered the Cameroon Baptist Theological College. His experiences here have helped him define his earlier commitment to follow Christ. He senses a call to return to his people to aid their understanding of Christ as well as their need for a total life commitment to him. He is looking forward to the possibility of higher theological training to refine his skills even further.

The Cameroon Baptist Theological College provides a place for men called of God to develop into leaders for the Church in Cameroon. The challenges of African culture are met as part of the curriculum. Pastors, in turn, have a direct influence on the culture as a whole. Peter Ngum is just one of 62 students at our school.

The prayers and support of our Baptist Christians in North America make possible the existence of the Cameroon Baptist Theological College as it now is. There are Peter Ngums yet to experience the call to commitment and service. This institution stands ready to meet their needs. □

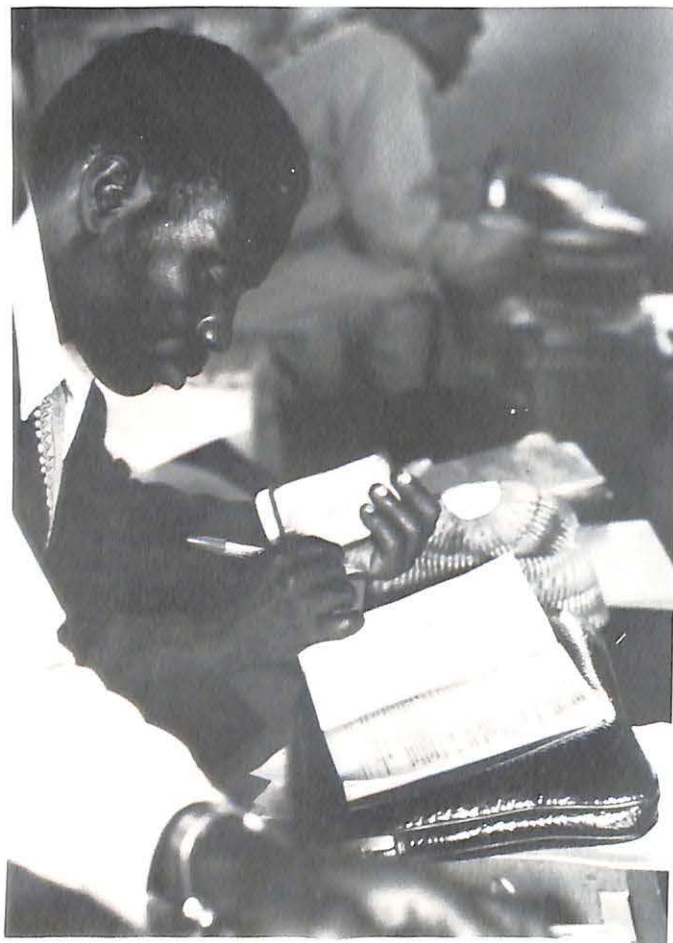


What Is T.E.E.?

by Allan Effa

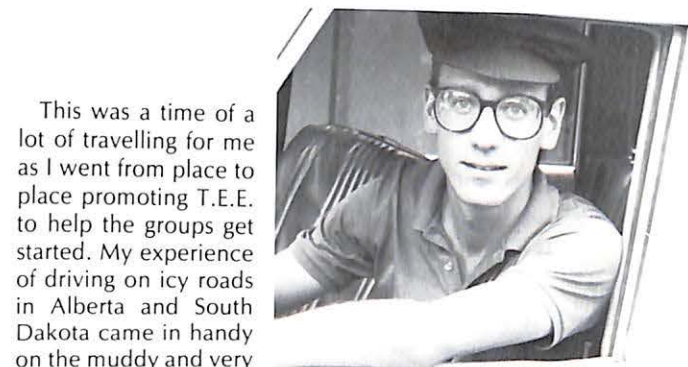
What is it like to be a director of T.E.E.? People who are not all that familiar with Theological Education by Extension often ask me that question.

When I was appointed to serve as T.E.E. Director in Nigeria in 1982, the program had already been in existence for nine years. Because there had been no full-time director for sometime, many of the training centres had been closed, and classes had disbanded.



My first task was to recruit leaders for the Theological Education by Extension centres that needed to be opened. About 25 of our sharpest men came together for a four-day workshop in which we studied discussion techniques, the methodology of T.E.E., as well as a course on 1 Corinthians. Some of our discussion proved to be very lively, and everyone went home eager to begin their own centres.

The Rev. Allan Effa, an N.A.B. missionary, serves as Theological Education by Extension director for the Mambilla Baptist Convention, Nigeria.



This was a time of a lot of travelling for me as I went from place to place promoting T.E.E. to help the groups get started. My experience of driving on icy roads in Alberta and South Dakota came in handy on the muddy and very slippery roads of Mambilla.



Everywhere I went, T.E.E. centres were formed as students signed up for courses. In no time at all, we passed our goal of 200 students, and by mid 1983, we had reached an enrollment of 300 men and women. Many people who could not afford to go to Bible School eagerly grasped the chance to study those very same courses in their churches and homes. The T.E.E. students' only cost is the price of the textbook.



Most of the students' work is done right at home as they study their Bibles and fill in their workbooks. Once a week, they come together with their leader for a time of fellowship and to discuss what they have learned. This is called a T.E.E. seminar.



After about 10 weeks, the students are given a final exam. Students study hard to do their best because they know that if they do well they will get credit towards a Bible School certificate. Right now, we are able to offer 25 courses with 10 more in different stages of production. One of my jobs, as T.E.E. director, is to correct all the exams and take care of the record system.



I try to visit the T.E.E. groups periodically to check on how things are going. Some of the places are not accessible by automobile, so I am thankful to have this new motorcycle which friends in Edmonton helped me to buy.



During the seminar, students can ask their questions and help each other to apply the truths to their lives in a practical way. Participation is the key to learning, and everyone acts both as student and teacher at the same time.



After observing a T.E.E. seminar, I meet with the leader to evaluate the discussion and to find out how things are going. By spending time with them in their churches and homes, I have drawn closer to many of the leaders, and we have begun to feel like a real team.

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Minnie Kuhn and some of the other tutors of the Bible School are also involved in leading T.E.E. centres. Their driver (pictured on far right) takes them out to their groups in the 'bush' on Saturdays when there are no classes at the Bible School. Barb Kieper also leads T.E.E. groups on weekends, even after a very busy week of clinics.



In my own Village of Mbamnga, there are two T.E.E. groups meeting in my home. One of these is a group of teenagers from the local high school. All of these boys were recently converted from Islam and are the only Christians in their families. They are so eager to study the Bible. By using T.E.E. materials, I am able to help bring them along in the path of discipleship.

"My name is Samuel Sah. I have been a pastor for many years. I had to leave Bible School after only one year because of family and financial problems. Then T.E.E. helped me. I have completed 13 courses, all of which have helped me to become a better pastor and a better Christian."

Among the various ministries of your Mambilla Baptist missionaries, T.E.E. is the one which receives the largest portion of our annual budget. We believe this has been a wise and fruitful investment. Continue to pray for this ministry and the 300 students who are studying to become better leaders in their churches. □



Mr. Jonah Kokam, an active layman in one of our Baptist churches, recently became a T.E.E. leader with his own group. He works as Sunday school superintendent and is the principal of Mbamnga Elementary School. This is what he has to say about T.E.E.:

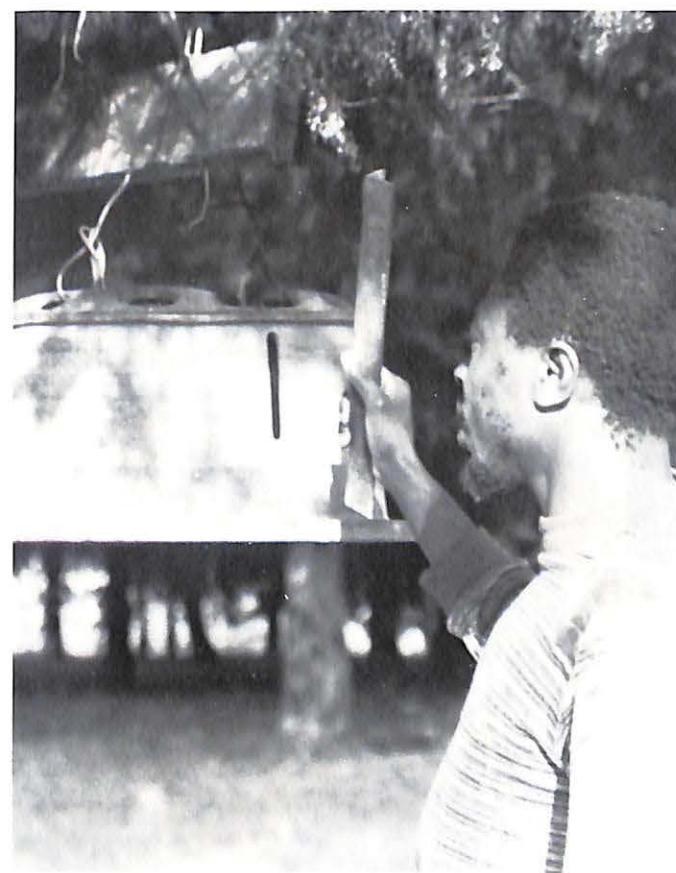
"T.E.E. has enabled me to set aside a time when I can read the Bible at least once a day, thus strengthening my spiritual growth. Our weekly meetings have been precious times of fellowship, and it is exciting how we can help each other answer our religious questions and see how the Bible can be applied to our culture. T.E.E. has challenged my Christian life as I have studied the early church and the lives of the apostles."



Learning to Minister to the Total Person

by Debbie Auch

Your alarm may be the sound of a chime or a bell or of a radio tune, but on the other side of the world, it is the sound of cocks crowing and the "nightwatch" striking the wheel rim that wakes up the nursing students at Bansa, Baptist Hospital Nurses' Training School, Cameroon.



Miss Debbie Auch is the Director of the Cameroon Baptist Convention Private School of Nursing and Midwifery in Bansa, Cameroon.



As you are enjoying your warm, steamy shower, turn your thoughts to others who have had to carry their water from a public tap and are taking their refreshing, cold water bath from a small wash basin.

What is your usual breakfast? An English Muffin popped into the toaster or an envelope of instant breakfast dissolved in a glass of milk? This is a far cry from food preparation in Cameroon. Students are responsible for

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their own meals so that much time is spent in carrying water, marketing, and keeping the woodpile stocked for the cooking fire. For nursing students, cooking in their outdoor kitchens is usually a group effort.

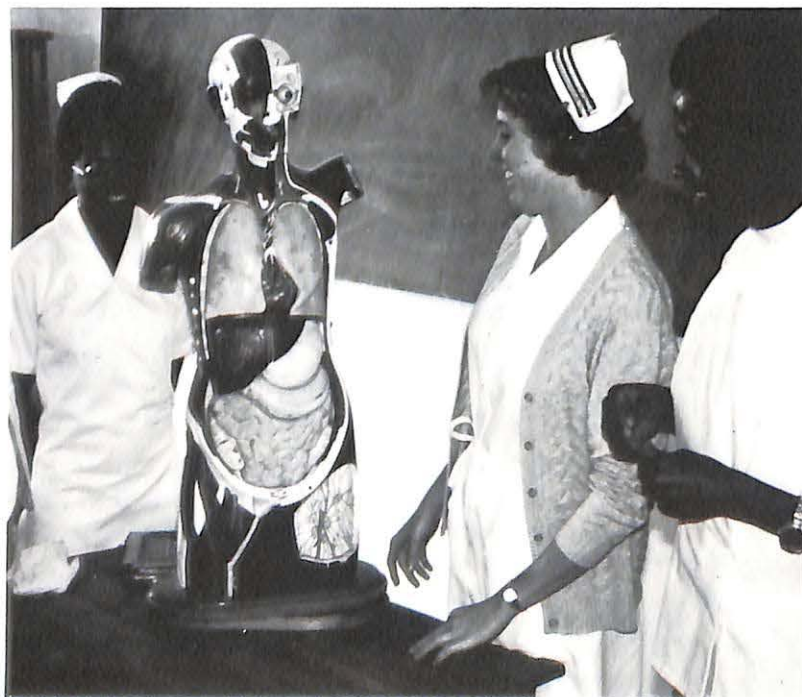
And so begins a routine day in the life of a nursing student at Bansa Baptist Hospital. Morning devotions initiate the day's activities at 6:45 a.m. when thoughts are turned to God and the quietness is savored before the tyranny of the urgent clamors for its due allegiance.



The teaching methods and learning experiences of nursing students in Cameroon parallel the experiences of students in North America. However, there are also differences because of the tropical setting. Students are not as concerned about the post-operative care of a person who has had open heart surgery as they are with the care of a person who has had an onchocerciasis nodule removed.



Students do not have to hear patients complaining about the hospital food, but they do hear the complaints of patients who have come to the hospital with little money and are unable to buy the beans and corn flour to cook their own food. Students do not have to learn how to operate all the machines and monitors used in the ICUs and CCUs of the Medical Centers in North America, but they are concerned with keeping the vacuum of a suction machine which is maintained by a hand pump or by keeping water in the tea kettle that provides steam for the croup tent. They are concerned with sharpening needles, as needles are used over and over again for intramuscular injections. Despite the differences, nurses in Cameroon are trained in much the same man-



ner as they are in Canada or in the United States. Learning to care for patients in traction or how to change dressings are experiences of both Cameroonians and North American students; although in Cameroon the dressings are not disposable.



The Cameroon Baptist Convention Private School of Nursing and Midwifery offers various training programs: a one-year nursing course (Nurse Aide), which may be followed by a one-year laboratory course (Laboratory Aide); John Nugum (front) and Oliver Wirkum (rear) graduated from the Lab Aide Program. A two-year nursing course (Brevete Nurse) may be followed by an additional year of training in midwifery.

Graduates often receive additional education or on-the-job training, which enables them to carry out specialized tasks. Trained to do patient consultations, Peter Tata, a graduate of the Cameroon Baptist Convention Private School of Nursing and Midwifery serves people of various tribes. Martin Mngoh (in background) acts as translator since 12 different languages and dialects are spoken often on a usual day.



Through the aid of Christoffel Blindenmission of Germany, Mr. Alex Monie was able to be trained to assist Dr. Helen Marie Schmidt in her eye work. On-the-job training is often provided by short-term missionaries. Dr. Linda Stewart was able to train several nurses in the administration of spinal anesthesia.



Short-term doctors, John Killick and Don Titus, have trained two nurses in the delivery of dental care. One of (continued)



these is Isaac Lontum. A six-month radiology course taught by Mrs. Karen Swanson enables x-ray service at both Mbingo and Banso Hospitals. As the quality of care offered by health facilities increases in Cameroon so the need for specialized training will also increase.



Missions is in the midst of transition as nationals are beginning to shoulder the burden once borne by the missionary. This is very much the case in medical missions. It is satisfying to see graduates carrying administrative responsibilities and progressively taking over positions once filled by the missionary nurse. Rose Ndzenyuyi, assistant director of nursing service, works on rotation hours for staffing at the Hospital.

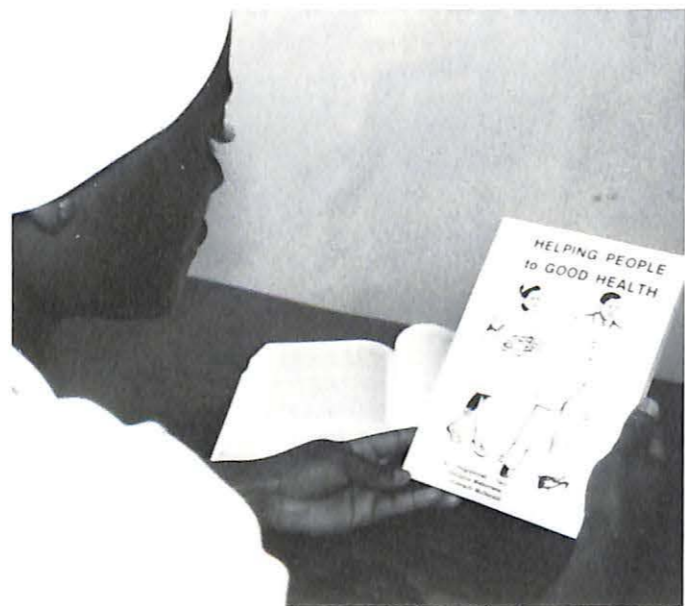
It is not only in the hospital setting in which this is happening, but also it is exciting to find nursing graduates fulfilling leadership roles in Church Ministries. For example, Cecelia Tamfu is a 3-H guide for the training of young girls. Margaret Kinga serves as treasurer of the Banso Field Women's Union as well as President of the Kumbo Youth Group.



Recently, two graduates, Dorothy Killah and Elizabeth Ndiba, were transferred to outstations. Both have begun children's New Life Clubs in the area. Dorothy is posted at Mbem, and Elizabeth is at Jikijem. Several graduates have had previous training at Cameroon Baptist Theological College, Ndu, which provides ideal preparation for the meeting of both spiritual and physical needs of patients. David Ngoh, leading devotions for patients, is a graduate of both schools.



Because so many of the graduates become leaders within their local church, it is important to incorporate a spiritual dimension throughout the training program. Within the nursing curriculum itself, is a course entitled, "Providing Spiritual Care," taught by Chaplain Moses Tanni. Theological Education by Extension courses are also offered for students as well as for hospital workers throughout the school term.



The student nurses at Banso may begin their day in quite a different manner from their counterparts in Canada or the United States, but the purpose of their existence is the same—to glorify God as they obey the call to minister to the Total Person. □



Equipping for Health Ministry

by Daphne Dunger



Life Abundant Promoters Class III Mbem Area, Cameroon.



Andrew learns through doing a "return demonstration" of a newborn baby bath. Classmates watch and learn through reviewing the important points to keep in mind. They, too, will each have their turn to do a baby bath.

Equipping nationals for service . . . This is a goal of the Life Abundant Programme as missionary nurse/midwives such as Daphne Dunger train Life Abundant Promoters.

Today in the Mbem area of Cameroon, people no longer have to trek up and down mountains for four to six hours to obtain medical help.

One or two mature, active Christians are chosen from a local church to be trained to diagnose and treat diseases of persons in their own communities. They become agents of change as they witness about Jesus Christ to people seeking medical help and as they teach their people simple measures to prevent disease.

The local Baptist church and the community are part of a program in which they purchase medicine from the Baptist Medical Authority, stock medical supplies, and then dispense them for the same cost as at the other Baptist hospitals and dispensaries. Thus, there is a constant supply of drugs as well as remuneration for the two Life Abundant promoters. A "governing" committee from the church guides the local programme.

"We are building into our program the important priorities that should always be characteristic of the LAP work . . . so that as change takes place in the future, the spiritual and self-reliant aspects will be pillars in the functions of LAP," states Daphne.

In this article, Daphne says she has given us a glimpse of the hows of the basic training. This is only the first and foundational part of the entire training for the LAP Promoters.



Lazarus practices bandaging on his classmate Denis using a White Cross roller bandage.

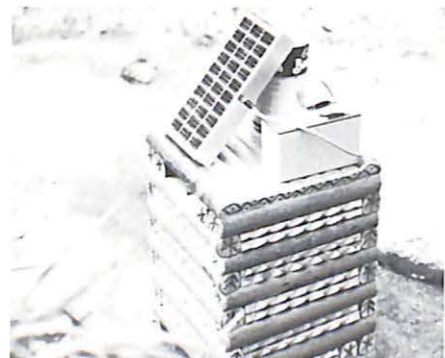
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After telling a story which teaches a health principle, the trainees put it into drama. This is used for teaching those who come for health care. It also is a learning experience for the trainees themselves. Here the drama depicts the correct "recipe" and the making of Rehydration Drink for the treatment of diarrhea.



The flannelgraph "baby" aids in explaining how the body makes antibodies.



A solar unit charges the battery for the filmstrip projector.



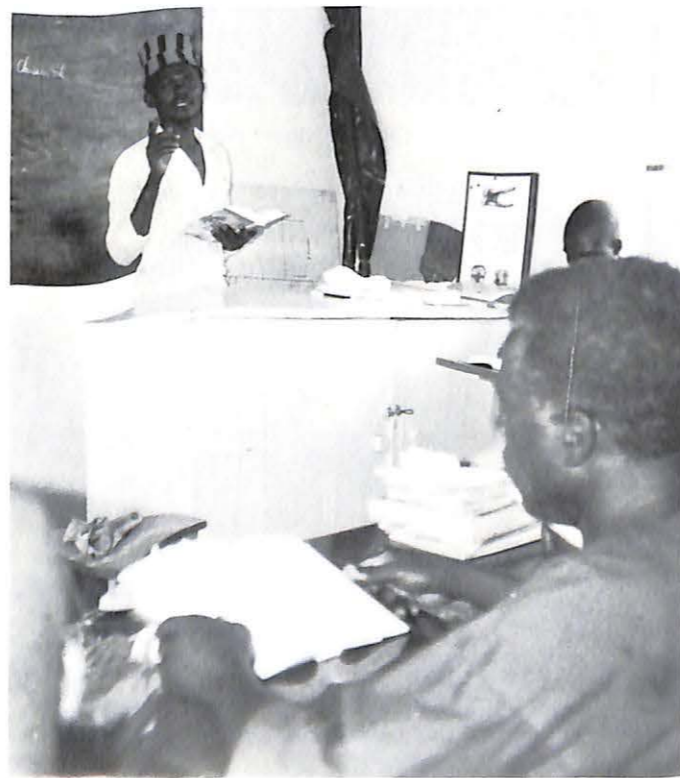
Thomas has experienced God's answers to prayer in seeing a small prayer group of five to seven Christians develop into an active church in a strong Islamic community. He will be one of the two LAP Promoters or "doctors" for this village.



Paul reviews his answers in the TEE "teacher" text, "Helping People to Good Health." Paul has already been effectively serving his village after a "crash" course to replace former LAP Promoters. He works together with Lazarus.



Lazarus studies one of the teaching pamphlets designed for teaching prevention of disease in Cameroon. It features Pidgin English and sketches typical to the country.



Stephen leads the class in one of the morning devotion periods. Stephen presently is the pastor of a local church near Mbem. He will help the Life Abundant Programme in some of the field supervision, on a part-time basis.



Ruby Eliason a "new" member of the LAP central team teaching the "6-5" way of group prayer to the LAP class.



Here you see Paul teaching the English Sunday school class in his church. The LAP Promoters are key people in reaching others for Christ as well as "feeding" fellow illiterate believers.



Equipping Nationals for Church Ministries in Brazil

by Ralph and Martha Nelson

For many years, Martha and I (pictured below) have been involved in mass evangelism in Brazil in churches, schools, factories, and in many other areas. However, we have constantly sensed the great need to train the nationals in personal evangelism. Many books on the subject are available in Brazil, but not a complete evangelism course in notebook form.

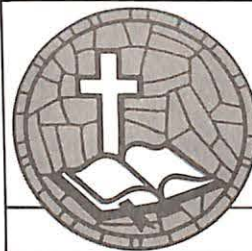


In early July, the Women's Missionary Society of the Estreito church began visiting an employee of the "Electrosul," the electrical power company of South Brazil. Petrucio da Silva declared openly that he was an atheist and did not believe in the Bible. Martha and the women made many visits to him.

Later, I presented the Gospel to Petrucio in the hospital. He died in July, but before he passed away, he requested that we read the Bible and pray with him each time we visited him. When we conducted his funeral service, the managers and engineers from the electrical company were present. We had this opportunity to present the Gospel to them.

The Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Nelson are missionaries in Florianopolis, Santa Catarina, Brazil. Ralph is the acting field treasurer of our Brazil Baptist Mission.

The stimulus for us to produce a personal evangelism course came in 1983 when Martha (pictured at right) was asked by the Women's Missionary Society of our Baptist church in Estreito to help in the area of evangelism. She began preparation of the evangelism course and used it with much blessing; however, many activities hindered the completion of the course. I began to add to the course and develop it in various ways including a section on the prominent cults in Brazil. Martha continued in her visitation with the women of the church and on-the-job training.



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Sonntagschule du sollst leben

von Reimer Clausen

Frueher als Kinder sangen wir oeffters das Lied "Ich geh so gern zur Sonntagschul." Das kann ich auch heute noch von Herzen sagen. Darum lag mir auch die Sonntagschularbeit in Japan sehr nahe. Als wir vor sieben Jahren unsere Gemeindearbeit in Japan anfangen, fingen wir hauptsaechlich mit der Sonntagschule an. Es war leichter als die Arbeit mit den Erwachsenen, denn die Kinder kamen gerne, und ihre Herzen waren offen fuer das Wort. Natuerlich mussten wir in den ersten Jahren die Arbeit alleine tun, da keine Gemeindeglieder waren, die in der Sonntagschule mitwirken konnten. Meine Frau Nobuko spielte das Harmonium und lehrte die Kinder singen, und ich erzaehlte ihnen die biblischen Geschichten. Der Herr gab seinen Segen dazu, denn heute sind einige von den Kindern, die damals am Anfang zur Sonntagschule kamen, treue Gemeindeglieder.

Wie wir vor fuenf Jahren dann auf Heimaturlaub gingen, war keiner da, die Arbeit weiter zu fuehren, so ging die Sonntagschule sehr zurueck. Aber wiederum gab der Herr Gnade, dass die Kinder wiederkamen und die Arbeit sich erholte. Wir waren darum besorgt, Sonntagschullehrer und Lehrerinnen auszubilden, so dass das Werk auch ohne uns weitergehen kann.

Zuallererst gab der Herr uns Schwester Saitoh. Sie war damals nur 17 Jahre alt und gerade getauft, und sie ging noch zur Schule, aber sie war bereit, in der Sonntagschule mitzuhelfen. Sie kam und sah, wie wir die Lektion machten, und dann gaben wir

ihr auch die Gelegenheit, die Geschichten zu erzaehlen. Zuerst war sie etwas unsicher und auch leicht entmutigt. Wir mussten sie oft ermutigen und auch praktische Hinweise geben zum Vorbereiten der Lektionen. Sie uebte dann Zuhause, in dem sie ihren noch nicht glaeubigen Grosseltern die biblischen Geschichten erzaehlte.



Dann bat ich Schwester Imagawa, doch auch mitzuhelfen. Sie war eine sehr schuechterne Hausfrau und Mutter, die nicht den Eindruck machte, dass sie Lehrerin sein konnte. Aber dennoch glaubte ich, dass der Herr auch sie gebrauchen konnte, denn sie hatte einen einfachen, kindlichen Glauben. Wir trafen uns einmal in der Woche und ich half ihr mit dem Vorbereiten der Lektionen. Sie uebte auch zu Hause, indem sie ihrer kleinen Tochter die Geschichte erzaehlte. So wurde sie mit Geduld und viel Ermunterung auch Lehrerin.

Dann fuegte der Herr noch einige andere Maedchen hinzu, die auch nur 17 oder 18 Jahre alt waren. Das waren Maedchen, die in der Sonntagschule aufgewachsen waren. Sie

waren eifrig und lebhaft und kannten die biblischen Geschichten. Aber in einiger Hinsicht waren sie nicht sehr verlaesslich. Manchmal verschlief eins und kam nicht zur Sonntagschule. So mussten wir da Geduld haben und auch ermahnen. Zwei von ihnen spielten auch das Harmonium, so konnte Nobuko auch endlich diesen Dienst jemand anders uebergeben. Dann kam noch der Bruder Takahashi hinzu. Er war neuer Christ, aber eifrig, und hatte das Verlangen, dem Herrn zu dienen. Er betreute dann mit unserem Prediger Hata die aelteste Klasse. Wir konnten jetzt die Sonntagschule in drei Klassen aufteilen. Die Schwestern betreuten die zwei Klassen fuer die juengeren Kinder. Wir teilten es so ein, dass jede Klasse mindestens zwei Lehrer hatte, und dass alle abwechselnd die Einleitung, die Lektion, und das Harmoniumspielen machten. Auf diese Weise wurde der Dienst nicht zu einer Last, und wenn jemand mal fehlte, dann konnte ein anderer einspringen.

Jetzt sind wir auf Heimaturlaub und wir sind dankbar, dass der Herr uns diese Arbeiter gab. Wir beten jeden Tag fuer die Kinder und die Lehrer. Manchmal fragen wir uns, "Wie geht es wohl mit der Sonntagschule?" Dann auf einmal kommt Post von Japan, ein Brief von der treuen Schwester Saitoh, oder auch von den Kindern. Da schrieben die beiden kleinen Maedchen, Reiko und Keiko, es sind Nachbarskinder, "Wir sind gerade von der Schule gekommen und lernen jetzt zusammen den Bibelvers fuer naechsten Sonntag."

Ja die Arbeit geht weiter auch ohne uns; denn wir konnten andere Arbeiter ausbilden, diese Arbeit weiterzufuehren. "Lieber Herr giess deinen Segen aus auf die Sonntagschule in Japan. Amen."

Rev. Reimer Clausen ist Missionar in Japan auf Heimaturlaub.

EINE DANKESBOTSCHAFT

von John Binder, executive director

Gott sei gelobt! Unsere N.A.B. Geschwister haben durch ihre Spenden den Monat Dezember zu einem Rekordmonat und 1983 zu einem Rekordjahr gemacht - \$1,095,000 wurden im Dezember und \$4,029,000 fuer das Jahr fuer unsere Mission gegeben. Wir danken fuer Eure Gebete und Beteiligung an dieser Leistung.

Ogleich wir unser Ziel von \$4,150,000 nicht ganz erreichten, koennen wir 1984 optimistisch beginnen, da die Ausgaben waehrend des Jahres 1983 auf \$3,890,000 gehalten wurden.

Anfang Dezember schien es noch unmoeglich, unser fuer 1983 gesetztes Bundesziel fuer Missionsdienste zu erreichen. Ich bin ueberwaeltigt und von Herzen dankbar fuer diese Reaktion, die das klare Zeugnis von Gottes Gnade im Leben von geweihten Menschen widerspiegelt. Ich hoffe, dass auch die Finanzziele in den Gemeinden und Vereinigungen erreicht wurden.

Im vergangenen Jahr haben Tausende Gottes Wort gehoert durch Predigten, Zeugnisse und Lehrdienst von geweihten N.A.B. Geschwistern, Pastoren und Missionaren. Sechzehn neue Missionare konnten ausgesandt wuerden. Hoehere Studenteneinschreibungen in unserem College und in unseren theologischen Seminaren zeigen an, dass Gott geweihte Menschen aus unseren Reihen in fuehrende Rollen ruft.

Waehrend ich mich noch ueber das hervorragende Jahr 1983 freue, sehe ich schon den missionarischen Aufforderungen fuer 1984 entgegen:

- Aussendung von 14 Missionaren.
- Gruendung von acht neuen Gemeinden.
- Hilfe in der Motivierung fuer aggressiven Gemeindeaufbau.
- Ausarbeitung von Plaenen zum Beginn von zwei neuen Missionsfeldern.
- Beteiligung an der "Capital Funds"

Sammlung "Bauen auf dem Fundament des Glaubens", die einen grossen Fortschritt fuer unsere Missionsarbeit bedeuten wird. "Ich danke meinem Gott, so oft ich euer gedenke, welches ich allezeit tue in allem meinem Gebet fuer euch alle, und tue das Gebet mit Freuden, ueber eure Gemeinschaft am Evangelium..." (Philiper, 1,2,3,5).

Rev. Oliveira arbeitet fuer den Herrn in Brasilien

PORTO ALEGRE, BRAZIL. Rev. Richard Kaiser ist auf Heimaturlaub von Brasilien. Gleich nach seiner Rueckkehr von Brasilien bereiste er mit Rev. Wilson Oliveira, dem Leiter der baptistischen Gemeinden im Staate Rio Grande do Sul, Brasilien, unsere Gemeinden in Kanada und U.S.A. Rev. Kaiser schreibt: "Die Erinnerungen an unsere Besuche in unseren Gemeinden zusammen mit Rev. Oliveira sind noch immer frisch. Seine Hingabe an Jesus Christus und seine Liebe fuer seine brasilianischen Landsleute, von denen viele in Suende leben, haben einen tiefen Eindruck auch mich gemacht.

"Er zeugt von dem Evangelium Jesu Christi nicht nur mit Worten sondern durch sein Leben. Durch sein Beispiel hat der Heilige Geist die Herzen seiner roemisch-katholischen Eltern und mehrerer Brueder fuer das Evangelium geoeffnet. Durch sein Beispiel hat er in den vergangenen 20 Jahren als Pastor und Direktor die Gemeinden im Staate Rio Grande do Sul geleitet.

"Pastor Oliveira fuehrt die Arbeit in Brasilien unter sehr schwierigen finanziellen Umstaenden fort - es wird geschuetzt, dass die Inflation in den vergangenen zwolf Monaten etwa 200% betrug.

"Tretet in Fuerbitte fuer Rev. Oliveira und unsere brasilianischen Geschwister ein, dass sie furchtlos das Evangelium von Christus verkuenndigen moechten. Und spendet opferfreudig, damit viele Brasilianer die Wahrheit durch Lehren und Predigen hoeren."

Keine Furcht mehr Vor Zauberei

BANSO, CAMEROON. Dr. Rodney Zimmerman, der im vergangenen Jahr von dem Aussaetzigenkrankenhaus in Mbingo nach dem Banso Krankenhaus uebersiedelte, schreibt: "In diesem 160-Betten Krankenhaus sind wir dankbar fuer die drei Aerzte, Dr. Gad Fokum (unser eingeborener, christlicher Arzt), Dr. Helen Marie Schmidt, und ich. Jeder von uns macht taegliche Visite auf einer der Stationen (Maenner, Frauen und Kinder). Danach werden ambulante Patienten behandelt, und neue Patienten untersucht. Am Dienstag und Freitag ist allgemeine Chirurgie und Mittwoch Augenoperationen. An zwei Wochenenden im Monat reist ein Arzt nach den aussenliegenden Kliniken zur Untersuchung von Patienten und Ueberwachung unserer Gesundheitsprogramme.

"Ein der groessten Veraenderungen fuer mich hier ist die 30-Betten Entbindungsstation. Ich arbeite gern mit den Hebammen zusammen und habe Gelegenheit, sie am Bett einzelner Patienten zu unterrichten...Eine der Patientinnen, die schon drei Kaiserschnitte gehabt hatte, war sehr unruhig und besorgt und vertraute dem Geistlichen an, dass sie verhext sei und darum so viele Kaiserschnitte haben muesse. Nachdem sie das vierte Kind durch Kaiserschnitt geboren hatte, glaubte ich kaum, dass sie mich noch anhoeren wuerde. Als wir ihr jedoch erklarten, dass Zauberei keinen Platz in unserem Krankenhaus hat, weil Gott gegenwaertig ist, hoerte sie aufmerksam und ruhig zu. Einige Tage darauf wurde sie mit ihrem gesunden Baby entlassen, ohne weiter von der Furcht vor Zauberei belastet zu sein."

Gott arbeitet an den Herzen der Spanisch-Amerikaner

RIO GRANDE CITY, TX. "Wir danken Gott fuer das, was er in den vergangenen Monaten unter uns getan hat," schreibt Juan Luna, der unter den Spanisch-Amerikanern im Rio

Grande Tal in Texas arbeitet. "Wir glauben, dass der Herr grosse Plaene fuer diese Gegend hat, die bisher in Suende verhaertet schien. Eines Tages jedoch kamen eine ganze Reihe Menschen nach vorn, um ihr Leben dem Herrn zu uebergeben oder neu zu weihen.

"Bedingt durch die kulturelle Vergangenheit unserer spanisch-amerikanischen Leute, haben wir unter ihnen noch verschiedene Braeuche, die auf die heidnische Kultur Mexikos zurueckreichen, wie z.B. die Totenfeier. Unter viel Gebet versuchen wir unseren Mitgliedern beizubringen, dass solche Dinge von Christen unterlassen werden muessen, auch wenn sie historisch bedingt sind. Einige von ihnen rebellierten zunaechst, aber Gott hat ihre Herzen zubereitet, so dass jetzt in dieser Hinsicht Ruhe ist.

"Wir hatten grosse wirtschaftliche Schwierigkeiten in dieser Gegend, aber zu Gottes Ehre duerfen wir berichten, dass die Gemeinde ihre Unkosten decken konnte."

Persoenliches Zeugnis fuer Universitaetsprofessor

TSU, JAPAN. Ronald Stoller, der in dem christlichen Gemeinschaftshaus in Mie Ken, Japan, Englisch unter-



richtet, schreibt von folgender Begebenheit: "Mr. Yamada, der Dozent fuer Landwirtschaftskunde in der Mie Universitaet ist, hat seit einigen Monaten an den Englischklassen teil-

Vergessen und Vergesslichkeit

von Eva Helwing

Wie oft habe ich schon diese Worte gebraucht? Wie oft in meinem Leben wurde mir schon der Vorwurf gemacht, etwas vergessen zu haben? Ich muss zugeben, es geschieht am laufenden Band. Manchmal ist es eine Kleinigkeit, die man schnell wieder gut machen kann. Doch nicht immer ist das der Fall. Vorige Woche, zum Beispiel, sah mich ein Polizeibeamter erstaunt an und fragte: "Wie konnten sie vergessen, dass man seine Handtasche nicht neben sich auf den Fahrsitz legt? Sie arbeiten doch schon lange in dieser Gegend?" Es war naehmlich passiert, dass ein Jugendlicher beim Anhalten an der roten Ampel mit einem Stein mein Autofenster zerbrach und meine Handtasche stahl. Solche Faelle waren in der schlechten Gegend Chicagos, in der ich unterrichte, schon oeffters passiert. Wiederholt wurde gewarnt, dass man seine Handtasche gut verstauen soll. Ich hatte es an diesem Tage vergessen und musste die Folgen meiner Vergesslichkeit tragen.

Sicher ist es aergerlich und oft folgenreich, wenn ich Dinge vergesse; doch schlimmer ist es, wenn ich vergesse "Gutes zu tun," denn das kann fuer das Leben eines anderen entscheidend sein. Dabei muss der andere nicht gleich verhungern oder erfrieren; er kann an "seelischem Hunger" oder an "gefuehlsmaessiger Unterkuehlung" zerbrechen.

Kein Alter schuetzt uns vor Vergess-

genommen. Seit zwei Monaten bleibt er auch zum Bibelstudium, das auf die Konversationsklasse folgt. Er pocht sehr stark auf seinen buddhistischen Glauben, aber scheint auch ein Interesse an der Bibel zu haben. Er wiederholt die buddhistische Einstellung, dass es weder gut noch boese gibt sondern nur ein neutral. Ich habe darauf gewartet, einmal mit ihm persoendlich sprechen zu koennen. Eines Tages

lichkeit. Das Kind vergisst die Schularbeiten, die Hausfrau die Einkaufe, der Berufstaetige Termine und der Greis Namen und Geburtstage. Sicher ist es schlimm, wenn ich Vokabeln vergesse und sicher ist es folgenreich wenn ich Termine oder Einkaufe nicht beachte, doch viel schlimmer ist es, wenn ich nicht einmal merke, dass ich vergessen habe, anderen Menschen "Gutes zu tun."

Vergessen und Vergesslichkeit, das haengt beides miteinander zusammen; aber es ist nicht dasselbe. Das erste geschieht hie und da, das zweite ist ein Dauerzustand. Das erste kann heilsam sein oder Unheil bringen, das zweite ist immer vom Uebel.

Vergessen koennen, ist hilfreich.

Vergessen haben, ist betruendlich.

Vergesslichkeit, ist krankhaft.

Ganz schlimm wird es, wenn sich Vergesslichkeit nicht nur auf etwas, sondern auf "jemand" bezieht. Wenn wir nicht nur vergessen "Gutes zu tun," sondern wenn wir einen Menschen total vergessen.

Erstaunlich und erschuetternd ist es, wie schnell das geschehen kann. Als der Brief an die Hebraer am Ende des ersten nachchristlichen Jahrhunderts geschrieben wurde, lebten noch Menschen die Jesus selbst erlebt hatten. Es lebten Menschen, die die Apostel selbst gehoert hatten und von ihrem Reden und Leben ueberzeugt worden waren. Und diese Menschen musste der Verfasser dieses Briefes bereits erinnern und ermahnen: "Vergesst nicht, "Gutes zu tun!" So schnell kann das geschehen.

So lasst uns, als Frauen die Jesu Juenger sind, diese Mahnung ins Herz nehmen und in die Tat umsetzen.

brachte ich einen Studenten zur Bahnstation und traf dort Mr. Yamada, der zu dem buddhistischen Begraebnis seiner Grossmutter unterwegs war. Sie glauben, dass das Leben mit dem Tode beendet ist, und ich konnte ihm bezeugen, dass das Leben vielmehr mit dem physischen Tod beginnt. Es ist mein ernstes Gebet, dass dieses sich eines Tages in seinem Leben bewahrheiten moege."

Aus der Gemeinde

EDMONTON, AB. Freudig und dankbar ist die Bethelgemeinde gestimmt, dass Gottes Geist sichtbar unter uns arbeitet.

Am 26. Juni 1983 durfte die Gemeinde den Taufgottesdienst feierlich begehen. Pred. Brust i.R. taufte zwei Jugendliche (Carsten Kelm u. Hilmar Lemke) auf ihr entschiedenes persöhnliches Bekenntnis zu Jesus Christus. Die Täuflinge nahmen anschließend an der Abendmahlfeier teil.

Am 26. Okt. feierte die Gemeinde das Erntedankfest mit Brd. Schlachter als Festprediger.

Auch dieses Mal durfte die Bethelgemeinde dankbaren Herzens zu Gott dem Geber aller guten Gaben emporklicken. Der Gabentisch mit den vielen Früchten von Feld und Garten, erinnert uns, dass Gott sein Versprechen in bezug auf Saat und Ernte haelt und uns Menschen auch durch die Schoenheiten der Natur erfreuen will. Ihm allein gebuehrt der Dank fuer alles.

Verschiedene Zweige der Gemeinde dienten mit Darbietungen zur Ehre des Herrn. Ganz besonders ist die Gemeinde erfreut ueber unsern Blaeserchor von einigen Jugendlichen unter Leitung von Thomas Kelm.

Unser Erntedankopfer von dreizehntausend Dallar ueberstieg unsern Erwartungen. Gemeindefeier Siegf. Janke sprach das Dankgebet und bat anschließend alle Teilnehmer, sich nach Schluss dieses Festgottesdienstes an die reichlich gedeckten Tische zu setzen.

Vom 25. bis 30. Sept. hatte die Bethelgemeinde eine Glaubensvertiefungswoche mit Evangelist Herbert Szepan aus Deutschland. Die Gemeinde wurde nicht nur gesegnet durch die Ansprachen, sondern auch gestaerkt am inwendigen Menschen. — Adina Lemke

GOLDENE HOCHZEIT: Die Geschwister der McDermot Gemeinde in Winnipeg kamen am 23. Oktober 1983 zu einem Freudenfest zusammen, um mit Geschwistern William und Elsie Patzia ihre Goldene Hochzeit zu feiern. Die verschiedenen Zweige der Gemeinde und auch die Choere brachten Segenswuesche in Ansprachen und im Lied dem Jubelpaare dar. Vor allem kam es aber zum Ausdruck, dass Geschwister Patzia christliche Naechstenliebe ueben und gastfreundlich sind. Sie hatten ein herzliches Interesse an den Neueinwanderern in den

50 ger Jahren, und wirkten so aufbauend und ermunternd. Gott hat Geschwister Patzia auch reich gesegnet mit 6 Kindern, 20 Enkelkindern und 2 Urenkeln. In der Familie gibt es viel musikalisches Talent, und so wurde an diesem Abend viel gesungen und musiziert. Wir als Gemeinde danken fuer Geschwister Patzia und ihren Einfluss. Moege Gott sie in ihrem weiteren Leben segnen und ihnen einen erholsamen Winter in Florida schenken. — Lotte Ermann, Berichterstatter

Todesanzeigen

EMIL GERL wurde am 25. Okt., 1904 in Krasalowka, Wolhynien geboren. Im Jahre 1925 heiratete er Hulda Floeter. Der Herr schenkte ihnen 5 Kinder. Durch die Flucht kam die Familie 1939 nach Deutschland und wurde 1940 im Warthegau angesiedelt. Nach 2 Jahren als deutscher Soldat und 4 schweren Jahren in russischer Kriegsgefangenschaft wurde unser Bruder mit seiner Familie in Westdeutschland vereinigt und wanderte 1951 nach Kanada aus. Hier lebten sie erst in Manitoba und seit 1958 in Hamilton, Ont. Mit 21 Jahren fand Emil Gerl den Weg zu Jesu und hat Ihm fortan mit hingebender Treue gedient. In der Gemeinde ist er uns allen eine Stuetze und Saeule gewesen. Ploetzlich hat der Herr ihn am 30. Nov., im Alter von 79 Jahren, zu sich in die obere Heimat gerufen. Obgleich wir trauern, freute er sich auf seinen Heimgang. Seine Hinterbliebenen: Seine liebe Frau Hulda, seine Kinder: Helene und Heinz Wichmann, Berthold und Olympia Gerl, Lydia und Arnold Schroeder, Richard und Lydia Gerl, Oswald und Hildegard Gerl, sowie 17 Enkel und 4 Urenkel. Deutsche Baptisten Gemeinde, Hamilton, ON. — Heinrich Goliath, Prediger

FELIX KIMPFEL. Bruder Kimpfel, ein Glied der Bethel Gemeinde in Edmonton, AB, wurde am 27. Feb. 1898 in Lodz, Polen, geboren. Am 29. Aug. 1931 ging er mit Louise Gruenke die Ehe ein, die durch drei Toechter und einen Sohn gesegnet wurde. 1939 zog die Familie nach Pommern, wo sie durch die Wirren des Krieges getrennt wurden. Vater Kimpfel wurde 1944 eingezogen und geriet zum

Ende des Krieges in amerikanische Gefangenschaft. Mutter und Kinder blieben in Pommern und kamen so unter russische Kontrolle. Spaeter gab es in Uslar am Harz ein Wiedersehen. Dort nahm Bruder Kimpfel auch Jesus als seinen persoenlichen Heiland an und wurde getauft. Die Gemeinde wurde seine Heimat und den Herrn im Chor zu preisen eine liebe Pflicht. Familie Kimpfel wanderte nach Kanada aus und lebte in Medicine Hat, Winnipeg, Edmonton, Vancouver, und dann wieder Edmonton. Noch vor zwei Jahren wurde goldene Hochzeit gefeiert. Die letzten Jahre verbrachte Bruder Kimpfel in einem Altersheim. Nach einem langen und ereignisvollen Leben starb Bruder Kimpfel am 29. Okt. 1983 im Alter von 85 Jahren. Sein Heimgang wird betrauert von seiner lieben Frau Louise, Tochter Ursula und Gatte Robert (Fransen), Tochter Margaret und Gatte Arthur und Tochter Susanne Baier, Tochter Tabea (Saft), und Sohn Juergen. Die Trauerfeier fand am 2. Nov. in der Bethel Gemeinde statt.

PETER MAERZ wurde am 1. Febr. 1912 in Tekes, Ungarn geboren. Im Jahre 1933 heiratete er Elisabeth, geborene Maerz. Der Herr schenkte ihnen drei Kinder: Hans, Kaethe und Helga. Die Kriegsumstaende zwangen unseren Bruder lange Jahre an die Front, spaeter musste die Familie durch die Flucht nach Deutschland, wo sie bis zu Ihrer Auswanderung nach Kanada im Jahre 1953 lebten. Hier in Kanada wohnten sie in Winnipeg und ab 1955 in Hamilton. In seinen Jugendjahren fand Peter Maerz den Weg zu Jesus und blieb ihm bis zu seinem Tode treu. Er diente in allen Gemeinden mit grosser Hingabe, namentlich auch als Diakon hier in Hamilton. Er verstarb nach kurzer Krankheit ploetzlich am 27. Nov. im Alter von 71 Jahren. Seinen Heimgang betrauern seine liebe Gattin, Elisabeth, seine 3 Kinder und ihre Familien. Deutsche Baptisten Gemeinde, Hamilton. Heinrich R. Goliath, Prediger

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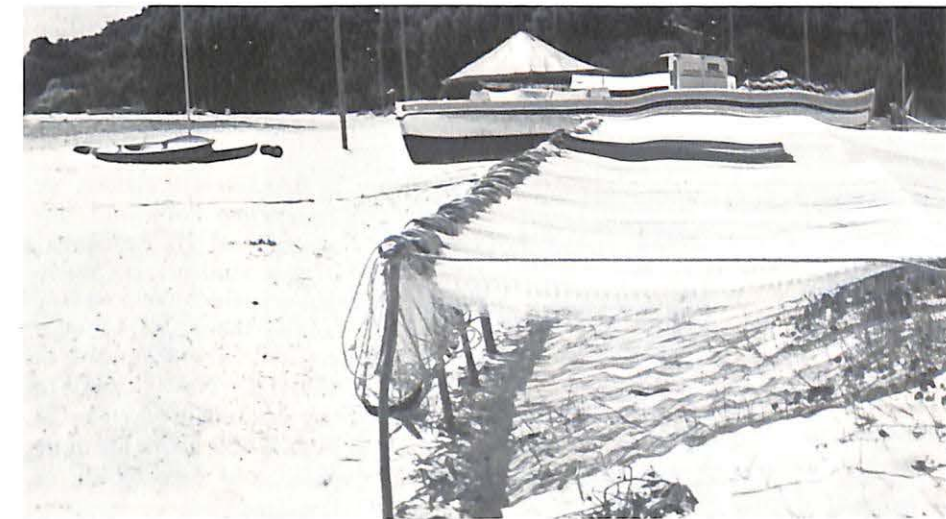
Zu einer Deutschen Glaubenskonferenz vom 22. bis 24. Juni 1984 in der **Grace Baptist Church**, 1150 Glenmore Dr., Kelowna, BC, V1Y 4P3. Thema: *Die triumphierende Gemeinde*. Gastredner: *J. J. Toews, evangelist.* [Anmeldungen zu richten an die obige Adresse.]



During the month of October, we trained more than 100 Christians in personal evangelism in the First Baptist Church of Criciuma, a city of more than 100,000 people. For three nights, we presented the evangelism course. We discussed how to deal with members of cults. Each day the group participated in "on-the-job training" with members of the church. We praise the Lord that three people trusted Christ as personal Savior in the home visits in the city.



In November, we conducted several evangelism courses in our Estreito church, and Martha continued to train the women in personal evangelism, some of whom are pictured. Many home visits have been made with the Women's Missionary Society. God is using them to reach out to their own people with the Gospel. Dona Ondina (pictured far left), who took the evangelism course, helped us start a new work on the island, Barra da Lagoa, in an area where she was born.



Fishing nets on the beach at Barra da Lagoa, the island on which a new church extension work has begun, mark the trade of many of those who call this island their home.



Dr. Jose Freitas, a medical doctor and member of one of our Baptist Churches in Florianopolis, was a Captain in the Brazilian Navy for many years. He now works for the INPS, which is the socialized medical program in Brazil. He has received training in evangelism using our evangelism course and notebook. Using the information and tracts, he witnesses to his patients at the hospital and to other doctors. He comes to our residence almost every week for additional help in evangelism.

We were with him recently as we were preparing for the production of a mission film. Dr. Freitas told us that during his vacation time in Rio de Janeiro he was able to attend almost 1,000 people in a very poor section of the city. As he met their physical needs, he gave each one a Gospel witness through testimony, Gospel tracts and Scripture portions.

Dr. Freitas plans an exciting ministry in connection with the Baptist church in Barreiros, a section of Florianopolis. This year, he will set up a clinic in the church where poor people can come for medical examinations and treatment. Although he is a very busy man, he will give at least one afternoon per week to this project. His desire is that each patient who comes to him will hear the Gospel and receive portions of the Word of God. We thank the Lord for this opportunity of training and motivating the Brazilians in evangelism.

Will you pray with us that God will continue to enable us to train Brazilians in personal evangelism so that they can reach out to their city with the Gospel of Christ? The 350,000 people of Florianopolis need to hear the saving message of Christ. Trained and dedicated Christians are the instruments that God wants to use to reach our city for his name. □



Sharing Christ Through English Classes

As reported by Ron Stoller and Luci Lengefeld with photos by Ron Stoller

"On April 5, 1983, we celebrated an event for which we had been planning and praying for years—the formal opening of the Tsu English Center," says Luci Lengefeld. Now, one year later, Luci, along with her husband, Bill, continue as missionaries at Tsu Christian Center in Japan. Some years ago, the Japan Baptist Conference recognized the need for having a source of finances on the part of buying land and building new churches. They dreamed of starting an English school where Japanese people could come to learn conversational English. Profits from this school would then be available for new church work.

In the spring of 1978, Bill and Luci followed God's leading to apply for full-time missionary service as conversational English teachers. "Five years later, we were thrilled to open the doors of the Tsu English Center," says Luci. The Lengefelds had prepared for this work for two years in the United States and one year in language study in Japan.

"As we were in the planning stages," recalls Luci, "Pastor Hisashi Murakami cautioned us not to expect many more than 100 students. He said that as our reputation as an English school was established, the numbers would increase through the years."

Luci (Bill) Ron Stoller and Mrs. Lengefeld are N.A.B. missionaries at the Christian Education Center, Tsu, Japan. Ron is the manager of the center, and Luci teaches conversational English classes.

Before the opening of the English Center, people in the area received news through newspaper advertisements of the various English classes to be taught at the Center. "The phone started ringing the day the first advertisement was printed," reports Ron Stoller, manager of the Christian Education Center. For the next month, more than 300 people called or came to the door to inquire about the classes.

"After the first week of classes, we tallied up our class rolls and discovered that we had 170 students," says Luci. These students are members of 36 classes which meet weekly at the Center. We thank God for each one of them. We are reminded of Ephesians 3:20 (LB): 'Now glory be to God who by his mighty power at work within us is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or

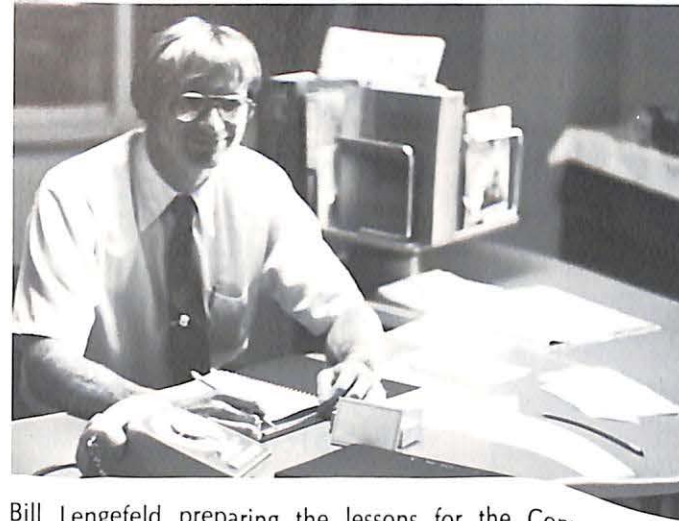
even dream of—ininitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts or hopes.'"

Of the approximate 170 students that originally enrolled, 51 are high school age or lower. The other 119 students are members of morning classes for women, evening classes for men and women, or private classes. There are classes for every level of ability.

"Getting to know our students has been lots of fun," remarks Luci. "For example, in last week's class, Mrs. Kaneko divulged the 'secret' that she had become a Christian many years ago—during World War II, in fact—but that she had hidden that fact for many, many years. Please pray for her and that the Holy Spirit would create other openings for us to share with our students." □



"The Japanese people strongly desire to learn English so they can communicate with foreigners in their own country as well as those with whom they come in contact as they travel abroad," says Ron Stoller. "All Japanese students study English six years before they graduate from high school, but they very seldom study conversational English."



Bill Lengefeld preparing the lessons for the Conversational English Classes.



The high school students in Bill's class use a textbook with simple conversations in it. They listen to Bill read the sentences, and then they repeat the sentences. Some students work very hard trying to verbalize a sentence, while other students who have had some overseas experience before enjoy speaking English to maintain their ability.



Bill and Luci Lengefeld spent many hours preparing the books and rooms, so they would be able to teach the wide age level of students who come every week to the center. The students come by bus, bicycle, or car.



The ages of the students range from three to sixty.



Using pictures, Luci helps the younger students learn the ABCs. They repeat a word or sentence to reinforce the learning.

REACHING TEENS FOR CHRIST IS CONCERN OF EFFA

MBAMNGA, NIGERIA. A couple hundred teenagers walk past Missionary Allan Effa's house in Mbamnga on their way to school each day. The village of Mbamnga is the site of one of Mambilla's four secondary schools. Reaching these teenagers for Christ is a concern of Allan.

One day, Allan invited one of the students to come to his home with a friend or two to sing some songs accompanied by the only organ in all of Mambilla. Allan needed to say no more. The student and a friend were there in the evening.

"Before they went home, I asked if they would like to begin a weekly Bible study using T.E.E. materials. They quickly agreed. The news spread, and before I knew it, there were eight young men coming with great eagerness to learn. After throwing a frisbee around and singing some songs, we get into some very good discussions."

Five of the boys come from Muslim homes. "They need much encouragement while they deal with various pressures," says Allan. "They are very eager to study the Bible."

One young man is on the verge of becoming a Christian. "He hesitates because he knows that such a decision would completely cut him off from his family who provides his support while attending school. Pray for Sam." Allan Effa is T.E.E. director, youth advisor, and missionary advisor to Warwar and Mbamnga Fields, Nigeria.

WOMAN RECEIVES CHRIST IN HOSPITAL

BANSO, CAMEROON. "Through our chaplain's ministry at Banso Baptist Hospital, a Catholic woman who had a terminal illness went to her rest in peace," says Eleanor Weisenburger, missionary nurse, at Banso Baptist Hospital in Cameroon. The woman had been hospitalized for several weeks.

"I had witnessed to her a number of times and felt confident that she had made her peace with God," states Eleanor.

The evening before the woman died, Chaplain Tanni talked with her very seriously when she asked him to sprinkle "holy water" on her. As the chaplain prayed and talked to her, God's spirit convicted her. She finally prayed a prayer of repentance and acceptance. The next morning, she peacefully went home to God.

WOMAN EXPRESSES GRATITUDE FOR MEDICAL CARE AND PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

BANSO, CAMEROON. Following Saturday evening vespers in the maternity ward at Banso Baptist Hospital, Eleanor Weisenburger, missionary teacher, Banso Baptist Hospital Nursing School, heard a woman excitedly talking with the student singing group. She was speaking in the language of the area. The students then related to Eleanor that the visitor was the first patient to deliver her baby in the new maternity ward in 1964.

"I recalled that the first delivery had been twins," says Eleanor. "Now one of those twins had just delivered her first child. The woman was so grateful that I was still delivering babies as I did in 1964 and above all that *we are still preaching God's Word as we did in 1964.*"

TEACHING ENGLISH—A TEST OF PATIENCE DECLARES KUHN

MBU, NIGERIA. "The Lord knew I needed some more tests in 'patience.' Tackling teaching the Books of Romans and Revelations last year was, I believed, the ultimate teaching challenge," says Minnie Kuhn, tutor at Mambilla Baptist Theological School and evangelism secretary in Nigeria.

This year teaching English as a Second Language to 22 students whose comprehension of English varies from almost nil to very good is even more challenging for Minnie. She says, "How do you teach the whys and wherefores of English grammar when you have not studied it since the 1930s yourself? How easily we take things for granted."

Several times Minnie has asked one of her students, "Isaiah, why do you do it this way?" Between them, they manage to figure it out.

You may ask, "Doesn't Minnie have a textbook?" "No," says Minnie, "all I had was the students' book. The tutor who taught it in the first two terms managed, so I thought I could also. 'Pride' again! Furthermore, where do you get a good textbook to teach English as a Second Language?"

"As I taught this class," reflects Minnie, "I was reminded of how often we take things for granted in our Christian living because of our Western culture. I'm learning lessons daily."

Pray for the six young couples who graduated from Mambilla Baptist Theological School in 1983 and who assumed pastorates of churches.

baptist world aid

New Testament Commentary Translated into Russian

For the first time, a New Testament Commentary is being translated into the Russian language. This joint project with our Menonite friends will be a great help to pastors and people in our Baptist Churches in the Soviet Union. After careful study, William Barclay's Commentary on the New Testament was chosen by our Russian brethren. The first four volumes have been printed and now await completion of negotiations for final import licenses promised soon.

Baptist World Aid has adopted a project goal of \$40,000 for the translation of this New Testament Commentary into the Russian language.

You may help by sending a contribution designated to *Baptist World Aid, North American Baptist Conference, 1 So. 210 Summit Ave., Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181.* □

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Baptist Home Inc. and the Baptist Apartment Inc. Annual Meeting will be held on April 17, 1984, at 10:00 a.m. at the Baptist Home, 1100 E. Blvd. Ave., Bismarck, ND. This meeting is being held as now stated in the Revised Constitutions.

church extension builders

Good News Travels Fast!

by Willis Carrico

"Good news travels fast" seems to be true as it applies to Hartland Baptist Church located in Prince George, British Columbia, the spruce capital of the world. In our case, this "good news" is the gospel of Christ.

The Hartland Baptist Church family has been spreading the Word with warm and friendly hearts. The result: the attendance doubled in 14 months. The Sunday school averages about 80, and the worship service 90.

Typical of many who attend is a young couple who were involved in a cult and a worldly life-style before coming to know Christ as Savior. They now have had experience in Sunday school teaching and other Christian ministries. Others in our church are seasoned servants of Christ and provide stability.

Praise God that in less than three and one half years of existence, 27 believers have been baptized. During the past year, the membership has grown from 23 to 45. The

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



One hundred five people attended the groundbreaking service in October. Moderator Doug Dickau welcomes group.

Lord has also blessed us with a qualified staff of Sunday school teachers and a church board composed of men and women with leadership ability.

We have worked to make our worship a time of joy and confidence in the Lord. Many of our people are musically gifted. A typical evening service finds lay people participating in special music, children's storytelling, testimonies, and panel discussions.

In October 1983, we held a groundbreaking service on the property given us by our mother church, Fort George Baptist. In November, workmen, on the site each day except Sunday, began constructing the church building. Much of the help is volunteer and includes help from sister churches and our own. When completed,

the sanctuary will seat 350 and will have room for at least 14 classes. We praise God for the elementary school we now use, but we will not miss it when we have our own building.

The British Columbia Association is helping Hartland Baptist with a substantial financial gift. That, plus assistance in various ways from our local churches and a loan from our N.A.B. Conference, has helped us get off to a great start in our building program. We are counting on the sacrificial giving of our own church families and any of you who read this article and are directed of the Lord to help.

Our area of Prince George is growing fast and is largely composed of young families. The new church is located on Hart Highway just across the street from a busy shopping center. The greatest thrill of all is that of having a part in bringing souls to Christ and salvation. We have a long list of unsaved that we minister to and are praying for the day when they, too, will trust the Savior. "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad!" (Psalm 126:3).

Contributions designated for the building of Hartland Baptist Church may be sent to Church Extension Builders, North American Baptist Conference, 1 So. 210 Summit Ave., Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181. □



The building committee of Hartland Baptist Church.

Children and the Media



by Sara Pasiciel,
"Woman's World" editor,
Steinbach, MB

In an old Peanuts cartoon, Peppermint Patti is explaining her inability to get a single answer right on her English test: "Yes, Ma'am, I got all 50 questions wrong . . . I don't think it was my fault, though. Last night I was watching a program on TV that I didn't want to miss; then I had to read the sports section in the paper; there's also this talk show on the radio that I listen to every night; and two of my magazines came in the mail yesterday. I blame it on the media!"

While Patti's reaction might be a bit exaggerated, there is some truth to her statement! We can "blame the media" for much of the socialization and even information (whether accurate or not) that our children receive. Television in particular provides an increasingly strong influence.

Neil Postman, a media and communications expert from New York University, was asked, "Is television a good or bad influence on the way children learn?" His answer: "It's turning out to be a disastrous influence!" What has happened to this medium?

There are positive aspects. Television enables people to share in events and experiences, to see countries and hear people never before possible. We can be aware of issues and happenings all over the world, and we can gain knowledge more quickly and, in some ways, more accurately than ever before.

There are also negative tendencies, and an awareness of them can help us to help our children develop discrimination and discernment with regard to all types of media.

In his book, *Between Two Worlds*, John R. W. Stott discusses the rivalry between television and the pulpit, a rivalry based on the necessity for the church to actually compete for the attention of children as well as of adults. He points out five very specific negative tendencies.

1) First of all, he states that *television tends to make people lazy*. There is little doubt that of all the media, television requires the least amount of effort on our part. People who become attached to television soon find that their schedule begins to revolve around what they plan to watch; they become more reluctant to go out, or even become resentful of intrusions on their television time.

There are some specific physical effects, especially on children. In North America, the single largest television audience is preschool children; they spend a greater proportion of their waking hours watching TV than any other group. Preschoolers are generally wigglers. They're learning about their environment; they like to climb, run, and explore. How then can they sit still in front of a TV set for so long? Some psychologists suggest that television creates an environment that assaults and overwhelms the child—the flickering picture, the rapidly moving sequence of events, the constant bombardment of sound—so that the child responds to it by "shutting down," by becoming passive, almost trance-like. Another result of this reaction is that often when the TV is shut off, the child goes through a period of "reentry," when he or she responds to the change with crankiness, misbe-

havior, even hyperactivity.

2) Secondly, Stott states that *television tends to make people intellectually uncritical*. When television first appeared, it was hailed as a medium which would stimulate us, involve us in learning. Most critics now find that we actually watch TV to relax, to "turn off." Gradually, we find it difficult to listen without looking, and we want pictures instead of arguments. As Stott explains, images become more powerful than issues. We come to accept whatever we see on television as "truth," the way things are, and even news programs, which "cover the world," give us the impression of being thoroughly informed and, worse, of being involved just because we *know*. There has been a steady decline in college entrance scores since the first "TV generation" went to college. Ordinary speech, even conversation, is not as crucial a form of communication as it used to be, and listening, especially listening to another person talk, is difficult for everyone from children to adults. We become used to letting the sound flow over us, to "weeding out" what interests and excites us and filtering out the rest, and this tendency flows over into our interpersonal relationships as well as our school and church participation.

3) Thirdly, *television tends to make people emotionally insensitive*. While the programs we watch heighten our awareness of other people's problems and hurts, so much bombards our senses that we begin to close our eyes to it. We can turn to another channel or turn off the set. Often this carries over to our relationships as well—we take so much, then "turn off" the problems that seem too much for us to handle.

Similarly, children are taught unrealistic reactions to problems and pain. Commercials teach them that social and personal problems can be solved in 30 seconds with a drug, a detergent, or a machine; adventure programs show dashing

heroes who resolve great dilemmas in 60 minutes and have a wonderful time doing it.

Another emotional foundation lost to the TV-centered child is that usually provided by family life. While the family may be at home and even in the same room together, they are not necessarily being a family! With little interaction to develop caring relationships, the learning and socializing which helps children prepare for life outside of the home does not take place.

4) Fourthly, *television tends to confuse people psychologically*. Much of television is artificial and contrived, and we begin to have difficulty distinguishing between fantasy and reality. In addition, children are exposed to an adult culture for which they're not yet ready; children see violence, sexual deviation, divorce, all the "mysteries" which used to be reserved for adulthood. A further problem is that children frequently measure themselves and those around them according to the idealized portraits they see on TV. Television parents look beautiful, earn a great deal of money with seemingly little effort, and freely provide any material thing the child desires. Teenagers are beautiful, desirable, healthy, and intelligent, and very seldom have to vacuum a rug or do the dishes. No wonder young people often become disappointed and frustrated, even rebellious, when reality doesn't measure up to this unrealistic picture of life.

5) A final negative influence which Stott mentions is that *television tends to make people morally disordered*. It's not that we *behave* the way we see people act on television. More subtle, and in a sense more frightening, is the way in which our understanding of what is "normal" begins to be modified. Our defenses are lowered, our values imperceptibly altered, until what at one time was unheard of and certainly not spoken of or accepted becomes routine—tolerated if not condoned.

(To be continued next month.)

. . . In The Potter's Presence . . .



by Iona Quiring,
WMF president,
Rogers, MN



" . . . in thy presence is fulness of joy . . ." (Psalm 16:11)

Every piano lesson day I used to get almost sick to my stomach. I was never very good at piano, and I didn't always practice diligently. But even when I was prepared, I got so nervous and uptight that I couldn't play well in front of the teacher. She, the expert, sat right next to me on her chair, watching and listening to see if I would do it right. I might have learned more if I hadn't been so intimidated by her presence.

When I was first married, and for many years afterward, I always asked my mother or mother-in-law to make the gravy when they were at our house for dinner. They didn't criticize the way I did it; I just thought that they could do it better. They had more experience, and I learned from them. (Funny thing, now the shoe is on the other foot, and I'm the mother or mother-in-law who has to make the gravy!)

Some people are nice to be around. In their presence, we are built up and motivated. Other people have a negative effect. They intimidate by their presence, producing doubt and fear.

I am so thankful that God doesn't intimidate his children by his presence. He corrects, instructs, and sometimes chastens, but he also encourages and empowers. "My presence shall go with you," God says, "and I will give you rest." David wrote, ". . . in thy presence is fulness of joy. . . ." Peter preached, ". . . times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord." And Jesus pleads, "Abide in me."

Brother Lawrence advocated "practicing the presence of God." Some theologians talk about "living at the center." Anne Ortlund* in her book, *Disciplines of the Beautiful Woman*, calls it "living from the inside out." Whatever words we use, it boils down to the fact that God, the Potter who made us, wants us to live with him in close and constant companionship.

One of the saddest verses in the Bible is Genesis 4:16: "Cain went away from the Lord's presence and lived in a land called 'Wandering' . . ." (GNB) We do have a choice.

*Anne Ortlund will be the speaker at the WMF Luncheon, Triennial Conference in Anaheim, CA, July 1985. Plan now to be there!

Correction:

The following paragraphs were inadvertently omitted from the article, "Praise: A Lesson Learned," which appeared in the January/February issue of the Baptist Herald on page 22: Paragraphs two and three in column three should read:

On October 19, I left the hospital, but had to stay with friends because of a blizzard and the reluctance of my doctor to dismiss me unless I stayed in town. Little did I realize that I would

be their guest for two more weeks.

That evening as we sat down to eat supper, their telephone rang and I instinctively knew it was for me. Our children had been staying with grandparents, and it was Dan calling from their community hospital to say that our seven-month-old son, Daniel, had just had a respiratory arrest following a seizure. The doctors felt he had spinal meningitis, and they were preparing to bring him to Sioux Falls by ambulance.

Church Growth

APPLE VALLEY, MN. The Rev. Timothy Blackburn conducted a baptismal service at Apply Valley Baptist Church, December 4, 1983. Twenty-seven people, including three complete families, were baptized and received into the membership. "One other person joined our membership along with the newly baptized people," reports Sina Brittingham. "We praise God for these new members."

EBENEZER, SK. It is with joy and thanksgiving that Ebenezer Baptist Church reports growth. During the past year, seven persons joined the church. Two entire families of three members each presented their testimonies to the congregation. These were extended the hand of fellowship by the pastor, the Rev. Stephen Patrick during the communion service Dec. 4, 1983.

The youth group of the church presented the musical, "A Country Christmas," in December 1983. One week later they presented the same program at the Central Baptist Church in Yorkton. (Martha Dreger, reporter.)

LEDUC, AB. Temple Baptist Church praises the Lord for three new members recently baptized by Pastor



Frank Schmidt. They with another woman were welcomed into the fellowship at a communion service held the following Sunday. (Marguerite Wambold, reporter.)

RED DEER, AB. Eight people, including seven new converts to Christ, were baptized and welcomed into the membership of Sunrise Baptist Church in a special service conducted by the Rev. Doug Bittle, pastor. The seven adults and one youth were honored afterward at a supper celebration.

"Our growing church has retained Intern Pastor Dale Hufnagel. The newlywed minister brings to us his training from Prairie Bible Institute, where he will resume pastoral studies next year," states Mary Timler, clerk. "Dale's interest and efforts in the youth



SPRINGSIDE, SK. Springside Baptist Church witnessed fourteen young people (pictured) follow the Lord in the waters of baptism on Oct. 16, 1983. The Rev. Richard Grabke, (pictured front row) is the pastor. (Grace Goltz, reporter.)

ministry are greatly appreciated by the Church."

"We are thankful to God for our continual witnessing opportunities and results."

Mission Conferences

MARTIN, ND. A good number from the Martin Baptist Church joined with sister churches at the Northern Dakota Association held in Anamoose this year. Activities were held for all ages, well attended and certainly enjoyed.

The Senior, BYF, Jet Cadets, and the Men's Brotherhood became active again in September at the church. The W.M.F. group meets monthly.

A series of Deeper Life meetings was held at the church with the Rev. Charles Littman of Bismarck, ND, as the speaker. Children watched wide-eyed each evening as Dan Grueneich and his puppets told stories. Everyone enjoyed Dan's ministry in song.

The Rev. and Mrs. Reimer Clausen, missionaries to Japan, spoke at the annual Harvest Mission Fest. Mrs. Clausen also sang. Both Rev. and Mrs. Clausen left the congregation inspired by their testimonies and reports of the work in Japan.

The church gathered together for the annual Christmas Eve program. (Arlene Bender, reporter.)

OLDS, AB. East Olds Baptist Church retired the debt on its new building at a recent pot-luck supper. A Fall Music Night followed at which time various instrumental and vocal groups of the church brought songs of praise to God interspersed with Scripture readings.

"We also enjoyed hearing from six of our N.A.B. missionaries in a joint week-long conference with seven Central Alberta N.A.B. churches," reports Jeanine White. "We were pleased to host the closing rally at which we surpassed our shared goal of \$15,000 for missions." The Rev. Ritchie White is pastor of the church.

Ordinations

HILDA, AB. At an ordination council called by Hilda Baptist Church, on June 3, 1983, Herb Bachler, pastor of the church, was approved for ordination.

On June 5, neighboring churches joined with Hilda Baptist Church for



an afternoon installation service. Pictured are the pastors who participated in the service with Pastor Bachler and his wife Myrtle.

The church also participated in Hilda's Sixtieth Anniversary celebration on July 30 and 31. Former pastors of the church, as well as sons of the church who went into the ministry, took part in an outdoor service of celebration July 31. "We thank God for his blessing on our church in 60 years of ministering to Hilda and community," says Linda Anderst.

KELOWNA, BC. The ordination service for Ray Semeniuk took place Sunday evening, Nov. 27, 1983, at Trinity Baptist Church. After words of welcome by the senior pastor, the Rev. Richard Hohensee, the Rev. Gerald Scheel of Lakeview Heights Baptist Church presented the report of the Ordination Council and brought the ordination sermon.

The charge to the candidate, ordination prayer, and right hand of fellowship was led by the Rev. Edmond Hohn, British Columbia Area minister. Several N.A.B. pastors also participated. A dedication for Rev. Semeniuk's son, Graham, followed.

Musical selections as well as an offering for the library of the candidate concluded the service. Pastor Ray Semeniuk pronounced the benediction. (Magdalene Spletzer, reporter.)

Special Events

ABILENE, KS. We truly rejoiced in the dawning of a new day, as the "New Day" teams ministered at Ebenezer Baptist Church November 18—December 1, 1983.

During their stay, the Church celebrated its Union Thanksgiving and Harvest Mission services.

"New Day" shared in Ebenezer Baptist's ministry through excellent concerts, seminars, visitation and a joint mass choir. "Through their ministry, our visions have been broadened and our priorities have moved from inner focus to an outward focus," states Reva Lutz, reporter.



"We praise God for the Team's ministry and for decisions and commitments made."

BISON, KS. Spiritual Emphasis Meetings were held in the First Baptist Church from Nov. 13-18, 1983. Pastor Dennis Sigle of Hunter, KS, was the guest speaker.

Special music was provided by Pastor and Mrs. Sigle and the women of the Church. A spiritual blessing was received by all. The Rev. William Effa is pastor of the church. (Clara L. Niedenthal, reporter.)

CLEVELAND, OH. 1984 marks the 100th anniversary of Hillcrest Baptist Church of Highland Heights, formerly known as White Avenue Baptist. The Centennial Committee, with Frank Knowles as chairman, is planning special events for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 18, 19 and 20, 1984.

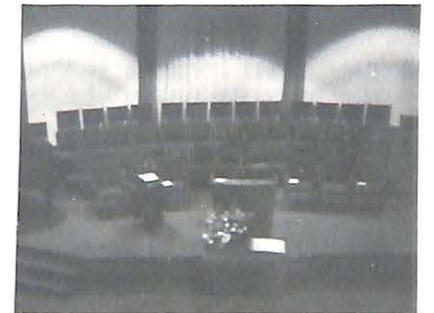
The program for May 18 includes sights and sounds of people and events, past and present. A program of

major interest to all members, past and present, will follow a catered banquet on May 19.

Special observances are planned Sunday morning, May 20, during Sunday school and the worship service. A buffet luncheon is to follow.

The Rev. William McLatchie is pastor and in charge of the program. Former pastors, the Rev. Emanuel Wolff, the Rev. Edward Kary, and the Rev. Paul Meister, are being invited as well as all former members and friends. (Andy Fazekas, chairman, Publicity Committee.)

EDMONTON, AB. Hillview Baptist Church officially dedicated its new edifice to the honor and glory of God on Jan. 29, 1984. The Church was formerly Capilano Baptist Church,



and it has relocated to 253 Woodvale Rd. W. in Edmonton. The Rev. Bruno Voss is pastor. (Harvey E. Wolter, clerk.)

INDIANAPOLIS, IN. On Dec. 4, 1983, the Adult Sunday School class of Meridian Woods Baptist Church, sponsored a "Christmas Pie" Social. Award ribbons were given.

After the singing of Christmas Carols, the group viewed Luke 2, the New Media Bible film of the Christmas story.

Election of the 1984 officers concluded the evening. (Sandra Gilkerson, clerk.)

LINTON, ND. The Rev. and Mrs. Ron Delzell of Jamestown, ND, presented their "New Life Crusade" at First Baptist Church, Oct. 30—Nov. 4, 1983. "These meetings of beautiful music and message were very well attended," reports Martha Ballard.

At the Women's Missionary Society's annual birthday dinner, Mrs. 'Dave

our conference in action

Ewing of Century Baptist Church of Bismarck was guest speaker. She also favored the gathering with her music. A generous offering for missions was received.

MARION, KS. The Rev. Perry Kallis, pastor of the Strassburg Baptist Church, has been elected vice president of the Ministerial Alliance for 1984. His duties include planning for the annual community service programs each year. They include Thanksgiving, Good Friday, Easter Sunrise services, and the high school baccalaureate address at graduation exercises. (Janet Meisinger, reporter.)

MARION, KS. The Rev. and Mrs. Charles Littman spoke at the Harvest-Mission Festival of Strassburg Baptist Church on Oct. 22-23, 1983. It also was the celebration of the 26th anniversary of the beginning of their ministry, as he was ordained by the Strassburg Church in October 1957.

At the Saturday evening "Welcome Back" get-together, the Rev. Perry Kallis, pastor of the Church, welcomed the Littmans. Roy Vogel showed movies of Church activities from the time the Littmans served the Church. Mrs. Littman narrated a slide program of their ministry.

At the Sunday morning worship service, the Rev. Walter Weber, Eureka, SD, the first member of the Strassburg Church to become a pastor, read from the Scriptures.

Members of the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Marion and the First Baptist Church of Durham, guests for the evening service, brought special music. (Janet Meisinger, reporter.)

MARION, KS. Emmanuel Baptist Church is very grateful to God for its pastor, Lynn Heinle, and his family who began ministering here in June.

Emmanuel Baptist Church entertained the Kansas Fellowship. Ray and Esther Hoffman, N.A.B. missionaries to Cameroon, presented the needs of their work in Africa, and asked for prayer support.

The youth of the church sponsored the "New Day" singers for five nights and hosted the Kansas Youth Retreat in January 1984.

A Watch Night Service at the Church closed the year of 1983. (Mrs. Herman Janzen, reporter.)

NOKOMIS, SK. The Nokomis Missionary Fellowship celebrated its 60th anniversary on Nov. 20, 1983. This "Schwesternverein" had its beginning under the leadership of Mrs. John Schmidt in February 1923, at which nine ladies were present. Mrs. Lydia Miller, one of the charter members, was the first secretary. Mrs. Olga Litwin joined the next month and became the pianist, still serving in that capacity.

The program included music by the ladies and a play depicting life's hardships and the meetings held in the early days. Reports told of the group's extensive mission work and supportive church work.

A large anniversary cake surrounded by colored candles was placed at the front of the church. As each candle was lit, the president compared the candle to a gem and to each member, valuable and precious because of individual characteristics.

In his address, Pastor Don Harder reviewed several accounts in the Bible where the Lord was ministered to and befriended by women. He commended the women for their work in the church and in the community. (Ollie Miller, reporter.)

PLEVNA, MT. Many lives were touched by the ministry of Ron Susek during a recent week of meetings at First Baptist Church. "He challenged us in many areas of our Christian lives as he proclaimed God's Word," states Alberta Couch, reporter.

The Annual Joint Thanksgiving Service was held at First Baptist Church this year. The Emmanuel Free Church and the Peace Lutheran Church participated. Pastor Rohde of the Peace Lutheran Church was the speaker.

Greg Odell was pastor of the Church at the time.

SPRINGSIDE, SK. Springside Baptist Church presented the Highest Honor Award in the Scripture Memory Program to Marlon Milbrandt (pictured). Eighteen other students also received their year pins at that time. The Rev. Richard Grabke is the pastor. (Grace Goltz, reporter.)



VANCOUVER, BC. A special service was held by Bethany Baptist Church for Mark and Brenda Wollenberg (pictured) on October 23, 1983, to install Mark as Associate Pastor. The Rev. Phil Collins, professor, Regent College, from which Pastor Mark recently graduated with a Master of Divinity degree, challenged the Church with the reminder that the responsibility for ministry lies within each one of us. We thank God for our leadership and pray that together we can "make Christ known" in our community. The Rev. Ulrich Laser is the senior pastor.

Wedding Anniversaries

Recently three couples from First Baptist Church, Linton, ND, celebrated wedding anniversaries. They were *Mr. and Mrs. Chris Kremer*, 60 years; *Mr. and Mrs. Ben Burkhardt*, 50 years; and *Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nelson*, 50 years.



Dr. and Mrs. Hugo Lueck members of Parma Heights Baptist Church, Cleveland, OH, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Oct. 29, 1983, with family and friends. Their children hosted the occasion. Dr. Lueck served as professor of Church History at the North American Baptist Seminary before his retirement.



Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Tahrn, Jamestown, ND, were honored on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary at Temple Baptist Church, where they are charter members. The event was hosted by their children.

Association Meetings

MILWAUKEE, WI. The Fourteenth Annual Association of the Wisconsin Association was held at Temple Baptist Church on Oct. 21 and 22, 1983, with 101 delegates and many guests in attendance. The Rev. Jerry Worsham, Racine, moderated the meeting.

Special speakers, the Rev. Willis Potratz, area minister, and Dr. Connie Salios, development director, spoke on the theme, "Life-style Evangelism." Mrs. Ruth Carter, Bellwood, IL, shared her musical talent through solos and selections on the piano.

Community Baptist Church, Sun Prairie, a Church Extension project, shared its ministry through the testimonies of two members. Activities at Central Baptist Camp, Lansing, IA, were reported.

Delegates approved a budget of \$25,900 for 1984.

Mrs. Carter, speaker at the women's session, shared insights about Naomi and Ruth. The Men's Fellowship showed a film of a B.W.A. tour through Hungary, Bulgaria, and Rumania. The Rev. and Mrs. Richard Kaiser spoke at the missionary banquet. (Alice Gates, recording secretary.)

All reports received by January 1, 1984, have been included in this issue of the Baptist Herald. Please limit reports to under 100 words. Wedding anniversaries are to be limited to names, date of anniversary celebration, and church affiliation. Obituaries—100 words or less.

in memoriam

AGATHA SCHMIDT (76), Springside, SK, was born in Wolhynien, Russia, and died Oct. 16, 1983. She married Wilhelm Schmidt at Lockwood, SK, on April 17, 1935. The couple farmed in the Lockwood district for 36 years and were members of Nokomis Baptist Church at the time of their retirement. In 1971, they retired to Springside and became active members of Springside Baptist Church. Survivors include her husband, Wilhelm; a son, Walden, and his wife Elfriede, missionaries in Peru with Wycliffe Bible Translators; a daughter, Velma, and her husband, Lawrence Besler, Springside, SK; four grandchildren, Gail and Kerwin Besler and Annemarie and Reinhard Schmidt; two sisters, Olga Schalin and Tabea Wolter; nieces and nephews. The funeral service was conducted by Pastor Richard Grabke.

JOHN L. WEISS (92), Medicine Hat, AB, born July 12, 1891, in Russia, died Oct. 14, 1983. He moved to Canada with his parents in 1896. He married Minnie Semrau, March 16, 1916. They farmed at Hilda and Olds, AB, until retiring in Kelowna, BC. Minnie died in July 1962. John moved to Medicine Hat, AB, in 1972 and united with Temple Baptist Church. He is remembered for his strong Christian faith, commitment to Jesus Christ and prayer life. He is survived by two sons: Harold, Airdrie, and Roy, Medicine Hat; three daughters: Mrs. Harold (Mabel) Riemer, Edmonton, Mrs. Isador (Pearl) Faszer, Calgary, and Mrs. Helmut (Rose) Fried, Olds; 19 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren. The Rev. Loren A. Weber officiated at the funeral service with the Rev. Harold Weiss, Roy Weiss and the Rev. Isador Faszer participating.

FREDA B. BETZ, nee Blome, born to John and Edna Skersies Blome, on July 8, 1909, on a farm near Victor, IA, died Nov. 28, 1983. She married Merwyn A. Betz June 18, 1932; they engaged in farming near Ladora, IA. She received Jesus Christ as her Savior at an early age, was baptized and joined Victor Baptist Church where she was publication agent, active in the Women's Missionary Fellowship and led the Scripture Memory Course. Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Robert (Sharon) Morrow, Cedar Rapids; three sons: Randall of Sully, IA, Pastor Leighton of Mukwonago, WI, Douglas of Ankeny, IA; twelve grandchildren; one sister, and one brother, Doris Salzbrenner and Arthur Blome. The Rev. Terry Tareila, pastor of Victor Baptist Church, officiated at the funeral services.

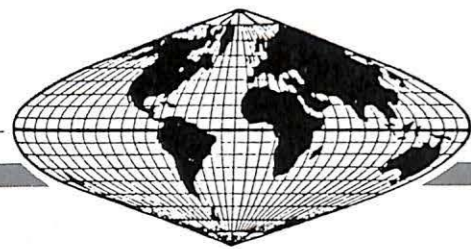
ALBERT HILLER (75), born Dec. 9, 1908, in Eriwangrod, Poland, died Oct. 16, 1983. He was the third of eight children of Gustav and Alwine Hiller. In his youth, he received Jesus Christ as his personal Savior, was baptized, and joined the church in Pabjanice. In 1932 he married Emma Reichert. In 1953 Mr. Hiller came to Vancouver, BC, where he joined Bethany Baptist Church.

For the last 15 years, he was a resident of the Evergreen Baptist Home, White Rock, BC. He had kept the faith. Survivors include two sons: Erhard and Ronald in Bremen, Germany; three daughters-in-law; three brothers: Dr. Herbert of Detroit, MI, Bruno and Arthur of Vancouver, BC; and five grandchildren. One son Hans predeceased his father. The funeral service was led by Pastor Rick Laser at Bethany Baptist Church.

PAUL KELLER (66), Jamestown, ND, born July 14, 1917, near Kulm, ND, to Reinhold and Barbara (Hildenbrand) Keller, died Nov. 9, 1983. He entered the military service in 1942 and received the Purple Heart. He married Frieda Welk Feb. 2, 1943, at Merricourt, ND. Until his retirement in 1978, he was employed by the Soo Line and Northern Pacific Railway. They lived in Jamestown, ND, and Hemet, CA. Paul was a member of Temple Baptist Church of Jamestown, ND, which he attended until his death. Surviving are his wife, Frieda; two sons: Eugene "Gene," Jamestown, and LeRoy "Roy" Keller, Phoenix, AZ; four grandchildren; three brothers: Elmer, Raymond, and Edwin. The Rev. Jim Dick officiated at the funeral service.

MRS. MATHILDA SCHATZ, (81), Morris, MB, born Dec. 25, 1901, to William and Julianna Hoffman near Morris, died Nov. 9, 1983. In her early years, she accepted Jesus Christ as Savior and was baptized. She faithfully served the Lord in Sunday school and choir ministries, and as a pastor's wife. She married the Rev. Henry Schatz on July 16, 1948. She was predeceased by four brothers, one sister, and her husband (1965). Survivors include her stepchildren: Max Schatz of Minnedosa, Mrs. Tebea Walters and Miss Gertrude Schatz of Edmonton; four grandchildren; one brother Sam; and five sisters: Mrs. Lillian Janzen, Miss Ida Hoffman, Mrs. Albertina Stober, Mrs. Olive Rempel, and Mrs. Frances Bergstresser. The Rev. Morley Schultz officiated at the funeral service.

ARTHUR STAHNKE (77) of No. St. Paul, MN, born March 14, 1906, in Little Canada, MN, died Sept. 16, 1983. He married Margaret Payne, June 25, 1929; they observed their 50th wedding anniversary in 1979. Arthur was baptized and joined Daytons Bluff Baptist Church (now Redeemer) in 1920. He was an active member of Redeemer and served as Sunday School superintendent, teacher of the adult class and deacon. He chaired the committee for the 75th anniversary of Daytons Bluff Church. Survivors include his wife, Margaret; one daughter, Harriette Richards, Duluth, MN; one son, Allen, Edwardsville, IL; seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and one brother, Henry. In the absence of Pastor Ruben Herrmann, the Rev. Leo Reck (former pastor) officiated at the memorial service.



WORLD FAMILY OF BAPTISTS GROWS

WASHINGTON—The world family of Baptists is growing.

Reports coming from the Baptist World Alliance's member bodies in 1983 showed increases in both churches and church membership over the previous year's statistics.

In addition, member bodies of the BWA went up to 127 in 93 nations and dependencies. The 1982 figures showed 124 member bodies in 92 nations and dependencies.

Worldwide, Baptist membership stood at 31,553,278 in 123,305 churches as of August 1983. Comparable figures in August 1982 were 30,652,084 members in 118,719 churches. The gain of 901,184 represents a growth of nearly three percent.

Baptist congregations count as members only persons baptized after a personal profession of faith. These totals, therefore, do not include younger children of member parents. Nor do they include significant numbers who regularly attend Baptist services and participate in congregational life, but who may not become members by baptism because of various church-state traditions.

The greatest numerical growth was in North America, where Baptists reported 590,878 more members. North America also showed 89,186 churches, over 2,600 more than the previous year.

Baptist gains in Africa also were significant: church membership topped one million for the first time to stand at 1,126,102, a numerical gain of 182,359. There were 968 more churches reported on the continent of Africa to reach a total of 5,890.

Asian membership, reflecting the establishment of nearly 700 new churches during the 12-month period, stood at 1,628,556 members in 12,616 churches. Asian Baptist churches received more than 70,000 new members.

With nearly 200 new churches and approximately 40,000 more members, South American Baptist totals were 671,233 in 4,119 churches. Central America and Caribbean Islands, reporting 22 new congregations, gained almost 7,000 members for a total of 175,022 in 1,122 churches.

Baptists in the Middle East maintained 28 churches, the same as the previous year. Their membership figure of 1,367 reflected an increase of 70 over the 1,297 of last year.

In Europe, the Baptist Union of Spain with a 33 percent membership increase, the French Baptist Federation with 21 percent, and the Baptist Union of Poland with 8 percent, led in growth. However, the Spanish Baptists report indicated nine fewer churches. As the Baptist Union of Spain has been engaged in a five-year plan of church growth designed to aid smaller congregations, the discrepancy may be due to more recent distinctions there among churches, missions and preaching points. The "churches" total is for established self-supporting congregations.

Overall, however, Baptist totals in Europe dropped, with nearly 90 fewer churches and 1,110,792 members, 1,051 less than reported in 1982. In the United Kingdom, only the Baptist Union of Scotland showed an increase of 156 members. In Nordic countries, Danish and Swedish Unions reported losses while Baptists in Norway and both BWA-affiliated Unions in Finland showed increases.

The largest European Baptist Union, in the Soviet Union, reported totals identical to those of the past several years; although it is known that numerous churches are affiliating and those being baptized in recent years number in tens of thousands. Totals for Romania, with the third largest Baptist Union whose churches baptize significant numbers of new converts yearly, also showed no change.

BAPTISTS MEET IN AUSTRIA

LINZ (EBPS)—Delegates from Austrian Baptist churches met in Linz October 8-9 to discuss current needs of their congregations, cooperation with other churches, and relationships between established congregations and new works which they sponsor.

The meeting included three lectures on the church and its responsibilities.

Membership reports showed an increase from just under 700 last year to 727 in the Union's nine churches. In addition, there are two English-language groups which meet in Vienna and Salzburg.

The Rev. August Hirnboeck presented a comparative study on the growth of Baptists in Austria, Germany and Switzerland.

A worship service with the Linz Baptist Church closed the sessions.

EVANGELIZATION IN ANGOLA

LUANDA—Some 883 Christian faith decisions were reported during a recent evangelistic campaign among Baptist churches Huambo, Ulge and Luanda. Seven Baptist pastors from Brazil assisted in the campaign.

The Baptist Book Store in Luanda also has experienced an increased demand for Bibles, with 1,260 Bibles being purchased during one three-day period.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING PLANNED

GWERU, ZIMBABWE—The Baptist Convention of Zimbabwe, during its annual meeting, voted to send at least 20 Zimbabwean men into Mozambique for a month to help train Baptist leaders there.

SCOTTISH BAPTISTS ACCEPT FOUR NEW CONGREGATIONS

EDINBURGH—Scottish Baptist President A. Brunton Scott welcomed representatives of four new churches to the annual Union assembly here.

Rev. Scott said it was unique that so many new congregations had been welcomed at one occasion.

The addition of these four new churches was one of the "signs of hope" which Union Secretary Peter Barber mentioned in his report.

The Rev. D. Eric Watson presented his first report as Union Superintendent. Some churches "were not measuring up to their financial responsibility to their ministers," Rev. Watson said, and spoke with "some regret and hesitancy" about the way ministers appear in public, which does not reflect credit on the Church or the ministry. Rev. Watson also said the past year was unusual for the number of ministers who have resigned for family and personal reasons or to join non-Baptist groups and fellowships.

Scottish Baptist churches reported a "slight but significant" membership increase. □

what's happening

Mr. Charles Davis, Jr. was ordained into the ministry at Bloomfield Hills Baptist Church, Michigan, on Nov. 20, 1983. He has been assistant to the pastor for Christian education and music since 1982.

The Rev. Charles Baker is the new pastor at North Sheridan Baptist Church, Peoria, IL, effective Dec. 11, 1983.

Mr. Wayne Jorstad, a 1983 North American Baptist Seminary graduate, became minister of youth and Christian education at Grace Baptist Church, Calgary, AB, in the fall of 1983.

Mr. David Vetter was ordained into the ministry at Forest Baptist Church, Winburne, PA, on Nov. 18, 1983. He has been pastor there since 1982.

The Rev. James Grupp, a 1983 N.A.B. Seminary graduate, began his ministry as pastor at First Baptist Church, McIntosh, SD, on Feb. 1, 1984. He was ordained by First Baptist Church, Bellwood, IL, on June 12, 1983.

Mr. Howard Anderson, a 1984 N.A.B. Seminary graduate, was ordained into the ministry at Foster Avenue Baptist Church, Chicago, IL, on Jan. 29, 1984. He has accepted the pastorate of Calvary Baptist Church, Parkersburg, IA, effective Feb. 1, 1984.

The Rev. Mark Boughan became associate pastor for English ministries at German Baptist Church, Hamilton, ON, on Nov. 20, 1983.

Mr. Robert Lounsbury, pastor at Bethany Baptist Church, Hutchinson, MN, since 1979, resigned and accepted the pastorate of a non-N.A.B. church in Wisconsin.

The Rev. Mike Bradaric accepted the pastorate of Magnolia Baptist Church, Anaheim, CA.

The Rev. L. Ford Shenk assumed the position of minister of outreach and youth at Temple Baptist Church, Milwaukee, WI.

Mr. Loren Stark is the new assistant pastor at Lakeview Heights Baptist Church, Kelowna, BC, as of Jan. 1, 1984.

The Rev. Daniel O. Heringer of Goodrich, ND, is available for interim pastorates and evangelistic work. He is presently interim pastor at First Baptist Church, Goodrich, ND.

Mr. Fred Lacuesta, a 1981 graduate of N.A.B. Seminary, is chaplain of Dorothy Love Retirement Community, Sidney, OH. He was ordained into the ministry at First Baptist Church, Troy, OH, on Aug. 21, 1983. Mr. Lacuesta was chosen as one of the Outstanding Young Men of America of 1983.

The Rev. Carl Weisser resigned as visitation pastor of First Baptist Church, Arnprior, ON, effective Nov. 30, 1983. Rev. and Mrs. Weisser plan to retire in Arnprior.

Miss Carol Potratz, Christian education and youth director at Bismarck Baptist Church, North Dakota, was named North Dakota's Outstanding Young Woman of 1983. She received this award for civic and professional achievement.

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND A CONFERENCE FOR SINGLES August 1-4, 1984 at the University of Winnipeg, Manitoba

Daily Bible studies as well as workshops dealing with stress, money management, time management, body building, self-esteem, loneliness, relationships, grief, and "singleness" are part of the program.

Registration brochures will be sent to churches in early February.

Niederers Express Appreciation

"We express our deep appreciation to the pastors, N.A.B. Conference staff, and others for your prayers and many other expressions of love shown to us since Ray's stroke on April 24, 1983. It is wonderful to be a part of such a loving 'family' of Christians!

"We've moved from Anaheim, California, to Waco, Texas, where Ray is continuing to improve in his speech therapy program. Ann is working as a church secretary. Deborah is a freshman at Baylor University, and David is in tenth grade in high school.

"We ask for your continued prayer, and we pray God's blessings on you individually and as a Conference." Sincerely in Christ, Ray and Ann Niederer, 7908 Rio Vista, Waco, TX 76710.

(The Rev. and Mrs. Ray Niederer were serving as pastor and wife at Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, CA, at the time of his stroke.)

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Building on the Foundations of Faith

For some years, our church, Trinity Baptist, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, has sought and prayed for additional parking space. A few months ago, our prayers were answered when the owners of an apartment complex finally decided they would sell us about 50,000 square feet of their land. Even though the total cost of purchasing the land and preparation for parking would come to about \$80,000, we rejoiced in the opportunity the Lord provided for doubling the amount of parking space, plus the possibility of expanding our building facilities.

We proceeded to organize to raise the funds for the purchase of the site. Being aware of the Capital Funds Campaign of our North American Baptist Conference, we made contact with the N.A.B. International Office in Oakbrook Terrace, IL, and were encouraged to combine the two drives. This we did.

We determined that our share of the Capital Funds Campaign would be \$20,000, making a total of \$100,000 with the \$80,000 for the parking lot. Dr. Connie Salios, campaign director, came to Trinity Baptist to tell us of the Conference-wide Capital Funds Campaign and to encourage and inspire us to launch out.

Under the capable leadership of our finance committee chairman, Charles Hiatt, we went to work. Five captains with teams of five or six were organized and instructed with the "how to."

In about three weeks, we found that we had gone over the top with a total of \$105,204 promised: \$26,978 for the Conference portion and \$78,226 for our site for parking and expansion.

We praise the Lord for the success of the Capital Funds Drive. Not only for the money promised, but also for those who became givers through the effort made to contact everyone to allow them to have a share in the venture. Overall, the giving has increased markedly in our church since this project has been undertaken. This can happen in your church, too!

Alfred Weisser, member, team captain, Trinity Baptist Church Capital Funds Campaign Committee, Sioux Falls, SD.

congratulations

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Mail Registration Form and Fees to North American Baptist Ministers' and Wives' Conference, North American Baptist Seminary, 1321 W. 22nd St., Sioux Falls, SD 57105 (605) 336-6588

Registration must be received by no later than July 15, 1984.

MINISTERS' AND WIVES' CONFERENCE

PROGRAM

Tuesday, August 14

1:00 p.m. Registration
 7:00 p.m. Inspirational Service—Stuart Briscoe, speaker
 9:00 p.m. Refreshments and Fellowship

MINISTERS' PROGRAM

Wednesday and Thursday, August 15 and 16

9:00 a.m. Bible Study—Charles Hiatt
 9:40 a.m. Group Prayer Time
 10:00 a.m. Break
 10:30 a.m. "Motivation for Ministry"—Stuart Briscoe
 11:30 a.m. Workshops (Session I)
 12:45 p.m. Lunch, Recreation, Freetime
 5:30 p.m. Supper
 7:00 p.m. Inspirational Service—Stuart Briscoe
 8:15 p.m. Fellowship

Friday, August 17

9:00 a.m. Workshops (Session II)
 10:00 a.m. Conference Issues
 11:00 a.m. Break
 11:30 a.m. Celebration
 Worship, Praise and Prayer

MINISTERS' WIVES' PROGRAM

Wednesday and Thursday, August 15 and 16

9:00 a.m. Devotions—Roselyn Wolff, LaVerna Mehlhaff
 9:30 a.m. Get Acquainted—Kathy Jantz
 10:00 a.m. Break
 10:30 a.m. "Servanthood"—Jill Briscoe
 11:15 a.m. Discussion and Fellowship
 11:45 a.m. Special Feature
 12:45 p.m. Lunch, Recreation, Freetime

Friday, August 17

9:00 a.m. Business
 10:00 a.m. Break
 10:15 a.m. "Servanthood"—Jill Briscoe
 11:30 a.m. Celebration

REGISTRATION FEE

\$30.00 per couple \$20.00 individual

FAMILY PROGRAM

Youth (grades 7-12) 9:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
 Children (grades 1-6) 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
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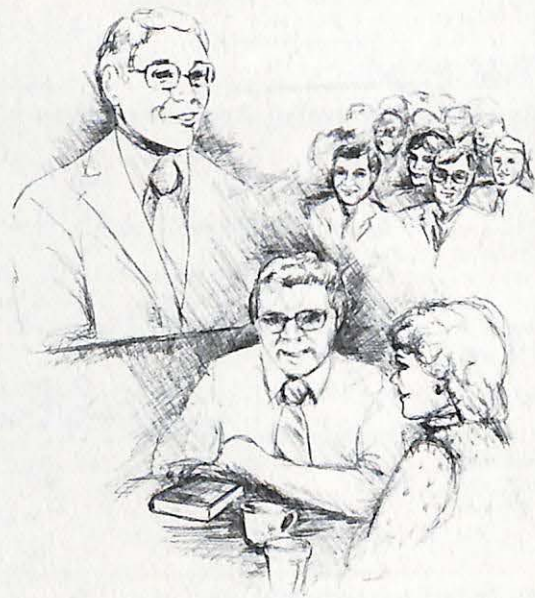


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