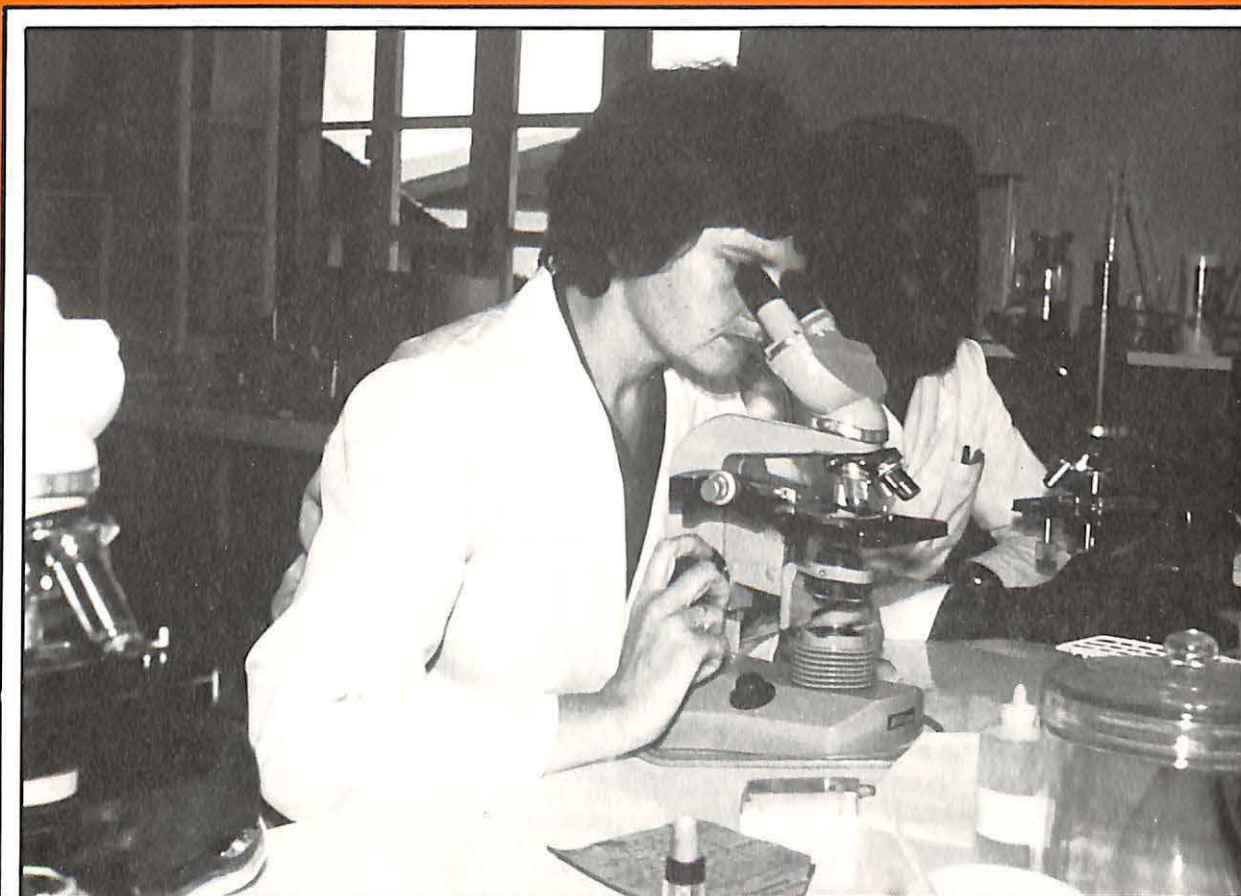


# Baptist Herald

March 1985



SPECIAL REPORT: Short-term Missionaries

## A Formidable Task

by Ron Salzman



### Give to Heartfelt Goal

A third way that determines how we can reach the world for Christ is based on the level of commitment our Conference churches give to our mission outreach. The North American Baptist Conference is a faith mission. We have missionaries on the field based upon the faith that our churches will continue to fund their ministry. The ability for our Conference to do missions is directly and completely dependent on the financial contributions of our churches. We can only do what our churches are willing to fund. Our Conference has no other financial base than that which our churches fund. Is it our heartbeat to see lost people reconciled to God through Christ? If so, this level of commitment is expressed not only through prayer but also very directly through finances.

One of our recent short-term missionaries, Mr. Gregg Evans, summarized it well when he said, "If you want to reach the world for Christ, you either go, or you stay and pay." God will only allow us to minister in the world as we are willing to pay for it to be done.

How can we know God's mission plan for North American Baptists? By being willing to seize the opportunities he presents, by praying for our representatives on the Board of Missions, and by giving to our heartfelt goal, we will come to know our part in doing God's most formidable task. □

faith by planning to send a couple to the Philippines in 1986. We are grateful to God for this new opportunity to do his work. We must be ready to advance in faith toward new goals and be ready also to release some of our old priorities.

### Pray for Elected Representatives

Second, we are determining God's directives for our part in doing the Great Commission by the Baptist form of elected representation. The Board of Missions of our Conference is entrusted with the responsibility of assisting our churches in the effective implementation of their world-wide ministries. Elected by the delegates at the last Triennial Conference, each Board member will come to the International Office on April 9-11, 1985, to decide on mission strategy and planning. The Board of Missions will focus on such issues as appointing missionaries, setting missionary wage and benefit levels, approving field budgets, and making long-range plans. Making recommendations to the Conference for a new overseas missions director will be one of its most important decisions. We believe God directs the mission work of our Conference through the Board of Missions. Through its collective voice, we believe we will know God's direction for our Conference's overseas mission work.

North American Baptists believe that our command to fulfill the Great Commission is renewed each day. To go to all nations with God's great news remains our mandate. We want to be increasingly involved in sending missionaries and helping to build the national churches in all the world.

Yet, it is a formidable task to reach all the world. How can North American Baptists minister to an ever increasing world population? With our finite resources, what part do we play in God's plan for the universe? By what means can we determine what we should do in reaching the world for Christ?

### Seize the Opportunities

Let me suggest three ways. First, we must seize the opportunities that God gives to us. We are presently deploying 90 missionaries to Brazil, Japan, Cameroon, and Nigeria. In these countries, we are taking full advantage of many opportunities to build the national church and spread God's Kingdom. Now, by invitation of the Baptist Conference of the Philippines, we have the opportunity to expand our work to a country that is open to the gospel. We are proceeding on

Ron Salzman is the Interim Missions Director for the North American Baptist Conference.

## Articles

- 4 **Short-term Missionaries Meeting a Need**  
Exposure to the Mission Field— *Cheryl Job*  
Redlich: Teaching Secondary School Students— *Norton Redlich*  
Klettke: Shares Christ with Japanese Friend— *Karin Klettke*  
Kerber: A Logothete— *Dennis Kerber*  
McGuire: Upgrading the Laboratories— *Cathleen McGuire*  
Schauer: Teaching Missionary Children— *April Schauer*  
Macloskie: Meeting Patients' Needs— *Karen Macloskie*
- 10 **From Short-term to Career Missionary**  
Testing the Waters— *Alan Steier*  
Called to Longer Commitment— *Luci Lengefeld*  
Filling the Gap— *Wilma Binder*  
A Need for Greater Challenge— *Nancy Grover*  
Prepared for Responsibilities— *David and Dorothy Lake*
- 14 **Former Short-termers Reflect**  
The World—God's Vineyard— *Irene (Hanik) Salzman*  
A Lesson in Dependence— *Norman and Marilyn Wolfe*  
Experiencing Answered Prayer— *Becky Dewey*  
Interest in Missionary Children— *Ingrid Bergatt*  
Perspective Broadened— *Carol Potratz*
- 16 **Deciding to be a Short-term Missionary**  
Teaching English in Japan— *Marlene Ginter*  
Teaching Children in Japan— *Kenelee Proctor*  
Teaching Biology in Cameroon— *Debra Hoff*
- 18 **You Can be a Short-term Missionary—** *Oryn Meinerts*



9



13



17

## Departments

- |    |                                   |    |   |
|----|-----------------------------------|----|---|
| 2  | <b>From the Missions Director</b> | 22 | <b>Our Conference in Action</b>                           |
|    | A Formidable Task                 | 27 | <b>In Memoriam</b>  |
|    | Ron Salzman                       | 28 | <b>World News</b>   |
| 19 | <b>Maccabee's Musing</b>          | 29 | <b>What's Happening</b>                                   |
| 19 | <b>New Day</b>                    | 30 | <b>Have You Considered Short-term Missionary Service?</b> |
|    | Susan Zenky                       | 30 | <b>Congratulations</b>                                    |
| 20 | <b>Woman's World</b>              | 31 | <b>Baptist World Aid</b>                                  |
|    | Sara Pasiciel                     |    |   |
|    | Iona Quiring                      |    |   |

Barbara J. Binder, editor  
Nancy Shawl, subscriptions fulfillment  
Marilyn Schneider, editor's assistant  
Sara Lou Pasiciel, contributing editor  
"Woman's World"

### Photo Credits:

Helwig: Cover, 4,7,8,9,10,12,13,17;  
Salzman: 5,11; Klettke: 6; Schauer: 9;  
Folkerts: 16; Lengefeld: 11; Proctor: 17

BAPTIST HERALD (USPS 042560) (ISSN-0005-5700) is published monthly (except January, February and July-August bi-monthly) by the North American Baptist Conference, a binational conference of churches in Canada and the United States, 1 So. 210 Summit Ave., Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181. Send editorial and business correspondence to Barbara J. Binder, 1 So. 210 Summit Ave., Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181. Second class postage paid at Villa Park, IL 60181 and at additional mailing offices. SUBSCRIPTION RATES in the United States and Canada: one year—\$8.00; two years—\$15.00; Church Family Plan—\$6.00; Single copy—\$1.00; foreign subscription—\$16.00 one year.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Six weeks notice required for change of address. Furnish effective date and address label from recent issue. Send address change to Baptist Herald Subscriptions, 1 So. 210 Summit Ave., Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

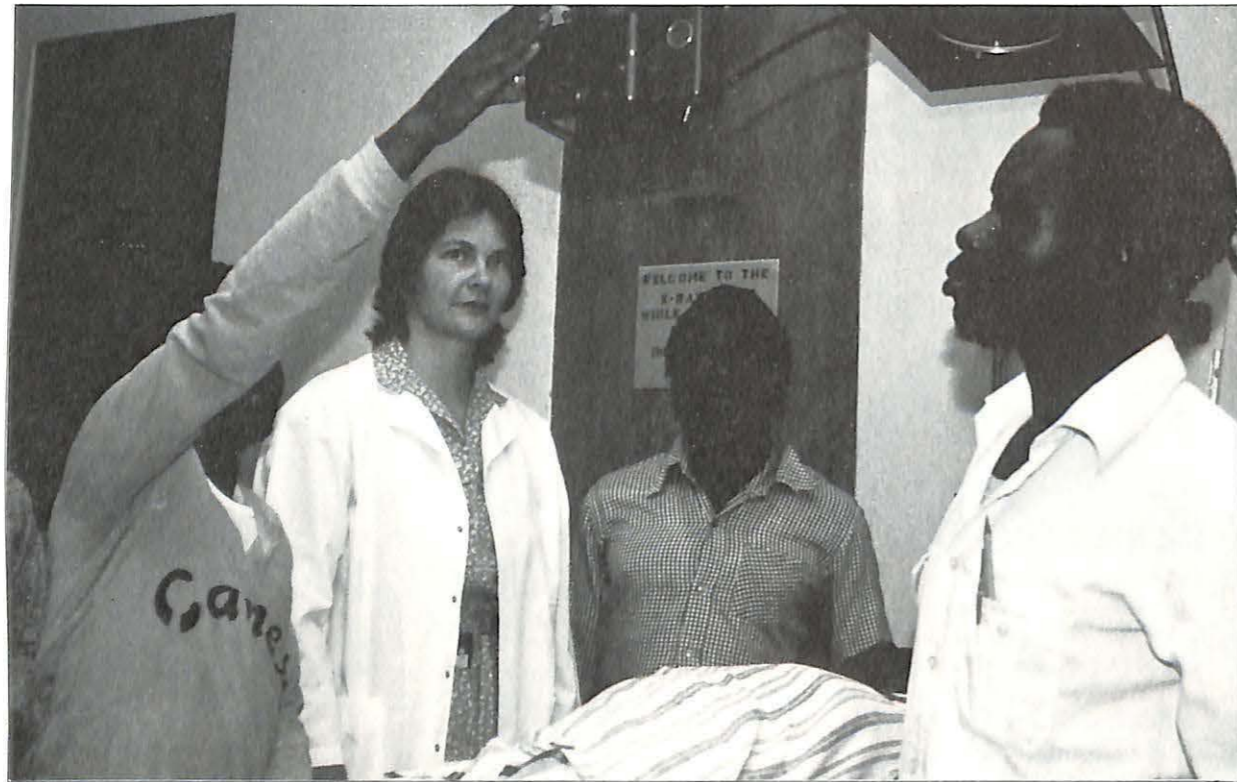
Member of Evangelical Press Association.

News reported and views expressed are not necessarily the position of the North American Baptist Conference. (Printed in the U.S.A.)

## Short-term Missionaries— Meeting a Need

*Short-term missionaries come from different parts of the United States and Canada—from cities, the suburbs, small towns, or rural areas. Some have professions; others technical or vocational skills. What these people have in common is that they are sharing their skills to meet specific needs on our mission fields in Cameroon, Brazil, Japan, or Nigeria. Missionaries like Cheryl Job, teaching X-ray technicians in Cameroon; or Karin Klettke, teaching conversational English in Japan; or Dennis Kerber teaching nationals to fill his position as administrator/treasurer of a hospital in Cameroon are among the 21 who share their expertise by training nationals overseas. They have responded to God's leading to serve him overseas for one or two years. Some of them share their experiences through the pages of the Baptist Herald.*

As Cheryl Job teaches the mechanics and theory of radiology and the functions of the human body, it is an open door to include God and his creation in these lessons.



## Exposure to the Mission Field

My main reason for being in Cameroon was to teach a course in X-ray procedures. Without a doubt, this was where the Lord wanted me, but would I measure up to the task at hand? Would new X-ray technicians be born because of my training and teaching?

Would I be able to make any improvements with such limited resources?

Making the adjustment from white faces to a sea of black gave me insight into being in the minority. Being unable to understand much of what was said was frustrating. I was thankful

that Pidgin English had at least some resemblance to English. The Cameroonians were friendly, but it took time before I felt that I fitted in and became one of them.

During the first few days, being in the X-ray Department at Banso Baptist Hospital gave me encouragement. The present technician proved to be very good at the practical aspect of his work. The equipment, though old and without the necessary instruction or charts, proved to be dependable much of the time. The processing of the films is all done manually; that was a new experience for me.

Before I knew it, the big day arrived. I became a real teacher with a class of my own, an awesome responsibility. Although the class consisted of only three students, I eagerly shared with them my knowledge and the joy that this type of work could bring. They were eager to learn and advance themselves. Due to either a lack of finances or opportunities, many Cameroonians never see their hopes and dreams become reality.

As well as teaching my own class, I shared the "world of bones" with the present class of nursing students. We had a lot of laughs with the real human skeleton, and the students groaned at the thought of learning all the names. Sharing with all these students brought me a great feeling of worth.

As in many things, the picture was not always rosy. The promise, "My God shall supply all your needs," has taken on new meaning as the Lord has supplied many extra bits of wisdom, patience, and understanding. I needed to learn to accept the Cameroonians as they are, to make an extra effort to understand them, and to be patient as they try to figure out this strange, white woman.

The differences in word meaning bring laughs as well as frustrations. Sometimes patients don't understand and therefore don't cooperate. It is the technician's nightmare to carefully explain to the patient to stop breathing and then to see them breathe all the faster.

Due to the location of Cameroon and the availability of supplies, most things have to be ordered far in advance. The delivery can take from six months to a year. Much is damaged or stolen enroute. Because of this, we use every item sparingly. We are thankful for those donations that we receive.

As I work with the students day after day, they learn not only the mechanics and theory of radiology but also the functions of the human body. This has been an open door to include God and his creation in our lesson. They are amazed to see how every part works together and how one needs the others. This becomes especially meaningful when we are able to apply it to our daily lives.

Through the Life Abundant Programme, I saw firsthand the medical and spiritual needs

of the Cameroonians who live in isolated villages. For two weeks, we trekked to bush villages, where we held medical clinics and shared the love of the Great Physician with the people.

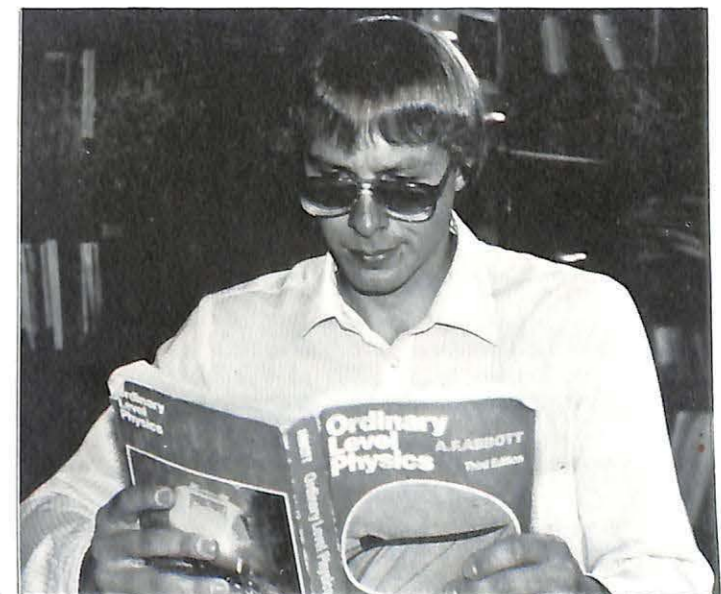
Along with the routine procedures of the X-ray Department, we have been able to introduce new examinations. Many people, on hearing about Banso and Mbingo Baptist Hospitals and their quality of service, come from all areas of Cameroon for medical help. While here, they also hear messages from God's Word as they wait to see the doctor. We reach many with not only health care but also spiritual care as well.

Even after a busy day of dealing with staff, students and patients and trying to meet their needs, I can truly say how thankful I am to be in this place and to be of service. I have seen the need that I am here to fill, and with God's help, I will get the job done. I have seen many areas in Cameroon where God needs people to get the job done. —Cheryl Job, (Kelowna, British Columbia), Banso, Cameroon.

## Redlich: Teaching Secondary School Students

As a new short-term missionary, my first year involved teaching at Joseph Merrick Baptist College, Ndu, Cameroon, which celebrated its twentieth anniversary in October 1983.

My task, as a short-term missionary, is to continue in those endeavors which others have carried on before me as they taught in



the secondary schools of the N.A.B. Mission and now of the Cameroon Baptist Convention.

Originally the purpose of the "mission school" was to evangelize Cameroonian young people who, in turn, could win their parents to the Lord. They were also taught to read and write so they could read and understand the Bible and thus grow in the Christian faith. The purpose of mission schools has changed since the early days, and J.M.B.C. was founded with the purpose of spreading "salt" throughout Cameroonian society. It was recognized that it was important to train Baptist Christian youth who would later enter into the working world of Cameroonian society and who would shine with good works before their non-Christian neighbors.

To that end, Joseph Merrick Baptist College is a secondary school in which students are taught, from a Baptist Christian perspective, the typical academic studies which North American high schools provide. Young people so educated often become key members in the churches of the Cameroonian Baptist Convention. They often serve their churches as lay leaders, and some even go on to become pastors or leaders in other branches of ministry. Some continue the cycle and end up teaching other young people in similar institutions. Four J.M.B.C. graduates have returned and now teach here.

Many students come to J.M.B.C. as non-Christians. Some accept Christ while they are here; others do not. Jesus said that wherever you have Christians and non-Christians together there will be division, so there are tensions at J.M.B.C. Such things are an inescapable part of life, but a part the Holy Spirit can use to mold and develop young people into strong Christian men and women who have vibrant testimonies to God's grace in their life.

Within the positive Christian climate of J.M.B.C., students' lives are often transformed, and J.M.B.C.'s credibility as a relevant organ of the Cameroon Baptist Convention continues, not only to the growth of the church, but of the nation as well. (During his second year as a short-term missionary, Norton is teaching at Kom Baptist Technical School at Belo.) —Norton Redlich, (Kelowna, British Columbia), Belo, Cameroon

## Klettke: Shares Christ with Japanese Friend

It's hard to believe that I've been back in the

land of the "rising sun," Japan, for more than a year. My main responsibility is teaching conversational English to various age groups (children through adults) in homes, companies, and at Inokoshi Baptist Church. Through teaching English, friendships are being developed, and many opportunities arise to share with my students why I am a Christian.



**Karin Klettke (second row, left to right) with Kyoko Sakaguchi, and Paul Miller, former STMer, and part of the young people's group that went mountain climbing.**

One of my friends is Kyoko Sakaguchi. She has never been in any of my classes; yet the Lord brought us together. During my first tour as a short-term missionary in Matsusaka in 1981, I met Kyoko, a high school student. We "met" on the telephone. She called at least once a week to practice her English. Finally, we met face to face, and it marked the beginning of a new friendship, which has developed strong roots.

In April 1982, three months before I returned home to Canada, Kyoko moved to Nagoya to study at a Buddhist Junior College for women. She wanted to go to a school of her choice, but since her parents were financing her education, she complied with their wishes. As we parted, she said, "Karin, I promise you, I'll continue to read my Japanese Bible."

After being home in Kitchener, Ontario, for 13 months, I was confronted with the challenge to return to Japan again; this time to Nagoya. Soon after my arrival, I contacted Kyoko, who had graduated from college and joined the working force.

I prayed that Kyoko would come regularly to church and accept Jesus Christ as her personal Lord and Saviour. I developed a strategy; I invite her to church on the fourth Sunday (when our church has a lunch and fellowship time) to hear God's Word and to meet the believers. The rest of the afternoon we spend together exploring parts of Nagoya.

Every time I invite her, she comes.

One evening in November 1984, before we ended our weekly phone conversation, she asked if she could come to church on Sunday. I didn't ask her; it was not the fourth Sunday, and we had a special speaker!

I praise God for his people at the Inokoshi Baptist Church; they have extended their love and warmth to Kyoko. She feels accepted and enjoys being with them.

As promised, she has continued to read her Bible but finds it difficult to understand. I gave her a devotional guide. "The book," she commented, "helps me through the day. Jesus was kind to people; so I have to be kind to those around me, especially at work."

One of her favorite sentences is "I believe in Jesus Christ." (Actually, it was the same one she had said in halting English more than three years ago on the phone in Matsusaka.) Please pray for Kyoko that she will not only believe, but also accept Jesus Christ as her Lord and Saviour!

Remember the other "Kyokos" with whom I have contact and who are searching for meaning in life. —Karin Klettke, (Kitchener, Ontario), Nagoya, Japan.

## Kerber: A Logothete

*Logothete, Log' o-thet, n, a chancellor or administrator (Gr. Logothetes, an auditor).*

A letter from Missionary Gilbert Gordon came addressed to me one day: "Dennis Kerber, Logothete Elect." Of course, that sent half the station scrambling for a dictionary. I don't know if I fill the shoes of an auditor but at least I am a treasurer.

Depending upon the station, the position of



**"By providing procedures and how things should and can be done, I train nationals to fill my position as administrator and treasurer. This gives people a chance to gain knowledge and advance."**  
—Dennis Kerber

an administrator/treasurer is at times very much like an office job at home: Deadlines to meet, statements to balance, banks to go to, and salaries to pay. Like any job of this nature, there are mistakes and errors, which cause frustration.

At times it is tough to see how this job fits into missions. A large part of our work is medical and evangelistic. One of the doctors will tell us how she saved a life during a tough operation. Willy Muller will tell us of the great pastors' seminar he had. So, how do I rate when I say that I balanced a bank statement?

When I read in *Newsweek* about people who embezzled funds or mismanaged them, the word "stewardship" begins to take on meaning. That is why I'm here: To prevent such things from happening. Being here has also helped me see how any organization, business, or mission needs funds to operate.

One way I can help is to make the system run smoothly by providing a few procedures and hints on how things should and can be done. The best way I can help is to train people to fill my position as administrator/treasurer at Bansa Baptist Hospital in Cameroon. When I return to North America, there will be a Cameroonian to replace me. The nationals with whom I work have taught me more than I could ever pass on to them.

Being in Cameroon has given me a world view from a different perspective. It is interesting to see my ideas change and to see some of my convictions grow stronger. Missionaries are no longer drab, boring people. Neither are they the "holier-than-thou" untouchables. They are ordinary people on the other side of the ocean. Cameroon has also been fun; I climbed Mt. Cameroon, helped set up a bush clinic, and talked to the Canadian Ambassador. Best of all, I enjoy the people, their warmth, friendliness, and concern. How's that for a balance? —Dennis Kerber, (Calgary, Alberta), Bansa, Cameroon.

## McGuire: Upgrading the Laboratories

Why am I, a medical technologist, needed in Cameroon? I learned my laboratory medicine in the age of push button, computerized technology in North America, and the computer age has not yet arrived in Cameroon. It is my job to upgrade the laboratories at Bansa and Mbingo Baptist Hospitals.

The laboratory at Bansa Baptist Hospital is far different from the lab back home. After I



"It is exciting to see our procedure book grow and to see the small changes taking place."—Cathy McGuire

recovered from my "technical" culture shock, I shoved aside the world of computers and began to discover the potential of a laboratory in a developing country. There were things that we just wouldn't be able to do, but I was positive that there were many tests that could be added to our laboratory. I studied; I asked questions; and I began to plan. Finally, I had a list of the things that we would need. The order was sent off, and as I write this, we are still waiting for many things to arrive.

I am making small changes. I am writing a procedure book that every laboratory should have and searching for the procedures that best suit our needs. Things are moving ahead slowly, but as they say in Cameroon, "Softly, softly, catch monkey."

I am not in Cameroon only to build a laboratory but also to build relationships. I am a member of the Banso youth group, and Cheryl Job, another short-term missionary, and I lead children's church. Communication across cultural lines is not always easy, especially with the children. It is easy to become discouraged, but God provides victories.

I also share with the laboratory staff. They are good workers and eager to learn. We have often discussed God together, and we open our weekly lab meeting with prayer. I desire for the staff to see that by God's power change is made, because we allow God to work through our lives. I desire for them to see that they have great potential and soon will "catch the monkey."

My life as a missionary is not always easy. Sometimes I want change to come too quickly, and my patience gives out. I catch myself losing sight of the Lord and his plan for the laboratory. "Delight in the Lord; And He will give you the desire of your heart" (Psalm 37:4). My desire is to see the laboratory grow. My desire is to see the faith of the staff grow

strong. My desire is to see the church grow in Cameroon. My delight must be in the Lord.  
—Cathleen McGuire, (Racine, Wisconsin), Banso, Cameroon.

## Schauer: Teaching Missionary Children

Teaching missionary children, I have found my work not only challenging but also necessary in helping to promote the work of Christ through the North American Baptist Conference.

In the past, in many countries, when children of missionaries have become old enough to attend school, they have had to leave home to attend a boarding school. The only other option, in many instances, was for the mother to teach the children at home through correspondence courses. This has worked well; however, it adds to the already heavy load of the missionary parent(s).

In Japan, in years gone by, it was very inexpensive to employ maid service so the mothers could teach their children. Today, it is expensive to hire such a person. Thus, where English school exists and parents opt not to send their children away, the mother must teach, undertake domestic duties, and assume numerous other mission responsibilities.

Until recently, missionaries with children were usually placed in communities near English-speaking schools. Assignments were, in part, based on the educational needs of the children.

Several years ago in Tsu, Japan, the N.A.B. Missions Department took a step of faith and extended the work to include that of a university outreach program. This is a unique program lending itself to many possibilities. Two young missionary families were assigned to this area, the Ron Stollers and the Bill Lengefelds, who have a total of five children. Since no English school exists in the area, the Tsu Christian School was established, located in the Tsu Christian-English Center. This is where I am currently teaching. Because of the establishment of this and other Christian schools, the missionaries themselves can concentrate more fully on the larger aspects of Christianity in the community.

Not only does teaching missionary children locally help to ease the load of missionary parents, but also it provides continuity within the family unit as children do not have to leave home to go to boarding school. It also provides children with social interaction away from the home setting that can be beneficial during a furlough year when the children are



placed in public schools. Other foreigners and nationals, both Christian and non-Christian, can attend such a school. Finally, a school with a Christian staff and curriculum acts itself as an outreach program for those children attending, who have not yet made decisions for Christ. —April Schauer, (Hebron, North Dakota), Tsu, Japan

## Macloskie: Meeting Patients' Needs

What does working as a short-term missionary nurse in Cameroon mean? What does it take? Am I capable of such a task? These were only a few of the questions I had before coming to Cameroon for the second time.

Differences and similarities abound whenever you work in an environment different from your own. Hospital equipment and supplies are often low or not available. In these instances, you must learn to improvise or do without much of what we have in North America. Supplies such as disposable gloves, catheters or needles are used over and over again. A nurse in Cameroon must also learn to accept suffering, pain, and death much more than at home. People often do not come to the hospital for treatment until they are very sick or dying; by that time little can be done to save them.

Although Pidgin English is a common language, there are also many different tribal languages in Cameroon. Communication problems hinder your understanding of the

Having a STM as a teacher for missionary children helps ease the load of their parents as well as provides the students the opportunity to live at home rather than at a boarding school.

patient; however, basic human needs are the same. Patients come to you frightened and worried about their condition, and they need to lean on you for strength. The nurse needs to be caring, loving, and understanding in order to meet each patient's needs.

Since working in Cameroon, I have come to realize that the short-term missionary nurse has many functions. She can

- 1) Provide ongoing and up-to-date knowledge in an everchanging medical field;
- 2) Support the hospital staff and work they do;
- 3) Help the staff to learn to care about the patient and not just perform the necessary tasks;
- 4) Teach patients how to better care for themselves so they can remain healthy;
- 5) Willingly share the deep burden not only for a patient's body but also his soul; and
- 6) Listen and love.

The qualities of a STM nurse I found to be necessary are

- 1) The ability to be flexible and adapt quickly to new and different situations which arise daily;
- 2) The ability to accept responsibility;
- 3) Maturity and experience in the nursing field; and
- 4) A firm assurance that God goes with you and before you in all situations you encounter.

Working in Cameroon as a nurse has taught me many things. I have learned to listen quietly in order to understand. My Cameroonian co-workers, very hard-working people, have helped me understand a culture and customs, which are very different from my own. Most of all, I have learned the great importance of coming to my Lord for strength and guidance, for he truly does supply abundantly. —Karen Macloskie, (Winnipeg, Manitoba), Banso, Cameroon



## From Short-term to Career

**Missionary** — Some short-term missionaries decide to make a longer commitment to missions service and become career missionaries. Six of these missionaries were asked what the key factors were that helped each of them consider and accept the challenge of career missionary service.

"For us to come to Cameroon a second time as husband and wife and with a child, has definitely helped us minister here more effectively."—David, Dorothy, and Jason Lake



## Testing the Waters

When I returned to the United States in July 1980, after two years of short-term missionary service in Japan, I never thought that five years later I would be in language school studying Japanese. I had planned to complete seminary and then settle into a ministry in North America, where the language and culture were familiar and "safe." But the Lord had something else planned for my life.

Through the gentle guidance of the Holy Spirit and the prayers of good friends, the Lord drew my heart back to Japan. In addition, there were three key factors in being a short-term missionary that helped me move in the direction of a career commitment.

The Japanese people seem to have so much: Economic self-sufficiency, a nearly 100 percent literacy rate, a comfortable standard of living, and the latest in technology. All of these contribute to Japan's prosperity, but life is more than this. Life also has a spiritual side, and that is where I saw a vacuum in the lives of many of the people with whom I had contact as a short-term missionary. For many, religion is relegated to a few special days in the year when one petitions a god for good luck and a happy life. I realized that there is a great need for a clear presentation of the gospel in Japan and that I could have a part in meeting that need as a career missionary.

A second factor was seeing God work in the lives of

people in Japan. Often we only think about the relatively slow progress of the gospel there. We overlook the fact that Christ is building his church and that he was willing to use someone like me to plant seeds of interest in my students. I had the freedom to share openly with my students concerning my faith. They asked questions and developed an interest in the teachings of Christianity. Some of them began to study further with a Japanese pastor and subsequently became Christians.

From career missionaries on the field, I heard how God was working in the hearts and lives of people in their churches. They shared the disappointments and the victories. They told me about God's faithfulness and the necessity of obedience to his will. Seeing God at work in Japan through his servants and in his Church had a definite impact upon my life.

The third factor was realizing that I was able to function in another culture and enjoy it. There were times I wondered why God had brought me to Japan. I had my share of frustrations, culture shock, and homesickness; yet those things were of minor consequence when I compare them with the satisfying and fulfilling experiences I had as a short-termer.

As a short-termer, I had the opportunity to "test the waters" to see if missions was an option in my future service for God. God does not always use this method in directing his people into areas of service, but in my case it was something that helped me make my decision.

—Alan Steier, Kobe, Japan

## Called to Longer Commitment

I first went to Japan as a short-term missionary in September 1971. After the first year, if anyone had asked me if I was considering future full-time missionary work, I would probably have gazed upon them with an expression of total disbelief! That first year was a constant struggle with culture shock, and I could say without hesitation that I did *not* like living in Japan. *Everything* about the way of life—the beds, the toilets, the roads, the transportation, the raw fish, the weather, the bugs—was weighed in the balances and found wanting! Being a brash young thing, I couldn't imagine that I could be suffering from culture shock.

After that first year, a dear friend of mine, Becky Heerts (now Dewey) came to Japan, also as a short-termer. I poured out my woes; she handed me an article on culture shock. I was amazed to discover that I had all the symptoms, and praise God, he had the cure.

The second year was wonderful for many reasons, not the least of which was that I met my future husband, Bill Lengefeld, during that time. He was in the U.S. Air Force, stationed in Korea, and had come to Japan to visit the N.A.B. mission there. I praised God for

"As a short-termer, I had the opportunity to 'test the waters' to see if missions was an option in my future service for God."—Alan Steier



bringing someone into my life who shared my interest and concern for the Japanese people. Before I left Japan, a group of people from our church in Ise gathered at the train station to say goodbye.

Mrs. Akasaka, the pastor's wife, whispered to me, "Please come back to Japan as a missionary some day."

And so it happened that in 1976 God led us as a couple to Japan as short-termers. During those two years, we felt God calling us to an even longer commitment and applied to the N.A.B. mission board for appointment as full-time missionaries, with emphasis on teaching conversational English.

Looking back at the many adjustments we had to make during those early years, we can see how God was shaping our attitudes about the country, its people, and our work. We feel that we would never have gone as full-time missionaries if it hadn't been for the insights gained during our short-term missionary service. —Luci Lengefeld, *Tsu, Japan, on furlough, Milbank, South Dakota.*

## Filling the Gap

"And I sought for a man . . . to stand in the gap" (Ezekiel 22:30) was our theme during a Missions Week at Northwestern College. I had been active in the daily Mission Prayer Bands but never thought of myself as ever going to work in a foreign country as I was neither a nurse nor

"God shaped my attitudes about Japan, its people, and our work while I was a STM."—Luci Lengefeld



In addition to her responsibility as vice principal of Saker Baptist College, Wilma Binder teaches biology.

a preacher. In 1965 the need for teachers in our Cameroon Baptist institutions was made known through the *Baptist Herald*. In a few short months, I found myself in Cameroon as God impressed on me the need to fill in this gap to help educate and mold the lives of future Cameroonian leaders and to give them the Word of life.

Having grown up in a rural area without many modern conveniences, I did not find the living conditions as difficult as I had imagined. Adjustments in that respect were easier than to the cultural differences. Though there were times of discouragement, the knowledge that I was doing what God had planned kept me going forward. The words of senior missionaries who told us that one does not always see the fruits of one's labor immediately, but only years later, were encouraging.

Looking at the mission field from the U.S.A., I thought it often seemed bleak and boring. How would one fill all the hours and long days? I found instead that the time passed all too quickly so I extended my term for a third year. As for the long lonely hours, I was often grateful to have a few minutes of peace and quiet. There was not time to get bored. Rather I was frustrated because of lack of time to use the opportunities to serve in the local church, girls' clubs, and youth activities.

As we pioneer short-termers returned home, we were told that Cameroonians were now being trained in Cameroon and abroad to take up our positions, and there would not be any further need for our services. However, many of

the nationals sent abroad spent only a few years in the Baptist schools before going to work for the government, so the gap was still there waiting to be filled. This time I returned as a career missionary.

There are still many opportunities for teachers and nurses in our secondary schools. Even as in North America, youth sponsors and children's workers are in great demand. Does God want you to fill in one of these gaps? Pray about it! —Wilma Binder, Limbe, Cameroon

## A Need for A Greater Challenge

Each big change in my life has been made because I needed a greater challenge. I believe God uses the events and challenges in our lives as stepping stones leading to greater challenges in the future.

When I came to Cameroon in 1965 as a short-term missionary to teach, it was God's answer to the need for a greater challenge. While in Cameroon, I grew to love a new country, a new culture, and a friendly, warm people. Because of the warm, rich experiences I had, Cameroon and its people became a part of me.

When I returned home, I faced a new challenge: To find a job. The work God led me to was not teaching but office work. There came a time when I needed a change that would bring a challenge to my work. Because there was no forthcoming change

Nancy Grover, first N.A.B. missionary teacher at the new school for missionary children established in Bamenda, Cameroon, in 1983, discusses a history project with Joynel Burgess.



or challenge, I began to look around me. As I looked, I felt that the challenge I needed was to return to teaching where I had the most training and experience.

After much prayer and looking into possibilities, God directed my thoughts to Cameroon. Here was a country and people who were familiar. Here was also the challenge I needed and the opportunity to return to teaching.

I believe three things are important in my life. The first is to be where God wants me to be. The second is to be doing what God wants me to be doing. The last thing is to be open to God's leading. The short-term program is a good opportunity to experience first-hand what missions is all about. It is also the opportunity to discover if this is a door God is opening to a career in missions. —Nancy Grover, Bamenda, Cameroon

## Prepared for Responsibilities

Short-term teaching for Dorothy (five years) and David (two years) brought us into contact with each other as we ministered together at Ndu, Cameroon; this led to our marriage. Marriage and family life are extremely important concerns for all Cameroonian adults. For us to come to Cameroon a second time as husband and wife and with a child has definitely helped us minister here more effectively.

Short-term service also brought us into contact with Cameroon Baptist Convention churches, with the medical and educational work, and with the missionaries. What drew us back to Cameroon eight years later was a call from God that we were needed here.

Just prior to our appointment as career missionaries, we were well settled into the pastorate of a growing church in suburban Winnipeg, Manitoba. We were thriving upon the continuing challenge there. However, the major goals we had set when we came to the Church four years earlier were reached.

We began to think of Cameroon. We remembered the needs of the Cameroon Baptist Convention that still wanted and

needed missionary help. When God began to call us back to Cameroon, we could not plead ignorance of the need. We had observed and responded to the need as short-term missionaries.

We could not retreat into a state of fearing the unknown since we had developed considerable understanding of the culture, the Cameroonians, and the missionaries. The only significant fear we had as we were deciding to come to Cameroon a second time was David's ability to cope with the administrative role of a Field Secretary, given his background in teaching, research, and the pastorate. However, even here, our fears were allayed somewhat by his having been able to cope with several novel responsibilities



given him while a short-termer. For example, he had been a school chaplain during his first year without having had prior theological training. He had been a school nurse during his second year of short-term service without having had medical training, except for two years of theoretical studies as a medical student.

It is not surprising that an increasing number of short-termers are returning later to the same mission field as career missionaries. It has been our experience that God tests his children with small responsibilities. If these are completed in a manner pleasing to God, he gives larger responsibilities (Matthew 25:14-30). We thank God for using our short-term service to prepare us well for our current responsibilities.

—David and Dorothy Lake, Bamenda, Cameroon

Dorothy Lake teaches music to children of missionaries at the new school and advises women's leaders in their group work. Her husband David is field secretary, N.A.B. mission in Cameroon.

## Former Short-termers Reflect—

Since 1965, people from Canada and the U.S.A. have volunteered their services for one or two or more years to serve in Cameroon or Japan on the N.A.B. mission field. Six of these were asked the question: How has your tour of service as a short-term missionary influenced your life in service in the church and your relationships with others? Here are their replies.

### The World— God's Vineyard

Solitude! It was July 1974, and the school year had ended. Staff and students had left the Joseph Merrick Baptist College compound at Ndu, Cameroon, to return to their homes. My fellow short-term missionaries and the two British volunteers who had helped me adjust during my first teaching year at J.M.B.C. had departed, and I remained—alone! I had a couple of weeks to rest, relax, and catch up after a busy and hectic school year.

It was during those days that I wrote to a friend in Vancouver, British Columbia, and told her how much I enjoyed the pastoral life, which I observed all around me. I went on to say that on my return to Canada I would give farming a try. My friend wrote back and said: "Don't be ridiculous, you'd never make it on the farm."

Christmas 1975—annual missionary conference at Bamenda: A young man from Kankakee, Illinois, came to visit his missionary aunt, Ruby Salzman . . . David and I were married in February 1977, in Kelowna, British Columbia. Oh yes, David happens to be an Illinois grain farmer.

Immanuel Baptist in Kankakee is our church home, and we thank God for his people and for opportunities to serve him. Three years ago, AWANA came to Immanuel; it has been a challenging, demanding, and rewarding ministry; I'm happy to be a part of the program. My short-term missionary experience has helped me see the world as God's vineyard in need of laborers.

In addition, my short-term experience made me aware of the family bond among North American Baptists. How I enjoyed those letters, cards, and kilo packages while I was in Cameroon! Then, in February 1982, our 20-month-old daughter was diagnosed with leukemia. The prayer support we experienced was simply overwhelming. Time and time again we heard of believers throughout the U.S.A. and Canada who were praying for our little Becky. People we had never met! God answers prayer, and he saw fit to restore Becky to us. She went off chemotherapy in February 1984, is attending pre-school, and is doing just fine. Our thanks to all who shared our burden and brought it before God. "Praise the Lord, all you nations; . . . For great is his love . . ." (Psalm 117). —Irene (Hanik) Salzman, Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee, Illinois

### A Lesson in Dependence

Although fourteen years have gone by since we have returned from Cameroon as short-term missionaries, hardly a day goes by that some reference to or reminder of that experience is not brought to our attention. Throughout these years, God has provided numerous opportunities for us to share our experience both with groups and with individuals. Hopefully we have been able to convey in a realistic way, some of the needs and situations our missionaries face.

As we look back to the time before we went to Cameroon, we were both working and extremely independent. We were friendly with our neighbors and with people at church, but we were not buying a house, having babies, and paying on two cars. Therefore, we did more things by ourselves, because we could "afford" it.

Our first two months in Cameroon were a tremendous lesson in learning to be dependent. We had none of our belongings, no understanding of the culture, and a host of other reasons why we had to learn to express our needs to those around us and become vulnerable in many ways. This lesson we have never forgotten. Being willing to be vulnerable, especially in times of testing and need, has given us many opportunities to share the wonderful love of our Lord Jesus. As we allow others to see the needs and struggles in our lives, they are able to see the way we deal with these situations and are blessed and encouraged as they see God answer and meet these needs.

These daily reminders of our life in Cameroon cause us to realize all the more the privilege and opportunities we have as children of the King of Kings. —Norman and Marilyn Wolfe, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan

### Experiencing Answered Prayer

Challenge . . . fulfillment . . . spiritual stretching . . . deep and meaningful relationships . . . cultural experience . . . made being a short-term missionary in Japan one of the most exciting and rewarding opportunities I have ever had. As a youth pastor's wife several years

ago, I sought to encourage young people to be open to considering short-term missionary service. I like to take advantage of times when I can share in children's, youth and adult groups about my work in Japan—through slides, dress, and displays, trying to give people a "hands-on" knowledge of the experiences of a short-term.

The spiritual growing experiences I had keep influencing my daily life even now and help tremendously in relating to the difficult times others are going through. One of the greatest impacts on me as a short-termer was seeing the Lord answer specific prayer, as many times my family and friends in my home church in Parkersburg, Iowa, prayed for me—and those prayers were answered. Nothing can compare with seeing the Lord change lives of those for whom we pray and to whom we witness. I saw this a number of times with Japanese people in my classes and in other contacts. I believe this was a direct result of prayers of those at home. There is encouragement and strength in knowing people care, and now I want to intercede for others when there are specific needs.

Involvement in the church has always been an important part of my life, and I consider it a privilege to be asked to serve in various capacities in the church, wherever we are. I have been involved in the music ministry, missions programs, women's groups, as a full-time church secretary, and in teaching youth and children since returning from Japan. I bring my background of experiences with me to whatever I'm doing. Being a short-term has definitely been life-changing! —Becky (Heerts) Dewey, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

### Interest in Missionary Children

It's been many years since I served as a short-term teacher at Hope School for Missionary children in Ebo-lowa, Cameroon. Yet that experience of serving the Lord in Africa has had a residual effect in my life.

The children I taught at Hope School are now young adults. Some have married and started families. One girl and her husband are now missionaries in Bolivia. How I rejoice at God's leading in the lives of missionary children! There are difficulties for these children who grow up in another country and are often separated from their parents for months at a time as they attend boarding school. A continuing interest of mine has been the unique needs of missionary children and how to meet them.

Currently, I am teaching in a public school and working in the Sunday School at Foster Avenue Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois. Often I've shared my experiences in Africa with the boys and girls through stories, slides, or objects from Cameroon. Children are open to information and to the challenge of serving God in another country.

While students in the city, several Christian Cameroonians have attended Foster Avenue Baptist Church. Inviting them for a meal, I've sometimes served an American facsimile of a Cameroonian dish, and

we've enjoyed fellowship around the table. At times, a helping hand eases adjustments they must make to American customs and climate. But the tie we have in Christ binds us together.

It is with great interest and a sense of identification that I read mission reports and news in the *Baptist Herald* and "N.A.B. News." I see again the lush tropical scenery and feel the bumps on the clay-rock road as the Land Rover bounces along. I hear the drumming and singing of joyous Christians worshipping together. I smell the mustiness that everything seems to acquire during the rainy season.

I rejoice as God's kingdom advances through educational, medical, and church planting ministries. It is with joy that I give to our Conference mission work—a work in which I've had a short-term part. —Ingrid Bergatt, Chicago, Illinois

### Perspective Broadened

Being a short-term missionary literally changed my life! Coming from a farm in Iowa, my "world view" was shortsighted, and my experience level rather limited. Because of this, I entered the short-term program to Japan very hesitantly. My dilemma was I didn't feel I was "missionary material," but I *did* feel "called"—so I went.

Our orientation in Tsu, Japan, is where my life was challenged at a level that carried me through my time in Japan and continues to affect my ministry to this day. The speaker? The Rev. Wilfred Weick. The topic? "Short-termers are missionaries, too!" He emphasized that when you go to a new place, you need to "take it slow and remember Romans 1. 'I'm an apostle (the sent one). I am a missionary.' Your basic role is one of cooperation with our N.A.B. Mission in Japan. We are a team, and God is our captain. *Show Christ through your life.* We don't use God; we yield to him! Claim Ephesians 5:1, 2, 5-9, and 'live a life of love' among those who are blinded by the darkness around them. The Japanese are *different* but not *wrong*. Be careful of making value judgements. When you're put in a certain situation (with someone you may not like or agree), think *not* 'what can I learn from this person' but 'what can I learn about myself.' "

These words of wisdom helped me to view my experiences, faith, and relationships in Japan, Cameroon, Seminary, Kansas, and now in North Dakota from a broader and more open perspective. Living in Japan also helped me to sort out the "whys and wherefores" of my Christian upbringing, our Western moral code, and our system of manners, and to decide which was a part of "me" or simply a part of "The System."

My experience in Japan has deepened my love of God and the expressions of that love through overseas and home missions—both encouraging people to be "mission-minded" by giving time and money, by praying, writing or going, and by encouraging those with whom I have come in contact in letters, kilos, or prayer. —Carol Potratz, Bismarck Baptist Church, Bismarck, North Dakota



## Deciding to be a Short-term

**Missionary** — Making a decision to serve as a short-term missionary, leaving family and friends, and/or a secure job, does not often come easily. Three short-term missionaries who left for Cameroon or Japan in August 1984 relate their experiences as well as their impressions of the people, the country, and their work.

### Teaching English in Japan

A telephone call from Professor Ed Kern, N.A.B. College, was the catalyst in a chain of events that God used in guiding my way to serve as a short-term missionary in Japan. Before this call, God had been preparing me to be available for mission work through "God's Volunteers" and the musical, "Go Tell Your World." Now what was my answer? It was still a struggle for me to think of going to a mission field as a single person. Could I give up the security of a good teaching position in a tight job market? Yet in all of this, my obedience to God's leading in this opportunity to teach in Japan was imperative.

There have been many adjustments to this new and different culture for me. Teaching English Conversation classes has taken me to a variety of "classrooms." There are the institutional schoolrooms filled with long narrow rows of desks with book bags and notebooks scattered alongside to accommodate 45 to 50 pupils. I also teach in the company seminar rooms as well as the informal setting of a student's home, seated on rice mats on the floor. It has been in these informal "classrooms" that God has given me opportunities to share my faith in Jesus Christ.

I also teach English Bible classes. Most of my students are high school age. After the introductory lesson on the book of Luke, I was astounded when one of the students shyly queried, "Who is Jesus?" Her question showed me again the magnitude of the task of sharing Christ in Japan. It renewed in me a gratefulness for our Christian heritage, and it has inspired me anew in my purpose in coming to Japan.

Mieko, a young woman, and I have talked much about Jesus and the Christian life. She has come to several church services with me and is interested in reading the Bible. However, she will soon be married. My heart is heavy as her future husband is a Shinto priest. She has told me that she will not be able to come to church with me after she is

Deciding to leave family, friends, and a secure job was not easy. There were many inner struggles in the decision-making process. —Marlene Ginter



married. She said, "I cannot become a Christian because you only worship the one God. I must worship my ancestors and the many gods in nature." I pray that she will respond to the seeds of the Word of God planted in her heart and despite her circumstances, she, too, will know Jesus as Savior and Lord. Will you pray, too? —Marlene Ginter, Matsusaka, Japan

### Teaching Children in Japan

I teach at least four different levels of math and science as well as elective courses at the school for missionaries' children, Kansai Christian School. Although KCS is small (thirteen secondary students), we offer as many different opportunities of learning as possible. This places high demands on the teachers' time, ingenuity, flexibility, and strength. When I experience frustrations due to the limits of my physical strength, creativity, and patience, I am thankful for God's promise to be my strength.

Most of my students are from missionary homes and bring with them the wealth of spiritual wisdom their parents have shared. At first, I felt somewhat intimidated as I faced these students. But again, the Lord has shown me how I can serve him within the capacity of my teacher role. During Bible study, devotions, and daily conversations, I can reinforce what parents have already taught; I can give a new approach to a familiar scripture; I can



challenge the students to live according to what they have been taught, i.e., to seek God in all they do and say.

As in any other secondary school, my students examine their teachers' lives to see if there is consistency in the words spoken and the life led. It is my desire that my students see Christ reflected in my life. Again, Christ is my sufficiency for meeting this challenge.

Teaching at Kansai Christian School is like teaching within a family. There is genuine concern expressed between parent, teacher, and child. It is not so hard to work through the daily struggles of life in Japan within this atmosphere of encouragement. As an example, I face a constant struggle to communicate effectively in Japanese, so I must rely on others. My thirteen students are wonderful interpreters, guides, and teachers.

We have our share of fun at KCS. Whether during class, recess, lunch, physical education, or at an after-school skating party, you will find laughter. We also have the opportunity to view life from many different perspectives as we have several different nations represented at KCS.

I also teach adult conversational English. I find my Japanese students eager to learn and curious about life. It is my prayer that the Holy Spirit will lead these students into a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

I am developing a deep appreciation for my Japanese brothers and sisters in Christ. I eagerly anticipate the times when I can fellowship at the Heijo Church or one of the other churches. It is indeed a marvelous experience to worship the Lord together and to receive new strength from God's family in Japan. —Kenelee Proctor, Nara, Japan

"The schools' kitchen is the lab for the ninth grade science class," —Kenelee Proctor (right).

### Teaching Biology in Cameroon

The word, "challenged," has taken on new meaning since I applied to be a short-term missionary. To be challenged means to grow and to be changed by the Lord through sor-

row and joy, disappointment and rejoicing, failure and acceptance. It's not an easy road. There have been many times I've wanted to give it up and return to the things I know. The fears and disappointments are many, yet never has the joy of his presence and love been so great.

God is present as I face crowded classrooms, discipline problems, and limited teaching resources at Joseph Merrick Baptist College, where I teach Biology. When I feel too helpless to accomplish anything, God reassures and reminds me that in him lies the source of all power. He reassures me of my worth in his eyes, when I make mistakes. make mistakes.

God uses your prayers and letters to bring encouragement and new purpose to my work here.

He also provides encouraging times with the students: Times when I've visited them at their dorm and when they've come to visit me and times of laughter and communication in the classroom and lab.

One bright, sunny morning, my Form 5 (senior class) was working with three microscopes from the Hospital and from CBTs. I'd given the students a few prepared slides, and diagrams of what they should see on those slides. It wasn't long before they had thoroughly examined the slides, and their curious minds began to work. They started examining everything from water to insects to themselves.

It was about this time that one of the students said to me, "I'd like to look at hair under the microscope."

Well, I must not have heard the word "your," because before I knew it, I was minus some hair. They said my hair laid flatter than theirs so it was easier to examine.

One inquisitive fellow tore a piece of skin off his hand, and I quickly found a prepared slide of blood before someone decided to make their own slide. Their enthusiasm was both amusing and encouraging.

Pray that God will help me to see the students with his eyes, that I may grow to understand, love, and influence these students for Christ. —Debra Hoff, Ndu, Cameroon

"The enthusiasm of the senior class was both amusing and encouraging as students peered through the microscopes." —Debra Hoff (center).



# You Can be a Short-term Missionary

by Oryn Meinerts

Short-term missionaries are real missionaries; they are vital to our North American Baptist work, and they are needed. From both Japan and Cameroon came more requests for short-termers than the Board of Missions could fill in 1984. Requests have also come from Brazil and Nigeria.

Why are short-term missionaries needed? They do not take the place of a resident career missionary, but they do fill some strategic roles.

## What Does a Short-term Missionary Do?

In Japan, short-term missionaries teach conversational English classes. Through these classes, they make initial contacts for Christ among the Japanese. They serve as a bridge between their students and the local church, and they assist in the church as they can. Both the Japanese Christians and the resident missionaries with whom short-term missionaries work have seen their fruit and encourage the short-term program.

In Cameroon, the short-termers usually work in the secondary schools or hospitals. The Cameroon Baptist Convention has five post primary schools with only one career missionary assigned to education. Cameroonian principals seek to employ Christian teachers, but because they are not always available, and schools must have teachers, non-Christians are sometimes employed. Christian short-term missionaries help to fill this gap, providing skilled professional teaching with a Christian witness. Their testimony in word and life-style is received by hundreds of young people.

Short-term nurses work together with the national and missionary staff at one of our two hospitals, usually in positions of skilled leadership. Cameroonian nurses are studying in England so they can eventually assume some of the administrative and educational roles necessary to run these large institutions. Both short-term nurses and teachers

demonstrate *being* a Christian as they share Christ's love in their daily contacts and participate in Bible studies, teach Sunday school classes, or help in other areas of local church work. Cameroonian church leaders have seen short-term missionaries' contributions and request more such personnel.

Church leaders in both Brazil and Nigeria have requested short-term missionaries to help in their Bible schools.

## How Long Does a Short-term Missionary Serve?

The length of service for short-term missionaries is usually two years, from mid-summer to mid-summer. It often starts with an orientation course in the U.S.A., and for those from the tropics ends with a medical exam in Chicago. Post-service deputation is not required for short-term missionaries, but many of them are asked to speak in their local churches and enjoy doing so. The length of service may vary for those with a particular skill or contribution that does not fit the usual pattern.

## What Are the Qualifications?

Qualifications for short-term missionary service are similar to those for career service. People abroad as well as governments expect that those coming to lead or teach will have characteristics and abilities worthy of emulation. Nationals will examine very thoroughly, if furtively, the actions and reactions of their "guests," and they will learn from behavior one did not even know he had.

The qualifications fall into four categories: spiritual, physical, social, and intellectual or educational.

*Spiritual:* It is essential that the short-term missionary have a vibrant relationship with Jesus Christ based upon a vital salvation experience and regular fellowship with the Lord. Such a relationship manifests itself in the development of Christian attitudes and in the practice of sharing Christ. We request that the short-term missionary be an active member of an

N.A.B. Conference church.

*Physical:* The short-term missionary needs to be in good health, have good health habits, and a stable emotional pattern. He is expected not to practice habits that are detrimental to health.

*Social:* Being flexible and able to adapt to many different people and practices are marks of a short-term missionary. The missionary may be single or married and come as a pair of workers. The short-term missionary needs to agree with mission policy and work within its framework, supporting the efforts of those who have gone before him and those who work with him.

*Intellectual:* The short-term missionary needs the professional skills which the job demands accompanied by the necessary educational degree. For nurses in Cameroon, this means a minimum of a B.S. degree. Teachers in Cameroon do not need teaching qualifications, but they do need a bachelors or masters degree in the subject they will teach. English teachers in Japan need a minimum of an undergraduate degree.

## How Are They Supported?

One requirement for short-term missionaries that is different from those for career missionaries is that short-term missionaries are expected to raise part or all of their support, depending on where they will serve. Funding is different for each field, but it is expected to be an "over and above" contribution when given from the local church or association. Friends and relatives are usually willing to contribute.

As the short-term missionary fulfills his mission, he should expect to grow spiritually, develop mentally, and mature socially. Thus he will be effective in his work and will be able to say with those who have gone before, "I wouldn't have missed it for anything." □



The Rev. Oryn Meinerts is the Interim Associate Director for Promotion and Personnel, Missions Department, North American Baptist Conference.

## maccabee's musings

You can further your education in the strangest places. Recently, I furthered mine while leafing through a book display in a souvenir shop. I expected to find vacation guides, mystery stories, and romantic novels. But the entire rack of books dealt with the allegedly nefarious activities of the Trilateral Commission, and in particular, a complicated criminal conspiracy involving Henry Kissinger, the Rockefeller, and world Communism. It seems that the super rich and the Reds have joined forces, and the books I paged through expounded the evidence for this evil conspiracy and revealed its "Plans to Take over the World." Each book ended in about the same way, with a chapter warning the reader to wake up before it was too late. Also there was an order blank for obtaining more books about this great conspiracy.

I had never realized before that the super rich and the Communists were in it together. I left the souvenir shop a wiser man (what a fool I had been in wasting my time looking for a vacation guide with the world teetering on the edge of . . . something terrible!). This sobering experience got me to thinking about Conspiracy. Remember the general dissatisfaction with the Warren Commission report and all of the theories on the assassination of President Kennedy? Some of those theories were hard to follow, involving as they did such diverse elements as the Mafia, Fidel Castro, and the CIA. But they were very interesting theories—much more interesting than the conclusion of the Warren Commission that Lee Harvey Oswald had acted alone. I suppose that part of the attraction of conspiracy theories lies in their very complexity. If the theory can weave together very diverse and even seemingly opposite elements, it will be all the more interesting. This process could be an amusing game. Select no fewer than three world powers and/or personalities, and invent an explanation of how they are working secretly to achieve some common goal. For example, could it be true that the Ayatollah Khomeini, the CIA, and the Swiss government are conspiring to gain control over world chocolate prices?

Conspiracy theories have a darker side. When taken seriously, they can produce a feeling of powerlessness and fear. If powerful forces much bigger than ourselves are uniting against us, where can we turn? Fear keeps us off balance and makes us desperate. Here is what the Word of God says: "You are not to say, 'It is a conspiracy!' in regard to all that this people call a conspiracy, and you are not to fear what they fear or be in dread of it. It is the Lord of hosts whom you shall regard as holy, and He shall be your fear, and He shall be your dread" (Isaiah 8:12-13).

I think that most of the conspiracies that we are warned against are imaginary; some may be real. Who can tell? The conspiracy spoken of in Isaiah was real enough—a plot by the kings of Damascus and Samaria against Judah. Whether the conspiracy is real or imaginary is immaterial; the real Christian fears nothing and no one but the Lord God. □

In "Maccabee's Musings," the author speaks to issues of his or her own choosing. The author is not an employee of the North American Baptist International Office or of any of the three North American Baptist schools. The author is a member of a North American Baptist Church.

## new day

### The Need for Followup

I would like to share with you a story—a story that may have happened in your lifetime—a story of salvation. . .

The concert was over and had gone very well but, none of us knew for certain if any hearts had been touched. . .

She stood by herself, not knowing how or whom to approach—not a newcomer to the church, she was still uncertain as to many aspects of conduct. He noticed her uneasiness and greeted her cheerfully in passing. The young girl wanted to reach out in some way tangible yet held back. As if sensing her need, he turned. They talked.

As a gradual friendship began, the topic of conversation turned to one of Christianity. Months of worry and fear surfaced as she felt the joy of sharing with someone who really cared. She knew what needed to be done in order to get her life straightened out but felt a constant uneasiness about her past and how God could actually accept and love her the way she was. There was a spiritual battle going on in her life—the knowledge of having to give everything over to God was there; yet a struggle for that solid commitment prevailed.

Being reminded of the acceptance and forgiveness that God grants us "in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us"—all of us, was what she needed to hear. That night the angels rejoiced with "New Day" at the salvation of this young girl who dedicated her life to the service of Jesus Christ.

And she writes: "Now as a child of God's, I will bloom for all the world to see."



The importance of this article is to make known that there is need for followup on the various decisions made throughout the year. We, as a team, leave after being in a church for five days at a time. We cannot be there except in letters of encouragement and prayer, so we need you, as the people of the N.A.B. Conference, to take seriously your part in our ministry in prayer support and to be the living testimonies in word and deed that these young Christians will learn and grow from in their new walk with the Lord. —Susan Zenky □

## East European Diary

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

Last summer, my husband and I traveled with a group of Baptists from North America to several Eastern European countries—Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Poland, and East Germany. These are notes from a diary I kept.

**DAY 1:** Visited the old town section of Budapest. What a delight to stand on a hill overlooking the Danube River and the parliament buildings of Hungary, to see cathedrals, castles, and cobblestone streets! The highlight of the day—dinner with a Hungarian Baptist pastor and his wife; faithful, enthusiastic Christians who spoke with joy of the government's request that the churches help them with the rehabilitation of drug addicts because the government programs don't seem to do quite enough.

**DAY 2:** A longer tour of Budapest, lunch with our Baptist friends, then an afternoon bus trip into Czechoslovakia with a minimum of fuss at the border (a two-hour wait is a minimum of fuss!). A seemingly much poorer country—beautiful; saw more people riding bikes and driving horse carts; collective farms, men working in the fields with primitive tools, houses smaller and poorer. Looked very picturesque, but we don't have to live and work that way.

In Bratislava, we were not allowed to hold public meetings or to speak in any of the churches. We met with some of the church leaders, enjoyed a meal, exchanged greetings, and experienced warm Baptist fellowship. They have little, but what they had they shared with us . . . how humbling to have them give us some small gifts.

**DAY 3:** A Sunday morning; we

worshipped in Bratislava. The service began with a half-hour of prayer, with members of the congregation participating. The choir was large, strong, and stirring; Christians singing with praise and adoration.

Our tour guide, provided by the government, pointed out the government buildings, the monuments to the Soviet "freedom fighters" and liberators, the sports complexes and parade grounds.

We made an afternoon stop in Brno, a large city, where we visited with some of the Baptists there, heard a magnificent bass soloist, and shared testimonies as well as coffee cake and tortes! The pastor told us, "It is when you as fellow Christians and fellow Baptists come, and we see your love and feel what we have in common, that we know Jesus Christ lives!" That statement alone made our trip worthwhile!

**DAY 4:** Prague . . . one of the beautiful cities of Europe . . . almost untouched by the recent wars. We were amazed at the beauty of castles, cathedrals, buildings centuries old, but still used as apartments because of housing shortages. We visited the church where Jon Hus once preached.

Our visit, that evening, with the leaders of the Baptist church gave us more opportunity to hear about the church in that country. They shared quite freely (at least until our guide caught up with us); it was encouraging to hear that at this particular time, Bibles are available, which can be printed right in Czechoslovakia. But for those who profess the Christian faith, there is still subtle pressure. They don't get job promotions; they don't get accepted into university; in some communities their children are not even admitted to the local secondary schools. One pastor told us that many people attend church, but don't join, for those very reasons. It's hard for me to identify with the depth of commitment required in those who openly profess to be Christian.

**DAY 5:** Raining again, but a

quick visit to a Baptist church in a small village near the Czech-Polish border. Assisted by funds from the Baptist World Alliance, the Baptists there have built a church in only seven years. All of the work was done by the church members, in time not occupied by their regular jobs. One man, a carpenter, put in 12,000 hours in those seven years to provide a beautiful sanctuary, benches, pulpit furniture, a baptistry—all in wood, all done after he had finished his own job for each day. This small church has a ministry to Vietnamese refugees in the area, sends Bibles into Poland and Russia, and is encouraged because of a new interest in religion among teens in their area.

On to the Polish border, and another two-hour wait; again, no difficulties.

**DAY 6:** We toured Wrocklaw, and saw an "old" Baptist church. The congregation is growing out of the building. We saw the land where a new church will be built, with help from the Baptist World Alliance. Residence facilities for retired pastors, a church school wing which can be used for teaching English during the week, a bookstore, and a drug rehabilitation center are planned with the sanctuary. The aim is to make the building functional seven days a week, and to use each part of it for ministry to the community and as a testimony to the entire city. Again, the people of the church will need to do all the work; so it will take many years for the church to rise on that land.

By supper time that day, we were in Krakow. We had dinner with a woman who is the treasurer of the Baptist church. She is in her fifties and works full-time as a bookkeeper. She lives with her husband, who is retired and on a disability pension, her son and his wife and child, and both of her parents, who are ill and need quite a bit of care . . . in a two-bedroom apartment.

**DAY 7:** Auschwitz. The road there took us through the rural area of Poland, and again, what

seemed picturesque to us was simply an indication of the poverty in the country. Although food is at least adequate, tools and machinery are old or hard to get, so there is still much manual labor.

It is difficult to talk about Auschwitz. It is a museum now, surprisingly neat and clean, but the atmosphere still remains, as do the ovens and the barbed-wire fences, the punishment cells and the execution grounds.

By late afternoon, to Warsaw, and a moving experience as we visited the Baptist Center and Baptist church there. We had supper again, with the leaders of the Polish Baptists as well as with men who had been involved with the church for many years, and who had seen and lived through wars and persecutions and were now seeing a renewed response to the Gospel, not only among non-Christians, but among Catholic youth as well. After the war, there were only 14 Baptists left in Warsaw; now there are 245 people in the church there, committed to maintaining the church and seeing it grow through witness for Jesus Christ.

**DAY 8:** Toured Warsaw which, in its center, had been 98 percent destroyed during World War II. Much of what was rebuilt was built to resemble the old parts of the city so that future generations will remember the history and heritage of Poland.

The following day, we traveled from Warsaw to East Berlin, then crossed the Wall to West Berlin.

Here are some lasting impressions:

1) The Baptists of these countries, while not at this period in history suffering physical persecution, must be totally committed to their faith because of the implications for their own and for their children's lives. Yet they speak of their faith and of their church with optimism, with joy, and with a sense of devotion which is humbling and challenging to a Western Christian.

2) The women in these churches don't have a great deal of time and

## . . . for the Potter's use . . .

by Iona Quiring, WMF president, Rogers, MN

"Love is a many splendored thing."

"I love you for sentimental reasons."

"It's love that makes the world go 'round."

"Nothin' says lovin' like somethin' from the oven."

"I love mankind; it's people I can't stand!"

"Love, love, love, love. Everybody's talking about love, not living it."

Love is the subject of countless songs, commercials, sermons, and stories. Sometimes it is accurately presented; sometimes it is not.

The Bible has a lot to say about love. Love God. Love one another. Love your neighbor. Love the stranger. Love your wife. Love your husband. Love the children of God. Love those who guide and instruct you in the Christian life. Love your enemies. Those are direct commands, and they are quite clear. But God knows that we learn best by example, so he loved us first to show us how.

There are people who are living God's love in their situations. I know some, and I have learned from their examples. I watched my dad take care of my mom for years with unfailing patience and gentleness, even when her illness

caused her to be difficult for awhile. Later as she became helpless and unresponsive, not even knowing him, he kept on loving her, letting us know that he considered it a privilege to care for her.

There are congregations who show love in very practical ways to pastors and their families who are experiencing prolonged illness. They do provide meals, clean the house, and help with therapy sessions.

A Sunday school teacher of young marrieds makes a special gift for each new baby born to the couples in her class. She takes a real interest in her students, and they know that she loves them.

There is a mission in Minneapolis run by two incredible women. The founder, still active every day, must be almost eighty. The group gives food, clothing, and temporary shelter to children, unwed mothers, refugees, and lonely, elderly people, besides holding gospel services, teaching Bible school, and sending kids to camp. The love those women have for their "family" spills all over the Franklin Avenue area.

Love, love, love, love. Somebody ought to live love.

. . . Lord, use me . . . to love.

energy to spend in worrying about their "rights" or whether they are getting what is due them. They, along with their husbands and others in the church, contribute and do what they can, when they can, to enable the work of Christ to continue in these countries.

4) We can also help in concrete ways, through agencies such as the Baptist World Alliance, to provide materials, Bibles, and, above all, encouragement. We are able to read frequently and easily of what is going on throughout our world. These East European Baptists are physically and spiritually isolated from their Christian brothers.

3) It may be that we don't really understand how important it is for us to be aware of their difficulties and of the need for us to be in prayer for these fellow Baptists halfway across the world. The fear and tension and pressure of daily

living is so much more intense; we need to be praying for them now, not just when a problem becomes serious enough to make the news in our own countries.

4) We can also help in concrete ways, through agencies such as the Baptist World Alliance, to provide materials, Bibles, and, above all, encouragement. We are able to read frequently and easily of what is going on throughout our world. These East European Baptists are physically and spiritually isolated from their Christian brothers.

(All reports received by December 19, the deadline for the March issue, appear in this issue of the Baptist Herald. Please limit reports to 50-100 words, so news from more churches can be featured.)

## Church Growth

**CAMROSE, AB.** Six new members were welcomed into the fellowship of Century Meadows Baptist Church on December 2, 1984. Pastor Larry Froese also baptized two people, bringing total baptisms this year to twenty-four. (Ruth Muzika, reporter.)

**CORN, OK.** Calvary Baptist Church rejoices in the gain of five adult members.

Fifty-five mothers and daughters enjoyed a WMF pizza party.

The Oklahoma Fellowship met at the Church, October 26-27.

Luci and Bill Lengefeld, missionaries from Japan, led an inspiring service.

Mr. Stanley Lamb presented a musical program for the annual Thanksgiving dinner. The annual mission offering exceeded \$8,000. (Vernice Voigt, reporter.)

**EBENEZER, SK.** The Rev. Stephen Patrick baptized his daughter and one adult in November 1984. They and two ladies were received into the fellowship of Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Betty Mantay, missionary to Cameroon, spoke and presented slides on December 9, 1984.

The Women's Missionary Fellowship presented a program, "Missions in Our Church, 1984."

Venture Teams International, with former members Sheldon and Karen Patzer, presented a special program. The Patzers left for the Philippines December 7. (Mrs. Martha Dreger, reporter.)

**ELGIN, IA.** At the close of the morning service at First Baptist Church on August 12, 1984, Pastor Norm Miller baptized four people. Another person was received into the Church. (Mrs. Leon Jacob, reporter.)

**KILLALOE, ON.** Two teenagers and one adult were baptized in an outdoor service this summer, and at a later

communion service, two were received into membership at Calvary Church and one into First Baptist. The Rev. James Zurbriggen serves both churches. (Kathryn Kuehl, reporter.)

**EMERY, SD.** At a special Sunday evening service, relatives and friends



of the First Baptist Church shared in the joy as nine persons were baptized. Five more joined the Church by testimony and letter. (Vera Roskens, reporter.)

**MEDICINE HAT, AB.** Ten new members were welcomed into Temple Baptist Church, December 2, 1984, at the communion service. One couple came by transfer, two couples upon Christian experience, and four were baptized at the beginning of the service. The Reverends Loren Weber and Wilfred Weick are pastors of the Church. (Madeline Kern, reporter.)

**MORRIS, MB.** Four persons were baptized and received into the membership of Emmanuel Baptist Church. (Ruth Zilkie, reporter.)

**PARKERSBURG, IA.** Ten new members were welcomed into the fellowship of Calvary Baptist Church on December 2, 1984.



Four were received on profession of faith and six through baptism. Pictured are Pastor Howard Anderson and the baptismal candidates.

**VANCOUVER, BC.** Seven people were baptized at Immanuel Baptist Church on Thanksgiving. Of the seven, only one came from a Christian family. The remaining six were won from the community and are of varied cultural backgrounds, among them two young sisters of Malaysian heritage. The baptism was highlighted

by a family of three who together joined Pastor W. Kroguletz in the baptism. (Joerg Wagner, church clerk.)

**TABER, AB.** Recently, Community Baptist and Westview Baptist, Lethbridge, celebrated a joint baptismal service at their mother church,



Park Meadows Baptist. Three persons were baptized, and the following Sunday five people joined Community Baptist. "Those involved in the fellowship of Community Baptist praise God for the work he is doing through us and for the faith and commitment of our N.A.B. Conference as it begins and supports new churches like ours," says Dennis Leisch, pastor.

**RAYMORE, SK.** Five new members were recently added to the fellowship



of Raymore Baptist Church. Four were baptized by the Rev. Don Harder, pastor, (pictured at left), and one became a member by letter of transfer. (Elizabeth Orthner, reporter.)

## Mission Conferences

**EDMONTON, AB.** Twenty-two churches participated in the annual Northern Alberta Missionary Conference, October 22-28, 1984. The theme was "Use Me, Lord." Ron Salzman, interim director of missions, N.A.B. Conference, and nine present and former N.A.B. missionaries participated: Kathy Kroll, Debbie Auch

## Special Events

**LACROSSE, WI.** The Dalzells of Jamestown, ND, provided a program of instrumental music, song, and evangelistic messages during a three-day crusade at Bible Baptist Church.



There were six decisions for Christ, and several rededicated their lives for Christ. The Rev. William H. Heisler, pastor, prepared the congregation for the crusade with cottage prayer meetings. (La Verne Samb, reporter.)

**REGINA, SK.** Six children were dedicated to the Lord by their parents at Faith Baptist Church. Pastor Richard Quiring was in charge of the service. (Vera Rosom, reporter.)

**BETHLEHEM, PA.** Ben Markley, baritone, presented a concert of sacred music at Calvary Baptist Church on October 17.

**STARTUP, WA.** Startup Baptist Church purchased two acres of land two and one half years ago for the purpose of building a new church facility. Since then, a Planning Committee has been working on the building needs. An architect has drawn up the preliminary plans for Phase I.

To finance the new building, members embarked on an Income Expansion Campaign in the fall of 1984. After a ten-week campaign of informing members and friends of the need, a faith-commitment drive was launched at a kick-off banquet. The victory goal of \$50,000 in commitments over the next three years has been exceeded. The local committee, chaired by Doug and Donna Freeman, was assisted by Don Sanders of Income Expansion Ministries, Burnsville, MN.

Several years ago the Church began a band, "The Joyful Sound." The 17-member instrumental group has been invited to play at the 41st Triennial Conference at Anaheim, CA, in July. The Rev. William W. Neuman is pastor.

**BANFF, AB.** More than 300 ladies attended the Alberta Women's Association's 28th annual retreat May

3-5, 1984, at Banff Springs Hotel, Banff National Park, under the direction of Helene Rust, president, and the executive committee. Guest speaker Mrs. Heidi Dahl, Abbotsford, BC,



addressed the theme, "For Everything There Is a Season." The Rev. and Mrs. Reimer Claussen, missionaries to Japan, reported.

Mrs. Laura Bergstresser, Morris, MB, (pictured) provided music supplemented by a Leduc/Wetaskiwin area choir and Ruth Weiss and Anita



Jones, violin/piano duet. Sisters, Mrs. Elsie Kerber, Calgary, and Mrs. Ruth Weiss, Airdrie, led the singspiration.

Violet Hildenbrandt, Calgary, displayed White Cross items, and Mrs. Dorothy Schmidt, Leduc, presented a German Workshop, "Tips for Your (Spiritual) Garden."

Officers planning the 1985 retreat are Freda Kanwischer, Calgary, president; Barb Sonnenberg, Edmonton, vice president; Linda Farr, Calgary, secretary; Dottie Paetzel, Edmonton, treasurer; and Violet Hildenbrandt, Calgary, White Cross chairman. (Mrs. Clara Milbrandt, reporter.)

**BETHLEHEM, PA.** Pat Hoffman presented a Christmas concert December 16, 1984, at Calvary Baptist Church. Songs



ranged from traditional to mild contemporary. Her husband Pastor Dennis Hoffman, associate pastor, brought a devotional message. (Bill Robinson, reporter.)

**BROOKFIELD, WI.** On November 11, 1984, Ridgewood Baptist Church installed David L. Masterson as its English pastor. Senior pastor, Erwin Babbel, presided. Special music was presented by a duet, mixed choir, ladies' guitar choir, and male chorus. Dr. John Binder, executive director, N.A.B. Conference, gave a challenging message to both new pastor and congregation. Representatives of the church and pastors from other N.A.B. Wisconsin churches brought greetings.

The Rev. Babel led the 'Commitment of the Minister and the Congregation.' The Rev. Jerry Worsham, Racine, WI, moderator, Wisconsin Association, offered the installation prayer. (Louise L. Erbach, reporter.)

**BURTON, TX.** Greenvine Women's Missionary Fellowship celebrated its 60th anniversary in November 1984 with a church-wide banquet and program led by Bobbie Schulte, president.



Organized in 1924 under Mrs. F. Mindrup, projects have ranged from prayer and financial support of missions, local help to the needy, and care of the church, grounds, and parsonage to White Cross work, packing Kilo Boxes, and clothes drives for home mission churches in the Rio Grande Valley. Minutes from midforties meetings note the butchering of hogs and canning of meat for needy families in post-war Germany. Current work includes the prayer chain, Christmas gifts for shut-ins, and Christmas greetings for overseas missionaries. (Mary Ricks Zorn, reporter.)

**HEBRON, ND.** First Baptist Church had its semi-annual music request night with solos, trios, duets, quartets, men's choir, the church choir and talent from other churches.

Jim De Boer, pastor, Hillside Baptist Church, Dickinson, presented a program of musical selections in a joint musical program of the two churches at another service.

Pastor David Ewing, Century Baptist Church, Bismarck, was guest evangelist during special meetings. The Rev. Herb Schauer is pastor.

**TACOMA, WA.** The Women's Missionary Fellowship of Calvary Baptist Church invited the ladies of Olympic View, Portland Avenue and Timberline Baptist Churches to join them at their salad luncheon. The special missionary interest was a presentation by Mitzi Neumann, dressed as a Japanese lady. An offering was taken for the Women's Capital Fund project in the Cameroon. Speaker was Mrs. Kathy Rapske, wife of N.A.B. Military Chaplain David Rapske.

**JAMESTOWN, ND.** A farewell and appreciation service was held October 14, 1984, for the Rev. and Mrs. Jim Dick and sons. Music, readings, puppets, and a skit were presented along with a love offering for the Dicks. The Rev. Dick is now Chaplain and Professor at Jamestown College.

Interim pastor, the Rev. Arlo Grenz, served until January 1, 1985, when the Rev. and Mrs. Ray Hoffman came to serve full-time.



Dr. Laura Reddig, guest speaker at the Harvest/Missionfest November 4, showed slides and spoke of her work in Cameroon. (Leona Meisch, reporter.)

**HEBRON, ND.** The ladies of First Baptist Church, meeting at individual homes every Tuesday morning for Bible study and prayer, have completed a Bible study on Mark and now are studying the book of Acts. Women volunteer their homes for the group meetings and to lead the Bible Study.



"Ladies from other churches join us, which makes the love and fellowship more real. We encourage other churches to organize Bible study groups. We can relate many answered prayers," says Delores Kitzen, reporter.

**SPRINGSIDE, SK.** Springside Baptist Church was packed to overflowing for a special service recognizing the ministry of the Rev. and Mrs. Philip Grabke, now retiring in Hope, BC. Mr. Martin Arndt, moderator of the Saskatchewan Baptist Association presided.

Rev. Grabke pioneered new churches in Rivercrest, MB; Hudson Bay Park Baptist Church, Saskatoon; and founded Brooks Baptist Church in Alberta. In 1951 he became the first missionary of the North American Baptist Conference among the Saskatchewan Indians. He pioneered work on the Muscowpetung Indian Reserva-

tion and Gordon and Piapot Reserves.

The special music was presented by the Covenant Singers, North American Baptist College, and a string quartet consisting of Sheldon Grabke of Calgary, Glenda Grabke of Regina, and Reuben Ziolkowski of Springside.

In a testimonial, the Rev. Ed Schellenberg, now serving Calvary Baptist in Regina, recalled how he and his wife, then self-confessed dropouts, were shown love and were given purpose and direction in their lives. Others who expressed appreciation to the Grabkes and who are now in the ministry are the Rev. Bruce Merrifield, Costa Mesa, CA, and five persons from the Indian Reserve who are now in full-time service.

Layman from Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Oregon brought testimonials.

An album covering their 35 years in the ministry was presented by Reuben Ziolkowski.

The main speaker was the Rev. Ron Rosebluff, former chief of the Muscowpetung Indian Reserve. He stated, "To the Indian Reserve people, Rev. Grabke stands as a modern Moses who came at a time most needed to lead his people out of spiritual and physical bondage. One thing that is still said by the Indians of the Muscowpetung, Gordon and Piapot Reserves is that the Grabkes really loved us and unselfishly gave of themselves far beyond the call of duty."

Dr. Ralph Powell, Sioux Falls, SD, invited the youth to dedicate their lives to Christ and sacrifice to the benefit of others (Arlyce Thompson, reporter.)



**TACOMA, WA.** Calvary Baptist Church welcomed Greg and Maria Evans back from their short-term missionary service in Japan. They participated in a Sunday service, speaking and showing slides. "We are excited to see how the Lord has used them and caused much growth in their lives during their short term in Japan. Their presentations are filled with a joy and a zeal in serving the Lord," says Sibyl Liebelt, reporter.

**LIVINGSTON, TX.** The 15th Annual Southern Association WMF Retreat was held October 12-13, 1984, at Camp Cho Yeh with the theme "Be Ready," Luke 12:40 and Matthew 24:44.

Guest missionary speaker, Luci Lengefeld, shared about the work in Japan. At a "Japanese Market," hand-crafts and baked and canned items were sold. An offering and the proceeds from the market were given to Southern Association and N.A.B. Conference missions.

Three ladies attending the retreat had not missed a retreat since its beginning in 1970. (Lendal Lippert, reporter.)

**KESWICK, NJ.** One hundred nineteen ladies attended the 21st annual retreat of the Atlantic Association Women's Missionary Fellowship on November 2-3, 1984, at America's Keswick, Whiting, NJ. Guest speaker, Mrs. Pat Cawood, shared practical principles from the Word of God and spoke candidly from her own experiences on the theme "The love of God" (1 John 4:7), showing love through commitment, actions and concern for ourselves and others. The beautiful conference grounds made each one mindful of God's abundant bounty and beauty. The missionary offering was \$329. (Lynda L. Kosik, reporter.)

**SPRINGSIDE, SK.** Ida Tillman, charter member, Springside Baptist Church, SK, recently celebrated her 88th birthday at a special supper. She was also a charter member of the Women's Missionary Fellowship of her church and still attends meetings as often as her health permits. Her three children and their families also belong to the Springside Baptist Church. (Arlyce Thompson, reporter.)



**MEDICINE HAT, AB.** Pre-Christmas activities at Temple Baptist Church included youth, young adult, and WMF banquets; a children's Sunday school program which included "Kids Praise"; the choir cantata, "The

Glory of Christmas"; and the Pioneer Girls/Pals/Mothers Christmas program. These have stressed the preparation of heart and life for the Christmas message. (Madeline Kern, reporter.)

**MORRIS, MB.** A fellowship hall, Sunday school rooms, a kitchen, pastor's study and library were added on to the existing sanctuary of Emmanuel Baptist Church.

The Pioneer Girls and Boys Brigade activities have begun.

A week of special services with the Rev. Bill McLeod as speaker was held in October.

Members and friends attended a fellowship supper bringing musical numbers. (Ruth Zilke, reporter.)

**FESSENDEN, ND.** A birthday celebration with special music was held for Elsie Keiper, mother of missionary Barbara Keiper.

Terry Stoltenow and the Rev. Ralph Cooke spoke during Missions Week.

Campus Crusade meetings were held with the Walter Hoffmans singing and speaking. (Regina Pepple, reporter.)

**KILLALOE, ON.** "The 'New Day' musical team's messages in song and word were a challenge to all," says Kathryn Kuehl, reporter, for Calvary and First Baptist Churches.

Mr. George Kranz was recently appointed an honorary deacon in recognition of his many years of service in that office.

The Rev. James Zurbruggen is pastor.

## Church Dedication and Anniversary

**NEW LEIPZIG, ND.** New Leipzig Baptist Church will celebrate its 75th anniversary July 6 and 7, 1985. A pageant depicting the Church history will be presented, and former pastors will participate in the services. All are welcome to share with us in these special days of praise and gratitude to God.

**WOODSIDE, NY.** Immanuel Baptist Church celebrated its 90th anniversary, October 20-21, 1984. Dr. Connie Salios, N.A.B. development director, spoke at the banquet and Sunday afternoon anniversary celebration. The Rev. Wilmer Quiring spoke at the worship service. The church choir, a ladies quintet and Miss Barbara Lake, soloist, brought special music.

The church has had a total of sixteen pastors to date. Recent pastors were the Reverends John Grygo, the late Assaf Husman, Herbert Hiller, H. Peter Ristau, John Reimer, and Ulrich Laser. Dr. Heinz Rossol is the present pastor.

Immanuel church was founded as a mission church of First German Baptist Church in Manhattan to minister and reach the growing German population of New York. In 1905 the Church relocated to 75th Street and ministered there for nearly fifty years. In 1942 its ministry expanded to include an English Sunday evening service. On October 7, 1962, a new church was built and dedicated in Queens, its present location.

In this new community, more emphasis was placed on the English language, and regular German services were discontinued in 1980. Today, Immanuel ministers to people of various ethnic backgrounds, and offers German, English, and Spanish Bible classes in Sunday school. (Bertha Janzen, reporter.)



**MEDINA, ND.** Psalm 100:5 was the 75th anniversary theme for First Baptist Church as it celebrated 75 years of service on October 7, 1984. The Rev. Gordon Voegelé, a former pastor, was guest speaker. Former members and friends were present to celebrate this memorable occasion. The Rev. Charles Littman, area minister, and Lyle Spicer, former pastor, gave words of greetings. Wilbert Staiger, deacon, read letters of greeting. Special music was provided by church members. Pat Colley is pastor. (June Fischer, reporter.)

## Ordinations

**DRUMHELLER, AB.** An Ordination Council met October 27, 1984, at Zion Baptist Church and recommended that Allen Ray Unger be ordained into the Gospel Ministry.

The Ordination Service was held November 4, 1984, at Zion Baptist Church. Participants were Dr. Ben Harder, president, Foothills Christian College, sermon; the Rev. Ritchie White, East Olds Baptist Church, Olds, prayer; the Rev. Douglas Bittle, Sunrise Baptist Church, Red Deer, charge to the church; the Rev. Merle Hoots, Parkdale Baptist Church, Drumheller, charge to the candidate; the Rev. Isador Faszler, area minister, welcome to the Baptist ministry; and the Rev. Allen Unger, benediction. (Ida Ziegler, reporter.)

## Youth

**CHICAGO, IL.** "The Renewed Image" high school youth of Foster Avenue Baptist Church sponsored a "Breakaway '84" rally, inviting high school youth from area churches and schools to join in a day of fun, food, and special music. A young lady brought six girls with her that day. She has committed her life to the Lord, has been baptized, and is living for Christ.

From that beginning, the young people are planning for their second adventure—"Breakaway '85" on May 18. "We are planning and preparing to reach many high schoolers for Christ across Chicago-land," reports the committee, Martha Messner, the Rev. Michael Campbell, and Lee Heinrich.

## Wedding Anniversaries

*Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Heinle* celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on November 3, 1984, with a program and open house for relatives and friends hosted by their daughter. They are members of First Baptist Church of Hebron, ND.

*Edwin and Gracie Bohn* celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in November 1984, at Ebenezer Baptist Church, Ebenezer, SK. The congrega-

tion presented them with a plaque.

*Arthur and Elsie Edel* (pictured) of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Morris, MB, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on February 2, 1984, with family and on June 17, 1984, with an open house for family and friends.



Many relatives and friends joined *Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Siewert* at their



60th wedding anniversary on August 18, 1984, at First Baptist Church, Minitonas, MB, during a banquet supper and program. The Siewerts are charter members of this church where they are faithful workers.

*Jack and Ella Enslin*, charter members, Temple Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, AB, celebrated their 50th anniversary on November 25, 1984, with family and friends. Married in 1934 in Hilda Baptist Church, the Enslens have a son Robert, Medicine Hat, and a daughter Jane Wood, Durban, South Africa, who were present for the occasion, as well as eight grandchildren. (Madeline Kern, reporter.)

*Mr. and Mrs. William Mattis* celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 1, 1984, with family and friends. They are members of New Leipzig Baptist Church.



*Mr. and Mrs. William Wigmore* celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in July, and *Mr. and Mrs. Gerhardt Falkowsky* celebrated their 50th anniversary on November 3, 1984. On November 17, the Seniors of

Faith Baptist Church, Regina, SK, honored these two couples with a dinner. (Vera Rosom, reporter.)

*Mr. and Mrs. Waldemar Rempel*, (pictured), Kelowna, BC, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 17, 1984, at a dinner hosted by their children and relatives and at an



open house. They are members of Lakeview Heights Baptist Church in Kelowna. (Dorothy G. Fritzke, reporter.)

*Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Nikkel* celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 26, 1984. Hosting a reception in their honor was their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Warkentin and their two children. Mr. and Mrs. Nikkel are active members of Calvary Baptist Church of Corn, OK.



## Association Meetings

**SHEBOYGAN, WI.** One hundred three delegates attended the Fifteenth Annual Association Meeting of the Wisconsin Association held at Bethel Baptist Church, Oct. 19-20, 1984, with the Rev. Jerry Worsham, Racine, as moderator. The theme for the association was "We Belong to Each Other." The Bethany Quartet from Sheboygan, the Rev. Ben Hulsing, Sioux Falls, SD, and Pastor Steve Petry, host pastor, provided special music. Guest speakers were Dr. Roy Seibel, Upper Midwest area minister, and Missionaries Oryn and Pat Meinerts who spoke at the Women's and Men's Fellowship and at the missionary banquet.

Pastor Dave Rushton reported on Community Baptist in Sun Prairie, a church extension project. Activities at Central Baptist Camp in Lansing, IA, were related by Camp Board members. The total budget for the coming year will be \$26,000.

**EVALENE COUCH**, Oklahoma City, OK; born Sept 9, 1942, to Floyd and Esther Fink Roberts, Oklahoma City, OK; died Oct. 17, 1984; married Willard Couch, 1961; member, Sunday school teacher, Scripture Memory leader, Women's Missionary Fellowship officer; Calvary Baptist Church, Corn, OK; survived by husband Willard, Corn, OK; one daughter, Renee, Corn, OK; mother Esther Roberts; one brother, Alton Roberts; and one sister, Janice Maynard; predeceased by her father and one brother; Rev. Edwin Voigt and Rev. Calvin Fadenrecht, pastors, funeral service.

**MRS. OLGA DICKAU** (83), Kelowna, BC; born Aug. 23, 1901, to Gottlieb and Pauline Miller, in Russia; died Nov. 28, 1984; immigrated to Leduc, AB, area; married Paul Dickau, July 19, 1919, who predeceased her, June 1976; member, First Baptist Church, Kelowna, BC; survived by five daughters: Mrs. Irene Schaffer, Kelowna, BC; Mrs. Alice Meyer, Calgary, AB; Mrs. Ivy (Herb) Fritzke, Yorkton, SK; Mrs. Annis (Sam) Teske, Calgary, AB; and Mrs. Roma (Alex) Ortlieb, Orange, CA; 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; Rev. Richard Hohensee, pastor, funeral service.

**MRS. BERTHA (BRAUN) HAAS** (88), Mandan, ND; born Aug. 19, 1896, Romania; died Sept. 21, 1984; married Theodore Haas, Jan. 16, 1921; charter member, Turtle Lake (ND) Baptist Church; survived by son Vergil, Turtle Lake, ND, and daughter, Edith Mae (Mrs. Richard Broschat), Williston, ND; Rev. Dennis Goodin, pastor, funeral service.

**CLARA HEER** (72), born Dec. 27, 1912, Poland; died Nov. 6, 1984, Rochester NY; married Rev. John Heer, predeceased her, 1983; pastor's wife, N.A.B. churches: Hunter, KS, Cormac, ON, Shattuck, OK, Ingersoll, OK, and Lehr, ND; survived by 2 sons, John and Harvey Heer, wives and children; 3 brothers: Arthur, Arnold and Walter Kannwischer; one sister, Erna Sturhahn.

**EDWARD MEISTER** (72), Chicago, IL; born Dec. 25, 1911, to Max and Helen Meister; died April 3, 1984; member, trustee, deacon, moderator, Foster Ave. Baptist Church, Chicago, IL; various capacities, N.A.B. Conference; superintendent, Central Baptist Home, Norridge, IL; survived by wife Elizabeth, Chicago, IL; one son, Rev. Paul Meister, West Boca

Raton, FL; one daughter, Elizabeth Goding, Denver, CO; 4 grandchildren; 3 brothers: Kurt, Gustav, and Max; Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Dr. Richard Schilke, and Rev. Eldon G. Schroeder, pastors, memorial service.

**RUDOLPH J. MOOS** (86), Bismarck, ND; born Oct. 28, 1898, to John and Mathilda Schweigert Moos, Oliver County, ND; died Nov. 30, 1984; married Martha Kroh, Nov. 14, 1919; member, Bismarck (ND) Baptist Church; survived by wife Martha; four daughters: Hilda (Mrs. Howard Keeler), and Della (Mrs. John Martz), Bismarck, ND; Lorraine (Mrs. Eugene Buchmann), Beulah, ND; and Marlene (Mrs. Eugene Graubau), Cerritos, CA; two sons: Raymond, Sterling, ND; and Elmer, Beulah, ND; 5 sisters; 2 brothers; 26 grandchildren; 59 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild; Rev. M.D. Wolff, pastor, funeral service.

**MRS. MURIEL MURRAY** (62), nee King, Camrose, AB; born Jan. 26, 1922; died Nov. 9, 1984; married Don Murray, Sept. 25, 1942; member, Century Meadows Baptist Church, Camrose, AB; survived by husband Don; one son, Philip; and three daughters, Dianna Trithart, Lynn Roth, and Carol Schmidt; Rev. Larry Froese, pastor, funeral service.

**GUSTAV RINAS** (95), Chilliwack, BC; born Feb. 28, 1889, Waliniin, Russia; died Nov. 28, 1984; immigrated to U.S.A. to Goodrich, ND, and Portland, OR, and to Canada to Edmonton, AB; in 1946 to Chilliwack, BC; married Martha, Dec. 26, 1912; member, Sunday school superintendent, deacon, choir member, Evergreen Baptist Church, Chilliwack, BC; survived by wife Martha, Chilliwack, BC; three daughters: Agnes Rinas and Mrs. Mabel Neher, Chilliwack, BC; and Mrs. Beatrice McIntosh, Hilo, Hawaii; one sister, Mrs. Agusta Somscher; 9 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

**MILTON SCHEFFLER** (70), Madison, NE; born Jan. 4, 1914, Creston, NE, to Ferdinand and Anna Paul Scheffler; died Oct. 5, 1984; married Henrietta Husmann, Sept. 20, 1940; member, church treasurer, Creston (NE) Baptist Church; survived by wife Anna; 4 daughters: Linda (Mrs. Joe Odermatt), Kansas City, MO; Carol (Mrs. Ed Rawlings), Grand Island, NE; Christine (Mrs. Ron Kratochvil), Creston, NE; Sandra, Madison, NE; and one son, Terry, Madison, NE; 10 grandchildren; 1 sister, Mrs. Esther Horeis; two brothers: Lowell and Quentin; predeceased by parents, 4 brothers and one sister; Rev. D. Lee Grace, pastor, funeral service.

**ELMER SCHULTE** (72), Milbank, SD; born Aug. 6, 1912, to Herman and Dorothea Meyer Schulte, near Creston, NE; died Nov. 21, 1984; married Florence Hoekman, 1939; member, First Baptist Church, Creston, NE, and Corona (SD) Baptist Church; survived by wife Florence; one daughter, Lynn (Mrs. Lee Gooden), Kansas City, KS; four sons: Kenneth and Robert, Milbank, SD; Duane, Longmont, CO; and Gordon, Canton, SD; 9 grandchildren; and one sister, Emma Iblings; Rev. A. Guenther, pastor, funeral service.

**OTTO SEMRAU** (77), Vernon, BC; born, Bessie, OK; died Sept. 24, 1984; member, Faith Baptist Church, Vernon, BC; survived by wife Hulda; one daughter; three grandchildren; four brothers; and one sister; Rev. Henry Schumacher, pastor, funeral service.

**HENRY WILLIAM STAHNKE** (82), born June 6, 1902, St. Paul, MN, to Carl and Marie (Patet) Stahnke; died Oct. 26, 1984; married Alma Reglin, Jan. 24, 1925; member, Dayton's Bluff Baptist (now Redeemer), St. Paul, MN; survived by wife Alma; 3 daughters and one son: Mrs. Eugene (Muriel) Wilhelmi, Mendicino, CA; Mrs. John (Arletta) Conniff, Las Vegas, NV; William, Sausalito, CA; Mrs. James (Clo Ann) Proulx, North St. Paul, MN; 16 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren; Rev. R. Herrmann and Rev. Leo Reck, officiating pastors, funeral service.

**MYRTLE J. WOODRICH** (87), Kankakee, IL; born June 18, 1897, Kankakee, IL, to Emil and Hattie Seedorf; died Nov. 16, 1984; married Edward J. Woodrich, Sept. 6, 1918; member, Sunday school teacher, choir and missionary society member, Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee, IL; predeceased by husband Edward, 1968, and by son Edward; survived by 3 daughters: Evelyn and Ardis Woodrich, Kankakee, IL; and Arlene (Mrs. Paul Hanners), Bradley, IL; one sister, Dr. Evelyn Coope; and three brothers: Harold, Marvin, and Elmer; Dr. Robert F. Penner, pastor, funeral service.

**EMILIE WOLFF** (83), Sechelt, BC; born Oct. 19, 1900, Lodz, Poland, to Johann and Matlda Brodehl; died Aug. 17, 1984; married Arthur Wolff who predeceased her, 1942; immigrated to Canada, 1952; member, Central Baptist, Edmonton, AB, Immanuel Baptist, Vancouver, BC (25 years), and Bethel Baptist, Sechelt, BC; survived by son, Harry (Ruth); grandchildren: Brigitte (Benno) Przybylski and Gordon (Jill) Wolff; 2 great-grandchildren; Rev. Neil Parker, pastor, funeral service.

**Russian Christians Receive Bibles**

NEW YORK, NY. (ABS). The American Bible Society announces that 10,000 Bibles in Russian arrived in Moscow for distribution by the end of 1984. The cost both of production in Stuttgart, West Germany, and of taking them by road to the Russian capital, is being borne mainly by the United Bible Societies, the world partnership of Bible Societies to which the American Bible Society gives major support.



The printers in Stuttgart started up their presses the final week of October. Paper had to be secured from Manchester, England, since there were long delays in Europe in delivery of the special paper needed for Bible printing.

The 10,000 Bibles were transported by a truck from the German Democratic Republic (GDR) to Moscow, where the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists in the USSR, had been given official permission to import them.

The American Bible Society, which was instrumental in forming the global UBS partnership just after World War II, earlier this year distributed the four billionth Scripture since it was founded in 1816 to provide people with the Word of God in their own languages and at the lowest possible cost.

**Japanese Baptists Apologize to Koreans**

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA. The Korean Baptist Convention, which

recently met in Seoul, received a letter from the Baptists of Japan containing a formal apology for "the unbearable sufferings" they had inflicted on Koreans during Japan's 36-year rule.

"The letter was our confession of sin," stated the Rev. Sumio Kaneko, executive secretary of the Japan Baptist Convention. Kaneko reported that Korean Baptists accepted the apology "graciously," interpreting it as "the beginning of genuine fellowship and cooperation between the two countries."

This action by the Japanese Baptists came a few months after the West German Baptists declared their guilt for not speaking out against the Hitler regime and apologized to fellow Baptists in Europe who had been hurt by their lack of action.

**Record Attendance Rises to Challenge of World Missions**

URBANA, IL. Possibly the largest Christian missions conference ever held met Dec. 27-31, 1984, in Urbana, Illinois. More than 18,000 delegates from the U.S.A., Canada, and more than 60 foreign countries streamed into this university town for Inter-Varsity's 14th Student Missions Convention.

John Kyle, director of missions, Inter-Varsity, noted that three-quarters of the world's population "have never had the opportunity to say yes to Jesus Christ."

As the Rev. Billy Graham issued a call to world missions, nearly all delegates in the crowded Assembly Hall rose from their seats to pledge their commitment to take the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all nations. Only minutes before, more than 300 delegates stood to confess Christ as Lord for the first time.

Reaching hidden peoples was a major theme of Urbana '84, and most speakers and seminary leaders were optimistic that all ethnic enclaves could have a self-sustaining Christian community by the year 2000.

**Church Leaders and ABS Plan Greater Distribution of Scriptures**

NEW YORK, NY. (ABS). The Rev. Connie Salios, development director, North American Baptist Conference, was among 450 delegates of the country's Bible Society to discuss means by which a deepening world hunger for the Word of God may be satisfied.

Delegates, who came from 31 denominations and Christian agencies, were presented with an "open challenge" to devise more effective ways of sharing the Word.

Discussions included a forthcoming advance program designed to reach young people all over the world with Scriptures in their own language.

Truly global in scale, the campaign aims to stimulate not only existing programs that bring Scriptures to young people right up to the age when they become adults and even beyond, but also to introduce imaginative new programs.

It was noted that Bible Society support from Christians in the United States amounted to an annual average of 8.87 cents per person for Bible work overseas.

**Baptists Around the World Prepare to Come to Los Angeles**

WASHINGTON, DC. More than 20,000 of the 34 million Baptists from all over the world are expected to attend the 15th Baptist World Congress in Los Angeles, CA, July 2-7, 1985. "Out of Darkness into the Light of Christ" will be the theme of the Congress. Unique fellowship, Bible studies, stimulating messages, discussions and inspiring music have been planned for this world celebration of Baptists, which takes place every five years. Dr. Gerhard Claas, BWA General Secretary, calls the World Congress "a multi-racial, multi-national, and multi-language conference."

The Baptist Home Inc. and The Baptist Apartment Inc. Annual Meeting will be held April 16, 1985, at 10:00 a.m. at the Baptist Home, 1100 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota.

The Rev. William C. Stout resigned as pastor of Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, PA, effective April 7, 1985, to accept a position with a non-N.A.B. church.

Day Spring Baptist Church, Maple Grove, MN, voted to disband effective Feb. 3, 1985.

The Rev. H.J. Waltereit is serving as interim pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Vancouver, BC.

The Rev. Traugott Vogel is serving as interim pastor of Pilgrim Baptist Church, Vancouver, BC.

Bethel Baptist Mission Church, Surrey, BC, disbanded on Dec. 31, 1984.

The Rev. Dan McLoed is serving as interim pastor of Hartland Baptist Church, Prince George, BC.

The Rev. Harry Haas became pastor of First Baptist Church, Chancellor, SD, effective Feb. 15, 1985. He has served as the pastor of Gillette Baptist Church, Gillette, WY, since its founding.

The Rev. Terrence Midkiff became pastor of Central Baptist Church, Waco, TX, on Jan. 15, 1985.

Mr. Anthony Dickerson has accepted the pastorate of Bethany Baptist Church, Hunter, KS, effective April 1, 1985. He is a graduate of North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, SD.

Baptist Mission Church, Chicago, IL, has changed its name to Mayfair Park Baptist Church. The Rev. Michael Pennington is the pastor.

The church extension project in Sarasota, FL, has been named Crossroads Baptist Church. The Rev. Monte Michaelson, pastor, reports that worship services began the first Sunday in February. A Bible study group has been meeting for several months.

The Rev. Kenneth Raphael is the new minister of music at Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, CA, effective Feb. 1, 1985.

The Rev. Willis Carrico became pastor of Eagle Rock Baptist Church, Idaho Falls, ID, effective Jan. 1, 1985, after serving as interim pastor of this church for four months.

Mr. Dean Eisner became pastor of Trochu Baptist Church, Alberta, on Nov. 11, 1984. Dean is a graduate of North American Baptist College, Edmonton, AB.

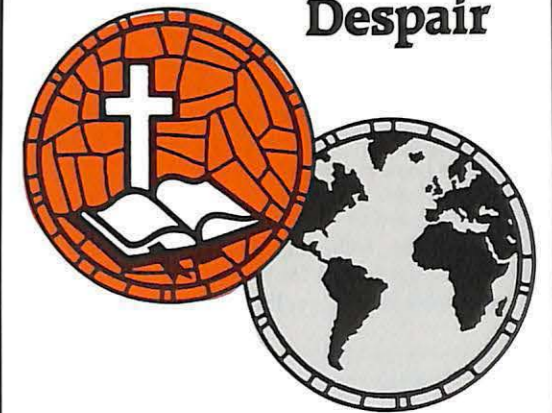
The Rev. Theodore Bretz became pastor of Shroyer Road Baptist Church, Dayton, OH, on Feb. 3, 1985. He previously served as pastor of Calvary Baptist Church (ABC), Omaha, NE.

Mr. David Basaroba is the new pastor of First Baptist Church, Smoky Lake, AB.

Mr. Ronald Orr is the new pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, High Prairie, AB, as of October 1984.

John W. Baker, general counsel and director of research service for the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, and one of the nation's foremost specialists in church-state law, died Jan. 12 at his home of congestive heart failure. He was 64. During his 15 years with the BJC, Baker wrote or filed 21 friend-of-the-court briefs at the U.S. Supreme Court and other federal panels, the latest on Jan. 7 in a challenge to the Reagan administration's decision last year to establish full diplomatic relations with the Vatican. A member of the bar of the U.S. Supreme Court, Baker was known for his ability to bring together attorneys representing churches and other interested parties in causes such as support for equal access legislation.

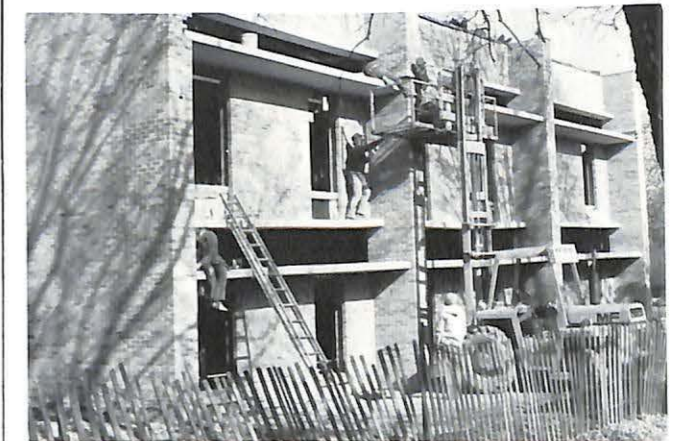
**A People of Hope for a World in Despair**



**41st Triennial Conference Of North American Baptist Churches**

**Anaheim, California July 16-21, 1985**

**Building on Foundations of Faith**



**Exterior of Seminary Library Completed; Work Begins on Interior**

SIOUX FALLS, SD. Workers have completed the installation of the windows and the elevator at the new addition of the Kaiser-Ramaker Library, N.A.B. Seminary, Sioux Falls, SD, according to George W. Lang, library administrator. Sheetrock has been installed in the interior, and painting began in January. Carpet was laid in February so that the new section is essentially completed. This library addition is being made possible through contributions from businesses and individuals of the city of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and monies from the Conference-wide Capital Funds Campaign.

Remodeling of the first unit will begin in May at the end of this school year with completion targeted for July. Dedication of the library is set tentatively for October.

### Have You Considered Short-term Missionary Service?

Featured in this issue of the *Baptist Herald* are short-term missionaries and their vital role in the ministry of the Church in Cameroon and Japan. Not only has short-term missionary service enriched the lives of those who have committed one or two years to ministry overseas but also these people have filled in the gaps when career missionaries were not available or could not be funded.

Urgently needed this year for service beginning in August or September 1985 are science and math teachers for secondary schools in Cameroon; an accountant for the Central Treasury, Kumba, Cameroon; an elementary teacher for Hillcrest School, Jos, Nigeria, and a guidance counselor for Hillcrest School, Jos, Nigeria.

Now requests have also come from Brazil for a couple or two singles to teach English as a Second Language at the Baptist secondary school and the Rio Grande do Sul Baptist Theological Seminary in Porto Alegre, Brazil, beginning in January 1986.

In 1986 and the following years, short-term missionaries will be needed as houseparents for the school for missionary children, Bamenda, Cameroon; as teachers for Conversational English in Japan, and as teachers of secondary school subjects in Cameroon.

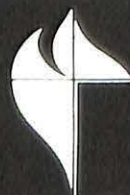
If you think you may be interested in serving as a short-term missionary, contact the Missions Department, North American Baptist Conference,  
1 So. 210 Summit Ave.,  
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181— 1 (312) 495-2000

We're Proud  
of our Alumni



MARLENE GINTER  
Swan River,  
Manitoba  
Short-Term  
Missionary in Japan

Marlene Ginter '73  
is one of the  
Reasons.



**NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST COLLEGE  
AND DIVINITY SCHOOL**  
11525 - 23 Avenue  
Edmonton, Alberta T6J 4T3  
Phone (403) 437-1960

## congratulations

Congratulations to the following churches for joining the Church Family Subscription Plan to the *Baptist Herald*:

*Creston Baptist*, Creston, BC; Rev. Fred Moore, pastor; Mrs. Margaret Johnson, agent.

*Sherwood Park Baptist*, Greeley, CO; Rev. Mike Hodgins, pastor; Mr. Charles Smith, agent.

*Bethany Baptist*, Lethbridge, AB; Rev. Peter Schroeder, pastor.

*Middle Island Baptist*, Middle Island, NY; Rev. Henry Wilk, pastor; Mr. Fred Snell, agent.

*Bethel Baptist*, Missoula, MT; Rev. Hero Ulrichs, pastor.

To these churches for renewing through the Church Family Subscription Plan to the *Baptist Herald*:

*Ebenezer Baptist*, Abilene, KS; Mrs. Reva Lutz, agent.

*First Baptist*, Bison, KS; Rev. William Effa, pastor; Miss Clara Niedenthal, agent.

*Shell Creek Baptist*, Columbus, OH; Rev. Clyde Zimelman, pastor; Mrs. Kathryn Wolfe, agent.

*First Baptist*, Corona, SD; Rev. Anthony Guenther, pastor; Mr. Harold Loof, agent.

*Parkdale Baptist*, Drumheller, AB; Rev. Merle Hoots, pastor; Mr. Arthur Forsch, agent.

*Plum Creek Baptist*, Emery, SD; Rev. Tim Walker, pastor; Mrs. Edwin Jucht, agent.

*Hillcrest Baptist*, Highland Heights, OH; Rev. William McLatchie, pastor; Mrs. Lillian Knowles, agent.

*Bethany Baptist*, Hunter, KS; Mrs. Suzanne Wehrman, agent.

*Temple Baptist*, Jamestown, ND; Rev. Ray Hoffman, pastor; Mrs. Leona Meisch, agent.

*Immanuel Baptist*, Kyle, TX; Rev. Winston Smith, pastor; Mr. Lawrence Schmeltekopf, agent.

*Temple Baptist*, Leduc, AB; Rev. Franz Schmidt, pastor; Mrs. Violet Fleck, agent.

*Westview Baptist*, Lethbridge, AB; Rev. James Erb, pastor; Mr. Raymond Mason, agent.

*First Baptist*, Lorraine, KS; Rev. Dennis Goodin, pastor; Mr. Lee Westerman, agent.

*Martin Baptist*, Martin, ND; Rev. Bill Keple, pastor; Mrs. Royce Bender, agent.

*Napoleon Baptist*, Napoleon, ND; Mr. Dennis Schulz, agent.

*New Leipzig Baptist*, New Leipzig, ND; Rev. Roger Frelander, pastor; Mrs. Elmer Pahl, agent.

West Center Street Baptist Church  
322 West Center Street  
Madison, South Dakota 57042

Invites former members and friends to its

Centennial Observance  
July 5, 6, & 7, 1985

### "CELEBRATION OF LIGHT"

Friends, former pastors and members are invited to attend the

75th ANNIVERSARY (1910-1985)  
of  
CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH  
Yorkton, Saskatchewan

Saturday & Sunday, June 29-30,  
1985

Registrations by June 1, 1985, to:  
Mrs. Arthur Fritzsche  
318 Myrtle Ave.  
Yorkton, Sask., Canada S3N 1R6  
Phone: 1-306-783-4235

### CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

of the  
Redeemer Baptist Church,  
Parma, Ohio  
formerly  
Erin Ave. Baptist Church,  
Cleveland, Ohio

May 26 - June 23, 1985

All interested persons are cordially invited.

Inquiries or greetings, contact  
Centennial Committee  
c/o Tom Harpootlian  
Redeemer Baptist Church  
7440 Broadview Road  
Parma, Ohio 44134  
The Rev. Darrell W. McKay, pastor

50th Anniversary  
of the  
RIDGEMONT BAPTIST  
CHURCH  
of EAST DETROIT  
formerly  
Conner Ave. Baptist Church  
of Detroit

April 20-21, 1985

All former pastors, members, and friends are cordially invited.

Inquiries or Greetings, contact  
Ridgemont Baptist Church  
16435 E. Eight Mile Road  
East Detroit, Michigan 48021  
(313) 772-0420  
Rev. Douglas Timm, pastor.

## baptist world aid

### Typhoons Hit Philippines

Two strong typhoons culminating from about two weeks of heavy rains and strong winds came one after another destroying homes, schools, churches, hospitals, businesses, farms, and plantations as well as killing people and farm animals in August and September 1984. In addition to this, a volcano erupted. Dams, roads, bridges, and ports were also destroyed, as well as fishing vessels.

In December, two new typhoons killed 564 people and left utter devastation in their wake. Damage estimates run into hundreds of millions of dollars. People were just beginning to recover from the August/September storms when the new typhoons unleashed their fury.

Money is needed to buy fishing vessels and equipment so that the people can support themselves and their families again. Other long-term needs include funds to rebuild homes and churches, as well as to buy seeds for planting. Many coconut trees were destroyed by the storms. Experts say that it will take from three to five years before these will again bear fruit and be productive. Coconut trees and fishing are the main source of income for several of the islands.



Your contributions to help the people of Philippines may be designated for  
Philippines,  
Baptist World Aid,  
North American Baptist  
Conference,  
1 So. 210 Summit Ave.,  
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181.

Are you like so many of our Christian friends . . . wanting to give more . . . even though you're having a hard time "making ends meet" on your present income?

If so, you'll be happy to know there is a way to give that can actually increase your present income

. . . it's called the  
Charitable Gift Annuity.

When you compare our new increased rates (combined with the many tax advantages of the charitable gift annuity) with your present investment return . . . you will probably have more spendable income.

That's why many are finding it a satisfactory way to give more, and at the same time increase their own financial security.

And you will, too.

For complete information on . . .

**How to give when you can't afford to . . .**

complete and mail this coupon today.

Dr. Connie Salios  
North American  
Baptist Conference  
1 South 210 Summit Avenue  
Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois 60181

Please send me free information on Charitable Gift Annuities.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

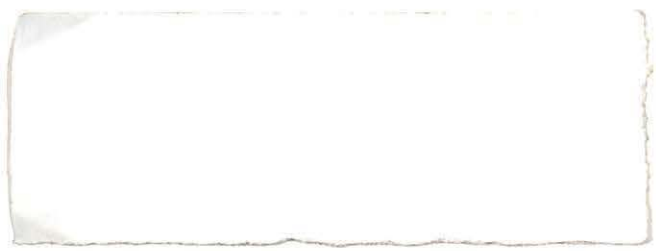
Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Birthday \_\_\_\_\_



# Baptist Herald

1 So. 210 Summit Ave.  
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

Non-profit organization  
Second class postage  
paid at Villa Park, Illinois 60181  
and at additional mailing offices



An  
Important  
Message for  
United States  
High School Students  
(and Their Cost-conscious Parents)!

**Q.** Where can you save  
40 percent on your  
college education costs?

**A.** At North American Baptist  
College in Edmonton, AB,  
Canada. That's where!

REASONS  
WHY  
UNITED STATES  
STUDENTS  
SHOULD  
CONSIDER  
ATTENDING  
NABC  
IN CANADA

But that is only one of many special benefits United States students enjoy at NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST COLLEGE.

You, therefore, owe it to yourself (and to your parents) to investigate the distinct advantages of studying in Canada. Write for our free brochure, "5 Reasons Why United States Students Should Consider Attending NABC in Canada."

In fact, why not order enough brochures to share with your entire high school youth group? They'll be grateful you did.

Yes, please send me \_\_\_\_\_ brochure(s) as well  
as other helpful information about North  
American Baptist College

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Sex  male  female  
Grade \_\_\_\_\_

To receive your brochure(s), fill out  
the coupon and send it to:  
Kurt Redschlag  
Director of Recruitment  
and Communications  
North American Baptist College  
11525 - 23 Avenue  
Edmonton, Alberta, T6J 4T3

