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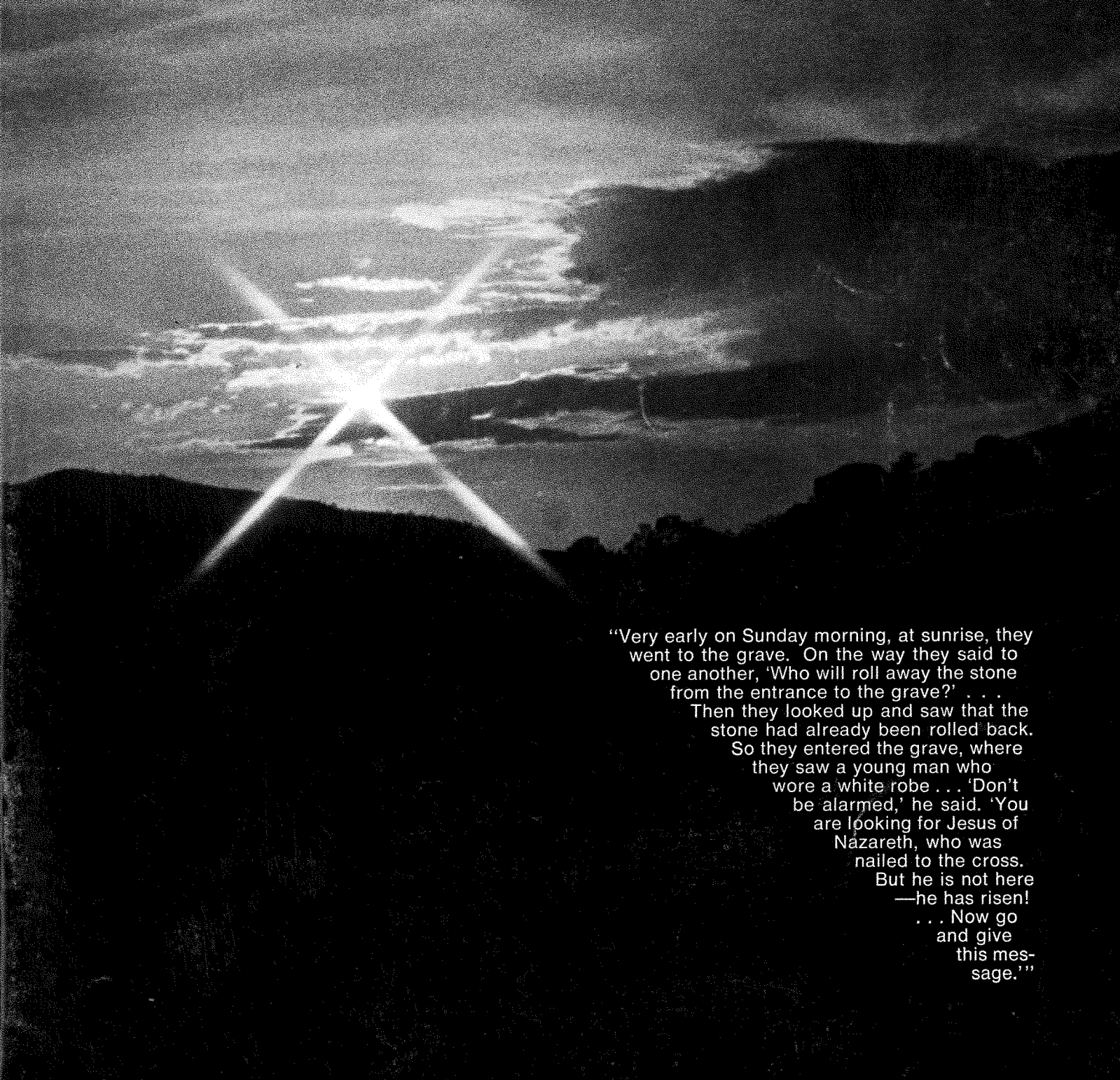
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"Very early on Sunday morning, at sunrise, they went to the grave. On the way they said to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone from the entrance to the grave?' . . .

Then they looked up and saw that the stone had already been rolled back.

So they entered the grave, where they saw a young man who wore a white robe . . . 'Don't be alarmed,' he said. 'You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was nailed to the cross.

But he is not here —he has risen!

. . . Now go and give this message.'"



# Alliance Friend makes unscheduled stop in Cuba

When Howard Blasiman, member of the Alliance, Ohio, Friends Church, started out for a ten-day work project in Jamaica with Project Partner, a lay arm of the Church of God, he did not know that before the trip had finished it would include an unscheduled "lay witness mission" in Cuba. On February 23 the group of 35 Christian workers from the United States boarded a private plane in Jamaica for the return home. Their flight plan called for them to fly over Cuba at 12,000 feet, and they had both written and verbal permission from the Cuban government to do so. But as their plane entered Cuban air space, they were forced by military jets to land in Cuba.

Blasiman remembers that as the plane landed he prayed, "Lord, use this to your honor and glory." The group members were taken to a nearby motel-like structure, where they were given rooms, provided good meals (by Cuban standards), but kept under watch by armed guards. While in Cuba none of the Americans knew why they had been forced to land and learned only when they arrived in Florida 24 hours later that they were accused of violating Cuban air space without permission.

During their 24-hour stay in Cuba, the group kept busy singing and praising the

Lord—to the consternation of their Cuban guards. "We felt no fear," said Blasiman, "and we did not realize the danger we faced until we returned to the States." "We were told on Saturday that we would be released the next morning, but when I got ready for bed that night I thought of the *Pueblo* crew in Korea, and I prepared myself mentally and spiritually for at least a six-month stay."

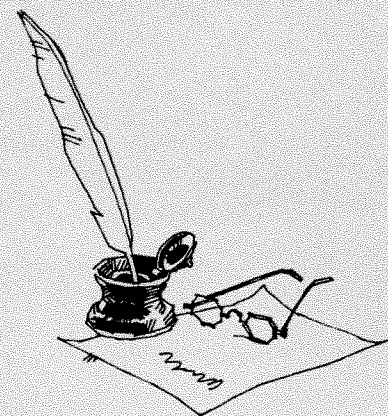
Mr. Blasiman reports that on Sunday morning the group met for worship and some wanted to have a communion service, but there were no elements to be had. "But that communion service was the most real any of us had ever experienced," he said. "I felt the real presence of Jesus Christ in a more powerful way than ever before."

After breakfast Sunday morning and after a \$6,800 "accommodations fee" had been paid by an American congregation of the Church of God, members of the group were taken to the airport and soon were in Florida. Howard Blasiman does not claim to know the real reason why the Cuban government forced their plane down, but he feels he knows why God allowed it to happen: "It was an opportunity to carry God's Word to the Cuban people with whom we came in contact." □



Howard Blasiman (right) of Alliance Friends Church, along with other Alliance area residents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Ferguson and Andrew Anderson.

## Friends Write



I was appalled when I read the item, "Quakers Seek Nixon Impeachment," in the February issue of *EVANGELICAL FRIEND*.

What right does a committee of 12 men have to pass judgment on any man? Isn't this up to God?

If President Nixon is guilty, and it hasn't been proven yet that he is, he will have to answer to God on judgment day.

The idea of putting pressure on East Whittier Friends Church to ask the President to resign his membership or drop him from the church rolls is shocking.

I know of churches where they have members who were alcoholics, members who have committed adultery, and even drug addicts, but they didn't throw them out of church. Instead they prayed for them and gave them spiritual help.

These 12 men are condemning the President before he has been tried. Even a hardened criminal gets better treatment than that. Shouldn't we be spending our energies praying for the President? Doesn't he at least deserve that?

I'm sorry but I believe in my President, because he did come from a Quaker background, and I believe in my country, and most of all I believe in God, who in His own way will take care of any and all wrongdoing the President has been accused of.

MRS. ARTHUR LEWIS

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I compliment you on the editorial by Jack Willcuts in the February 1974 issue of the *EVANGELICAL FRIEND*, "I Want to Be Saved. Do Friends Still Believe in That?"

The heart of the article stated: "You become believers by choice, no other way. You don't have to straighten out your life first; you just start where you are—blind men came still blind, lepers came as lepers; Mary Magdalene came with her seven devils; the thief on the cross came, still on the cross. You aren't

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OMS International missionary, Jerry Sandoz, helps us sense that first Easter morning with this photograph taken in Korea. The Scripture is from the *Good News for Modern Man* translation, Mark 16:2-7, with the emphasis "Now go and give this message," an appropriate post-Easter admonition to all of us.

## Antecedents

As I implied in this same space in February's issue, it is understood that not all readers will absorb all the articles in our magazine each month. But if each person reads only one and spiritual benefit ensues, all efforts and expenditures are worthwhile.

The EVANGELICAL FRIEND is intended to be a well-rounded Christian family magazine, beyond an in-plant "leader to leader" medium. With this premise as a background, our editorial board projected articles for the coming months, including many slanted to meeting the everyday needs and hurts of people.

A specific series was an outgrowth of our discussion: "How does a Christian meet life's crises?" "Death," the first of this series, appears on page 6 this month. Forthcoming issues will deal with other subjects. All articles will be written by people who have experienced certain crises. Some people will be sharing very personal experiences, opening their hearts to minister to others.

We're praying this series will eventually speak to your need. May we suggest you keep others in mind as you read. Passing along your copy may be a rewarding ministry in itself! —H.T.A.

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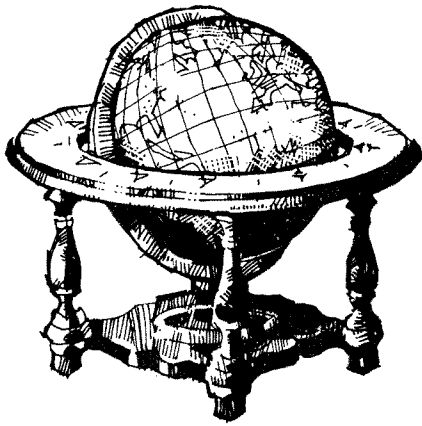
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*The EVANGELICAL FRIEND neither endorses nor necessarily approves subject matter used in Face of the World, but simply tries to publish material of general interest to Friends. —The Editors*

### SUNDAY SCHOOL BUS SERVICE: ARE 'INDUCEMENTS' WORTHWHILE?

TUCSON, ARIZONA—Negative aspects of a successful Sunday school bus program in Tucson have been revealed by ministers of some churches sponsoring the program.

To attract youngsters to ride the buses to Sunday school various inducements, including ice cream, candy, and Bibles, are offered.

"Children get spoiled by promotions," according to Joseph Prisco, a former dairy route man who now has a full-time post at New Testament Baptist Church organizing the bus program.

New Testament church has 14 bus routes and 70 volunteer workers who canvass the routes each Saturday to remind regular riders of the bus service.

"We try to offer them the Lord," Mr. Prisco said, "but the children may decide to go to another church where the promotion is more attractive that week."

—E.P.

### WORSHIP SERVICE FOR A CHILD —AT WHAT AGE IS HE 'SAVED'?

VANDALIA, ILLINOIS—At what age should a child be "saved"? What is the most effective kind of worship service for a child?

The Illinois Southern Baptist convention found that such questions are of tremendous interest to a surprisingly large number of people. Its recent Child Conversion Conference here turned out to be a "sleeper of the year" in attendance and interest—attracting 325 people from 10 states.

"When we planned the conference, we had no idea it would attract national attention," said Russell Richardson, Illinois director of evangelism. He said calls came from "all over the country."

"This shows there is tremendous interest in child evangelism, especially in churches with mushrooming attendance brought on by aggressive bus ministries," Mr. Richardson said. —E.P.

### EXPERIMENTAL YOUTH MINISTRIES

Since the fall of 1972 Norman Stolpe has been overseeing the pilot testing of two experimental programs for boys and young men by about 25 churches. The programs are called *Task Force* and *GO!* and both are based on small group methods. After this first year of limited testing, the pilot programs are now being made available to a broader spectrum of churches.

A Task Force is a small group of high schoolers gathered around one or two Christian men for the purpose of completing a specific task. These tasks combine service with enjoyable learning. Some of the tasks that have been tried are evangelism through back packing, maintaining a computerized church mailing list, preparing a rock climbing manual for other youth groups, church publicity through photography and taping Sunday services for shut-ins. The range of possibilities is much broader than this.

Because of its flexibility, Task Force can be used in a variety of church situations.

GO! focuses on the ministry of fathers to their junior high age sons. This is a specific effort to help parents take the responsibility of the Christian education of their own children. Weekly small group meetings of the boys, directed by a father and an adult helper, are used to stimulate father/son relationships. A planned sequence of activities is provided for this father/son interaction.

Churches who desire more information about these experimental youth ministries

are invited to contact Norman Stolpe, Christian Service Brigade, Box 150, Carol Stream, Illinois 60187.

### MARANATHA VILLAGE A CHRISTIAN KNOTT'S BERRY FARM

Two Christian businessmen in 1973 started a "Christian ministry and a Christian business with an outreach" in Santa Ana, California. Beginning as a Christian bookstore, it has already enlarged with a variety of artisan products, cassette and tape department, a plant shop, with a restaurant under construction and numerous additional shops planned. It is staffed with Christians chosen because of their "sensitive spirit and ability to share their love and joy of Jesus with the people they meet."

—J.L.W.

### MORMONS TOLD: 'WE ARE IN LAST DAYS BEFORE THE RETURN OF CHRIST'

SALT LAKE CITY—Mormon leaders made a stronger than usual plea to church members to heed the warning that "we are in the last days before Christ returns," and to prepare for a possible famine.

Ezra Taft Benson, a member of the Mormon Quorum of 12 Apostles and former U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, said that all families should store sufficient food and water, clothes, and fuel to last one year.

He told the 143rd Semiannual General Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon) here that "the Lord singles out wheat as especially desirable, because dry grains can be stored indefinitely and sprouted to enhance nutritional value."

"Other basics could include honey or sugar, milk products or substitutes, and salt or its equivalent," Mr. Benson said. "The revelation to store food may be as essential to our temporal salvation today as boarding the ark was to the people in the days of Noah."

—E.P.

### WORLD POPULATION: 3,800,000,000 U.S. GROWTH RATE SLOWED

PENSACOLA, FLORIDA—The global population stands at 3,800,000,000, increasing at about 200,000 per day, according to the vice-president for academic affairs, University of West Florida.

Arthur H. Doerr said here that population statistics show the world receives more than 70,000,000 more people each year. The current annual growth rate of the world's population hovers around 2 percent, he said.

In a speech delivered before the Pensacola Home Builders Association, Dr. Doerr said world population will double in 35 years. In underdeveloped countries the growth rate is as high as 3.5 percent per year.

—E.P.

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# The theology of advertisements, 'Buttoned down boredom'?

People who write effective ads put a lot of work and thought into them. That's why they are sometimes better than the program or the product. They start with the buyer, who is always a person; even large companies use people as buyers.

The church as well as the preacher could learn something from this. Dr. Robert Schuller of the famed Garden Grove Community Church frankly admits he learned more about church growth from Sears and Roebuck than from seminary. "Get as many people inside as possible; someone is bound to buy something."

Did you notice the ad from Beechcraft Airplane Company in Wichita that appeared in the March issue of *National Geographic*? "One of these days, you're going to get fed up with TV, crab grass, barbeque smoke, and that whole dull story. You'll look hard at your life style and ask yourself, 'Is that all there is?'"

A picture comes next of a Beechcraft Bonanza, bright, shiny, colored, surrounded with happy people on some "palm-treed," "blue-skied" strip obviously not in Wichita (palm trees?) nor Los Angeles (blue skies?).

"Then one day you happen to look up from your hedge clipping and see the answer far above your buttoned down boredom."

There are a lot of spiritual overtones in "the answer far above your buttoned down boredom." It is apparently assumed by U.S. industry and advertisers that that just about describes us all.

On the opposite page is another full-page ad from the 3M Company, which while selling an entirely different product points its penetrating finger at your pocketbook with a similar assumption: "It is better to invent the wheel than the whitewall." What does this mean? (They hope you will ask.)

"At 3M, a way has been found to give the maximum encouragement to the creative process. It starts with recognizing the importance of the individual. And really, that's the whole secret. Once we learn that we're respected as individuals, we're more likely to contribute. We're more likely to take risks. We're more likely to work late. And ultimately, we're more likely to invent basic ideas. Variations on existing products are fine,

but coming up with basic new ideas is what we strive for."

So, there it is. Motivation, creativity, purpose in work and living. True enjoyment, the importance of the individual. Forget the bigness of the airplane industry and the 3M Company, and their efficiency, and their profit drive. They really care only about you and your happiness. Really?

But God does care only about that. Really. And so should the church, really. This may be one reason for the frequently expressed suspicion of the "institutional" church. While speaking great truth and trying to meet the individual need with the wonderful Good News, there is the uneasy resemblance of the slick ads to build a denomination, a church, a pastor's prestige. It is really too bad that an airplane manufacturer or a company that boasts about its ability to motivate people to work harder than ever uses the real values of life as a come-on.

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God . . . and all these things shall be added . . ."  
—J.L.W.

## Lest we forget

"It is a gloomy moment in the history of our country. Not in the lifetime of most men has there been such grave and deep apprehension; never has the future seemed so incalculable as at this time . . . the political caldron seethes and bubbles with uncertainty. It is a solemn moment. Of our troubles no man can see the end." This comes from *Harper's Weekly* (1857) as quoted in Russell Myer's personal publication, *Pastor's Talk*.

Not only were things bad a hundred years ago; they were bad for King Hezekiah a long, long time ago. Isaiah found it necessary to remind the king, "Egyptians are men, and not God; and their horses flesh, and not spirit." Seeing these reminders gives perspective, for the sovereignty of God over all nations is still intact. The "gloominess" of history hangs over each generation, and with population problems, shortages in food, fuel, and almost everything we must remember this greatness of God. This

consideration was caught by Kipling in his "Recessional," written at a time when the British Empire had reached a pinnacle of world power during Queen Victoria's reign:

"If, drunk with sight of power, we loose  
Wild tongues that have not Thee in awe,  
Such boasting as the Gentiles use,  
Or lesser breeds without the Law—  
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest we forget—lest we forget!"

Only by living very close to God, by meditation upon His greatness, character, and majesty can we maintain a true perspective. In living close to Him, we can see what the psalmist saw:

"The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the strength of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?" (Psalm 27:1)

This is hardly a time to joke about world problems; we should be as deeply involved as possible, but in the manner

Isaiah, the statesman, was. He was a powerful preacher, but primarily a person of prayer. It was his sensitive awareness of the greatness of God that gave him the insight and the courage to hold up his king and his people.

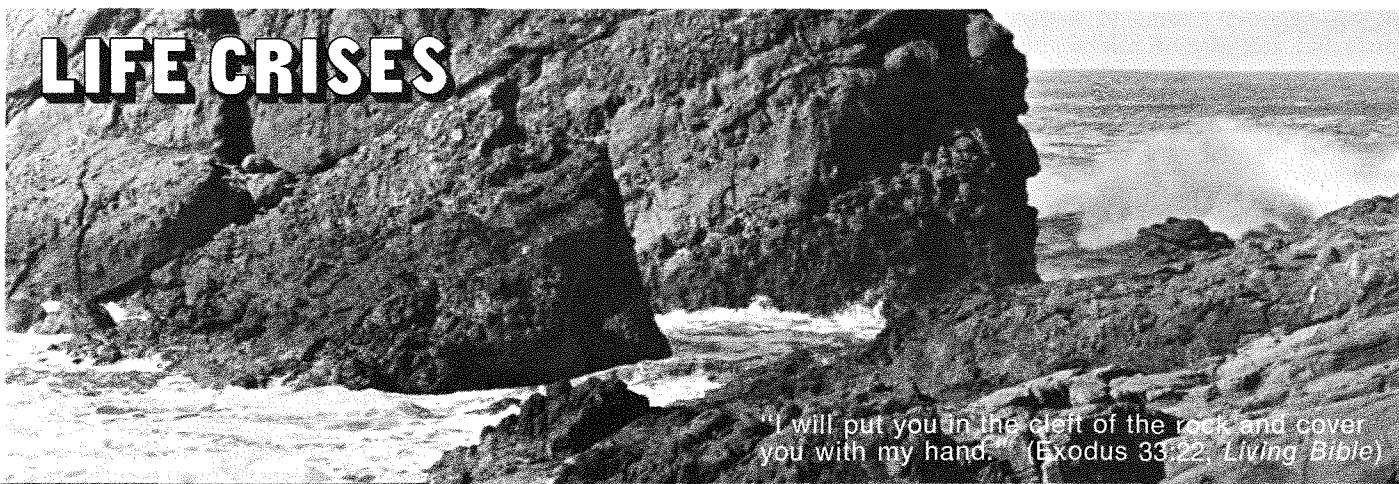
Elton Trueblood, in his book on *The Lord's Prayers*, has a provocative comment on the need for such a reverence for God in the background of overwhelming human problems: "The finest scientist is often the man who is aware that his greatest observations are discoveries rather than inventions and that at best he is thinking God's thoughts after Him. The most unlovely of human poses is that of self-conceit, and the surest antidote to this pose is humble reverence."\*

—J.L.W.

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# LIFE CRISES



"I will put you in the cleft of the rock and cover you with my hand." (Exodus 33:22, Living Bible)

## DEATH

By KAYE LEACH

The reality of death became a part of my life experience with the home-going of my father-in-law, mother, and father. But it was the death of my husband that reached into the depths of my being.

I do not believe God exempts His children from life's difficult experiences, some of which—like the death of a loved one—are inevitable, but I believe He covers us with divine love and puts together the puzzling pieces into His own design.

My husband was a minister of the Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region, who served in a pastorate for a few years, then devoted 13 years to teaching music at Malone College. His total commitment to the work there was supported by excellent health until June of 1965, when he suffered a sudden and severe heart attack. With the doctor's words ringing through my dazed mind,

*Beginning with this issue, the EVANGELICAL FRIEND begins a series of articles dealing with Christian responses to "life crises." Among subjects to be considered are death in the family, childlessness, unemployment, retirement, adoption, and how to care for a handicapped child. Does one's faith make a difference? How can the church fellowship mean the most to those facing problems? How does the Scripture meet life crises needs? These are some of the questions posed in this series of testimonies. The first is shared by Kaye Leach, who courageously and tactfully shares her faith following the unexpected death of her husband. She is an inspiration to her friends and family, and we believe her willingness to witness to her faith will be helpful to all of us. Personal inquiries to Kaye Leach may be made directly to her through the magazine.*

"We won't know for some time if he will live . . ." I turned to the source of my life and strength. God answered by extending his life at a time when he was needed so much. Had he not been spared to us at that time, my eleven-year-old daughter and I would have been totally unprepared to cope with life's responsibilities.

In the ensuing years I have marveled at God's timing of so many events in our lives. Two years after this traumatic experience both Roger and I went from college teaching into local public schools rather than accept positions in other colleges, which would have meant relocating. How thankful I am today that I have the security of our home in Canton among friends of many years!

Although a second heart attack in 1971 weakened him further, my husband was able to complete five years of teaching in public school, which provided survivor benefits for my daughter and me through our State Teachers Retirement System. This was the answer to my problem of financing Karen's college education, and to me another indication of God's timing and care.

On September 24, 1972, I returned from playing the organ for the worship services at Canton First Friends Church and prepared dinner for my family. Roger had not been able to attend church that morning but had given a radiant testimony the week before based on Ezekiel 36:26, "A new heart will I give you . . ." At that time we thought our prayers for physical restoration were to be answered. While still at the dinner table, his heart stopped beating, and although I have relived the experience countless times, I am thankful I was with him during those last moments and

that they were spent at home as he had wished rather than in a hospital.

Knowing the precariousness of life after two heart attacks, I had lived with an uneasiness that I sometimes felt seemed to be insufficient trust in the Lord, but I did not really expect to be left alone. So it was a great shock to lose my husband so suddenly. From the moment of his death I felt the Lord's presence supporting me. And at the funeral, which I had expected to be most difficult, I felt in my own heart a bit of the glory he must now be experiencing.

During the days following the funeral I continued to see God's hand guiding our affairs. We had updated our wills the year before, taking care to have them witnessed by local friends who would be available to go to probate court, and I familiarized myself with additional family business matters. I had always done the bookkeeping and routine bill paying, which was a tremendous asset when items of greater magnitude were thrust upon me. (And I would encourage readers of this article to be well informed of family business matters, and women especially to be cognizant of their husband's insurance policies, wills, and property holdings so they may function with independence and competence if forced to do so.)

Still I looked to the Lord for direction and prayed definitely about which lawyer to call, claiming Psalm 32:8, "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go." The man I felt led to call has been a fine counselor and friend in the faith through our church association as well.

Although friends felt my recovery occurred rapidly and thoroughly, I believe it was at least a year before I emerged from grief and shock. Recently I have

been comforted by a phrase from Isaiah 54:6 (*Living Bible*), "For the Lord has called you back from your grief . . . ."

During those months I read many books that helped in the healing process, but the greatest single source of strength was Helen Steiner Rice's poem, "When I Must Leave You." The first few lines were then my greatest support:

"When I must leave you for a little while—  
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears  
And hug your sorrow to you through the years,  
But start out bravely with a gallant smile;  
And for my sake and in my name  
Live on and do all things the same . . . ."

I found comfort in trying to do things as we had done together and as he would have wanted me to.

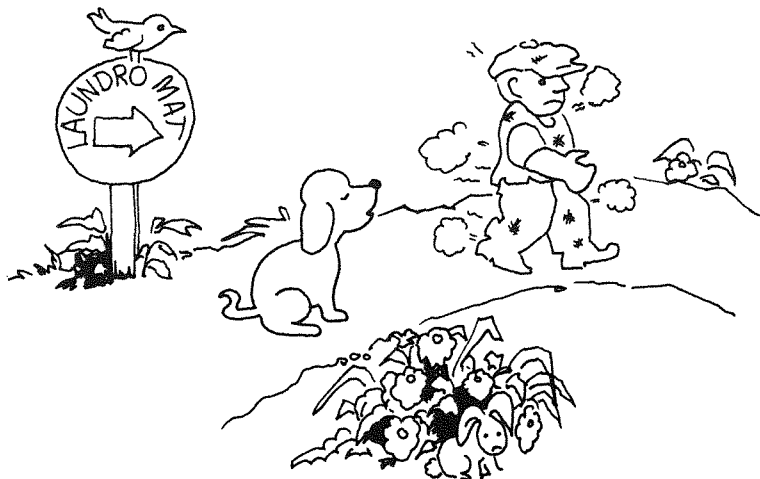
At present I am finding meaning for my life by trying to live daily these lines of her poem:

"Feed not your loneliness on empty days,  
But fill each waking hour in useful ways . . . ."

There have been times when I felt I could not go on nor did I desire to. Jesus does not take away our human emotions, but He understands because He experienced them on earth as the incarnate Son of God. And when I feel very much alone I remember He knew loneliness too, and I am aware that "underneath are the everlasting arms." (Deuteronomy 33:27)

I am thankful for a daughter who needs me, a church family that supports me, and a most enjoyable and fulfilling music teaching position with junior high school students who need the love and understanding of a Christian teacher.

When I think of what the future may hold after my daughter is through college and no longer with me, I see only bleak loneliness except for one fact. The Lord has said, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" (Hebrews 13:5), and I can only trust Him and reply, "My times are in thy hand." (Psalm 31:15) □



# sty

BY NANCY THOMAS

I have this friend, see. His name is Sty, and nobody likes him. Worse, Sty doesn't even like himself. Poor Sty.

Sty's problem is rather simple. He stinks. Yes, stinks. Mainly, it's the clothes he wears. Same old clothes he's always worn, far as I can remember. Baggy pants and red flannel shirt. At least I think his shirt is red. Hard to tell under all that grease and mud.

Sty's clothes reek with filth, and I guess that's why nobody wants to be near him. Even flowers wilt at a whiff of Sty. Why he doesn't change or take a bath, I can't figure out. Maybe water scares him.

Sty had a funny experience last week. Seems the head guy of the big Laundromat up on Skyline Drive offered him a change of clothes. Absolutely free.

Moreover, this guy says the clothes make whoever wears them clean, too. Have you ever heard the likes? No more stink. Only clean and pink forever. Says it's as simple as putting on a new shirt. Weird.

Weirder yet, Sty said no. Said if he lost his dirt he'd lose his individuality. His mark in the world. Who'd know who he was if he gave up his stink? That's asking too much of anyone.

Speaking of Sty, here he comes now. Oh no, I can't see him. Sty always makes his presence known well in advance. A breeze is helping him out today.

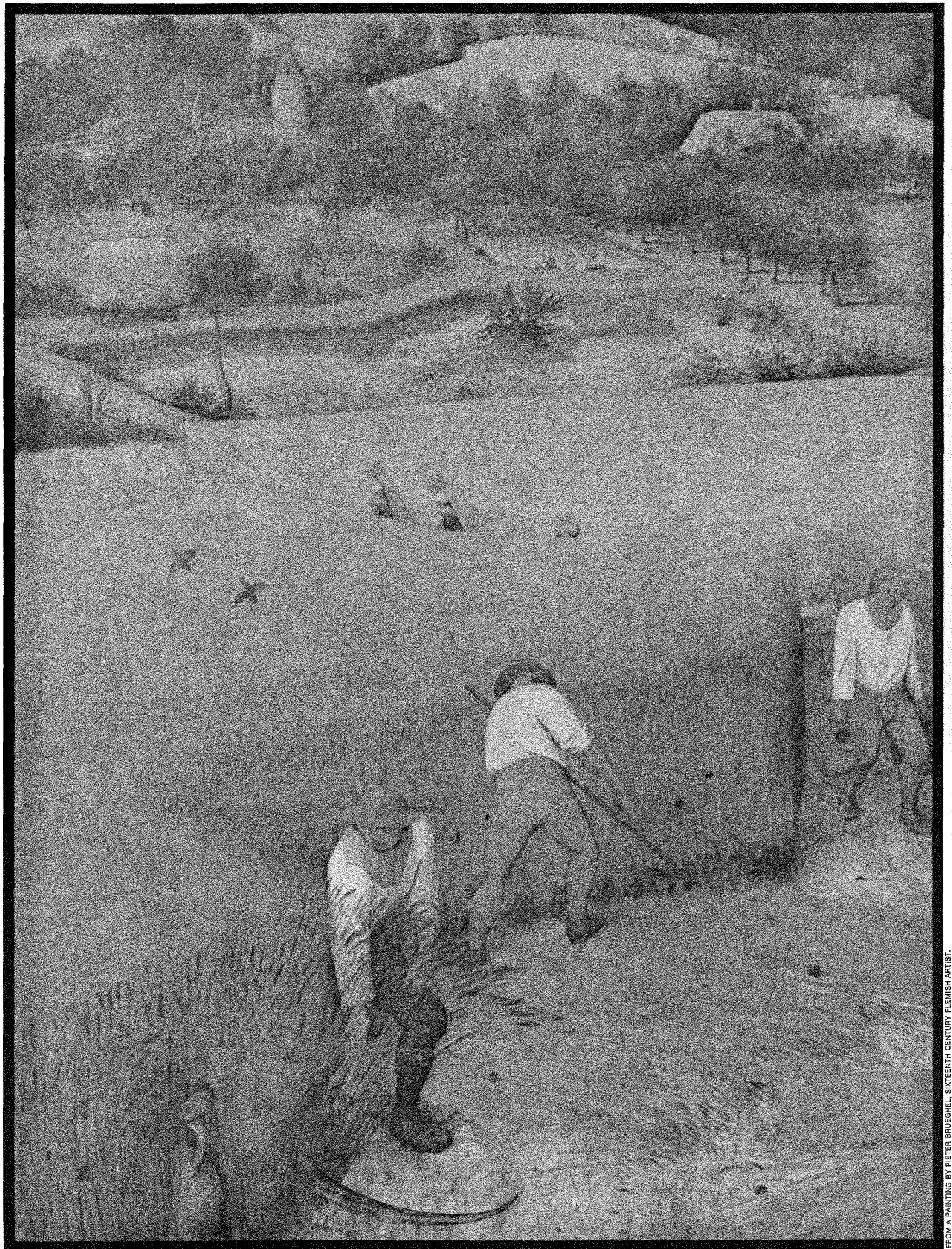
Yes, here he is. Same old grim face. Same smelly rags. His individuality, you know.

Bye, now. I gotta run. Fast.

(Ephesians 4:22-24)

"What you learned was to fling off the dirty clothes of the old way of living, which were rotted through and through with lust's illusions, and, with yourselves mentally and spiritually remade, to put on the clean fresh clothes of the new life which was made by God's design for righteousness and the holiness which is no illusion." (Ephesians 4:22-24, Phillips)





FROM A PAINTING BY PIETER BRUEGEL, SIXTEENTH CENTURY FLEMISH ARTIST.

# A plea for balance

BY ROY SKEETER

A book that ought to be on the *must* list for every young minister and of interest to committed laymen is Andrew Blackwood's *Planning a Year's Pulpit Work*. As a result of reading and reflecting on this book, during the few years of my pastoral ministry I have been gripped with the broad spectrum of biblical truths that must be covered in order to get the whole emphasis of the Word of God. It deals with almost every area of our lives and speaks very pertinently to 20th century living. On the other hand, to lift out and intensify any area or emphasis, which is good in itself, and to fail to give proper emphasis to other areas may give us less than a whole picture of its total life impact.

The last year I have been both blessed by the renewed emphasis on our Lord's second coming and concerned about the intense interest in prophecy and eschatology or the science of the study of end times. I believe there are many factors that have brought about this new interest and most of them are wholesome.

Not the least of these causal factors has been rather astounding world events and happenings of startling nature—international tensions in the Mideast, corruption in high places of government, energy crisis and prediction of food shortages in the United States, and new alignment of nations. These are portrayed to us in vivid detail in the morning newspaper and on the TV screen and have made Christians and others begin to ask, "What's happening here? What is going on? Is there rhyme or reason to all this, and is this a part of what the Bible has been talking about all the time?"

One result is a frantic searching of the Scriptures to tie all these events together

and give meaning to them. Of course, this is not all bad by any means. God's Word does speak to us authoritatively about today and tomorrow; it speaks to the how and why of things happening that are obvious fulfillment of prophecy. Indeed, it is a great thing to look forward to the return of Christ if one has acknowledged Him as Savior and Lord, and if not it is a great incentive to seek Him. This is a part of the great hope of the Christian that Paul talks about so much, and this hope has been a part of almost all the renewal movements of the church down through its history.

Someone remarked to me some time ago that, historically, when the church has come to grips with the possibility of the imminent return of Christ, it has had a distinctly purifying effect on the church as 1 John 3:30 says, "And every one who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure." (NASB)

But are there not inherent dangers in the overemphasis on what might be called speculative prophecy? Some of these we must guard against.

1. So many current books and articles being written on the end times seem to attempt to pin world happenings and world movements and church movements (United Nations, new Euro-Asian alliances, church mergers, ecumenical movements, etc.) to certain symbols and figures in Daniel and Revelation. Even without an intensive study of these relationships, I seem to remember that in the 1940s some preachers and writers were doing the same thing—only then the names and situations were different (United Nations, church mergers, fascism, Third Reich, Hitler, Mussolini, Tito, new translations of the Bible, etc.).

Isn't it possible to examine these developments without trying to pinpoint them so specifically to nations, movements, and persons? It looks like God in His sovereignty and schedules did not see fit to "wrap up" this age in the 40s and has allowed 20 to 30 years to go by. Certain world situations have changed, the stage is not quite the same, and persons interested in prophecy presently have put new names and movements and countries in these places. While it is important to know generally what will happen in the last days, are some of these things ours to spell out so specifically?

2. While movements toward personal piety have had, and still have, good effects on the church by purifying the Body of Christ, is it not dangerous to so completely internalize our Christian experience and be so concerned about the future in an otherworldly fashion that really we are not tuned in to what's happening around us? As Elton Trueblood says, "The roots must have fruits!"

3. And this leads me to what may be the gravest danger of all—a total absorption in the Second Coming and its surrounding events that may eclipse our vision and lives to the meeting of human needs and the binding up of broken humanity in Jesus' name right here and now. How many times has the evangelical arm of Christianity been guilty, accused or unaccused, of "saving souls from hell" and yet doing nothing about the "living hell" in which many of our fellow human brothers now dwell?

If the hope and expectancy of Jesus' return take us out of the marketplace, out of the mainstream of human need, shall we leave the place of being our "brother's keeper" to the person or the church who knows no personal commitment to Jesus Christ in a redeeming way? Is human motivation alone enough to bind up the hurts of the millions of this old world?

While certain well-meaning preachers, theologians, and lay Christians thought the rise of the State of Israel in 1948 would mean the imminent return of Christ, God has already waited another 25 years, and He may well choose to wait many more years. These years to Him, even the span of a lifetime, are but a drop in the bucket to the timetable by which He works. And if He chooses to wait another 50 years and we sit idly by and wait, who will excuse us for our lack of involvement in meeting the needs of the total man and the work of spiritual nurture? Even if God excuses us, look at all the "ammunition" the critics of the church will have.

The Christ I serve who said, "Look up . . . for your redemption draweth nigh," also said to John, "Beloved thy mother," and to the disciples, "Occupy till I come."

Let none of you say this Friends pastor is not concerned about the Second Coming. There are times when my spirit groans under the injustices and sin of this old planet called Earth and longs for judgment, equity, and righteousness to reign under His rule. But in the Christian stewardship of our total lives, may we not help to effect the beginning of those things here and now? Is that not part of our task?

Let us preach the Second Coming, all the time asking God to help us to help others become prepared for the day that "cometh as a thief in the night," but let us never forget "Thy kingdom come" can begin now to take shape and it is our responsibility to help usher it in. And while we are waiting, there is a Christian life to be lived in the complexities of the 20th century, and God's Word has a lot of practical "hows."

I plead for balance in our churches even as I pray and search for balance in my own personal life and ministry. □

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# Fifteen myths about

Hardly any other area is so fraught with concern and lack of information as the education of our young. One would think that 75 years of research into educational processes would have brought us much closer to educational wisdom in the training and education of our young. The failure to do so does not fall upon the integrity of educational researchers and teachers who have devoted their lives to this frustrating field of research. Instead, at issue is the extraordinarily complex nature of the human being and, in particular, the lack of understanding as to how people learn to learn. Very little research has been tried in this field of learning; therefore, very little has been learned.

We find ourselves deeply dependent upon serendipitous signals indicating new information that may help us understand that most complex of systems, the human being. Hucksters and get-rich-quick types have for years persuaded people that they have the unique answer to the whys and wherefores of the human need to learn and succeed. In fact, one of the fastest growing industries in the United States devotes itself, with debatable results, to our real and imagined desires to expand and realize our fullest potentials. There

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are many dangers in these schemes if they fail to take into account our entire person and how we actually learn.

Lately, as a nation, we have realized that research must precede an understanding of the learning process, and some interesting concepts have emerged as the result of this awareness. I invite the reader to examine carefully some 15 weak or false assumptions and to consider the ramifications in their own lives, and by extension, how each of us can improve our own chances of learning.

1. *The Best Way to Prepare a Child for the Future Is to Have Him Study the Past.* This faulty assumption is left over from the era in which it was felt a person was not educated until he could recite perfectly some obscure passage of Greek or Roman history. History is indeed a vital and inescapable part of the human experience, and what could be more well-intentioned than to study past mistakes to help us avoid them in the present? But it is infinitely more effective to prepare a child for the future by having him practice the developing of questions, hypotheses, and predictions about the future. Help the child, not with questions that demand nothing more than recall of dates and names, but that require the learning of how to ask insightful questions.

There are many levels of conversations that humans practice, but the first—descriptive, or the mere descriptions of events or word drawings of places and things—is the shallowest and, unfortunately the least useful and most prevalent of all types. Help the child to advance into the analytical and then on into the synthetic and implicatory levels. Synthetic in this sense refers to the ability to rearrange and restructure known facts into new and useful forms or ideas; implicatory means to have the capacity to realize the implications of newly learned facts upon seemingly unrelated situations.

2. *The Most Important Intellectual Skill for Children to Learn Is How to Get the Right Answers to Questions.* This false assumption is related to the first one in that, more correctly, the most important intellectual skill for the child to learn is how to formulate creative and answerable questions. A way to get started is to provide the child with the example of the parent who is carefully thinking about a question or a need that

he has and is actively forming questions to be asked about it. Then engage in a dialogue of answer seeking based upon thoughtful questions.

3. *The Most Important Information Children Need to Know Is in the Areas of Literature, Language Structure, Mathematics, History, Geography, and Science.* This weak assumption will be a long time dying. Long traditions and reluctance to recognize that what was good for us might not be the best for others indicates a lengthy lifetime for this view. The most important dysfunctions our children need to investigate are war, wealth, poverty, ignorance, prejudice, anger, fear, disease, and, most crucial of all, their relationship to God. The study of literature, math, history, etc. is defensible if their study is not the end or goal but serves as one of many tools with which to attack the greater problems in our society.

4. *All Children Should Learn the Same Things, in Roughly the Same Way.* Far wiser would it be to realize that each child should investigate the problems most interesting to him, through the medium he feels most comfortable with. If he is not motivated to learn, then the burden of guilt falls upon the motivator, since the very young child has, by nature, an insatiable curiosity.

5. *For Someone to Learn Something, He Must Be Taught It in a Systematic and Organized Way.* Unfortunately, this lockstep approach to education dominates the educational scene. It takes courage and a goodly measure of self-confidence to act in ways other than the prevailing means of education in our public and private schools. For someone to learn something, he must be aware of and interested in solving some problem or answering some need, and, if we have done our part, he will then ably organize his own learning experiences in his own way to solve nearly any problem and find ways to meet nearly any need.

6. *The Learning Process Is Logical, Lineal, and Sequential.* How much simpler education would be if this were only true! Learning is psychological in nature: random, simultaneous, and integrated. A child learns either in spite of us, or with us. The choice is ours. He will learn, but may well learn the least useful and perhaps wrong things if we insist on furthering faulty ways to learn. Interestingly,



# education

one of the basic strategies employed in counseling with people is to show them how to delearn faulty material and replace it with information of greater value and use.

*7. Learning Is Facilitated when Information to Be Learned Is Organized into Discrete "Subjects," Each with a Specific and Stable Content.* This simplistic view of learning is the most prevalent one about us. Learning has the best chance of occurring when the child, or the adult for that matter, starts with a problem he is interested in and finds out or invents what he needs to know to solve it. Notice that I have included the provision for the *invention* of means to solve problems and learning to learn. Invention is at the very heart of the learning process. Invention takes already known concepts of materials and reassembles them into new and useful forms. When one understands this basic concept, he then can be free to invent the tools he needs to solve an amazingly great number of his own problems, while at the same time earning a deep sense of satisfaction in his own creation.

*8. Adults Know More than Children; Teachers Are Smarter than Students.* Along some lines teachers and adults know more than children. But about most things, teachers and students are about equally knowledgeable—or ignorant. Be careful to assign prestige in relation to value and not on the basis of transitory status.

*9. The Best Teacher of a Subject Is Someone Who Is Thoroughly Versed in the Facts and Skills of That Subject.* The best teacher is someone who shares a student's interest in a particular problem and who can help the students formulate a program of inquiry that might lead to some solutions. Teaching implies the exchange of knowledge. Therefore, the teacher must not only have considerable knowledge but also the ability to motivate a student to seek knowledge on his own and to equip the student with skills to exchange that knowledge with others.

*10. Children Learn Best from Adults, and Especially from Adults Who Have No Connection with the Child's Social Life.* Children learn best from their peers and from those adults with whom they have a strong, positive emotional relationship. They also learn from anyone

whom they perceive to be experienced with some problem they are trying to solve.

*11. Children Learn Best when They Are Grouped with Other Children of the Same Age, I.Q., and Skills.* Children learn best when they have available the greatest possible range of interpersonal experiences.

*12. Children Learn Best in Competitive Situations.* Children learn best when they cooperate in the solutions of problems by practicing cooperation in the solution of problems. Competitiveness has a rather sordid origin, and the extremes of competitiveness experienced, for example, in some forms of sports forced upon children by competitively oriented parents result in long-range problems for those children.

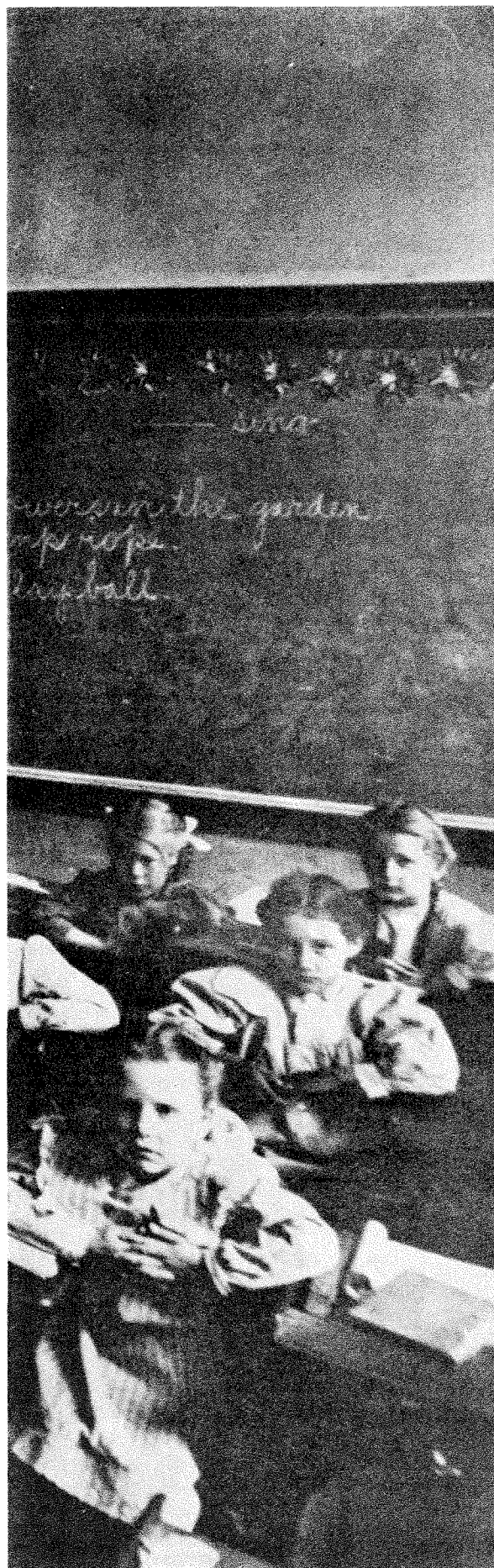
*13. The Experience and Expression of Emotions Interfere with the Learning Process.* There is no logical basis for divorcing emotions and their expressions from the learning process. Feelings are the proper subject of learning as is any other area of human concern.

*14. Learning Takes Place Most Effectively when the Learner Is Isolated from His Community in a Centrally Located Building.* Learning takes place most effectively when the learner is immersed in the environment where the problem that he is investigating is found. Learning is related to distance from the problem as light is related to the distance from the fire.

*15. Learning Takes Place Primarily when the Learner Is Sitting Still, Either Reading or Listening to the Teacher.* Learning takes place in all kinds of places and activities, so long as the learner is engaged in problem solving.

As you have read through these 15 items, perhaps it may have occurred to you that there is something in the way you are handling your children's education that needs to be reexamined. Certainly, those of us who teach, whether in a school, in the church, or as parents in the home, must be constantly alert for opportunities to increase the chances that learning will actually occur when we set out to teach. In structuring our own learning experiences, it is helpful to be aware of the factors that deal with the learning process, and we can choose the

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# Research

BY RETA STUART

Occasionally during the past two or three years we have reported about research being done by the Burundi Literature Fellowship under the direction of Daystar Communications of Eugene, Oregon. Initial preparation was begun in 1970 with major parts of the project done in '71 and '72. We were not permitted to carry out the demographic survey that was to have been an important phase of the project. Preliminary permission from top officials was given early, but later additional clearance was required for reasons we understood much better later as we saw development of events in the country in 1972. However, we were able to do much of the proposed study of cultural values, and the readability testing was completed as planned.

Processing of results has been slow, due to local circumstances that curtailed much normal activity for months, limited personnel, and the very time-consuming nature and amount of work to be done. Part of the data on the readability tests was delayed months en route to the States, but now all of it has arrived and is being processed by IBM facilities at the University of Oregon. It is hoped that a formula can be drawn up from the data that will guide in producing more readable literature.

Presently we are working here on the analysis of information gathered in the study of cultural values. From this report we will draw up inferences for practical application in future work. Dr. Donald K. Smith, research consultant, visited us in November to assist in this phase of the project. Within a few weeks we plan to

send preliminary reports to his Nairobi office.

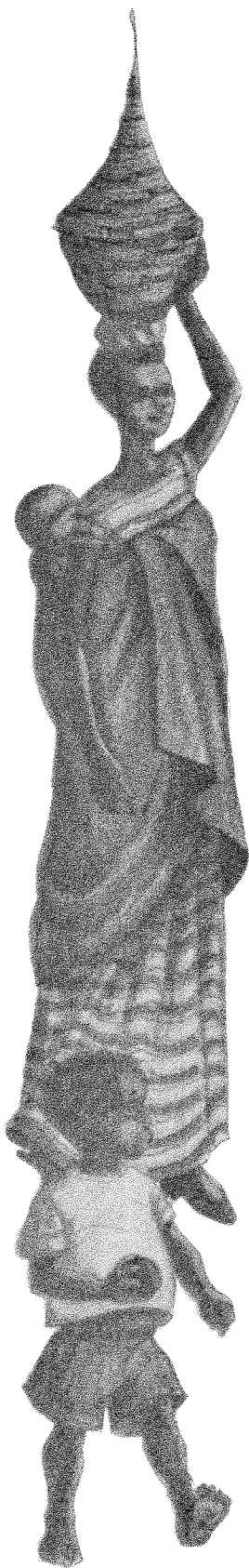
## SUBSISTENCE LEVEL OF LIVING

We are discovering very interesting trends in the analysis of information collected. Even though we were already aware of various aspects of Burundi culture, there are tendencies that stand out in bold relief again and again. As we have discussed the value of research with him, Dr. Smith has told us several times that it is not so much that research reveals new, startling facts as that it confirms what one already knows vaguely or suspects to be true. For example, we well knew that the Burundi economy level is low. But the subsistence level of living shows up in so many ways that it gives a new and deeper realization of how people often merely exist; we see how it affects their daily lives from various angles. The constant struggle most Burundi have just to eke out the bare necessities of food, clothing, and shelter looms large on their horizon, and we should take this into account as we seek to teach them about spiritual values.

Also, the prime importance of social relations is seen so clearly, and we are reminded that the Gospel of Christ can have much practical application in these relations with others. The pattern of pressures upon these relations is seen as rapidly changing material values make themselves felt. An awareness of these pressures can lead us to Christian teaching that will improve family relations as well as those of other social groups.

## FATALISM

Another significant trend that recurs often is the deeply-ingrained fatalistic attitude of the Burundi, coupled with an inadequate concept of God. Unfortunately the word *imana* in Kirundi, which is used for God, also means luck, chance, or fortune. It is often hard to know whether a Murundi thinks of God in heaven or some vague force of fate when he uses this word, which is very, very common in their daily vocabulary. We see the need for more teaching about the



*Reta Stuart, working under Kansas Yearly Meeting of Friends in the field of literature in Burundi, Africa, points out how research is helping in an understanding of the people and their needs, thus aiding in development of the most effective communication of the Gospel. This and the accompanying article by Eldon Helm give new insights into the African culture.*

# results

BY A. ELDON HELM

nature of God as well as other biblical truths such as the reality of life after death, the judgment of God, and man's need to prepare to meet his Maker. There is no problem for the Murundi to acknowledge the existence of God; long and strong is their tradition of recognition of a great Creator whose attributes of power and wisdom are unquestioned. But too often God seems to be far away, aloof, and unconcerned personally about them. In a question asked about whether they thought God was concerned about them, most people responded negatively. How they need to learn more of a loving, personal Father as well as a judge to whom one day they must give an account!

Already we have tried to make an application of this part of our observations in program material for Radio Cordac. A half-hour dialogue was prepared for Christmas that attempted to build on the traditional Kirundi belief in a Creator God and to show how He sent His Son to earth as a Savior who makes it possible for man to enjoy an eternal destiny with his Creator.

## ENCOURAGING SIGNS

In some respects, responses from Protestants, in contrast to those of Catholics and others, are encouraging as to the effectiveness of past teaching. Also, there is evidence as to the positive influence of education. (Many times we have wondered if our extensive efforts in education were worthwhile, or even if they were a hindrance to our real *raison d'être* in Burundi.)

We feel strongly we will be able to make a final report of our research that will be of much value for all Christian workers here, not just for those in the area of communications via literature or radio. After all, merely giving a message is not communication. No communication is effected until the message is received, understood, and acted upon. We believe we are coming to a new, deeper understanding of people with greater appreciation of their needs; this should make our communication of the Gospel of Christ more effective. □

Being eager to become better acquainted with our environment, the second Saturday afternoon after our arrival in Kenya we made our way to the Kakamega forest, which begins just a few miles east of the town of Kakamega in Western Province.

Leaving the modern asphalt surfaced highway, our little Toyota crept along in low gear over a track through which we could barely squeeze between the bush on each side. Soon there was a group of friendly children running along behind the car, and when we stopped at about two kilometers from the highway they gathered around. When Virginia greeted them in Swahili, one little girl who had

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*Eldon and Virginia Helm arrived in Kenya in December 1973. Eldon has been appointed for a two-year term as a senior business advisor with Partnership for Productivity Service Foundation (PpP). Virginia has been selected to work with East African women of East Africa Yearly Meeting in areas of their spiritual, educational, homemaking, and other practical concerns. Virginia is well prepared for this through leadership in a number of activities that brought her the honored designation of "Oregon Mother of the Year." Eldon comes from a background of 27 years of business experience in Portland, Oregon, where he shared ownership in a family business that grew from a small building supply retail store to a door-manufacturing plant with a nationwide market. When the factory was sold to a large corporation and subsequently moved out of the Pacific Northwest, Eldon believed this was the time to fulfill a lifelong dream of giving some time in service in a developing country. PpP has given the opportunity to fulfill that challenge. He is a graduate in geography from Portland State University and also had done graduate study at PSU in economic development. Eldon and Virginia are members of Reedwood Friends Church, Portland, Oregon, of Northwest Yearly Meeting.*

learned English in Primary School exclaimed, "There's an English woman who speaks Swahili!" Such flattery! All we knew in Swahili were words of greeting. Later on Reuben Musoga, our new high school student friend who had been helping us get our house and yard in shape, said the children were saying that we were the first Europeans who had ever come to visit them. Imagine!

We followed the footpath among many anthills at the edge of the forest, and then it became a real jungle trail between openings where timber is being harvested. Monkeys were jumping from branch to branch, always managing to stay well ahead of us and on the opposite side of the trees.

In the timber cutting areas we learned the story of making charcoal and how the larger logs are rolled upon a log scaffolding and ripped with a handsaw into rough boards. All the felling and cutting of the logs to about eight-foot lengths is done with an axe; some logs are as large as 36 inches in diameter. When the charcoal processing is complete, it is bagged in large gunny sacks and transported by head load or bicycle to Kakamega to be sold as fuel for 6 shs. (85¢ U.S.) a bag. The rough-sawn timber is also carried out by head load. For people living in the forest this is their only source of cash income.

At the risk of being called "one-month" experts, we believe the above orientation trip and evaluation of our orientation study point out:

1. That the modern and very poor are living almost side by side.
2. That every family with any cash income at all is trying to educate the children. (Beginning January 1974, the government has achieved the long-awaited goal of free education for grades 1 through 4. This is almost doubling the attendance at primary schools.)
3. The friendly spirit of the people. Even with language problems we find immediate fellowship with them.
4. The lack of technology in Western Kenya where even oxcarts are rare and



perhaps a tractor is seen more often than animal power, but the main source of power is still the human assisted with the simple tools such as the hoe, panga knife, axe, handsaw, and hammer.

5. The struggle to break from subsistence to a cash income economy predicated on the notion that material gain is an acceptable, desirable goal; and believing that a good cash income can achieve not only a higher standard of income for himself and his family, but it can also bring recognition, prestige, and social status. For instance, our landlord and his two wives and many children have saved and sacrificed and have built our concrete block with metal roof home to rent while they continue to live in their mud huts.

But unfortunately, willingness to enter the business world cash economy does not guarantee success. Many of the skills required for successful business management are unfamiliar. Some of the values of the traditional society, in fact, militate against the use of good management practice.

Accumulation of goods as being symbolic of wealth leads many small rural enterprises into working capital problems. Expensive, slow-moving stocks are a heavy investment for a small enterprise; not only is excessive stock tying up scarce capital, but substantial spoilage and deterioration can result. Various productivities are haphazardly arranged and crowded with stocks piled in unprotected disorder subject to unnecessarily high wastage. You see, for the most part, orderliness in a business sense is not a trait yet acquired in the Kenyan economy, and the idea is just beginning to catch on with some retailers.

In an environment such as Western Kenya, in parts of which there are two growing seasons and where recurrence of drought is rare, experience does not teach long-range planning and record keeping; yet management to cope with seasonal patterns of sales in rural Kenya requires planning consistent with the length of the

production/marketing process, and the accounting records are a must as a management tool.

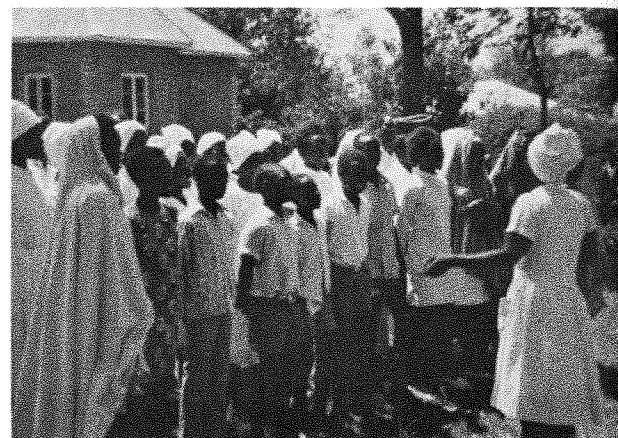
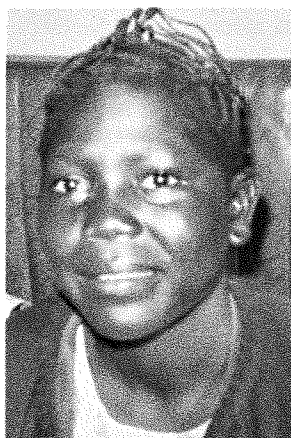
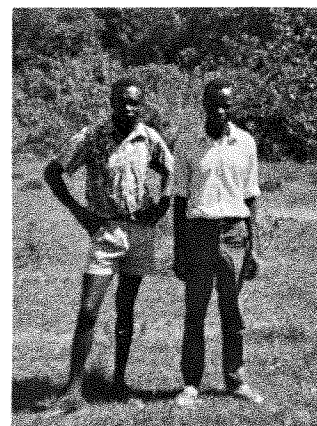
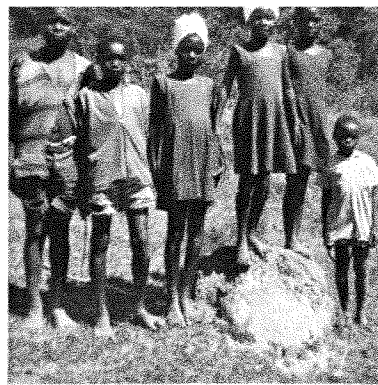
Modern Kenya has no legacy such as Western Europe, where one of the remnants of feudalism was art and craftsmanship. Kenya cannot hope to compete in the international economic arena until its labor more nearly attains the equivalent skills and quality of workmanship. But since skill and pride of workmanship are more likely to grow out of the intensive labor activities of the small rural enterprise development than the impersonal, machine atmosphere of modern industry, it is believed that this setting provides a strong incentive to improve labor skills and quality of workmanship.

Submission to authority rooted in traditional society and strongly reinforced and expanded during the colonial period limited innovative behavior. This can be an obstacle in modern economy, where responsibility to make and execute decisions is necessary without waiting for authority to give instructions. Here again,

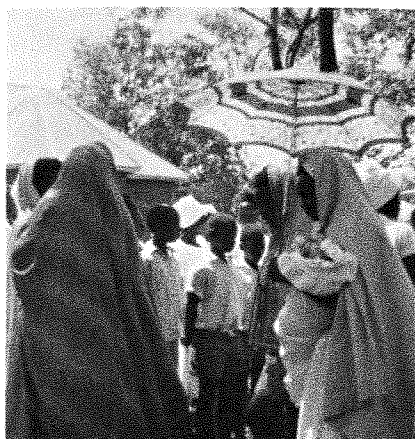
small-scale business gives opportunity for creative attitudes, attributes that are critical for the increase of entrepreneurial and administrative talent.

Small-scale rural industry accepts the virtue of thrift and long hours of hard work for material gain. It can contribute more than the proportion of their numbers to the Kenyan economy. Small-scale rural industry can be profitable. The reward to labor compares well with modern industry. Capital invested in the rural segment of the economy makes a greater contribution to the national product and creates more employment than an equivalent amount of capital in the modern sector. Entry is relatively easy; capital and technological requirements are modest.

Technical assistance in agriculture has raised farm output so that a cash income and personal savings are now possible among many families. The usual source of beginning capital for a small business is from personal savings from cash crops from the *Shamba*. Reinvested earnings



A. Eldon Helm (center photo) surrounded by photos of individuals and groups with whom he and his wife Virginia have visited and worked since arriving in Kenya, East Africa.



can supply capital for expansion supplemented by loans in some cases.

Rural nonagricultural enterprises in Kenya today are beginning at an accelerating rate.

They are performing useful functions and are filling gaps in the industrial complex. Their continued growth and viability will depend upon whether they are aided in the development of production and management skills. A shift in emphasis in the educational system from an almost complete emphasis on an academic curriculum toward technical education is the best means of developing training areas for future entrepreneurs. But for the present generation extension services brought to the businessman on his premises are clearly preferred. This requires numerous centers fully staffed with ample means of transportation.

Partnership for Productivity developed from discussions between Kenyan members of East Africa Yearly Meeting of Friends and Friends in the U.S.A. and the U.K., all of them believing the

Quaker concept of caring for and the encouragement of one another could be a workable tool in an innovative effort to promote small-scale African-owned and managed enterprises in the rural economy of Western Kenya.

PfP became a reality in 1970 with the opening of the office in Kakamega. The first three years have been experimental, and it may be said that perhaps its greatest achievement has been in sorting out what doesn't work. But now it stands as a "pilot plant" in meeting needs of small business of Kenya. Expansion of its services are called for, which PfP is seeking to do as fast as techniques that work, and staff, both expatriate and Kenyan, can make the contacts with businessmen who seek our help. Currently PfP is decentralizing from Kakamega in order to be able to assist in wider coverage throughout Western Kenya.

Recently a local manufacturer of shirts, dresses, and uniforms whom PfP had assisted in the past came into the office. He needed 6,000 Kshs. to buy material for orders that he had on hand. He already had maximum loans, and his overdraft at the bank was also used up. His sugar cane harvest on his farm was yet a month away. What was he to do? Bill Ramey, our general manager, suggested that he go to the sugar mill that had contracted for his cane and ask for an advance on his cane crop. He had never done anything like this. He was sure the people with authority to do such as this would never talk to him. Bill insisted that he try and persevere until they would listen. This was on Friday. On Monday he was jubilant! The assistant general manager had seen him, and he was granted the advance of 6,000 Kshs. he needed. He was so very grateful to PfP.

Sometimes it is the little things like this that make PfP important to the small businessman of Kenya and provide the challenge to PfP staff to want to be Partnership advisors to other businessmen, for their success is our success, and our success is their success. □

## Missionary Voice

# Unworthy missionary motives

BY RALPH SCHWARTZ

Does a missionary go to the foreign field because he is not sharp enough to make it in the homeland? Does he feel that life in the U.S.A. is just too degenerate (what with scandals in high places and morals dipping to ever greater depths) and he is seeking asylum elsewhere? Is he, therefore, disgruntled with his homeland and anxiously awaiting the day when he shall become a citizen of the country to which he has gone? Has he placed all of his natural abilities and spiritual gifts into a Xerox computer, having been thus told that he would make an ideal missionary? Since the American educational system is so shot through with evolution, revolution, and "pot," is the missionary seeking a more serene and protected atmosphere in which to raise his children? Besides, his wife has her B.S. in elementary education and is just dying to teach her own kids. With modern languages as his *forte* does he feel that this is the best way to use his ability? Has he evaluated the varying material and spiritual needs of the world's underdeveloped nations and by process of elimination focused on the one to which he wants to go? Or is he some kind of psychotic deriving pleasure from difficulties and unpleasant conditions that others say they "could just not endure"—heat, humidity, strange food, filth, complacency, ignorance, superstition, and so on?

Having completed two terms in the Amazon Valley of Brazil and presently serving the third term, I would like to say very clearly and emphatically that even if any, some, or all of these aforementioned reasons were true, they would be utterly insufficient to cause this missionary to want to return to the field. Human reason, logic and abilities, spiritual gifts, and even divine zeal would all be ground

*"Human reason, logic and abilities, spiritual gifts, and even divine zeal would all be ground to dust under the rigors of missionary service as we have known it," is the belief of Brazilian missionary Ralph Schwartz in this article from The Brethren Missionary Herald. Used with permission.*

to dust under the rigors of missionary service as we have known it.

NO, NO, NO! a thousand times NO! None of these are right motives to enter missionary work. All these are *unworthy*. Have we so lost touch with God in our "Christian" experience that we must resort to this kind of carnal calculating? Does God no longer speak with men? Is the God who called Isaiah, touched his lips with fire, and sent him forth with a message burning in his soul and instructions to preach it until no one was left to preach it to—is that God dead? Or is it possible that we just do not know Him well enough? Does He not care to make His will known to us in these days, or could we care less about knowing it? Could we honestly look up to Him right now and say: "I know that I'm doing your will, and I want to do it more than anything else in my life?" If not, why not? As a Christian you should be able to do this. When, if ever, will we get serious enough with God to search out and find His will for us? Someone suggested getting down on our knees in prayer and not getting up again until the matter is settled. Not a bad idea—why not try it? You can be sure that the Lord is waiting to meet you there. Just remember, the knowledge of the Holy One does not come cheap. It is not available to the casual observer.

Yes, there is a force strong enough to draw one away from friends, family, financial security, familiar language, and so forth, and keep him going back again and again. That force is God's call, personal and direct. Without it we would be overwhelmed by it all. With it we walk hand in hand with the God of the universe and together WE SHALL OVERCOME! □

## Missionary Voice

# Ground breaking for fellowship hall

February 12, 1974, the staff of Christian Hospital, Chhatarpur, met on the site of the proposed Fellowship Hall for a ground-breaking ceremony. After the singing of the hymn, The Church's One Foundation, Chaplain Gabriel Massey read the 122nd Psalm, emphasizing the 7th verse, "Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces."

Dr. Ezra DeVol spoke on the fulfillment of the dream of many of us for such a building, "Those who have prayed and given for this building envision it as a very practical facility to be used in many ways: namely, as a library and reading room, as a center where we can worship, transact business, and enjoy social fellowship; where we can entertain the local Medical Society and the Regional Board of the Emmanuel Hospital Association in medical conferences; as a gathering place for patients and relatives to meet for public health instruction and to hear the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ; it is also our desire that Fellowship Hall be available to the



Dr. D. W. Mategaonker, left, medical superintendent, and Dr. Ezra DeVol, hospital superintendent, break the ground for new fellowship hall at Chhatarpur, India. Lower group photo includes, among other staff personnel, Inelda Shaw (second from right in front row) new nursing superintendent.

young people of the Bundelkhand Masihi Mitra Samaj for social functions."

He closed his remarks with quoting 1 John 1:7, "If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." □

## Missionary Voice

# Recipe for a successful ladies' missionary retreat

BY SHIRLEY FIRESTONE

There are several things that go into making a successful retreat, but—I have found the most important thing to be PRAYER, prayer for guidance by the Holy Spirit in every part of the formation of the retreat. Speakers will come to mind almost instantly when He leads.

The second most important thing is to get a lady from each society to help with ideas and prayer support. How is this done? By asking for a meeting at district or area meeting about three meetings before you plan to have your retreat. This gives you plenty of time to write letters and get any other information you need.

Also, this is good because the ladies feel as though they are involved. Ask questions on what they would like to do, what project, the theme, etc. This is also a good time to get volunteers (each church involved) to help with music, devotions, making programs, missionary news, book reports, name tags and guest book, the host church, and what kind of meal they desire. For the last three years we have had a salad buffet, with each lady bringing her favorite salad. Last year we brought our recipes along and had a booklet made up for all the ladies. They really liked this.

This year the ladies wanted a work table to see what all the societies were doing and making. There were many new ideas passed around. You know what thrilled me the most was when many of them came up to me after the retreat and said this was the best one ever.

With the Holy Spirit guiding and willing workers to do things, such as letter writing, making phone calls, and just encouraging others at their tasks, you, too, can have a successful Ladies Missionary Retreat. □



## World evangelism—by whom?

BY MARK HENRY

The last week in December I grew in being able to see myself as a partner with believers around the world in reaching out to each other's countries for Christ. This happened at the 10th triennial Missionary Conference of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship at the University of Illinois.

Among the speakers who were daily addressing the 14,000 North American college and university students were men of God from several other continents. With zeal, Dr. Philip Teng of Hong Kong presented a series on Missions and the Old Testament, the Gospels, Acts, and the Epistles. Each evening Chua Wee Hian from Singapore presented a carefully researched summary of the situation of the Body of Christ on the various continents, including our own. A sense of unity seems to result from seeing that we all have to struggle to resist being conformed to our varying cultures instead of to Christ.

With the aid of an interpreter, Gregorio Landero, a church leader in Colombia, shared some of his experiences in trying both to reach his neighbors for Christ and to help his spiritual brothers cope with their political and economic situations. The depth of his love for and commitment to fellow believers surprised those of us who are accustomed to feeling that it is our American missionary who is the principal source of spiritual wisdom and insight in other countries.

As we met in Urbana, Illinois, university students from across Asia met for similar reasons in the Philippines. It was the first such Asian Missionary Conference for university students, a very significant event. The Asian seems to be

becoming zealously missions-oriented, often sending out several missionaries from a single congregation to other parts of Asia. The telegrams that we received from their convention clearly expressed a deep desire that we all work together diligently in evangelism.

I was pleased to hear of foreign missionaries to the United States. One such missionary from Africa to university students at Madison, Wisconsin, was present at our Urbana, Illinois, convention.

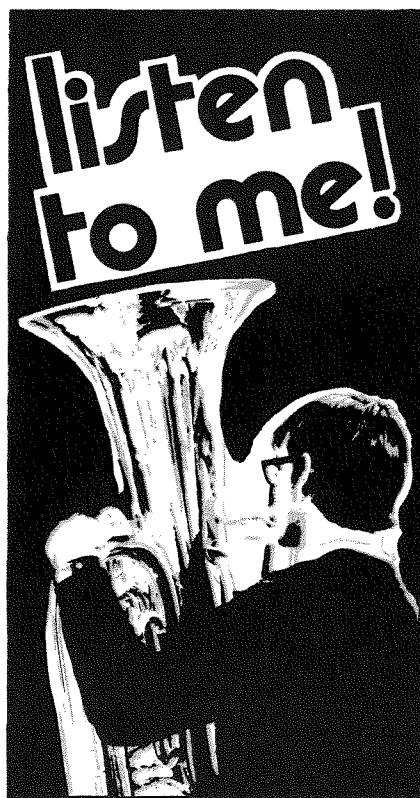
As the five days passed by we were brought to face three basic questions:

1. What does the Word of God say about His eternal and unchangeable plans for the world?
2. What is the situation in the world today, as the church of Jesus Christ proclaims the message of salvation to those who do not know Him?
3. What do these two things mean to me individually as I seek God's will for my life?

Many dealt with the third question as they talked with some of the spokesmen for the more than 80 mission boards represented there. Many students were being called by God to make plans to serve abroad. Others of our group, attending afternoon workshops, learned of ways to share the timeless themes of the convention with other Christians back on campus. We were all given an opportunity to know of specific needs abroad and to pray about giving a sacrificial offering for those needs. I feel that the thousands upon thousands of dollars received were an indication of the Lord's involvement in the lives of students who were there. Throughout the week, the themes of commitment and sacrifice to Christ were seen everywhere.

In His Word, God calls all of us to play some role in His plans for the world. Let us be thankful that He is so evidently involving college and university students in this. ☐

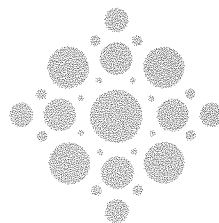
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*What's New!*



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## **chapter two the vancouver story**

*An effective bus ministry  
at Vancouver, Washington,  
First Friends Church  
continues to be the key to  
significant growth in  
church and Sunday school  
attendance.*

BY DOROTHY BARRATT

A parking lot full of cars, Sunday school rooms bulging with children and adults, new additions to the building, and the excitement of a successful venture—this is what we found as we stopped to see how things were going at Vancouver First Friends Church.



*Activities in connection with bus ministry at First Friends Church in Vancouver, Washington, include happy kindergarten children, a bulging classroom of primary children, a bus captain and some of his students, and an adult beginners class.*



Since our story a year ago, another impressive chapter can be added. The church and Sunday school have continued to grow through an effective and expanding bus ministry.

Vancouver First Friends now owns three large buses and a minibus. Each bus goes out on Sunday morning with a bus driver, a bus captain, and one helper. The bus captain ministers in many ways. On the Sunday morning route, he not only serves as the host and friendly greeter but often goes into homes to help dress the children.

Each Saturday morning the bus captains and helpers meet for prayer and sharing before going out to visit in their areas. Following the prayer meeting, they spend four or five hours calling in homes, making new friends, following up absentees, and sharing their faith with the mothers and dads of the bus children.

Some of these calls have led to the conversion of parents, who have joined the crowd at First Friends. For these

new Christians, a new adult Sunday school class has been started.

Since the beginning of the bus ministry, two new Christian education building units have been added, and the church is currently involved in building a large fellowship hall, which will be divided for classrooms.

The majority of the children are bused in for the 9:30 worship service—graded for children and adults—and stay through the Sunday school hour, which is over at 11:30.

A second worship service beginning at 11:30 a.m. has been added recently and is growing in attendance.

Sunday school attendance is now running around 350 with worship services slightly higher. A recent high attendance in worship was 394. Attendance is averaging about 125 above a year ago.

A rapidly growing church has a few problems—or better stated “challenges”—but wouldn’t you like to exchange your set of problems for theirs? ☐

# Waiting

BY BETTY M. HOCKETT

"Deb, do you think Grandma's going to die?"

"I don't know, Tom. I sure hope not but she's been awful sick."

"Heart attacks are pretty bad, aren't they!" Tom did not ask that as a question; he knew it was true because Grandma Atkins had been very sick for almost a week. "Wish Mom and Dad would come back. They've been down to her room for at least an hour, haven't they?"

Debbie looked at the round clock on the wall of the hospital waiting room. "Only about 20 minutes, Tom. It just seems like a long time."

"Yeah," Tom replied in a toneless voice. He scooted along the slick vinyl daveno, getting a little bit closer to Debbie. Usually he did not care about being so close to his older sister, but right then it was comforting to have her nearby. Children were not allowed back in the intensive care room where Grandma was being cared for. It was hard to spend the time waiting and wondering.

"Last Easter we went to Grandma and Grandpa's house for dinner," Debbie reminded. "Remember the cute cake Grandma made with candy eggs on the top?"

Tom nodded. "Guess we won't be going there this Easter." He looked around the waiting area again. A color TV set in one corner was busy with people and advertisements flashing back and forth across the screen. Tom looked right at it but was not seeing the programs at all. In his mind he was seeing big, fat peanut butter cookies and little round powdered-sugar coated cookies that always seemed to live in Grandma's red cookie jar. He licked his lips as he remembered the Easter cake and the nut pies and the turkey gravy that always tasted better at Grandma's house than anywhere else.

"How old is Grandma?" he wondered.

Debbie wrinkled up her face as she answered, "I'm not sure but I think she's 60."

"Wow! That's pretty old, isn't it?"

"Oh, I don't know. Cindy's grandfather is 75."



"Mom said maybe Grandma would get to spend this Easter in heaven." Tom swallowed hard and blinked his eyes. He did not want to begin crying out here in public, but somehow the tears seemed to be just right on the edge of his eyes.

"I wish she'd get well." Cindy swallowed hard, too. "I've been asking God to let her get well from this heart attack."

"Me, too." Suddenly Tom sat up straighter. "Maybe He will. Maybe He'll decide that this isn't the time for Grandma Atkins to go to heaven." Then he scrunched way down again into the green vinyl daveno that was cold and slick. With a very small voice he said, "But maybe He thinks this *is* the time."

The colored pictures of people and their lives went busily on across the television screen. The magazines in their neat rows on the rack stayed untouched. Sunshine coming in through the venetian blinds made zebra stripes on the green carpet. Debbie and Tom sat quietly. For once, neither one wanted to stir out of their quietness.

"Hospitals smell," said Tom after being quiet for awhile more.

"That's because of all the medicine and the surgery room and everything," Debbie explained importantly. "When I had my tonsils out it smelled like this."

"Oh," Tom replied. The hospital routine was not something that he knew much about. In all of his ten years of life he had only been to visit one or two peo-

ple in the hospital. He had not been to bed there for any reason.

"I'm tired of waiting," he announced. "I want to know if Grandma is going to get well or just what."

The soft pad-pad sound of steps coming along the carpet made Tom and Debbie look quickly.

"Good news, kids," said Dad with a broad smile. "The doctors say that Grandma is better today. They think now that she's going to get well."

"Neato!" Tom sighed a big relaxing sigh.

"Good!" Debbie smiled happily.

"Of course it's going to take a long time for her to get well enough even to be out of bed. Today she's able to breathe without the extra oxygen, and she knew that we were there to see her." Mother put an arm around Tom.

"But we still won't be able to have dinner at her house on Easter, will we?" Tom wondered. "She won't be well by then, I know."

"You're right. But just think, on Easter Sunday we'll have so much to be thankful for. When we read the Bible story about Jesus' resurrection we can think about the new hope for Grandma getting well. Easter will mean much more to us this year than ever before."

"Instead of getting a new dress can I use that money to buy something for Grandma?" Debbie was excited with this new idea. "Maybe she would like a new robe to wear when she can get out of bed."

"Could I buy her some slippers with the money I've saved for a new shirt for Easter?" Tom had caught Debbie's feeling of enthusiasm.

As they walked out the front door of the hospital Dad looked proudly at his children. "I think you guys have a great idea. By the time Easter comes Grandma'll probably be ready to see you. Maybe they'll even let you go to her room for a very few minutes and you could give her the gifts yourself."

"I think Easter's going to be okay after all," Tom decided out loud.

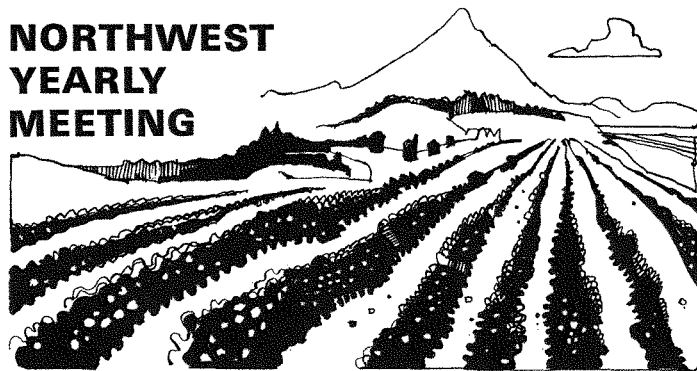
"I wasn't very anxious for it when I thought Grandma might die before then. All I could think of was the cake she made for us last year," said Debbie.

The sunshine outside was warm and bright. "God is good, isn't He?" observed Dad. "And He's the giver of life. But He also knows when it is time for our lives to be finished here on earth. But of course that is just the beginning of *real* life—life with Him in heaven."

Tom's face finally crinkled into a smile. "I'm awful tired of waiting. And now we've gotta wait some more—clear until Easter. I guess, though, that kind of waiting won't be quite so bad. And it'll be neat when that day gets here." □



## NORTHWEST YEARLY MEETING



### Thirty Attend High Calling Conference

The High Calling Conference, sponsored by the Yearly Meeting Board of Evangelism and the religion faculty of George Fox College, was held March 1-3 at Twin Rocks. About 30 high school, college, and seminary students joined with resource people for a weekend of sharing about God's call to ministry and service. Paul Meier, pastor at Silverton, coordinated the conference.

Yearly Meeting Superintendent Norval Hadley gave the opening message. Lecture and dialogue sessions were led by Roy Clark on prayer, Jack Willcuts on team ministries, Dr. William Green on leadership, and Phil Harmon on leadership and self-image. Small group sessions brought students and resource people together to discuss topics such as missions, pulpit ministry, youth, and music.

The Board of Evangelism is planning another High Calling Conference for next year.

### Greenleaf Academy Sale Doubles

Proceeds from this year's Greenleaf Academy Benefit Auction doubled the amount raised last year; \$10,039 was raised at the 23rd annual sale held Saturday, March 9.

Items auctioned this year included the 1959 Thunderbird (pictured), a motorbike, farm implements, feed, fertilizer, livestock, and a vast array of hand tools and automotive products. Services auctioned included a weekend at McCall or Sun Valley.

Highlight of the sale is the traditional auctioning of the Heirloom Clock, which is donated back to the school each year to be reaucted. Cecil Binford won the privilege of custodianship of the Academy Heir-

loom, which belonged to Dwight Comfort last year.

Staunch supporters of the sale are the Greenleaf Women's Auxiliary, who contribute and coordinate the meals and manage the "Old Country Sale," which features antiques, fruit and vegetables, handwork, and homemade candy and baked goods. Phyllis Roberts of Greenleaf is the auxiliary president.

"Residents of Boise valley communities generously give items to be auctioned, which makes the benefit auction the success that it is," states Henry Warren, chairman.

### An Insider's Look at Friends Memorial Church

Moving to Seattle last summer and becoming a part of Friends Memorial Church has been a new and exciting experience for us. Soon after we arrived, Sunday morning worship was moved to a school auditorium in order to provide more parking space and the opportunity for greater growth. We asked ourselves, "How can a huge school auditorium have a worshipful atmosphere?" We discovered that Friends Memorial Church is people—people who have discovered they are the church, people caring for and meeting others' needs, people helping and encouraging believer and nonbeliever alike so that Jesus Christ might become real in the lives of all. Here a visitor finds real love, meets Jesus Christ, and, quite often, brings his friends to make these discoveries also.

We found that caring for the needs of others is not limited to Sundays. The new Friends Center for Human Understanding is one of the ways of meeting needs. This center has become an arm of the church, providing people with counsel in discovering truth and real solutions in all areas of human encounter. Youth

centers for junior and senior highers are also being developed, and an intensive Bible training program will soon begin.

Friends Memorial Church is people who have discovered they are the church.  
—Charles Neifert

### Prison Ministries Is New Opportunity

Are you looking for an opportunity to serve the Lord in a really significant ministry—one that can be redemptive for needy persons? A newly developing ministry of reconciliation and healing for prisoners, ex-prisoners, and former alcoholics and addicts is in the process of being formed. A fellowship of people (Friends and others) in the Portland area who would like to unite in a prison ministry is meeting together on Sunday afternoons at 5 p.m. at the Reedwood Friends Church in the lounge.

Opportunities for service will vary, depending upon your interests and gifts. Some of the needs are for people to visit inmates in the state correctional institutions and McLaren School. Inmates need much personal assistance during the difficult adjustment period following release from the institution. Volunteers can be very helpful at this time. Other volunteers are needed in halfway house and coffeehouse ministries, some of which are already in operation, while others are in the early planning stage. And yet others will be needed who can contribute time in phoning and as prayer partners.

If you feel led by a loving concern to come together with other Friends to explore the possibilities of this vital ministry and how we can use our valuable Christian resources, join together with us on Sunday afternoon at Reedwood. If you are unable to come at this time, please call one of the following for information about involvement: Jack Willcuts, 234-5017, or Bill Jackson, 659-8554.

### George Fox College

George Fox College's fourth annual summer tour will start June 19 with a three-week stay in the Holy Land, according to plans announced by tour directors Dr. Milo Ross and Paul Mills.

The tour is open to those interested in college credit and also those just wishing to sightsee. The tour will last one month, leaving from Portland. Participants will cross Europe by train, spend three days in Rome, then travel by ship and train to Athens before going to the Holy Land.

# Friends concerns

College credit will be given in courses in Bible and history or political science for those who register. Cost for the tour is approximately \$1,500. Further information is available from the college.

The 34-member GFC choir will sing in the British Isles, Belgium, and West Germany this summer. Directed by Dr. Jerry Friesen, the choir will leave June 1 for a two-week schedule of concerts at military bases, churches, and schools. In addition to their singing, the choir will visit historic sites in George Fox's homeland. Choir members are raising money for their own travel expenses through sales and special projects.

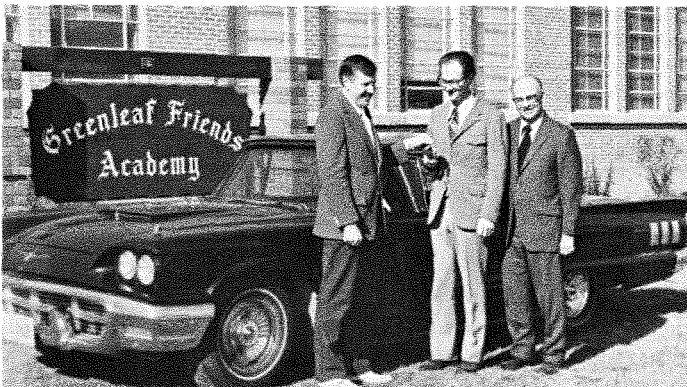
A three-day lecture series on energy and the environment was hosted by GFC in late February. The series was sponsored jointly by the natural science and social science departments and was funded by a foundation grant for "Exposures to Creative Learning."

Speakers included Dr. Charles King, executive director of the Ohio Biological Survey; Larry Turner, assistant director of the Malheur (Oregon) Environmental Field Station, and Paul Stoltman, special assistant to the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality director.

Basketball, drama, alumni meetings, and a talent show highlighted annual Homecoming activities reignited over by Queen Launi Manley, a Missoula, Montana, physical education major. The blond-haired, blue-eyed junior was named in ceremonies Friday night to start the activities. Saturday events, held under the theme, "A Time to Remember," included an alumni-student variety show, campus open house, and an alumni "Relive the Old Days" period in Alumni Lounge. The Bruins defeated visiting Warner Pacific College 107-71 in basketball action to climax the day.

A 24-member cast was featured in the winter term drama production of Archibald MacLeish's poetic drama *J.B.* directed by Dr. Michael Graves; the drama portrayed a modern-day Job facing a succession of calamities as does the biblical Job. Cast members ended the performances by interacting with the audience in a discussion session.

More than 500 persons attended the seventh annual Southern California Dinner for George Fox Col-



Al Fisher, left, hands over the keys of the 1959 Thunderbird, donated by him, to Henry Warren and Paul Fees, chairman and vice-chairman of the Greenleaf Academy Benefit Sale.

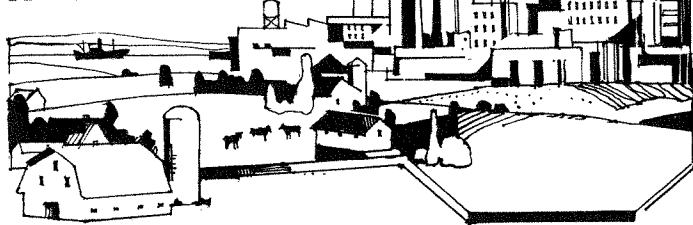
lege hosted by friends of the college in the area. The dinner was held in the Disneyland Hotel with singer-recording star Pat Boone featured. President David Le Shana delivered the address, "Partners in Progress," and the GFC concert band performed.

George Fox has the opportunity to be represented at the World's Fair

in Spokane. The 60-piece concert band directed by Dr. Dennis Hagen has been invited to perform May 24 at Expo '74. About \$1,000 will be needed for the transportation, housing, and other arrangements, and an effort to raise that through a concert and donations is underway.

Composer Newell Long of Indiana University agreed to write a new march for the occasion to honor the band's playing at the fair.

## E.F.C.—EASTERN REGION



## You Can't Take It with You

How many of us have stopped to consider what happens to our material possessions when we pass from this earthly life? Are we content to let these possessions pass to our heirs with no restrictions, or would we prefer to leave directions for their use, possibly for the furtherance of the kingdom of God?

At a recent Estate Planning Seminar, the lecturer, a probate judge, made the statement, "What we can do with our estate is limited only by the amount of the estate and the extent of our imagination." He told of an instance involving an elderly man whose only heir was a handicapped son who would be institutionalized for the remainder of his life. The father's primary concern was that during the years of confinement the son would have visitors and people showing an interest in him. The solution suggested to him was a bequest to a local church with the stipulation that, as long as the son should live, the income from the bequest be used to buy gifts for the son at specified times during the year (Christmas, birthday, etc.). This achieved the purpose intended of securing attention for the son and also of eventually making an outright gift to the church.

Do you have areas of concern for the future of others that can only be achieved by the proper use of your estate after your demise? If so, I would urge that these desires be discussed with an attorney and that proper provision be made in your will.

One desire we as Christians should have is the furtherance of the missionary program of the Evangelical Friends Church. As you read these words, in your imagination project yourself 75 years into the future. Hopefully, for most of us we would find ourselves in heaven. Again, in our imagination, we see people entering the kingdom of heaven whom we have never met, but we know they are there because of the ongoing ministry of the Missionary Outreach program of the Evangelical Friends Church. We know also that in part this ministry is continuing because of our bequests to the Development Fund of the Evangelical Friends Church.

Often we have heard the state-

ment, "You can't take it with you." Allow me to suggest that this can be changed to, "You can't take it with you, but you can leave directions for its use so that it will continue to pay dividends for eternity."

—Burris Jones, Chairman  
Development Fund Committee  
EFC—ER

## Camp Dates

Camp Caesar ..... June 24-29  
Penn Junior Camp .... June 17-19  
Virginia District  
Junior Camp ..... July 8-11

### Quaker Canyon Camps:

Counselor Training and  
Family Retreat ..... May 24-27  
7th grade boys and girls June 24-29  
8th grade and up ..... July 1-6  
5th and 6th grade boys ... July 15-20  
3rd and 4th grade boys ... July 22-27  
5th and 6th grade girls ... August 5-10  
3rd and 4th grade girls August 12-17  
Adventure Camp I  
(coed grades 3-8) ... August 5-10  
Adventure Camp II  
(coed grades 3-8) ... August 12-17

## Focus on Malone

Malone College Day in the Churches was observed Sunday, March 31, by the Eastern Region churches of the Evangelical Friends. President Lon Randall delivered a short message via cassette tape in which he reaffirmed the purpose of the college to its supporting churches. A literature table, bulletin inserts, and follow-up interviews with college-bound youth completed the day's emphasis.

Gospel teams from Malone are having a special ministry to area churches this year. Four youth revivals on weekends have been conducted—McKees Creek, Mt. Carmel, Marysville, and West Mansfield Friends Churches. Besides these efforts, 17 services have been conducted by students ministering in different churches in either music or sharing or both. The Public Relations Office handles all appointments for these groups.

The schedule for Malone College commencement activities will in-

clude: May 15 at 10 a.m.—Baccalaureate; May 25 at 10 a.m.—Commencement. The Orient Tour group will leave Canton June 4 for an exciting itinerary including Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, the Philippines (with Thailand as an option), and Honolulu, returning home June 30.

## Malone Basketball Team Ends Successful Season

The Malone College Pioneers ended the most successful basketball season in Malone history with 22 wins and 7 losses. The team captured the Mid-Ohio Conference championship for the first time and went on to be runner-up in NAIA District 22 finals, beaten out only by Defiance for a berth in the nationals.

Coach Jay Bowerman was named *Coach of the Year* of both the district and the conference in this his fourth year as head basketball coach at Malone. He came to Canton from Seattle Pacific College in the fall of 1970.

Three Malone players were named to the NAIA All District Team: Phil

Hodge, Larry Arrington, and Mark Klein. Receiving Honorable Mention were Phil Marzick and Dave Williams.

## Did You Know?

■ That Deep Creek Friends broke an old record by having 191 in attendance at their morning service on January 10?

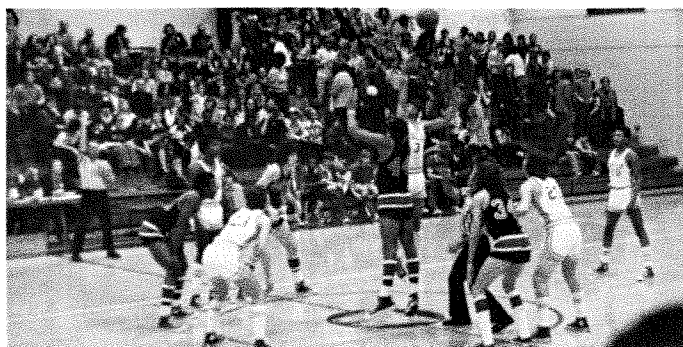
■ That Canton Friends Church reported a total Sunday morning attendance of 527 in their three services held on January 20?

■ That April 30 has been designated as Day of National Humiliation and Prayer?

■ That Deerfield Friends had a New Life Crusade with Joe Shultz March 10-17?

■ That Orange Friends had a groundbreaking ceremony on March 3 to begin construction of their new sanctuary?

■ That Raleigh Harris and the Village Church in Erie, Pennsylvania, observed their fifth anniversary of *Meditation*—a radio program over WRIE at 7:30 a.m. each Sunday morning?



Tip-off time for Malone and Walsh. The Malone Pioneers won this game 75-59 on their way to the Mid-Ohio Conference championship. (See story above.)



## KANSAS YEARLY MEETING

## Highlights of Kansas Yearly Meeting's Executive Council

Kansas Yearly Meeting's Executive Council met February 9, 1974, at University Friends Church, Wichita, Kansas. Maurice Roberts, chairman, opened the meeting with a short challenge about the four essential features of one's work or responsibility.

1. True revelation, that my work is for the eternal purpose of God.
2. The purpose for my work must be conceived by God.
3. My work must depend on God for its continuance.
4. My work must glorify God.

Dr. Harold (Hal) Cope, president of Friends University, who had represented KYM in the FWCC Triennial

Meetings in Australia, reported on that trip.

A report of the Friends Conference on Investments held in Richmond, Indiana, was given by Dr. Cope and Stanley Brown.

The *Spiritual Life Board* presented a summarization of the Analysis of the Kinser Report (a church-by-church evaluation study made by Merl Kinser). From this, Leroy Brightup presented nine recommendations, including a program to be entitled "Planning for the 1980s." The Executive Council strongly approved all recommendations and appointed the following members of the Permanent Planning Committee:

Gerald Teague, chairman; Robert Winters, Spiritual Life; Arthur Binford, Education; Rosa Mae Taber, Outreach; Ernest Coleman, Stewards.

Announcement was made of the availability of the revised Discipline, now called the *Faith and Practice*. These have now been assembled and sell for \$1 each, postpaid.

The new work in Tyler, Texas, was reported by Gerald Teague as growing, maturing, and having a good financial base. They have been given full-fledged extension point status by the KYM Outreach Board with direct oversight through the board. They have purchased property for their regular meetings.

Report was also given on the Friends in Dallas Ministries, calling attention to People-Places-Program-Power as summarized in written form by Wendell Barnett, pastor.

The Education Board presented a recommendation in conjunction with the Camp Board concerning the hiring of a director of Christian education and camping. A committee was appointed to work on this with the Planning Committee and to report to that committee not later than May 15, 1974.

Chairman Loren Lutes expressed his concern on improving KYM support for Friends University to more fully and realistically finance the education of the 61 students from KYM presently attending FU.

Frank Gordy outlined several envisioned projects of the Youth Division. Dale Lewis related observations on the joint RYM and KYM Mid-winter Retreat at Quaker Ridge.

The Outreach Board, represented by Foreign Ministries chairman, Veryl Hinshaw, reported that Christian refugees from our foreign mission field are beginning to establish new Friends meetings in neighboring countries in which they are presently living. He stated that the Dealy and Thornburg families will be returning to Burundi, while five missionary families will be coming home for their year of furlough.

N. L. Payne related the availability of a tape and filmstrip on the Oklahoma Indian work. This will soon be available through the Yearly Meeting Office.

Thelma Jay stated that new audio-visuals on social concerns are being secured (some going to Africa) for use in possible camp program training.

Stewardship Board president, Burgis Taber, outlined the proposed 1974-75 KYM Unified Financial Program requests from each board and the proposed recommendations of the Stewards. After approval by the Executive Council, these have subsequently been mailed to each meeting. The UFP was pared from \$264,000 to its present challenge of \$212,000.

## WMU—Stewardship

By LaJuanta Winslow  
Stewardship Chairman

*The important thing to remember is that our remaining time is very short, and so are our opportunities for doing the Lord's work. —1 Corinthians 7:29 LB*

Our oft repeated phrase in these days of accelerated living is "If I had time," or "I don't have time."

Perhaps we should establish a priority list of just what we really must take time for. The list will have to be topped with doing God's work, for the Bible says in Matthew 6:30, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God . . ."

In so doing, the Lord will "make a way"—our time will go further and we will accomplish more—for God, for family, for community.

## Burundi Prayer and Praise

### PRAY

#### For Our Pastors

■ This is our main request and we want you to help us pray for them. They have been so discouraged they tend to let down in their Christian life and their jobs.

■ that God will give them a new touch and a new burden to see people saved and the church go forward.

■ that God will show us how to help them more. We cannot see our church grow if the pastors have no burden.

#### For the Church Elders

■ People have been put in that did not have a Christian testimony.

■ Why did this happen? Because of fear and because the church looked to the ones with more education.

#### For the Kwisumo Area

■ that God will give one of our pastors a burden to help in that area. Before Ann and Gary Fuqua left on March 11, we saw nearly 100 women bring their children in for the clinic. They realized it was the last chance they had to get the shots and medicines they needed, because the dispensary was closing. Ann worked until late in the evening taking care of people.

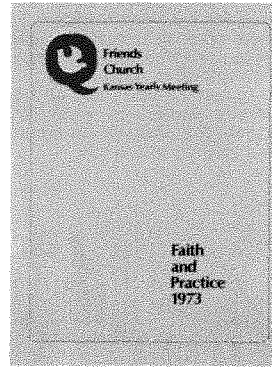
■ Pray that God will send someone to help there.

#### For Ann and Gary Fuqua

■ as they adjust to a year back in the States and anticipate the birth of a child into their home in May.

#### For Teachers and Dorm Parents

■ for this next year in the Missionaries Children's school. The WGM



## Announcing . . .

KYM's new *Faith and Practice* is now printed and ready for distribution. It is printed on 8½ by 11 inch paper and is assembled in "loose leaf" form, which will allow for easy insertion of changes as they are approved by the Yearly Meeting. Churches may order copies on a consignment basis. Postage prepaid prices are as follows:

1-9—\$1.00 each

10 or more copies can be yours for 10% discount.

Send orders to:

KYM Office  
2018 Maple  
Wichita, Kansas 67213

thinks they have a teacher, so we need another teacher and dorm parents. If someone wants a challenge, come help us.

#### Pray for Each Area:

Youth work, School, Churches.

### PRAISE

■ for the new church in Bujumbura. Esther says the church is in a good area for reaching out if we can find the right pastor.

■ that we missionaries seem to be recovering from a series of stomach upsets. It comes and goes—David, Esther, and Connie have all been sick with it.

■ for the weekend spent with our kids home from school.

■ for the work with girls club. Mae enjoys her work preparing Bible puzzles and quizzes, and the girls enjoy participating.

THE LORD HAS A JOB FOR ME  
The Lord has a job for me, but I had so much to do

I said, "You get somebody else or wait till I get through."

I don't know how the Lord came out, but He seemed to get along; But I had a feeling—sneaking like—knew I'd done God wrong.

One day I needed the Lord, needed Him right away,  
But He never answered me at all,  
but I could hear Him say,  
Down in my accusing heart, "Mose, I've got much to do,  
You get somebody else, or wait till I get through."

Now, when the Lord He have a job for me, I never tries to shirk;  
I drops what I has on hand and does the Good Lord's work.  
And my affairs can run along or wait till I get through;  
Nobody else can do the work that God marked out for you.

—Paul Dunbar



## Team from Finance Committee Visits Churches

The Yearly Meeting Finance Committee is presently working in a campaign to see that our constituency is better informed concerning the work and financial programs of Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting. Their purpose is to help individuals become acquainted with our Yearly Meeting structure and its purposes for existing and to challenge each church to be faithful in its support.

During their presentation, the committee members highlight current projects of Yearly Meeting boards. They also give information concerning our pastors' group insurance program, the pastors' pension plan, and a program designed as an alter-

native means of raising income for churches and the Yearly Meeting through an endowment program.

Representatives of this committee have visited the Colorado Springs and Denver churches to speak on these items, and where possible the team plans to speak to each church or area meeting throughout the Yearly Meeting.

### Coming Events

Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting Sessions—Quaker Ridge Camp, June 19-23, 1974

Junior Camp—July 5-12, 1974

Junior High Camp—July 12-19, 1974

Senior Camp—July 19-26, 1974

## Greetings from 'An Old Friend'

John Robinson, General Superintendent  
Kansas Yearly Meeting of Friends

Dear John:

It has been some time since I have written you, but this is to thank you for the *Kansas Yearly Meeting Minutes*, and to tell you that I always appreciate the Superintendent's Scope. I am greatly interested in your reports on the progress at Dallas and Tyler.

As you know, I am pastoring at Greenleaf although commuting from our home in Star, Idaho. The Lord has been giving some special blessings which are encouraging to the Friends at Greenleaf. I preach on Sunday mornings and spend Wednesday in the community beginning with a team meeting at 6:30 a.m.

Any news from Kansas is appreciated, and tell my friends hello for Carol and me.

Walter Lee (Interim Superintendent 1970-71)



## Pastorate at Empire Friends Filled

Lloyd and Doris Hinshaw recently assumed pastoral duties at Empire Friends Church, Vale, South Dakota. They have been pastors in our Yearly Meeting for over 20 years, having pastored at the Denver and Colorado Springs churches. Lloyd reports that he is excited about the excellent hunting and fishing the area provides and that both of them are looking forward to serving the people in this rural community.

## Search for Superintendent Continues

The Interim Committee reported to the Executive Council at Midyear Board Meeting, February 15 and 16, concerning our search for a superintendent. The Executive Council authorized the committee to pursue and hire a superintendent. At the present time, the Interim Committee is making preliminary inquiries.

YEARLY MEETING REPORTS have been sent to each church. Just a reminder—they need to be completed and returned to the Yearly Meeting office, 2610 E. Bijou, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80909, by May 1.

## Rocky View Area Retreat

Plans are being made for the people of Rocky View Area Meeting to gather at Quaker Ridge Camp, May 10 and 11. The purpose of the retreat is to provide impetus to the starting of small group Bible studies in the churches. A number of persons have been selected to lead small groups as a part of this learning experience. Time is also being set aside for families to be together as a unit. Special music will be provided by the Gospel Aires, a trio from Colorado Springs.

Each chairman is in charge of arranging for special music for a full month's meetings. Three Malone College students recently conducted our morning service, including excellent vocal and piano music, testimonies, and the message. Their youthful challenge was a blessing.

"The Last Week," a cantata written by John Peterson, was presented at a community Easter sunrise service held in Damascus, Ohio. Members of East Goshen and other area churches participate in this annual event.

## EAST RICHLAND St. Clairsville, Ohio

Two hundred and fifty-seven attended our first all youth worship service held February 24. Youth were completely in charge of the service and accompanied congregational singing with organ and guitar. Dan Aderholt, Young Life director in the St. Clairsville area, delivered the message.

## FIRST DENVER, Colorado

A Sweetheart Banquet was held on February 14 with over 50 couples attending. Highlight of the evening was speaker, Jim May, associate pastor at Denver's Calvary Temple. He spoke on the theme, "Times My Love Grew."

We are in the process of purchasing ten lots adjacent to the present church property. This ground is the first phase of our much-needed expansion program.

## FRIENDSWOOD, Texas

Stanley Perry recently returned from a ten-day tour of the Holy Land. He was in Amsterdam, London, Rome, Athens, and Jerusalem. He celebrated his 84th birthday March 1 in Jerusalem.

Vivian Creighton, who served for six years as secretary for the Central Africa Broadcasting Company office in Friendswood and while there became a very vital part of the life of our church, has recently moved to Big Spring, Texas. She will be employed in her son's pottery industry.

Jim Foster served in March as co-ordinator of our special meetings held March 15, 16, 17. This time of Christian renewal was called an Encounter with Christ.

## FULTON CREEK, Radnor, Ohio

Hello from Fulton Creek Friends Church! On February 23 our teachers and others spent a full day at the church for a Sunday School Workshop. David Roudabush from Trinity Friends, Van Wert, Ohio, brought the morning message. Our group divided into two classes for discussion centered around adult or junior age levels. After lunch the participants viewed the film, *In His Steps*.

## GREENLEAF, Idaho

Roy and Crittie Knight returned to Newberg, Oregon, the morning after Leland and Iverna Hibbs returned from South America. The Holy Spirit used them in Greenleaf in marvelous ways to benefit the whole church. They can return just any time.

Leland Hibbs had an emergency appendectomy January 31, just four days after returning from a six-week visit to South American mission fields on January 27.

Dianna Kennison has been serving as the secretary for the church office on a part-time basis since March 1.

Delmar and Doris Cloud and Jack and Eileen Root spent two weeks on

a tour to Australia in February.

The Tina Knight WMU had a Sweetheart Banquet February 21 at the Country Inn, Nampa. Iverna Hibbs told some highlights of their recent visit to South American mission fields.

## KENT, Washington

We had our first series of classes on membership here at Kent. Attendance was high.

Six of our men attended the Growth Seminar in Portland; on February 3 they reported to us at a potluck dinner.

Our ladies are meeting every Monday studying what God's Word says on being a woman. The response is great and the study enjoyed by all.

The Lord is really pulling our church together to work to the glory of God.

## KLAMATH FALLS, Oregon

Students of Frances Moore's junior high class were startled upon approaching their room the first Sunday of February to find they had to enter through the open mouth of a whale's head that framed the doorway. February's unit was about Jonah.

A city-wide Billy Graham Film Campaign ran for a week in a neighborhood theater and featured *Time to Run*. On Saturday, February 9, our young people and 11 from Sprague River, plus several adults, saw it together and afterward met for a sharing time.

Ever wished for some special way to let people in your church know that you love them? On February 15 we had a Valentine pie social, with the purpose of saying "Thanks, I appreciate you" via cards or notes. It was well attended and a warm time for the church family.

Three home Bible study groups continue to be a blessing to those who take part. The women have an afternoon meeting; one evening group is led by the Kenneth Magees and the Dewy Matthews, while the other is led by the Theron Gordens and the Carl McLerrans.

Weekly prayer fellowship meetings are a source of inspiration and encouragement to pastors and leaders from several churches in the city. Scripture, experiences, prayer burdens, and praise for victories are shared.

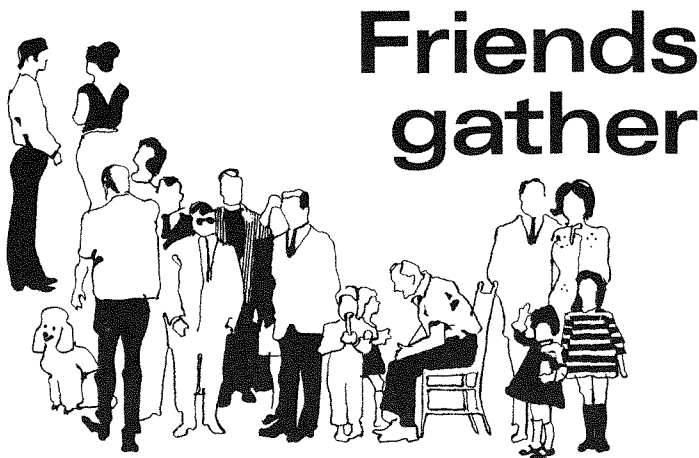
We are happy with the fine group of young people in our church. Between 10 and 15 attend Friends Youth, where they are currently studying *The Late Great Planet Earth*. Several of these talented young people are instrumental in bringing others to church and serve the Lord in a number of other helpful ways as well. Friday Fun Nites, with games, singing, planning, and inspiration, have become a regular event.

There was a good turnout for the George Fox College-Oregon Institute of Technology district championship basketball play-off game here on March 4. OIT won with a score of 55-54. Dave Carrigan of the winning team and related to our church family was the outstanding player.

## LIBERAL, Kansas

The Western Area Rally was hosted in our facilities on February 23 for the adult and fellowship meetings. The youth met in the Trinity Friends property. Tim Kirkpatrick gave a film-tape presentation of his involvement with the Radio Cordac ministries in Burundi, Africa.

The evening service was held in



# Friends gather

## ACHILLES, Virginia

We are now offering elective studies to the deep diggers in our adult and older teen classes. It began when one of the adult classes kept getting sidetracked on the subject of racism. So those interested met to study what God says about the subject as explained in the book, *The Bible and Race* by T. B. Maston. Other books that have been studied include *The Christian's Secret of a Happy Life* by Hannah Whitall Smith and C. S. Lovett's *Ladder Method of Witnessing*.

Under the elective system we adopted, everyone remains a member of his own class and continues to function in class projects but takes a leave of absence when an elective is offered in which he wishes to participate. These classes have resulted in people sharing together who previously were segregated by the arbitrary age, gender, and marital status divisions of most Sunday schools. We tried it and we like it!

## BELLEFONTAINE, Ohio

February 17 was designated Wedding Bells Sunday at our church. During our morning worship service about 65 couples went through the wedding ceremony again, repeating their vows to each other. Four couples had been married over 50 years and one couple only a little more than one week.

Our 35-voice Teen Choir made a four-day trip to Lupton, Michigan, for a weekend of services there and also a service at the Ypsilanti Friends Church. The choir has now traveled over 12,000 miles in the last two and one-half years, singing in 16 states from coast to coast. We praise the Lord for these opportunities.

## DAMASCUS, Ohio

February 17 was Malone College Day at our church. Dr. Lon Randall, president of Malone, was our speaker in the morning service, and the Suitcase Players presented a drama in the evening service. At the noon hour Dr. Randall and his family were guests of the ten families who have students at Malone College this year and the high school seniors and their families at a luncheon.

The Rebecca Coleman Missionary Circle of our church is working on a project supporting the inner-city mission program in Canton. The Barbara Brantingham Missionary Circle recently presented a needy family with groceries and other provisions as a love gift on Valentine's Day.

## EAST GOSHEN, Beloit, Ohio

Monthly chairmen appointed by our Music Committee offer a good opportunity to use both talent within and outside of our congregation.

Rindom Hall in cooperation with the Liberal Ministerial Fellowship. Pastor Ron Brown is the current president of this group, and they sponsored the appearance of Capt. Eugene McDaniel. Captain McDaniel gave witness of his faith that kept him and many of his fellow POW's during six years as prisoners of war in North Vietnam. Solitary confinement and torture were not unfamiliar to one who was also known as a chaplain of the "Hanoi Hilton." He had only praise to his heavenly Father for His sustaining grace, and spoke repeatedly of his appreciation for the prayerful support of his fellow-Americans.

#### LOWELL, Kansas

Our pastor's Sunday evening services have been real good in subject matter. The first of our studies was on the "Early Church." We are now on the subject: "Into the Halls of Doctrine." Those to follow: "The Eternal God," "Perfect Creation," "Fallen Man," and "Eternal Punishment."

One Sunday evening, by using members of the church, the life of George Fox was given to us by way of radio broadcasting. We are using "How Great Thou Art" for our theme song.

Our Outreach Committee sponsored a carry-in supper hour one evening in February, with guest speaker for the evening Associate Superintendent Gerald Teague.

Our missionary society is sponsoring an "Item of the Month" program. We have a box in the church where you can put the item. This month's item is canning jar flats and rings. Next month will be dry salad dressing and so on for each month; everyone can share in giving this way. We then send these items to our missionaries.

We really have been blessed in our worship services, with inspiring messages from our pastor and special music from our young people and members of the church.

#### MEDFORD, Oregon

Our congregation is growing by leaps and bounds—so many new faces each Sunday. It's just a blessing to be around so many who love our Lord Jesus.

There are many new young couples with families. What a blessing to see growth, not only through study in the Word but physical growth—watching children grow!

We have a new class in which the book of Revelation is discussed; it is taught by two men in the church and open to anyone.

The growth of our young people has created responsibilities so demanding that we are looking for a possible youth minister.

No one should miss seeing the film, *The Rapture*, by David Wilkerson. We showed it one Sunday evening, and it was a blessing to us all. It really makes one think!

#### MERIDIAN, Idaho

The Outreach Conference for the Meridian Friends Church was held March 29-31. The speakers Friday evening were Duane and Sherrill Comfort; Sunday morning Russell Baker had the service, and Sunday evening Terry and Connie Daik, formerly of Chile, showed slides and talked.

Fred Littlefield spoke to the congregation on Sunday morning, February 3.

Scripture memorization has again begun for those persons wishing to earn camp scholarships. The contest began in March and will end in June.

The Friends Men have reorganized, with their first meeting being February 25 and featuring a shrimp dinner. Mark Jerome was elected president; Alvin Mahler was elected secretary-treasurer, and Bob Beeson and Harry Hoskins were elected program directors.

New members of the church are Barry and Edie White, Blanche Curry, and Darlene Jerome.

The junior Friends Youth recently had a party featuring ice cream sundaes.

The senior Friends Youth are starting an outreach program to the Meridian High School. The program is planned to begin March 22 with a free ice cream social for all persons 9th through 12th grades.

The women of the area had a WMU luncheon on March 23.

#### NORTHRIDGE, Wichita, Kansas

Our Junior High Girl's Sunday School Class entertained their mothers at a dinner the evening of February 19. Fellowship Hall was beautifully decorated with a red and pink color theme. Centered over the tables was an illuminated "Sallman's Head of Christ" with a scroll banner inscribed with "He is Altogether Lovely." Teena Stinson and Brenda Greer played a piano duet; Gretchen Garoutte, Michelle Lusby, and Susan Craven sang "Day by Day," and Cheryl Kintzel played "The King Is Coming" on the piano.

The girls have just completed the Christian Charm Course, a course for girls giving methods for improving the outer appearance along with spiritual instruction for developing the true beauty that comes from a heart surrendered to the Lord Jesus Christ. Ten girls gave a short resume of what they learned from each lesson. A fun part of the evening was when Brenda Greer appeared as a model with 20 things wrong with her appearance. A prize was given to the one able to locate the most errors in her appearance. In closing, Velda Harvey, their teacher, presented certificates to the girls and challenged each to look into the mirror of God's Word daily, where He will reveal the blemishes and smudges upon their hearts that mar both inner and outer beauty. Dalene Lewis and Connie Becker did a beautiful job of serving the 28 people who attended.

Ken Lygrisse, one of our college youth, has been chosen to travel to Europe with the Continental Singers.

#### NORTHSIDE, Grinnell, Iowa

A group from Ohio recently visited us for a time of fellowship and informative sharing. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Koons and Chuck Brown came from Byhalia, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Turner came from Mt. Carmel. A potluck supper was held on Saturday, February 16, and on Sunday they all participated in various parts of the morning, evening, and FY services.

#### OMAHA, Nebraska

A Happy Hearts Banquet was held February 9 in our Fellowship Hall.

The youth of our church have begun practice on a new musical based on the book of Mark. Kent Sullivan, the director, has written some of the music.

#### PENIEL, Onemo, Virginia

Because our county has no recreation center, we have begun to use our Fellowship Hall once a month for boys and girls aged nine through fifteen. About 40 young people attended the first month and participated in the program supervised by members of our church.

We have organized a Men for Mis-

sions prayer breakfast, which meets in our Fellowship Hall once a month on Saturday.

The Board of Christian Education is conducting a Teacher Training Course. The purpose of the course is to help our teachers learn better ways to communicate God's Word to their classes. Audiovisual aids are being used in the course, which is taught by our pastor. Attendance has been good, and the discussions have proved to be very encouraging.

#### ROSEMERE Vancouver, Washington

On the evening of February 13, ten couples met at the church basement for a Sweetheart Banquet. Dr. David Myton from George Fox College was master of ceremonies. After a fine turkey dinner, the group enjoyed the showing of the film, *Johnny Lingo*.

Ralph Greenidge of the Holly Park Friends Church was our evangelist for special meetings January 13 through 18. His ministry brought great blessing and encouragement.

#### SEBRING, Ohio

We have collected snapshots, articles, and other informative material to include in "scrapbooks" about our church to be presented to our shut-ins.

On February 10 between Sunday school and church, we had a valentine exchange in the church basement. Class members exchanged cards and also shared refreshments before worshipping together.

#### SHERWOOD, Oregon

A very successful and inspiring Outreach Conference has just been completed. Speakers representing foreign missions were Duane Comfort (Peru—NWYM) and Forrest Cammack, recently returned from a tour of NWYM missions in South America. Representing home missions were Arnold Fosse of Child for Christ, Portland, Ben Brantingham of Friends Ministries, Clair Lund of World Gospel Mission's Southwest Indian School in Arizona, and Mike McGrady of the Portland Seamen's Center.

A delightful evening was enjoyed by 49 adults when Brian Beals emceed the Valentine Dinner. This was held in the fellowship hall with a catered dinner.

Our high school Friends Youth have accepted the challenge of one of the improvement areas in a local park. One Saturday has been spent on the job with our youth having the best record of work thus far of the 15 groups participating.

Another Men's Fellowship Breakfast was held in a restaurant on February 23. An open and frank discussion was a stimulating time for the men attending.

Six of the Sherwood area churches cooperated to bring the well-known Salem Singers to Sherwood for a concert on Sunday afternoon, February 24. More than 350 persons attended.

During the Family Hour service of March 10 the Campus Crusade film *Explo '74* was shown.

On March 7 another VIPS (Very Important People in Sherwood) meeting was held in the fellowship hall. This function for senior citizens includes a potluck dinner at noon followed by a program; this time Ward Whitmore showed slides of *Explo '70* in Japan, slides of Australia, Vietnam, and of his fishing camp on Tuloon Lake in British Columbia, Canada. The afternoon closed with a devotional. This ministry is open to the community and will be held monthly.

#### SMITHFIELD, Ohio

The evening service on February 10 was called Senior Citizens Night, when the church choir, band, and others of the church sang and played songs that were 100 or more years old.

The senior FY has started a bowling league. This gives our teens and some adults a chance to get together and have fun and fellowship each week. Many of our young people have recently accepted Christ and are very open and receptive to God's Word. We are expecting great things to happen with God's help.

#### SOUTHEAST, Salem, Ohio

A congregation of 145 attended the dedication of our new addition and remodeling project on February 17. Certificates of recognition were presented to several men in the church who donated many hours of labor on the project. General Superintendent Russell Myers delivered the morning message. In the evening service the Olive Pits from the Mt. Olivet Church of God in North Lima, Ohio, presented a special program of music. The addition provides a new church office, a new vestibule, and new classroom space.

#### TULSA, Oklahoma

Did you know . . . that Charles Causey is coming home, will be working in Tulsa and helping in his home church . . . that the Saturday before Easter we had the choir from FBC . . . Brother Andrew spoke in Tulsa recently . . . that there is a new group in our church, visiting senior citizens . . . that the Tim Kirkpatrick family was here recently . . . that our pastor challenged each family to tithe in the month of March and for Easter we had a special stewardship emphasis called "Thirty Pieces of Silver" . . . that things are really happening at the Tulsa Friends Church?

#### TYLER, Texas

Signs of improvement and growth continue to be manifest. The nursery has been refurbished. The pastor's study has been set up, and an intercom will soon be installed. A new organ has been in use for several weeks. Only about \$400 is yet needed to complete payment for it.

#### WEST PARK, Cleveland, Ohio

We welcome to our church as youth minister David Aufrance from Alliance, Ohio, a recent graduate of Malone College. Already great things are under way. We have a growing Minibus fund, which will be used to purchase a van to be used with various youth activities.

We praise the Lord for the way He is working in "mysterious ways His wonders to perform" in the area of giving to missions. Some of our members have been able to pay in full the Faith Promises made just a few months ago.

#### YPSILANTI, Michigan

January 27-February 3 we observed Youth Week at our church. Three evenings were devoted to Bible studies on the topic of "The Spirit-filled Life." A formal banquet honoring the senior FY members was held on Friday evening, with Earl Bailey, youth pastor from Alliance, Ohio, as the featured speaker. On Saturday our youth attended the activities of the District Meeting, and then on Sunday they were in charge of our services. Earl Bailey brought the morning message, and Ernest Ramsey, one of our young men studying for the ministry, spoke in the evening.

# Friends record

## BIRTHS

ALTEMUS—A daughter, Heather Mae, January 28, 1974, to Eddie and Betty Altemus, Friendswood, Texas.

ARMSTRONG—Lynn and Mary Lou Armstrong of Alliance, Ohio, a daughter, Teresa Beckie, January 28, 1974.

BALLOG—Pat and Vicki Ballog of East Richland Friends, St. Clairsville, Ohio, a son, Jason Patrick, February 23, 1974.

BERRY—To Greg and Shawna Berry of Friends Memorial, Seattle, Washington, a daughter, Heather Rene, February 16, 1974.

CARELLA—Larry and Marilyn Carella of East Richland Friends, St. Clairsville, Ohio, a daughter, Beth Ann, January 28, 1974.

DEL GUZZO—David and Debbie Del Guzzo of East Richland Friends, St. Clairsville, Ohio, a son, Erik Devon, February 16, 1974.

DUWE—To Wesley and Alice (Hunt) Duwe, Hutchinson, Kansas, a son, Brandon Dean, February 10, 1974.

GAINES—To Tedd and Beth Fuller Gaines, formerly of Greenleaf, a boy, Lance Roy, January 30, in Lima, New York.

GUYN—A daughter, Kimberly Ann, February, 1974, to Louis and Beverly Guyn, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

HIBBS—To Carol and Joan Hibbs a son, Christopher Lane, February 11, 1974, Greenleaf, Idaho.

HOUGH—Gary and Patty Hough of East Goshen Friends, Beloit, Ohio, a son, Stephen Dale, February 21, 1974.

LONG—To Dale and Betty Long, Gate, Oklahoma, a son, Scott Daniel, October 7, 1973.

MARDOCK—To Don and Glenda Mardock of Friends Memorial, Seattle, Washington, a son, James Dillon, January 17, 1974, in Pleasant Hill, California.

MULINIX—Earl and Leota Mulnix of Alliance, Ohio, a son, Brian Keith, February 1, 1974.

SHACKELFORD—Irvin and Ella Shackelford of Achilles, Virginia, a daughter, Susan Ray, February 23, 1974.

TOWNSEND—A daughter, Anna Elizabeth, February 18 to Chuck and Pat Townsend, Haviland, Kansas.

WHISENHUNT—To Glen and June Whisenhunt, Gate, Oklahoma, a daughter, Tammy Renee, December 23, 1973.

WOOLSEY—To David and Judy Roberts Woolsey of Eugene Friends, Oregon, a son, Gregory Alan, born February 6, 1973.

## MARRIAGES

BARDO-HAYS. Martha Bardo and Robert Hays at Damascus, Ohio, February 9, 1974.

BEIGHTLER-WARNER. Peggy Beightler and Steve Warner, February 2, 1974, at First Friends, Marysville, Ohio.

BICKLE-SANTEE. Susan Bickle and Jerry Santee, January 18, 1974, at Damascus, Ohio.

HILLIARD-ROBERTS. Jenean Hilliard and Rick Roberts, March 16, 1974, Council House Friends, Wyandotte, Oklahoma.

McKINNON-PREDMORE. Vickie McKinnon and Jerry Predmore, January 26, 1974, at First Friends, Bellefontaine, Ohio.

MOORE-KAUFER. Melody Moore and Tom Kaufer at Pringle Friends, Salem, Oregon, February 16, 1974.

PARIS-CLINE. Denise Marie Paris and Charles Watson Cline, January 11, 1974, Friendswood, Texas.

RICCIARDI-HARGAS. Toni Ricciardi and James Hargas of Willoughby Hills Friends, Willoughby, Ohio, January 18, 1974.

RILEY-BECKNELL. Pat Riley and Dave Becknell, Evangelical Friends, Omaha, Nebraska, December 22, 1973.

RUMFORD-BOWERS. Ina Rumford and Clayton Bowers, Springfield, Colorado, at Boulder, Colorado, January 16, 1974.

SANTEE-PHILLIS. Elaine Santee and Rodney Phillis at East Goshen

Friends, Beloit, Ohio, February 23, 1974.

SHARP-ARBUCKLE. Kim Sharp and Jim Arbuckle, Evangelical Friends, Omaha, Nebraska, January 11, 1974.

STANLEY-BORTON. Mary Althouse Stanley and Leonard L. Borton at Damascus, Ohio, March 1, 1974.

THOMPSON-AHRENS. Reca Thompson and Thomas Ahrens at Northside Friends, Grinnell, Iowa, January 19, 1974.

WEBB-PRUITT. Glenda Joyce Webb and Jimmie Pruitt of Gate, Oklahoma, February 5, 1974.

WILLIAMS-KRUSE. Marcia Williams and Larry Kruse of Wyandotte, Oklahoma, February 2, 1974.

ZUMWALT-WHISENHUNT. Debbie Zumwalt and Dennis Whisenhunt of Gate, Oklahoma, June 2, 1973.

## DEATHS

AMIS—Floyd Amis of First Friends, Newport News, Virginia, February 15, 1974.

CRAIG—Raymond Craig, 82, of Willoughby Hills Friends, Willoughby, Ohio, February 9, 1974.

FOSTER—Lloyd (Pete) Foster, February 25, 1974, Washington, Kansas.

FULLER—Stephen Edward Fuller, 25, of Greenleaf, Idaho, January 14, 1974, in a truck accident.

GANO—Mrs. Jess Gano, February 23, 1974, Washington, Kansas.

HURFORD—Edith Hurford, 90, of East Goshen Friends, Beloit, Ohio, February 21, 1974.

STANLEY—Bernice (Mrs. H. O.) Stanley, 81, of Damascus, Ohio, Friends, February 15, 1974.

## Fifteen myths . . .

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circumstances of our own learning much more wisely.

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Humans are children for so long that they never get over it. Some people never recover from the dependency portion of childhood sufficiently to make much of a go of life. Others get through life with all sorts of supports from friends, relatives, and others. Higher on the scale of recovery are those who operate reasonable independence until some hardship throws them back, and then, by way of classic neurosis, alcoholism, or some form of neurotic behavior, they regress. Still higher are those who stand their ground and repress their desires for retreat and help, only to have these repressions generate inner tensions that cause a variety of long-standing conflicts and symptoms.

It is the task of a counseling center to make every possible effort to help people at every step in the entire picture of emotional conflict. Unfortunately, there remain a few people who cling to the false notion that to experience emotional distress is to somehow be equated with

being something less than a whole being or a "good" person. This attitude is reflected in the individual who thinks less of someone who expresses a need to seek professional help with a crisis in his life. An even more tragic situation is found in the individual who is reluctant to seek help because of a belief that to seek help is an admission of guilt or personal inadequacy.

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# Total commitment to Christ

"For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36) Jesus put the value of one human soul above all the things of the world. Yet how many people are throwing away their lives, their reputation, their future possibilities, for dope, drugs, and dissipation? Crimes are alarming, soaring beyond all imaginations. People are selling their souls for the thrills of their dissipations, homosexualities, and liquors.

Jesus was challenging His hearers (and us) to a life that is worth more than all the things of the world, both in this life and at the judgment day. Jesus challenged us to commit our lives to a person—Jesus Christ Himself. That is not committing our lives to some movement, or organization, or even to some church. Some churches are departing from the true foundation. Yet, "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." (1 Corinthians 3:11)

"Whatsoever things are true . . . honest . . . just . . . pure . . . lovely . . . of good report; if there be any virtue, and any praise, think on these things." (Philippians 4:8) This is indeed a high standard, but it is God's Word. The things that we meditate on and think about constantly mold our characters. "As he thinketh in his heart, so is he." (Proverbs 23:7) "Out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blas-

phemies." (Matthew 15:19) How does our thought life measure up to these words of Jesus? We are shocked by the scandals in our government, some deliberately lying when under oath. We must "preach the word," in season or out of season. "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" (Psalm 11:3)

"Whatsoever things are true . . . honest." We have been greatly disturbed by so much dishonesty. There are crooked practices in businesses, in organizations, and, I fear, in some churches. Let us preach and practice truth and honesty if we claim *total commitment to Christ*, our personal Savior. When Jesus finished His life's work of teaching, miracles, and atoning death on Calvary and then went back to His Father, He sent the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, "If I depart, I will send him [Holy Spirit] unto you." (John 16:7) So Jesus, in the form of the Holy Spirit, is the Savior of believers all over the world.

"Whatsoever things are pure." "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God." (Matthew 5:8) The natural heart is sinful—not pure. "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked." (Jeremiah 17:9) We need the cleansing blood of Christ to save and sanctify us wholly. "Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth." (Colossians 3:2)

"Whatsoever things are lovely." There is nothing more lovely than sanctified saints of God. What a contrast to the lustful dissipaters of the world today!

"Whatsoever things are of good report." If we live holy lives, we will not have to worry about our reputation. Some may say they do not care what people say about them, but I do. Be careful about your reputation. But if we live clean lives, our reputation will soon catch up with us. We will have virtue and praise.

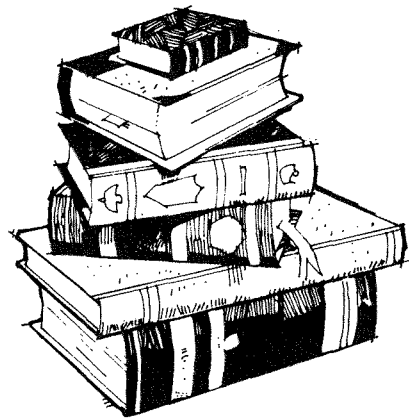
Now in conclusion, I plead with everyone to make that *total commitment* to the Christ of our salvation. Amen. □

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## Books



Bob W. Brown, *It's Been One of These Days*, Zondervan, 1971, 138 pages, \$3.95.

The pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Lexington, Kentucky, in one page musings shares his thoughts on God and man. These vignettes about lonely men who die of cancer, thoughts about the golden rule, and going to the Presidential Prayer Breakfast are written in direct, sometimes clipped prose.

Sometimes the compassion of this minister comes through to the reader; sometimes it doesn't, and the homilies seem sort of contrived. The book isn't quite "stream-of-consciousness" reporting, nor is it really devotional. But to sit down for an hour and read it may reinforce our feeling for the struggles of people to make living worthwhile and increase our willingness to be involved in the lives of others.

—Arthur O. Roberts

Sallie Lee Bell, *The Barrier*, Zondervan Publishing House, 187 pages, paperback, 95 cents.

A romantic novel presenting high ideals of a Christian girl, but the story is often unreal. May be enjoyed by girls in the early teens.

—Mary Staley

## NEW BOOKS IN BRIEF:

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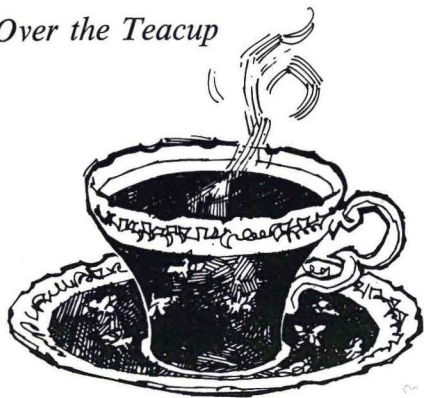
*And There Will Be Famines*, by Larry Ward, a book of startling statistics concerning widespread hunger worldwide. Regal, 112 pages, \$1.25, paperback.

*Why Me God?* by Robert N. Schaper, leading ideas in the book of Job. Regal, \$1.25, paperback.

*Psychic Roulette*, by George Vandeman, an unmasking of the world of the occult. Nelson, 176 pages, \$5.95.

*The Passing of the Night*, by Colonel Robinson Risner, the story of a POW on what went on in North Vietnamese prison camps. Random House, 264 pages, \$6.95.

—Walter P. Lee



## Walled about

BY CATHERINE CATTELL

There is a wall around our house—seven feet high. It is only a foot away from the house itself, leaving no room for grass or a garden. A wall separates us from our neighbors, but our windows are so close together that we can smell their onions and fish and hear the rattle of washing up kettles. We hear the violin practiced each morning at 6:15—on an untuned instrument. Now for six weeks, there has been no change in the tune. We hear the same exercise week after week, with sour notes getting worse.

I have never seen the family—nor the would-be violinist. The wall keeps us apart—although we are so very close together. This is so all over the island—

particularly in the overcrowded sections of the city. Lanes and alleys are lined with walls, punctuated by red gates always locked and opened only from within when the buzzer sounds. We all have barred windows and doors as well. No doubt all this effort to isolate one household from another is for protection. It is the only way people can live so close and have any privacy, but neighborliness seems next to impossible.

When four walls close in on me, I take a walk to the end of our alley and then follow the open sewer to a road that leads to the base of a mountain. It is so beautiful, but the road is crowded with busses, taxis, private cars, motorcycles, bicycles and carts, dogs, puddles, and pedestrians, so that most of the time is occupied in dodging and in self-protection. It is no place for meeting people socially, lest we meet them in a head-on collision. One is as isolated in the crowds as in the house.

The thought came to me that one needs neither walls nor wild traffic to isolate one. There are other things much more subtle and difficult to overcome. It can happen in church when no one speaks. It happens often to children who are shy, who cannot make friends easily, and it happens to people who are alone in life. And it happens when the heart is sad and there is no one who really cares. There are social barriers, caste barriers, national

barriers, color barriers, cultural barriers; but one of the most isolating of all is just the very common one of misunderstanding and its close relative, suspicion. Add to that, prejudice.

There just has to be some way to overcome these barriers, and I have been trying to find one here in my crowded part of Taiwan.

One day I looked out of my gate to see my neighbors crowded around a vegetable cart. The red doors were open. I grabbed my market basket and went out among them. I watched to see what they bought, and then I got some of the same. I asked a few questions: "How do you cook these greens?" "Which is better—this big fish or the small one?" (For some reason fish goes along with the vegetable cart.) My efforts at Chinese and my needing help from them brought smiles, and we met each other for the first time. It was a beginning. By noon they were smelling my fish and onions—but the walls seemed a bit less unfriendly.

Jesus gave us the secret of overcoming barriers when He asked the Samaritan woman for a drink. It was only a beginning—showing His need of something she was able to give Him, but it led to something very wonderful—a changed life. For her, too, the barriers were down between her and her neighbors because she had met the Lord and received the life He offered. □

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