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## Antecedents

The Missionary Voice, which served so well since February 1955 as a voice for foreign missions among evangelical Friends, joined the new EVANGELICAL FRIEND in 1967. From 1963 on this slogan was on the cover: "Friends work in six great mission fields."

I do not intend to negate the progress of our Friends foreign missionary program, but interestingly enough the same slogan appears on EFA's Missionary Prayer Calendar for 1976: "Six great mission fields"! Let me hasten to admit that included in the six is our mutual work in Mexico with the two fields in South America—Bolivia and Peru—counting as one "great field." I also recognize the phenomenal numerical growth on some of these fields and the solid, steady outreach on others in the face of mounting difficulties.

Why discuss this at all? To call your special attention to a significant article in this issue, "Project Possibilities," by Robert Hess (see page 6). I would urge you to read it now. In it you will find new fields into which Friends could enter. In little more than a year, given the manpower and resources, the slogan could read "ten" or "twelve great mission fields"!

Taking the message of the resurrected Christ as redeemer and Lord to other nations is not a dead option. The freshness of new methods, new fields, ease of worldwide travel, and the variety of short- and long-term service opportunities as explored by Robert Hess, could be the impetus for a whole new foreign outreach for evangelical Friends.

—H.T.A.

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## The Face of the World



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### McGOVERN CITES MORAL IMPERATIVE TO FEED THE WORLD'S HUNGRY

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA—Sen. George McGovern (D-S.D.) told the Duke University Divinity School Convocation and the North Carolina Pastors School here that the "moral imperative of this generation is to take the price tag off human survival" by feeding the world's hungry.

The onetime presidential candidate, the son of a Methodist minister, was critical of those who say increasing controls on food would be detrimental to a free market economy. He said the Judeo-Christian ethic calls upon the United States "to feed the hungry, not to support any market system."

### PORTLAND EVANGELICAL LEADER NAMED SEMINARY PRESIDENT

Dr. Leo M. Thornton, Free Methodist minister, educator, chaplain, and former Oregon State Representative, has been elected president of Western Evangelical Seminary located in Portland, Oregon. He succeeds the late Dr. Paul P. Petticord, who participated in the seminary's founding, was first chairman of the board, and president for over 28 years.

Dr. Thornton, widely known in National Association of Evangelicals and Christian Holiness circles, has been with the seminary since 1958. Previously he served under Dr. Petticord as vice-president and executive vice-president and since July 1975 as acting president.

Dr. Thornton received the Bachelor of Arts from Cascade College, Master of



Divinity from WES, and Doctor of Laws from Azusa Pacific College.

Western Evangelical Seminary is an interdenominational graduate school of theology founded in 1945. It offers three degrees: Master of Divinity; Master of Arts in Religion; and Master of Religious Education.

### WORLD COUNCIL ASSEMBLY FAILED TO STRESS EVANGELISM, SAYS AN ADVENTIST OBSERVER

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Evangelism was shortchanged in favor of social action by the World Council of Churches' recent General Assembly, according to a Seventh-day Adventist observer at the sessions in Nairobi.

Kenneth Wood, editor of the denomination's journal *Review and Herald*, criticized the Assembly's keynote speaker, Dr. Robert McAfee Brown of the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley.

Dr. Brown had said Christians need to listen to non-Christians—Jews, Hindus, Marxists, humanists—and to believe that "we can learn from them, rather than assuming that they must learn exclusively from us."

"If we don't believe ours are the right answers to the problems of life, why do we continue to promote them at all?" he asked.

"We as Seventh-day Adventists applaud many of the goals of the WCC," Mr. Wood commented, "but we believe the social injustices which concerned many in Nairobi are truly remedied only by a personal, saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. We believe injustice is better attacked on this personal level than on the church or governmental level."—*E.P.*

### Guatemala Update

Suffering victims of February's devastating earthquake that hit Guatemala are beginning to receive help in both finances and work parties through various agencies, two of which are of particular interest to Friends: California Yearly Meeting and the World Relief Commission. Latest reports indicate that just four Quakers died, but a total of 236 Friends homes were destroyed including eight parsonages. Nine church buildings are a total loss and four suffered serious damage. Only four of the Friends Mission buildings will require no repair. At least a dozen other buildings will need immediate total reconstruction. California superintendent Keith Sarver estimates the financial need at over \$200,000. A need also exists for four-man crews to help in reconstruction giving three weeks of time. Friends may write California Yearly Meeting for information and may choose to channel funds through their local church to California Yearly Meeting or the World Relief Commission.

## Over the Teacup



### Suitably dressed

BY CATHERINE CATTELL

It's March—that unpredictable month, and I am going to let it be without comment. Instead we are going to have a "proper" tea. I'm going to get out the best china cups and make an occasion of your visit. There are times when a cup of tea casually served is all we need; then there are times when tea time calls for all the proper trimmings: freshly made tea in a pot, lemon wedges for those who don't take milk, and a plate of biscuits right out of the oven. Remember, put the milk in the cup first before pouring the tea. It makes a difference! Sit down to a pretty table. You may want to change your dress!

I've been thinking about some of the things the British taught me while I was in India.

In going to India, I wasn't thinking about the British rule but about how I would adjust to Indian ways and customs. Just before we finished packing our trunks, word came from the senior missionary, "Be sure to bring a long evening dress. It is a must!" Long dresses hadn't been seen for years until that very fall. Ladies were parading around in stores modeling long dresses. The newly formed missionary society heard of this and surprised me with a gift of a beautiful pink lace evening dress. India was a hot country and lace was perfect, and I was all set—or so I thought.

The first thing to do on arrival in India was to call on the Political Agent who represented the British Crown in that isolated and backward part of the Empire. We left our cards. It was then expected that we would be invited to the Agency for dinner. It was December before the invitation came. By this time, nights in Central India were cold. Drafty houses with high ceilings and stone floors called for the warmest of clothing, plus a good seat near the fireplace.

I had my one pink lace dress—nothing to wear over it for warmth. Furthermore my evening shoes were white!

Our senior missionary hastily pulled

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# What ever happened to sanctification?

Karl Menninger of Topeka shook the psychiatric community with his biting book, *Whatever Happened to Sin?* Maybe Quakers need a similar shaking on the subject of sanctification—you don't hear the word much anymore. In his concern expressed in this issue (page 18) Everett Cattell observes the tendencies to extremism among us, veering too far one way to avoid certain clichés and inconsistencies of Wesleyan influences and (worse yet) veering too far in another direction and thus overlooking clear scriptural teaching and historic Friends experience in the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit. Just because some "holiness people" miss seeing that peace and holiness are part of the same package (Hebrews 12:14), or that "perfect love" and all the "works of grace" should also bring social concern and action (Jeremiah 7:1-8), doesn't mean we should sidestep the word *sanctification* or hold out against holiness.

It is the same old problem of balance. Latch onto one truth or word to the neglect of another. Surely one of the most moving and provocative New Testament passages to read and reread is the Lord's prayer—the *real* Lord's prayer found in John 17: "Sanctify them in the truth; Thy word is truth." (v. 17 *New American Standard*) Do we remember what sanctify means?

"The act of consecration, or of setting apart for a sacred purpose . . . to make sacred or holy; to set apart to a holy or religious use; to make free from sin and holy; to cleanse from moral corruption and pollution; to make fit for service of God . . ." —Webster

The writer to the Hebrews thought this was crucially important: ". . . Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate." Paul saw the point, "God hath . . . chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth." Instructing the Ephesian Christians he put it, "Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he

might sanctify and cleanse it"; and to the Thessalonians, "The very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he who calleth you, who also will do it."

If it were only a matter of Jewish custom, church history, or theological debate, it would be different. But Jesus' prayer brings it home to us: "I pray for *them*: I pray not for the world, but for those whom thou hast given me. . . . they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. . . . Sanctify them in the truth." (Italics added.)

Who are "them," past, present, and future? Since Paul and the writer to the Hebrews were urging the *church* to become aware of the importance of sanctification, it must mean *us*! To make this crystal clear, Paul described it precisely: "Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it . . ." (Ephesians 5:25)

The sanctification work of God is both an inner cleansing and a continuing process. Like all the work of God, we are interested equally in both the act and the results: "By their fruits ye shall know them." And these work themselves out into the "outward evidences of an inward work of grace." The work and influences of the Holy Spirit are seen in a Spirit-controlled life that is really an exhibit of Christian character.

What is Christian character? Read the beatitudes and what is said about humility, meekness, honesty, peace, poverty, and persecution. And pondering these statements one doesn't say, "Oh! If I live like that I will be a Christian." But rather, "Because I am a Christian that is how I am to live." Holiness then is not a cloak to wear for religious effect, but a pattern on which to lay our own lives in consecration. And as we *live in His love* (abide), His presence and power produce Christian perfection.

With all the new interest now in Bible study and devotional books, let's not

neglect the subject of sanctification. *The Christian's Secret of a Happy Life*, a classic now available in paperback by Quaker author Hannah Whitall Smith, and *A Testament of Devotion*, by Thomas Kelly, are a good place to start putting it all together.

It is good to get a new glimpse of how great God is. Even a partial or biased understanding of God's sanctifying power brings peace and a compassionate spirit for each other and the broken world about us as well as a firm spiritual support structure.

Let's live in the "whole counsel of God."  
—J.L.W.

*'That they  
may be one . . .'  
(John 17:21)*

This is the scriptural slogan of the World Evangelical Fellowship, an international organization that is a connecting bridge between more than 200 indigenous missionary societies in 46 non-Western nations who have already sent out more than 3,000 missionaries. WEF is the 20th century successor to the Evangelical Alliance founded more than a century ago (1846).

In 1951 in Holland, at a convocation of evangelical leaders from 20 countries, the modern Evangelical Fellowship was formed. Everett Cattell served as one of the first presidents of WEF. It still serves effectively as a catalyst, an efficient liaison between evangelicals involved in mission around the world in the work of evangelism, missions, theological research and training, emergency relief, social justice, and biblical concerns. It serves as well as "a window of the world" for those who support it regardless of denomination or nationality.

Hopefully, the missions board of our own EFA will consider becoming a supporting member of this unique fellowship.  
—J.L.W.





# PROJECT POSSIBILITIES

BY ROBERT HESS

Faith Promise giving among Eastern Friends made possible an increased budget for missions in 1975. The Board of Missions requested that I survey areas of possibility in Africa and India to enable us to determine some new goals and to refocus former ones. Malone College permitted me to take the fall for a sabbatical leave, so I spent August, September, and October in a trip to Nigeria, Burundi, Kenya, and India.

There were three Nigerian students in the worship service at Canton Friends Church on Sunday morning, August 31, 1975. One of them was a student at Malone, and the other two were from Ohio State University. At the close of the service it was my privilege to visit with them and to receive a "brief" briefing on the trip to Nigeria, which I was beginning that very afternoon. One of the students gave me letters to deliver in Port Harcourt in southeastern Nigeria. He explained that one of these letters would go to the person who had won him to personal faith in Christ about a year earlier.

Upon arriving in Port Harcourt I delivered the letters. It was not possible to

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*Robert Hess, professor at Malone College, Canton, Ohio, is president of the Foreign Missionary Board of Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region. His concern for Friends to enter new fields came following an exploratory trip to various areas of the world last fall.*

meet the recipients that afternoon, but later in the evening a young couple came to my hotel and invited me to a program in the City Hall. The program was one night of a week of drama illustrating Christian themes. This was sponsored by the local Scripture Union, an interdenominational evangelical group that ministers to high school youth.

There was a crowd packing the large auditorium and watching intently as a young couple on stage discussed the second coming of Christ. This particular couple didn't believe the teaching and said so. Suddenly a trumpet blew and a number of people arose and ran to the stage and through a door marked "Gate of Heaven." It was all part of the drama and surely cured my jet-lag drowsiness. There was singing with wide audience participation, and then at the end several of the audience stayed for personal counseling. At the close of the program I met the director of the Christian Union, Mr. Lawrence Jumbo, and we arranged to meet again the next day.

Mr. Jumbo is the chief accountant for a shipbuilding company in this city. While he studied accounting in England he spent a term at London Bible College. Presently, he is the coordinator of Scripture Union in the secondary schools and also the leader of a group of laymen who call themselves the Calvary Squadron. Their goal is to evangelize the area round about Port Harcourt, and to do this they are supporting three students in

Bible College. They would welcome assistance in their program of evangelism, which includes weekly work in the schools and summer conferences.

## BURUNDI

On the other side of Africa in the colorful hill country of Burundi, where Kansas Friends have worked for several years, David Kellum welcomed me at the airport and introduced me to the quarterly meeting sessions the next weekend. My visit was brief but some impressions are vivid. The need for leadership development is a concern of the church, and the united seminary at Mweya is seeking to meet it. Presently, there are some 70 students there, which is almost three times the number of a year earlier.

The seminary needs teachers in French and, almost immediately, some good theological literature in that language. Sharing this concern, I stopped in Switzerland enroute home at the Emmaus Bible School and was able to find some basic books and book lists for the seminary.

The hospital in Kibimba is without a doctor, so a major requirement is medical. It may be possible for the India Evangelical Mission to send a medical couple from India to Burundi. Friends missionaries and church leaders are much in prayer about this. This mission, which is India-operated, is doing wonderful work in remote areas of India. Their leader, Rev. Theodore Williams of Ban-



galore, South India, was quite receptive to the idea and thinks that someone may become available. They cannot send money outside India, but doubtless co-operation can be arranged. There are Indian merchants, doctors, and teachers in East Africa but few as missionaries.

Radio Cordac's transmission never reached me in the U.S.A., but the challenge of it surely did in Burundi. Just prior to my arrival the President of the country demonstrated a personal interest in the progress of the station, so the staff was really rejoicing. This meant new hope and possibility for development of the broadcasting and also the reopening of a training school in connection with the station.

Mission and church leaders in Burundi could list many other needs, and I feel that some assistance in these areas will be a decided boost to faith. Much like our churches in America and elsewhere, there is need of renewing through a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit. One mission leader just returned from church growth studies observed that the church had leveled off in his area. Couldn't we pray for new growth and vision in this country where the church has given so much?

## KENYA

A few hours northeast of Burundi by jet is the gateway to East Africa, Nairobi, capital of Kenya. This country has large churches, thriving development activities, and, of course, many tourists. I was privileged to visit with the leaders of the Africa Inland Church, the East Africa Yearly Meeting in Kaimosi, and the World Gospel Mission. Friends from Oregon and from Iowa are serving with

the East Africa Yearly Meeting, and their leaders would welcome other helpers. David Hunter, president of Friends College, Kaimosi, needs competent and dedicated Christian teachers.

The World Gospel Mission has a well-planned and operated Bible College some 70 or 80 miles west of Nairobi. Two of the graduates of Union Biblical Seminary in Yeotmal, India, are teaching there. Stephen Tanaka and his wife from Japan have been valuable faculty members for several years, and the Simbandumwe family has just joined them this past year. Their teaching is in English, and the 60 students are getting a very thorough training. This school is under the direction of the World Gospel Church in Kenya. Dr. Gilger, the president, told me that they would welcome another faculty member from Friends.

Another interesting visit was with Rachel Chilson in the bookstore in Nakura. This bookstore is well known for its service, including beautiful cor-sages made from flamingo feathers by crippled Africans. Near the city is a game park with many colorful flamingoes, and some of the feathers they lose are later worn at parties around the world. That is really sharing the beauty! The creative missionary or people who thought up this occupation for people with physical handicaps deserve some special kudo. Rachel Chilson shared her concern for Kenya and especially for the coastal resort city of Mombasa. Three times she asked me to especially remember this area, and thus I write about it now.

Nairobi is a progressive business city with a pleasant climate and many visitors. Many from rural Kenya have come to study or work in business, and they

seem quite open to the Christian message. WGM leaders invited me to their service with people who are middle-class leaders in the city. They too minister in a Sunday school in another area. There are many new housing areas, each with an empty lot reserved for a church and school buildings. The economy seems to be such that a growing church could soon support its own program. Other opportunities in this and related cities might include bookstores and youth centers.

## INDIA

A strict discipline is felt everywhere in India under the government emergency program. The church is finding fresh opportunity to grow in old areas and to break forth into new ones. As in Nairobi so in Delhi there is an openness to the Gospel through Christian fellowship groups. Several of these meet once or twice a week, studying the Bible in English. On Sunday evenings there is a combined service with 300-400 in attendance in the ballroom of the Imperial Hotel. There is reason to believe that other expanding cities of India could see this duplicated in English and in the local languages.

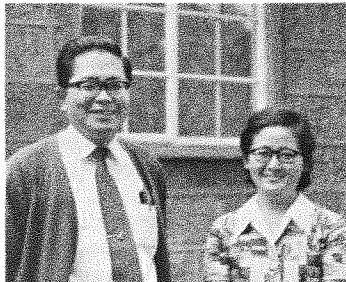
Bundelkhand with its headquarters in Chhatarpur used to be one and one half days' trip from Delhi. It is now one and one half hours by jet to some nearby temples. In Chhatarpur we have just one missionary, Norma Freer. She has worked with the hospital and church, identifying with their problems and sharing their anticipations. The church in Chhatarpur has increased its giving six-fold in the past seven years, and they seem open to new challenge. Especially,



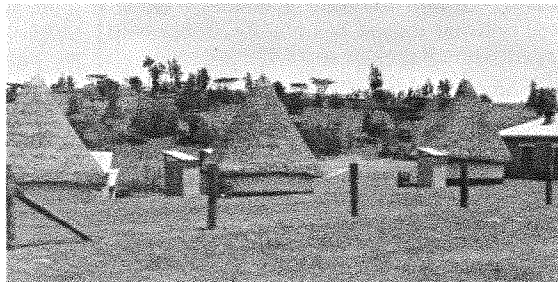
*Dr. Stephen Wilhite, surgeon at Kaimosi Hospital, Kenya, Africa.*



*David Hunter, principal of Friends College, Kaimosi.*



*Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Tanaka, missionaries of Immanuel Church of Tokyo to Kenya Highland Bible College.*



*Houses along a tea plantation in Kenya.*

they are concerned to minister to the villages in evangelism and education. It was refreshing to meet with concerned leaders whose vision challenged that of my own.

The hospital now is in an organization of 17 such institutions that seek to share personnel and ideas. Dr. Matagaonker, superintendent, has instituted a rural health program, sending a team to nearby villages each day. This is in addition to the surgical and other care of patients in Chhatarpur. Our prayer is that the church and hospital working together will be a powerful witness to Christian light and love in the Bundelkhand area.

Union Biblical Seminary in Yeotmal now has 150 students and more turned away. About 100 of these are university graduates, so they can move into graduate study. The faculty is still over half comprised of expatriates from New Zealand, Canada, England, Australia, as well as India. Anna Nixon of our mission is teaching Christian education and English and is of special help to students preparing their theses. Dr. Athyal, the leader, and the Indian Board of Governors are trying to take the major step of moving the school to Poona, a university city in Western India. The climate of Poona, like Nairobi, permits a school to function eleven months a year instead of nine. There are contacts with Indians of many language groups, and available transportation makes possible city missionary work in both Poona and Bombay. Co-operating groups in the U.S.A. and in other countries are assisting in the efforts to facilitate the move.

Dr. Athyal, principal, introduced me to Robin Paul at a morning coffee hour with students. Robin is from Theodore Williams' Methodist church in Bangalore, South India. He was employed at a good job in the Tata Steel Corporation when he felt called to preach. His skill in running has made him a leading candidate for the India Olympic Team. On a trip, later, I met his sister, who is a stewardess on Indian Airlines. She asked me, "What will my brother do when he finishes seminary?" I told her that I couldn't really tell but that if God has his life, doors will open with challenge and with urgency.

Some foreign missionaries are being permitted in India to assist where no Indian has yet been trained. We might be able to supply someone to seminary teaching or to medical work. There are real possibilities for cooperation with other missions and churches in Nepal and in Bangladesh. Evangelical leaders in India welcome our cooperation as we do theirs. I personally believe that Friends will continue to have excellent opportunities for assisting in Christ's work in India in the next few years. □

Clare Willcuts

# When is the time for a pastoral change?

The words of Paul in Colossians 3:15 have helped me in this matter, "And let the peace of God rule in your hearts." This is practical counsel for many situations, but the Lord gave it to me once when I was facing a decision of whether or not I should move. I have relied heavily upon this verse in similar circumstances since and have not been disappointed.

While there are no hard and fast rules, I will share a few guidelines that have helped me. The pastor's personality and ability to adapt himself are important factors. The strength of the call from the church is vital. Did the people really want you in the first place and do they really want you to stay? If there is evidence of uncertainty here, the pastor's ability is weakened; insecurity will be a problem, and courage for aggressive preaching and leadership will be hampered.

I have had great respect for the church and her corporate discernment from early childhood; this has been enhanced through the years. When this attitude prevails on the part of the pastor, selfishness will be minimal in his decision to leave the church or stay for a longer period.

The ministry of the church is to be shared jointly by the pastor and the people. The pastor should not overlook the fact that the people bought the land, built the church, and maintain it. For most of us the church was there before we came and will likely be there when we leave. In reality, it is God's church and we are only one of the members. Some pastors have been accused of having "itchy feet," but it is equally true that some congregations enjoy the romance of a new pastor frequently. The Friends *Discipline* makes it quite clear that either the pastor or the church can

terminate the pastoral relationship. When such action seems advisable, the decision should be reached with *care* and *prayer*. Is it unthinkable that the two working together should arrive at the decision?

The pastor may overlook the work and expense to the church by a change. By the same token, the church should be aware of the extra work and possible emotional strain when the pastor faces a move. The pastor's children often find the adjustment difficult. Perhaps some moves could be avoided if the Spiritual Life Committee would invite the pastor to just talk it over, even after the pastor has resigned. There are times when the pastor would be overjoyed to be asked to reconsider. A new understanding of our common goals plus an expression of confidence in each other could, in some instances, be better than a change of pastors.

The type of church and of pastor has a great bearing on whether the pastoral term is long or short. The pastor with a teaching ministry will likely stay longer than the one who is more evangelistic in his presentation. A church with many capable of leadership will make a longer pastorate more probable. If the pastor is required to do too much of the work in the church, his initiative will deplete more quickly and the church will suffer by an overexposure of their pastor. Both pastor and people may be at fault in either of the above situations, but they are factors in the length of service nonetheless.

When a pastoral change appears probable, earnest effort should be made to know the leading of the Holy Spirit. We should not be too stingy with time for prayer in seeking God's will. I recall hearing a preacher at a summer youth camp discussing the problem of finding God's will in which he referred to Martin Wells Knapp's book. He reviewed these questions: Is it scriptural? Is it reasonable? Is it providential? The speaker then added another question, "How do you feel after you pray about it?"

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We should check frequently for growth patterns in the pastor and the church. Sometimes a change is good for both pastor and people. For me, invariably, moving to another church has been rewarding and invigorating for all concerned. In all honesty I admit that I have a tendency to be overly sensitive regarding my relationship to the people. I don't like to stay on unless there is clear evidence that the people of the congregation are pleased. I can recall two instances when I probably moved too soon, and one when I overstayed. In the latter case, the year was most difficult.

There is a trend in the Friends Church for longer pastorates; this is good. One contributing factor for this is that many of our pastors now have excellent opportunities for training in college and seminary. In my judgment it would be well for the pastor to be encouraged or even required to take a leave of absence from time to time for special training. In lieu of that, when I felt cornered or exhausted, the easy thing was to relocate. Weekend workshops or seminars were helpful, as were the annual pastors' retreats, but there were times when I needed something more intensive.

I think both pastor and people should improve by their relationships, but neither should expect the other to be completely revamped. I have discovered some things in nearly every move that were quite distasteful at first, only to learn later that in their setting they were not all that bad. This works both ways. I have learned to appreciate those who have not always agreed with my proposals, but if the opposition becomes continuous and/or too widespread, then a change in leadership may be in order. There are personality clashes on occasion. When it becomes obvious that the pastor cannot work well with certain leaders, probably the pastor should step aside. If he decides to "stick it out," the church usually suffers.

In summation: 1. When the burden for the church and community seems to be lifting, 2. when I find it difficult to get new messages from the Lord, 3. when I note a falling off in attendance, 4. when people are noticeably not moved by the messages, and 5. when new ideas are not taken seriously, I have concluded that it is time to think of relocating.

After more than 40 years as a pastor, I can testify that I have enjoyed a warm relationship with the people I have served. I have never felt compelled to move because of serious conflict. My call to pastoral work was clear, and I am happy to report that God has been faithful; our needs have been met; the Lord's presence and power have been much in evidence; and the work has been most rewarding. □

## WHEN IS THE CHURCH FULFILLING ITS MISSION? Number 3 in a series

# GOD'S CHURCH IN TODAY'S WORLD

BY WALTER P. LEE

We have been passing through a period in which it has been popular to question, criticize, ridicule, and challenge the existence of nearly all the present-day institutions. Quite a few of the younger generation and too many not so young have attacked the institutions as being antiquated and irrelevant to today's world.

The church has not escaped these broadsides, and too often the most relentless assailants have been professing Christians. It is not a surprise when pagans attack the church, but it is when professing Christians do. Yet, no one can deny that counterfeit organizations have usurped the name *church* and that there are abuses, distortions, and imperfections in many church organizations.

There are at least three institutions that are ordained by God: (1) the family, (2) the church, and (3) government. Any attempt by man to discard the basic institution leads to a collision course with God.

It is not my intention to present plans, programs, and techniques for use by the church in today's world. These are pouring off the presses in a steady stream. My concern relates to the *basics* of the church; without a recognition of the church as God-ordained, there will be

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little commitment to it. This will affect, then, the concern for developing new churches.

1. The first basic concerning the church is that the church is ordained by God and established by Christ himself. Human beings compose the church, but the church is not man-made. Jesus said,

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**"This is no time  
for Christians to  
question the validity  
of the church.  
Today's Christian  
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"I will build *my* church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." (Matthew 16:18)

The church is a major theme in the Epistle to the Ephesians. The apostle writes, "Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." (Ephesians 5:25-27). Again Christ is called "the head of the body, the church." (Colossians 1:18)

2. The second basic is that the word *church* in the New Testament refers

usually to specific groups of believers, not simply the unorganized body of believers. The church is not invisible; it is composed of people, and people are not invisible.

Let us note the application of the word *church* to definite organized groups of Christians. In the book of Acts reference is made to the church at Jerusalem, the church at Antioch, and the church of Caesarea. We are told that Paul and Silas went through Syria and Cilicia confirming the churches.

In the Epistles, the apostle Paul salutes the church at Corinth, the churches of Galatia, the church of the Thessalonians, and speaks of the grace of God

they were addressed to real church groups.

It is apparent in the New Testament that churches are definite groups of Christians, not simply scattered individual believers.

3. The third basic concerning the church is that church organization and authority have a biblical foundation and are not some evil contrivance. This does not imply that organizations may not become excessive, unwieldy, dictatorial, or corrupt, but the principle of church organization and authority is biblically sound.

Very early in the New Testament church the need for some organization

God in the body of Christ includes the gift of governments. In 1 Timothy and Titus the qualifications for bishops, deacons, and elders are given.

The authority of the church is recognized in Acts 15 when the Council at Jerusalem decided upon the requirements for Gentile Christians. In 1 Corinthians 6:1-4 the apostle instructs the church to settle disputes among its members instead of going to worldly courts.

Organization is not evil of itself and indeed is consistent with the nature of God and inherent in the nature of man, whom God created. God is a God of precise order, and man must have order and organization to avoid chaos, even in



bestowed on the churches of Macedonia. The apostle Peter carries greetings from the church at Babylon.

In The Revelation John writes to seven specific churches in Asia: Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea. Whatever interpretation may be given to these messages,

and delegation of responsibilities became evident. Deacons were appointed under the direction of the Holy Spirit; the first missionaries were commissioned by the church at Antioch; Paul and Barnabas were sent out to preach the Gospel in other parts of the world. In Acts 14:23 elders were ordained in every church. In 1 Corinthians the list of the gifts from

the church. Likewise the recognition of authority is essential, and God has no intention of encouraging every man to do as he pleases as seen in the chaotic condition in the time of the judges when "every man did that which was right in his own eyes."

It is interesting to note that following the youth rebellion against the church in



the 1960s, which resulted in different movements such as the Jesus Movement, not much time elapsed before definite organizations arose that were not unlike those causing the rebellion.

When the organization and authority have fallen into carnal hands, the course of procedure is to endeavor to bring the church back to its biblical base, not to repudiate the institution. If this fails as it did for Martin Luther and George Fox, God may begin again as He did in the Reformation and the Quaker movement, but He will still maintain the institution of the church.

4. The fourth basic principle is that the church is more than a collection of

the world and different from the world. This is God's intention for the church, and it was so well exhibited by the apostolic church that the world was startled. The world had never seen anything like that before and didn't know that people could live like that. The characteristics of this new community as separate from the sinful world are given in Colossians 3, Ephesians 4 and 5, and other passages.

From the biblical record of the early church it is clear that the church is to be a true fellowship that draws Christians closer together than any other ties. Fellowship is more than social gathering or a dinner party. It is that mysterious affinity that draws people together in a common unity that transcends economic, social, political, educational, and personality differences. This was so real in the apostolic church that a heartless pagan world exclaimed in awe, "Behold how they love one another." In such a fellowship the church becomes a family, helping each other and bearing each other's burdens.

But this fellowship was not realized by meeting only occasionally for an hour of worship on Sunday morning. The members of the body apparently spent more time together to consider directions from Christ, the Head, to exhort one another, to study the Word together, to share experiences, needs, and problems, and to pray together. In recognition of this need the writer to the Hebrews is directed of the Lord to give the following admonition, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."

6. The sixth basic is that the church is God's visible representative. God has provided His representative in every age, and for this age it is the church. Although we may readily see weakness and failure in the church today, there is no evidence that God has appointed a new representative. No other institution is recognized as being God's representative. Of course, there are counterfeit churches that claim to represent God, but they take the form and employ many of the methods of the church.

As God's representative in the world, the church is a witness for Christ as commissioned by Him and as exemplified throughout the early history of the church. The church is also an evangelizing force, and we are told in Acts that the church was scattered abroad by persecution and went everywhere preaching the Word.

The church may need to be revived and cleansed but not destroyed, neglected, or abandoned! This is no time for

Christians to question the validity of the church. Today's Christians will remain spiritually healthy only in the church.

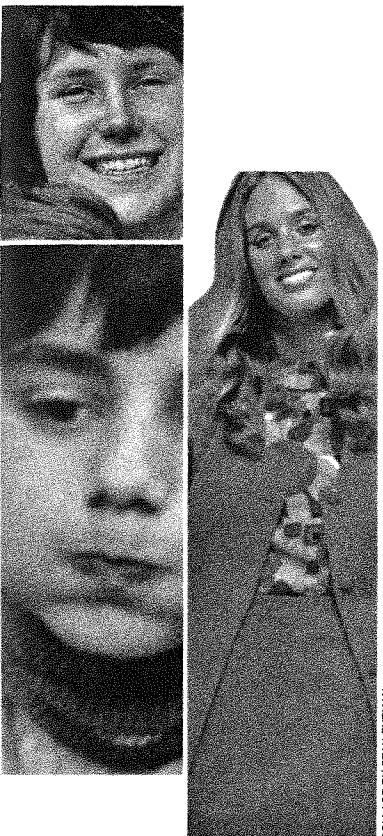
In our present-day evangelism we emphasize that one becomes a Christian, not by church membership, but by accepting Christ as a personal Savior, which is true. However, unless the new Christian is helped to realize that Christ's body is the church and he needs to become a responsible member of the body, he may become a spiritual dwarf or die in infancy.

In a missionary executive's retreat a number of years ago, Dr. A. C. Snead, a veteran missionary and executive, said, "Brethren, you may evangelize and see many led to Christ, but if you do not establish a church you have labored in vain."

The functions of the church and the gathering of the members are so closely related that they can hardly be separated. A most concise and comprehensive biblical statement concerning functions of the church appears in Acts 2:42-47. The *New International Version* of the New Testament reads: "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miracles were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved." This was a healthy, vibrant church.

The purpose of meeting together included united worship, instruction, study, prayer, fellowship, nurturing of community, service, and evangelism. It may not be surprising that new Christians will need to learn the importance of the church in meetings; more mature Christians who are indifferent or careless about the meetings of the church and the corporate, caring responsibilities involved reveal a failure to understand that God purposes for the church to be an interrelated community, a spiritual family, a closely knit body in the world.

Contrary to the criticism that the church is archaic, there never was a time when the world needed a relevant church more than today. The world is seeking for those values that are uniquely found in the church. The non-Christian world recognizes the need of community, but all their activities and attractions tend to break down community. All people seek some significant fellowship, but only a common love for God and God's fam-



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individuals. The church is more than the sum of its parts; it is an organism; it is described as a body of which Christ is the Head. This is clearly presented in Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12, Ephesians 4, and Colossians 1. The relationship of the members of the body is to be so close that each member feels whatever affects another member. The church is not a social or economic club, not an opportunity for individuals to attain a status they were unable to attain in other areas. The church is to be the body of Christ, which recognizes the importance of every part of the body; it is sensitive to the needs of each part and acts as a unit.

5. The fifth basic principle is that the church is to be an entirely new and unique community, a spiritual family within

ily will fulfill this desire. The world desperately desires hope for the future, but only the church has a solid hope.

Newer members of our local church (Star, Idaho), converted within the last three or four years, have expressed deep appreciation for the spirit of fellowship and love they never found before. While I see room for considerable improvement, they find the contrast between the church and previous relationship wonderful.

Some may see this description of the church as an ideal and say they have not found the church like this. Those of us who love the church and have been in it for a long time will also see the problems and inconsistencies. And, there are false organizations purporting to be the church. There are apostate groups, there are pseudo churches that are social or religious clubs, but wherever there is counterfeit, it is evidence of the genuine.

It is not surprising that churches which accept Christ as the Head and desire to be His body have not reached the ideal. After all, they are composed of human beings and the best of them have not yet reached God's ideal for each person. The churches of the first century were not ideal. The apostle Paul wrote to correct serious problems in several churches, but he did not write them off.

It doesn't require deep insight to find faults in the church. But in spite of serious problems and even corruption, God has used the church to bring great blessing to humanity. The church, even the Roman Catholic Church during the dark ages, preserved the Word of God from extinction. The church introduced hospitals to care for the suffering long before other humanitarian institutions arose. The church has done more to clothe with dignity and raise the status of women than any liberation movement. The church has done more for true prison reform than all the politicians. The church established educational institutions for the general public before government became involved.

When the church that owns Christ as its Head fails and falls short of God's ideal, do we drop out, repudiate the church, and make our participation dependent upon what we think we can receive out of it? Those who love the great Head of the church and are sensitive to the sufferings of His body will want to stay with the church, pray and labor to restore it to the fulfillment of God's purposes for it. The world is still amazed at the power and love displayed in the real church.

I love the church because "Christ loved the church and gave himself for it." The church is the only institution on the earth that has promise of being in heaven. □

*What happens when a family is suddenly cut off from that regular paycheck? How should Christians react? Can God be in this crisis of life? Here's the fascinating account of how God led, filled the void, and continues to provide for the Don and Betty Copp family of Mt. Gilead, Ohio.*

## UNEMPLOYMENT: BANE C

BY DON AND BETTY COPP

In September of 1974, my husband Don lost his job. Six months before, in my early morning devotions, the Lord had spoken to me quietly telling me this might happen. I told only one other person, not Don, and I waited. Instead, Don received a promotion and pay increase, so I decided my impression was just some irrational thought. And then, on a Tuesday morning, the second week of September, I was in my workroom when the Lord spoke very clearly to me and told me that Don had been fired.

We live in a split-level and the workroom is on the lower level. I heard the front door open and called up the stairs, "Praise the Lord, Don, you've been fired." Don was stunned by both the news and my remark. He was actually ashen in color. We embraced. Beyond words was the growing faith that whatever had happened was as the Lord allowed and that He was preparing us for the future.

That morning, after Don had received the word, not too kindly, that he no longer was employed, he did two very important things. The first was to hand his devoted secretary a small pocket cross inscribed, "God loves you"; the second was to go to the church chapel and turn all his burdens over to our Lord. Then he made only one request of Jesus—that He somehow help in telling me that he no longer had a job. Don didn't know that his prayer had been answered months before and confirmed that very morning. And so the four of us, Don (Donnie, 8; Colleen, 6) began one of the most interesting and exciting years of our lives. Whatever I have said or con-

tinue to relate, be sure of this—we are a common, ordinary family, very much in love with and devoted to our Lord, and very much in love with and devoted to each other.

The first thing Don and I did after telling friends and family was to kneel beside our bed and turn everything we had over to the Lord. We thought we had already done that, but before we really didn't realize just how important it was that the Lord do His part. Our health, education, and reputations had always provided the necessary means for a comfortable existence. As we prayed we committed our home, our personal lives, our children, all monetary means, and each other to God. And as we arose from that prayer we had the assurance that all would be taken care of in God's perfect way.

The next morning we looked over the financial picture. With our savings, we figured we could comfortably make it through the end of November with minor budget tightening. Therefore, we assumed that God would provide a job by the end of November. Don had several interviews—all looked promising. His job career had gone very well, and he had always been in demand. But no offers came. November came and went and yet no job, no income, *but* no burden!

With more time on our hands, we found ourselves in unusual places and circumstances, frequently where there "just happened" to be a person waiting for someone to introduce them to Jesus. What a thrill! We couldn't get over the efficiency of the Holy Spirit! He used



# MEETING LIFE'S CRISES

"I will put you in the cleft of the rock and cover you with my hand." —Exodus 33:22, LB

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our situation, putting the right people in the right setting, and prepared the heart of the one who did not know the Good News, and then gave us the thrill of doing the introducing. Opportunities to witness during this period came time and again!

Then the Lord began to show us others in our county who were in terrible situations. Some were in physical need, others in spiritual poverty. For the next nine months Don and I were in full-time, twenty-four-hour-a-day service to the many needs of Morrow County. We spent our time of waiting for work by helping others . . . from finding shoes and clothing for needy families to installing a water pump for a young woman who was carrying water for two miles, to fixing any number of carpentry problems, to carrying a young mother and her three small sons out of their home in the middle of the night during an extremely threatening situation. Each case history would be a testimony to the glory of God, and I cannot go into great detail in this brief space.

We had paid all our bills to date. Each month we would pile the bills up and thank our Lord for providing. And each month He provided. We received help from friends, from strangers, and from sources that we do not even know about. All we knew was the Lord was providing, as He said He would. In addition, we had hundreds of dollars go through our hands to those less fortunate. Whenever an unexplained gift of money would come in, we would pray about it, and usually give it away. There were a few times that we had to question the wisdom

of the Lord in our acts of giving, because we had a bill due shortly, but we were reminded that the Lord can do a lot of bill paying in 24 hours.

At Christmastime in 1974, it was brought to our attention in very interesting ways that there were several families in our area that were in desperate need. We prayed about it with a small group of friends and decided to do what we could to help. By December 23, we had delivered food, clothing, money, and Bibles to over 80 people. We had not sent out any pleas for help; the Holy Spirit had done that for us. On the evening of December 23 we had just made our final delivery to a beautiful family when we were informed that there were three more families that would have no Christmas if something wasn't done. We were dog tired. All we could do was pray that the Lord provide, and go to bed.

Early the next morning I received a call from one of the county agencies informing me that their office was closed but there was a woman who had called belatedly with the offer of \$80 for a needy family. Could we use it? Praise God! Such joy broke loose in our house that she must have thought we were all irrational. She also added that she knew where there were two Christmas trees if we wanted them. One of our friends had been out since early morning trying to find a Christmas tree for two of the families, and they were sold out everywhere. By one o'clock we had made our final delivery and were home in plenty of time to attend one of the most joyous Christmas Eve services of our lives.

The next several months found us in many places. We had the privilege of leading a drug addict to the Lord for the first time. We saw the Lord work a miraculous healing in a woman we had never met before. This acquaintance later took us into the Appalachian Mountains on two occasions, ministering and lead-

ing the children in a beautiful Bible school. We were called out more and more to teach and speak and always found our way provided not only physically but materially. Our bills continued to be paid miraculously. Our family life was growing in grace and love. Our children had accepted all the results of Don's work loss with beauty and grace beyond their years.

Don continued to be interviewed and continued to be passed over. But our lives were filled to overflowing with the joy of the Lord. We had only three brief times of despondency over his unemployment. But by keeping busy, we didn't have time to think about it too much. We were going from early morning to late at night in His service. And then many nights we would be awakened by phone by some person desperately reaching out for help. We had the thrill of our first telephone contact being healed as we prayed over the phone. The Lord works in many wondrous ways.

In the midst of these blessings in the midst of adversity, I began to realize a new phenomenon. I had always loved music, had been quite gifted on piano as a child, and had played the church organ. But I had never had the ability to "play by ear" or to write music. One day quite suddenly the Lord poured out this blessing upon me, which has been such a blessing not only to me but to many others as we have had opportunity to teach and share. I have enclosed the words of one song at the end of this story. The Alum Creek Friends children just performed a Christmas cantata that the Lord had given me during one of my recent hospital stays. Again, all I can say is that we are just ordinary vessels the Lord has chosen to fill to overflowing with His grace and goodness.

There have been many experiences of the past year that I would like to share with my brothers and sisters across the Yearly Meeting. But our greatest thrill was the week before Don started to work

and we attended Yearly Meeting. We are not birthright Quakers. We are new in the Yearly Meeting. And as we sat there and watched the proceedings, we literally wept with a newfound joy. We even felt a bit sorry for the birthright Quakers who do not have the experience of knowing the deep joy of one's own spirit when one finds his home on this earth. We are deeply sincere in our desire to serve our Lord through the Friends Yearly Meeting.

As a postscript, many of you know that I have been critically ill with encephalitis since the week following Yearly Meeting. I thank you for your prayers, cards, and wonderful visits at unexpected times. My progress is very slow, and I do seem to have some slight handicaps remaining, but we trust our Lord implicitly in this new walk, which could take another article. Please continue to hold our family up in your prayers.

### COME, GENTLE JESUS

Come, gentle Jesus, let's walk through  
the meadow,  
I've thoughts I must share with You,  
Tears I must shed with You.

Jesus, my Master, my soul cries for  
answers,

My heart throbs with aching pleas,  
Searching reality.

Come, gentle Jesus, we'll walk through  
the dew,

Fresh morning fragrance, my soul to  
renew.

Come, blessed Master, I reach out to  
You,

Gentle the touch of Your hand.

Gentle Your hand as it touches my  
shoulder,

And lifts all the burdens there,  
Moving with tender care.

Gentle Your eyes as they look deep  
within my soul,

Causing new joy to bloom,  
Freeing my heart from gloom.

Gentle Your breathe as it breathes into  
mine,

Touching my spirit to unite with Thine.  
Sweet gentle love flows from Your life

to mine,  
Dear gentle Savior divine.

Come, gentle Jesus, let's walk through  
the meadow,

I've thoughts I must share with You,  
Praise I must sing to You.

Jesus, my Master, Your healing You've  
given me,

Touching my agony  
Showing reality.

Living is dying unless found in You.  
Giving is taking without love through

You.  
Come, gentle Jesus, You've reached out  
to me,

Help me touch others for Thee. □



Evangelical Friends Alliance churches and individuals have supported overseas relief work through various agencies for years. The work of the World Relief Commission (the overseas relief arm of the National Association of Evangelicals) has received much of our support with special emphasis on the annual Thanksgiving offering.

As the EFA Social Concern Commission met recently in Oklahoma City, a desire to do even more to meet the world food crisis was expressed by a Friend from Ohio. It was almost uncanny to hear about one half of the Commission members state that they had been feeling the same concern. I had just come from a meeting in Portland where this had been discussed, and others had discussed it in their churches or with their families.

We all became excited about the possibilities of our becoming involved in meeting this need. It was evident to us that God's time for action had arrived. Christians are feeling deeply concerned that while thousands are starving to death daily in Africa and other places, most Americans have almost too much.

You may be able to think of many ways that this need can be met, but many of us almost despair at the magnitude of the problem and don't do anything. The following suggestion, made by Dean Johnson of Peninsula, Ohio, caught our imagination and we offer it to you as a way all of us can get personally involved.

The Social Concern Commission would like to challenge each family or individual in the EFA to fast one meal per week and send the value of that meal to the World Relief Commission through your local meeting. The value established for a meal will undoubtedly vary to some degree. Some might say \$.50 or

\$1.00 per person or perhaps \$3.00 for the whole family. The actual figure isn't as important as getting involved.

Assume that \$3.00 is established as the value of the meal for a family. What would be the impact if all families in the EFA participated? There are more than 250 meetings with an average of 25 families each (assuming four people per family). A few simple calculations will show that about \$18,750.00 per week would be generated (that's \$975,000.00 per year).

My own family discussed this at an evening meal recently and have decided to fast on Sunday evenings beginning February 1, 1976. Tony, our two-year-old, may require a snack before he goes to bed (we'll have to wait and see), but Joey age 9 and Shelley age 7 are enthusiastic about helping the "hungry children" of the world. Our contribution of one meal per week doesn't seem like much, but the multiplied effect, when God's people of the EFA respond, will be very significant.

Some won't be able to participate in this endeavor for health or other reasons. But all are urged to seek some way to participate in meeting this need.

I've read again recently from the Gospels how often Jesus, our example, met the spiritual *and* physical needs of those He met. A slogan used by the World Relief Commission states "Food for the body and food for the soul." This surely is Christ's example. Please pray about the food crisis in our world, discuss this proposal with your whole family, and determine whether or not you can participate.

(WRC offerings should be sent through your local church to the Yearly Meeting headquarters.)

## A meal a week . . . a million dollars in EFA

BY BILL ROURKE

*A tangible suggestion to help relieve the world's hunger problem comes to each member of the Evangelical Friends Alliance from its Social Concerns Commission. Bill Rourke is a member of the commission representing Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends.*



# Wenceslao, Daniel, and Clemente

BY RON STANSELL

WHO ARE these three? What do they have in common? Really not a great deal, except for a new acronym you can add to your vocabulary—TEE—or Theological Education by Extension. One of its founders, Ralph Winter, has jokingly called TEE “at least a major missionary fad.” An idea that began under a bridge in Guatemala in 1961 now enrolls thousands in Bible and leadership courses around the world, our friends Wenceslao, Daniel, and Clemente included.

Let me introduce to you these three Bible Institute students, drawn from the Aymara-speaking Friends churches of Bolivia and Peru, beginning with . . .

. . . *Wenceslao*: Wenceslao is no spring chicken at age 52. His pleasantly wrinkled face crinkles around his spectacles as we talk. Yes, the family is grown, and yes, he’s a farmer and seldom wanders far from home. He’s been a Christian for 24 years, eight of them as a pastor near his ancestral plots. The margin of survival for Wenceslao is narrow on the frosty, windswept plains at 13,000 feet above sea level. Big city La Paz is four bumpy hours away.

Yes, Wenceslao started his Bible Institute extension studies back in 1970 and just now opened his 16th book, with every sign of being one of the first extension graduates someday. The book on Pauline Epistles gave him sermon material for weeks. *But what was his favorite book?* “All were good, but right now I especially enjoyed the prophecy course, the better to combat Jehovah’s Witnesses troubling my members.” At Wenceslao’s age and with his community responsibilities, attending a traditional Bible school never passed through his mind!

And imagine another interview, this time with . . .

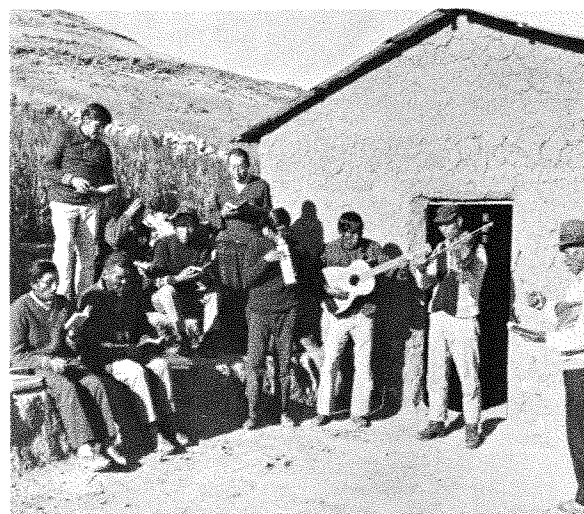
. . . *Daniel*: a tin miner by profession and Monthly Meeting clerk of the Mina Chojlla Friends Church. His robust frame and smooth complexion reflect

years in the warmer lowlands and working away from the starkly bright sun. Although converted in a highland church, Daniel was never an active leader until he became a part of this lowland congregation. He is proud of the 10 students with whom he studies, representing three nearby congregations, and Daniel has rendered satisfactory tests over 12 books of extension studies.

*Which book was the most profitable?* “The Christian Life course [48 lessons on Christian ethics].” *What will your next books be?* “Pauline Epistles, Prophecy, and Homiletics,” 98 lessons to be studied in three months. *And how is your church progressing?* “Nicely, thanks! We average 140 Sunday mornings now, about three times the attendance of two years ago!”

So you see, Wenceslao and Daniel do not have a great deal in common except for Christian faith and their Bible school studies. The contrasts are endless. Wenceslao, the older Christian and pastor; Daniel, younger in the faith but a vigorous adult leader, and then there is . . .

. . . *Clemente*, the untried, the unmarried, and unknown 20-year-old. Does he have pastoral or leadership gifts? It’s not certain, but he carries a high recommendation from his pastor-teacher who has coached him through 12 extension manuals. He hopes to finish his last year of high school soon. (Wenceslao had three years of grade school four decades ago!) And Clemente is offering his services as a pastor in his area for the coming year. Despite his youthfulness, chances are good his offer will be accepted. For, you see, Clemente lives in the one geographical region where the Bolivian Friends Church growth has been the very greatest, and where small, isolated rural communities frequently boast a church attendance of over 150! Of the three men we have met, only Clemente could have fitted into the traditional Bible Institute mold, and that might well have lured him away from the one place



Using three contrasting students as examples, missionary Ron Stansell points out the effectiveness of the Theological Education by Extension in Bolivia and Peru. “Send the training (a teacher and books) to the student, not the student to the training. Let the needs of the students dictate the place and time of instruction rather than allowing the form of instruction to dictate who might study.” That’s TEE in a nutshell, according to Ron, and he adds, “A great variety of leaders and a great quantity of biblically literate leaders are essential to preserve the spiritual integrity of Friends among highland Aymaras.” In groups such as this (see photo), the students meet their teacher each week.

where his services are most urgently needed.

Bolivian and Peruvian Friends began Extension Institutes in 1969 and 1970, with missionaries mimeographing programmed lessons nightly to be rushed to the students by day. In five years the curriculum has grown to a rather sophisticated catalog of 19 manuals, all carefully programmed, with seven more to be finished soon and enough more outlined to complete a total of 36 courses, covering the whole Bible and basic churchmanship. Half of the manuals will be bilingual (Aymara and Spanish), the other half Spanish only.

In a nutshell the extension idea is this: send the training (a teacher and the books) to the student, not the student to the training. Let the needs of students dictate the place and time of instruction rather than allowing the form of instruction to dictate who might study. Many gifted leaders, both youth and adults, never study God's Word simply because they do not "fit" the one educational mold available. It costs money to go to school, especially away from home. Wife, children, and community positions are held by *leaders*, and the church needs them!

Another important assumption of the extension program is that a student applies his spiritual lessons more realistically if he is living in his home environment rather than in an artificial setting miles from home.

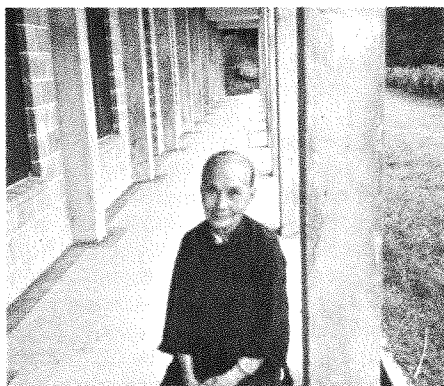
The number of Friends students studying by extension rose to over 400 in 1974, representing 38 local study centers, about 20 Bible Institute instructors drawn from among 210 churches. No traditional program, even with unlimited finances and personnel, could possibly have matched that record. With personnel changes and reductions in the past year, the total number of students is about half what it was but still a hefty number, many of whom have studied 12 or more programmed manuals.

You get the picture—a great variety of leaders and a great *quantity* of biblically literate leaders are essential to preserve the spiritual integrity of Friends among highland Aymaras. Without quantity in church leadership, the quality is sure to decline in the local congregation. Without *many* leaders, the future is not bright. And the only *good* leaders are those who prove themselves at work. We can't afford to wait and see if a handful of resident young people "have what it takes" or not!

Theological Education by Extension is not really a fad. TEE or something very much like it will be around for a long time since it genuinely comes to grips with the need for *many* leaders and many *good* leaders for the local churches. □

## Fruit at Seventh Ferry

BY ELLA RUTH HUTSON



*Mrs. Ho, the first convert at Seventh Ferry.*

"There she is! The elderly lady sitting on the stool!" I turned in the direction Mrs. H. L. Cheng indicated and saw the first convert at Seventh Ferry. Later I spoke a few words to Mrs. Ho, who is 84 years old and speaks only Taiwanese.

Quite some time ago the Chengs had a service in the home of Mrs. Ho's daughter. Since they could visit only infrequently the family found spiritual help in a nearby Mandarin speaking group. Old Mrs. Ho does not understand Mandarin so would not attend services with her daughter's family. They were unable to make the Gospel plain to her.

After Keelung Friends opened an extension point in Seventh Ferry, they made contact with Mrs. Ho. In October when they had a family retreat for Keelung and Seventh Ferry folk, they persuaded Mrs. Ho to go. She had been in only a few services in Taiwanese when the light dawned. She joyfully announc-

ed, "Now I understand! I believe in Jesus. I want to be baptized."

One of the features of the family retreat was discussion groups on practical ways Christians can serve the Lord. Mrs. Ho listened to others making suggestions and asked, "What can I do?" She was given several suggestions. She was not the only elderly person at the retreat. About 60 adults and quite a group of children attended on Sunday. They had Sunday school and other services for the children as well as adult services.

Keelung Cheng Kong Church endeavors to train and use everyone. The family retreat is an annual event. One of its purposes is to strengthen the family unit as well as to strengthen the unity of the church. During the afternoon I visited; one of the young women (a college graduate) said that being at that kind of retreat made the church seem like one big family. They treated me as a member of the family and took care of me as they did the grandmas. □

## Mexican Friends to Guatemala

BY ROSCOE KNIGHT

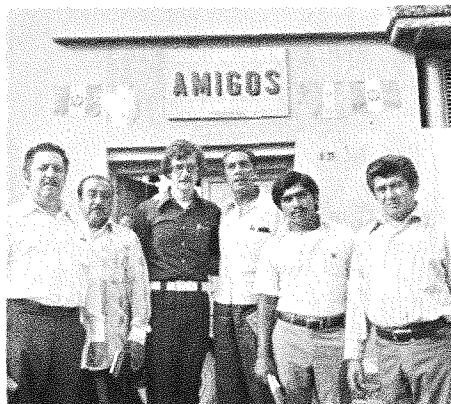
The Friends churches of Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador celebrate their sessions of Yearly Meeting in November each year. When I received an invitation to be the Yearly Meeting evangelist, the thought immediately came that

it would be wonderful if some of the Mexican Friends could accompany me. Some friends in the States, upon hearing of this desire, collaborated with offerings to help with the fares of some representatives to go to Chiquimula, Guatemala.

So it was that five Mexican men, plus Dick Martens and myself, found ourselves on a bus heading over the mountains and deserts toward Chiquimula. Since this was the first time out of Mexico for most of the men, their reactions to immigration and customs procedures, a new currency, and the different customs of another country were interesting to observe. A friendly missionary met us in Guatemala City to take us the last lap of the journey. After a 30-hour trip, the bed felt mighty good when we arrived after midnight on a Sunday morning.

Thus began a full eight days of meetings, classes, and business sessions that go to make up a Yearly Meeting. Our Mexican men were duly impressed by the size of the whole church organization: over 10,000 constituents, some 125 congregations, up to 1,300 in attendance

*Photo below shows the men who went from Mexico to Guatemala with Roscoe Knight in November 1975. Left to right: Manuel Guzman, Rodrigo Becerril, Dick Martens, Guillermo Horta, Elmer Martinez, and Noe Garcia. All these men are on the new Mexico church council as of January 1976.*



at the Yearly Meeting sessions, plus the entire church program of primary schools, secondary schools, Bible Institute, and many other church and mission activities. These caused the men to realize that Friends were on the move in other parts of the world. They were pleased to see such a large organization function so smoothly, and the business meetings were quite impressive to them. We especially appreciated being made honorary members of the Yearly Meeting and felt a oneness and a wonderful fellowship with the Central American Friends.

The trip is proving to be of permanent good as, once again at home, our Mexican brethren are enthused about advancement, growth, and organization. A glimpse into "another world" has shown the Mexican Friends Church that a large and bright future lies ahead as they advance under Christ. □

## What's New!



*Dorothy Barratt  
EFA Christian education  
consultant*

## year-round camp promotion

Olympic View Friends, located in Tacoma, Washington, takes Christian camping seriously. Camping is a year-round concern with interest building to a high following their annual Camp Kickoff Dinner in February and continuing up to the time for summer camps.

To provide a way for a high percentage of students to attend one of the church sponsored camps, a Camp Work Program was initiated.

In the fall a notice is put in the bulletin explaining the program, how it works, and whom to contact. The local church camp coordinator develops a file with names of boys and girls and young people, addresses, phone numbers, type of work each could do, and days available to work.

Members of the congregation contact the coordinator requesting one or more of the available people to perform a certain type of work. The coordinator then gives the names of the possible workers to those requesting help, who in turn contact the ones they want to hire.

The established cost for hiring a worker is \$1.00 per hour, which is deposited in the Stamps for Camp fund rather than being paid directly to the camper.

In February the church sponsors a Camp Kickoff Dinner. Camping displays highlight specific areas of camping such as fishing, backpacking, boating, mountain climbing, hiking, and photography. Other special features might be films or slides of last year's camps, skits, or a

guest speaker. The camp coordinator explains the camp program and gives a preview of the summer camps.

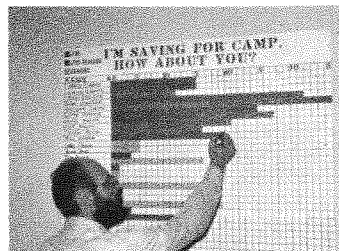
At the banquet, requests are made for members of the congregation to provide work or to pledge money to be used to pay those who work around the church. Potential campers may do yard work, cleanup, filing, etc., or may work at the home of a needy person as suggested by the pastor or the Spiritual Life Committee.

In the spring a camp booth is set up in the fellowship hall where Stamps for Camp are sold or deposited to the individual's account. The young people of the church maintain the booth each Sunday after church.

A large chart is posted for all to see the names of those working to attend camp. The graph shows the amount earned to that date. Adults seeing this graph may want to hire those having the least amount deposited to their account. Stamps can also be purchased by anyone or given as gifts to the boys and girls or young people.

When the summer camping season arrives many children and youth are well on their way to a camp experience. Many of these make commitments to Christ that change their lives.

Then, when the camping season is over, it is time to begin all over again. Camp testimonies are shared with others in the church and those who were not able to attend are encouraged to begin planning for next year. A camp card file with new names is once again started, with the idea that all of these are helped on their way to camp again next summer. □



*Mike Cooper, above, camp coordinator. Jerry Sudgens explaining mountain climbing gear.*



# A word concerning the handling of charismatics

BY EVERETT L. CATTELL

## THANKSGIVING

Let us wholeheartedly thank God for the moving of the Holy Spirit by which multitudes in the old-line denominations (including Roman Catholics) have truly been born anew. In a world so full of corruption, pessimism, and despair we rejoice to see that the Holy Spirit is still working mightily.

## CONFESSION

Let us recognize that many from our own churches have gone to these centers, where new life has come to them also. Upon their return to us we have not always known how to respond to them.

It has been easy to dismiss the problem by saying that our doctrine provides all they needed, that going elsewhere was unnecessary, and that in any case new life for them need not have involved speaking in tongues. This may be true, but it is an inadequate answer.

Let us honestly confess that there has been in too many of our churches a lack in practice resulting in a failure to meet the needs of many. Among several reasons for this condition let us acknowledge two that are specially important.

A study of instances in the book of Acts where Christians were filled with the Spirit shows they were characterized by great enthusiasm, joyful praise, cleansing of heart, power and boldness in witnessing, and a life of obedience. There was at times speaking in tongues or manifestations of other gifts of the Spirit, such as prophecy, miracles, healing, etc.

Now we have to confess that in many of our churches there is little enthusiasm, not much joy or praise—but instead a stolid and sometimes tired faithfulness. In too many cases carnality has been much more in evidence than cleansing. Witness has been weak and timid—if indeed it happened at all.

A second failure has been in connection with our doctrine of holiness. In the past few years many of our pastors have recognized the inadequacy of many of the clichés of the holiness movement. To call people to “be sanctified” has been

*Everett L. Cattell, retired Friends missionary, church executive, and former president of Malone College, addressed this concern last year to the pastors of the Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region.*

recognized as ambiguous when sanctification is both a crisis and a process in the New Testament. An overemphasis upon crisis has driven us to try to balance the matter with emphasis on growth to maturity. Too often we have shifted away from preaching about crisis altogether. In shifting away from old and empty clichés, we have often failed to press for total surrender, both as a crisis and as the continuing ground for cleansing and holiness.

Let us confess these failures and try to put them right.

## TONGUES

1. *Tongues is only one of the charismata.*

It is necessary in all honesty and faithfulness to the Scriptures to recognize that there is a valid gift of tongues, although it is at the bottom of the list of gifts and more easily subject to aberration than any other gift.

We are therefore under special necessity to emphasize the whole range of gifts in our preaching, to recognize them as a church in our members, and to provide for their exercise in the work of the church. This is one way to help correct a lopsided emphasis upon tongues.

2. *Tongues are helpful to some.*

We must exercise great tenderness with those who have found a genuine new life in a place and under circumstances that involved speaking in tongues and who find blessing in the use of tongues in private prayer. Such need acceptance, counsel, fellowship, and teaching. When no issue is made over the private use of tongues, it is often possible to point the way to the range of more important gifts and the way to maturity.

3. *Tongues can be troublesome.*

In cases where persons take a position that (a) insists upon exercising the gift of tongues in our public services, (b) promotes tongues as necessary for all, (c) precipitates a divisive spirit in the church, and (d) brings in outsiders to bolster any of these points, some disciplinary action is called for.

Much wisdom is required to discern the spirit in which tongues are being used or promoted.

Clear understanding should be had with individuals as to their motive and our position before a crisis arises.

Discipline must be exercised with great love and firmness.

It is usually wise for the pastor who is confronted with such a situation to counsel with the general superintendent or other trusted leaders. Our great concern is that in the act of maintaining good order, sincere but immature Christians be not discouraged, rejected, or lost. □

# Of Deity and bones

“Does God have bones?”

David asked me that today, Lord, and I couldn't answer him. Well—do you? Have bones I mean. His question was serious, you know. He wants to know who and how you are. And where, too. And if you're like us. And I don't always know.

Bones?

You did have bones once, didn't you? Bones and muscles and fingernails that collected dirt, feet that tired from miles on dusty roads and hands that bloodied from driven nails. You became like us, didn't you?

Thank you for reminding me. Now I know the answer.

Tomorrow I'll tell David again that old, old story even a child can understand. About a God who filled his lungs with earth air, tasted bread, listened to cricket song at night, held other four-year-olds on his lap and personally answered their questions. About a God who loves so much he put on bones and more, much more. Tomorrow I'll tell him.

—Nancy Thomas



## THE LORD IS MY LIGHT: DAVID AND CLEMENTINE SANDS

BY MARIE HAINES

"Mother, look! Why are all those soldiers coming into our yard?" Hannah Sands pointed excitedly.

Her mother left her loom and started across the room. Just then, a loud knocking was heard on the front door. "Open in the name of freedom," a loud voice demanded.

"What does thee wish, friend?" Clementine Sands asked calmly. "Won't thee step inside?"

A tall soldier in the uniform of the Continental Army stepped inside. He felt ill at ease, but he had a duty to perform.

"As you know, ma'am, the British forces are also occupying this town. We have information your husband is a spy for the British army."

"My husband is traveling through the wilderness on a mission for the Lord," Clementine said bewildered.

"My father is no British spy," Daniel said stoutly. "We love everyone."

The soldier ruffled Daniel's hair. "Be that as it may, son. We are here to see you don't get word from this house to the enemy. You better forget about loving the British."

Daniel started to speak again, but his mother put her hand on his shoulder.

"We are a quiet, peaceable people," she said. "Thee is welcome to do thy duty as thee thinks best."

Fifty soldiers had been sent to guard the house. They tramped in and out. They tried to frighten the children with their show of arms.

"Clementine, why doesn't thee take the children and go away?" a kindly neighbor asked.

Clementine Sands felt troubled too. The soldiers were very hostile. They refused to believe her husband was not a spy. Was it right to expose her children to danger? Often there were clashes between the American and British troops. What should she do?

"Lord, I need Thy direction," she prayed.

"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?" The words in Psalm 27 seemed to stand out. "Thank Thee, Lord; I will not fear."

"See," she said a few days later. "Here is a letter from my husband. Would thee care to read it?"

David had written of his travels in the wilderness, his meetings with the Indians, and his visits with Friends.

Thoughtfully, the officer folded the letter. "I see we have been misguided. The guard shall be withdrawn."

Not long after, Daniel saw a familiar figure coming up the lane. "Mother, mother, it's father! Father is coming!"

"I thank Thee, Lord," David Sands prayed, holding his little family close. "I have been preserved from dangers seen and unseen. My dear family has been held in the hollow of Thy hand."

"Amen, amen," they softly said together.

After talking things over, David and Clementine decided to send the children to an uncle's home while their town was occupied by soldiers.

"David, David," Clementine whispered one night, shaking her husband awake. "What is that strange noise?"

David sat up in bed and listened. "It sounds as if someone is entering our home."

Just then, a rough voice outside their bedroom door said, "Someone is awake. We will shoot him."

David and Clementine quickly jumped from their bed. Their room was on the main floor. The bedroom window was open. David pushed his wife outside and turned to look back. (To next page)

"Shoot him! Shoot him!" a masked soldier shouted. A bullet grazed David's forehead as he dropped to the porch.

It was a bitterly cold night, but there was no time to snatch wraps. They made their way to the barn and crawled under the hay.

"David, our house has been ransacked."

"Even the furniture has been taken."

"And our clothing and bedding. What shall we do?" Clementine said in despair.

"I am sure it was some of the British soldiers. I caught a glimpse of the uniform. Thee wait here while I visit their camp," David said to his wife.

"Yes, we know of your robbery," one of the officers said. "We have a lot of your things. However, we cannot find the guilty ones."

"If thee will draw the soldiers up in ranks, I believe the Lord will show me the guilty ones," David Sands said.

"Did you see them?"

"No, I saw only the one who shot me, and he had a mask over his face."

The men were lined up. David Sands walked slowly past them. "Where was thee last night?" he asked, stopping before a soldier and looking intently at him.

"Keeping guard and a cold night it was," the soldier replied. Then, he began to shake and tremble so violently he was taken from the ranks.

"Thee has betrayed thyself. Thee is under arrest." In the same way, four more were arrested.

Then David spoke to a young officer standing near. "I am surprised to see thee was one of the company who entered my home."

"You are very mistaken," the officer said swearing. This misdemeanor would have been punishable by death to an officer.

"Let me feel thy heart," David said, placing his hand over the young man's heart. "It is thine own accuser by its rapid pulse beat."

"I do not want to appear against these men," David Sands said.

"Then we will send them to your home. You can mete whatever punishment you wish," the officer shrugged his shoulders.

When the men were escorted to his home, David and his wife received them kindly. "I have some advice for all of you," he said. "The Lord told us to love our enemies and to do good to those who spitefully use us. Come, my wife has prepared dinner for us."

The soldiers were astonished. After the meal, David Sands preached to them. He read the Bible and prayed with them. As he shook their hands in farewell, there were tears of gratitude in the men's eyes. □

# A Creative Ministries Event

## Prayer Call for National Conference

BY WAYNE ALLMAN

All local meetings in Friends United Meeting and Evangelical Friends Alliance are being invited to set Sunday, April 25, 1976, as a day of prayer for the National Conference on Pastoral Ministry.

The Joint Planning Committee is making the prayer day appeal because of the potential significance of this gathering. The leadership meeting in Dallas needs your prayer support. The human dynamics will be there in a wonderful measure, but to empower this rich fellowship by the penetrating presence of the Holy Spirit is the vital need.

What would happen if Friends of every meeting gave themselves to a special time of genuine prayer for the conference during the Sunday morning worship hour on April 25? With the belief that prayer changes things and prayer changes people, such a uniting together in petition would make a great difference. The deep prayer concern in local meetings can turn this conference into a miracle. Why not? God will empower a leadership through the prayers of His people. It is for the asking.

In addition to this call to prayer in the local meeting, a 24-hour day of prayer will be a fitting prologue to the opening of the conference at the Royal Coach Conference Center in Dallas. A number of the registrants will come early for this Prayer Vanguard. It will be experienced from 4:00 p.m. Sunday, April 25, through 4:00 p.m. Monday.

The 24-hour period will be open and spontaneous with the following time schedule:

### Sunday

4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.—Call to Prayer

Hugh Spaulding—leader

Wendell Barnett—speaker

5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.—Small Prayer Groups

7:00 p.m.-12:00 midnight—Chain of Prayer

### Monday

12:00 midnight-8:00 a.m.—Chain of Prayer

8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.—Prayer Breakfast

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—Open Prayer Room

Plans for the National Conference are continuing to develop. Registrations are increasing. Two special sessions will be held for pastors' wives from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday. Miriam Burke will lead the second session.

The Royal Coach Conference Center is an excellent facility for the gathering. It is a complex of 600 lodging rooms, 30 small meeting rooms, small conference rooms, and a hall for large gatherings. Within the interior of the complex are beautiful formal British gardens and swimming pools. The management is co-operating in every way to accommodate the gathering. The rates per room are \$10 a night less than their standard rates. All conference planners know that poor facilities and mismanaged accommodations can ruin a conference. At this point there is great confidence that proper arrangements have been made.

Enabling funds are still needed for this conference in spite of the fact that a number of generous individual gifts have been made. Persons with a deep concern to support this gathering are invited to send their gifts to the conference treasurer, T. Eugene Coffin, 15921 E. Russell, Whittier, California 90603. □



*The Friends National Conference on Pastoral Ministry will be held at the Royal Coach Conference Center in Dallas, Texas.*





## ROCKY MOUNTAIN YEARLY MEETING

### 'Ray' Ah' Youth Center Opened

A dedication service was recently held for the new "Ray' Ah" Youth Center of Benkelman, Nebraska. The service was held at the Benkelman Friends Church with about 150 in attendance. Following the service, there was an open house and tour of the Youth Center.

The young people of the center selected the name "Ray' Ah" because it means *friend* in Hebrew. The center is the culmination of the combined dreams and work of many. The following account gives a description of the center inception and building program.

Your faith can move mountains. (Matthew 17:20-21)

The history of the Youth Center is really quite short. It all started when a local girl, Linda Haines, came home from Friends Bible College after a year of schooling there. She expressed a concern for the young people and wanted to start a Wednesday night prayer and Bible study group with some recreational fun included.

She started the group and by the end of the summer it had a good attendance. When she left for college in the fall, she wanted someone to keep the group going. Carol Sanders and I were appointed and continued with the group with the help of our pastor, Bob Sanders.

In March 1975, Rev. Ken Burnham held a revival service at our church to which the young people of the community really responded. At the close of the meetings, there were 50 young people of all denominations who gathered at the front of the church, joined hands, and prayed in faith that "God would move a moun-

tain for them" and that He would grant them a Christian Youth Center. Everyone knew that without finances of any kind, this truly was a mountain to the young people.

They hunted all over town for a building, and it seemed none were available, then one day someone struck upon an idea. There was an old building in town where the scouts used to meet; perhaps it could be used. One evening some of us went to check out the building. Believe me, it was a mountain within itself, but we kept seeing the possibilities.

The building was owned by the city, and so we decided to inquire about it. The city told us we could have the building, rent free. This was all they needed to say; everyone wanted to get started on renovation right away.

Some of our experiences during renovation would be a lengthy story in themselves, but we all had some really great times working together—young and old—and were thankful that there weren't any injuries.

Finances began to come in from all over our wonderful community just at the time when they were needed. We'd need something or some special kind of help, and right there it was! Things that were given just seemed to always fit in, right down to the posters on the wall.

The youth center was a real united effort. The kindness, love, and consideration of many are appreciated and will never be forgotten by the young people of our community. We know that the youth of today are the church of tomorrow.

At its completion, the youth center provides a place for solitude as well as a piano and tables for use by the youth. The lower level provides a game room with Ping-Pong table, Foos ball, and air hockey.

Plans are in progress to add other games as well as additional facilities in the kitchen area for use in cooking.

The people of Benkelman thank God, who did it all for them. He answered the prayers of those 50 young people and moved a mountain for them. Praise God!

—Donna Baney, Youth Sponsor  
Benkelman Friends Church

### Church Growth Seminars

Our superintendent, Olen Ellis, along with Ken Kinser and Dave Hickman, attended a weeks church growth seminar sponsored by The Institute for American Church Growth, Pasadena, California.

Such men as Drs. McGavran, Wagner, Arn, Glasser, and others from the Fuller World School of Missions helped create an exciting week of learning and application.

If anyone is interested in *removing the fog* and knowing there are different levels of evangelism, as well as

# Friends concerns

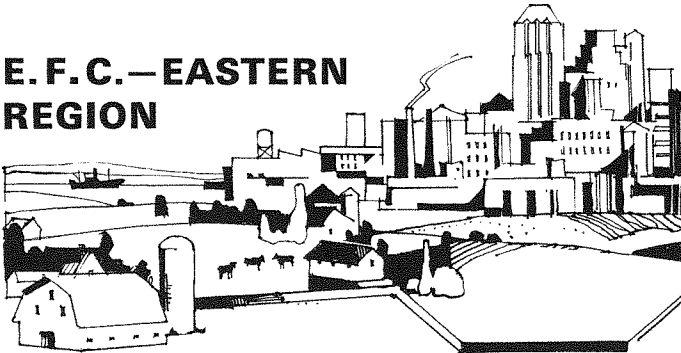
different types of growth and class leadership development, get in touch with the Yearly Meeting office. Through Olen Ellis and the Outreach Board a seminar on church growth is now available that will help your church discover its ministry area and develop "church growth eyes." We must have growth consciousness before it will happen.

Outreach is an important part of the healing of a church with problems, so your best investment is in the growth of your church. Renewal is good but don't wait until the church is perfect before you try to grow.

Hey, you pastors! You don't want to cheat your people out of a great opportunity for growth, do you? Church growth thinking is being used of God to increase His Church and is the cutting edge for our day. Check your calendar now. We're waiting!

—Dave Hickman, Chairman  
Outreach Board

## E.F.C.—EASTERN REGION



### Alliance Friends Celebrate 75th Anniversary

First Friends Church of Alliance, Ohio, celebrated its 75th anniversary in February. Guest ministers for the occasion included the Csehy Musical Messengers (Mrs. Csehy is the former Gladys Williamson and grew up in the Alliance Friends Church); T. Eugene Coffin (pastor of the East Whittier Friends Church in California, and a son of Merrill M. Coffin, who pastored the Alliance church 1918-1922); Jack Williamson (raised in the church and presently a chaplain with the U.S. Air Force at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas); Howard and Wilma Jacob (regional director for OMS International and associate pastors at Alliance from 1962-1964); Robert Hess (professor at Malone College and a former pastor at Alliance); and Russell Myers, who pastored the church 1945-1953.

The history of Friends in Alliance goes back nearly 175 years, when Friends meetings were organized in Marlboro and Lexington. Eventually the membership of what came to be known as the Alliance Monthly Meeting was transferred to East Goshen Monthly Meeting, and for several years Alliance was without a Friends meeting. In 1900 Levi Lupton, an area native, returned to Alliance from Michigan. Lupton was distressed to learn there no longer was a Quaker meeting in the city. He arranged to have a tent set up near the City Square and began to hold services. In the summer of 1900, official request was made in behalf of 42 members of East Goshen Friends Church who resided in the Alliance area for the establishment of a new Friends Meeting in the city. Within



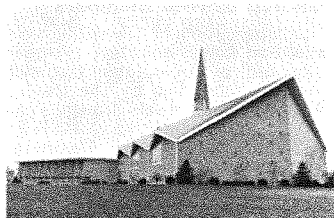


Former and present pastors at Alliance (left to right): Howard Jacob, Jack Rea, Russell Myers, Chester Stanley (front), Clarence Sekerak,

Galen Weingart, Herbert Handy (front), Gary Macy, Richard Bower, Dale Dragomir, and Dale Chryst.



THEN: First Friends Church at Park and Broadway in Alliance, Ohio, when those streets were dirt roads. NOW: The new First Friends Church, dedicated in 1965 and located on West State Street.

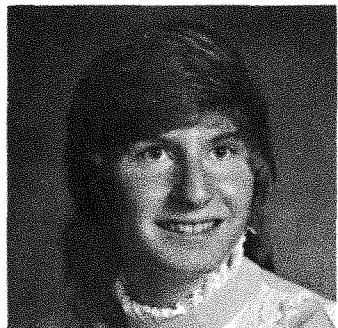


a few months a building was under construction. After several remodelings and additions, the congregation in 1965 moved to a new building on West State Street.

Living former pastors and associates include in addition to those mentioned Freda Girsberger, Herbert Handy, Chester Stanley, Clarence Sekerak, Owen Glassburn, Kenneth and Mamie Headland, Galen Weingart, Jack Rea, Earl Bailey, Jr., and Dale Chryst. A large number of Christian workers, pastors, and missionaries have been raised in the Alliance church and now serve in many places. Present pastors are Richard Bower and Gary Macy.

#### Exchange Student Selected

Sharon Gologram, a senior at West Branch High School, Beloit, Ohio, left February 8 for Aracatuba, Brazil. She was the recipient of an American Field Service scholarship to



spend one year in Brazil as a student in the exchange program. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gologram, who are members of East Goshen Friends Church. She will

make her home with the DaSilva family, who live near Sao Paulo and whose native language is Portuguese. The family operates a ranch outside the city of Aracatuba.

#### Did You Know?

■ That Evangelical Friends Alliance Commission meetings were held in Oklahoma City on January 20-22? Representatives from Eastern Region in attendance included Russell Myers, Sherman Brantingham, Paul Williams, Marjorie Landwert, William Lockwood, Joyce Lamb, George Robinson, Wayne Ickes, Robert Hess, Richard Sartwell, Lucy Anderson, Darwin Buck, and Dean Johnson.

■ That Milton and Rebecca Coleman left February 24 for India, where they will visit friends and former acquaintances? A special highlight will be the reunion with daughter Carol and Stephen Lansing, who are enroute home from Indonesia.

■ That Faith Promise actual receipts for 1975 totaled \$539,162? This amount is 90.4 percent of the total promised and reflects an outstanding response to the first full year of the Faith Promise approach to Missionary-Outreach giving.

■ That the Youth Board has planned a schedule of Summer Youth Opportunities that features two trips to Haiti, one to Mexico, and one to Guatemala? Teens from our churches will have the opportunity to visit Friends missions, assist in Bible schools, and get an introduction to another culture. Details are now being made available to every church.

■ That the EFC—ER delegation to YouthQuake '75 included Jerry Weber, Fairie Marquardt, Stephen Chamberlain, Susan Frey, Teresa

Ogden, Ruth Will, Carol Mosher, Don and Eloise Green, and Dennis and Diane Harris?

■ That a group of Eastern Region men, including Glen Miller, John Cassidy, Darwin Buck, and Bill Dinsio, left February 28 to spend three weeks assisting in general cleanup in earthquake devastated Guatemala? There they met Paul Enyart, field administrator of California Yearly Meeting's mission to Guatemala, and worked with representatives of Central America Yearly Meeting in assisting Friends in the Chiquimula area.

#### Focus on Malone

The 1976 Homecoming Weekend featured "The Malone Spirit" as its theme for the bicentennial year. On Friday evening, February 6, Miss Diane Dailey was crowned queen, to reign over the scheduled events. After the concert by Dave Boyer and "The Free Spirit," Malone alumni met in the college dining hall for a get-together buffet while the Queen's Banquet was held at the Horn of Plenty Restaurant. On Saturday, President Lon Randall hosted a Prayer Brunch, at which he introduced members of the Malone Board of Trustees to faculty, students, alumni, and homecoming guests. Saturday evening afforded the climax, as the Alumni-JV basketball game began at 6 p.m. and the Malone Varsity team played Rio Grande at 8 p.m. The Queen's Reception was held afterward with everyone having an opportunity to meet the entire homecoming court.

The Malone Chorale left March 11 for their spring tour visiting churches in Pennsylvania, Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida, and returning to campus March 22. Watson Cosand was recently elected president, with Char-

iann Robinson as vice-president; Sue Brown is secretary. Toni McPeck is treasurer, Jeff Soltis is chaplain, and Connie King and Dawn Elliott are librarians.

Four hundred love loaves were distributed by World Vision to Malone students and faculty during February to save coins for the starving people in underdeveloped countries. Students were urged to use the plastic banks as receptacles for money that might otherwise be wasted selfishly. Later in the spring the boxes will be collected and the money spent for food for the hungry.

Two more Malone professors have completed work for their doctorates. CHARLES SIMS has recently earned the Doctor of Music degree (Mus.D.) from Indiana University and JAMES STUCKEY received the Ph.D. degree from Case Western Reserve University.

A new residence has been acquired for the president of Malone College. The Board of Trustees at their October meeting voted to purchase the house located at 145 19th Street N.W. in Canton. The new property (which the Randalls will occupy in March) will accommodate not only the president's family but will give ample space for entertaining large groups for special social functions and will provide overnight facilities for campus guests.

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 6-8—Missions Conference  
April 21—Forum Lecturer: George Gallup, Osborne Hall, 8 p.m.  
April 27-29—Malone Ministers' Institute  
May 19—Baccalaureate, 10 a.m.  
May 29—Commencement, 10 a.m.



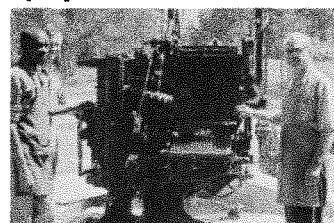
## KANSAS YEARLY MEETING

### Ten Tons of Printing Equipment

Ten tons of printing equipment arrived in Burundi for Grace Memorial Press. This was nothing short of a miracle coming from New York to Burundi in less than three months when some of us have waited as long as a year for shipments. Another miracle was that the man coming out to set up all this equipment arrived three days before the equipment. Only God's timing could work so well.

This equipment was a complete typesetting department consisting of two typesetting machines, one automatic proofpress, type cabinets for storing type, one casting machine for spacing material, as well as a ton of lead.

All of this equipment came from the Free Methodist Light and Life Press in Winona Lake, Indiana. The



two typesetting machines were a gift from them with the remaining pieces purchased by Grace Memorial Press.

To us at GMP it is just another sign of God reminding us that He wants us to continue printing Christian literature in Burundi. Do continue to pray for us.

—Ed and Sandy Dealy

## A Day at Windy Hill Dorm

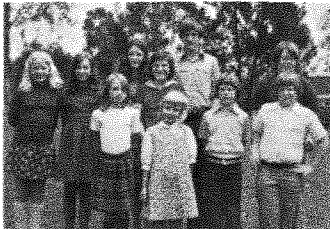
Ring-a-ling-a-ling! "Time to get up!" So starts the day at 6:30 a.m. at the Windy Hill Dorm.

"I can't find my sock, Aunt Irene." "Uncle Dean, all my jeans are in the wash. I don't have anything to wear." "Who's got my spelling book?" The usual cries echo through the halls.

"Kelly, did you comb your hair?" "Susy, put your shoes on." "Kaye, have you fed your guinea pig?" Sound like your home? We try to make it that way.

Our breakfast tables are surrounded by 21 sleepy-eyed, hungry faces. A little food brightens the eyes and loosens the tongues, and soon the happy hum of "our" kids fills the dorm. We are ready for the new day.

Our children's day may not be quite like a day at your house. Our



school is similar to the old one-room school of the States, only it has three rooms with two to three grades in each room. We have no Little League, skating rinks, or movie shows to fill their leisure time. We do have hills and valleys to explore, creeks with good supplies of frogs and crabs for catching, trees to climb, lizards, guinea pigs, snakes, and assorted bugs to become our friends. Each child has 20 brothers and sisters to tease, laugh with, cry with, fight with, and love fiercely. I have yet to hear, "There is nothing to do!"

"Our kids" are "your kids" too. We praise the Lord for calling us here and ask for His guidance each day as we play a part in each child's life. Will you also pray for "your" kids here in Burundi?

—Dean and Irene Getting

## A Report of Christmas in Burundi

We had a very busy but happy Christmas holiday. It went too fast, and soon the children were back in school. Rift Valley students were home in time for the Mwya program, but parents were often busy in committee meetings, so it was not a long, total holiday.

On December 30 the staff met at Mwya for the Christmas party. We spent the day playing games—volleyball and softball; and in the evening we had our dress-up party. It was well planned and we had a lot of fun together.

The next day was staff meeting; after meeting all day it was adjourned to meet again in January. Christmas Sunday afternoon we met together for prayer; and again on Monday we had a staff meeting. We felt the prayers of KYM with us during the day. The staff felt a new closeness after praying and sharing together.

We want to thank everyone for the special Christmas thoughts you sent to us. We appreciated them so much. With some of our mail coming late, we will enjoy cards long after the holidays.

## WMU Treasurer's Report

Praise the Lord! The funds for the various projects are coming in good this year. The Women's Project is

\$2,600, which includes salary for African nurse at Kibimba Hospital, \$500 subsidy toward salaries of the African quarterly meeting superintendent (Bahenda) and the legal representative (Mariko), DVBS and Sunday school materials, and travel fund.

Our Area Project is \$1,000 for Kibimba hospital medicines and supplies.

The WMU Yearly Meeting Banquet offering of \$408.80 was for language lab equipment. Paul Thornburg was able to purchase this and take it with him when he returned to Africa in August.

The Junior and Youth Project is sports equipment for Burundi Friends Youth.

## Friends University

Dr. Leroy Brightup, chairman of the Division of Religion and Philosophy, has announced his intention to lead a two-week tour of Bible lands (Greece, Asia Minor, and Israel) followed by four weeks of archaeological excavation in Palestine, May 30-July 9, 1976. The program has received approval for six hours of credit. Approximate cost, Wichita to Wichita, is \$1,700, plus tuition for those who desire college credit. Interested persons should contact Dr. Brightup for further details.

Friends University President Harold C. Cope has been elected secretary of the American Association of Presidents of Independent Colleges and Universities (AAPICU). The election was held at the annual

meeting of the group in Scottsdale, Arizona, where AAPICU also passed several resolutions aimed at resisting government control of independent colleges and universities. The AAPICU represents 112 private colleges in the United States.

Paul Hickman, director of development and public relations, recently announced two grants totaling \$280,000 that have been tentatively approved to assist in the renovation of the outside of Davis Administration Building, including roof, metal work, and replacement of all the windows and millwork. The money is allocated in part by the Kansas State Historical Society and from Community Development funds granted the city of Wichita. Davis Administration Building has been named a national landmark.

The Singing Quakers under the direction of Dr. Cecil Riney presented sacred concerts on their 1976 tour through the Southwest, March 3-12. Their tour included Booker, Texas; Albuquerque, New Mexico; Casa Grande, Arizona; Garden Grove, California; Whittier, California; San Diego, California; Tucson, Arizona; Roswell, New Mexico; Liberal, Kansas. Home concerts were presented at Friends University March 19, 20, and 21.

This year's Symphony of Spring will be presented on the Friends University Campus April 26, 27, 29, 30, and May 1. Featured selections for the concerts will be numbers from American musicals.

## NORTHWEST YEARLY MEETING



## Superintendent's Corner

I have been conducting some Leadership and Church Management Seminars in various churches where I am invited. The seminar concludes with a time of real live church planning. First of all we try to achieve a statement of overall purpose for the church. We try to answer the questions: Where is this church going? What are we really trying to accomplish? With that in mind we then move into the process of trying to determine what steps we must take to accomplish that purpose.

Some interesting and very constructive things are happening during these sessions. Everybody likes to get on the bandwagon. People are attracted to churches where something is happening. The problem in some of our churches is that they have no bandwagon going. One of the goals of the Leadership Seminar is to "strike up the band." The main problem when there is no bandwagon going is that churches have not been planning for growth. As a result they actually are planning for no growth. Fail to plan, and you're planning to fail.

Why do churches fail to plan? One reason may be because they don't know how. This Leadership Seminar and the services of the Yearly Meeting office are available to help you learn how. One of the secrets is to involve as many in the church as possible in the planning and goal-setting process because then there is much more probability that many people will help to accomplish the goals.

Another reason some don't plan is because they feel they should not usurp the work of the Holy Spirit—He will lead. Ed Dayton of World Vision is now saying he believes the ability of the Holy Spirit to work in a congregation is in direct proportion to the success of that congregation in long-range planning. When Spirit-filled and Spirit-led churches engage in long-range planning, the Holy Spirit has much more time and opportunity to work in the lives of the people to accomplish His will.

Another reason some don't engage in long-range planning is because they don't see the necessity of it. Unfortunately, the natural, nor-

mal, and predictable sequence in organizations managed by human beings is (1) to create an organization to carry out prescribed purposes and achieve desired goals, (2) to shift the emphasis gradually to give the highest priority to the maintenance and survival of that organization, and (3) to stifle initiative and creativity of participating individuals in the process. It's amazing how easily and quickly a church can move from accomplishing certain purposes and goals to maintenance and survival of the organization. I'd say it is almost essential that periodically an organization ask itself, "What are we really trying to accomplish and how are we doing? What are we doing that does not efficiently help us accomplish our purposes? What are we doing that doesn't need to be done at all?"

One of the things we are learning in the Leadership Seminar is that four things are essential before a person will be motivated to "get on the bandwagon" and get involved in church activity: (1) He must understand what he is being asked to do. Successful church leadership communicates assignments clearly. (2) He must see how what he is being asked to do helps to accomplish worthwhile goals of the organization. (3) He must see how his assignment helps him to fulfill his personal goals. (4) He must be physically and mentally and spiritually able to accomplish his assignment. Good church planning helps to accomplish these things. It gets the bandwagon going and people get so interested and excited they all start jumping on.

—Norval Hadley

## Twin Rocks Expansion

Twin Rocks Friends Camp is now facing the greatest days of opportunity in its 57 years. Suddenly by God's great providence, there is opportunity to step out of the nine-acre program into a total 92-acre site that, with its winding streams, primeval forest, mountain trails, panoramic view, and wilderness solitude, challenges Friends to provide the finest Christian camping experience in Oregon. These new 83 acres include the "mountain" east of Spring Lake.

The down payment of \$25,000 was paid in October. The papers were all signed—by faith that Friends could "take this mountain" in the next five years by paying the \$60,000 balance plus interest of 7 percent in monthly payments.

The first monthly payment was made in January—the first of 60 giant steps to be taken over the next five years.

This past year the camp has finished a \$40,000 restroom-shower complex, built a 60-foot addition to the shop building, and erected a new residence for the superintendent of buildings and grounds. This home

Giving to date for the fund for Emergency Aid to Ministers is \$1,339.31. If you know a pastor in need please let the Yearly Meeting superintendent know.

Offerings for Guatemala Relief received through the Yearly Meeting office to date total \$2,147.39, which is being channeled through California Yearly Meeting. Other funds may have been sent to World Relief Commission for Guatemala.



also includes a full 1,536-square-foot daylight basement, including a large room for housing the Friends Fellowship of Nehalem Bay.

The camp serviced over 15,000 camper days in 1975 even though spring conferences were curtailed by the gas shortage.

The Twin Rocks' staff solicits your prayers and support for this rapidly expanding ministry.

### Twin Rocks Friends Summer Camp Dates

July 5-10 Junior Boys  
July 12-17 Junior Girls  
July 19-24 Tween Camp  
July 25-31 Surfside Senior Youth  
Sept. 3-6 Family Camp  
Sept. 17-19 Adult Fellowship

### Polish Up the Antiques

In our attempts to be innovative—to break out of the old wineskins, to enjoy a freedom and excitement of the new—we may have overlooked some "old things" that have intrinsic value.

The cherry wood dresser covered with six coats of paint or the copper coffee pot hidden under a nickle coating are proving to be exciting "new" discoveries to many people today. These "finds" may need to be stripped down, sanded, and polished up, but the basic value is there to be discovered.

So what's *new* in Christian education? For years I would answer by sharing some innovative approach to organization or programming. However, recently my answer has been, "The latest 'new' thing in Christian education is a return to the *old*—a return to basics."

A return to basics does not mean a return to everything just as it was, with its cheap coats of paint or the layers of dust. However, it does mean a rediscovery of that which has value, that which has beauty and permanence.

Among Friends in recent months there has been a noticeable return to *more structure*. This structure makes possible a more consistent plan for evangelizing and nurturing those of all ages in and through the church.

The *Sunday school* is enjoying a new day. It may be the old Sunday school but with the dust off and a polish that makes it more functional and more beautiful.

There is also a return to *structure in curriculum*. Tired of "doing their own thing," many churches and classes are discovering that using a prescribed study course can be enjoyable and meaningful when taught creatively.

Even *teachers' meetings* for planning and *leadership education* courses are being revived. People are finding them surprisingly useful in their ministry.

The *organized church* with its doctrine and heritage is being rediscovered with new interest and excitement. Investigating to see if or why I am a Friend can be an exhilarating adventure for those who have not traveled that road before. Those dusty old leather volumes might really have something!

This return to some old patterns could indicate a retreat to a place of comfort and false security, but it need not be so. If in returning we are careful to wipe off the dust, strip off the superfluous coats of paint until what we have left is the natural beauty, we can't lose.

Authentic antiques do not depreciate—they appreciate in value year after year. —Dorothy E. Barratt

### George Fox College

George Fox College students pledged nearly \$3,000 in a "faith promise" meeting ending the 10th annual college missions conference program January 28.

Eight students volunteered as summer missionaries. Pledges will be paid during the remainder of the school year with funds used to send the students worldwide this summer under existing missions organizations. The three-day Mission Awareness Week had the theme "What In the World is God Doing?" and featured representatives from eight missions organizations. A highlight speaker was Debbie Dortzback, kidnapped in May of 1974 from her Orthodox Presbyterian Church mission hospital in Ethiopia, and released 26 days later.

A new member has joined the college faculty with the start of the new year. Julia Hobbs became professor of Christian Ministries and also is helping in the college's continuing education program. Mrs. Hobbs, who holds a doctorate in religious educa-

tion, general education and history from the University of Pittsburgh, has had previous teaching experience in both public schools and colleges. She is the fifth member of the college's religion division faculty.

Jerry H. Friesen, associate professor of music at George Fox, will be the college's 21st annual faculty lecturer in May. He has chosen as his subject "Some Theological/Inspirational Perceptions from the Music of Charles E. Ives."

A faculty member since 1966, Friesen was chosen by a vote of faculty colleagues. The faculty lecture series was started in 1955 and topics have a wide range as members of the college's six divisions participate.

Friesen, who directs the college's a cappella choir, last year was the faculty's representative on the college's Administrative Council, the highest organization of the college except for the Board of Trustees. In 1973 he was the music division's annual fall Boethius Lecturer.



## Friends gather

### ALLIANCE, Ohio

A folk gospel group was in charge of the evening service last month. Woody Reed was soloist, backed by Bill Waltz and Rick Evanoff. A number of the songs featured were composed by Woody, who also gave verbal explanations between numbers.

An unusual feature for one of our evening worship services was a symposium on death and dying. Any questions could be written out and handed to the panel, who in turn would seek to answer them. Those participating were Dr. Edward Mitchell, a surgeon; Denny Clunk, attorney; Bill Sterling, a mortician, and our pastors, Richard Bower and Gary Macy.

The purpose of this special service was to help us better understand the event of death, which is the destiny of each of us. Gary Macy titled his morning message: "On Peek-a-boo and Ostrich Playing, or Truthfully Answering Your Child's Questions About Death," based on 1 Corinthians 15.

### ARGONIA, Kansas

Our pastors are enjoying the new look at the parsonage since it has been remodeled and redecorated.

The Gary Young family visited our meeting and were a blessing to each of us. In further mission effort, the ladies missionary society canned

over 50 quarts of tomatoes to take to the Kickapoo Indian Mission.

Family Fellowship nights are an inspiration to both young and older. The Pettigrew family of Wellington entertained us with songs, music, and testimony in October. Our young people provided the devotional time. Youth sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Bill McIntire, hosted the young people to a hayrack ride and wiener roast at their home.

We observed National Layman's Sunday. Mrs. Argus Pearce and Gilvin Walker brought inspiring messages. Larry Harsh and Mrs. Max Davis provided special music, and Wayne Johnson served as moderator.

The church sponsored a miscellaneous shower for Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Paxson, whose home was completely destroyed by a tornado last year.

### BARBERTON, Ohio

The New Year's Eve service was planned by the Young Married's Sunday School Class. A classroom adjoining the sanctuary set the scene of the upper room. Table and chairs were set up to accommodate 12 people. The table was covered with burlap material to make it seem more authentic. A golden chalice filled with juice to represent our Savior's shed blood was placed on the table. For each group, there was

a very small loaf of bread baked by Bill Briggs to represent our Lord's body. Scripture, prayer, and communion were served by the two leaders of each group.

After taking communion in groups of 12, many took advantage of the open altar for prayer. Then there was sharing, praising God, and testimonies. The Holy Spirit was definitely present in a warm, precious way. We finally held hands in a circle and sang "Allelujah." Refreshments in the Fellowship Hall ended the evening.

### BELLEFONTAINE, Ohio

Our church was honored to have a lay team from the Christian Missionary and Alliance Church in Mansfield, Ohio, as our guests. Their church has been in continuous revival for four and a half years.

We are very grateful to the Lord for the revival that has come to our church. Over 70 individuals have responded to the call of the Lord during November and December. Some services have had two altar services. Restitutions have been made, and people have been getting right with each other and the Lord.

Our church was richly blessed by the Christian Education Workshop taught by Joyce Lamb on the nights of January 5, 6, 7. Our average attendance was 49.

Our youth group hosted 21 teens and four adults from the Providence Friends Church of Virginia Beach, Virginia. This proved to be a time of rich spiritual blessing and fellowship for all.

January proved to be a month of answered prayers here in our church as God has wonderfully moved. Several for whom there has been prayer for a number of years have been saved and many others also.

### BETHANY, Wadsworth, Ohio

About 40 people attended our annual "Kickoff" banquet on the evening of January 7 at the Village Inn. Plans and goals for the coming year were discussed, and new officers took up their duties for 1976. Later a dedication of these officers was held during a morning worship hour. We at Bethany, with the Lord's help, are expecting great things to happen in this new year of 1976.

### BETHEL, Poland, Ohio

A first for us was our All Night Prayer Meeting, through which we grew as we prayed for many concerns.

We saw the film, *He Restoreth My Soul*, twice, participated in the Crop Walk, a walk for hunger, and had a thankful Thanksgiving. The Christmas season was a very holy and meditative season as, like Mary, we "kept all these things, and pondered them in . . . our hearts."

The Greater Youngstown area will experience a Leighton Ford Crusade June 11-20. Churches all over the area are forming committees and beginning to act in preparation. At Bethel Friends we are excited and involved. We expect thousands to come to know God personally as we reach out in the "Operation Andrew" program. (Not everyone can be a Peter, but everyone can be an Andrew.) Please be in prayer for Youngstown starting today!

### BOISE, Idaho

Our annual Soup Supper, sponsored by the FY, was held December 11. The proceeds were used to help defray the expense of sending seven of our young people and two counselors to Midwinter conference at Twin Rocks, Oregon.

Our Christmas program was held December 21 during the morning worship service. Treats were given to the children and young people during the Sunday school hour. The evening service was replaced with old-fashioned family Christmas caroling.

A singing group, "The Celebration," presented a concert in our church Wednesday evening, January 14. They are sponsored by Taylor University, a 130-year-old Christian college located at Upland, Indiana.

"Family of Friends" classes, led by our pastor, were held the four Sundays in January. For six weeks beginning February 1 the study was on basic Christian truths entitled "Discovery." We should emphasize the way of the cross every day in our relationship with others. Christ stands at the door and knocks, but we must open the door.

Our Area Rally was held in Caldwell Sunday evening, February 1. It began with lunch and fellowship at the church, followed by an inspirational program at the College of Idaho auditorium. Special music was furnished by the Greenleaf Academy band, the children's choir from Star, and the Sonshine trio and Sunbeams from Greenleaf. A film entitled *Friends in Aymaraland* was shown.

## BYHALIA

### West Mansfield, Ohio

Special emphasis on "Outreach" for the church was held with Harry Mosher of Westerville, Ohio, who spoke on his recent trip to Taiwan. We also enjoyed the "Boanerges," a singing group of young men from Malone College.

A Lay Witness meeting was held with a group of witnesses and their pastor, David Gould, from Willoughby Hills Friends Church along with Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Brantingham of Salem, Ohio.

## CALVARY, Columbus, Ohio

The past six months have been very exciting for us as our new pastor and his wife, Russel and Cheri Berry, have been an inspiration to our church. This fall, we had a very special and successful jamboree to raise money for our missionaries. Betty Smith, ventriloquist from Urbana, Ohio, was our guest. At a later meeting our congregation listened to a singing group from Michigan known as the "Joy Bells." We recently enjoyed another singing group from Michigan, the "Master's Men."

## CANTON, Ohio

Our annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service was attended by a capacity crowd. Everyone enjoyed singing Christmas carols and hearing Christmas greetings from our pastoral team. The climax of the program came when everyone joined in "Spreading the Light" while singing "Silent Night."

## DAMASCUS, Ohio

The AWANA Club program in our church has gotten off to a good start with an average of 44 in attendance each week. This club has had a tremendous influence on our young people.

A Senior Citizen Day was held in our church recently with several of our people being recognized for long years of faithful service. A dinner followed the morning worship service for all senior citizens in our church.

Youth Day was February 8 with the young people taking over the teachers' responsibilities in the Sunday school as well as other positions

of leadership in the church for the day, both morning and evening services.

Elective classes have been chosen among our adult classes with very favorable response.

During opening exercises each week special emphasis upon our church and historical heritage has been played out in skit form, poems, and readings of historical events pertaining to our church. More plans emphasizing the Bicentennial are forthcoming.

## DEERFIELD, Ohio

Dr. James Preston and family and George Primes were guest speakers for our Faith Promise Missionary Conference.

Eight of our teens went to the Mid-winter Youth Retreat at Camp Neosa at Leesville Lake. They were accompanied by the pastor and Bill and Marcia Kehres.

## EAST GOSHEN, Beloit, Ohio

The youth made it! Their goal for their recent Talk-A-Thon was to raise enough money to replace a projector that had been stolen. They received some \$497 and have ordered the projector for the church. They were also involved in several other projects to raise money for the Mid-winter Retreat at Camp Neosa. They had 13 youth attend accompanied by the pastor and advisors.

A candlelight service was held with Scripture reading, carols, and music. Our annual Christmas program was presented by the Junior Department.

The teens held their live nativity scene in the church parking lot.

The New Year's Eve Service included a time of fellowship and communion.

## EAST RICHLAND St. Clairsville, Ohio

Our Advent celebration, the "God with us" program, brought to our congregation the most meaningful and exciting Christmas season ever. The Advent candle was lit weekly by a layman explaining the meaning of each newly lit candle. Each Sunday morning a layman shared in the worship hour what the love of God meant to him personally. Two of our services were ended in an unusual way—one by breaking of bread on a one-to-one basis and another by listing things that make commitment to Christ difficult and then burning the list. The program was secured from the Lay Renewal Institute of Atlanta, Georgia. The Christmas Eve Candlelight-Communion Service was the climax of the program with nearly 350 in attendance.

A youth banquet was held at the Ramada Inn attended by 35 youth and sponsors. The local Young Life leader was the speaker.

The youth and the men of the congregation played basketball during the holidays. Let's just say that *last year* the men won!

## EMMETT, Idaho

November 19, 1975, was a red letter evening of fellowship for the Friends of Emmett, Idaho, when they gathered, along with Friends from Caldwell, Greenleaf, Ontario, and Nampa meetings, for a mortgage burning. It all started back in 1960 with a meeting at the Granger Long-stroth home, later meetings in other homes and a rented Seventh-day Adventist Church. The present church was built in 1966.

A brief history was given, along with many delightful memories, by people who have given so much of their time, money, and prayers. Spe-

cial speakers were Walter Lee, Allen Cole, Marlin Witt, Leland Hibbs, and our pastor, Robert Morse. Some wonderful music was presented by Claire and Marie Howard, Quincy and Eileen Fodge, and Cecil and Esther Hardinger.

So much volunteer labor went into the building we could hardly mention them all, but our special thanks went to the Allen Cole family (former pastors), the Rex Lanham, Marlin Witts, Roy Browns, and Theo Tuning, also Tom Settle, who at 76 years of age drove over from Caldwell almost every day to work on the church and now in his 80s still comes on Sundays to encourage us. We know that with this kind of spirit God will continue to bless and has great things in store for us. We would like to thank all of you who have had a part in our church, whether through donations, time, or prayers.



In the picture from left to right are: Robert Morse, Claire Howard, Hazel Lanham, Willard Black (former pastor), and Leland Hibbs.

## EMPIRE, Vale, South Dakota

In the past two years, we have almost doubled our regular church attendance, and interest has greatly increased in our rural community.

This past summer the men of our church removed our old bell tower and repaired and shingled the roof. Carpenters added a paneled entryway, upstairs room for classes, and rest room area. A new bell tower was also constructed.

The Ladies Community Bible Coffee has grown larger and so had to be divided, and the men's Bible study is also growing.

Our annual Harvest Home Supper drew around 65 people for a bountiful supper and interesting program.

## FIRST FRIENDS, Salem, Ohio

Music accented the worship services during December. On Christmas Eve the senior and junior choirs sang "Our Song of Christmas" to a full auditorium. On Sunday evening following Christmas our musicians presented a varied program. The young people made a live nativity scene on the church's front lawn.

## FULTON CREEK, Radnor, Ohio

Our Friends History Class has been progressing very nicely. What interesting and fascinating heritage!

A Teacher Training Workshop was held with Joyce Lamb directing. Reports received were very good, and useful material was given and also placed on display.

During Youth Week, Wayne Evans, senior at North Union High School, was our morning speaker. Wayne is planning to enter the ministry this fall. Then the evening program was a mock radio program with disc jockey, weather report, music, on-the-spot interviews, commercials, etc. The program probably will not be aired, but it proved entertaining and refreshing for those in atten-

dance. It is really satisfying to know our youth are waiting, willing and ready to serve the Lord.

Sunday evening before Christmas the children's program under the direction of Sandra Leibold was presented. The evening collection amounted to \$127. This was given to Michelle Kelly, a deaf-mute called by God to teach other deaf-mutes.

## GLIDDEN, Iowa

On January 25, Irene Conaway celebrated her 101st birthday at the Carroll Manor. Due to an earlier illness she was confined to her bed, but her church friends gathered in her room. Scripture was read and prayer was uplifted on her behalf.

Before our departure, the manager invited us to the music room to sing for all the elderly. Several old favorites were sung and the Scriptures were read, followed by prayer.

Our "Frontiers of Freedom" was celebrated by an old-fashioned Quaker Meeting. The women and children wore print dresses and bonnets; while the men wore overalls and work clothes. Most of the services were conducted by the lay people. We felt a deep and spiritual meeting had resulted.

The eight new trees that were planted last spring are living and have been properly wrapped for the winter. Our thanks to the people who donated them and to the pastor and men of the church for doing the hard work.

## GOSHEN, Zanesfield, Ohio

Missionary Month was a blessing to each member of our congregation. In the Sunday morning services we had guest speakers, each one a missionary for Christ, though places and fields of work were different. The first of our guests was Dr. W. Robert Hess, chairman, Division of Religion and Philosophy at Malone College. He has just returned from a world missionary tour. Another of our speakers was Dr. W. E. DeVol, veteran medical missionary to India.

Rev. George Primes was with us on the third Sunday. He is employed by the Yearly Meeting for inner-city work in Canton, Ohio. The final Sunday of the month, Rev. Sherman Brantingham, assistant to our general superintendent, was with us. These men have each influenced us in our pledges to faith promise. We exceeded our goal in 1975, and our pledges have overrun that amount for 1976. *Praise God!*

## GREENLEAF, Idaho

Mark Wilkins was selected by the *News-Tribune* as one of four prep Stars of the Week (December 10).

Greenleaf Academy has announced plans to start grades 3 and 4. Enrollment is up to 160 now.

Keith and Judy Morse are working at the Youth Ranch in Kettle Falls, Washington.

Elinor Wood, sister of Lela Settle, was received into membership in December. The transfer should have taken place back in the 1920s, but the papers never arrived here from New Providence, Iowa.

Mike and Pam Goins and sons, Gordon and Grant, were guests in the parsonage during the holidays. They work in the Spokane Youth Center.

The annual sale and benefit dinner on February 14 netted \$5,800 for Greenleaf Academy plus the proceeds from the dinner.

## HOMEDALE Idaho

We now have a very active and popular youth minister, Gary God-

levsky, who grew up in our church and is a junior at College of Idaho in Caldwell. A popular innovation is the Wednesday night meeting for teens now being held in different homes. This features the evening meal, recreation, and devotions.

For senior citizens, a special day of recognition with a different emphasis. The seniors took charge of the meeting throughout, demonstrating that the "Old grey mare is better than she used to be," in this case anyway. Our pastor gave a resumé of his 43 years as a pastor followed by a testimonial message to the faithfulness and closeness of God, which deepens as the years go by.

More recently, on Sunday, February 1, we had several visitors, NWYM board members and their wives. On the platform were three former pastors: Clare Willcuts, our present pastor, Willard Kennon, and Clynton Crisman, who brought the morning message. Our area rally (the Friends family reunion) began in the evening at Caldwell Friends with food and fellowship followed by board reports, music, and a film of Bolivia and Peru at Jewett Auditorium on the College of Idaho campus in Caldwell.

#### **LUPTON, Michigan**

Rev. and Mrs. Sherman Brantingham were guest speakers for a weekend of meetings this winter. Following our Saturday evening meeting a wild rabbit feast was enjoyed by those who attended.

Our Friends Youth put on a beautiful Christmas play.

#### **MARYSVILLE, Ohio**

Marysville Friends Church started celebrating Christmas early in December with a Fellowship Supper. Entertainment was provided by the Walter Krauss family.

The junior high youth presented a musical play, "It's Cool in the Furnace."

Our live nativity scene has become a Marysville tradition.

Our Christmas Eve Communion Service gave us time to settle down before Christmas Day and remember why we celebrate the birth of Christ.

#### **McKEES CREEK West Liberty, Ohio**

We are truly blessed with a minister who is not hesitant about teaching prophecy on Sunday evenings to a group of about 50-60 hungry hearts where less than a year ago there were not enough people to have evening services. We are all getting a blessing from these Spirit-sent messages.

Our Wednesday evening attendance is very good, too. We have four groups meeting for Bible study. As we grow we need your prayers that we will not outrun God but wait for His will. Many of us are overwhelmed with the way prayers have been answered this year. Prayers have been answered in the lives of many with financial and other personal needs.

Our church is fortunate to have so much musical talent and willingness to participate in almost every area of the work. The janitor work and nursery care are all done by volunteers, work that the Lord is blessing and the church is appreciating.

Our Faith Promise at the end of the year was \$747.39, and new pledges for 1976 reached over \$4,000. Extra giving for missions has been very good, too. Our Lord Jesus is very good to us.

#### **MERIDIAN, Idaho**

Families at Meridian Friends have been participating in fun night, which

provides an opportunity for all family members to take part in a variety of activities.

Interdenominational Sunday School Convention was held in Nampa during February. Sunday school teachers and persons interested in new teaching methods attended.

Joint Area Rally in Caldwell recently highlighted a film on Friends missions in Bolivia and Peru. The film was made when Donald Edmondson visited the field last Easter.

Among special speakers lately have been Bruce Hicks, whose topic was "Christ, the Alpha and Omega." Dave Wilhite and Quentin Nurdyke also spoke.

Rapid growth at Meridian Friends has caused the Administrative Council to set up a building fund as plans are made for the future.

A special offering was received recently to be sent to California Yearly Meeting for disaster relief in Guatemala.

#### **MT. CARMEL, Cable, Ohio**

A special old-fashioned service was held at the Mt. Carmel Friends Church as part of its sesquicentennial celebration. Many were dressed in the manner of Quakers of long ago.

The church dates back to 1825 when the original society conducted services in the homes of Thomas Gowgill, Sr., W. H. Baldwin, and John Robinson. The early church was made up of a small but active group of men and women.

In 1873 the present structure was built and has been remodeled and enlarged three times since then. Through the years the church has remained active both in spiritual and community affairs.

The celebration was well attended with a worship service in the morning and midafternoon. A basket dinner and fellowship were also enjoyed. Several former pastors and wives were present. They included: Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Blackburn, Rev. and Mrs. Rendel Cosand, Rev. and Mrs. Gail Price, and Rev. Harrison Kester.

#### **MT. PLEASANT, Ohio**

A new paint job in the sanctuary makes a definite improvement in the appearance of our church.

A special service was held for the "Golden Agers" in which each one over 65 was given a red carnation and a sumptuous meal. There were 27 honored, but only ten were able to be at the dinner.

A great loss to our church was the death of Madge Carter, a dedicated soul, who has been a missionary in Kentucky for years.

#### **NEWBERG, Oregon**

Bill Vaswig of Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Southern California led a series of meetings January 18-21 on "Reaching Out . . ."—gatherings about prayer and renewal.

George Fox College Missions Conference opened at our church on Sunday evening, January 25, with Paul Landrey, field director for Overseas Crusades in Brazil, as speaker.

The Sweetheart Banquet was held at Todd's in Tigard on February 12. Guest speaker was Julia Hobbs.

Newberg Area Rally was held at our church on February 15. Reports of progress at North Valley and West Chehalis churches were given. Oscar Brown was the speaker.

February 1 was the opening day for double Sunday school at Newberg Friends Church. Now we have two Sunday school sessions and two morning worship services with an adult choir at each worship service.

#### **NORTH OLMSTED, Ohio**

During our Missionary Meeting, our Faith Promise goal was set at \$8,000. We are proud to announce that we again went over the top with \$8,047. Thank the Lord!

Our Sunday attendance has steadily increased over the past year and as of today has been between 125 and 150.

#### **NORTHSIDE, Grinnell, Iowa**

Our church was in charge of services on two different Sunday afternoons at the Friendship Manor Nursing home.

Sherman Brantingham was a guest speaker for an evening service last month.

Evangelistic services were held here the end of January. Rev. H. E. Hegstrom of Oskaloosa was the speaker, and Alfred Stein of Searsboro was the song leader. Many received spiritual help during these services.

Mr. and Mrs. Robbie Strong of Vennard College are our new youth directors for the senior FY. We are looking forward to their guidance.

#### **NORTH VALLEY Newberg, Oregon**

A Church Growth Mission led by Quentin Nurdyke highlighted January. Forty-five registered for the seminar. The seminar prompted us to organize a Church Growth Committee to initiate a church growth plan and also plans on how to accommodate growth.

Sunday evening services in January were structured around a "Family Life" theme. We viewed two Howard Hendricks films, *Discipline in the Home* and *The Christian Home*. Many of our church families have started consistent family devotions, which have been a blessing to them and the church. The month ended with a child and parent dedication Sunday.

Several men in our church are participating in Newberg Church League Basketball. Our ladies have organized an Arts and Crafts Fellowship. They have been working on macrame, and plan to start crocheting and tatting soon. The WMU ladies served a dinner for the 49'ers of Newberg Friends Church.

February 1, the Dick Zeller Family representing World Vision shared with us in music and showed the film *Link of Love*, which is concerned with orphan children in war-torn lands.

Our Missions Conference was held February 25-March 7. We heard from missionaries to Peru and Bolivia, along with local outreach ministries.

A new Building Committee has been formed and our Monthly Meeting has approved the building of one of the badly needed Sunday school wings. Prayerfully we anticipate this construction in the near future.

#### **PENIEL, Onemo, Virginia**

Peniel is pleased to report our pastor, E. A. Lockwood and his wife, were joint hosts with Rev. and Mrs. Don Humble on a trip to the Holy Land in November. Several from our church and community joined the group on the trip.

We would like to give a word of praise to our Men in Missions, which is about one year old; the growth of their outreach has been notably seen. The commitment to their mission is very inspiring.

The Christmas season brought many happy times to Peniel folks as we remembered many shut-ins with love gifts, and the caroling of the young people brought great joy to the older generation.

The Willing Workers class enjoyed a party at the parsonage. During sharing time the class acknowledged the contribution of \$1,113.66, which will be used for the special needs of the church. This was given above their tithes and offerings.

#### **PORTSMOUTH, Virginia**

The new year started off with two new fields of ministry for the Lord! We began a weekly one-half hour radio broadcast entitled *What Are Friends* and also began a bus ministry. We already had one bus and a van. Then Providence Friends Church came to our aid with another bus. Praise the Lord! We pray that He will bless this work to bring in folks to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

#### **PROVIDENCE Virginia Beach, Virginia**

The Lord is richly blessing our church! Attendance has increased so that we have outgrown our present facilities. Therefore, the Lord has opened doors and provided means for us to have a new "look"! In September, work was begun on a two-story, 7,200 sq. ft. addition. The men are enjoying good Christian fellowship as well as cutting down on labor cost while doing a lot of the work themselves. We hope to have the first floor of the \$100,000 addition completed and ready for use by Easter.

We were fortunate to begin the first Sunday of the New Year with the Krauss Haus. Our entire congregation received a real spiritual blessing from the music and testimonies of this lovely, talented Christian family.

#### **RAISIN VALLEY Adrian, Michigan**

A Sunday school staff appreciation dinner was given at the Raisin Valley Friends Church under the direction of Mrs. Clare Ransom. Following the Swiss steak dinner a very interesting and informative program was given by Miss Chris Graves, county director of Child Evangelism. She offered many helpful ideas and methods for teachers.

#### **SAXAPAW, North Carolina**

We brought in 1975 while sitting in our first prayer meeting of that year with old strips torn off the wall and the back door boarded up in prepar-



Russell Myers and Pastor Gaither Reich at front of church.

ation for remodeling. Some of the work was contracted but much was done by the pastor and members of the congregation. In the spring we were able to meet in our completely redecorated and remodeled sanctuary complete with new walls, ceiling, light fixtures, refinished floors, new pews and pulpit furniture.

By fall we were able to hold a special service of dedication, follow-



ed by a lunch with guests from Hunter Hills and New Hope Friends churches, who then joined us in the closing missionary rally of our Outreach Conference for the Central area of Piedmont District. William Wagner of Stuart, Florida, brought the final message of that conference.

#### **SEBRING, Beloit, Ohio**

Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Chester Stanley were our guests to a casserole dinner where Mrs. Stanley gave a book review on Margaret Fell and Mr. Stanley spoke on "Christmas" and our relation to it, using Psalm 96:9 as his text.

The youth participated in a paper drive and a Rock-A-Thon to raise money for special projects.

#### **SHERWOOD, Oregon**

The Christmas season's spiritual message was punctuated with the choir singing the cantata, "Night of Miracles," under the direction of Louise Sargent; the Sunday school program was a slide presentation of the Gospels' account of the birth of Christ with the cast being members of this church, directed by Terry and Marleen Baron; the youth presented the play, "Christmas Again," written by Nancy Minthorne and directed by her and Conrad and Jan Schmeltzer; a Christmas musical featuring our own talent was also enjoyed.

Three Christmas baskets were given to area residents.

The high school Friends Youth went cross-country skiing during Christmas vacation.

The adult department of the Sunday school is operating under an elective program with four classes being offered.

A group of students from George Fox College presented an excellent puppet program in a Family Hour service.

Kim Fine shared her testimony in a morning worship service with seekers at the altar.

February was our Missionary Outreach Conference emphasis. Speakers were Ed Cammack, Barbara Morse, and Harold Thomas of our mission fields; Quentin Nordyke, assistant superintendent of NWYM; Portland Union Gospel Mission; Portland Seamens Center; Nancy Minthorne, from our church who spent last summer under World Gospel Mission in Arizona; Twin Rocks Camp with Charlotte Macy, executive director, speaking; Campus Crusade for Christ; and the showing of the filmstrip, "The Great Commission," and comments by Don Milage.

Nearly 50 adults enjoyed the Valentine Banquet emceed by Brian Beals.

Beverly Hodson has been named homecoming queen at Friends Bible College, Haviland, Kansas.

The high school Friends Youth, under the sponsorship of Roger and Louise Sargent, have a midweek Bible study and prayer time each week.

#### **SMITHFIELD, Ohio**

Despite the snowy, blustery January weather our congregation was busily engaged in many activities to enrich the church and lives of the members.

The Norma Freer Missionary Society conducted an evening service and presented the film *Daktar*, a tremendous missionary film, which proved to be a challenge to many.

Our senior adult Bible class teacher, Mrs. Lucy Stinard, has started a Sentry Club to check up on older members or those who live alone.

This is another way our church says, "We care about you."

Rev. and Mrs. Earl Smith held special meetings in February as well as providing special music and programs for the youth. Many members held pleasant memories of Earl Smith when he pastored here.

#### **SOMERSVILLE, Ohio**

A spiritual renewal mission was held this fall with Rev. Joseph Miller bringing the messages from the Lord on "Christ-centered Lives." It was a blessed time of renewal and faithful working of the Lord in our midst, and we praise Him for continuing to lead in His way. We also had Rev. and Mrs. Earl Smith with us for a week-end of rich blessings.

#### **SPRINGBANK Allen, Nebraska**

In January, 14 of our people joined in a service in Sioux City, Iowa, with the Church Extension Board of Iowa Yearly Meeting. Iowa Yearly Meeting is seriously considering a new work in this city, which is close to our meeting.

We were pleased recently to have Mahlon and Hazel Macy with us for a Sunday morning service. Mahlon, who is superintendent of Iowa Yearly Meeting, brought the message.

The film, *To Russia with Love*, from Underground Evangelism was shown. We appreciated the insights it brought.

David, Karol, and Peter Harriman, missionaries to Argentina, South America, were with us for Saturday evening and Sunday morning services the last of January. They shared their work in a new area, planting churches in Salta, Argentina. The pictures and messages were very challenging and heartstirring.

#### **SPRINGFIELD, Colorado**

The ladies of the church sponsored a bazaar just before Christmas that featured homemade articles and homemade - homecanned goodies, with ladies from other churches in Springfield to set up tables. Our pastors hosted an open house at the parsonage, and the Education Committee sponsored a Senior Citizen Supper.

The Lord has been honoring the work of the laymen at Springfield. Due to visitation and contacts made in home Bible studies, our average attendance for January was 50 percent above last years average. The Lord honors those who do His work.

The excitement around Springfield Friends is the result of our Missions Conference in February. This was a new venture for us and proved to be exciting. We had missionaries from KYM's work in Burundi, Africa, Wycliffe Bible Translators, and World Gospel Mission.

#### **TECUMSEH, Michigan**

In March 1973 Tecumseh Evangelical Friends Church stepped out on faith to purchase two busses at a total cost of \$13,084.66. In January 1976 we all rejoiced as the mortgage was burned, symbolizing the payment in full. The congregation stood and sang the Doxology, for to God goes the praise and the thanks.

Six different countries were represented in costumes at the joint Christmas party of the Frances DeVol Missionary Circle, and the Willing Workers told what Christmas in the Christian home means in their land.

#### **TRINITY, Martinsville, Virginia**

The reception of 17 new members highlighted the morning worship ser-

vice Sunday at Trinity Friends. The fellowship was beautiful.

The youth at Trinity Friends, Martinsville, had planned a camping trip for a weekend. They were scheduled to leave on a Friday afternoon. However, on Friday morning it began to rain and rained most of the day. Although the camping trip was cancelled, all was not lost. Some of the youth leaders had started early to prepare Friday dinner for the campers. Due to quick thought and willingness to help, a bean supper with salads and desserts was prepared, which was enjoyed by the youth, along with some hungry adults.

Busy! Busy! Busy! That's what our young people have been since September of 1976. Car washes, family fun night, and making dogs out of yarn and coathangers to raise money for "Endeavors for Christ." For their hard labor and willingness to work, they mailed a check to the Yearly Meeting Youth Board for \$1,150.

#### **URBANA, Ohio**

During December a District Christian Education Workers Conference was held in our church with Joyce Lamb as director. We had people attending from Mt. Carmel, North Lewisburg, and Urbana. Those attending felt that the services were very profitable.

We had as special guest speakers Lewis and Opal Zinn from the Montezuma School in Arizona. They showed slides and told about the work there. Mrs. Zinn teaches music and helps with the cooking, and Mr. Zinn does maintenance work. Special music was presented by a quartet with Jeanette and Charles Thornburg, Bill Graeter, and James Chess singing "Let Us Have a Little Talk with Jesus." Betty Graeter accompanied at the piano. A special offering was taken for the Zinns.

#### **WESTGATE, Columbus, Ohio**

The young couples Sunday school class began to pray for a spiritual increase. The Holy Spirit had been dealing with us for some time regarding love among the brethren and an effective witness to our unsaved friends.

As plans were discussed for 1976, we felt a great need for visitation to missing class members and occasional attenders. We decided on Sunday afternoon, once a month with a potluck dinner after church; some would stay and care for the children and clean up the dishes while the others went visiting.

The scheduled Sunday came and we woke to find the roads covered with a thin sheet of ice and more freezing rain coming down. After a hazardous trip to church, we rejoiced to find a full parking lot. The Lord had honored His leading, but Satan still tried to hinder us.

Twenty minutes before church let out an electric transformer outside the church gave way under the ice; therefore, we had no electricity. The doors to the sanctuary were opened to let in light from the hall windows, and the sermon was finished in the darkened room. About 50, including children, stayed for dinner and visitation.

We had a wonderful time of fellowship and prayer; then those who felt they could manage the bad driving conditions went on to visit. We joyfully anticipate the spiritual increase we are seeking.

#### **WHITNEY, Boise, Idaho**

The pastors, J. Russel and Frances Stands, are enjoying a new Electric

Air Flow Furnace in the parsonage that replaces the old coal stoker. Storm windows were also placed on the parsonage.

New carpet has been laid in the upstairs nursery next to the sanctuary and in four classrooms in the downstairs during recent months.

The total church indebtedness has been paid off and a celebration service is being planned.

There is a strong, growing youth program with three departments. They have enjoyed several snow parties this winter.

Quaker stories and history are a vital part of the church program during this bicentennial year.

#### **WILLIAMSPORT, Pennsylvania**

The First Friends Church of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, caught the vision of worldwide need at Thanksgiving time this year. From World Vision, Inc., we received fifty "love loaves." From October until Thanksgiving, families deposited money in the loaf banks. The total amount collected was nearly \$600. The money will be used by either World Vision or the Evangelical Friends Church to feed the hungry abroad.

#### **WILLOWCREEK Kansas City, Missouri**

Willowcreek Friends started the new year off with a New Year's Eve watch party at the home of Charles and Thelma Hansen. To keep everyone awake there was an abundance of goodies and games. The highlight of the evening was the film *SoLo*, which had previously been shown at the Win Arn Conference. The film was followed by a devotional given by our pastor.

Valentine's Day was celebrated with what has become an annual occasion for our church—a progressive dinner. Four church families opened their homes for different courses of our meal. The main course was served at the church in a candlelit room beautifully decorated by some of the women of the church.

Work on the Day Care fence is in its beginning stages. The future site for the fence is being surveyed by the men of our church. The next step will be to set it up.

Our pastor has begun work on a set of much needed cabinets for storage at the church. We appreciate his abilities and willingness to do this for the church.

These are some of the highlights of our past two months. We can't complete this report without praising God for His presence in our church services, Bible studies, and evangelism program. We can feel His presence in our every activity. Praise His name.

#### **WINONA, Ohio**

The young people of the church and their advisors presented a program for an evening service entitled "This Is Your Life" in honor of Icie Hendershott. The program opened with her favorite hymns, "It Pays to Serve Jesus," and "Trust and Obey." The Scripture was read from Proverbs 31 dealing with the virtuous woman.

A reception was held in the Fellowship Hall, where a display of pictures and scrapbooks that she had kept through her lifetime was shared interestingly with her friends. A plaque with Psalm 37:5 was presented to her. Many people told of her influence on their lives, and we all thank God for the privilege of having Icie in our fellowship these many years.

## YPSILANTI, Michigan

The FY went to Greenfield Village in Dearborn, Michigan, to see the historical houses of Thomas Edison, Henry Ford, and many others. The houses were furnished with Christmas decorations of the time periods in which these famous Americans lived. The young people also enjoyed a sleigh ride through the village. Our New Year's Eve service began

at 8:30 p.m. with slides shown of events that took place in past years. Refreshments were served and games played until 11 p.m. Our pastor then conducted the New Year's watchnight service, "The Covenant of New Things," with congregational readings, music, and prayer at the altar. The candlelight service was an excellent way to bring in the bi-centennial year.

# Friends record

## BIRTHS

**BOWLING**—A daughter, Jennifer Jeanne, December 5, 1975, to Mark and Jeanne Bowling, Canton, Ohio.

**BROWN**—A son, Stephen Michael, January 1, 1976, to Dick and Louise Brown, Alliance, Ohio.

**CLARK**—Twin boys, Rickie and Chris, adopted December 1975 by Marilyn and Bruce Clark, North Olmsted, Ohio.

**DAVIS**—A son, Nathaniel, February 17, 1976, to Paul and Leslie Davis of Tacoma, Washington, First Friends.

**DENNY**—A daughter, Marcie Elizabeth, January 19, 1976, to David and Cheri Denny, Damascus, Ohio.

**FELTON**—Twin daughters, Valerie Grace and Natalie Marie, January 20, 1976, to Dan and Judy Felton, Alliance, Ohio.

**FOLSOM**—A son, Ryan Matthew, February 6, 1976, to Wes and Susan Folsom of Greenleaf, Idaho.

**GAIRSON**—A son, Jimmy Dean, January 15, 1976, to Dan and Debby Gairson of Tacoma, Washington, First Friends.

**GEMMILL**—A daughter, Charlene Noel, December 27, 1975, to Ron and Ardis Gemmill, Lupton, Michigan.

**HALE**—A son Timothy to Nathan and Patty Hale of Greenleaf, Idaho, February 3, 1976.

**HALL**—A daughter, Michelle Lynn, November 11, 1975, to James and Melanie Hall, Canton, Ohio.

**HARDY**—A daughter, Mindy Dawn, January 26, 1976, to Don and Jane Hardy, Damascus, Ohio.

**HARTZELL**—A son, Brian Christopher, to Sue and George Hartzell, East Goshen Friends, Beloit, Ohio, January 22, 1976.

**INMAN**—A son, John Eugene, December 13, 1975, to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Inman, Bellefontaine, Ohio.

**KIRKPATRICK**—A son, Charles Leroy, to Tim and Pat Kirkpatrick, August 28, 1975, Burundi, Africa.

**KLUVER**—To Dana and Shirley Kluver, Salem, Oregon, a son, Gary Duane, February 7, 1976.

**KNAPP**—A son, Brian Keith, January 12, 1976, to John and Wilma Knapp, Millersburg, Ohio.

**KURENA**—A son, Todd Scott, to Cindy and Scott Kurena, East Goshen Friends, Beloit, Ohio, January 8, 1976.

**LEE**—A son, Daniel, December 17, 1975, to David and Kathy Lee, Canton, Ohio.

**LEPPERT**—To Glenn and Sue Lepert, associate pastors, Piedmont Friends, Portland, Oregon, a daughter, Trisha Ann, February 10, 1976.

**LESS**—A daughter, Dawn Michelle, December 6, 1975, to George and Barbara Less, Salem, Ohio.

**MALIN**—A daughter, Jennifer Lynn, to Randy and Janis Malin, February 20, 1976, Lone Star Friends, Hugoton, Kansas.

**MARTIN**—A daughter, Deanna Lee, December 18, 1975, to Randy and Rosemary Martin, Deerfield, Ohio.

**NGUYEN**—A son, Thuan Huu, February 14, 1976, to Lich and Nhon Nguyen of Tacoma, Washington, First Friends.

**PARRY**—To Vern and Sharon Parry of North Valley Friends, Newberg, Oregon, an adopted son, Jesse Nathaniel, January 14, 1976.

**PICKETT**—A son, Wendell Joel, to Walter and Becky Pickett, February 16, 1976, University Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

**RINARD**—To John and Shirley Rinard, a son, Jacob Andrew, November 25, 1976, Greenleaf, Idaho.

**ROSS**—A daughter, Janeen Anne, to Denny and Charlotte Ross, February 10, 1976, Haviland, Kansas.

**SCHAEFER**—A son, Kevin Dale, to Ted and Joan Schaefer, December 26, 1975, Damascus, Ohio.

**SCHENK**—A son, Stephan Michael, to Mike and Stephanie Schenk, December 1975, Beloit, Ohio.

**SCOTT**—A daughter, Julie Ann, September 28, 1975, to Tom and Judy Scott, Columbus, Ohio.

**SEES**—A son, Robert Noel, November 4, 1975, to Robert and Bonnie Sees, Canton, Ohio.

**SPENCER**—A daughter, Melanie Sue, December 19, 1975, to Rob and Judy Spencer, Beloit, Ohio.

**TUNING**—To Frank and Myrna Tuning of Burns, Oregon, a son, Andrew Dale, February 13, 1976.

**VAUGHN**—A daughter, Heather, to Terry and Mary Kay Vaughn, January 18, 1976, Friendswood, Texas.

**WALTZ**—A daughter, Carrie Elizabeth, July 2, 1975, to William F. and Faye Waltz, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

**WALTZ**—A son, Nathan Edward, October 23, 1976, to William E. and Chris (Coulter) Waltz, Canton, Ohio.

**WARD**—A daughter, Carrie Lyn, December 4, 1975, to Mike and Debbie Ward, Akron, Ohio.

**WATTS**—A son, Curtis Wayne, to Wayne and Joyce Watts, February 5, 1976, Friendswood, Texas.

**WEIMER**—A son, Phillip James, December 17, 1975, to Fred and Kathy Weimer, Damascus, Ohio.

**WILLIAMSON**—A daughter, Samantha Lynn, to Bill and Kaye Williamson of Newberg Friends, Oregon, December 15, 1975.

**WILLIS**—A son, Chad Eric, October 24, 1975, to Ed and Earlene Willis, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

**WILSON**—A son, Andrew John, December 23, 1975, to Ernie and Roseann Wilson, Massillon, Ohio.

**WOOD**—A son, Bradley Steven, January 6, 1976, to Steven and Donna Wood, Damascus, Ohio.

## MARRIAGES

**BRADFORD - SOMMERS.** Debbie Bradford and Gary Sommers, November 14, 1975, Canton Friends, Canton, Ohio.

**BYARD-POWELL.** Marcy Byard and John Powell, December 19, 1975, Niles, Ohio, from Winona Friends, Winona, Ohio.

**CILLES-ROY.** Connie Cilles and Frank Roy, December 13, 1975, East Richland Friends, St. Clairsville, Ohio.

**EASTMAN-SCHON.** Valerie Eastman and Russell Schon, November 30, 1975, Byhalia Friends Church, West Mansfield, Ohio.

**FURBAY-PUGH.** Susanna Furbay and Melvin Pugh, October 26, 1975, Canton Friends, Canton, Ohio.

**HADLEY-VOTH.** Marilyn Hadley and Wesley Voth, both of Newberg Friends, Oregon, December 27, 1975.

**HARTENSTEIN-WETZEL.** Joyce Hartenstein and Joseph Wetzel, January 31, 1976, Alliance Friends Church, Alliance, Ohio.

**LaPLANT-WATSON.** Mary LaPlant to Jerry Watson, January 30, 1976, Liberal, Kansas.

**LUCAS-NORRIS.** Vicky Lucas and Todd Norris, September 6, 1975, Canton Friends, Canton, Ohio.

**MELLON-STODDARD.** Donna Mellon and Stephen Stoddard, January 3, 1976, Lupton Friends, Lupton, Michigan.

**NESTER-EURE.** Alice Nester and Daniel S. Eure, September 20, 1975, Trinity Friends, Martinsville, Virginia.

**SEDELL-TEMPLE.** Jane Sedell and David Temple, June 20, 1975, Vancouver First Friends, Washington.

**VOTAW-SCHWARTZ.** Becky Votaw and Barry Schwartz, December 20, 1975, First Friends, Salem, Ohio.

**WACHLIN-FOWLER.** Nina Wachlin and John Fowler of Sherwood Friends, Oregon, December 28, 1975, at St. Paul Lutheran, Sherwood.

**WILLIAMS - SMITHERMAN.** Debra Kaye Williams and David Dwight Smitherman, January 24, 1976, Haviland, Kansas.

**WOOD-BRIAN.** Marsha Wood and Kevin Brian, January 3, 1976, Sherwood Friends, Oregon.

## DEATHS

**BAKER**—James Baker, Sr., February 7, 1976, Friendswood, Texas.

**CARTER**—Madge Carter, January 18, 1976, Mt. Pleasant, Ohio.

**CRAWFORD**—Mary Alice Crawford, 2½ years, daughter of Wesley and Faye Geary Crawford, Winona Friends, Ohio, October 28, 1975.

**COOK**—Ellis Theron Cook, 74, January 23, 1976, Haviland, Kansas.

**GRUBER**—Minnie Gruber, December 19, 1975, Plains, Kansas.

**DOUGLAS**—Russell Douglas, Canton, Ohio, December 11, 1975.

**DUNBAR**—William L. Dunbar, 102, January 1, 1976, Haviland, Kansas.

**EVANS**—Margaret Evans, St. Clairsville, Ohio, November 27, 1975.

**HAMILTON**—Kenova Hamilton, 79, Raymond, Ohio, November 18, 1975.

**HEREFORD**—Mae Hereford, 82, Somersville, Ohio, June 1, 1975.

**HINSHAW**—Virgil V. Hinshaw, 80, February 5, 1976, Newberg Friends, Oregon.

**HODSON**—Murl Hodson, 84, of Greenleaf Friends, Idaho, January 21, 1976.

**HUGHES**—Lloyd F. Hughes, 74, January 11, 1976, Bellefontaine, Ohio.

**JOHNSTON**—Homer Johnston, 70, Salem, Ohio, December 10, 1975.

**JONES**—Letha Jones, 88, Westerville, Ohio, October 20, 1975.

**LEAFDALE**—Inez Davis Leafdale, formerly of Haviland, Kansas, November 13, 1975, Mesa, Arizona.

**LOCKARY**—Vinton Lockary, 75, Columbus, Ohio, October 18, 1975.

**LOOP**—Edna Loop, 79, Westerville, Ohio, October 11, 1975.

**LUNDY**—Alice Rachael Lundy, 92, of New Hope Friends Church, Hay Springs, Nebraska, passed away November 20, 1974, in Chadron, Nebraska.

**McCAFFREE**—Ethel J. McCaffree, 81, of Newberg Friends, Oregon, January 28, 1976.

**McCAMMON**—Oscar McCammon, 83, Salem, Ohio, November 11, 1975.

**MITCHELL**—Ruby Mitchell, 66, January 5, 1976, Barberton, Ohio.

**PRESSNALL**—Myrtle Pressnall, 75, of Piedmont Friends, Portland, Oregon, January 1, 1976.

**RANDALL**—Vesta Randall, 83, Sebring, Ohio, November 7, 1975.

**RUHL**—Thelma Ruhl, 70, Richwood, Ohio, June 9, 1975.

**SHIGLEY**—Gary Shigley of Tacoma, Washington, First Friends, February 1, 1976.

**SPAIN**—Olen P. Spain, 72, Urbana, Ohio, December 8, 1975.

**STEWART**—Maurice Stewart, Canton, Ohio, December 19, 1975.

**WILHITE**—Kathryn (Mrs. Walter) WilHITE, February 8, 1976, Boise, Idaho.

# THE 1976 MISSIONS AND SERVICE CONFERENCE

BY NORVAL HADLEY

The second Missions and Service Conference sponsored by the Friends World Committee for Consultation was held in January and Northwest Yearly Meeting again sent me as its representative.

There were about 30 people gathered from 12 countries, five of them developing countries. We met at the fascinating Christian Center of the Brethren Church in New Windsor, Maryland, about an hour out of Washington, D.C. From this center thousands of pounds of relief clothing are processed, and millions of dollars of relief goods are shipped abroad for Church World Service and other organizations. There we also had the privilege of meeting and hearing from Dr. Bob Zigler, about 85 years of age, one of the great leaders of the Brethren Church and a strong advocate for a united peace stand of all the peace-loving denominations. Following are the formal conclusions drawn up by the conference.

## 1. RECIPROCAL SHARING

We recommend that Friends should view their organizations around the world as vehicles both for achieving healthy relationships with each other and for promoting reconciliations among others, especially in areas of depressed economic conditions and social need.

We urge Friends to give serious consideration to developing *reciprocal* efforts in sharing between both affluent and Third World peoples, as a contribution to the meeting of each other's needs. Practical difficulties should not be permitted to detract from the principle of *reciprocity*.

## 2. ACHIEVING EQUALITY

The question of the righteous sharing of the world's resources has figured prominently in our discussions. We are conscious that at the very root of the problem lies man's selfishness.

The need for action is urgent. Although some Friends are more affluent

than others, yet all need to face honestly the conditions of their own particular situation and their profligacy of material and human resources. We must respond to the needs of desperately poor communities in ways that will develop greater self-sufficiency and enhance human dignity. Above all, we must seek to understand the injustices perpetuated through present international trade and economic systems and redouble our efforts to change these.

## 3. POSITIVE COMMITMENT

We recommend to Friends that we seek those areas of mission and service wherein we may cooperate without offense to the faith and conscience of one another, in ministry for the wholeness of needy persons in our world.

We further recommend that each one of us approach such cooperative efforts fully aware of what presently appears to be unresolvable differences but positively committed to work together in the assurance of the mutual love that motivates us.

## 4. TOWARD DISARMAMENT

The Conference recommends that Quakers and Quaker bodies in both the industrialized and Third World nations activate organized efforts to stop manufacture, sale, donation, and reception of armaments throughout the world.

## 5. QUAKER WORK AT THE UNITED NATIONS

We suggest that the Quaker UN planning group explore possibilities for further individual religious ministry and for more thorough reporting by QUN offices to our total constituency so as to secure the widest possible involvement of Friends.

It is important and even necessary that we understand such statements as above, but for some of us the real significance of the conference came in what happened behind those statements. Sunday afternoon representatives of the Third World nations asked us why in North America there was such a separation between service agencies and mission bodies.

There we were. We had to try to explain to them and in front of each other why we don't work together.

People representing the American Friends Service Committee had already explained that they can hardly "proselytize" for Christianity in connection with their relief work, for their funds and support come from many non-Christians. Russell Myers explained that many times the American Friends Service Committee does and says things that are an embarrassment to the rest of us.

For instance, the American Friends Service Committee applied to send relief goods to Vietnam after it fell, thus to the Communist governments of North and South Vietnam. Our government denied them the permission. They decided, in their words, that they had to obey God rather than man, so they went ahead contrary to the ruling of the U.S. Government and sent the relief goods. They are quick to point out that four days later our government reversed its decision and granted them a license. We pointed out that sometimes such activity embarrasses some of us Friends' bodies who have traditionally been more loyal to the U.S. Government than has the American Friends Service Committee.

Back in November the American Friends Service Committee building and the Quaker meetinghouse in Des Moines, Iowa, were hit with a bomb equal in intensity to that used at the LaGuardia airport. A month away from that time bullets were fired into a Friends church. Some Friends are now saying any Friends building may become a target. Whether the story of the American Friends Service Committee overture to the Communist government incited the bombing no one knows.

Russell pointed out that we don't mean so much to stand in judgment as to whether or not the Service Committee should ship to Communist countries. We just feel badly that they are able to do such things without ever consulting us while all the time using the name *Friends*. Ed Bonner, historian at Haverford College, explained in relating the history of the Friends movement how we

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became so diverse in our views. He expressed appreciation for the fact that evangelical Friends, who in the past have been quite intolerant of the others, have in the last ten years seemed to become more tolerant.

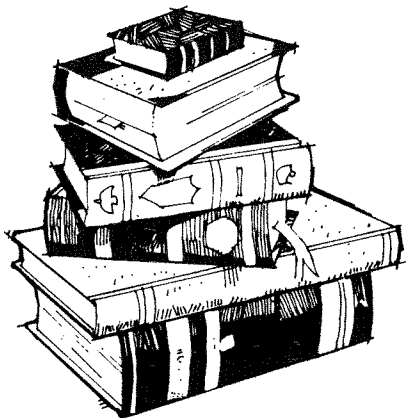
I said I did not think, in one respect, we were indeed becoming more tolerant. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me." The thing that really divides us is that some Friends believe that statement and some do not. Since the Bible says that those who believe Jesus are not condemned but those who believe Him not are condemned, I tried to explain that we could not become tolerant of a theology that caused our beloved Friends in the less evangelical bodies of our church to be condemned.

Margaret Gibbens of Scotland said, "But, Norval, can't you be tolerant of me as a person?" I said "Yes, I can." (And I can, for she is a lovely person.) "But I cannot be tolerant of that which causes your destruction." By that time in the conversation everyone knew that we cared enough for each other that such statements were meaningful. One individual from Great Britain said, "I will never forget the discussion of this hour." Members of the delegation from the Third World expressed how deeply they had been moved by the extent to which we had been open and honest with each other. Some felt genuinely that we had broken some ice that would never again freeze over.

In the process of the conversation, people like Keith Sarver, superintendent of California Yearly Meeting, and Roscoe Townsend of Kansas Yearly Meeting gave clear, strong scriptural testimonies. If some less evangelical Friends are reading this report they may be slightly amused at the things I have felt were important. But those who were there now know beyond any question how important they are to us and why. Some back in our evangelical yearly meetings may read this report and say, "Ho hum, the same old go-around. Why do our leaders insist on continuing dialogue with those who don't believe Jesus?" To them we have to answer it is because we know some of them now and really love them. We have seen their openness, and we have seen the power with which the Word of God answers their questions.

During coffee after that frank discussion Ed Bonner said to me, "Norval, don't you think in the last 2,000 years there could have been some new revelation from God?" Before I could get the answer out he answered it himself, "Yes, but no true revelation from God would contradict Scripture." I don't mind going to a conference like that. □

## Books



Robert H. Schuller, *You Can Become the Person You Want To Be*, Old Tappan, New Jersey: Hawthorn Books, Inc., \$5.95.

Robert Schuller has sprinkled this book with real life cases of people who have learned to draw on God's resources and recreate for themselves a new life. Dr. Schuller believes that if one puts into practice basic "success" life principles, God will transform the life and "you can become the person you want to be." Most of us think in negative and "impossible" patterns, according to Schuller, but he seeks to help his readers examine their lives and orient themselves to patterns of success and fulfillment.

—Jack C. Rea

Henry John Turtle, *Quaker Service in the Middle East—A History of Brummana High School 1876-1975*, Friends Service Council, Friends House, Euston Road, London, 168 pages.

This centennial edition of the history of British Friends' participation in the Middle East mission is timely, not only to bring up-to-date earlier partial histories, but in the light of the civil war in Lebanon. It is also of more than passing interest to American Friends in that our participation has been, and continues to be, at Ramallah, West Bank.

It should be said that Near East Yearly Meeting is a unique organization, composed as it is of but two monthly meetings in two different countries, with the British giving oversight and counsel from London to Brummana, and the Americans from Richmond, Indiana, to Ramallah.

What is vitally important to our appreciation of the work in that part of the world is to know that both missions were initiated and nurtured by evangelical, and even evangelistic zeal, when over a century ago Theophilus Waldmeier, a Swiss, gave impetus to the work in what is today's Lebanon; while Eli and Sybil Jones of New England founded the schools and meeting at Ramallah in the

Holy Land, both under the Ottoman Turks. While the book gives most of its emphasis to the Lebanese sector, it was interesting to me to discover the number of other meetings and schools that at one time were sprinkled over many districts and villages, even to Jerusalem, Jaffa, and other centers.

Waldmeier himself must have been a dramatic figure and charismatic leader, having married into the family of King Theodore II, King of Ethiopia!

The book may have a greater appeal as a definitive source book, detailing as it does the administrations of the many headmasters, including that of Turtle himself. If it does have omissions, these come from a very cursory treatment of the Ramallah project. The "family trees" of significant Friends and the glossaries and abbreviation tables are most helpful.

—Milo C. Ross

Creath Davis, *Sent to Be Vulnerable*, Zondervan, 1973. 180 pages, paperback, \$1.75.

Creath Davis wants us to state the "good news" in the vernacular of the present and speak with clarity to our age. In his book the above concept is too heavy with the new Protestant "Latin" of the "with it" Christians, and the entire text shows glimpses of his fear of things having an institutionalism. He states the fear of change many have and does so in such a manner that reveals his fear of continuity. But he is right in his quote of J. Rayburn, "It is a sin to bore people with the gospel." Perhaps his view could be stated by the heading of chapter 8: "The Need for a Broader View of Christ's Church." His insights aren't handicapped by this fear or by the words he uses.

Apart from the title, his overall task is to prepare the reader for the Christian life-style and with suggestions for small groups. In doing this various key concepts are dealt with: As long as we protect ourselves from others we will be hollow men. The risk of loving must be taken. We must face our limits and in so doing trust in God for anything beyond our limits. We must realize that our life itself is only a small part of the story

## News of Friends

The annual meeting of the Associated Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs will meet in Wyandotte, Oklahoma, April 9-11, 1976. Friends interested in the work of the Committee are urged to attend. Meeting with Friends in this area will be especially significant.

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both to the kingdom of God and to ourselves. He says that equal in importance to the need for love is the need to feel that we are worthwhile, or "Do we enjoy our own company?"

In chapter five, "How Does God Speak to Men Today?" an "adequate value system" and "personal fulfillment" are dealt with along with "attitudes of being." Within his "attitudes of being," he states that the Sermon on the Mount is the charter of the Christian faith: "It gives us the freedom to go beyond, to do the thing that love impels and not merely the thing that duty compels. It is the essence of vulnerability!"

Each concept in the book is supported by Scriptures and the author's interpretations of them, which at times are theologically refreshing. Page 41 in his paragraph on Christ's call to bear a cross is an example of this.

In the end the author discusses sharing groups and prayer therapy groups with general group procedures outlined along with points to look for in leadership qualification; 114 dialogue questions for interaction are listed. As with most lists of this type, some are better than others and some are more appropriate in various situations. But for the Christians wanting a group experience, his treatment is very helpful. —Fred Boots

*Ruth Hitchcock, The Good Hand of Our God, David C. Cook Publishing Company, 240 pages, \$6.95.*

From the very beginning until the final page the reader gets the distinct impression that the good hand of our God surely has been and is continuing to lead the author, even now in her eighties.

When Ruth Hitchcock was a college student, her mother suggested that she take a trip to China. Little did they know that this trip in 1913 was to be the beginning of a "self-supporting, self-propagating Chinese church with a vision of sending out Chinese missionaries to preach the Gospel in all the world."

During her more than 50 years as a missionary to China and Hong Kong, God's hand led her safely through explosive situations involving murderous thieves; He walked beside her on long and difficult journeys on foot; and He provided for her protection amid wars. God saw that food and money were there in times when both were scarce. Many orphaned children were cared for by the author and her faithful co-workers, who always seemed to be able to make room for one more.

The good hand of our God is evident in each of the exciting chapters that make the reader feel a real part of the Chinese missionary scene.

—Betty M. Hockett

## Over the Teacup

*Continued*

out a remnant of grey woolly material, which I threw around my shoulders, cutting as I went to make a cape—no sleeves—just a cape fastened at the waist with some shiny buttons. The Indian tailor sat on the stone floor of the veranda sewing as fast as I let go of the cutting. He made a pink cotton lining, and we were off to a nine o'clock dinner at the Agency.

The long dining room glittered with silver and candles, and serving men with white turbans pinned with British emblems passed course after course. I was freezing. My hostess, dressed suitably in a warm winter evening gown with mink stole and black satin shoes, missed nothing of the inappropriate attire of her guests. My husband also wore tails and striped pants, which British called a "morning suit." At least he was warm.

At the end of the last course, the ladies moved in by the fireplace in the equally drafty living room for a demitasse of coffee. It was then that the lecture began. The wife of the Political Agent said she would send the Major's wife around to the mission to help me buy suitable material for a winter evening dress. She would also call the tailor to take my measurements. She told me of a Chinese shoe man in a town 80 miles away that would make me black satin shoes. When the Major's wife called at the mission, she also brought a suit for my husband with the cummerbund and shirt—acceptable attire for dinners among those who represented the Crown, as well as among local royalty.

Needless to say, we were embarrassed. There was no attempt to hide the fact that our first formal dinner was most

disastrous and a subject for conversation among the Agency set for some time. However, I became most grateful to my hostess. She was frank, direct, and showed me the correct things to do and wear so that never again would I need to feel uncomfortable in the presence of dignitaries.

Another time, as guest of the Maharajah for dinner, he sent around a gorgeous sari with gold threads woven in Banares silk for each of the women guests to wear at the palace. It saved all sorts of wondering what was suitable to wear. He just provided it and all I had to do was put it on! This has been a custom in some places for centuries. Suitable attire is provided where it is imperative.

Jesus knew that when He told about the wedding garments provided for all the guests, but one showed up in his casual outfit and was cast out. The King of Glory requires everyone to wear the robe of righteousness He provides, and requires.

It worries me that Americans have gone so casual that anything goes, anywhere, even in the presence of the Most High. I just hope we won't be embarrassed and shut out on that day when the invitation comes to visit His courts. He has provided the suitable attire for entrance. It matters to Him how His subjects look. □

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