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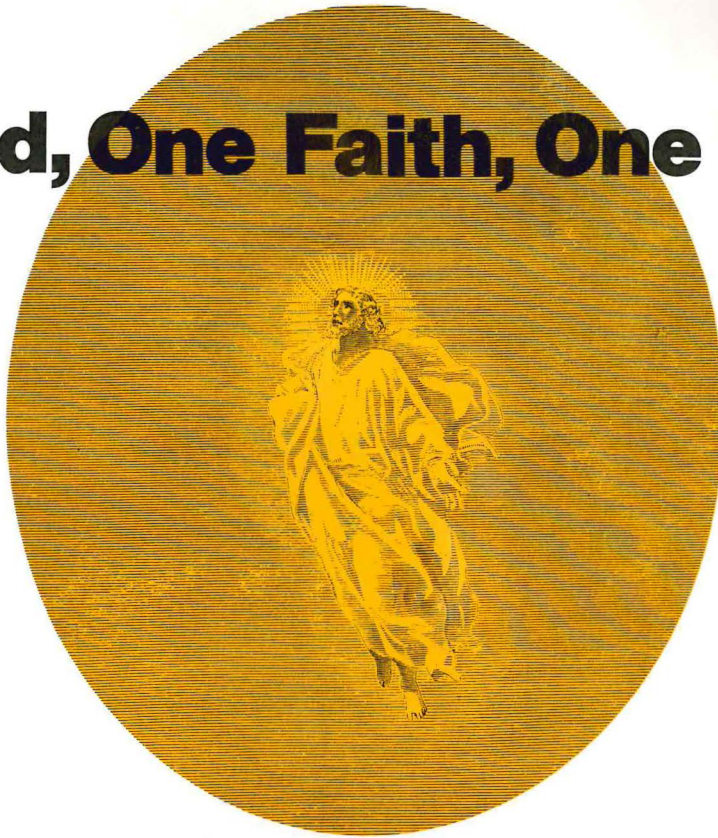
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One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism



BY EARL P. BARKER

Paul issues an urgent call to the Ephesian church (4:1-3) and announces a pervading theme. "I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called . . . endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

Unity of the Spirit—the psalmist voices this same ideal in tender and beautiful words (Psalm 133). "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" He goes on to compare it with the delightful fragrance of the anointing oil that was poured upon the head of Aaron the high priest, that went down upon his beard and even upon the skirts of his garments.

Paul goes on, in this letter, to set forth the two characteristics of our life as Christians, members of the "one body." After his plea for unity he takes up the matter of our personal differences. He does not want us all to be

alike in our gifts and callings—not all apostles, or prophets, or evangelists, or pastors.

But having these differing functions does not detract from our Christian unity. In fact, their exercise is to edify "the body of Christ, till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ."

In the church at Corinth they had become contentious in their allegiance to one or another of the spiritual heroes. They were at odds over which of them was the greatest and best. They were seriously in need of the same exhortation which he gave the Ephesians. Paul urges them to "be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." (1 Corinthians 1:10)

The Ephesians were to recognize the fact that they were all members of the same body, were all led by the same Holy Spirit, had no other hope upon which they might reckon, were all to give allegiance to the same Lord, and to live by the same faith. They were all to have the same baptism. Surely no one would want any other than the same God and Father of all, for there is no other.

As to the singular character of these holy relationships there is no question, with one exception. When the apostle says *one baptism*, we may raise a question: to which one does he refer? In the New Testament there are references to at least four different baptisms.

Earl P. Barker, one of the founders of the George Fox Press, forerunner of the Evangelical Friends Alliance, is a veteran Friends minister and college Bible professor now living at Friendsview Manor, Newberg, Oregon. A former vice-president and dean of Cascade College, Dr. Barker has a keen concern for a clear Friends witness to the baptism with the Holy Spirit. Those who know him best find the impact of his writing and messages unmistakably verified by a godly life and tender witness. His life is a contemporary example of the Friends ideal that one's life is to be the "outward evidence of an inward work of grace."

Let us think first of the one that derives from the Old Testament. In Exodus 14:31 we find the account of how Israel passed through the sea dry shod, with the pillar of fire lighting their way and at the same time a pillar of dark cloud confusing the Egyptians. When Israel became aware of all this they "feared the Lord, and believed the Lord, and his servant Moses."

Paul refers to this experience in 1 Corinthians 10:2, saying, "And [they] were all baptized unto [RSV, into] Moses in the cloud and in the sea." The student of Greek recognizes that the root meaning of the word implies immersion, with that which is immersed taking on the character of the medium in which immersed. In this instance the Hebrews became like Moses in his faith in God. From this one may derive a general interpretation. To baptize *unto a person* means to create a kindred spirit. Confidence and rapport, leading to unity of spirit, are direct products.

No more wholesome and helpful example of this baptism occurs in our time than that of a member *unto* his pastor. When all the members have had this experience, based on true faithfulness to the gospel message and warm concern for human needs, the situation becomes as near to ideal as could be imagined. In cases where it obtains without interruption a pastorate may continue for many years, or even decades, with happy results in spiritual growth, in service and outreach, and in winning the lost to Christ.

A thought closely akin to this is found in 1 Corinthians 12:13, where the baptism wrought by the Spirit is not unto one person, as with Moses or the pastor, but unto (or into) all Christians, the whole body of Christ. One summer at Twin Rocks a rebellious lad, a PK, came into camp. In the course of the searching messages he fell under deep conviction and found his way back to the Lord. Afterward he said, "When I came on these grounds I hated every preacher here!" The baptism he received had changed him completely.

Again, this is a factor that contributes to unity of the Spirit. How deplorable the situation when, in an individual church, this baptism is lacking! If only one member is without it the whole church may suffer. There is dissension instead of agreement, contention instead of cooperation. When all are baptized unto one another and unto their spiritual leader unity is as natural as breathing. Differences of opinion may occur, but without rancor.

Another baptism that was prevalent and very important in the early church is water baptism. Most Quakers disuse this rite, many without knowing just why. This is the only one of the baptisms that is administered by human hands; this fact, along with Paul's statement (1 Corinthians 1:17) serves in many minds as justification for the disuse.

"Christ sent me not to baptize," the apostle said with emphasis, "but to preach the gospel." In the early church, water baptism served as a bold witness to the unbelieving

world that its recipient had become a Christian. In our day the word of mouth is much more effective, along with a Christ-honoring life.

The fourth baptism clearly set forth in the New Testament is the baptism with the Holy Spirit. Without depreciating or minimizing the importance of the others, the Scriptures give it a high priority in many ways. In all the references it is evident that it is a baptism graciously provided for the earnest Christian. Christ himself prayed for it when He said in His high priestly prayer, "They are

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not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." (John 17:16, 17)

With this same concern in mind He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father. "John truly baptized with water;" He said, "but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." (Acts 1:4, 5) The account of the day of Pentecost in Acts 2 relates the fulfillment of this prophecy and also the answer to the prayer of the Lord for their sanctification. It becomes evident that these two terms are identical in meaning.

In Ephesians 5:25, 26, Paul gives an exhortation. "Husbands, love your wives, even as 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," and in writing to the Thessalonian church says, "This is the will of God, even your sanctification," and in the next chapter prays, "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly." (1 Thessalonians 4:3; 5:23)

There is an *initial sanctification* (1 John 1:9) by which the pollution of committed sin is cleansed. In many cases, as we know, this includes depraved appetites, such as for alcohol and tobacco, and even of hard drugs. The apostle's phrase, "sanctify you wholly," implies what we call *entire sanctification*, the cleansing of the soul that takes away the inherited tendency to violate God's laws and carry on sinful practices. It is in this feature that the baptism with the Spirit is truly unique. It involves moral transformation.

The two most effective purifying agents in our knowledge are water and fire, the latter the most powerful of all. This gives deep significance to the message of John the Baptist to Israel (Luke 3:16). "I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and *with fire*."

Jesus said (Matthew 5:8), "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God." But one cannot be pure in

heart until the awful depravity with which he was born has been purged away. The apostle Peter echoes the admonition given by the Lord through Moses (Leviticus 19:2, 1 Peter 1:16), "Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy." What a contrast this, as it may be compared with the defilement of the sinful nature! This is "holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." (Hebrews 12:8)

Another way of expressing the purifying work of the Holy Ghost baptism is found in Romans 6:3-6. It is called being "baptized into Jesus Christ . . . baptized into his death." In this "our old man [the depraved nature] is

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crucified with him, that the body of sin *might be destroyed.*" It would be difficult to find a more expressive term, to show the utter destruction of the sin nature.

Peter, in recounting the scene at the house of the Gentile Cornelius (Acts 15:8, 9), implies that purification was one of the aspects of the Pentecost experience. "And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us; and put no difference between us and them, *purifying their hearts by faith.*" We should take note here, also, that to receive the gift of the Holy Ghost is the same as to be baptized with the Holy Ghost, or to be sanctified wholly. Referring again to Ephesians 5, Paul says that Christ gave himself for the church "that he might *sanctify and cleanse it.*"

It is obvious that natural man cannot, by human effort, purge his own heart. This fact, however, does not absolve him of all responsibility. James (4:8) gives a double exhortation. "Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded." Some beautiful words in 1 John 3:2, 3 carry the same message. "We know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him [in Christ] purifieth himself, even as he [Christ] is pure."

It is noteworthy that there is a difference between effort and initiative. Effort is futile, but initiative is essential. Should one ask for, pray for, the baptism with the Holy Spirit? It is beyond doubt that the 120 in the upper room, who "all continued in prayer and supplication," and who "were all with one accord in one place" were voicing their ardent desire for the blessing Christ had promised. Jesus himself made a tender offer when He said, "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that *ask him?*" (Luke 11:13)

Another facet of moral transformation comes to light in the experience of Peter. This weak-kneed, cowardly, Christ

denier was changed into the fearless evangelist, ready to defy all who would have stilled his voice and to proclaim that he must obey God rather than man. This was the endowment with power that the Savior had promised just before His ascension.

And how precious is the promise made a little earlier, "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and *shall be in you.*" The Father answered this prayer on the day of Pentecost.

We must not pass over that precious promise of 1 John 1:7: "If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." Please permit a personal word. I was a young Christian, spiritually aged 2 and chronologically aged 18. I had a clear witness to my conversion, and was endeavoring to live the Christian life as best I could understand. I was "walking in the light" as it came to me.

To our little Friends church on the hill above Entiat, Washington, came a Quaker minister for revival meetings. He began to preach sanctification. This was new light for me, and at once my heart was hungry for the experience. I had never before heard of it. I became a seeker; when I fully trusted the Lord to sanctify my soul, in that moment the blood of Christ cleansed me from all sin.

Pride and selfishness are usually thought of as the arch symptoms of the depraved nature. With me it was a violent, destructive temper that plagued me all through my childhood and youth. After I was saved it was more or less under control, but it was an inward tendency that bestirred itself when under provocation. To the glory of God let me say that from that moment of victory to this hour (it is more than 65 years) I have never once felt the turmoil within of the sort that I knew before.

Let no one suppose for a moment that entire sanctification brings instant maturity. I was still a babe in Christ, but with the "body of sin . . . destroyed" (Romans 6:6) there were, and still are, limitless possibilities of growth in grace and in the knowledge of Christ.

What I am trying to say is that this baptism with the Holy Spirit must be the *one baptism* that Paul had in mind as he exhorted the Ephesians to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. It is surely a baptism that all of us should have, and that should be advocated from our pulpits all across Quakerdom. Its scripturalness lifts it above all denominationalism.

We should rise to our responsibility and identify with our founder, George Fox, who said, "he makes us free from the law of sin and death . . . by whose blood we are cleansed." This is true unity, when love reigns in all of our hearts through the blessed fullness of the Holy Spirit dwelling within by faith in Christ.

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"Thee is not going to believe this . . ."

COVER

Shortly after Jesus' promise to His chosen that the baptism with the Holy Spirit would be theirs if they waited in Jerusalem, "he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight." (Acts 1:9) (*Drawing/engraving by 19th Century artist Gustave Doré.*)

ANTECEDENTS

In this day when discussion and often confusion are prevalent in Christian circles regarding the baptism of and/or with the Holy Spirit, it is like a fresh breeze to have one of our own clearly outline for us various aspects of this great truth.

Knowing truth and experiencing it are distinct however! Earl P. Barker in "One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism," writes with over six decades of knowledge and experience. And in his quiet, persuasive manner he draws a strong case from Scripture that the Holy Spirit's baptism provides even more than the power promised by Jesus at His Ascension. It brings unity in the Body, cleansing to one's heart, love for those with whom we may not always agree.

Rosemary Levinson, a Quaker of recent conviction and with a vastly different background from that of Earl Barker, asks forthrightly in "Make Your Witness Felt" why we Quakers of longstanding fail to preach or practice witnessing as our forbears zealously did.

These articles are not light summer reading. Rather they are for contemplative/meditative moments perhaps only a summer respite could provide. We hope you find such an interval to prayerfully absorb the truths of each.

—H.T.A.

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MAKE YOUR WITNESS FELT

BY ROSEMARY McKEIGHAN LEVINSON

There is a great burden on my heart that early Quakers and present-day "charismatics" may have some practices in common that were based on Scripture and that were in part responsible for Friends' phenomenal zeal and success. Present-day Quakers have admittedly lost some of this ardor but have much to offer in the sweetness and maturity that comes from the experience of living with the Holy Spirit for three hundred years. Traditionally we have been open to receiving new insight from God's Word; let us now compare early Quakers and today's charismatic Christians in the light of Scripture, to see if there may be rediscoveries to open up our own worship and spiritual journey. Of particular interest is the matter of bearing witness.

First, we have to consider, "Witness to what?" Beloved Friends, I believe the very core of Christianity is that each one of us must have an encounter with God, accept the death of sinful self, then be resurrected and born again of the Spirit. Remember the words of Jesus to Nicodemus: "Ye *must* be born again." (John 3:1-11) The basis of Christianity is not a learned, rational study but an intense personal experience. George Fox knew this; so did the Valiant Sixty; and John Woolman, and Hannah Whitall

Rosemary Levinson is excited about her walk with the Lord . . . and is concerned because more Friends don't seem to be. Is exuberant witnessing a missing ingredient of modern Quakers and the secret strength of early Friends? She enjoys about everything and everyone, including living with a husband who is on the music faculty of the University of New Mexico, their four children (one still at home), and their "lovely old adobe farmhouse, 200 years old, in the middle of Albuquerque."

Smith, and Thomas Kelly, along with other true believers, Quaker or otherwise, ancient or modern, known or unknown.

So this rebirth is the very center of our being. In my limited and rather short personal experience with Friends, I have met a curious reluctance to talk about this, a real hesitancy to share the transforming experience. There seems to be more Quakerly silence on this point than in any other area of our worship, and I am puzzled by this silence, because I sense that the reality of the Inward Light is there, underneath it all.

Please forgive me for inserting a worldly joke at this point but it is the only answer that comes to mind. The joke has to do with members of the English aristocracy who were looking at some American *nouveaux riches*. The Americans were, to the English mind, terribly vulgar in the way they bragged about their wealth. The English said, "Money is like sex; if you have it, you don't need to talk about it."

And I must confess that present-day Friends seem like the spiritual equivalent; the Lord has been personal in their lives for so long, it seems a bit vulgar to talk about it . . . but dear Friends, please look at the gradual but steady decline of the English aristocracy and take note!

It used to be a matter of concern to me to wonder exactly *what* was born at that moment, that turning point in our lives. It has various names—the Divine Light of God, Life, Grace, the new abundant Life in the Spirit, the Holy Spirit, Inward Light, Jesus, Seed of God. Maybe we are reluctant to tell what happened because it is beyond human ability to put the experience into exact words, into a concept easily understood by anyone.

May I share with you a very graphic example of what can happen? I had been

reading a book by Watchman Nee on the "Seed" theory, how the seed covering must be broken before the new life can emerge and bear fruit. I had experienced this breaking in my own life and understood it just fine with my mind but was totally unable to present it to anyone else.

Then one night when I was making popcorn a beautiful example was revealed to me; the little kernels, the seeds, had such a tough shell that we needed a lot of heat (circumstances to break the shell)—then we needed some oil (the Holy Spirit)—and finally quite a bit of shaking so the heat would permeate the seeds evenly! At last the stubborn covering breaks and the new life within is released—aromatic, pure white, useful, enjoyed by many.

Now, if we can bring ourselves to tell others what the circumstances were that produced such heat for us, how the oil was added, what the actual shaking was, and they can look at us and see a final result that is useful and attractive, then possibly we can witness well. We may help others understand why there is heat and shaking in their own lives; we can offer to help pour on oil.

After that initial experience of birth our new life must not stagnate within us; it must be nourished with the Word, exercised, given sunshine, and then it cannot help but grow. More and more things continue to happen in our human lives as we learn to make Jesus our Lord, and take new steps in our walk with Him. These new things should also be shared. There are many changes in our physical, emotional, and psychological beings as we learn to shed the "old man" and put on the new.

Sometimes these changes are tremendous, sometimes lighter or small, even frequently humorous. Often when I have

taken a big spiritual step forward, the Lord sends a light little something (I think of it as a "bonus")—and gradually our lives are being filled with these reminders, actual, real examples of His love.

For instance, when we moved to this city a few years ago and I was a brand-new Christian, I would seek the Lord's guidance about whether I should try to find a job, or just what I should do. The only answer I received was a laconic single word, "PRAY." I tucked that away in the back of my mind, decided He really wanted me at home and to skip the job search, so I tried to regulate my life accordingly.

We continued to try to refurbish our home, and one thing we needed was a long, narrow coffeetable for the den. We didn't have much money and kept going back to secondhand stores, but for a while could find nothing that was anywhere near right. Then one day at our favorite store I spotted a long, narrow coffeetable that was not only the right size and shape, but it was exceptionally nice looking and well made. It was solid oak with antique brass handles at the end, and the price was even lower than we had budgeted.

"Funny thing about that table," said the shopkeeper, "I've never seen anything like it in all my years in the business. See how it folds up like a card table and has handles for carrying? And notice the legs, well not legs really but end supports. They would be just solid oak, but there's a cross cut out from each one. What this thing is, I guess, is a traveling prayer table."

Well, furniture-wise the table is perfect in our house, but much more than that, it's a *bonus* reminder of what happened when I was obedient to the Lord.

Now, I would have liked to share that little story at church, but I didn't sense a climate receptive to that sort of thing. I was new in the Lord, I needed desperately to know what was happening with other Christian people, and so I sought other sources in the new city. I found prayer groups, charismatic meetings, and radio programs, and was uplifted again and again by the glorious reality of Jesus in all kinds of lives, all sorts of situations. This kind of sharing of experiences and blessings has several purposes.

Over and over again throughout the Bible we are told to witness to God's care and blessings, and we should be obedient. It is scriptural. Look at Luke 1:46-55; John 4:29; 9:11; in fact, the whole book of Acts gives instructions and examples, particularly 1:8; also 1 Peter 4:10, 11.

For the lovely overflowing kind of sharing of how good God has been to one person we turn again and again to the Psalms to hear what David is singing: 18, 26, 28, 34, 35, 50, 59, 63, 66, 86, 89, 91, 103, 105, 109, 116, 118, and 145 are my favorites. The instructions are very explicit . . . enter the gates with thanksgiving, into His courts with praise, be thankful unto Him, and *bless His name*.

The theory behind witnessing to the miracles God has worked in your own life has three main points to it:

(1) The blessings are lovely for you, of course, but they don't end there.

(2) Every time you tell about what happened, you magnify the name of the Lord and you bless Him. You are supposed to do this, to uphold your end of the covenant with Him; more than duty, it's an act of love and it pleases Him. Yes, we can minister to God!

(3) The very act of telling these things reinforces the faith of someone else, opens new possibilities for them . . . and as we bless the Lord and others, we are also strengthening our own faith. "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Right at the first everything that happened to me from the Lord seemed so incredible, so private and personal, I felt very shy about mentioning it. Also, I was slightly afraid of sounding like an idiot, I really didn't feel ready for it yet, and I most certainly did not want to brag and sound arrogant or self-righteous. You know all the excuses and where most of them come from.

Only, my dear Friends, I came dangerously close to losing the blessing simply because I did not share. We are told to tell the great congregation what the Lord has done for us, and I was not obedient to that precept. It took a long while for me to recognize that there was a part of self that had not yet been sacrificed . . . something called self-consciousness or shyness. It is just as bad as pride or self-righteousness. How can the Lord use us if we are so aware of self that we are unable to talk out loud about Him?

By now you're probably wondering, if I like other styles of worship so much why I don't leave Friends. My nonbelieving husband once remarked that of all the churches he had attended with me, from intellectual giants to holy rollers, the one that stood out as actually living what they preach are the Friends. Steadfast! But it would only strengthen ourselves and our churches,

reach more people, if we could create a favorable climate for witnessing. Praise the Lord.

George Fox did it, the great selling point of his ministry is his mighty testimony:

"I saw that there was none among them all that could speak to my condition. When all hopes in them, and in all men, were gone, so that I had nothing outwardly to help me, nor could I tell what to do; then, O then I heard a voice which said, '*There is one, even Christ Jesus, that can speak to thy condition.*' and when I heard it, my heart did leap for joy."

And Friends continue to seek converts, as Elton Trueblood once said, "We desire this not in order to glorify a movement and not to augment a human institution, but out of concern for the seeking millions to whose spiritual interests we are disloyal if we keep still when we ought to make our witness felt."

DATA

Epigraph:

Measured facts are soon forgotten,
outmoded by later data.

Statistics, footnotes of variables,
cannot hold all the Truth.

I don't know all the census figures
in first century Palestine
but I know great crowds were
taught and healed and fed.

I don't know land values in Galilee
but a certain man sold all he had
to buy a field where he found and hid
a priceless treasure.

I don't know the frequency of delinquency
but a certain man had two rebellious sons
and one strayed far away
and finally came to himself.

I don't know how many lepers
wandered in that holy place
but I know that ten were cleansed
and one said "Thank You."

I don't know the currency
in the Judean marketplace
but I know the great distress
until a certain coin was found.

Behold the Master Teacher:
a certain man;
a certain woman;
a prodigal son come home!

Simply enshrined in such vivid tales
shines the Truth of God.

—Bess Bulgin



Anna Nixon

When you move, what do you do with all your books? I heard of one woman who packed in a separate box all she wasn't sure she wanted to keep but couldn't bear to throw away. After moving, she left the box outside a few days, unopened, and then burned it.

Union Biblical Seminary is on the move from Yavatmal to Pune, and one of the busiest men on campus is Chacko Chacko, the librarian, trying to get the nearly 25,000-volume library in shape to move by the end of the 1980-81 academic year.

The faculty and students with families, a community of some 250 people, hope to move early in June 1981, too, at the beginning of the academic year. The down payment has been made on the new hilltop site in Pune.

The building plans are complete, and 15 supporting missions, Indian friends, Russ Reid, Inc., World Vision, and others are digging deep into their pockets to produce the \$1,150,000 required before we can move. (Faculty, students and Indian friends have already pledged \$50,000.) Ground breaking August 28, 1978, will follow a week of celebration of UBS's 25th anniversary.

At the time the Seminary became a union 25 years ago, Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region, was one of the nine founding bodies. Dr. Everett L. Cattell was one of its first chairmen. Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Hess were teachers there, and during 1964-1968 Dr. Hess was principal. For the past five years Anna Nixon has served on the faculty coordinating the work of Christian education.

In September 1978 Rev. Anil Solanki with his wife Shaila and three children—Mickey 11, Missey 9, Millie 7—hope to be

ANNA NIXON

"The challenge of training Christian leaders for India and Southeast Asia here at UBS is tremendous, and I count it a great privilege to give my final years of service in India to this cause."

A MISSIONARY VOICE FEATURE

UNION BIBLICAL SEMINARY ON THE MOVE

BY ANNA NIXON



Vijay Prakash

associated with Friends in Ohio as he does further study and becomes acquainted with EFC—ER people in order to continue a vital link with this significant institution that is a key evangelical graduate-level seminary serving all of Southeast Asia.

In its 25 years it has sent out 800 or more Christian workers. Virginia Singh Lall, a Friends mission candidate, was among the first class of graduates. She became chief editor and translator of the Hindi CEEFI Sunday school curriculum—literally, a five-foot stack of manuscripts.

Vijay Prakash, son of Chhatarpur pastor Stuti Prakash, was in the second graduating class. Working with laymen has been his burden, and he has been on the road witnessing, preaching, and counseling ever since.

The third graduate a few years later was Gabriel Massey, who developed Christian education in Chhatarpur while he worked as an anesthetist in Christian Hospital. After a short term with the Bible Society, he now holds the position of Assistant Secretary of the Federation of Evangelical Churches of India, a federation in which the Indian Friends Church, known as Bundelkhand Masihi Mitra Samaj, is a part. He represents FECCI, and hence the Friends Church in India, on the Board of Governors of UBS.

At present Philip Masih, son of one of the early converts from Ghuara, is in his second year of graduate study in UBS's Bachelor of Divinity program.

During the past 25 years there has been an increase of about 10 percent a year in number of students in training. The 180 students call for an increase in faculty and facilities. There are limits to development in the present location in a small city of a predominantly one-language area.

So the Board of Governors searched for a more suitable location—where staff as well as students could become involved in evangelism and church participation; where there were adequate educational and medical facilities for faculty children; where

there was opportunity to keep in vital touch with current affairs; where travel facilities were adequate; where more exposure to the world at large would give context to the teaching; and where the climate would lend itself to year-round activities.

Pune, near Bombay, provided all this plus immediate access to the largest theological library in India, located there.

Dr. Saphir Athyal, the fourth principal of UBS, has recently been appointed for a third three-year term, and under his dynamic leadership, with vision focused on the church in India, Asia, and the world, we're now at the point of no return. Gone will be the quiet isolation and the small town atmosphere. Gone will be the long waits at rushing, uncrossable rivers and streams during the rains. Gone will be the need to send children off to boarding.

But to meet the needs of the coming decades, to train the national Christian leaders waiting to be trained, UBS must relocate, expand its facilities, and develop more experience-oriented training near an urban as well as rural setting.

It can happen. It must happen. This move will become a reality as God's people give thoughtful consideration to the new direction Asian missions must take: relying less on the western missionary and depending more on committed, well-trained nationals, such as Virginia Lall, Vijay Prakash, Gabriel Massey, and Phillip Masih.

We urge every Friend to make this strategic relocation a matter of daily support in prayer. We believe that this project has been raised up by God to create a more powerful witness for Christ in India and Southeast Asia in the coming years.

VIJAY PRAKASH

"I am thankful to God for Union Biblical Seminary where I was prepared by men of God for my present responsibilities. It is my prayer that UBS will continue to prepare many more workers for the need in India and throughout the world."



BY JACK L. WILL CUTS

Budgets: Blessing or Burden?

Probably the flurry of budget planning for next year is pretty well over in most local churches, but the Yearly Meeting boards are still struggling with it. A lot of thought goes into Stewardship and Budget Committee meetings (known by different titles in different yearly meetings). The whole thing of setting budgets is seen at the outset as a great opportunity, a challenging and exciting possibility. In public meetings and announcements, and by offering-taker-uppers it always still sounds that way.

But church treasurers, finance people, and serious-minded church leaders realize the matching of scriptural, practical, courageous, realistic and workable Quaker meeting budgets is delicate work. The query that reads: "Do you frequently inspect your affairs and settle your accounts? Are you careful to live within your income and to avoid involving yourselves . . . beyond your ability to manage?" has corporate as well as individual implications.

One of the dilemmas comes in balancing out the urgency of a unified budget of some sort and the constant spiritual preoccupation Christians always have for "designated" giving. This situation is not unique to the church. At least 150 years ago Tocqueville wrote: "These Americans are a peculiar people. If, in a local community, a citizen becomes aware of a human need which is not being met, he thereupon discusses it with his neighbors. Suddenly a committee comes into existence. The committee begins to operate on behalf of the need." From this process has come such things as 4-H and Goodwill, Inc.

Spontaneous working of a creative spirit is not limited to the Society of Friends. It is a fundamental national trait. The volunteer spirit releases incredible human energy and commitments. And this can be destroyed subtly, silently, and invisibly in the name of meeting a "challenging" Yearly Meeting budget.

Stewardship Committees know this and try very hard to inspire spontaneity and yet channel individual concerns in united ways. But it is awfully hard to avoid a Yearly-Meeting-Office-or-Board-knows-best implication that removes the joy if not the cents out of giving. Quakers don't respond well to patronizing Finance Committees. Ways must always be found to permit a pluralism that allows all kinds of people to take their own initiative in supporting all kinds of activities. This desire lies at the very heart of our intellectual and spiritual strivings.

But such a doctrine makes the head ache. Can a board do a better job than the individual Christian? Can a mission board, yea, an even bigger and more distant EFA board, dispense our

tithes better than we can by sorting over the daily, colorful appeals in the morning mail? Is it right to let "the local church" pay the monthly light bills while we designate our "tithe" only for a new organ or some missionary who happens to be a personal friend or relative? While the talk and trend always runs against the centralized, top-down budgets we get thrown at us at yearly or monthly meeting, it is still not easy to make a blanket defense of purely private giving.

We are back to the word *balance* again. Some spontaneous, unpredictable Spirit-motivated giving must be allowed to survive and flourish, but those who say statistics show 80 percent of church giving is thus classified give us pause. There is a need for trusting our "designated" leaders as well as our "designated" dollars. Neither is going to do what we feel is dishonest or wrong. By thus trusting, praying, and paying we may find the Spirit's solution that will bring out the best in stewardship possibilities of which Friends are capable.

Friends have traditionally resisted tub-thumping, money-raising campaigns even though they must be very exciting and pay pretty well. Friends will surely resist also the fancy, slick, multicolored costumed TV religious personalities whose lifestyle and version of Christianity hardly fits our understanding of the Gospel.

But let us be cautious of making stewardship resistance a way of life that doesn't fit the Gospel either. And when we take the time to examine it carefully, the Friends budget includes only items we really are concerned about or they wouldn't be listed. So let's make our budgets a blessing instead of a burden. ☐

The Poetry of Life

Shelley wrote something I like in his *A Defense of Poetry*:

*"We want the creative faculty to imagine that which we know;
We want the generous impulse to act that which we imagine;
We want the poetry of life;
Our calculations have outrun our conception;
We have eaten more than we can digest."*

The father of a close friend of mine died at the age of 92. According to my friend, his father had risen at five o'clock daily for more than 60 years to have a quiet time with God.

This may be impossible for most of us—we may not have 60 years left—but his quiet time with God is my idea of something to be called "the poetry of life." It is absolutely vital to sustained spirituality, effectiveness, and consistent Christian love. It is a barometer of Christian living.

Prayer, meditation, Bible scanning and searching. These acts bring spiritual health, "the creative faculty," and the "generous impulse" into the day-by-day reality of Christ's cleansing and counsel. One should blush to mention it, but we have heard that God wants to meet with us too. Imagine!

"Imagine that which we know . . . Act that which we imagine . . ." But in case you had not noticed, establishing your quiet time, your "poetry of life," is never easy. I, at least, find it harder now than ever. Yet I find no other way of experiencing the glow of Christian joy in my heart without it. To put it less delicately, my soul gets religious indigestion, my nerves burn out the fuses of my spirit, my calculations outrun my conceptions . . . without God's poetry of life. ☐



DAFFODILS FOR GOD

BY ANNA NIXON

"If a man hasn't discovered something that he will die for, he isn't fit to live."
—Martin Luther King

Willard Pim, withered and weather-beaten but straight and purposeful in spite of his 83 years, stood at the church door in Damascus, Ohio, at the end of the Sunday evening service May 7, 1972, with a daffodil in his hand.

Dr. Saphir Athyal of India, the visiting speaker that night, took him in with a wondering glance. The Sunday night services in the U.S.A. were usually not well attended. But that night the church was packed with people interested in India and particularly in the work of the Union Biblical Seminary, where Dr. Athyal was under appointment as principal.

After sharing his dream that night, he inched his way to the back door through many well-wishers to the place where Willard Pim, with his daffodil, was standing. They shook hands, and as Pim pinned the daffodil on Athyal's lapel, he said, "I'd like to give this daffodil to you—the first

Indian principal of Union Biblical Seminary."

Others crowded in to greet Dr. Athyal, and he had no further opportunity to grasp the full significance of the little daffodil he had graciously accepted. But five years later he came to know the significance of that farmer's gift.

The Willard Pim family numbered five—parents, two sons, and a daughter. No matter how difficult the farm work, Sunday morning always was the time five Pim heads bowed in worship in the local church. Mrs. Pim served on the Mission Board. There was never enough money for fancy clothes but always enough for the missionary offering. Thus day-by-day hard work, thrift, and generosity became permanent characteristics of the Pim family lifestyle.

In 1959 at the age of 70 Willard Pim had to retire. His children were all married and the work on the farm became too difficult for him and his diabetic wife. With his small savings he and his wife had enough to make ends meet.

Retirement, though, didn't fit Willard Pim. His missionary offerings now of necessity had to be small—too small to satisfy him. So he had a problem. How could he find a way to earn something more to give to missions?

One day Pim's pastor dropped by. "Mr. Pim," he said, "the gladiolas you have planted at your front door are beautiful. Would you sell me some?"

"I'll give them to you!" said Willard Pim as he gathered a big bouquet.

But the pastor insisted on paying him one dollar, and this sparked an idea in Pim's mind. He'd always loved working with flowers, and suddenly he knew flowers were the answer to his prayer. So he immediately went to work setting out more bulbs in his yard and started selling the flowers for one dollar a bouquet.

Ten years later Pim had rented a nearby plot to expand his business. He had himself set out 12,000 gladiola and 10,000 daffodil bulbs. This elderly farmer had no servant or son to assist—only a dear devoted wife who took care of him as he took care of his bulbs.

The days seemed too short for all the soil preparation, fertilizing, purchasing, planting, tending, picking, selling, accounting, and renewing. The sheer setting out of that many bulbs at the rate of two every five minutes would have taken him at least nine to ten months of back-breaking toil.

In 1971 dry rot got into one bed of his plants. He had to replant 3,167 of the

bulbs to save the rest. This would have cost him at least two full months of eight-hour days.

But along with all this, at the side of well-traveled highways running through Damascus and surrounding towns, an open station wagon full of flowers with a man standing by holding a bouquet in his hand became a familiar sight. Even on rainy days it was not uncommon to see Pim, coat collar turned up, shivering in the cold wind, standing by the side of the road with flowers in one hand and an umbrella in the other.

Money came rolling in, a dollar at a time, and Pims spent it. A trip to their humble four-room home, however, showed they hadn't enhanced their own way of life. There was no sign of a television set, a carpet, a soft sofa set, or even a dining table. Their food, served on the kitchen table, was the same simple fare they had survived on through the years.

But year by year one thousand dollars began to pour into India through the channel of the local Damascus Friends Church. The money financed the printing of much of CEEFI Sunday school curriculum. Stirred by hearing the need for such books in some of the newer churches in the Northeast, Willard Pim sent his next thousand dollar donation with the note appended, "With love to Ao Naga." That year his money helped print students' books in the Ao Naga language.

The Pim's dream became reality as more than \$10,000 found its way to India for CEEFI, through whom God's Word spread to far places.

In 1974 Mrs. Pim died. With no one to build him up, Mr. Pim's success began to wane. Dry rot got into his plants. He had to abandon his fields and home and move into the home of a son. But every lawn and backyard presented a challenge to him, and though he could never again bend over the soil to produce bouquets for God, he could still strive to give his vision to the young people. "Dig up those waste places," he urged them. "Plant them to flowers for missions."

But no one paid any attention.

On January 3, 1977, at the age of 87, Willard Pim the flower man died. Meticulous as he always was in business matters, he had, of course, left a will for his small estate: To each of his children, \$1,000; the balance to the local church.

But just the day after the specific site for relocation of UBS in Pune was finally

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First Day News

QUICK QUAKER COMMENTARY

JOHN ROBINSON, general superintendent of Kansas Yearly Meeting, and his wife Betty spent six weeks in south Texas during part of April and May, living in a home provided by the Friendswood Friends Church. They used this time for visiting among the various meetings of that region of the Yearly Meeting. NORVAL and MARY HADLEY of Northwest Yearly Meeting followed a similar plan for visitation, spending their time in Idaho in late May and early June.

RETA STUART, newly appointed as secretary for the Evangelical Friends Mission, has been assigned the task of completing the writing of a new Friends Discipline for the Burundi (Africa) Friends. This is a major undertaking and will cost more than originally hoped for printing and publishing--\$5,000, perhaps, rather than the original figure of \$1,000.

Friends in Fresno, California, pastored by ORVILLE WINTERS, recently began Thursday morning worship for those whose jobs keep them away on Sundays.

ANNA NIXON, Friends missionary to India under Ohio Friends, was granted an honorary doctorate by Friends University at their 1978 graduation ceremonies.

Friends Names in the News This Summer: ROY P. CLARK, pastor of West Chehalem Friends Church near Newberg, Oregon, is guest speaker for the sessions of Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting in June; JOHN ROBINSON, general superintendent of Kansas Yearly Meeting, will be the speaker for Indiana Yearly Meeting; JACK WILLCUTS, pastor of Reedwood Friends in Portland, will speak at the sessions of North Carolina Yearly Meeting; and LOWELL E. ROBERTS, former president of Friends University and a professor at Asbury College, will lead a Friends Pastor's Short Course in Indiana Yearly Meeting in July.

Two daughters of Friends missionary families serving in Taiwan will be married this summer: KAREN MOORE, daughter of HOWARD and EVELYN MOORE, and CAROLYN ZINN, daughter of RUSSELL and ESTHER ZINN. Both girls will be married in June.

GERALD DILLON, former president of the Evangelical Friends Alliance and professor at Western Evangelical Seminary, Portland, underwent successful double artery by-pass surgery in May.

PHYLLIS CAMMACK, veteran Friends missionary to Bolivia under Northwest Yearly Meeting, will be the speaker for the yearly meeting Women's Missionary Banquet for the Evangelical Friends Church--Eastern Region in August.

FRIENDS FOCUS

'GOOD MANNERS' A GOOD THING

"One of the things which clearly indicates a fellowship maturing in Christ is the evidence of good manners," observes Ron Allen, in a Friendswood Friends Church mid-week mailing (Texas). "Most of us will never go to India or Africa as missionaries. Some ministries are very limited in participation, but ALL of us can minister through the practice of good manners . . . being on time, sitting in front are just a couple of graces that minister effectively to the Body."

'JUAN OF PERU' READY

Florene Nordyke, former missionary to Peru with Northwest Friends, has prepared a slide/cassette set, "Juan of Peru," a missionary presentation for children. It is an excellent tool for children's church, Sunday school, VBS. It may be ordered for 50 cents from the Northwest Yearly Meeting office, P. O. Box 190, Newberg, OR 97132.

DENVER FRIENDS IN ACTION

A new ministry named Friends in Action recently began at First Denver Friends Church, Denver, Colorado. The ministry, headed by Sam Baldizan, is the result of Baldizan's life-changing experience with Jesus Christ. Once a drug user, alcoholic, and in trouble with the police, Baldizan found that Jesus Christ transformed and changed his life (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Since that time Baldizan has begun Friends in Action, whose goal is to reach out to men torn by drugs and to tell them of the life-changing power of Christ. The ministry consists of a Bible Rap House, where people in trouble can turn, and frequently staged street concerts to reach out to street people.

Our prayers for this work are requested. For further information, contact Sam Baldizan, 4339 Navajo, Denver, Colorado 80211; phone: (303) 477-5082.

PASTOR'S ATTITUDE AFFECTS WORSHIP

"The good pastor in a Friends Meeting conducts himself in the worship service so that everyone present feels a sense of responsibility, and a sense of freedom," wrote Seth Hinshaw, for many years general superintendent of North Carolina Yearly Meeting. "Vocal participation is encouraged. The atmosphere of reverent worship is cultivated and everyone is encouraged to be faithful to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. The 'program' itself . . . is sufficiently flexible to allow for any immediate divine leading . . . The operation of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of dedicated people is not hampered by a pastor who is himself under the guidance of the same spirit. The pastor of a Friends meeting must follow the difficult and exacting way of worshiping with the people rather than preaching to them."

--From University Friends Church bulletin

FRIENDS COMMUNITY TO USE SOLAR HEAT

A Friends community development plan designed for senior citizens on an 87-acre site near North Easton, Massachusetts (under New England Yearly Meeting), anticipates a 16-unit development that will be one of the largest solar-heated projects in the nation. Friends have contributed over \$450,000 in gifts and no-interest loans to cover the planning and development costs, and have also been given a \$132,894 HUD solar demonstration grant for the solar heating and hot water system.

FRIENDS GIRLS SCHOOL IN JORDAN ATTACKED

The following report is taken from the Friends United Meeting Wider Ministries Commission report of April 1978:

"Yesterday was Mother's Day here, but due to the unsettled political situation, the celebrations were not as usual. Though Miss Huda Beebe and other elementary teachers worked very hard on a program for the parents, the whole school was dismissed four days earlier than the appointed time for the Easter vacation and thus the program was cancelled. Three days ago, our school was attacked by eight Israeli soldiers who were very mean. They carried very thick clubs, guns and broke into the

red hall door furiously asking for the boys and girls aiming to beat and arrest them. Earlier the kids had been sent upstairs to the library to hide quietly there. We were lucky to prevent the soldiers from going up to the library after they pushed open all the other classroom doors to find them empty of students. In revenge, the soldiers went around the big dining room near the kitchen and broke all the glass windows and the kitchen glass and net as well as the cottage glass. Then they left, leaving behind terrified, screaming elementary graders. As a result of this, Mr. Zaru and Mr. Curless decided to dismiss the whole school for the Easter vacation earlier than the assigned date. We still have demonstrations and strikes daily, and lots of school kids are arrested, beaten, and imprisoned."

PRIORITY

"If the church would spend less time worrying about how it can get more people into the church, and more time thinking how it can redemptively move its members into the world, the impact upon our society would be greatly enhanced."

--From Russell Myers' Wednesday Morning mailing

DOES THE INNER VOICE HAVE TO SHOUT?

Sometimes, perhaps. This appeal appears in a recent Friends church midweek bulletin: "This is another of several requests for help in teaching the first grade Sunday school class. It's certain that out of an over 300 attendance for morning worship, that the Lord has provided at least one or two who could take this class . . ." Another plea appeared in the bulletin of a church of another denomination: "Out of a membership of 2,000, surely God made at least some tenors!"

EARLHAM SCHOOL OF RELIGION EVALUATED

A news release from the Earlham School of Religion, Richmond, Indiana, describes the report of an assessment committee headed by Helen Hole as finding the school "has matured intellectually and religiously, and has made progress toward financial independence." In the report given in May to the Earlham College board, the evaluation added, "the school has demonstrated that it is worthy of being considered a permanent, vital institution which can be expected to contribute increasingly to the Society of Friends, the advancement of scholarly religious thought and programs."

DENVER FRIENDS YOUTH MINISTER IN HOSPITAL

A unique ministry with puppets is held regularly for children at Denver's St. Anthony Hospital by teenagers of First Denver Friends Church. First, they entertain youngsters waiting in the lobby while parents visit patients, and of course many adults also enjoy this performance. They then go to the pediatric wards to entertain the sick and lonely children there. Janette Street, Tom Jensen, Laurie Miller, and Debbie Holm are doing this, using a portable puppet stage and characters that hold the children spellbound.

WILLIAM PENN COLLEGE NEEDS CAMPUS MINISTER

Keith H. Kirk of the Personnel Committee announces an opening at William Penn College, Oskaloosa, Iowa (P. O. Box 367, Zip 52577) for a person to serve as campus minister in the college community. Areas of responsibility include planning worship and religious events, spiritual counsel with students, involvement with local churches. Salary ranges from \$9,000 to \$11,000 for nine months. Position begins on August 15, 1978.

3-D CLASS SCHEDULED

East Richland Friends Church (Ohio) announces a "3-D (Diet, Discipline, and Discipleship)" class for summer Wednesday evenings. A \$10 fee is asked for materials, and serious commitments are involved to complete the course.

'TOGETHER' THEME OF OHIO MEN IN MISSIONS CONFERENCE

General Superintendent Russell Myers spoke to 158 men from Evangelical Friends Church--Eastern Region registered for the annual Men in Missions Conference in May. Other speakers were Robert Hess, Joe Rohrer, Dean Johnson, and Don Worden. New officers chosen were Gary Casto, president; Bob Dawkins, vice-president; J. S. Powers, treasurer.

IS ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR YOU?

This is the question posed in a Newberg (Oregon) Friends Church mailing, adding, "Jesus must have seen value in adults gathering to learn and be taught. Though His audiences often included children and though He accepted and blessed them, His teachings were mainly to adults."

HESES LEAD SALEM, OHIO, RETREAT

Dr. Robert and Esther Hess led a couple's retreat May 19-21 at Camp Wakonda for members of the First Friends Church of Salem, Ohio. "Communications" within the marriage and family was the theme followed.

POTPOURRI

'THE BEAT GOES ON'

"The Beat Goes On" is the title of a new 16mm color film produced by the World Relief Commission of the National Association of Evangelicals. It is 23 minutes in length and can be ordered from WRC, P. O. Box 44, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania 19481.

30th COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES AT WESTERN EVANGELICAL SEMINARY

The 30th consecutive graduating class of Western Evangelical Seminary, Portland, Oregon, was honored May 26. Dr. Carl H. Lundquist, newly elected president of the National Association of Evangelicals and president of Bethel College and Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota, for the past 24 years, was the commencement speaker. From a total seminary enrollment of 238 for 1977-78, this year's graduating class at WES contained 45 students, an increase of 25 percent over last year.

WANT A GREETING FROM THE WHITE HOUSE?

Wedding anniversaries, 50 and above, and birthdays, 60 and above, will get a greeting from the President. Send data, five weeks in advance, to The Greetings Office, The White House, Washington, D. C. 20500. Be sure to send the sender's name and address too. This would be a possible project for a committee or individuals wishing to remember the aging members of your Meeting. (Taken from Mature Living.)

And this might be a nice way to surprise yourself, too, if you want to report in: Newsman Paul Harvey requires at least six weeks advance notice to get his anniversary announcements, and reports them on a first-come, first-served basis for any given day . . . other news permitting.

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chosen, something new about Pim's will was revealed at UBS. As the children had gone through his personal effects, they found, to their great surprise, that their father was in the process of making another will when he died. Of course the old will was the legal one, and the new one left the children out entirely. It also left out the local church. But after prayer, the children and the church together decided to honor the father's dying wish.

That dying wish, expressed in Willard Pim's unsteady scrawl, was that his entire estate of about \$20,000 should be given to Union Biblical Seminary. CPA



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Luis Palau Will Devote Full Time to Evangelism

SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA—Evangelist Luis Palau has resigned as interim president of Overseas Crusades, Inc., in order to devote full time to his evangelistic ministry. He will continue his affiliation with the evangelism organization, as will his 30-member evangelism team, and serve as a member of the Board of Directors, an Overseas Crusades statement said.

Mr. Palau commented, "It's been a privilege to contribute in the office of president to the ministry of Overseas Crusades at this time of transition, but now I want to put my whole heart and soul into the work of preaching Jesus Christ fully in all nations that the Father opens to us." —E.P.

American Women Believe in God But Their Lives are Unaffected

McCall's magazine reports this month that 90 percent of the women who responded to its nationwide survey believe in God, but only 17 percent identify organized religion as "the principle influence on their morality" and only 6 percent cite church or synagogue as having "major responsibility"

in shaping their moral outlook. The magazine found the greatest gulf on moral issues between "born-again" Christians and women of any other denomination or religious background. These Christians, according to the poll, tended to be "more conservative in their beliefs and attitudes." Most women who termed themselves "born again" were Baptist, but 37 percent of the Roman Catholics and 22 percent of the Mormons put themselves in the category.

In a related development, evangelical publisher Fleming Revell of Old Tappan, New Jersey, announced plans to tap the religious woman market this fall with a quarterly, 150-page, \$2.95 cover-priced magazine, *Today's Christian Woman*. The magazine will appeal to the Christian woman as wife, mother, or single person. Articles will feature fashion, beauty, travel, crafts, cooking, health, humor, and finances. First issue will feature Anita Bryant on the cover.

—Evangelical Newsletter

Carter's Decision on Neutron Bomb Sound, Courageous, Says Jesuit Journal

NEW YORK—President Carter's decision to defer production of the controversial neutron bomb is a "sound" and "courageous" one, according to *America*, the Jesuit weekly magazine.

"In fact," said an editorial in the April 22 issue of the journal of opinion published here by the Jesuits of the United States and Canada, "it could well prove to be a historic step toward nuclear disarmament."

—E.P.

Christian Television Distracts Believers from the Local Church

Christian television is hurting the local church, claims University of Chicago church historian Martin Marty in *Missouri in Perspective* (March).

"The electronic church," says Marty, "in the name of 'the old-time religion,' is ultra-modern in style in that it satisfies people religiously *apart* from the disciplined, pastored life of the church.

"Even when the electronic church tries to convert for the local church, it is largely unsuccessful. The evangelicals are finding that of all the people who claimed they found Jesus through the biggest media-based campaign that did use the churches, only three in one hundred ever signed up in a local congregation . . ."

"Are they to turn off that very set and then make their way down the block to a

congregation of real believers, sinners, off-key choirs, sweaty and homely people who need them, people they do not like but are supposed to love, ordinary pastors who preach grace along with calls to discipleship, pleas for stewardship that do not come well-oiled?

"The successful promoters have now institutionalized themselves so successfully—and their stocks are bullish—that in days of inflation they have to grab the dollar the offering plate used to get, and in days of sensation, they have to put on ever more extravagant shows, each of them further than were their predecessors from spelling out the true cost of discipleship."

—Evangelical Newsletter

Nazarene Agency's 'Crisis Center' Will Aid Teenage Prostitutes

NEW YORK—A crisis center for teenage prostitutes is being established in the Times Square area of Manhattan by Lamb's Ministries, an organization founded by the Manhattan Church of the Nazarene.

It will provide long-term psychological counseling for young girls who seek an escape from the world of prostitution, as well as a secure facility to protect them from their pimps and other criminal figures.

The idea for the program came from the New York State Senate Select Committee on Crime, which contacted Rev. Paul Moore of Lamb's Ministries last September. Jeremiah B. McKenna, general counsel for the Senate Committee, expressed concern about the problem of juvenile

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prostitutes in midtown Manhattan and indicated a need for "supportive, rather than coercive, detention facilities." —E.P.

Cigarette Sales Booming Throughout the World

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Despite medical evidence of the dangers of smoking, cigarette sales continue to boom because of the profitability of the industry, massive government subsidizing, and the glamorous portrayal of smokers, according to a global study.

The study of Worldwatch Institute, an independent research group here, indicated that the U.S. spent about \$65 million in fiscal 1977 on activities supporting the tobacco industry, including price supports, crop grading, and export promotion. In addition the government held tobacco stocks worth \$659 million.

Public funds now used to subsidize tobacco should be devoted instead to retraining tobacco workers and introducing more beneficial crops on tobacco-growing land, the study recommended. —E.P.



HOW ARE YOU?

BY CATHERINE CATTELL

Hello! I've been asked how I am so often lately. Perhaps you have, too. I have wondered how you answer this question. Do you tell how you really are? Or, do you say, "Fine!" whether or not you are really feeling so great?

One lady I knew, a Quaker lady whom many would know if I named her, had a charming way of saying, "Thank you!" without committing herself. It served the purpose of sounding fine without either saying so, or on the other hand, involving others in her sleepless night or aching joints. It was some time before I realized that actually she had said no more than expressing thanks for interest in asking.

The thing of it is that so often it is a habit that means no more in asking than in the answering, and to give serious answers to a courtesy question is most awkward and unexpected. To give a flippant answer to

the question of a caring friend is rude and hurtful.

"How are you?" usually means "Are you well physically?" These bodies of ours are our greatest concern. Usually when prayer requests are made, they are for healing of the body, successful operation, or return to physical health. This is important. The state of the body determines life or death, and no one appreciates the prayers for healing more than I. We have been utterly dependent upon praying friends, and still are.

One day, however, I made the mistake of asking a young lady, "How are you, spiritually?" I knew she was well physically, but I also knew she was in great conflict of the Spirit. Her response left no doubt in my mind that I had gone to meddling in something that was most certainly not my business. Since then, I have thought a great deal about the devastation that is caused by spiritual illness, weakness. The state of the spirit is also a life-and-death matter. How we need each other's prayers! Spiritual diseases are more contagious than physical ones, and often cause physical illness.

The people who have helped me most in life are the ones who dared to ask about my spirit, and pray with me for healing. Those are the ones who cared for my soul. So much spiritual defeat can be covered over by just saying, "Fine!"

We are told in the Word to "Take heed to your spirit." We have medical checkups to ferret out hidden physical malfunction.

Is there no concern for malignant diseases of the soul?

The spirit of depression
The spirit of heaviness
The spirit of jealousy
The spirit of bitterness
The lying spirit
The self-righteous spirit
The unclean spirit
The critical spirit
The judgmental spirit.

There are many more; most of them are serious. Is there no one to care, to pray, to help?

In India TB is thought to be a disgrace, caused by sin and a punishment from God. No one wants to admit to having it, nor are they willing to treat for it. Perhaps sins of the spirit are like that in America. It is so sad that this can be so when there is a specific cure, when we may be radiant with spiritual health. The body will fail and die but the spirit will live forever. It is important for the healing to take place there.

Do I dare ask, "How are you?"



The Burdens of Jamaica

■ My wife and I send greetings [from Jamaica] to all readers of the EVANGELICAL FRIEND and the editorial staff. After a few months in the United Kingdom and a visit to our daughters and son-in-law in Kenya, we heeded the invitation or "call" to return to Christ's service in Jamaica. Here in Highgate, with Lyndale Home for Girls and Swift-Purcell Home for Boys well-known to many evangelical Friends, we need your continuing prayer and visible aid. The people in Jamaica are burdened with fears, fear of communism, fear of increasing unemployment. The daily incidents of crime in what was such a peaceful island has a numbing effect, and family life presents a seemingly unsolvable problem. In such, and indeed in any situation, we believe, do we not, God through Jesus Christ intends us to be "more than conquerors"? (Romans 8:37)

The cost of living has gone up twice since December, and imports are almost nil. Therefore we can learn the more realistically the prayer that says, "Give us this day our daily bread," and see that not only in Jamaica but throughout the world the answer to man's dilemma shines forth from the Cross.

We shall be glad to hear from any who share a concern for the people here.

ERIC AND GLADYS WYATT

Friends Church, P.O. Box 94
Highgate, St. Mary, Jamaica, West Indies

A Spiritual Encouragement

■ We would like to send a sincere thank you for making the [EVANGELICAL FRIEND] magazine available to us. We have enjoyed it so much as a source of information on Friends, as teaching material, and as a means of spiritual encouragement. We appreciate, too, all the work that goes into making such a fine publication as this magazine is.

RANDAL AND MARY MORSE

Juli, Peru, South America



FIND THE NAMES . . .

Anderson, Zinn, Martens, Rea—do these names mean anything to you? They should! They are last names of *some* of our Evangelical Friends Alliance missionary children who are working with their parents around the world! Not all of the names of our missionary children are in this puzzle. Use your 1978 EFA Missionary Calendar to find the names of the others. Pray for these boys and girls and young people. Some of them are in the United States on furlough right now, or soon will be. Maybe you will have a chance to get to know them. Write a letter to a missionary friend! They love to get letters!

These names you can find in the puzzle either down, across from either side, or even around a corner:

John Anderson	Sung Guk Jin	Sara Stansell	Jeff Martens
Suzie Rea	Robin Young	Jesse Morse	Debra Kellum
Ronald Zinn	Dean Ferguson	Jodi Dealy	David Thomas
Don Comfort	Karen Moore	Kevin George	Carolyn Zinn

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SPAULDING OAKS, the Christian adult community in Newberg, Oregon, is fast becoming a reality, consisting as it does of 56 condominium apartments nestled in a lovely Black Oak grove. It is being constructed in three phases. The first is completed. The second is under construction. The third is planned for this summer. There are six sizes and styles to choose from.

Friends and other Christians from all over America, and some other lands, are making this their home. Why not you?

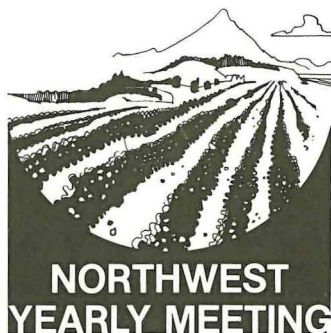
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FRIENDS CONCERNS



NORTHWEST YEARLY MEETING

Gilmore Family to Guatemala City

Bob and Maurine Gilmore are enroute to Guatemala City to live and work for a year under California Yearly Meeting of Friends. The Gilmore family will be hosts at the mission guest home and involved in a busy schedule of hosting visitors and missionaries, also doing business and buying for missionaries living in other parts of Guatemala. Bob, who is on the staff of George Fox College teaching audiovisual and Spanish, is on a sabbatical leave from the college. Besides his duties for the Friends mission, he will be doing research into a Latin American studies program in connection with a Christian university in Guatemala City, the Mariana Galvez University, for the Christian College Consortium in the States.

The Gilmores served on the mission staff in Guatemala for one term before coming to George Fox College. Their children will assist in the guest house and attend schools in Guatemala City as educational arrangements can be made. Cindy is a 1978 graduate of Newberg High School and will be employed in Newberg for the summer. Sharon is a sophomore, and she and Cindy will fly to Guatemala in late summer.



Bob and Maurine Gilmore with children Cindy, Sharon, David, and Dwight.

David is a freshman and Dwight is in third grade; both boys will be driving to Guatemala with their parents.

Superintendent's Corner

As I write this, we are \$9,100 short of where we should be at this time in raising the Great Commission Budget for the year. This means that if in May and June we would go \$4,500 over the minimum amount needed each month, we could raise the budget this year.

The reason this is significant, at least in my thinking, is that we have prayed and longed for many years that we might go over the budget and be able to do some things beyond just the minimal tasks the Lord has laid on our hearts. This year we have a need so urgent that it seems God would be very pleased to enable us to do it. We need another couple in Peru!

There has been almost agony on the field over the fact that we have only two couples for ministry in Peru and at least three places where we need missionaries. This has forced the Department of Missions to make some painful decisions regarding placement. It breaks the hearts of our missionary staff to know that there probably will not be a couple living permanently on the coast of Peru. We could resolve this situation in another year if the Lord would give us a couple who could be in language school this fall.

It has been my observation that in the past the Lord has usually provided the couple and the funding at the same time. Under our present schedule, with the inflation in Bolivia and Peru at 25 percent or more and with our budget increase here at home held to 10 percent this year, it is difficult to project funding for another couple. One of the obvious ways this could happen would be if we go over budget in our giving, especially this church year.

It seems very likely to me that God would like to bless us with that kind

of provision. I thought you might like to be praying about this with us and join in the excitement of watching to see what God will do.

—Norval Hadley

George Fox College

George Fox College recently hosted the annual meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Northwest Section. Founded in 1946, the society is composed of more than 1,000 Christian scholars in the United States and Canada. The Northwest section hosted by the college includes Montana, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and British Columbia. Involved in the meeting were research paper presentations open to the public without charge. Association members include theologians, philosophers, and historians. Myron Goldsmith, chairman of the Division of Religion at George Fox, is secretary-treasurer of the Northwest section. The society centers on the doctrinal theme of the Bible in its entirety as the written and inerrant word of God.

Twelve days and nights of drama, lectures, film, poetry reading, concerts, and art composed Festival of the Arts X hosted by George Fox College for the Newberg community. Sponsored by the College's Division of Fine Arts, the events featured New York dramatists "Norman and Sandra," the George Fox improvisational drama touring troupe, "Inter-Mission," the GFC orchestra and GFC band, poet Gene Warren, a two-day film festival, "Rite of Passage," and a continuing art show by Northwest artist Thea Shepherd.

An international buffet marked the beginning of one and the end of another as George Fox in April hosted back-to-back conferences on Women's Awareness and Minority Awareness. "Overcoming Obstacles: We All Need Each Other," was the topic of the international dinner featuring Dr. Virginia Mitchell, director of public relations for Prison Ministries, Inc. Speakers were featured in the Women's Awareness conference. Minority Awareness sessions featured a panel discussion.

Pete Snow, associate professor of art, delivered the 23rd annual George Fox Faculty Lecture in May. His topic was "In God's Image? On the Importance of Creativity and Art for the Christian." Snow, who attended George Fox and later received a Master's degree in art and in education from Reed College and Oregon State, has been a GFC faculty member since 1967, teaching art courses. He is also a pottery enthusiast.

George Fox College's new Coleman H. Wheeler Center for Sports and Physical Education has been selected for national recognition by

the American Association of School Administrators. Of more than 300 entries, the facility was one of a few chosen for display at the organization's annual conference. The new sports/athletic complex, opened in October, was entered by the Portland architectural firm of Daniel, Mann, Johnson and Mendenhall. Architect Pietro Belluschi was conceptual and consulting architect for the project, which features Northwest timber products.

George Fox College President David Le Shana presided over the national meeting of the Council for the Advancement of Small Colleges recently in St. Petersburg, Florida. Le Shana is in his second year as chairman of the association composed of small private, independent, four-year colleges of liberal arts.

Smith Awarded Fellowship

Daniel L. Smith, a 1977 graduate of George Fox College, has been awarded a fellowship from the Fund for Theological Education, Inc., of Princeton, New Jersey. The fellowship intends to encourage deepening concern for the church and anticipation of a vocation of ministry within the church itself and leadership in the church's mission in the world. Fellows were chosen from a rigorous and high-quality competition among their contemporaries; of 476 applicants, 93 persons were awarded fellowships.

Smith will be studying at Associate Mennonite Biblical Seminaries for the next academic year in Elkhart, Indiana.



ROCKY MT. YEARLY MEETING

RYM Women Play Unique Role

When Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting was founded, a mission field among the Navajo Indians near Rough Rock, Arizona, was established. At that time the RYM women immediately organized a Women's Missionary Union to help promote the idea of missions. The purpose of the organization was to enlist women in the cause of missions, to teach the purpose of missions, and to promote the work at Rough Rock Friends Mission through offerings

and helping with material, physical, and spiritual needs.

Through the years we have done this by supplying and making blankets, quilts, tote bags, baby items, clothing, and similar articles for the Navajos as well as helping to maintain the missionaries' homes. Memorial gifts have also helped supply the varied needs.

The women have put their faith into action as shown in James 2:14-17: "Now what use is it, my brothers, for a man to say he 'has faith' if his actions do not correspond with it? Could that sort of faith save anyone's soul? If a fellow man or woman has no clothes to wear and nothing to eat, and one of you say, 'Good luck to you, I hope you'll keep warm and find enough to eat,' and yet give them nothing to meet their physical needs, what on earth is the good of that? Yet that is exactly what a bare faith without a corresponding life is like—quite dead." (Phillips)

In recent years the name of this organization was changed to Friends Women, but the purpose and ministry remains the same.

"... only EFA mission on continental United States ..."

Rocky Mountain Friends Women have a unique distinction among all EFA women in that our mission field is located in the continental United States, on a Navajo Indian reservation in Arizona. Through our efforts they realize that someone cares for them. By giving them articles we make, many are reached for Christ that would not be otherwise won.

To receive the things we send, recipients must attend church or have a Bible study in their home.

Our projects vary from year to year, but are always aimed to promote home or foreign mission fields. The three largest 1977 projects were: (1) We purchased vinyl floor tile for Vern and Lois Ellis's Rough Rock Mission home. (2) We purchased material and made mattress protectors for approximately 100 new mattresses for Quaker Ridge camp. (3) We paid \$300 toward a college scholarship for a RMYM young man or woman who wants to enter full-time Christian service. We also paid our portion of the EFA WMU budget.

Besides the Rough Rock Mission, our aim is to become involved with the other EFA mission fields through our role call in meetings. Gifts of money and packages were sent to other fields.

In conclusion, we feel 1 Corinthians offers a summary of our purpose: "Let everything that you do be done in love." 1 Corinthians 16:14 (Phillips)

—Mary Harrison, president R.M.F.W.

The above description is to give an idea of what Friends Women is all about. Both your prayers and other support would be appreciated as God leads you. —Regional Editor



A Christian Navajo Wedding

We approached the home, seeing a number of cars already there and evidence of much activity. Arriving before the wedding, we were invited to a delicious meal in a trailer house nearby. Others were seated around the room, visiting and waiting for the great event.

The time came for the wedding to begin. All preparations for making the bride presentable were completed, so guests began to file toward a one-room hogan. Relatives of the bride and groom sat on the left and right. A cassette recorder provided music for the bride and her father, as they marched to the front. The groom joined her for the ceremony, as the father left them, and Vern Ellis performed the wedding rite.

As the couple were pronounced man and wife, they took a seat before the crowd of approximately a hundred who sat or stood around the beautiful blanket-draped walls.

Food was brought to the center of the room, and all were satisfied by the bountiful supply. A three-tier wedding cake waited to be served, but first pictures of the bride and groom sampling the cake were taken.

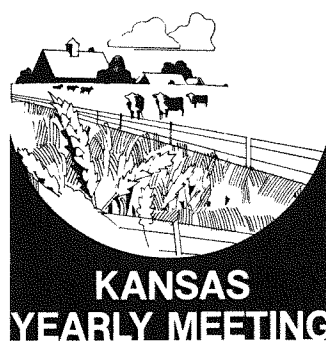
Remaining food was given to the groom's relatives, and attention shifted from the food to the newlyweds. Several guests arose, expressing their appreciation for the occasion and offering advice to the couple.

In view of so many children being born out of wedlock, it was gratifying to see a couple starting life within the framework of God's plan for joining them together.

As we left the scene of the momentous occasion, our hearts hoped and prayed for this couple as they begin life together. Their home needs to be built on the rock, Christ Jesus, in order to withstand the storms of life that threaten its downfall.

Afterward our attention turned to other young people who are having problems because Christ is not being allowed as the unseen guest in their homes.

—Mary Gafford



Yearly Meeting Speaker

Dr. T. Eugene Coffin is to be guest speaker at the 1978 sessions of Kansas Yearly Meeting, to convene in Wichita, Kansas, August 7-11, on the campus of Friends University.

His broad background of Friends heritage, years of service in Friends churches, and his expertise in the field of evangelism and church growth ably equip him to speak on the theme for the sessions, *An Open Door*, taken from Jesus' words in Revelation 3:8: "... Behold, I have set before you an open door."

Dr. Coffin was minister of East Whittier Friends Church, Whittier, California, from 1969 to 1976 and is now serving as chaplain of the tower and executive pastor of the Garden

Grove Community Church, Garden Grove, California.

Born and raised in India of missionary parents, he received his Bachelor's Degree from George Fox College, a Master's Degree at USC and did additional graduate work at Berkeley Baptist Divinity School and Fuller Seminary.



For eight years Dr. Coffin worked with the Friends offices in Richmond, Indiana, establishing a new department for the broader work of Friends through evangelism and church extension. In that executive capacity, he and his wife Jean traveled throughout the United States, Canada, Europe, Africa, and Asia.

Those who know and love both Jean and Eugene will be anxiously awaiting their time spent with us. Those to whom the Coffins are "new Friends" will have opportunity to meet them in various occasions during the week-long activities.

Music groups from both Friends Bible College and Friends University will add another dimension to our services. Workshops on a variety of subjects will be held on Wednesday afternoon, and the Friday evening service will highlight a youth musical presentation and the recording of ministers.

WMU Area Missionary Conferences

Women of Kansas Yearly Meeting met in seven different locations for their annual area WMU area missionary conferences during the months of March and April. A highlight of the year for the women, it will be remembered for a special day of sharing and growing together through praise, special music, prayer, devotions, special speakers, food, and fellowship.

Special missionary speakers were Willard and Doris Ferguson, who shared in various ways. They presented a skit about an African couple and some of their home problems. They gave a resume of their own activities and labors, and the ways in which God has helped them in particular situations. They shared some thoughts on the future of missions in Burundi.

The WMU treasurer reported receiving project offerings of over

Coming events you'll want to take part in:

July 1978
Youth camps
at Quaker Ridge.

\$1,000 from the area conferences, with more to come. The project this year is a second bathroom for the Wichita mission home.

—Velda Harvey, Vice-president

Explosion Is Good News

Yes, when He is come, things happen! He will reprove, rebuke, convict, give live active evidence of His great presence.

We are seeing and hearing this and more. The Spirit of the Lord is moving on us all these days. Hardly a day goes by without a new victory. Students come to me with books, money, confessions of lies, theft, slander, hypocrisy. There are all-night prayer meetings, testimonies anytime a tiny chance is given. Teams are going out on foot and by car to visit villages and churches. Individuals are "making things right with their brothers and sisters." Letters are written, and miracles are experienced.

And tracts—you wouldn't believe it! In four weeks we have seen more tracts given out (over 12,000) than in all the four previous years on being director of the Bible school and seminary.

The sweetness, calmness, depth, and beauty are difficult to describe. How do you describe the angelic peace and earnest glow on a face? I sat and wept for joy to see the rapt, fearless, shining faces of young men and women telling of the spiritual explosion in their lives. They testified until 2:00 clock in the morning.

Visions, dreams, and shoe leather are woven together to take the Gospel to the hills. A crippled woman who hobbles on two crutches and has been the object of visits and prayer from the students from time to time . . . sitting alone in her grass hut, huddled beside her crutches, reading John 14 . . . "No one comes unto the father except by Jesus Christ." She asks herself how she, a poor crippled widow, can get to the Father. As she prays and

meditates she hears a voice in her saying, "STAND UP!" BUT SHE KNOWS SHE CAN'T. Again the voice comes so she rises up, and lo, the crippled leg straightens out and she walks! She calls to the others outside to see the gift of healing the Lord has given to her. People from all around come to see and hear her testimony. Last Sunday she came to our hill and stood before a crowd of amazed people while she gave a testimony to the saving and healing power of Jesus.

Yes, the Holy Spirit of God is moving with days of blessing, and with signs and wonders. The young people are saying, "This must mean that Jesus is coming soon. We must go and tell this to everyone." So, they are going and they are telling. Last week on Thursday, I took six of them to Mutaho to witness. The people were amazed at the earnest and fearless testimony of the fellows and girls, and soon there were 30 people praying and seeking to know the Savior in a deeper and new way. Some came with money in their hands saying they hadn't paid tithe for so long. Others cried out asking forgiveness of others they had knowingly or unknowingly hindered or hurt. It was a time of rejoicing and victory until about 5:00 in the evening. Then yesterday a team went to Muyebe, a station where there is a large secondary school. As they sang and testified, they believed that all the school girls came forward and several fellows. A praying, crying time of repentance and prayer continued until testimonies of victory were heard.

Dear readers, pray for us, and if you aren't enjoying the fullness of the Spirit of God, kneel where you are and call on the name of the Lord and give Him your all. When you give Him your all, He gives you His all. What a bargain! It's that simple. Nothing less will work and nothing more is needed. Once you have this pearl of great price, you are so rich you can give and give and give to

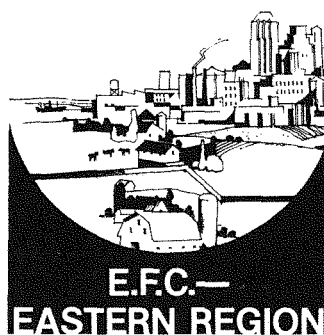
others. His supply is exhaustless. You want to tell everyone about Him and His love and salvation.

God is blessing in other ways also. The new Faith Hall, memorial building complex, is nearly completed. We just need more tables and chairs and equipment in the interior. The Library was the site of a weekend retreat this week. How we praise the Lord for the gift He has given. Not a cent was promised, but each time we needed a bit to continue the work, it came in as if the Lord just nudged each person at the right time. We have faith to believe that every cent we need will come in to finish to the Lord's glory everything He wants in this great addition to our campus.

Pray for the followup of all the new babes in Christ who are being born as a result of the blessing and testimony of the youth these days.

Fire starts fire. Let's not quench the tiniest flame but stand in awe as Moses did before the burning bush and realize we are on holy ground.

—Paul Thornburg



Yearly Meeting, 1978

Yearly Meeting sessions of the Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region will be held August 18-24 on the campus of Malone College in Canton, Ohio. The reader should not pass over those dates lightly, because they represent a major change in the calendar of yearly meeting week. Whereas for decades the annual sessions began on Monday night and ran through Sunday, this year they will begin on Friday and run through Thursday. The following schedule outline will be followed through the week:

Friday evening:	Executive Board
Saturday all day:	Other boards
Saturday evening:	Banquets
Sunday:	Worship and Retreat for boards, pastors, and delegates
Monday:	Begin business sessions
Thursday afternoon:	Conclude business
Thursday evening:	Closing celebration service

The main speaker for the sessions this year will be Dr. Paul Rees, noted

preacher and writer. He will speak every morning and evening. Music for the week will be provided by The Singing Nicholsonsons of Indiana, Malone's Naphtali, and other groups.

Yearly Meeting coordinator this year is Eugene Collins. He has provided the information shown in the box below but will be happy to provide further information; he may be contacted at Malone College, 515 25th St., N.W., Canton, Ohio 44709. Registration materials and brochures are available through local churches.

Quaker Pilgrimage to Mt. Pleasant, Ohio

A conference on "The Future of Basic Christianity" has been called for Mt. Pleasant, Ohio, August 4-6, 1978. Main organizer of the conference is D. Elton Trueblood, Quaker author, lecturer, and professor-at-large from Earlham College.

Concerning the meeting Dr. Trueblood has written: "The conference at Mt. Pleasant is not to 'bring together' existing branches of Quakerism, but rather to direct all to a new shoot out of the old stump. This is what we mean by 'Basic Christianity.' Unless Quakerism is an effort to realize this, it is a mere sect and far from the center of the spiritual problem of our time."

Eastern Region Friends who will address the conference are Robert Hess, professor of history and philosophy at Malone, and Milton Coleman, pastor of the Mt. Pleasant Friends Church. Other speakers include Mark Talbot, director of Yokefellow Academy in Richmond, Indiana; James Newby, pastor of Cincinnati Friends Meeting; and Dwight Wilson, executive director of the Friends General Conference.

All sessions will be held in the restored historic Ohio Yearly Meeting House. The conference schedule will include a tour of the Mt. Pleasant area sponsored by the Ohio Historical Society. Details and registration materials are available from James R. Newby, 8075 Keller Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio 45243.



On this team going to witness, the two fellows seated at front left are Friends.

Yearly Meeting

August 18-24
Canton, Ohio

Cost of Meals: Adults Children

Breakfast	\$1.20	\$.80
Lunch	1.80	1.10
Dinner	2.45	1.45

Sunday Meals:

Lunch	3.07	1.45
Dinner	1.80	1.10

Cost of Lodging:

Dormitory rooms:
\$3.00 per person per day.
Camping: \$1.00 per day,
\$6.00 full time.

FRIENDS GATHER

ALBA, Missouri

The Alba and Fairview churches held an attendance contest on Sunday evenings for about 10 weeks. The Alba church was the loser and was hosted to a potluck dinner by the Fairview people in May. It was a time of fellowship, skits, and songs, in the form of a Spring Festival.

There was a display of dolls, quilts, pictures, pillows, old bottles, intricate chairs made from soft drink cans, replicas of churches made from meat trays, and other hand works.

The two churches also joined in May for a mother-daughter salad luncheon honoring mothers and babies. A young matron portrayed an aged mother artfully.

We are planning a new church, and our building fund grows steadily. We promise, however, not to slight our mission giving.

ALLIANCE, Ohio

This has been a very busy month at Alliance. Among the activities was a concert by Bill Pearce, well-known singer and trombonist from the Chicago area.

"The Torchmen," a group of six from Canada, provided a joyous instrumental and vocal concert.

Bob "Hoolihan" and Barbara Wells of TV 8 in Cleveland shared the story of their conversion on a Sunday morning. The Lord has been working and blessing through these meetings.

Our first father-son banquet was attended by 87. P. K. Sam of India spoke to this group.

A group of 25 traveled to Wilmore, Kentucky, to attend the Ichthus gathering there with 9,000 other youth and leaders.

BACLIFF, Texas

The mother-daughter dinner was a beautiful evening for all attending. Betty Fisher had charge of the very good program.

Sunday School Promotion Day was June 4. All were invited and enjoyed the ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC. We concluded the picnic with an evening vesper service at the park.

Families had a great time at the FAMILY FILM NIGHT, May 19. *The Apple Dumpling Gang* from Disney Studio and *Zacc Jr.* from Worldwide Pictures were shown. These evenings are designed for the WHOLE family and are free. Nonchurch people, friends, and neighbors are also invited.

BYHALIA, Ohio

The ladies of our church are having a prayer breakfast once a month in different homes. This has proved to be a precious time of fellowship and worship.

Rev. James Thompson and Rev. Kenneth Nelson were two guest speakers at different services this past month.

CAMAS, Washington

April 16 we had a Billy Graham film *The Shiokari Pass*. Tuesday we are having a women's prayer time in the homes, which has been very effective. Our young adults are having a Bible study and fellowship.

We had our missions conference April 19 with a potluck dinner at the church and Errol Templer as speaker. The youth dinner was at Charles and Jean Hanson's home; Susan Dillon was their speaker. April 29 eight of our WMU ladies went to the Spring Rally luncheon and had a real time of refreshing.

CENTER, Colorado

Greetings! One of our members, Alice "Grandma" Ellis, recently celebrated her 87th birthday, so on April 24 we held a special card shower to honor our oldest member.

Another church member, Mark Daily, has won a city council seat in Saguache, Colorado. He hopes to be a true witness for Christ during the four years he is in office.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado

The Scriptures say God is worthy of praise: "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable." (Psalm 145:3)

We had a service on May 21 specifically dedicated to praising God. The service was structured for everyone to have the opportunity to praise God.

April 21-23 we held a Missions Conference. Our speakers were Lois Ellis, Reta Stuart, and Margaret Laird. Each missionary held seminars. The purpose of the meetings was to show church members how to better help our missionaries.

COTTONWOOD, Kansas

Work on our pictorial church directory is progressing quite well. The high school youth group is selling the books to raise money so all our young people (of all ages) will be able to attend camps at Camp Quaker Haven this summer. Pastor Paul Snyder is still serving as coordinator for Camp Quaker Haven.

The Women's Missionary Society has ordered another 100 of our cookbooks (because of popular demand). This will make 700 books we have sold as a money-making project for WMU.

Our Easter theme was "Because He lives, I can face tomorrow." After sunrise service, First Friends Church of Emporia hosted a breakfast.

DAMASCUS, Ohio

Our Awana Club held special opening exercises one Sunday using a radio program format. During the presentation, special awards were given to three clubbers.

Susan Morton of Damascus was given the highest award, known as the Timothy Award, in which among several things she has memorized around 300 verses of Scripture.

Susan Hough and Mike Wyss were given trophies for their completing a full year's handbook work, including memory work.

EAST GOSHEN, Beloit, Ohio

Sharing with us on a Sunday morning through the ministry of music were "The Torchmen" singers from St. Catherine's, Canada. Virgil Malmbsberry shared in the evening service with slides and music around the theme of "How Great Thou Art."

The youth group presented a program "The Challenge of the Cross" in which many were turned away because "bearing the cross meant giving up worldly pleasures, selecting our own cross, worshiping the cross, hiding the cross, pride, conceit, boasting about the cross, or because of offenses and stumbling blocks—instead of bearing our cross and receiving His glorious compensation"—what a blessed message these youth presented!

ENID, Oklahoma

Bud and Letha Lawrence, administrators of Camp Quaker Haven near Arkansas City, Kansas, were with us one Sunday evening in May and shared with us their ministry at the camp. Our pastors were on vacation the last of May and the first of June. Reta Stuart, former missionary to Burundi, Africa, and now executive secretary of the new Evangelical Friends Mission, shared in the morning worship service June 4.

GREENLEAF, Idaho

"Get on Board, Children," or what do you do on a rainy day in an ark? was well-performed by the children's choir, directed by Billie Conant.

Marriage Encounter weekends were attended by 15 couples of our church family.

Faith Promises totaled \$12,298.50 with 42 people participating—an increase over last year.

Dave and Janet Steiger, home from Rhodesia and retiring from Missionary Aviation Fellowship as of June 1, showed pictures May 28.

The mother-daughter banquet was attended by 160 women, who enjoyed the meal prepared by Bill Dawson and his team of men. Guest speaker was Carolyn Forsythe. Wedding dresses from the early 1900s to the present were modeled.

HAYDEN LAKE, Idaho

Hayden Lake Friends Church was privileged to have Bernard Briscoe from Westmoreland, England, conduct Bible study meetings during the third week of April.

Bernard Briscoe is a team member of the "Torchlighters," a group of nondenominational men who travel throughout the world, bringing biblical truths.

He is a forceful, dramatic speaker. Both morning and evening meetings were well attended.

The bond-selling committee is still seeking people who are interested in

investing in bonds for the new sanctuary, which is needed to accommodate the many people who are now attending services. The present facility is up for sale.

KLAMATH FALLS, Oregon

A refrigerator carton with a window cut in it served as Camp Bank to help kids save for summer camp. Each depositor has a saving book showing his deposits and 5 percent monthly interest earned.

The first Friday evening in May we had a Festival of Faith, directed by Dwight and Laura Schus. The first part of the evening we enjoyed our people's skills in instrumental and vocal music, and slides and a movie. The second part of the evening we admired each other's craft abilities: sewing and knitting, drawing, wood carving, ceramics, photography, writing, cooking, etc.

High school teacher, Diane Hopper, held a formal dinner at her home for junior high, high school, and college people. A program at the church was enjoyed afterward.

On Sunday, May 21, the entire church met from noon into the evening for planning under the direction of our Commission for Future Expansion with Bill Hopper as chairman.

LAS ANIMAS, Colorado

The Bible encourages us to let our faith shine forth: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:16 RSV)

On May 7 we held a "Festival of Faith," which allowed our members to see how our talents relate to our faith and living the Christian life.

MARENGO, Ohio

Rev. Willis Miller was with us for a series of messages about Christian experience on the theme of "Triumphant Living in Trying Times." The teaching ministry was more forceful, as the basic outlines were charted and projected for us to see as well as hear.

Don Worden, director of development, presented the multimedia presentation, "Together There's So Much We Can Do," at a recent service.

MERIDIAN, Idaho

Graduates from our church were honored recently with a time of fellowship and homemade ice cream.

Families participated in a work day recently in which yard work, painting, dusting, and cleaning chores were completed.

A church workshop on FOCUS was held during March. This was a diagnostic clinic to evaluate our thoughts and our church in church growth.

Duane Comfort and Mark Roberts presented messages at a recent outreach conference.

MT. GILEAD, Ohio

Spring finally arrived in the Gilead community. As solid proof, the an-

nual maple sugar camp, operated by Men in Missions and the Sunday school classes, had to close because the trees were budding. Reports that came from the sugar camp rang of fellowship and hard work. Profit from the sale of the 181 gallons of syrup goes to support our Sunday school.

NORTH LEWISBURG, Ohio

The ladies of the Missionary Society are sending birthday cards to the patients of a nearby nursing home.

Our annex is taking on a beautiful new look, thanks to the efforts of many. It was the setting for the breakfast following our Easter Sunrise service at which the New Hope Quartet sang and James Chess brought the message. The quartet also sang for the morning service, where we had 114 present.

We are currently adding the final touches to the annex and our parking lot. Praise the Lord!

NORTH VALLEY Newberg, Oregon

The concert choir from Greenleaf Friends Academy, Greenleaf, Idaho, held a concert on March 19. The 40-voice choir under the direction of Gene Pumphrey was in Portland for the weekend attending the Northwest Christian Schools Musicales.

Our adult choir under the direction of Bill Rourke presented "This Is Love" for Easter. The children presented their program with a variety of Easter songs.

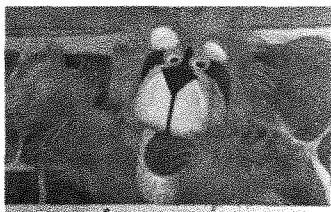
Our pastor, Roger Knox, was the special speaker for the Men's Fishing Retreat at Tilikum on April 23. That same weekend, "The Chancellors," an evangelistic singing team from Minnesota held a concert. Three graduates of George Fox College (Randy and Divonna Littlefield Thornburg, and Tim Hathaway) are members of this team.

WMU Mother-Daughter Tea was held on May 5. The theme was "International Flavor" with speaker, Phyllis Cammack. A special feature was an International Gallery of Artifacts.

OMAHA, Nebraska

Greetings to everyone! Omaha Friends recently received challenges from Gordon Kelly to live totally for God. Kelly, an evangelist from Canton, Ohio, conducted meetings where he used art work to illustrate his messages about having a personal relationship with God.

Several church members are learning the art of puppeteering, so they



can work with the 20 puppets our church just bought. So far they have performed at the family Valentine dinner and hope to perform again soon.

Three church youth did well at a 4-H speech contest. Steve Allen and Christy Evans received purple ribbons and the opportunity to compete further, while Becky Lyon won a blue ribbon.

PLAINS, Kansas

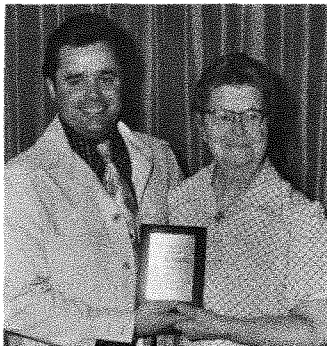
Wayne and Donna Powell recently told of their visit to Guatemala where Gene Pickard is teaching in the Berea Bible Institute. Moving pictures added to their presentation. Friends University students were with us in April.

Stan and Cathy Thornburg accompanied McConaugheys home from Pastor's Retreat, and shared in fellowship and ministry before returning to Newberg, Oregon. They will come to us as youth pastors in late June.

In May the Henry Harvey family was with us for two services and for Mother's Day.

PLAINVIEW, Nebraska

Plainview Friends Church honored Lillie Foster during the Sunday morning worship service on March 19 for 71 years of faithful service.



Mrs. Foster was presented with a plaque recognizing her as an active member. She joined the church on March 16, 1907. In the same service 21 people were accepted into church membership. Olen Ellis, RMYM superintendent, presided over the official membership ceremony.

ROSE VALLEY Kelso, Washington

The WMU purchased new carpet for the pastor's study and the coffee room, which everyone is enjoying.

A marriage enrichment class was held for couples as well as a study group on the "ABC's of Abundant Living" both in the evening and in a morning gathering.

The WMU Mother's Tea was emceed by Margaret Lemmons with the theme "Fashion Memories." The style show featured attire from the 1930s to the present.

The Sunday School Teacher's Appreciation Night was held on May 17.

Baby dedication was held on Mother's Day.

A paper drive is being held to raise funds for equipment for the gym. The new fitness class is being held on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The gym is open to the church and the community and has basically been used for basketball at this time. We feel this is a good outreach in our community and want to see other programs developed as appropriate.

ST. CLAIRSVILLE, Ohio

The Education Commission honored the Christian education staff and their spouses at a VIP banquet at the church. Forty-eight persons attended the spaghetti dinner. While the guests were assembling they were given "Official ballots" to vote for the Christian education worker with the softest voice, the most fire and enthusiasm, the best discipline, the one who "has it all together," the best attendance, the "most on the ball," and the one who keeps his class or group the longest in session. Fun awards were given to those selected. The singing was lively with words arranged to familiar old tunes by our education chairman, Mrs. Charles Collige. An inspirational talk by Mrs. Collige concluded the fun evening.

The high school youth of the congregation treated the Keenagers, those 62 and over, to dinner following the worship hour on a Sunday. The youth presented a program, and the visiting Living Witness Team from Mt. Vernon Nazarene College sang.

SALEM FIRST, Salem, Ohio

David, a gospel musician, came to speak to us from St. Paul, Minnesota. He has been singing full time in churches, conventions, conferences, and other related functions for several years.

For another service we viewed a short color film about the Union Biblical Seminary in Yeotmal, India, and shared in the memory and example of Willard Pim, a devoted servant of God, with the theme, "There Is So Much One Can Do." (See "Salt and Light," page 10 and "Union Biblical Seminary on the Move," page 8.)

SEILING, Oklahoma

Last Easter our choir presented the cantata *Alleluia* during the worship hour.

Temple Lee held special meetings in April. Her flannelgraph and storytelling times were enjoyed by all— young and old. Several commitments for Christ were made during these services, and all were drawn closer to the Lord.

James and Geneva Hickman (former pastors) and Ralph and Stella Lemmons, both couples retired ministers and members of Seiling Friends, were honored with a special basket dinner in April. Special recognition and a gift were

given to the Lemmonses in honor of their 60 years of marriage.

We have been having some interesting Bible study classes in our Wednesday night services. The adult group is being led by Reah Archer.

In May we had special services with Larry and Melita Kinser. Their theme was "Encouraging Christian Maturity."

SMITHFIELD, Ohio

Churchmanship classes were held for two-hour sessions twice at the Smithfield Evangelical Friends Church. Our pastor, Earl Kelbaugh, was instructor for the 22 members who signed up for the class.

On Palm Sunday a special clothing offering was received at the altar for the inner-city work at Canton. A note found on the altar with the clothing read:

"Lord, nothing material I have would be a true sacrifice for I have many things. The only things that are a sacrifice for me to give up are the gifts You have given me—ones that couldn't be replaced by anyone but You.

"It would be a sacrifice for me to give up Jesus, the Holy Spirit, love, faith, joy, peace, gentleness, goodness, meekness, patience, amazing grace, forgiveness and the strength of salvation through the blood of Christ. What can I give You? I gave You myself to use as You will. May You be glorified forever."

SOUTHEAST, Salem, Ohio

Southeast was privileged to have "The Torchmen" from St. Catherine's, Ontario, Canada, for a night of music recently. "The Torchmen" is a group of young men from different walks of life and different denominations giving of their time and talents to gospel singing.

Our senior FY traveled to Pelham Friends Church at Fenwick, Ontario, Canada, for a youth retreat. The 32-member group had a very inspiring and enjoyable weekend. The theme, "What Is Your Life?" was led by Pastor and Mrs. Lynn Shreve and Marilyn Slagle. There were group discussions, classes, and recreation. A tired but happy group arrived home Sunday night.

STANWOOD, Kansas

"O sing unto the Lord a new song; for He hath done marvelous things." (Psalm 98:1) In accordance with the Prison Ministry of Stanwood concerning those in the Kansas State Penitentiary, a multimedia program was presented by representatives from the Heart of America Job Therapy program. Through M2-W2 (Man to Man, Woman to Woman) correspondence, visitation and exemplified living, Christian individuals help influence the lives of those in the Kansas penal institutions. Several members attended religious services inside the penitentiary, sharing music, testimonies, and a spiritual message.

Gerald Teague, KYM associate superintendent, and his wife Marjorie recently shared information of the KYM Story with us and joined with us and the Tonganoxie meeting for a basket dinner. Gerald played the violin belonging to Pastor Fred Leimkuhler's father that had not been played in 38 years.

Allen Smelser and his wife Nancy have been serving as assistant pastors in our meeting. Allen brought the message to the meeting during April, and Nancy has started a children's story time between Sunday school and church.

April 30 was an appreciation day for Gifford and Alice Ridgeway. These older members are sometimes unable to attend services, but we value them as loved ones and honored them with special services and a basket dinner.

WESTERVILLE, Ohio

Orange Road Evangelical Friends Church had a Lay Witness Mission last month. Jim and Mary McMillen of Barborton Friends Church served as coordinators. Witnesses were from Friends and United Methodist Churches and Church of God (Anderson, Indiana). The Holy Spirit healed relationships and brought about renewal, also the salvation of a new couple.

Our Friends Youth recently raised money for "Endeavors for Christ" through two "slave-days." They also conducted a Sunday evening service.

WESTGATE, Columbus, Ohio

One of the ongoing outreach ministries at Westgate is our Nursery School. It began 12 years ago with a director, 2 teachers, and about 16 pupils. Each Friday a teacher from Child Evangelism Fellowship came to present a Bible lesson.

Today, director Marjorie Langdon oversees 10 teachers and 145 pupils. The school is open from 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and cares for children from age two through five. (We have an accredited kindergarten.)

In addition to providing loving care in a Christian atmosphere and Bible teaching for the children, Nursery School helps to bridge the gap between the church and the non-Christian home. Several families have been attending services as a result of their introduction to Westgate through the school. Some have given their hearts to the Lord and are now active soul winners.

One such man is Ron Bradley. Ron is now involved in our bus ministry and with his assistants visits many homes each week. However, this ministry is much more far-reaching than this. Assistance is given wherever needed for food, transportation to doctors or grocery, financial aid, or help in seeking an apartment. Sometimes just listening and praying with someone is a help. The bus ministry also aids in transporting the senior citizens for

social events at the church. One verse we share a good deal is Isaiah 55:11.

WEST LIBERTY, Ohio

This is another fabulous year in the Lord. He is alive and in action. We were blessed to have Russell Myers come and share some of his mission trip with us. Some things other lands live with and their lifestyles are incomprehensible for us. How we should thank God for the tremendous amount of freedom we have here in the United States.

Passion week services were led by Joe Pache, Gordon Hayes, Joe's daughters, music from some of our own regulars, and Mrs. Jason Sherwood at the organ every night. Maundy Thursday candlelight service and communion were enhanced with personal testimonies by each person as his or her candle was lit.

In viewing the film *To Russia with Love*, our scope of mission giving has been widened and our Men in Missions are doing additional planning and praying for ways to help home and foreign missions.

We are proud of our youth program. It is new and needs our prayers as do all Christian activities. They brought back an attendance banner for the first quarter of this year. It is lovely on the new wall.

WINONA, Ohio

Don Worden, director of development for Eastern Region, recently presented a multimedia program on the various outreach ministries of our region.

Due to our faithful stewardship, we are reaching out to support the

missionary work in the Philippines. Jim and Polly Prieto are dedicating themselves to this work.

WYANDOTTE, Oklahoma

The little village of Wyandotte seems to be waking up, opening its eyes, and preparing to grow! The grocery store is getting a new face, the bank recently has been remodeled, and south of the public school a plot of land has been surveyed and designated for a new sewer system to be built this year. The Seneca Indian School is installing new windows and making other improvements. Across from SIS stands a new shopping center, and nearby a cultural center for the Wyandot tribe is under construction. A new roadbed and bridge across Lost Creek will correct the problem of flooding. In East Wyandotte, 25 new low-income homes are to be built for Indian families and others who qualify.

At our Center, our contribution to Wyandotte's growth is the new workshop that Western Yearly Meeting men from Ridge Farm, Illinois, constructed in March. We hope to see the inside completed and furnished by fall. The Indian boys have been enjoying meeting there on Saturday and learning to use small power tools.

VBS sessions were held each Sunday evening for the month of May and into June, using different workers from the Monthly Meeting each week.

In closing, we ask you to remember the students in prayer. Pray that God will protect them from evil and make them a blessing in sharing Christ and His wonderful light.

MARRIAGES

AYERS-OVERBAUGH. Emma Ayers and Robert Overbaugh, October 8, 1977, Stanwood Friends, Tonganoxie, Kansas.

CAMP-CAMMACK. Margaret Camp and Scott Cammack, April 19, 1978, Greenleaf, Idaho.

CHAPMAN-BEVINS. Lena Chapman and Floyd Bevins, December 29, 1977, Center Friends, Colorado.

CHRISTMAN - HOLSINGER. Marilyn Christman and Patrick Holsinger, April 21, 1978, Smithfield Evangelical Friends, Ohio.

CLINE-HOLLEMAN. Marsha Carol Cline and Warren Lee Holleman, June 18, 1978, Friendswood, Texas.

COLE-PAYNE. Vicki Lynne Cole and Daniel Payne, April 21, 1978, Meridian, Idaho.

DARLINGTON-BENEDETTO. Jean Darlington and Edward Benedetto, April 15, 1978, at Alliance Friends, Ohio.

HSU-YOUNG. Daisy Hsu and Johnny Young, May 20, 1978, Emporia, Kansas.

MILLER-KNIGHT. Dawn Colleen Miller and Denis Dwight Knight, May 13, 1978, Wichita, Kansas.

MILLER-THOMAS. Judith Lynn Miller and Deniz Ray Thomas, Jr., May 20, 1978, Collinsville, Oklahoma.

SHEPPARD-STULTZ. Sharon Sheppard and Jerry Stultz, March 15, 1978, North Lewisburg Friends, Ohio.

SMITH-OVERBAUGH. Clara Smith and Rudy Overbaugh, February 10, 1978, Stanwood Friends, Tonganoxie, Kansas.

TURLEY-McCORMICK. Brenda Turley and Scott McCormick, April 29, 1978, East Richland Friends, St. Clairsville, Ohio.

WALL-PICKETT. Kathleen Rose Wall and Clark Wayne Pickett, May 27, 1978, Wichita, Kansas.

WHEELER-DANGLER. Lorena Wheeler and Michael Dangler, April 15, 1978, Salem First Friends, Ohio.

DEATHS

ALTIG—Robert Altig, of Greenleaf, Idaho, Friends, April 14, 1978, in Roberts, Idaho.

BANCROFT—Vira Bancroft, 86, April 21, 1978, Tecumseh, Michigan.

BROWN—Anita Brown, February 28, 1978, Friendswood, Texas.

CHAMBERLAIN—Reuben Chamberlain, 60, April 18, 1978, Salem, Ohio.

COLE—Deanna Cole, February 23, 1978, Friendswood, Texas.

COSEL—Clara Cossel, 83, of First Friends, Pueblo, Colorado, May 1, 1978.

FURROW—Milton Furrow, 76, March 5, 1978, North Lewisburg, Ohio.

GREGG—Averil Gregg, 62, April 6, 1978, Salem, Ohio.

MARCA—Mattie Blout Marca, 82, member of Seiling Friends, Oklahoma, April 30, 1978, Cochabamba, Bolivia.

PLATT—Raymond Platt, 81, a minister, April 6, 1978, Center Friends, Colorado.

RUGGLES—Robert Ruggles, 70, April 21, 1978, Berlin Center, Ohio.

SPAIN—Bessie (Mrs. Jack) Spain, April 2, 1978, of Homestead Friends, Cedar Point, Kansas.

WHITE—Bertha White, 82, April 9, 1978, Lawrence, Kansas.

FRIENDS RECORD

BIRTHS

BEASLEY—To Guy and Marguerite Beasley, a son, Ryan Ellis, February 23, 1978, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

BOLLECKER—To Jay and Joy Bollecker, a son, Bradley John, September 29, 1977, La Junta, Colorado.

BUMBALOUGH—A daughter, Jamie Lyn, February 28, 1978, to Kenneth and Patty Bumbalough, Zanesfield, Ohio.

FRANK—To Jim and Nita Frank, a daughter, Carole Cathleen, April 18, 1978, Friendswood, Texas.

FRAZIER—A son, Kevin Michael, March 25, 1978, to Michael and Donna Frazier, Portland, Oregon.

FULTZ—A daughter, Christine Jean, April 12, 1978, to John and Peggy Fultz, Salem, Ohio.

GASKEY—To John and Debbie Gaskey, a son, Ryan Michael, January 13, 1976, Stanwood Friends, Tonganoxie, Kansas.

GASKEY—A son, Jason Vaughn, to John and Debbie Gaskey, September 29, 1977, Stanwood Friends, Tonganoxie, Kansas.

HARTZLER—A son, Joshua James, January 28, 1978, to Monte and Debbie Hartzler, West Liberty, Ohio.

KINSER—To Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kinser, a son, Richard Bryan, March 18, 1978, Paonia, Colorado.

MARTIN—To Dick and Linda Martin, a daughter, Kimberly Carol "Tuunasuk," May 2, 1978, Anchorage, Alaska.

NELSON—A son, Jonathan Andrew, March 9, 1978, to Richard and Kathy Nelson, Portland, Oregon.

TURNER—To Barry and Betty Turner, a son, Steven Wayne, December 27, 1977, Baciliff, Texas.

WATERBURY—To Kenneth and Linda Waterbury, a son, Kenneth Edward, Jr., April 22, 1978, Stanwood Friends, Tonganoxie, Kansas.

WEST—To Cliff and Gail West, a son, Daniel, July 21, 1977, La Junta, Colorado.



'Precious Jewels'

BY KATHY ANDERSON

We never know how many will come—6 or 16—but they come whenever they can to watch and listen to the puppets as they act out a Bible adventure, to sing choruses about Jesus while Dave plays the guitar, and to make a craft to take home. Most of these children do not go to school. Sure, school is free, but their parents cannot afford the supplies and uniforms that they have to buy for the children to attend. For most of them it is their only opportunity to use crayons, scissors, and paper. But more important, it is their only opportunity to hear about Jesus.

They want to come, but at times their parents will not let them. Two children were not allowed to come because the parents wanted them to be "only Catholics." They came twice, then we missed them. The other kids in the Sunday school told us that their parents would not allow them to come. We still saw them every week begging for old bread, but not on Sunday. Well, we began to pray for this family, and God began to put things together.

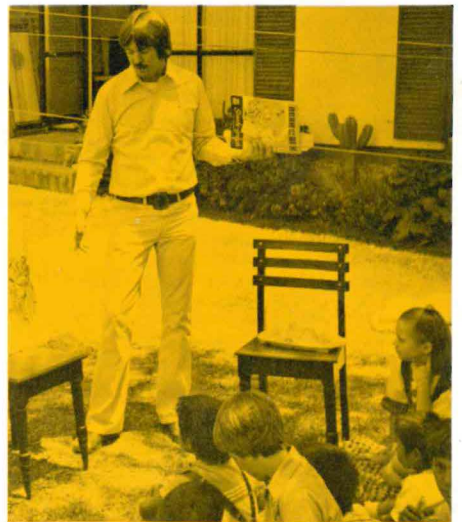
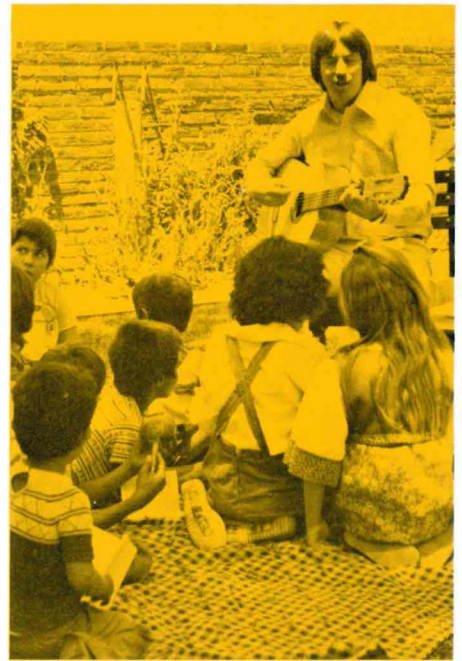
One day we passed out some old clothes, and the mother came by to obtain some for her family. She came with a three-month old baby that had not grown since birth. She and I talked about what should be done. We knew one family who lost a little

girl just because they "knew" she would get well. The following Sunday four from this family were present at our Sunday school. They said their mom and dad *just* changed their minds.

Then one day the mother invited me to their home; I went, and the whole family was there to greet me. Three times the husband asked me when Dave could come. The following Sunday *six* from this same family came. Now every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. these six are waiting by the gate for Sunday school (we begin at 11:00 a.m.!). The parents invited us to their house for dinner, and Dave was able to share Christ with the husband for more than an hour. We hope to begin a Bible study in this home.

God works when we pray. Please pray that this family will turn to Him. "And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my [precious] jewels." (Malachi 3:17)

Kathy and Dave Anderson and children are serving their first term as EFA missionaries in Mexico. Kathy tells of the opportunities to reach children—and then families—through backyard Sunday schools. Dave Anderson (right) is shown leading children in choruses with his guitar, and applying Bible lessons to life through visual aids and drama.



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