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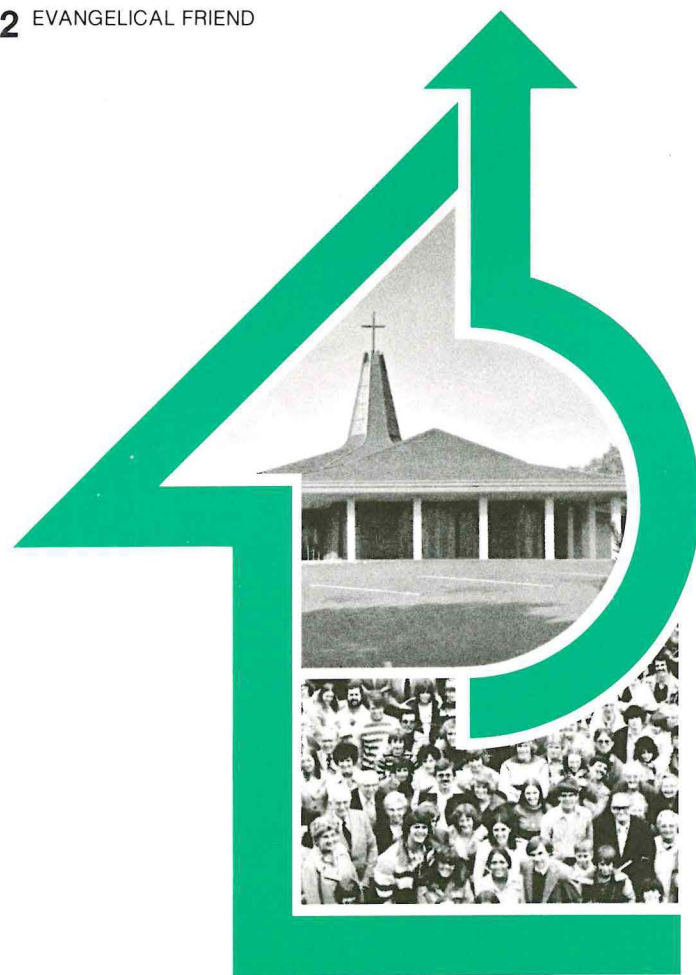
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BY NORVAL HADLEY

BEFORE I GO I would like to share what I believe I have learned, through eight years as superintendent of Northwest Yearly Meeting, about the Friends Church and about the way God wants us to do His work in the Friends Church. I want to identify five of our most serious growth-hindering problems, and then I'd like to take you step by step through the process I would use if I were pastor of one of our plateaued churches to try to move the church off dead center. I realize I will be speaking primarily to, and with, the background of Northwest Yearly Meeting churches but hope that something in this will be helpful to others in The Evangelical Friends Alliance.

I approach our task with the same observation made by Ken Chaffin, who spoke at our National Conference on Pastoral Ministry in Dallas, and said, "I don't know of any group making an honest effort to win people to Jesus Christ today which is not winning people to Jesus Christ." We who live in the Northwest especially are serving God in the right place at the right time. If we are not growing, then people moving into the Northwest are going unchurched or someone else is picking the fruit.

For the past eight years Norval Hadley has served with dedication and vision as superintendent of Northwest Yearly Meeting following some 15 years of ministry with World Vision International. This month he returns to World Vision as its new director of church relations. Before leaving his direct service with Friends (which also included a term as president of the EFA along with a number of other positions in the larger Quaker sphere) he penned these words as practical suggestions for the local church. We are indebted to him for this and past articles in the EVANGELICAL FRIEND and trust he shall continue to feel free to share concerns with our readers.

I know some who read this are probably somewhat turned off by articles and messages on church growth, but if we define church growth as winning people to Jesus Christ and discipling them into His Body, I have to say that may not be everything but it's so far ahead of whatever is in second place that I don't know what it is.

Bill Hopper and I have conducted Leadership Seminars now throughout the Northwest, and each seminar ends with a session that defines the purpose of the church. While each church words their purpose creatively and in a way to match their particular personality, we are pretty well agreed that our purpose is to win people to Jesus Christ and to disciple them into His Body.

Growth-hindering Problems: First, I would say that the most serious growth-hindering problem in our churches is that it is actually difficult for us to absorb new people. I know we don't mean for it to be this way and it's not a conscious thing with us, but we are not only friends, often we are relatives. Many of us, especially in the smaller churches, have had our places of leadership and control in the church for years. We know that new people coming along couldn't do it as well as we can, and we have not yet seen the value of involving them in leadership and in the decision-making process even though they make mistakes.

WE WARMLY WELCOME people on the first, second, and third Sundays, but some have written me to say that after that they wonder if they'll ever be accepted in the group. It's the old problem of the tendency of the body to reject the transplant. We haven't sufficiently grasped the fact that that's why we're here. There will always be a group that is in control in each small body of believers.

Maybe the solution for growth in some of our churches is to form another congregation alongside the primary group and put new people in control of that body. Any growing church beyond 100 ought to have two or three congregations. A very important part of the whole process of getting off dead center would be to condition the congregation to be warmly receptive to new people—to reevaluate the impact of the parable of the Good Shepherd who leaves the ninety and nine because the lost little one is so important to Him.

A second growth-hindering problem, which maybe should be listed first, is unmotivated leaders and unchallenged and undirected lay people. In Pete Wagner's book *Your Church Can Grow*, he lists the two most important ingredients before any church can design an effective evangelistic program: 1. The pastor must want the church to grow and be willing to pay the price for growth; 2. The people of the church—the lay persons—must want their church to grow and be willing to pay the price.

A CHURCH GROWS because of lay involvement, but never in spite of lay indifference. I hope this article will help convince leaders that it can be done and further that *you* can do it. Then through proper planning and goal setting I believe the rest of the people in the church can be challenged and directed.

The next problem, I'm afraid, especially in nongrowing churches, is that we're locked into nonproductive patterns. We do the same things on Sunday morning, Sunday night, and Wednesday night whether or not they bring new people into the kingdom and disciple them into the church. I knew a businessman who took inventory at least once a year and threw out everything that wasn't working. Many times I've heard seminar leaders say they tried many things before they found what finally clicked for them. Once we have set goals we will have a much better climate for evaluating our patterns.

The fourth problem, closely related, I'm afraid we labor under the misconception that we can adequately serve the Lord week after week, month after month, without even trying to win new people to Christ. Our church has become too satisfied just to minister to each other—just to be a fellowship of Christians. That's part of it, and an important part, but Jesus died so that the lost could be saved.

Fifth, finally I'm sure people visit some of our churches and are not attracted by what they find and don't come back. We need continually to be thinking about how we will appear to the visitor and to the unchurched. Whom are we trying to impress—ourselves or the unchurched? What about our program would be attractive or unattractive if someone were coming in for the first time? In this connection I'd like to observe that I suspect one of the most attractive features in a service for Friends is sound expository preaching with content. Maybe second to that would be a loving, caring, sharing fellowship in Christian unity where people's needs are being met.

An Eight-Step Process. Here's what I would do if I were pastor of one of our plateaued churches to turn things around. I admit these steps deal primarily with method, and I know some of my readers are concerned primarily with spirit. This proposal presupposes that the pastor and people are praying, Spirit-filled, and Spirit-led. I am assuming that the Spirit leads me in advance along these general lines. The whole process might well be started with a good series of special inspirational meetings to give the Spirit adequate opportunity to lead and work.

Then I think I would take a community survey and at the same time a survey of the people in my church. I'm sending copies of a suggested survey to all our pastors in the Northwest. It's the one given to us by the Bob Schuller Institute. Other interested people can write to the Garden Grove Community Church, attention Wilbert Eichenberger, and get copies, or I'll be glad to send copies. The community survey is a gentle, nonoffensive way to identify prospects for your church and at the same time to identify

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unmet felt needs in your community. You can take it in two minutes at the doorstep. It is not a disguised gimmick to give you an opportunity to evangelize. Bob Schuller surveyed 3,500 homes before he launched his program at Garden Grove. The more people you survey, the more helpful will be your returns.

I realize our churches will not appeal to everybody. But by matching the profile of people you find in your community survey with the profiles of people in your church you should be able to determine which prospects will be most likely to respond, and these are the ones you follow up. It's hard to minister up on the social economic ladder but we can minister to people on our level or slightly below.

2. Find a Need and Meet It. One reason I have decided to start with the surveys is that they will give opportunity to apply another Schuller principle, "Find a need and meet it." Wilbert Eichenberger feels that what a plateaued church body needs most is the excitement of seeing a successful project. They need to see that something is happening, then they will be motivated to take the other steps necessary for development. It could be such a simple thing as a Sunday morning breakfast in a restaurant for singles, or a car pool for senior citizens.

Our Tigard church has a group of people who have volunteered to provide service—anything that is needed from fixing a leaky faucet to helping to move a household. I'd like to see more of our churches set up a conflict-resolution center in the community. This could be done just by listing a phone number in the paper. Think how many prospects

PROSPECTS? FORTY MILLION AMERICANS WILL MOVE THIS YEAR!



you could contact by offering to serve as mediator in times of trouble.

3. Having thus set the stage I would begin to challenge leaders, working particularly with my elders, and at the same time start a program to undergird the entire effort with prayer. In our Schools for Elders we have been studying the job description for elders from the Bible. I believe when spiritual leaders really begin to grasp the bigness of the task to which they have been called and the power of our enabling Lord to energize our efforts we will be well launched in a productive effort.

During this phase we could do some preliminary planning so that ideas can be improved by the clear thinking of spiritually mature leaders. We will not do our final goal setting because we want as many people as possible involved in that, but we will be prepared for the goal-setting session by anticipating suggestions and possible problems and opposition.

4. Then I would have a planning retreat. I would invite as many people as are interested and possibly go away for a weekend. We would spend a good part of the retreat in challenge and inspiration. We would let some problems surface and focus on them and deal with them. We would conclude the retreat with a planning and goal-setting session, allowing as many people as possible to brainstorm and have input into the process.

Those goals might later be crystallized and defined by a smaller group (in our case the administrative committee), but at the planning retreat we would establish broad ownership of goals. The retreat would conclude with a time of commitment. I think I would try to get everyone possible to agree to give one night to the church for input—training, inspiration, Bible study, worship, and one more night during the week for output—leading Bible study, service, evangelism, visiting . . .

In order to do that we will have to have as a part of our plan a process by which each person's gifts and talents are

identified and developed so that they can be channeled into a productive output evening. As we grow beyond 100 people, we will have provision in our plan to add competent staff, people we will acquire by praying the Lord of the harvest to send forth His laborers into our harvest.

5. At about this stage in the process I would take steps to develop an adequate file of prospects. If we are successful in challenging a number of people to give themselves one night a week in ministry we will need lots of prospects. We can identify new people coming into the community by contacting the Chamber of Commerce, Welcome Wagon organizations, utility companies, real estate companies, moving companies, mortgage companies and lending institutions, apartment managers, trailer park managers, personnel managers of large companies, plus we can have all of our people watching for prospects that should be contacted.

We will then give special attention to people in transition, because during transition they are most responsive to the ministry of the church. So all the people will be encouraged to watch for people just moving in, newlyweds, people feeling some tragedy, people going through hospitalization, new births, graduations, people changing jobs, or people in jail. The average American will move 13 times during a lifetime, once every 6 years. Forty million Americans will move this year. Especially we in the Northwest should not be hard up for prospects. When a prospect shows a little bit of interest I would give strong emphasis on follow-up—three or four times by different people in the congregation.

6. I would put strong emphasis on training in the church. One of the first things I would try to teach is the grace of receptivity along with the importance of fulfilling the Great Commission. We will have to train small group leaders. We will try to do a better job of training Sunday school teachers. We should have visitation training. We will have to have active pastors' classes for training prospective new members. Whatever programs are anticipated in the planning retreat will have to be implemented by sound training.

I have noticed that growing churches are looking more and more like universities. The Garden Grove Community Church puts a strong emphasis on the Bethel Bible Study series training in their Sunday school. They give certificates at various stages along the training process to those who have completed a certain number of hours of study. I have been intrigued by the churches that have a training night. I have felt that in my church that might take place just before the evening service, at least for an hour. I know not everyone will come, but I've learned that when a few people get involved in a vital program in a church it can affect the whole church.

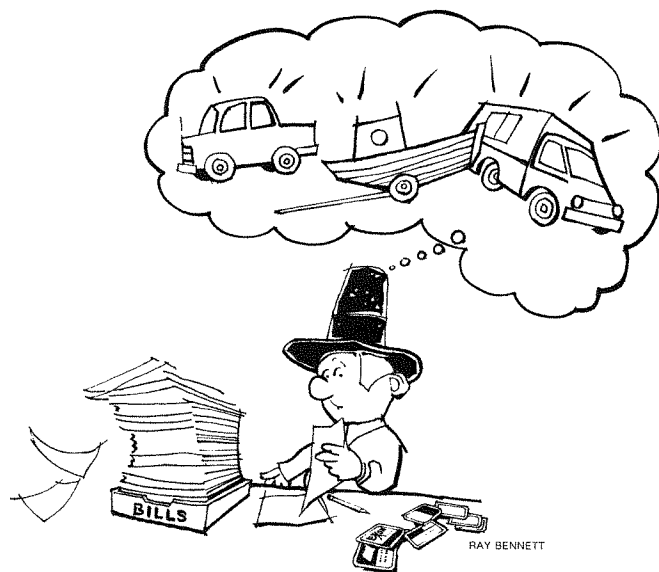
7. We would have a small-group emphasis. I'm impressed by the question asked by Al Wollen, pastor of the Cedar Mill Bible Church near Beaverton, Oregon, and

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"Are you . . . careful to live within your income and to avoid involving yourselves in business beyond your ability to manage?" —Quaker Queries

COVER

It is doubtful any Friends churches are ready to be turned into livestock havens, but some have reached plateaus of ineffectiveness in ministering to people! (Design and photo by Stan and Shirley Putman.)

ANTECEDENTS

In his forthright "first-person" style—common in both his preaching and writing—Norval Hadley leaves his official posts of leadership among Friends by volunteering our lead article aimed at the local church, "Suggestions for a Plateaued Church." Perhaps such personal suggestions could only be made by one who has seen and wrestled with these problems over the years. His forthrightness could be attributed to his position as a departing "elder" statesman of Friends—departing in the sense of his leadership in the EFA.

"Church growth" advocates will endorse his suggestions. Others may wonder whether his answers would be valid in many churches. But knowing Norval as I do and weighing his words carefully, I believe his deepest heart concern is for "plateaued" people, those of us who feel a need for *personal* spiritual renewal in order to be effective in using the many tools and methods at our disposal.

This brings me to the article that closes this issue. On page 28 is an announcement of a year-long prayer emphasis among EFA Quakers (July 1979-June 1980). Presented by John Grafton, prayer chairman of the EFA's Evangelism Commission, the article is a clarion call to a new prayer movement, "a mandate from Christ, not an option." We can be powerful factors in advancing God's Kingdom if we first have a *powerful, positive* prayer life, suggests Grafton.

Fasting and prayer on Fridays, a week of intercession, a massive "witnessing" week, a daily prayer guide are parts of this prayer thrust. The success of this venture should take us off our plateaus to new heights of spiritual achievement. —H.T.A.

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QUIET KINDNESS

By G. ROGER SCHOENHALS

**'WHEN'S THE LAST TIME
YOU DID A LITTLE QUIET
DEED OF KINDNESS?
HERE ARE SOME IDEAS.'**

A bouquet of pansies greeted us when we returned from the store. There was no note and we had no idea where they had come from.

We had moved in only two days before. The town and 99.9 percent of the people were new to us. Someone, knowing how we must have felt, slipped in and left a friendly bouquet.

We mentioned it later to some friends and they said, "Oh, that was an elderly woman at church, a retired missionary. She's always doing things like that."

It happened many years ago, but the fragrance of the deed remains fresh in our memories.

A similar memory dates back to the time we lived in a cottage on the eastern slopes of the Washington Cascades. Money was scarce and our home was quite rustic. A wood stove was the only source of heat.

Winter was coming on and I managed to acquire a truckload of wood. It lay in a large pile near the back porch. My wife's folks were coming from Michigan for a visit and we wanted to have the place looking good. But I was in school and my wife was working in town and there was no time to stack the wood and do other cleanup jobs around the yard. The day they were due we hurried home, thinking we could get a few chores done before they arrived.

Imagine our surprise when we drove into the driveway and noticed the wood stacked

neatly by the side of the house. And the yard was tidy. Our neighbor from down the road, a busy woman with four children, had come over during the day to do the whole job. There was no big sign telling us whom to thank, nor did she run over to brag of her deed. We simply knew it was she because that's the kind of person she is. Later, when we backed her into a corner, she confessed.

When I was in seminary a group of us went to a town in Missouri to hold a weekend missionary convention. We were placed in different homes for lodging and meals. Two of us stayed with the pastor.

Following the Saturday evening service my friend and I drove with the pastor and his wife to their home. It was raining. Walking from the car to the house I muddied my shoes. Not wanting to soil their carpet I took them off at the door and carried them into our room. They would dry during the night and I could clean them up the next morning.

I awoke to the smell of frying bacon and jumped out of bed hoping to take a quick shower before breakfast. There would be time after we ate to shine the shoes. As I dressed I glanced over to see the mud-caked shoes. They were gone!

I looked under the bed and in the closet. I accused my roommate but he pleaded innocence. He seemed as surprised as I was.

I finished dressing and started out the door to report the missing shoes. And then I found them—sitting neatly outside my door looking as shiny as the day I bought them.

I finally got the pastor's wife to tell me what happened. During the night, while we

slept, her husband crept into our room and took the shoes to clean and polish.

"But why?" I asked. "He's got enough on his mind and I know he's tired."

"Well," she said, "that's just the kind of man he is."

Posies, a woodpile, and shiny shoes—three quiet acts of kindness. They remain vivid in my mind, pleasant memories. And I recall the lift I received when each discovery was made. They made me feel important, valuable. They blessed me.

I'm sure the deeds brought joy to the hearts of the doers. Not that they did those things to gain a blessing, but because that's just the kind of people they are. They remind me of those people Jesus told about who were surprised at the judgment when reminded of the many kind deeds they had done in this life (Matthew 25:31-40).

When's the last time you did a little quiet deed of kindness? Here are some ideas.

1. Send a note of appreciation to the church organist or to the head usher.
2. The man who mows our lawn brought a gift for each of our children one day. No reason, just a simple act of kindness. Is there a child in your neighborhood or at church whom you could surprise with a toy?
3. Flowers are always welcome. How about an elderly person or someone who is ill?
4. I looked out the window one day after a snowstorm and saw my neighbor shoveling my driveway. I'm healthy, I could do it. But he had finished his and he just wanted to help me out. Is there a chore you could do for someone?
5. Usually we think of the women when it comes to making cookies or pies. On several occasions a single male friend of ours has supplied us with baked desserts. And they were good! Everyone likes goodies from the oven, so why not show a little kindness by giving someone the fruit of your culinary skills?
6. Offer to baby-sit, or to take someone's children for a special outing.
7. Read a good book lately? Why not give a few copies to persons who also might enjoy the book?

Really, the possibilities for showing acts of kindness are endless. All it takes is a little creativity and the desire to share God's love with others.

Why not do some thinking and praying about it right now? Decide on a plan of action and make whatever preparations are necessary. And then, in the name of Jesus, do it—quietly.

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WHAT DOES A MISSIONARY DO ALL WEEK?

BY JAMES ROBERTS

MONDAY

Monday is a good day for our family. For me it is usually the day after a long trip. Last night I got home around 12:00 midnight. I had been visiting a colony church in the jungle. And now it is beautiful Monday. Today will be especially nice because it is a Bolivian holiday.

I suggest to Gail that we go see the holiday soccer game at Olympic Stadium. Bolivia is playing against Peru. We like the idea. At 2:30 p.m., we catch the Microbus and head for the stadium. As we arrive we notice that the stadium is filling up fast. The tickets cost \$2.50 each—not bad. We are lucky to get a seat under the overhang of the top deck where the chances of getting hit by flying objects is minimized.

The game is exciting and close. There are around forty thousand people packed into the stadium with us. We share in the Bolivian enthusiasm for good soccer ball. As the game ends, Peru is on top 2-1. It is impossible to get a bus, so Gail and I decide to walk the short distance back to our little home in Villa Armonia.

We are home by 6:00 p.m. Busily we prepare for company. Two young Bolivian pastors and their families are coming for supper. This is a great opportunity for us to get to know our co-workers better. They arrive at 8:00 p.m. and we enjoy a rich evening of fellowship around the delicious meal Gail has prepared. After supper we play games and tell all the good jokes we know. The children find some toys and good books. One of the pastors closes our

evening of fun with prayer. We thank God for a nice day.

TUESDAY

The holiday is over. Today we get back to work. First, though, I light the kerosene stove. After that I take a hot shower and I hope I do not freeze to death while getting dressed. These La Paz mornings are cold. Gail and I eat a bowl of hot cereal and bread with honey.

After breakfast, I sit down at my desk to work on a sermon and a class or two. Gail types on a few projects that have been pending. These activities consume most of the morning.

In the afternoon Gail and I catch a bus headed for the downtown area. We pick up the mail, cash a mission check, pick up slides and prints at the photo shop, purchase ink for the print shop, and buy materials for a nightgown. On the way home we get the pickup from the repair shop. It is ready for the trip tomorrow.

As we arrive at the mission home, we find the water line to the house is leaking and water is flooding the patio. Fortunately, there are two lines running into the house so that we are not without water.

After my Tuesday night class at Patmos Bible Institute, Gail and I read a letter addressed to the mission. The author is predicting that World War III will start in about a week. All churches, pastors, and missionaries are warned to be ready.

WEDNESDAY

Today we go to Desaguadero to meet the Mark Roberts family, missionaries from Peru. They need some literature and per-

sonal belongings. We are taking with us two trunks, one wooden box, one footlocker, 12 lightbulbs, one liter of iodine, one liter of vanilla, extension Bible school materials, Sunday school materials, 15 pounds of hamburger, and a sack lunch to eat at the Bolivian-Peru border.

The road is rough and dusty as we make our way toward Desaguadero. However, the beautiful countryside makes up for any discomfort we feel.

We travel for 40 minutes when suddenly I notice black smoke and fire on the horizon. It looks like an airplane has crashed. I run to the site of the burning wreckage while Gail stays behind in the pickup. There are perhaps 700 people gathered around the smoldering remains of the airplane. They all scurry away as a tank of kerosene explodes sending a ball of fire 25 feet into the air. It appears that there were two gigantic explosions: one that blew the tail off and another that tore the fuselage completely apart. I looked for charred bodies, but there are none. Two authorities tell me that there were five people aboard. They all jumped out of the plane, but are badly burned. How they survived the crash is beyond imagination. Parts of the big two-engine passenger plane are scattered for 200 feet around. After talking to the officials, I am under the impression that all five people who were aboard the airplane will live. I return to the pickup thankful that no one was killed.

We continue on our way. At about 1:00 p.m. we arrive at Desaguadero. Mark and Wilma are waiting. They, too, have brought sack lunches. Together we enjoy a good lunch and a nice chat.

After lunch we haul the items we have brought across to the Peruvian side. The customs officials inspect the goods, and then we send Mark and Wilma on their way back to Juli, Peru.

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James Roberts and his wife Gail and new baby are first-term missionaries in Bolivia. Though perhaps not a typical week, this diary gives insight into a missionary's life.

Gail and I decide to buy some Peruvian milk chocolate. It is good and not too expensive. The trip back to La Paz is routine except for the milk chocolate melting in our mouths.

THURSDAY

The Bolivian Friends Church has a trip scheduled for a new area called Villa Los Angeles in the province of Pacajes. It will be a youth conference and evangelistic campaign combined. The altitude at Villa Los Angeles is around fifteen thousand feet above sea level. It will not be possible for us to arrive at our destination in one day. Tonight we plan to sleep in a believer's home in the little town of Catacora.

We arrive in Catacora five hours after leaving La Paz. Our host asks us to sit on a sod bench that adjoins the outside of the small adobe house. In a few minutes we are brought altiplano tea and Catacora bread. The tea is very hot and the bread very good.

Later, we are treated to *chuno* soup. The *chuno* is a small potato grown on the altiplano. After it is dried in the sun for awhile, it turns black.

In the evening I teach Benjamin Huarina and David Tintaya how to play chess. They love the game and are soon playing by themselves while I sleep.

FRIDAY

It is 8:00 a.m. I ask the brethren how long it will take to get to Villa Los Angeles. They tell me it will take 30 minutes to an hour. The gas tank in the pickup is about empty. The brethren tell me that there is gas available for a price. We purchase 40 liters of gas.

One of the believers would like us to stop by the church before leaving Catacora. He proudly shows us through the church. Before leaving the leaders of the church ask me to pray a prayer of dedication for the building and the congregation.

On the way to Villa Los Angeles we stop to wash up at the only hot spring for miles around. Oozing from the earth is a substance the people use for soap. I take a picture of one of the pastors whose face and hair are lathered with the natural soap.

As we begin traveling again, I marvel at the condition of the road. It is hardly passable. But if I think this road is bad, I have a surprise coming.

We arrive at a little town. Waiting is another believer who will direct us to Villa Los Angeles. I look for a road, but there is nothing but desert, mountains, and rocks. Some of the men fill in the ditch that separates the road from the desert. We cross over the rock bridge and begin driving up the river bed. The way gets worse. We are going through places where a pickup was never intended to go. I pray silently, asking God to hold back the rain and snow. It would be absolutely impossible to get out if there were any moisture on the ground.

After about three hours of searching for places to get the pickup through, we encounter a gully. The path that the brethren have cut out along its side is scarcely wide enough for the pickup to pass. As we try to pass the dangerous part, the tires keep slipping down the bank, threatening to roll the pickup over. The drop to the creek is about 30 feet and very steep. If the pickup rolls it will roll twice before coming to a rest. However, by reinforcing the bank with huge rocks, we are able to get the pickup through. The brethren are exuberant, but I am not. The possibility of a totaled pickup and an injured or dead missionary is too great. I tell the brethren that they will have to send for mules to pack the tent and equipment the rest of the way in to Villa Los Angeles. They insist and plead that we can make it with the pickup. I tell them that I have made the decision not to go any farther. The clerk of the quarterly meeting tells me that the people in the nearest town are hostile toward Friends; that they might throw rocks through the windows and slash the tires. He insists that we must not leave the pickup unguarded. After 30 minutes of discussion, it is decided that four men will guard the pickup day and night during the three-day campaign, two men for the day and two for the night.

Finally the team of mules arrives. We load them up and begin a long, hard hike over a mountain ridge and down to a valley below. I sense the resentment and anger of my companions as we walk. They have worked hard to make a path for the pickup. It is easy to understand their frustration. We arrive at Villa Los Angeles at 3:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

The tent is up. Today the anger and resentment of yesterday have worn off and everyone is excited about the campaign.

There is a good representation of youth present. Also there are a number of new people here. The leaders want me to teach a class on tithing and a class on how to study the Bible.

Lunch is served. The menu for today is *chuno* soup, alpaca meat, rice, potatoes, and some more *chunos*. As I eat I notice a six-year-old boy who is not eating. He is breathing heavily and with great effort. His temperature is high and his heart racing. I wish I were a doctor! There are two other people in the community who are very sick also. We could use a doctor at every conference.

It is night now and I do not feel good. The altitude must be affecting me some. I think I will turn in early. The sleeping bag is so cold. It will take me an hour to get warm. I wonder how Gail is doing. Our baby will be born in three weeks, the Lord willing. The thought is a pleasant and exciting one for me. It is 2:00 a.m. before I fall asleep.

SUNDAY

I have the first class this morning. The youth want me to teach on false cults. It is a great privilege for me to teach in the conferences. The Aymaras are a responsive people and anxious to learn.

David Tintaya, the son of Francisco Tintaya, teaches a class. He does a great job. I can see that we have a strong leader for the future.

In the main service six church officials are named, a baby dedicated, and a powerful sermon preached by Benjamin Huarina. Benjamin is the youth president this year. I hear that 10 new people have received Christ as their personal Savior.

After lunch everyone pitches in to take down the tent. Around 25 people and five mules volunteer to pack the tent and equipment over the mountain. Come to think of it, maybe the mules did not volunteer. Anyway, I appreciate the teamwork spirit of this Aymara community.

Soon the tent, stakes, poles, motor, gas, oil, people, and belongings are loaded into the pickup. Before beginning the trip, the brethren and I pray, asking God to give us a safe journey back to La Paz. As we head home I thank God also for His blessing on the conference and for the team of dedicated young men who have given of their time and talent to bring the message of Christ to Villa Los Angeles.

A CONCERN ABOUT SOCIAL DRINKING

By KEITH SARVER

It takes courage to face up to a truth we would prefer not to see or hear. A concern has been growing on me over a period of several years, a concern over the changing attitudes and practices within the church relative to intoxicating beverages.

Officially, as a Friends Church, we still have our standard of total abstinence. The sixth query in Faith and Practice still asks, "Do you practice total abstinence from tobacco, narcotics, and alcoholic beverages?" And the vast majority of Friends can still honestly answer, "Yes!" But, would you believe that we have now had to include a question about the use of alcohol in the questionnaires sent out to prospective candidates for the ministry?

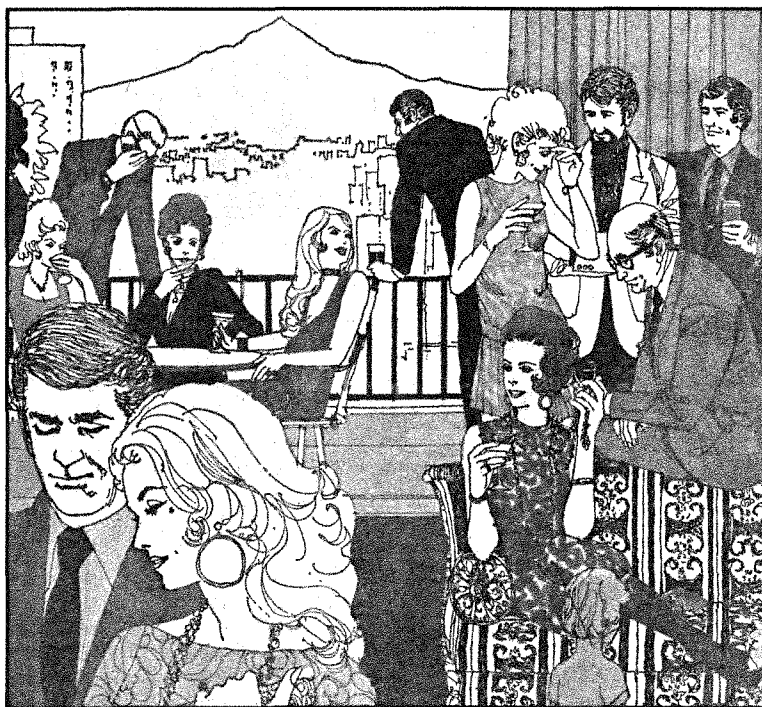
The prophet Isaiah had a problem with drinking preachers. He wrote: "Priests and prophets stagger from beer and are befuddled with wine; they reel from beer, they stagger when seeing visions, they stumble when rendering decisions." (Isaiah 28:7)

Surely it will not come to that in the Friends Church! It has not come to that, but are we headed in that direction?

How can this be? Alcoholism has been called a disease in order to attempt to remove the stigma of the sin of drunkenness. It is a disease—a disease that is being spread like the plague. It is a self-induced disease, and a disease that is being spread by the liquor industry. But the church is permitting it to spread by attitudes of permissiveness.

Until about 10 years ago we were still able to purchase our groceries in stores that did not handle liquor. We had made it our deliberate practice never to shop in a store that sold liquor in any form. Then the Christian grocer on the corner sold his business and at about the same time the Alpha Beta chain capitulated. This happened even though the chain was managed by professing Christians. Even after 10

The general superintendent of California Yearly Meeting is disturbed about a shifting conscience about alcoholic beverages. This article is adapted from his editorial in the California Friend, May 1979.



years I still burn with anger and shame every time I go past the liquor section in any store.

The drunkard is not our problem. It is seldom the drunkard who kills on the highway; it is the drinking driver. And approximately half of all fatal automobile accidents are the results of the drinking driver. It is not the habitual drunkard—the one who wallows in his own vomit—who is teaching our children to drink. It is fathers and mothers; it is older brothers and sisters; it is anyone and everyone who keeps beer available in the refrigerator or who has that "innocent" glass of wine before dinner.

All of this has resulted in the tragic situation where the great majority of all teenagers in this country now drink and where 3 out of every 25 students are already alcoholics or on their way to becoming alcoholics.

FAMILY LIFE

There is a renewed concern for family life in our churches. This is good. But is that concern deep enough?

There is no effective way to legislate morality. There is probably no effective way through legislation to stop the liquor traffic. But there is something the church can do. We can try to persuade Christian families to take seriously what is happening in the homes of America.

We rejoice in the increased awareness over the destructive qualities of the use of tobacco. How thankful we are to be able to sit in the "no smoking" section of planes and restaurants! How good it is that cigarettes can no longer be advertised on radio and television.

But the sober truth is that alcohol is still far more destructive than tobacco. The user of tobacco may destroy his own lungs, develop cancer of the throat or mouth, cause considerable discomfort to the nonsmoker, and may even damage the health of his or her own children. But the use of tobacco itself is not likely to result in murder on the streets and highways.

Why, then, is the advertising of all kinds of poison alcohol still permitted in our living rooms? Why, then, is the drinking driver still permitted on our highways?

It is still true that morality cannot be legislated, but it is also true that some changes can be brought about through law and law enforcement. If we are serious about any level of morality, if we are at all concerned about the murder of thousands of innocent persons on our streets and highways, if we have any interest in saving the millions of children and youth who are being ruined for time and eternity through the evils of alcohol—then surely we will cooperate with every effort to stem the tide.

But the heart of the matter is still in the home and in the family. Maybe you can learn to "hold your liquor," but what about that precious child or grandchild in your home? Do you care?

Many years ago E. Stanley Jones wrote a statement I shall never forget: "When surrounding culture influences the church more than the church influences surrounding culture, then decay has set in."

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PLATEAUED CHURCH

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author of two books on home Bible studies. He asks "What was the greatest revival movement in history?" The answer is the Wesley movement and it was characterized by an emphasis on small group ministry—the class meetings. God seems to be moving in these days largely through small groups. Someone has said there is a revival sweeping across America but it's not happening in tents or large halls but rather in living rooms.

Part of the appeal of the church that cannot be found in any other segment of society is our koinonia—our biblical, loving Christian fellowship. When people are honestly caring for one another, sharing their lives with one another, bearing each other up in prayer, exhorting one another, and praising God together, there is a bond that nothing in this world can replace. There is no way the church can fulfill satisfactorily the koinonia needs of people's lives when the entire program of the church consists of coming to services on Sunday and sitting and looking at the backs of heads.

Some of the small groups would be for those already in the way and would center around advanced Bible teaching and fellowship. But some of the groups should be for new Christians or those interested in Chris-

tianity, and I would use the Al Wollen books as a guide to establish patterns of evangelism and fellowship through maximum participation of all people in the groups. Al Wollen now has a leaders work kit for \$12 that will help a church get started in this program. You can write him c/o Home Bible Class Ministry, 12208 N.W. Cornell Road, Portland, Oregon 97229.

I believe in the small group Bible study because it seems to me to be a very effective bridge between the world and the church. Not only evangelism but discipling can happen naturally in a small group. In our planning retreat we would take the first steps toward making it possible for everyone in the church to be in a small group.

8. Finally I would take a new look at all the programs of the church and give primary emphasis to those that help us reach our goals and deemphasize those that do not. I would encourage the entire church to do everything in its power to make the services and ministries of the church attractive to the unchurched. I would try to instill a passion for excellence—an appreciation of quality. Then I would work on *me*. I would ask God to start a revival and begin the work in me. I would seek in each time of sermon preparation to hear from God so that others can hear from God through me. I would raise a standard of biblical holiness and make it clear that God is against sin. I would preach for decision and commitment, as well as to equip the saints for their ministries.

I would encourage the church to be generous in its giving to missions and to meet human need because I understand this is prerequisite to God's blessing. And through every fiber of the program and the fellowship of the church I would try to infuse a spirit of dynamic praise. I would teach that it is praise that energizes prayer and faith. A positive joyous Christian experience and testimony not only attracts new people to Christ but it pleases God.

This list of steps for renewal in the church is not intended to be exhaustive. Each of you might have a different list or different emphases, but I have tried to share some things that I think almost any of us can do. In every step and in every circumstance, of course, we will be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit. We are about the greatest task in all the world, building the church of Jesus Christ. May God help us to do it with joy and enthusiasm under the enabling power of the Holy Spirit.

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BY JACK L. WILL CUTS

On Modeling Moses

Moses, we are told in the book of Acts, "was no ordinary child . . . [He] was educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and was powerful in speech and action." (Acts 7:22) Historian Josephus thinks Moses was eventually one of Egypt's best generals and administrative brains who could have had the throne if his part-time slave Hebrew mother hadn't prevented it.

That is kind of good to know. It helps all part-time mothers and parents who worry about their children getting caught up in the culture of the neighborhood, school system, and TV. In fact, Moses is a model for just about everybody aspiring to win out spiritually over tough odds. He starts out being kidnapped as a baby, which, given the alternatives at the time, was spectacularly providential. While Moses moved brilliantly up the educational and diplomatic ladders of Egypt's 19th Dynasty as an adopted son of the Queen, he was somehow in constant touch with his "roots" via a mother whose entire religious resource was a 400-year-old story of "our father Abraham." She may even have been illiterate, but it didn't matter; there were no Sunday school materials to use anyway. Between these two women tugging on his sleeves, Moses must have had an identity problem for both his dignity and his safety.

But his roots won out until he decided one day to break the system. His approach was all wrong, we know, for instead of a missionary he became a murderer . . . and then a fleeing fugitive (Exodus 2:11-15). Then there follows in my Bible 164 pages of the saga of Moses.

Among the helpful insights in this story are these: a follower of the Lord need not be culture bound. In a day of peer pressures, cultural determinism, and environmental influences, Moses stands out as a shining example. Caught as we are in the crosscurrents of our society, it is reassuring to see that what happens inside a person is greater than the evil around us. Moses is a beautiful demonstration of "be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind . . ." (Romans 12:2).

Another big thing about Moses was that he could change. This take-charge, erudite Egyptian-Hebrew who tried to take things in his own hands, including God's plans for His people, was eventually transformed to a kind of person described as "the meekest man who ever lived"! Having made a mess of things, it would seem, for 40 years no less (including his marriages, I think, in spite of some commentary writers and historians who cover this over or spiritualize it), it shows that God can really use a person who has failed in a lot of ways.

"Moses! Moses!" It was a talking Burning Bush, suddenly a sound system for God. "Do not come any closer, take off your sandals. I am the God of your father Abraham . . ."

Moses got the message. He might have reacted in one of two ways, but he chose a third. For instance, Moses could have exclaimed, "Well, it's about time! I'm the only man on earth capable of bringing the Israelites out of Egypt, and it sure is nice for a change to be recognized. When do we start?"

Or, he could have said, "Nope. I tried that once. I've tried everything once. But I am a failure, remember . . . look at me, I've been out here in Siberia so long I've lost all my skills, my confidence, my influence, my Visa Card."

Instead he said simply, "I can't do it." And God agreed. Moses was not told, "Oh yes you can, Moses. Now just start saying to yourself 10 times a day, 'Yes I can! Yes I can! Yes I can!'" No! The counsel for Moses came clearly; one that was going to be the ongoing theme of his life from that day forward was: "Certainly (you cannot do it), but I will be with you!"

Did you hear that? That message echoes through the desert and through all Christian history, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end . . ." "My presence shall go with thee . . ."

Those of us who have found our efforts are not enough, those who see the church as a sinking ship, those who are cynical about their failures, their future, their family, their world, must personalize the promises of Exodus 33:14 and Matthew 28:20.

It wasn't Moses' meekness or his Egyptian connections that made him our model. It was God, the great I Am, still standing by the heartbroken, threatened, lonely, bewildered disciples in today's desert saying, "I will be with you . . . always." ☐

A 'Neat' Religion?

"Neat (nēt), adj./Syn. Tidy, trim, orderliness, smartness or stylishness . . ." (The American College Dictionary, p. 811)

The other day I heard a preacher (not a high schooler or college student but a mature pastor) use (overuse) the word *neat* 14 times in a single brief testimony. The only other popular word that comes close to *neat* in describing spiritual ideas is *exciting*. Without these two words nowadays, many testimonies would be cut in half.

He had a "neat" answer to prayer: (tidy, trim, orderly, smart, stylish?). We have a "neat" church: (tidy, trim, orderly, smart, stylish?).

The spirit is willing, but the words are weak. And somehow the beauty, depth, glory, joy, and radiance of the answered prayer and the church are cheapened by shallow, cliché-ridden, inaccurate jargon. ☐



Losing weight is a continuing crisis to many. Jeanie Walker, a member of Westgate Friends Church, Columbus, Ohio, and former missionary with Latin American Missions in Colombia, challenges us with new motivations to deal with this problem.

DEAR OVERWEIGHT CHRISTIAN

BY JEANIE WALKER

I have a burden to share with you. I have been a missionary nurse in Colombia, South America, for seven years, and am at present on leave of absence at home. After six months in the states, I had gained 20 pounds.

In Colombia my weight stayed under control because (1) I didn't have ready access to rich foods, particularly ice cream, and (2) I didn't have a car. I walked everywhere I wanted to go. So in the course of everyday life, I got more exercise than I do here. All of my missionary colleagues gain weight when they come home. Some of them *need* to. I don't.

Colombia is a member of the Third World where hunger and poverty are chronic problems. I've seen and cared for undernourished and starving children who never had a chance to be well because there wasn't enough food to go around for their family, and parasites (worms, if you please) had invaded their bodies and environments to such an extent that eradicating them was a hopeless task.

My friend, I cannot believe God is pleased with our eating more than we need while fellow human beings in other countries don't have enough food to keep body and soul together. There are clear warnings in the Word of God to people who ignore the poor. One of the most familiar is found in Matthew 25:31-46. God will judge us for not feeding



(and clothing) the poor. We *cannot* plead ignorance; He means us to *act* in accordance with the teachings of His Word.

You may say to me, "But I *can't* lose weight. I've tried and tried, but nothing works." I know. I've been there. The problem is our life-style. Food is everywhere. Let me illustrate by contrast: in Colombia most of the small evangelical churches practice fasting and prayer. Once a week the believers meet together for prayer. They don't eat breakfast and usually fast until about 3:00 in the afternoon. Sure, it's a ritual and many of them don't have the burden of prayer that true fasting, as taught in the Word of God, implies.

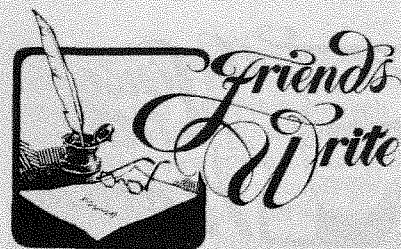
BUT—what do we North American Christians do? We have "prayer breakfasts," "Bible study coffees," and "wonderful fellowship suppers," and proceed to eat more and richer foods than we would have at home. Even our missionary societies, originally raised up to foster interest in and prayer for missions, have become social events that traditionally terminate with a rich dessert. It is extremely difficult to diet with this kind of social pressure on us.

Recently, in America, clubs for fatties have sprung up and have had a measure of success helping people lose weight. Their main thrust is a kind of "alcoholics-anonymous" comradeship, admitting their problem and supporting one another in licking it. To the extent a person commits himself to the program there is success. It seems to me that the basic principle involved in this is inherent in the Christian church—caring about one another's problems and helping to solve those problems.

However, we Christians have power available the world knows nothing of. We have access through prayer to the infinite ability of the living God. "With God, all things are possible," dieting, and feeding a hungry world included.

Why couldn't we band together in our local churches, form our own weight-reducing clubs, pray for one another, encourage one another, rejoice with one another, and give the money we save to Christian organizations that are endeavoring to feed the hungry of the world? I personally know of several that are doing a fine job: World Vision, Food for the Hungry, World Relief Commission of the NAE, and the organization for which I worked in Colombia, Accion Unida.

Think about it, and evaluate your own situation before God. Ask Him what you should do.



'New Hope . . . if We Will Heed'

■ The article by Gerald Dillon, "Evangelism, the Work of the Church," was most refreshing and gives a new hope for evangelical Friends if we will heed this timely message. For far too long we have been hearing about the controversial dialogue with all groups of Quakers. It is high time we commit ourselves to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and Him crucified. Only on this foundation can we hope for the survival of the Friends Church, and on any other foundation we have no right to survive.

LLOYD HINSHAW, PASTOR
Empire Friends Church
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'Amazed' about Dillon's Thoughts

■ I am amazed that you would allow some of Gerald Dillon's thoughts on evangelism (March issue) to be set forth in a series on "the fundamentals of our Quaker faith."

Specifically, I take issue with these statements:

"Apart from the proclamation by an obedient church, and apart from faith by those who hear, no one is saved in the New Testament sense of the word."

"If the lost are ever found, if they ever hear the good news of their salvation, it will be when Christ finds a local church, a channel through which He can effectively do His work."

Gerald Dillon may be wiser and more Spirit-led than early Friends were—I cannot judge this point. However, it is plain that his view is directly contrary to historic Friends doctrine that all persons everywhere have always had a chance for salvation.

Note, for example, Robert Barclay on this:

"... we can confidently affirm, and clearly evince, according to the testimony of the holy scriptures, the following points:

"First, that God, who out of his infinite love sent his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, into the world, who tasted death for every man, hath given to every man, whether Jew or Gentile, Turk or Scythian, Indian or Barbarian, of whatsoever nation, country, or place, a certain day or time of visitation; during which day or time it is possible for

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First Day News

QUICK QUAKER COMMENTARY

HAROLD B. KUHN, a Friends minister of Easter Region and a professor at Asbury Theological Seminary, will be the devotional speaker for the sessions of Indiana Yearly Meeting August 10-15. Dr. and Mrs. Kuhn have worked among the refugees of Germany for 35 years. D. ELTON TRUEBLOOD will bring the Quaker lecture.

ROY P. CLARK, former professor and now a pastor in Oregon, was honored as Friends Bible College's Alumnus of the Year at the May 5 banquet.

BILLY BRITT, executive secretary of North Carolina Yearly Meeting, will speak at Northwest Yearly Meeting, July 28-August 3. Newly appointed General Superintendent Jack. L. Willcuts will deliver a keynote message on July 30.

KENNETH and BARBARA ROUTON will be at the Missionary Intern School in Farmington, Michigan, in July in preparation for their appointment as Evangelical Friends Mission missionaries to Mexico.

DONALD CHITTICK of George Fox College led a series of studies on Creation and the Bible at First Denver Friends Church in April. He is scheduled to visit the Friends mission field in Bolivia next December for a longer series of lectures to be translated into Spanish. Arrangements are being made for some of these to be televised in the Bolivian capital.

DR. RONALD WORDEN, Bible professor at Friends Bible College, Haviland, Kansas, has been awarded a grant to study at Yale University this summer, researching and participating in seminars concerning the Social World in the New Testament.

KEITH VINCENT, formerly of Iowa Yearly Meeting and more recently ministering in California, joins the Newberg, Oregon, Friends Church pastoral team in June as youth pastor.

FRIENDS FOCUS

'TELEPHONS' SUCCESSFUL

The total figure for the Alumni Telephon, when phone calls were made to former FBC students and graduates, amounted to \$17,393.09, according to the Friends Bible College Messenger.

Friends University in Wichita reports \$115,000 in response to a fund-raising telephon, with 51 alumni phoning along with several students, faculty, and board members.

ROUGH ROCK MISSION FUNDS LOW

"Finances are a real problem at present," reports Olen Ellis, superintendent of Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting, describing the work among the Navajo Indians carried on by Friends. "Even with the high cost of heating fuel, gasoline, and almost everything we have to buy, the coldest winter on record, the staff has been able to keep the spending below some years. The problem is, money has just not been coming in as expected." If you would like to help in this significant ministry, now is the time to do so.

PRAYER VIGIL HELD IN OHIO

"In my travels among our churches I have observed very little intercessory praying being done in most of our church fellowships," observes Anna Nixon on her recent furlough visit away from her Friends mission work in India. One direct result was the uniting of 14 Friends churches in a Prayer Vigil from 9:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. May 11 and 12. Requests were sent from each of the churches as well as for the missionary work in India and Taiwan, and across the Yearly Meeting.

ALASKA YEARLY MEETING PASTORS ATTEND MINISTERS CONFERENCE IN OREGON

Three pastors--Dan Thomas of Anchorage Friends Church, Roland Booth, pastor of Selawik Friends Church, and Whittier and Lorena Williams, pastors at Kotzebue--joined the annual Northwest Yearly Meeting Pastors' Conference at Twin Rocks Friends Conference in April. Whittier's brother Sam Williams, superintendent of Alaska Yearly Meeting, was unable to attend as hoped. With the pastors were Mark and Marsha Ocker, Friends missionaries from California Yearly Meeting. Mark will remain for continued graduate studies at Fuller Seminary before returning.

IOWA FRIENDS PLANT A CHURCH IN MASON CITY

Iowa Yearly Meeting Board of Church Extension plans to start a new church in Mason City, Iowa, in July, purchasing a building suitable for remodeling. The Honey Creek-New Providence Friends Church will underwrite for one year the salary for the new pastor, Steven Sorenson, a native of Mason City now pastoring the Riverton, Kansas, Friends Church. Sorenson is a graduate of Friends Bible College with a Master's degree from the University of Kansas and a Doctor of Ministry from Luther-Rice Seminary. On May 20 a \$26,600 down payment was made on an \$80,000 property in a very strategic location in the city. They plan a building to seat 300, with a Christian education wing.

BOISE FRIENDS ASSIST IN CHURCH PLANTING

At a recent business meeting, Boise, Idaho, First Friends approved sponsoring a new church in east Boise and have paid \$2,000 earnest money on a three-acre tract as a future building site. They will cooperate with a "Task Force" committee of the Yearly Meeting Department of Evangelism headed by Quentin Nordyke, assistant superintendent, in developing the new church. Several Friends families living in east Boise plan to participate in the new venture.

BURUNDI GAS COSTS \$2.40

Friends missionaries in Burundi, Africa, report 60 percent inflation increases in the month of April, with gasoline at \$2.40 an imperial gallon, cement tripled in price to \$450 a ton. Mid-America Yearly Meeting reports that the Burundi mission work "amounts to only about 12 percent of the total budgets of all our 83 churches." One church, Oklahoma City Friends, in a recent Missionary Conference set a \$5,000 Faith Promise Goal, and it was exceeded with an \$8,200 commitment. Their theme: "Compassion for the Multitude." Sheldon Cox is the pastor.

FOOD FOR FURLOUGHING MISSIONARIES

Two Friends missionary couples, Gil and Louise George from Peru and Harold and Nancy Thomas from Bolivia, will be pleased to learn the Project Committee of the NWYM

Missionary Union is urging each church to bring "pantry supplies" to Yearly Meeting for these two families.

FGC TO MEET IN RICHMOND, INDIANA

The Friends General Conference will hold its annual gathering July 1-7 on the Earlham College campus, Richmond, Indiana. "Nurturing the Seed" is the theme of the conference. Kara Cole, administrative secretary of Friends United Meeting, will be one of the featured speakers.

HOLY WEEK LUNCHEONS

Homedale, Idaho, sponsored daily luncheons during Holy Week in April in a local church so that working people could join in and be back by 1:00 o'clock. Friends Pastor Harvey Bowen was one of the noon speakers, which also included Presbyterian, Nazarene, Catholic, and Baptist ministers on different days. An innovative idea!

NEW FRIENDS CHURCH AT BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA

Fresno, California, Friends Church, Orville Winters, pastor, will assist in sponsoring a new church in Bakersfield, with the first services scheduled for July 8. Fresno Friends have pledged \$16,000, California Yearly Meeting \$12,000 as a "start up and operating budget."

DO YOU KNOW YOUR FRIENDS?

East Richland Friends Church in Ohio regularly carries a column in their midweek mailing to the congregation titled "On the Spot," which is a "mini biography" of a family or person in the church. When were they converted? When did they become members of the church, and why? What do they do for a living? What do they enjoy most in family and church life? What responsibilities are they carrying in the church? These stories are very interesting, even to those of us who may never see or know East Richland Friends Church. It is an idea for every congregation.

'THOUGHTS ON EVANGELICAL QUAKERISM'

This title of the Quaker Lecture given a year ago by Charles F. Thomas to the sessions of Indiana Yearly Meeting has been reprinted with a study guide for use by Friends during a four-session Sunday school class or other study. Copies may be had by writing Sherman Brantingham, Superintendent, 1403 Briar Road, Muncie, IN 47304.

FRIENDS WORK AMONG NATIVE AMERICANS TO BE RECORDED

Diane Payne, an alumnus of George Fox College and former staff member in Washington, D.C., for the Friends Committee on National Legislation, has been awarded a grant by the Chace Foundation in Philadelphia to begin work on compiling a "popular" history of the work of the Society of Friends among Native Americans. This work will focus on events and efforts since 1900, about which relatively little has been reported.

ANOTHER WAY TO GET ACQUAINTED

In order to develop new and deeper relationships with other Christians, especially those new in their faith or in your church, consider these ideas . . .

Enter by a different door. At least you'll meet a new usher. Sit in a different section. You may confuse the pastor momentarily, but he'll recover. Invite

someone you've just met to join your after-church social time. They may have been anxious to invite you but were just too shy. Take the initiative in making acquaintance. The person you thought was "stuck up" may simply be shy. Friendly churches don't just happen. They get that way by a deliberate choice on the part of the people.

--Taken from First Friends Church, Alliance, Ohio, Midweek Memo

FRIENDS DIRECTORY FOR 1979-80 AVAILABLE

The 1979-1980 Friends Directory of Meetings for Worship in the Western Hemisphere was to be released June 4, according to the publisher, Friends World Committee for Consultation, Section of the Americas. A helpful tool for pastors, clerks, elders and overseers, Friends on vacation, or traveling Friends, the Directory contains current listings of Friends meetings, Friends information centers, schools, and colleges, and Friends Homes in the United States. Price is \$2 each plus 75¢ postage and handling. (There is a 10 percent discount for orders of 10 or more to the same address plus \$1 for postage and handling.) Address: FWCC, 1506 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102, or P. O. Box 235, Plainfield, IN 46168.

NEXT STEPS IN NEW CALL TO PEACEMAKING

Norval Hadley met at the headquarters of the Church of the Brethren on May 2, 3 with the Central Planning Committee to consider continued emphases in this concern. Participating Friends were Jack Kirk, Barrett Hollister, Howard Alexander, Marilyn Roper, and Robert Rumsey. John Stoner of the Mennonite Central Committee announced the publication in October of the official New Call study book, New Call to Peacemakers. A quarterly release called The Peacebuilder will be sent to all the Peace church periodicals.

FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE TO MEET IN SWITZERLAND

More than 250 Friends from 25 countries will meet at a church conference center on the shore of Lake Thun in Switzerland August 11-18 for the Triennial Meeting of the Friends World Committee for Consultation. About 50 yearly meetings will be represented. Three study papers to be read are "Applying Quaker Values Today--In Business," "Applying Quaker Values Today--In the Family," and "Ways of Worship." Participants from the Evangelical Friends Alliance will be Galen and Martha Weingart and Roger Wood of the Evangelical Friends Church--Eastern Region; Harold and Ann Cope, Mid-America Yearly Meeting; Frank and Genevieve Cole, Arthur and Fern Roberts of Northwest Yearly Meeting. A paper for study groups has been printed, written by Jack Willcuts, entitled "Call to the Ministry."

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AMERICA'S BIBLE READING HABITS

A total of 98 percent of all homes in the United States have at least one Bible. The national average is four Bibles per home. Thirty-one percent of the families in America, as represented in a recent Christian Bible Society study, have at least one member involved in regular group Bible study in Sunday schools and homes. Fifty-two percent of the women and 27 percent of the men indicate that Bible reading is a part of their pattern of life (but only one third of those Bible readers read it 21 or more times a month). Thirty-five percent use the King James Version, 11 percent The Living Bible, 7 percent The New American (Catholic) Bible, 6 percent the Revised Standard Version, and 5.6 percent The Good News Bible. (The survey was taken last fall before the New International Version was available.)

--The Church Around the World

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them to be saved, and to partake of the fruit of Christ's death.

"Secondly, that for this end God hath communicated and given unto every man a measure of the light of his own Son, a measure of grace, or a measure of the Spirit, which the scripture expresses by several names

"Thirdly, that God, in and by this Light and Seed, invites, calls, exhorts, and strives with every man, in order to save him; which as it is received and not resisted, works the salvation of all, even of those who are ignorant of the death and sufferings of Christ, and of Adam's fall"

(Apology, 1908 printing, p. 132)

I hope future articles on "the fundamentals of our Quaker faith" will be careful to distinguish what is modern evangelicalism and what is historic Quaker belief.

FREDERICK J. CHASE
Harrisonburg, Virginia

Holiness: Social and Spiritual

■ I have recently discovered that John and Charles Wesley defined *holiness* in social as much as spiritual terms. Their concern for the poor was radical in every sense. So what has happened? How come the holiness that is preached in Northwest Yearly Meeting is a pasteurized, milky spiritual doctrine with all the radical social teeth pulled out of it? I was on the verge of throwing the holiness witness out because every time I heard it, it was in the context of NO concern for justice, peace, or involvement. Now I am baffled at where the

modern holiness Quakers got their concept of holiness? Certainly not from Wesley.

It has also come to my attention that there is a "wing" of the holiness movement that is trying hard to regain this original vision of the meaning of holiness . . . Snyder (Free Methodist), Ron Sider (Brethren in Christ) are two. I certainly believe that Christ calls us to a *holy life*, a life of ever growing stronger and closer to Him in the Holy Spirit.

DANIEL SMITH

Elkhart, Indiana

Burundi: Revival and Rationing

■ God continues to move in revival and many are breaking with sin and all sorts of witchcraft that has bound them for years. We praise the Lord for every victory and ask that you join in prayer that the church will be able to conserve the gains by helping the new converts to really become established and grounded in Christ and His Word.

There is an extreme shortage of fuel here. We are rationed to 15 liters of gasoline per car, and the coupon is no assurance of the supply. The lines at the gas pumps are long. Other things will soon be in short supply because of the trouble in Uganda. All the supplies coming overland by truck have been stopped, so things may get scarce. This plus other troubled spots nearby keep life interesting in this part of God's vineyard.

JAMES E. MORRIS

Bujumbura
Burundi, Africa

On Writing to Networks

■ Keep up the good work on an excellent magazine.

I want to commend you on putting the "Where to write when" item in the recent EVANGELICAL FRIEND [March, p. 21]. However, the zip codes given are not correct. Here are the correct ones:

American Broadcasting Co., 1330 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10019.

CBS Inc., 51 West 52nd St., New York, NY 10019.

National Broadcasting Co., Inc., 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10020.

JOHN CARR

Forest Grove, Oregon

'A Super Paper'

■ So appreciate all of you there—writing, editing, printing EVANGELICAL FRIEND—a super paper.

SHERMAN BRANTINGHAM
Muncie, Indiana



Some people make their impact with quietness and dignity. Joan Ellis of First Denver Friends Church writes about two such people in that meeting.

GLOWING FOR ALL TO SEE

BY JOAN E. ELLIS

Matthew 5:14 from *The Living Bible* reads, "You are the world's light—a city on a hill, glowing in the night for all to see."

Tucked into a two-bedroom apartment of a sophisticated Denver retirement community is a couple who, although mostly retired from employment status, yet are

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anything but retired from their "world's light" vision. Joseph T. and Erma Henshaw, known to their many friends simply as Joe and Erma, continue in their ministries of love to Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting (RMYM) churches, to their neighbors, and through First Denver Friends Church (FDFC) to youth and adults alike.

One look at Joe and you are immediately reminded of a tall, stately ambassador who, in addition to having silver-gray hair, shows years of loving people—evidenced by slightly deepening smile lines and an easily proffered handshake.

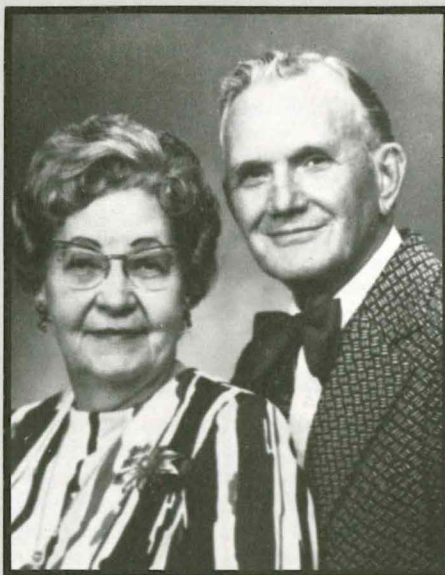
The addition of Erma to the picture finishes the look of the genteel couple with her gracious smile and immaculate timeless beauty. One time in earlier married days, a neighbor remarked how Erma looked so pretty, even early in the morning. Erma replied, "I look at it this way; all day Joe works with business men and women who are at their best; and when he thinks of me, I want him to remember me at my best."

Joe and Erma are grandpa and grandma to more young people than just their own grandchildren (Lynette Krieger Jones, Cheryl and Jolene Krieger; and Esther Jo, Ruth, Rachel, and Sarah Johnston). On an average Sunday one can see Joe walk up to a young college-age friend, put his arm around him companionably and chat—to the enjoyment of both. You see Erma stand up during a sharing time after hearing a young career man speak, and proudly relate how she has watched that man grow from a child into the man he is today, and how exciting it is to see how he is maturing in his love for God.

When FDFC has an activity for the VIPs (the Very Important People of retirement age and older), Joe and Erma are the first to offer transportation services. They also enjoy being involved in the regular visitation for the church. Joe maintains his concern for the church through participation in the local Spiritual Life Committee; Erma is still active in Friends Women, and recently assisted their development of prayer-chain circles.

Two aging ladies, former neighbors of Joe and Erma, are further outlets for love service. Several times a week a visit is paid to offer help—a trip to the doctor or to stores, or the solving of a problem requiring a handyman, or helping them find needed legal assistance, or simply taking time to visit and say, "I care; I love you."

Joe was recorded as a Friends minister in June 1969 at Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting. This was not the beginning of the



Joe and Erma Henshaw

dedicated service of Joe and Erma. A few decades earlier, Joe attended a Denver area meeting for Christian Endeavor presidents and became acquainted with Erma. Both were C.E. presidents; Joe for First Denver Friends, and Erma for a neighboring church. Their common interest in youth and their shared devotion to Christ encouraged their friendship and led to their marriage in 1932.

Two girls were born into their family, Josephine Erma (JoErma) and Janet. JoErma lives in Denver as the wife of Raymond Krieger. JoErma and Ray have three girls and are active in FDFC and also hold offices in RMYM. Janet lives in Haviland, Kansas, with her husband Robin Johnston and their four girls. Both Janet and Robin are on the staff of Friends Bible College.

Most of the Henshaw family's years have been in the Denver area. For a short period of time, however, Joe was transferred through his employment to Grand Junction, Colorado, in the late 1950s. These were early years in the existence of the Grand Junction Friends Church, and the Henshaws' participation both in the church and in the Western Slope Quarterly Meeting assisted in the development of the Christian Education programs.

The 1960s brought years of service directly to the churches of RMYM. Beginning in 1960 Erma was asked to become the stewardship chairman for Rocky View Quarter, an office she held for six years, and simultaneously led to service on the RMYM Stewardship Board.

In 1965 Joe was named to the RMYM Christian Education Board and became chairman of the Sunday School Department and representative to George Fox Press. Under Joe's five years of leadership in this capacity, he guided Yearly Meeting and EFA Sunday school attendance drives, attended George Fox Press Board meetings, and served as Sunday morning Sunday school superintendent at Yearly Meeting. Other offices held by Joe included presiding clerks of FDFC and Rocky View Quarterly Meetings.

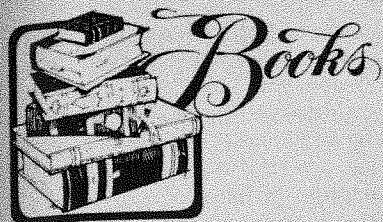
Erma served for three years as president of the missionary society of the local meeting, and one year was vice-president on the Yearly Meeting level. For three years, Erma contributed her time and abilities as craft director for junior camps at Quaker Ridge.

In 1965 Joe and Erma felt led to become commuting pastors. Still living and working in the Denver area, they drove 120 plus miles northeast of Denver to the farming community of Wiggins. The Wiggins Friends Church, an outpost adventure of FDFC, welcomed their ministry. Again in 1970, Joe and Erma pastored at Wiggins. Recorded in the 1970 *RMYM Minutes* of its June sessions was this statement: "A new spirit has come upon the community of Wiggins under the weekend ministry of Joseph and Erma Henshaw . . ."

From August 1966 to July 1967, Joe and Erma undertook the challenge of pastoring the six-month-old outreach mission point at Ft. Collins. During the year they drove 140 plus miles each Sunday. They helped the Ft. Collins group contract for a used church structure for \$30,000, for which a down payment of \$10,000 was needed. The need was taken to Yearly Meeting June 1967, and through God's intervening, the goal of \$10,000 was paid. September 11, 1977, when the Ft. Collins church achieved monthly meeting status, Joe and Erma were present to share their pictures and review the church's early years.

Joe still preaches as the opportunity is given at the Ft. Collins and Wiggins churches. He also supplies as minister at FDFC, at the newly organized Denver Northwest Fellowship, and is a popular in-house minister and speaker at the Francis Heights Apartments' services.

When Matthew 5:14 was quoted in the opening paragraph from *The Living Bible*, it was no accident that version was quoted. Joe and Erma personify that "living" version of real life as Christ had in mind when He said, "You are the world's light . . ."



C. Peter Wagner, **What Are We Missing?** Creation House, 196 pages, paperback, \$3.95.

C. Peter Wagner, associate professor at Fuller Seminary School of World Missions, makes a study of the Pentecostal movement in Latin America, searching for the secret of their amazing growth. The new title of his book *What Are We Missing?* suggests better his purpose than the former *Look Out! The Pentecostals Are Coming*, for he tries to discover some principles common to all the Pentecostal groups that would contribute to their extraordinary success in winning people to the Lord and the church.

A former strong anti-Pentecostal and not a member of their group now, he suggests that non-Pentecostals can apply many of the principles to their own churches, whether in Latin America or not. He does not try to persuade anyone to leave his denomination to join the Pentecostal group.

After giving several examples of outstanding growth among Latin American Pentecostal missions, he makes the simplistic statement: "The basic dynamic behind Pentecostal growth in Latin America is the power of the Holy Spirit." Then he observes several characteristics common to most of the varied Pentecostal groups. The subject of speaking in tongues and of healing are dealt with objectively and without argument. He avoids several enticing detours of theological discussion as he reminds himself and his reader of his declared purpose.

Refreshing descriptions of certain churches and pastors liven the book. Written in a familiar style, it can be productive reading for pastors, missionaries, and laymen alike. It is true that many of the methods and customs are especially adapted to the poorer masses of Latin America. Yet there is much that the more affluent and educated Christians can learn wherever they are. Quakers reading this book are not asked to forsake Quakerly principles, but rather to follow them more fully by being open to the leading of the Holy Spirit though that leading may be unconventional and untraditional. The author appeals to

all readers to be willing to learn everything they can that they may win multitudes to Christ and the church.

—Phyllis Cammack

John M. Drescher, **If I Were Starting My Family Again**, Abingdon, 1979, 62 pages, \$4.95.

While looking back over his life as a father, Mr. Drescher found that he would have done many things differently had he to do it over again. As that was impossible, he wrote a book giving suggestions to others to help prevent them from suffering the same failures.

Chapters entitled "I Would Love My Wife More," "I Would Be a Better Listener," "I Would Laugh More with My Children," and others deal honestly and delightfully with strategies that promote success in family relationships. Many fathers could profit greatly from this small, easily read volume. Its suggestions are practical and workable. A study of this book at a men's retreat or in a small group could prove highly valuable.

The graphics are pleasing and Nancy Johnstone's illustrations add much to the down-to-earth practicality of the book. As is many times the case good things are contained in small packages—it is certainly true here.

—Robin T. Ankeny



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

World Relief Aids Jackson, Mississippi, Flood Victims

WHEATON, ILLINOIS—Disastrous flooding in Jackson, Mississippi, prompted a swift response from World Relief of the National Association of Evangelicals. Even before floodwaters crested, World Relief advanced \$25,000 to aid in the relief of flood victims forced from their homes.

A feeding program was provided for many of those left homeless by the flood, with hundreds of meals served daily at one church. Additional hundreds of meals were taken to other locations by means of

Salvation Army mobile units. Seventy-five volunteers worked in shifts at the church to prepare food for distribution throughout the area.

—World Relief

Evangelical Women's Caucus Plans Third Conference

MONTEBELLO, CALIFORNIA—As the midpoint of 1979 approaches, Evangelical Women's Caucus continues to gather momentum. Last June, following its second national conference in Pasadena, California, the grass roots confederation of biblical feminists voted to become a dues-paying national organization. Six months later, a body of elected representatives met for the first time to transact official business in Coventry, Connecticut. Now in the spirit of the Pasadena gathering, EWC has planned a third conference, this time in the Midwest.

"Women: Called by Christ for the Sake of the Church and the World" is the theme of the conference, slated for June 22-24,

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1979, at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Evangelical Women's Caucus is a national organization of evangelical Christians who believe that the Bible, when properly understood, supports the fundamental equality of the sexes. Recognizing that the church has encouraged men to prideful domination and women to irresponsible passivity, EWC purposes to present God's teaching on female-male equality to all Christians, and to call both women and men to mutual submission and active discipleship. —EWC

Christian Films Selected For Red China's School System

CHICAGO—The Moody Institute of Science recently announced that two of its films, *Window to the Universe* and *Water: The Common Necessity* have been previewed and purchased by Chinese educators for use in their school system. The films were taken into the People's Republic of China last October by a film import/export company operating out of Southeast Asia.

The films were accepted under a program called the "Four Modernizations." The Chinese Government is investigating ways to improve its educational system during this 20-year program with the goal of catching up with the modern world by the year 2,000. These are the first Christian films to enter Red China since it closed in 1945, according to MIS spokesman. —E.P.

Special Study on Children Released

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Population Reference Bureau, Inc. has released a special issue of the *Population Bulletin* (Vol. 33, No. 6, January 1979) dealing with the "World of Children." Issued in observance of the International Year of the Child, the *Bulletin* states, "There were about four billion people in the world in 1975 and close to one and a half billion of them (1.44), or 36 percent, were children under age 15." (page 13)

Some regional figures are as follows (showing the percentage of the population that is under 15 years of age): Middle America 47 percent, Western Europe 24 percent. Surinam has the highest rate of any individual country with 50 percent. The following countries show the second highest percentage (48%) of children under 15 years of age: Algeria, Zambia, Nicaragua, Dominican Republic. The lowest is Hungary, with 20 percent.

The *Bulletin* also points out that "in 1975, 1.2 billion, or 83 percent, of the world's 1.4 billion children lived in regions of the so-called South: Africa, Asia, Latin America, and Oceania. Just 17 percent—238 million—lived in the North: Europe, Northern America (the U.S. and Canada), and the U.S.S.R." (page 17)

Some 52 million children under 15 were at work around the world in 1978, according to International Labour Organization (ILO) estimates, the *Bulletin* says.

The "Data Sheet" also gives other statistics, including the percentage of children enrolled in school at various ages. Some countries with the lowest percentages of female children, age 6-11, enrolled in school are: Bhutan, 4 percent; Afghanistan, 5 percent; Upper Volta, 9 percent; Niger, 10 percent. Corresponding figures for male children, age 6-11, are as follows: Bhutan, 16 percent; Afghanistan, 26 percent; Upper Volta, 14 percent; Niger, 17 percent.

One column reports the number of children per schoolteacher in the country; Upper Volta, for instance, has 534 school-age children per teacher. —M.N.S.

Editor Rydberg Leaves, But 'Door' Remains Open

SAN DIEGO—The editor of the *Wittenburg Door*, evangelical publishing's answer to the *National Lampoon*, has resigned. Denny Rydberg, who with Wayne Rice and Mike Yaconelli led Youth Specialties, Inc., had edited the satirical periodical since 1972.

"It's time to do some other things," said Mr. Rydberg, contacted in Anacortes, Washington. "The three of us have been together so long it won't seem the same," said Mr. Rice. "Our ministry will go on, and we wish Denny well in whatever he does."

The ministry and publication are targeted to church Christian education and youth workers. In typical "Door" fashion, the Three Musketeers of religious satire had rotated the title of president each year. No one could remember who is president in 1979, but now the choice is narrowed to two. —E.P.

Francis Schaeffer Overcomes Recent Bout with Cancer

MIAMI—Dr. Francis Schaeffer is as feisty and active as ever despite a recent bout with cancer, which he has apparently successfully overcome. The 63-year-old evangelical theologian who founded L'Abri, the famed Christian retreat community in Switzer-

land, recently completed a new film, *Whatever Happened to the Human Race?* which deals with abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia. "Christians should use their influence in such areas as abortion and infanticide that are clear-cut in Scripture," he said in an interview here. —E.P.

Handel's 'Messiah' Performed in Moscow

MOSCOW—Handel's majestic *Messiah*, with its ringing affirmation of Christian faith and hope, was presented at the Conservatory, Moscow's most important concert hall, on two consecutive nights. The performance (April 13 and 14) was thought to be the first such in the Soviet Union since the Communists took over in 1917. —E.P.



DEBRA GOES TO SCHOOL

BY BETTY HOCKETT

"My first day at school! Just think, Mother, I *really* get to go to school!" Nine-year-old Debra's eyes sparkled with the feeling of happy anticipation.

"Ah, Debra, it is indeed a grand day! Your father and I have always prayed that someday you would study things that we did not have the chance to learn. It did seem an impossibility, though, since we are not a wealthy family. But now Mrs. Fry has been the answer to that prayer of so many years. To have a school right here in our own place—that is more than we had ever dared hope!"

Debra hugged her mother. "Isn't Elizabeth Fry wonderful? She invited all of the children around here to come to her school!"

"Ah yes, my daughter. Mrs. Fry is a fine person. Not many young women who are as rich as she is would care to go to all the bother of teaching a flock of poor children. Aye! She is a grand and beautiful person. May the Lord bless her!" As Debra's mother thought of the concern for the education of the underprivileged children that the young Quaker woman, Elizabeth Gurney Fry, had shown, her lips began to tremble and tears ran down her cheeks.

Quickly becoming serious, Debra asked, "Why is it that usually only the rich children can go to school?"

Her mother wiped the tears away with a corner of her well-worn apron. "I guess it is just the system of our times. Perhaps it has always been so in our England. At least that is the way of things as long as I can remember in this 18th century. The rich have and do, and the poor just get along as best they can. Sometimes it is hard to understand!" She was quiet for a moment and then smiled. "Be happy today, my dear Debra! God is our helper!"

"Oh, Mother, I am happy! And I have already thanked God this morning." Debra

stepped out into the warm sunshine. She looked up and down the road. "When Thomas and Rhoda come it will be time to go. They've been there before!"

Suddenly Debra asked, "Do you suppose Mrs. Fry will ever come to our house? She visits some of the poor people, you know. Rhoda told me that she even gives clothes to some of the children who don't have enough to wear. I think she must love everybody!"

"Indeed she does. I doubt that she will visit us, though, because we have more than some families do. Surely she is led by God now, because they say that in her growing-up years she gave her time only to dancing and parties and things like that. I guess it was awhile before her marriage that she began wearing the plain dress that some of the Quaker women wear. She started saying *thee* and *thou* at that time, too. She surely is a kind and generous woman. And now the school! Truly God must lead her!"

"Here they come! It's time to go!" squealed Debra, hurrying to meet Rhoda and Thomas.

"Good-bye, my Debra. Mind your manners and thank Mrs. Fry for everything!"

The girls walked carefully along the narrow lane, not wanting to get any more dusty than necessary. Thomas ran ahead, kicking little stones to make them bounce in the thick dust. Horses at the other end of the field and the bird singing gaily on the fence post were scarcely noticed by Debra on this exciting day.

"Rhoda, you've been here before. What will we do?"

"Oh, lots of things. Mrs. Fry always reads the Bible to us and sometimes she reads other stories, too. Then she helps us with our numbers and we get a chance to read some words, too. I like it a lot. She's so kind and beautiful and her voice is so pretty sounding. Thomas doesn't like it; he thinks school is a waste of time, that is, all except on the days when Anna Lee is here. Then he likes it. Once he even got to sit by her!" The girls looked at each other and giggled.

"Oh, you!" shouted Thomas from in front as he turned and made a face at his sister. "That's all you know about it!"

They were still laughing at Thomas's embarrassment when Joseph and Elizabeth Fry's large home, Plashet, came into sight. Behind it was the small building that was used for the school. Debra's heart began to beat faster as she saw the tall, fair-haired Elizabeth Fry holding the door open for the

children. She smiled as they went in to join the others who had already arrived. Rhoda and Debra sat down together on a rough wooden bench along the wall. Thomas found a place beside two other boys on the floor.

Debra blinked hard; she was so happy and excited that she felt like she could cry. To know that at last she would be able to learn to read and write was almost too good to be true! Immediately she loved the soft-spoken teacher. Elizabeth Fry's love for the poor children, who were sometimes ragged and dirty, showed through in her words and actions as she prepared to begin that day's session.

"Maybe someday I can be a Quaker," thought Debra. "A Quaker teacher, that's what I'll be!"

Then the teacher began, "Good morning, boys and girls . . ."

Debra settled back against the wall, putting her daydreams aside. School had begun!



*Emma Batham
from
her friend
Elizabeth Fry.
1828.*

Elizabeth Fry, well-known Quaker lady who was born in 1780, held classes for children who were too poor to go to regular school. This picture of her was taken from an engraving found in a very old book owned by Elva Gregory, Newberg, Oregon. This is actually her signature as she wrote it on the flyleaf of the book in 1828.

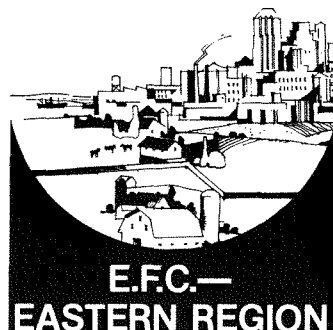
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North Olmsted Enters New Meetinghouse on Easter

If a church congregation can experience one moment in its history that surpasses all other moments, the North Olmsted (Ohio) Friends experienced that moment on Easter Sunday morning, April 15, 1979. The culmination of 11 years of sacrifice, struggle, and service brought 148 people together for the very first service in the new church. Thirty-nine Easter lilies added to the beauty of the occasion in the lovely white New-England style sanctuary.

Last-minute preparations saw the delivery of the new piano only 19 hours before the church opened for the first time. John Anderson, Building Committee chairman, directed dozens of parishioners in the final cleanup in the rush to make presentable this new structure for the Lord's service.

This congregation started in 1969 when a small group of 19 people moved westward from the Westpark Friends Church. This extension work met in the Butternut Elementary School for 581 Sundays under the leadership and tender care of Rev. Don Green, Rev. Roy Skeeter, and present pastor, Rev. Neil Orchard. From the very beginning the dream of a house of worship that would be used to further the outreach of the Friends permeated the collective thoughts of this people. Now the 582nd Sunday of the North Olmsted Friends brought about the fulfillment of that dream.

Pastor Orchard's Easter Morning sermon "Living in Resurrection Power" was a message about the power available to every Christian. It

was the "keynote" to individuals as well as for the church. The congregation faces the days ahead with an air of expectancy for the blessings of God that surely are to come to this body of believers.

Focus on Malone

Dr. James H. Stuckey, Malone professor of history and chairman of the Division of Social Science, has been chosen as Malone's exchange professor to Hong Kong Baptist College for the 1979-80 school year. Dr. Stuckey will be teaching courses in world and European history, and his son, 19-year-old Jay, will be taking courses there. Hong Kong Baptist is the largest college in Hong Kong. The exchange program with Malone was established in 1976 to offer personal and faculty development while bringing to both colleges the influence of international scholars.



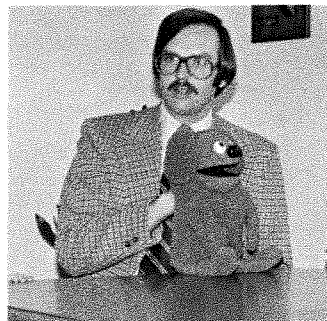
Malone College's 87th commencement, set for May 26 at 10:00 a.m. at the First Christian Church, honored 152 graduating seniors. Dr. George E. Parkinson, pastor emeritus of Christ United Presbyterian Church, delivered the commencement address entitled "The Impact of the Imperishable."

The Ohio Department of Education has awarded Malone a special grant for teacher education to assist the college in the development of means to implement the provisions of Law 94-142, the Education of All Handicapped Children Act. According to Dr. Roger Wood, director of teacher education at Malone, possible additions and modifications to Malone's current program will be studied this summer.

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President Randall will be taking a sabbatical leave this summer during the months of June through September. During that time he will be in Hong Kong studying the points of

convergence and cooperation between Asian and Western educational systems and looking at specific ways in which to increase opportunities for student exchange and faculty professional development.



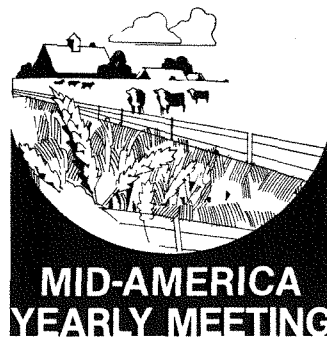
'Spotlight on Missions' At Smithfield

"Spotlight on Missions" is a special feature of the Smithfield, Ohio, church. The program recently was a puppet play with the script written by Marjorie Myers entitled "Pastor Chow." Shown with the puppets are Norman Anderson and Lucy Stinard. Other features included a slide presentation and a simulated conversation between a member of the Missionary Society and two missionaries in Taiwan.

Alliance Youth Perform Palm Sunday Musical

On Palm Sunday the youth of the Alliance Friends Church (Ohio) had something very special for the whole Sunday school, as they presented the musical, "His Fleece Was White as Snow." The story of Easter came through very clearly as told by the animals. The cast included: Dinky, Janice Mitchell (second from right); Snowy, Pam Lipely (second from left); Rooster, Jimmy Kilpatrick (right); Spotty, Jim Fisher; Mother, Nancy Adams; Woolly, Linda Dragomir; Hen, Debbie Moore (left).

Soloists were Jeff Hall, Linda Dragomir, Pam Lipely, Nancy Adams, and Janice Mitchell. A youth choir also participated by singing several songs.



Spring Grove Parsonage Dedication

The parsonage at Spring Grove Friends Church near Osawatomie, Kansas, was dedicated by Superintendent John Robinson at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 3, 1979.

The old parsonage, moved to the church property in 1946, was destroyed by fire on June 23, 1977. On May 23, 1978, the pastor moved into the new parsonage. Originally planned as a basement with a shell overhead, the congregation was challenged to complete the shell.

Monies for building and completing the parsonage were raised in various ways, including several garage sales, food sales, ice cream socials, a walk-a-thon and a bike-a-thon, cake sales, other church and individual donations. It would be impossible to acknowledge the many donations in the way of money, service, and goods that have been made to the parsonage fund and for the use of the pastor in replacing her loss as much as possible.

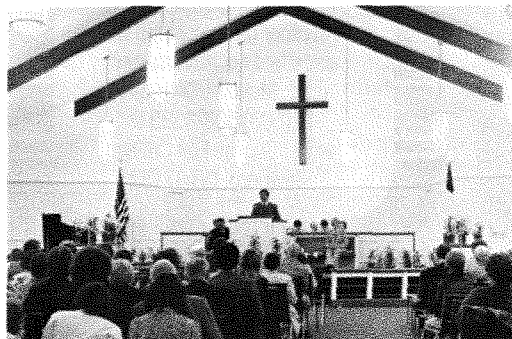


Walter Junior Was There . . .

. . . And we were fortunate to be able to be a part of it. Mid-America Yearly Meeting Pastors' Retreat is always a pretty good experience for most people. Old friends get together, new pastors get a look at their peers, and we all try to gain encouragement to motivate us in the work for awhile.

This year, for some reason, was a bit different. Karen and I suspect that the "reason" is named Walter Albritton. This dear servant of God from Demopolis, Alabama, called Walter Junior by his mother, was the embodiment of a real pastor who knew he was speaking to real people and did so in a beautifully open way.

Openness is not always a readily recognizable trait in all pastors, but because of his willingness to share



even some of his deep hurts and failures, we were all encouraged to be more open with our people.

The exact content of Pastor Albritton's practical messages need not be recounted here. Rather, the content was tenderly, humorously, and very believably written deeply in our hearts.

A variety of other speakers added to the event in helpful ways concerning the pastor's ministry at funerals and in hospital visitation.

One high point of the conference was the Wednesday night banquet at the Heritage House. The evening included a special time of presenting awards, followed by an informal sharing time with our speaker.

Our retreat couldn't be complete without the MAYM Golf Tournament. Tom Decker, tournament director, walked away with two trophies, one for winning the tourney and the other for having the longest drive. Jerry West took the closest-to-the-pin award and Alden Pitts took second honors. Three real tigers tied for the third place trophy, but elected to send it home with Walter Albritton.

Eldon Cox and his committee deserve a huge volume of thanks for all their great work in putting together such a fine retreat. And special thanks to each one who attended for bringing and sharing such a beautiful atmosphere of love.

—Roy and Karen McConaughy

Thanks to our Volunteers

The Yearly Meeting superintendents and staff extend a big THANK YOU to volunteers who have been so helpful in recent office projects. Many dollars and hours have been saved by willing hands assisting with big jobs that would be tremendous if undertaken by just one or two.

One example of aid given the staff was when the Edna Chilson WMU of Northridge took the project of sending tapes of the Yearly Meeting sessions to Burundi. In addition to their regular petite packets wrapped, they mailed recording tapes, to be shared by our missionary families.

Gerald Teague has frequently used the services of Friends from

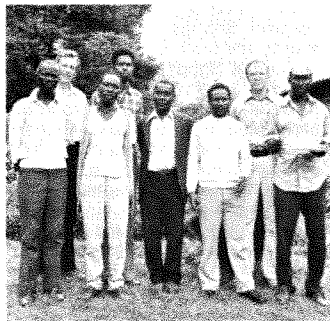
Northridge and University meetings as 3,600 copies of the SCOPE are addressed and prepared for mailing.

The THING-A-MA-BOB, a Youth Publication written by Stan Thornburg, with John Penrose doing the layout work, has been prepared for mailing each time by the high school youth of Northridge. John and B. J. Penrose enlist the help of their youth following the Wednesday evening Bible study, and willing, quick hands make a tiresome job a fun event.

The last big project was preparing newly printed copies of the *Burundi Discipline* for overseas mailing. Again, the WMU ladies volunteered to pack and wrap the 954 copies in gallon milk cartons, 18 to a carton—53 cartons in all. Three cartons were air mailed, hopefully to arrive in time for the Burundi Preparatory Yearly Meeting sessions in July. The remaining 50 cartons were sent in mail sacks by boat.

Tooling Up!

Some missionaries predict that 10 years hence only those missionary agencies that combine development activities with their church growth concerns will be permitted to function in much of the non-Western world. Responding to the challenge and an open door, Friends in Burundi have launched a Rural Community Development Program in its Kwisumo Church area. Pictured is the church-chosen Development Council. The finances for the project are being made available by World Vi-



sion International, so pictured with the group is Murray Russell (second from left), Relief and Development Associate from the Nairobi office; Friends missionary, Alfred Miller (second from right), is serving as Project Manager, while James Ndemera is being trained to give the project its leadership.

The three- to four-year program is designed to minister to the whole person. It will directly involve some 63 families and many more indirectly as the vocational training and public health programs get underway.

The impact of the Gospel will be felt in a widening circle as the church demonstrates its love and caring by becoming involved with the total man in the total community. Definite goals are being established in the areas of nutrition/health, agriculture/vocational training, and income generation. A baseline study at the beginning and several planned periods of evaluation should keep the project on target as well as give experience and show the best way to use the new tool in sharing Christ's love with these who were included when Christ said, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." (NIV)

—James E. Morris



Around George Fox College

George Fox College has become the first Oregon college to receive accreditation from the Oregon Teachers Standards and Practices Commission under its new 1980 rules. Approval of the college's revised teacher education program was granted following 18 months of study and changes by the college's faculty and administration. George Fox was ap-

proved for basic secondary programs and curriculum in language arts, speech, drama, mathematics, physical education, social studies, music, health, and biology.

George Fox's Camp Tilikum has been given one of the top honors available in Christian camping. The 90-acre retreat and conference center has become the first West Coast camp and only the second west of the Mississippi to receive the "Excelling" designation by Christian Camping International. Of 800 camps belonging to the association, only seven have received the highest ranking in the three-step "Foundations for Excellence" camp certification program. Camp Tilikum was created in 1971, the long-time dream of former Newberg dairyman Russell Baker. It was turned to the college in 1975.

Washing windows, pulling weeds, painting, and dusting were some of the chores George Fox students handled in a one-day "Serve-a-Thon" project to help Newberg residents with special needs. Students volunteered their services, with other students paying as sponsors for each hour, and proceeds were donated for agriculture development and relief work for Botswana, Africa. Recipients of the services were elderly, single-parent families, and the Newberg Boy's Club.

The annual Festival of the Arts recently drew hundreds to the variety of events sponsored by the college's Division of Fine Arts. Events included drama, a piano recital by noted pianist István Nádas, an author's party for Arthur Roberts, a music lecture, and vocal and instrumental performances by college organizations.

Mike LaBounty, a junior history major from Newberg, is George Fox's new student body president. LaBounty, 22, is the first "home-town" student president in recent years.

George Fox College students contributed \$1,600 to a local couple to help them continue their specialized treatments for a brain-damaged daughter. Jennifer Brock, 22-months, requires 10 hours a day of treatment at home, using some 40 area volun-



Staff and volunteers in the Yearly Meeting Office.

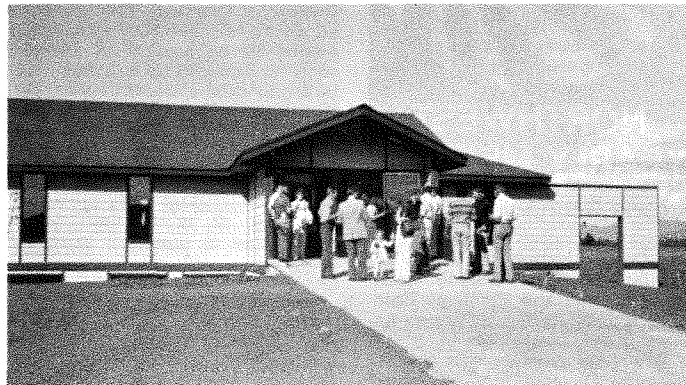
Northwest Yearly Meeting Sessions July 27-August 3, 1979

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| Saturday, July 28 | Executive Council, Boards, Representatives (evening) Women's Banquet and Men's Dinner |
| Sunday, July 29 | Celebration, Missions Rally, Reception honoring Norval and Mary Hadley |
| Monday, July 30 | Keynote Message by Jack Willcuts |
| Monday through Friday noon | Business Session, Workshops, Reports, Special Meetings with Speaker Billy Britt, superintendent of North Carolina Yearly Meeting. |

teers. The student gift pays for the Brocks to make the required trip to the Institute for the Achievement of Human Potential and Development in Philadelphia, who planned the program for Jennifer. She is expected to be nearly normal within a year.

The new musical, *A Simple Gift*, composed by Tim Minikel, a 1975 George Fox graduate who is now a Newberg School District music instructor, was performed recently on campus. The work is believed one of the first in America to mingle the art forms of opera, a musical, and ballet. Minikel calls the production "a tribute to those early Shakers—to their joyful worship of God and to their impeccable ethics."

A letter written by former President Herbert Hoover 14 years ago to the Newberg Rotary Club is now on public display at George Fox College in the Herbert Hoover Academic Building, where Hoover memorabilia are displayed on two levels. Former Rotary President Russell Gainer discovered the letter when he moved this summer. Hoover wrote in the letter, dated March 24, 1969, "I shall never forget my years in Newberg, Oregon. They are filled with wonderful memories." Hoover attended Friends Academy, the forerunner of George Fox College, living with his aunt and uncle, Henry and Laura Minthorn. Minthorn was the first superintendent of the Friends Academy when Hoover enrolled in 1885.



Dedication of the Post Falls Friends Church was held last month. Pictured above is the new church building as people are leaving after the dedication service. Pastor Buz Bloodgood greets Cliff DePue, clerk of the mother meeting, Hayden Lake Friends. Both meetings are in northern Idaho.

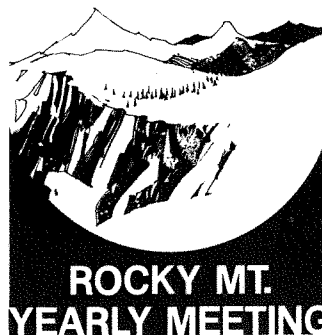


Cadds Enter TV Ministry in Manila

Dick and Helen Cadd, veteran missionaries to the Philippines, returned to Manila early this year after a year at their home in Newberg, Oregon. They are with Action International Ministries. Dick is managing a new Christian television station, the only Christian television station outside of the United States. Just before their departure word was received that the Philippine government had given approval for the station to operate, a prayer concern for several months. One son is also in Manila (Steve and Shelley Cadd under AIM); another son is in Micronesia (Jon and Cher Cadd) under Pacific Missionary Aviation. Dick and Helen's mailing address is: P.O. Box 110, Greenhills, Metro Manila 3113, Philippines.



Dick and Helen Cadd



ABDA Trio Continues Music Ministry

The ABDA Trio was formed five years ago by two couples who gave their weekends to spreading the Good News of salvation through songs, personal testimonies, and preaching.

The trio travels in their own van and at times pulls a small trailer. Trio members enjoy traveling to other churches of all denominations, thus gaining new experiences.

States the ABDA have visited include Colorado, Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas, New Mexico, Indiana, and Nebraska. The home base for the trio is Colorado Springs, Colorado, where all are members of the First Friends Church.

The ABDA specializes in contemporary Christian music. The music is designed to win people to the Lord.

ABDA members are employed in Colorado Springs. John Pierce is security and maintenance director at the Citadel Shopping Center, while his wife Jane works at Williams Chevrolet, and is Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting secretary. Richard Kearns is credit manager for AAA Supply, and his wife Donna works at the Adult Probation Department in the Judicial Building.

The group's future plans are to expand services to more cities and to release another album. *By Faith and Nothing Else* was the group's first album.

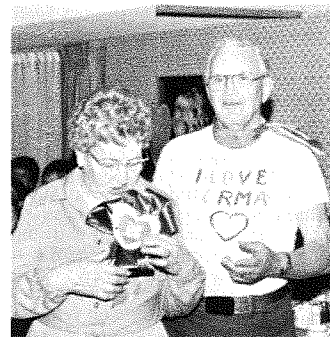
RMYM Briefs

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado—First Friends will be holding its annual vacation Bible school from July 23 to 27.

DENVER, Colorado—First Denver Friends recently held a Sweetheart Banquet at Bernard's Restaurant in Denver. Jerry Lemons served as master of ceremonies, and Leo and Lynda Davis and the FDFC Ensemble furnished special music. (See pictures below.)



Leo and Lynda Davis.



Joe and Erma Henshaw stand in recognition of the prize they received at the banquet. (For story on Joe and Erma, see "Salt and Light" article on page 17 of this issue).

FRIENDS GATHER

ALLIANCE, Ohio

Stan Scott, evangelist and TV personality, was evangelist with God's anointing on our special services. There were many first-time conversions.

On Sunday evenings Rick and Joyce Sams are presenting a series of seminars, "Evenings for the Engaged."

The "King's Daughters" sponsored a dinner and talent night for senior citizens. "Emcee" for the

talent program was Sally the Puppet operated by Judy Kilpatrick.

ALVA, Oklahoma

Our new parsonage is completed, and the building committee held open house April 22 for all to view the completed project prior to the pastors moving into it.

Arch Marshall and Ernest Alexander were with us for our Spiritual Renewal services. As always, Ernest was outstanding as he ministered to

us through his music. Arch emphasized what seems to us to be basically the message of Friends: "Everything you need, you already have; what you have is Christ; Christ is everything you need."

BATTLE CREEK, Michigan

An open house was held for Mr. and Mrs. Vern Stearman, lay preacher of the church, in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Easter Sunday was declared as an "Easter celebration" with a sunrise service, breakfast, worship through communion, a special program by the Junior Department, and the John Peterson cantata, *It Took a Miracle*.

A youth Bible study has begun, held in the home of the youth sponsors.

BELLEFONTAINE, Ohio

Special services were held recently with Dr. and Mrs. James Gibson of Wilmore, Kentucky.

Articles of clothing were collected as part of the Palm Sunday services, then given to Rev. George Primes for use in his inner-city ministry.

BOOKER, Texas

Booker Friends are pleased to share news of their new Day Care Center, Friends Kiddie Korner, which grew out of the vision of this church to provide a ministry to working mothers and fathers, through the operation of such a center. The desire of the staff is to provide a warm, inviting, loving, stimulating Christian atmosphere in a comfortable setting for children and adults.

Mark and Jan Thompson have moved to Booker to direct the center and are excited about the opportunities to witness to families in the community.

CALDWELL, Idaho

The church is experiencing a very fine response to Bible study programs during the week. At least seven different studies are held each week, with an attendance that at least triples the usual Wednesday prayer meeting at the church. We thank the Lord for this.

We recently had a "note-burning" ceremony in the morning worship service. We had obligated ourselves for a new church organ and had agreed to pay it off in one year. This was accomplished.

Our church has given Everett and Alda Clarkson a letter of service to go to Mexico City to serve as missionaries beginning in July. This terminates their service as pastors, and Willard and Wanda Black will become our pastors as of the first of July.

We enjoyed an interesting and very successful Missions Conference the last part of March. Inspirational and informative messages came from the Cammacks and the Stansells along with the testimonies of Leland and Iverna Hibbs about their willingness to go for short-term

service again. Everett Clarkson concluded the conference on Sunday night by showing pictures of Mexico City, where they will be serving.

CANTON, Ohio

Easter Sunday evening the choir sang *The Last Days* by John Peterson, led by Minister of Music Dennis Herris.

DAMASCUS, Ohio

The youth choir went on a five-church tour in May through Ohio and Michigan. The senior high youth retreat was held at Eastern Region campgrounds in Carrollton. The junior highs spent overnight at Quaker Canyon Camp.

The church was challenged to raise \$6,000 for a school facility in India for Norma Freer. Of this, \$5,373.41 was realized in a special Easter offering.

DENVER, Colorado

On April 8 approximately 70 church women were involved in the "Beautiful You Seminar," the purpose of which was to show women how to more successfully integrate their inner and outer selves to reveal their total beauty. Esther Wessling was the keynote speaker. Information was given on fashion, nutrition, hair styling, skin care, and makeup from specialists in each of these fields. Mary Jensen and Robbie Walls arranged the seminar.

Twelve senior high youth and two sponsoring couples went to Haviland for visitors' weekend at Friends Bible College. Youth had the opportunity to see the college and take part in workshops, compete in athletic competition, and meet other high school youth.

EMPORIA, Kansas

March 14 the area WMU Missions Conference was held in Emporia First Friends Church. David and Mae Kellum, Friends missionaries from Burundi, Africa, were the guest speakers.

The six weeks prior to Easter, Home Bible Study groups were held each week, both a morning and an evening group. The study book *Christ in You* was used.

The David Kellums were guest speakers for both morning and evening services Sunday, April 1.

The "Gospel Aires" of Newberg, Oregon, were the ministers in services March 24 and 25.

Easter Sunrise services were held in cooperation with Cottonwood Friends at Cottonwood church, with breakfast at Emporia.

Long-time faithful and loved members Homer and Ruth Hancock celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary March 25.

Memorial services were held for Gerald W. Jones on March 15. Gerald had been faithful to our church throughout his life, serving for several years as treasurer and presiding clerk. His son, Edward Jones, and

daughter, Dorothy Jones Boyce, presented our church with a side-by-side refrigerator in their father's memory.

FULTON CREEK, Ohio

The Montana Indian Mission School presented a spiritual life concert recently.

The Fulton Creek Church provided an Easter sunrise service at the Souls Haven Community Church, Delaware, Ohio.

GRINNELL, Iowa

Special revival services were held for a week recently with Rev. Gene Moyer from Jackson, Mississippi. The total church was helped spiritually.

A special Easter offering was received to be given for missionary work in Mexico City.

HUGHESVILLE, Pennsylvania

A group of youth from Manhattan (New York) Christian School held a weekend meeting with the youth of the church.

Rev. Earl and Catherine Smith held a week of meetings, with the simplicity of their message very helpful.

MARENGO, Ohio

A highlight of the Easter season at Alum Creek church was the presentation of "Alive, Jesus Is Alive" by the Marysville First Friends Church.

Due to the pastor's illness, special speakers have been Rev. Mike Thornburg, Dr. Charles Guscott, Rev. Kenneth Marsh, and Rev. Edwin Jeffries.

MEDFORD, Oregon

For Easter, the choir presented the cantata, *No Greater Love*. A beautiful stage setting of the cross and empty tomb was prepared by Pat Edmundson.

A Work-a-Thon was held by the Teen Choir members, who worked around the clock at the church 4:00 p.m. Friday to 4:00 p.m. Saturday, April 21, supervised and helped by adults; 27 teens and 30 adults participated. Landscaping, sheet-rocking, and insulating in Harmony Hall, painting, cleaning were some of the projects. The teen choir, "Today's Answer," raised \$950 for their trip to visit other churches in the Yearly Meeting. An additional eight-hour work day is scheduled on May 19 to finish some projects.

Special meetings with Mauri and Margaret Rose Macy the weekend of May 3-5 brought good responses, including a young adult brunch at Dave and Judy Woolsey's.

Cheryl Cadd and her two boys, Joshua and (brand-new) Caleb are visiting her parents, Dr. Claude and Joyce Lewis. They returned home from their work with Pacific Missionary Aviation in Micronesia for sister Beckie's wedding.

We are well into our \$20,000 George Fox College Chapel Appeal drive. We are hoping to raise \$40,000 for our church at the same time.

Our bad news is that our associate pastors, Dick and Pat Edmundson and children Julie and Erik, are moving to Camas, Washington, to be pastors. We will miss them very much.

Our good news is that Gayle Beebe, a student at George Fox College, will be with us this summer to help with the young people's work.

MT. GILEAD, Ohio

Using the theme "Bring in Spring," an Enlargement Campaign was held by the Sunday school with teams named Breezes, Sunshine, Rain, and Soil. The winning team was treated to homemade ice cream.

A "Reach Out and Touch Your World" missions weekend was held. A game of Gilead Squares was played answering trivia questions about our missionaries. Special speakers for the weekend included Russell Myers and Anil Solonky.

MT. PLEASANT, Ohio

Services are being held monthly by the church for patients in a local nursing home.

A Singles Group from Damascus Friends had charge of the morning worship hour recently, with singing and testimonies led by Watson Cosand.

Special highlights of Easter Sunday were a cantata by the senior choir and a dedication of baby Eric, son of Ed and Edythe Elerick.

NEWBERG, Oregon

On April 1, Bill Pannell, professor at Fuller Theological Seminary and former evangelist and lecturer with Tom Skinner Associates, was Sunday evening speaker at the beginning of GFC Deeper Life Conference. Earl and Adelaide Barker celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at a reception at Friendsview Manor on April 8.

A film was shown on Easter Sunday evening, *A Twentieth Century Testimony*, by Malcolm Muggeridge, his search for truth.

An all-church loyalty dinner was held in Heacock Commons at GFC on April 21 to introduce our capital funds campaign for Newberg Friends Church building expansion and George Fox College chapel-auditorium.

April 22 was senior appreciation day, with a reception at Friendsview Manor especially honoring those who have been married 50 years or more.

On March 11, Pastor Do showed a film, *Gospel Road*, about the life of Christ. He presented his concern to minister directly to refugees in Southeast Asia.

Larry and Shirley Mendenhall from Kansas ministered in teaching and song to the high school FY in their "at home" Spring Retreat, March 14-18.

The GFC Concert Band played their home concert in our church on March 25.

Jesus Is King, in Scripture, slides, music, and drama was given on Sunday evening, April 8, and at a community Easter service on April 13.

On April 22, our high school choir sang *Mhe Gathering*, a musical look at what happens in a worship service. The adult choir assisted.

On April 29, Whittier and Lorena Williams, pastors at Kotzebue, Alaska, spoke and sang in our services.

NEWPORT NEWS, Virginia

The Teen Sunday School Class has started a family fun night each Thursday night with activities such as softball, picnics, watermelon feasts, ice cream parties, song time, and much more.

The 6.2 acres of land that was purchased 18 months ago has been paid off—the final payment being made with a special Easter offering.

NORTHBRIDGE, Wichita, Kansas

The women of Northridge were the hostesses for the 13th Annual Community Coffee for churches in the northwest area of Wichita May 7. About 80 women from six denominations were present. Ada Paulsen of Westside Christian Church was the contributing speaker. Each church presented part of the program. From Northridge, in addition to those who served as hostesses, were Charlene Littlefield, who played an organ prelude, and pastor's wife, Donna Marshall who gave the welcome.

NORTH VALLEY Newberg Oregon

Over 100 people attended a Passover Celebration held at our church on April 11, 1979. The different rituals were presented and explained, along with a passover meal, and everyone participated during the ceremony. This service greatly enriched our observance of the Easter celebration.

The Adult Choir and the Children's Choir, under the direction and leadership of Louise Sperling, have ministered in several performances, starting with the children's Easter presentation on April 8 and ending with a special Mother's Day presentation on May 13. The Adult Choir also gave concerts to the Newberg Care Home and the Chehalis Care Home in Newberg, Oregon.

The Inter-Mission Drama Group from George Fox College visited us in April under the direction of Darlene Graves.

Three of our couples, Bill and Myrlene Rourke, Bruce and Sharon Longstroth, and Bob and Karla Holveck, have finished the 24-month Navigators Discipleship Course in May. This course is based on Colossians 2:7 and is an effective training course in Christian discipleship.

Fred Ness, an active elder in our church, is leaving in May to take a pastorate in Washington. Our church has been holding weekly meetings in three nursing homes in

Newberg on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for the past year. John Thomas, Fred Ness, and the Bill Cathers household have each led a group each week.

Our church family has been successfully meeting in home Bible studies on Wednesday evenings since last fall, and we are continuing to do so. Our elders of the church have been actively participating this past year in our services and throughout the week, ministering to the needs of the Body. This has enabled our pastor, Roger Knox, to take an active role in the NWYM Department of Missions.

PENROSE, Colorado

Three students in our congregation graduated from high school and were honored in a morning worship service on May 13. The students are Mike Batson, Terry Hinkle, and Roger Lampton. On June 4 to 8 our church held its annual vacation Bible school.

PORTSMOUTH, Virginia

Jeff Steinberg, a man born without limbs, inspired the entire congregation recently when he gave his testimony. Without hands, he had learned to use his mouth to work and become self-supporting.

A Youth Week recently involved the youth in a cookout, a Dave Boyer Concert, a supper at the church, and pajama parties.

ROSE HILL, Kansas

We had a special youth service, with 76 in attendance. Brad Harvey of Northridge (Wichita) was speaker for this service, which was used mightily by the Holy Spirit and provided a blessing for all who attended.

Sam and Colleen Fisher attended the Christian Workers Conference and shared valuable information with us. Our youth held a Chili Dinner to raise money for their youth budget and raised \$181.50. We're proud of them. April 1 was the initial union service with Derby Friends. The Lord gave us a blessed service, and a time of fellowship followed the worship.

SALEM, Ohio

Outstanding events that have taken place at First Friends are a workers' appreciation night, the film *Solo*, the singing couple "Mickey and Becki Moore," the Easter cantata *No Greater Love*, and a concert by the Malone College chorale.

SEILING, Oklahoma

We were busy this spring writing letters to our legislators on vital issues before they came to the vote of our State House and Senate.

In March we had two representatives of the Gideons explaining their work in getting Bibles to people and places where they are badly needed and wanted. A generous offering was taken.

Lowell Roberts and Henry Harvey were with us for revival in April. It was a refreshing time, several special needs were met, and the music was heartwarming. Juanita and Sylvia were with us for the last Sunday's service.

Easter morning our choir, under the direction of Sharon Combs, presented the Cantata *He Lives*. This was very impressive.

While our pastors attended Pastors' Retreat in Oklahoma City, Robert Hess, executive director of EFM, was with us for a service and told of the work on the different mission fields. A time of fellowship followed the service.

We are missing James and Geneva Hickman from our midst since they moved to Olathe, Kansas. Mary Tapp was with us and showed pictures of the Holy Land.

Plans are underway for DVBS for all ages, to be held Wednesday nights, May 23-June 20. The theme: "God's Word, Your Door to Adventure."

SPRING GROVE Osawatomie, Kansas

Our pastor, June Worden, was in Haviland for the dedication of the Dean Worden Library at Friends Bible College on May 6. In her absence, Ferne Cook, a former pastor, brought the morning and evening messages.

A fellowship dinner follows the morning worship the first Sunday of each month. Persons having birthdays are honored. Since the beginning of the new church year we have welcomed three new members and one transfer from associate to active membership. A blessing was received

as Merle and Ruth Roe were with us in revival meetings in February.

TECUMSEH, Michigan

"Jesus Is the Answer" was the theme for the recent Lay Witness Mission when 48 witnesses from neighboring states witnessed what Christ had done for them. The mission ended with a Spirit-filled service on Sunday morning, but hopefully it is only the beginning of spiritual renewal.

URBANA, Ohio

Special speakers recently have been Rev. James Robinson from North Lewisburg, Ohio, and John Clark representing the Gideons.

Members of the "Terrific Teens" were a blessing to the residents of the local nursing home as they sang and read Scripture.

UNIVERSITY Wichita, Kansas

Because we all see the need to broaden our mission to our children, our meeting set April 1-7 as the week to give special recognition to young children during this 1979 International Year of the Child. Shari Castle, program developer and lead teacher of the Day Care Center at University Friends, spoke in a recent meeting for worship on the subject, "Who Is Minding the Children?"

Pastor Dave Kingrey says, "My commitment, as one of the pastors of University Friends and as a father of two children, is to discover the most creative means to fill the lives of our little ones with Christ's compassionate love. We serve 80 children in our preschool and day-care center. Our own church nursery is expanding as we minister more effectively to young families. Our

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children, who are precious gifts from God, bring new joy in our University Friends family. And, oh how we need to give them special tender care!"

We are happy to announce that two of our "older children," Kim Allen and Alan Swanson, will travel to Quaker Country with the Quaker Youth Pilgrimage, traveling as representatives of Nebraska Yearly Meeting and Mid-America Yearly Meeting. They will be supported in part from our gifts in the Easter Offering.

VAN WERT, Ohio

Earl and Catherine Smith directed a very successful Children's Crusade, providing music, puppets, and fun.

A Lay Witness Mission weekend was held April 20-22.

WEST MANSFIELD, Ohio

The local high school ensemble participated in a service recently.

The April missionary meeting was special when Mary Ann Lewis, missionary to Kenya, Africa, spoke and showed slides of her work.

WILLOUGHBY HILLS, Ohio

A singing couple "Micki and Becky" presented a concert recently for a morning service. Bible studies for youth continue, with one started recently for girls. Matt Chesnes, a layman, preached the Easter sunrise

sermon, and Frank Goldstein, another layman, cared for the prayer meeting service recently while the pastor was on vacation.

WOODLAND PARK, Colorado

Summer camp dates for juniors, junior highers, and senior highers have been set for three weeks in July. Junior camp will be July 3 to 8 for grades four through six, costing \$43, while junior high camp for grades seven to nine will be held July 8-14, costing \$45. Senior high camp for grades 9-12 will be held July 14 to 21; the cost will be \$50. For more complete information consult with local church pastors.

WOODLAND, Kamiah, Idaho

April 8 was a very special day at Woodland when we held an "Appreciation Day" in honor of our pastors, Laurence and Naomi Wright. A crowd of 115 people from the community and church gathered for the morning service and potluck dinner to show our appreciation for all they are doing and what they mean to us.

On May 13 we combined Mother's Day services with a potluck dinner, followed by business meeting in the afternoon. That evening a number of our members attended the final presentation for the year of songs and music by the Inter-Faith Choir held at the Presbyterian church in Kamiah.

MARRIAGES

AILES-JONES. Christine Ailes and Roberts Jones, March 3, 1979, Salem, Ohio.

ANDERSON-HERRON. Christine Anderson and David Herron, April 7, 1979, Salem, Ohio.

BROWN-McCURDY. Susan Brown and Cliff McCurdy, March 20, 1979, Scotts Mills, Oregon.

BURCH-BRINKMAN. Elizabeth Burch and Mark Brinkman, November 4, 1978, Bellefontaine, Ohio.

BURNSIDE-TENNANT. Susan Beth Burnside and John D. Tennant, December 30, 1978, Mt. Gilead, Ohio.

CLOPTON-ZINK. Kathy Clopton and David Zink, March 17, 1979, Cottonwood Friends, Emporia, Kansas.

FAUCHIER-HAINES. Ethel Fauchier to Harold Haines, March 7, 1979, Wichita, Kansas.

GABRIEL-KILPATRICK. Linda Gabriel and Bryan Kilpatrick, March 10, 1979, Tecumseh, Michigan.

GURLEY-CLOPTON. Shawn Gurley and Daniel Clopton, March 17, 1978, Emporia, Kansas.

HATCHER-CARNER. Gail Hatcher and James Carner, April 7, 1979, Damascus, Ohio.

HOOPES-CARDER. Barbara Hoopes and James Carder, April 21, 1979, Damascus, Ohio.

KELLY-CLARK. Janette Kelly to Parry Clark, April 14, 1979, Wichita, Kansas.

KIDDER-PATRICK. Mary Kidder and Ralph Patrick, April 9, 1979, Salem, Ohio.

LANDWERT-LEE. Lynn Landwert and William Lee, March 24, 1979, Salem, Ohio.

DEATHS

HOCKETT—Lynn Hockett, 75, April 18, 1979, Newberg, Oregon.

JONES—Jerald W. Jones, Emporia, Kansas, memorial service March 15, 1979.

KING—Grace Stanfield King, Caldwell, Idaho, January 18, 1979.

LLEWELLYN—Pauline M. Llewellyn, 79, April 30, 1979, Cloverdale, Oregon, member Newberg Friends.

MARTIN—I. V. Martin, March 19, 1979, Alva, Oklahoma.

WEESNER—Oliver Weesner, 95, April 22, 1979, Newberg Friends, Oregon.

FRIENDS RECORD

BIRTHS

BIBLE—To Rev. and Mrs. Abraham Bible, missionaries to Canada, a daughter Esther, March 27, 1979.

BLAKEMORE—To Bruce and Pam Blakemore, a daughter Haley, March 27, 1979, Canton, Ohio.

BOYD—To John and Lorraine Boyd, a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, April 4, 1979, Wichita, Kansas.

BURCH—To Daniel and Jana Burch, a daughter, Breann Lea, February 15, 1979, Bellefontaine, Ohio.

BURTON—To Daryl and Vonnice Burton, North Valley Friends, a son, Dwight Daryl Burton, Newberg, Oregon, April 14, 1979.

DOERSCHUK—To John and Jessie Doerschuk, a son, John Randall, March 24, 1979, Canton, Ohio.

HAINES—To Roy and Cheryl Haines, a son, Timothy Joseph, March 2, 1979, Caldwell, Idaho.

HOWDESHALL—To Wayne and Sandra Howdeshall, a son, Justin Wayne, October 9, 1978, Wichita, Kansas.

JAMES—To J. C. and Penny James, a daughter, Deborah Louise, February 26, 1979, Osawatimie, Kansas.

KEMPER—To Flurry and Ruth Ellen Kemper, a daughter, Charity Elizabeth, May 2, 1979, Coldwater, Kansas.

KLEIN—To Tim and Chris Klein, a daughter, Eve Brooks, April 7, 1979, Salem, Ohio.

MARSHALL—To Paul and Linda Marshall, a daughter, Megan Lynn, April 12, 1979, Canton, Ohio.

MICK—To Rod and Corliss Mick, a daughter, Hannah Joylyne, January 19, 1979, Tecumseh, Michigan.

MOSHER—To Brad and Judy Mosher, a son, Jason Bradley, March 19, 1979, Mt. Gilead, Ohio.

OSWALT—To Jerry and Valetta Oswalt, "tentmakers" in Georgia, a son, Nathan Gregory, April 9, 1979.

RATZLOFF—To Jim and Janet (Blackledge) Ratzloff, a daughter, Alyssa Lynn, May 6, 1979, Montrose, Colorado.

REES—To David and Juanita Rees, a daughter, Dwendolyn Ann, January 12, 1979, Cottonwood Friends, Emporia, Kansas.

SMITH—To Jerry and Janice Smith, a daughter, Alyssa Anne, April 6, 1979, Bellefontaine, Ohio.

TITLOW—To Mike and Becky Titlow, a son, Joshua Michael Titlow, October 23, 1978, Bellefontaine, Ohio.

TRIMBLE—To Richard and Linda Trimble, a son, Robert, November 30, 1978, Newport News, Virginia.

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'POWERFUL FACTORS' IN GOD'S WORK

WILL FRIENDS BE THAT AS NEW EMPHASIS ON PRAYER IS LAUNCHED?

BY JOHN O. GRAFTON

The Evangelism Commission of the Evangelical Friends Alliance under the guidance of the Holy Spirit has accepted the challenge to awaken Friends across the nation to the necessity of a strong prayer ministry both individually and corporately.

A strong reliance upon God and a strong prayer life were truly what made the early church the power that it was, and prayer again will be the prime mover if Friends are to fulfill their part of the Great Commission.

E. M. Bounds states in his book, *The Weapon of Prayer*, "The Apostles allowed no duty, however sacred, to so engage them as to infringe upon their time and prevent them from making prayer the main thing The Apostles were praying

men, themselves. They were teachers of prayer, and trained their disciples in the school of prayer. They urged prayer upon their disciples not only that they might attain to the loftiest eminence of faith, but that they might be the most powerful factors in advancing God's Kingdom."

"Powerful Factors!" How we as Friends long to be that for our Lord and yet as a whole we fall so short!

It is God's will for Friends to be "Powerful Factors" in God's work in the days ahead. This will not happen, however, until we as "convinced" believers become powerful in our "closet," seeking to know and love our Lord more intimately and interceding for the lives and needs of others around us. But when we do pray, Jesus promises us that all phases of our daily life and ministry will make a powerful impact on those around us and on our surrounding communities.

The Evangelism Commission is not implementing another program to be religiously followed. Our prayer is that this emphasis will be seen first as God's way of helping Friends become the "Powerful Factor" He wants us to be in the redemption of the world. Second, we see this as a means to draw some prayer warriors back into the "closet" who have forsaken their prayer life and are promoting church programs. Third, we want to draw Friends into this great ministry who do not presently have an effective prayer life. We want to help them discover the *blessing* that comes through prayer.

God wants all Friends to be a part of this great prayer movement. To all believers (from the youngest to the oldest) the Bible declares this as a mandate from Christ, not an option. *All* believers are called to pray.

Ann Kiemel says "I'm out to change my world." May God help us as Friends to become positive and set our goal to change our world into a place of righteousness and holiness. We can be a "Powerful Factor" if we first have a *powerful, positive* prayer life.

There are several aspects in the year-long (July 1979-June 1980) prayer thrust that you will become aware of as we go through the year. Fasting the noon meal Friday of each week will be encouraged. Imagine thousands of Friends fasting and praying every Friday. God will honor that. Also, we are encouraging our 250 churches in Evangelical Friends Alliance to sponsor a prayer chain each quarter.

In January of 1980 we will have one solid week of intercession, highlighted by a day of witnessing that will be backed up by thousands of intercessory prayers. We are asking God for 10,000 witnesses to be made for Christ during the Week of Intercession, with Tuesday, January 15, being the major thrust.

The overall umbrella for our year's prayer thrust will be a Daily Guide that will be available to all Friends. These will be available through your local church and will give you daily requests to remember in your prayer time.

"Powerful Factors"? It's God's will. Let's all get involved and help *win the world* for Christ. EFA

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