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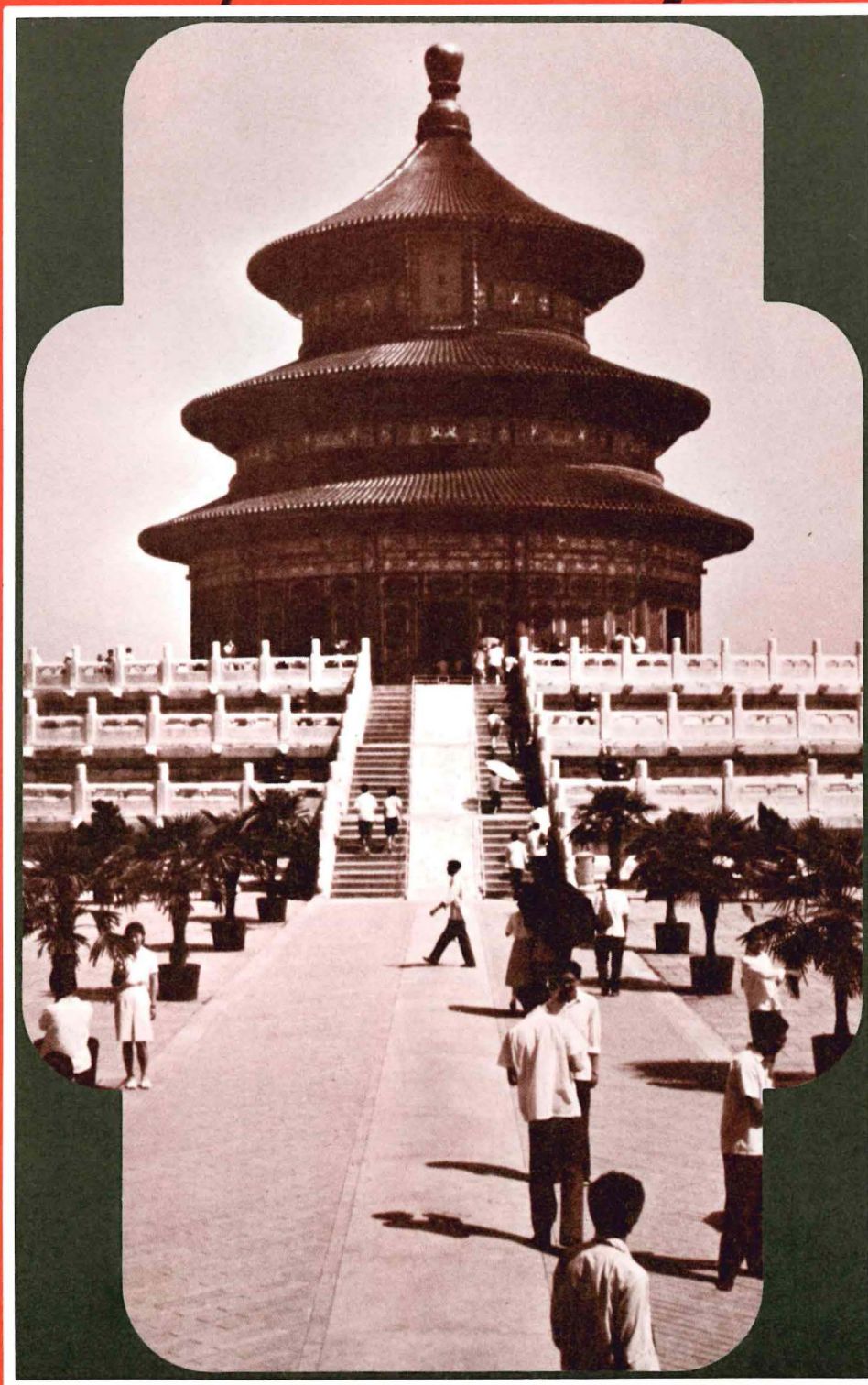
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BY WALTER R. WILLIAMS, JR.

THE THREE-HOUR morning flight between Peking and Nanking passed quickly aboard our jet. The rich fertile Yangtze river valley became visible as we descended toward the Nanking airport. Farmlands were lush with adequate rain and splendid growing conditions. The mile-wide river was a dominant feature as it snaked its way through the flat lowlands.

As we circled around the southern face of familiar Purple Mountain in our landing pattern we saw the gleaming white mausoleum, erected in memory of Sun Yat-sen, the modern George Washington of China. On its left I recognized the Ming tombs of the first Emperor of that dynasty. Beautiful Lotus Lake lay directly beneath us. It was the landing place for Charles and Anne Lindbergh on their first flight to China.

Dr. Williams spent his early youth in China, the son of missionary parents, and returned after an absence of 57 years, with Mrs. Williams. He was Assistant Commissioner of Education for the State of Florida.

Adjacent to the city, the four-mile bridge across the river was clearly outlined. Completed in 1968, it was a bridge several Western engineers claimed could never be built. There is great national pride of achievement in its successful completion. It provides two levels of transport, double railroad tracks on the lower level, and four lanes on the upper level for vehicular traffic. The height is sufficient above the river to accommodate the large freighters used in the river below.

Nanking was my home for several years after the age of nine, when I went there to attend a private school for foreign children. My classmates were American, British, French, Polish, and Swedish. We were taught by teachers from California. During the first two years I lived with a family next door to Lossing Buck, a teacher at the University of Nanking. His wife, Pearl Buck, was even then writing and on her way to fame.

My next two years were spent at the Quakerage, a home for our mission group then supported by Ohio Yearly

Luho Friends Academy for boys (page 2, left) where Walter Williams, Sr., and Charles DeVol served for many years. Helen and Walter Williams, Jr., on the Great Wall of China near Peking. Mary Evelyn and Howard Moore with Peter Peng (page 3), pastor of Big Forest Church, Taipei. Pastor Peng is presiding clerk of the Taiwan Yearly Meeting of Friends.



Meeting of Friends (now Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region).

I endeavored to find traces of the Stanley Memorial Church as well as the Quakerage, but the downtown area of Nanking is now so densely built and reconstructed with tall buildings that my efforts failed. Nanking has changed so greatly as to be unrecognizable except at a few points.

When our guide, Mr. Chu of the China International Travel Service, learned that my boyhood years were spent in Luho, a city located 25 miles distant from Nanking, he offered to make arrangements for a visit. This was to be the highlight of our trip to China. Helen and I were met the following morning at the Nanking Hotel by Mr. Chu and a driver in a well-made taxicab manufactured in Shanghai. We drove across the Yangtze on the new bridge and followed a very satisfactory highway lined with planted trees the entire distance to Luho. The farm communes we passed were active and much produce was in evidence. Rice, vegetables, and sugarcane grew in great quantity. No land was being wasted. A few water buffalo were being worked in the fields, while work teams consisting of both men and women were active in harvesting, planting, constructing, and road repair. An occasional individual was herding a flock of ducks.

The drive to Luho consumed an hour and 15 minutes, which was far short of the 12 hours by sedan chair, walking across rice paddies to the Yangtze, the slow crossing to Nanking by sampan, and then by horse-drawn carriage to the Quakerage of 60 years ago.

The city wall of Luho had been torn down in 1958. We drove directly to the headquarters building of the Revolutionary Committee of Luho County. This is a multistoried structure of considerable size. Mr. Chu soon emerged from the central office with Mr. Bieng, director of the Revolutionary Committee of the county, who warmly welcomed us back to the city of my childhood. Ushered into the visitors' reception center, tea was served, and there two secretaries of the Revolutionary Committee and a Luho guide were brought in and introduced.

We visited in general terms for a few minutes, with Mr. Chu serving as interpreter. Occasionally, I reverted to simple Chinese when I felt sure of my ground and we soon established a rapport. They were most polite, courteous, and interested.

I mentioned the deep regard of my parents, Walter and Myrtle Williams, for the people of Luho, also that my only sister, who died in infancy, was buried there. I outlined briefly the contributions that a number of earlier missionaries had endeavored to make. In response to my question concerning religious freedom the director stated that now the policy of freedom of belief applies to all religious groups, and he mentioned Christianity along with the other major religions of China.

Despite the rain, umbrellas appeared and the entire delegation proceeded to walk from the headquarters to my old home. In five minutes we entered a building that

obviously had been remodeled. I could not be sure that it was the house. While upstairs I noted an insulated sound studio, broadcasting equipment, two tape machines, and was informed that it was the broadcasting center for Luho County. Still looking for clues I could identify, I glanced through a window and saw a building next door that I thought was the boys' school where father had served as principal. Then going outside I was able to recognize a small leaded glass window that had been over the buffet in the dining room while we lived there. The interior of the house had been entirely changed.

While I was examining this window and a small square one beside it that had lighted my little playroom under the old stairwell, the rain increased in intensity and we were invited to enter a small room meagerly furnished in what had been the servants' quarters. The neighbors carried in several chairs so that we and the party members could be seated. There was no room for more. At this juncture the chairman asked if we would accept an invitation to stay for dinner as guests of Luho County. We expressed deep appreciation for his thoughtfulness and kindness but felt that our tight schedule requiring an early return to Nanking should probably preclude that pleasure. We then walked to the old boys' school where my father had served for many years. The building is now used for teacher-training purposes.

Next, we walked a 10-minute route that took us to the old residence of Margaret Holme, a pioneer missionary, where my sister Grace was born. It is now a part of the Luho Hotel, which has been built alongside. The DeVol Memorial Church stands nearby in apparent disuse. In another sector of the city Peace Hospital is used for medical

services and the old adjacent home of Drs. George and Isabella DeVol has been serving as city offices.


As our delegation walked the rain-drenched streets of Luho, hundreds of residents and street folk stared in wonderment at the two foreigners being escorted in the rain by the leaders of the Revolutionary Committee. Their countenances revealed the same reserved, docile, and inquisitive attitude I have remembered since those early boyhood days.

As we rode back to Nanking pleasant childhood memories flooded through my mind. Those were happy youthful years rich in the joys of association with loving parents and Luho friends. It seemed that the intervening 61 years had in many ways been bridged.

Regretful that I had not gained greater insight concerning the Chinese Christians and friends, I could do no more

than bow my head in silent prayer and commit them to Him in the hope that those dear ones who had served Luho so faithfully had not done so in vain.

Later, our stopover in Taiwan proved to be a highlight. We were fortunate to have fellowship with Howard and Mary Evelyn Moore, John and Barbara Brantingham, and Ella Ruth Hutson, together with a number of pastors and members of the Taiwan Yearly Meeting of Friends.

While here we experienced a wonderful and satisfying insight. Located on that beautiful island are 30 congregations of Friends. Their total membership now exceeds three thousand individuals. From a nucleus of Luho and Nanking members who fled to Taiwan during and after the Communist Revolution in 1949, this miracle of Christian consecration and growth has developed. Indeed, these early missionaries to Nanking and Luho, including my parents, had not served our Lord and Savior in vain. 

Let's
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'Is Preaching Okay?'

BY HOWARD R. MACY

RIGHT AWAY most Friends will recognize that "Is preaching okay?" is not the right question. We have already learned from the mistakes of our past that we must not demean or reject the vocal ministry. The important question is, instead, "What kind of preaching is okay?"

We can easily miss this central question by asking secondary or artificial questions such as who should speak, when the message came to the speaker, whether it was prepared or impromptu, or whether it was artful or not. By asking the central question, "What kind of preaching is okay?" we address all Friends and recall our deepest concerns.

The kind of vocal ministry we can accept tells the truth, responds to divine direction, and rises as a living witness from the heart.

We must care most of all that any vocal ministry tell the truth. Though we may desire messages that are clever, interesting, or well-crafted, the first question to ask is whether a message is true. Friends have sometimes fallen prey to the idea that messages brought in meeting become sacrosanct. This concession to uncritical individualism endangers the truth. Surely all speak the truth as nearly as they can, but no person, professional or otherwise, attains infallibility simply for daring to speak in meeting. Instead, messages must be received in love, tested, and (at times) purified so

that all together may grow in maturity and in the knowledge of God. Because they know the traps of pride, cleverness, unwitting prejudice, and more, experienced ministers are among the first to cherish the community's testing and guidance. The meeting should constantly renew the old question, "Does truth prosper?"

Further, acceptable preaching responds to divine direction. A message may be true and, at the same time, wrong for a certain people or time. Those who speak must be particularly discerning and obedient at this point. They must ask questions like "Is this message for this time and this people? Am I the one who must say it? Have I spoken what is necessary—no more, no less?" This sort of question checks those who speak because they fidget in the silence and those who speak merely out of duty. It also cautions those who speak out of personal pique or use meeting for worship as a forum to lobby for pet concerns. For any preaching to be okay, Christ must direct it. We would not repeat the damaging error of our Quaker forebears by insisting that persons can be led only immediately before they speak, but we must insist that all speaking should arise clearly at the prompting and under the leading of our inward Teacher.


Finally, preaching that is okay, at its root, rises as a living witness from the heart. Friends have rightly rejected preaching that

is mere craft. To manipulate words and texts and to squeeze them into gleaming generalizations and alluring alliterations must not stand substitute for preaching from a fresh inward knowledge of God. Those who merely cant the outlines, words, and insights of others must be challenged still by the question, "But what can *you* say?"

To insist on living ministry does not plead for slothful or careless preaching. Intentional mediocrity demonstrates only a poverty of spirit. Vocal ministry should be neither slapdash nor second hand. It must instead be disciplined and distilled from a heart alive to God.

Henri Nouwen understood this when he wrote: "The question is not, 'Do I have time to prepare?' but, 'Do I live in a state of preparedness?' When God is my only concern, when God is the center of my interest, when all my prayers, my reading, my studying, my speaking, and writing serve only to know God better and to make him known better . . . then I can live in such a state of preparedness and trust that speaking from the heart is also speaking to the heart." (*The Genesee Diary*, p. 59)

Friends need now, as in the past, a strong vocal ministry. May we nurture together preaching that has its root in truth, in divine direction, and in the heart.

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Thought by many to be China's most beautiful structure is the Temple of Heaven in Peking. (Photo by Walter R. Williams, Jr.)

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It's been 25 years since I stood on the streets of Taipei, Taiwan, witnessing a "Double-Ten" celebration. It was October 10, 1955, and a powerful array of Chinese Nationalist military hardware and troops was passing before the reviewing eyes of President Chiang Kai-shek.

We were told the parade, the shouting salutes of acclaim toward the reviewing stand, and the display of military might were all geared toward an eventual return to the Mainland—to deliver the Chinese masses from the grasp of their Communist rulers.

While one was overwhelmed with the spirit of dedication and determination, it was difficult to envision the success of such a military venture. And, in fact, it has never "come off."

What has happened in these 25 years is perhaps even a greater miracle. Mainland China has opened its doors to much of the world. In the process, Christians have begun to emerge from underground, some Bibles have been printed and distributed, a few churches have reopened, and house churches are growing in number.

All this comes as a thrilling answer to prayer for those who watched China close to the Gospel and foreign missions years ago. And though missionaries as such may not be able to return, the lifting of travel bans and a degree of religious freedom provide Chinese Christians with the encouragement from visiting believers so long awaited and so desperately needed.

God's timing and His hand in the affairs of men are difficult to understand. One wonders what would have happened had Chiang unleashed those forces from Taiwan. —H.T.A.

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The Sacredness



BY MAURICE AND EARLENE JEFFERY

"Then the Lord God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it." (Genesis 2:15 NASB)

The first occupation given to man was farming! Is farming still a worthy vocation today for a Christian man or woman to follow? Statistics show that one farmer today produces enough food to feed 53 persons. Surely, if one person can help provide the nutritional needs for that many people, today's farming efforts are blessed by the hand of God.

Perhaps we take for granted our present plentiful food supply. We rush to our huge supermarkets where shelves are stocked with foodstuffs of every variety, choose the brand that satisfies us the most, or try the latest brand advertised on TV. We are scarcely aware of the true source of that

Maurice and Earlene Jeffery, graduates of Friends University, have made their career farming in Jewell County, Kansas. Active in the Northbranch Friends Church, they share a concern and appreciation for the sacredness of the soil.

loaf of bread or can of vegetables. Yet nearly every food item in our grocery cart comes directly from the soil that God provided for our physical existence, just as He has from the beginning of time. If a shortage of an item we want occurs, we panic and begin to wonder why we cannot obtain it. Perhaps we should each develop an attitude of thankfulness for all of God's daily blessings that we so often take for granted.

Here in the United States we seem to have access to more and better food products than in any other country in the world. Meat and dairy products rate high on our daily menus. Here again this is made possible through livestock production that requires grass and grain from the soil. Much of the grassland of our country is utilized efficiently through livestock production.

It is interesting to note the various types and textures of soil in different geographical locations. Each soil type is suited for specific crops, which are determined to a large degree by climate and rainfall. For instance wheat, the principal crop produced in Kansas, could not profitably be grown in other areas that are different in soil and climate. However, there are many other vital products for our human needs that

CONSIDER

How vast and teeming, this world where we live—
Full of power and wonder, with so much to give.
God made it for us—just one of kind—
To test us and feed us in body and mind.

No place else has the rivers, the corn, and the trees.
No place else has our cattle, our cotton, and bees.
Only here do men grow with the will to survive.
Only here are the means for families to thrive.

God's nature enfolds us in ten million ways.
It joins us with life throughout all our days.
You were born into nature; you're a part of its being.
All your actions and outlooks affect its full meaning.

BY LYLE WHITEMAN

JESUS has just healed two blind men, telling them not to tell anyone what has happened to them (Matthew 9:30). But they told it in all the country. Christians are to tell everyone about Jesus, but too often we follow the command given to the blind men and tell no one.

Later Jesus told His followers that the harvest was plentiful but harvest hands few. They were to pray for more workers in His worldwide harvest. The *New English Bible* says (v. 37) that "The crop is heavy"—it is a bumper crop.

Lyle Whiteman, a pastor in Mid-America Yearly Meeting, came home from the National Friends Pastors' Conference in St. Louis with a concern to write this testimony and personally to become a better "Harvest Hand." His intimate experience in Kansas harvest fields makes this comparison more relevant.

The crop is even heavier today, and harvest hands are needed to gather it in while it is ready and there is still time to harvest.

Jesus is delaying His return to gather His "crop" in order to give us, His harvesters, an opportunity to gather in more of the harvest: "And remember why he [Jesus] is waiting. He is giving us time to get his message of salvation out to others." (2 Peter 3:15-16 LB) So we are to be busy harvesting while we have time to reap souls.

The world is not coming to the church, so we must take the church to the world. Anyone acquainted with agriculture knows that before a harvest can be gathered, there must be planting and cultivation. Not all the ground will be cultivatable. Not all the seed we as Christians sow will sprout, and what does will not all take root at the same time. We cannot force the seed of God's

Word to take root or grow in the hearts of those with whom we share it, but we have the responsibility of planting and cultivation, then we must leave the results to God.

Paul tells us (1 Corinthians 3:6) that he planted and Apollos watered, but it was God who made the church grow, for it is God alone who produces life and growth. We can prepare the ground and sow the seed, but the Holy Spirit is the power source; only God can give life.

God has given some the gift of being effective in sowing the seed of His Word in the hearts of His vast unharvested field. To others He has given the ability to harvest the crop or to lead another to a decision for Christ in whom someone else may have planted seed, with the Holy Spirit's working within. Some have the gift of being able both to sow the seed and harvest the crop.

Wanted:



of the Soil

NATURE

Each new morning's a challenge, if you'll
give it a chance
To sharpen your purpose and plan an
advance.
There are problems to solve; goals yet to
be won;
So lend us your strength while there's
work to be done.

We've been moving along over ten
thousand years
With our ups and downs, bringing joys
and some tears.
It's been a long, hard march, from Eden
to space—
All of it's possible through God's good
grace.
But it's clear nowadays, to all who'll
perceive,
Man and nature together have just begun
to achieve.

Consider nature. Consider it well!

—Author unknown

come from the soil. In the Northwest and other mountainous areas where farming is impossible, forests grow that produce our many wood products. Again, God is providing for our physical needs through the medium of the soil.


As stewards of the soil we are responsible for its proper care and protection through conservation measures. The loss of precious soil through water and wind erosion is a serious problem. Because of this, there are federal programs, in cooperation with farmers, to reduce this loss of valuable top soil. Contour farming, terracing, seeding of waterways, and minimum tillage are examples of these conservation measures. The results have been highly successful.

It is alarming to read statistics on the number of farm acres taken out of production each year through the building of highways, expansion of cities and shopping centers, and the construction of dams for flood control and irrigation. All of these require a tremendous amount of land. Although many are worthwhile projects, we wonder, are we jeopardizing our food supply source for the future?

We are thankful that the productivity of the soil is constantly being increased by

research and experimentation. Through the use of chemical fertilizers crops are provided with proper nutrients for maximum yields. The discovery of herbicides for weed control has also increased crop production. Then, too, the development of hybrid seeds and improvement of varieties of seeds are being used to increase yields.

Today's farming operation is a highly mechanized and diversified occupation and is a worthy vocation for those who have a natural love for the soil and an interest in working with livestock. Although there are always negative aspects, there is much satisfaction in the life-style it offers. In Genesis 8:22 God promised that "While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest . . . shall not cease." There is no doubt that at the times of harvest, as the farmer combines his ripened fields of grain, he feels in harmony with his Creator, who blessed his efforts in the working and seeding of the soil. Stewardship of the soil is a God-given privilege.

"And the earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed after their kind, and trees bearing fruit, with seed in them, after their kind; and God saw that it was good." (Genesis 1:12) The sacredness of the soil is God's provision for man. 

Harvest Hands

Whatever our gift or talent, we have the responsibility to sow the seed of God's Word. This may be a testimony of what God has done for us, or passages from His Word. Living a Christ-filled life every day may be used by the Holy Spirit. As in the Parable of the Sower in Matthew 13, our seed may fall on rocky, hard, or fertile soil, but seed must be sown before there is a harvest.

Farmers know the cost and possible shortage of fuel to supply the needed power to harvest crops. The Christian does not need to worry about the cost or availability of power for gathering in God's harvest. God has promised the Holy Spirit as a constant and adequate power source for His harvest (Acts 1:8).

He is a gift and has an unlimited power, therefore we have no worry about rising costs or shortages.

The Holy Spirit is more than a power source for the harvest hand. He brings the soul to ripeness and readiness for harvest by bringing conviction of sin (John 16:8). He also guides us to these ripe souls if we are obedient and willing to be led and used of Him. We must be willing, and ready, to work in any harvest field where He puts us.


There are many harvest plans and methods available. Harvesting of souls can take place in one-to-one encounters, small groups, or mass evangelism. There are various "tools" available to use in our harvesting, such as the Four Spiritual Laws, Steps to Peace with God, Evangelism Explosion, and others. One of the most effective ways of sowing the seed of God's Word and reaping results is simply to tell what God has done for us personally. Others find it hard to argue and rationalize such a personal witness. If we will ask, God will

show us how we can be most effective in His harvest field.

Before there can be "planting," we as God's harvest hands must be sure we have seed to sow. We must be right with God before we attempt to harvest souls for God. We need Christ within our heart in possession of our entire being because ". . . out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." (Matthew 12:34)

God wants us all to answer His "want ad" for harvest hands. He wants total commitment and full-time workers. (Retirement benefits are out of this world!)

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Do not answer God's appeal for harvest workers unless you sincerely mean it, for He will take you at your word and give you opportunity to work in His harvest. If you respond to His request for help, it is a lifelong job. 

BY KAREN BOZMAN

I LOVE a challenge, any kind of a challenge! On June 25 when I stepped on a plane at Cleveland Airport with five young people from Eastern Region I had never met, to spend 11 days in a city and country I had never visited, I realized I had gotten myself into one of those special life-changing challenges.

We were the Evangelical Friends Church — Eastern Region summer ministry team on our way to Mexico City, chosen to carry out activities planned by missionaries there and to learn about our mission work. There was Connie Ellyson, a college graduate from Damascus; Megan Jones, a high school sophomore from East Goshen; 16-year-old Shelly Taylor from Beloit; 17-year-old Sharon Scovern from Deerfield; and Alan Schroeder, a junior from Willoughby Hills. For the past several months each of these young people from Ohio had been busy praying and raising funds to make this trip possible. Each was anxious to learn firsthand about missions and to accomplish something for the Lord.

By the time we landed in Dallas and met “damas” and “cabelleros” on the rest room

Mrs. Ross (Karen) Bozman is director of church relations at Malone College, Canton, Ohio. This is her thrilling account of how she and five young people from Ohio Friends churches shared Christ in Mexico last summer.

1980 Mexico summer ministries team poses atop Mexico's Toltec Indian pyramid. (Left to right: Megan Jones,

Sharon Scovern, Connie Ellyson, Shelly Taylor, Karen Bozman, Alan Schroeder)



Mexico Missions:



doors, we were all a bit worried about our language ability. We were to live in separate Mexican homes where little or no English was spoken. Nevertheless, some of these teens had been led to take this trip not knowing enough Spanish to order from the menu at Taco Bell.

All of us, regardless of our ability, were leaning on the fact that the Lord had not necessarily called us to this task because of our intelligence or cleverness, but because of our willingness to be used by Him. Yet as I looked at their anxious faces, I could not help but think that they were very special young people due to the challenge they were about to face—to reach out past their own culture and even their ability to communicate.

Team Activities

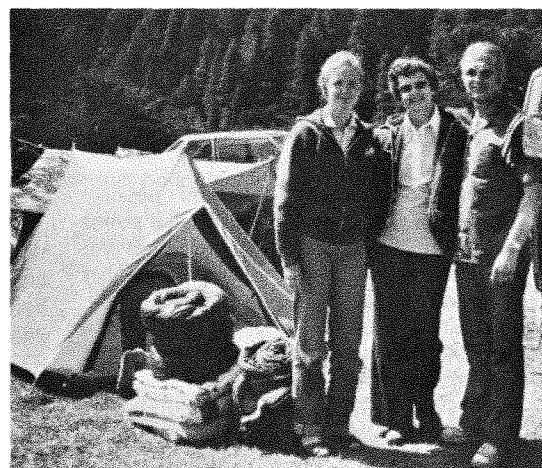
Our missionaries in Mexico City, Everett and Alda Clarkson, were to tell us later that North Americans were known for getting off the plane preaching and never stopping

to listen to those around them before they boarded to leave. That would not be the case for this group. Because Clarksons are very involved with youth work, our assignment was to assist them through participating in 11 days of youth activities and special meetings.

Days were filled with tours through historic Chapultepec park, the famous Museum of Anthropology, and downtown “old” Mexico City. There was a climb to the top of the Latin American Tower (highest in Mexico), and visits to the marketplace.

One day we hiked to the top of the ancient Pyramid to the Sun, built by the Toltec Indians before the time of Christ. Another day we had a boatride on the ancient Aztec waterway now known as the floating gardens of Xochimilco. We scurried on and off the world's most modern metro and stood in amazement by the underground Aztec ruins uncovered during its construction.

EFM missionaries Everett and Alda Clarkson stand with summer ministries team leader Karen Bozman at campsite of weekend youth retreat.



A Summer Experience For Youth

Lord?" Had we passed out tracts, done visitation, worked on the church building, or led someone to the Lord? What would we report to those who had prayed for us?

Everett and Alda were ready to answer us. Day after day they had watched the joyous Christian spirits of our young people make a profound effect on the Mexicans. Unspoken testimonies of lives rooted and grounded in Christ were far more powerful sermons than a few words of broken Spanish here or there.

Proof? Already we would know some. The day before our farewell, one of the oldest young men had come to Everett to dedicate his future to Christian service, asking Everett to help him immediately in beginning a new "house church" in another part of the city.

Results and Plans

What a glorious time we had! But as we prepared to go home, the gnawing question came, "What had we really 'done' for the

Evenings and Sundays we had the thrill of being a part of the church services and youth meetings. Filled by the same Spirit of the Lord, Mexicans and North Americans joined in praise and thanksgiving to Him. In church services or in the car en route, it was not unusual to hear voices joyously and unconsciously belting out songs of praise simultaneously in both languages.

Highlighting our summer experience was a three-day retreat to the mountains outside Mexico City. There during recreation and worship all barriers between the young people came down as they sang, laughed, testified, shared openly, and prayed with each other. The Mexico youth were obviously moved by the North Americans' ability to share what the Lord was teaching them and doing.

Also, plans have been proposed for bringing a team of the most dedicated Mexican young people to the United States next summer. Their task, like ours was, would

be to gain new insights into how to minister for the Lord.

Based in Canton, Ohio, the team would enjoy an exchange experience learning about American culture, history, and language during the day and minister evenings and weekends in churches of Eastern Region. Since the U.S. has the fifth largest Spanish-speaking population (twenty million Hispanics) in the world, we would anticipate some special ministry for these teens to Spanish-speaking people here.

Our 1980 team has already begun praying that if these plans materialize our Mexican friends will gain a new desire to evangelize their own communities through their experience here next summer. Join us in prayer and praise for the wonderful things God has done and will do for our Friends mission work in Mexico City.

In 1325 a wandering tribe of Aztecs saw an eagle perched on a cactus holding a serpent in its claws. An ancient legend told them this spot would be the site of their new city. Settling on what was then a series of islands, they built a foundation for what is now Mexico City through a series of canals and causeways.

Centuries later, the world's largest city rests on this same sandy foundation and it is now known to be sinking at a rate of three centimeters per year. What a contrast to the Lord's work there! Though a body of believers is yet small, it is evident that their foundation is on the solid rock, Jesus Christ. As they continue to grow, they do so not on legend or sand, but on the solid biblical foundation laid by missionaries in years past.

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Mexican and North American teens gather on corner lot recently purchased by the Elektra Friends congregation in Mexico

City at the site of their future church building.



THAILAND '80

BY JACK C. REA

Thailand '80, or COWE (Consultation on World Evangelization), was the third in a series of international conferences to encourage and promote world evangelization. From June 16 to 27, 1980, representatives from 87 countries met at Pattaya, Thailand, to contribute, search, and plan in their 17 mini consultations. Attendees included about 650 invited participants and 250 assistants, observers, and guests.

With the theme, "How Shall They Hear?" Thailand '80 was not just one more consultation with unending addresses. Instead, most of the time was spent drafting a strategy paper for one's mini consultation. Actually months before, many of the participants worked in a local study group to report in a descriptive paper actual documented cases where approaches to evangelism were presented and analyzed.

The goal is ultimately to give each of the world's four billion people an opportunity to understand the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Jack and Celesta Rea, and their children, Suzie and Sam, returned to Ohio this summer for a brief furlough after one term of missionary service with Eastern Region in Taiwan. Jack stopped in Thailand for COWE enroute home.

and to respond personally and accept Him as Savior. A simplistic analysis of the world is that about one billion of its population are already Christians, a second billion have contact with the first billion that are Christians, but the remaining two billion people of the world are isolated from any Christian influence in their daily lives. Thus our theme, "How Shall They Hear?"

In a reasonable period of time a compilation of "occasional papers" will be printed with the results from each of the 17 mini consultations. These papers are to be published with the aim that the models and ideas presented in them will serve people everywhere to improve their existing efforts at winning the lost for Christ. They are not given with the idea that it is a finished work or is even the one approach to reaching their segment of the world's unreached. But they do reflect a massive effort in research, the most current information available, and a carefully written approach agreed to by an international body.

Subjects for the 17 mini consultations mentioned above were mostly divided according to religious or ideological backgrounds, such as reaching Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, Marxists, secularists, traditional, religionists, nominal Christians, refugees, and city dwellers. Only one subject was ethnic-related, Reaching Chinese. Dr. Thomas Wang was coordinator of this mini consultation; I was a participant. This subject, like some others, is a very sensitive political issue in parts of the world. If care is not taken in the selection and dissemination of information, the implications for Christians in some places could be unfor-


tunate. Therefore it is not wise for me to share specific information until the "official" edition is off the press. However, broad general areas covered are Historical and Cultural Factors of Chinese Resistance to the Gospel, Reaching Chinese on the Mainland, and Reaching Chinese Outside the Mainland.

Personal Impressions

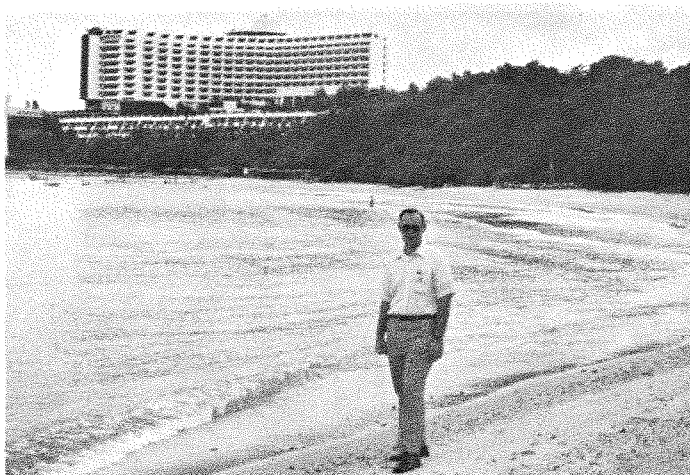
I am happy to report some very favorable impressions of this consultation. One truth that was emphasized repeatedly and accepted by all was the need for cooperation in world evangelism. The day has come when we realize the limitations placed on our small groups by size, time, and finances. Only in joint cooperation can we avoid pitfalls such as duplication and failure to locate needy people as new mission fields.

Another favorable outcome was the overwhelming voice of the participants to explore a diverse methodology in missions and evangelism. The dangers of closely associating one's work and ministry with only one philosophy or approach to evangelism surfaced again and again. Each culture and/or part of the world needs approaches appropriate for its region.

The world evangelical situation was given further analysis. The question was posed, "If only we could improve our methods and enlarge our staff... is that the answer?" To the question of "bigger and better," there was a resounding NO. We must look for different methods to accomplish the goals of world evangelization.

Not least was the pleasure of fellowship with other Christians from many countries and learning of their ministries. 

Jack Rea at the COWE conference in Thailand.



The Necessity of the Redemptive Fellowship

"No man is an island, entire of itself."

—John Donne

BY JACK WILLCUTS AND DAVID KINGREY

Dear Jack,

I can hardly wait to tell you about an incident our family experienced last evening. Gathered around the fireplace, we were watching the flames rise and listening to the burning sticks crackle. My son Dave, who is fascinated with fire, removed the screen from the front of the fireplace and with a small shovel carefully lifted a burning coal from the fire and placed it on the hearth to examine it. The coal quickly burned out while the fire in the fireplace continued to blaze. "Dad," he remarked, "did you notice how quickly the coal burned out?" "Yes, Dave," I replied, "it did not have the other sticks around it to keep it burning." Suddenly I realized the profound nature of Dave's insight. Humans, too, need one another's fire to keep burning.

The need for human fellowship was great in the life of our Lord. He chose 12 persons whom he hoped would become a fellowship of love and support. "And he went up into the hills, and called to him those whom he desired; and they came to him. And he appointed twelve, to be with him, and to be sent out to preach and have authority to cast out demons." (Mark 3:13-14) Teaching in small groups was an essential part of the training program. "He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his disciples he explained everything." (Mark 4:34)

Not only in the life of our Master, but throughout the history of the Christian church, we find that a solitary Christian is a contradiction in terms. As I read the New Testament, Jack, I am increasingly con-

This article is adapted from the book, Team Ministry, A New Model for the Church, written by Jack Willcuts and David Kingrey, soon to be released by The Barclay Press. Drawing upon their experiences in team ministries, Willcuts at Reedwood Friends, Portland, Oregon, and Kingrey at University Friends, Wichita, Kansas, the book is an exchange of letters between the two. Among the various subjects covered in this story is one chapter titled: "The Necessity of the Redemptive Fellowship"

scious of the numerous incidents in which the caring fellowship offered support to the poor, the widows, and the neglected ones.

George Fox was largely ineffective as a preacher until he convinced the Westmorland Seekers, who had already built a community of supportive relationships. From this group came many of the Valiant Sixty, who were the primary leaders in the early Quaker movement. The Valiant leaders also discovered that their preaching bore fruit most often in places where fellowships of seekers had previously been formed.

William Law, believing that the redemptive process could occur through committed fellowships, established a redemptive group of men and women that continued for 21 years until his death in 1761. Law influenced John Wesley, who in 1729 became the leader of a small group of probably not more than 25 persons. They gathered regularly for the purpose of fellowship, study, and prayer. The Holy Club, as it was called, became the model for later societies that

Wesley formed. The societies were divided into bands and smaller classes that became centers of spiritual growth.

In the Christian fellowship caring friends will come to our rescue in times of need. When we are accepted in spite of our need and our failures, we are empowered to overcome our weaknesses and to strengthen our sense of self-worth. We are also liberated to cultivate the talents God has given us. Our creativity is enhanced in the fellowship. Creative ideas may be born in solitude, but they are nurtured in fellowship. The community provides the source of encouragement for the practice of gifts in the ministry and offers a center of security to which persons can return after ministering in the fields.

In University Friends Meeting, fellowship groups differ according to the interests and needs of the members. Yet a pattern has emerged in several of the small fellowships. We call them "Living in the Spirit Groups." They average about 12 in number. Their aim is to offer an opportunity to experience a year of shared life and growth in the Spirit. Each person is equally responsible to give and receive. The meetings are two hours in length and are comprised of three parts:

1. The first 50 minutes are focused on a chapter from a New Testament book that the group has chosen to consider for the year. (One group studied Luke the first year, Acts the second year, and two of Paul's letters the third year.) As the Scripture is studied, the question is raised, "What is God saying to me, to our group,

and to our church?" An effort is made to apply the Scripture to the lives of the group members.

2. The next 40 minutes are given to a discussion of "What is God doing in my life this week?" Our emphasis is on the present, not on God's activity 20, 10, or even 2 years ago. Our concern is for the actual, not the theoretical. Group members share leadings, victories, failures, and doubts. They seek to help one another see God more clearly as He works in our lives, and they try to encourage one another. The ultimate aim for each one is more obedient living.

3. The last 30 minutes are spent in prayer for individuals with specific needs. Prayers are not vague and general but are for specific situations and needs: healing for a sick mother, strength to meet a difficult appointment a person faces, restoration in a damaged or broken relationship, or the ability to see the direction God wants us to go in a decision that must be made. Answers and lack of answers to prayer are also shared. No prayer request is considered too small and none too large.

A different type of group, called the "Becomers," developed naturally as young adults became aware that they were experiencing many similar needs. They learned that together they could strengthen each other to find answers to their concerns. The group was formed in the hope that each could make new spiritual discoveries. They are in the process of stretching and growing spiritually.

In their study the Becomers have considered intensively the major theological questions of the Christian church. Who is God? How does God reveal himself in the world and to me? Who is Christ? How is Christ both fully God and fully a person? How do I open myself so that His forgiving love may be mine? How do His death and resurrection become real to me? How can I improve my prayer life so that I might know the mind of God more intimately? The group wrestles honestly with these questions while practicing prayer daily in their lives. The result is that new answers are emerging, although they sometimes come in unexpected ways.

The Becomers group is committed to the task of helping one another in practical ways. For example, a small group of them assisted one couple in building their home. When a young man was enduring the crisis of his father's sudden death, the group responded with unlimited prayer and personal support. The group of 25 meets in

the homes of various members. They serve as a genuine model of the fellowship of caring Christians.

Still another fellowship, entitled the "Adventures in Living Group," adopted its name from Paul Tournier's book by that title. Composed of persons who represent many professions, including medicine, law, business, and education, this group currently is focusing on the question, "How can I make my profession a Christian ministry?" Coming from the various backgrounds and vocations, these men and women are helping each other in their ventures in life.

"I find among pastors . . . the feeling of isolation, loneliness . . ."

My last example, Jack, is the counseling support group in which I have been involved. It is so named because we convene for the purpose of supporting one another in our counseling task. Each one of us is in a helping profession. Each feels the need for more objectivity in our counseling work. By looking jointly at a problem case we often will arrive at a solution that will be more effective.

Jack, I know that in your ministry at Reedwood and in previous pastorates you have built on the strong foundation of the redemptive fellowship. Will you please share with me the nature of the small group ministry? How have you started and nourished new groups? I will be grateful for your response.

In Christian fellowship,



"Is there any such thing as Christians cheering each other up? Do you love me enough to want to help me? Does it mean anything to you that we are brothers in the Lord, sharing the same Spirit? Are your hearts tender and sympathetic . . . ?" — Philippians 2:1 (LB)

Dear Dave

Having just read (and reread) your letter on Christian fellowship, I want you to know that your tenderhearted and sympathetic spirit has already encouraged me. Maybe this exchange of correspondence and our mutually shared concern for Friends of our day is in itself a form of fellowship! While

Geraldine and I were on the mission field (two terms among Friends in Bolivia), we discovered the great joy and encouragement in receiving and writing letters. The renewal of faith, the "cheering up" experience, the sharing of the Spirit— these blessings of fellowship can happen by mail. And by telephone, handshake, a smile, a silent prayer, a special act of kindness. But you have more in mind than this, I know.

While planning for fellowship is terribly important, just as sermon preparation, I must confess a twinge of uneasiness, however, in handling fellowship as some kind of spiritual *tool*. More than a handy technique to attract and involve new and older Christians, fellowship, genuine Christian fellowship, has in it the elusive qualities of friendship, the chemistry of human and spiritual relationships that cannot be graphed and charted without the very mechanics of the effort somehow cheapening the whole experience. Without the intangible, unexpectedness of spontaneity in the variety of fellowship experiences and encounters, the affair so soon becomes stale and lifeless.

For example: We had read a lot of books about "Small Groups." One of the most effective ones was right in our own city. So effective was this plan that a book had been written and was used across the country in church growth conventions and how-to-do-it seminars. I heard the pastor, read his materials, and was impressed and convicted at the same time.

So our pastoral team persuaded about 25 of our congregation (handpicked, top-notch, leader-type people as recommended in the book) to sign up for the next seminar. They and we all went, never missed a session over several weeks of on-the-scene training. Then we came home and called a meeting to decide how we could implement the plan in our church. Dave, it was one of the saddest meetings I have ever tried to lead. Nobody was enthused, they were so worn out by all the training, enthusiastic pitch, mechanics, and superficiality that we abandoned the whole idea of using *that* at Reedwood. Yet, we all sensed that the necessity of fellowship is real and that it is a need not yet totally met in our meeting. But the idea of borrowing a technique was either too foreign to Friends or too difficult for us to handle.

We came across another idea. It was taken directly from a splendidly working plan for fellowship groups in a church in California. They called it "Circles of

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BY JACK L. WILLCUTS

'Faith Mission' and Church Support

There is a significant difference between the sending process for missionaries going from yearly meetings of the Evangelical Friends Alliance and other missionaries going out to the field on "faith." When an individual missionary or candidate goes from church to church, or depends upon his or her contacts and friends for support as the result of personal fund raising and prayer, the burden of support rests on that one from the beginning until back home again.

When missionaries are appointed by the EFA mission boards, they are placed within the missionary budgets of the yearly meetings on a carefully considered scale of support equal with other missionary staff. The missionary is then free from the task (and anxiety) of "raising or praying in" the support. His deputation work is to acquaint local churches with the nature and needs of the mission work, and for providing Friends at home with a vision of missions with which they are linked by being a member of the yearly meeting or EFA.

The burden for raising the support rests not with the missionary, but with the home yearly meeting. This makes the missionary a genuine part of the church family, a *built-in* part of the entire mission of each local congregation. It removes missionary support from an impulse, or appeal-giving basis, or from the particular deputational skills of the missionary, or the varying personality gifts. Instead, the missionary is truly sent out and cared for by the home church in a guarantee of continued support, care, and vital interest.

Many faith mission agencies and missionaries may challenge this definitive distinction, and this brief description is not to imply faith missionaries are unsuccessful or unnecessary. That God is blessing the work and workers of most is clear. But it is important to place in perspective at times the different philosophy and approach to missionary support, appointments, and operation that characterize the missionary efforts of a denomination.

With this understanding also comes the realization that the funds of our yearly meeting budgets, however they are named or allocated, are in each EFA yearly meeting divided carefully, with a major proportion designated and used in missionary outreach. As the home churches work together in a balanced range of ministries for church extension, youth ministries, publications, and various social and evangelism opportunities, along with foreign missions, the Great Commission is then obediently fulfilled.

To bring this about also means a primary priority in giving the tithe to the home church. If the Spirit also leads to increased

giving to individuals challenging our faith and resources, then let us be obedient. But until the commitments are met that we have made as a church and yearly meeting to those whom we have sent, none of us is free to scatter the Lord's money as though it were ours to distribute. The meaning of membership in our church implies a certain church family obligation not unlike that which membership in any family brings. ☐

Do We Praise Enough?

Are Quakers long on silence and service but short on praise? "This is the big difference between us and some of the more charismatic," a Friend was saying the other day who frequently attends both.

Measured by the need for it, gratitude is a rare commodity. By some strange twist it seems to be easier to be grumpy than to be grateful. Luke tells about ten lepers whom Jesus healed. Only one of the them took time to come back and say "Thank you." This bleak ratio of praisers to nonpraisers just might fit Friends.

But even this healed leper had to think about it awhile before deciding to praise. "Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice." (17:15). This man was sensitively reflective, a characteristic that should fit Friends a little better. "When he saw that he was healed" is a phrase that says, in effect, he turned it over in his mind. It dawned on him how great was the mercy and the marvel of the healing he had received. Good for him!

More *thinkers* should mean more *thankers*.

We could do with fewer folks who repress the emotion of gratitude. You see, once the one-out-of-ten lepers got really into praise, he went all out. He "turned back, praising God with a loud voice; [imagine that in a Friends meeting] and fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks." (verses 15, 16) Friends pastors at St. Louis heard from a Lutheran that a first-class Hebrew translation of "Hallelujah" might well be "Hurrah for Jehovah!"

"Was no one found," asks Jesus, "to return and give praise to God except this foreigner. [Samaritan at that]?" Someone surely needs to get on the Quaker case for gratitude. The excellence of gratitude will be seen when we make thanksgiving a steady and studied habit rather than an occasional episode. ☐



No Conscience in Christendom?

■ There is no place in Christendom for the conscientious objector! The Word of God is rather clear on the subject, regardless of Ralph Beebe's recent article "Draft Registration: What's Next for Conscientious Objectors?" [September 1980]

There is no mention in the Bible of a believer who, on the basis of his spiritual convictions, chose not to take up the sword. Nor is the military establishment ever referred to in a negative or evil context. There are, in fact, many incidents recorded in the Old Testament where saints of old drew blood or waged war.

These definite and aggressive attitudes are not peculiar or limited to Old Testament passages. John the Baptist, when he announced the coming of Christ and was questioned by those soldiers present as to what they should do, urged them to refrain from graft, falsehood, and wage disputes. He did not address their profession. Jesus marveled at the faith of the centurion whose servant was ill. He took firm action against money changers when He cast them out of the Temple. When He returns with the armies that are in heaven, He will take less kindly steps as He wages war against the nations of the earth. Luke noted that Cornelius, another Roman centurion, was a man who was devout and feared God. And Paul, when he received information that a band of Jews were planning to kill him by ambush, did not hesitate to call upon the

might of the Roman military to ensure his safe passage to Antipatris.

The Quakers' philosophy of nonaggression is therefore unsupported with Scripture. Unfortunately, it has also resulted in rape, torture, and death of many innocent people throughout the centuries. Those interested should read *Commanches*, by T. R. Fenrenbach, pages 479-492 and 528-529. Another excellent review is in *Americans at War*, by W. J. Koenig, pages 15-17.

Just as there is no place in the physical arena for the conscientious objector, there is certainly none in the spiritual arena. It is also here that pacifist precepts rapidly disintegrate. Believers are engaged in a savage spiritual war against Satan. They are repeatedly warned in the New Testament to be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Paul gravely urged them to be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of His might. Take up the armor of God, that they may be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. The armor he mentions is the breastplate, shoes, a shield, a helmet, and lastly, the sword. He would have considered one mad to ignore the importance of such accoutrements and armament or to think the issue could be resolved by less aggressive means.

Do not be so foolish, my brethren, to think there is a gulf separating the physical and spiritual arenas, for there is not. Paul, on more than one occasion, delivered persons over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh or to teach them not to blaspheme. Peter, also, was rather sudden with Ananias and Sapphira when they lied to the Holy Spirit.

With the above in mind, let us therefore stand together to fight Satan as well as to preserve our basic freedoms.

CHARLES JANDECKA

North Olmsted, Ohio

Another Word from Utah

■ Thanks for sending the copies of the EVANGELICAL FRIEND. We have been distributing them to all interested parties. Your magazine is well done, and we enjoy receiving it. For shame, throwing away 50 such good copies! Next time, put them around in the local washing places, hospitals, train stations, etc. Never know when someone might find in it just the glimmer of light they've been needing.

Not many realize that we Utah Quakers exist. About 30 attend regularly the Sunday meeting in Salt Lake City, about 10 in Ogden, about 20 in Logan. I have 75 fam-

ilies on my newsletter mailing list, and most of them live in Utah. We don't make nearly the impact we'd like to, of course, but we keep trying.

JEAN HENLEY

Centerville, Utah

Another Word About Women

■ I am so grateful for the presentation, "A Quaker Word About Women." [Editorial, July/August 1980]

Mr. Willcuts has summed up all the reasons for my frustration with confusing views of women's roles in Christ's Church.

And he has done a beautiful job of presenting scriptural explanations of the sources of confusion, and of the true will of the Lord for women.

The frosting on the cake was his mention of Bill Gothard in the same breath with other ignorant men: I've always felt there is a "basic" flaw in the Basic Youth Conflicts philosophy.

It is SO nice to have an articulate man speak out on behalf of females!

JUDITH JONES

Salem, Oregon



'BE THANKFUL UNTO HIM'

BY BETTY HOCKETT

"Hey, Jerry! Is your room having a Thanksgiving poster contest? asked Marcy as she joined her boy-neighbor on their way home from school.

"No! Is yours?"

"Yes, Miss Michaels told us today. She says the first prize winner will get two dollars and then that picture will be put in the grocery store window. Wish I could win, but not much chance of that." She gave an extra kick at a heap of leaves along the sidewalk.

"How come?" asked Jerry. "Don't you have as good a chance as anyone?"

"I 'spose so, but I can't think of any good ideas. Everybody'll draw turkeys or something like that."

"There's always Pilgrims," Jerry said in an effort to be helpful.

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FRIENDS FOCUS

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Who knows? Check it out by reading Quaker Roots, a book listing the names of hundreds of early settlers in Chester County, Pennsylvania, before 1700. It is part of Western Quarterly Meeting of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting's Tercentenary celebration. For this book write Box 693, Kennett Square, Pennsylvania 19348. It costs \$6.50.

If you get into Quaker past, it is learned something new called Kimo Press, P. O. Box 1361, Falls Church, Virginia 22041, is a new Quaker publishing venture with a catalog offering 11 titles on original Quaker historical fiction, writings, testimonies, Bible studies, poetry, and a set of Quaker postcards. Authors include John Greenleaf Whittier, John Woolman, and Charles Fager. (Fager is still alive in the Virginia mountains not far from Washington, D.C.)

CAMP NEOSHA WOMEN 'REJOICED'!

This was the theme of the Friends Women of Ohio at fall retreat with Anna Nixon, Tina Knight, and Celesta Rea telling of Friends women in missions today.

PRAYER FOR MEXICO FRIENDS FAMILY

Two of Manuel Guzman's children (he is pastor of the Mexico City Friends Church) are reported to have an eye disease that might cause blindness. Prayer is requested across EFA for this family at this time.

BIBLE QUIZ OF ACTS

Friends Youth high schoolers of Eastern Region are being challenged to get ready for Bible Quizoffs from the book of Acts. Beginning in local church contests, district competition, and eventually a Yearly Meeting final match, students may win cash prizes and college scholarships.

MIDWINTER FY CONFERENCE MOVES SOUTH

Eastern Region youth director, Bruce Burch, announces the 1980 Midyear Retreat will be at a YMCA camp near Winston-Salem, North Carolina, December 27-31. "The camp will be an ideal setting . . . for two reasons: the weather should be milder than in the snowy north, and it should enable more Virginia, Piedmont, and Florida young Friends to attend." Pre-registration is encouraged. Write David Tebbs, 2130 - 31st Street, N.W., Canton, Ohio 44709.

EFM DIRECTOR, JAMES MORRIS, ON TOUR

In order to prepare better for the transfer of the administration of Eastern Region's mission work in Taiwan, India, the Philippines, and Hong Kong to the office of the Evangelical Friends Mission's director, James Morris, he will visit these fields before Christmas. Mid-America Yearly Meeting is also turning their mission administrative load to the EFM office, now located in Colorado. The Morrisises served many years on the Kansas Friends field in Burundi.

DISASTER SERVICE BUSY

The Friends Disaster Service of Eastern Region netted \$14,347 in what has become an annual auction. Held in September at a county fairgrounds near Tallmadge, Ohio, the proceeds from items all the way from baked goods to live rabbits to a quilt that sold for more than \$400 please FDS coordinator Dean Johnson. The Friends Disaster Service has also decided to incorporate separately for fund-raising and administrative purposes. (See additional story under "Friends Concerns" in this issue.)

FBC FORMS COMMUNITY CHOIR

Approximately 70 from the community and Friends Bible College are already at work on the Messiah presentation. The first performance will be December 7.

A MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF POP

They've figured in Eastern Region that one can of pop per day for all members of the Yearly Meeting would cost a million dollars. So, instead, put the 35 cents (it costs more than that west of the Rockies) per day per member into the missionary box. This plan also has the unofficial endorsement of the many 3D groups (Diet, Discipline, Discipleship).

FBC BOARD PERSONALLY UNDERWRITES INDEBTEDNESS

The Board of Trustees of Friends Bible College in Haviland, Kansas, acted unanimously Saturday, October 11, 1980, to be personally responsible for the outstanding obligations on its land and facilities totaling \$180,000.

The 21 persons on the board responded "APPROVE!" to the challenge of a formal motion, with voices that echoed as one. Without dissent they accepted as their own the indebtedness that had become an obstacle to the school's development.

The housewives, farmers, businessmen, churchmen, and churchwomen composing the board immediately took action to authenticate their vote by subscribing individually to \$163,000 of the indebtedness.

The Executive Committee of the board had deliberated for three months regarding several short-term obligations that had hindered short-range financing and long-range planning. The largest of these is the \$140,000 still owed on the new Worden Memorial Library completed in 1979.

Through personal letters to other board members, several of the Executive Committee had shared their vision for liquidating these obligations. This mounting concern climaxed in the formal motion and the resultant action on October 11.

The usual action of such a board in these circumstances is to launch a fund-raising program. However, this unusual breed of "governors" decided to become "supersupporters" by paying the bills themselves.

--Gerald Teague

FRIENDS SPEAK AT NEW EVANGELICAL FRIENDS FELLOWSHIP IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Evangelical Friends Fellowship of the nation's capital area meets in the Tower House, a beautiful mansion on the Potomac River near Mt. Vernon. Morning worship is at noon on the fourth Sunday of each month; Bible study at 5:00 p.m. on the first, second, and third Sundays of each month. Visitors to Washington, D.C., area may contact Midge Young for directions (703) 560-0423. Recent speakers in the meetings have been Gary Macy, Cliff Robinson of Eastern Region, and Nick Block of Mid-America Yearly Meeting.

GOSPEL RECORDINGS STILL RECORDING

The number of language and dialect groups now placed in Gospel Recordings portfolio has passed the 4,000 mark . . . 4,056, according to their recent report. Started in 1939 by Joy Ridderhof, a Quaker missionary to Central America, the enterprise continues to function, with staff workers receiving no remuneration from Gospel Recordings, but "each trusts God to supply daily needs."

NEW FRIENDS CHURCH STARTED

October 5 was the opening day for a new Friends church started in central Oregon's city of Bend. More than 20 met in the home of James Lassley. They plan to have 50 by Christmas, and are hoping to find a pastor by then.

FWCC EXECUTIVE SECRETARY NAMED

Upon Herbert Hadley's retirement December 31 as executive secretary for the past 25 years of the Friends World Committee, American Section, Gordon M. Browne, Jr., of Evanston, Illinois, has been named to fill this position. Browne has most recently served as associate Quaker representative at the United Nations, New York.

MYERS SPEAKS AT GROUND BREAKING

The Morningside Friends Church, Port St. Lucie, Florida, broke ground September 21 to mark the beginning of construction of larger facilities. Eastern Region Superintendent Russell Myers spoke at the event.

UNPRECEDENTED CROWD OF THREE MILLION AT KOREAN CRUSADE

From August 11 to 15, 1980, over two million Koreans met daily on a giant outdoor plaza in Seoul, Korea, for the '80 World Evangelization Crusade. This crusade, a joint endeavor of 19 protestant denominations, came at the close of a "Here's Life, Korea" campaign of Campus Crusade. Attendance reached a record-breaking three million on the last night. Some reports claim that over one million persons made first-time decisions for Christ and 1,800,000 were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Some 5,000 delegates from 60 countries, with 100 overseas speakers, participated in this mammoth crusade. Key foreign speakers included Dr. Carl Henry, Prof. Peter Beyerhaus, Astronaut James Irwin, and Dr. Bill Bright.

Simultaneous seminars were conducted throughout Seoul and in several key South Korean cities. Clifton J. Robinson, former Friends missionary to India who is now with Leadership Ministries International, was a seminar leader. He declares that the all nights of prayer were awe-inspiring, with over a million at one preprayer service and an estimated 600,000 staying to pray nightly from 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. In spite of martial law in force due to local political upheaval, Korea's leader, General Chun, lifted curfew on August 6 just in time to make possible the nights of prayer.

The downpours of rain in most outdoor sessions, where umbrellas were the only protection, did not dampen the spirit of the crusade. One night heavy rain almost caused cancellation of the prayer meeting, but one reporter estimated that over a million people stood praying all night because it was too wet to sit down.

The most significant aspect of the crusade was that it publicly marked the transition of the church in Korea from a missionary-receiving one to a missionary-sending one. Crusade chairman Joon Gon Kim called for 100,000 Korean missionaries to other countries by 1984, the centennial of the coming of protestant missionaries to Korea. Thirteen thousand high school and college youth signed a pledge to give a year of overseas mission work. South Korea, expected to have 20,000,000 Christians by 1984, may shortly become the first Christian nation in Asia. --Reta Stuart



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"Dick already said he was going to draw them," Marcy lamented.

They continued on their way home, the dry, fall leaves crackling under their feet.

Suddenly Jerry whistled. "I've got a super idea! Last Sunday our lesson was about the way the people in Moses' time celebrated a thanksgiving. Maybe you could draw something about that."

Marcy was interested. "I always thought the Pilgrims started Thanksgiving."

"They did in this country, but way back in the Old Testament Moses told the people to celebrate the Feast of the Tabernacles and it was like a time of thanksgiving. God even told them to cut off branches and they were to live in booths. That might be a poster idea."

By this time the two had stopped in front of the green and white house that was home for Jerry. "Wait just a minute," he said as he dashed up the front steps, "I'll get my Bible and show you what it says."

Quickly he was back. "It tells about this best in Leviticus, the 23rd chapter. It begins with the 34th verse."

Marcy read the verses, and then asked, "I wonder why they had to live in booths as it says here?"

"My teacher said that God wanted them to do that so they would remember all He had done for them. And see, it says they had to do it for seven days."

Marcy sat down on the top step. "I never knew any of this before. But I couldn't draw anything like that—it'd be too hard."

They sat quietly for a few minutes trying to think of a clever idea. Then Jerry remarked, "Our one day of Thanksgiving doesn't seem like very much, does it?"

"It sure doesn't," agreed Marcy. "Especially when you think of those people in the Old Testament times celebrating for seven days. It's sure easy to forget to be thankful. My Sunday school class is learning the 100th Psalm for Thanksgiving this year, and that's helped me remember to be thankful. We've learned the first three verses, and now for this week we are supposed to say the next one. See if I can say it, Jerry."

Marcy began to quote in a rather uncertain voice, "'Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and' . . . let's see . . . 'into his courts with praise, be thankful unto him . . .'"

Suddenly she jumped up with excitement! "Hey . . . that part about being thankful . . . why couldn't I draw a picture of someone praying and then print that part of the verse underneath? It'd be different,

but would have the *real* idea of Thanksgiving. Wouldn't that be okay?"

"Sure," Jerry replied. "Sounds like a real cool idea. You'll win for sure!"

"Well . . . I don't know about that, but I think I'll get busy at it now," said Marcy, happy to at last have an idea.

The next week when Marcy showed Jerry her two silver dollars he was not the least bit surprised. "I knew yours would be the best. Let's walk by the grocery store and see your poster in the window," he suggested.

"Okay!" and with that Marcy tucked the prize money safely away into her pocket.



Doris Janzen Longacre, **Living More with Less**, Herald Press, Scottdale, Pennsylvania, 295 pp., paperback, \$6.95.

Do you hesitate to open books on simple living, fearing the accusing tone and guilt-raising images they often convey? *Living More with Less* is a welcome departure from such appeals to guilt.

Doris Janzen Longacre wrote in her journal, "Something in me rebels at reading and hearing more exploitation stories—more stories of suffering and repression. I want stories of hope, love, goodness." Her book is a challenging mixture of personal testimonies and discussion of Christian values. We read of the family that cuts each other's hair, a list of recipes for inexpensive home-made cleaners, neighbors who share automobiles, and the family who made their porch into a greenhouse and househeater by fitting clear plastic over the windows.

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Personal testimonies are bound together with thought-provoking analyses of "life standards" that emphasize sharing with and nurturing others, securing justice for the poor, and supporting those who share our convictions. The author stressed that "when we close the books and come home from the discussions, one voice still speaks in the silence. For Christians it is the call to obedience. Without answering that voice, and answering again and again, there is no new way to live." Doris Janzen Longacre died of cancer in 1979, but her search for a "new way" is a beginning for those of us who read her book.

Ronald Sider says in the introduction, "Approach this book as if it were an invitation to a treasure hunt rather than a final exam . . . The book is full of new ideas for you to discover . . . [They are not] theoretical models conceived by ivory-tower academicians. They are the personal testimonies of ordinary people all over the world who have begun the pilgrimage toward simplicity." Written by a Mennonite and illuminated by the varied experiences of many Christians, this book reminds relatively affluent, comfortable Friends of our heritage of simplicity and search for justice.

Living More with Less is summed up in one of the chapter headings: "More with less is not a slogan—it is a glimmer of hope for disciples of Jesus in an unjust world."

The reviewer, Linda Coffin of Washington, D.C., is a member of the Minneapolis, Minnesota, Friends Meeting.



LOOKING UP

BY CATHERINE CATTELL

It is time for Thanksgiving again, you know, according to the calendar. I would guess it is time for Thanksgiving just because we are generally so far behind in the giving of thanks. However, looking around us, up close, or far away, one may not be as much in the mood as usual.

I am not going to point out the depressing situations in the world today. You can see all that in the paper, on TV, and in the heartbreak closer to home.

It is to be hoped, however, that those who have suffered devastation from drought or floods, or volcano (in America?) may still find much for which to be thankful. It has been a long hard summer for many!

The first Thanksgiving had to do with survival after a long hard winter, after losing many of the original brave Pilgrim souls who just didn't live to join the celebration at the Thanksgiving table of plenty. It was for what remained and for winning through the fight for existence that they celebrated. The Pilgrims must have had to keep looking up through the dark times to maintain courage and vision and hope.

Thanksgiving, like joy, is more in the set of the mind than in circumstances, don't you think? Paul says, "In *everything* give thanks." That is a big order, but there is always something to be grateful for in the worst times.

I suggest that we might try looking up. Prospects are bright in the upward glance. Our help comes from the Lord, who made

the heavens and the earth, and He has never resigned from His control.

We have inherited much for which to be thankful. We have innumerable reasons to be full of praise. We would have much more joy if we would tap the resources that have been provided for us, and if we would try to spread more joy for those around us. Nothing is so exhilarating as giving joy to others.

Among my favorite things this past year are these: Very definite answers to prayer; Strength to cope in changing circumstances; Friends—oh, how thankful I am for friends—friends that write, friends that pray, friends that care, friends that are available! Bless you, my friends!

I'm thankful for the overflow from the gardens that grew everything!

I'm thankful for every day—now that we live a day at a time.

I'm thankful for the upward look that brings God into every situation. Have a joyous Thanksgiving!

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East Africa: Land of the Dying

SEATTLE—The world's most serious hunger crisis is in East Africa. Sixty million people will be affected by it this year. The problem even overshadows the tragedy still unfolding in Cambodia.

Of the 26 countries listed by the United Nations as suffering from food shortages, 17 are in Africa. The hunger region stretches from Sudan in the north to Ethiopia, Djibouti, Somalia, Mozambique, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe, and Uganda.

Eighty-nine percent of the refugees are women and children.

In addition to war, the East Africa problem is caused by the lack of food and water, lack of medicines, and lack of adequate transportation.

— World Concern

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Crosses and McDonald's Arches

VERO BEACH, FLORIDA—A city ordinance here has lumped crosses in the same category as the golden arches atop McDonald's hamburger restaurants. But outraged clergy have secured a promise from city officials to review the law.

The ordinance says all rooftop signs must come down by the end of 1982. It applies equally to the McDonald's sign and the cross atop First Baptist Church here. The law was passed in 1977, but the city only recently included crosses and signs in the offending classification, said building department director Ester Rymer.

— E.P. via R.N.S.

Peace Churches Challenge Involvement in Warmaking

GREEN LAKE, WISCONSIN—Convinced that peace is the will of God and that war is sin, members of the historic peace churches have challenged the nation's right to involve its people in warmaking. Meeting as the New Call to Peacemaking here October 2-5, Mennonites, Friends, and members of the Church of the Brethren have challenged the "state's demand for our money to pay for war, our bodies to fight wars, and our allegiance to the illusion of security through arms."

Tax resistance, conscientious objection to military service, and nonregistration for conscription were some of the ways suggested by more than 300 delegates as ways to register their concerns with the government and their neighbors. Regarding war as a "prostitution of human and material resources," the peace church group pledged itself to "oppose the increasing militarization of our nation." [Report coming in December issue.]

— E.P.

Evangelical Youth Worker Scores Black Selfishness

DALLAS—Black people "have fallen prey to the lure of decadent individualism that pervades America today," a staffer of an evangelical organization that works with high school youth said here. The charge was made by Glandion Carney, director of urban and minority development for Youth for Christ U.S.A., at the annual meeting of the National Black Evangelical Association.

Referring to "black-on-black crime" the evangelical youth worker said, "We have enough struggles in the world around us without struggling with each other too. And I am deeply concerned about the use of drugs and alcohol by our young people. Valuable young minds are being corroded

and will never regain full usefulness. I am angered by how much of the merchandising of drugs is done in the black community to black youths by blacks. For too many of us, personal pleasure has pushed brotherhood to the sidelines."

Mr. Carney suggested that black Christians should concentrate on establishing biblical rather than societal values, place a higher value on their families, recoup their educational losses, determine and act on economic priorities, and preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ with power and integrity.

— E.P. via R.N.S.

Health Problems in Developing Countries

WHEATON, ILLINOIS—"Health in most developing countries today is worse than it was 50 years ago." So said former missionary doctor David Hilton, who practiced in Nigeria 14 years, during a session of MAP International's eighth Health and Community Development Workshop.

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Forty-nine health professionals coming from 19 Third World countries assembled on the Wheaton campus this month to discuss solutions to the health problems in their regions of responsibility.

Doctors, nurses, agriculturists, and health project coordinators representing 28 Protestant-affiliated organizations made up the participants of the five-day workshop conducted by MAP International. Participants discussed, among other problems, the limitations of hospitals as sole means to improving health in developing countries.

— E. P.

Church Fire Brings Vandals, Congregation Together

COQUILLE, OREGON—Church members of the newly completed Church of the Nazarene here had opportunity recently to demonstrate the love of Christ.

Three teenagers vandalized the church. Hymnbooks and Bibles were thrown in the baptistry. The piano and organ were over-

turned. Pews were stacked up and burned. The church's new pastor, on the scene only a few weeks, lost 25 years' worth of books and sermon notes in the fire.

The following Sunday church members picked up the mothers of the boys and brought them to church. The church has gone to the youngsters to minister rather than carry the process through the courts. Other churches and congregations have responded with donations of materials to the Nazarene church.

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Billy Graham, Bob Schuller Dedicate New Centers

PHILADELPHIA—By coincidence two of America's best-known preachers chose the same mid-September weekend to dedicate massive ministries. They are the Billy Graham Center in Wheaton, Illinois, and Dr. Schuller's Cathedral in Garden Grove, California, which are certain to become major attractions in the Christian world. The Graham center is a \$13.5 million com-

bination museum and international study-research center for evangelism and mission. The \$18 million Crystal Cathedral, designed by architect Philip Johnson, is shaped like a star with four points and is 415 feet long, 207 feet wide, and 128 feet high.

— Evangelical Newsletter

And Finally

WADSWORTH, OHIO—Barbara Roberts bought a 19th century Bible for \$5 at a garage sale here, not for its antiquarian value but because she considered it sacrilegious to throw away the Scriptures. She soon discovered that her purchase was worth several thousand dollars—not because of the 1852 Bible, but because of something she found inside it.

The 20-pound book contained what she thought was "just an old newspaper." But she discovered that it was a copy of the Ulster County, N.Y., *Gazette* dated January 4, 1800. It included an obituary of George Washington and is worth an estimated \$25,000.

— E. P.

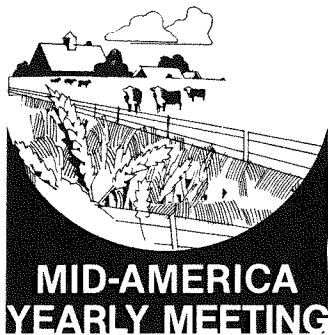
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MAYM in Review: 1979-80

By Gerald Teague

In reviewing any function of an organization over a span of time you likely will discover some PLUSES and some MINUSES, and then you will observe some areas of PRIME EMPHASIS. This review of MAYM will reflect such a perspective.

■ CREDITS

MAYM Finances: The best in MAYM history. Some churches paid substantially more than they committed, others met their commitments, and only eight failed to meet their commitment or did not give at all. The reported actual giving of all of MAYM, including an amount given by churches of Friendswood Area to their Texas Friends Churches program and special giving to the Foreign Ministries' Sister-Church program, amounted to a total of \$320,000.

Revival and Renewal has taken place with a good measure of blessing in a number of our churches through various means of special services. Some churches in which severe conflicts existed received assistance in conflict resolution. In some, further ministry is needed, but the process of healing is active.

Major Building Programs have taken place in 14 of our churches with new parsonages at Alva, Argonia, and Great Bend, and other meetings making extensive improvements.

New Ventures in Inter-church Ministry have developed through an increasing number of united efforts by combinations of churches in areas of missions conferences and church planting.

General New Undertakings: With the addition of Royce Frazier as the new superintendent of youth, there are now three "ministers-at-large" itinerant among our churches. Royce has capably spearheaded Midwinter Camping Retreats, Summer Ministries, and a full program at Youth Yearly Meeting. Ten local meetings have added new staff members, serving in such fields as education, visitation, youth ministries, and as associate pastors.

■ DEBITS

In the debit column of this review, there is indication that the work of

strengthening and enlarging the church is not yet complete. Several meetings were closed this past year because of a variety of causes, such as lack of adequate development, lack of further need, and for theological differences. Some meetings require close care and planned ministry on the part of the superintendents. Problems included pastor-church relations, strained relations within a body, questions of leadership, minority dissension, and uncertainty as to goals and purpose.

■ ASTERISKS*

To the above-mentioned credits and debits, I suggest three areas that in my opinion demand "Prime Emphasis" at this point in time. These areas requiring special attention just now are so basic and fundamental to the life and function of the Yearly Meeting that they require serious evaluation followed by deliberate and clear ministrations. The areas are Theology, Missions, and Stewardship.

We need an *Obedience in Theology* that is a reaffirmation of our doctrinal tenets in such clear and unapologetic terms by every and all speakers of truth in our Yearly Meeting, so that there is reestablished in all meetings a solid body of doctrinally learned, orthodox Friends.

We need an *Obedience to the World Mission Mandate*, which entails a universal acceptance of the Great Commission—to go and to love. There has been noted at times a general echo from our meetings that indicates the newer generations of Christian Friends, of different age groups, are demonstrating indifference and unawareness regarding the need of world evangelization. We hold that missions is not an option—but it "comes with the territory"—if one has come into the kingdom. Therefore, I contend that missions be a "given" and not a disputable element of our stewardship.

There needs to be an *Equity in Stewardship* that reflects the realization of our full potential as a resourceful and endowed body of Friends on an equitable scale.

An observable "law" in fund raising states that 80 percent of the finances of a given organization comes from 20 percent of the participants; and consequently, 80 percent of the participants are responsible for only 20 percent of the funds. If this law is true, then there is too much disparity and not enough equity in our stewardship. Like every other Christian tenet in the pillars of truth on which we build our superstructure of faith and practice, we advocate that stewardship needs to be taught (or caught) afresh by every new generation of Christian Friends. Let's get at the job!

In Conclusion: Pastors, teachers (in our churches and in our colleges), elders—all speakers of truth among us—let us return to the basics of discipleship and teach and demonstrate by word and deed at least

these three basics: a sound theology, the one-world (mission) concept, and the equal responsibility of every steward of God.

In essence, it was that to which Howard Macy called us in his keynote address at Yearly Meeting: A recovery of our Quaker heritage, vision, and joy!

Friends Women's Retreat

By Mary Ann Kinion

The Hilton Inn Northwest in Houston, Texas, was the scene of the 11th MAYM Friends Women's Retreat, October 3, 4, and 5. Approximately 290 women were present to hear speaker Elizabeth Rockwood from San Antonio, Texas. Her presentations were devoted to the strengthening of faith and personal prayer life, and were followed by small group discussions in response to the presentations. Betty Robinson served as mistress of ceremonies, Cyndy Burnett as song leader, and Mary Louthan as pianist.

Sheri Gilliland, recording artist, brought a special ministry in song and music.

For fun and enjoyment, a fashion show was presented from the C. R. Anthony Stores. The Fullerton Modeling Agency consented to model the fashions, with Jo Ann Fullerton, fashion coordinator, as commentator.

Gifts and prizes were awarded from the C. R. Anthony Stores, Penn Square Shopping Center, and Montgomery Ward.

Special tours and shopping were the order Saturday afternoon.

It was great fun to see everyone, meet new people, and enjoy the presence of God in a very real spirit of worship. Anita Fitch and Juanita Harvey showed a display of books and music from the Better Book Room.

Special thanks go to the ladies from League City and Friendswood churches, who were the hostesses for this memorable occasion.

Heal Me, O Lord, and I Will Be Healed

By Geraldine Custer

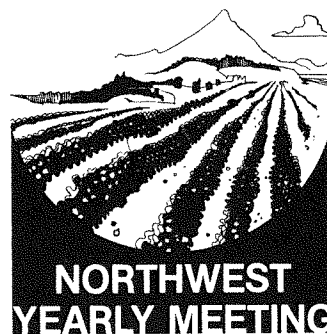
It is a little more than three and a half months since I arrived in America for an early furlough. Already there have been many things that fill my heart with praise to God and gratitude for His goodness. Good health is a precious gift.

After all of the exams were over and I had the reassurance that I was perfectly healthy, I knew of no other way to thank the Lord for what He had done in me physically than to rededicate my body and life to him to be used as He sees fit. The Barundi would express their relief as "putting their heart back in their stomach." I want to thank all of you who prayed for me and have written.

Being in church services and Bible studies all in our own language is a

treat. I am drinking deeply, but at the same time I want to share with you from my experiences in Africa this last term. As we share these days of deputation I want to listen to you too.

I would like to take my testimony from portions of the 40th Psalm (NIV). "I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry.... He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God.... Many, O Lord my God, are the wonders you have done. The things you planned for us no one can recount to you.... To do your will, O my God, is my desire; your law is within my heart."



Who Are We?

All of us are interested in family picture albums—old wedding pictures, baby pictures, great-grandfather's vintage stern portrait. We gaze and sometimes giggle at these, but in the process we establish our roots and find some identity.

The heart of theology is that God is, and that He is like Jesus Christ. This we believe. We know that each of us can be born again, and by the Holy Spirit's power, cleansing, and guidance we can walk in His way, filled with joy. We know experientially that everyone, of any race, sex, or age can speak directly to God and can be spoken directly to by God, that through Jesus all may come to the Father and hear His voice. His Spirit sends us out to love both God and each other, as ministering servants in the world. We find with William Penn, "We must be changed ourselves before we go about trying to change others."

We know that the Friends from the start were rooted in Truth and that its members spoke and published the Truth. Today, in a time of religious expediency, we have a vision of a Friends Church and all its members speaking the Truth and helping others to stand by the Truth, unafraid of the consequences.

We know that we are called to do God's work. A part of our vision is renewed in prayerful, vigorous, wise conforming to the specific teaching of Jesus as living testimonies of belief and behavior in the world.

Our vision is of a Friends Church with all its members well-grounded in

our history and in our practices, well-educated in the Bible, so that we can hold our leadings up to the light of Scripture.

Our vision is of all our meetings for worship where God is present, where His Spirit brings us into unity, where through corporate worship and the ministry arising out of it we may be strengthened in our convictions, our awareness of God, of others and our true selves, and of our work.

We envision a church that can call and attract a new generation of leadership to raise a new standard of righteousness, living in God's way of truth and love.

Who are we? As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he. What we are is as important as what our forefathers were. Friends do not have a new creed now; our uniqueness is the manner in which the different aspects of a Christ-centered faith are combined. This combination is carefully accepted and acted upon, not a random selection of convenient or popular doctrines.

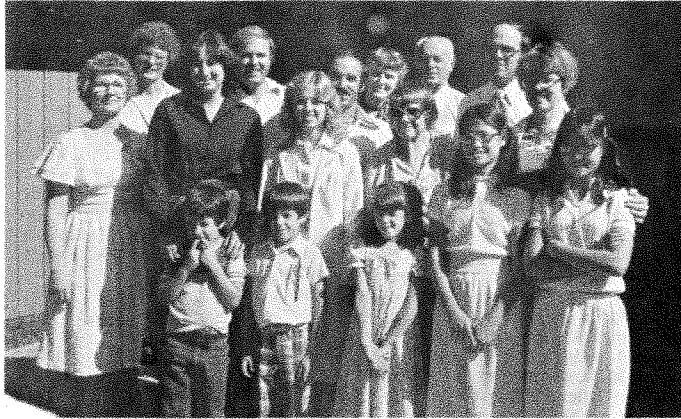
The written statements in our *Discipline* are not a checklist of beliefs from which we pick and choose our personal preferences, but rather, basic beliefs resulting from unhurried searching of the Scriptures and seeking the Spirit's counsel. These components of our Christ-centered faith are to be taught faithfully to our children, to those who are new in our fellowship, and consistently reviewed in reverent obedience by us all. Any neglect in this procedure by pastors or other leaders brings about an uncertainty as to who we are.

What are some of the component convictions of Friends? The meaning of membership, of worship, of ministry, of stewardship, of holiness, of missions, of peace, of decision making, of sacraments, of commitment. Unless each of these is understood and thoroughly taught we will just be a crowd of Christians, perhaps, but not a Friends Church. Freedom and shallow fellowship, without doctrinal depth and discipline or a sense of responsibility and usefulness, is denominational disjointedness. This is not said in a threatening or judgmental way. It is rather a plea for conviction, commitment, and consistency. Unless this springs from the Spirit's leadings and scriptural foundations, our individual differences, potential distrust, and angers will begin to spill out like battery acids.

—Jack L. Willcuts

Friends Youth Exceed Project Goal

Friends Youth of Northwest Yearly Meeting have exceeded their goal of \$1,000 by \$200 during 1979-80 in giving toward the support of two refugee families in Tigard and Oregon City. The 1980-81 project goal is \$1,250 and will help in the support of the newest missionaries to Aymaraland under Northwest Yearly Meeting, Dwaine and Becky Williams and two children, now studying Spanish in language school in Guadalajara, Mexico.



Bend Friends Church Meets for First Time

Seventeen people gather outside the front door of Jim and Michelle Lassley's home, where Friends are meeting in the Bend area. Sunday, October 5, was the first Sunday meeting for worship of the new Bend Friends Church. Quentin Nurdyke, executive secretary of NWYM, brought the morning message, and Wilma Nichols sang a special number. After the morning worship a special cake decorated by Nadine Knight was served to the group.

Around George Fox College . . .

George Fox College's teacher education program has been given the maximum approval, with praise, of the Oregon Teacher Standards and Practices Commission. It granted the maximum extension for approval until August 1985 for 11 areas requested by the college. The visiting review committee said, "New faculty members and new physical facilities have increased educational opportunities for all students at the college." It added, "Certainly one of the great strengths of the program is the spirit of concern and caring for individuals expressed in many ways on this campus, which has Christian ideals as a central focus for all campus life. The relatively small size of the school enables the expression of this spirit of concern."

Five new members have been named to the George Fox College Board of Trustees. Appointments were made by Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends Church, the college's governing body. Serving for the first time will be Earl Tycksen, pastor of Meridian, Idaho, Friends Church, and a 1957 GFC graduate; Margaret Lemmons, a Kelso, Washington, high school English teacher and a 1951 graduate; Ken Smitherman, su-

perintendent of Greenleaf Friends Academy (Idaho); and Dick Evans, Internal Revenue Service, Portland.

Forty George Fox students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends participated in the college's three-week European tour September 4-24, visiting England, the Netherlands, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, and Italy. The study/travel venture was an expansion of the college's usual week-long fall miniterm. Highlighting the tour was a visit to Oberammergau, in the Bavarian Alps, to watch the *Passion Play*, performed only every ten years and first performed in 1634.

George Fox College has established an extension center in Portland, offering five evening courses during the fall term in cooperation with the Center for Christian Studies at Reedwood Friends Church. The adult education courses are offered for full credit, for nondegree continuing education credit, and for "just plain enjoyment" in psychology, leadership, Christian education, church history, and Bible.

A gift of \$250,000 has been made by an Oregon couple (who have requested to remain anonymous) toward construction of the new chapel/performance arts complex at George Fox College. The gift, representing one-tenth of the amount needed toward the total \$2.5 million project, is an equity in a Medford area development project through the George Fox College Foundation.

Dan Nolte, pastor of the Olympic View Friends Church, Tacoma, Washington, has been elected president of the George Fox College

Coming Events

NOVEMBER

- 12-14 Quaker Emphasis Week, George Fox College: Dr. T. Canby Jones, speaker
- 13-15 GFC Auxiliary Bazaar, GFC, Cap & Gown Room
- 15 GFC Band Pops Concert, 7:30 p.m., Wheeler Sports Center, GFC
- 14-15 and 21-22, Fall Drama *God's Favorite*, 8:00 p.m., Wood-Mar Auditorium

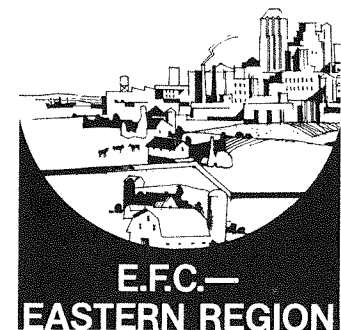
DECEMBER

- 7 *Messiah* oratorio, 3:00 p.m., Wheeler Sports Center, GFC, 7:30 p.m. First Church of the Nazarene, Portland
- 26-Jan. 1 Youthquake '80

JANUARY

- 12-15 EFA Coordinating Council
- 16-17 Tilikum Board Retreat
- 17 Budget Review Committee meeting
- 25 Dedication of Peninsula Church Sanctuary
- 30-31 Midyear Board Meetings

Alumni Association. He is a 1963 graduate and a second-year board member.



Auction Nets \$14,347 For Disaster Relief

"Four hundred five dollars... Anybody with a higher bid? ... Sold to the gentleman from Damascus on the back row!" With these words the beautiful heritage quilt made by the Winona Ladies Missionary Society made history by bringing the best price of its kind at the Friends Disaster annual auction. Embroidered in brown, the silhouettes of all 15 Friends churches of the Northeastern Ohio District made an unusual design and will no doubt be a collector's item in future years.

There were 26 quilts and comforters made by individual ladies and church missionary societies. The quilt bringing the second highest amount (\$360) was from Mt. Gilead,

the third from Alliance (\$310), and the fourth was from East Goshen (\$295).

Other women's circles who donated quilts were Ypsilanti, Bellefontaine, Salem First, Canton, Tecumseh, Bethany-Wadsworth, Mt. Carmel, Boston Heights, Willoughby Hills, and Warren-Howland.

Friends Disaster Service sponsored this year's auction on September 13 at the Summit County Fairgrounds, located on Howe Road in Tallmadge, Ohio. Large buildings provided display room for craft items, baked goods, clothing, plants, garden produce, chickens, rabbits, and a host of donated items from area businessmen. According to Dean Johnson, coordinator for the auction, proceeds this year amounted to \$14,347.

"I am very pleased with the results," said Johnson, "and it was a success—only because many people worked hard to contribute to the team effort." He continued by expressing gratitude to David and Grace Jones, who belong to East Richland Friends Church and who donated their services as auctioneers. Assisted by Tom Fonner, the Joneses handled the crowd in a jovial, amiable way, frequently reminding the potential buyers that they were supporting a good cause. Beginning at 10:00 in the morning, the last item was sold at 5:00 in the afternoon.

Others who worked hard to make it successful included Charles and Barbara Koontz (hamburger and cold drink concession), Glenn Miller (the sausage and pancake breakfast), Jim Justice, (the chicken barbecue at noon), and Glenn Lipely, Ray and Betty Johnson (cashiers). Many other volunteers (numbering 85) assisted in parking the cars, arranging the wares the day before the auction, and in clean up after the event.

Unfortunately, the hot air balloon that had been set for launching at noon was grounded—because of the windy weather.

The ceramic plate artistically designed by Irene Reynolds of East Goshen brought \$200. Cy Nezbeda was the high bidder, and he immediately presented it to Dean Johnson with thanks for all his work. An applauding audience approved.

Next year? It will be something to look forward to. Two ponies have already been given and they are being raised for the livestock auction.

—Lucy Anderson

Eastern Region Happenings

■ TWO PASTORS have recently been named to serve in Eastern Region. Mark Engel has moved to Cleveland and is pastoring the West Park Friends Church. In the Western Ohio District three churches have formed a three-point-circuit (Byhalia, West Mansfield, and Somersville) with Duane Dickson of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, moving to assume pastoral duties. His address is

31657 S. R. 31, West Mansfield, Ohio 43358.

■ MIDWINTER CONFERENCE is scheduled for the southland this December 27-31. According to Bruce Burch, youth coordinator for EFC-ER, the Friends Youth Board was able to reserve a YMCA Camp located 24 miles north of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, called Camp Hanes. It is located at the foot of the Sauratown Mountains with a beautiful forest and two lakes on the grounds. Fourteen heated cabins plus a large dining room/meeting room complex and excellent recreational facilities make it ideal for the conference. The cost is \$50 per person for the four days, with youth from northern districts transported by bus free of charge. Pre-register by sending \$30 to: David Tebbs, Registrar, 2130 31st St. N. W., Canton, Ohio 44709

■ THE LARRY LEWIS MEMORIAL FUND was established in September in honor of Joel (Larry) Lewis, age 16, who died on August 21 near Coshoc-ton, Ohio, as the result of a car accident on his way home from having attended Yearly Meeting in Canton. Larry was a member of the Smithfield Friends Church and had been active in church youth activities, Sunday school, and EFC-ER Summer Ministries. The Memorial Fund will assist teenagers from Smithfield, enabling them to participate in the Summer Ministries Program.

■ RUSSELL MYERS attended the Board of Directors meeting of World Relief Corporation on October 8-9 in Chicago, Illinois. He represents the Evangelical Friends Alliance on the Board.

■ ROSCOE AND TINA KNIGHT completed a speaking tour among Eastern Region Friends Churches during Outreach emphasis in October. Their experiences serving on the mission fields of Bolivia, Peru, and Mexico under Northwest Yearly Meeting and EFA since 1946 have proved a blessing to all who heard them.

■ GERRY CUSTER and GARY YOUNG, both of Mid-America Yearly Meeting, who work in Burundi, Africa, have also shared their experiences on the mission field and have appeared in several Outreach Conferences in late October.

Focus on Malone

New faces on the Malone campus this fall are making the 1980-81 college year exciting. Dr. Alan Hedges, new assistant professor of communications, began teaching this fall the first series of courses leading to Malone's newest major, communications. New head basketball coach Daniel Manley leads a promising team for this year. Visiting Professor of Sociology Peter Wong is on campus from Hong Kong Baptist College. Other new faculty members include Dr. Herbert Jarrell, assistant professor of chemistry,

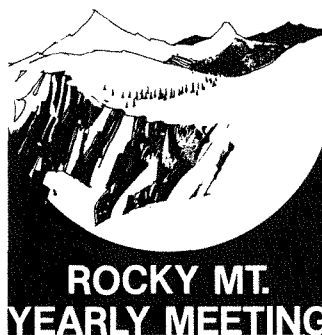
and Harold B. Winn, visiting assistant professor of mathematics.

Youth evangelist Pat Hurley of Spectrum Ministries was on campus September 24-26 for three days of special meetings with students. His visit was followed by Christian Life Emphasis Week October 14-16 with guest speaker Dr. C. Philip Hiner-man, pastor of the 840-member interracial inner-city Park Avenue United Methodist Church in Minneapolis. Christian vocalist Dianne Thompson came to campus October 17 to present a free concert to the college community.

CORRECTIONS

We wish to correct two dates for Pastor's Seminars printed in the October magazine. Central and Western Ohio pastors will meet at Marysville December 1-3. Eastern, Northern, and Northeastern Ohio pastors will meet in Canton Jan. 19-21, 1981.

Instead of four Trailblazers appointed in September, there are only two. Connie Bancroft and Judy Rauch are the two young ladies with the distinction of serving as the first Trailblazers among Eastern Region Friends.



Peace Evangelical Meeting Of Friends Commences Services in Northeast Denver Suburb October 5

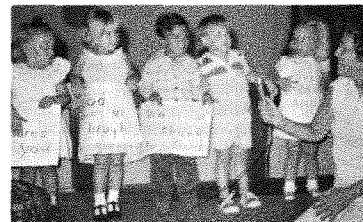
Peace Evangelical Meeting of Friends organizers held their first worship service October 5 in a Brighton, Colorado, elementary school. The meeting is an extension of First Denver Friends.

Five families have committed themselves to the new work in Brighton, 25 miles northeast of Denver. Four new families attended the first meeting, which was in North Elementary School. Evening worship and weekly Bible studies are in area homes.

Bud Van Meter will serve as clerk of the meeting.

Organizing families are Bud and Judy Van Meter, Jim and Joan Ellis, Devon and Beth Unruh, Doug and

Missy Farrar, Larry and Karen McKim. These families appreciate prayer support as they seek to reach this community of 13,000.



"Uh... We give thanks to God," thinks Jay Gustafson (third from left) as he prepares to say his part. Omaha Friends, like other Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting churches, recently held vacation Bible school. Old man winter may be temporarily changing the landscape, but memories of VBS will linger in many children's minds. With Jay are (left to right) Dawn Stratton, Christy Heath, Shannon Hunt, and Rice Falzarano. Fifty-nine attended the VBS directed by Rose Gustafson.

Four-wheel Drive Carry-all Vehicle Purchased for Rough Rock Mission

God has graciously provided a new four-wheel drive carry-all vehicle for the Rough Rock, Arizona, Friends mission.

Half of the purchase price is being paid by a friend of the mission, while the remainder will come from Yearly Meeting funds.

The unexpected gift came while Vern and Lois Ellis were attending the funeral of Clarence Wheeler. Wheeler was once an owner of the trading post near the mission and contributed toward the ministry there.

The Ellises spent one night with a Phoenix man, who offered the gift toward the needed vehicle.

Colorado Springs Friends Hold 'Silent Meeting'

(Editor's note: This is an edited version of an article from the Colorado Springs Gazette Telegraph.)

First Friends church members recreated the traditional Quaker silent meeting September 14.

Friends in the meeting wore traditional Quaker dress that they made from centuries-old patterns. Pastor Ken Kinser said the meeting also observed other Quaker traditions.

For instance, the women and girls of the congregation sat on one side of the sanctuary, and the men and boys on the other side.

No hymnbooks or musical instruments were used in the service.

Kinser also sat with members of the congregation. Church elders sat on a platform.

The Colorado Springs pastor stressed, "A Silent Meeting is not a

popcorn testimony time. It is to be a time of silent meditation. Only those who feel the leading of the Holy Spirit to speak should do so and this should be an uplifting and encouraging time of sharing."

RYMY Briefs . . .

SOUTH FORK, Kansas—The Riverside and South Fork Friends meetings have combined. The church members now meet at South Fork. William Leach pastors the church. The meeting is in northwest Kansas near St. Francis.

WOODLAND PARK, Colorado—The annual Midwinter Youth Camp at Quaker Ridge Camp will be in late December. Youth or parents wanting more information should consult with their pastor.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado—Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting will hold its midyear meeting November 14 and 15.



Fred and Shirley Davidson model traditional Quaker clothes, such as were worn at the recent Colorado Springs Friends silent meeting.

FRIENDS GATHER

ALLIANCE, Ohio

"Depression: How to Help Others or Yourself Through It," taught by Dr. Rich George, is the Wednesday evening elective program. Sunday school electives, "How to Study the Bible for Yourself" and "Christian Beliefs and How we Differ From Jehovah's Witnesses" are being taught by Jim Handrych.

A baby shower for Tu Nguyen, the Vietnamese mother of six, was given by the ladies of the church. She and her husband, Xuan, will soon become parents of their seventh child. Baby showers are not customary in Vietnam, so this was a special occasion as Tu opened gifts from the more than 30 guests present.

The Boys Brigade leaders sponsored a family fellowship and pie-eating contest.

The Murray Three presented a lovely concert at a Sunday evening service, followed by a fellowship time for Friends of Malone.

ALUM CREEK, Marengo, Ohio

During the evening chapel hours for vacation Bible school, Pastor Dane and Sally Ruff presented their puppets' interpretation of the life of Charles DeVol. The children raised over \$100 for missions.

A recent Christian education seminar included an all-church potluck dinner, with sessions on personal growth on Friday night and classes for teaching areas conducted on Saturday.

A choir has been organized with Mrs. Jan Deel as director.

Mark Henry, a member of the church working with Wycliffe Bible Translators in the Philippines, open-

ed the month-long outreach emphasis during a recent Sunday school hour. Other speakers have been Roscoe Knight and Jack Rea.

BARBERTON, Ohio

Ten youth of the church presented part of a musical they have been working on at the Yearly Meeting youth banquet.

Making plans for next year was high on the agenda as the Sunday school teachers met recently for a dinner meeting.

The youth are starting a new program, "Scriptures Come Alive Inside" (SCAI).

A new CARING Committee has been organized to reach out into the surrounding area.

BELLEVILLE, Kansas

Our missionary society has been packing quilt blocks and making bandages for Burundi mission fields.

Our church had a singspiration service September 28, at 4:00 p.m., with refreshments following.

Our pastor, Beth Shapiro, is such a blessing to our own church congregation, and is an asset and blessing for the whole community.

We will be having the Zone Rally in Belleville soon.

BETHEL, Hugoton, Kansas

Our pastors and three lay persons attended an Evangelism Explosion III Clinic at Del City, Oklahoma. This is a visitation evangelism program, and we hope to begin one in our community.

Pastor Gary Wright, Haviland, held a revival for us, using the theme, "In to Our World . . . with Jesus."

BOISE, Idaho

A Parking Lot Sale August 9, sponsored by our youth, cleared about \$600. The money will be used to help defray the cost of sending 15 of our high school students to the National "YouthQuake" conference in California in December.

Twenty-six met at Quaker Hill Retreat Center August 22-23, for our annual Officers Retreat, to discuss plans for the coming year.

The 75th anniversary of our church was celebrated on September 14. Following the regular morning worship and Sunday school, there was a covered-dish dinner. A brief church history was presented during a special program at 2:30 p.m.; music was by the Kingsmen, and Dale Field (former pastor) was guest speaker. Another former pastor, Russel Stands, and his wife, Frances, were guests. Also attending were Frances Hicks, Charlene Craven, and Leona Murphy, wives of former pastors.

BOOKER, Texas

Our church's 70th Anniversary was well attended, with approximately 158 present to enjoy the day with singing and a message by General Superintendent John and Betty Robinson. The mortgage debt on the church was burned; we praise the Lord for the abundance He has given, with a wheat crop that didn't look promising at first.

We now have a copastor, Wayne Anson, from Grand Island, Nebraska. His wife, the former Patti Reynolds, is from our community, and they have two children, Christy Dawn and Kristen Dale.

Wendy Hout, attending Wesley School of Nursing, received her nurse's cap recently. Sean Daugherty, who traveled with the Continental Singers this summer, is now attending FBC at Haviland. Kenny Pitts, son of J. M. and Jeanne Pitts, Anderson, Indiana, is now teaching in the Booker school system and is also helping in the church. Jim Custer, director of Jeremiah People, has been home for a few weeks and ministered to our congregation.

EAST RICHLAND St. Clairsville, Ohio

Jon L. Johnson, a graduate of Malone College and Ashland Seminary, has joined the pastoral staff and will concentrate his ministry in the areas of education and music. He and his wife Cynthia and three-year-old daughter Rachel moved into the area in late summer.

Ladies of the church and community meet weekly for aerobic exercises at the church.

Pioneer Girls Club and Christian Service Brigade have started with approximately 60 boys and girls.

Missionary speakers this fall have included Jack and Celesta Rea from Taiwan, Tammy Fansler, Malone College student and short-term missionary in Hong Kong, and Dr. and Mrs. Anil Solenki from India.

The annual Administrative Council Retreat held at Bethesda Learning Center was led by Joe Roher.

FERRY ROAD, Danville, Virginia

Fall activities have been a Sunday school picnic at Dan River Elkhorn Lake and Rally Day.

FIRST FRIENDS, Salem, Ohio

Dr. Eugene Coffin, administrative assistant to Dr. Robert Schuller of Garden Grove, California, spoke to an overflow crowd at Sunday services celebrating the 175th anniversary of the founding of the original Quaker meeting September 15, 1805. A special edition of the church's weekly paper "The Visiting Friend" carried special articles and photos to remind congregational members of their rich Quaker heritage. Classrooms were decorated for the week-long event, with old pictures from trunks and attics on display. Associate Ministers Richard Sartwell and Ben Staley stressed the Anniversary Committee's goal of "while looking at our past for inspiration, we should look to the future with a renewed vision for taking the Gospel of Jesus Christ into the community."

Fall Outreach Emphasis speakers included Roscoe and Tina Knight, Bill Casto, and Jack and Celesta Rea.

One hundred and thirteen fathers and sons met for the annual Father-Son Banquet.

Don Kurtz was chosen King at South Range High School football game and Diana Kelly was crowned Queen at the Salem High School game. Congratulations King and Queen!

FORT COLLINS, Colorado

Children's church resumed at University Friends Church September 21. Five women from the church attended the Friends Women Retreat at Horn Creek Ranch recently. The college group went away on a retreat October 17 and 18.

FRIENDSWOOD, Texas

Several learning opportunities have begun at Friendswood. A six-week Parenting Course is being offered by the Red Cross at the Friendswood Methodist Church. Also, a class in signing for the deaf was available for those interested, and two new young adult Bible study groups have begun.

Late in September, a group of about twenty workers from Friendswood went to the Kickapoo Indian Center in McCloud, Oklahoma, for a work weekend.

November was missions month. We featured visitors from Burundi, Africa. Gerry Custer, Carolyn Hinchshaw, and Gary and Connie Young were with us for services.

HESPER, Eudora, Kansas

Hesper used the "Love Loaf" plan offered by World Vision to raise funds

for World Relief; 48 people participated in the project. When the loaves were opened by Alan Votaw (treasurer), Rober Stone, Victor Allen, and Richard Allen at a Sunday evening service, they yielded \$200.

Four of last year's high school seniors are furthering their education. Karla Knabe is in Friends University, Richard Allen is in Haskell Junior College in Lawrence, Rick Lutz and Mark Tams are attending Christ Unlimited Bible Institute at Kansas City Youth For Christ.

LAWRENCE, Kansas

We had a fall revival with Gary Wright as our evangelist and Terry McAfee as song evangelist.

Senior citizens were honored guests at our "Joyful Celebration" to honor the 200th anniversary of Sunday school.

Our teachers participated in the workshops at Willow Creek in Kan-

sas City, as Betty Hockett led training classes on early childhood and toddler training. Marjorie Landwert spoke to the teachers of children and junior church, and Royce Frazier spoke to youth, teachers and leaders. Dorothy Barratt spoke to adult teachers and was consultant for the seminar on Friends curriculum.

MELBA, Idaho

On the 4th of July, Melba Friends was in charge of the community activities. The youth group entered a float with their puppets singing "We Are Blest" on it. It received first place.

The youth group sponsored our August activity. They held a "Pioneer Day" for the whole community. There was a hamburger barbecue with corn on the cob and homemade ice cream, and a country store with many hand-crafted items and baked goods. Music was provided by Paul Wynia and the Ladies' Singing Group. It was a lot of fun for everyone—but quite a job for the youth group.

In October we celebrated the church's 60th anniversary.

We are all very happy to have J. Harley and Amy Adams back in Melba as our pastors.

MORNINGSIDE Port St. Lucie, Florida

September 21 was a special day when seven new members were publicly received in the morning service, and in the afternoon a groundbreaking service was held as the initial step of enlarging the facilities. Russell Myers, Jane Beckett, Joe Rohrbacker, and Gayle Weber spoke briefly and shared their interest and enthusiasm for the expanded ministry of the church.

Other recent special events included the presentation of an original play based on "the Prodigal Son" by men of the Indian River Correctional Institution, a film *Future Survival* and an all-music Encouragement Service.

NEWPORT NEWS, Virginia

Mrs. Edna Fryhoff's 84th birthday was celebrated recently by several organizations of the church. The Missionary Society sponsored a covered-dish luncheon while the Adult Bible Class and Fidelity Class held a cook-out at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Stall.

The church has started a puppet ministry for the youth with programs scheduled once a month.

Rev. C. R. Creed began his services July 1. A native of West Virginia, he is a graduate of Asbury College, Asbury Theological Seminary, and Ashland Theological Seminary.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Oklahoma

We had Rally Day in September to honor Sunday School's 200th birthday. Debbie Smith, with her "dummy" Russell, was here for the morning in Fellowship Hall.

The David Riley family visited us. They are former missionaries to Burundi and now are under appointment to Haiti with World Gospel Mission.

J.O.Y. Day, Joyous-Older-Youth Day, honored our older brothers and sisters.

Our Social Action efforts have developed through our assistance at the City Rescue Mission and their new women's ministry. We established a food cupboard for needy families and several are blessed as the Lord supplies funds for their Faith Promises.

PLAINS, Kansas

Fred Littlefield gave a message of encouragement on what's right with our country on July 6 while Pastors Stan and Cathy Thornburg vacationed in Colorado.

Over 50 children were registered for vacation Bible school, July 28-August 1. Cathy Thornburg was director; Sheila Ratzlaff was in charge of music.

David Stanton led choruses at the annual Sunday School Picnic at Meade Lake Park, with Mark Webb giving the devotional.

Eight high school youth and sponsors and Stan and Cathy Thornburg returned from their August Retreat in the San Isabel Mountains of southern Colorado in a beautiful spirit of unity and commitment.

PLEASANT VIEW Robbins, North Carolina

The Friends Youth held a service in honor of the softball team that took place at Camp Hawthornburg. After a vesper service, each team member was given a trophy. LaVerne Cockman served as sponsor and Martha Sheffield cosponsor.

PORTSMOUTH, Virginia

Norville White and his wife Linda, along with their two sons, have moved into the parsonage and have begun their ministry.

Toni Cotturone directed "The New Creations" as they sang in several churches this summer.

The Ambassador Class is studying the book *Heaven Help the Home* by Dr. Howard Hendricks.

Daily vacation Bible school included puppet shows by Mac Quattlebaum, classes for all ages and craft for all ages, including adults.

PROVIDENCE Virginia Beach, Virginia

Some 250 people were in attendance for the Homecoming services recently. Featured speakers were former pastors Gerald Teague and Charles Robinson. Former assistant pastors Bob Carpenter and Richard Linger were in attendance, making the former pastoral staff complete. "God's Friends," a former trio, provided inspiring music, as did a number of others, including the church orchestra.

RAISIN VALLEY Adrian, Michigan

The Friends Youth were in charge of an evening service at the Kiwanis Towers, senior citizen complex. New things begun are a junior FY with Sandra Woods as leader, and a single girls' Bible study.

Dr. Robert Hess was the speaker for a Spiritual Renewal Weekend.

"Community Awareness" was brought to our attention by Dr. Peter McGinn, who shared concerning the Alcohol Referral Program at Bixby Hospital and the spiritual emphasis of Alcoholics Anonymous.

REEDWOOD, Portland, Oregon

Reedwood Friends celebrated their 10th Anniversary on October 4 and 5.

Fall classes for Center for Christian Studies are underway, offering college classes for credit or audit. In addition to the adult classes on Wednesday night a program designed for 6-K grades that will include Bible, music, recreation, and a learning center is headed by Dorothy Hicks. Marilyn and Lloyd Pruitt and others were also active in the preparation. The high school, junior high, and grade school all have their own groups making Wednesday a night for the whole family.

A conference on aging sponsored by Lambert House Adult Day Care was held November 1. Speakers were on Fendall, field representative for Senator Mark Hatfield, and Ron Wyden, U.S. Representative candidate.

SMITHFIELD, Ohio

Two youth, Debbie Hawthorne and David Vandeborne, have had a busy summer. Debbie served with a puppet team and gave presentations at various Friends churches as well as Yearly Meeting sessions. David Vandeborne spent several weeks at a Canadian Disciple Camp Wilderness Experience program.

SOUTH FORK St. Francis, Kansas

South Fork Friends recently honored 16 years of service by Pastor William Leach. The church recently combined with Riverside Friends. Over the years Leach has commuted between the two meetings.

The October 5 service was conducted by 4-H members. That Sunday commemorates the 4-H.

TECUMSEH, Michigan

A "pounding" and reception welcomed new pastor Richard Bower, his wife, Pat, and children John David and Amy into the church family.

WEST MANSFIELD, Ohio

The Ladies Missionary Society served food at a farm sale with proceeds going for Darrel and Carol Laman, who will be serving as missionaries in Kenya, Africa. Darrel and Carol are members of the Willoughby Hills Church.

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FRIENDS RECORD

Due to the large number of statistics and space limitation this issue we are limiting Friends Record to names through the letter F. —Editor

BIRTHS

ALBERS—To Gary and Janet Albers, a son, Timothy Wayne, September 7, 1980, Sandy, Oregon.

BAKER—To Dewey and Vickie Baker, a son, Benjamin Allen, September 11, 1980, Tecumseh, Michigan.

BETCHE—A son, Jeramy Lee born to Ed and Tammy Betcher, August 8, 1980, Collinsville, Oklahoma.

BIERNACKI—A son, Jeremiah Joseph, June 18, 1980, to Dan and Jan Biernacki, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

BRAUNBECK—To Bill and Joanne Braunbeck, a daughter, Candice Elizabeth, September 13, 1980, Fort Belovier, Virginia.

BRODIE—A daughter, Emily Brook, to Jim and Linda Brodie, July 5, 1980, Ramona, Oklahoma.

BROOKE—To Bob and Sherry Brooke, a daughter, Krista, September 23, 1980, Portsmouth, Virginia.

BROWN—To Anthony and Debbie Brown, a son, Tyrel Brandon, June 19, 1980, Springfield, Colorado.

BROWN—To Lynn and Charlene Brown, a son, Adam Levi, September 28, 1980, Eads, Colorado.

BROWN—To Rod and Dana Brown, a daughter, Kerri Ann, September 27, 1980, Chivington, Colorado.

BRYAN—A son, Royce Andrew, August 31, 1980, to DeWayne and Joyce Bryan of Haviland, Kansas.

CLAY—To Gene and Shellie Clay, a daughter, Kriste Nichole, June 5, 1980, Newport News, Virginia.

CLOUD—A son, Kevin Arthur, to Curt and Donna Cloud, July 7, 1980, Ramona, Oklahoma.

COFFMAN—To John and Roseanne Coffman, a son, Christopher Brian, July 5, 1980, Barberton, Ohio.

COLEMAN—A son, Stephen Louis, July 31, 1980, to Steve and Faith Coleman, Emporia, Kansas.

COOK—To Robert and Bernadine Cook, a son, Robert Bradley, July 15, 1980, Portsmouth, Virginia.

DAWSON—To Larry and Susan Dawson, a daughter, Traci Lynn, July 30, 1980, Boise, Idaho.

DIXON—To W. L. and Linda Dixon, a daughter, Catherine Anne, January 31, 1980, Newport News, Virginia.

DYCK—A son, Alan Will, June 30, 1980, to Eric and Margie Dyck, University Meeting, Wichita, Kansas.

FARRIS—To Randy and Ruth Farris, a son, Ryan Wayne, January 21, 1980, Newport News, Virginia.

FOREMAN—To David and Sarah (Boles) Foreman, a daughter, Anna Vaughan Boles, June 3, 1980, Howard, Kansas.

FORREST—To Joseph and Cathie Forrest, a daughter, Robin Renee, July 7, 1980, Newport News, Virginia.

MARRIAGES

ARIGONI-EATON. Cynthia Arigoni and Brian Eaton, September 13, 1980, St. Clairsville, Ohio.

BACHMAN-SNYDER. Elizabeth Bachman and Elden Snyder, September 27, 1980, Barberton, Ohio.

BORTON-WHITFORD. Linda Borton and Michael Whitford, July 26, 1980, Addison, Michigan.

CRISS-BELOOF. Wanola B. Criss and Byron J. Beloo, September 28, 1980, University Friends Meeting, Wichita, Kansas.

CHANCE-HUMPHREYS. Lori Chance and Robert Humphreys, June 14, 1980, Fowler, Kansas.

CHANCE-POST. Karla Chance and Brent Post, May 31, 1980, Fowler, Kansas.

DUCOTE-PAULER. Sheila Deane Ducote and Alan Dale Pauler, August 23, 1980, University Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

DUNDON-HASSON. Terri Dundon and Michael Hasson, September 27, 1980, at Boise Friends, Idaho.

EVANS-DIGMAN. Sue Evans and Brian Digman, August 29, 1980, Smithfield, Ohio.

FELTS-MANTELL. Susan LaVonne Felts to Chris Allen Mantell, October 25, 1980, Friendswood, Texas.

FLYNN-LAWSON. Lorie Flynn and Jack Lawson, August 9, 1980, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

FREEMAN-SHEFFIELD. Tammy Freeman and Gregory Sheffield, August 8, 1980, Eagle Springs, North Carolina.

DEATHS

ANDREE—Edward C. Andree of Cherokee Monthly Meeting, Oklahoma, January 19, 1979.

BINFORD—Myra Binford, 101, oldest member of University Friends, Wichita, Kansas, June 8, 1980.

COPPOCK—Esther Marie Coppock, 79, of Cherokee Monthly Meeting, Oklahoma, May 28, 1979.

CUNDIFF—Eugene Cundiff, 80, recorded Friends minister, Emporia, Kansas.

EDWARDS—Lina W. Edwards, 78, July 2, 1980, Newport News, Virginia.

ELLIS—Carl L. Ellis, 71, Bethel Friends, Hugoton, Kansas.

FOX—Goldie Fox (Mrs. Webb), 80, of Cherokee Monthly Meeting, Oklahoma, August 1, 1980.

FOX—R. W. (Webb) Fox, 85, of Cherokee Monthly Meeting, Oklahoma, August 1, 1980.

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Concern." Doesn't that sound Quakerly? We thought so, and received permission to use the name, adapting any or all parts of it to fit our own Reedwood Friends situation. This time we even had a lot of our own material printed. Again, we invited as many as would to go for a weekend at one of Oregon's beautiful retreat centers to discuss and pray about it. The weekend went well this time, no opposition or uncertainty was expressed.

About 20 Circles of Concern were put together on paper that weekend, involving most of the meeting. We designed it (not unlike what you describe at University Meeting) along the lines of age groupings, and some attention to geography and combinations of people. We tried to think of everything. After it was over, I called the successful people in California to check our progress, and they couldn't see where we had overlooked anything. At last we were going to have an effective, pulsating, dynamic system of spiritual fellowship that would meet one of our obvious needs.

While you breathlessly wait to learn how it is working, let me detail how the pendulum swing from the other plan was designed. This time each Circle of Concern would individually decide how often they would meet, what they would do—pray, study a book or a Bible theme, or just talk. They could be without a chairman, rotate leadership, or be highly structured. They could eat a meal when they wished, or have no refreshments at all. They could work on a project, go bowling, plan a trip to England, or have a silent meeting. The idea was to get Christians together in some definite way and see what might happen

with the Lord leading. Well, it took several attempts again and patient prayer and some experimenting before a suitable fellowship plan took shape.

Fred Gregory headed this plan, designed primarily for pastoral care, and with his gift of detailed planning and indirect leadership, it has gone well. Several meetings for training and sharing of reports were held. The entire congregation was placed into Circles of Concern. The leaders understood their role (as individuals or couples) to be kind of under shepherds, elders/pastors. Each member of the pastoral team was the direct contact person or counselor for about eight of these Circle of Concern leaders.

Leaders make great use of telephoning just to keep in touch with *everyone* on their list. Some have taken greater initiative than others in calling group meetings or other types of fellowship gatherings. But some of the most effective ones happen to be individuals who, due to health limitations or age, have been unable to do more than telephone or meet briefly with their circle members on Sundays during the fellowship hour or in some similar catch-as-you-can setting.

The training sessions, held quarterly, focus on different aspects of pastoral care work such as ministering to those who are hospitalized, how to meet crisis situations, terminal illness, death in the family. Another session was on how to lead another to become a believing Christian. While this plan is a plan, it remains to be seen how long or well it will continue after Fred Gregory's departure. I personally am the most encouraged with its workability and

durability rather than any structured idea yet attempted.

I conclude this letter with the deep conviction that no pastor can do his best without a fellowship group for himself or herself. If a pastoral team is impossible, then other kinds of support groups must be developed. The many examples you have given, Dave, confirm this, and this has certainly been true in my own experience. I learned the great value of this while in missionary work; our monthly council meetings of the entire staff became an invaluable experience and one that uplifted and inspired us all. The same thing developed in our team fellowship at Reedwood. One of the great problems I find among pastors as a yearly meeting superintendent is the feeling of isolation, loneliness, and lack of close support.

Before I close, Dave, I want to suggest another vital aspect of the pastoral team idea—that of evangelizing. We feel ourselves to be an evangelical Friends church, which implies a concern for the harvest field in reaching the community and the world. How do you feel about this? What are your dreams, your plans, your efforts in this important part of the gospel ministry? What ways do you see a pastoral team strengthening the servant role of pastoring? Do you regard this as an imperative in our pastoral priorities?

Looking forward to hearing from you soon,

Sincerely,

Jack

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