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My dad was not the first one asked to be pastor of this church. So, was he chosen only as a last resort?" Julio, son of Manuel Guzman, Mexico City pastor, was on the verge of tears. The response of his friend was directly from the Lord as he replied, "No, Julio, he wasn't the last one left; he was first choice. God just worked through the list until he came to His chosen one. He knew whom He wanted and the one He could use to guide this church."

Julio, a relieved and satisfied PK, grinned and said, "Thanks!" (Continued on page 2)

to produce grapes in the summer

Everett and Alda Clarkson served two terms as missionaries of Northwest Yearly Meeting in Bolivia and one term in Peru. Just before going to Mexico City as missionaries of EFM, they were pastors of the Caldwell, Idaho, Friends Church. Photos by Rodney Routon and Phil Burgi.

BY EVERETT CLARKSON

(Continued from Cover)

This brief conversation illustrates one step in a long process of pruning by the Husbandman, the One who knows what produces "grapes in summer" in the cooperative Mexico City mission work of EFA. It was started 14 years ago, out of deep conviction that God had a ministry for evangelical Friends in this area, when Roscoe and Tina Knight arrived there as the first missionaries. After much searching and prayer, through Bible studies and patience they began to see response in the northwest section of the metro area. During their first furlough, Knights were temporarily replaced by Quentin and Florene Nordyke of Northwest Yearly Meeting. At this time meetings were held in the home of Eliseo and Elena Martinez in Elektra, north of Satellite City.

Then in 1975 Knights were joined by Richard and Mary Ann Martens and their two sons of Iowa Yearly Meeting. When Knights concluded their service in 1976, Paul and Phyllis Cammack of NWYM went to work with the Martenses for a year. David and Kathy Anderson and their three children of NWYM served about 1½ years also, until medical problems caused their return to the States in March 1979. After serving a four-year term, the Martenses were led to stay home in order to put their sons in school in Iowa.



Some Mexico City Friends (above) stand in front of their new building. Pastor Manuel Guzman (right) with his wife Tita.



In 1979 my wife, Alda, and I were appointed to Mexico City for a three-year term, along with Rodney and Barbara Routon and son, Kenny, of Iowa YM.

The Elektra Friends met in the Martinez home for five years. Then with the missionaries they located another house in which to hold services. Manuel Guzman, a factory foreman, was studying to become a pastor, so he and his family moved into the new house. Manuel attended classes and studied at night. He became a competent spiritual leader, well-versed in God's Word, with ability to guide his people. The church group paid half of Guzman's rent. Because of a change in the factory's location and management reshuffling, plus a bad leg that made walking difficult, Manuel thought it best to take early retirement. This decision was to cost him about 50 percent of his former salary. With six children still at home, his was truly a monetary sacrifice.

For several years the people had been praying for a meetinghouse of their own in which they could worship together and become a more positive, public testimony in their neighborhood. Yet it seemed there was no possible way for them to raise enough money to purchase adequate property and construct a satisfactory building. At this point, it was still "February" in their process toward

producing fruit in summer, for where were they to get enough money to buy property?

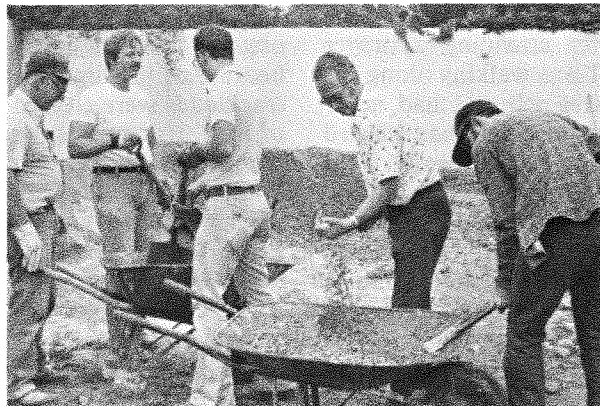
Plan for Growth

In April 1979, Robert Hess, EFM director, and I visited them. Although their number was not large, we were impressed with the group's spiritual stability. They were enthusiastic during discussions about building and amplifying the work. Out of these discussions, Richard and Mary Ann Martens, Robert Hess, and I were definitely led of the Holy Spirit to present to them a multiphase three-year plan.

This plan included establishment of new Bible study groups, outreach to all age groups, increase of pastoral support by the church, purchase of land for a building site by EFM and Iowa YM, payment by the local church for development of the site, purchase by EFM and Iowa YM of a portable metal building (later to be moved to another location to help a new group), and construction by the church of its own permanent building.

We anticipated some changes or suggestions from them, but the plan was readily accepted by their council and ratified by the church body. One of our concerns was for them to use some of their own resources to make the agreement more equitable. Little did anyone realize then what was in store for this little group of believers!

After a summer of visiting churches in Rocky Mountain, Mid-America, and Eastern Region Friends churches,



Friends from Eastern Region put down cement slab for new Mexico City church. Left to right above are Dean Johnson, Phil Meisterheim, Bob Hess, missionary Everett Clarkson, and Mike Briggs. Pictured left is Rod Mick.

Alda and I arrived in Mexico City in September 1979. At that time the Routons went to study Spanish in Guadalajara, over 300 miles west of Mexico City.

The approved three-year plan was put into motion immediately. The search for property began in earnest, and two favorable lots were located about one-half mile north of the house where the church group met. The larger one had good possibilities for future expansion but was located on a dead-end street. The price was right, but actually offered much less growth potential. After seeking God's direction the group selected the smaller lot. Evangelical Friends

across the U.S. joined together in providing the necessary amount for the purchase, and on January 29, 1980, a check for \$11,111 was presented to the Elektra Church. The brethren, almost incredulous as they accepted the gift, were very thankful! Some new growth had appeared on the vine—the one that “produces grapes in summer.”

A Process of Pruning

But the little group was about to enter into a period of setbacks and frustrations. Manuel was told that both lots had been taken off the market and were not now for sale. Time seemed to drag by as we all kept looking for new sites. Consideration was even given to moving from the present locality. A few were disheartened, but the vision of property and a building remained bright for most.

what a thrill

BY ROSCOE AND TINA KNIGHT

What a thrill for us to be able to visit our Mexican brethren and to celebrate with them at the dedication of their new church building! Excitement ran high! Red carpet for the platform . . . New curtains at the windows . . . Flowers . . . Blue ribbons draped across the front to be cut at the appropriate time . . . Refreshments for 250 people . . . The youth choir with their guitars leading the hymns and choruses, and then that old favorite which always leaves goosebumps, “How Great Thou Art!” Yes, indeed! How great Thou art, Lord! Thank You for letting us have a part in building Your church here in Mexico!

Throughout the three-and-one-half-hour service we listened to challenging messages, watched Mexican leaders capably perform their duties, and through tears of joy we reminisced.

We remembered the knots in our stomachs as we'd contacted new people with the Gospel. Many didn't want to hear. But a few were interested. Hours were spent praying, in Bible studies, counseling, calling until late at night, picnics,

parties . . . then the disappointment of watching many drop away.

So we started again—so discouraging! Finally a small group began meeting regularly, but even they were swayed by holidays, fiestas, or family. We clung to God's promises and refused to give up!

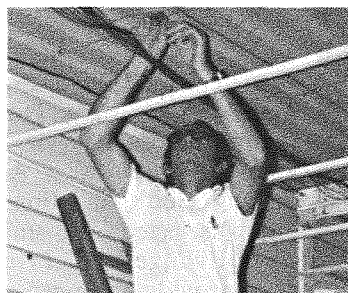
And now look! The Mexican Friends Church is a miracle! Those vacillating men are the leaders today. The women with so many problems, doubts, and fears expressed in our weekly Bible studies are the Sunday school teachers and superintendents. Members of the youth choir were kids in the Saturday morning Bible Club.

It doesn't come natural for the Mexicans to be a steady, responsible, reliable people, but God has performed a miracle, and today our Friends Church in Mexico City is a national church with capable leaders who are firmly established in the faith. Oh, we wouldn't have you think all was perfect. Some still have problems, but “God is able” and He is working. He says, “I will build my church.” He's doing it, but in His time. He promised us “Your fruit shall remain,” and it does. What's more, the church is being added unto often!

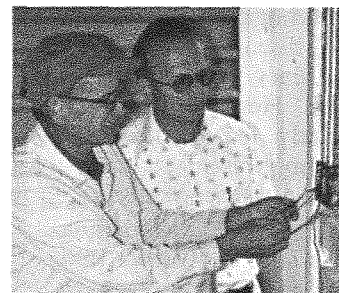
We praise Him for what He's done and we praise Him for what He is going to do. The church dedication was merely a thrilling beginning, and now the challenge is to reach out to the “lost” around them.

Roscoe and Tina Knight were the pioneer missionaries of the Mexico City work from 1967 to 1976.

Our car had been stolen in March 1980, so we were walking a lot. One morning after attending a prayer breakfast with other missionaries, I was walking along the freeway next to an undeveloped area where I had never been. I felt a definite, strong impression (that I had learned to obey . . .) to visit a realtor's office located nearby. Inquiry showed only one piece of property available, but apparently out of the church group's area. I started to thank the gentleman when I was again impressed to inquire further about it. Imagine my delight when I discovered it to be the exact lot the brethren felt the Lord wanted them to have! Imagine, too, my dismay to discover that its price had become \$4,500 greater than the original asking price, in just three months. The believers were also shaken to learn of the price increase, but heartened to know that the property was once again available to them.



Friends from every Evangelical Friends Alliance Yearly Meeting traveled to Mexico City to assist in the construction of the new church. Phil Burgi (top left) from Denver, Colorado, is shown working on the building project. Rex Thompson and Delbert Vaughn (top center) from Mid-America Yearly Meeting are putting on window bars. The last piece



of ceiling tile is ceremoniously put into place (bottom center). Getting in on the act are (l. to r.) Jeff Martens from Iowa Yearly Meeting, missionary Everett Clarkson, Jim Aswagen and Don Humrichouse from Iowa, and Ernest Pearson from Oregon. Installing electrical wiring (top right) is Ernest Pearson with Everett Clarkson.

That evening, the realtor called to say there had been a mistake; the property had already been sold. Next day, he called again to say that the piece of property was actually available, after all, but would have another new price—\$18,183—instead of the \$15,611 (now \$6,818 more than the original price) which he had quoted the day before. After much prayer and consideration, the decision was made to proceed with the purchase . . . without knowing how payment would be made. This land had miraculously reappeared, so we all determined it to be of the Lord. EFM had been concerned that the brethren use their savings for this enterprise; now they were having to use them without asking for more help from the States.

Representatives were sent to the bank to borrow the difference between their savings and the total amount needed. The group met all the requirements for a loan but felt uneasy in pursuing that avenue. So they prayed again, and a new couple who had recently joined our group offered to loan them about \$2,300 for two years, interest-free. This challenged others to lend varying amounts. They still lacked \$1,000 of the purchase price but were able to complete the transaction by signing a promissory note.

The land, which had been vacant for years, had been used as a local garbage dump—as are all vacant lots, because of the high cost of garbage collection. So 30-plus truckloads were cleared off at a cost of \$818. Due to fear of high, rising costs, and the possibility of slow delivery of the metal building, we made a down payment of \$2,752.25 on the unit in May, expecting the completion of the title to the land so we could proceed with the concrete slab on which to put the building. The church council had signed the promissory note in June 1980, with the rest to have been completed in August.

August came and went. Manuel spent countless hours and trips, visiting the land office; I accompanied him much of the time. There seemed to be endless “reasons” for not finishing up the title. In December we received the following “reasons” for the delay: (1) the title office had the

wrong dimensions. (2) The owner wanted the church members to sign that they were paying \$11,111, when, in truth, they were paying \$18,183 (this was to reduce the amount of taxes the owner would have to pay . . . The church group refused, so he finally resigned himself to their wishes). (3) The owner's wife was traveling in South America and had to sign the papers also. (4) The owner had developed an infection in his pacemaker and was hospitalized. (5) The lawyer's secretary, who had been handling this case exclusively, was ill. (Yet, the week before she had stood to her feet and “formally” promised Manuel that the papers would be ready in three days. But they were not ready!)

Then on December 8, a document was given to Manuel by the lawyer, giving permission to proceed with obtaining building permits. We had wanted to be in the new building by Christmas, but there was no possibility. We hesitated to begin building until all papers were formally signed. About this time, we welcomed the Routons as they moved from Guadalajara and have found them to be an excellent couple with whom to work.

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Just as the building of a Friends church in Mexico City has been a cooperative effort of missionaries, Mexican believers, and the membership of the Evangelical Friends Alliance, the construction of the church building reflects that same united effort. Adding final touches to the cement slab by pouring the entrance are part of a work crew from EFC—Eastern Region, missionaries Everett and Alda Clarkson, Pastor Guzman, and some church members. (Photo by Rodney Routon)

ANTECEDENTS

Classic Spanish architecture directly adjacent to meager tile-roofed homes and businesses illustrated the cover of the first *Evangelical Friend* published 14 years ago this month. The related article was titled "Borne of Four," applying the biblical phrase concerning the palsied individual being let down through the roof to reach Jesus to the four Evangelical Friends Alliance yearly meetings initiating a mission effort in Mexico City.

In the lead article for this issue, Everett Clarkson recounts some of the 14 years of husbandry "to produce grapes in summer." Holding to Clarkson's analogy too closely may cause one to think that 14 years is a long time to wait for a healthy cluster of fruit. Friends should rejoice in the commitment and care that has been invested in the establishment of a healthy body of believers that will serve as a base for continued evangelism in what at times has been arid soil. A need for ministry in areas that may not produce the most exciting statistics is also reflected in Lloyd Hinshaw's article, "Keep the Small Country Church Doors Open," on page 9.

With a feature of the mission work in Mexico City and an interview with Argentina's Juan Carlos Ortiz, page 6, this issue has a Latin American influence. Ortiz's view of the church offers valuable insights for us in the northern continent of the Americas.

Savor the Spanish cuisine that is mixed with the usual staple ingredients. I think you will find the menu served between the front and back covers to be both tasty and nourishing. —D.L.M.

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An Argentinean View of the Church

QUESTION: *In your books you talk a lot about church renewal. You were a pastor in Argentina for a number of years. Can you describe the renewal that went on in your own church?*

ORTIZ: We had experienced tremendous numerical growth in our church. But the assistant minister and I were concerned that the so-called "success" of our church was solely dependent upon our effort. We noticed that if we relaxed, the church slowed down. If we worked hard, things picked up. We were deeply disturbed by this. So we asked God to show us what we were doing wrong.

QUESTION: *And?*

ORTIZ: We discovered three things. First of all, we were running the church like a business. We were promoting Christ as we would promote a product, as we would promote Coca-Cola.

Second, we realized that our church was not growing at all. We were just getting fat. First we had two hundred without love, then we had four hundred without love, and then a thousand without love. We were not increasing the quality along with the quantity. We realized that simply increasing the number of people that attend church is not growth . . . cemeteries grow that way, too.

QUESTION: *You said you discovered three things.*

ORTIZ: Yes. The third thing we discovered was that our church was more like an orphanage than the family of God. We had all of these people with no spiritual fathers, and I, as a minister, was simply functioning as the director of the orphanage.

QUESTION: *The three problems you have mentioned sound similar to the problems faced by many churches in America. What did you do about them?*

ORTIZ: One of the things we did right away was to change the focus of our message. Instead of urging people to come to Christ for all the blessings they would receive, we began to talk about Christ as Lord. We began to preach that people should come to Christ for Christ alone, not for a miracle, a blessing, or even for heaven. We simply went back to preaching the person of Christ.

QUESTION: *You must have noticed that in America many churches have done the opposite. They would suggest that if you come to Christ, you will have financial*

The following is taken from an interview with Juan Carlos Ortiz, author, evangelist, and former pastor of one of the largest evangelical churches in Latin America (in Buenos Aires). The interview was conducted by the editors of the Wittenberg Door and is excerpted and written by permission from this magazine.

prosperity, physical healing, and personal success.

ORTIZ: If that is done then you have people coming to Christ to get, not to give. You have people who expect God to serve *them*. From the beginning they will expect the Lord to take care of their house while they are away, heal their mother in the hospital, and help their children. That becomes the way they view their relationship with God. They call Him Lord, but treat Him as a servant.

QUESTION: *Aren't there blessings people receive from serving Christ?*

ORTIZ: Of course, but those blessings are for those who "seek first the Kingdom."

QUESTION: *Do you see this "getting-things-from-God" attitude permeating all aspects of the church?*

ORTIZ: Yes. Take worship, for example. People come to be blessed rather than to bless. They come for self-service rather than His service. They come to take from the Lord instead of presenting themselves to the Lord as Paul talks about in Romans 12.

QUESTION: *What is your concept of church structure. Biblically, are there any principles that tell us how the church should look in this day and age?*

ORTIZ: I don't believe there is a biblical model for church structure. The "biblical model" was created by the circumstances. Deacons and elders met the needs of that day, but I don't believe we have to copy that again. Jesus did not come to start an institution. He never intended to buy a piece of land and build a headquarters. We have to ask the Spirit today how to meet the needs of today.

QUESTION: *Then, what kind of structures should the church have today?*

ORTIZ: I must say that all structures are a hindrance to people in their search for God. If people have to accept Christ plus the pipe organ, the piano, the program, and the television ministry, millions will reject Christ. The more things we add to Christ, the more things people have to accept with Christ, the more difficult it is for them to respond. Let me give you a personal example.

"The Spirit makes us one. Any number and Christ is equal to one. Doctrines make us many."

QUESTION: *Please do.*

ORTIZ: My wife asked a friend of hers why she wasn't attending church any more. Her response went something like this:

"I started attending a church I liked very much. I went to the Sunday evening service. The people were very nice. They prayed for me and visited me. After awhile they suggested that I attend prayer meeting on Tuesday nights. Then they wanted me to come to Bible Study on Thursday night, choir on Wednesday night, and Ladies Circle on Friday night. All of a sudden, I was

"Too many of us crucify our sins, but keep ourselves very much alive. We have to die."

at church every night. I neglected my family, my relatives. Soon everyone thought I was a fanatic. Finally, I told the church that I was going to attend only on Sundays and the pastor said I was a 'Sunday-Christian.' Now, I don't go any more."

That lady was right. So often when people come into the church structure, it alienates them from their family and friends. Who is it that brings new converts into the church? Usually, it's the new converts, because they still have friends in the world. But it doesn't take long before the new converts will lose all connection with those outside of the church.

QUESTION: *So you end up serving the structure rather than the Lord?*

ORTIZ: Anything that takes the place of the Lord is wrong. For lots of people the structure takes the place of Jesus. They become meeting-centered instead of Christ-centered.

QUESTION: *So should churches cancel all their meetings?*

ORTIZ: It isn't quite that simple. If you release people from meetings, they will stay home and watch television or go to a movie and not use their life for the kingdom of God. We have to help people improve the quality of their faith. That is the reason for discipleship. Teach them what they can do with their time to further the kingdom of God, and then you can cancel your meetings.

QUESTION: *When you talk about a church that emphasizes discipleship, what does that mean in terms of structure?*

ORTIZ: Rather than having deacons and elders, who function like the members of a board, and a minister, who functions like the president of the board, you strive for a group of people who become friends. Just like the disciples. They work together, love one another, and take care of one another.

Discipleship means a committed group of people meeting each other's needs, while together they perform the necessary tasks of the church.

QUESTION: *When we hear the word discipleship we think of a strong authority figure who becomes the discipler while exercising control over the discipling, if there is such a word.*

ORTIZ: I would not use the word *authority*. That could be dangerous. I would use the word *love*. In my house, for instance, there is authority, but we never use the word. Authority is like soap, the more you use it, the less you have. The more you say you are the boss, the less authority you have. There is a kind of authority that lives in love, but we're talking about a love relationship, not a military relationship.

QUESTION: *There exists in the church today increasing polarization among denominations. There must be very strong feelings between denominations in South America, between Catholics and Protestants, for example. How did you deal with the problem of unity?*

ORTIZ: Denominations are not what divide us. What divides us is our flesh. Our ego. Everyone of us wants to build our own kingdom. To be king in our own kingdom instead of the kingdom of God.

QUESTION: *Now you're starting to meddle. So how do we deal with our ego?*

ORTIZ: Most of us do not have an understanding of what it means to be crucified with Christ. We must crucify ourselves, not tobacco or adultery, etc. When Jesus was on the cross, He was not taking my sins with Him. He was taking me. Too many of us crucify our sins, but keep ourselves very much alive. *We have to die.* We should be teaching that we are to be dead to everything. Even our denominations. Even our own little kingdoms.

QUESTION: *Nice words, but do you really believe that unity can happen?*

ORTIZ: In Argentina I visited an Anglican minister. His church was about 20 blocks from mine. He knew only a little Spanish and had only seven English-speaking members left in his church. Our church had one thousand members. I called my elders together and suggested that if we believed in unity, our actions ought to be consistent. So I asked who would like to become members of the Anglican church. Fifty members of our church became members of the Anglican church. Full members. They adopted the new structure complete with bishops, processional, the

garments, candles . . . everything. Even paid their tithes. It wasn't long until the Church of England found out about it, so they invited me to England to have meetings with the Archbishop of Canterbury and then to Australia to preach on unity in Anglican churches all over the country.

QUESTION: *Incredible!*

ORTIZ: I am telling you, it works. I was invited by a Catholic priest to preach in a Catholic church in Montevideo, and thousands came to the Lord. They didn't even know I was a Protestant, and I realized then that our main thrust should not be to make Catholics protestant. I went back to my church and told them we were not going to baptize Catholics or bring them into our church. As a result we simply formed a Catholic branch of our Evangelical Protestant church. We had a group of 200 Catholics discipling Catholics. One day a Catholic priest came to the Lord and we told him, "We have been waiting for you. We have 200 that belong to you." So we gave them to him and that opened the door of the Catholic Church to us.

"If people have to accept Christ plus the pipe organ, the piano, the program, and the television ministry, millions will reject Christ."

QUESTION: *If every church started giving away their members like that they probably would flunk the church growth contest.*

ORTIZ: That is true. With that approach to unity you have to understand that your church will probably not grow much. It requires an ability to die to the idea of a large church.

QUESTION: *We haven't heard you talk much about the Holy Spirit.*

ORTIZ: That is where the unity we've been talking about comes from—the Holy Spirit. If I have Christ in me and you have Christ in you, we do not have two Christs. We have the same Christ in us. So, though we are two with Christ, we are one. The Spirit

makes us one. Any number and Christ is equal to one. Doctrines make us many. Doctrines divide us.

QUESTION: *Even the doctrine of speaking in tongues?*

ORTIZ: Jesus never said, "By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, that you all speak in tongues." The test is clear. The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and self-control. How will people know that we are His disciples? Because we have love for the brethren.

QUESTION: *There is tremendous poverty in South America. There is great social unrest. There are many who believe that the focal point of the Gospel is identification with the poor and concentrated effort to alleviate social injustice. How did your church in South America deal with the problem of the poor?*

ORTIZ: Your question was longer than my answer is going to be.

QUESTION: *Sorry.*

ORTIZ: In answer to your question, I believe that the Gospel of the kingdom of God involves spiritual and social dimensions. If we stress just social concerns, we are preaching just part of the Gospel. If we stress only spiritual blessings, we preach another Gospel. We cannot be spiritual without being socially concerned and we cannot be socially concerned without being spiritual.

QUESTION: *Okay. But how did your church handle that tension in a practical way?*

ORTIZ: The Bible says to sell your possessions and give them to the poor. In our church, for example, we changed the way we handled our money. See, people give money to the church for their own luxuries—buildings, organs, carpets, etc. But in the early church the people put their money at the feet of the apostles. The apostles gave it to the deacons, who gave it to people. In other words, the deacons did not receive the money from the people to put in the church's account, they received it from the church's account to give it to the poor people. So in our church we began to give the income from the church to the poor. Our deacons received the money from the church and gave it to the people.

QUESTION: *What else did your church do?*

ORTIZ: We gathered all the members of the church together and asked them to choose just one neighbor and love that one completely. Not just in words, but in a complete way. I chose a neighbor who did not

have a house, a car, or anything, and I helped him buy a house and a car.

QUESTION: *Did you just give him a house and a car?*

ORTIZ: Help has to be given with wisdom. You can't just give money to people. You have to maintain their dignity. If you help someone who is a plumber, for example, you ask him why he is not working. If he replies that he doesn't have any tools, then you buy him the tools so he can earn his own living. We asked our neighbors what they needed and they said they needed a roof. So we bought the materials and they built the roof. They built it themselves.

"The wineskins of the church have to be elastic so we can always put in new wine."

QUESTION: *What are the signs of immaturity in the church today?*

ORTIZ: One sign of immaturity is a lack of a sense of values.

QUESTION: *Materialism?*

ORTIZ: It is more than that. Have you ever watched children play? They can play with diamond rings as if they were marbles and not know the difference. The same thing is true with immature Christians. They invest in things that have no value and do not invest in things that have value.

QUESTION: *Other signs of immaturity?*

ORTIZ: Another evidence of immaturity in the church is the need for rules and laws. Children live by rules. They take a bath or brush their teeth because they are told to do it. They walk by rules until they grow to be ruled by their own common sense. Christians should grow to the point where they know what is right and what is wrong and act accordingly.

QUESTION: *The natural question is, what suggestions do you have to help immature Christians grow?*

ORTIZ: Frankly, one of the reasons we have so much immaturity in the church today is

because the leaders of the church don't want anyone to challenge or question them.

When our children become teenagers they start to question us as parents; they start to form their own values and establish their individuality. Is that rebellion, or growth? In the church system, we often label as rebellion what is actually growth.

QUESTION: *Are you suggesting that the reason we have so much immaturity in the church today is because the church is afraid to change, afraid to allow questions that might result in new ideas?*

ORTIZ: Suppose the Lord tells me to eat an orange. So I eat the orange and sincerely believe that God has led me. Tomorrow, the Lord tells me to eat an orange again. So what happens? The next day I write down a rule to eat an orange every day. And do you see what that does? Now I don't need the Spirit anymore. I have a law instead. Laws kill life. Laws stop growth. You end up staying with a concept, a principle, or a doctrine rather than life. What we did yesterday in the Spirit, we do today in the flesh.

QUESTION: *Can you summarize your suggestions for helping the church become a healthy and viable expression of Christ today?*

ORTIZ: We need to clean the church of all that is not essential. Hebrews says that everything shall be shaken and only the unshakable will remain. So we don't need to waste our time on shakable things like buildings. Buildings are just monuments to the people that build them. They are a symbol of the division in the church. They are a symbol of the church's self-centeredness.

QUESTION: *So much for buildings.*

ORTIZ: Secondly, we should strive toward a very simple structure of the church that could go underground any minute. Nobody on the payroll. No secretaries. No letters to write. We should create a church that can live through relationships so that we are connected person to person. And we can attain that by dividing our churches into small cell groups where people can build each other up.

QUESTION: *In other words, the structure of the church must be simple, flexible, and constantly changing.*

ORTIZ: If the church is always singing the same hymns, saying the same prayers, performing the same liturgy, and giving the same messages, it is because there is no growth. The wineskins of the church have to be elastic so we can always put in new wine.

FEBRUARY 1974 in Colorado Springs. Boxes were scattered over the house to be carefully filled with dishes and household items. The last of legal matters in selling the house we had built added to the busyness. Then came the moment when our caravan of car, camping trailer, and U-Haul truck pulled away, leaving part of our hearts. Tears freely flowed. Two little grandsons suddenly realized Grandpa and Grandma were not going on a camping trip to return soon. After 500 miles and many weary hours we pulled into the country lane

Hopefully my frustration did not show on that first Sunday morning hundreds of miles removed from a larger congregation and a beautiful sanctuary: just a plain white frame building isolated from the noise of the city. A handful of people. No pastoral glory here. Suddenly it hit—now I've really done it!

The quietness of the country was a healing touch to my torn emotions. Often I walked across our 80 acres and breathed deeply the fresh country air. Down on the winding Belle Fourche River below the par-

smaller as business places have been boarded up. The old country church became only a landmark of the past. After all, everyone now drives to the larger church in the city! But is that the case? The unchurched usually just do not go. They remain unchurched in their remote area.

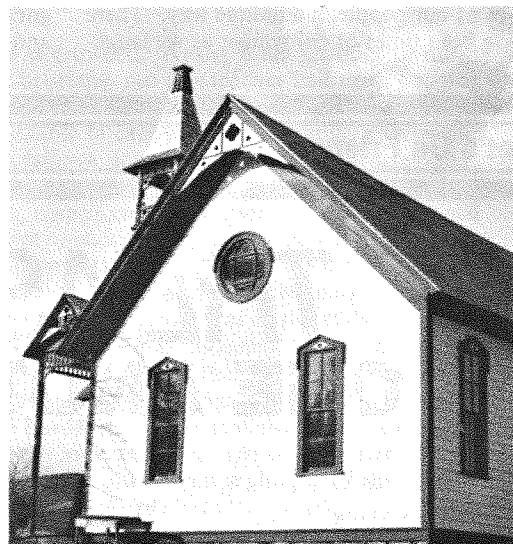
In our striving for bigness, prestige, beautiful buildings, we seem to have forgotten the words of our Lord, "Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that my house will be full." (Luke 14:23 NIV) Too many pastors find it

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EEP THE SMALL COUNTRY CHURCH DOORS OPEN

BY LLOYD HINSHAW

After 25 years pastoring larger city congregations, Lloyd Hinshaw of Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting reflects on his experiences the past 7 years in a smaller rural church called Empire Friends in Vale, South Dakota. This delightful story is taken from his midweek mailing, "The Empire Belle Visitor."



of the Empire Friends parsonage . . .

The decision to decline a three-year pastoral call from the church we had served 12 years was not easy. Emotional ties go deep in that period of time.

Some good-meaning friends did not help by discouraging our move to a small country church. A general superintendent friend of mine offered open doors to some larger churches. It didn't help when he advised, "Don't go out there to South Dakota and bury yourself." Now after seven years in retrospect we can look back with some degree of objectivity, analyzing our country church ministry.

Perhaps we have buried ourselves—buried ourselves in the lives of people throughout Empire valley. Indeed, this was not our original intention—just a long-needed vacation, we reasoned, in the country by spending only one year to help build a country congregation.

sonage there were glimpses of pheasants, fox, and white-tail deer. It was a feeling of being away from it all.

The country church—is it a thing of the past? Why should a pastor isolate himself from all the appealing attractions of the city pastorate? After all, we had spent 25 years pastoring the two largest churches in Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting—now to one of the smallest!

What may be said of Empire Friends Church could well be the story of country churches across our land. The country church can be alive and well. It has a ministry not to be met except by the country ministry. But some church doors have been closed—needlessly so. Their last chapter could have been avoided.

The remoteness of the country has been somewhat lessened with the coming of the automobile. Small towns have become

more attractive to go to the city and pastor the large, more prestigious church. Numbers *are* impressive. But it is so easy to be caught in this syndrome of bigness. There is the call, of course, to the city church, but it must not be motivated by illusion of the inflated ego. It is a call of God.

After one year of rest at Empire, the Lord did not release us to return to the city. When such offers came, we were checked by the Holy Spirit.

One morning in prayer I had a little argument with the Lord. Surely it was time to take another city pastorate before I became too old. Oh, I had all the reasons why He should give me the green light to move. After I got through fussing, the Spirit so gently said, "I have died for the people at Empire as well as for those in the city."

There it was! Individuals and not numbers. The most remote, isolated person is

as important as the one lost in the teeming thousands and millions.

Seven years—fruitful, happy, contented years! Little children, even several infants, fine high school youth—all ages gather at our little white church. Seldom is there much seating room left. In fact, chairs are often placed to care for the attenders. Even once in a while someone is heard to suggest . . . a building program!

This citified preacher has taken on a different style of pastoral work: driving tractors, tamping in a sheep shed, sawing wood—just sort of living among the country people. That is pastoral ministry.

As a result we have been drawn into the lives of our people in a unique way. There have been times of enjoyment as we laugh-

ed with our people, also times of weeping with them when we shared their sorrows. The walls and barriers to their lives have been broken down. There is a closeness never gained with strangers in the city.


So many times one of the farmers would drop by and pour out his heart, his desire to accept Christ. Or perhaps it has happened with the invitation to come to his home for prayer. What precious times! Changed lives! Wholesome families!

There has been something unique about the country church—openness, friendliness, qualities that many a pastor would envy. From the plain walls of our country church in a period of over 50 years have gone forth Christian workers, missionaries, and seven preachers. Many who read this

are scattered across our land and treasure that spiritual influence on their lives in the years gone by.

Why the country church? There are persons out in the “highways and byways” who need the Gospel just as much as the teeming thousands in the cities. Oh, there won’t be thousands, not even hundreds, to attend our country church. But 50, 75, and maybe soon the century mark makes our country church a choice field of ministry.

Seven years! Well, I have a little preacherly pride in my country church. It just may be the Lord and these people will allow us to continue on with our country ministry for a while longer.

Yes, let’s keep the country church doors open! Wide open! 

Let's Be Friends

TREASURING ONE ANOTHER

BY HOWARD MACY

I’m feeling rich again these days, not because professors have suddenly been valued as much as football players, but because God has been teaching me anew to cherish my friends.

As I survey a potpourri of personal treasures, they call to mind the people behind them. The old table at which I am writing was Grandmother’s, then Charlotte and Dorothy’s. The watercolor of the fish market recalls the loving nurture of Wallen and Chris. The sofa and chair that once braved the indignities of Jack and Geraldine’s children are now gradually being unsprung by my own offspring. There’s a dry fly from Wendell, a book from Hugh, an encouraging note once slipped under my windshield wiper, and much more—altogether a minor hoard of memorabilia that recalls good friends.

These things that jog the memory are hardly a pirate’s trove. Some, by ordinary standards, are probably even silly, but they are an irreplaceable treasure because they remind me of how rich I am in love. Almost

everyone has a hoard of this sort. Each one has his or her own Jans, Wallys, Lauras, Dorothys, Marilyns, Jacks, and Kents. They are precious gems, none of whom we would trade for the wealth of the Rockefellers.


The treasure, of course, is not things, even though those of “packrattish” instincts might tuck mementos in odd or obvious places. Instead the treasure is love shared, lessons taught, being believed in, being prayed for, laughing and crying together. It is the matchless gift of true friendship.

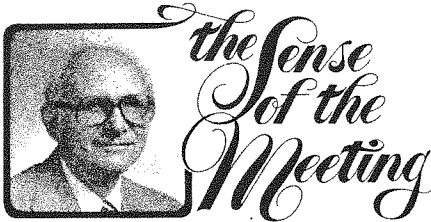
A playful cynic has coined the law, “Friends come and go, but enemies accumulate.” My experience refutes him, but this is clearly a difficult time for friendship. Some have projected that loneliness will be one of the principal problems of the 1980s, and among some, at least, friendships are abandoned easily in favor of pursuing wealth, status, or personal fulfillment. Mobility and many other societal pressures conspire to fracture meaningful relationships.

In the midst of these pressures we can learn both to rejoice in the friendships we have and to witness to how wonderful they can be. Though Christians have no absolute corner on friendship, one of the marks of the fellowship of faith at its best has always been a strong community bound together by love. Jesus expected it of His followers, and the earliest church displayed it in extraordinary ways. In the Quaker heritage, stories abound of persons who shared generously of their goods and offered up their liberty and even their lives in tender, unshakable loyalty to their friends. Such love is overwhelming to experience and winsome to all who see it. Who could fail to yearn for friendship like that?

The joy of friendship is both a treasure and a challenge. On the one hand, we should praise God for our friends. They are, after all, a remarkable gift, one that I am profoundly aware I do not merit. It is only right that we shower God with thanks for them.

On the other hand, love that has been so freely given reminds us to be more faithful in friendship ourselves. We should be eager to be kind, generous, patient, and self-giving, all of this without pretense, especially in the community of faith. This is part of our duty and our witness, to be sure, but it also brings great joy. It is for the sake of others and for our own delight that we have been commanded to love.

Let’s cherish one another. Let’s be Friends. 



BY JACK L. WILLCUTS

It Happens Every Week

Visiting churches is my job, or part of it. This brings experiences in many different Sunday school classes, Bible studies, and other kinds of small groups. With an open mind and heart, most of these are enjoyable, some inspiring and profoundly helpful. With a closed mind or cynical attitude, some could seem quite shallow, a few downright dreadful. While trying to be an encouraging observer and participant, one also considers how a new Christian trying to learn about the faith and practice of Friends in this setting, or a casual visitor dropping in to check out the church, might benefit. Or what a burdened neighbor coming in for help, or maybe a reluctant marriage partner dragged in by a more devout companion, might find. How is what is happening in this class or group received by each of these vastly different people?

Some of these situations, while not professionally smooth, do start one to thinking about important spiritual matters. Under the Holy Spirit's influence, almost any gathering of sincere believers can be productive, even though the class itself may lack depth or be barely tolerable. Sometimes one wonders how this group got started and what keeps it going.

Here are some random reflections from three quite different situations: (1) Dropping in for the concluding sessions of a Bible study retreat, my wife and I sat with 25 or so others listening nonstop for two hours and forty-five minutes to an "exposition" of 22 verses, followed next morning with a three-hour-and-fifteen-minute nonstop monologue on 12 more. It was a marathon of sitting, which is commendable discipline, but we longed for some format relief of discussion, questions, or interaction. Except for the feeling of being taught "down to" in the newly popular style of dogmatic finality, the experience was challenging. The questions we naively noted early in the first hour were eventually forgotten, as this kind of "expositor" wants no interruptions or differing opinions offered. The few attempts by more courageous members ended in put-downs and controversy. After awhile we looked around wondering what kept the group intact (it had been going on for two days already in the same format apparently) and concluded that most were held in loving loyalty to the few who found this teacher fascinating. Certainly the Lord uses all types of people.

(2) The next example was a jolting contrast. It was a Sunday school class for a wide range of ages that was handled entirely unlike the implacable doctrinaire method just described. The teacher had to borrow a Bible. The class was all questions, starting off cold turkey with a "whiz bang" one: "Why did God allow evil in the world?" The class of nine was filled largely with middle-aged, well-educated, third-or-fourth-generation Quakers. The teacher was the youngest person present. In this case the

class mostly "listened down" in what could have been described as a theological think tank more than a Sunday school class.

What does one do with a question like that without preparatory reading, research, reflection, or burning interest? The idea of tackling it was apparently suggested in a book by Josh McDowell, and probably Josh could handle it helpfully in a suitable situation. Getting it secondhand without a textbook and a few vaguely related Bible references was another kind of challenge. Fortunately, most of those present were probably not disturbed by the unanswerable question, but all, including myself, dipped into memory banks to see how we had pondered the problem along life's way. It was a fascinating exercise, and the teacher's enthusiasm and obvious Christian dedication were inspiring. It did start one to thinking, and I thought of a lot of things later to add and relevant Bible material that might have been appropriate. Probably the others did too, and that made it worthwhile.

(3) This class was crowded. Again, a hodgepodge of mostly set-in-their-ways Christians, but this teacher had them hanging on every word. Several had been given assignments on the verses; Bibles were available in case you forgot yours. The teacher asked tough questions, got a bunch of from-fair-to-good answers, then astounded us with several new insights that showed a lot of serious, competent preparation. It was not canned lecturing or empty-headed religious talk; it was fresh truth with pauses, actual moments of silence to let it sink in. We prayed a time or two as needs were expressed. The teacher was not a pro, but clearly gifted. The Presence was in the midst. We didn't listen "up" or "down" but felt respected, loved, and a quick sense of belonging. No wonder that class was crowded, and the church too. The reluctant marriage partner must have been challenged, the burdened neighbor ministered to, the new Christian fed both milk and meat; the casual observer was hooked on this church and caught a glimpse of the glory of God and the beauty of His Word.

What an inspiration Sunday school and Bible studies can be! It is worth our best efforts to allow the Spirit to make them so. ☐

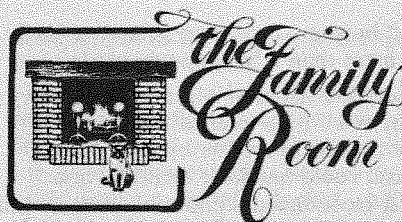
'Now See Here, Martha!'

And now a word for the Social Committee, the perfect housekeeper, the proper hostess, the interior decorator, the organized household. The church needs more of them. Our kitchens and potluck system require a ratio of 10 Marthas to one Mary.

Jesus came to a meal that was planned, prepared, and tastefully served. Paraphrasing Luke 10, Jesus is saying, "Now see here, Martha, let's stop and think about life. There are really not many necessary things. You are concerned with a lot of details, but you could live without them, if you had to. On the other hand, there are a few things that you just cannot live without, and Mary, your sister, has found one of these. It shall not be taken from her."

Mary, you know, spent time listening and talking with Jesus. Jesus did not scold Martha for being a splendid cook, or having matched color coordinates, or being well organized. She just got so carried away by them that she forgot to sit at Jesus' feet. If fellowship gatherings are more frantic and fussy than spiritually nurturing, we need to listen a little.

What happens when Jesus comes to visit? ☐



This month, as part of our Family Room feature, Sally Roher, a wife, mother, and Christian leader of Eastern Region brings the third in a series of articles focusing on the Christian home. Sally and Joe Roher and family live in Canton, Ohio.

FROM ONE PASTOR'S WIFE TO ANOTHER . . .

BY SALLY ROHER

Dear Jan,

I've been thinking about you lately. Does it seem possible that 15 years have passed since you were that vivacious teenager in our youth group? When I look back at that time I have warm memories—of kids jammed into vans going to camps and parks, skating rinks, and swimming pools; of pizzas and hot dogs and giving out stomach medicine on our mission trip to Haiti. I also think of kids finding a Savior—you were one of them! I wonder if you ever imagined that today you would be where I was at that time—a genuine PW. (That means Pastor's Wife, Jan, not Prisoner of War!)

You made quite a move—halfway across the country! Do you feel like you belong yet? It always seems to take me a full year to adjust to relocating. I'm not very fond of moving, actually. When we pass a truck with that "Adventure in Moving" sign painted on its side, I still get a sick feeling in my stomach! I like the adventure of a new beginning, but I don't like the trauma of separation. I always feel out of control and disoriented. It seems that everyone comes to call the first week in a new place—you know, when the living room windows are covered with sheets and you haven't found your son's shoes yet, so all your visitors think he wears Mickey Mouse slippers all the time. Then when you get everything in place—flowers on the table instead of boxes—no one comes!

When I'm finally settled into the new house, I somehow feel I must always keep the door slightly ajar—at least in my mind and heart—for I am fairly certain I won't live here forever. When I rake the leaves or take a walk in the fall, there is always a tiny question flitting in and out of my thoughts,

"I wonder where we'll be next year at this time?" I used to get a bit angry when these thoughts would surface and mutter to myself, "It isn't fair!" Yet I'm finding that instead of resisting this insecure position, I can choose to embrace it as a gift of freedom—strange as it is. Mother Theresa claims that we Americans are "suffocating from materialism and don't know how to get free from it." Maybe we have been given—in our transient situations as PW's—the liberating gift of learning how to hold the things of this earth with a light touch! We learn early in our journey that it is easier to travel with very few things loaded on our shoulders. Most of our treasures we can carry in our inner spirit.

Speaking of treasures, how is Kent? I remember how proud I was as you walked up the aisle to marry that fun-loving guy with his caring spirit and deep commitment. Now you're finding that those very qualities make him an excellent counselor and pastor, so much so that his time is in great demand? You sometimes feel you have to share him too much?

You recall the year your youth group had a live nativity with sheep in the courtyard on Christmas eve? People told me it was a lovely scene as they walked to candlelight services. I'm sure it was, but I didn't see it because I was home alone by the Christmas tree with a feverish child. By midnight I remember I was just downright complaining to the Lord through my tears, "Here I sit all by myself with a runny-nosed toddler while my husband's out there—who-knows-where—rounding up sheep and saving the world!"

Those kinds of feeling still nag for attention, though instead of having to round up sheep he may be called away when we'd planned for an evening together. Sometimes I want to feel sorry for myself—and gather a group around me who says, "Oh, the poor thing; what a way to live!" Sometimes I want to compete for his time in a kind of "me-versus-them" game, but that always turns out a no-win contest! Sometimes I just want to get angry and slam cupboard doors. Sometimes I must simply give him away—stop resisting the very nature of his work—and though it doesn't always feel any better on the outside, I know deep inside that it's right and what a sweet surprise to discover our love relationship enhanced by surrender!

I'm finding we're not the only ones facing this dilemma. I've talked with the wives of veterinarians, newspaper writers, plumbers, realtors—who also have to deal with de-

mands on their husbands' time and the disappointments that result from those impositions.

In your last letter you asked me how to let your children experience the joy of living in Jesus and not resent or become bitter toward those demands and responsibilities on your family. Edith Schaeffer's book *What Is a Family?* has been a help to me. She suggests becoming a "go-between"—a kind of translator who translates the feelings and fears of your children to your husband, and then, in turn, translates your husband's concerns and frustrations to them in their "language." It's a way of laying down your life—not as a translator on the mission field or at the UN—but right in your own kitchen.

She also suggests saying to the person on the telephone, "I'm sorry I can't talk right now. This is the time I set aside to read to Allison. Would you call back in an hour?" It's hard to do but it demonstrates more

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First Day News

QUICK QUAKER COMMENTARY

EFA President STAN PERISHO has a new address: 525 DeBarr Ave., Medford, Oregon 97501. Stan and Shirlene and their family have moved from Denver, Colorado, to take the pastorate of the Medford Friends Church.

Former missionary and pastor PAUL BARNETT died July 3 of a heart attack in Salem, Oregon. Paul was the first superintendent of East Africa Yearly Meeting, a former superintendent of Iowa Yearly Meeting, and pastored churches in Iowa, Mid-America, and Northwest yearly meetings. The memorial service was conducted by Northwest Yearly Meeting Superintendent Jack L. Willcuts.

BOB WILLIAMS has been appointed associate secretary for Meeting Ministries for Friends United Meeting. Bob and Edith Williams have previously ministered in Mid-America Yearly Meeting and Wilmington Yearly Meeting.

MAHLON MACY, superintendent of Iowa Yearly Meeting, has notified that body that he will conclude his service as superintendent at the end of his present call--June 30, 1982. Mahlon and Hazel Macy will have served Iowa Yearly Meeting for nine years at that time.

CATHERINE CATTELL, well-known writer and former missionary from EFC--Eastern Region, has moved to Newberg, Oregon, and is residing at Friendsview Manor.

FRIENDS FOCUS

THURSDAY WORSHIP FOR WEEKEND TRAVELERS

People planning to be gone on the weekend are given a Thursday evening worship opportunity at Reedwood Friends in Portland, Oregon. The service designed for the weekender was held eight Thursdays during July and August.

FRIENDSWOOD HELPS SPONSOR BIBLE SCHOOL AT KICKAPOO FRIENDS CENTER

A one-week Bible school was held for the first time for children at the Kickapoo Friends Center, McCloud, Oklahoma. Ron and Janis Wood and their Friends Center staff were assisted in conducting the Bible school by six people from Friendswood Friends Church in Texas. An average of 58 children attended the four-hour daily program.

MU SHIH--BELOVED PASTOR

Five performances of an original play were presented at Malone College during the yearly meeting of EFC--Eastern Region and the Evangelical Friends Alliance General Conference. Written by Bud Warner, a member at Canton First Friends, the play depicted the life of Charles and Leora DeVol from their 54 years of missionary service in China and Taiwan.

The play was commissioned over a year ago by the Conference Planning Committee. A dedicated cast and crew from the Canton, Ohio, area gave extensive time and effort to present the drama entitled Mu Shih which translated from Mandarin means "beloved pastor." Now retired from missionary service, Charles and Leora DeVol were in the audience as their lives were portrayed on stage.

BUILDING FUND IDEAS

Hal and Dean Thomson, Port St. Lucie, Florida, are offering to service church members' cars. A normal rate will be charged, but all money above the actual expenses will be turned over to the building fund.

At Canton First Friends in Ohio, pledges are being taken toward the \$100,000 goal to launch a new building project. Recognizing the physical needs in other parts of the world, opportunity was given for pledgers to designate 10 percent of their pledge to be used to help feed the hungry through the World Relief Corporation and World Vision International.

FUM HOLDS TRIENNIAL

Friends United Meeting held its triennial sessions July 3-9 in Richmond, Indiana. Saturday night and Sunday the 681 attenders were dispersed to local congregations throughout Indiana Yearly Meeting, staying in homes and visiting meetings for worship. It was the first time for such an undertaking in FUM's 94-year history. The next Triennial will be held in 1984 and will be hosted by California Yearly Meeting.

CHURCHES MAKE FRESH CONTACTS IN COMMUNITIES

Salem, Ohio, Friends Church recently recognized there are more than 300 homes for sale in the Salem area. Seeing this as an opportunity for new church contacts, visitation among newcomers was encouraged as an outreach ministry.

First Friends, Newport News, Virginia, has used the mail to reach into 500 homes in the community. The Commission on Outreach sent information about the church and its services in an effort to let people know of its concern for the community.

PETITION CALLS FOR DISARMAMENT

During 1981 petitions demanding world disarmament are being distributed by the World Disarmament Campaign headquartered in England. Petitions with an anticipated hundreds of millions of signatures from around the world will be presented to a session on disarmament of the United Nations in June of 1982. The petition demands abolition of nuclear weapons, complete disarmament by stages, and transfer of military expenditure to end world hunger. More information can be obtained from Quaker Peace and Service, Friends House, Euston Road, London, NW1 2BJ.

FRIENDS PARTICIPATE IN FESTIVAL OF EVANGELISM

At least 60 Friends were among the seven thousand registrants in Kansas City July 27-30 for the American Festival of Evangelism, hearing Billy Graham, Luis Palau, Jill Briscoe, and others call the church in America to a new urgency in evangelism.

Friends from Evangelical Friends Alliance and Friends United Meeting met together on two occasions during the conference. At a Tuesday luncheon Norval Hadley shared his sense of discernment that Friends in the eighties are being called to accent worship, a ministry to the poor, an effort to reach the world's unreached, and a major thrust in evangelism and church planting. Then, at a Thursday afternoon gathering, Tom Palmer, pastor in Muscatine, Iowa, shared with about 35 persons his sense of need among Friends for leadership, love, and a positive self-image. Greg Harris, pastor at the Willow Creek Friends Church near Kansas City, was instrumental in facilitating these two sessions during the festival.

The Rose Drive Friends Church in California was honored by the Festival Steering Committee when chosen as a "parable church"--one of about 45 congregations in America who had doubled in size in 10 years. C. W. Perry, pastor at Rose Drive, led a workshop on "how to do it"!

FRIENDS BICYCLERS TRAVEL 670 MILES

Under the leadership of Clyde Parker, associate pastor at Eugene, Oregon, Friends, a group of 23 took a 670-mile bicycle trip from Eugene to San Francisco. Fifteen teens and eight adults spent eight and a half days bicycling, sometimes in 100° temperature. A bus traveled with the group that carried supplies and transported bikers on the return trip. Three bus breakdowns were the source of exciting experiences of God's care in adversity. Other lessons learned on the trip included the development of more understanding in interpersonal relationships and parallels between physical and spiritual demands. Plans are already underway for a trip next summer to the San Juan Islands in Washington with an expected 45-50 participants from various parts of Northwest Yearly Meeting.

'QUAKER LIFE' DECLINES 'SEXUAL ORIENTATION' REFERENCE IN AD

When the American Friends Service Committee submitted an ad for a fund-raising associate to Quaker Life, it included the sentence "Applicants encouraged regardless of sex, race, religious or sexual orientation." When Quaker Life notified the AFSC that they would not print the "sexual orientation" phrase, AFSC withdrew the ad due to lack of compliance with their guidelines, which include nondiscrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

--F.L.G.C.

75th ANNIVERSARY

September 20 marks the celebration of the 75th anniversary of Fowler, Kansas, Friends Church. Galen Hinshaw, pastor of Emporia Friends and a previous Fowler pastor, is speaker for the occasion.

ESR ADDS PEACE AND JUSTICE STUDY

Earlham School of Religion is adding a new division to its curriculum: Peace and Justice Studies. Wil Cooper is coordinator of the new division that will include courses in peace studies, social ethics, and a possible year-long Peace and Justice Colloquium.

AMERICAN YOUTH VISIT ENGLISH FRIENDS

Fourteen young Friends from 13 American yearly meetings participated in the 1981 Quaker Youth Pilgrimage. Under the sponsorship of the Friends World Committee for Consultation, the group explored historic and contemporary Quakerism in England and Ireland, and engaged in Friends work projects from mid-July through mid-August.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS STUDIES GENETICS

A special four-week Sunday school class at University Friends Meeting studied genetic manipulation and the ethical and theological problems raised by advancements made in biology that enable the alteration of human nature. The class was taught by Frank Seydel, professor of biology at Friends University.

RMYM SEEKING SUPERINTENDENT

Olen Ellis, superintendent of Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting, has announced that this will be his final year in that position. A search for a new superintendent to assume responsibility July 1, 1982, is underway. Contact person for inquiry regarding this leadership position for RMYM is John Brawner, presiding clerk, 8390 Simms Street, Arvada, Colorado 80005; 303/423-3071.

MISSIONS FESTIVAL SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 1982

OUTREACH '82 will be a missions festival sponsored by a variety of denominational groups including Mennonites, Brethren, and Friends. The gathering is planned for April 23-24, 1982, at Concordia College, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

VOLUNTEERS BEING ORGANIZED FOR WILMINGTON MINISTRY

A program of Quaker volunteer witness is being organized in the Wilmington, Ohio, area. Volunteers are being sought for two years or less to serve Christ and the community through things such as home repair, ministry to elderly, aide teachers the developmentally disabled, and work with youth with behavior problems. The volunteer unit is being formed in cooperation with the volunteer program of Friends United Meeting. More information can be obtained from Larry Barker, 66 North Mulberry, Wilmington, Ohio 45177; 513/382-2349.

25 YEARS OF MARRIAGE, 23 YEARS AS PASTOR

When the congregation at East Richland Friends, St. Clairsville, Ohio, honored their pastors on their 25th wedding anniversary, another landmark was also reached: 23 years of ministry at East Richland. Wayne and Barbara Ickes went to the church in 1958 when the membership was 83; today it is 463.

THEME SET FOR FRIENDS WITNESS CONFERENCE

Don Green of Northwest Yearly Meeting will give the keynote address for the International Conference on Friends International Witness to be held in Kaimosi, Kenya. The theme of the conference and the title of the keynote will be "The Transforming Power of the Love of God." The meeting will be held August 8-13, 1982, preceding the FWCC's 15th Triennial Meeting. The 600 limit for the conference will be about half from Africa and the rest from Quaker meetings around the world. Applications and additional information can be obtained from FWCC--Section of the Americas, 1506 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102.

CREATIVE TOOL FOR MINISTRY TO THE AGING

Nampa, Idaho, Friends has produced a booklet of biographical sketches to acquaint church members with the residents of nearby Sunny Ridge Manor.

YEARLY MEETINGS

A review of yearly meeting sessions this summer includes the following dates and speakers: June 10-14 Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting met at Quaker Ridge Camp with T. Canby Jones as guest speaker. California Yearly Meeting was held June 24-28, and Mark Lee, president of Simpson College, was the featured speaker. Richard Foster, professor and writer from Friends University, spoke to the evening meetings of Northwest Yearly Meeting July 25-31. Keynote and Bible meditation speaker for Wilmington Yearly Meeting July 26-30 was David Bills, pastor of New Garden Friends Meeting in North Carolina. August 3-7 were the dates of Mid-America Yearly Meeting, with John Williams, Jr., pastor of First Friends, Canton, Ohio, as evening worship speaker. John Robinson, superintendent of Mid-America Yearly Meeting, was Sunday and evening speaker for North Carolina Yearly Meeting August 5-9. Indiana Yearly Meeting met August 7-12 with Jack L. Willcuts, superintendent of Northwest Yearly Meeting, as speaker. EFC--Eastern Region held its sessions August 13-16 just prior to hosting the EFA General Conference. Speaker for Iowa Yearly Meeting August 12-15 was Friends University faculty member Howard Macy. Philadelphia Yearly Meeting celebrated its 300th anniversary in a special session September 19.

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about growing a family than leading a series of six seminars on "How to Love Your Children."

But no matter how determined you are to let her know her needs are important, there'll probably be a time when Allison marches in to the kitchen to announce, "I'm not going to the covered-dish dinner tonight! I hate covered-dish dinners! I'm not going to another covered dish dinner ever again as long as I live!" This is not the time to sermonize on loving God's people or say "what will people think" or quote Scripture on obedience. It's time to put the casserole on warm and listen, feel, confess, care—then to negotiate some alternatives. Hopefully you can learn to laugh together after such a crisis. Laughter in the face of seeming disaster may seem foolish at times, but often it gives the gift of proper perspective!

Finding that perspective is probably what we PW's work at most of all. There is a delicate balance between trying to please people and wanting to obey God, and that creates a certain kind of loneliness. Part of you wants to fill the role of the pastor's wife—you know, play the piano, attend all the ladies' meetings, sing in the choir, organize the Sunday school, and drive the

church bus. The other part of you cries out just to be an ordinary woman seeking for the best way to follow God in her life. The Lord has given you some special gifts—unique to you—and I encourage you not to let them be swallowed up by the "ought tos" of a role but let them be developed by the Holy Spirit at work within you for the sake of His Kingdom and His Church.

The bottom line, it occurs to me, is God's mercy—no matter who or where you are. I hope you walk in that mercy today, knowing you are infinitely loved!

Your pal,
Sal



Christina H. Jones, *Friends in Palestine*, Friends United Press, Richmond, Indiana. 202 pages, \$8.95.

Friends have been interested in Palestine for a long time. English Friends first, then New England Friends sent missionaries and established schools there. In 1922 Willard

and Christina Jones went to the Friends School in Ramallah. They stayed eight years, came home and returned to stay from 1943 to 1954. When Willard was asked to take over the work with Arab refugees, he agreed to do it for two years, but stayed with it until 1962. Christina was much involved in the relief work. Friends wanted to know the whole story, so Christina Jones was asked to write it.

So many Friends all over the world contributed money, clothing, and prayers that they will be especially interested in the product of their efforts and the remarkable impact for good that Friends had on the life and culture of the country. Christina has written this book out of a wealth of experience. She knows the country and the people. You will find the book interesting and informative, a truly remarkable story.

—Alma C. Moore

Ray C. Stedman, *Expository Studies in Job: Behind Suffering*, Word Books, 1981, 216 pp. paperback, \$5.95

Ray C. Stedman, well-known author and Bible expositor, is a pastor at the Peninsula Bible Church in Palo Alto, California. This new work, *Expository Studies in Job: Behind Suffering*, is another fine contribution to the Discovery Books Series put together by Word Publishing.

In this study Stedman deals with the suffering Job experiences as a result of "God's challenge" to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job?" We are then confronted with the activity and the philosophy of Satan, which gives us a very useful insight into the unfolding drama. The author does a good job at broadening the scope of this study as he explores the perspectives of the "miserable comforters" as well as Job's perspective. Of course, the real value is in developing the most important perspective of all in the situation—the eternal, sovereign perspective of God. In fact, the greatest strength of this exposition is in the direction it takes, guiding the reader toward the supreme issue—the character of God.

The book tends to be weak in that it gets rather thin in spots and becomes a bit superficial—but that's only at times as the text follows a verse-by-verse commentary.

The illustrations are adequate, the insights are good, and the content is worthwhile. Simple but not simplistic, thoughtful but not profound, this should prove to be a helpful work for believers struggling with the dilemma of suffering in their lives and in the world around them.

—Kathleen Gwynn Nowak

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SMILE!

BY BETTY M. HOCKETT

A *smile* is such a simple thing. It's really very easily created. It can come at anytime and anywhere. It can show up when you're all alone or when you're with a few people, or when you're in a crowd.

A *smile* makes someone else feel good. It also makes you feel good.

A *smile* comes just before a laugh. Sometimes it even shows up after tears.

A *smile* can help chase away someone's bad case of the "lonelies." It helps them know that you care.

You can *smile* when you talk, or you can *smile* and not say anything.

Jesus must have *smiled* a lot —

— when the children came to see Him.

— when sick people wanted Him to make them well.

— when Zacchaeus said he'd pay back money.

— when everyone felt good after eating the fish and bread.

— when He talked to anyone who was lonely or sad.

— when He thought about God's promises.

Try *smiling* a lot when you're at school today (or the next time you're there).

Smile at an old friend.

Smile at a new friend.

Smile at someone older, and at someone younger.

Smile at your teacher. The school principal and janitor like *smiles*, too. When you *smile* a lot, you feel better—and so does everyone else!



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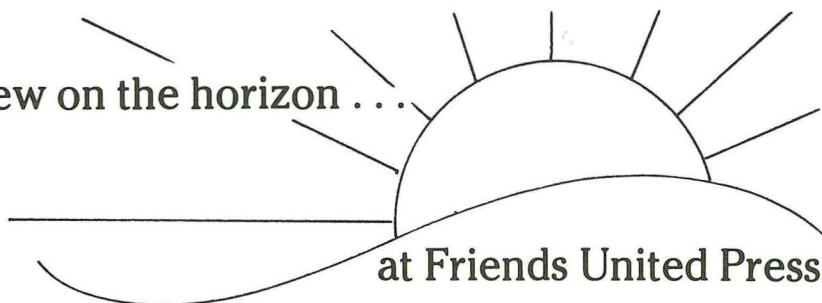
Revival Reported in Costa Rica

SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA—The Church of God in Costa Rica is experiencing a "revival of extraordinary proportions," according to a denomination spokesman. In the past 12 months, 60 new churches have been organized.

Plans call for 14 additional churches to be organized within the next two months. Attendance at each of the newly organized churches is averaging more than 150 a service.

In book-of-Acts fashion, most of the churches begin as "house churches," but soon outgrow their facilities. At the Ipis church in San Jose, Pastor Alberto Morales has conducted revival services each night for the past two years. Four new churches have been organized from his congregation alone, and the attendance at the mother church continues to grow. — E.P.

New on the horizon . . .



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The Friends Boys School and Friends Girls School in Ramallah become familiar environments as Christina Jones traces their history and effects on the people of Palestine.

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CHA Calls for Simplicity of Life

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY—"Holiness for the Healing of the People" was the theme for the 113th annual Christian Holiness Association Convention held here. The overall emphasis of the convention called for a new social commitment on both a corporate and individual level. Resolutions adopted by

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the convention included the following statement "On Affluence and Simplicity of Life":

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"Therefore, the Christian Holiness Association calls upon the Christian community to embrace a simpler life-style compatible with good stewardship. We need to demonstrate greater sensitivity to the disadvantaged multitudes who experience physical and spiritual hunger, and who are deprived of both the knowledge of the Gospel and the necessities of life. We are constrained by the love of Christ to use less and to give more."

—C.H.A.

Book of Job Available in Hungarian Braille

NEW YORK—Blind people in Hungary will soon be able to read the Book of Job in Hungarian braille, reports the American Bible Society. The United Bible Societies has ordered 500 copies of Job in the braille edition to be passed on to the Hungarian Bible Council in Budapest.

The Old Testament book follows the production of 500 copies of Mark's Gospel and 500 copies of the letter to the Romans in Hungarian braille. Said one Budapest resident who had read the New Testament books: "This Gospel is really good news to me. I shall read it to others as well."

—A.B.S.

MX Missile Would Take Land from Shoshone Tribe

AKRON, PENNSYLVANIA—The nuclear arms and Native American concerns do not often come together as explicitly as they do in the debate over the MX missile. The basic issue at stake is an unresolved claim by the Western Shoshones to 15 to 18 million acres of land in Nevada. The U.S. Air Force wants a large portion of this land for deployment of the MX missile.

A land area of about 24,000 square miles of eastern Nevada and western Utah is the projected site for the MX system. Various sources, including the Air Force's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), in-

dicate that there would be severe environmental effects. Irreparable damage to the fragile desert environment, tremendous demand for already scarce water, and the influx of thousands of temporary construction workers are just a few effects. These would be damaging to Shoshone lands, as well as all the area involved in the projected missile site.

—M.C.C.

CSB Forges Link with Urban Churches

WHEATON, ILLINOIS—"Brigade is here to stay" were the words of one man who echoed the sentiments of many others, after serving as a leader in a boys' program in an urban Chicago church this past year. Sponsored by Christian Service Brigade, Inc., this boys' program was part of a one-year project recently completed in metropolitan Chicago.

Encouraged by the success of the project, the CSB organization pledged itself to a long-term involvement with urban churches in U.S. cities. The Metro Chicago Outreach concentrated on establishing Brigade programs for men and boys through local churches in the Chicago area. Through these programs, men were trained in disciplining and group leadership and conducted structured activities for boys. During 1980-81, 14 churches conducted programs in conjunction with the Metro Chicago Outreach.

—E.P.

Soviets Operate Scientific Atheism Center

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Atheism in the Soviet Union has taken a heavy toll on the size of Christian congregations as Moscow strengthens the operations of its Scientific Atheism Center.

"Atheism enthusiasts claim that only 8 to 10 percent of the Soviet Union's adults, approximately 15 million people, are still genuinely religious," states a report from the Moscow bureau of the Associated Press. "They [also] claim that each new generation has about one third fewer religious faithful than the generation before it."

The AP further said that there are plenty of opportunities for the Soviet Union's atheism enthusiasts to do their work with a backbone of lectures to more than 200,000 citizens a year on such subjects as "What Science Knows about Jesus Christ." Their lectures are enhanced by regular anti-religious cartoons and articles in the Soviet press and a monthly atheism journal called *Science and Religion*.

—E.P.

Pastors Avoid Inerrancy, Focus on Home, Evangelism

LOS ANGELES—Setting a modern tone, the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference avoided confrontation on biblical inerrancy and focused instead on the Christian home, evangelism, and missions. More than 7,000 pastors and their wives attended the sessions, listening to 15 sermons and 7 testimonies, and electing a Houston pastor, Edwin Young of Second Baptist Church, as president.

Jess Moody, a former president of the Pastor's Conference and pastor of First Baptist Church, Van Nuys, California, charged that controversy between two Christian groups "is contrary to the mood of Jesus." Moody claimed the controversy is not over the Bible: "The only difference between the liberals and fundamentalists is that they deny different verses," he said. "They are both fear peddlers selling the same thing—just from different bottles."

—E.P.

Church in China May Number Five Million

HONG KONG—As many as five million Christians are worshipping in more than 50,000 "house churches" throughout China, according to a Hong Kong-based organization—the Chinese Church Research Center. The house church movement apparently accelerated during the religious persecution of the 1966-76 cultural revolution, when public churches in China were closed and thousands of Christians were harassed, imprisoned, or killed, the center reports.

Now, under liberalized government policies, house churches in certain areas are

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allowed to meet openly, while others are still suppressed. Overflow crowds continue to fill the public churches, and *Time* correspondent Richard Bernstein reports that "a third to a half of the reborn church congregations comprise younger people."

Xiao Xianfa, chief of the government religious affairs bureau, recently restated the official atheistic stance of the state, but asserted that religious freedom in China would be "a long-term and fundamental policy." —E.P.

Ministry to International Students

COLORADO SPRINGS—More than 100 delegates from 37 Christian organizations and churches have banded together to form an association of ministries to international students. This is the outcome of the first national Consultation on Christian Ministry to Internationals at Star Ranch in Colorado Springs, Colorado, headquarters for International Students Inc.

The meeting marked the first time so many ministries of all sizes convened to share ideas and goals for a concerted outreach to the five million foreign students, businessmen, diplomats, and military trainees now residing temporarily in North America. —E.P.

Convention Emphasizes Primary Health Care

WHEATON, ILLINOIS—"The most counter-productive idea we have in health missions today is that only doctors can treat people. It's not true in America or any other country." So stated Dr. David Hilton at the Ninth International Convention on Missionary Medicine held May 30 to June 2 at Wheaton College. More than 30 countries were represented at the convention sponsored by world health organization MAP International.

Some 425 mission-related health professionals grappled with issues of how to maximize health care among people of the developing countries. Despite medical advances, 90 percent of the world's population doesn't have even basic health needs met, according to Dr. Keith Sanders, keynote speaker. —E.P.

Institute Admits First Woman

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA—The first Christian woman to be chosen to attend the Haggai Institute's Leadership Training Course in Singapore is Jean Phillips. Miss Phillips expressed her appreciation for the opportunity, especially since her own education only went as far as grade four, primary

school, because of the law at the time. The lack of facilities for educating aborigines has held many back, she claimed prior to her departure. Miss Phillips is involved in Prison Chaplaincy in Brisbane. —E.P.

BWA General Council Adopts Resolution Urging Disarmament

SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO—During the meeting here of the General Council of the Baptist World Alliance, June 30-July 3, seven resolutions were discussed and adopted by the more than 200 delegates representing 36 nations. Resolutions concerning both the conflict in El Salvador and disarmament were presented in rather strong language.

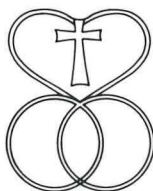
The meeting condemned "the folly of relying on the concept of 'Mutually Assured Destruction'" and urged that "the two great nuclear powers, the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R., in persons of their appointed leaders, seek as soon as possible a meeting to demonstrate to the rest of the world their readiness to reduce world tension . . ." This along with other resolutions instantly elicited an affirmative vote from nearly all of the delegates. —E.P.

Gleaning Bill Introduced in Congress

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A bill offering tax advantage to farmers who contribute gleaned crops to charitable organizations could benefit low-income, elderly, and disabled individuals. Sen. Mark Hatfield and Rep. Les AuCoin introduced identical bills to both the House and Senate. These two congressmen have seen their own State of Oregon enact a gleaning law that involves no new government spending or government agency while promoting distribution of surplus, unharvested, damaged, or otherwise wasted food. —Insight

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United Church of Christ 'Cries Out for Peace'

ROCHESTER, NEW YORK—The United States should work to ban nuclear weapons even if it has to start by unilaterally disarming, the 13th General Synod of the 1.8-million-member United Church of Christ says.

The 705 voting delegates—among 2,000 people attending from around the world—decided to make "peace" and "family life" top priorities of church activity during the next four years. "We need to cry out for peace and stay on the peace case," said Rev. Avery Post, who was reelected to a second term as president of the church.

Delegates turned aside a motion calling for "a strong, trained and equipped military" and supported a resolution that nuclear disarmament start "even if this process must begin with unilateral initiative on the part of the United States." —E.P.

Quakers, Baptists Hold First Meeting

BEREA, KENTUCKY—Quakers and Southern Baptists, meeting in their first formal conference, examined common concerns for obedience, prayer, and peace, and laid a foundation for continued discussions. Sponsored by the Quaker Theological Discussion Group and the interfaith witness department of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, the meeting was part of a series of ongoing discussions between Southern Baptists and persons of other faiths.

Glenn Igleheart, interfaith witness director, reported: "We dealt with concerns in Baptist life—such as prayer, peacemaking and volunteerism—which are steadily gain-

ing interest among us. We benefited by listening to the Quakers, who have been interested in these concerns for many years." [See detailed report by Harold Kuhn on page 26 of this issue]. —E.P.

Moral Majority Unveils 'Conservative Version of the ACLU'

LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA—The Moral Majority is creating a legal arm relying on volunteer lawyers to defend "folks who believe like we do," a spokesman said. "You'll see just as much of the Moral Majority Legal Defense Fund as you now see of the ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union)," said Harry Covert, editor of Moral Majority Report. The defense fund, he said, would be "a conservative version of the ACLU."

In the Moral Majority Report, Jerry Falwell, the groups' founder and president, said: "We intend to make the Moral Majority legal defense a productive and influential part of the American scene." —E.P.



Editorial Unexpected

■ I want heartily to second your editorial in the June issue of the EVANGELICAL FRIEND. I suspect it took considerable courage to write it. Frankly, I never expected to see such an editorial in an "evangelical" paper. Most evangelicals are totally supportive of the official United States line, especially the present one. I also suspect that you will get some most unhappy letters about this editorial.

But here is one round of applause. The editorial follows what I wrote to our local newspaper on the same subject, and intend to tell the local Kiwanis chapter one of these days. So hurrah for the editorial.

LAUREN KING

Norwich, Ohio

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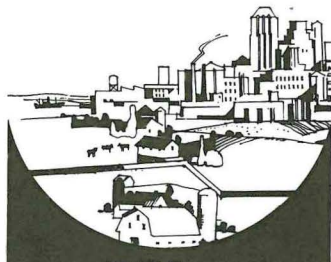
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E.F.C.— EASTERN REGION

Eastern Region Happenings

"YES! Yield Every Situation"—This is the theme for the Retreat for Friends Women, which will be held October 2-4 at Camp Neosa near Carrollton, Ohio. Dr. Bill Williams, executive director of the Christian Counseling Center in Annapolis, Maryland, together with his wife, Stephanie, will be conference speakers.

DIANE ZINN, daughter of Taiwan missionaries Russell and Esther Zinn, was honored at her recent graduation from Morrison Academy as the recipient of the "Outstanding Citizen Award." She will be enrolling in Friends Bible College this fall, where she will be majoring in Christian education.

DIANE DAILEY will be teaching at United Local School in Hanoverton, Ohio, in a 6th grade classroom this fall, having returned from two years on the faculty at Morrison Academy in Taiwan.

FRIENDS MINISTERS recorded this year at Yearly Meeting included C. R. Creed, Duane Dickson, Mark Engel, Randall Heckert, Kenneth Nelson, David Smith, and David Tebbs.

Credentials for Dale Dragomir of Greensboro, Hunter Hills, were received, transferred from Indiana Yearly Meeting.

Malone College News

Malone College students, alumni, and Friends church members recently returned from a 25-day tour of the Orient. The group left the Cleveland

airport on June 5 and returned July 1 after visiting Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Thailand, the Philippines, Korea, and Hawaii.

During the four-day stop in Hong Kong, tour members were able to make a side trip to Mainland China. The Malone College Tour of the Orient combines study and travel experience that can be applied to three hours of optional credit in Asian History and Culture.

Malone College invites nominations and applications for the position of president. Malone College is a Christian liberal arts college with an enrollment of 770 students and is a member of the Christian College Consortium.

Qualifications include personal commitment to Jesus Christ; demonstrated administrative skill in higher education, including budgetary management and fund raising; ability to communicate and relate effectively to varied constituencies, including the evangelical church community; background in and commitment to the breadth of the liberal arts, and skill in communicating the relationship of faith and learning in the Christian liberal arts setting; an earned doctorate.

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Jack Hazen, coach of the Malone College track and cross-country teams, has been chosen NAIA National Coach of the Year. Hazen, who has coached 10 All-Americans in track, was selected for this honor at the National Championships in Houston.

Earlier in the month he had been also named Mid-Ohio Coach of the Year, an honor he has received 11 times. Hazen has led his teams to 11 straight Mid-Ohio Conference titles and 6 straight NAIA District 22 titles. This year's Pioneer team placed fourth in the Nationals, with two individual national champions.

CALENDAR

- October
 - 8-10 Mission Board Retreat
 - 25 Outreach Commitment Sunday
- November
 - 13 "An Evening with Ann Kiemel"—Malone's Osborne Hall, 8:00 p.m.
 - 14 EFC—ER Pastors' Wives Retreat, Malone, 9:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.



Tour members prepare to board bus for airport.

Alumnus of the Year Named at Malone

Earl M. Smith, class of '36, has been named "Alumnus of the Year" by the Malone College Alumni Association. Certificate of Merit awards were also presented to J. Howard Thompson, '35, William Casto, '62, and Betty Osborne Robinson, '40. Each alumnus was honored for service to Malone College and the community.

Earl Smith has served with his wife, Catherine, in a variety of evangelistic and music ministries. They currently reside in Canton, Ohio. J. Howard Thompson of Cleveland has been a faithful Christian layman who has provided work opportunities for students so they could attend college. William Casto is administrator and founder of Woodside Village, a retirement center in Mt. Gilead, Ohio.

Betty Osborne Robinson of Bethesda, Maryland, serves with her husband, Cliff, in a new worldwide ministry called Leadership Ministries International.



Alumnus of the Year Earl M. Smith and wife Catherine.



Clifton J. Robinson (left) presenting Certificate of Merit to William Casto.



Betty Osborne Robinson receiving Certificate of Merit from Gerald Durham.



ROCKY MT. YEARLY MEETING

RMYM Briefs . . .

WOODLAND PARK, Colorado—At the recent Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting sessions, Superintendent Olen Ellis's resignation was accepted. The search for a new superintendent is now underway. Prayer for the right man to replace Ellis is asked.

GRAND JUNCTION, Colorado—Dave and Beverly Fendall have left the pastorate at Grand Junction Friends. There is no announcement yet about who their replacement will be.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado—First Friends is seeking a pastor to replace former pastor Ken Kinser. Kinser did not accept an extension in his call to pastor the church.

DENVER, Colorado—First Denver Friends recently extended a call to David Brantingham of Chino, California, to pastor the church. Brantingham and his family accepted the call and expect to begin working at the church in early September. Former Pastor Stan Perisho is now in Medford, Oregon.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado—The Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting's new secretary is Bonnie McCarty. She replaces Jane Pierce, who moved with her family to Evansville, Indiana. Jane faithfully served the RMYM for several years.

50 Years In Ministry

Merle Roe of La Junta, Colorado, retired from pastoral service three years ago; however he continues to preach and serve when opportunities are available.

The La Junta pastor observed 50 years in the ministry May 31. Roe

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For further information contact your church office or the Yearly Meeting Headquarters.

left his last pastorate in La Junta three years ago. Since that time he has conducted numerous evangelistic services and been on pulpit supply. For more than five months he has preached Sunday mornings at the Chivington Friends Church.

At the golden anniversary celebration Roe and his wife, Ruth, were congratulated by their home church. The Chivington and La Junta churches sent floral pieces. The Chivington church held a special program of songs, poems, and letters from former pastorates. Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting Superintendent, Olen Ellis, and Mid-America Yearly Meeting Superintendent, John Robinson, presented the Roes a cake shaped like a Bible.

Springbank Friends Begins Second Century During Midsummer Celebration of Service in Area

Allen, Nebraska, has had a Quaker church for 100 years. One area resident, Clarence Emery, goes back 90 years, when the church was only 10 years old.

For Springbank Friends July 18 and 19 were special days. During that time there was special music, and people came to join church members in honor of 100 years of the church's service to Allen. H.I.S. SIMPLE TRUTH Quartet of Columbus, Nebraska, brought special music.

Former Pastor Phyllis Hickman spoke in the Sunday morning service. That afternoon, after a picnic lunch, Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting Superintendent Olen Ellis spoke at an afternoon rededication service.

Ellis urged members to continue to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ, even as early Friends did.

The Sunday picnic had an estimated 250 in attendance.

Other special music was presented by Eldred Smith, Cris Isom, Vicky Hingst, and Herb Ellis, and Gene and Clair Smith.

Oldest attender Cloyd Smith, 97, now of Sunny Ridge Manor in Nampa, Idaho, received special recognition too.

—compiled from report by Mrs. Herb Ellis

Attendance Up . . . Paonia Friends Construct 3,000-square-foot Addition

Paonia, Colorado, Friends Church Sunday attendance is up from 40 to 50 to 108. The growth in the 1980-1981 period prompted the church to begin an addition in May.

The 3,000-square-foot extension will include rest rooms, a kitchen, pastor's study and a fellowship hall. The church parsonage will also be converted for use as classroom space.

Pastor Eldon Cox and wife Gayle will move into a home they will

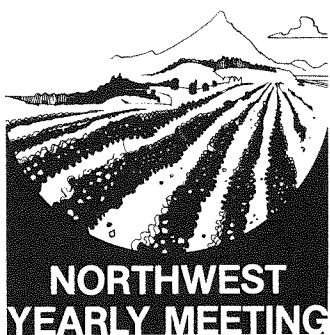
build. The church approved giving the Coxes a housing allowance to help with construction of their home.

"We are praising the Lord every week as we see new faces come to worship with us, for the numerical growth that has occurred, and continues to happen, here at Paonia. We give God all the glory," said Pastor Cox.

Church members expect to finish the addition in the fall.



Members of Paonia Friends Church break the ground to begin initial work on a new addition to the church facilities. (Church photo)



From Our Superintendent—

Christ-centeredness is not something drummed up, a dogged doctrine, or drab religion: it is the very heart of the whole Christian enterprise. Christ said, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." Historically, Quakers have been among the most Christ-centered of all Christians. D. Elton Trueblood has insisted. We don't depend on outward ordinances, creeds, hierarchical structures, or other visible props.

Returning to the basic but changeless ideas shaping our faith as Friends: we believe that Truth will prosper and therefore must be published. We believe we are called to do God's work. 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.

A part of our vision now is a renewed prayerful, vigorous, wise conforming to the specific teachings of Jesus. We are living testimonies of belief and Christian 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 being meetings where God is powerfully present, where His Spirit brings us into unity, where through corporate worship and the ministry arising out of it we are strengthened in our convictions. We have a vision of a church that can attract and call a new generation of leaders to raise consistently the standard of righteousness. These remain the "main-line policy" of our denomination.

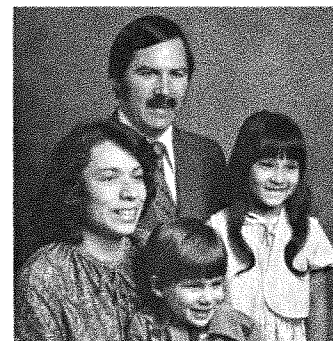
Christ is our Bishop as well as our High Priest; the Spirit is our guide in planning business, decision making, and as a Yearly Meeting. Our effectiveness as a church depends upon this total sensitivity and obedience to the Spirit. These are our core convictions regarding the Word of God, the meaning of ministry and worship, of stewardship and mission, sacramental living and peace, of outreach and membership. If we are rooted only in shallow spirituality and fellowship with little devotional depth or have undisciplined living, our convictions become indistinct and fuzzy. A fruitful sense of responsibility and usefulness springs from a right relationship with God and others, especially ourselves. This is not said judgmentally but is rather a plea for conviction, commitment, and consistency. This, then, Friends, is our "basic idea and ruling principle."

—Jack L. Willcuts
From Message to
Yearly Meeting, 1981

Friends Volunteer for Service in Community Development

Paul and Elizabeth Richmond of Sherwood, Oregon, have begun a two-year voluntary service term with Mennonite Central Committee in Franklin, Louisiana, working in community development. Elizabeth received a B.A. degree in communication arts at George Fox College and was recently employed as a day-care worker in Newberg. Paul attended Peninsula College in Port Angeles, Washington, Portland (Oregon) Community College, and George Fox College. He was recently employed as a manufacturing engineer in Newberg. Richmonds are members at North Valley Friends Church, Newberg.

Missionaries on the Move



Dwayne and Becky Williams, Jonathan and Marci: Completed Spanish language study, on their way to Peru

Around George Fox College

George Fox College has announced plans to begin construction this summer on a new 1,200-seat, \$2.5 million Chapel/Performing Arts Center designed to become the dominant building on campus and to serve the surrounding Newberg community. GFC president David LeShana reported at groundbreaking ceremonies held during Northwest Yearly Meeting sessions on the college campus that the building will be named the William and Mary Bauman Chapel/Auditorium honoring the couple from Lebanon, Oregon, who gave a \$200,000 gift for the building. This, according to LeShana, was the inspiration to start a fund drive that has raised \$2.1 million. The capital campaign drive will continue to raise financing needed to furnish the center.

Lloyd O. Schaad, a Newberg resident who served more than 30 years as a missionary horticulturist in Africa, is George Fox's 1981 Alumnus of the Year. He was cited for "significant service for more than three decades of helping others as a teacher, horticulturist, and missionary."

GFC history professor Ralph Beebe is one of 12 persons in the nation to participate in a National Endowment for the Humanities-sponsored conference "Political and Moral Choices in Arms Control," an eight-week conference on the University of Illinois campus.

Coming Events

September

- 17-20 Friends Women Missionary Fellowship Retreat, Walla Walla College, Washington
- 22-24 Focus Conference for Pastors, Umatilla, Oregon
- 30-Oct. 4 Friends Superintendents Conference, Twin Rocks Friends Camp, Rockaway, Oregon

FRIENDS GATHER

ALLIANCE, Ohio

The 32 men attending Men in Missions Retreat brought enthusiastic reports during a Sunday evening service.

Graduating seniors were feted at a "This Is Your Life" banquet, with sketches from the life of each senior. Photos flashed on the screen were narrated by Rick and Joyce Sams. An NIV Bible and appropriate gifts were presented by Jim and Sheila Moore. Youth sponsors are Alan and Lois Galbreath. Following the banquet, 100 persons joined an all-night party for youth from Alliance, Deerfield, and Beloit.

Dick Brown served as local coordinator of our third Lay Witness Mission, which was a great blessing.

The film series *The Spirit-Controlled Temperament* was shown on Wednesday evenings.

ALUM CREEK, Marengo, Ohio

"Church Alive" was the theme for a Lay Witness Mission coordinated by Jim and Mary McMillen. The weekend became one of searching the individual heart and motive, "breaking bread" with one another, and sharing under the guidance of the guest missionaries. Results include the starting of a junior high youth group and reaching out to "fringe" people, as well as new enthusiasm for the total church effort. Monthly fellowship groups are meeting for a meal and Bible study for the purpose of drawing prospective members into the group.

Norma Freer was guest speaker during the Mother-Daughter banquet. With the theme "I Am Loved So I Can Reflect the Lord's Glory," the program and decorations emphasized how outward actions are the reflection of one's inner beauty. Nearly 75 attended, with several being guests from the Marion Friends Church.

Miss Freer also presented a slide program in an evening service describing her work with the school for elementary children in Chhatapur, India.

BELLEFONTAINE, Ohio

A beautiful new organ given to the church in memory of Grace Notistine by her sister Helen Scott and a snow blower given in memory of Berthan Moore by her husband Bill were recently dedicated by Pastor Earl Kelbaugh.

Norma Freer, missionary to India, spoke recently concerning her work.

Guest speakers for the Mother-Daughter banquet were Marjorie Myers, Lucy Anderson, Esther Hess, and Esther Weaver. They used as their theme "Women God Used."

High school graduates recently honored by the church are Tammy Rea Gunterman, Lori Carpenter Morris, June Woodward, and Lenora Wicker. College graduates are Rhonda Neal, Springfield School of Nursing; Tami Fansler Shreve, Malone College; and David Phelps, Oberlin College.

BELLEVILLE, Kansas

Seven from the Belleville Friends Church attended the zone rally at Glen Elder July 19.

Our Friends church had a retreat all day July 11, 1981, to plan and do some dreaming for our ministry for the coming year.

BOISE, Idaho

Boise Friends Church has begun a mission church in East Boise with Kurt Eshelman as pastor. Greenleaf Friends Academy is starting a Day-care and Preschool center at the same location.

Our first "Opportunity Outlook for Officers" was attended by 35 members of the ministry and leading church committees. Through communication, charts, job descriptions, and goal setting, the new church year is off to a good start. Three weeks later a similar number attended the Annual Officers Retreat at Quaker Hill.

On Sunday evenings, three homes are open for "Focus on Fellowship" following the Family Worship Hour. Thirty different homes are involved in offering this opportunity for fellowship, fun, and refreshment.

Vacation Bible school, under leadership of Rachel VandenHoek, averaged in attendance 200 children and 60 workers. Music, Bible lessons, crafts, and recreation were climaxed with a program and picnic with parents.

A July "Patriotic Picnic and Program" was enjoyed by about 200 "Friends and friends" on the lawn back of the church. The Gettysburg Address was given, and musical selections presented. The "Kids of the Kingdom" brought this delightful evening to a close with singing, marching, and flagwaving.

CANTON, Ohio

The congregation voted overwhelmingly to go ahead with plans for a \$400,000 building project to include a new sanctuary seating about 750 persons and new Christian education facilities, including a chapel, rest rooms, lounge, and additional and improved parking. Launch Day was June 7, and over \$67,395 was received in cash and pledges toward the goal of \$100,000 for ready cash flow availability.

The youth of the church attended a retreat at Burr Oak. They also held a car wash to raise money toward the support of David and Cindy Aufrance. A church bus trip for youth went to the Cedar Point amusement park. Youth meetings on Sunday and midweek Bible study continue to surge forward under the leadership of David Tebbs.

DAMASCUS, Ohio

Dan Bilkert, Canton, Ohio, is serving as intern in Christian ministries for the summer months.

The Yearly Meeting Puppet Team will conduct vacation Bible school

outdoors in Quaker Canyon Campgrounds.

The high school and college graduates enjoyed a Friday evening banquet and recreation, a Saturday evening trip to the Canton Community Center for swimming, basketball, volleyball, and diving. On Sunday morning they were presented during the worship hour and given a special gift from the church family.

DENVER, Colorado

Teachers from the three Denver area Evangelical Friends churches met for a training session June 23. Lynette Bousman offered a class on "Preparing the Lesson Using the Objective," and Bud and Judy VanMeter taught a course called "Using Games for Christian Education."

FORT COLLINS, Colorado

The theme of this summer's Vacation Bible School June 29 to July 3 was "God's Wonderful World." The University Friends school ran from kindergarten through sixth grade.

Fort Collins Friends were sad but happy for their friend Norma Anway. They were sad to see her move but happy to see her be with some of her family in Helena, Montana. Mrs. Anway has been a long-time church member. The church held a farewell party for her.

KLAMATH FALLS, Oregon

Klamath Falls Friends Church welcomed Pastor Larry Ganshorn, his wife Gwilet, son Vincent, age 13, and daughter Rochelle, age 10, at the Sunday, July 19, service, when Pastor Ganshorn delivered his first official sermon.

Pastor Ganshorn is a 1966 graduate of Bethany Nazarene College in Oklahoma. He also graduated from the Nazarene Theological Seminary in 1969. After his graduation he went to Clatskanie, Oregon, and the Portland area. A move was made by the family in 1973 to Brookings, where they lived and served the Nazarene Church prior to coming to the Klamath Falls Friends Church in July.

LA JUNTA, Colorado

Three junior high youths attended Junior High Camp at Quaker Ridge. A church-sponsored bake sale helped with finances. Pastor Robert Storms took the three youths and was a teacher and counselor for the week.

MELBA, Idaho

The summer has got off to a good start at Melba Friends Church. Vacation Bible school was held June 8-12 under the direction of Amy Adams. The total enrollment was 86 including workers and children. The activities included inspirational messages, singing songs, and having a crafts class.

The youth group has planned a summer full of many activities. On

June 24, the youth Bible study was held along the banks of the Snake River, and a weiner roast followed. On June 27, the youth group went water skiing at Lake Lowell, using Melvin Marshburn's boat. The youth group averages around 25 teens.

On May 10 fourteen new members were added to the church. These people include Darlene Dyas, the Larry Wilks family, the Jerry Davis family, the Craig Nelson family, and Rual Anderson.

MORNINGSIDE

Port St. Lucie, Florida

The May fellowship supper was a church picnic at an area park in a very relaxed setting. Devotions by the pastor concluded the afternoon.

Forty attended the Mother-Daughter banquet at the LePavillon restaurant. Mrs. Janice Leetch, guest speaker, used the Old Testament Tabernacle as her illustrated message.

The Mother's Day message by the pastor was entitled "Mother's Hands" with a review of several scriptural references to women's hands. To conclude the service, every mother was given a pot-holder mitt as a memento of the day.

OLYMPIC VIEW

Tacoma, Washington

The weekend of June 12-15 was an exciting one for Olympic View when Ezra and Frances DeVol, long-time medical missionaries in China and India, came to visit and minister to us. On Saturday morning Ezra shared at the men's breakfast, and Frances joined the ladies at a brunch with 33 ladies, including ladies from Parkview and McKinley Hill Friends.

The silence in the sanctuary on Sunday morning was evidence of the interest felt by the congregation as Ezra spoke of his experience in India, where he ministered to both the physical and spiritual needs of his patients.

Approximately 50 people gathered to enjoy the "Mother and Daughter English Tea" on May 30.

June 15 was moving day for our refugee family, and they are now happily installed in a home of their own through the efforts of Al Noland. Martha Ireland was there to see to the collection and delivery of donated furniture, kitchen items, and other miscellany. Thanks are due to Martha, who opened her home and heart to the refugees when help was most needed.

PLEASANT VIEW

Robbins, North Carolina

The Friends Youth sponsored a farewell party for Pastor and Mrs. Roy Taylor, at which time he was presented with a trophy for his faithful support to the softball team. A cross pen and pencil set were also given for his work with the youth. Twenty-nine enjoyed the cookout.

The Taylors are finishing six years with the church. Previously they had spent nine years in pastoral work.

RAISIN VALLEY Adrian, Michigan

Six services were enjoyed recently with Dave and Sheri Teuling sharing in music and chalk art.

The Mother-Daughter salad buffet used the theme "Sewing" with several quilts displayed. Each person attending was asked to make a block of their choice; these blocks will be set together and used in the sesquicentennial this fall.

REEDWOOD, Portland, Oregon

A reception was held after church recently for Paul Anderson, Reedwood's new minister of education. Wynn Corbin held that position during the past year on an interim assignment until Paul Anderson was free to accept his appointment. Wynn will continue to work in that area as an elder of Christian education, working closely with Paul Anderson to strengthen our discipleship emphasis.

50 Plus—a new adult group at Reedwood—held a Western barbecue in July. Merv Carroll and George Haehlen provided western music with their guitars. Eldon and Virginia Helm were honored before they departed for Richmond, Indiana. Eldon was appointed by Friends United Meeting to be associate secretary of the Wider Ministries Commission.

ROSE VALLEY Kelso, Washington

Three caring groups have begun to meet together for fellowship and to help meet the needs of our members and our community.

A Good News Club was started by Nancy Gill and Shannon Herndon for the children of the community. They began by showing the film *The Hobbit* and are using children of the Bible for their study material.

In June we congratulated our seniors on their accomplishment. The graduates are David Harlin, Pat Kelley, Gaylan Prescott, and Sherry Riddle. David Harlin received the Susan Jabusch Grotjohn scholarship and Shannon Riddle (G'80) again received the matching scholarship to George Fox College.

Our slow pitch softball team placed first in the Cowlitz County Christian League in our division and placed second in the tournament.

SOUTHEAST, Salem, Ohio

The Christian Youth Crusaders meetings, which began the first Wednesday in January, came to a close for the summer recess. Children on the honor council were awarded badges for projects accomplished during the year.

The Junior Choir recessed for the summer months after singing in the morning worship service May 18.

SPRINGBANK, Allen, Nebraska

Fifteen youths in Springbank Friends accompanied Pastor Galan Burnett and wife Mary to Adventure Land in Des Moines, Iowa, recently. Funds from an ice cream social, bake sale, car wash, and the sale of pop cans helped finance the trip.

Valerie Puckett and Shawn Isom attended Junior Camp at Quaker Ridge, and Mark Isom went to Junior High Camp.

URBANA, Ohio

Laughter was mingled with tears as the congregation gathered in the Fireside Room after a Sunday morning worship service for a farewell honoring pastors Donald and Georgia Kensler, who are retiring. Above the fireplace hung a large poster with "So Long, Farewell" at the top and "Virginia, Here We Come" at the bottom. In the center on a map of Virginia, the site of their new home was marked with a ribbon.

The program included group singing, a solo, humorous and serious poems, and readings. The pastors sang "We're Going Back to Old Virginia," a parody of "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia."

The Kenslers faithfully shepherded the Urbana Church for 16 years, and served in EFC—ER for 29 years.

Bozo the Christian Clown presented the Gospel in a unique manner at the combined Mother-Daughter and Father-Son banquet.

WESTGATE, Columbus, Ohio

The youth sponsored the showing of C. S. Lewis's *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* on two Sunday nights in May.

The Frances DeVol Missionary Circle held a family picnic June 4, inviting the whole congregation.

Westgate women had a retreat June 19 and 20 using the theme "A Fresh Start." Guest speaker was Pat Fehman, director of public relations of Malone Colelge, and also involved in "Marriage Encounter" in Ohio.

WOODLAND, Kamiah, Idaho

We almost had to push the walls back to accommodate the crowd that gathered for the morning service the last Sunday in June—the last time that Laurence and Naomi Wright, our pastors for the past five years, were to be with us. Many more came for the potluck dinner and program held at Woodland Hall. The Wrights are really missed in this community. We are so happy to hear they are getting settled into their new home near Dundee, Oregon.

Sunday, July 5, Don Lamm from Eugene, Oregon, brought the morning message, and on July 12 Don Treglow, who works at the Correctional Center at Cottonwood, came to bring the morning message. Each Sunday evening, beginning July 12, we are seeing the films *Focus on the Family* by Dr. James Dobson. These will continue through most of August.

FRIENDS RECORD

BIRTHS

ALLEY—To Rick and Alvera Alley, a son, Derek Paul, July 8, 1981, Willow, Alaska.

ERICKSON—A son, Damon, to Bill and LaCricia Erickson, February 1981, Paonia, Colorado.

FAY—A daughter, Elisheba Ruth, to Rand and Norma Fay, April 30, 1981, Paonia, Colorado.

FRITZLAN—A daughter, Jennifer Lee, to Royal and Jean Fritzlan, July 28, 1988, Grand Junction, Colorado.

GEORGE—To Richard and Georgia George, a son, Benjamin Tobin, May 23, 1981, Canton, Ohio.

GERICK—To Joseph and Ann Gerick, a son, Matthew Thomas, June 26, 1981, Boise, Idaho.

GONTERMAN—To Robert and Tammy Gonterman, a son, Robert Earl, May 30, 1981, Bellefontaine, Ohio.

HAMPTON—To Bob and Cheri Hampton, a son, Justin David, July 29, 1981, Newberg, Oregon.

HIGHT—Twins, Nicholas Lee and Christopher Howard, to Wes and Debbie Hight, Kelso, Washington.

JOSLYN—A daughter, Susana, to Ted and Sylvia Joslyn, December 4, 1980, Paonia, Colorado.

MURPHY—A son, Michael Patrick, to Jenny and Pat Murphy, May 1, 1981, Longview, Washington.

PAYNE—To Larry and Michael Payne, a daughter, Elizabeth Day, May 30, 1981, Reedwood Friends, Portland, Oregon.

PUCKETT—To Richard and Sharon Puckett, a daughter, Victoria Ray, March 10, 1981, Allen, Nebraska.

RICHARDSON—To Ernie and Sandi Richardson, a daughter, Stacie Ann, June 25, 1981, Boise, Idaho.

ROGERS—To Don and Susan Rogers, a daughter, Allie Catherine, May 18, 1981, Columbus, Ohio.

RUBESH—To Ken and Kathy Rubesh, a son, Brandon Lloyd, June 22, 1981, Reedwood Friends, Portland, Oregon.

SALTER—To Darius and Brenda Salter, a daughter, Tabitha Camille, May 16, 1981, Stanhope, New Jersey.

SPARR—A son, Isaac Solomon, to Ray and Theanna Sparr, December 27, 1980, Grand Junction, Colorado.

STUBBLEFIELD—To John and Sandy Stubblefield, a son, Silas Garrott, June 5, 1981, Canton, Ohio.

TEAGUE—To Phil and Jayne Teague, a son, John Paul, June 7, 1981, Canton, Ohio.

TIMSON—To Mike and Becki Timson, a son, Benjamin John, June 8, 1981, Boise, Idaho.

WINN—To Phillip and Sharon Winn, a son, Steven Phillip, May 31, 1981, Damascus, Ohio.

MARRIAGES

BARNES-STAUFFER. Diane Barnes and Ron Stauffer, June 20, 1981, Adrian, Michigan.

BRUCE-BROWN. Brenda Gail Bruce and Mickey Rodger Brown, May 22, 1981, Robbins, North Carolina.

CARON-HINSHAW. Lyonie Ruth Caron and Dean Alan Hinshaw, August 1, 1981, Bellingham, Washington.

COOK-BAKER. Phyllis Irene Cook and Dale Edgar Baker, May 16, 1981, Adrian, Michigan.

DRAGOMIR-DOUGAN. Marjorie Dragomir and Charles Dougan, February 21, 1981, Alliance, Ohio.

ELLIS-KING. Debra Ann Ellis to John King at Springbank Friends, June 6, 1981, Allen, Nebraska.

EMRY-MOORE. Colleen Emry and Terry Moore, July 11, 1981, Boise, Idaho.

FANSLER-SHREVE. Tami Fansler and Bruce Shreve, May 30, 1981, Bellefontaine, Ohio.

HASSON-STEVENS. Pamela Hasson and Tim Stevens, July 17, 1981, Boise, Idaho.

HOCKETT-HOCKETT. Elsie Hockett and M. Buel Hockett, June 20, 1981, Newberg, Oregon.

KENT-KNERR. Twyla Kent and Kurt Knerr, June 27, 1981, Boise, Idaho.

KIENONEN-FERTELO. Martha Kienonen and Paul Fertello, July 18, 1981, Newberg, Oregon.

LYDA-PUTMAN. Sue Lyda and Dave Putman, June 21, 1981, Boise, Idaho.

OVERCAST-DOUTY. Julie Overcast and Jim Douty, June 6, 1981, Boise, Idaho.

PARKER-LAWLEY. Marian Parker to Newell Lawley, June 14, 1981, Clatskanie, Oregon.

ROBINSON-WRIGHT. Robin Lynn Robinson and Richard Lynn Wright, May 17, 1981, Robbins, North Carolina.

STEER-GRIMM. Elizabeth Ann Steer and James Ramon Grimm, June 20, 1981, Damascus, Ohio.

TROTTER-PARSONS. Cheryl Trotter and Robert W. Parsons, June 20, 1981, Kelso, Washington.

WALDROP-WILSON. Sherry Waldrop and Dan Wilson, August 1, 1981, Newberg, Oregon.

WEAVER-PITTENGER. Sandra Weaver and Ken Pittenger, March 28, 1981, Canton, Ohio.

WILLIAMS-UPCHURCH. Nina Margaret Williams and Larry Upchurch, May 9, 1981, Eagle Springs, North Carolina.

DEATHS

BEEBE—Glen Beebe, 87, June 29, 1981, Nampa, Idaho.

CLOSE—Willard Close, 69, May 13, 1981, Damascus, Ohio.

COMSTOCK—Earl Comstock, June 29, 1981, La Junta, Colorado.

MCCRACKEN—Lida McCracken, June 29, 1981, Belleville, Kansas.

MIKESSELL—Charles E. Mikesell, July 11, 1981, Belleville, Kansas.

PEMBERTON—Carl Henry Pemberton, 83, July 7, 1981, Whittier, California.

STONER—Kathleen Stoner, May 10, 1981, Canton, Ohio.

TODD—Grace Todd, 102, June 27, 1981, Newberg, Oregon.

WILLIAMS—Mabel Williams, 89, Newberg, Oregon.

WINSLOW—Carrie Mae Winslow, June 9, 1981, Caldwell, Idaho.

Quakers & Southern Baptists: An Unusual Summer Gathering in Kentucky

BY ANNE AND HAROLD KUHN

KENTUCKY'S Berea College hosted an unusual Quaker-Southern Baptist gathering June 25-27, when about 50 Friends and a similar number of Southern Baptists met for a colloquium dealing with the overall theme of "Prayer and Holy Obedience in a War-Wracked World." The Evangelical Friends Alliance was well represented by delegates from Oregon, Ohio, and Kansas. Also represented were Western, Indiana, North Carolina, and Wilmington yearly meetings, as well as delegates from General Conference of Friends and several independent Friends groups.

The joint presence of Southern Baptists and Friends afforded a novel opportunity for the building of mutual understanding and for the sharing of perspectives. Position papers from both denominations revealed an overlap of common interests that probably surprised members of each group. The general tone was remarkably evangelical, with a large reliance upon Scripture.

The four position papers dealt with these themes: "Voluntarism and Holy Obedience," "A Life of Prayer and Holy Obedience," "Holy Obedience and the Call to Be Peacemakers," and "Holy Obedience, Volunteer Service, and Peacemaking." Peacemaking ranked high among the concerns in the position papers and in the responses to them, but the needy world was not forgotten. No less was the subject of peacemaking stressed in the general discussions, which occupied fully one third of the time in each session. Friends and Baptists shared equally in the planned presentations, and the use of a biblical base by both groups gave a common ground for the entire colloquy, from beginning to end.

Friends Anne and Harold Kuhn of Asbury Seminary, Wilmore, Kentucky, were EFA representatives to the Quaker-Southern Baptist Colloquy held in June in Kentucky. Harold Kuhn is a contributing editor to EVANGELICAL FRIEND.

Peacemaking was given a thorough grounding both in the Gospels and in the Epistles, notably in the book of Romans. This gave to the entire gathering dimension and depth. The large reliance upon Scripture made the colloquy different from many peace gatherings.

At first, Baptist participants seemed a bit overawed by Friends' freedom to express their concerns publicly. But this feeling soon disappeared, and both groups were using a "common language." Baptist women were for the most part silent in the response sessions, unless one was appointed to speak. This was due to Baptist tradition (which is gradually breaking down) that women do not preach. One of their own representatives spoke to this subject, that of nonpreaching women.

THE GATHERING proclaimed no easy panaceas for the troubles of the world and issued no statements, for the press or otherwise. Rather, participants carried away from the colloquy a renewed sense of the vital importance of being peacemakers by the quality of their lives and by the embodiment of scriptural mandates with respect to fulfilling the servant role.


In the expression of the peacemaking quality of Christian teaching, the objective of the gathering was not to exalt one form of action or service above another. The thrust was rather that each, under obedience to the Holy Spirit's guidance, should find a place of ministry of the Gospel of Peace. The gathering did welcome the intensely practical guidance of a veteran in the area of service, Colin Bell of Kents Store, Virginia.

There were designated periods of worship, usually preceding the presentations, with such periods also being observed at the end of each session, with closing prayer.

These periods of devotion usually followed traditional Friends' patterns, with spontaneous prayer, vocal ministry, quotation of Scripture, and at times, music. These were entirely unprogrammed. At first our good Baptist friends found this devotional usage a bit strange, but later a number of them testified to having learned much from it.

Small worship groups of approximately 10 persons each, combining Baptists and Quakers, proved to be a great blessing. In these participants found personal inspiration and took occasion to express requests for prayer, both personal and for worldwide ministries, among members of the group. Interestingly, someone observed that the colloquy consisted of "silent Baptists and vocal Quakers."

Hospitality at Berea College was gracious, with evident concern on the part of college personnel for the comfort of guests. As an overall coordinator, T. Canby Jones served the colloquy with his usual quiet and methodical oversight. He had, as one would expect, a universal acceptance with the participants. The president of Berea College honored the group by his presence one evening during the presentation of the paper and the responses.

THE DIVERSITY of the group was amazing. There were present pastors of large churches (Baptist), ministers of all sizes of Quaker meetings, authors, editors, professors, students (a few ministerial students), even a Baptist man engaged in nuclear research. Among the speakers were workers of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention—these latter were very capable women. There were also public school teachers, plus officials of various yearly meetings, all of whom carry on diversified work in Ohio, Washington, D.C., Indiana, New Jersey, and elsewhere. 

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Permission to build a church has been a slow process. Many churches start in a home, and there is no difficulty in obtaining a permit for house churches. But the brethren felt that God would have them obtain a permit to hold services in an actual church building. This type of permission is very unusual for some officials. Many obstacles appeared as they worked their way through a complicated maze of red tape.

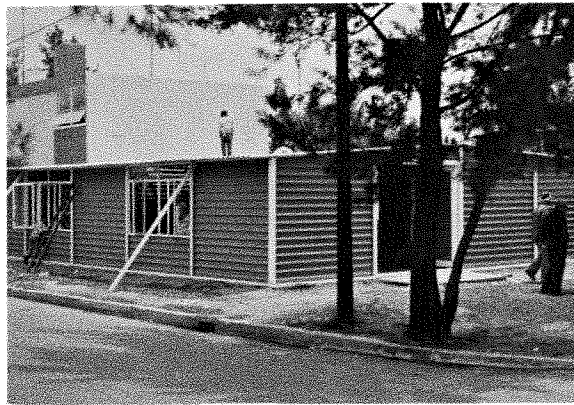
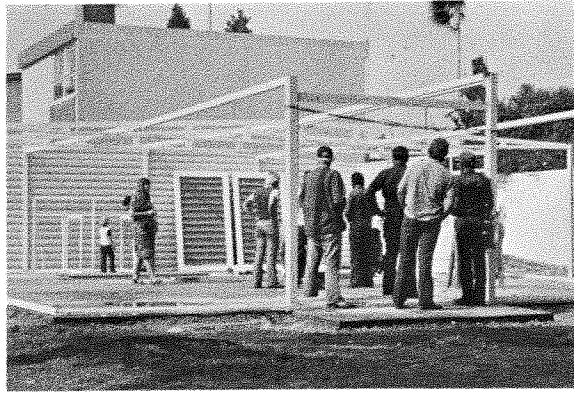
The first week in January was set as the date for signing final papers for the land, but we continued to return often to the permit office. In February this year I wrote the following to Jim Morris at the EFM office: "Manuel and I went to another office to determine the status of our claim to get a building permit. This time Manuel had a business card signed by a former employer of his wife, Tita, addressed to the main official in charge of building permits (the employer is a good friend of that official). We were graciously received and given explicit directions on necessary papers. At this time it looks favorable. But, because we are seeking permission for a church building, instead of a family residence, there is a further delay to determine whether there is opposition from the community, as well as adequate parking and correct zoning."

This delay had its advantage: The believers had more time to get the balance of the money ready. They were determined to ask for a legal permit for an evangelical Protestant church, thus clearing them from all fault in the future. They felt this would be a testimony to the community and to others who might inquire about it.

Growth Begins

More weeks went by as we continued to lubricate the political wheels with our prayers and visitation to various offices. When it looked as though we were completely stymied, in mid-May the preliminary permit came through, granting us permission to erect the building! The land title had not been cleared for final signatures, and some felt we should not proceed. But the owner assured us that he would do nothing to impede the construction nor try to retrieve his property after improvements had been made by us. The great news spread—the prayers, dedication, and financial faithfulness of Mexican Christians, evangelical Friends in the U.S., and missionaries were resulting in new growth and fruit!

As news spread to the U.S., work crews were formed to come down and help us. On May 30, seven men from Eastern region arrived to pour the concrete floor—Dean



The new church building in Mexico City begins to take shape in top photo and then is shown nearing completion.

Johnson from Boston Heights and Mike Briggs from Barberton, in Ohio; Phil Meisterheim from Battle Creek, Paul Van Valkenburg, Rod Mick, Bob Hess, and De Arle Brugger from Tecumseh, in Michigan. With only wheelbarrows, shovels, and hand tools, they leveled the ground and laid the floor in four days.

On June 13 Ernest Pearson from Hillsboro Friends in Oregon arrived. He installed the electrical system and assisted in other ways. Four more came on June 17—Phil Burgi from First Denver Friends in Colorado, Don Humrichouse from Honey Creek, Jim Aswaggen from Hartland, and Jeff Martens from New Providence in Iowa. In three days they helped erect the building and install the suspended ceiling so graciously supplied by the senior youth group of First Denver Friends and other Friends of Colorado, Texas, and Oregon. All of the fellows who came left a vibrant wit-

ness as well as the work they accomplished. The Friends of Mexico City thank them and their families for the best gift they could have given—themselves!

One day as we were nearing completion, a local official arrived at the job site to proclaim that he had the papers to stop the work and order everyone to leave the premises. Manuel simply showed him the proper papers for construction and of ownership. How thankful we are that so many Friends here and at home patiently continued to pray during the long process necessary to do things legally. The building was not stopped; the work continued!

Dedication Day

July 12 was chosen as the date of dedication; it was a day packed with praise. The past was recalled as former missionaries—Roscoe and Tina Knight, and Richard and Mary Ann Martens with their sons Jeff and Barry—traveled familiar routes to join us for the happy occasion. The Knights also represented Northwest Yearly Meeting; the Martenses, Iowa Yearly Meeting; Charles Robinson, president of the Eastern Region Missionary Board and chairman of the EFA Missions Commission, represented both groups. The WMU of EFA was represented by its president, Joyce Thompson, who came with her husband, Rex, of Glen Elder Friends Church in Kansas.

From Texas came Daniel and Diana Lynn Tostado of Friendswood and Delbert and Carol Vaughn of Northshore Friends in Houston. Dwaine and Becky Williams and their two children, Marci and Jonathan, NWYM missionaries in language study at Guadalajara preparing for service in Peru, joined us also for our big day.

Arlene Thompson, Alda's sister, flew in from Haviland, Kansas, accompanied by her son Dean of Dallas, Texas. In 1980 their family had designated the memorial fund given for her husband, Harold (Tommy) Thompson, for our work here. They also represented the Johnson family, who had designated the memorial in honor of Alfred (Pat) Johnson, Arlene and Alda's father, for this work.

The new building was alive that day with praise and singing, as more than 250 people packed it out. Many were from other invited churches, but the majority came from the local area. We had purchased 50 new chairs to supplement the 42 we already had and rented another one hundred for the day. We are most grateful for the offerings, totaling

your regular, specific prayer for us as missionaries, for Manuel Guzman and his family, for our Mexican brothers as they grow spiritually and numerically, and for their continued outreach in their neighborhood.

Yes, "the part of the vine that produces grapes in summer is not yet present in February." What was that part in building our church in Mexico City? The giving of finances from interested Friends in the U.S. Some gave out of sorrow, as well as with joy. Some, the work crews, gave of themselves. Others prayed. And then there are the Mexicans themselves, who had to make up the difference in the price of the land, \$6,818 plus \$818 to clear the land, \$1,200 for title costs, \$1,050 for cement and gravel, \$420 for restrooms, and \$417 for building permits—a total of \$10,723.



Pastor Manuel Guzman gives the message of dedication to a crowd of 220.



Roscoe Knight, first EFA missionary to Mexico City, speaks to the youth during his visit at the time of the church dedication.

Ribbon cutting (right) was a part of the dedication service for the new church building in Mexico City.



\$1,246, that have been given by Glen Elder, Northbranch, and south Texas churches for these chairs. Also, the primary department of the Sunday school at Haviland, Kansas, supervised by Alda's twin sister, Alta Ross, has generously raised \$681 for their primary friends in Mexico. We also appreciate very much the P.A. system made possible through a gift from the children of Rex and Joyce Thompson.

Growing with Mexico City

As the Good News is proclaimed publicly in the northwest section of Mexico City, which is fast becoming the largest populated city of the world, we rejoice in the victory God has won through many faithful servants. How thankful we are that in spite of the many problems we faced—opposition, disappointments, and failures—the church stands today! Because of prayer! No force is more powerful than

How did it happen? Growth kept developing as people were faithful and God provided. What will it all produce? A harvest of souls for Jesus! Who will they be? New people from the community. For example, an older couple had been praying that God would send a bus by their house so they could go to their own church a few miles away. Now He had provided—not a bus—but a church almost next door! They were so happy. They plan to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on December 24 in our church.

More than 20 former members returned who had said previously, "When you get your own building, we'll come back . . . but meanwhile you'll die in six months." The believers brought friends and neighbors, who were delighted. God has His hand on His Church in northwest Mexico City. It will grow and spread by adding new people and by older members who have now been "turned on," thus producing summer fruit for eternity.