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BUILDING A STRONG FAMILY UNIT



GOING DOWN TO BUILD A STRONG FAMILY UNIT

BY SHELDON LOUTHAN



This month the EVANGELICAL FRIEND, in focusing on the importance of the Friends family, asked Sheldon Louthan, Ph.D., a clinical psychologist who founded the Center for Family Living on the campus of Friends University, to share his concerns regarding how the church might become more effective in ministering to families. Dr. Louthan, along with David and Marcile Leach, has pioneered in developing the Friends Marriage Encounter movement. He has a vision for far more effective effort in family enrichment to aid pastors, other counselors, and parents in finding ways to build upon Christian family values.

—J.L.W.

ANY CONCERN we bring to the subject of family life is overshadowed overwhelmingly by God's concern for families. No "Save the Family" Conference or similar meeting on the family, no TV special such as *Is There a Family in the House?* featuring Johnny and June Cash and a host of celebrities, no major denominational campaign highlighting the family begins to express the concern in the mind and heart of God for families.

Because God is so interested in families, our concern for families cannot be a leisurely activity to fill up time—not something we are doing because we lack something important into which to put our time and energies. The problems in families today are many and call for a concerned response from us all—an informed, prayerful response from the church. Families are the basic units on which communities, states, and the nation itself rest; and when the foundation units of society lose their resilience, their structure, their strength, we are rightfully concerned.

Friends' emphases on the family go back, of course, to the very earliest years of our history. Early Friends viewed many Christians of their day as "professors" who talked a good religion but did not live it. Their world view divided human behavior into two different languages or life-styles: "Holy conversation" was the life-style that led to salvation

and "carnal talk" the life-style that led to corruption and death.

Holy conversation was to be learned in the family and was a major objective in child rearing. It was deemed difficult but possible with God's help to order family life so that all behaved in loving, supportive ways toward each other.

Quaker doctrine demanded that "children be guided, not coerced into Quakerism." The best way to do this, they believed, was to model right living patterns as parents and to monitor carefully any exposure to evil their children faced. Parents were therefore under heavy pressure to shield their children from worldly influences. It was important to live a life in the home and in the community that could be described as honest, blameless, loving, tender, savory, serviceable, civil, plain, and modest—all adjectives with biblical origins.

This concern for family life probably reached its zenith among the Cheshire and Welsh Quaker families who settled the Delaware River Valley in Pennsylvania between 1681 and 1690. Barry Levy (1978) has researched the minutes of their monthly meetings and reported that more than 60 percent of the business of their meetings concerned marriages and family life over a 25-year period from 1683 to 1709.

Marriages were carefully screened through "clearness" committees, and newlyweds were visited by a committee of "weighty" Friends at least four times during the first year of



their marriage to see if they were ordering their lives in the proper manner.

There were excesses among these Pennsylvania Friends to which none of us would desire to return. However, the heritage passed to us from these early Quakers should cause us to reexamine our church and family life today. We would do well to *ponder soberly* the *many evidences* of marriage and family problems and *the amount of time and attention* we give in our church life to such concerns.

So today, the calling we face is to renew our ministries to families in forms and patterns consistent with the times but with the same end results sought by earlier generations of Friends. Family life for many may be deteriorating, but *we don't have to participate* in the deterioration process!

If we renew our efforts to strengthen families, it is important to describe the outcomes toward which to move. We are helped in this task by Nick Stinnett, who, in Oklahoma in the late 1970s, set out to examine the characteristics of strong families and did so by inviting nominations from county extension agents across the state of Oklahoma. The families who were nominated were sent a questionnaire and invited, among other things, to rate themselves in terms of satisfaction in the marriage of the parents, and in the parent-child relationships in the home.*

From their responses, Stinnett and his associates analyzed the data and found six qualities that clearly stood out among these strong families. These positive characteristics are not different from scriptural teaching on the family. Rather they verify in real life the fact that good qualities in human families are reflections of the very character of God. Each of these outcomes is encouraged by scriptural teaching, though such is not identified in the original study.

Appreciation

To begin with, they found that members of these families frequently expressed appreciation for one another. They said in words and deeds that they liked each other. When this happens well, each family member winds up with her/

his very own booster club. They know they are accepted and valued by others in the group. And what a difference that makes!

Abraham's love for Ishmael, his oldest son, is recorded in words that Abraham spoke to God in intercession for his son. "Oh that Ishmael might live before Thee." (Genesis 17:18)

We also have words of New Testament Scripture as in Hebrews 13:1, "Let love of the brethren continue"; in 1 John 3:15, "Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer"; in 1 Peter 4:8, "Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins"; and finally, in 2 Peter 1:7, "And in your godliness, [supply] brotherly kindness," as Peter listed the qualities for which we should strive in the Christian life. One of those qualities has to do with the kind of affection and love often seen between brothers.

Spending time together

A second characteristic they noted about these 130 families was that they spent time doing things together. An Old Testament Scripture reminds us that God has set the solitary in families. This implies that in His way of structuring things we do something good for ourselves when we act together as a unit. In responding to various surveys in which they are asked to rate how satisfactory they believe their lives to be, singles reveal this need and indicate loneliness as a major cause of concern. God's plan for meeting that need in human beings is for us to be a part of the family unit, especially during the critical younger years. Of course, this does not mean that as we age or as we are older we do not need to be with others in a family. What Stinnett discovered is something of what God had in mind in placing people in family units.

However, not all families spend time together. There are many pressures—pressures of school, of church commitments and community activities, and pressures of television, all of which tend to separate us from one another. So spending time together will not happen automatically unless we provide for it. Those who have studied behavior in small groups have noted for some time a connection between affection and spending time together in a group. Doing things together increases our liking for one another in any group, and that includes the family. So there is a close relationship between the first and second qualities they found in Oklahoma families.

Good communication patterns

Yet a third characteristic was discovered about these "good families." They talked with each other in ways that revealed an ability to work through conflict and manage all of the day-to-day events of their lives effectively.

Of course the Scriptures, especially in Proverbs, say a great deal about communication and the power of words. Words have the power to help and power to hurt. Furthermore, as Jesus indicated, it's out of our innermost being or out of our heart that our mouth speaks. Someone has rephrased that truth in the statement that it is more important to *feel* the right way toward another person than anything we say or do in relationship with them. It is most

*All the families were intact, with a husband, a wife, and at least one child living at home. Some 130 families met the two conditions; that is, (1) nomination by their extension agent as a strong family and (2) by their own rating of themselves as having a high level of satisfaction with the marriage of the parents and with the parent-child relationships in the home. The surveys completed by the families included items about how they dealt with conflict, how they communicated with one another, and about the power structure in the family. (Stinnett, 1979)

difficult, then, to speak well unless our heart is open and loving toward the other.

But, what if we don't feel the right way? What can we do about it? God is a changer of human hearts, and when we do not feel the right way, or the way we wish we felt, toward another member of the family, if we go to Him in prayer and ask He will change the way we feel toward the other—sometimes in amazing ways. Sometimes He reminds us of the way a child is struggling for a sense of self-esteem. And as we become aware of that struggle, it is easier to accept their harsh words to others in the family. In fact, generally where hardness in speech and bitter words proceed from one person to others in the family it's because of some deep fear and/or hurt within that person. When we learn to tune in to that, it is easier to forgive them their harsh words and to avoid responding in kind. So with the writer of Proverbs we discover that a soft answer turns away wrath.

Commitment to promoting happiness

Members of these families were noted to be deeply committed to each other in ways that promoted family welfare and the happiness of each member of the family. Happiness, of course, cannot usually be found by a direct search for happiness, but is rather a by-product of a process of setting goals and reaching them in several key areas.

For instance, Stinnett noted that when the families got to going in different directions and were not spending very much time together because they had taken on too many activities, or for whatever reasons, they somehow had a way of stopping and evaluating what was happening. It was a time of setting priorities and reexamining values they held and making decisions that would free up time to be with each other in ways they most desired.

Another key area involves self-esteem. It means paying attention to a youngster who is behaving in a way that carries the message, "Look at me." In some families, children are ignored—or some of them are ignored—to their great detriment and hurt.

Still another area has to do with achievements in activities and creative efforts generally recognized as having value. Achievements are important but are most conducive to happiness if they are shared by others close to us. So, as Jim Dobson in the book *Hide or Seek* advocates, we do our children a good service when we help them learn to compete. It involves providing private lessons where possible to develop a talent or skill. It also means showing up when they have a recital or a ball game, or listening to them describe how a report went in class. It also involves listening to Dad and Mother as they talk about their work and activities.

High degree of religious orientation

A fifth quality of these families was a high degree of religious orientation. Stinnett comments to the effect that there seemed to be a deeply spiritual characteristic. It was something that some of the families found difficult to describe, but to the best of their ability they seemed to be experiencing an awareness of God that gave them a sense of purpose and gave their family support and strength. They

believed this awareness helped them to be more patient with each other, more forgiving, quicker to get over anger, more positive, and more supportive in their relationships.

Positive responses to crises

The last characteristic of "good families" found was that such families *responded to crises* in a positive way. They were able to unite in the face of a crisis instead of being fragmented by it. Other research highlights the importance of this strength. For example, when the crisis is an accidental death, as in infant death syndrome (SIDS), DeFrain, Taylor & Ernst (Hunt, 1981) discovered in 112 such families it was crucial to be able to talk about the death. Those who "swept it under the rug" developed all sorts of problems. Those who talked about the event, going over the details and expressing feelings experienced, had fewer problems.

A crisis reveals the nature and depth of strength in a family and no strength is more needed than is faith in God. Stresses, whether chronic or connected with sudden crisis, need not overwhelm us if we look to God for strength and guidance. Psalm 25:15 and 1 Corinthians 10:13 assure us there is a way out of our difficulties.

In a book on stress, McQuade and Aikman (1974) have this to say:

"The phenomenon of religious belief is a large subject, but . . . it must be said that religion in a devout believer has little equal as an allayer of stress. This is true of all religions, but particularly true of some. The Judeo-Christian tradition, for instance, takes on all the primal stresses, and if it does not dispose of them completely it makes them surprisingly bearable

"The waning power of religion is one reason why life has become so stressful in the Western world, and also why many people today are reconsidering and turning once again to religious faith; the more evangelical, it seems, the more popular."

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In conclusion, strong family units will result from efforts by each family with support from the church to seek the six outcomes listed above. These qualities enable us to experience the abundant life in our families. They are part of the blessing God promised to Abraham, "in you all the families of the earth shall be blest." (Genesis 12:3b)

In earlier times, Friends have focused more effectively on building and maintaining strong families than in our recent past. My vision of this as a Friend is that we will again become a fellowship marked by a deep concern for families, to the end that others will come and say, ". . . teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." (Isaiah 2:3)

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RAY BENNETT

Should we put our tithe in the offering plate or the mail box this month?

COVER

"Building a Strong Family Unit" reflects Friends' interest in family life during a time when statistics show a decline in traditional family structures. (Design by Stan and Shirley Putman)

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Fractured families is a problem that has penetrated the sanctuary of evangelical piety. On any Sunday morning I can sit in worship service and see people who have experienced the agony of divorce. I know of others who are laboring in an effort to make their marriages work and some who may be past the point of caring.

I will admit that during the past 15 years I have found that marriage is a trial of my self—my pride, individualism, selfishness. Weighed in the balance, I have been found wanting. I am also *wanting*—earnestly desiring—marital and family wholeness.

The family can be a refuge, a school, a support group, a church, a playground, a club. It is also an encounter group where it is nearly impossible to hide our real self. It is a community where possessions are only a fraction of the reality we share. We share our frustrations, our annoying characteristics, our failures, our differences, our jealousies, our insecurities. For some, these have been too much of a strain on the "holy bonds of matrimony."

Tolerance is not enough to bind together a family. Unilateral love is necessary to build a strong family unit. —D.L.M.

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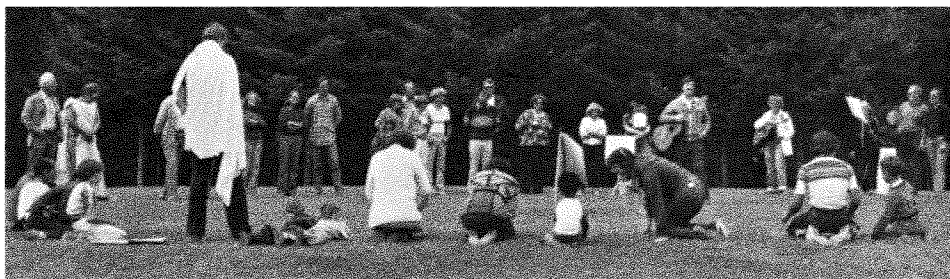
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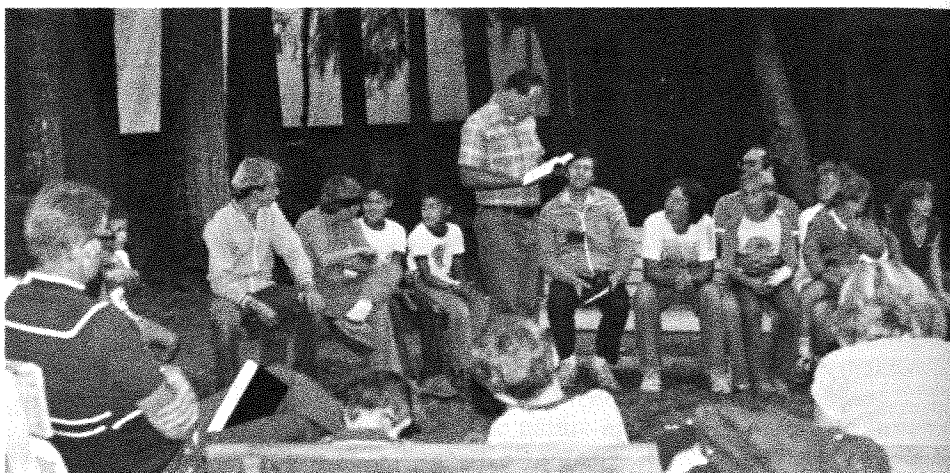
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Top: Celebration march concludes with the singing of praise songs in final event of camp. Top right: Youngsters play fearlessly near the jaws of the Great Fish. Bottom: Group leader John Miele introduces event by reading their assigned portion of Scripture.



A DIFFERENT KIND OF CAMPING

BY PRISCILLA ROBERTS

Almost summer. Time to start planning that summer camp, area retreat, or local church get-together. Or . . . you could let the campers plan it themselves.

Southern Oregon's "do-it-yourself" weekend Family Camp has made such a hit the past two years that they plan to repeat it this summer. It's very simple. Campers arrive, settle in, and are divided into groups of about 12. The Scripture theme is read to the whole group, with perhaps a flannel-graph, song, or skit. Then each smaller group is assigned a time during the course of the camp to teach part of the Scripture through an *event* of their own choosing.

Last summer's theme, "Jonah," offered plenty of chances to be creative. Campers from Sprague River, Klamath Falls, Talent, Medford, and Eugene were delighted as codirectors Jim Teeters and Scotty Clark read them the guidelines:

1. *Pick a leader* for your group to guide the planning and see that everyone gets to participate.
2. *Read the Scripture* for your group and discuss it. Then list one or two important ideas you feel would help the campers.

Priscilla Roberts is a 1981 graduate of George Fox College who has been active in Friends Youth and other church responsibilities. Her parents, Wayne Roberts, M.D., and Berthamay Roberts, are prominent in Quaker leadership in Medford, Oregon. This article is appropriate as plans are made for summer camp and family retreats.

3. *Plan an "event"* to help us learn the important idea.

- a. The activity should involve all ages.
- b. It should have us *doing* something.
- c. It should last about 30-40 minutes.

4. Pastor Scotty will follow up with 10-15 minutes of teaching or discussion.

You *may* use special props, and the "event" may use any or all of the campground. Consult the staff if you need help. Within these guidelines, each group could do anything they wanted.

"Anything?" a small boy nearly shouted. The creative juices were already pumping.

After these preliminaries, the first evening of the weekend camp wound down with a campfire sing and a snack. The next day, Saturday, was to be devoted to three staff-planned experiences taken from Jonah 1:1-16. The group-planned events would begin Saturday evening and continue into Sunday.

The campers were awakened Saturday morning by a band of minstrels outside their cabins singing, "Come listen to my tale of Jonah and the whale . . ." Camp pastor Scotty Clark, with his guitar, turned out to be a kind of Pied Piper as the little band collected helpers from each stop. After breakfast, the three staff-planned experiences began.

First was a "security experience" in which campers formed close little groups by playing games together and sharing about themselves; then they were split up and told to give their "testimony" to someone they didn't know, just as Jonah was told to do.

Second was "Family Hide-and-Seek," in which one family hid and the others searched for them. This was based on Jonah hiding from God's call.

Third was a "splashing drama," an original poolside skit done by volunteer campers. The characters included the wind, the sea, the captain, the sailors, the cargo, and of course Jonah and the big fish. The skit ended with the sailors throwing Jonah overboard while the discarded "cargo" bobbed in the pool and the "wind" made terrible roaring sounds, splashing water all over the crew.

Interspersed with Pastor Scotty's teaching from Jonah, these three experiences stimulated campers as, during afternoon free time, they planned their own original events for that evening and the next day.

The first group's event (right after dinner, and appropriately titled "In the Belly") turned out to be one of the most memorable. Each camper was blindfolded and delivered into the hands of a special "guide," who whispered menacingly, "You bad person! Have you been running from God? You should have done what He told You . . . Now you're going to be sorry!"

The unfortunate sinner was then pushed into a great cavern (the giant fish that was constructed especially for the camp) where he was batted about by soft pillows like a tennis shoe in a clothes dryer, draped with damp towels and cold spaghetti noodles, and lightly misted with spray bottles. Finally he was chucked out onto the lawn.


Frightening as it may sound, this event had most of the campers, even the small children, shrieking with delight—yet it managed to capture some of the weird sensations and the fearful helplessness Jonah must have felt as he sank into the dark, cold belly of the whale.

Another group elected to dramatize their Scripture, depicting the wicked Ninevites as wearing black leather jackets and carrying chains. A third had the campers themselves role play, improvising situations in which they, like Jonah, felt “angry enough to die” (Jonah 4:9); then the whole group discussed how to deal with selfish anger. The improvising often gave way to silliness and laughter by both actors and spectators, but it did lead to refreshing insights.

One group was truly inspired. When they got to the part about the Ninevites repenting in “sackcloth and ashes,” they sprinkled each camper’s face and arms with flour and taped a paper sack to his back. Funny, yes, but when their group leader said, “Let’s each take a moment to be quiet and repentant before the Lord,” that ridiculous “sackcloth” and those “ashes” somehow took on the significance the real thing must have had for the Ninevites so many centuries ago.

The last group event, “The Sign of Jonah Celebration” (Matthew 12:38-41; Luke 29-32), was a perfect wrap-up for the camp. This group led everyone on a “time travel” back to Nineveh to meet Jonah, complete with bleached skin and bits of seaweed; and then to Palestine around A.D. 33, where Jesus rose to life out of a Volkswagen covered with sheets. Then He led everyone in a celebration march down to the camp football field, singing and carrying signs that read, “Christ is Risen!” and “Praise be to God!”

The advantages of such total involvement, for both planners and participants in each event, were many. Each insight seemed freshly discovered by the campers themselves, not handed down to them from the speaker’s podium. Every hour brought some new activity that involved everyone. The children got to stay with their parents instead of being shuffled off during lectures that were over their heads. And each camper, from oldest to youngest, helped plan his or her group’s part of the camp.

After group prayer and a last lunch of (what else?) fresh fish, the campers voted unanimously that they liked this approach to camping as well as *or better than* the traditional “classes-for-all-ages” approach, especially for a family camp. 

A MOTHER’S PRAYER FOR HER CHILDREN

(Paraphrased from Christ’s prayer for His disciples. John 17 KJV)

BY ODESSA M. AYERS

Father, I come to You through Your Son with my petition for my children. May Christ so live in me that I daily glorify You. You have given Him power over all flesh, that He might give eternal life to everyone You have given Him. This is life eternal, that we might know You the only true God and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

O Lord God, I have endeavored to glorify Your name before my children. I have shown You unto those You gave me. They were Yours to give and You entrusted them to my care to instruct in Your Word. Now they know that all things You have bestowed upon me come from You. In my limited way, I have given them the words You have given me; and they have received them and have believed that Jesus Christ came from You. They have believed that You did send Him. May their lives give evidence to this belief!

I pray for them, O Lord. I pray not for the world, but for those You entrusted to me; for they are Yours. All things whatsoever I have are Yours, and all Your promises are mine. May Christ Jesus be glorified in them. They are in the world, holy Father. Keep them through Your own name, those whom You have given me, that they may become one with You, as I am becoming one with You.

While they were young, I kept them in Your name and I continue to testify of You

to them. These things I speak to them that they might have Your joy fulfilled within themselves. I have given them Your Word, but the world has sought to nullify what they have learned of You. I pray not that You should take them out of the world, but that You would keep them from the world’s evil. They are not the world’s even as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them through Your truth; Your Word is truth. As You have sent me to be Your witness in my world, even so I pray that they may be

Your witness in their world. I willingly offer whatever sacrifice is necessary that they might accept Your truth and be truly committed to You.

Father, I pray not for my children alone, but for all children everywhere who will believe on Your name, that they may all be one with You in Christ,

even as You and Your Son are one; as the oneness I have with You. This I pray for all Your children, that they may so live in their world that others may believe in You and know You sent our Lord Jesus Christ to be their Savior.

Father, I pray that the knowledge of yourself that You have given me may be given them and that they may behold the glory of Your Son and know of a truth that You sent Him to give us eternal life, the abundant life now!

I have declared to them Your name and I will continue to declare it, praying that the love with which You love me may be in them and Christ Jesus in them.

Amen. 



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"How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things." (Romans 10:14, 15)

RECENTLY SOME eight hundred anthropologists meeting in an international convention passed a resolution condemning the Christian missionary enterprise and calling upon the governments of the world to proscribe it. Furthermore, the same group, in four preceding annual conferences, had done the same thing. It seems they do not want their laboratory specimens of primitive people disturbed, so that they may examine them.

The country where they have done the greatest amount of propagandizing against missionaries and where there is a large number of primitive people is Colombia, South America, where Chet Bitterman was killed. With this new wave of antimissionary zeal (which is not the first in the history of the world), I think it well that I consider the subject, "Why I Believe in Missions."

Some tremendous things have been accomplished with the advent of Christianity over nineteen hundred years ago. We saw a world that was half enslaved and we saw slavery destroyed and men emancipated. We saw the station of woman elevated. We saw infanticide removed from the earth. We saw cannibalism destroyed wherever the Gospel of Christ went. We saw the games in the colosseums come to an abrupt end because of the Christian faith.

But there are some more modern results of the Christian mission enterprise, the most successful enterprise in the history of the world. Today it has a tremendous impetus. Most people do not realize this because the greater part of it is taking place in the Third World. According to Dr. David Barrett, working with Project Daystar, there is a net growth of 63,000 new converts to the Christian faith per day in the world today. This is to say that in 1980, for example, more people were won to Christ than were won in the first three hundred years of the Christian era combined.

Is Missions a "dusty old relic" to be relegated to the shelf? Read this appraisal by Dr. D. James Kennedy of Coral Ridge Ministries, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. We are grateful to Dr. Kennedy for kind permission to reprint his message on this timely subject.

To put it another way, in the last two years, an approximate equal number of people were won to Christ as were won in the first one thousand years of Christian history, and 75 percent of it is taking place in the Third World. The transformations are amazing to behold!

Ninety years ago, the percentage of Christians in South Korea was so small that it registered zero. Today, 23 percent of South Koreans are professing Christians. They pledge that by the year 2000, fifty-one percent of South Korea will be Christian, to make it the first nation in the Orient to have a majority Christian population.

If that will be true of a nation, it is also true of a state. In India, in the state of Nagaland, 76 percent profess Christianity. In the Indian state of Mysore, 96 percent of the population are professing Christians—an incredible result of missionary activity. Lord Lawrence, who was a viceroy of India, said, "I believe notwithstanding all that the English people have done to benefit that country, the missionaries have done more than all of the other agencies combined." Sir Bartle Frere, who was the governor of Bombay, said that the teachings of Christianity are effecting changes—moral, social, and political—in India that are far more extraordinary than anything that you or your parents or grandparents have ever witnessed in modern Europe.

Results of Christianity

What are some of the things that have happened as a result of the introduction of the Christian faith? I am convinced that the overall well-being of any people in any nation in the world is very directly proportionate to the advent of the Christian faith. The standard of living, the economy, the education, the literacy—all of these things depend upon its technology, science, and education, and finally upon its literacy as a foundation. Without literacy none of the other things can exist.

What has Christianity to do with that? It is interesting that there are people who continually try to say that Christians are obscurantists; that they are ignorant and are not in favor of education. Nothing could be farther from the historical facts.

I place in evidence some facts concerning what Christianity has produced in the way of literacy in the world. The figures, today, would have little meaning, because we live, as McLuhan has said, "in a global village, where Western civilization has been smeared by jet planes and television sets all around the whole world." If we go back to the beginning of this century, we can see the indigenous cultures producing that which is natural to these particular cultures.

If you examine the various countries of the world, you will find that they fall into three general categories: the pagan nations, the predominately Roman Catholic nations, and the predominately Protestant nations. What is the difference as far as literacy or illiteracy are concerned? Let me give you the literacy rates at the turn of the century in those three categories.

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The pagan nations.

China	80% illiterate
Egypt	92% illiterate
India	93% illiterate

If we continued, you would see that most all of the pagan nations fall roughly between 80 and 90 percent illiterate.

The Roman Catholic churches began to bring the light of the Gospel into the countries listed below, but did not have that peculiar emphasis upon reading the Word of God that is so distinctive of Protestantism. Nevertheless, some changes were made.

Illiteracy in:

Spain	46%
Portugal	69%
Mexico	70%
Argentina	54%
Rumania	61%
Greece	57%
Italy	38%

Primarily, the illiteracy rate in Roman Catholic countries ran from about 40 to 70 percent.

There are predominately Protestant countries with their distinctive habit of reading the Word of God. Remember that in the Mayflower Compact the Pilgrims said, as they sat offshore in that little ship before landing on this new continent, that they would teach their children how to read. Why? In order that they may read the Word of God! The result:

Illiteracy rates in Protestant countries at the turn of the century:

United States	6.0%
Canada	6.0%
England	6.0%
Holland	4.0%
Switzerland3%
Germany1%

prise, in particular) was being attacked by scoffers. He spoke up and said, "I challenge any skeptic to find a 10-square-mile spot on this planet where they can live their lives in peace and safety and decency, where womanhood is honored, where infancy and old age are revered, where they can educate their children, where the gospel of Jesus Christ has not gone first to prepare the way. If they find such a place, then I would encourage them to emigrate thither and there proclaim their unbelief."

It is strange that every infidel owes all of his freedoms to attack Christianity upon the very religion against which he rails. After having climbed to a place of success and privilege and prosperity, he now kicks out from under him the very ladder by which he ascended and lives without God and dies without hope.

Christianity and Science

What else has Christianity done? How about science? How often do we hear it stated that Christianity has been a foe of science! We are told about Galileo and the opposition of the Roman church to him, which is sad but true. But we are not told the even more true fact about the relationship of Christianity to science. In the sixties and seventies, ecology was all the rage on the college campuses. I remember,

in my doctoral studies, taking a course in ecology and discovering something very interesting in those textbooks. At that time science was at an all-time low in its popularity. To ecologists, as you may well know, science is the great bugbear of the world: it is destroying humanity, polluting the environment, and doing all sorts of other nasty things.

It is interesting that these books belabor the fact that it is Christianity that is to blame for giving us this monster, science. They went to great lengths to show that it was Christianity that spawned this Frankenstein monster of science. Is it not interesting that when science is riding high in popularity, then Christians are said to oppose it; but when science has dropped low in popular ratings, then the Christians have given it to us?

It is a fact, however, that science did begin in Western Christian civilization and

it could not have begun anywhere else. Why? Consider the Muslim world. It made a stab at it—having the writings of Aristotle for centuries—and made some slight progress, but never anything significant. Why? Because the whole Muslim concept of fatalism is diametrically antithetical to the basic science premise of progress. Without the concept of progress there can be no science.

The whole Oriental world dominated by Hinduism and Buddhism has one tenet in common, and that is that the only true existence is the existence of "god," Brahma; that all of the universe is a mere illusion; that the great end of religion is simply to teach people finally to understand that the only thing that does exist is "god."

My friends, you cannot have science in a world that teaches that all our senses tell us is a deception and that reality does not really exist. Science is based entirely upon the observations of the senses. Therefore, it could never have arisen in such a culture as that.

It is interesting also to consider that if evolution had arisen before science, then science could not have arisen in an evolutionary milieu. Why? Because the basic premise of evolution is randomness. It did and only could have arisen in the Christian culture that gave us a world where the real world actually existed and was guaranteed in its existence by God—in a world that had regular, ordered laws created by this same God. Therefore, all of the early scientists were believers in God or believers in the Christian faith.

If the Christian Gospel were successful in a community there would be no need for jails at all. We would not need police. We would not need locks on our doors. Is that idealistic? Let me tell you, it has happened and it does exist today. Take the great revival in the Hebrides at the turn of the century. So pervasive was the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ that in some cases entire towns were converted with the result that the jails were emptied and closed. There was no crime at all—no murder, no theft, no rape. Why? Because of Christians who had received the Gospel of God's grace—not nominal Christians—who had been born anew by receiving Jesus Christ into their hearts personally, and who had become new creatures in Him.

How about the tremendous improvement in health? It was Christianity that brought about the first hospital in this world. In A.D. 370 the first hospital was created, interestingly, in the city from which the first great missionary enterprise went forth: Caesarea. Everywhere Christianity has gone, it has sent medical missionaries; it has established hospitals in virtually every

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
BY DR. D. JAMES KENNEDY

Based upon that literacy and the education that flowed from it, all of the tremendous technological and scientific advancements have come about that have lifted the standards of living in the world today. That is why the average income of a person in America runs into the thousands and thousands (\$9,458 in 1980) of dollars, whereas in China an annual income is still about \$400 per year. The difference is Christ! Yet the unbelieving world wants to forget that and tries its best to do so.

As far as education is concerned, it is well known that the first 120 colleges and universities established in this country were established for the advancement of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the glory of God.

It is interesting that James Russell Lowell, the great literary man who was Minister of the State for the United States to England, was once at a banquet where the Christian religion (the mission enter-

heathen land in the world. These have been imitated and emulated centuries later by unbelievers. It was not until the shadow of the Galilean passed over that land that there blossomed forth the medical arts and care for people. Consider leprosariums. Never did anyone gather together lepers in order to treat them and care for them until Jesus Christ came and reached out His hand and touched a leper.

What about old age homes? The heathen worshiped their ancestors, but some of them set them adrift on ice floes to die. It was not until Christ came that there was provision for them. And for children, everywhere Christ has gone there are orphanages that are collecting and caring for needy children. What tremendous benefits have come in this way because of Him! For all these reasons, and others, I believe in the great enterprise of missions. Mission—the greatest, most successful, most thrilling, most extraordinary movement in the history of the world! And, every Christian can have a part in it. 

MAY I share with you some reasons why I believe? All good reasons, none of them the really real reasons. One is my family. I believe because I was brought up in a believing family. I don't make any bones about that. I don't know what would have happened to me if I had been born in the depths of Manchuria of a Chinese family. I just don't know. I do know that I was led to believe in the love of God as soon as I was led to believe I should eat my

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WHY I BELIEVE

BY LEWIS B. SMEDES

NOT A STRONG BUILDING FAMILY UNIT

oatmeal. We did a lot of believing in our house. We didn't have much else to do, as a matter of fact. Other kids sang, "Jesus loves me this I know 'cause the Bible tells me so." I sang "Jesus loves me this I know, 'cause my Ma told me so."

I wasn't alone. You probably heard about a reporter asking the great German theologian, Karl Barth, toward the end of his career, "Sir, you've written these great volumes about God, great learned tomes about all the difficult problems of God. How do you know they're all true?" And the great theologian smiled and said, "'Cause my Mother said so!"

Families are God's primary missionary society. 

Let's Be Friends

THE HEALING LIGHT

BY HOWARD MACY

As I write this, it has just been a few weeks ago that Agnes Sanford, a remarkable servant of God, passed away. She is widely known for her teaching about healing and especially for her book, *The Healing Light*. What surprised me was learning that this book came about because of an experience she had among Friends.

As she recounted the story, on one occasion Agnes was deeply impressed as she visited among Friends during a particularly powerful meeting for worship. At the conclusion of the meeting she asked, "What are you going to do with this?"

"With what?" Friends responded.

"With the Presence—the power that heals. I'm speaking of the presence of the Holy Spirit. It's here. The place is full of its power. What do you do with it?"

Taken aback, Friends replied tentatively, "We just enjoy it."

"That's not what it's for," Agnes urged. "It's to do the works of Christ."

Out of that experience, Friends invited her to teach them about the power that heals. *The Healing Light* grew out of her lectures to them. Since then, her insights into God's love and power to heal have helped many people.


There have been times, at least, when Friends clearly have known and used the powerful presence of the Spirit to do the works of Christ, including healing. The now lost *Book of Miracles*, for example, apparently recounted stories about George Fox healing quite a variety of people and conditions. Fox's *Journal* still contains some brief stories of this sort, most often about cases the physicians had considered hopeless. Perhaps the most intriguing is the story about a traveling companion of Fox who suffered a broken neck when thrown from his horse. Fox and the others took him for dead. Yet God's power through Fox's compassion (and head-twisting that would make even a chiropractor blush) revived him and restored his health. (Nickalls, *Journal*, pp. 631-2)

No doubt there are stories of healing among Friends in many of the generations between George Fox and today, but I don't know them. Nonetheless I do know a number of Friends who have quietly gone about this work of Christ in our time. I have heard testimony and stories of healing, simple to dramatic, that witness powerfully to God's love and active presence among us. Healing is not merely an ancient phenomenon.

Unfortunately, many Friends have been skittish about this topic. Healing has been viewed too often as a carnival sideshow featuring disreputable religious hucksters. On occasion it has been just that. The important thing to see is that the bright-lights-and-banners approach is not the whole story.

The simple truth is that the whole Gospel includes healing—new sight for the blind, leaping for the lame, hearing for the deaf, and more. It is an act of God's power and love through people who are compassionate and open to the life of God. It is a normal part of what it means to do Christ's work in the world. Even though healing has been misunderstood and abused, it is still a wonderful part of God's Good News.

Agnes Sanford's charge to Friends still seems fresh. The powerful Presence that we can know is not merely to enjoy, but to do the works of Christ.

Let's be Friends! 



BY JACK L. WILLCUTS

Where Does the Family Fit In?

A thoughtful psychiatrist was probing the life goals of his patient. He gave him eight pieces of paper and told him to write on each something that was very important to him. When the task was completed he asked the patient to arrange them in order of importance. He had found it easy writing out the eight important things in his life, but arranging them in order proved to be almost impossible.

The evangelical market is now experiencing a glut of books, seminars, films, and magazine articles on the subject of the family and how to enhance it. It is the "Year of the Family" for the National Association of Evangelicals. This issue of the *EVANGELICAL FRIEND* is also articulating this concern.

"God, family, job," is the current priority. That sounds entirely right since I love all three of these priorities. To even question this brings an emotional reaction, except for one thing . . . my question is, "Where does the church fit into this scheme?"

The New Testament has more to say about the church than it does about the family. What it does have to say about the family is usually in relation to the church—"God's household," the "family of believers." (Ephesians 2:19; Galatians 6:10) The most prominent New Testament passage about the family is in Ephesians 5:22 through 6:4. There Paul's instructions follow a lengthy discussion of church life keyed by the command for the Ephesians to bear "with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit . . . to the end that the church may be built up." (Ephesians 4:2-3, 12) The subject of the family arises much later as illustrative of one of the several ways that unity and love in the church should manifest themselves.

Writing on this point, Ben Patterson (in *Leadership*, Vol. II No. 4, p. 44) insists the church doesn't need the family, the family needs the church. The family must be planted firmly in the soil of a vital Christian community to bear the fruit it was meant to bear.

What does this mean? Well, it has a lot to do with priorities. At the risk of being on the harsh end of the emotional sweep of sentimentality now surging over us regarding the family ("I shall be telling this with a sigh . . ." Robert Frost, in *The Road Not Taken*), I am troubled about what this great family emphasis is doing to the church. The most sacrosanct reason that can now be given for turning down a position of service in the church is that "it would take away time I need to give to my family." Say

that, and the discussion is over, the question is laid to rest, the mouths are shut. Never mind there are not enough workers to care for children's church, or a regular Sunday school teaching assignment, or irregular participation in prayer meeting or evening worship. What is meant well and supposed to be the guarantee against divorce and family breakdown may be actually missing the point entirely.

It is becoming increasingly easy to justify extravagant expenditures on vacations, recreational vehicles, and home improvements because it helps to build up the family. The danger is that the family can become a convenient excuse for turning our backs on other people. The New Testament and Quaker practice have another priority to consider too. What about the call to be hospitable to strangers, to visit the sick, to feed the hungry, and to clothe the naked? It is too easy to avoid these problematic and pressure areas of discipleship if they happen to bring a strain on family life. But making the church an extension (when it seems helpful) of our families is not a God-ordained set of priorities. There is nothing distinctly Christian about a strong family. Buddhists have them, secular humanists have them, the Mormons have them. The family is to be an extension of the church, not vice versa.

It is true that the family is a God-established institution. It is the best way in the world to produce civilized human beings. But we may expect too much of our families. To be what God has in mind for us, the family is not strong by being a "nuclear unit" but by being an extension of the household of God. It is this connection that ultimately counts for strengthening both.

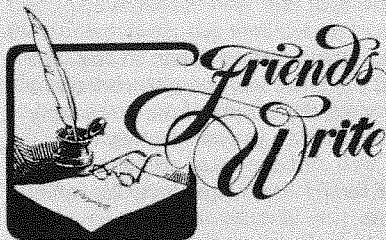
The family that is consistently involved, committed, and rooted in the church is the one that stays together with proper perspectives. The family needs to be saved from itself.

This concern comes from one whose family roots are deep and precious, not from one whose marriage, home, or background is broken. It comes with compassion for any whose may be, but the answer is in Christ and the church when experienced properly. The church and family are almost inseparable in my most intimate memory and relationships as the youngest of six and the father of three. Detaching the family from the church for wrong reasons is shortsighted and mixed-up prioritizing. ☐

Family Frozen Assets

On the Kansas farm where I began, the fondest family focus was around making and eating homemade ice cream. Winter snows packed into pit silos lasted all summer; readily accessible milk cows stood by as handy dairy queens. Any kid could turn an ice cream freezer (licking the paddle when finished, sometimes before). "Ready yet?" Family anticipation mounts, laughter, the absolute heavenly moment of dipping into a heaped-up dish on a hot day (or any occasion)—this shared sensation is frozen into our family's salivary memory banks.

The family that makes homemade ice cream together never melts away. ☐



A Hearty 'Amen'

■ I have always been proud of the Friends heritage of women in the ministry and I offer a hearty "amen" to the recent articles in *EVANGELICAL FRIEND*, but two things recently occurred to me that have a bearing on this general topic. (1) If we believe that women have an equal place in our pulpits, then by percentage half of our pastors should be women. (2) At a recent summer camp planning meeting in which our committee sought to balance our class teachers equally with women, our committee struggled for names of women who could fill such positions. I am sure it is not because God withheld such gifts from women, but

because "Deborah and Phoebe" are either shy to use their gifts or they are not being encouraged by the rest of the body. Arise, women, for you are needed!

BRUCE BRAY

Portland, Oregon

Balance the Pendulum

■ I enjoyed reading the March 1982 *EVANGELICAL FRIEND* about women and God's callings on their lives. May I mention an important area to which God has called me [as] a full-time mother? My four years of college, two years of graduate school, master's degree in education, and five years as a public schoolteacher all pale in significance to what I am doing now. There are few magazines anymore that mention, let alone promote, motherhood as a calling. May the *EVANGELICAL FRIEND* not be another publication to hop aboard this popular but unbalanced pendulum.

LINDA WALKER

Newberg, Oregon

Delete Vulgarisms

■ On page 26 of the February issue of our *EVANGELICAL FRIEND* appears an article "Sights and Sounds" by Mike Snow. Was this article carefully read before printing? If so, why wasn't the vulgarism deleted? (This is found under the caption WORDS.) Though not spelled out the vulgarism is initialed. Nevertheless, this is a protest of its use in any publication. (Ephesians 5:11, 12)

We appreciate the work done by our Publications Commission and look forward to this means of contact.

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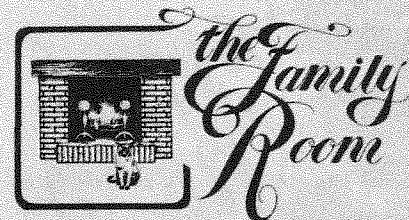
Spiritual Concerns for 'Gather'

■ I wonder if we would not all benefit from the "Friends Gather" section more if rather than sharing mostly activities we were to more often share our spiritual experiences and conditions, answers to prayer, and spiritual growth, as well as some of the struggles and frustrations that are experienced by every congregation. I would like to see this department become less a place for tallying and reporting activities and more a means for reaching out to one another to share needs, praise, and encouragement.

CLETA CRISMAN

Salem, Oregon

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FAMILY NIGHT

BY NANCY WOODWARD

A weekly family night is a good method for building family unity. As children grow older our family schedules get busier. A planned evening once a week for a family activity is a positive way to encourage family interaction.

One way to help make these times more interesting for your children is to let them take turns planning the evening. The younger the child the more help they will need planning the activity. Since our children tended to choose activities that cost money when it was their turn, we put a dollar limit on what we would spend. We also made the rule that they could spend money every third turn. Since we rotate weekly and have five in our family, that means each child can choose an activity that costs money about every third month.

Another guideline for family night is the requirement that every family member participate. If another family member chooses an activity that is not our first love, we must all participate willingly. (The penalty for a child's bad attitude if they do not like the choice is a deduction in their weekly allowance.) We believe this principle teaches the children to appreciate each other's ideas and interests.

The purpose of a family night is to have fun together and to stimulate interaction and conversation between family members. One idea for a family night activity is

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First Day News

QUICK QUAKER COMMENTARY

VERN and LOIS ELLIS, Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting missionaries at Rough Rock, Arizona, made an extensive deputation trip beginning in late March through April. Their schedule took them to more than 20 churches in Eastern Region, Mid-America, and Iowa yearly meetings. The Ellises have been working with the Navajo people at Rough Rock since 1955.

RUSSELL MYERS, general superintendent of Evangelical Friends Church--Eastern Region, and his wife, Marjorie, have returned to their home in Canton, Ohio, after temporarily living in Virginia since last fall as an experiment in regional management.

MAURICE ROBERTS of Topeka, Kansas, has accepted an invitation by the Executive Council of Mid-America Yearly Meeting to become Superintendent of Administration for the Yearly Meeting beginning July 1. Maurice is the current president of the Evangelical Friends Alliance.

KEITH SARVER, retiring superintendent of California Yearly Meeting, was the recent recipient of a 1982 Distinguished Service Award from George Fox College, Newberg, Oregon. Sarver was cited for "outstanding leadership in the Friends Church" at a college dinner in California.

TOM MULLEN of Richmond, Indiana, gave the Leonard Wines Memorial messages April 25 at Westgate Friends Church, Columbus, Ohio, with a family emphasis entitled "The Power of Humor to Hurt and Heal in the Family."

FRIENDS FOCUS

SPEAKERS LISTED FOR NATIONAL PEACEMAKING CONFERENCE

"Christians Confronting the Nuclear Arms Race" will be the theme of the third national conference of New Call to Peacemaking, to be held June 17-20, 1982, on the campus of Elizabethtown College, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania.

Evening speakers at the conference include Gordon Cosby, pastor of the Church of the Savior in Washington, D.C., and Mary Cosby, speaker with World Peacemakers; Sojourners editor Jim Wallis; Catholic priest Daniel Berrigan; and Myron Augsburger, Mennonite evangelical leader. Morning Bible lectures will be given by John H. Yoder.

New Call to Peacemaking is a program of the "Historic Peace Churches"--the Mennonites, Church of the Brethren, and Friends--which was begun in 1976 as a joint effort in exploring the implications of the biblical call to be peacemakers.

FRIENDS MINISTRY CENTER OFFERS CLASS

Charles Ball, C. W. Perry, and Charles Mylander will be teachers for a church leadership course July 12-23. The course is sponsored by Rose Drive Friends Church and Azusa Pacific University and qualifies for three graduate or undergraduate credits. C. W. Perry and Charles Mylander are pastors at Rose Drive Friends; Charles Ball is a well-known Friends minister now living in Ohio and professor emeritus of Azusa Pacific University. Additional information about the course is available from Friends Ministry Center, c/o Rose Drive Friends Church, 4221 Rose Drive, Yorba Linda, CA 92686; 714/528-6496.

COMMITTEE PROVIDES AID FOR NEEDY

The Committee on Prejudice and Poverty of New England Yearly Meeting seeks funds each year to help relieve the plight of those in need. One example of the committee's work is a \$1,000 interest-free loan made two years ago to an organization in Maine now known as Blueberry Woolens. This group of people in a deprived area wanted to start a knitting operation and needed money for yarn and supplies. In September 1981 the loan was paid off, and this money is now available for the Committee to reinvest in another needy project.

SLIDE/TAPE MISSION PRESENTATIONS AVAILABLE

Three slide presentations dealing with particular aspects of missionary work in India, and one each for Taiwan and Hong Kong have been prepared by missionaries Anna Nixon, Russell Zinn, and the Aufrances. A tape and manuscript accompany each slide set. Contact the EFC--Eastern Region office for additional information: 1201 - 30th Street, N.W., Canton, OH 44709.

"I Have Called You Friends" is a 17-minute slide/tape overview of the life and work of Friends in Kenya and Uganda. The new audiovisual presentation is based on the December trip to East Africa of Kara Cole and Eldon and Virginia Helm. Kara Cole is administrative secretary of Friends United Meeting and Eldon Helm is associate secretary of the Wider Ministries Commission of FUM. Requests for use of this presentation should be addressed to Wider Ministries Commission, 101 Quaker Hill Drive, Richmond, IN 47374.

PURPLE RIBBONS USED AS VISIBLE SYMBOL OF CONCERN

The wearing of a purple ribbon is being promoted by a number of national religious groups (including the New Call to Peacemaking) to show concern for the victims of national policy. Purple represents mourning, and the focus for concern is on three issues: the escalating arms race and military budget, the drastic cuts in human services, and the increasing U.S. military support for Central American repression. Individuals have been encouraged to wear a purple ribbon until the close of the UN Special Session on Disarmament (July 9). For more information on the campaign contact the Institute for Peace and Justice, 2913 Locust, St. Louis, MO 63103.

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LOAN TO SISTER CHURCH IS GIFT OF LOVE

It was last May that First Friends, Canton, Ohio, set aside a "Launch Day" as they began to raise funds to launch a building project that would add a new sanctuary and enlarge Christian education facilities. These new facilities were dedicated in April with the help of a loan from Tecumseh, Michigan, Friends Church. On February 28 Tecumseh's elder of stewardship, James Baker, traveled to Canton to present a \$100,000 check to Canton Presiding Clerk Ron Johnson and Pastor John Williams, Jr. Tecumseh's loan with no interest charged for five years means saving thousands of dollars in debt service for the grateful Canton congregation.

PASSING THE BRICK

A brick was given to every family at Hayden Lake, Idaho, Friends Church one Sunday recently. It was part of a special missions emphasis: a reminder to pray for the people of Arequipa, Peru. The next Sunday the bricks were returned and each family's name put on the brick they had returned. The bricks were then used to make a replica of the Arequipa homes. The replica signified the unity as a church in supporting the missionaries in prayer. Many homes in Arequipa are mere shelters as poor people from the mountainous highlands migrate to the city.

'QUAKERS ARE FRIENDS IN TIMES OF TROUBLE'

That was a front-page headline in Defiance, Ohio, March 24. The story began as follows: "Some people talk about their religion. Some people live it. A perfect example of the latter can be found this week in Defiance as dozens of volunteers of the Evangelical Friends Church converge on Defiance to assist residents dealing with the aftermath of recent flooding."

Three major disasters in three states gave opportunity for local volunteers to work through the Friends Disaster Service in March.

When a tornado struck Hallowell, Kansas, 16 Friends responded with tractors and trucks to help out. According to Don Davis, coordinator, the workers came from Atlanta, Rose Hill, Friendship, and Lowell.

At Fort Wayne, Indiana, when the Maumee River flooded, two groups from Indiana Yearly Meeting traveled to that city and worked to aid evacuees. John Myers, pastor of the Friends Church at Ft. Wayne, and Phil Compton, coordinator of the effort (from Jonesboro), directed the disaster relief. After the flood waters receded, the group returned in April to give further assistance.

The Defiance flooding was the most recent project of relief help. Dean Johnson, assisted by Bill Lawson of Ypsilanti, Michigan, and Mike Briggs of Barberton, Ohio, worked during the entire third week of March to help the flood victims. (See related story on back cover.)

'NEW CALL' HAS NEWSLETTER

New Call to Peacemaking, a cooperative program of Brethren, Friends, and Mennonites, distributes a quarterly newsletter that provides "a point of contact for the New Call network to stimulate and encourage each other in the mutual commitment to peacemaking." News, concerns, and requests for subscriptions should be addressed to New Call to Peacemaking, Box 1245, Elkhart, IN 46515. A \$5 contribution is suggested to cover costs for subscriptions to the newsletter.

INFORMATION SOUGHT REGARDING FRIENDS AND ALCOHOL PROBLEMS

Readers with information about Friends' approaches to alcohol problems since 1650 can assist a special study. Names or brief reminiscences about the work or witness of individual Friends or Friends bodies would be welcomed by Sabron R. Newton, 5406 S. University, Chicago, IL 60615. Of special interest would be the positions taken and the efforts put forth by women.

NEW GEORGIA CHURCH WELCOMES TRAVELERS

Charity Friends Church is one of the newest among Eastern Region Friends and is now meeting at 2676 E. Piedmont Rd. in Marietta, Georgia. Pastor Milton Leidig invites Friends who are visiting in the Atlanta area to give him a phone call at 404/425-2331, and he will gladly give directions for visitors to join them in their worship services.

BIRTHDAY PARTY AS OUTREACH PROJECT

A birthday party was the special project for the community outreach committee at Morningside Friends, Port St. Lucie, Florida. The party was planned for about 30 of the boys at the Indian River Correctional Institution. Church members were invited to "show that we care" through attending the event, sharing a small gift, and maintaining contact with a boy for a year following the birthday party.

QUAKER THEOLOGICAL DISCUSSION GROUP ANNOUNCES TOPICS

Vocal Ministry is the theme for the 25th anniversary conference of the Quaker Theological Discussion Group to be held July 13-16 in Barnesville, Ohio. Special attention will be given to three topics: "Contemporary Concepts of Preaching in the Society of Friends," "Vocal Ministry Within the Gathered Meeting," and "Vocal Ministry to the World." Galen Weingart, clerk of Eastern Region, is one of the featured speakers.

'CONCERNED ABOUT SUCH POVERTY AND SPIRITUAL NEED'

Lloyd Hinshaw, pastor of the Empire Friends Church, Vale, South Dakota, shares from a recent trip to Haiti: "My heart has been deeply moved that we who have been blessed with so much might share with those who have so little. . . . It is yet impossible to forget and not be concerned about such poverty and spiritual need. . . . However, it is easy for us to be moved emotionally and sacrificially give without giving forth the total message of the Gospel--to meet the needs of the total person. To just clothe the naked, heal the sick and feed the hungry is not enough. Equally, it is not enough to piously tell them to believe upon the Lord Jesus Christ and have mansions in heaven. One suffering hunger pains is not likely to hear such an evangelistic appeal. But when both aspects of the Gospel are combined, we may have an effective ministry."

Lloyd accompanied Royal Runyon, pastor of Seiling, Oklahoma, Friends and a couple of other Seiling members on a fact-finding trip to an independent work that Seiling Friends helped initiate and have been supporting.

PIE THEATRE

One pie was the family admission fee for an evening of dramatics, fun, and fellowship at Reedwood Friends, Portland, Oregon, in April. Four short plays were presented and the admission fee was redistributed.

MORE YEARLY MEETINGS ANNOUNCE PLANS

Speakers at Wilmington Yearly Meeting will include James Newby of Yokefellows International; Robert Hess from Malone College; Kara Cole, administrative secretary of Friends United Meeting; and Steve and Marlene Pedigo of the Chicago Fellowship of Friends. D. Elton Trueblood will bring the Sunday morning message for the July 28-August 1 meeting in Wilmington, Ohio.

New England Yearly Meeting will have two speakers from Philadelphia--Margaret Bacon, assistant secretary for information and interpretation for the American Friends Service Committee, and Francis Brown, general secretary of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. NEYM will be meeting in Gorham, Maine, August 17-22.

North Pacific Yearly Meeting will be held at Judson Baptist College in The Dalles, Oregon, July 22-25 with Kara Cole as the Friend-in-Residence.

JAPANESE FRIENDS LOOK TOWARD CENTENNIAL

The 1981 epistle of Japan Yearly Meeting notes that in another five years Japanese Friends will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of Friends work in their country. The Yearly Meeting has set four projects to work on for the anniversary: (1) the translation of George Fox's Journal into Japanese; (2) preparation of a centennial history of Friends in Japan; (3) writing their own Queries; (4) writing testimonies of their belief.

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playing games together. Our children like playing the Ungame, Monopoly, Dominoes, Risk, Rook, Charge-it, and the like. One winter evening we spread a picnic cloth on the living room floor and roasted hot dogs in the fireplace and ate "smores" for dessert. Another idea for a winter family night is to invite an older couple to come show slides of some trip they have taken. Our children were duly impressed by the slides of a big game hunt shown to us by a couple from our church.

Having another family over for dinner and a fun activity is still another idea. One evening my husband organized a four-course mystery dinner for our family and another family. We ordered off a menu, course by course, items such as "staff of life," "Rabbit Food," and "a Sword." Only when served did we know what we had ordered. It produced several laughs when someone was served only a toothpick, a baked potato, a pickle and celery. Manners were not important at that meal!

Summer family nights often include a bike ride and a stop at the ice cream parlor, swimming, going on a hike, a picnic, or playing a lawn game. The possibilities for activities together are as unlimited as our imaginations.

I believe planning a weekly time for fun together communicates to our children that they are important. For those few hours they will have both of their parents' attention. We will not read a book, talk on the phone, or watch T.V. We will have fun with them.

Granted each week is not a "high" in family communications. There are certainly sibling squabbles, tears over losing a game, a few bad attitudes, but I believe the process is worth it. Family night helps us grow together. It is a way to nourish deeper relationships within our family.

Hopefully the time invested in a weekly family night will bear fruit in the lives of our children in the years to come. 

Resource book: Family Night at Home, a manual for growing families, edited by Phyllis Martens and Dennis Becker, Kindred Press, P.O. Box L, Hillsboro, KS 67063. 1981. 153 pages. \$7.95.



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'Family' Position Paper Reflects NAE's 40 years as a Responsible Voice

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS—The avalanche of immoral forces battering the fragile structure of today's family prompted the National Association of Evangelicals to issue a position paper supportive of the traditional Judeo-Christian family. Avoiding reactionary statements and remaining true to 40 years of responsible and positive action, the NAE designed the comprehensive eight-page statement to help reestablish the true meaning and nature of family.

Adopted during NAE's "Save the Family" convention, the paper condemns the incessant pursuit of self-gratification as a force that has "shattered the sacred bonds of human society's basic institutions."

Other destructive symptoms of this anti-God "all-consuming passion for personal so-called freedom," the paper states, are materialistic gains at the expense of family well-being, media full of sex and violence, immoral sexual conduct, and an abdicating of moral growth to secularized public education.

While setting forth axioms for the church to help the family grow spiritually and relationally, the paper states, "The primary responsibility, however, for maintaining family cohesiveness and seeing that the home fulfills its four-fold purpose of intimacy, love, nurture, and support rests squarely upon each parent."

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—N.A.E.

Mother Teresa to Open Kentucky Mission

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY—Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who won the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize for service to the poor in India, will open a mountain mission in eastern Kentucky this summer. Plans for a mission to be managed by Sister Teresa's Missionaries of Charity were announced by the Rev. William Hughes, the Roman Catholic bishop of Covington. Mother Teresa is expected to visit Kentucky in June to open the mission.

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Religious Leaders Endorse Call For Nuclear Arms Freeze

WASHINGTON—More than 125 religious leaders and organizations have endorsed a joint congressional resolution that calls for a mutual freeze and reduction in nuclear weapons by the United States and the Soviet Union. Introduced in the Senate by Mark O. Hatfield (R-Ore.) and Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.), the resolution calls on the two superpowers to achieve "a mutual and verifiable freeze on testing, production and further deployment of nuclear warheads, missiles, and other delivery systems." Following the freeze, it calls for "major, mutual, and verifiable reductions" in nuclear warheads and delivery systems.

Endorsers of the proposal included numerous representatives of the scientific, academic, medical, legal, and political professions. Among them were former Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman J. William Fulbright, former New York Governor Averell Harriman, former U.S. Ambassador to the Soviet Union George Kennan, Salk Institute Director Jonas Salk, former Arms Control and Disarmament Agency Director Paul Warnke, and Karl Menninger of the Menninger Foundation.

—E.P.

NAE Draws Attention to Drunken Driving

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS—With drunken driving claiming about 26,000 lives and injuring an additional one million throughout the United States in 1981 alone, the National Association of Evangelicals adopted a resolution at its 40th annual convention in March calling attention to the senseless carnage wrought annually by this often ignored human tragedy.

The statement challenges the NAE constituency, and all within evangelicalism, to address this crisis and "join community efforts to create public awareness of this national problem and join in court monitoring, petitioning, and letter writing in support of legislative and judicial actions designed to prevent further deaths and injuries."

—N.A.E.

MacDonald Calls Government Cuts a Church Opportunity

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA—Addressing several hundred pastors and church leaders here, Rev. Gordon MacDonald, pastor of Grace Chapel in Lexington, Massachusetts, and a member of World Vision's board of directors, challenged the Christian com-

munity to pick up the slack left by the government in meeting the needs of suffering people worldwide and in this nation. "There will be many enormous vacuums created as government cuts back its foreign and domestic aid programs, and if Christians don't seize the next few years to invest their resources in the whole person, then we have passed up one of the greatest opportunities that history has ever presented," said MacDonald. "I think the 1980s offer an unparalleled opportunity for Christians to stand up and be counted in terms of whether or not they truly believe in compassion. We've discovered that government cannot do everything; the church now has the opportunity to be the church." —E.P.

World Is Watching Christians' Ethics

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA—The world is watching the church to see if the Gospel makes a difference in the lives of its members, theologian J. I. Packer told a seminar at the Congress on the Bible here. "We have, on the whole, done rather badly," said Packer, an ordained Episcopal priest and professor of systematic and historical theology at Regent College, Vancouver.

He told the seminar on "biblical ethics" that the battleground in the "battle for the Bible" had shifted from the area of doctrine to the area of ethics. The responsibility of Christians in the area of ethics, he said, was to commit themselves to accept as truth whatever they find the Bible saying.

The Bible, he stated, is not a textbook on theology or ethics but "truth wrapped in human life and practice." The task of Christians, he said, is to "unshell the universal truths and apply them to the present." He urged that Christians confront the ethical problems upon which they are able to have a practical effect.

—E.P.

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ALC Bishop Urges Peacemaking Efforts in Report to Districts

MINNEAPOLIS—Presiding Bishop David W. Preus of the American Lutheran Church has issued a call to peacemaking in his annual report to the ALC's 19 districts. The ALC presiding bishop also announced his intention to attend the May 10-14 Peace Congress of World Religions in Moscow. The conference is sponsored by the Russian Orthodox Church and will attract approximately 400 leaders from around the world.

Preus acknowledged "the very real risk that the Soviet government will seek to use the conference for propaganda purposes." However, he added, "Some attempts must be made to maintain human ties across the East-West gulf. Certainly the church, with its transcending loyalty to God, ought to be in the forefront of that effort." —E.P.

Graham Decides: He Will Go to Russia

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA—Evangelist Billy Graham, despite pressure from the Reagan Administration, has accepted his first invitation ever to proclaim the Gospel in Russia.

On May 11 Mr. Graham will speak to religious and world leaders at the "World Conference: Religious Workers for Saving the Sacred Gift of Life from Nuclear Catastrophe." He will speak on the Christian's understanding of peace in a nuclear age.

It was the nuclear conference that had White House officials concerned. According to reports, Mr. Graham was pressured not to make the trip when it was first projected because the White House feared his presence might be used for propaganda purposes.

"It is my sincere prayer," said Graham, "that this visit will make at least a small contribution to better understanding between the peoples of the Soviet Union, the United States, and other countries of the world." —E.P.

Pastoral Letter from Nicaraguan Evangelicals Critical of U.S. 'Warlike Attitudes'

VALLEY FORGE, PENNSYLVANIA—The General Assembly of CEPAD, an organization of evangelical Christians in Nicaragua, has issued a "pastoral letter" to "the Christian churches of the United States, the people of the United States, and all people of good will." The letter, signed by 26 Christian leaders of the Evangelical Committee for

Help and Development spoke of "the warlike, intolerant, and arrogant attitudes of the government of the United States, the occurrence of a whole series of actions which have been detrimental to the people of Nicaragua, since the new administration took over," and the "moral and, possibly, the direct backing which the American government has given and continues to provide to groups who have the clearly expressed purpose of destroying our government and preventing it from carrying out its programs."

The message states that "If the American government continues this policy, its logical consequence will be the isolation of Nicaragua from the Western nations with the extremely serious implication that we will not have access to resources, goods, and markets which are geographically close to Nicaragua, and this will bring suffering to our people." The message continues, "We are sure that a nation where a high percentage of the people were committed to Christ, and which maintains that it has been bred upon Christian principles, will want to conduct its actions according to the Lord's designs." They then appeal for intercession on their behalf with the U.S. government and "before our heavenly Father." —E.P.

New World Vision Role Planned for Stan Mooneyham

MONROVIA, CALIFORNIA—Dr. W. Stanley Mooneyham has resigned as president of World Vision International to take on expanded responsibilities with that organization. "It is with a mixture of regret and happiness that the board accepts his resignation as president," said board chairman Alex Fisher. "Dr. Mooneyham led World Vision through 13 years of unprecedented growth."

The board, in accepting Dr. Mooneyham's resignation, named him Senior Advisor to the chairman of the board. In this role, he will be involved in formulating strategy, organizational planning, and cultivating relationships with international agencies and governments. Dr. Mooneyham's resignation becomes effective September 30.

Dr. Ted W. Engstrom, currently executive Director of World Vision's United States support office, will become president on October 1. Dr. Engstrom served as World Vision's executive vice-president beginning in 1963 before assuming leadership of the United States program in 1980.

—World Vision



Sheila Moore is greatly loved by her home church in Alliance, Ohio, and shares her testimony somewhat reluctantly, hoping not to call attention to herself. Her spiritual growth through the experiences she relates inspires others.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

BY SHEILA MOORE

What happens to a mother who is up to her ears in car pools, school activities, has a son in college, has all the typical duties of a homemaker, spends her spare time as a Friends youth sponsor, and suddenly she is stricken with *multiple sclerosis*?

At the age of 39, I was all those things, and I always thought an incurable disease happened to someone else, not me! They tell me that less than 10 percent of the people stricken with MS are in a wheelchair right at first. Well, I had to be one of the 10 percent.

I spent about a week of really being depressed and asking God, "Why me? What have I done? What am I going to do now? How can I take care of my husband and two children from a wheelchair?" Then I remembered that no one ever promised me that my Christian life would always be easy and that there would be no trials, but God did promise (Hebrews 13:5) that He would never leave me nor forsake me.

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and continue to be depressed and feeling sorry for myself or I could pray for acceptance and ask the Lord to help me through this trial. The decision wasn't hard and the Lord did just what I asked. He gave me such a peace within that the words *multiple sclerosis* no longer terrified me.

I knew that the Lord was going to teach me something from all this. The first lesson was quite clear. In 22 years, I had never been completely convinced that being a housewife and mother was all that I should do, and I wasn't sure my family always appreciated the everyday things I did.

It is amazing how fast they realized what Mom did, when *they* had it all to do! My mother moved in with us and took charge, and everyone tried to do their share in the house and for me. It was like God was saying to me, "Now do you know how very much they love you and appreciate you?"

The second lesson (actually two lessons in one) became apparent to me when I decided to stay home from church rather than let several men carry me up the stairs. I am no ballerina, and my chair wasn't light either. I really let my pride get in the way. That soon got to be very boring and lonely too. God reminded me how wonderful it was to be a part of His family at Alliance Friends. They were doing so much for me and their love and concern was genuine, and most of all they were praying for me constantly. I knew, too, how much I missed "my kids" at the church and it was great when they greeted me with a smile and a hug.

One day I was reading the book of James and I really looked at chapter 5, verses 14-15. "Is anyone sick? He should call for the elders of the church and they should pray over him and pour a little oil upon him, calling on the Lord to heal him. And their prayer if offered in faith, will heal him, for the Lord will make him well." (LB) I knew this was what I wanted. I called the

elders and they came. It was so beautiful and meant so much to me because I knew everyone in that room really believed.

It was at that time I added something new to my prayers. If I were to walk again, I wanted God to show me some little sign of progress each day. If not, then show me what I was to do from that chair. I also made a promise that when I did walk again, I would go to the front of the church and ask them all to praise the Lord with me.

The Lord did just as I asked. Each day I could do some little thing that I couldn't do the day before. I was able to stand for a minute or two with braces on both legs and with the aid of a walker. I started into therapy and began an exercise program. Sometimes my legs would fight against all the exercises, but my husband was always there to make sure I kept trying. My therapist, who is also a Christian, set goals for me each month, and never told me that anything was impossible. I kept progressing, and in a short time I could take a few steps. In a few months, I was able to walk with new braces and crutches and then I graduated to just braces.

My neurologist called me and asked me to come in to see him. He said that he had been hearing good reports about me and wanted to see for himself. I guess it had been about 10 months since I last saw him.

When I walked in, he could hardly believe it. He told me how very happy he was that I could walk with braces. But by that time, I no longer needed my leg braces. He just couldn't seem to believe me. He looked at me for a long time and asked, "Sheila, what do you think did this?" I replied, "I know the Lord did it for me!" He hesitated and then said, "You know, I have heard of things like that happening. I will tell you two things, though, (1) I didn't do it, and (2) the medication I gave you didn't do it!" He then asked me if I had consulted the Lord more since this happened and I had to admit that I had. The doctor had, in his own way, confirmed my belief that a *miracle* had taken place in my life.

On December 20, 1981, I kept my promise and I *walked* to the front of Alliance Friends Church and asked my Christian family to praise the Lord with me. I am not claiming that I have a complete healing because I don't know that. *But*, God has given me a gift and I accept that gift, and I consider it to be a *miracle*. I am going to continue to praise Him for the lessons He has taught me, and to live for today, always putting Him first in my life, and let Him take care of tomorrow.



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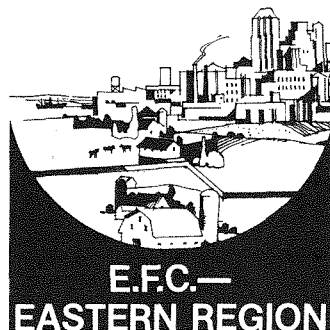
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EFC—ER Happenings

A FAMILY LIFE CONFERENCE is scheduled for June 4-5 at Malone College and is sponsored by the Friends Action Board of EFC—ER. "Toward Better Families" is the theme, and the guest workshop leader is Sheldon Louthan, director of the Friends Center on Family Living, Friends University, Wichita, Kansas.

The purpose of the two-day seminar is to train church leaders, pastors, and workers to help meet the needs of families in local communities. Emphasis will be placed on the biblical mandate of ministry to families and how to identify basic family needs in the home churches.

How to register? Write Howard and Emma Blasiman, 11552 Rockhill NE, Alliance, Ohio 44601, that you plan to attend. Cost is \$15 (individual) or \$25 (couple), which includes registration, overnight lodging, plus Saturday's breakfast and lunch. Dean Johnson is coordinating the conference.

SEVEN SCHOLARSHIPS are available for persons desiring to attend the third national conference "New Call to Peacemaking" to be held June 17-20 at Elizabethtown College in Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania. The Friends Action Board, realizing the importance of this gathering, is offering to pay the \$80 cost to attend the Conference, if EFC—ER representatives will assume the cost of travel. Please contact Dean Johnson in Peninsula, Ohio, if you wish to apply for a scholarship.

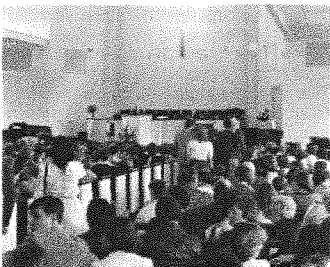
MEN'S RETREAT received a big boost on March 13 when 81 men met for breakfast at the Hippy Hop Restaurant on Route 62 between Alliance and Damascus. Warren Betz reported that the meeting was set to invite Northeast Ohio Friends Men to come for fellowship and for information about the '82 Retreat at Cedar Lakes. Dean Johnson showed slides of last year's Retreat and of the Mexico City church building project.

RETREAT FOR FRIENDS WOMEN dates will be October 15-17. The place will be Cedar Lakes Conference Center in Ripley, West Virginia.

Watch for announcements later concerning speakers and program.

WILLOUGHBY HILLS Friends have made a decision to go ahead with a building program estimated to cost \$450,000 in order to provide facilities for the marked increase in attendance. In making the decision, Elder of Stewardship David Bennett reported that giving had increased 94 percent at the end of 1981, compared to 1980. Last month Stan Scott, evangelist from Steubenville, conducted a series of special meetings. According to Pastor Dale Diggs, the church is trusting God in this new "adventure of faith" in outreach.

DEDICATION SERVICE for the new sanctuary at First Friends Church, Canton, Ohio, was held April 4, 1982. The 750-capacity sanctuary was filled when General Superintendent Russell Myers brought the dedication message. The building project also included more classroom space and a new fellowship hall accommodating 300 persons. The accom-



panying photo shows Friends gathering for the first service in the new sanctuary.

THREE YEARLY MEETINGS (Philadelphia, Ohio Conservative, and EFC—ER) were represented by 50 Friends who attended the March 12-14 Retreat at Camp Robyn Haven near Cambridge, Ohio. The purpose for meeting was to communicate on a personal basis what are the concerns of their yearly meetings. Many questions were asked in small groups, and much time was given to getting acquainted and sharing. The theme for the Conference was "The Immediacy of the Holy Spirit," and William Taber from Barnesville and Pendle Hill gave two messages emphasizing the biblical record of the working of the Holy Spirit, examples in Quakerism, and the specific offices of the Holy Spirit.

When the conferees left on Sunday afternoon, it was with appreciation that some bridges had been built among isolated groups of Quakers. According to Robert Rumsey, chairman for the conference, it was a step toward the goal of helping to find unity among Friends.

When asked for his evaluation of the conference, Alvin Anderson said: "It was a good weekend because we were able to meet together in wor-

ship, in sharing, and in recreation. The informal setting enabled us both to ask and to answer questions. I left the conference with a great concern that Evangelical Friends visit other branches of Friends and share Christ in personal witness. I especially appreciated the cordial invitations extended to visit local and yearly meetings. If we are a family of Friends, then let us give greater emphasis to Christ and less emphasis to differences that separate us unnecessarily."

Those attending from EFC—ER were Galen Weingart, Lauren King, Edward and Ruth Alma Mitchell, Mike and Cindy Briggs, Mark and Terri Engel, Alvin and Lucy Anderson.

FREDA FARMER stopped over in Taipei, Taiwan, for a short visit in March with former colleagues and friends enroute to Indonesia to begin a second missionary term under Wesleyan World Missions, with headquarters in Marion, Indiana. She worked for a total of 17 years in Taiwan, with a part of that time "on loan" to the Friends Mission. Her current address is Box 54, Magelang, Jateng, Indonesia.

ORANGE ROAD Friends began last August to develop an evangelism emphasis in their church planning by bringing Jerry Wenger to the staff as Church Planter Associate. The program has four phases: leadership development, evangelism explosion, an evangelistic Sunday school, and the forming of small groups for nurture and fellowship. Pastor Tom Crawford, Education Elder Ed Walsh, and the other members of Administrative Council are working with Wenger to plant a new Friends church in the Gahanna area of Columbus. "We are excited about what is happening at Orange Road Friends Church and praise God as we watch the body of Christ come alive in the Greater Columbus area," said Wenger.

Focus on Malone

The Malone College Forum Lecture Series presented Judy Woodruff, NBC White House correspondent and political specialist, on April 19 in Osborne Hall. Her topic was "An Objective Comparison of Presidential Ways."

The annual Missions Conference brought to the campus a team of missionary workers from all over the world during the third week of March. Dr. Sam Kamaleson, vice-president of World Vision, was the featured speaker, as he shared what God is doing in pastors' conferences and national ministries in which he is involved. Other visitors included Bill and Roxanne Rinehart of OMS International, Jim and Jeannine Hosey and Frank Dewey of World Gospel Mission, James Lilly of

Sudan Interior Mission, Blair and Martha Duff of Wycliffe, Gerry Longjohn, and Anna Nixon of EFC—ER India field.

Dr. Kenneth Markley, Christian psychologist in the Akron area, spoke at Chapel April 19 on "Security and Self-confidence." Dr. Markley is projects coordinator for the Naramore Christian Foundation.

The Sound of Music is the spring presentation by the Fine Arts Division and the Drama Department. It will be presented May 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, and 15 in the Performing Arts Hall, with Alan Hedges as stage director and Charles Sims as musical director. Quaker students participating in the production are Patrice Dagenhart, Dan Hess, Sandy Phillips, Lyle Linerode, Missy Hieronimus, Russ Nutt, Nancy Elsass, Julie Merrin, Rick Merrin and two children—Jennifer Fehlman and Kristin Johnson.

Dr. Richard C. Halverson, Chaplain of the United States Senate and former pastor of Fourth Presbyterian Church in Bethesda, Maryland, will be the speaker at Malone College's 90th commencement on May 29, when 147 seniors will graduate.



ROCKY MT. YEARLY MEETING

RMYM Briefs . . .

BRIGHTON, Colorado—A number of young people attended a concert by Nick Rossi recently. Included with the group were several girls prayed for by the Youth Bible Study.

ARVADA, Colorado—Northwest Friends has organized a youth group for grades 4 through 9. The group meets bimonthly.

DENVER, Colorado—The Denver Area Friends (Peace, Northwest, and

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Junior	July 11-16	\$40

Women's Retreat—Star Ranch, Colorado Springs, Colorado, September 17-19.

First Denver) recently held a reunion. Northwest and Peace are daughter churches of Denver Friends.

LA JUNTA, Colorado—New members can make a difference. Two young mothers have joined La Junta Friends in an active way— Sunday programs, plus a weekly home Bible study.

VALE, South Dakota—Pastor Lloyd Hinshaw recently traveled to Haiti with a group from Kansas. They visited the "Independent Haitian Work."

Dr. Lowell Roberts of Wilmore, Kentucky, recently held evening meetings. Attendance was good. Prayer for fruit from the meetings is appreciated.

GRAND JUNCTION, Colorado—During April church members attended a Lay Witness Mission. Lois Elsmare served as local coordinator.

Idea Forum: Omaha Friends Share Program Ideas for Other Churches

Here are ideas other churches might find useful to stress the importance of the family or to get more members involved in regular Scripture reading. If your church has a program it would like to tell others about, send the information to Mike Henley, 1660 So. Shoshone, Denver, CO 80223.

Values Game

Different ideas are written on pieces of paper. Examples include \$1,000,000, happy family, good family life, new car, success, etc. The papers are distributed to all present (three to each), then about five minutes are spent trading what one needs with others. At the end of five minutes each individual tells why he or she made the trade.

Reading the Scriptures

At the beginning of 1982 the church began "walking through the Bible." The Navigators "Daily Walk" is used as a guide. Each Sunday the sermons coincide with Scripture readings for that week.

Anniversary Edition Available

Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting will publish a 25-year anniversary edition. The book will contain a history of the Yearly Meeting, information about missions, a prospectus about the future, and information about Quaker Ridge and Yearly Meeting organizations. The edition will also feature pictures from the past and the present.

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Yearly Meeting Prayer Opportunities:

1. Pray for Arden Kinser as he pastors the Colorado Springs Church. He and his wife recently accepted a call to pastor the church.

2. Claim Isaiah 55:11 ("So shall My word be which goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.") for Yearly Meeting churches as they proclaim the Gospel to nonbelievers.

3. Ask God to make believers in Yearly Meeting churches even more willing to obey Him and to grow in Christlike behavior.

Why I Can't Come to Church Sunday

Dear Pastor,

You often stress attendance at church as being very important, but I think a fellow has a right to miss now and then. I think every person should be excused for the following reasons and number of times indicated:

Christmas (the Sunday before or after)—One time.

New Year's (party lasted too long)—One time.

Easter (get away for the holidays)—One time.

July 4 (national holiday)—One time.

Memorial Day (visit hometown)—One time.

Labor Day (need to get away)—One time.

School closing (kids need a break)—One time.

Schools open (one last fling)—One time.

Family reunions (mine plus my wife's)—Two times.

Sleep late (Saturday night activities)—Five times.

Deaths in family—Four times.

School activities (prom, etc.)—Three times.

Anniversary ("second honeymoon")—One time.

Sickness (one for each family member)—Five times.

Business trips (a must)—Two times.

Vacation (three weeks)—Three times.

Bad weather (ice, hurricane, rains, clouds)—Six times.

Ball games—Four times.

Unexpected company (just can't walk out)—Five times.

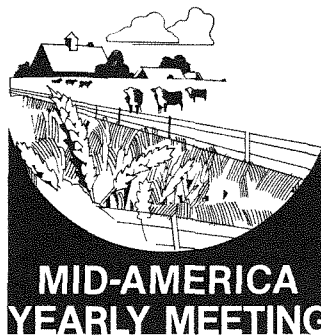
Time changes (spring forward, fall back)—Two times.

Special on TV (Super Bowl, etc.)—Three times.

Pastor, that leaves only two Sundays per year. So, you can count on us to be in church the fourth Sunday of February and the third Sunday of August unless providentially hindered.

Sincerely,
A Faithful Member

—New Hope Friends newsletter
(from LeGrand Friends newsletter)



Sojourner's Reflections

"These things have all been surrendered to the Lord within the last 30 days," said Musama pastor Ndbakenga as he spoke of revival and church growth. We were standing in an anteroom of the meeting-house. On the floor was a large collection of items used in witchcraft. We asked about the umbrella and a folding chair standing against the wall. "These were things of pride which stood in the way of victory, so they too were surrendered to Jesus," he explained.

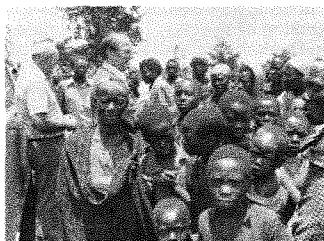
We then heard an account of how God had blessed pastor and people. The Lord was adding to His Church through the response of needy hearts to the faithful ministry and witness of believers. We heard of miracles of healing and of the defeat of demon powers—we met gifted, dynamic, and "turned on" youth and new Christians.

The Friends Church in Burundi has other such bright spots dotting the ministries of her nearly 50 congregations. These attest to the faithful work of dedicated, God-blessed missionaries who have invested themselves in that tiny landlocked country in Central Africa.

Fred Littlefield, board president, and I have just returned from an administrative visit to the field—his second and my fourth such assignment. Our itinerary was full.

Not all our contacts had the spiritual glow and fervor noted above. The blessings are often overshadowed, if not obscured, by burdens.

A maturing church has been gearing for its own identity and independence. Proposals have been made in contractual agreements to



Fred Littlefield and missionary David Kellum (left) with Burundi nationals.

make provision for the recognition of a new, official Burundi Yearly Meeting. Property and leadership roles have turned from the mission to the church as steps have been taken to assure the process. We were warmly received and had good dialogue with the *Inama Iroranya* (Executive Council) with much progress.

We had hoped to assist the missionaries and the church in fine-tuning the agreement so that a long awaited Day of Celebration could be announced. Our suitcase diplomacy did not turn out that way. The "Day" is postponed, but lines of mutual responsibility and relationship have been brought into sharper focus and clarified. This, then, provides a more wholesome comfort zone for the ministries of overworked mission staff, fewer numerically now than in many years.

It was heartening to view the improvements being made to church facilities through the "Sister Church" program. Congregations in MAYM have adopted improvement projects by furnishing funds for materials as the nationals furnish labor on a 2/3 to 1/3 basis.

Individual consultations with missionaries and corporate staff meetings enabled us to clarify correspondence, minutes, and manuals. We discussed goals and charted personnel needs. There is still much work to be done in Burundi, and it appears American personnel will be needed for some time to come. Balancing that need against the mandate of Christ "for all the world" and budgetary provisions during an inflated economy is an ever-prayerful challenge.

In addition to our Burundi visit, we had opportunity to make Kenya pastoral calls on our MKs at Rift Valley Academy and MAYM staffers, Bill and Penny Scott, who serve there under Africa Inland Mission. We visited with Rachel Chilson at Nakuru, and Edith Ratcliff, Hal and Ann Cope in Kaimosi. Since Fred Littlefield serves as International Student Advisor for Friends University, contacts were also made with alumni, prospective students, and U.S. Embassies in Nigeria and Kenya.

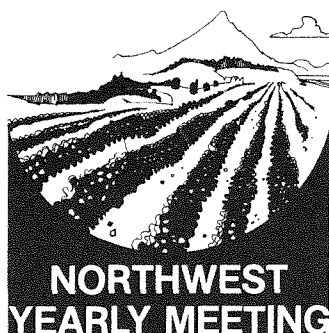
—John L. Robinson

Friends Bible College

Students at Friends Bible College, Haviland, Kansas, have been actively involved in outreach ministries again this spring. Eight students worked at Council House, Wyandotte, Oklahoma, repairing, painting, and cleaning for the local fellowship; six students have presented religious drama for high schoolers and church worship services; 20 students have assisted with Christian education workshops held in various churches; basketball team members while on road trips have conducted worship services in a number of Friends churches; and other students have been on lay-witness weekends and gospel teams. The FBC Concert Choir also has a full

performance schedule for the balance of the school year.

Dr. David LeShana, president of George Fox College, Newberg, Oregon, was the commencement speaker for Friends Bible College graduation on May 2, 1982. Dr. LeShana, outstanding Quaker leader and educator, spoke to the graduates, their families and friends on "A Time for Greatness." Friends Bible College graduates receive either a B.A. or B.S. degree. All graduates have majors in Bible. In this year's class six students also carry a double major in Christian education, three in music, two in elementary education, and one each in missions and pastoral ministries.



Around Northwest Yearly Meeting

TALENT FRIENDS CHURCH dedicated a remodeled sanctuary, basement enlargement, and new office space that more than doubled the total floor space of their facility. New pews have also been purchased for the redecorated worship center. Paul and Patsy Miller are pastors.

AARON HAMLIN with Ernest and Katrina Cathcart spoke at the Inland Area Rally at East Wenatchee, Washington, Friends Church in April. Using the theme of "Ministries in the Inner-City," they discussed the goals and programs of Piedmont Friends Church in Portland and ways of becoming involved in social concerns. Don Green of Reedwood Friends in Portland joined them to journey to Spokane, Hayden Lake, and Post Falls Friends churches for Sunday services. Aaron Hamlin also recently attended a President's luncheon at the White House for black pastors; he represented the National Black Evangelical Association.

DR. MYRON F. AUGSBURGER, well-known Mennonite educator, author, and evangelist, will be the speaker for the 1982 sessions of Northwest Yearly Meeting July 25-30 on the George Fox College campus. Dr. Augsburg will speak at both ser-

vices Sunday morning at Newberg Friends and twice each day during the sessions. The men's banquet and Friends Women's Missionary Fellowship banquet will be Saturday evening, July 24. A full schedule of youth activities and children's activities will be held.

ON MAY 9 Peninsula Friends Church near Sequim, Washington, dedicated their new facility and sanctuary. David and JoAnne Whitcomb are the pastors but have resigned after nine years at Peninsula Friends; David did a major part of the work on the remodeling and plant addition.

FRIENDS YOUTH from North Valley, West Chehalis, and Newberg churches traveled to Eugene, Oregon, during spring vacation from school in a "Give Away-Get Away" time in which they donated their time and energies to help the Eugene youth pastor with his house construction and other carpentry projects, as well as one day volunteering to work without charge for the community. Two-member teams knocked on doors to offer their ministry of love and help.

ROSEMERE FRIENDS had a parsonage debt mortgage-burning event recently. Dick Henry is the pastor.

GEORGE FOX COLLEGE has reported nearly \$400,000 was given by the Friends churches of Northwest Yearly Meeting in cash or pledges toward the successful Chapel Fund drive.

RALPH BEEBE was one of the main panelists for a recent conference at Rose City Park Methodist Church in Portland on "Waging Peace: Christian Discipleship in the Nuclear Age."

OUR MISSIONARIES are on the move. Wayne and Bev Chapman have finished language school in Mexico, have just finished a month

of vacation, and fly this month to Peru. Jean Clark has finished three years of teaching missionary children in Peru and is visiting relatives before returning to the Newberg area. Ed Cammack, former missionary, returned to Bolivia in April for a one-month assignment to teach new believers in developing areas and made some visits of encouragement in Peru. James and Gail Roberts will return in June for their second term of service in Bolivia. Ron and Carolyn Stansell will be coming to the States for furlough in June and will be living in Newberg. Randy and Mary Morse will be returning to the States in June, having completed their second term of service. Gil and Louise George will return to the States the end of June. Gene and Betty Comfort, former missionaries, will return to Bolivia in June for short-term service this summer, donating their time to give some much-needed help filling in during vacations and traveling to outlying churches. Hal and Nancy Thomas, Dwaine and Becky Williams, and Roscoe and Tina Knight continue their present assignments.

1982 Summer Camps

Twin Rocks

Tween Camp	July 12-17
Junior Boys Camp	July 19-24
Junior Girls Camp	Aug. 9-14
Surfside Camp	Aug. 15-21
Family Camp	Sept. 3-6
Adult Fellowship	Sept. 17-20

Quaker Hill

Senior High	June 13-18
Family Camp	July 3-9
Tween Camp	July 11-16
Boys & Girls Camp	July 18-22
Basketball Camps:	
Boys	August 1-6
Girls	August 8-13

Young Friends Conference Set for Memorial Day Weekend

A Young Friends Conference is scheduled for Memorial Day weekend at the Harbor Villa Retreat Center at Rockaway, Oregon.

"This One Thing I Do..." is the retreat theme, with Paul Anderson and Don Green of Reedwood Friends pastoral staff and Arthur Roberts of George Fox College as the main resource leaders. Focusing on the meaning of Christian commitment, discipleship, and the devotional life of prayer, the sessions will be informal with time for interaction and discussion.

The conference is sponsored by the Friends Youth Coordinating Committee of Northwest Yearly Meeting and directed by Field Secretary Gayle Beebe. All between the

ages of 18 and 35 are invited, single or married. The cost is \$23 if pre-registered by May 23; after that date cost is \$28.

Around George Fox College

A Parents Council to George Fox College President David LeShana has been formed composed of 22 parents with the following goals: to develop more communication among parents, sharing news, encouragement and ideas for parental involvement with the college; to assist GFC Admissions Department by contacting parents of prospective students and hosting receptions; and to assist the GFC Financial Aid Office in seeking further financial support for the college.

Francine E. Walls, director of library services for George Fox College, has been selected for inclusion in *Outstanding Young Women of America*. Before coming to GFC she was assistant director of the Seattle Pacific University library.

Students at George Fox College have established a "hotline" to receive calls from the community from those wanting assistance. Nearly 40 students have volunteered to cook a meal, stack wood, do minor repairs, clean, do yard work, babysit, transport people to a doctor, do shopping, or perhaps talk, sing, or read to someone wanting companionship. The program, which is free, is established under a new Community Involvement Service and operated through the student body's Christian Service Committee in cooperation with the Social Science Department.

George Fox has named Keith Sarver, retiring superintendent of the California Yearly Meeting of Friends Church, as recipient of a 1982 Distinguished Service Award. The award was presented at a college dinner in California recently. Sarver was cited for "outstanding leadership in the Friends Church." He is in his 24th year as superintendent of California Yearly Meeting of Friends, with 7,000 persons in 35 churches and mission work in Guatemala, Honduras, and Alaska. Sarver also served two terms on the George Fox Board of Trustees.

Low income individuals, senior citizens, and handicapped persons were offered free help in completing their tax forms by GFC business course students trained by GFC Accounting and Finance professor Nancy Gritta.

March 14 was George Fox College Sunday throughout Northwest Yearly Meeting as faculty, administrators, and students were in all of the 54 churches in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho in an effort coordinated by

Coming Events

MAY

- 14 Inter-Mission annual program, GFC
- 20, 22 Family Theatre, GFC
- 21 Spring Concert, GFC
- 28 Alumni Banquet, GFC
- 29 Baccalaureate, 10:30 a.m., speaker Paul Rees, GFC
- Commencement, 2:00 p.m., speaker Charles Colson, GFC
- 29-31 Young Friends Conference, Harbor Villa Retreat Center, Rockaway

GFC Church Relations Director Gene Hockett. The programs involved sermons, brief talks, testimonies, vocal and instrumental music selections, and group performances, as well as information updates on the college. The day was planned to allow church members "to join in the celebration of what God is doing through George Fox College," Hockett said.

Calling it "one of the most significant developments in recent years," GFC President David LeShana has announced the establishment of a Century One Planning Commission, charged with the responsibility of developing a master plan to guide the college to its 100th anniversary in 1991. The Commission is chaired by David V. Myton, coordinator of teacher education, Oregon Teacher Standards and Practices Commission, who served as head of the college's teacher education program from 1966 to 1976. Representatives from faculty, administration, students, alumni, parents, staff, Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends Church, evangelical churches, and the surrounding Newberg community make up the commission.

FRIENDS GATHER

(Editor's note: With first mention of a church, the name of its pastor is noted in parentheses.)

Youth

A good indication of the continued growth and the influence of the Friends Church in years to come is manifested in the preponderance of Youth work and activities in this month's church activities.

LA JUNTA, Colorado, (Robert Storms) youth are participating in a junior choir. La Junta church members are promoting projects to help their youth raise money for summer camp. At **PLAINS**, Kansas, (Stan Thornburg) a special message in music and narrative entitled "Hey God, Listen!" was presented by the children of God Squad under the direction of Diana Hoover. The William Penn College Chorale of Oskaloosa, Iowa, directed by Dr. David Evans, was presented in concert March 7.

Debbie Williamson and Todd Follette are freshmen at Friends Bible College from **VALE**, South Dakota, (Lloyd Hinshaw). The **PLEASANT VIEW** Friends Church, Eagle Springs, North Carolina, (Terry Knighton) youth group seems to have taken a new interest in the church. Their Sunday school class has challenged the Young Adult Sunday school class to see who can

bring in the most visitors in a two-month period. The youth group also took a skiing trip in January. Some of the youth from Immanuel Friends, Eden, joined them.

BOISE, Idaho, (Harold Antrim) youth of all ages have been active. *Come, Messiah Come*, a musical drama, was presented by the Kids of the Kingdom (their junior choir) Sunday evening, March 7, and Friday evening, April 2. Ken VandenHoek attended the Solo Ministries Singles' Conference March 24-26 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Two of the young people, Lisa McKeen and Tim Jackson, went with a busload of students from Boise State University for the Campus Crusade Conference on Evangelism at Daytona Beach, Florida. Parents of four-year-olds to sixth graders were invited to experience church school in action at Open House Thursday, February 18.

Alan McQuigg of **MIAMI**, Oklahoma, (Jerry Mercer) has been accepted at the Dental College in Oklahoma City. He toured with the Singing Quakers of Friends University during spring break. Two children of the pastors were in the play *The King and I* at the local college. Little Friends Day Care Center is a service to the community and a help to the church financially. A group from Friends Bible College ministered on Easter Sunday.

The AWANA clubs at **DAMASCUS**, Ohio, (Joseph E. Kirby) are going great with a record 109 students, making a total of 151 including workers. The bus is being used to pick up students. Commanders Tim and Nancy Filp have planned a varied program such as "zoo night," when each brought their favorite stuffed animal, with prizes being awarded. Members are being used each Sunday morning to share their thoughts and feelings about the clubs. These are youngsters third through eighth grades. Youth Director Watson Cosand and wife, Anna, and five young people have returned from Hong Kong and Taiwan, where they ministered in song, the Word, and testimony. This has been a tremendous growth experience.

"Light of Life" youth choral group from **ORANGE ROAD**, Westerville, Ohio, (Tom Crawford) has ministered widely. Mark Lewis described the underlying purpose of every member of "Light of Life." He said, "Since my Christian life is an important part of my life, I want to share it with people." **WINONA**, Ohio, (John W. Leedy) junior Friends Youth adopted grandparents for one of their projects this year. On Valentine's Sunday they presented each grandparent with a red carnation. One of the objectives for the project, besides showing their love and God's love, is to become acquainted with the older members of the church.

Outreach

HIGHLAND AVENUE, Salem, Oregon, (Glenn Leppert) tried a number

of new things to promote community involvement, all of which are working well. The congregation prepared a calendar using a printed back with a Gospel message, and for pictures, old bulletins. Some 500 of these were distributed in the community early in December. Each month, as folk tear off the old month's page, there is a reminder the church is there. They opened their doors to the Girl Scouts and to an Al Anon group and released their pastor to spend the school day at the local elementary school as the "time out" supervisor (which gives plenty of time to counsel). A "letter to the community" sent out at the beginning of the New Year stated their desire to meet the needs of the neighborhood. They are finding those needs and are thankful for God's resources for filling them.

BOISE, Idaho, had a "Senior Citizens Sunday," when Associate Pastor Clare Willcuts preached on Christian Growth. The ladies of the PWC society of **MT. PLEASANT**, Ohio, (Richard Gessling) celebrated their 49th anniversary with a special program. Activities presently include making articles for the Friends Disaster auction to be held in September. Seven new members were formally taken into the church in a recent morning service at **DAMASCUS**, Ohio.

Missions

BOOKER, Texas, (Glenn McNeil) Spanish Mission has "spun off" another Spanish mission work at Gate, Oklahoma. Two home Bible studies are also being held in Perryton, Texas, by their Spanish Mission, including training in personal evangelism. From **FOWLER**, Kansas, (Ron Ferguson) Tony Weber, student at Friends University, made his second trip to Haiti during midterm in December, spending two weeks in mission work. Fowler church contributed approximately \$400 for his travel expenses, plus an offering used to buy food for Haitian orphans. Other recent ministries include generous offerings for Alfred and Ruth Miller (home on furlough from Burundi), the planting of a new church in Kansas City, and blankets for third world refugees through CROP. Their investment with STEER, Inc., netted over \$300 for Rough Rock Mission. There have also been special projects for ministries to families in the local community.

DAMASCUS Rebecca Coleman Missionary circle held an oriental dinner, and Anna Cosand spoke of her recent trip to Hong Kong and Taiwan. **COLORADO SPRINGS** (Arden Kinser), **LA JUNTA**, Colorado, and **FIRST DENVER** (David Brantingham) churches were inspired with visits by Everett and Alda Clarkson, EFM missionaries to Mexico. **NEW POINT**, Virginia, (Byrd Puffenberger) had Anton Dieselkuhn, tenor, the son of missionaries, sing and speak in their morning service.

He has traveled widely in the United States.

Church Plant Improvement

Approval has been given for commencing immediately with the construction of the multipurpose building at **FRIENDSWOOD**, Texas. Donated labor will be used as much as possible for a savings of \$20,000. Joe and Sally Roher from Canton, Ohio, have accepted a call to become the pastors. At **MORNING-SIDE**, Port St. Lucie, Florida, (J. Daniel Frost) the dedication day for the new sanctuary building was held



February 28 with Russell Myers and Eugene Collins participating. At the afternoon service, which concluded with the Hobe Sound Bible College chapel choir singing "The Hallelujah Chorus," 250 persons were counted. It was a grand and inspiring service. The program included an announcement by Vic Klassen, building finance committee chairman, that as of the offering in the morning service, the building was being dedicated debt free.

Improvements to the church plant at **FOWLER** include installation of new carpet in the sanctuary, other rooms, and hallways. New hymnals, *Praise! Our Songs and Hymns*, were given by Carrie Routon and her family in memory of her husband, C. N. Routon. **ROSE VALLEY**, Kelso, Washington, (Roger Sargent) installed and dedicated a beautiful stained glass window, designed and donated by Ned and Linda Hutchinson, in the front of the sanctuary. Volunteers at **CANTON**, Ohio, (John P. Williams, Jr.) have been working hard painting the interior of the new sanctuary and Sunday school rooms. A Noah's Ark mural is being painted in the Sunday school area under the direction of Londa DiSabatino.

At **MIAMI** a new paint job, lowering stage into levels, carpeting sanctuary and vestibule have added a new look. Cushions for the pews have been ordered. A third bedroom, pantry, and kitchen covering have been added to the parsonage. **SOUTHEAST**, Salem, Ohio, (Lynn Shreve) held a mortgage-burning service March 7 for the completion of payment for a \$37,000 loan on a Sunday school addition, a narthex, and an office. Joe Roher, administrative assistant of EFC—ER, spoke in the morning service. A fellowship meal

was held after the service, then a praise service with "The Ascensions" in concert.

Christian Education

Around 40 persons, representing three churches, attended the Christian Education Seminar sponsored by **FOWLER** Friends Education Committee. Robin Johnston, professor of Christian education at Friends Bible College, and students from FBC were in charge. The pastor is teaching a series on Friends history and basic beliefs in the Sunday evening service. Merl Kinser, pastor at **ENID**, Oklahoma, has been teaching classes in "Personal and Family Money Management" at Friends University and at Indiana Yearly Meeting, as well as in the Enid church. Stanley Brown, estate planning coordinator from Friends University, will end the series of seven sessions at Enid by giving a seminar on "Estate Planning and Sound Money Management."

Social

A surprise birthday party was held for the pastor of **BELLEFONTAINE**, Ohio, (Philip E. Taylor) after an evening service. Also recently he was

interviewed by a Dayton television personality and was able to give his testimony at the time. Pastor Taylor explained how he wanted to serve the Lord when he took an early retirement as a veterinarian. The Bellefontaine church called him, so he left North Olmsted, Ohio, and began a new profession. When the interview was aired, it showed Pastor Taylor busy at the church preparing for his next service. The **CANTON** "Friends Over Sixty" group met recently for a covered-dish luncheon and discussed future directions. The couples in their 20s met for an evening of games and fellowship at the home of Jim and Joyce Hendershott.

BEAVER PARK, Penrose, Colorado, (Dave Mercer) had a mother-daughter banquet in May. Men of the church prepared and served the meal. The church recently held a going-away fellowship for Ruth Donley, who moved to California. At **EAST GOSHEN**, Beloit, Ohio, (Charles Bancroft) 70 fathers and sons had a wonderful evening at a father-son banquet; Dan Manley, basketball coach at Malone College, was guest speaker. Also, Frank Saracina, a freshman at Malone, shared his testimony. A fun time of "Family Feud" was enjoyed by par-

ticipants and audience alike when **ROSE VALLEY** held their annual Fellowship Dinner.

Deeper Life

SOUTH SALEM, Salem, Oregon, (Hubert and Vivian Thornburg) is experiencing an "unscheduled" revival! The church recently had a decision to make about sharing the building with another congregation, and as God's will was sought in the "Friends" way by waiting upon the Lord for each to receive clear leading, a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit came upon the congregation. The Spirit has brought unity in a truly miraculous way, as well as reaching into individual hearts with power and healing. The church is praising God for His loving response to their need and for the fresh wind of His Spirit that continues to blow over them.

FOWLER participated along with all the churches in town in the World Day of Prayer service March 7 in the United Methodist Church. Pastor Ron Ferguson gave the message on "Prayer in the Family." Others on the program from the church were Chris Weber, who read the Scripture, and the male quartet singing "Just a Closer Walk." **COLORADO SPRINGS**

church members now receive Sunday sermon outlines designed to fit in a three-ring loose-leaf notebook. One of the **BOISE** adult Sunday school classes has been taking a short course on the history, ministry, and the philosophy behind the ministry of Quakers, under the leadership of Clare Willcuts. A new Wednesday evening Bible study group recently emerged out of the Becomers Sunday School Class, followed by a fellowship hour.

At **PROVIDENCE**, Virginia Beach, Virginia, (James Kilpatrick) the pastor is teaching a survey of the Old Testament in his home on Thursday evenings. Billy Gable is leading a study of the book of Ephesians during midweek prayer meetings. Also Elaine Foster has been teaching the book of Proverbs at a ladies' Bible study Tuesday mornings and the same study to the youth on Wednesday evenings. A "love feast" dinner, followed by a communion service, was held recently at **SMITHFIELD**, Ohio, (Norman Anderson). Community Lenten services began with the first service held in the Friends church. The Easter cantata, involving the community, was hosted also by the Smithfield Friends.

—Compiled by Ruth Brown

FRIENDS RECORD

BIRTHS

ARMSTRONG—To Steven and Charlyn Armstrong, a daughter, Brooke Lyn, March 14, 1982, Lynwood Friends, Portland, Oregon.

BANYAS—To Jack and Robin Banyas, a son, Keith Randolph, December 23, 1981, Martins Ferry, Ohio.

BRANTINGHAM—To Sam and Becki Brantingham, a daughter, Lydia Patience, December 21, 1981, Martinsville, Virginia.

COMFORT—To Steve and Kandie Comfort, a daughter, Crystal Renae, March 18, 1982, Newberg Friends, Oregon.

CORBIN—To Tim and Valerie Corbin, a daughter, Evelyn Rae, February 28, 1982, Adrian, Michigan.

DUNN—To Janet and Michael Dunn, a son, Adam Michael, August 11, 1981, Eagle Springs, North Carolina.

EURE—To Daniel and Alice Eure, a son, Daniel Todd, January 5, 1982, Martinsville, Virginia.

FREDRICKSON—A daughter, Echo Joy, to Jim and Gayle Fredrickson, December 25, 1981, Vale, South Dakota.

GARNER—To Kim and Deborah Garner, a daughter, Alisha Dawn, February 23, 1982, Eagle Springs, North Carolina.

HARRIS—To Robin and Harlie Harris, Jr., a daughter, Maranda Ann, August 19, 1981, Martinsville, Virginia.

JENKINS—To Ron and Julie Jenkins, a daughter, Ann Marie, March 6, 1982, Canton, Ohio.

LOGAN—A daughter, Jennifer Joy, to Rick and Kay Logan, February 17, 1982, Ventura, California.

MCINNIS—To Carol McInnes, a daughter, Jennifer Kathleen, February 23, 1982, Canton, Ohio.

MARTIN—A daughter, Julia Danielle, to Jeff and Jolene Martin, February 17, 1982, University Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

PARENTEAU—To Roland and Jennifer Parenteau, a son, Marc Joseph, March 23, 1982, Newberg Friends, Oregon.

SELL—To Wesley and Jonelle Sell, a daughter, Jonessa Lynn, February 24, 1982, Canton, Ohio.

SHOOK—To Verna and Steve Shook, a son, Matthew Lawrence, March 17, 1982, Wichita, Kansas.

SMITH—To Steven and Lisa Smith, a son, Steven Chad, December 3, 1981, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

SNETTZER—To Dick and Cindy Snetzter, a son, Ryan, January 21, 1982, Winona, Ohio.

STANLEY—A daughter, Sara Rae, to Ray and Lynne Stanley, April 12, 1981, Earlham, Iowa.

SULZBACH—A daughter, Rachael Renee, to Gary and Terry Sulzbach, November 19, 1980, Vale, South Dakota.

TRULL—To Jerry and Karen Trull, a daughter, Mary Elizabeth, February 18, 1982, Adrian, Michigan.

WEEDMAN—By adoption a daughter, Sallie Elizabeth, to Vernon and Jeanne Weedman, February 17, 1982, Hillsboro, Oregon.

WILKES—To Ron and Donna Wilkes, a daughter, Michelle Elizabeth, March 1, 1982, Canton, Ohio.

WILLIAMSON—A son, Nathan Martin, to John and Alisa Williamson, January 8, 1982, Vale, South Dakota.

YOUNG—To Monroe and Joyce Young, a daughter, Julia Victoria, December 30, 1981, Martinsville, Virginia.

ZELEK—To Joe and Rose Zelek, a son, Jarred Allen, November 17, 1981, Dillonvale, Ohio.

MARRIAGES

CARTER-ARNOLD. Cathy Carter and Milton Arnold, December 26, 1981, Martinsville, Virginia.

CROUSE-CARPENTER. (Mrs.) Audrey Crouse and Raymond Carpenter, January 1, 1982, Greensburg, Kansas.

HEILEMAN-PETERSON. Ruth Ann Heileman and Randy Peterson, January 9, 1982, Winona, Ohio.

MCCUE-SAUS. Debbie McCue and James Saus, January 9, 1982, Mt. Pleasant, Ohio.

MOORE-AUSTIN. Debbie Moore and Hedley Austin, October 24, 1981, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

STRAIT-JEFFERY. Brenda Jo Strait and Michael Kirk Jeffery, March 13, 1982, Valley Center, Kansas.

SULZBACH-MILLER. Jacque Sulzbach and Dave Miller, July 25, 1981, Vale, South Dakota.

SULZBACH-STRICKER. Sandra Sulzbach and John Stricker, November 29, 1980, Vale, South Dakota.

WALKER-KNIGHT. Anita Lynne Walker and Robert David Knight, April 17, 1982, Denver, Colorado.

WILLCUTS-RASMUSSEN. Carolyn Willcuts and Norman Rasmussen, January 24, 1982, Newberg, Oregon.

WILSON-STOKES. Darlene Wilson and David Stokes II, January 23, 1982, Winona, Ohio.

ZOSS-DUNN. Wanda Zoss and Dan Dunn, May 30, 1981, Beresford, South Dakota.

DEATHS

BARRY—Aiva Barry, March 23, 1982, Newberg, Oregon.

BINFORD—Arthur J. Binford, February 28, 1982, University Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

BYLER—Paul Byler, February 6, 1982, West Liberty, Ohio.

CHURCH—Doyle Robert Church, December 25, 1981, Coffeyville, Kansas.

COFER—Ferne Cofer, March 7, 1982, Tonganoxie, Kansas.

COX—Chester L. Cox, December 27, 1982, Rose Hill, Kansas.

DUNN—Richard Dunn, March 13, 1982, Gate, Oklahoma.

ELLIOTT—Frances Elliott, February 20, 1982, Portland, Oregon.

ELLIS—Dan Ellis, February 1982, Nebraska.

HOBSON—Isadore Hobson, 91, March 4, 1982, Damascus, Ohio.

HORNER—Elva W. Horner, February 25, 1982, Haviland, Kansas.

LEIBERICK—Ted Leiberick, February 6, 1982, Bellefontaine, Ohio.

MOORE—Lester W. Moore, 88, March 18, 1982, Newberg Friends, Oregon.

NEFF—Rhona Neff, February 16, 1982, Canton, Ohio.

NEWLIN—L. R. (Russel) Newlin, November 20, 1981, Hutchinson, Kansas.

PARK—Elizabeth A. Park, January 26, 1982, West Liberty, Ohio.

STANLEY—Marie Stanley, 81, February 22, 1982, Beloit, Ohio.

WILEY—Cora Lee Wiley, 80, January 8, 1982, La Junta, Colorado.

THE PRESENT CHRIST

BY PAUL ANDERSON

INTO the arena of everyday life the Living Christ invades. Loving, wooing, calling us to himself, He pursues us each—as the Lover seeks His beloved—until all our attempts to find meaning, love, peace, culminate in our being found by Him.

Not knowing who or what it was that sought us, we often have ignored the tender voice of the divine Lover. But sorrier still are the times we fled . . . not because we didn't recognize His voice, but because we heard it all too clearly.

Incessantly tracked by the Hound of Heaven, we fled that voice, which "beat more instant than the feet."¹ We fled Him "down the nights and down the days,"² hoping that some way, somehow, the piercing sound of His call would cease. Yet out of His mercy He withholds our desire, meeting instead our deeper need. For God has made us for himself, and our souls remain restless until they rest in Him.³

He calls to us in the solitude; yet even amid the fevered rush of life's traffic, His calling persists. It may be dulled by the inward and outward turmoil of our lives, but it is never overcome. It may be ignored because we prefer to remain in darkness rather than to come into the Light, but it is never extinguished. Despite the clamoring of inward "oughts" and outward "musts," the one voice beyond the many breaks through with awesome clarity. It tells us we are loved; for *He calls us each by name*.

Enveloped in the rich warmth of the divine Lover's Presence, we begin to experience wholeness such as we had never known before. The realization that we are loved enables us to lift our defenses and ex-

amine our lives. Standing open before God, we no longer fear confessing our failures and our heartaches. As we look honestly at ourselves we become aware of our need before God and Christ's invitation to take our pain begins to come alive in a marvelous new way.



through my mind—as though that were the only way to help. At the time, however, words did not seem appropriate. As I took his hand I said, "Friend, I'm not going to say anything for the next few moments. Just let me take your pain."

During the following moments I pictured the closeness this couple had shared over the last half century. I focused on the joy and pain, mingled together until his loss and agony became a part of me. I'm not sure what happened during the silence, but after a few moments I noticed that his breathing became easier and tears no longer flowed. The quiet was broken by a sigh and a statement, "You know, I think it's beginning to help. Thank you . . . thank you."

There I began to see a new, clear picture of how *God enfolds us with His love* and brings healing into our lives. As I drove home, the image came so clearly of the Present Christ, with hand outstretched, saying, "Friend, let Me take your pain. Let Me enfold you with My Love and bring you a healing power beyond your own." And this hand is reaching out to each of us, now.

As we learn to clasp the outstretched hand of our Lord, we find that the debilitating disappointments of life lose their grip on us. For He was wounded to

receive our injuries. He became failure to erase our failings. It was He who bore our sorrows in His body on the tree. And by His stripes *we are healed*.



The frozen nightmares of the past melt before the One who declared to the paralytic, "Your sins are forgiven."

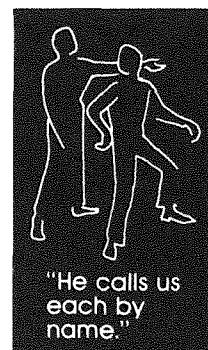
The exhausting anxieties of today are eased by the One who invited the woman at the well, saying, "Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give shall never thirst."

The dread uncertainties of the future are overcome by the One who proclaimed to the confessing thief on the cross, "Today you shall be with me in paradise."

The Present Christ calls us each by name; He enfolds us with His love; and then, *He sends us out to serve*. As our pain is dealt with, at last we are freed to lift our eyes beyond ourselves and to focus on the needs of those around us. No longer do we find our energies consumed in the task of protecting our easily threatened pride. We are given the radical privilege of participating in the ministry of our Lord. We become agents of the very grace and reconciliation that we ourselves have received.

Having chosen to listen for His loving voice and having chosen to take His hand in faith, another choice yet remains. It is the choice between the two basins: the basin of the palace, and the basin of the upper room.

The difference between these two basins is basically the difference between self-preservation and servanthood. Although Pilate sought to preserve his innocence by washing his hands and denying his debt, he could not. Yet this truth remains: They that try to preserve their lives lose them, while they that find life, find it by laying down their lives for others. This was illustrated by our Lord. At the last supper He stooped beside each of the Twelve and



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tenderly washed their feet. The message behind this cleansing was far more important than the act itself. Jesus didn't just leave His disciples with the commandment to love people—He demonstrated it by becoming their Servant.

In a world characterized by selfishness, the way of our Lord poses a dramatic contrast. The most striking statement ever uttered is "The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve." The Present Christ invites us each to follow His example, and through His Spirit we are given the ability to do so. It is then that our lives become healing love for others.

As we learn to abide in Christ and He in us, we find that all things become new. On one hand, nothing matters—in comparison to His Presence. On the other hand, everything matters because of His love. By faith we receive His grace; and yet it is by His grace that we are enabled to be faithful to the calling at hand.

The Living Christ confronts us each, saying, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." His call is clear, yet He awaits our invitation before entering in. When you hear His voice, do not hesitate in your response. Let all your attempts to find truth be fulfilled by opening your heart to

the One who is Truth. Take heart, friend, for you would not have sought Him had you not already found Him.⁴

He is present, and He is Love. Let the communion begin. 

¹From the first few lines of Francis Thompson's poem, *The Hound of Heaven*.

²*Ibid.*

³An adaptation of St. Augustine's *Confessions* (Book 1, Chapter 1), "Thou movest us to delight in praising Thee; for Thou hast formed us for Thyself, and our hearts are restless until they find rest in Thee." (Translated by J. G. Pilkington, *Basic Writings of Saint Augustine*, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1980.)

⁴From Pascal's *Pensees* #552. The exact quotation is, "Console thyself, thou wouldst not seek Me if thou hadst not found Me." (Translated by W. F. Trotter, New York, 1958.)

LET'S BUILD A HOME

BUILDING A
STRONG
FAMILY
UNIT

BY WAYNE L. CONANT

ALITTLE girl was standing by a trailer loaded with family treasures when a stranger momentarily stopped and said, "I see you have no home." The small girl responded cheerfully, "O yes, we have a home, but we just don't have a house to put it in."

One of the first considerations in building is the foundation. *Love* is to a marriage what a good foundation is to a building. Agape (love) goes below the "frost line" and enables the home to survive the storms that beat upon it.

The floor of a house takes a real beating. Traffic of all kinds contributes to the wear and tear. Let *patience* be the floor in the home we build. Of all the attributes of the Christian, patience gets trampled most.

The east wall is *prayer*, for real prayer brings the beginning of a new day. It allows the sun to scatter the darkness of the night. The east wall is the first part of the house to be warmed by the rays of the morning sun. So prayer, shared by all, sends its warming flow from heart to heart.

The north wall in our building is *communication*. It is the north wall that

receives the relentless beatings of blizzard, snow, sleet, and wind. As the icy bitter north wind can overcome the warmth in a house, the breakdown of communication in the home lays the family open to the peril of living in frigid isolation.

Paul Tournier's book *To Understand Each Other* indicates his concern for marriages that have become the quiet failures—the couples who "live side by side, without hurting one another, but poles apart, because of no real understanding of one another."

On the opposite side of the house is the south wall. The plants arranged to receive the proper sunlight can become victims of the scorching heat that makes them wither and die. In the home the south wall might well be called *consideration*. For it is here that each person in the family unit tries to understand the other's point of view. Again, Dr. Tournier states that "every human being needs to express himself. Through lack of opportunity for it, one may become sick. In order to express oneself, there must be a feeling of warm and kind receptivity and of attentive listening."


We now turn to the west wall. In our land, the west has always meant something undiscovered, untried, and new. It meant a world of adventure. In the home we build there needs to be the "expandable wall" of

adventure to the west. This spirit of challenge, of dreaming, of planning can be caught by every member of the family.

Each of these walls is supportive in character, but the roof really ties and holds them together. Let's call it *faith*. For a vital faith in God and in each other will hold the home together in spite of the worst storms blowing from any direction.

The house we build may be inadequate in size and not made of the best materials. It may not be equipped with all the modern conveniences. But the home within that house can be constructed of time-tested materials and equipped with the most charming character-building graces of all ages.

Fitly framed together upon the foundation of agape and the roof of faith, the floor of patience and the four walls of prayer, communication, consideration, and adventure complete this living structure.

A Christian home is something like cooking. "There cannot be rules for all of it. You have to acquire a feeling for vital things, the things that make the difference between just a clean, well-kept house and the extra something that makes a real home. It might be like the intangible seasoning in food." In the words of Edgar A. Guest, "It takes a heap o' living to make a house a home." 

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DISASTER RELIEF 'CATCHES ON'

Mike Briggs of Barberton, Ohio, surveys damage with Defiance mobile home owner.

Kelly Palmer (left) and Dale Tucker of Beloit, Ohio, empty cupboards in mobile home damaged by flood water.

CRESCENT-NEWS, DEFIANCE, OHIO. PHOTOS BY KATHY PUNCHES

By Lucy Anderson

THE RECENT spring floods in Ohio and Indiana have provided another opportunity for Quakers to put their faith into action by helping victims of the disastrous waters. Volunteers numbering around 60 traveled to Defiance, Ohio, the last week of March and gave valuable assistance to families whose homes were nearly devastated by the flooding.

Dean Johnson, who coordinates the Friends Disaster Service, directed the cleanup efforts. "It was another chance to 'preach Christ without words' and minister to those with apparent needs," commented Dean.

Friends Disaster Service is catching on as a valid method of volunteer action. "For too long, we preached about helping our neighbors but did nothing to model the teaching of Christ," observed Johnson. When asked about the progress the organization has made since its founding in 1974, he pointed to six encouraging signs of progress:

1. Improvement in working together as a volunteer agency.
2. Greater efficiency because of cooperation with Red Cross officials and local decision makers.
3. Accumulated experience in a variety of disaster projects enables us to organize our assistance efforts better.
4. Better equipment. With funds from successful auctions, FDS has purchased two trailers, which are nicely stocked with cots, tools, and other items.

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
5. Friends Disaster units are being formed in other areas. For example: in *Mid-America Yearly Meeting*, Don and Charlene Davis of Atlanta, Kansas, have organized the program. They invited Dean and Freeda Johnson to speak in six churches in January, with excellent response from all of them.

In *Indiana Yearly Meeting*, Phil Compton of Jonesboro Friends Church is coordinating the work. When the floods hit Fort Wayne, Indiana, this group responded with volunteer helpers.

6. It is proving to have a real ministry, as feedback provides evidence of appreciation for the spiritual motivation to help.

People of all ages volunteer. Take, for example, Ralph Henry, who is a retired farmer in Cardington, Ohio. He always excused himself because he said he was too old to do strenuous work. But then—the tornado hit Cardington a year ago, and he immediately jumped into his pickup truck to run errands for his desperate neighbors . . . Somehow, he has forgotten his age, and when the call to help in Defiance was issued, Ralph was one of the first to volunteer.

The rewards are many, for the victims of tragic situations freely express their gratitude for the helping hand extended by volunteers.

After the Defiance *Crescent-News* published their front page story on "Quakers Are Friends in Times of Trouble," the reporter wrote a letter to Dean Johnson. She said: "We were much impressed with your unpretentious and humanitarian acts. Besides that, you're all so nice!" Dean accepted her compliment with a smile as he continued preparations for the next emergency call. 

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