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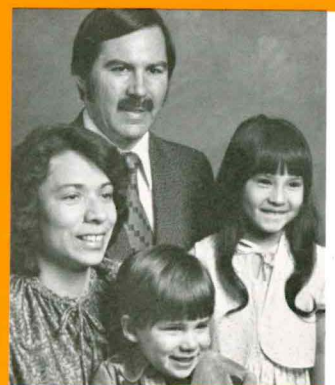
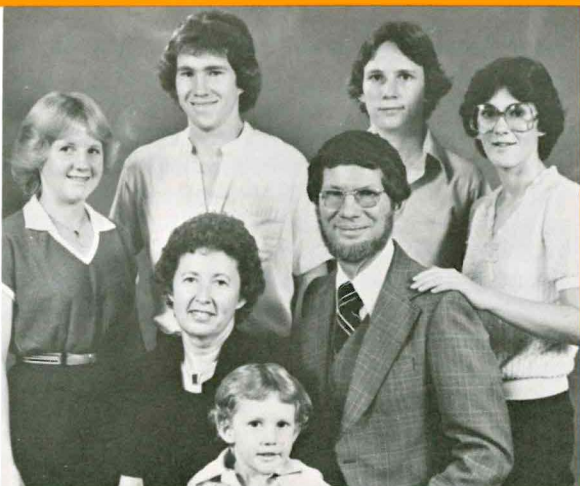
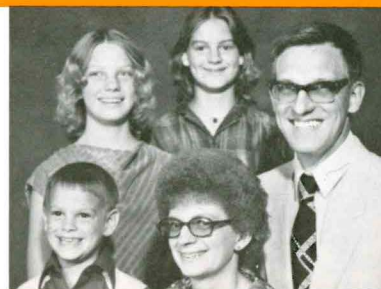
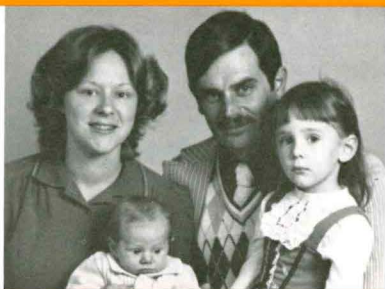
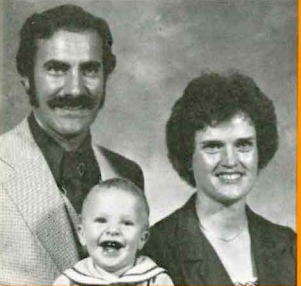
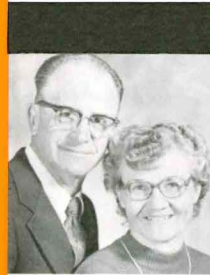
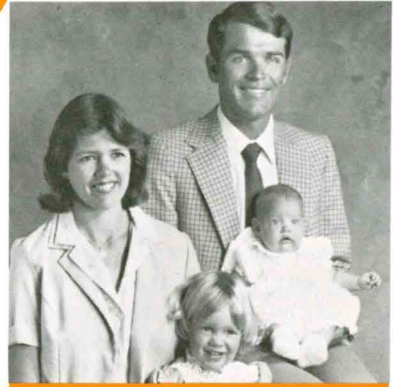
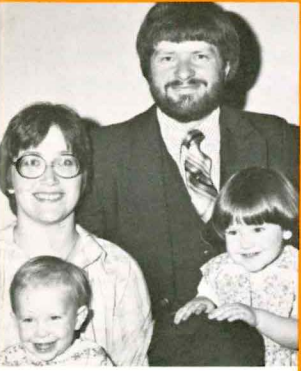
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Short-Term Service ... Long-Term Benefits

BY RETA STUART

The February 1982 issue of EVANGELICAL FRIEND focused on the popular missions option of short-term service in an article called "Run the Race of Your Choice," in which mission executives presented both sides of the issue about the value and validity of this growing trend. This month we begin a two-part series featuring Friends who have had varied short-term experience in several different mission fields. Then in our July-August issue we hope to publish an extensive report of the work crew that went to the Philippines in April to begin constructing a new Friends church in Manila.

We are grateful to those who have been willing to share personally about their short-term service; their obvious enthusiasm leaves no doubt that such service does result in lasting blessing and benefit!

A Pastoral Visit

One Friend recently returned from a mission field visit is Neil Orchard, pastor of North Olmsted Friends Church, Cleveland, Ohio, who spent most of January 1983 in teaching/evangelistic ministry with Friends in the Chhatarpur area of India. The following is a letter of appreciation Neil sent those who helped make his trip possible:

"I am deeply appreciative of your investment in my recent trip to India. Your generosity and that of my congregation have enabled a lifelong impact for the cause of Christ. I desire to impart to our Friends churches this vision that should still be before us—India.

"What did I see? A great nation with so much potential—but also tremendous problems on every level of society. A very friendly people despite the language barrier. A church, notably our Friends churches, in need of evangelistic drive and direction—needing to be salt but content with being status quo. Potential—yes! I saw it at Union Biblical Seminary . . . I saw it in the youth at the crossroads of decision, confronted with following Christ at considerable cost. I met with some very dedicated young men and women. While meeting with them in Chhatarpur, God met us on the last night of our four special meetings together; please pray for the C. E. group there.

"Friends have a lot to be proud of; God has used us in Bundelkhand (region of north central India where evange-

lical Friends are located). Reading Catherine Cattell's book *Till Break of Day* in Chhatarpur made it come alive in the real setting. Break of day has not yet come to Bundelkhand. I believe God can and will use evangelical Friends to see Catherine Cattell's inscription in her book become reality.

"I will do all I can to awaken prayer for India and for our work there. And, yes, will you pray for our Yearly Meeting to see and follow God's leading to use us to do our part in reaching India for Christ? Prayer can never be so urgent as for those who are lost—without Christ, and without His messengers.

"I took 21 hours of videotape that will be edited to two 30-minute programs for use in our churches by April. Thank you for allowing me to see firsthand our work in Bundelkhand. I went to listen and to minister; I returned with a greater burden and vision for missions, and a deeper, more committed prayer life."



Ken Comfort working on a generator in San Julian (Santa Cruz Department), Bolivia

An MK Returns

What is it like for an MK (missionary kid) to return to the mission field after several years' absence? Ken Comfort, son of Gene and Betty Comfort, former NWYM missionaries to Bolivia, openly shares his feelings:

"When I left South America 11 years ago at the age of 13, I didn't know when I would ever see those people again. But in the back of my mind, I knew someday I would return.

"In May 1982 after some unusual circumstances, I was given the opportunity to go back to the land of my childhood—this time not as an observer but as a short-term volunteer with definite assignments. I was to work with Oscar Brown and Cecil Binford in remodeling a house for the Wayne Chapman family in Peru. Along with this I was to maintain mission vehicles both in Peru and Bolivia. The length of my initial commitment was to be three months, but due to economic situations (and missionary influence) I was able to stay six months.

"Having grown up in this culture I felt right at home, knowing many people, the areas, and the language. I was able to get around by myself on my assigned projects, permitting the missionaries to continue with their schedules.

"On weekends I usually traveled to churches with the missionaries. I taught Sunday school and area rally classes to youth in both countries. I was encouraged to find child-

hood friends, with whom I had played trucks in the dirt, now serving the Lord in their local churches as strong leaders. It was exciting to see new churches springing up and new leaders being trained through Extension Bible School, along with strong leadership from the national churches and encouragement and teaching of missionaries.

"In my stay I enjoyed the close fellowship with each of the missionary families. I spent time with all their children, remembering from earlier years how much I appreciated visitors to our home.

"One of the greatest satisfactions was being able to lead a person to Christ in Spanish. This came about during a class I taught at a youth conference in Tacna, Peru. I was thankful to God for using me, a young man trained as a mechanic—stretching me to do things I had never done before.

"During this challenging time I felt very impressed with a call to return to Bolivia and Peru as a full-time missionary, and now I am taking steps to reach that goal."



Ruth Cammack is learning how to make fry bread with Navajo ladies at Rough Rock Friends Mission in Arizona.

Retired to Serve

Here's what Albert and Ruth Cammack, a retired Oregon farm couple, have to say about their short-term involvement:

"In the fall of 1965 when we were 55 we turned over our farm at Ontario, Oregon, to our son and started to travel in a 19-ft. trailer. We were interested in Rough Rock Friends Mission in Arizona and also in Bethany Children's Home in Kentucky. We had both been raised in homes where there was much interest in missions.

"After visiting friends in Colorado, we spent a week at Bethany Children's Home. Then a letter followed us home, asking if we could help there again the next spring. Ruth helped cook and Albert did maintenance work.

"In 1967 we were asked to go to Rough Rock to help put a gable roof on the mission home. In the winter of 1967-68 Ruth began to cook for the school there. Albert

repaired Navajo pickups and welded water barrels and other articles for the people and the mission. He went two or three days a week with the Navajo pastor to visit in homes.

"From then on we spent short times at both missions, until we accumulated about four years at each place, doing many different things. Ruth especially enjoyed teaching some of the Bible classes at the month-long adult Bible schools at Rough Rock. An outstanding day was when she had given a lesson from John about Jesus as the Light, Bread, King, etc. God's blessing came as they spontaneously worshiped, staying for some time past the usual closing time.

"We helped take folks without transportation to see the doctor, and helped bury the dead at Rough Rock. At times we gave out aspirin, cough medicine, or other remedies. Twice at Bethany we served as boys' dorm parents.

"We learned to understand some different cultures and to love the people. We would advise short-termers to follow established leadership and not undermine the policies of full-time workers. These years have been a highlight in our lives!"



Damascus, Ohio, Youth Team receiving banner from Southern District of Taiwan Yearly Meeting (presented by Pastor Thomas Wu, far left). Team members, left to right, Watson and Anna Cosand, John Steer, Mark Winn, Ron Ellyson, Mike Butcher, Rick Ellyson, Rick Brendlinger

Youth on Tour

As leaders of an Eastern Region youth team to Hong Kong and Taiwan in 1982, Watson and Anna Cosand, now on the pastoral staff of Trinity Friends Church, Van Wert, Ohio, tell about their trip:

"There were no hammers, nails, saws, levels, measuring tapes, nail punches, or even electric drills packed for the

trip. The tools for this venture included a basketball, sneakers, athletic tape, Bibles, a trunkful of puppets, three curtains, and plenty of clean athletic socks.

"A group of eight set out from Damascus, Ohio, Friends Church on February 5, 1982, to use these tools to share Jesus with others in Hong Kong and Taiwan, to encourage missionary friends, and also to allow the Holy Spirit to remodel their own lives.

"What a project! Expensive? Yes! But if God is in it, He supplies every need. Since the blueprints had been drawn up about two years before, it was a dream come true for a church to see young adults allow God to use them as His tools.

"The trip was a great success. After weeks of preparation through Bible study, basketball practice, and puppet coordination, two weeks were spent in various kinds of ministry. Basketball games in schools, puppet ministry in public parks, small groups sharing in English classes, and speaking through interpreters to congregations were just a few examples.

"New Christian lives were established and older ones strengthened. Praise goes to our Lord for contracting out just the right work for the right individual.

"As in all construction, problems arose every day, but God worked all the kinks out. Lost luggage was found and improper tickets were corrected. Damaged physical parts were healed and strengthened, and weary 'timbers' undergirded as only God can do. But, of all the changes, the greatest were those in the individual lives of team members.

"Seeing mission work firsthand and the sacrificial lives of our missionaries was very worthwhile. The misconceptions of previous 'foundations' that all missionaries were preachers and evangelists were torn away. In their place came concrete examples of 1 Corinthians 9:22 about becoming all things to all men so that in every possible way people may be saved. Beams of God's love in action were set before our eyes by the Chinese people.

"Short-term mission experiences are not 'glorified vacations.' Such visits to different cultures and countries rearrange your prayer life, attitudes, convictions, and especially your relationships. God becomes more real and alive, other people and their needs more noticeable, and financial offerings are changed. In plain, simple terms, your life and its values are reevaluated.

"We pray that others will be encouraged to be active in short-term experience. You *cannot* understand God's marvelous ministry in missions until you experience it for yourself. We are a very fortunate couple to have had this experience; our time in other cultures brought about extensive remodeling in our Christian walk. But our telling about it cannot change others—God has to form each of us into His tool. One of the best ways, in our judgment, that He has to make you a tool for His glory is firsthand mission experience."

Mission to Mexico

In May-July 1981 Friends from various churches across EFA went to Mexico City to help erect a new church for the Elektra congregation of Friends. Dean Johnson, member of the Boston Heights Friends Church, Hudson, Ohio, tells how he feels about his participation in this project:



Dean Johnson, center, working with missionary Everett Clarkson and other crew members on cement slab for Elektra Friends Church, Mexico City

"Responding to a request from the EFM office—'Could I put together a crew to go to Mexico City and pour the cement for the new Elektra Friends Church?'—did not take a great deal of deliberation to decide that I should and could go. The eight days spent traveling, working, worshiping, feasting, fellowshiping, and sight-seeing with like-minded Friends from Eastern Region and Mexico City, as well as our super missionaries, was a highlight of my life that will never let me be the same! It was a chance to fulfill a longtime desire to be of service on the mission field.

"Has it affected my life? Daily the faces of my friends and missionaries pass through my memory. My wife and I are studying Spanish in anticipation of the time we might return. I have developed a slide presentation and try to wangle invitations to other Friends churches to generate prayer support and interest.

"The sense of satisfaction and fulfillment is a continuing blessing. I gained greater appreciation of and respect for the Mexican people; a sense of their genuine warmth and love still comes through in a great measure. One of the dear national ladies sent a present home with me to my wife because I was there over our wedding anniversary, with another one to my daughter because I missed her high school graduation. These gestures of appreciation touched me deeply.

"In my opinion the expense of the trip was a valid investment and well worth the cost. I very emphatically recommend short-term service to others; the personal exposure to missions is invaluable. I would like to see Friends develop short-term missions so that they need not go on tours and work for other mission groups. One advantage of short-term service is that it allows laypersons with jobs, family, and other commitments to experience what they could never commit themselves to on a long-term basis.

"I hope we were uplifting to the missionaries. When we as laypersons visit the mission field we should be sensitive so as not to be an added burden to them either

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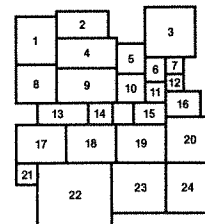
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COVER AND ANTECEDENTS



This month's theme of missions is approached in a variety of ways: short-term experiences, missions and the local church, and a biblical perspective. For the Evangelical Friends Alliance, missions is personified by the people shown on this month's cover. These are the people who represent us in foreign missions outreach. They are identified as follows with names of pictured children in parentheses:

1. Wayne and Beverly Chapman (Nicholas, Amy), Peru; 2. John and Barbara Brantingham (Tim), Taiwan; 3. James and Gail Roberts (Heidi, Amanda), Bolivia; 4. Russell and Esther Zinn (Ronald), Taiwan; 5. Vern and Lois Ellis, Rough Rock, Arizona; 6. Gerry Custer, Burundi; 7. Elaine Banks, Taiwan; 8. Bob and Connie Shaffer (Ryan), Burundi; 9. Rodney and Barbara Routon (Dawn, Kenneth), Mexico City; 10. Alfred and Ruth Miller, Burundi; 11. Norma Freer, India; 12. Ella Ruth Hutson, Taiwan; 13. Roscoe and Tina Knight, Peru; 14. Diane Hutson, Rough Rock, Arizona; 15. Howard and Mary Evelyn Moore, Taiwan; 16. Everett and Alda Clarkson, Mexico City; 17. Harold and Nancy Thomas (David, Kristin), Bolivia; 18. David and Cindy Aufrance (Joshua, Becky), Hong Kong; 19. Gary and Connie Young (Robin, Vickie, Susan), Burundi; 20. David and Mae Kellum (Kelly, Debbie, LeRoy), Burundi; 21. Anna Nixon, India; 22. Willard and Doris Ferguson (Susan, Dean, Sam, Scott, Dawnita), Burundi; 23. Ron and Carolyn Stansell (Debbie, Sara, Anita), Bolivia; 24. Dwaine and Becky Williams (Marci, Jonathan), Peru.

Three more names should be added to the Evangelical Friends Mission picture: Jaime Tabingo, national pastor of the Friends work in the Philippines; James Morris, executive director, and Reta Stuart, administrative assistant, of the EFM office in Arvada, Colorado. Reta Stuart helped develop the missions theme of this issue by coordinating articles and assignments.

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What happens when a pastor with a heart for foreign missions challenges his people to greater missionary involvement? The following article is from a message Pastor Charles Robinson gave his congregation at Mt. Gilead, Ohio. In conclusion Charles shares an updated report of what has happened at Gilead Friends Church in response to this missions challenge.

The photo at right shows Charles with the president of Mid-America Yearly Meeting's foreign missions board, Fred Littlefield (left), and James Morris, executive director of Evangelical Friends Mission (right).

When submitting this report, Charles asserted: "I believe in foreign missions, and I believe it is the pastor's secret for revitalizing his church. It enables us to realize we are a part of God's total plan for His world; it's exhilarating!"



SHOULDN'T WE BEGIN AT JERUSALEM?

BY CHARLES ROBINSON

EVERY TIME we talk missions, someone is sure to counter with needs at home: "our own land—the real mission field," "clamoring opportunities in our materialistic urban life," "nearer obligations of our neo-pagan culture," "Jerusalem, our Jerusalem, must have priority." Good enough. By all means, listen to the Master—begin at Jerusalem as stated in Luke 24:47: "... repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."

We shall soon discover, however, that we cannot do our work at Jerusalem if we stay only there. We shall find that we cannot be truly Christian at Jerusalem if the ends of the earth are not in our hearts and prayers. The Church at home cannot be the Church—unless her frontiers, horizons, and representatives are abroad.

Motives and arguments for missionary outreach are various: compassion, obedience, persecution, spiritual investment. But there is another, rarely pleaded yet valid, and perhaps to some minds, more appealing—a kind of unselfish, spiritual self-interest. Under the laws of the Kingdom, missions proves to be profitable for the church at home and missionary vision, a sanctified self-interest. This was missionary pioneer William Carey's contention, and it has been the church's amazing discovery. Experience has proved it fourfold.

Quickening

Pearce Carey has a telling description of the time into which Carey, father of modern missions, came with his revolutionary challenge to world evangelism. Carey's time

was described as "that century of reaction when the mercury fell low, when reason clipped faith's wings, enthusiasm was a reproach, religion icily regular . . . and all people of discernment had discovered Christianity to be factitious." In such a time Carey felt the lifelessness of the Church, "knew the sparse worshippers, the coarse choristers, the neglected parishes, the Sabbath drink-revels." Such was the age.

Begin at Jerusalem? Carey did just that. The first tasks to which he put his hand were to reopen, revive, support, and assume responsibility for various local parishes. The preacher with the whole world in his heart gave himself without restraint to the little lost village causes of his homeland.

The result? When in due time the missionary torch flared among those churches in which Carey labored, they were the first to feel warmth kindling in their fellowships and a new spirit of life, hope, involvement, and prayer awakening in their hearts. Only seven years later Rippon could record: "More of our meetinghouses enlarged within the last 5 years and more built within the last 15, than built and enlarged for 30 years." The ends of the earth had made the Jerusalem of Carey's day alive again; dying churches at home found again their faith, zeal, and power when Carey called them to missionary outreach abroad.

Liberation

Freedom always comes through concern for the bondage of others, not for one's own. "The Lord turned the captivity of Job,

when he prayed for his friends." (Job 42:10) Self-pity enslaves, absorption in others' needs liberates from our own.

This, too, is vividly illustrated in missionary-minded churches, especially those out of which the modern mission movement was born. Wesley's evangelical revival had stirred England, the tide had turned and waited to flow. But the established Church and many free evangelical groups resisted the dynamic of the Spirit, mainly because they were held in a rigid intellectual creed that was imperfectly understood.

A misunderstanding of Calvinist theology shackled evangelical zeal—"Only the elect can be saved, and only God knows who they are!" Thought and enterprise were imprisoned, the gates of Jerusalem firmly closed . . . until Carey's explosive vision snapped shackles, burst doors, and, in defiance of narrow logic and narrower loyalties, the highest of High Calvinists began to give, pray, and preach that heathen might be saved. The ends of the earth made Jerusalem free!

Some fresh, shattering demand of similar explosive power might well be the best tonic our homeland churches could experience today.

Enrichment

Jerusalem, the home church, may stand in urgent need, but it owes much of what it has to the ends of the earth. Even financially the missionary vision has unlocked treasures, stimulated generosity, and caused more money to flow through the

churches than any other movement in Christendom.

This is even more true of personnel. Of the outstanding Christian leaders of the last two centuries, a high proportion were missionaries, and many more will acknowledge inspiration and spiritual ambition kindled by the mission cause.

And no one can measure what devotion, faith, prayer, expectancy, and steadfast hope have come to home churches from an unfolding missionary story. But it is certain that Western Christianity has been enormously enriched by whatever it has given to the foreign field.

Unity

It is the Church's constant experience that the two factors that most powerfully unite Christians are outward persecution and the inward compulsion to reach outward in service and mission. Even the apostolic Church was divided, uncertain, and ingrown to some degree until the Pauline world mission drew the Church together in fellowship of effort, vision, prayer, and giving. Deeper unity sprang from outreach.

Carey, to quote the missionary pioneer again, had regretted the "present divided state of Christendom" and looked for the "friendliest communication" of all missionary societies, contributing immediately to Moravian missions though his own circle was Baptist. He strove, while being faithful to his convictions, to "forget the boundaries that divide." Missionary zeal always overflows boundaries of sect. "The light which Carey kindled spread from hill to hill like beacon fires, till every Christian church in turn recognized the signal and responded to the call." (Greenhough)

Unity for its own sake is an ineffective cause; unity for some far-reaching, over-riding purpose is a far different matter. To this day it is missions that unites. Begin at Jerusalem. But, to hold Jerusalem together, remember the ends of the earth!

Begin at Jerusalem! You will soon find you only quicken, liberate, enrich, and unite churches of the homeland when you go out in thought and prayer to the ends of the earth. This is "spiritual self-interest." Whenever you obey the Master, you do yourself immeasurable good. Isn't that what Jesus taught His disciples in Luke 6:38?


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Of course it works today! It was fall of 1972 when I as the pastor shared a deep concern with the elders and overseers of Gilead Friends Church, that we become a "missionary-minded" church. They agreed

in mind and heart. Shortly after, the church accepted the challenge of a \$250,000 building program. Concerns were expressed as to how this would affect our missionary giving. We had never, in a one-year period, been able to give more than \$7,622 for missions.

However we moved into our new church building in April 1975 and the following year received over \$12,000 in faith-promise giving for missionary outreach. It has increased every year since until this past year, 1982, when \$30,000 was received. That was \$8,866 more than our total church income the year we committed ourselves to becoming a "missionary-minded" church. Our membership has likewise increased from 97 in 1971 to 175 in 1982, and our total giving has come from \$21,134 in 1971 to \$137,964 in 1982.

We are now in our third year of Christian school ministry and faced with another \$250,000 project to provide facilities for our school at a new location. When this is completed, plans are underway for a \$350,000 addition to our church facilities. Will this affect our missionary outreach giving? Undoubtedly it will—we believe it will eventuate in increase. After all, isn't that what Jesus declared in saying "... with the measure you use, it will be measured to you"? (NIV)

The ends of the earth have given us new life, liberated us from a "conclave" mentality to become penetrators, enabled us to discover the strength and beauty of moving together, and caused enrichment we could never have experienced otherwise! By all means, begin at Jerusalem, but don't stay there. 

'MYSTERY VERSE' OF MISSIONS

BY DON RICHARDSON

READER'S DIGEST editors recently completed the most ambitious literary project of their careers—an abridgement of the entire Bible. Few people realize, however, that the Bible already contains several abridgements of its own message.

Missiologists and theologians teach and preach their theories of missions history. But do we really know when missions began? Don Richardson reveals the "mystery verse" that holds the key. Don and his wife Carol designed an alphabet and planted the church among the Savi people in Irian Jaya while serving with Regions Beyond Missionary Union. A prolific writer, Don has authored three excellent books: Peace Child, Lords of the Earth, and Eternity in Their Hearts. He is now director of tribal peoples studies at the U. S. Center for World Missions in Pasadena, California. Reprinted from Wherever magazine, a publication of TEAM.

For example, Jesus gave the disciples His condensation of the Old Testament after His resurrection. He said, "Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." (NIV) Whereupon "he opened their minds so that they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, 'This is what is written: The Christ will suffer . . .'"

Jewish rabbis and priests by the thousands had lavished millions of hours of study upon the Old Testament, yet had failed to discover this major foreshadowing—Messiah must suffer and die.

Jesus continued: "... and rise from the dead on the third day . . ." The resurrection of Messiah, another major blind spot in the minds of God's chosen people, forms a second component of Jesus' concise summary of the Old Testament.

We Christians, benefiting from 2,000 years of hindsight on subsequent history,

must beware lest we smile too quickly at Jewish failure to discern the Old Testament's central theme, because Jesus went on to add a third factor that exposes one of our major blind spots as Christians: "... and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem!" (Luke 24:47)

In what way does this third component of Jesus' summary expose a blind spot in the thinking of most Christians? Some do acknowledge their obligation to share the benefits of Jesus' death and resurrection with all nations, but many do not comprehend the vast importance Jesus attached to it. Nor can they fathom how Jesus could claim that that obligation was a major theme in the Old Testament.

Even many respected theologians of our time claim confidently that the Old Testament knows nothing of the worldwide mission of the New Testament Church. Almost all missions courses taught in our Bible colleges and seminaries—not to mention occasional sermons on missions in our pulpits—assume that just a few scattered texts from the New Testament alone constitute the sole biblical foundation for sending missionaries out to the world.

How differently Jesus taught missions to His disciples! He was not in the least hampered by the fact that the New Testament had not yet been written. He readily

Blessing all peoples on earth is a major part of the unchanging nature of God's purpose.

proved that the cause of proclaiming repentance and forgiveness of sins to all peoples was clearly foreshadowed in the Old Testament—coequally with His own death and resurrection.

What could Jesus have seen that even some of our best theologians are missing? Luke gives us only the three main points of Christ's exposition of the Old Testament—not the details. And yet surely that exposition must have influenced the way His disciples later quoted from the Old Testament in their own sermons and epistles.

Intrigued by the possibility that evidence of Jesus' final masterful exposition might be found in the disciples' own post-Great Commission quotations from the Old Tes-

tament, I scrutinized them anew. Two things amazed me. First, the disciples, in all of their sayings recorded in Acts and the epistles, never refer to the Great Commission—our Lord's last command.

Instead, they repeatedly refer to a single crucial Old Testament passage—let's just call it the "mystery verse" for now—as the ultimate basis of their mission to Gentile peoples.

Could this have been at least the starting point of Christ's heartwarming presentation of missions from the Old Testament? The apostles, while undoubtedly keeping the Great Commission in mind, apparently viewed it as simply a restatement of the "mystery verse"—something that Jesus, as the preincarnate Christ, had already affirmed 2,000 years earlier.

What is this "mystery verse"? The apostle Paul quotes it in Galatians 3:8: "The Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: 'All nations will be blessed through you.'"

With this quote from Genesis 12:3, Paul dug back 2,000 years further than most Bible teachers today ever dig to find the beginning of missions in the Bible. So also did the apostle Peter. Preaching after Christ's ascension and the Day of Pentecost, Peter declared that God's working in the New Testament age was happening to fulfill that same 2,000-year-old promise to the patriarch Abraham (see Acts 3:25, 26). God places such high priority upon the "all peoples" part of His promise to Abraham that He repeats it five times in the book of Genesis alone (12:3, 18:18, 22:17, 26:4, and 28:14).

How many of us are aware that our God is so deadly serious about that promise that he actually placed himself under oath to fulfill it? (See Genesis 22:16-18.) The author of Hebrews tells us that God added the oath "to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear" (Hebrews 6:17), to greatly encourage us (6:18), and to give us an "anchor" for our souls (6:19).

Yet how many Christians feel greatly encouraged and anchored by the fact that blessing all peoples on earth is a major part of the unchanging nature of God's purpose?

Clearly the Holy Spirit has given special prominence in the Old Testament canon to biographical narratives in which Abraham's descendants share their special blessings with other peoples, exactly as required by that "mystery verse." Several entire books share the same common denominator—the

transfer of God's blessing across cultural barriers to other peoples.

New Testament biographical narratives follow suit. Jesus launched His public ministry as Messiah, not in exclusively Jewish Judea as expected, but in Galilee of the Gentiles (Matthew 4:12-16).

Only after many pro-Gentile statements and actions did our Lord utter the Great Commission: "Go and make disciples of all nations." Once again, this must be understood as simply reaffirming the "mystery promise" of the Abrahamic Covenant. In other words, He, as the preincarnate Christ, had already said it 2,000 years

Proclaiming repentance and forgiveness of sins to all peoples was clearly foreshadowed in the Old Testament.

earlier. And His apostles tended to quote only His earlier, original statement rather than the latter.

Now, to answer the question you've all been asking: Why refer to Genesis 12:3 as the "mystery verse"?

The idea is not original with me. The apostle Paul viewed Genesis 12:3 in that light 2,000 years ago. Look at Ephesians 3:3, 4. Twice Paul uses the word "mystery": "... the mystery made known to me by revelation," and "... my insight into the mystery of Christ."

What could that mystery of Christ be? Two verses later Paul unveils it: "This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in ..."—here it comes—"... the promise in Christ Jesus."

By "promise" Paul means the Abrahamic Covenant. And it is only through that final statement of the covenant that the mystery of Gentile inclusion can be explained. Hence the title "mystery verse."

Until now, few theologians and Bible teachers have given this dominant theme the emphasis it deserves. As a result, only a tiny minority of Christians have understood this 4,000-year-old historical imperative. May such a reformation occur in our teaching, preaching, and writing before the Body of Christ worldwide, that from now on we will see astronomical numbers of Christians reach out to the church-less and Bible-less peoples of the world.

A VALUED HERITAGE: AN INFLUENTIAL LIFE-STYLE

BY A. MARCILE LEACH

AS EACH of us faces the changing structure and role of our family we often feel puzzled, or content, or disappointed, or fulfilled, or frightened over where we are. The family is a dance of growth and each day each of us is changed, one day older, seeing with different eyes, living with a different body, thinking/feeling with a different mind/heart, from infant to grandparent.

These changes can bring troubling estrangement to those who have no center, and the family has provided the rootedness that has successfully satisfied a great variety of human needs, both physical and spiritual. Because the family has proven its ability to endure change, we may be sure that it will continue in some form, but the danger is that it may be in some stunted form rather than in full health.

A part of our present difficulty, according to Elton Trueblood, writing in *The Recovery of Family Life*, is that "we take the family unit so for granted that we fail to understand its meaning and its potential glory. We are normally almost as unconscious of it as we are of the air we breathe, but we begin to appreciate it when we have nearly lost it. Few spiritual tasks of our day are of more practical importance than a recovery of the wonder involved in the pattern of social structure which became the first major influence in most of our lives."

Developing a Family Influence



Developing this influence to be one of strong positive value has traditionally been a high goal among Christian families. Since the earliest Friends *Disciplines*, Quakers have regarded prayerfully the Queries and Advices that called us to heed the Old Testament direction: "And these words, which I am commanding you today, shall

be on your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up. And you shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead. And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates." (Deuteronomy 6:6-9 NASB)

As this life-style of awareness to God's teaching became practiced, the values of family life taught by Friends focused toward the elder being responsible for teaching the younger to recognize and understand the integrity of honesty in business, of proper education, of paying debts, of regular worship together. The parents provide proper recreation opportunities for their children and encourage positive friendships. The Meeting carries high responsibility in the preparation and blessing for marriage. When the marriage promises were spoken among early Friends, the Meeting had already invested personal time and concern in its endurance and success.

The acceptance of all persons was strongly observed. Women were treated equally with men in the practice of their faith and were respected ministers, traveling, speaking, and writing the Gospel in many difficult places. People of lower station in life were accepted as equal before God and in Meeting. That all persons could go before God and hear direct from Him without intercession by a priest was a value that set Friends apart.

These values of our faith expression have formed virtues among families that have strengthened and given direction to many. However, it is good to be reminded again of the instruction given from the 1839 edition of *The Discipline of the Society of Friends of Indiana Yearly Meeting*. "We know, that virtue does not descend by lineal succession, nor piety by inheritance; yet we trust, that the Almighty graciously regards the sincere endeavors of those parents, whose early and unremitting care is over their offspring for good. Be ye therefore examples to them in your meetings, your families and employments."

Values—The Key To Influencing Our Children

It is important to realize that family values are centered in the home and are at work even without conscious choice. Sometimes the values that are practiced in the home are negative values such as meanness, contempt of others, disrespect. Sometimes they are secular values such as self-centeredness or humanism, and sometimes positive values of honesty and respect are followed, but in any case the home is the place most people receive their earliest and deepest convictions about their values. By being aware of this, concerned parents can establish their own direction through the study of Scripture and church doctrine.

The virtues that Christian parents strive for their children to embrace tend to become their life-style as children see those virtues conscientiously and honestly lived out in the daily life of the parents. It is hard for even the most idealistic parent to pass on to their children values they themselves do not hold or practice.

THERE has been a trend among some in recent years to let a child choose what values he will take as his own, free of any direction or indoctrination from parents. This may seem like a noble respect of the child's individuality, yet this freedom from indoctrination does not occur because he is living in the world all the time and is constantly observing and drawing conclusions, thereby setting values. The child may react by totally withdrawing from values the parents hold, assuming that those values are not real or profitable if there is no sharing of their importance to the life of the parent. Or, the child may feel resentment or bitterness because no foundational guidelines are given. On the other end of the spectrum, the parents may be so dogmatic and harsh in their teaching that the high ideals they hold will be disregarded and lost. As in all of life, the balance needs to be struck, weaving discipline and tenderness, high expectations and acceptance, openness and protection, love and respect to form a strong fiber of integrity.

We Must Live What We Teach



The Deuteronomy 6:6-9 life-style that is commanded in the Old Testament is modeled in the New Testament by Christ as He related to His family of followers.
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A Mother-in-Law's Prayer

BY ETHELYN A. SHATTUCK

Dear Heavenly Father:

Thank you for these new sons you have given me to complement the love you instilled in me for my daughters.

Guard me against any measure of possessiveness for them or my daughters.

Strengthen me to keep them free to be their unique selves that you made them to be by my keeping out of their private lives, decisions, opinions, desires, and money matters.

Keep me silent in giving unasked-for advice even when I am right and they are wrong.

Help me always to show them and my daughters the same courtesies I show to other respected people.

Give me complete acceptance of them as one with my daughters.

If conflicts arise in their marriages, keep me well back from giving unsolicited advice. Help me give love on both sides. If advice is asked, help me to leave them completely free to accept or reject it.

When young families arrive, help me to control any impulse to expect them to do their parenting like I and my generation did.

I want to severely guard my tongue, my nose, my fingers, and my toes from butting into their personal affairs.


Let my tongue never be used to speak words of faultfinding, gossip, disparagement, or discouragement, but let it be used to say words of appreciation, approval, and admiration to my sons and about them.

Increase my prayers of love and faith for all of them, my Father.

Help us all to generously use the seasoning of good humor, laughter, joy, and fun, that our lives together may be enriched thereby.

I am sure that as You and I work together to make this prayer an ongoing reality, my enlarged family will grow closer together as a love unit.

Thank You, Father, for the grace You will give when needed to all of us.

In Jesus' name I pray.
Amen. 

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Throughout the Gospel Christ is seen walking through the countryside teaching what the Kingdom of God is like through the common experiences of each person. He often shared a meal with His followers whether it be a group of political folk at Matthew's house or an intimate time with close friends at the home of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, and all the time He was teaching. He taught the value of one human life as He compared it to the care of the heavenly Father for the sparrow and the lilies.

The value of worship was graphic as Jesus accepted the adoration of Mary when she anointed Him with costly perfume. Little children were called to their rightful place in the Kingdom. The accused woman was accepted, forgiven, and directed to a more abundant way of life. Those broken in health and spirit were tenderly and patiently restored. The virtues Jesus held were transmitted to His "family" through His normal way of life as He sat with them in their houses and walked with them on the roads. This order of things was not a separate sphere of His life but a part of the air He breathed and the work He did. It was not just a Sunday-at-church experience.

As His Holy Spirit expanded Christ's presence to the apostles in the early Church, Paul continued the teaching on virtues vital

to victorious Christian living. The spiritual characteristics listed in Galatians 5:22, 23 should be common virtues of the followers of Christ in the nuclear family of two or three or the church family of several hundred. The ability and desire to live together in love . . . joy . . . peace . . . patience . . . kindness . . . goodness . . . faithfulness . . . gentleness . . . and self-control are evidence that something uncommon is at work. It seems that these values, activated in our lives, make it possible to accept and live the family relationship expected by Paul as he teaches in Ephesians 5 and 6.


As we live a life of love and praise toward God, the virtues of love and respect between married couples are able to be at work. Children will not chafe at obedience when parents are careful not to provoke their anger. Here again mutual love and respect is active. In our vocations the Christian worker and executive, because of their mutual desire to please God, strive to relate to each other with thoughtfulness, creating an excellence in their work. As this is accomplished there are no separate compartments for our secular work and our sacred praise, but all is done in remembrance of Christ and our entire life becomes sacramental.

Empowered to Live Out His Values

The old-fashioned words from the previously mentioned *Discipline* speak to us

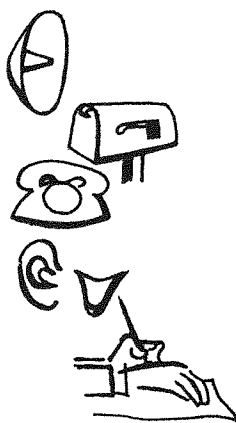
vibrantly and beautifully and stir us to remember the focal point of our task.

"We know that love and unity, founded upon Christian principles, are promotive of truth and righteousness amongst ourselves, and we believe also, that when conspicuous in us, they have their influence upon those around us. Under these considerations, we fervently desire, and humbly hope, that He who hath, to the present day, preserved us a people highly favored, will be graciously pleased still to animate us with a zealous concern, that love and good will may predominate in us individually, and that union, peace, and concord, may prevail in every department of the family.

"And finally, Friends, collectively and individually, may all our meetings be held with weight, as in the immediate presence of the Head of the Church; may the aged amongst us be examples of every Christian virtue, and evince by the calmness of their evening, that their day has been blest: May the middle aged not faint in their stations; but together with their elder and younger brethren, firmly support, yea, exalt the several testimonies which we are called to maintain. And, Oh! may the beloved youth bend early and cheerfully, under the forming power of truth; that each standing in his allotment, the harmony of the building may be preserved, and we truly grow up into a holy Temple for the Lord." 

BLEND OF SPIRITS

BY EVELYN HARRIMAN



“YOU CAN’T GUESS what happened to me today!”

“No, I can’t guess. What did happen to you today?” My good friend, up to her elbows in soapsuds and pots and pans, wipes her hands on her apron and stands with arms akimbo while I launch into my story. And she listens because she is my friend; not that it *really* mattered what happened to me today.

I no sooner finish my incredible story than she exclaims, “Well, let me tell you what happened to *me* today.” So the minutes tick by as pots and pans soak in the cooling dish water. For some reason, I go away with a warm feeling around my heart and a sense of well-being. We have communed and communicated.

I don’t know what Adam and Eve discussed with God when He came down to walk with them in the garden, but I believe that God enjoyed this time as much as they did. We are made in the image of God. And at the risk of being set straight by some knowledgeable theologian, I would say that one of these likenesses is that we long for and enjoy communion and communication with others. Some uncomprehensible force moves us to make contact with another soul. We must communicate and feel that blend of spirits called communion.

Harold and Evelyn Harriman are among those special Friends whose lives have been so significantly used of the Lord in missionary work. Serving in Bolivia with the World Gospel Mission, they have been involved in many phases of missionary endeavors and raised a family of missionaries as well. Evelyn’s father, Quaker evangelist Hubert Mardock, provides her with a splendid Friends heritage. This article is reprinted from Call to Prayer with permission.

Every day, the post office handles millions of “unnecessary” letters, like “Hello, how are you? I’m fine.” But if one of those letters should be from the right person, it produces a sudden surge of spirit that sends new energy coursing through the veins. That tired feeling falls away, and the tasks ahead become easily surmountable. There have been times when, if I had known we had a letter at the post office from one of our Stateside children, I would have walked gladly the five miles to town.

One of the local radio stations has a daily service for those who wish to send messages by air. Often these brief “airgrams” are directed to isolated ranches or pueblos, but where someone has his ear glued to a small transistor radio. The message may be telling of sickness in the family, wishing Happy Birthday, or making arrangements for travel. “Have the horses ready.” Or just simply stating, “Don’t worry about us. The family is fine. Love . . .” The latter, unassuming message, is probably the most important on that day’s program.


One of the most eloquent moments of communication I have witnessed was in a prayer meeting when a weeping missionary unburdened her heart to a small circle of her friends, sharing with them some of the doubts and fears that had besieged her. One of the women present crossed the room, sat down beside her, and silently took her hand. No words were necessary.

When the children were small, Harold’s ministry and responsibilities often took him away from home for days—and even weeks—at a time. Furloughs were no exception. The first several days would slowly come and go, and then tension and excitement would begin to mount as “homecoming” drew near. This was the day and moment that completely eclipsed all other activities, as everyone gathered round to “com-

municate.” With the children jumping up and down in ecstasy, we all tried to tell about everything that had happened since Daddy’s departure. Along with the news items about the children having measles, the cat having kittens, and someone making all “A’s” on his report card, there would be a few petitions, like “I need a new pair of shoes” or “My slingshot is busted.” As Dad “Oh’d” and “Ah’d” in all the appropriate places, he was kissed, hugged, squeezed, and tugged at. The little ones vied for a place on his lap while the others, unable to sit still, raced around the living room. The air was supercharged with ecstatic communion.

People sacrifice bank accounts and surmount tremendous obstacles to travel over land and sea and through the air just to feel that invisible flow of communion with someone special. It is a moving experience to watch passengers arriving at an airport. Aside from the usual friendly handshakes and happy backslapping, punctuated with joyous laughter, you may also observe a lone passenger, whose countenance portrays both yearning and anticipation, straining to see above the heads of the people milling about. Suddenly there is recognition. Two people elbow their way through the crowded lobby and fall into each other’s arms in one of those moments of communion, when tears, smiles, and incoherent speech all blend into one.

THE HUMAN spirit has a deep need for communication with one of his kind. But deeper still is his need for communication with the Heavenly Father. It is painful for a human being to live without vital contact with others. And he cannot hope to live, in the truest sense, without communication with God.

When you pray, remember those who have not yet experienced communion with the Heavenly Father. There are men, women, and children who need to see Jesus above the heads of the crowd, as He shoulders His way toward them. 

I cannot afford to have anything I cannot afford to lose. If I hold anything so precious that its loss would cause me to

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become bitter and resentful or to turn inward and shut other people out, that thing is a luxury I can’t afford to have. It doesn’t matter what the object of my possessiveness happens to be, if its loss would destroy me with resentment and rancor, it is something that is too expensive for me to have.

What are some examples of things that could be too expensive to have unless we are willing to give them up? Think how easily a
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HOW RICH CAN YOU AFFORD TO BE?

BY DR. G. DALE ORKNEY

Let's Be Friends

EVER SINCE the Publishers of Truth began, Friends have been printing books and pamphlets. That fine tradition continues today with a variety of Quaker houses, both denominational and private. A great gap exists, however, in the Quaker publishing scene, and a new publishing firm is being formed to meet this market.

Friends have nothing for the mass-market reader with a do-it-yourself or light-reading interest. Until now, no Quaker press has offered Friends books comparable to *Rebuild Your Piano in a Weekend* or *Laser Surgery for Fun and Profit*. This need is being met at last by POF Press, whose first catalog reveals these titles:

The Quaker Alphabet Book. One of the signal achievements of ancient civilization was the invention of the alphabet. Its simplicity took literacy out of the hands of the elite and delivered it, in some measure, to the ordinary person. Over the years, however, Quakers have tried to restore the good old days of complexity by discovering how many configurations of the alphabet are possible while always including the letters F or Q. Hence these peculiar Quaker symbols: EFA, FGC, FUM, AFSC, FCNL, WQF, FWCC, FAHE, QUNO, YFNA, FY, YF, FCE, FUP, QRT, QTDG, ETC(F). This introductory book for adults initiates them to the Quaker alphabet mysteries with a touch of humor.

How to Talk Quaker. This pocket-sized primer of the peculiarities of Friends vocabulary and speech forms should be particularly helpful to the novice and to persons who train seriously for bouts of "more Quaker than thee." The book includes treatments of terms like "concern" and "weight" as well as a guide to the modern uses of "thee" and "thou," from their value as signals of close friendship to their use as a curse ("you little thee-thou!").

Publishers of fluff and other stuff

BY HOWARD MACY



The chapter on "Honest Ambiguity" gives indispensable counsel to conference attendees on how to mean what you say without saying what you mean.

Living Barclay. Dean Freiday several years ago performed a wonderful service for Friends by editing *Barclay's Apology in Modern English*. The volume's only major shortcoming is that it still requires careful reading and thoughtfulness. For those who don't have the time or desire to study their faith, *Living Barclay* is the solution. More a patchwork than a paraphrase, it gathers in a single collection the principal Quaker slogans and clichés of thought. To each is added a sentence or, for the more difficult concepts, a paragraph of explanation.

OTHER TITLES include a *User's Guide to Pastors and Meeting Secretaries* and *Doubling Your Attendance in Six Months*.

In addition to books, POF Press is offering a variety of other products including postcards, stationery, posters, buttons, and items distinctly designed for our technological era. POF plans to introduce Friendly User computer software (user friendly, of course) and home video games. "Underground Railroad" is praised for its "livid,

vivid black-and-white images" and said to be more fun than "Donkey Kong" or "Frogger." The audiotapes and videotapes of unprogrammed meetings have been an early, but quiet, success. (An early venture into Quaker novelty and joke items failed badly. A warehouse full of Nixon masks nearly bankrupted the fledgling company.)

The purpose of POF Press is to offer a wide range of radically contemporary, easy-to-use products for the modern Quaker on the go. POF has responded directly to market research, which advises that only the spiritual elite and religious over-achievers read books on prayer, doctrine, significant contemporary issues, or even good biography. It has targeted instead the great mass of people who need to fit religion in at the edges of busy lives. "How-to" books, light biography (for example, *Quaker Quarterback*), and similar titles will dominate their catalog.

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Happy reading! Let's be Friends!

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good reputation can be lost by slander and gossip. If what others *think* of us means more than what we *know about ourselves*, we are in jeopardy. In this time of inflation and recession many people have lost their jobs. If their job has been the thing that has meant the most to them, they are going to have a difficult time of adjustment.

We all face death and the possibility of disabling injury or illness. If we have

worshiped at the shrine of our own vigor, self-reliance, and accomplishment, we could easily allow ourselves to become despondent and self-destructive with advancing years, through the loss of a loved one or a decline in health.

Are we to deny or have no interest in life, loved ones, health, good repute, financial well-being, or worthy accomplishment? NO! These are precious gifts to be worked for and treasured, but the thing to remem-

ber is that all good things are on loan from God. We should remember that we are "bought with a price." If we will trust that God is all-knowing and all-powerful we can base our confidence in Romans 8:28 rather than in the things we happen to possess at the moment. If we really have the attitude that we cannot afford to have anything we can't afford to lose, God can then entrust more of what this life offers to our stewardship.



BY JACK L. WILL CUTS

Missionaries Must Be People

A computer programmer friend recently sent me an entirely serious suggestion that Friends should drop everything we are doing in missions and put all our efforts into high tech micro processing of the Gospel. "The entire Bible plus a year's study course for new Christians could be put into an instrument smaller than a wrist watch," he wrote. "All in any language needed. Players are already being marketed on the streets of Hong Kong, Beirut, and Sao Paulo."

Foreign missions is nothing new to us. Quakers were old hands at it even when pioneer William Carey left shoe cobbling for India and flipped the priorities of the established church. Novelty and significance, however, are two different things. Today's technological thinking—borrowed by avant-garde churchmen such as the Center for World Missions in Pasadena and others—makes data processing and media communication no longer novel. The 1977 "Here's Life" campaign was described as a media effort that "may very well determine the destiny of our nation and the future of civilization . . . a spiritual harvest 1,000 times greater than anything in the history of the church."

Peter Wagner contends that while "175 million people were exposed to the claims of the Gospel," with thousands of "decisions," yet only the "tiniest trickle" became new church members. (From *Eternity* magazine, September 1977) It was a great technical and media success and a dismal evangelistic failure, even though one still spots a few faded "I Found It" bumper stickers around.

The problem of evangelism and missions goes deeper than a matter of methods. It goes beyond programming and media techniques; we face a fundamental theological truth concerning the nature of the church, indeed, the nature of salvation itself. The truth is that one can be joined to Christ the Head only by being joined to Christ's Body. One becomes a Christian by being born into God's family; missions are authentic and lasting in this dynamic relationship of Head and Body—New Testament terms preceding high tech language.


We must be precise here. It isn't the act of joining "a" church that makes one a Christian, of course. It isn't an institutional or sacramental issue; rather it is vital, visible participation in the community of God's people where intimate fellowship with God is joined in intimate fellowship with the brothers and sisters who make up Christ's body, "the" Church. Missionary effectiveness must connect with the life and integrity of a local or cultural congregation.

Scattered machine preaching and witnessing is helpful for sowing gospel seeds, but to take root it must be presented on the basis

of personal relationships. The Gospel is not abstract truth, but personal through Jesus Christ.

Paul preached Christ, but he also started and nurtured churches. So must we in missionary efforts. Missionaries, like Paul, are models. "You know how we lived among you for your sakes—You became imitators of us and of the Lord." (1 Thessalonians 1:5, 6) It takes time to do this. It also takes more than technology. We're all to be doing this, some here, some to the uttermost parts of the earth from here. Christianity has infiltrated history this way, and we are still "chosen" for the task.

Data processing missions is o.k., putting the Bible in any language in a wrist watch is also a great idea, but ultimately people out there, and across the street, need to see and feel lives matching the message.

Something within everybody says there must be something more. God made us this way. Christ is that "Something More"; without Him people and nations take disastrous directions. God's plan for reaching the world is simple and compact: "Where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them." (Matthew 18:20) The church is any number of people gathered with Jesus, committed to Him, worshipping Him, and ready to serve His Kingdom in the world. This is missions to the irreducible minimum or in the largest church in the world. 


Poor Paul!

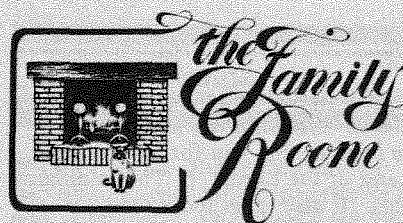
One gets the impression from reading his letters that Paul didn't regard himself as handsome or charismatic. "I did not come [to you] with eloquence or superior wisdom." Paul reminded the Corinthians, "I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling." Poor Paul! A poor speaker, poor at deputation, poor in P.R. No wonder he fled to the desert rather than candidate in Jerusalem. His appointment as a missionary was always shaky. No reliable support, no medical insurance, no pension plan, no camera.

Most think he was quite small of stature, rather ugly. Yet, Paul insists it was his weaknesses, not his wisdom, God used.

One time another more modern missionary on our Friends field in Bolivia and I had just finished pouring our hearts out in a remote Indian community meeting. The people listening had obviously studied us carefully, and once the meeting opened for response, one heavy-haired Aymara asked (for all) out of condescending curiosity, "Are all Americans as 'peeled' as you men are?" (He didn't have a vocabulary word for baldness.)

How should one use an impression like that for presenting the Gospel?

Poor Paul! 



CUTTING THE CORD

BY NANCY WOODWARD

I have a friend named Joyce* who is a 20-year-old sophomore in college. She is a responsible, outgoing, articulate Christian. But she has a problem. Her parents are having a very hard time "letting her go." The college she attends is only 30 miles from her home. Her parents have called her regularly, and she has gone home almost weekly.

During her sophomore year Joyce announced that she was planning to attend another college some distance from home for her junior and senior years. Her mother couldn't understand her need to be more independent. Joyce said her mother cried and said to her, "Don't you love us? Is that why you want to go away?" Joyce, who dearly loves her parents, also spent the evening crying out of frustration because she couldn't get her mother to understand her need for independence. Her mother sees this independence as rejection.

As an outsider to the situation, never having met Joyce's parents, it seems that they are having a difficult time snipping their own parental ties. My opinion is that some Christian parents have a more difficult time "letting go" of their children than do non-Christian parents. As Christian parents we have a standard of truth in Jesus Christ, and we invest our lives in guiding our children in the Christian faith. Perhaps

*Not actual name

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my greatest fear is not that my children will reject me but that they will reject Jesus Christ. Since my whole life is centered on following Christ, the two seem inseparable to me. But to a seeking, searching young adult they are not.

The "letting go" process starts early. I first let go of my children when as babies I left them for that initial overnight with a friend. That was harder on me than it was on them. When our children were 2, 4, and 6 years old my husband and I were able to take a three-week trip to South America. I love to travel and the experience was a gift from the Lord. But leaving my three little ones was traumatic for me. For three weeks I couldn't even call home to see how they were doing! But that trip was a beginning of the cutting of the cord for me.

As our children grow older they are the ones who initiate the need for separation. They go and stay overnight with friends, go to camp for a week, or go visit relatives for two weeks. Of course the big break will come when they leave home for college or get their own apartment and a job.

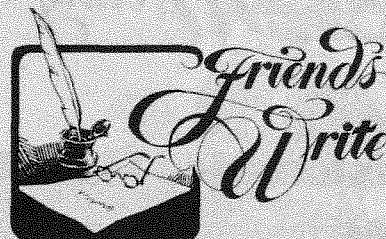
Lawrence B. Schramberg, a Michigan State University authority in family and child relationships, states, "Good parents have actually been preparing their children for that separation throughout the development process. The success of the departure depends on the emotional health of the entire family."

My parents get an "A" from me for their "letting go." When I was 20 I took off for a trip around the world. I spent two months in Kenya and nine months studying in Spain. While on that trip I wrote home to my parents that I had fallen in love with a man and we were seriously considering marriage. They had never heard of him or met him.

But as I look back on that year I see it as one of the very best of my life. I was on my own in a foreign country, and for the first time I really came to grips with what it means to be a Christian. I had no family or peer pressure to influence me. I discovered what prayer is and how to trust the Lord. Probably no other year of my life has brought more personal and spiritual growth than that one year.

As my own children approach their teen and young adult years, I hope I can do as well as my parents did in the "letting go" process. The decision for me is to entrust my children to the care of the Holy Spirit. This seems so simple, but I often want to control my children.

The "letting go" never stops, from kindergarten to college and even beyond. Nothing is harder for a parent to do, or more necessary. It's that cutting of the cord.



Tremors Larger than Indicated

■ I want to say how much I enjoy the EVANGELICAL FRIEND. Articles in the current issue are very relevant to Quaker life today. I appreciated Howard Macy's "Stopwatch Silence." I have certainly been concerned about the "syncopated silence" in some meetings or the total lack of it in others.

A concern I want to speak to is the announcement about the Youth Tremors. The three are including more than just nine yearly meetings. All Friends United Meeting yearly meetings have asked to be participants, to receive information, and to be officially invited. Also Friends General Conference had a representative at the planning session, and the gathering is being announced in the FGC Quarterly.

I realize that this may be new information to you. I'm excited about the three gatherings and hope they will be gathering times for the youth from many areas.

BOB WILLIAMS

Richmond, Indiana

Praise and Appreciation

■ Once again I am challenged and uplifted by the EVANGELICAL FRIEND. It is a bold shaft of light in a world of the printed word! The humility and authenticity underlying the words and thoughts of authors Lauren King, Charles Mylander, and Ronald Worden are the hidden framework that binds their collective message. Maurice Roberts's call to risk is relevant and real.

I am thankful for a magazine and its leadership that truly seeks to move us to higher and deeper commitment. In a day when the focus seems to be on the product and not the process, it is clear that the time and effort put into this publication is time well spent. And I must not fail to mention my appreciation of Howard Macy's "Let's

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First Day News

QUICK QUAKER COMMENTARY

Speakers for EFA yearly meeting sessions have been chosen. RON WOODWARD, pastor of Newberg Friends Church in Newberg, Oregon, will address Friends in Mid-America Yearly Meeting August 1-5 at Friends University, Wichita, Kansas. JOHN WILLIAMS, JR., pastor of Canton First Friends, Canton, Ohio, will be guest speaker for Northwest Yearly Meeting sessions at George Fox College, Newberg, Oregon, July 23-29. Dr. LOWELL E. ROBERTS, retired college professor, most recently Division of Philosophy and Religion chairman at Asbury College in Wilmore, Kentucky, will speak at Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting June 11-16 at Quaker Ridge Camp in Woodland Park, Colorado. Dr. RALPH COVELL, academic dean and professor of missions at Denver Conservative Baptist Seminary in Denver, Colorado, will be missions speaker. Eastern Region will host C. W. PERRY, pastor of Rose Drive Friends Church, Yorba Linda, California, as speaker August 13-18 at Malone College in Canton, Ohio.

SHELDON LOUTHAN of Wichita, Kansas, represents the Evangelical Friends Alliance on the Family Ministries Task Force of the National Association of Evangelicals. Sheldon was named chairman of one of the three subcommittees when the task force met in Orlando, Florida, in March.

TOBY SCHROEDER, a student at Western Evangelical Seminary in Portland, Oregon, was chosen from many applicants of A Christian Ministry in the National Parks to serve as student minister at St. Mary's Resort in Glacier National Park in Montana. There he will share responsibilities with one other staff member in conducting services of worship, Bible studies, discussion groups, and other ministry activities. He will also hold a full-time job with St. Mary's Resort. Toby is a George Fox College graduate and has served as ministry intern with Hillsboro Friends Church, Hillsboro, Oregon, while attending WES.

HAROLD and ANNE KUHN of Wilmore, Kentucky, traveled to Indonesia, Singapore, Hong Kong, and Thailand during February and March, ministering in each country as opportunities arose. Dr. Kuhn retired from teaching in September after 38 years at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore.

CALVIN and TWILA CODAY are making plans to go to Burundi, where Twila will work in the Friends dispensary for a three-year term. The dispensary has been closed since 1974 due to lack of medical personnel. The Codays will be providing their own support. Twila (Jones) Coday previously served several years in Burundi under Mid-America Yearly Meeting.

FRIENDS FOCUS

MEXICAN FRIENDS MEET FOR LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Evangelical Friends Mission hosted a first-ever Pastors' and Leaders' Conference of Mexican Friends March 23-26 at Machuela, Mexico. Louis Delgado, formerly with the Luis Palau Evangelistic Association and now living in Mexico City, was guest speaker. The 30 conferees represented 17 meetings in Mexico, one in Texas, and two in California, and included pastors, missionaries, monthly meeting leaders, and U.S. representative Friends involved in ministry with Mexicans.

MALONE STUDENTS VISIT HAITI MISSIONS

Students from Malone College, Canton, Ohio, forfeited traditional spring break activities to become very short-term missionaries to Haiti. Led by Professor Lawrence Ressler, several of the 11 students were registered for college credit. In addition to pouring a cement roof for a mission building there, the students worshiped in a Haitian Wesleyan Church and visited the Citadelle, Haiti's "English Wonder of the World." Malone officials hope to make this Haiti experience an annual event.

EFA MISSIONS COMMISSION MEETS

Dr. Ralph R. Covell, professor at Denver Conservative Baptist Seminary and editor of Missionology, a missions journal, was guest speaker at the annual EFA Missions Commission retreat May 4-7 in Sedalia, Colorado. Theme for the weekend conference was "Understanding Our Task."

RESOURCES AVAILABLE

Prison Fellowship, a ministry founded by Chuck Colson, has produced a booklet Is There a Better Way? A Perspective on American Prisons. Intended for the church community, this brochure touches on the history of punishment in America, details current overcrowding in our prisons, and puts forth alternatives to incarceration for the nonviolent offender. This booklet and other resources concerning prison reform can be obtained at no cost from Carleton Bakkum, Prison Fellowship, Box 40562, Washington, DC 20016, 703/759-9400. Quantities are also available.

Paying for Peace, a report on conscientious objection to military taxation, has just been published by the Quaker Council for European Affairs in Brussels. Printed in French, German, Dutch, and English, the report is an attempt to inform taxpayers of the implications of paying tax that may be used to finance war. Copies of the booklet can be ordered in the U.S. from Friends World Committee for Consultation, 1506 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102. Contributions of \$1.95 per copy are expected, with reductions for bulk orders.

The Mennonite Central Committee U.S. Peace Section has compiled a Guide to Peace Resources, available from 21 South 12th Street, Akron, Pennsylvania 17501.

1984 FUM TRIENNIAL SESSIONS IN CALIFORNIA

The 1984 Triennial sessions of Friends United Meeting will be held July 12-18 at Chapman College in Orange, California, the first time Triennial sessions have been held in California. Speakers for the conference will include Elizabeth Watson, Quaker author and lecturer; Norval Hadley, director of Ministry Services for World Vision International; and John Perkins, founder and president emeritus of Voice of Calvary Ministries. Howard Macy, chairman of the Department of Religion and Philosophy at Friends University, Wichita, Kansas, will provide daily Bible devotionals. Attenders will also have opportunity to meet in worship-sharing groups, participate in workshops and business meetings.

REPRINT OF 'RICH HERITAGE' PLANNED

Rich Heritage of Quakerism by Walter Williams will be reprinted in 1983 by the Board of Publications of Eastern Region. The widely circulated volume has been important to many Friends readers.

HOUSTON GRADUATE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY TO OPEN

Ronald and Barbara Worden, Haviland, Kansas, have accepted positions as professors, academic dean, and librarian at Houston Graduate School of Theology in Houston, Texas. The new evangelical, ministry-oriented seminary will open with short summer sessions in June, with a regular full schedule beginning in the fall.

For information about the school, contact Houston Graduate School of Theology, Institute of Religion, Second Floor, Texas Medical Center, 1129 Wilkins, Houston, Texas 77030, 713/791-9505; or Dr. Delbert Vaughn, 5446 Greenhouse Road, Houston, Texas 77084, 713/463-8592.

EFA SPECIALISTS LEAD SUNDAY SCHOOL SEMINARS

Five specialists from EFA will lead district Sunday school seminars in Ohio/Michigan areas May 2-7: Betty Hockett, writer and preschool curriculum specialist; Marjorie Landwert, director of Christian education at First Friends Church, Salem, Ohio; Royce Frazier, Mid-America Yearly Meeting youth superintendent; Dorothy Barratt, EFA Christian education consultant; and Jon Johnson, associate pastor of East Richmond Friends Church, St. Clairsville, Ohio.

WAREHOUSE BECOMES MEETINGHOUSE

Construction costs are forcing Friends to seek unconventional facilities for meeting. California Friends in Chino Valley have discovered that a 4,800-square-foot warehouse offers more space per dollar than typical rental facilities. Too small to afford church construction, and too large for their rented house, Chino Valley Friends converted an industrial complex into an ample church facility--with room to grow.

FAHE CONFERENCE PLANS FINALIZED

"Quaker Education as Ministry" has been selected as theme for the fourth annual conference of the Friends Association for Higher Education to be held June 24-27 at Haverford College, Haverford, Pennsylvania.

Paul Lacey of Earlham College, Indiana, will address this theme at opening sessions Friday evening. T. Canby Jones (Wilmington College, Ohio), Earl Harrison (Sidwell Friends School, Washington, D.C.), and Kara Cole (Friends United Meeting administrative secretary) will speak to specific concerns stemming from the general theme. A panel moderated by Thomas S. Brown of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting will discuss the issue of "Discipline and Freedom" in Friends education. The conference program also includes workshops, task forces, and interest groups, led by members of the association.

Each year the FAHE Conference is held on a different Quaker college campus in order to obtain maximum participation in the conference and to acquaint as many Quaker educators as possible with the association, its goals and purposes.

For information, including schedules and registration forms, contact Anne and Nate Shope, Executive Secretaries, FAHE, P.O. Box 18741, Greensboro, North Carolina 27419, 919/852-2028.

WORKSHOP TO AID TEACHING CHILDREN PEACE

Quaker Hill Conference Center, Richmond, Indiana, hosted a one-day workshop May 14 "See What Love Can Do." The seminar, for "teachers and parents who want to help children grow and know the values of loving all persons, creating a world of peace as Jesus taught," was led by Joyce Mardock, Christian education coordinator for Friends United Meeting.

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Be Friends"; his timely thoughts bring into focus what it is to live out John 15:14, "Ye are my friends . . ."

SUSAN KENDALL
Homestead, Florida

■ I thought the February issue of the EVANGELICAL FRIEND was tops. There were two articles that impressed me particularly—the one by Howard Macy, the other by Jack Willcuts.

Not to try to enlarge upon Howard Macy's article on fitness for the ministry at all, but in my opinion he could have added spiritual discernment to the list of requirements, which I think is one of the most important spiritual gifts that a minister can have, particularly a pastor.

Jack Willcuts asks the question, "Where is the power?" I don't really think he needs me to answer that question for him. I think he knows that worldliness has crept into the church and crowded the Holy Spirit out.

CLYDE W. PICKERING
St. Clairsville, Ohio

Effort Defended

■ We were disturbed to read, in "The Face of the World" (March 1983), the article

dealing with Oral Roberts's fund-raising efforts for cancer research. We realize the EVANGELICAL FRIEND does not necessarily agree with the news printed in this column, but we did want to voice our opinion on some of the information we felt was misleading.

First of all, the article seems to take a tongue-in-cheek attitude about a "vision" Dr. Roberts received. Are "evangelical" Christians too narrow to allow for any way the Lord might choose to speak to His children?

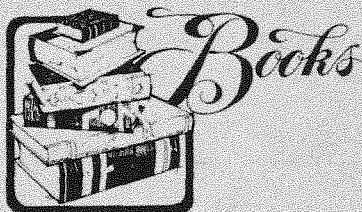
Secondly, the writer of the article seems to be pointing an accusing finger at Dr. Roberts for asking for financial assistance. What the writer neglected to mention was that for this \$240 gift (\$20/month for 12 months), the giver will receive a set of 48 cassette tapes on which Oral Roberts has read the New Testament and included his life teachings.

We wonder why the Evangelical Press Association seems so negative about this fund-raising appeal from Oral Roberts, when we have already seen how contribution dollars have been used to God's glory (referring to the construction of the "City of Faith" hospital, which employs only

Spirit-filled Christians as its doctors, nurses, and staff). Now Dr. Roberts's goal, through Christ, is a cancer research center. It seems to us that this goal, the fight of cancer, would be one that Christians would want to band together to support, through prayer or finances, as the Lord would lead.

BRAD AND DENISE RICKEY
Newberg, Oregon

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Calvin Miller, *The Philippian Fragment*.
InterVarsity Press, 1982.

Calvin Miller in this, his latest book, gives the reader some tongue-in-cheek appraisals of the early Church. The Philippian fragment is a long-lost manuscript written by a pastor, Eusebius, to his friend, Clement. Through his four epistles we see some of the wrinkles of the early Christian scene. The situations that Eusebius writes about seem vaguely familiar to us today. Gladiators who once killed for the Caesar now kill pagans for Christ. Famous Roman celebrities speak (for a fee, of course) about their conversions to Christ. The leader of a "possibility thinking" seminar series and author of many possibility thinking books is thrown to the lions, and Eusebius wonders if he will be able to "think" his way out of being torn asunder in the Coliseum. Eusebius even warns his dear friend about growing fads and traditions that are spreading throughout Rome—such as putting small gifts in each other's leggings in memory of the gifts of the wisemen to Jesus. In this instance, however, he doubts that this will ever catch on.

Through these and many other short chapters we see through the cracks in our own "spiritual armor," and in a satirical way Miller exposes many of the extraneous trappings that Christianity has picked up along the way and that are added to the Gospel, the "good news" that Christ brought to earth. It is hard not to see modern-day Christianity in the same boat as the early church described in the Philippian Fragment. We place certain legalisms

ULSTER QUAKER SERVICE COMMITTEE PROJECTS APPEAL 1983



Quaker Canteen, Maze Prison

Beth Rodgers (Boston, Massachusetts) and children at Quaker Cottage, Belfast, Northern Ireland.



Financial help is needed to fund the work of Friends in Northern Ireland. The work includes **The Visitors' Centre, Maze Prison**: This service consists of a Playgroup, a Canteen, and an Advice Centre for relatives/friends visiting prisoners.

Quaker Cottage: This provides a unique opportunity for children from both sides of the community to be involved in constructive leisure activities under the guidance of three resident volunteers. It also includes a Mother and Toddler group and work with young unemployed.

Care of the Elderly: A Day Centre providing contacts and stimuli for the elderly confused. Also a Lunch Club for 20 elderly folk who go on our annual holiday. We also run a **Holiday Scheme** for disadvantaged families and a **Transport Service** for many community groups, etc.

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on new Christians and the subtle twistings of Scripture and theology are sold as truth. The reader will enjoy many people he meets and chuckle at their inadequacies, but the reader should also give some serious thoughts as to where he or she stands. The satire of Calvin Miller raises contemporary issues (as it is supposed to). We Christians could use more not-so-subtle reminders that we need to place Christ foremost in our worship and attention and not on the "trends" and personalities. I recommend this book as light reading with some weight to it.

—Curtis B. Ankeny

Sheldon G. Jackson, **Quaker Pioneers in the Cherokee Strip** (Subtitle—"The Life and Times of Alvin and Laura Coppock"), Azusa Pacific University Press.

Sheldon Jackson's *Quaker Pioneers in the Cherokee Strip* gives an answer to those who are wondering about the Quaker dynamic. The biography of Alvin and Laura Coppock traces their life, beginning in Iowa, following the land rush to the Cherokee Strip of Oklahoma, and detailing their life and ministry in a way that dramatizes their commitment to Christ.

The interesting style draws you into the story. The book is well researched and gives a vivid word picture of the life and ministry of the Coppocks. There are many important events that are rooted in the middle American Quaker movement detailed in this book: the beginning of Stella Academy, the ministry within Stella Quarterly Meeting, and glimpses of the work at Havi-land, Kansas.

Sheldon Jackson's book is a contribution to Friends literature from its historical content alone, but more important is the spir-

itual life and ministry of Alvin and Laura Coppock that he has captured. This book traces their lifelong commitment, family devotion time, public ministry, their children's ministries and influence upon the community, and church ministries. The Coppocks were one, if not the primary, spiritual influence upon that community in that day and time. This book is one that can challenge each of us in our own walk with God. It provides not a hypothetical situation, but a challenge from a real life experience.

Every leader in the Friends Church could profit by reading this book, and each Friends library ought to have a copy of it on its shelves.

—Jack Rea

Joyce Huggett, **Growing into Love—Before You Marry**, InterVarsity Press, 1982.

This book is written for the single Christian who is considering engagement and/or marriage. The author covers material about sex, responsibility, hopes and expectations of a love relationship both before and after marriage with candor and sensitivity.

Throughout the book there are questions posed for a couple to discuss in depth. The suggestion is given that persons write out their answers to the questions in the same manner that couples who attend a Marriage Encounter weekend do. Perhaps the greatest value of the book will come to a couple through following this discipline. The questions will lead to a new depth of relationship if written on and discussed.

The author presents a good balance of what to expect in marriage. Her chapter on "Role Responsibility" seems fairly narrow to me. But in this day and age of changing roles it is definitely a topic a couple should communicate about in depth.

The four chapters dealing with sex are most helpful. The author gives good biblical principles for abstaining until marriage. Yet she deals very sensitively with the person who has been sexually active before marriage in her chapter "Treating the Indelible Stain."

It is a book I would recommend to any Christian couple considering marriage.

—Nancy Woodward

Jerry and Barbara Cook, **Choosing to Love**, Regal Books, 1982. \$8.95.

One of the most deadly things that Christian people can do is to place their Christian experience into a secluded box of unrealistic and un-Christlike expectancies. One of the greatest necessities for the Christian couple,

writes Jerry and Barbara Cook, is to be freed from a standard that is not really believed in, and which has simplistically been handed down by cultural assumptions. In *Choosing to Love*, this couple writes out of their experience and honesty, a down-to-earth and biblically based look at the realities of the marriage relationship.

The authors of this book do not pretend to have all of the answers necessary for a successful marriage, but they do take seriously their task by asking, "Which of my presuppositions are simply philosophies and values of our culture [and] which align with God's values?" In this book they deal with such thoughts as the "Ideal Marriage," submission, and personal identity within the marriage relationship. In addition, unlike many books on marriage, the Cooks devote a chapter to the concern, "Is It Wrong to Not Want to Be Married?"

Each chapter of this book ends with biblical verses for study and questions for discussion. This addition is helpful for those wanting to go deeper into the subject, and provides a way in which this book may be a helpful tool for special study groups or premarital and marital counseling. *Choosing to Love* reflects a life to be lived and an ongoing reality to be discovered. Upon completion the reader knows that the authors do not pretend to draw conclusions, but share practical examples in a refreshing way to help others seek and find the way in which God would have them to live and love.

—Michael Nixon

Dr. David R. Mace, **Enriching Your Marriage**, Word Inc., 1980, \$89.95.

A 12-cassette program designed for use by individuals, couples, and couples study groups by Dr. Mace, who with his wife, Vera, has founded the Association of Couples for Marriage Enrichment. They are without peers in this field, which they have pioneered for more than 40 years. As a sociologist and a deeply committed Christian, David Mace combines a careful consideration of scriptural truth with the major findings of social science research and practice in seeking to strengthen marriages. He is an unabashed promoter of good marriages and cites statistics that credit good marriages as productive of better health and longer and more satisfying lives for those in such marriages.

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—Sheldon Louthan



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African Missionaries To Evangelize in States

WASHINGTON—Dressed in his flowing white robe, the emblem of Nigerian manhood, Samuel T. Ola Akande pounded the pulpit of Columbia Baptist Church in Falls Church, Virginia: "It is a fact that Africa and Asia have been mission fields, and for this we are grateful indeed. But today Africa and Asia are not the only mission fields," the general secretary of the Nigerian Baptist Convention stated forcefully, "all the continents of the world, including the North American continent where I stand today, are real mission fields."

Dr. Akande criticized Western Christians for continuing to sing, for example, "From north to south the princes meet to pay their homage at His feet; while western empires own their Lord, and savage tribes attend His word," and the other familiar hymn, "From Greenland's icy mountains, From India's coral strand, Where Africa's sunny fountains roll down their golden sand . . . They call us to deliver their land from error's chain."

Dr. Akande pointed out that there are signs of a reversed mission strategy cycle when, for example, Christians of the so-called Third World are sending missionaries

to countries that traditionally have been thought of as mission-sending nations.

"Now it is your turn to be receptive and have open hearts to messengers from the once receiving churches," Dr. Akande emphasized. — *Evangelical Press Association*

Radandt to Preside Over Christian College Coalition

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Dr. Friedhelm Radandt, president of Northwestern College, Orange City, Iowa, was elected chairman of the Board of Directors of the Christian College Coalition during the coalition's 1983 annual meeting. He succeeds Dr. David Winter, president of Westmont College, Santa Barbara, California, who served as chairman of the Board of Directors for two years, the culmination of two full terms of service as a member of the board.

In other action, one new member was elected to the board: Dr. Clyde Cook, president of Biola University, La Mirada, California, who will serve a three-year term. Reelected, also for three years, were Dr. Daniel Chamberlain, president of Houghton College, Houghton, New York, and Dr. John Knight, Bethany Nazarene College, Bethany, Oklahoma. — *E.P.A.*

Bread for the World Pushing Hunger Resolution

WASHINGTON—Bread for the World, a nationwide Christian citizens movement, is pushing for the adoption of a "Preventing Hunger at Home" resolution in Congress.

The resolution would put Congress on record as being opposed to any further budget cuts in federal nutrition programs for children, the elderly, and women. The resolution is needed, said Todd Dietterle of Washington, because of the significance of the cuts in various food programs. — *E.P.A.*

YFC Targets Urban Areas, Minority Ministry

WASHINGTON—In America today there are nearly 15 million high school students representing 18,000 high schools, according to the National Center for Educational Statistics. All parachurch youth organizations combined are active in only 15 percent of the nation's high schools. What is being done to reach the 85 percent that remain untouched?

Youth for Christ/USA, now active in 62 countries of the world, gathered recently for its annual convention here to address this issue and hammered out the final draft of a major report that will guide the future direction of the organization to an in-

creased emphasis on confrontation evangelism.

The report made a distinction between urban and minority work, with urban work being defined as the 25 largest metropolitan centers that hold 50 percent of the nation's youth. These centers have been especially targeted.

YFC placed a strong emphasis on its recommitment to the evangelism of minority youth. One of the report's goals is to place minorities on all boards and committees within the YFC structure.

"I'm asking God to help us open up our arms to include people in YFC today with whom we are not all that comfortable," stated President Jay Kesler: "I want to see YFC become everything but exclusive."

— *E.P.A.*

U.S. Center Sees World Reachable by 2000

PASADENA, CALIFORNIA—The United States Center for World Mission has released a new one-page graph and chart called "Unreached Peoples of the World, 1983." It was prepared by Ralph Winter and Bruce Graham. Their conclusion: reaching the unreached seems "clearly within the means of evangelical outreach by the year 2000." Their theory—"If you divide 258 million true Christians by 16,750 unreached people groups, you get over 15,000 per group. That should be a fully adequate base for outreach to every remaining group."

— *E.P.A.*

Preus Criticizes Reagan For Church Leader Remarks

MINNEAPOLIS—Presiding Bishop David W. Preus, responding to President Reagan's criticism of the stance of church leaders on peace and the nuclear arms issue, said March 10, "We honor respectful dissent as an expression of patriotism, not its denial."

Preus, leader of the 2.3-million-member American Lutheran Church here, has been involved in a number of international conferences studying issues of war and peace. He emerged as one of the leading spokesmen for U.S. churches at last May's peace conference in Moscow.

Preus made his remarks in response to a March 8 speech by Reagan in Orlando, Florida, at a meeting of the National Association of Evangelicals. Reagan warned church leaders not to treat the arms race "as a giant misunderstanding and thereby remove yourself from the struggle of right and wrong, good and evil." Reagan asked the evangelical group clergy to criticize those "who would place the United

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States in a position of military and moral inferiority." The President also said any calls for a nuclear arms freeze without additional Soviet arms reductions is a "very dangerous fraud."

Preus, who repeatedly has called for evenhandedness in criticism of both the East and West on the nuclear arms issue, said: "We do not believe in disarming ourselves in a way that would imperil our country, and we are adamant about the retention of moral strength. It is our common belief, however, that the Word of God should direct our consciences, not the edicts of ecclesiastical or political leaders. We believe that the strength of this nation lies in its freedom and capacity to critique both politics and religion . . ."

—E.P.A.

Evangelicals Urged to Get with It At 41st Annual NAE Convention

ORLANDO, FLORIDA—On the eve of President Ronald Reagan's address to the 41st annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals here, NAE leadership was challenged to expand their influence by fervently practicing what they preach. "Let's be honest," said convention coordinator John White, "the evangelical faith is insular. We've had little involvement with civilization or culture."

Speaking before the annual Board of Administration dinner March 7, White, who is dean of religious services at Geneva College in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, urged the crowd of evangelical luminaries to make their faith meaningful and relevant to every area of life. "At this convention we want an evangelism that does not suffer paralysis when it comes to giving a cup of cold water to people in need," White said, "and a social witness that does not get laryngitis when it comes to calling men and women to faith and repentance."

—E.P.A.

Faith Friends Church (Evangelical) of Northern Virginia

meets at Woodlawn Meetinghouse, near Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Morning Worship is at 12:00 noon on the 2nd Sunday of each month; Bible Study at 5:00 p.m. on the 1st, 3rd, and 4th Sundays of the month in the homes of members.

When you are in the Washington, D.C., area, please plan to meet with us. Contact Midge Young for directions at 2902 Pine Spring Road, Falls Church, Virginia 22042 or phone her at 703/573-1555.

Christian Colleges Need To Discuss 'High Technology'

WASHINGTON—Christian colleges ought to be discussing the implications of the "emerging high technology era," Senator Mark Hatfield believes.

Addressing the annual meeting February 1-2 of presidents and trustees, and board chairmen of member colleges of the Christian College Coalition, the Oregon Republican mentioned genetic engineering and other similar developments of the "high tech society," which could further dehumanize the entire world.

"We must not become the victim of our high technology society; we must be masters of it," he emphasized.

But while admitting there are reasons for concern about today's society, Senator Hatfield reiterated his conviction that the future is under control. "When it seems that the forces of destiny will overwhelm us," he said, "there is always the guiding light of Jesus Christ." As Christ faced the reality of the cross, so "we must face the reality of where life is moving and decide whether we will be involved with guiding that force," said the lawmaker.

—E.P.A.

Creation Science Law Killed

A federal judge in Louisiana struck down a "creation science" law that required a "balanced treatment" of the teaching of creation and evolution. Judge Adrian Duplantier ruled that the Louisiana legislature overstepped its bounds by "dictating to public schools not only that a subject must be taught, but also how it must be taught." State officials plan to appeal.

—Church Around the World

Churches Stage World Day of Prayer

LONDON—The Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization has issued a call for Christians around the world to observe Sunday, May 22 (Pentecost Sunday) as a Day of Prayer for World Evangelization. The Pentecost Sunday day of prayer was instituted in 1977, and an increasing number of churches have been involved each year. Churches are encouraged to hold congregational prayer meetings, home prayer groups, campus prayer cells, businessmen's prayer breakfasts, and similar functions. In addition, it is suggested that the church services on Pentecost Sunday might focus on the importance of prayer in world evangelization.

—E.P.A.



ON BEING AN AMATEUR

BY NANCY THOMAS

I'm an amateur. I'm an amateur writer, an amateur missionary, an amateur bicyclist, and certainly an amateur guitarist. I'm even an amateur wife and mother! I'm an amateur and proud of it.

"What a lazy person," you may be thinking. "Doesn't she care about doing things well?" Yes, I do.

Let's look at the word *amateur*. Word meanings aren't permanent like mountains or statues (which actually aren't very per-

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manent either). Words change and meanings become, sometimes richer, sometimes poorer.

Today's dictionary variously defines "amateur" as "one who engages in a pursuit, study, science or sport as a pastime rather than as a profession," "one lacking in experience and competence in an art or science," and "one who follows a pursuit without attaining proficiency or professional status." The amateur is juxtaposed against the "professional" or expert, "one who attains to the technical or ethical standards of his profession, who engages in an activity or field of endeavor for livelihood or gain." In other words, the professional does it well and gets paid; the amateur just slops along. That's bad.

Now I don't really want to be a sloppy writer or an unproficient mother (unprolific, perhaps, but not unproficient). What did the word *amateur* originally and literally mean? The word is French and unites the two ideas of "lover" and "doer." It combines the aspects of love and work. *Amateur*, then, originally referred to a person who did the work he did because he loved it. That's good.

Being an amateur, in this sense of the word, has nothing to do with whether or not a person strives for excellence. I want my writing to improve, to become more professional (both proficient and prolific). But I hope never to lose the joy and love that spark the creative fires and form the deepest motivation behind my work. The excitement of a new idea or insight, the desire to express and communicate it, the sense of call and obedience that sees the idea through the tedious part of the labor—these are all aspects of love. They give purpose to my writing.

As far as my guitar playing goes, I'll probably always be an amateur in both senses of the word. It gives our family a lot of joy, even though I know I'll never be concert material.

I'm a missionary because I love God, and that love led to obedience. Love forms both the root and the fruit of my work in Bolivia. Not that I always enjoy what I'm doing. Sometimes I actively dislike a particular activity. Sometimes I get tired and want to come home. But other times the joy of serving God across cultural barriers surges up strongly. I feel I'm especially blessed because my day-to-day work is tied intimately to my deepest goals and values. Love and work walk hand in hand.

This is not always so. My friend Ricardo is a writer, too, and a university literature

professor. Currently necessity is forcing him to hold down a job in a government agency. He works in the personnel department, reviews candidates for jobs, edits official memorandums, rewrites other people's reports, etc. He sees it as just a job, a way to pay rent and put food on the table. At six o'clock every day he hurries out of the building, relieved that he's done for another day. Ricardo's job has nothing to do with him as a person. It doesn't touch his dreams.

Many people share Ricardo's predicament. Some can't wait to get home from work and begin "real life." Others pour their energy out into jobs that don't satisfy. The writer of Ecclesiastes looks at the typical workaholic, the professional striving to get ahead, and concludes, "Thus I considered all my activities which my hands had done and the labor which I had exerted, and behold all was vanity and striving after wind and there was no profit under the sun." (Ecclesiastes 2:11 NASB) Work without love has no meaning.

I'm not saying that everyone needs to become a missionary, writer, pastor, etc., in order to work with love. Kahlil Gibran in *The Prophet* shows the relationship between love and many kinds of work when he writes:

And what is it to work with love? It is to weave the cloth with threads drawn from your heart, even as if your beloved were to wear that cloth. It is to build a house with affection, even as if your beloved were to dwell in that house. It is to sow seeds with tenderness and reap the harvest with joy, even as if your beloved were to eat the fruit. It is to charge all things you fashion with a breath of your own spirit (K. Gibran, *The Prophet*, Alfred A. Knopf, 1965, p. 29)

Paul gives us another clue: "And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father." (Colossians 3:17) If the job itself is good (not related to war, not producing things that harm people, etc.) it can be done with love, as unto the Lord, our beloved. Cleaning a building, teaching a class, raising children, serving food, directing traffic, installing plumbing, carving a flute, fighting a fire, writing a report—all these can be done from a motive of love to God and service to people. If our motives are right, God can infuse our daily work with love and joy.

So, whatever your profession or daily occupation, try to be an amateur. Work with love.

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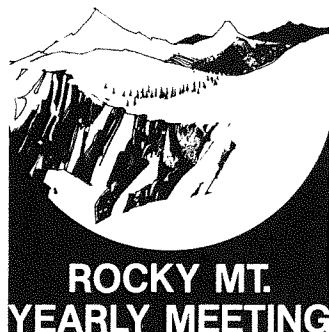
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FRIENDS CONCERNS



RYM Briefs . . .

ROUGH ROCK, Arizona—Diane Hutson visited Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting churches with Marilyn and Ruby Reddy from the Rough Rock Mission while on deputation in April and May. Vern and Lois Ellis are having a three-week deputation in May.

WOODLAND PARK, Colorado—Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting is June 11 to June 16 at Quaker Ridge Camp. The missions speaker is Dr. Ralph Covell of Denver Conservative Baptist Seminary. Dr. Covell served as a missionary in Taiwan and China. The main speaker for the week is Dr. Lowell Roberts, former president of Friends University. Dr. Roberts has also been associated with Malone College and Asbury College.

PLAINVIEW, Nebraska—Dorothy Barratt recently conducted a Christian education program here. She has also conducted programs in Albuquerque, New Mexico; Grand Junction, Colorado; Paonia, Colorado; and Benkelman, Nebraska.

DENVER, Colorado—Joyce Lamb conducted Christian education program for Rocky View Area churches at First Denver Friends.

OMAHA, Nebraska—Evangelical Friends Church is in the process of searching for a new pastor to replace Wayne Conant, who is stepping down after several years at Omaha. Other Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting churches searching for new pastors include Grand Junction, Hasty, Ordway, and Las Animas, all in Colorado.

SPRINGBANK, Nebraska—Springbank Area churches met here recently. Trish DeLancey of Denver was special speaker. Guy and Glenda Robinson of Plainview furnished special music.

RYM Prayer Opportunities . . .

1. Pray back Philippians 4:8 to God and ask Him to reveal how your thought life should change. "Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely,

whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, let your mind dwell on these things." (NASB)

2. Praise God for some difficult situation you are currently involved with right now. "Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NASB)

3. Ask God to make every thought and imagination solely of Him in your life.

4. Ask God to give you someone special to minister to this month.

Seek the Glory from God

There is a story about an old missionary stepping off the ship in New York after 40 years of service in Africa. On the same ship was a celebrity who was met by a smiling host of press and friends.

In the midst of the fanfare, the old missionary crept away, carrying his one battered suitcase.

"Lord," he murmured in discouragement, "is it fair that after all these years of service I come home and not one person cares?"

God whispered back to him, "You're not home yet, son."

"And let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we shall reap if we do not grow weary." (Galatians 6:9 NASB)

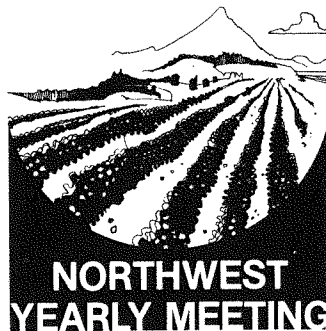
—Hay Springs, Nebraska newsletter

Control of the Tongue Is a Wise Choice

By Cathy,
New Hope Friends Meeting

Recently I was reminded of how careful we must be of what we say and how we say it. "Behold, the ships also, though they are so great and are driven by strong winds, are still directed by a very small rudder, wherever the inclination of the pilot desires. So also the tongue is a small part of the body, and yet it boasts of great things. Behold, how great a forest is set aflame by such a small fire! . . . But no one can tame the tongue; it is a restless evil and full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father; and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God; from the same mouth come both blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be this way." (James 3:4-6, 8-10) And in Ephesians 4:29, Paul tells us: "Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, that it may give grace to those who hear."

Usually I recognize something I should or shouldn't have said after it is too late. James warns us in verse 8 that we cannot tame our tongues—but God can! I found this verse in Psalms that I have been using in my prayers. "Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; Keep watch over the door of my lips." (Psalm 141:3)



Around Northwest Yearly Meeting

FRIENDS WOMEN'S SPRING RALLIES have been held in each area of the Yearly Meeting. Speakers included the following past, present, and future missionaries: Sue Anderson, Betty Comfort, Genevieve Fitch, Louise George, Mary Morse, Carolyn Stansell, and Quentin Nordyke. Offerings at the rallies were designated for the support of the Christian university in Santa Cruz, Bolivia.

FRIENDS MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS have been scheduled for June 3-5 in Portland and June 10-12 in Medford. Gary and Patti Lewis, executive couple for Oregon, can be contacted for additional information at 5006 S.W. Buddington, Portland, Oregon 97219. Marriage Encounter executive couple for Idaho is Neal and Deloras Rusco and for Washington, Roy and Karen McConaughy.

"DREAMING DREAMS, HEEDING CALLINGS" is the theme for the second annual Young Adult Friends Conference to be held May 20-22 at Twin Rocks Friends Camp in Rockaway, Oregon. Continuing a focus on ministry, the conference will feature the shared experiences of "elders" from within the Yearly Meeting, panel discussions, and small group interaction. Alan Kolp, dean of Earlham School of Religion, will be special guest of the conference, addressing the topic of ministry from a Quaker tradition.

Cost for the conference is \$30 if pre-registered by May 15; \$35 after May 15. Registrations and/or questions can be sent to YAF Conference, P.O. Box 190, Newberg, Oregon 97132.

OVER \$3,000 was given on behalf of George Fox College, Sunday, March 13, as yearly meeting churches hosted representatives from the college in morning worship services. Pledges are continuing to mount, reports Gene Hockett, director of Church and College Relations, bringing total contributions from this focused church effort above last

year's total. A significant result of George Fox College Sunday is a "renewed sense of ownership and responsibility" for the college among churches and individuals of Northwest Yearly Meeting, Hockett notes. "It's a unique thing to be so supported by the church."

THE GREAT COMMISSION BUDGET for 1983-84 was presented to all the churches in the Yearly Meeting in April. The midyear Executive Council meeting in February prayerfully considered the ministry challenges the Yearly Meeting faces and proposed a \$557,000 budget for the coming year. This is a 9 percent increase over the current budget. Each church has been asked to support the united ministries on a fair share basis.

With 2½ months left in the church year, a \$20,785 deficit was showing in this year's budget of \$511,000. A united effort to complete the present budget by July 1 is encouraged.

George Fox College News

The Chaplain of the United States Senate, Dr. Richard C. Halverson, will be speaker for 1983 George Fox College commencement ceremonies May 28.

Baccalaureate speaker will be George K. Millen, general superintendent of the Evangelical Church of North America.

Commencement ceremonies will be at 2:00 p.m. in the Wheeler Sports Center. Baccalaureate services will be at 10:30 a.m. in the William and Mary Bauman Chapel/Auditorium.

Halverson has been United States Senate chaplain since 1981. For 22 years prior to his appointment he was minister of the Fourth Presbyterian Church in Bethesda, Maryland. Since 1956 he has been involved with the International Prayer Breakfast movement in Washington, D.C.

Millen has been a denominational conference superintendent since 1946, first in the Evangelical United Brethren Church, and since its founding the Evangelical Church of North America. He was installed as head of the new United States/Canada organization in October in Billings, Montana.

George Fox will freeze tuition for the 1983-84 school year starting next fall. At the same time, the college will move from a guaranteed tuition plan in effect since 1974.

By holding tuition at the current rate for incoming freshmen next year, the college is expected to drop in overall cost comparison among 22 Northwest independent colleges.

Students already on campus are under the existing guaranteed tuition, and their tuition rates will be honored as the program is phased out.

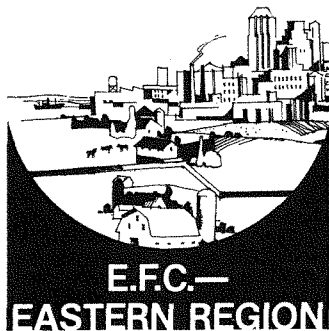
With the freeze on tuition and a 9.2 percent increase in room and board

charges, the average incoming student next year will pay just 2.75 percent more than this year's freshman, with a total package cost of \$7,335, compared to \$7,140 this year.

Jim Settle, director of admissions at George Fox College for the last 10 years, will leave that post July 1. Settle has directed a program that has increased the college's enrollment by 50 percent with fall term enrollment this year at 683.

Settle on July 1 will become pastor of the West Chehalis Friends Church near Newberg. He told college administrators two years ago of his decision to go into full-time church ministry.

Settle, 43, during the last year was chairman of the Pacific Northwest Independent College Admissions Association and a member of the Executive Committee for the Oregon High School-College Relations Council. He came to George Fox from Medford, where he was director of the Rogue Valley Youth for Christ.



EFC—ER Happenings

FRIENDS YOUTH during 1982 raised \$8,928 for missions in their campaign "Endeavors for Christ." East Goshen was first, donating \$1,500; Willoughby Hills was second, with \$877; and Marysville was third with \$700. The remainder of the funds came from 24 Friends Youth groups among Eastern Region churches.

STATISTICS often serve to help us understand "where we are" and "where we hope to go." With the publishing of the 1983 Directory, readers note the following items:

1. Membership in EFC—ER churches increased by 82 during 1982, making a total 8,729 in 82 churches, 5 extension churches, and 5 beginning churches.

2. Although Sunday school attendance decreased by 13, Sunday morning worship attendance increased by 339. Also, Sunday evening service attendance was up 47, midweek attendance was up 35, and attendance at business meetings increased by 241.

3. Total income increased last year over 1981 by \$1,292,582. Pas-

total salaries increased by \$148,626, although the amount raised for building decreased by the sum of \$149,168.

EFA DISTRICT SEMINARS are scheduled for the first week of May with special training sessions planned for Sunday school teachers and administrators in each district. The team of leaders includes Betty Hockett, preschool; Marjorie Landwert, children; Royce Frazier, youth; Dorothy Barratt, adults; Jon Johnson, administrators. This is one of the benefits of participating in EFA Christian Education Commission activities. Hopefully, the seminars will be well attended.

SUMMER MINISTRIES teams are rapidly filling up. Leaders for the teams scheduled for July 11-27 include Paul and Marilee Beck with King's Kids; John and Betty Grafton with Young Believers; Carroll Bailey with the Orchestra Singers; Harlie and Reva Harris, Navajo Indian Team (leaves July 12). The Georgia Work Team has been substituted for the Camp Gideon Team and will travel to Marietta, where one of our beginning churches is located. John and Phyllis Ryser will lead this team, and the dates are July 12-23.

ALVIN AND LUCY ANDERSON are leaving Canton this month (May 20) to fly to Santa Cruz, Bolivia, where they will spend two months teaching at the Bolivian Evangelical University. Alvin will teach two upper division education classes in Spanish and serve as consultant with the administration. Lucy will teach remedial English with possibly an added course in journalism. Cathly Lipely will replace Lucy in the Yearly Meeting Office while Lucy is gone.

EFC—ER CALENDAR

- May 14—Malone Commencement First Christian, 10:00 a.m.
- May 20—"Chosen 300" Dinner Rally, Malone 7:00 p.m.
- June 2, 3—Executive Board
- June 10—Camp Gideon Rally for Michigan District, Tecumseh
- June 27-July 2—Camp Caesar (Jr High)
- July 4-9—Camp Caesar (Sr High)

Focus on Malone

Fifteen Malone students spent their spring break visiting other college campuses in order to gain a wider perspective on campus life, faculty-staff relations, student government, and interaction with student organizations. Rick Merrin, Malone sophomore, introduced the idea to the Student Senate, who approved it and

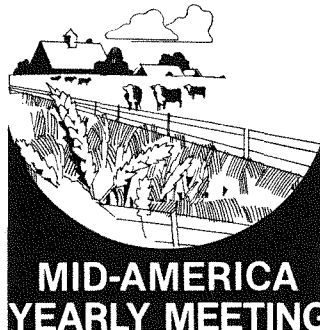
made the arrangements. Colleges visited were Gordon, King's College, Nyack, Eastern, Eastern Mennonite, Liberty Baptist, Calvin, and Spring Arbor.

Ray Gillman, chairman of the 1983 Annual Fund campaign, made the happy announcement that total contributions amounted to \$171,508, topping the original goal of \$170,000. There were 429 new and increased gifts this year that will be matched by the \$20,000 challenge grant the Hoover Foundation provided.

The Malone Chorale toured Georgia, Virginia, North Carolina, and Ohio during their 10-day spring trip in March. Under the direction of Greg Wilson, the 50-voice ensemble performed a variety of music—from Handel's "O Praise the Lord with One Consent" and a Brahms motet to the modern "Joy in the Morning" and "Corinthians on Love."

Four Malone students were recipients of the Joyce Bridenstine Memorial Scholarship awards during the 1982-83 school year—Daniel Worden, freshman; Charles Bancroft, sophomore; Donna Worden, junior; and Scott Hinshaw, senior. The fund was established in 1979 by Hiram and Alma Bridenstine to provide scholarships for children of Friends ministers.

"Women's Issues in the 80's: Two Perspectives" was the topic debated by two of America's leading activists—Phyllis Schlafly and Sarah Weddington. This was the third Forum Lecture Series for the year.



Elder's Conference Held

More than one hundred persons gathered at Northridge Friends Church on March 24 for the keynote address by Howard Macy "What Is an Elder?" This conference, sponsored by Northridge and MAYM Spiritual Life Board, was attended by pastors, elders, and clerks representing 22 churches. Many of the presentations were led by elders

from the host church. Following each presentation, small discussion groups—sometimes as attenders from a single church, and sometimes blended with other church attenders—clustered together and discussed application. The conference concluded on Saturday afternoon with Northridge pastor David Leach's message "The Quaker Sacrament of Servanthood and Priesthood."

It was very apparent by the participation and by the expressions of appreciation that the conference met a need. Future conferences are already being planned that will address the role of the participating church member in his or her respective gift of ministry.

Family Life Division

EFA and NAE Family Life Task Force The division met on March 24 at the University Friends Church with David Kingrey presiding. Ann Willis reported on the year's activities of Friends Marriage Encounter (FME), which is now one of the programs of the division. Three weekends have been held in Wichita with a total of 36 couples attending. Offerings have more than covered expenses over these three events. Other reports included news of the activities of two family ministries task forces on which Sheldon Louthan serves. The EFA task force met in January and elected Jack Rea as their new chairman. They are encouraging the nurturing of FME and the development of several new programs of ministry. This group plans another meeting in October. The National Association of Evangelicals has also formed a task force on which Sheldon serves as a representative from EFA. They met in Florida March 7 and organized into three committees to identify resources, plan pastor training workshops, and develop an organizational structure. Sheldon Louthan was asked to chair the subcommittee on resources. They plan to meet again in Chicago on June 2, 1983.

Friends Marriage Encounter Dates Set

Future dates for FME weekends in our area have been set by the FME leadership group as follows

June 3-5, 1983	Wichita, Kansas
Sept. 23-25, 1983	Wichita, Kansas
Nov. 18-20, 1983	Wichita, Kansas
Jan., 1984 (tent.)	Tulsa, Oklahoma
March 2-4, 1984	Wichita, Kansas
May 4-6, 1984	Wichita, Kansas

Family Life Resource Packets To Be Available

A major portion of time was committed by the division to reviewing resource materials collected to put into resource packets for distribution to every church in the yearly meeting. The plan calls for training "Area Presenters" who will in turn visit

every church in their area to help them learn to utilize the materials and resources in the packet and if necessary to help each church organize effective family ministries appropriate to their size and community. Training of Area Presenters is planned for Yearly Meeting sessions this August with distribution of the packet to begin immediately afterward. *Another meeting of the division is set for May 19, 1983.*

Youth

"*High Voltage—energizing youth workers in ministry*," was the first of our area Workshop/Staff Meetings for Youth Workers. Royce Frazier, MAYM Superintendent of Youth, was the workshop leader and dealt with the topics: Youth Culture, Areas of Ministry, Communicating with Parents, and Setting Goals in Ministry. The meetings were held at Hugoton, Great Bend, Topeka, and Derby, in Kansas, and at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Friendswood, Texas. A lot of excitement was generated as well as encouragement gained by meeting with people who are working together in the area of youth ministry.

Camp Quaker Haven Dates:

June 4-10	Senior High
June 10-14	Junior High
June 14-18	Junior
Sept. 3-5	Family Camp

Operation Saltshaker—Our youth mission trip, going to Burundi, Africa, this year, is officially taking its first steps. The group met with director Alan Weinacht to go to McConnell Air Force Base for their shots. After getting poked, pinched, and stabbed, they took the opportunity to visit with Ralph and Esther Choate, former missionaries to Burundi. Ralph and Esther provided them with some valuable information on culture, protocol, and lifestyle of the Burundi people. It was a good day, even though it hurts to sit down.

Senior High Yearly Meeting—under the direction of Paul Romoser—is looking in the direction of evangelism this year. Dave Leach is the speaker and the theme is "Out of the Saltshaker." The Operation Saltshaker youth will give a presentation, as well as a special night out with John and Vicki Jo Witty.

Friends University Education Program Receives Accreditation

The National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) has voted to renew accreditation to all basic teacher education programs at Friends University.

The scope of the seven-year accreditation includes bachelor's programs in the following: early childhood education, elementary education, secondary education, and K-12 teacher education.

Program strengths stressed by NCATE were the multicultural edu-

cation component of the basic program and a particularly well-prepared and experienced faculty. Placement services for graduating seniors were found outstanding, and physical facilities for most basic programs were unusually good.

According to Dr. Graydon Dawson, chairman of the Education, Psychol-

ogy, and Physical Education Division, "The significance rests in the fact that we match up with national standards of excellence in teacher education, something difficult for private universities." Friends University is one of 2 private universities of Kansas' 20 private colleges to be accredited by NCATE.

FRIENDS GATHER

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

Evangelism and Spiritual Growth

OKLAHOMA CITY, Oklahoma, (Sheldon Cox) Church is conducting evening services once a month at the City Rescue Mission. Pastor Cox continues with his "Partners in Ministry" program with the "senior saints." Prayer requests are mailed out on Monday morning to them. They are seeing the results of their prayers with the addition of a number of new families.

MT. CARMEL, Mingo, Ohio, (Fred Clogg) had special evangelistic meetings with Rev. Nelson Perdue preaching and Marcia Michael serving as song leader, resulting in new conversions and spiritual growth.

CLACKAMAS PARK, Milwaukie, Oregon, (Howard Harmon) is starting a monthly Praise Page supplement from their own people.

The **NEWBERG**, Oregon, (Ron Woodward) pastor has been preaching a series on the book of Romans.

At **GLEN ELDER**, Kansas, (Kenneth Roe) the Spiritual Life Committee is again promoting the use of the NAE Bible Reading course. Kimberly Harrison and Shelly Thompson were presented gift certificates for the completion of the course last year. For "Sunday with Friends University," President Richard Felix, Rachel Heidner, and Kyle Rogg represented Friends University. Focus Fellowships began March 23 in preparation for the Holy Life Conference with Max and Keith Huffman in April.

ALUM CREEK, Marengo, Ohio, (Dan Ruff) began their second phase of "Evangelism Explosion" with a new team to train and send into the community, along with their prayer partners and accompanied by the former team and church elders. The first phase began last fall, resulting in conversions of several and some new people coming to services.

MT. PLEASANT, Ohio, (Richard Gessling) reports their Evangelism Explosion class has taken their test, with all passing. A new class has begun. From February 20 to the last of May, 100 days of prayer are being observed. Victory is being claimed

for names in envelopes that have been placed on the altar.

At **DEERFIELD**, Ohio, (Christopher Jackson) the last Friday of the month open prayer time is held at the church from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m.

At **BELLEFONTAINE**, Ohio, (Philip Taylor) a prayer emphasis is being made, with the library available as a prayer room.

SOUTHEAST, Salem, Ohio, (Kenneth Hinshaw), holds an organized "visitation night" the third Tuesday of each month.

Youth

Two **BOISE**, Idaho, (Harold Antrim) college students, Tim Jackson and Lisa McKean, were a part of the Campus Crusade "Operation Sonshine" in Florida during the spring break.

The **MT. PLEASANT** youth group had a roller skating party and also a bowling party. A *New International Version* testament is given to all visitors on Sunday morning.

ALLIANCE, Ohio, (Frederick Sams) had a catacomb-type service presented by the youth recently following a chili supper. Sitting in the darkened sanctuary, the congregation participated in sharing Scripture, singing, praying, and testifying.

The **GLEN ELDER** youth group, sponsored by Linda Hoffman, sponsored two films dealing with parent-child communication for the whole church.

At **DAMASCUS**, Ohio, (Joseph Kirby), recent activities included Malone College Day with Dr. Gordon Werkema speaking in the morning service and attending a luncheon with high school juniors, seniors, and parents. Other guests have been Dianne Thompson presenting a concert and Rev. James Chen with Dr. Charles DeVoi interpreting.

Spring school break at **SHERWOOD**, Oregon, (Robert Sweat) provided time for the high school youth to go cross-country skiing and to climb Mt. Hood. The junior high group went "hydro-tubing."

URBANA, Ohio, (David Byrne) youth enjoyed a spaghetti dinner followed by a special service with the "Spirits of Praise" from Malone College. Coach Dan Manley and the basketball team from Malone Col-

lege were guests for a pizza supper and a time of fellowship following their game with Urbana College. During the Sunday morning service Coach Manley presented a soul-searching message, with members of the team giving their testimonies.

SMITHFIELD, Ohio, (William Waltz) congregation heard a musical sermon by Darlene Van Dyke, a local Christian recording artist.

At **GREENLEAF**, Idaho, (Paul Goins) the Academy Choir recently returned from a trip to Los Gatos, California, where they participated in the spring musicale.

EAST GOSHEN, Beloit, Ohio, (Charles Bancroft) Friends Youth were presented with the traveling trophy and a first place plaque for being the top giver in 1982 to Endeavors for Christ. Even the smallest child, as shown in the accompanying photo, can learn to share with



others. The three-to-five-year-old classes packed a box of food and clothing for a needy family within the church.

Christian Education

SOUTHEAST is holding a six-week Sunday school class on "History, Doctrine and Membership" taught by the pastor. A teacher-training seminar was beneficial to 24 teachers and assistants and was led by Margaret Mosher, Marjorie Dymale, and Larry Weber. A prophecy seminar entitled "What Is the World Coming To?" was taught by Rev. Willis Miller.

WESTSIDE, Kansas City, Kansas, (Dan Frost) used as the "text" for a recent Bible study the film *The Image of the Beast*, which was shown on a local Christian television station. After watching the film, a time of discussion helped to answer some questions.

At **MILAN**, Ohio, (Norman Voltz) the entire Sunday morning worship group is involved in a Scripture memorization effort, with specific verses chosen by the pastor. The children's church group has also accepted the challenge of the memorization program with 20 children participating. Over 900 Bible verses were memorized.

McKINLEY HILL, Tacoma, Washington, (John Retherford) Sunday school children eagerly look forward to the first Sunday each month, when the pastor's wife, Julia Retherford, brings a missionary story.

At **BENKELMAN**, Nebraska, (Bob Sanders) the pastor recently concluded a class on personal evangelism titled "Good News Is for Sharing." A second class is planned.

During the **GLEN ELDER** worship service on March 13, Flurry and Ruth Ellen Kemper and girls presented the MAYM camping program at Camp Quaker Haven by means of special music, a devotional message, and an interesting slide presentation depicting the sights and sounds of summer camp. March 16 the Sunday school personnel were honored by the Education Committee with a special dinner and program.

The **PLAINS**, Kansas, (Stan Thornburg) Middle-age Sunday school class is studying "Holiness, Alive and Well" under the leadership of David Stanton.

Missions

Five couples from **GREENLEAF**—Cecil and Lois Binford, Doris and Delmar Cloud, Cathryn and Arthold Latham, Ember and Bennie Roberts, and Lenore and Charlton Smitherman—recently visited the Friends work in Mexico City where Alda and Everett Clarkson are located. Terry Hibbs spoke at the evening service March 27 concerning his work at Lesotho, South Africa, with Missionary Aviation Fellowship. Our missionary conference was held March 4-6. Present for the conference were Ron and Carolyn Stansell, Gil and Louise George, and Ken Comfort.

The **NORTH OLMSTED**, Ohio, (Neil Orchard) pastor is conducting a series of Sunday evening programs presenting information about his recent trip to India. Video tape brings the pictures alive.

Missions month at **NEWBERG** began with an Area Rally at Bauman Auditorium on the George Fox College campus, with Mildred Rice as speaker. This emphasis culminated in sacrificial giving to several missionary endeavors.

At **GLEN ELDER** Fred Littlefield, president of the MAYM Mission Board, shared a slide presentation of his recent trip to Burundi as well as current Burundi and EFM mission concerns. Tony Weber, Friends University student, accompanied Fred and gave his testimony. Friends Women participated in the North Central Area Missionary Conference at **NORTH BRANCH** March 31, with Reta Stuart as speaker. The local Friends Women had Connie Shaffer as speaker for their guest luncheon April 16. The Shaffers also spoke in worship services the next day.

LYNWOOD, Portland, Oregon, (Glenn Armstrong) held a very successful Missionary Fair, giving a broader vision, prayer support, and finances for missions. Missionaries and their displays were from Northwest Yearly Meeting, Friends in Taiwan, World Gospel Mission, OMS International, Gospel Recordings, International Foreign Students, World Vision, Wycliffe, Inter-Varsity, Campus Life, and Bibles for India.

HUGHESVILLE, Pennsylvania, (Ernest Lauffenburger) collected \$56 through the Christmas card mailbox, which was given for the education of missionary children. The Sunday school missionary project is paying \$69 per month for Joshua Aufrance in Hong Kong.

The **BOISE** Women's Missionary Fellowship spring luncheon for the Idaho and eastern Oregon Friends churches met in the Boise church Saturday, March 26, with an attendance of near 100. Speakers were Louise George, Carolyn Stansell, and Agnes Tish.

The **HUTCHINSON**, Kansas, (Jim Jenkins) church has accepted the challenge of having a "sister church" in Burundi, Africa. The Kibonobono Church (an outpost church of Mid-America Yearly Meeting Missions) needed funds for a new roof on their church. Hutchinson Friends raised the needed amount (\$600) in a special Easter offering using the "Thirty Pieces of Silver" concept.

The slide show with sound tape of the Friends World Conference in Kaimosi, Kenya, in August 1982 will be shown at the Woodlawn Meetinghouse May 22 at 5:00 p.m. The event is sponsored by **FAITH EVANGELICAL FRIENDS** and Alexandria Meeting.

Service and Outreach

Sue Smith of **DAMASCUS**, who quietly went about providing transportation for the elderly, having them in her home for meals, visiting them, and serving them in whatever way possible, was honored by a farewell "love feast" by the Rebecca Coleman Missionary Circle.

Recent speakers at **BELLEFONTAINE**, have been Dean Johnson in behalf of the Friends Disaster Service and Dr. John Sutherland Logan for a week of special meetings. His messages were gentle but dynamic, bearing much fruit.

The **HUGHESVILLE** Ecroyd Missionary Circle made decorative candles for the Geriatric Unit at Muny Valley Hospital. Fifteen baskets of fruit were packed and given to the elderly and shut-ins of the church. A record attendance was experienced on "fill the pew" Sunday; there were 295 present.

The **ALLIANCE** Mothers' Support Group offered a variety of activities for young mothers. Current activities include a class on children's art, CPR training, a visit to Alliance High School cosmetology class, questions and answers with a pediatric nurse, Moms' breakfast out, and a trip to the Cleveland Zoo.

For many months the front page of the **NORTH OLMSTED** Sunday bulletin has featured one of the great hymn stories of faith. The worship experience is enhanced by realizing some of the author's background that inspired the hymn.

WESTGATE, Columbus, Ohio, (Galen Weingart) has recently enjoyed a series "Focus on the Family" by Dr. James Dobson during the evening services. Also Sunday mornings the pastor has been preaching on the Ten Commandments.

A baby shower was held at **GILEAD FRIENDS**, Ohio, (Charles Robin-

son) for **MARION**, Ohio, pastors Joe and Sherree Graham.

Highlights of the past month at **DEERFIELD** were the showing of the family film *Ride the Wind*, a district meeting, and the kickoff of a cookbook sale as part of their "Owe No Man" project.

SHERWOOD is showing a series of six films entitled *Origins* on Sunday evenings beginning May 1 and concluding June 5.

Building Improvement

New improvements have been made in the **MT. CARMEL** church, with ceiling fans installed in the sanctuary as well as new draperies.

SHERWOOD church is remodeling a portion of the lower level to provide new office space.

LYNWOOD remodeled their sanctuary this winter, to almost double their seating capacity. Working on a cash basis, overflow room partitions were removed, a new arch was installed, low risers built and carpeted, and upholstered pews installed.

NEWBERG has carpeted the multipurpose room of the Friends Center.

MCKINLEY HILL has purchased property and will soon have plans for a new sanctuary, drawn up by Friends architect Don Lindgren.

In the new wing of the **CLACKAMAS PARK** church, the handicapped rest rooms have been finished, and the new kitchen has been painted and subflooring laid.

Other

At **DENVER**, Colorado, (David Brantingham) Claudia Gordon is the new choir director. She has directed choirs in two Friends meetings and a Methodist church.

The **URBANA** church hosted a book party for Richard and Lois Johnson in connection with the opening and dedication of their newly organized library. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Frost are serving as librarians.

Susan Pearlman, representing Jews for Jesus, gave the message March 20 on the "Passover" at **CLACKAMAS PARK**.

Quaker Canyon was the setting as 62 **ALLIANCE** ladies gathered for a winter retreat. Wilma Merryman headed the planning, and Iris Murphy was in charge of teaching assisted by Nancy Wollam. Bruce Burch and David Smith dropped in to share their thoughts on the ideal marriage and wife. Topics of teaching were "The Discipline of Romance—Endurance—Relationships."

At **EMPIRE**, Vale, South Dakota, (Lloyd Hinshaw) Daryl Williamson received the Distinguished Service Award for service in the water development by the Upper Missouri Water Users Association.

Pastors Howard and Bethlin Harmon of **CLACKAMAS PARK** visited their daughter Marilyn in Buckland, Alaska, during spring vacation and were able to visit Alaska Yearly Meeting on their way home.

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FRIENDS RECORD

BIRTHS

BIERNACKI—To Daniel and Janet Biernacki, a daughter, Kathryn Annette, March 19, 1983, Haviland, Kansas.

BIRKHIMER—To Bret and Carolyn Miles Birkhimer, a son, Jason Allen, January 28, 1983, Damascus, Ohio.

DOUGLAS—To Mike and Marilyn Douglas, a daughter, Mandi Lynn, February 6, 1983, Boise, Idaho.

DOUTY—To Jim and Julie Douty, of Boise, Idaho, Friends, a daughter, Jaclyn Madge, March 18, 1983, Haviland, Kansas.

GARVER—To Kenneth and Linda Garver, a daughter, Kelly Louise, March 6, 1983, Urbana, Ohio.

HASSON—To Mike and Terri Hasson, a son, Thomas James, March 26, 1983, Boise, Idaho.

HOOVER—To Joe and Dianna Hoover, a son, Brock Kenneth, January 11, 1983, Plains, Kansas.

LAUGHLAND—To Robert H. and Nancy Laughland, a son, Craig Robert, February 25, 1983, Sherwood, Oregon.

NICHOLS—A son, Lee Edward, to Lynn and Linda Nichols, March 18, 1983, Caldwell, Idaho.

NUTTER—To Scott and Lori Westcott Nutter, a son, Ryan Scott, February 10, 1983, Milan, Ohio.

PALMER—A son, William Christopher, to Don and Carolyn Palmer, February 14, 1983, University Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

PICKETT—A daughter, Alicia Michelle, to Clark and Kathy Pickett, February 14, 1983, Kansas City.

REPP—To Tim and Christine Repp, a daughter, Sarah Joy, March 6, 1983, Boise, Idaho.

RITTENHOUSE—To Ron and Elaine Rittenhouse, a daughter, Erin Joy, February 26, 1983, Whitney Friends, Boise, Idaho.

ROGERS—To Don and Susan Rogers, a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, January 25, 1983, Columbus, Ohio.

SAMS—To Rick and Joyce Sams, a son, Eric Scott, March 9, 1983, Alliance, Ohio.

SEAY—To Mike and Karen Seay, a daughter, Katie Renee, January 16, 1983, Martinsville, Virginia.

STEVENS—To Tim and Pam Stevens, a son, Timothy Matthew, April 2, 1983, Boise, Idaho.

THOMPSON—To Larry and Alice Thompson, a son, Luke Eugene, March 12, 1983, Glen Elder, Kansas.

TOPE—To Jerry and Jolene Tope, a son, Joseph Marcus, February 4, 1983, Columbus, Ohio.

WHITE—To Jim and Shirl White, a daughter, Rachel Elizabeth, February 3, 1983, Columbus, Ohio.

MARRIAGES

BYCRAFT-ROUDABUSH. Sylvia Bycraft and Paul Roudabush, March 5, 1983, Alliance, Ohio.

CHARON-COMFORT. Debra Charon and Rob Comfort, February 26, 1983, La Grande, Oregon.

CLEMENTS-CRAVEN. Barbara Clements and Howard Craven, February 14, 1983, Caldwell, Idaho.

DUTTON-JONES. Noreen Dutton and Clyde Jones, February 14, 1983, Vale, South Dakota.

HARMON-BATTERTON. DeNeil Harmon and Blayne Batterton, February 6, 1983, Springfield, Colorado.

LEACH-MILLER. LaNeal Leach and Dana Miller, April 2, 1983, Northridge Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

LEROY-JENKINS. Kitty LeRoy and Harold Jenkins, February 19, 1983, Columbus, Ohio.

LISTON-BECKER. Traci Liston and Ron Becker, March 26, 1983, University Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

McLAUGHLIN-HEROLD. Dana McLaughlin and John Herold, Jr., January 15, 1983, Damascus, Ohio.

STANDS-FERRELL. Diane Stands and Dennis Ray Ferrell, March 20, 1983, Cherokee, Oklahoma.

TAFFIN-PANZELLA. Michelle Taffin and Stephen Joseph Panzella, March 13, 1983, Boise, Idaho.

DEATHS

BENTON—Chester M. Benton, 72, December 8, 1982, Springbank Friends, Allen, Nebraska.

BOSTICK—Thelma Bostick, 73, March 4, 1983, Urbana, Ohio.

CHAPPELL—John Chappell of Portsmouth, Rhode Island, Friends, in Chungli, Taiwan, October 26, 1982.

CHASE—John Chase, October 23, 1982, Middletown, Rhode Island.

ELLIS—Mary Ellis, March 15, 1983, Caldwell, Idaho.

FOX—John Fox, 89, March 3, 1983, Mt. Pleasant, Ohio.

HATTEN—Imo Hatten, 77, January 31, 1983, Marengo, Ohio.

HINKA—Robert Hinka, 82, March 2, 1983, Urbana, Ohio.

KNABE—Herbert L. Knabe, September 10, 1982, Eudora, Kansas.

LEACH—Hazel Delores Leach, 82, November 4, 1982, Grand Junction, Colorado.

PAYNE—Charles Walter Sydney Payne, 73, April 1, 1983, Boise, Idaho.

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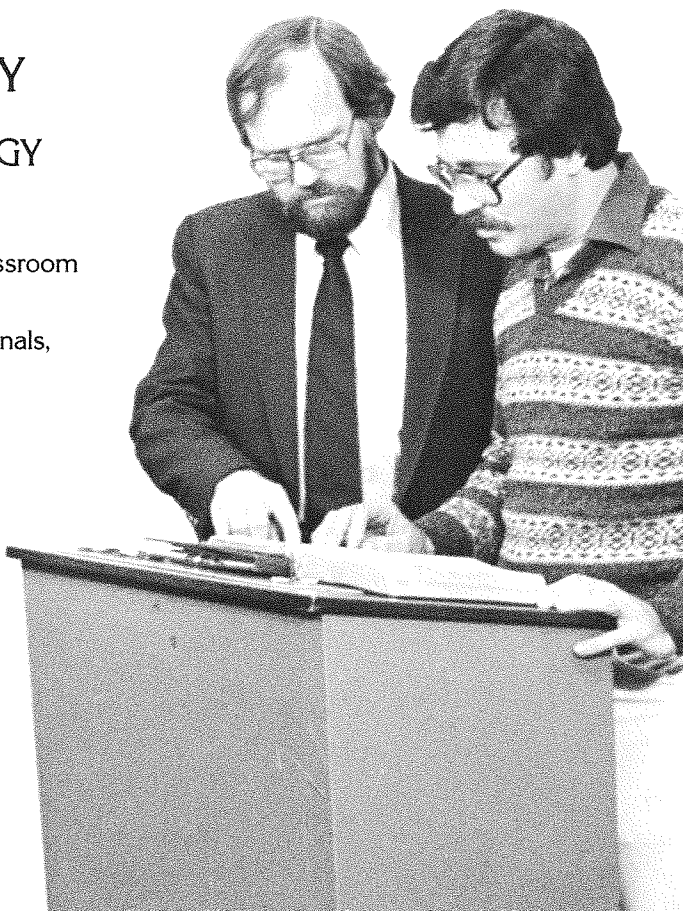
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Short-Term Service... Long-Term Benefits

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physically or financially. Food costs are different, so we should go prepared to help with those.

"Further suggestions I have for others considering short-term service are these: Go, don't hesitate too long. Study the language and customs beforehand, and, above all, show love to the nationals."

A Professor's Perspective

Another perspective is gained through the eyes of Roger Wood:

"Since I was a teacher-educator at Malone College, my wife, Lois, and I chose to spend the 1977-78 academic year on sabbatical leave teaching at Morrison Academy, Taichung, Taiwan. In addition to teach-

ing English-speaking children of missionaries and businessmen, I also taught English to a group of Chinese meeting in the basement of the Peitun Friends Church. Lois worked in the office at Morrison, also. When possible, we visited Friends churches, and sometimes I preached through an interpreter.

"It was reluctantly that we left Taiwan in June 1978. We had been changed in several ways. We had developed a keen appreciation for the Chinese people—their skills, their insights, and their friendliness. We had discovered how contented we could be without an automobile, television, telephone, and our other possessions accumulated through the years. Returning to Ohio, we increased our giving to missions, and I have since then been privileged to serve on the mission boards of both the Eastern Region and EFA. We also began to plan for early retirement and have further direct involvement in missions. This plan became reality in January 1983 when we moved to Muncie, Indiana, to begin work with Christian Service International (a Friends-oriented organization specializing in conducting short-term mission trips to foreign mission fields).

"The language barrier was my greatest handicap. Were I to go back I would enroll promptly in language study on a systematic basis. To do so conveys to nationals genuine interest in the people and their culture, imperfect though our command of the language may remain during a few months or even years there.

"I believe in short-term mission service. The world of missions has changed. Many of us have special skills to contribute to developing peoples as we also share our faith. In our day it has become feasible to travel to a distant land for a few weeks or a year or two. The result may be a career in missions, or may lead to a lifetime of interest, of financial and prayer support, or greater understanding of the world and its crying needs. These are crucial to the plan of God."



Susie Dillon

Summer Medical Ministry

Susie Dillon, premed student at George Fox College, Newberg, Oregon, spent several weeks during the summer of 1982 helping at Kibimba Friends Hospital, Burundi, Africa. We conclude this first part of our short-term series with excerpts from a thank-you letter she sent to those who helped make her summer ministry possible:

"The experiences I had and the things I learned are priceless, and I will never forget them, nor will I ever be the same.

"I was able to attend a family camp for missionaries of various denominations from Rwanda, Burundi, and Zaire—held by a beautiful lake in Rwanda. It was one highlight of the summer, where I taught VBS for six- and seven-year-olds. This was also a good chance to talk with missionaries of varied backgrounds and nationalities and find out the different types of ministries the Lord is using.

"At the hospital itself, probably the high point was the chance to deliver a baby by myself . . . *on my own birthday*. That day left me up in a cloud, but the next brought me down as I sat for an hour or two with a young pregnant woman as she died. I wondered if she knew the Lord, if anyone had told her the Good News, and I thought about how only a few people would even realize that she had died. To many, it didn't even matter because she did not concern them. And yet Jesus cares and loves and wants her just as much as He does you or me.

"The missionaries of Mid-America Yearly Meeting made me feel like part of their family; it would take a long time to tell all the wonderful things they did for me in Burundi. I can never thank them adequately.

"The whole summer was just terrific, but now it's time to go back to school. This is my last year at George Fox College; I'd appreciate your prayers as I apply for medical school. As you may know, the competition is tough, but if God really wants me to get to a mission field as a doctor someday, I know that I'll make it."

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