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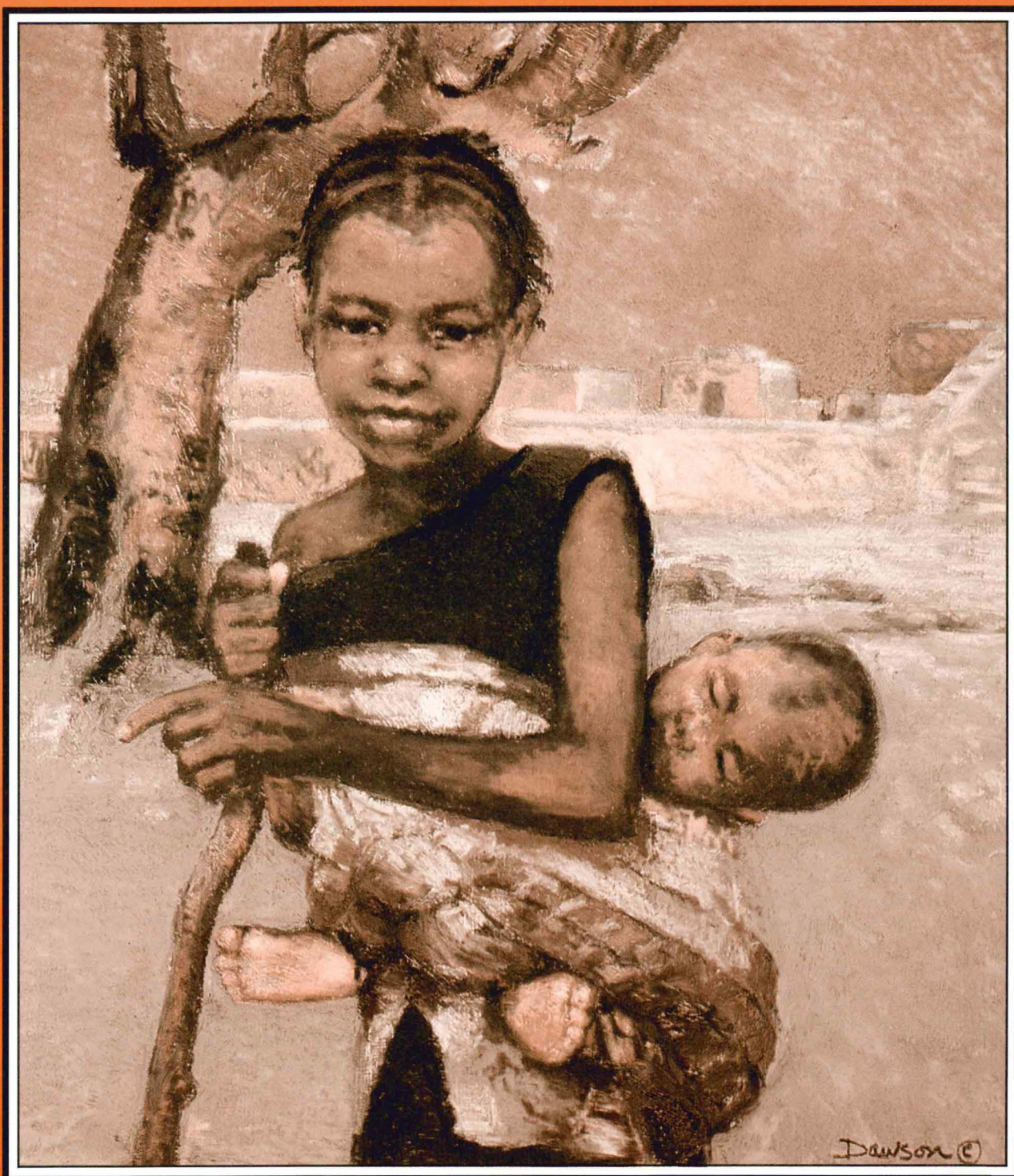
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# CHOOSE LIFE!

BY HOWARD E. HARMON

**S**INGING cicadas, fireflies, and slow-moving turtles crossing the roadways soon let us know that we had left the Northwest and arrived in Mid-America. But on some of the back roads, we did find something familiar—dirt roads with big ruts. While driving in the rain on one of these roads, we found ourselves in a predicament. The tires of the car began to follow the deep grooves. It was easy to follow the road as long as we stayed in the ruts. Of course, we had to go in the same direction the ruts were going.

It's hard to get out of the ruts. The longer one drives in them, the deeper they get. In fact, when the ruts get deep enough, it is even possible to keep going without having one's hands on the wheel! The car continues right along with very little effort from the driver. Now, a lot of things are going to be missed, for the rut only goes the way the majority of the traffic has gone. No interesting side streets, no new experiences, no fresh vision, no new territory. A rut, someone said, is a grave with both ends out. If we're stuck there, it's death. There is no life inside that rut.

Do any of you feel like you have been stuck in the rut of a road? Others are experiencing excitement of growth; things are happening all around; but we have done it this way for such a long time that it is hard to get out. Being stuck in a rut even happens in Christian circles. I've even known of it in Friends churches!

In Deuteronomy 30, God says, "See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. For I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in his ways . . . . Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him."

The people are asked to choose life rather than death. It appears to me that the choice is ours today to choose life, prosperity, and growth—or to remain in a rut.

The reason we stay in a rut, refusing to choose life's best, is sometimes fear—a fear of risking failure. I read a story some time ago about a man who was taking a couple of experienced sailors out on his sailboat. Trying to impress them, he explained that he had started sailing when he was a small boy. This was his fifth boat, he told them, and in all those years he had never once tipped over.

The seasoned sailors glanced at each other astonished, and then one asked, "You mean you started sailing when you were a boy, you've sailed all your life, and you've never

tipped over?" To the man's affirmative answer, he then replied, "My, you've been so cautious. I don't really think you've ever sailed!"

For those of us who don't sail much, we might not understand. But if a person is going to seriously sail, he is likely to be capsized eventually.

It's not the worst thing in the world to try something for God and fail. It's not the worst thing in the world if your church makes some plans and has some goals that are not reached. The tragedy is to be stuck in the rut, to be afraid to reach out. We're afraid to say, "God, where do you want me to go? What do you want me to do?" A church that's moving forward has probably tried ten things that didn't work for the one that has succeeded. Try the idea. We learn from our mistakes.

It's risky to follow God into new paths. The tendency is to say, "Lord, that sounds good, but first let's see how we can raise the money." If we see how we can raise \$10,000, we are willing to take on a \$10,000 task. Instead, the Lord is saying, "Don't you know I own the cattle on a thousand hills? I'm not limited by the money in your wallet. I'm not limited by the amount you can take out of your savings. I have things I want you to do."

**W**E CAN never start mission fields if we are going to rely only on what we can see today. Our goals and plans must be expanded to match God's vision for us. What direction does He want? The church cannot move forward as God wants it to if we always do things as they've been done in the past, just staying in that rut.

What have you always dreamed of doing but have never done? I'd like to say, "Why not do it?" Why "play it safe" all the time? When we choose life over death, we can no longer play it safe.

I think too many times, and I am speaking to us as Christians and Friends, we come together and sob on each others' shoulders if nothing is happening in our churches. We are afraid to reach out and set goals that reveal God's plan and direction. We are satisfied to stay on a maintenance level. If we are not satisfied, there is one we can look to—Jesus Christ. Christ, living within us, longs for our lives to be useful for His kingdom and His glory.

I witnessed our three-year-old grandson jump off a high diving board into the swimming pool without an ounce of fear. He had perfect trust in his parents' ability to pull him out. As time goes on, he will develop a sense of caution, but wouldn't it be sad if he allowed fear to monopolize him to the point of never going in again? When we are obsessed with fear and lack trust in the provision of our Lord, we are

*Howard Harmon is assistant superintendent of Mid-America Yearly Meeting, Wichita, Kansas. This article is adapted from one of Howard's four messages at the yearly meeting sessions last summer.*

choosing less than the abundant life that we have been promised. Of course, we need to be cautious and thoughtful, using the good sense God has given us, but never to the extent that we restrain God's action.

Choosing life involves accepting responsibility for our actions. The lame man at the pool was asked, "Do you want to be made well?" Since he had been sick for such a long time, the question seems odd at first. Do you think the man may have enjoyed feeling sorry for himself, not having to do a day's work, or having someone bring his food and necessities to him?

We can ask ourselves that question, too. Do we want to get up and walk, to accomplish God's vision for us? What about our churches?

Are we tired of seeing a church that struggles to maintain an attendance of 20, 30, 40, or 50?

Are we willing to say, "Lord, we will take the risk for You. Whatever You are asking us to do, we will gladly obey."

It is easy when things are not growing or succeeding to blame someone else. It's the pastor's fault. If you are the pastor, then it's the elders' fault. We keep "passing the buck."

In a workshop some time ago, the participants broke into small groups to discuss the matter of anger. One lady expressed how angry she felt toward another lady with whom she worked. Three or four months previously, this other person had done something hateful to her. She was still carrying the bitterness in her heart.

In Glasser's book, *Reality Therapy*, he stresses that we are responsible for our own actions. It is not the mother's, father's, or wife's fault. Each person determines if they will hold on to anger, letting someone else's actions control them. The only person who cannot be helped is the person who will not accept the responsibility for his own actions.

In our churches, let's forget about finding someone to blame. Instead, let's accept the responsibility, believing God has greater plans than for His children to be defeated.

Life-giving vision does not depend on age. It is a common excuse to say we're too young or too old. Don't ever say, "I'm too young or too not have enough experience." Many times God has moved through young people. The life, vitality, and energy of youth are necessary for the church.

On the other hand, don't say, "I'm too old." There are many people who have done things in retirement years when

God gave them the vision. They had freedom of time, retirement income, and were able to do things for God that they had never been able to do thus far.

Whatever excuses come to mind, make sure they are the excuses God would accept, not just because it is the easy, comfortable way.

The opportunity opened for us to come to Mid-America Yearly Meeting after serving a church in Oregon for 19 years. It was a very fulfilling and rewarding pastorate.

When the inquiry came, we had to consider many things: our wonderful friends, loved ones—parents, children, and grandchildren.

At one point, we were discussing with our children what we should do.

One of my daughters said, "Dad, do you remember the Scripture that says that if anyone comes to me and does not love less his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters—yes, even his own life—he cannot be my disciple? (Luke 14:26)"

God said that it was time to get out and do something different. Be willing to obey God at any point in life.

This life God offers us can be filled with adventure. If our churches are just routine, without real life, may God help us. God has things He wants to do in our churches that He is not able to do if we just play it safe. People look for excitement.

My ten-year-old granddaughter accompanied me to Joyland on a recent visit. The thrill of seven roller coaster rides was all I could take! She had to continue without me, which she did three more times before she satisfied her thirst for excitement. I'm amazed how people save money over long periods of time, only to blow it in a weekend at a casino in Reno or Las Vegas, just for the excitement and hope.

Sad to say, even in our churches some people run from place to place looking for the latest thrill. It's Jesus we need—Christ with all His fullness in our hearts and souls. There is the true excitement. I wonder what exciting things He wants to do in our lives that He has not been able to do because we've been fearful of relinquishment to Him.

Pull aside and listen to God. The opportunity is ours to choose which direction our lives are going to take. If we have been stuck in a rut in private life or in our church life, ask the Lord to give us His vision.

May we choose life regardless of the cost!





# The Family-Owned Church

BY HOWARD MACY

## Let's Be Friends

While family farms everywhere face desperate odds, the family-owned church promises to survive as unfruitful as ever. The family-owned church, which most of us have experienced at some time, is the churchly counterpart of the bronze-plaquet memorial organ. It is the church whose spirit suggests that someone has affixed to the meetinghouse a giant bronze plaque reading "In Loving Memory of John Doe Quaker" and has slapped underneath it the bumper-sticker warning, "Keepa You Hands Off!" This is more than the church that exists solely to serve one or two families, but rather the church a few established families control. For the unwary pastor, such a church is the ecclesiastical equivalent of the realtor's "handyman's special." For the congregation it is a cliquish dead end.


In fairness we must point out that church ownership is very subtle. I doubt that most church owners deliberately set out to dominate their meetings and expect that they would be shocked and hurt to be accused of being too possessive. Indeed, a twisted sense of ownership is so sneaky that none of us is immune to its charms. We may fall into it because the meeting was founded by our ancestors or because we are woven into that peculiar form of Quaker inbreeding that resembles the experiments of a mad geneticist. Or we may feel undue pride of place because we have given generously of our money and even sacrificially of our time. Such simple examples remind us of how easily even our good heritages and best intentions can be transformed to destructive power.

We must thank God, of course, for the commitment some families have had to their meetings over the years and for the continuity and strength that brings. Yet what should be strength becomes a liability when continuity degenerates into a museum-like conservatism of tradition and

when newcomers feel that they can never be quite fully accepted into the life of the meeting. In Massachusetts we encountered a category of jokes whose punchline was always that in a New England village newcomers are regarded as natives only after at least seven generations. With the same approximate accuracy, we can say that some Friends meetings are like that. Those not in the ruling families often feel that they cannot fully participate in the life of the meeting—dreaming dreams, making decisions, and giving significant leadership. I know of one Friends meeting where regular attenders who professed faith were not even accepted into membership for several years after they first applied. It is little wonder that such ingrown congregations weaken and wither rather than meet the hopes of even their family owners.

It would be wrong, of course, simply to point the finger at others, blaming them for all of our problems and insisting that they are the ones who must solve them. We must all share in the solution. Surely the first step is to remember that the church belongs only to Christ and to learn anew to live our common life wholly under Christ's guidance and authority. Beyond that we can individually examine our motives to see how much pride, selfish interests, or an unholy need for security influence our actions in the meeting. We must always ask, "Is this my way or Christ's way?" We can also take care to genuinely welcome each other—including "newcomers"—into our homes and our hearts.

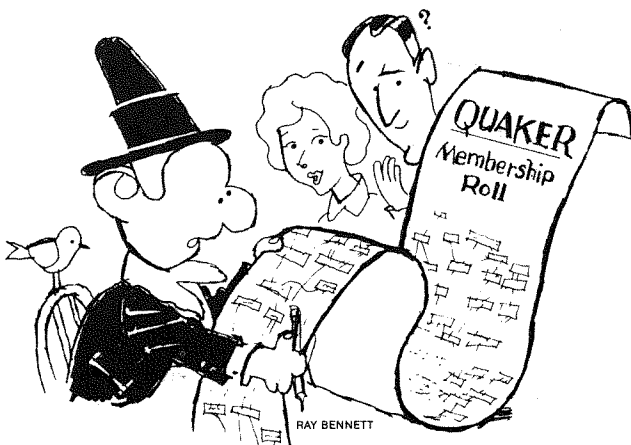
Even a little effort in expanding the circles of our hospitality can go a long way. We can make room for creative new ideas that grow out of the meeting's mission at its best, even if "we've never done it that way before." And we can consciously integrate new people into our common life and leadership, away from the periphery and into the center. Here nominating committees and others need to be especially alert and thoughtful, actively looking for new possibilities and guarding against just falling back on the tried and true few who have always carried the load.

Though the New Testament talks of the "church in so-and-so's house," it is very clear that God did not intend that anyone but Christ should own and govern the church. For the sake of our meetings and the Kingdom, we must guard against every vestige of overprotectionism and possessiveness so that the love in our common life may be as expansive and open-ended as Christ's own. Let's be Friends. 

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*"We are glad to have thee in our church, but aren't thou related to anyone?"*

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"Dogon Children," a 23" x 26" pastel by Denver, Colorado, artist Doug Dawson, is one of the paintings done following his trip to West Africa. This painting and others depict the suffering and the hope he found among drought victims. (See article on page 6.)

### ANTECEDENTS

Howard Harmon challenges us to choose life. "When we choose life over death, we can no longer play it safe," says Howard. "God has things He wants to do in our churches that He is not able to do if we just play it safe."

This month's articles tell about some people who have ventured to minister to special needs.

Artist Doug Dawson wanted to do some honest painting that reflected hope and gave the idea that we can make a difference. "Initially my desire was to explore dramatic themes with my art . . . Then I realized . . . my art might have the opportunity to benefit others and even make a difference in whether people live or die." (page 6)

For Brenda Kinser, giving a year of her life in volunteer service was an opportunity to explore and develop God's call for her to work with the elderly. (page 8)

Students at Malone College considered how they could help famine victims in Africa, and the concern grew into an effort with over 20,000 persons involved from the Akron and Canton communities. (page 9)

Bob Medford wants families to succeed, but he knows it takes a lot of work to keep families healthy. (page 10)

Humberto Gutiérrez's concern for human needs initially drew him to the communist party, but he did not find the answer to his search until he decided to follow Christ rather than communism. (page 12)

Mark and Terri Engel have chosen not to play it safe as they respond to God's call upon their lives in foreign missionary service. (page 14)

At Thanksgiving time, as well as throughout the year, it is good to respond to the needs of those who struggle to maintain physical life for themselves and their children. We should also continually be sensitive to the ways our choices can have a life-giving effect on the spiritual development of those around us as well as ourselves. —D.L.M.

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*Friends artist Doug Dawson (left) and World Relief Executive Director Jerry Ballard shown with painting that World Relief is reproducing as a poster.*

# Doug Dawson: *Communicating Human Need Through Art*

BY MICHAEL HENLEY

"I did this because I accepted Christ as my Savior and this is the way He tells me to live," said Doug Dawson, explaining his recent trip to Mali, Africa, in behalf of World Relief International.

Mali is a former French colony in northwest Africa. It is bordered by Senegal, Mauritania, Algeria, Niger, Upper Volta,

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Ivory Coast, and Guinea. Large portions of the nation have been struck by the same drought and famine attacking countries like Sudan, Kenya, and Ethiopia.

World Relief has worked in this predominantly Islamic nation since 1973-74. The organization's primary thrust is to help relieve the drought by helping the Mali people drill wells. World Relief spokeswoman Marlene Rapp said a drilling program of more than 180 wells is underway.

Doug traveled to Mali February 13-25 under the sponsorship of World Relief. He

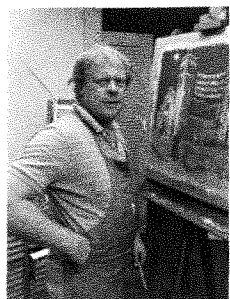
took photographs there, which he used to make several paintings to represent the conditions in the country.

Doug is an artist who does representational work, landscapes and people. His work is displayed in galleries in Santa Fe and Taos, New Mexico; Denver, Houston, and Wichita.

Dawson is a member of the prestigious, New York-based Salamagundi Club, the American Watercolor Society and the American Pastel Society. At age 40 he has won three national awards. His talent is

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heralded by *Art West*, the nation's foremost western art journal and he has been the subject of a documentary film.

He and wife, Sue, and children, Nathan and Jennifer, are members of First Denver Friends Church. Before becoming a full-time artist, Doug taught science and art in the Denver Public Schools. He still teaches art part time at the Colorado Institute of Art.

He became a born-again Christian at age 16, but did not start to grow in his relationship with Jesus until age 35. At that age, he realized it was crucial that his life begin reflecting the character qualities revealed in the Bible. Doug's deepening commitment has also moved him to share his faith with nonbelievers and to practice Christian teachings in other ways.

Doug began desiring to travel to Africa in the fall of 1984. First Denver Friends secretary Doris Morris helped direct him to World Relief. She and her husband, Jim, became acquainted with the organization while missionaries in Burundi, Africa.

World Relief seeks to provide spiritual and physical food. Besides the organization's emergency food and physical assistance, it also works to help natives do projects to make them self-reliant. Projects include reforestation and agricultural crop development. "We try to find long-haul solutions for the people, so they can help themselves," Marlene said.

World Relief staff members work with native evangelical Christian churches and missionary organizations to distribute their assistance. The intent is to work with individuals and churches that have continuing relationships with the natives. Marlene said there have been numerous reports of nationals becoming interested in Christianity because of World Relief's assistance that was administered via the local churches or missions.

Presently, the organization is involved in more than 25 countries in Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

James L. Johnson, a World Relief executive, said one of Doug's paintings will be reproduced into a poster. It will be distributed to supporters who give at least

\$5,000 to \$10,000 annually. The poster will also be sent to certain churches that have worked closely with World Relief.

The painting shows a pregnant woman with a young boy on the back of a donkey. It is titled "Coming Down from Timbucktu." World Relief selected it from among five paintings made by Doug.

Doug's first interest in traveling to Africa was simply to explore new areas with art. "Initially, my desire was to explore a dramatic theme with my art. Soon, I realized my motivation was selfish. Then I realized I was dealing with an idea where my art might have the opportunity to benefit others and even make a difference in whether people live or die," he said.

"I had begun to feel like all the literature I was getting presented the same depressing picture of starving children. As an artist, I wanted to do some honest painting that reflected the condition in Africa, but gave the idea we can make a difference," said Doug.

The trip to Africa itself turned into an adventure. Doug's flight from New York City to Paris was delayed, and then another flight took him to neighboring Senegal, where he was marooned two days. Doug got into Africa but faced another obstacle—no photo permit. This appeared



disastrous because he planned to do his painting from photographs, but he was eventually able to secure a photo permit.

About three and one-half days were spent in Mali's capital, Bamako. "I cannot adequately describe my experience. There were about 500,000 people in Bamako mostly living in one-room shacks the size of a single car garage with little furniture. They nevertheless were not overcome by their poverty. It was such a contrast to what I was used to," said Doug.

In preparation for the trip, Doug learned some "survival" French, but still he was unable to converse much directly with the natives. "I couldn't understand them and they couldn't understand me, but we had a good time trying," he said.

The next five days were spent traveling into drought regions. Doug took to the road with World Relief personnel toward Timbucktu in two Toyota Landrovers. His traveling companions were David Shiller and Alan MacCloud of Canada, Robert Boney and Phil Baur of the U.S. and Dutch hydrologist Dr. Hans Spruijt. The men traveled approximately 600 miles round trip.

"Most of what I saw were dry plains with intermittent trees. The earth was covered with a fine, powdery silt," Doug said.

While traveling, the five men encountered a few refugees but mostly single families traveling by camel or donkey from the drought-stricken areas. The country had undergone the same drought that has struck Sudan and Ethiopia. Once an important crop in the nation was rice, but now it has been replaced by millet, peanuts, tomatoes, cabbages, and onions, and the drought has prolonged itself.



"Children were the hardest to deal with. I only saw one child that was near death," he said. While there, Doug developed a fascination with how the Mali women carry their babies and young children. They are wrapped in a cloth and tied to the woman's side. He took numerous pictures of women with children tied to them.

"I came back with a little different perspective, feeling a tremendous desire to see Christians helping those people. But I also came back realizing this is a God-given opportunity. It is turning the soil and making it possible to plant the saving news of the Gospel. I heard about Muslims saying they wanted to send their children to a Christian school. This is a good opportunity for Christians there to live the way Jesus told us to live," Doug said. Doug also considers the work he did as a God-given opportunity and not a good deed he performed.

"I have also realized how frail life is and recognize with renewed emphasis how unimportant possessions are and how little control over life we have. When I stepped into a world where I had little control, it became apparent how much we rely on God for even the simplest things," Doug concluded.



# Serving Others as an Expression of Faith

BY BRENDA KINSER



*Quaker volunteers serving in Wilmington, Ohio, 1984-85 are (left to right) Steven Post, Victoria Storck, David Smith, Brenda Kinser, Sarah Hunter, and Joey Giffen.*

**A**S I REFLECT upon the past year of my life, words such as growth, exploration, challenge, and service come to my mind. I have just completed a year with Quaker Volunteer Witness. This is a program of voluntary service under the auspices of Friends United Meeting. QVW began in 1980, out of a concern for people who showed an interest in voluntary service but had no Quaker program to act out their commitment.

The program provides an avenue for persons ages 18 to 98 to commit a year or more of their lives to voluntary service. The volunteers share a home and from this base reach out to others in need, such as the elderly, poor, oppressed, and handicapped. Along with volunteer work each member is expected to have a part-time paying job to help with group expenses. Donations are also given from local churches and private donors. These resources are pooled and volunteers are provided with room, board, medical costs, and \$45 per month personal stipend. These "units" of volunteers currently serve the community needs in Richmond, Indiana, and Wilmington, Ohio.

Volunteers are frequently asked why they choose to volunteer a year of their lives. Some of the reasons might include the following: seeking career exploration, desiring to live on a nontaxable income, wanting to live a simple lifestyle, and expressing one's faith through voluntary service. My purpose in volunteer service can best be explained by sharing my background.

I was raised in Kansas and Oklahoma by parents who were role models of Christ-like lives, and they shared with me the desire to serve others. Since my father is a Quaker minister, I have been taught the doctrine of the Society of Friends and biblical principles. These influences encouraged me to

seek a career in which I could minister to people's needs. During my college years at Friends University in Wichita, Kansas, God opened doors for me to explore career opportunities.

As I attended University Friends Meeting, I wanted to get more involved in the ministry of the church. My pastor, Dave Kingrey, invited me to go with him to visit elderly persons in the hospital. I soon began to sense an interest in ministry to the elderly. During my sophomore year of college, I wrote in my journal that I thought God was calling me to make my life work with the elderly. University Friends Church helped me to confirm the leading, as I got involved as an intern visitation minister and director of a hot lunch program for the elderly. As I worked with these oldsters, I felt a deep sense of reward and realized that I had special gifts to work with this age group.

During my senior year of college I pondered the question of what to do after graduation. I knew I wanted to work with senior citizens but I was not sure in exactly what capacity.

I heard Tom Sine, author of *The Mustard Seed Conspiracy*, speak about ways to use our world resources more wisely, reexamine the "American dream" lifestyle, and live in accordance with biblical teachings. This sparked me to begin thinking seriously about an alternative lifestyle, because I was frustrated with the traditional idea of climbing the ladder of success and fighting the rat race to make lots of money. I did not know how I could live out these ideals, until I just "happened" to see a poster hanging in the church foyer about Quaker Volunteer Witness.

I was accepted into the program for a year of voluntary service in Wilmington, Ohio, where I would minister to the needs of the elderly in a Quaker retirement center. I felt this was God's answer to my desire to live a simple lifestyle, serve others as an expression of my faith, and live in a community with other volunteers.


Living in community was a wonderful, growing experience

for me. The unit of volunteers that I lived with consisted of three men and three women. Although our backgrounds were very diverse, we all came together with a commitment to live together for a year. A deep bond of love grew between us and we became a family who shared in the household chores, entertainment, common meals, and worship meetings.

Each volunteer pursued his/her own interests in the town. The following is a sample of some of the volunteering: driving a handicapped boy to school, working in a dentist's office, organizing peace work, teaching math at a prison, volunteering at an American Friends Service Committee office, managing a soup kitchen for the needy, working with children in a daycare center, and serving the needs of the elderly in a Quaker retirement center.

**T**HE RETIREMENT center and nursing home was my emphasis of volunteer work. Each day's activities were different, as I sought to be open to the social, spiritual, and physical needs of the elderly.

Although my volunteer jobs at times seemed menial, I discovered that all tasks provided opportunities and rewards. There was always the opportunity for me to sit and visit, which is a tremendous need of the elderly. I enjoyed listening as oldsters reminisced about the days gone by, and I offered a sympathetic ear as they talked of the problems of growing older. My elders taught me a lot as I heard their stories. Their grateful appreciation has boosted my self-esteem, and I have felt so highly rewarded for doing seemingly simple things.

My year in QVW provided me daily opportunities to be a channel of God's love to the elderly. I am grateful for the challenges and rewards of serving others' needs. 

*Brenda Kinser served a one-year term with Quaker Volunteer Witness in Wilmington, Ohio, and is now on the staff of Lambert House Adult Day Care, a ministry of Reedwood Friends Church, Portland, Oregon. Brenda grew up in Mid-America Yearly Meeting and is the daughter of Merl and Eunice Kinser.*



*"It was sometimes difficult for me, at the time, to relate some of these activities to the hungry in Africa. However, each activity, whether stylish or silly, whether highly visible or modest, represented an honest effort by the people of Akron and Canton to . . . aid some people literally unable to help themselves avoid death through starvation."*



## Malone Students A.C.T. for Africa

BY DAN CORMANY

ON OCTOBER 7 an oceanliner steamed out of the port of Baltimore destined for Dakar, Senegal, in West Africa. On board was a gift from the people of Akron and Canton, Ohio, the result of a vision by the students and staff of Malone College. Eighty-three tons of food and blankets were being sent to the victims of starvation in Senegal, Mali, and Mauritania, three of the countries in West Africa most drastically affected by the current famine and drought.

That Monday in October was a particularly reflective one for me. My thoughts sifted through memories of all the activities that had gone into making our love offering to West Africa possible.

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My mind chronicled symphony concerts, prayer breakfasts, lunch with a U.S. Senator, a reception in the showroom of a car dealership, dunking booths featuring a bank president and other civic leaders, church offerings and bulletin announcements, shopping mall displays, a car ride with the executive assistant to Vice

President Bush, fasts and prayer chains, television interviews, and hours of committee meetings, all of which had been a part of A.C.T. for Africa (Akron and Canton Together for Africa), as the project had been christened.

My fondest memory of the past nine months was from sensing a deep feeling of commitment and satisfaction on Malone's campus following a college-wide festival of fun and worship that kicked off the entire project. I hear daily that today's college student lacks the altruism, the idealism, the social concern of students from past years. This is supposed to be the "me generation." Even on a Christian campus, the student is often vilified for possessing a very self-centered attitude. But the results of this campus festival demonstrated that within today's college students pulses a spirit of genuine human concern.

It had been a very small group that had launched the entire A.C.T. for Africa effort, which would now keep thousands alive in West Africa. In January, I had called an informal meeting of all students interested in considering ways in which we could provide some help to African starvation relief.

Six students attended. By worldly standards, it was not an impressive beginning. But the Lord honored the faithfulness of that small group, and soon there was a groundswell of effort on campus that spilled over into the communities of Akron and Canton. From those six students, it is projected that over 20,000 persons became involved in some way, from simply donating to leading corporate or civic drives.

With the seed money from the campus festival and the infectious enthusiasm from campus, community efforts quickly sprang to life. Community organization assumed a multipronged approach, with organizers heading up corporate, civic, church, educa-

tional institution, and political leadership involvement in each community. Both U.S. Senators from the State of Ohio agreed to serve as honorary chairpersons for the expanded effort, with the two U.S. Congressmen from each of the Akron and Canton areas serving honorary positions as divisional chairperson.

Each "prong" was encouraged to use a fundraising approach that best suited its constituency. Malone's role became that of support, as we provided printed materials, speakers, and community-wide promotion to assist the efforts in each area. We had only two rules for the organizers: Any fundraising activity must be in keeping with the values and precepts of the Christian spirit that motivated this effort, and, secondly, there must be no armtwisting or coercion used in obtaining the funds. We wanted to offer people an opportunity to give if they felt so inclined—we did not want competition or corporate pride to replace the spirit of love in which the project started and was to continue.

From the beginning I had spoken with Malone students of a careful documentation of our efforts. As far as we know, no other Christian college in the country has undertaken a project of this scope, so our plan was to provide a written blueprint of our campaign's strengths, weaknesses, and ways of application in other communities and on other campuses.

A SUMMARY of such a prolonged and multifaceted effort ultimately is forced to resort to statistics and landmark achievements to provide a more complete picture. A.C.T. for Africa was impressive on both counts. The 83 metric tons of foodstuffs represent one of the largest single shipments of foodstuffs to Africa from one local campaign to date. This is the first effort to serve up "on order" the kinds and amounts of supplies the field workers are currently requiring. We've therefore guaranteed that there will be no rotting on the dock, no money wasted on unusable or inappropriate items. Additionally, this is the first shipment that has packaged its items so that a minimum of any mechanized support equipment is necessary for its handling.

As associate dean of students at Malone, I am extremely proud of our students and their achievement. But we must remember that the severity of the African tragedy is not eliminated by one small project that the Lord chooses to honor, but by vigilant prayers and continuing efforts by all who are called His.

# Bob Medford: Friends Advocate for the Family

*Bob Medford is the director of Friends Ministries to Families. He is a graduate of Cleveland Bible College, Guilford College, and earned his Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina.*

*Bob teaches developmental psychology and family life at North Carolina A and T University in Greensboro, is a family therapist, and a recorded minister in North Carolina Yearly Meeting. He and his wife, Pam, have two children—Steve and Kristy. Many people in the Evangelical Friends Alliance had opportunity last summer to become acquainted with Bob as he participated at sessions of the four yearly meetings. The following interview was conducted by EVANGELICAL FRIEND assistant editor Dan McCracken.*

**EVANGELICAL FRIEND:** In *Quaker Life* I saw a picture of you climbing on a tractor. You were wearing jeans, a plaid shirt with the sleeves rolled up, and a straw hat. What is a college professor and family therapist doing on a tractor?

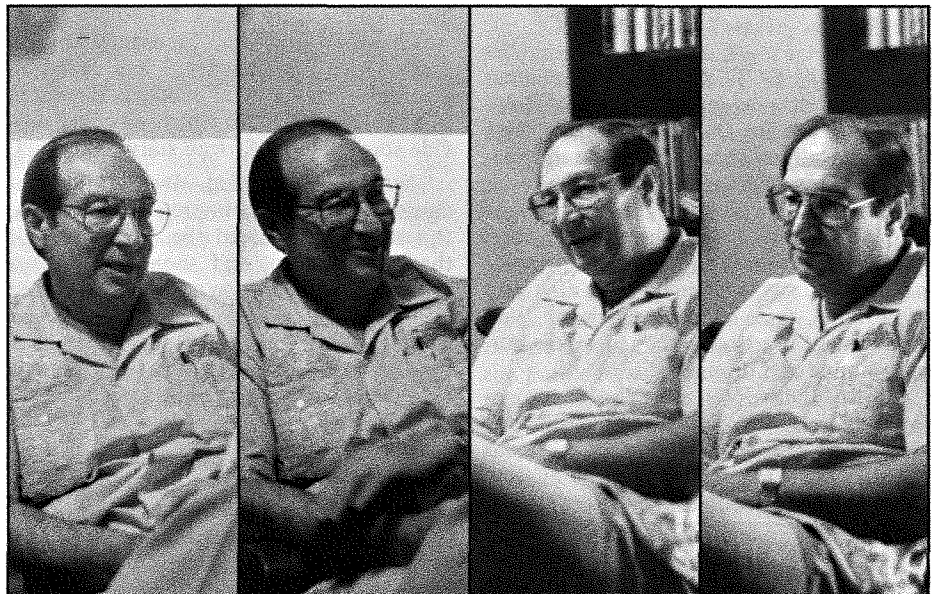
**Bob Medford:** I've had a farm for several years. That is my getaway. My tractor is named Annie's Song and is an important part of my life. I use her to get out in the woods and to garden, which is my hobby.

I find gardening extremely gratifying. I carry it all the way through—every step from planting to putting the food on the table.

**EF:** You have said that "the meeting for worship, at its best, is probably the greatest opportunity available for ministry to the family." That is a bold statement.

**Medford:** I see the meeting for worship as being very significant. It holds out hope to needy people. Robert Barclay said that when he came into the silent assemblies of God's people he felt the evil weakening in him and the good being raised up. That is precisely what we need in our meetings today.

It's more than a three-ring circus when we worship. It should be a dynamic occasion. The woman in the back row dabbing at her eyes with a Kleenex, the teenager thinking of running away because of his troubled home, the businessman wondering how much to cheat on his taxes, the employee who has been stealing from his company, the secretary whose boss has been pressuring her to have an affair—they all wait to see if some light will be shed on their path. Many others are there with no particular problem except they need to be challenged and motivated with Truth.





**EF:** How can we make a place in the church for the casualties?

**Medford:** We haven't done it very well. That's part of what family ministries is all about. Sometimes it is difficult to do.

I talked to one pastor who started a church in a new bedroom community. He said, "You know, we have a real problem here with our Christian education program because the kids we have during the week are gone on Sunday to visit their fathers or mothers and we have a different group of kids on Sunday that are coming from somewhere else to visit a parent."

Some churches see these casualties as an opportunity to minister.

**EF:** The National Association of Evangelicals Task Force on the Family seems unimpressed with the response pastors are making to family needs. Task Force chairman Ted Ward reports that a survey of pastors indicates that pastors seem satisfied with their own ability to handle the problems of their parishioners and seldom seek out other pastors or professional counselors in meeting needs in their congregations.

**Medford:** I've tried to consider the NAE report in terms of how I would respond as a pastor. Pastors are told (or they assume) that you go out there and because you have God with you, you'll get the job done. We don't like to admit that somehow God and I are not getting this job done as effectively as we ought.

The survey indicates that pastors felt they don't need outside help. I'm not surprised to hear that. Semiconsciously a lot of pastors feel threatened by experts who say they can tell them how to do a better job.

It is difficult to tell a parishioner, "Your problems are beyond me." Pastors are expected to be superhuman. We have terribly high expectations of pastors and they have to try to fulfill them. I'm sympathetic with pastors. They are under a tremendous amount of pressure. We are not conscious of the stress that we are allowing these people to be put under.

**EF:** We hear a lot about what is wrong with marriage and family. What is the good news?

**Medford:** The good news is that there are a lot of strong, wonderful families out there. And research tells us the characteristics of successful families. Successful families show an appreciation of each other, which

## An Ounce of Prevention...

Bob Medford tells a story about a student being given an oral exam to test his response to a given situation. The dean is interviewing the student and says, "You are standing on a high precipice and you have nothing there except a telephone booth. Down in the valley you see a railroad with a train headed south at 200 m.p.h. and you look the other direction and there is another train going north at 200 m.p.h. There is only one track and it is obvious the trains are going to crash. What would you do?"

The dean is trying to find out if the student can think and solve problems.

The fellow thought about it a little while and then answered, "Well, I'd call Leroy."

"Who is Leroy," the dean asks.

"He's a friend of mine."

"Why would you call him?"


"Because Leroy ain't never seen no bad train wreck."

Bob Medford wants to prevent family problems rather than just

react to them. "When the problems have become so serious that you go to a counselor or pastor," he says, "it is usually very late. The trains are on the track."

"Rather than try to put Humpty Dumpty back together, we should be putting our energy into avoiding the problems. The only thing that matches the difficulty of putting a situation back together is preventing it from coming about in the first place. The situations that aren't prevented we must try to cure, but certainly prevention is the better route."

"When you wait till the situation is desperate and then try to save the family," Medford says, "you have to have miracles. It doesn't work very well to wait till people crash and experience tragedy and then try to save their family."


"Prevention is the way to go in ministry to the family. If you put the ambulance at the bottom of the hill, you are preparing for failure. If your goals and programs are oriented toward prevention, you are preparing for success." 

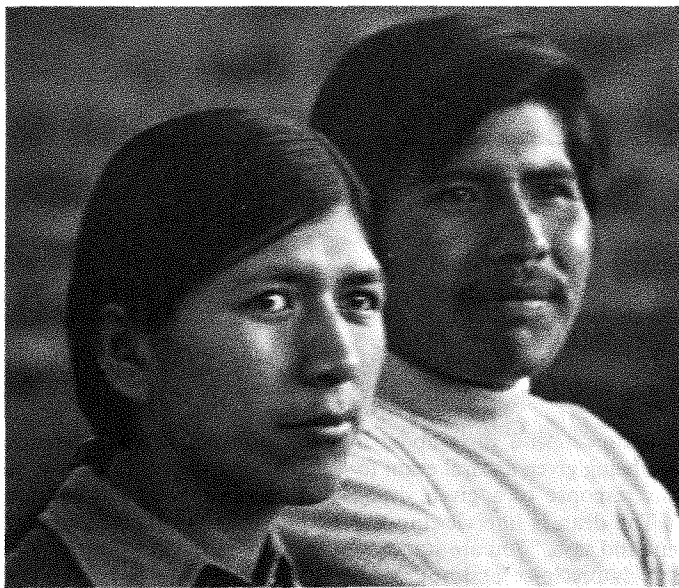
builds self-esteem. Strong families can deal with crises in a positive manner. They spend time together.

They have a high degree of commitment to their family and its success. They use good patterns of communication. And strong families have a high degree of religious orientation. All of these characteristics can be upheld and taught to the willing learner.

**EF:** Is there a danger of charismatic personality, high promotional budget, or name familiarity determining what is presented in family ministries rather than a calculated study of problems and solutions?

**Medford:** Very much so. I think it is dangerous to buy someone else's program and presume that it will work for us. We are impressed by an image that we get from the media, but the media can take this thing out of the realm of reality and present to us the picture of a wonderful God-blessed family with no problems because of the books they read and TV programs they watch. Any medium that tells us we are never going to have anything in our family but a series of successes is likely to create wrong expectations.

Family life is tough. It's hard work. It's work for everyone involved. If we don't tell people that, we aren't telling the truth. 



*Humberto and Petrona Gutiérrez*



# A MAN WITH A CAUSE

BY NANCY THOMAS

The young man glared at us through the pickup window, hostility in his eyes. "Take me with you," he demanded. "There's no good reason I can't come along."

We were new missionaries and this was to be our first trip with Aymara church leaders to the tropical Yungas district. The rules clearly stated that only so many people could ride in the back of the pickup. We already had the limit, and this man wasn't on the list of persons designated to go.

Wanting to carefully observe the policies, we were perhaps too firm in our denial. We still lacked cultural know-how in such matters as the graceful Aymara way to say "No." So we drove off to the Yungas, irritated at the brash intensity of the young man and, at the same time, uneasy in the knowledge that we had offended.

*Nancy Thomas and her husband, Hal, are Friends missionaries to Bolivia, currently living in Newberg, Oregon.*

Such was our introduction to Humberto Gutiérrez, current president of the Bolivian Friends Church. Much has happened since the time of that first meeting.

Humberto grew up in the city of La Paz. His parents had moved in from the high planes (the altiplano) to seek a better life in the city. They built an adobe house in one of the fringe neighborhoods, and Humberto's father supported the family as a bricklayer.

Humberto's natural intelligence plus ambition earned him good grades in school, and, when we first met him, he was studying economics at San Andrés University in La Paz. His sensitivity to poverty and social injustice, to the vast distance between the rich and the poor in Latin America, drew him to communism, and he threw himself wholeheartedly into the movement. The Party soon selected him to be one of a group of students who would study in Moscow.

Concurrent with all of this, another, a contradictory, thread was weaving itself into Humberto's life. In his search for truth, he could not give up the idea of God. His commitment to honesty would not let him accept the complete communist package, and he continued wondering about God, even at times longing for Him.

One day a Christian schoolmate invited him to the youth group at the Max Paredes Friends Church in La Paz. Humberto went out of curiosity and stayed, attracted by the life and the spirit of the group. His leadership asserted itself and, without being a Christian, he was soon a key part of the group, often traveling out to youth conferences in rural areas and teaching classes on communist economic theory or the Vietnam War. Elders in the church became quite upset, and Humberto's continued presence intensified the conflicts between the older and younger generations in the church. He definitely represented a threat!

It was at this juncture that our paths crossed.

After our trip to the Yungas, Humberto's image lingered in our minds, and we decided to seek him out. Hal wanted to at least apologize for any offense he might have committed. Humberto discerned Hal's sincerity, and as the two began talking, they discovered many similar interests. Humberto soon became a regular guest in our home, and the discussions on philosophy, anthropology, and Christianity ranged far into the night.

God was working deeply in Humberto's spirit, seeking him out and, concurrently, letting himself be found. One day, in the quietness of his own heart, Humberto simply decided to follow Christ rather than communism. No bells clanged. No banners waved. But the spark of life ignited that day has steadily grown over the years.

We met Petrona that first year, also. A pretty girl, with flowing dark hair, she had been raised in a Christian family in the Yungas and was in La Paz studying in the Friends Bible School. The Bible School is located on the Max Paredes Church property, so Humberto and Petrona saw each other frequently. He was attracted by her infectious smile and her mischievous, fun-loving spirit. I remember well the evening they visited us and sat together on the couch telling of their desire to be married. We talked long that night, and as we prayed for God's blessing, we sensed His joy entwined with theirs.

Within a year Noemi was born, followed two years later by Dina. Our families have

remained close, celebrating birthdays together, going on picnics, meeting to pray and support each other on a regular basis. Our friendship transcends North American/Bolivian cultural barriers and has been God's gift to us.

That first year of marriage, Humberto found a job as a clerk in a shoe store. He continued his university classes and had hopes of advancing economically. But God had other plans. In the middle of the year, another clerk, prompted by jealousy, stole a considerable sum of money from the cash register and then accused Humberto of the theft. Humberto was arrested and taken to a city prison, where his accuser had paid authorities to torture him into signing a written confession. The confession probably would have kept him imprisoned for years.

Those of us who knew the situation cried out to the Lord. Only through His sovereign intervention could Humberto be saved. God did hear and answer. After three days, prison authorities released Humberto and completely cleared his name. For it to have happened so quickly was in itself a miracle.

Humberto looks on those three days as a turning point in his life. The crisis forced him to evaluate the depth of his commitment to God and the direction his life was taking. He vowed that if the Lord enabled him to go free he would give up all his own ambitions and serve Him as a pastor.

That vow has since been a guiding force in Humberto's life, and God's anointing on his ministry is evident. At the first opportunity, Humberto and Petrona took on the pastorate of a small city church. After a year, Humberto felt God leading him into a missionary role in the isolated Ambaná valleys in the Andean foothills. He gave a year to this work, leaving his wife and daughters in La Paz, spending his days hiking from one village to another to preach and witness. He helped establish three churches, two of which are still functioning.

After this the Gutiérrezes accepted the pastorate of the Villa San Antonio Friends Church in La Paz, a position they still hold. The church has grown to become one of the liveliest and most healthy churches in the city.

This group, under Humberto's leadership, has planted one other church in La Paz and they lead a rural church-planting effort that resulted in a new church district, the North Lake District. Right now the Villa San Antonio Church is constructing a building that will seat 500 and planning ways to reach out to the whole zone.

Humberto is an innovator, and innovators are not always appreciated by older-generation Aymaras. He sees the need to decentralize church administration, taking the weight of responsibility and decision making off the small executive committee and distributing it more evenly among the districts. He senses a need for a more thorough discipleship program and for ways to encourage and unite pastors. He seeks ways to bring together the evangelistic and social development arms of the Church to be able to genuinely help people struggling with severe economic and spiritual needs.

Humberto has a vision of the Kingdom of God and longs for the Kingdom to manifest itself with power in the Church. More than anything else, this Kingdom vision has replaced Humberto's zeal for the communist cause.

In spite of the intensity of his vision, Humberto is a soft-spoken and gentle man. His sense of humor, his compassion, and his patience with people make him a good bridge between traditional Aymara values and the new breed of educated, restless young people.

Not without faults, Humberto tends to

procrastinate on (or ignore altogether) administrative details. He admits he finds it easy to overcommit himself, and then, because of the overload, fail to follow through. His family life suffers from this, a problem frequently seen among church leaders in all cultures. These are areas where he needs prayer.

Humberto is a committed Friend and finds in Friends history a model for bringing the light and life of God into all areas of his life. More than this, Humberto is definitely committed to Jesus Christ and His Church.

That intense and hostile young crusader we met 14 years ago is still a crusader, and he still follows his cause with a singleness of purpose. But there the similarity ends. His eyes now sparkle with the bright Spirit of God. His cause is Christ.

## ALEGRÍA

BY NANCY THOMAS

Troublemaker, they called you,  
agitator, pusher of unsanctified causes,  
two-faced junction of communism and  
Christianity. You were too educated for  
your own good (or theirs).  
You've changed.  
God heard the cries  
beneath the noise,  
took your worn-out ideologies  
and gave you Life.  
Now you're pushing Jesus  
with another, a holy, agitation.

Note: *Alegría*, a Spanish word meaning happiness, is the maternal last name of Humberto Gutiérrez, president of the Bolivian Friends Church.

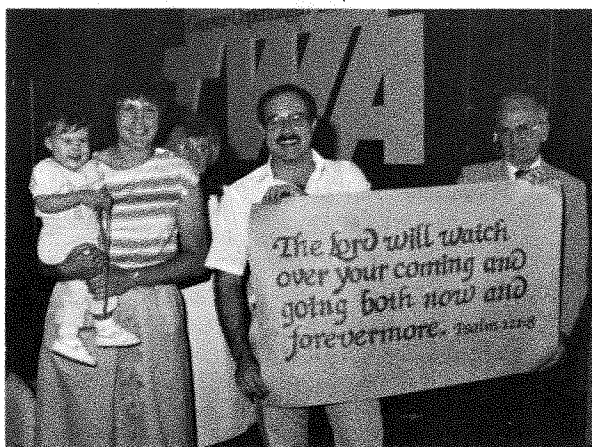
Humberto's gifts have found other outlets. He holds a job as an administrative secretary in ANDEB (National Association of Bolivian Evangelicals) and as such has contact with many denominations and mission groups in the country. Through ANDEB he administers World Relief's community development workshops and projects in Bolivia.

Earlier this year, he added a new responsibility to his already busy life. At the January Representatives' Meeting, the Bolivian Friends Church elected Humberto to a three-year term as president (similar to superintendent in our yearly meetings). In his midthirties, he is the youngest man ever to hold the position. He approaches this job with some uncertainty about his adequacy to handle so many responsibilities. But he also senses God's hand and timing.





*Eastern Region Superintendent Robert Hess holds promise from Psalm 121:8 with Mark and Terri Engel at Cleveland Airport prior to Engels' departure for Taiwan.*



## ENGELS JOIN TAIWAN TEAM

BY LUCY ANDERSON

It was late afternoon on Friday, September 13. At Cleveland Hopkins International Airport the long-awaited announcement over the loudspeaker interrupted conversation in the waiting room, and people prepared for departure.

"Passengers with tickets for TWA Flight #385, destination St. Louis with connecting flights to Los Angeles and other cities, may now board the airplane," the flight supervisor intoned.

For Mark and Terri Engel and their one-year-old daughter, Elisabeth, it was the beginning of a new chapter in their lives as Friends missionaries in Taiwan. Hasty goodbyes were said to family and friends, and the young couple walked down the ramp to board the plane. As the huge jet moved across the runway and onto the tarmac to await its turn to leave, their many friends waved bouquets of flowers, assuring

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Mark and Terri of their love and continued prayers.

The Engels are Eastern Region Friends' newest missionaries, appointed for a four-year term to Taiwan. They join Ella Ruth Hutson, the Howard Moores, Russell Zinns, and John Brantinghams, who make up the Taiwan Friends missionary team. They will spend the first year in intensive language study in order to prepare for the specific assignment of evangelism, pastoral leadership training, and church planting.

### *Early Teamwork*

The Engels met at Malone College. Mark candidly admits that it was baseball that attracted him to Malone, for during his high school years in Huron, Ohio, he was very active in all sports. Unfortunately he had no time for God or for Christian friends until he met a caring, Christian coach who helped him. Here is Mark's own account of his conversion:

"After being raised with solid Bible teaching in a conservative, evangelical church, I became extremely rebellious in my late teens. I wandered deeply into the world and riotous living. At Malone College where I had gone to play baseball, I was

confronted with genuine Christian love and concern and solid Christian witness.

"All my rationalization that I was independent of God and self-sufficient broke down, as the guilt and confusion of my life was undeniable. After intense conviction of the Holy Spirit, I sought spiritual counsel from my coach, Robert Starcher, who led me to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ on January 23, 1976. Christ is now my Lord and I am His bond servant by choice."

Mark's call to the ministry and his interest in missions began in 1978 when he traveled to Central America with Overseas Crusades Sports Ambassadors. For four and a half weeks the athletes visited Nicaragua, Colombia, and Costa Rica, conducting sports clinics and giving their testimonies. He began to see the challenge of sharing the Good News of salvation on a global basis.

For the next two years he served as youth pastor at Canton First Friends Church while beginning study on a Master of Divinity degree at Ashland Theological Seminary. In 1980 he accepted a call to pastor West Park Friends Church in Cleveland, Ohio, beginning a five-year term of shepherding the flock there. It was a day of great celebration when the entire congregation responded to the invitation to witness the marriage of their pastor to Terri Shackelford on July 11, 1981.

Feeling a strong urge to offer themselves as candidates for missionary service, Mark and Terri submitted applications to the EFC-ER Mission Board for possible work on Taiwan. After prayerful consultation, at their meeting on May 31, 1983, the Board accepted them for service. During the next two years, while Terri completed her degree at Malone, Mark began Mandarin language study with a tutor in Akron.

### *Getting Ready*

When asked to comment on what he considered as helpful preparation for being a missionary, Mark replied: "My experience as a pastor has been valuable training for me. What I have learned in working with people and helping them with their spiritual problems will make me a better missionary as I move to Taiwan. True, their culture will be different, but human nature is pretty much the same wherever you go."

Other valuable preparation cited by Mark was Missionary Internship in Farmington, Michigan, which provided five weeks this summer of intensive training in prefield orientation and also in language acquisition techniques. In a group of some 50 adults,

*(Continued on back cover)*



BY JACK L. WILL CUTS

## Sanctifying Grace

This expression, "sanctifying grace," dominates a large section of Thomas Merton's writings in an autobiography of his spiritual pilgrimage, a journey through a number of countries and churches (including Quakers) until he eventually became, at 26, a Trappist monk. Is sanctifying grace an exclusively Catholic concept? I think not.

It seems to linger in my memory growing up in the holiness camp meeting atmosphere that "sanctifying grace" was a fairly common way of describing holy living. Yet, searching my Bible, I do not find that wording in a precise way. Paul speaks of our being "justified freely by his grace" (Romans 3:24), and again about his struggle with the "thorn in the flesh," which was apparently borne with the assurance of the Lord that "my grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." (2 Corinthians 12:9) James as well as Paul tells of our assurance "to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it" (Ephesians 4:7), and James insists that He "gives more grace" as needed.

But sanctifying grace? That has a practical as well as precious implication; more than a past experience or a doctrinal legal status attained. Sanctifying grace suggests an ongoing relationship of spiritual health that is timeless. Merton, if we can see past his cultural identity and certain almost repulsive aberrations, uses a lofty and beautiful description on this: "There is a paradox that lies in the very heart of human existence. It must be apprehended before any lasting happiness is possible in the soul of a man. The paradox is this: man's nature, by itself, can do little or nothing to settle his most important problems. If we follow nothing but our natures, our own philosophies, our own level of ethics, we will end up in hell." (Thomas Merton, *The Seven Storey Mountain*, a Signet Book, 1955, p. 206)

He is not preaching, he is giving a personal testimony and goes on to say, "Our nature, which is a free gift of God, was given to us to be perfected and enhanced by another free gift that is not due it. This free gift is 'sanctifying grace.' What is grace? It is God's own life, shared by us. God's life is Love. By grace we are able to share in the infinitely selfless love of Him who is such pure actuality that He needs nothing and therefore cannot conceivably exploit anything for selfish ends." He illustrates: "When a ray of light strikes a crystal, it gives a new quality to the crystal. And when God's infinite love plays upon a human soul, the same kind of thing takes place. And that is the life of sanctifying grace. The Love of God shines in and through the life so illuminated."

Being neither a trained theologian nor philosopher, there may be nuances in this quote that may not entirely fit holiness theology. But the concept and expression has been helpful to me.

During my own spiritual pilgrimage of recent illnesses—requiring complete rest, surgery, and time in the hospital—the Spirit has spoken afresh in both a searching and reassuring way.

I believe a measure of sanctifying grace has been humbly and gratefully received. With a real threat of a possible terminal illness, which now appears to be unlikely. The experience, nevertheless, has allowed a careful heart searching. Such personal reflection and evaluation of one's work habits, priorities, prospects, and the counsel of loved ones and friends are a part of the sanctifying grace process.

Mind you, these questions do not imply failure or even discouragement. Nor backsliding. But a reappraisal of priorities and their possible relevance to one's health. As Samuel Johnson (1725), upon landing in an English jail, observed: "Knowing one may be hanged in the morning, clears the mind wonderfully." So does serious sickness.


Is it possible for us to become the victims of mistaking personal and church goals, and the commendation of others in reaching them, more important than Christian obedience? Can they be confused? Does an inability to cope well with conflicts in the meeting, or confrontation in certain relationships inevitably found in Christian service—can these frustrations begin to stockpile in one's soul somewhere even though carefully camouflaged as piety or Christian convictions? Where do a spiritual burden and physical burden connect, or disconnect? Is it possible to be so familiar with religious language like "turn it over to the Lord" that it becomes a cliché rather than a consistent practice and reality? Can one mistake overwork, rigid religious personal discipline for the power of the Lord—and take credit, if any, for successes because of this misplaced emphasis? Can all sorts of efforts, public and private, become a cover-up for feelings of inadequacy in different aspects of ministry, or for inadequate training? Pride can become subtly inverted as a veneer for inner feelings of inadequacy.

All of these, when mulled over in prayer, Bible reading, and meditation, become a part of the Spirit's sanctifying grace if we respond obediently. A quote from Byron Osborne's writing in the *Fruit of the Vine*, October 4: "The whole meaning of a human life is summed up in loving, in being kind, in helping, in being comfortable to live with." Isn't that a ray of light striking the crystal of our lives—sanctifying grace?

Surely God wants all of us to rediscover our identity as full participants in the life and mission of the Church. The Holy Spirit is at hand today to draw all those who are willing into a deeper fellowship with Himself, and with one another around His living, vital Word and Church. We are to be like Jesus, moved with compassion, not self-pity or fear, or preoccupied with our search for pleasure and security.

How easy it is to allow subtle personal goals, and even religious interests, to replace the cleansing, comforting, guiding, and empowering grace of God that is given again and again.

Sanctifying grace is the power of the Holy Spirit indwelling our minds that enables us to think on "excellent and praiseworthy things." Allowing one's mind to deliberately and habitually go over past hurts, failures, tiredness, anger, the problems of the world and the church—the effect is immaturity and often more damaging, even if a word is never spoken about it.

The peace of God within, though outwardly invisible, certainly affects our behavior and attitudes, perhaps our health as well. The sanctifying grace of our Lord is able for all these things. 



### 'Pilgrim's Progress' Sells Out in China

SHANGHAI, CHINA—A report from Shanghai reveals that a recent printing of *Pilgrim's Progress*—200,000 copies—was completely sold out in three days, a strong indication of spiritual hunger in China today.

During the past four years, the government-owned Social Science Press and other agencies have been printing such books as illustrations of Western literature and civilization; 400,000 copies of Bible stories in paperback were sold between 1981 and 1983. *Pilgrim's Progress* was first translated into Chinese in 1853 by William Burns, the famous Scottish evangelist and missionary to China. With the exception of the Bible, *Pilgrim's Progress* has been translated into more Chinese dialects than any other book.

—Evangelical Press Association

### Literacy Campaign Underway in India

NEW DELHI, INDIA—In response to an appeal by the Indian government for outside help to combat the country's 60 percent illiteracy rate, "Bibles for India" is mounting a huge literacy program in India. Using literacy primers that feature biblical themes and the life of Christ, BFI's distribution arm in Madras (India Bible Literature) has already taught 40,000 adult illiterates. Another 25,000 are now attending literacy classes.

Literacy class graduates receive a free Bible course from BFI as their first piece of reading material. Through this program hundreds have made decisions for Christ. Some classes have developed into small churches.

—E.P.A.

### Temperance Union Members Join to Teach Abstinence

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA—Meeting here for their national convention, the National Women's Christian Temperance Union reaffirmed their goal of a dry nation, and baptised their children and grandchildren to a life of abstinence.

"One of our aims is to teach a whole generation of young people that it's perfectly all right not to drink alcoholic beverages," explained President Martha Edgar. Edgar applauded the work of groups like Mothers Against Drunk Driv-

ing and Students Against Driving Drunk, which have worked to reduce the number of drinkers on the nation's highways. But Edgar said the temperance union goes one step further. "They just go so far," she said. "We are for prevention . . . And these groups are for moderation."

Members of the 111-year-old organization distributed films, coloring books, and leaflets, all aimed at persuading young people that "it's OK not to drink." A ceremony called the White Ribbon Recruit Service also serves this purpose, baptising babies and children to a life of abstinence.

—E.P.A.

### California Schools Reject Textbooks, Demand More Emphasis on Evolution

SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA—The California Board of Education has rejected every science textbook submitted for junior high school use next year, claiming publishers had "watered down" instruction on evolution to avoid controversy. The board's September 13 decision affected about 30 books by a dozen publishers; five publishers of the seven books considered to be best were invited to rewrite their books with more comprehensive sections on evolution.

Bill Honig, superintendent of public instruction in California, said the state's decision would have a national impact because of the large share of the national textbook market held by California. Honig said publishers have given in to pressure from special-interest groups and are publishing lower-quality books.

—E.P.A.

### DeGarmo and Key Eye Crossover Route in Music

ATLANTA, GEORGIA—"Crossing over" to get secular radio airplay is all right, as long as it can be done without compromise. That's the opinion of Ed DeGarmo of DeGarmo and Key, the first U.S. Christian group to have a "rock video" accepted for airplay on the popular MTV cable channel. "We're trying to reach a larger audience, but we're trying to do it on our own terms. We don't feel that we need to lighten our message to be played on those stations."

"Crossing over" may become a trend in the Christian music industry, now that singer Amy Grant has blazed a trail with her latest album, a joint project between

Christian record company Word Records and the secular A&M label.

"We've had several songs that could have fit right into a Top 40 rotation," explains DeGarmo. "A lot of it has to do with the size of the Christian record company versus the size of the secular firms. But secular companies are starting to take a look at Christian artists. There are a lot of people out there that have no idea what Christian music sounds like, and when they hear it they're going to like it."

Reaching the secular world has presented a problem for contemporary Christian music. Much of today's Christian music is recorded by Christian artists, on Christian labels, and sold in Christian bookstores to Christians.

According to DeGarmo, this is a problem in the church at large. "We're a little bit monastic in our approach," says DeGarmo. "We build these huge churches

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# First Day News

## Youthquake '86

Five hundred young people from across North America and other countries around the world are expected to attend Youthquake '86 to be held in Oaxtepec, Mexico, June 19-24, 1986. General session speaker is Tony Campolo, professor at Eastern College in Pennsylvania. Bible hour speaker is Elizabeth Newby from Richmond, Indiana. Music leaders are Larry and Shirley Mendenhall from California Yearly Meeting. Workshops, worship, tours, recreation, meeting people from around the world, and experiencing the culture of Mexico in the beautiful facility of Oaxtepec where the 1968 Olympic housing for swimmers was located will make this an experience participants will remember for the rest of their lives. Registration is being handled by Passport Travel, Inc. Registration forms may be obtained from your yearly meeting office or by writing Youthquake '86, c/o Passport Travel, 6340 Glenwood, Cloverleaf Building, #7, Overland Park, Kansas 66202.

## Williams Visits Relief Projects

Two shipments, one of food and the other oil, are on their way to be distributed to famine victims in three West Africa nations. This was the result of an effort begun on the Malone College campus in January that became identified as Akron-Canton Together (A.C.T.) for Africa. Nearly \$100,000 in cash and foodstuffs was raised during the drive in Stark and Summit counties in Ohio earlier this year. World Vision is the international relief organization handling the shipment and distribution.

A delegation of seven people will visit western Africa for eleven days in November, about the time the food will arrive. John Williams, Jr., pastor of First Friends Church, Canton, Ohio, will represent Stark County on the tour. The delegation will be making a video record of the trip and will be making presentations to A.C.T. organizations and to civic and church groups throughout Ohio. (Also see "Malone Students A.C.T. for Africa" on page 9.)

## Robertses Lead Iowa Retreat

Maurice Roberts, general superintendent of Mid-America Yearly Meeting, and his wife, Peggy, were guest speakers for the Iowa Yearly Meeting annual pastors' retreat in September. The retreat was held at Quaker Heights, Eldora, Iowa. Presentations assisted understanding of the impact of personality types upon leadership style as well as worship activity. Also attention was given to accountability and communication.

A presentation of the farm crisis examined economic, emotional, and legislative issues and how they impact the church. Pastors were given suggestions of how to be positively involved in the current struggles of many farm families in Iowa.

## Martin Williamson Dies at Age 107

Martin Williamson was pastor of the Empire Friends Church near Vale for 41 years and was featured in this magazine several years ago as a centenarian. In the June 1984 issue, Martin and Nettie Williamson were featured as they celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary. On August 19 Martin died, 10 days short of his 108th birthday.

The Williamsons have close ties with Friends Bible College, Haviland, Kansas, where Martin helped establish a scholarship fund and many grandchildren have attended. Daryld (one of Martin and Nettie's five children) and Mildred Williamson have had all six of their children attend FBC. Last spring they completed a 21-year span between when they sent their first child to the school and when the last one graduated.

## Book Encourages Peaceful Teachers

The Friendly Press in Ireland has recently published a book entitled *How to Be a Peace-full Teacher*, written by Jim Wingate, an Irish Quaker who has been a teacher for 16 years. He has taught workshops on peacemaking and has worked for the Quaker Peace Action Caravan. The book contains a hundred techniques to help teachers "be more peace-full, teach



more peace-fully and teach more peace." It may be ordered from the Friendly Press, 61 Newtown Road, Waterford, Ireland. The cost, including postage and handling, is \$6.50.

### **EFA Scheduled Over Weekend**

This year the Evangelical Friends Alliance Coordinating Council will begin their meetings on Saturday rather than meeting during the week. Scheduling over the weekend will allow the approximately 50 attenders to participate in area Friends churches on Sunday. The meetings will be held January 11-15, 1986, in Canton, Ohio.

### **Indiana Yearly Meeting Initiates Superintendent Search**

Indiana Yearly Meeting of Friends has established a General Superintendent Search Committee to evaluate the Yearly Meeting's leadership needs, develop a job description, receive applications, interview candidates, and propose selection to the Administrative Council of the Yearly Meeting. J. Stanley Banker, Jr., has been selected clerk of the Search Committee. Communication to the Search Committee may be mailed to General Superintendent Search Committee, First Friends Meeting, 503 South Main Street, New Castle, Indiana 47362.

### **EPM Staff Leads World Christian Conference**

World Christian Conference '85 was held the last weekend of October at First Friends Church, Salem, Ohio. Evangelical Friends Mission Executive Director James Morris and Administrative Assistant Reta Stuart presented the challenge of being a world Christian. The experience included a banquet, a brunch, a film, five workshops, and the Sunday morning and evening services.

### **Tuning in on Television**

J. Brent Bill, director of Christian education for Western Yearly Meeting, has written a factual, yet fun-filled presentation of how television affects viewers' lives and how they can determine what role TV should play in their homes. *Stay Tuned*, published by Fleming H. Revell, takes a careful look at television, its history and development, and its place in our culture. He points out how TV can influence thinking and quickly consume valuable time. Brent examines the various types of programming, revealing the kinds of messages TV shows convey and how they square up against Christian teachings. He also discusses how television can be a positive social influence and a vehicle for family fun.

In addition to *Stay Tuned*, Brent is the author of *Rock and Roll: Proceed with Caution* and *David B. Updegraff: Quaker Holiness Preacher*. He also has a regular column, "Top Forty," in *Group* magazine. He is currently working on a humorous look at high school entitled *The First Day of High School and Other Teenage Nightmares*, to be released in 1986.

### **Fellowship Available for Quaker Research**

Applications are being received for the T. Wistar Brown Fellowship at Haverford College for the academic year 1986-87. Fellows spend one or two semesters at Haverford College doing research in the Quaker Collection of the library and in nearby scholarly collections. Letters of inquiry may be directed to the Office of the Provost, Haverford College, Haverford, Pennsylvania 19041. Deadline for applications will be December 31, 1985.

### **Evangelism After the Manner of Friends**

The fourteenth annual Enabling Ministries Conference will repeat the same topic as last year—evangelism. "Evangelism After the Manner of Friends" will be the focus of the gathering December 3-5 at Quaker Hill Conference Center, Richmond, Indiana. Three leaders with three topics will guide participants in their considerations. John Williams, Jr., pastor of First Friends, Canton, Ohio, will address the subject of "Preaching for Outreach." With experience in beginning a new church, David Brock, pastor of the five-year-old Bakersfield Friends Church in California, will present sessions on "Structuring the Local Meeting for Outreach." "Outreach in Trans-cultural Situations" is the subject Marlene Pedigo will cover from insights gained in establishing the Chicago Fellowship of Friends in the Cabrini-Green district. She and her husband, Steve, have lived and ministered there the past seven years.

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and huge complexes and it's basically to keep our people in and keep them from going out into the world. It's the same in Gospel music. We have our own little world and our radio stations, and our bookstores. We keep all of our influence to ourselves." —E.P.A.

### 200 Taiwan Students Respond To Call for Missions Service

TAIPEI, TAIWAN—More than 200 university students at the triennial Youth Missionary Conference responded to a closing call to dedicate themselves to full-time ministry. In an earlier session, 400 had stood to indicate a willingness to make themselves available to the Lord for participation in the evangelization of China.

About 2,400 students and graduates attended the gathering at Chung Yun University near Taipei. Sponsored by the Campus Evangelical Fellowship, the conference is patterned after the Inter-Varsity Urbana conference in the United States.

—M.N.S.

### Cultural Renewal Emphasized At Hong Kong Conference

HONG KONG—With an emphasis on understanding culture in relation to the Gospel and the need for Christians to assume responsibility in cultural renewal, 85 delegates from throughout Southeast Asia, Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and the United States gathered for a seminar on "Chinese Culture and the Gospel" held in Hong Kong.

The conference was sponsored by the Chinese Coordination Center of World Evangelism. By the end of the conference, three long-range goals had been established for the future of the Chinese church: evangelization of the Chinese people; promotion of the kingdom concept of the church; Christianization of Chinese culture.

—M.N.S.

### Role of Church in U.S. Surprises Chinese Scholars

NEW YORK, NEW YORK—The role of religious institutions in the U.S. was surprising to two Chinese religious scholars who spent a year studying organized religion in this country. "In China, the function of religion is mainly moral, and the church has a very limited connection with society," said Yan Changyou in an interview with the *New York Times*. "In America, the church plays a very active role."

Yan and Deng Wenwen, the second scholar, are members of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences in Peking. They are the first Chinese scholars assigned specifically to study U.S. religious institutions.

Deng said the Chinese knew very little about the role of religion in U.S. life, and added that she was impressed by various social service agencies run by religious groups; in China, she said, the government would run such agencies.

Yan expressed concern about "the strong impact" of some church groups on politics, and said religion and politics should be separate. "It is good that the American society is a free society and everybody can express his own political and religious views, but it becomes a problem [if a church] becomes too deeply involved in politics."

Deng and Yan said that personally, they did not have "a religious background."

China's total population is more than 1 billion; there are about 3 million Catholics, 3 million Protestants, 17 million Muslims, 500,000 Taoists, and from 150 to 200 million Buddhists in China. —E.P.A.

### Record Industry Deluged By Complaints About Raunchy Rock


WASHINGTON, D.C.—Deluged by complaints from parents, the Recording Industry of America has announced that record companies will label recordings that contain "blatant explicit lyric content."

The decision came in response to the Parents Music Resource Center (PMRC), a group formed by Susan Baker, wife of the treasury secretary, and Tipper Gore, wife of Senator A. Gore of Tennessee. The recording industry has not agreed to comply with other recommendations made by the PMRC, including establishment of a

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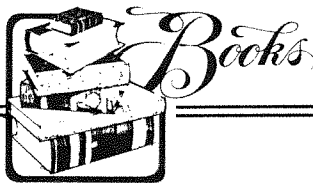
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record rating system similar to ratings given to motion pictures.

Baker and Gore started PMRC after taking time to listen to the lyrics of some rock songs to which their children listened. In a statement that noted that the average teenager listens to rock music from four to six hours per day, they said, "The messages the children receive often encourage and glorify the use of drugs and alcohol. Some promote defiled sexuality, satanic worship, violence, and rebellion."

Concern over lyrics of rock music has spread beyond traditionally conservative critics. Feminist columnist Ellen Goodman of the *Boston Globe* called record standards "a modest way of reintroducing something called standards," and added, "We disapprove of violence, we disapprove of sexual exploitation." —E.P.A.

### **Pornography Fighters Decry Effect of Obscenity On American Families**

CINCINNATI, OHIO—The Surgeon General of the United States told pornography fighters gathered here that pornography is a clear and present danger to American public health.

Speaking to the National Consultation on Pornography, Dr. C. Everett Koop warned that "society has enough evidence to implicate pornography as a contributing factor to certain disorders of human health." Koop added that the American family is the primary victim.

Sponsored by the National Coalition Against Pornography, the meeting brought together 350 antipornography workers.

Koop described pornography as "a mean pursuit that deadens the human spirit, mocks the human heart, and defiles the human form. When it is embraced by some people, pornography can do permanent damage, preventing its victims from ever again being able to experience true human love, tenderness, and compassion."

Most speakers at the two-day conference stressed the recent growth of the industry and the expansion into new media. They cited the 2 million tickets sold each year to X-rated films, the 15-20,000 adult bookstores in this country, and the \$25,000 a day average earnings by the New York Telephone Company through a Dial-a-Porn message.

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### **A Hunger for Meaning**

Calvin Miller

InterVarsity Press, 123 pages, \$3.95.

This book seems to me to be too simplistic in its arguments for recognition of Christian "artists." Its basic assumption that Christian scientists, psychologists, philosophers, and artists are somewhat "less than" because they are not "recognized" by the world is a matter of insight and understanding and historically has not been true. I have faith that, as in the past, Christian thinkers will be in the real forefront, molding and shaping our future as well.

Calvin Miller's poetry and artistically written prose is interesting, but I feel the shelf space used up by this book could better be used for truly inspiring and helpful books. —Jannelle W. Loewen

### **Renewing Family Life**

Abraham and Dorothy Schmitt

Herald Press, 134 pages, paperback, \$5.95.

Although written by professionals, this book is nontechnical, easily read and understood. It is designed to help today's families realize that change is inevitable, not always bad, and actually to be desired. "... the power of Christ, the Holy Spirit, can make the difference between a victorious or a catastrophic outcome."

The whole cycle of family life is dealt with in the 13 chapters, progressing from the "first blush of romance" to death and presenting "the family as a fluid, flexible unit whose shape is always changing."

There are discussion ideas at the end of every chapter. —Betty M. Hockett

### **The Book of Sorrows**

Walter Wangerin, Jr.

Harper & Row, 339 pages, \$15.95.

This book follows the author's recent best seller, *The Book of the Dun Cow*. *The Book of Sorrows* is a difficult book to think through, though hard to put down once you get started.

Wangerin has a gift for writing beautiful words. The story has deep meanings, a lot to say about the difficulties in encountering the psychological subtleties of evil. I found this book about good and evil, seen through the lives of animals—mainly a rooster and chickens against the evil "wyrms" who live underground—

somewhat tedious and extremely despairing. A good book for discussion, but not for light reading or one to get you into a mellow frame of mind.

—Jannelle W. Loewen

### **The Forgiveness of Sins**

Charles Williams

William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 123 pages, paperback.

In order to get at the meaning of forgiveness, Williams starts with those who have, in his estimation, been able to describe it in "undeniable phrases," namely the poets. As representative, he chooses Shakespeare and traces forgiveness in his writings. Then he uncovers the teaching in Christian theology and applies this to "the present time," namely the time of World War II. He was writing in 1942.

Since Williams was one of the "Inklings" (the others being C. S. Lewis, J. R. R. Tolkien, Dorothy Sayers, etc.) and described by *Time* magazine as "one of the most gifted and influential Christian writers England has produced this century," his writings will stretch your mind even if they are not simple enough to "tickle your fancy." —Philip E. Taylor

### **The ESR Story:**

#### **A Quaker Dream Come True**

Wilmer A. Cooper

with an introduction

by Landrum R. Bolling

Richmond, Indiana, 1985, 163 pages, \$5.00.

The Earlham School of Religion printed this book in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of its founding. Appropriately, the book is written by Wil Cooper, who had a vision for a graduate school to prepare Quaker leaders. The book is a descriptive and evaluative account of the unfolding of that vision by the first dean of the school and the one person most responsible for turning vision into reality. It also documents policy statements by which the school was guided.

The book is organized to show the development of the Richmond school, its relationship to Earlham College and the various Friends groups. The appendices are particularly helpful. There are the usual statistics, of course, but also personal sketches of the Friends who were drawn into the vision for the graduate school. These are particularly valuable. They offer insight into the company of



people who believed Earlham School of Religion was in divine ordering and who activated that belief with time, money, and energy.

Sometimes anniversary books are public relations publications, singularly uncritical. Such is not the case with *The ESR Story*. Cooper is not only fair in his acknowledgment of difficult issues, but candid in his evaluation. He acknowledges that the disparity between evangelical and liberal Friends made it difficult to provide a graduate center amenable to diverse groups. And yet he persists in his vision for greater unity of thought and action among Friends, to which vision ESR has contributed, and will continue to contribute. Whether ESR is a catalyst for spiritual renewal among Friends or an example of stultifying compromise has been, and will continue to be, debated.

Cooper acknowledges that it has been difficult for ESR to serve both nonpastoral and pastoral Friends. The bulk of support comes from Friends in the Friends United Meeting. In recent years the number of students from Eastern, nonpastoral yearly meetings has increased as the number of students from the evangelical yearly meetings has declined. Cooper's analysis of the significance of that trend is perceptive. (See especially pages 64, 78, and 94.) Although modestly understated, his analysis ought to read not only as a cautionary reminder that institutions are shaped by admissions, but also as a deep concern for policies that would make ESR more attractive to students from the Evangelical Friends Alliance. Alumni, board members, and church leaders will surely ponder Cooper's analysis.

We live in a time in which meanings to the words *evangelical* and *liberal* are being

eroded. Rhetorical shrillness intensifies as clarity diminishes. It is hard for the Christian center to hold. ESR is only one setting for the drama of Christian reformulation. This book jogs our minds about our dreams of Quaker renewal and specifically how, or whether, ESR (and other institutions, for that matter) may be part of such renewal. —Arthur O. Roberts

#### Wholistic Christianity

David O. Moberg  
Brethren Press, 200 pages, paperback,  
\$11.95.

An evangelical sociologist eminent in his field points out the fragmentation of the church, of denominations, and of congregations on a wide range of matters, and the elements in our time that cause those divisions. He feels, however, that divisions are not fatal but may be made the basis for frank and loving dialog and discussion, which can bring understanding and enrichment to those involved. He goes on to show how this may be done. The bibliography is lengthy. He uses some sociological jargon that must be dealt with, but nevertheless comes to the reader with much help. —Lauren King

#### He Came Preaching Peace

John H. Yoder  
Herald Press, 143 pages, paperback.

This book by the well-known Mennonite scholar is a collection of pieces from various times, all on the subject of peace. They therefore do not have the structure of a book written as a unit. Nevertheless there is a central theme: Jesus came as a suffering servant, and we are called to follow His example. What most impressed me about it was the depths of meaning that Yoder uncovers in passages familiar to me, but not grasped with anything like the insight of Yoder. Vernon Grounds gives the book an enthusiastic recommendation. —Lauren King

who now live in retirement in Greensboro, North Carolina. Their experiences have been so rich and varied that most of us only know chapters of their continuing life story. For me the Alaska chapter is the most familiar, and when I ponder how much was accomplished in those few short years I realize the quality as well as the quantity of Delbert and Ruth's ministry and service.

Lorton Heusel succeeds in capturing the dramatic force of these varied experiences: the Alaska missionary work of a young couple just graduated from George Fox College, an acknowledged role in the pioneering of television and its allied industries commencing while Delbert was still in graduate school in MIT in the 1930s, administration of relief work among the Palestinian refugees in the 1940s, leadership in the Friends World Committee beginning in the 1950s, and

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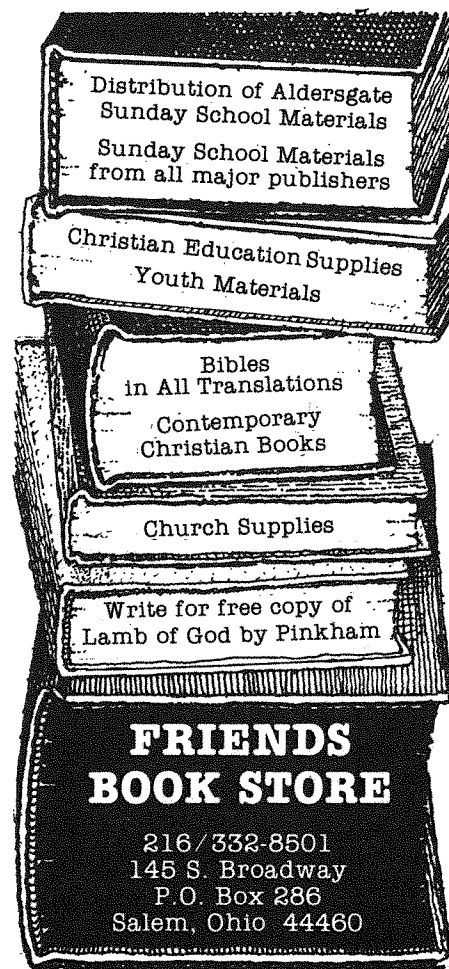
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#### Friends on the Front Line:

The Story of Delbert and Ruth Replogle  
Lorton Heusel

North Carolina Friends Historical Society,  
1985, 180 pages.

We are grateful to Lorton Heusel for capturing in print some of the life experiences of Delbert and Ruth (Hinshaw) Replogle,





support for the Earlham School of Religion beginning in the 1960s.

I am personally grateful for the support and encouragement that Delbert and Ruth offered for my research and writing. Along with others I am sustained by their optimistic and practical spirituality. They have demonstrated faith while others talked about it. They have offered reconciliation while others analyzed differences. Their Christian life has been a joyous, if sometimes chaotic, adventure, sustaining my confidence in our Quaker heritage. For they have not only been shaped by it but have helped shape our common future.

—Arthur O. Roberts

#### **Liberated Traditionalism**

Ronald and Beverly Allen

Multnomah Press, 217 pages, \$11.95.

Few other topics of discussion in our churches can stir up as much disagreement as a discussion of roles and relationships between men and women. In this book the Allens attempt to clarify some of the issues involved.

The book is divided into two sections, "Facing the Crisis of the Sexes" and "Finding the Biblical Balance." In the first section they analyze the basic issues surrounding the whole discussion. In it they also point out unhelpful ways of addressing the issues and encourage Christians not to use them. An example of a negative discussion technique is the practice of using extremist viewpoints to discredit either of the sides.

In the second section they present a possible method of biblical interpretation that they feel is consistent and removes many of the misconceptions on the subject.

The strength of the book is the clarity the reader gains concerning the issue. They maintain a respect for both sides while showing that many issues raised by feminists are important and valid.

A weakness of the book is the Allens' reluctance to state their position on some issues. For example, they support women taking spiritual leadership in the church but avoid taking a clear stand on their place as pastors.

This is a good book for a person just beginning to explore the issue of men's and women's relationships and wanting a general description.

The reader will need to look elsewhere for a comprehensive treatment.

—John Beck

#### **Worship Should Focus on God**

I appreciate the astute observations and practical suggestions on peacemaking by Lon Fendall in the September issue [Another New Call to Peacemaking]. The article has inspired me to do further research on the topic.

Roy Clark's article on worship [Do I Really Worship?] was also outstanding. While we want to maintain a close Christian fellowship, we should remember that the purpose of the worship service is to focus on God. Sometimes I suspect that our order of service distracts attention to ourselves. People expect to "get something out of" the music and sermon rather than to concentrate on worshipping God. I can still recall the mixture of aggravation and awe on my third grade teacher's face when, after studying the meaning of worship in Sunday school, I asked why the pastor spent so much time talking to us if the purpose was supposed to be for us to praise and honor God. There seems to be ample opportunities in our weekly schedule of church events for instruction, inspiration, and fellowship. Maybe we need to reserve the worship service for worship.

NANCY JEFFERS  
Marysville, Ohio

#### **Presence and Influence Needed**

This past summer we attended the World Gathering of Young Friends in Greensboro, North Carolina. We were deeply touched by what happened at the Gathering. We saw the Lord presented to those attending who hadn't known Christ. This came about largely because Friends from evangelical and programmed meetings in Africa, Latin America, North America, and Asia attended in large numbers and shared their faith and experience.

We're from an independent, unprogrammed yearly meeting where many Friends are not professing Christians. For us, the presence of the large number of professing Christians was an empowering experience. It has helped free us to witness to our lives with Christ, both at the time and in our home meeting where we have not always felt able to be so forthright.

We would like to see the teaching hand of the Lord present at all gatherings that are open to Friends of all persuasions. It has been our experience that this happens

when Friends, such as you, who *know* Christ are present and vocal. We see a real need for your presence at meetings such as the triennials of Friends World Committee for Consultation. Though attended by a variety of Friends, these meetings have a tendency to be dominated by those who rely on works. All, including ourselves, would be helped by the testimony you could bear.

Your presence and influence are needed to fully reflect the truth that is in the Religious Society of Friends.

ROBERT BAIRD  
JAY THATCHER  
Corvallis, Oregon

#### **Interpreting Graham**

I have to take some exceptions to the article "Another New Call to Peacemaking" [September 1985]. I have been an admirer of Billy Graham since he had his beginning. I am writing to inform you that you did not correctly quote Billy Graham. Yes, he is for peace and yes he is the greatest evangelist I have ever heard. But he also said he is not a pacifist.

The peace I am looking for is not from men, but what Paul was looking for. You can find it in Titus 2:13.

KEITH ACKERMAN  
Salem, Ohio

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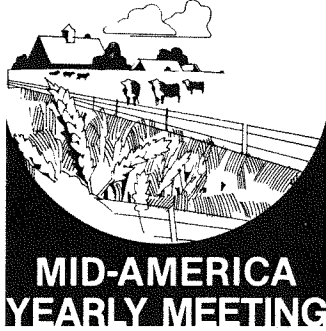
#### **POSITION AVAILABLE**

■ PENDLE HILL, a Quaker Center for Study and Contemplation in Wallingford, Pennsylvania, is accepting nominations and applications for the position of Executive Secretary (Director), available September 1, 1986.

■ Applicants should be of both the intellectual and spiritual stature to be the administrative head of Pendle Hill and its spokesman in the worldwide community of Friends. It is, therefore, essential that applicants have firsthand experience with Quakers and Quakerism. Residence at Pendle Hill is required; salary is negotiable; deadline for applications is 12/15/1985.

■ Inquiries and applications should be addressed to the Search Committee for the Executive Secretary, Pendle Hill, Wallingford, PA 19086. Phone (215) 566-4507.

# FRIENDS CONCERNS



## Mid-America Yearly Meeting News Notes

MAYM Foreign Mission Board met in a weekend retreat September 21-22 to consider the future of their work, the relationship with Burundi Yearly Meeting, and other concerns pertaining to missionaries' futures.

The first of September the last three of our missionaries, the Bob Shaffers and Carolyn Hinshaw, were refused working permits. They arrived in Wichita the week of September 9. At this time there are no MAYM missionaries in Burundi. We are thankful that Burundi Yearly Meeting is led by very capable young men and women.

The Texas Area churches have reported a 10 percent gain in membership this last year. This is the largest gain for any area in MAYM.

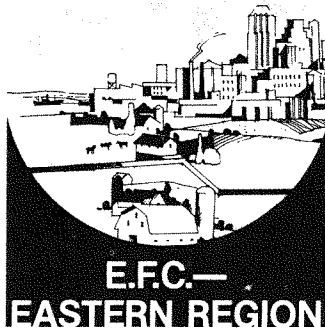
## Notes from FBC

Faculty and students at Friends Bible College were blessed and challenged as they sat under the ministry of John Hinshaw during special services September 3-8 at Haviland Friends Church. In addition to evening services at the church, John also spoke at the college chapel services. The involvement of Christians in spiritual warfare and the power of prayer were the topics of his messages throughout the week. John pastors the Homestead Friends Church near Cedar Point, Kansas.

Saturday evening, October 5, marked the official inauguration of FBC's eleventh president, Robin W. Johnston. Ceremonies were held at 7:00 p.m. in Hockett Auditorium in conjunction with the annual FBC Sale and Fall Board Meetings. Guests participating in the ceremonies included Maurice Roberts, Mid-America Yearly Meeting Superintendent; Jack Rea, Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting Superintendent; Dr. John Robinson, Dr. Norman Bridges, David Smitherman, Jr., and Gary Wright.

Joining the FBC faculty in the Spring, 1986, semester will be Gary Wright, present pastor of Haviland Friends Church. Following his

resignation from Haviland Friends in December, Gary will become chairman of the Pastoral Ministries Department at the college. He will be teaching pastoral ministry classes and will be available for evangelistic services, scheduled through Mid-America Yearly Meeting. Gary is a graduate of Asbury College in Wilmore, Kentucky, and he is presently working toward completion of a master's degree in world missions and evangelism at Trinity Divinity School, Deerfield, Illinois.



## EFC — ER Happenings

CAMP GIDEON caretaker Paul Williams reports that the first building is now completed and the interior finishing is underway. This building is a winterized facility for men's and women's dorms, plus shower rooms, meeting room, and dining area. In addition the installation of the sewer system is completed, thanks to the supervision of Sam Rea of Salem, Ohio.

ROGER WOOD, president of the Mission Board, left Cleveland October 24 to begin a missionary journey, with stops in Taiwan, the Philippines, and India. Accompanied by his wife, Lois, he will confer with missionary personnel in Manila and teach psychology and Quaker history in the Friends Bible School that Jaime Tabingo administers. In India he will assist in developing long-range plans for all parts of the mission and teach Christian education courses at Union Biblical Seminary in Pune. They expect to return to the States around the first of April.

DENNIS AND MICHELLE CRAKER, a missionary couple under World Gospel Mission, began their first missionary term in Taiwan in August. According to Howard Moore, mission superintendent, the Crakers will be "affiliate" missionaries with Friends while supported through funds furnished by WGM.

THE CONSULTATION ON PORNOGRAPHY Rally held recently in Cincinnati was attended by many concerned citizens anxious to help fight this growing menace to soci-

ety. Five represented EFC-ER: Terry Knighten, Jerry Wenger, Richard Pass, Craig Henry, and Bruce Burch. The group is preparing packets to send to all Friends churches in Eastern Region with specific steps as to how to combat pornography in local communities.

RICHARD PASS, newly named president of Friends Action Board, announces the board has purchased two sets of James Dobson's Family Series on six videotapes. These are available to Friends churches to borrow, paying only for postage. Contact Friends Book Store, 145 S. Broadway, Salem, OH 44460.

PENN DISTRICT RALLY was held October 4-6 at Newport, Rhode Island, Friends Church. This marked the first time for the district to meet in the fall. "The Christian Family" was the theme for the weekend, with seminars and panel presentations led by Bruce and Cora Mae Burch, David and Valerie Stombaugh, and Alvin and Lucy Anderson. A 48-passenger bus transported Friends from Hughesville and Williamsport to Rhode Island.

JACK RUFF is serving as interim pastor at North Ridgeville (Extension) Friends Church. Jack is Elder of Spiritual Life at Willoughby Hills Friends Church and has stepped in to help.

## CALENDAR

- Dec. 3 Northern Pastors' Miniconference, J. Allen Peterson, speaker
- Dec. 5 Repeat Conference for Southern Pastors
- Jan. 11-15 EFA Commission Meetings, Canton, Ohio
- March 7-9 Sponsors of Youth Retreat, Van Wert
- April 7-11 Ministers Conference, Blackstone, Virginia

## Jonathan Hsu Visits American Colleges

With the stated purpose of lecturing to students on American college campuses concerning religion in the People's Republic of China, Jonathan Hsu arrived in New York on August 30 to begin his long-awaited visit to the United States.

The trip was first suggested in correspondence months ago with Charles DeVol, who mentioned that Friends in the U.S. needed to hear a direct report of what was happening regarding the churches in Mainland China. Pastor Hsu replied that he had been praying for some opportunity to come to the States to study, to renew acquaintances, and to seek the prayers of Christians in behalf of China.

He arrived at Malone College September 6 and spent several days dialoguing with students in their classes and sharing his optimistic faith in God. He was introduced by his friend, Charles DeVol, as "My boyhood classmate from Luho, China. He was a student of Walter Williams; his father was a doctor and worked with my father in the mission hospital; Jonathan's grandmother was a co-worker with Margaret Holme."

Accompanied by Sunday, his son who is a medical doctor, Jonathan left Canton to travel to Philadelphia, where he spoke at Westminster Seminary, his *alma mater*. From there he flew to Kansas, where he spoke in several churches, at Friends Bible College in Haviland, and at Friends University in Wichita. Denver, Colorado, was his next stop, followed by a visit to the San Francisco area, where he has relatives. His itinerary concluded October 7 with a visit to George Fox College and Newberg, Oregon, Friends Church.

"There is a new openness now toward Christianity in China," he reports. In Shanghai there are now ten churches where the Gospel is regularly preached, and these are



Jonathan Hsu (left) and his son, Sunday, present a beautiful oriental tapestry to Eastern Region Superintendent Robert Hess as a gift from the Hsu family of Shanghai, China.

crowded each Sunday. He estimates 3,300 churches are now open throughout the country. Pastors do have freedom to preach the Gospel, and no one is allowed to disturb the meetings.

Jonathan currently serves as an advisor to pastors and to churches. One of his greatest concerns is the shortage of preachers. Only an estimated 200 graduate from their ten seminaries each year; hence there are many churches that have no pastors.

"Friends should pray for China," urged Superintendent Robert Hess. "The seed of the Gospel was faithfully planted years ago by Christian missionaries, and now we are witnessing 'a miracle of the harvest' after 35 years of isolation. Jonathan Hsu symbolizes this as he testifies to a faith in God—unshaken by persecution."

### Focus on Malone

ENROLLMENT during the 1985-86 fall term is most encouraging. Both the total head count and the total FTE figures are the highest since 1968-69. Head count is 1,037 and the full-time equivalent (FTE) figure is 879.

Although the enrollment is larger than last year, resident students in the dormitories are down about 65 compared to 1984.

One change on campus this year is that required chapels are scheduled each Tuesday and Thursday.

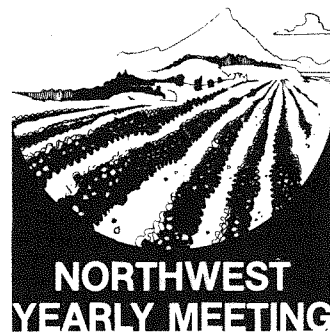
ROBERT BUSWELL, professor of Religion and Greek, was named chairman of the faculty at the Retreat, when the new constitution was presented and approved. Under the new plan, a Faculty Senate is elected, consisting of the chairman and five full-time faculty members named on an at-large basis. Buswell will be assisted in his new role by Brad Beach, Robert Lair, Jeff Nichols, Hal Smith, and James Stuckey. This constitutes the first Faculty Senate at Malone College.

NEW FACES around the Malone campus include these: Daria Dutro, Coach, women's volleyball and basketball; Dan DePasquale, Field Experience Representative, Management Program; Jay Martin, Soccer Coach; Gina McConahy, Women's Residence Hall Director; Robert Moffitt, Instructor in Math and Physics (part-time), Lab Coordinator; Ronald Hibbard, Ashland Program Director; Jane Parker, Education and Psychology Secretary; Philip Christman, Director of Recruitment, Admissions Office; Mary Davisson, Receptionist; and Jacqui Baker, Director of Alumni Affairs.

DR. HAROLD KUHN, retired professor from Asbury Theological Seminary, was guest lecturer at Malone for two days the first of October as visiting scholar in philosophy and

religion. He is a recorded Friends minister, a long-time member of the Malone Board of Trustees, currently living in Wilmore, Kentucky.

THE FALL DRAMA will be "J.B." (a modern version of Job) and is scheduled for performance November 14, 15, 16, 20, and 21, according to Alan Hedges, who directs the play.



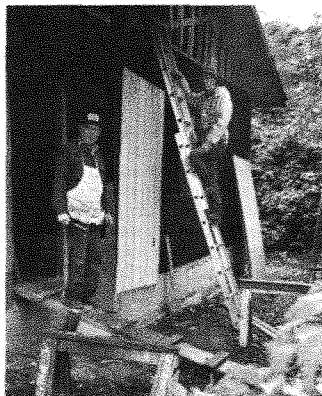
### Around Northwest Yearly Meeting

A COPY OF THE PROPOSED FAITH AND PRACTICE, previously called Constitution and Discipline, for Northwest Yearly Meeting will be distributed to each church in November. The document is the product of much time and attention from the Discipline Revision Committee and includes input from boards, committees, and from the floor of the Yearly Meeting where its first reading was approved last summer. Each local church will be responsible to make copies available for individual or group study and consideration.

MOUNTAIN VIEW FRIENDS CHURCH began holding Sunday morning services October 6. This church-planting effort in Vancouver, Washington, is under the direction of Vancouver First Friends. Roy and Ruth Clark are giving leadership to this project. Friends have property in east Vancouver, but the group is presently meeting in a school auditorium.

DAVE AND DIANE BAKER will be moving to Roseburg, Oregon, in November to serve as founding pastors for a church-planting effort there that is already underway. Dave and Diane have been active at Post Falls, Idaho, Friends Church for several years.

VOLUNTEERS ON WHEELS (VOW) a NWYM organization comprised of people who want to offer service assistance to Friends churches and related organizations, now has more than 55 participants. Primarily involved in assisting with remodeling and repair projects, volunteers are presently helping Tilikum

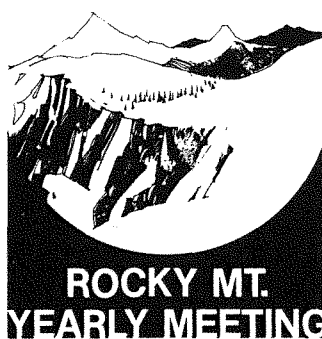


Stuart and Sterling Richey participate in VOW work project at Twin Rocks Friends Camp, Rockaway Beach, Oregon.

Retreat Center relocate and restore a historical one-room school. The building will be moved to the camp, where it can be used as a classroom and as historical exposure.

VOW held their fall gathering in Madras September 22-25 and the board of directors met October 25 in Newberg for a business session detailing objectives and guidelines.

A slide presentation has been prepared that illustrates the variety of ways VOW can be of service and shows projects that have been done. Write to Volunteers on Wheels, P.O. Box 190, Newberg, OR 97132 for information regarding scheduling this at your church or Sunday school.



### RMYM Briefs . . .

LA JUNTA, COLORADO—The La Junta Meeting is searching for a new pastor. Joe Hodges is the interim pastor and is spending weekends in the city to do visitation. . . . Church members are involved in an attendance contest, and on a monthly basis certain ones sing in a community nursing home.

SCHUYLER, NEBRASKA—Springbank Area churches met at Camp Moses Merrill August 30 to September 1 for a family retreat. At the sessions the film series "Out of the Salt Shaker," with Rebecca Manley Pippert, was shown. The movies deal

with evangelism and practical helps for helping unbelievers come to a saving faith in Jesus Christ. Churches participating in the camp were Plainview, Omaha, and Springbank.

ALLEN, NEBRASKA—The Springbank Friends Meeting participated in the North East Nebraska Men's Christian Crusade September 15-22 in local churches. The preacher and musicians are Raleigh and Laurie Harris of Erie, Pennsylvania. The Harris couple play the piano, organ, bells, sleigh bells, and chimes. The emphasis of the annual crusade is evangelism.

### Rough Rock News . . .

The RMYM Mission Board is collecting funds to buy a manufactured house to place at the Rough Rock Mission. The board hopes to collect all monies for the project by May or June 1986. Anyone interested in making a donation should send it to Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting, P.O. Box 9629, Colorado Springs, CO 80932; (303) 570-1267. Please indicate that the check or money order is for the Rough Rock Housing Project.

### RMYM Prayer Opportunities

1. Are you born again? Perhaps you have attended church for years, but never confessed to God your sin, asked Jesus into your life, and begun living a life in obedience to God's Spirit. Should you be unsure, arrange to talk with your pastor or a Christian friend and read through the first five chapters of the Gospel of John.

2. Pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon these churches: Denver, Fort Collins, Colorado Springs, and La Junta (all Colorado), Vale, South Dakota; Benkelman and Hay Springs, Nebraska, and St. Francis, Kansas.

3. Pray for your pastor's sermons that they would be anointed by God. Ask for clear speech, convicting messages, organized teaching, and Bible-centered messages.

4. How has your own relationship with God been? Ask God to reveal any sin areas and for the ability to turn away from those evils. Ask also for the desire and thirst for God that can only come as we live obediently and seek Him with heart, mind, soul, and spirit.



New Hope Friends members ride a float in the recent Hay Springs, Nebraska, centennial parade. The float's theme was "Preparing Now for Heaven Later."



# FRIENDS GATHER

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

## Spiritual Growth and Outreach

A growth workshop with Institute for American Church Growth was held at **BOISE**, Idaho, (Harold Antrim) October 24-26. Classes on "How to Mobilize Your Laity for Ministry," "How to Effectively Incorporate New Members," and "How to Create a Lifestyle of Evangelism" will be offered.

**NEWPORT EVANGELICAL**, Middleton, Rhode Island, (James Brantingham) in September held a unique Bible study called *The Challenge of Being a Woman*, a 13-week tape series with workbook by Alice Painter. This study seeks to relate to the needs of all women regardless of marital status or age, based upon biblical principles.

The "Night of Caring" training program being taught by Pastor Rick Sams at **ALLIANCE**, Ohio, on Wednesday nights features a training video shown to the prayer meeting group; then those participating stay an extra half hour for further study. **NOC** features sharing the love of Christ in homes of church visitors. The focus is on meeting people at their point of need or interest, and on building relationships of love and trust in order to share the Gospel.

A first at **NEWBERG**, Oregon, (Ron Woodward) was a "Friendship Evangelism Picnic," at which 40 people gathered at nearby Camp Tili-kum Sunday, October 6. The event was sponsored by the Elders' sub-committee on evangelism, which urged church members to consider inviting non-Christian friends and work associates to the informal afternoon gathering. Followup efforts will include evangelistic Bible studies.

**SHERWOOD**, Oregon, (Gayle Beebe) showed the series of four films *Maximum Marriage* by Tim Timmons on consecutive Sunday evenings October 13 to November 3. Invitations were sent to the entire Sherwood community by the Outreach Committee.

**GOSHEN**, Zanesfield, Ohio, (Bruce Bell) held revival services this fall with Rev. Nelson Perdue speaking and Pastor Bell serving as musician. Many claimed spiritual renewal, and there were three first-time conversions.

The **WESTSIDE**, Kansas City, Kansas, (Dan Frost) Ladies Bible Studies have resumed this fall with Ruth Miller as leader. Ruth and Alfred Miller are former missionaries to Burundi, Africa.

**FOCAS**, the singles group of **NORTHBRIDGE**, Wichita, Kansas, (Duane Hansen) has enjoyed a variety of activities this summer. Two of the highlights were the trip to Colorado and the retreat at Pomona Lake near Topeka.

People at **RAMONA**, Oklahoma, (Lowell Thornburg) are enjoying hav-

ing the Willard Fergusons in their community. Willard and Doris, just recently returned from Burundi, are living with her parents, the Lowell Thornburgs, and helping with the ministry while Lowell recovers from a stroke.

Pastor Paul Meier of **MEDFORD**, Oregon, and Gordon Crisman are team-teaching a series in Sunday school for adults on stewardship and money management. Classes are well attended. A series on prophecy has been introduced on Sunday nights, led by Paul Meier.

## Missions

At **DENVER**, Colorado, (David Brantingham and Chuck Orwiler) Jaime and Lydia Tabingo, Friends missionaries in Manila, Philippines, shared music and messages about their work. The Tabingos have been visiting Evangelical Friends Alliance churches and were in several RMYM meetings. Also, Jonathan Hsu, 79, from Shanghai, China, spoke Sunday evening, September 22. RMYM Superintendent Jack Rea interviewed Hsu about his life and work in China. Hsu became a Christian through the Friends mission in China and has served God since his youth. He and his son, a doctor, are in the U.S. for six months.

At **PENIEL**, Onemo, Virginia, (Roy Taylor) former pastor E. A. Lockwood and his wife were recognized in a morning service. Pastor Lockwood spoke, and a potluck meal was served later. The Lockwoods will be leaving for ten months of missionary work in Kenya, Africa. The offering taken for their trip amounted to \$1,368.71. The church greatly appreciated the ministry of Jaime and Lydia Tabingo from the Philippines in an evening service. They were welcomed into the service with a song by the youth written especially for them. Their music was heart-warming, and Jaime gave an interesting report on the spread of Christianity and living conditions in their country. Other guest speakers have been Ella Ruth Hutson, Norma Freer, and Sid Boyd. Fall revival services were held with Rev. C. R. Creed and his wife, Lois.

Fifteen **BOISE** women were privileged to hear Tina Knight's inspiring messages at FWMF Retreat at McCall, Idaho, September 26-29. Elisa Flake gave an outstanding slide presentation of her summer in Thailand with Campus Crusade at our Sunday evening service, October 6. A teacher appreciation potluck was held last month. Helium-filled balloons containing goals for the coming year were released. A Harvest Festival was held October 20 with an evening of music, fellowship, and cider and doughnuts.

The Missionary Society of **URBANA**, Ohio, (James Chess) held their Family Night recently with an attendance of 35. After a delicious potluck meal an auction sale was held with proceeds going to the Missionary Society.

Foreign outreach has often been the emphasis at **ALLIANCE** in recent weeks. What joy it was to meet the fruit of the work in Taiwan, as the Chinese Friends with Charles DeVol had a service! Jaime and Lydia Tabingo were a delight with the beautiful singing and news of the work in the Philippines. The Missions Committee of the church sent \$2,500 to help build the church in Pasig, near Manila. Jaime Tabingo is a church planter and has started a Bible school to train pastors. Ella Ruth Hutson and Norma Freer were also welcome guest speakers. Tom Hartenstein, who grew up in the local church, came with his bride, Maureen, to share about their experiences in Youth With a Mission. They are committed two more years with YWAM.

**NORTHBRIDGE** Friends were privileged to have Jonathan Hsu from the People's Republic of China share in their evening service.

Friends at **LIBERAL**, Kansas, (John Lehman) have been challenged to share their love with the starving people in Africa. They participated in a large garage sale and auction, the proceeds from which went to this project.

Marjorie Chase spoke in her home church, **TECUMSEH**, Michigan, (John Williams, Sr.) on Sunday night, September 1, about her work as phone convention coordinator for OMS International in Greenwood, Indiana. Marjorie is an associate missionary of our church. She is one of two persons available daily by telephone at OMS International headquarters to book missionaries for services in various churches of the nation. Again this year the home church received a special offering for Marjorie.

A number of the **WEST PARK**, Cleveland, Ohio, (Chris Jackson) congregation gathered at Cleveland Hopkins Airport to bid farewell to Mark, Terri, and Elisabeth Engel as they left for the mission field in Taiwan. Mark and Terri had pastored the church for the past five years. OMS missionaries to Spain, Bill and Lois Miller, members of the local church, were guest speakers at a recent Sunday evening service.

At **MEDFORD**, Cher Cadd shared some of her experiences in Zimbabwe, Africa, on a Sunday evening. Priscilla Roberts showed slides and told of her work with Youth With a Mission (YWAM) in Mexico and southern U.S.

## Church Buildings and Improvements

**CANTON**, Ohio, (John Williams, Jr.) held a ground breaking July 28 for the First Friends Family Center, which includes renovation of current gym facilities, an expanded beautified lobby, a spectator area with bleacher seating for 80, larger equipment storage area, small snack/kitchen area, office/conference area for staff, improved rest

rooms and adjacent showers. Plans are for the dedication of these facilities at Thanksgiving, with much of the work being completed by members of the congregation donating their time, labor, and financial support.

The family of Cloyd Smith of **GREENLEAF**, Idaho, (Paul Goins) erected the old Academy bell on the gable of the roof of the church as a memorial to their father. The bell was dedicated May 5. Cloyd, with assistance, rang the bell at the close of the morning service. The bell is rung for special events and to call the people to worship on Sunday morning and evening and Wednesday evening. Cloyd Smith, at age 101, went to be with his Lord on July 31.

Prayer has been answered at **CHARITY**, Marietta, Georgia, (John Ryser) and a piece of property has been purchased for the building of a church. Ground breaking was held at the conclusion of a Sunday morning service recently. J. S. Powers and his wife, Marie, from Greensboro, North Carolina, representing the Piedmont District, shared in the joyous service.

## Youth and Christian Education

The EFA Rally Day, September 15, was marked as National Friends Sunday School Attendance Day at **WESTSIDE**. Helium balloons were launched with invitations to visit Sunday school.

At **HAVILAND**, Kansas, (Gary Wright) a new format for promotion Sunday was enjoyed when the church observed it as Children's Day. The activities included a 30-minute video tape featuring several youth being interviewed by assistant pastor Paul Romoser.

**CANTON**'s Vacation Bible School was a huge success with biblical teaching, recreation, and crafts blending together and being blessed by the Lord. Attendance high was 354. Members of the congregation and pastors attended the dedication service of the recently acquired facilities of **AKRON** Community Friends. Guest speakers included Pastor Butts, Dr. Robert Hess, Bruce Burch, and Pastor John Williams. Wednesday Family Night begins with the meeting of our children's, youth, and adult choirs. The Christian Youth Crusaders is also made available for children age four through grade four. "Not Yet Youth, But Full of Life" (grades 5 and 6) will also meet, as well as junior and senior FY and three adult Bible studies. A Singles Adult Bible Study follows the other studies. The Fall Kickoff is starting with Sunday school classes for all including 11 choices for adults. The Tuesday morning Women's Bible Study also begins with a study of "John Mark and the Master."

Three **GREENLEAF** youth who attended Friends Bible College spent part of their summer minister-

ing in the Cabrini-Green area of Chicago, an area where gang warfare is prevalent. Tony Wheeler, Deanna Douty, and Craig Davis, along with his wife, gained some practical experience in ministering to the less fortunate.

A very successful camp auction in May at **MEDFORD** raised enough funds to help send 25 youth to Twin Rocks for the Junior, Tween, and Surfside camps. Under the direction of Ron Mulkey, associate pastor, the youth have been very busy this summer and fall with outings, swim parties, and fund raisers. A "Spud Night" after Sunday evening service, at which the youth served baked potatoes, providing a variety of toppings, raised over \$100 for the Youthquake fund. VBS was held in August this year, using the theme of "Sonrise Island." An enthusiastic staff led by Malinda Rains and Cheryl Nicholson led the 85 children through an exciting week.

Kimber Preston began service October 1 as Director of Christian Education in **TECUMSEH** Friends Church. Kimber will supervise education for all ages, with focus upon ministries to school-age youth. A native of **POLAND BETHEL** Friends church, Kimber is a graduate of Asbury College. During college days she served a summer as youth intern at **BATTLE CREEK** Friends Church. For the past three years she has been youth director at Tabernacle Presbyterian Church of Youngstown, Ohio.

**SILVERTON**, Oregon, (Earl Tycksen) Friends Church is holding Sunday services in its new Friendship Center. The first service was held on Easter Sunday with 217 in attendance. The dedication service was held the following Sunday with 226 attending. Special guests included NWYM Superintendent Jack Willcuts, Assistant NWYM Superintendent Quentin Nordyke, and former pastors: Dorothy Barratt, who with Charlotte Macy, was the first pastor; Harold and Sharon Clark; Alice Barnett, whose husband, Paul, was pastor; Everett and Alda Clarkson; and Paul and Charlene Meier. Silvertown Friends' Christian Learning Center received over \$13,000 at its Mayfair auction. The 1985-86 teachers are Les Keele, upper grades; Luanne Bagley, intermediate grades; Julie Fendall, primary grades; and Peggy Keele, kindergarten. All the teachers in the Christian Learning Center, as well as the administrator, are graduates of George Fox College.

### Other Special Events

Robert and Irene Storm, former pastors at **LA JUNTA**, Colorado, are the new pastors of the **CHIVINGTON**, Colorado, Friends Meeting, begin-

ning their ministry September 1. They succeed Allen and Wilma Cole, who left in late spring. The Coles were given a friendship quilt and a photo album in appreciation for their service in the church. The Chivington meeting is in southern Colorado near Eads. The rural church has attempted to be a vital part of its community. As one witness to the community, the church hosted a vacation Bible school, which was well attended.

**NORTH OLMSTED**, Ohio, (Neil Orchard) held a fellowship time following an evening service to honor Phil and Jean Taylor. Dr. and Mrs. Taylor have been long-time members—most recently serving as assistant pastor, with special emphasis on ministry to retired persons. Dr. Taylor leaves now to take on new duties at the Friends Church in **VAN WERT**.

On October 25-27 a Lay Witness Mission was held at **SILVERTON**, with Wayne and Bertie Roberts as directors.

A new musical group featuring guitarists from the congregation named the "Strumming Servants" has been formed at **CANTON**.

Softball teams of the **TECUMSEH** Evangelical Friends Church took first place this summer in both men's and women's competition of the Tecumseh Church League. Coached by Don Coward, the men's softball team led the league with a record of 15 wins and 5 losses. The Friends women with a record of eight wins and two losses, led in the women's softball competition. The 1985 first-place trophy now joins the 1984 trophy, also held by the Friends Church team.

The 60th wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. Willis Miller was celebrated with a family dinner at Columbiana, Ohio, and a three-day camping trip with the family. The



Millers were married in Binghamton, New York, on May 12, 1925, and are the parents of 7 children, 16 grandchildren, and 10 great grandchildren. After spending 50 years in the ministry, they are now retired and living in Beloit, Ohio, where they attend **EAST GOSHEN**, Beloit, Ohio, (Charles Bancroft) Friends Church.

At **MIAMI**, Oklahoma, (Merl Kinser) a fund-raising dinner was held in the upper room of the new addition. The amount donated was \$2,040 in cash and \$1,128 in pledges.

To kick off the campaign for building a new parsonage, **BOLTON**, Kansas (Grady Miller) Friends enjoyed a chicken barbecue.

The "Women Who Care Ministries" of **NORTHRIDGE** Friends had a progressive dinner September 12 in the homes of Verna Riney and Eloise Brown.

John Carter, Friends pastor, musician, and composer, presented a concert of church music at **UNIVERSITY**, Wichita, Kansas, (David Kinney) Friends Church.

A big weekend was experienced recently at **NORTHSIDE**, Grinnell, Iowa, (Bill Lawson) when 30 children and their sponsors went to Rock Creek Grange Camp for an overnight retreat under the direction of Marilyn Elliott. Mike Brown from Malone College was guest and spoke and sang both Friday evening and Saturday morning. On Saturday evening a hot dog roast was held at the home of Thelma Gault, with Mike again serving as leader. Mike presented a concert during the Sunday morning worship hour. To finish off a good weekend, a potluck dinner was held in the evening at First Friends Church, with a worship service following with the Routons of Mexico City.

The Charles R. Swindoll film series *Strengthening Your Grip* is being used in the **WEST PARK** evening services, covering subjects such as priorities, aging, leisure, godliness, attitudes, and authority. Young Parents (parents of young children) met to form a group for the encouragement of one another at a progressive dinner.

**SPRINGBANK**, Allen, Nebraska, (Roger Green) report that Clarence and BeAnna Emery celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary September 14.

Olen and Martha Ellis of **DENVER** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary September 1 in Denver. Olen is a former RMYM superintendent. A quartet from George, Iowa, gave a concert September 29 that was followed by a luncheon.

A group of 15 from **PENIEL** church shared a tourist boat trip to Tangier Island recently. Good Christian fellowship was enjoyed along with a good meal. Dr. Robert Hess was guest speaker recently.

In October **NEWPORT** and **PORTSMOUTH** Friends churches hosted the Penn District Meeting.

The **GREENLEAF** church choir began its fall season with a "Luau" held in the church basement, with the choir members and their mates in attendance. Delicious food, Hawaiian decorations, and special music were on the bill of fare. Randy Jahn prepared, roasted, and served "the pig." Randy is the choir director. The Fine Arts Committee sponsored a "Fall Round-Up" musical program on October 27 with various members of the congregation and community participating. The members and friends of the church and parents and friends of students in

Greenleaf Friends Academy spent five to eight hours on the evening of July 20 taking inventory at the Karcher Mall "Bon" with 109 people taking part. Working a total of 731 hours approximately \$2,500 was raised, which the church donated to the Academy.

The **MEDFORD** retirement age group known as the "Upper Class" has enjoyed a number of excursions recently to Oregon places of interest, including Wildlife Safari, Brookings, Klamath Wildlife Preserve, and Collier Park near Chiloquin. Five adults enjoyed the Twin Rocks Adult Fellowship camp. Approximately 35 of our younger adults spent one Saturday rafting down the Rogue River. Around 50 people participated in family camp at Fir Point in the Southern Oregon area. An all-church picnic in July at Emigrant Lake featured boating, swimming, water skiing, and a water slide.

Richard Foster's film series was inspiring and challenging to **NEWBERRY** Friends during October. The four-film series is adapted from Richard's book *Celebration of Discipline*.

## FRIENDS RECORD

### BIRTHS

**BAKER**—To Gene and Teri Baker, a son, Matthew Joshua, September 13, 1985, Canton, Ohio.

**BAKER**—To Tom and Joyce Baker, a son, Ryan Thomas, August 25, 1985, Canton, Ohio.

**CLARKSON**—To Greg and Sue Clarkson, a son, Lee Gregory, March 8, 1985, Silvertown, Oregon.

**COMFORT**—To Steve and Kandle Comfort, a daughter, Anna Elyse, October 5, 1985, Newberg, Oregon.

**DAVIDSON**—To Carl and Gloria Davidson, a son, Kurt Matthew, August 7, 1985, Canton, Ohio.

**GATES**—To Dan and Paula Gates, a son, Joshua Scott, July 12, 1985, Canton, Ohio.

**GOODE**—To Chuck and Sheila Goode, a son, Wesley James, February 9, 1985, Silvertown, Oregon.

**GUERTAL**—To Dave and Lori Guertal, a daughter, Tabitha Joy, September 19, 1985, Canton, Ohio.

**HAHN**—To John Jr. and Guylie Hahn, twin daughters, Jennifer and Jessica, July 14, 1985, Hay Springs, Nebraska.

**HAMLIN**—To Don and Deloris Hamlin, a daughter, Shawna Renea, July 11, 1985, Liberal, Kansas.

**HARVEY**—To Sid and Ann Harvey, a son, Alex, August 20, 1985, Northridge Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

**HINSHAW**—To Stan and Betsy Hinshaw, a daughter, Kelli Joy, July 15, 1985, Canton, Ohio.

**ISLER**—To Gary and Joyce Isler, a son, Chad Ryan, June 30, 1985, Canton, Ohio.

**KING**—To John and Debra King, a son, Joshua Michael, September 15, 1985, Allen, Nebraska.

**KRISTAPOVICH**—To Bill and Carol Kristapovich, a daughter, Amy Alice, August 28, 1985, Northridge Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

**LAWSON**—To Larry and Paula Lawson, twin sons, Darrell Everett and Daniel Keith, September 13, 1985, Ramona, Oklahoma.

**LOFGREN**—To Ed and Marlene Lofgren, a son, Joshua Earl, August 2, 1985, Haviland, Kansas.

**MILES**—To Richard and Mary Miles, a daughter, Candace Joy, August 23, 1985, Kent, Washington.

**MULROY**—To Paul and Kelly Mulroy, a son, Adrian Lee, August 15, 1985, Canton, Ohio.

**NEWLIN**—To David and Heidi Newlin, a daughter, Heather Ann, August 22, 1985, Cherokee, Oklahoma.

**PATTERSON**—To Dan and Sherry Patterson, a daughter, Rebecca Sue, August 11, 1985, Alliance, Ohio.

**PETZ**—To Steve and Debbie Petz, a daughter, Stacey Lynn, September 5, 1985, North Olmsted, Ohio.

**REYNOLDS**—To John and Susanne Reynolds, a son, Joshua Ryan, July 30, 1985, Canton, Ohio.

**SANTO**—To Steve and Kay Santo, a son, Caleb Steven, July 17, 1985, Liberal, Kansas.

**SHADWICK**—To Rusty and Tammy Shadwick, a son, Jason Lee, August 25, 1985, Ramona, Oklahoma.

**SHAVER**—To Greg and Vera Shaver, a daughter, Megan Kay, June 19, 1985, Canton, Ohio.

**SMITH**—To Andy and Elaine Smith, a daughter, Robyn Marie, June 1, 1985, Medford, Oregon.

**SMYKOWSKI**—To Robert and Debbie Smykowski, a son, Joshua James, August 28, 1985, La Junta, Colorado.

**SNYDER**—To Larry and Debbie Snyder, a son, Corey James, July 19, 1985, Canton, Ohio.

**ZADE**—To Doug and Teresa Zade, a boy, Eric Lee, September 2, 1985, Silverton, Oregon.

## MARRIAGES

**ANDERSON**—LATHAM. Peggy Anderson and Ramon Latham, May 26, 1985, Boise, Idaho.

**ANDREWS**—LINDER. Cheryl Andrews and John Linder, July 20, 1985, Canton, Ohio.

**BECKER**—HARRIS. Dianna Becker and Steve Harris, May 1985, Greenleaf, Idaho.

**DAVIS**—JACK. Alison Louise Davis and Kenneth Howard Jack, August 10, 1985, University Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

**DODDS**—SWARTZ. Kathy Dodds and Doug Swartz, June 15, 1985, Canton, Ohio.

**FEHLMAN**—MURRAY. Tonja Fehlman and David Murray, August 10, 1985, Canton, Ohio.

**GUTELIUS**—LEPPERT. René Gutelius and Donald Leppert, August 17, 1985, Greenleaf, Idaho.

**JUDY**—METZ. Ellen Judy and Everett Metz, August 10, 1985, Canton, Ohio.

**NEVOLA**—BARROW. Janet Nevola and William Barrow, July 14, 1985, Newport, Rhode Island.

**ROBERTS**—HOOKER. Cynthia (Cindi) Roberts and David Hooker, July 13, 1985, Eugene, Oregon.

**ROBERTS**—FULBRIGHT. Pamela Roberts and Dennis Fulbright, October 12, 1985, Greenleaf, Idaho.

**SHOVELTON**—BRANTINGHAM. Beth Shovelton and Scott Brantingham, August 31, 1985, Newport, Rhode Island.

**SMITH**—KELLEY. Tracee Lin Smith and Gregory Ray Kelley, October 11, 1985, Boise, Idaho.

**SMITH**—ST. JOHN. Rita Smith and John St. John, September 7, 1985, Northridge Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

**SMITHERMAN**—HAGEN. Debra Smitherman and Eric Hagen, July 6, 1985, Seattle, Washington.

**SWANSON**—WOOLFE. Christine Swanson and Steven Woolfe, July 27, 1985, Canton, Ohio.

**THOMAS**—SMITHERMAN. Cheryl Thomas and David Smitherman, September 28, 1985, Star, Idaho.

**WARREN**—HOFFMAN. Patty Warren and John Hoffman, June 1, 1985, Greenleaf, Idaho.

**WILBANKS**—CAMMACK. Lillian Wilbanks and Jeff Cammack, July 9, 1985, Nampa, Idaho.

**YOUNG**—BLUM. Mary Kay Young and Peter Blum, July 13, 1985, Canton, Ohio.

## DEATHS

**BANDY**—Irene Bandy, 75, August 23, 1985, Urbana, Ohio.

**JAY**—Adelle Jay, 92, June 1, 1985, Haviland, Kansas.

**NOBLE**—Beulah Noble, August 11, 1985, Bayshore Friends, Baciliff, Texas.

**REECE**—Joseph Reece, 91, September 19, 1985, Newberg Friends, Oregon.

**SMITH**—Cloyd Smith, 101, July 31, 1985, Nampa, Idaho.

**TROUT**—Susan Trout, 94, July 17, 1985, Newport, Rhode Island.

**WILLIS**—Margaret Willis, September 7, 1985, Zanesfield, Ohio.



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Taiwan youth (top left) share music while visiting Eastern Region during July and August.

Mark and Terri Engel (top right) at yearly meeting outdoor barbecue.



Terri and year-old daughter, Elisabeth.

## Engels Join Taiwan Team

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the Engels were introduced to many proven concepts that will help lessen culture shock.

The acquisition of Mandarin as a second language is their first goal. Because of new methods recently developed by researchers, they will learn Chinese the way a child learns a language—by talking with people, usage, and building facility in communication. The method used will be listening, practicing, repeating. Formal speaking, reading, and writing in Chinese will begin later.

### Departure for Field

One encouraging factor for Engels this summer was to meet the ten young Friends from Taiwan who visited 32 Eastern Region churches during six weeks of July and August. Immediately Mark and Terri made friends with them and spent precious times together, both answering and asking many questions. Of course the Chinese young people are delighted that the Engels will be working with them. Little Elisabeth is already a favorite, as her sweet, innocent disposition captured the hearts of the Taiwan group.


When asked about saying goodbye to family and loved ones and facing the task of rearing Elisabeth in a foreign country, Terri replied: "I believe God will help me sort

out my priorities as a Christian wife and mother. Naturally, it is hard to leave, but God has called us. I know it will be a growing time for us."

Mark added: "It all comes down to discipleship. We give up father, mother, houses, lands, etc. . . . yes, but it is in obedience to God's call. I am excited to be a part of the Taiwan team. Taiwan Yearly Meeting is self-supporting and, with its 30 churches, has a dynamic ministry. There are 19 million people in the country and only 2 or 3 percent are Christian. My goal is to go as a learner and become a collaborator with them."

"My vision for the Taiwan Friends Church is that it might evolve into a missionary-sending church—going full circle to minister to other Chinese, and perhaps even in other countries of the world."

Both Mark and Terri relate that contact with other missionaries has been significant in affirming their call. "When we talked with Charles DeVol, we began to catch some of his enthusiasm, and now that it has become reality, we are excited to join the team."

Let us pray much for the Engels as they adjust to life on Taiwan, study language, and represent the Lord and us there. 

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UPDATE is a new communication vehicle you will be receiving inside the Evangelical Friend. Replacing the NWYM Vision, Update's frequency will help keep you up to date on the good things that are happening among Friends in the Northwest and the many opportunities in service and outreach and for our ministry around the world that we have together.

## Great Commission Budget Assists Seminary Students

Seven seminary students from Northwest Yearly Meeting presently receive tuition assistance from the Great Commission Budget. The Ministerial Aid Scholarship/Loan Program is one of the ways the Department of General Education helps facilitate training for pastoral ministry, foreign missionary service, and other full-time Christian service. Qualifying students currently receive 75% of their tuition expense.

Students at Western Evangelical Seminary this year are Paul Almquist, Richard Edmundson, Boyd Morris, Mary Morse, and Anne-Atha Newton. Dan Cammack is studying at the Friends Center of Azusa Pacific University, School of Theology. Paul Anderson is in a study program through Glasgow University.

Scholarship recipients are committed to serve within Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends for five years following their education. Recipients who do not fulfill the service commitment repay the funds.

Helping prepare young people for special ministry is just one of the many things made possible through support of the Great Commission Budget. Our united efforts include missionary outreach, church extension, social concerns, publications, and many other ministries that are important to the life and growth of the church.

Each local church makes a pledge to the Yearly Meeting Great Commission Budget and beyond these pledges an additional \$122,000 is needed this year to meet the ministry opportunities we have. Your gifts are vital to the ministries of NWYM and may be mailed to the Yearly Meeting Office, P. O. Box 190, Newberg, OR 97132.

## Focus on Friends Youth

Sixty-one people representing 18 churches attended the WORLD CHRISTIAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP SEMINAR, October 11-12, in Newberg, Oregon. The weekend brought responses such as: "I learned new things and had my eyes opened in many new directions." "It really made me think about how I can be a World Christian." "I want to continue to draw closer to God so I will know how He will use me in the world."



The third SAMUEL SCHOOL will be held Thanksgiving weekend at Tilikum, near Newberg. Selected junior high age delegates from each church attend this spiritual retreat for nurturing church leadership.

Major events coming up on the Friends Youth calendar include MID-WINTER at Twin Rocks Friends Camp, December 28 - January 1, and the VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT, April 4-5, in Newberg, Oregon.

## New Leadership in Extension Churches

DALE ROGERS has assumed pastoral responsibilities at HILLTOP EXTENSION CHURCH in Oregon City. This is Dale's first Friends pastorate after serving a year as interim pastor in a Mennonite church. Dale graduated in 1984 from Western Evangelical Seminary. Dale and his wife, LAUNI, and daughter are living in the parsonage on the church property and are encouraged with the opportunities and future at Hilltop.



DAVE and DIANA BAKER will be assuming the founding pastor role at ROSEBURG for a new church planting effort. Dave and Diana have been active at Post Falls for several years, so have experience and understanding of what it means to be a new and growing church. There is an enthusiastic group of people in Roseburg committed to seeing a Friends church established. The exact date for launching this new church has not been set, but Bakers will be moving to Roseburg in November. Pray for this new church planting effort.

October 6 was the first day for Sunday morning services at the MOUNTAIN VIEW FRIENDS CHURCH in Vancouver, Washington. This church planting effort is under the direction of Vancouver First Friends with ROY and RUTH CLARK giving leadership. They are presently meeting in a school auditorium and are interested in reaching the community where Friends have property in east Vancouver.

### **Inland Area Pastoral Exchange**

A PASTORS EXCHANGE was held Sunday, November 3, in the Inland Area. This was a repeat of a successful experience the previous year. The eastern Washington and northern Idaho churches exchanged as follows: Kevin Thienes at Silver Valley, Buz Bloodgood at Twin Lakes, Rob King at Hayden Lake, Dick Benham at Post Falls, Bob Schneider at Spokane, Clynton Crisman at Quincy, Dick Wild at Entiat, and Roy McConaughy at Woodland.

### **Easter in October**

METOLIUS FRIENDS CHURCH celebrated Easter on October 20, complete with an early morning sunrise service. Why the deviation from the traditional calendar? It coincided with the completion of a study of the book of Mark and a desire to celebrate the resurrection. Pastor Keith Vincent says that many people commented on enjoying the focus the celebration had without the distractions of the occasion becoming a "spring festival" or "chocolate holiday".

### **Director of Christian Life Named at GFC**

TIM TSOHANTARIDIS has been named acting director of Christian life at George Fox College during 1985-86. He comes to the position from North Ridgeville, Ohio, where he was a pastor and church planter with Evangelical Friends Church--Eastern Region. Tim replaces RON CRECELIUS who served for 18 years and now represents the college as evangelist-at-large.

### **Former Superintendent Dies at 91**

JOSEPH G. REECE, superintendent of Northwest Yearly Meeting from 1941-50 died September 19, 1985. He was 91. Joseph and Pearl, who preceded him in death, were residents of Friendsview Manor in Newberg since 1960. He was a graduate of Cleveland Bible Institute in Ohio and Friends University, Wichita, Kansas. They served pastorates in California and Northwest yearly meetings. The memory of his ministry as a pastor, superintendent, printer, and gifted vocalist is cherished by many.



### **Extension Church Concerns**

CASCADE, Bend, Oregon--Pray for families going through spiritual battles. Pray for a community canvas to be done during November.

HILLTOP, Oregon City, Oregon--Give thanks for two new families beginning to attend during the last month. Pray that work on our grounds and facilities will make the church more appealing to the community.

KENT, Washington--Give praise for a fall retreat that began a new vision for outreach. Pray for a group of people committed to meeting weekly in a group called "Salt and Light" led by Gene McDonald. The goal is to help participants to be salt and light by learning to be loving, listening people sharing the Gospel in everyday life.

TWIN LAKES, Rathdrum, Idaho--The Holy Spirit has been moving on us to give us a heart for the lost. Pray for us to be obedient. We praise God for a renewed contract with the Lutheran Church for use of their building.

SILVER VALLEY, Kellogg, Idaho--Pray for confirmation and money for buying one of two existing buildings to be our church home. Pray for oppression to be lifted in Silver Valley.