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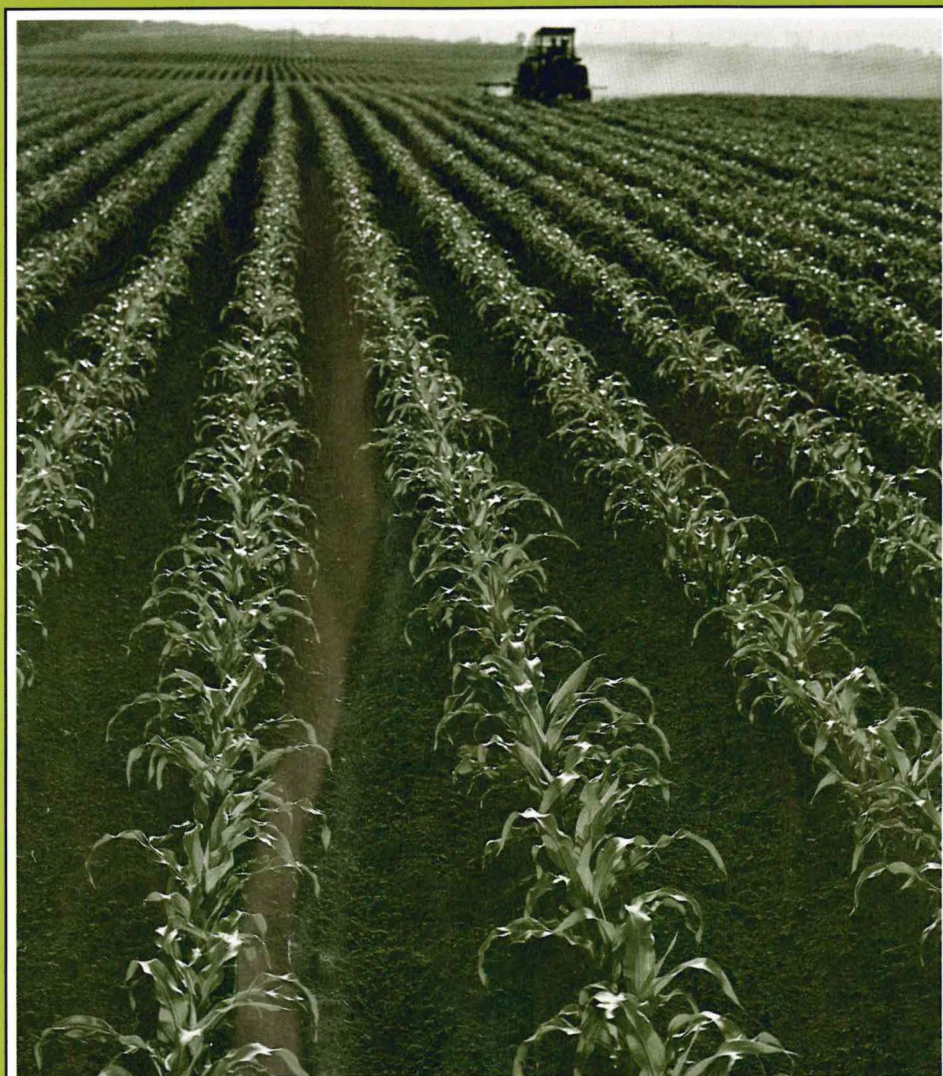
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Between the Cornstalks &
Under the Pachysandra



Under the Pachysandra

BY DON GREEN

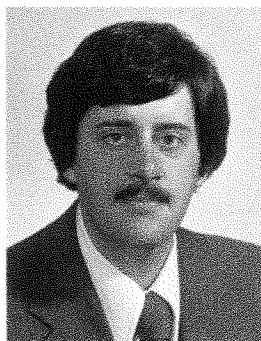
ANDREW WYTHER, the great American painter, once told an interviewer: "I love to study the many things that grow beneath and between the rows of corn, because the colors I bring back from between the cornstalks are the colors of earth." There is a whole world between those cornstalks that would go unnoticed if it weren't for a painter like Andrew Wythe!

One summer I had an experience something like that. When I walked downstairs, I was able to look out of three windows in our basement. And the world outside those windows was a world about six inches high!

Were I on the sidewalk on the level with the windows, I would be looking down and seeing nothing but pachysandra!

But you see, through those windows from the basement I saw a green jungle. I saw a world you and I wouldn't see, walking on the sidewalk. I saw leafhoppers and ants busy working! They didn't know I was around! I saw things like caterpillars—*beautiful* caterpillars! I saw spiders busy working. They didn't know I was there, and I wouldn't have known they were there, if it hadn't been for the fact that I was able to catch a glimpse—under the pachysandra!

Don Green died in November 1982 at age 33 following an accident while cutting firewood. At the time he was pastor of Reedwood Friends Church, Portland, Oregon. A Part of My Heart Left Here is a collection of his messages that has been edited by his mother, Mary Green, and published by Barclay Press. This article is adapted from that book and was originally a message presented at Westgate Friends Church, Columbus, Ohio, when Don was pastor there.



There are two worlds in which every Christian lives too. One world is the public life in worship of your faith, of your life, your experience with Christ. And the other is the world—between the cornstalks—and under the pachysandra,

—That is your devotional life!

Every once in a while, in personal conversation in a counseling session, in listening to what is going on in one of our Sunday school classes, in receiving letters from some of you, I catch a glimpse of what is going on in that other world! I see it in my own life too!

There was a book published about three years ago called *Punctured Preconceptions*. Punctured preconceptions . . . about what? About North American Christianity! Thirty-four hundred interviewers visited the homes of 26 million churchmen in Canada and the United States. Twenty-six million churchpersons representing 15 denominations were asked a set of questions, and thereby the book became titled *Punctured Preconceptions of What Is Going On in the North American Church*.

One of the questions asked was, "What is the significance and value in your life of Bible study and prayer in seeking God's will?" Let me give you some of the responses that came back. Neither the clergy nor the laity in either country indicated much attention to the devotional life of their faith!

Neither the clergy nor the laity said that they attempted to find out what God wanted them to do in making everyday decisions! The statement that was asked had been intended to gauge the reliance upon personal devotions in the life of North American Christianity!

Another conclusion they drew from this:

In summary, we have discovered that the declared dedication to devotional life affirmed in public worship stands in antithesis (in opposition) to the life led during the week.

That is to say, that what men and women affirm in worship service they do not experience in life!

That is a glimpse between the cornstalks for me! That is a look under the pachysandra of Christian experience! It troubles me! It really does!

Here is where I am coming from. How as a pastor do I encourage daily renewal in the life of discipleship here? Where does renewal begin?

Do you ask me to bring in a succession of evangelists, high-powered people, who can bring from you the kind of emotional response that you can find on TV in the evening, or in a movie theater, or in reading a good book? Do you really want me to bring in seminars every six months to keep pumping up the life here? Is that what it is to be a pastor in a New Testament community? I don't fit that role! And that isn't my pastoral plan!

You see, I perceive the life of the Christian hinging on what I as an individual, and you as an individual, will do in our own devotional life. It's not what we do together! It's what we are doing as believers individually, in growing in the Lord! That affects the church!

Look at verses 14 and 15 of 2 Timothy 3. "Timothy," Paul says in effect, "I want you to continue to grow in the things you have learned, and become convinced of them, knowing where you learned them, that from your childhood you have held copies of the sacred writings, and you should know by now that they are capable of giving you the wisdom unto salvation that comes in faith in Christ Jesus." Paul says to this young pastor that the Bible is an aid in your and my coming to single-eyed focus on life. It was needed in Paul's day!

If you look at 2 Timothy 3:1-5 (NASB), you will see why Paul told Timothy that as a pastor he should stick to Scripture in order to keep that single-eyed clearness on life. Realize this, in the last days difficult times will come. Men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, holding [within the church, Paul is saying] a form of godliness, although they have denied its power.

Do you see why Paul said, "Timothy, as a young man, this is the one thing you've got going for you, in keeping your eye clearly on Christ Jesus, and on your own life." The same thing is true today!

Scripture itself, and your understanding of its authority, is a reliable guide to what you are doing in your devotional life. If this Word no longer speaks authoritatively to you, then, God is saying, through Paul to you this moment, "Your eye has become clouded, and your life no longer has the power of godliness." That's it! It's an equation! It's not a proposal!

There is a second thing that came to me as I was thinking about this, and that is how this occurs. You know it doesn't occur by placing this Book under your pillow and hoping by osmosis that it hops into your mind! It doesn't occur as you lay it on a table and stare at it! You can medi-

tate all day long on the Book, and you can even make it your mantra, if you will, and it doesn't change a thing about your character, or about your relationship with Christ!

How does it happen? Paul tells us specifically that it happens in a number of ways. Look at verse 16. The Bible is inspired by God. It is God-breathed, the Greek means here. It is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness. All this, so that the man of God might be prepared, or complete, or perfect, or adequate through the Holy Spirit.

You see, between the cornstalks and pachysandra, I see some men and women who are frustrated in their devotional

O Heavenly Father,
 Forgive us,
 Forgive us, Lord,
 For turning Your love into a concept,
 Into a thing!
 Consume us!
 Like a roaring lion, Lord,
 Stay at our heels until
 We turn and discover
 That You are the Lamb of God,
 That the Cross was Your Throne!
 Make us Your own,
 For Jesus' sake.
 Amen.

—Don Green

life because they do not understand the way God will work in their lives through this Book. Often we misunderstand its purpose.

This Book is not a mystical book of doctrines that God is trying to hide from you and save for the wise! It is not an open letter to you that God wrote in Greek so that you would have to learn the language before you understood what He was saying!

Some of you are frustrated in your devotional life because you don't understand that the One who breathes Scripture wants you to hear it and sense it, and know it for yourself. He is not trying to hide a thing from you!

About five years ago, I had a summer's break in Oregon. I believed it to be something God wanted me to do. I did what I had done through college. I got my hands dirty again, and my arms tired again. I worked in a brickyard in Oregon and I loved every minute of it! I was preaching on

the weekends and working in a brickyard near the coast during the days.

I'll never forget what that first day in the brickyard was like! There were only 11 of us working there, and the bricks would come out of those mammoth kilns (on a long conveyor belt). The bricks would be broken down by hand and placed on the conveyor belt ten at a time by two men working in the kiln. One man—that was me—would be waiting on the outside. I had a grappling hook that I could operate with one hand, and the hook would form over those ten bricks and pack them together, and I would lift them with one jerk of my hand, and carry them over and put them on a wooden pallet. Those ten bricks weighed between 25 and 30 pounds.

They gave me between four and five seconds between stacks of bricks coming out to get them off the belt and onto the pallet. That first day was not like the last day! The last day I felt good, healthier than I'd ever felt in my life, and confident of what I was doing. But that first day was the most frustrating day of my life.

The men inside the kiln would break those bricks down and set them, break them down, set them. There would be ten at a time coming out about six feet apart. I had four to five seconds to get them as they went past. The first batch of ten went right off the end of the conveyor belt! And so did the second batch! And the third!

I couldn't get that hook to work! I couldn't pull it up! It would come halfway over the pallet and the middle brick would fall, and all of them would fall down. If I'd miss one, two more would go by, stacks of twenty, before I'd ever get back to it!

If you've never had an experience like that working on an assembly line, you don't know what I'm talking about! If you've been there, you know exactly what I mean. And those guys in the kiln, they had no sympathy at all! You know they wouldn't! They loved the idea of a college guy, a preacher no less, out there experiencing that kind of frustration.

Do you know what? By the end of that summer I had so much confidence in myself and my ability to do the job that I could operate those bricks using two grappling hooks, one in each hand, and I began ribbing those guys that had become my friends in the kiln for going too slow! And we all began to work bonus, because of the fact that we had grown in our confidence not only to work together, but our confidence in our own ability to do the job!

Master, rebuke where You must!

Encourage and build up.

Take each of us by the shoulders,
And turn us to behold YOUR face,
this morning.

Break down our resistance, O Lord,
To the fresh wind of Your Spirit.
Shatter the pride in us that exults in
the weakness,

Or the sin, or the failure,
Or the disappointments of another,
That we may behold YOU in one
another!

We love YOU, Lord, this morning.
Love us through one another,
Through Jesus' Name. Amen.

—Don Green

Men and women, there are some of you who have given up on Bible study and a devotional life when you were just beginning! You are like where I would have been had I quit my first day at the brickyard!

Do you see that God invites you once again, right this moment, to try again! He will hide nothing from you if you learn discipline in your devotional life.

Secondly, what He will share with you is practical, not other-worldly! See what Paul says happens. It comes through teaching, reproof, rebuke, correction, training . . . It sounds like what you and I do with our children, doesn't it? And that is exactly what it is! That is exactly what He will do for you!

I KNOW that my own journey toward a holy, God-filled life will need repeated visions of His glory, His holiness. These will give me hope, for He is my example, my Master-teacher.

Lord, I do not want to settle for second-best. Beneath the confusion and undiscipline that creeps into my life is a settled conviction that there is a deeper life ahead for me in You.

I've taken one step ahead this fall, but not far enough. By Your grace and for Your glory in the church, I pray that my life may reflect Your righteousness and holiness.

I want to offer You a holy, young life, Lord, and not merely the holiness of a few declining years.

—Journal Entry, December 27, 1978

My friend, it is impossible for you to grow as a Christian if you do not devote some of your daily life with Him in study. I'm not talking about a half hour, or an hour. I'm talking about experiencing what it is to be taught and rebuked and encouraged and corrected by the Holy Spirit Himself, and He *will* do it through His Word.

What is the objective? The objective in God's eyes is to make you adequate.

Do you know what the Jews used to do back in Jesus' time? They would take a little leather pouch and bind into that pouch some parts of the Torah, the Old Testament law. They would take that leather pouch called a phylactery and put it on a string, a cord, around their head and hang it right in the middle of their foreheads.


Or, as they got older, and they were elders, they would take major portions of the Torah, the covenant descriptions that came with Moses or Abraham, and bind them on their left arm near their heart. They would parade in front of the people of their day saying: "I know the Law. The Law is so close to me it is in my mind, and in my heart."

However much they knew of Scripture, it didn't prevent them from rejecting the Messiah when He walked by their way! It didn't prevent their teachers of Scripture, the Pharisees, from drawing one of the sternest rebukes Jesus gave in His own day!

All of that study—and that study was meant to be practical—was meant to be from their Father to cause them to grow, as you and I would our own children. And they missed it all!

I have a proposal here. My proposal is that if you granted my first thesis that what is going on in our devotional life is what is going to go on in the life of our fellowship, then let us use this month to rediscover, old and new Christian alike, the authority of the word! It will speak directly to our lives, if we allow it!

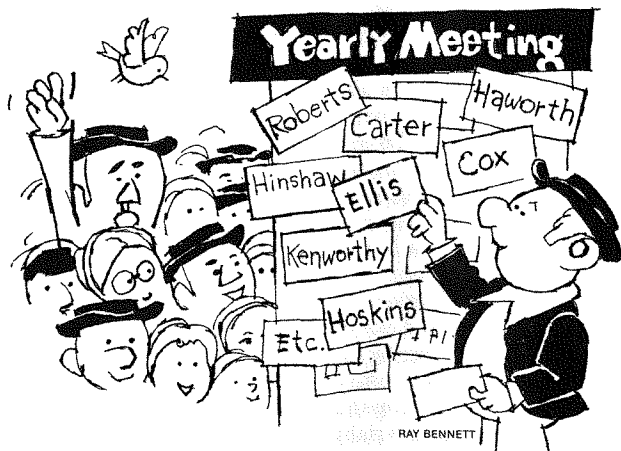
Take those passages of Scripture to which we have been relating, praise God, and allow Him to lift your heart in doing so. Don't make reading the Word a burden! Don't make it something that you have to drive yourself to do! Give Him a little bit of your day, and He will reward you by loving you as His child!

God breathed this Word for you! He really did! What is happening between the cornstalks and under the pachysandra? Do you understand that what is happening there [in your personal devotional life] is of greater significance than what is happening here [in a meeting at public worship]? 

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"Do you have one there for Kloznotzki?"

COVER

The world between the cornstalks is an analogy used by Don Green as he speaks of the personal devotional life in this month's lead article.

ANTECEDENTS

Change is not always a comfortable experience. We become accustomed to certain places and people, sights and sounds. I'm reluctant to try a new flavor of ice cream when there are two or three kinds available that I know I like. Why take the risk?

Certain routines become comfortable, secure. To venture outside the realm of the familiar can be unsettling.

Isn't it true, however, that often change brings a renewed lease on life? Trying a new recipe, getting acquainted with a stranger, implementing a new discipline, or even moving the furniture—these things are usually very satisfying and enriching.

The last time *Evangelical Friend* made a comprehensive design change was the year Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford were campaigning for the presidency. Our masthead was designed when Lyndon Johnson was in office. It's time for a bit of refurbishing.

We have not sensed reader dissatisfaction with the appearance of the magazine, so it's tempting to adopt the adage, "If it isn't broken, don't fix it."

One of the stated objectives of this magazine is "to strive for a quality of publication which attracts and retains a wide range of readers." A significant number of you form a core of loyal, longtime readers. You are the faithful who would probably continue to read these pages even if they were mimeographed. Our mission extends to a larger audience.

We want to make it easy for Friends that do not have a depth of historical experience with the denomination to read the magazine and identify with it. For the person not presently accustomed to reading *Evangelical Friend*, the subtleties of visual appearance are a major roadway for transporting that person to the inspiration and information hidden in words.

The new look in September will not be just a change for the sake of something different. We want your magazine to be readable and appealing. When you get your next *Evangelical Friend*, I believe you will find once again that change can be an exciting and enjoyable experience.

By the way, if you haven't painted your house a different color, rearranged the furniture, traded in your car, or tried a new flavor of ice cream since 1976, maybe you will also want to consider making some change between now and September.

—D.L.M.

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Making Space for Friends & Strangers

BY MARCILE LEACH



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“COME and sit a spell.” This phrase of invitation to unhurried fellowship conjures up quiet summer evenings, a tall glass of lemonade, and the sociable squeak of the porch swing as daylight fades into dusk. It suggests the congenial sharing of the day’s happenings and spontaneous laughter over a funny happening.

Unhurried . . . unstructured . . . relaxed. For many of us, the freedom of that lifestyle has been crowded out by the demands of two-job families, after-school activity schedules, programmed recreational in-

volvements, and other “good” things. I caught myself saying to a friend, “I want to meet you for lunch. My next two weeks are full, but let’s try for the following week!” Three weeks to work in lunch with a friend!

Even though the quiet evenings on the front porch have moved into nostalgic memories and much about the “good old days” was not so good at all, the stress and frenzy many families experience as normal often rob our modern society of the time and space to offer and receive the warm hospitality common in a more leisurely era.

Perhaps it’s time to rethink our priorities in light of the strong commands and examples of Scripture regarding the offering of hospitality as a sign of our devotion to follow Christ. Paul includes hospitality in the list of qualifications for church leaders right along with sobriety, true doctrine, and monogamous marriage (Titus 1:8; 1 Timothy 3:2). In Romans 12:12, 13 he encourages the Christians to be joyful, persistent “prayers,” generous to meet the needs of God’s people and practitioners of hospitality. Peter even goes so far as to encourage hospitality without complaining (1 Peter 4:8-11)!

Jesus did not have a home to share with guests, but He often visited the homes of friends, showing by His actions the high importance of that interaction. He ate with Matthew, the tax collector. He went home with Zacchaeus. He and His disciples often stayed at the home of His friends Mary, Martha, and Lazarus to rest and enjoy a meal. And it was with the disciples whom He loved so much that He spent part of His last evening before His trial and death, teaching and talking around the Passover meal. After His resurrection, Jesus ministered to the confused fishermen through the mundane task of cooking breakfast for them by the seaside.

The accounts of the Christians in the book of Acts explain the pattern of those first weeks following Pentecost when their numbers swelled from 120 to more than 3,000. They met constantly to hear the apostles teach, to share the common life, to break bread, and to pray. Luke reinforces that concept by emphasizing that the Christians shared their meals with joy, they praised God, and enjoyed favor with the people of the city. What a beautiful exam-

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ple of the act of hospitality (Acts 2:42-44, 46-47)!

Hospitality is one of the gifts available to all—woman or man, giver or receiver. Hospitality is defined in Webster's Dictionary as "receiving and entertaining guests or strangers generously or kindly; generous and cordial welcome; a pleasant or sustaining environment."

Perhaps some of our hesitancy or shyness about offering hospitality is that we have seen it in only one light—that of entertaining guests. We have not included the dimensions of cordial welcome and pleasant or sustaining environment. To view hospitality only as a lavish meal served on fine china immediately moves that gift out of reach to many of us. But to recognize that hospitality is also given by our warm welcome and offer of friendship or the quiet place for intimate conversation to flow, for hurts to be bound and for healing and rest to begin, allows any of us to participate. Henri Nouwen suggests, "Hospitality means primarily the creation of free space, where the stranger can enter and become a friend. Hospitality is not to change people but to offer the space where change can take place."

This atmosphere of openness and freedom may be offered in our homes, in our office, or in our churches. Christ's command to "love one another" is logically worked out by being open to hospitality. Our hospitality may be simply a hug of support or a note of appreciation including the words, "I love you." Most good practices have to be learned and showing love is not the exception. Most of us begin to learn to show our love by consciously deciding to express loving words or actions. At first we feel stiff and clumsy, thinking almost totally about how awkward we feel. But as we begin to focus on the pleasure and encouragement our love brings to others, we begin to feel less shy and more at ease.

Perhaps the key to our success in showing Christian hospitality is keeping the focus off our accomplishments and our abilities and concentrating on affirming and sustaining our friends, encouraging their conversation, full of joy or struggle. The offer of the time and privacy to pour out fears and disappointments or to share the rippling excitement of a dream not yet realized is hospitality of the finest kind.

Often this environment is enhanced by sharing food. A favorite bread and coffee is a tangible way of showing love and inviting conversations. As the early Christians broke bread together, building community

and praising God, we also open doors for friendship and growth when we invite folks to eat with us. Allow creativity and family favorites to direct this adventure, keeping in mind the pleasure we desire for our guests.

Children become comfortable with guests as they watch and participate in family hospitality and grow up with a feeling of naturalness about offering cordial welcome and pleasant environment to others. Many people have blessed our home, and our children have had the privilege of sitting around the table with them, experiencing different cultures and new ideas. They have learned the humility of greatness and the delight of humor. This is a part of our legacy to our children, and I am delighted to

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watch each of them welcome and care for guests and strangers very naturally.

Edith Schaeffer writes in *Hidden Art*, "How does one get children to have compassion and love for others?"

"One important way is by demonstrating love and compassion in action, not just talking about it. I do not mean organizational action but human care, in taking time, thought, energy, imagination, and creativity to fulfill some total stranger's need. Nothing can be given in a 'course of study' which can substitute for the day to day observation on the part of the children in the home of a mother or father who truly treat human beings as human, and not machines."

On the occasions of sharing hospitality, ideas may be exchanged, quarrels patched, news disseminated, business discussed, politics argued, crops prayed over, babies viewed, marriages made. As these communications are infused with God's Spirit they become part of a sacramental way of life, richly providing us and our guests a glimpse of wonder and hope.

This common, natural lifestyle has been pushed aside by much of the busyness in

our lives. Not only have some allowed their hospitality toward others to be neglected, but there may not be much generous, kindly interchange among family members.

Marion Cunningham, editor of the revised *Fanny Farmer Cookbook*, when asked what upset her most about today's eating habits replied, "The breakdown of the family dinner hour. So much is happening to make us all anonymous. The one spot to displace loneliness is at the table, but instead we stand alone in front of the refrigerator door gulping down food. I don't believe in unnatural formality, either. But this is not civilized behavior. People don't share anymore. The lesson is that we're not alone; we're all part of the human herd. We suffer a great loss by not eating for reasons other than keeping alive."

The hurried lifestyle and complex scheduling of family members is causing many parents and children to miss one of the habits that helps build an atmosphere of love and consideration. It takes time to provide the opportunity for trust and openness to develop and much of that can come through the daily family meals together. A lot of laughter, mundane details of daily routine, and simple chitchat will make up many hours of our meals together, but that daily communication in touching each other forms a base for sharing more serious conversation as those needs arise. Providing a pleasant, sustaining environment for our children to become our friends is the fulfillment of a very high calling, a most satisfying hospitality.

Jesus said, "For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me . . ." "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?" The King will reply, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:35-40 NIV)

Whether we are caring for members of our own families or for guests who are longtime or new-found friends, or for the stranger in need, our motivating joy comes as we serve with the same devotion we would give to Christ. Our offering will be given in different circumstances and in different styles, but always "because of Christ . . ." ☐

Multi-dimensional Peace: God's Will for the World

BY VERNON GROUNDS



IF ever there was a time to support peacemaking, now is the hour. With the world on the brink of a man-made Armageddon, we who are Christians ought in obedience to our Lord be prayerfully battling to diminish violence and promote sanity, security, and a measure of serenity everywhere on our planet.

Think of mankind's plight in this year of grace 1986. Our fair earth is daily dyed with human blood. Crime, terrorism, and war constantly mutilate and murder God's image bearers. Fear stalks our globe like an omnipresent phantom. For all its weaponry the U.S.A. seems to be afflicted with Soviet paranoia while the U.S.S.R. responds with its own American phobia.

Meanwhile the arms race goes on and on, threatening to end in a holocaust that may

engulf even nations far removed from Moscow or Washington, D.C. If not that, it may impoverish both of the antagonistic superpowers. Obviously the billions of dollars being sacrificed to feed the insatiable appetite of the arms race are desperately needed to alleviate poverty, eliminate squalid slums, provide medical care, and increase educational opportunities.

So, as Woody Allen has quipped, "More than any other time in history, mankind now faces a crossroads. One path leads to despair and utter hopelessness; the other to total extinction. Let us pray we have the wisdom to choose correctly." Humor aside, mankind does indeed face a crossroads. Will we choose the arduous path of peace or the tortuous way of destruction? Hence our number one problem globally is peacemaking.

Nationally, too, it is problem number one. In saying that, I am referring to every nation, not only the United States. Within the borders of South Africa, for example, there is escalating tension as the Botha government imprisons, tortures, and kills to maintain the deplorable evil of apartheid. In North Ireland age-old hostility between Protestants and Catholics with bombing, burning, and savagery takes its ghastly toll of life. Within the boundaries of Nicaragua

there is tragic conflict as the *contras*, aided by some fervently anti-Communist evangelicals in our own country engage in guerilla tactics against the Sandinistas.

Even within the boundaries of our own land, there are embittering unemployment, festering racism, brutal crime, growing unrest as factories shut down and farmers are forced into bankruptcy.

Interpersonally, of course, peacemaking is likewise problem number one. In marriages there are malignant relationships and often snarling unhappiness that erupt in physical abuse. In one out of every two cases holy wedlock degenerates into unholy deadlock and eventual divorce. In thousands of families there is angry estrangement between parents and children. In neighborhoods, suburban no less than inner city, there are nasty feuds. In posh executive suites there is cutthroat rivalry.

In my counseling I listen to wearisome reruns of fierce quarrels, and I conclude that what the apostle writes in Titus 3:3 is an accurate diagnosis of how people commonly interact with one another: "At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another."

Emotionally as well, peacemaking is problem number one. Chronic anxiety, dark depression, gnawing guilt, bleak hopelessness, psychic distress of one kind or another—this is what I hear day after day as clients enter into therapy hoping they may

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obtain relief from inner turmoil. Relief is sought, as you know, from many sources besides therapy—substance abuse, compulsive sex, and frenetic activity. In describing the agitation of self-frustrated sinners, the prophet Isaiah uses vivid language. They are, he says, like the raging sea when it cannot rest whose waves cast up mire and dirt.

At bottom, however, all these peacemaking problems, whether emotional, interpersonal, national, or global, are rooted in the

same problem—man's maladjustment to God.

Spiritually, peacemaking is our number one problem. Because he is a defiant rebel, because he mistrusts and disobeys his Creator, because he is a self-willed and self-centered prodigal, self-alienated from his heavenly Father, man is a self-destructive creature. Filled with conflict within and without, he is God's enemy, his neighbor's enemy, and his own worst enemy as well. To quote Paul's summary statement concerning the whole human family in Romans 3:15-16, "Their feet are swift to shed blood . . . and the way of peace they do not know."

It follows, therefore, that in this broken world of violence and bloodshed, we who

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are Christians carry the heavy responsibility of peacemaking. The God whom we worship and serve is the God of peace. Since peace is the very nature of His Being, God wills peace among the creatures He made in His own image.

God is the God of peace. That is why, when our Savior was born, the angels announced to the startled shepherds that Messiah was coming to bring peace and goodwill.

God is the God of peace. That is why peacemaking was the all-inclusive purpose of our Lord's incarnate ministry. By His entire life and supremely by His atoning death, He made possible reconciliation in every dimension of human experience. Paul brings this out in Ephesians 2:14-17, where he teaches us that Jesus was the Reconciler, the Peacemaker. "For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace, and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. He came and

preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near."

God is a God of peace. That is why the prophecy of Micah 4 holds before us the vision and promise of a warless world, that consummation of His kingdom when the people of our planet will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks, when nation will no longer lift up sword against nation. Or to paraphrase Micah, the God of peace guarantees that by His grace a time is coming when atomic energy will be devoted only to peaceful purposes. A time is coming when all military academies will be nailed shut and the so-called sciences of systematic killing will be relegated to the status of astrology and alchemy. A time is coming when slums will be gone and homeless exiles will have houses with gardens. A time is coming when tranquility will replace long-forgotten terror.

God is the God of peace. That is why in Romans 14:17 His kingdom is defined as "righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit."

God is the God of peace. That is why Jesus assures us, "Blessed are the peacemakers," a benediction that is implicitly a mandate. As God's children we are to be peacemakers living by the law of love, loving the God of peace, loving God's Son, the Prince of Peace, loving our neighbors as we love ourselves, loving even our enemies, doing in love whatever we can to function as reconciling peacemakers.

In the light of all we read in Scripture, we Christians are under an inescapable obligation to be loving, reconciling peacemakers.

Before proceeding further, let us consider the biblical meaning of peace. Perhaps as biblicists we ought to talk about *shalom* rather than peace. That Hebrew term somehow conveys much more adequately than our English equivalent the depth and richness of this multidimensional concept. *Shalom* is an all-embracing peace. It is peace between God and men, peace within our souls, peace among neighbors and nations, peace even in nature as lamb and lion lie down together.

Old Testament scholar Gerhard von Rad informs us that, far from being primarily an inward and religious experience, *shalom* "in its most common use is an emphatically social concept." It is a holistic state of health and harmony, safety and security, prosperity and piety, justice and joy, well-being and worship, fulfillment and freedom. It is freedom from poverty, conflict, disease, inequity, and oppression. Where *shalom* is

present, sin and sorrow are absent. Where the sword is at rest, where reconciliation has been completely effected, where righteousness prevails, and where people rejoice together, there *shalom* reigns.

Shalom is God's purpose for the world. In working out this objective, He, the God of peace, assigns to us as His children the responsibility within the limits of our opportunities and resources to make this multidimensional peace prevail on earth. Commissioned to serve as witnesses to God's peace and His co-workers in achieving an ever-increasing measure of it on our planet, we must in every way possible communicate the Good News of Jesus, the peacemaking Reconciler.

Peace with God, spiritual peace, opens the door into an experience of emotional peace, a liberation from guilt, anxiety, depression, hate, loneliness, and despair—all those negative feelings that plague the psyche.

Let me stress that the peace of God must not be confused with its popular caricatures. We must not mistake passive resignation for God's peace. We Christians may seethe with burning indignation as we hear of person-destroying evils and still be experiencing God's peace. Neither must we mistake detached indifference for God's peace. We Christians may be filled with fierce concern and still be experiencing God's peace. More than that, we must not think that, if we react with surface agitation to crisis and trouble, we are strangers to

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God's peace. Of course, upsetting circumstances will trigger surface agitation.

After all we Christians are flesh-and-blood mortals, not disembodied angels. Yet underneath the surface agitation, deep down in the depths of the soul, we can rest in the peaceful certainty that God has our circumstances in the grip of His omnipotent hands, and He is making everything work together for good. That deep-down confidence is the force of emotional peace.

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Next, what about interpersonal peace? Here in our daily face-to-face encounters is where we Christians need to function actively as *shalom*-agents—in our marriages, homes, offices, neighborhoods, and churches, the whole gamut of our relationships. This is where for most of us the peacemaking rubber hits the rutted road of conflict. Take our churches, for instance. Are they models of *shalom* where, whatever the differences of personality and conviction, loving harmony, mutual respect, and peaceful disagreement prevail?


In our churches are we patiently, persistently, and prayerfully working to nudge our fellow-believers closer to that ideal, a fellowship that translates the concept of *shalom* into a dynamic network of reconciled and reconciling relationships? Obviously, what holds good for churches should hold good in all of our personal interactions.

Finally, do we have responsibility for peacemaking nationally and globally? Certainly we do. Yet, faced with this overwhelming assignment, many of us may be tempted to abandon the role of *shalom*-agent. How can we hope to create God's peace in a world of massive power-structures and international hostilities? How promote God's peace in a nation dominated by the industrial-military complex against which President Dwight Eisenhower warned us years ago? How promote God's peace in a world of diplomatic deception and intrigue? How promote God's peace in a nation with nuclear weaponry that grows more efficient until its overkill potential is both irrational and ludicrous? How promote God's peace in a world of drug-smugglers, conniving politicians, and arms-salesmen? Or how promote God's peace in a nation that applauds the trillion-dollar absurdity of Star Wars? How promote God's peace in a world that operates on principles that contradict the Sermon on the Mount? How promote God's peace in a nation that is prepared to self-destruct in the name of its own defense?

In despair we may conclude that our only realistic hope is *eschatological* when King Jesus returns to establish His kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy. Yet God wills peace here and now, I am convinced, peace nationally and globally as well as peace interpersonally, emotionally, and spiritually. More than that, God commands and commissions us to serve as peacemakers. So let me suggest some strategies for soldiers of *shalom*.

Relying on spiritual resources we, as soldiers of our Lord Jesus, must aggressively battle the destructive forces in the world employing these strategies:

1. Unambiguously denounce and renounce war.
2. Pray! Pray daily and specifically remembering especially Paul's directive in 1 Timothy 2:1-5.
3. Study and ponder biblical ethics, particularly the Sermon on the Mount.
4. Keep informed regarding the development of international and national affairs: be concerned about the world not just the church.
5. Study traditional and prevalent viewpoints and doctrines with respect to military policy—e.g., the just war theory, nuclear deterrence, the pacifist option.
6. Recognize that Christians, while grateful citizens of a particular country, belong to a kingdom that is global. Refuse to be an uncritical nationalist or an idolatrous American.
7. Support the historic right to dissent.
8. Obey the New Testament demand for Christian nonconformity.
9. Insist that obedience to our Lord Jesus is the master criterion of discipleship, not political effectiveness nor pragmatic success.
10. Use whatever political and educational resources are available to oppose those forces, ideologies, and institutions that foster an anti-peace mind-set and a pro-war mentality.
11. Stress the interconnectedness of justice and peace. Battle injustice insofar as that is possible.
12. Collaborate with all peace lovers in peacemaking regardless of theological and ideological differences but within the limits imposed by Scripture and conscience.

Following these strategies we entertain no utopian illusions with respect to a permanently warless world until the King personally establishes His kingdom and eschatological peace prevails. But we do believe that the God with whom all things are possible wills *shalom* here and now. 

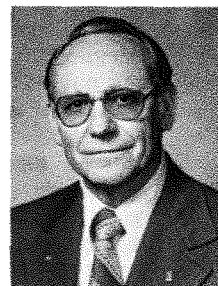


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THE EFFORTS of Friends of Eastern Region yearly meeting (Canton, Ohio) in India, dating back to 1892, have seemed to bear little fruit among the Hindu people of Bundelkhand. Catherine Cattell painted graphic word pictures of the heartbreak there in her two books, *Till Break of Day* (Eerdmans, 1962), and *From Bamboo to Mango* (Barclay Press, 1976). In 1985 Anna Nixon brought the story up-to-date in *A Century of Planting* (Barclay Press).

With encouragement and support from the Friends Foreign Missionary Board of Eastern Region, my wife, Lois, and I went to India January 1 and stayed until March 29.

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Above: Students at the Christian English School, Chhatarpur, eat their lunch. At left: Lois Wood (right) with missionary Norma Freer.



ions from India

BY ROGER WOOD

We went to see India, to visit the Friends Church in Bundelkhand, and to develop long-range plans for the Christian English School operating in Chhatarpur since 1976.

Between travels to Bundelkhand, Agra, and Delhi, we spent the time in the city of Pune, site of the sparkling new campus of Union Biblical Seminary, formerly located in Yavatmal from 1953 to 1983. There I lectured in Christian education while Lois helped in the academic office and the library. Also, while in Pune we attended sessions of the Evangelical Fellowship of India and conferred with a large number of both Indian and international Christian leaders visiting the campus from time to time.

What kinds of impressions have we brought home with us? They must be considered only impressions, for we cannot speak with authority about developments in the vast and complex society that is India. However, I have consulted with Indian leaders who have verified and supplemented my thoughts.

One impression is that this is the day of indigenous missions in India. The Western missionaries have largely departed, and Indian Christians are taking significant responsibility for evangelism. They find that people are more apt to respond to the Christian message when their own country-

men come on their own initiative, without outside money or guidance behind them.

I talked with a youth leader from Assam who told me how the missionaries had left his area in the mid-fifties. Within a few years there was a great movement to Christ, followed by another such movement in this present decade. Now, official government statistics reveal that more than 80 percent of the people of his area are at least nominally Christian.

One of the promising developments in today's India is the Friends Missionary Prayer Band (no connection with the Friends Church). This group insists upon remaining indigenous. Its workers go into village areas where the Gospel has been presented in the past but lasting response has been weak or nonexistent. They stay until a worshiping group of at least ten families has been established. If an evangelical church is available and willing to take over the new group, the Prayer Band workers will then leave it and move on to another area.

The main request of this group to Christians in the West is for prayer that church planting will really happen in India. In barren, resistant Bundelkhand the Prayer Band has set a goal of one hundred such groups by 1990!

Supporting this movement is the Yavatmal Center for Lay Training on the former

campus of Union Biblical Seminary. There, cross-cultural evangelism and missionary training is being provided in an intensive two-year course.

A second impression is that, to some extent, this is a new day in India. Gradually the former extreme resistance to the Gospel and the power of the caste system are being broken down. Except for two states, Indians are free to preach the Gospel and to win converts. Converts are slowly gaining greater freedom to live among their neighbors. The new and more subtle pressures are often based on materialism and may even come from nominal Christians, just as we know such pressures in the United States. Converts may be warned to "be not righteous overmuch."

This is not to say that all resistance has disappeared. Near the end of the term one of my students related to me the extreme resistance of his Hindu family when he had become a Christian only a year earlier. Another told of court cases brought in vain against his father a few years ago. Failing to win in court, his Hindu neighbors managed to kill him. The son, just graduated from the Seminary, is now going back to pastor the first church planted by that martyred father. It is one of more than 50 churches now found in that small area.

The third impression I have is a negative one. In many cases, the churches established earlier lack powerful witness. Bickering, jealousy, political manipulation, and even dishonesty, are reported.

Can we find ways and means of improving this situation? What are the causes of these problems? Is it the complexity of managing property formerly owned by the mission, jockeying for position in the Church, or lack of spiritual life? Is the Church too small to cope with the pressures of the day? This is the challenge facing mission boards with interest in India.

We know that such problems are found in the churches of many developing countries. Even Friends of America are not entirely immune. What a difference it would make if the witness of Christians everywhere was clear and Spirit-directed! Then would be fulfilled the goal of one hundred churches in Bundelkhand by 1990. Then would come true the dream of another indigenous mission: That India shall be a Christian nation by the year 2000.

Then, once more, Friends in America would also be able to shape their world in justice and righteousness. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord . . ." (Zechariah 4:6)

CATHERINE CATTELL:

A LIFETIME OF TRUSTING GOD

Catherine Cattell passed away July 3, 1986, in Newberg, Oregon. The following article was prepared prior to her death. An additional news item appears on page 17.



*Catherine and Everett Cattell
At right: Catherine and a village woman in India*



BY BETTY M. HOCKETT

WHEN Catherine was a little girl she felt as much Chinese as she did American, because she had lived most of her life in China. Her missionary parents, Dr. George and Dr. Isabella DeVol, died when Catherine and her brothers, Charles and Ezra, were young. It was only then that Catherine had to learn how to live as a full-fledged American.

With her heart set on returning to China as a missionary doctor, Catherine did her best to obey God. During her senior year at Marion College she urgently asked God, "What shall I do?" His answer was different than she had expected.

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Happiness Under the Indian Trees—the life story of Catherine Cattell. The book is available from George Fox Press, P.O. Box 44, Newberg, Oregon 97132 for \$2.95, plus \$1 for postage and handling.



It became obvious that she could not be a doctor and that she would not be returning to China. When God revealed all of this to her, Catherine felt free to marry Everett Cattell, who had known for a long time that this was what he wanted to do. "But you're not called to be a missionary," she had often told him, before realizing that Everett was part of God's plan for her life.

Catherine and Everett began married life as pastors in Ohio Yearly Meeting. While they were at Cleveland, their third pastorate, they heard about the need for Friends missionaries in India.

"God doesn't want *us* in India," thought Catherine. "If we're to be missionaries, it will be in China." She was certain that she would never want to work in India.

However, Catherine could not so easily dismiss the call for more workers in India. She did not want to think about it, but found herself doing so anyway. She knew Everett had been thinking about it and at last they brought the subject into the open. Soon they realized that God did indeed want them to serve Him in India.

Later that year, Catherine and Everett, along with their two young children, David and Barbara, began their journey to their new home in India. Immediately Catherine had a God-given love for the Indian people. She was especially attracted to the women,

many of whom lived secluded, lonely lives, filled with fear and superstition. Indian religions brought no hope to these women, who were shackled by the customs of their castes.

Catherine found opportunities to visit many women in their homes. One day she rode in the horse *tonga* to the Happy Heart Estate to visit the wife of a state official. As she approached the gate of the estate, Catherine thought, "I must get out here. It isn't suitable to arrive at an estate in a horse tonga, especially in one with the cloth sides torn and the harness held together with string."

As she walked to the gate, the guard saluted and said in a manner completely void of expression, "Her ladyship is in." Then an Indian butler appeared as she approached the wide door. "Be seated in the drawing room, please," he said. "Her ladyship will be informed of your arrival." The butler quietly padded out and Catherine was alone.

Before long the beautiful and gracious Indian lady appeared.

They conversed about many things, after which the hostess led Catherine through the colorful flower and vegetable gardens. Later she presented Catherine with bangles—four green and four pink—to wear on her wrist in the proper Indian fashion.

"I am proud of my ancestors," said the Indian lady. "The women worshiped their husbands." Catherine thought sadly, "This beautiful woman does not know about worshipping the one true God. She does not know the joy and freedom of belonging to Him." Before she left she told her friend, "God died for our sins. He brings glorious freedom to everyone."

Catherine visited in many homes not nearly as nice as that of the Indian state official. On one visit she stopped in the home of Bari Dulaiya, a woman who had been interested in the Gospel while she was in the hospital. When Catherine arrived, she discovered that the woman's only remaining son was desperately ill with fever. Six other sons had died with the same illness. The mother was overwhelmed with grief.

"He's afraid! He keeps saying, 'Tell me a story!'" said Bari Dulaiya. "The only story I know is the one I heard in the hospital. It's the one about a dead man coming back to life. If God could give life to a man who had been dead four days, He could keep a boy from dying. Do you think your God could do that? I've been praying that He would make my boy well."

The boy looked directly at Catherine, the look in his eyes seeming to say, "Do something!"

The old grandmother sitting close by began to worship Catherine. "Don't worship me!" said Catherine. "Worship God. He is the One who can help you. There is nothing I can do for the boy. However, I will pray to the God who raised Lazarus from the dead."

Catherine prayed. The mother had faith. It was not long until the boy's fever was down. He was much better. "God healed him," Bari Dulaiya announced. "I believe in God. He does wonderful things." The whole community heard what happened.

Even though her husband was afraid and some of the village people were angry because she was giving God the credit, Bari Dulaiya told the missionaries, "I will always believe it was your God who healed my son. God sent you to me just when I needed you."

During their third year in India, Everett needed a simple operation, an appendectomy. However, complications arose and for three months he was so ill that the doctors and nurses thought he might die at any time.

"What shall I do if Everett dies here in India?" Catherine prayed. She went on

praying until finally she had peace. God assured her that Everett would recover.

The situation was not over, however. Even though he had begun to recover, Catherine knew Everett would need to get away to a cooler climate. They decided that Australia would be the place, but Catherine did not know where to go; she knew no one there. It did not help when she received a message from the United States saying, "It is a mistake for you to go to Australia instead of returning to the United States."

Everett was weak and Catherine knew she must make all of the decisions. "Please, God, give us some sign to let us know You are with us here in Australia," she prayed. Even while she was praying, a message came. Relatives of fellow travelers who had been on the ship with the Cattells sent this invitation: "Please have Sunday dinner with us. You can meet us at our church."

"Yes, God, You're here!" said Catherine thankfully.

When they heard the pastor's message at church, five words rang out clearly from the

All who know this
genuine Quaker lady have
enjoyed her sense of
humor and her generous
hospitality.

Scripture reading: "He will yet help us!" Their new friends housed and fed them until they discovered the place where Everett could recuperate amid restful surroundings.

Upon returning to India, the Cattells realized they had won the hearts of the Indians because of the suffering Everett had experienced. The Indian Christians had been faithful to pray for his recovery and they knew that his presence with them was an answer to their prayers.

Besides visiting in homes and Indian villages, working with the women and encouraging pastors and wives, Catherine's ministry extended to written materials. The book, *Till Break of Day*, told about some of their experiences in India. Lessons she

penned for the Indian Christians to use in teaching the Gospel were titled *That They May Know*. She wrote materials for American children and also some for Indian young people to use in their meetings.

Their daughter Mary was born in the middle of their 21 years of ministry in India. David, their only son, was killed in an automobile accident in the United States soon after Everett was arrested in India on false charges. While he and Catherine were still mourning, he had to go through a trial, finally being acquitted.

In every situation, Catherine cried out to God, "What shall I do?" He was quick with reminders that helped her know He was there; He would not leave her. She found the strength to go on.

When they came back to the United States, Everett served as superintendent of Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends and later was president of Malone College. "What shall I do?" Catherine prayed, each time these new challenges came into her life.

God supplied Catherine with the right answers every time. He also provided a ministry for her that involved speaking at women's meetings and leading Bible studies for women. She wrote another book called *From Bamboo to Mango*, her personal history, and monthly articles in the EVANGELICAL FRIEND, entitled "Over the Teacup," that were later published as a book.

God later allowed the Cattells to serve Him for a year in Taiwan. Catherine led women's Bible studies on the island and again after they returned home to Ohio. She became acquainted with many women who needed her friendship and teaching.

When Everett died and Catherine moved to Friendsview Manor in Newberg, Oregon, she once again poured out her questions to God. "What shall I do in this new place? I do not know this community or this church. Will I have something to do?" She also told God, "If women want to come to my room to talk and pray, I am willing."

Women came to her room to do just that, always going away feeling blessed and strengthened. God also gave her speaking engagements and an undreamed-of trip back to visit familiar places in China.

Catherine's lifetime of asking God for His counsel and direction and then being obedient to Him has been a model to people of many ages in many places around the world. All who know this genuine Quaker lady have enjoyed her sense of humor and her generous hospitality. They have received blessings from her prayers and her teaching. [ca]

TOMORROW TODAY!

BY G. ROGER SCHOENHALS

YOU SNEEZE. Your nose runs. You feel tired and achy. You probably have a cold. It's nothing new, is it? You've had lots of colds.

So has nearly everyone else. The symptoms and sufferings are so universal we refer to the condition as the "common" cold. "Drink lots of liquid, get plenty of rest, and take aspirin. Oh, yes, chicken soup seems to help."

But common as the cold is, there's another malady that afflicts us even more frequently. Symptoms include compound laziness, multiple excuses, and the incessant use of the term "tomorrow." I refer, of course, to the ailment known as procrastination.

"I'll spend extra time with the children—tomorrow."

"I'll be more loving to my spouse—tomorrow."

"I'll do that project—tomorrow."

"I'll start exercising on a regular basis—tomorrow."

"I'll diet—tomorrow."

"I'll devote more time to Bible study and prayer—tomorrow."

Procrastination is subtle. Sneaky. Before we know it, opportunities vanish and we stand staring into the sunset.

An advertising slogan says, "Today is the first day of the rest of your life." That's right! Today, not tomorrow.

Tomorrow is illusive. It's always out there making big claims for itself. But it never really comes. Every day is "today." We are born, we live, and we die—today. Today is all we have.

We can plan for the future. We can look forward to tomorrow. But we can only live today. Whatever we do, we must do today.

The Bible says little about tomorrow. But it shouts about today. "Now is the day of salvation." (2 Corinthians 6:2b) "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts." (Hebrews 3:15a) "But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today." (Hebrews 3:13a) "Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth." (Proverbs 27:1)

So shake off "lateritis." Grab hold of today. Seize every opportunity. Go get 'em—today!

Okay, so how do we do it? How can we change our habits of procrastination? Here's a threefold prescription.

First, make a list. Do it first thing in the morning. Identify the things you will accomplish during the day. Make it reasonable. Listing 400 things will only produce frustration.

Rank your list. Instead of beginning with the easy stuff, start right out with the hard ones. Do them first and the rest of the day will be downhill.

Second, reward yourself. Checking off a finished project can bring satisfaction. I've even been known to add things to my list that I had already done, just to have the pleasure of checking them off. You could also reward yourself by doing something special after finishing your list. Have a cup of coffee. Take a walk. Read a magazine. Pamper yourself.

Third, be accountable. You might share your list with other family members, friends, or business associates. Lay your list in front of you on your desk. Better yet, tape it to your phone. If you're in the home, put it somewhere conspicuous.

Having someone remind you of your goals is not all that bad. Unless, of course, it's something you've been putting off day after day.

King Solomon used the term "sluggard," (Proverbs 6:9) to describe the procrastinators of his day. The word still fits. Consider the slug the next time you feel like saying, "tomorrow."

The wise king had a better way to face the day: "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might, for in the grave, where you are going, there is neither working nor planning nor knowledge nor wisdom." (Ecclesiastes 9:10)

What if you fail to complete your list? Should you stick your head in a meat grinder? Don't be too hard on yourself. After all, if you always accomplish your daily goals, you're probably reaching too low. Better to try and fail than to fail to try. Be forgiving.

I've put off writing this article for too long. This morning I told myself I was going to do it today. And I did!

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BY LON FENDALL

Renewed Confidence For a New Age

The cover article of a recent issue of *Christianity Today* dealt with the "New Age" movement, which actually isn't a movement at all but an assortment of individuals and organizations with a variety of beliefs and practices. Some New Age ideas are harmless and some are totally contrary to Christianity.

The New Age movement needs to be understood and exposed for what it is—a hodgepodge of ideas, some drawn from Eastern religion, some from classic pantheism, and some from pop psychology. As the article points out, though, some critics of the New Age movement have made serious errors in their conclusions and some have slandered very fine Christian leaders by accusing them of being New Agers.

The process has been reminiscent of the McCarthy era, for the New Age label has been applied to people whose theology is impeccable but who have used certain "code words" or who have championed political or social causes also favored by the New Age leaders.

Why is it that we are willing to believe that those who attack our Christian leaders are credible without checking the facts? Why shouldn't we give the benefit of the doubt to those trusted persons until there is convincing evidence?

The answer is suggested in an excerpt from Douglas Groothuis's book, *Unmasking the New Age*, also appearing in the *Christianity Today* issue. Groothuis warns of the distortions and distractions that come from a conspiracy mentality. With such a viewpoint, a few scattered atheists are transformed into a well-organized, cancerous, and sinister campaign to destroy the church and take over society.

As Groothuis points out, those who become fascinated with the conspirators not only exaggerate their threat but become amateur detectives, tracing the movement rather than prescribing appropriate antidotes or vaccines. The diagnosis leads to neither cures nor preventions and the church is worse off than before the expose began.

In Isaiah 8:12 we are warned about the conspiracy mentality: "Do not call conspiracy everything that these people call conspiracy; do not fear what they fear, and do not dread it."

The following verses make it clear what we are to substitute for an unhealthy preoccupation with conspiracies: "The Lord almighty is the one you are to regard as holy, he is the one you are to fear, he is the one you are to dread, and he will be a sanctuary."

The word "sanctuary" suggests more than a place of worship. In this context it indicates a place of confidence, rest, and

security. It is not a place of naivete, of minimizing the evil in the world, of pretending that Satan is not at work. Rather it is a place in which our focus is on God, a powerful God, who would not have us immobilized by fear.

As long as we are overwhelmed with fear because of the frightening trends in our world, we are ineffective in the work of God's Kingdom. We need to hear the words of the Lord to King Hezekiah of Judah when faced with the armies of King Sennacherib: "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged because of the King of Assyria and the vast army with him, for there is a greater power with us than with him. With him is only the arm of flesh, but with us is the Lord our God to help us and to fight our battles." (2 Chronicles 32:7-8)

There is another source of the fear that makes us susceptible to conspiracy theories. Lots of sermons are preached that dwell on the negative trends in society and predict an inevitable degeneration in human affairs. There is some basis for this in biblical prophecy, but there is a distortion built into the outlook. It tends to diminish God's power and His sovereignty.

In 1 John 4 we are directed to call into question the teachings that are not clearly focused on Christ and consistent with biblical teachings. But then we are reminded that these false teachings need not paralyze us with fear, for with God's power the false teachings have already been overcome. Indeed, "the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world." (1 John 4:4)

Once I was in a room filled with preachers who were listening attentively to an expose of the New Age movement. The speaker was consumed with the conspiracy point of view, for she proceeded to identify some of the most prominent of our Christian leaders as apostles of New Age ideas, simply because these leaders used a few code words and supported some of the ideas endorsed by New Agers.

What a pity that some are ready to believe such irrational, groundless charges, without so much as seeking a rebuttal from those being libeled! What a pity that some are ready to believe that our schools, our government, and our churches are dominated by Satan!

The Apostle Paul provides an alternative for us in 2 Timothy 1:7: "For God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind." May we be people of love, of God's power, and especially those who engage in sound thinking as we expose error and proclaim truth. ☐



Peru/Bolivia: Will el Niño Return?

LATIN AMERICA—Climatologists are viewing June and July with trepidation, fearing that "El Niño" weather conditions may return. That's bad news for already drenched peasants of the Andean altiplano. Some 250,000 people have already been temporarily or permanently made homeless by the worst rains to hit Peru and Bolivia this century. Lake Titicaca has overflowed its banks by several meters, flooding low-lying potato fields and sending llamas and people scurrying for higher ground. Roads, bridges, and fuel pipelines have also been ruined. Malaria is on the increase because excess water is providing fertile breeding grounds for mosquitos.

"We don't know how severe the rains will be, or the impact, but we will be on the spot to respond immediately," said Ron Maines, World Vision's Latin America relief expert. World Vision has already provided \$140,000 in food, medicine, and emergency supplies.

—World Vision

We Should Abolish Laity, Says Former Southern Baptist President

BLOOMINGDALE, NEW JERSEY—The last layman to serve the Southern Baptist Convention as president, Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, Mississippi, told a group of New York area church members that the commonly understood meaning of "laity" should be corrected or abolished because the concept of the laity as being apart from the clergy "furtheres the inferior status" of some believers.

Cooper, 78, noted that the concept of laity that is more prevalent today provides a "safe haven of inactivity" for many church members and "robs so many of the joy derived from a surrendered Christian life."

—Evangelical Press News Service

Thailand Television Program Provides Vital Ministry

THAILAND—Because of their Buddhist beliefs, most Thais feel that churches are only for Christians. To be seen going to a church would result in ridicule and embarrassment.

In light of this, many Christian leaders believe that Christian television programming is one of the most powerful ways to

reach the Thai people. The opportunity is great. More than 80 percent of Thailand's 50 million people have access to television sets.

Accepting the challenge of bringing God's Word into the homes of Thailand's Buddhists, PTL Thailand broadcasts a program on seven television stations with a potential audience of over 25 million. The program is produced entirely in Thailand and has a Thai host who interviews Thai guests.

—Missionary News Service

Dr. Cho's Korean Church Reports 500,000 Members

SEOUL, KOREA—Dr. Paul Y. Cho's Korean church continues to grow at an astonishing rate. Membership now stands at 503,590. These half-million church members are served by 600 full-time pastors. In addition, there are 50,000 home cell group leaders.

A new sanctuary with a seating capacity of 25,000 has been completed. Seven services are held on Sunday and three on Wednesday, plus there is an all-night prayer meeting each Friday night. The next goal of the church is to establish congregations throughout all of Korea.

The guiding philosophy of Dr. Cho's church is, "Find a problem and solve it. Find a need and meet it. Find a sick person and pray for him or her until you touch God."

—M.N.S.

Writings of Chinese Church Leaders Published in English

HOLLAND, MICHIGAN—The Foundation for Theological Education in Southeast Asia (FTE) has announced that it will begin publishing a "Chinese Theological Review"

on an annual basis. The first issue will be 200 pages in length and will cover 1985. It will be available for distribution in early March.

The *Chinese Theological Review: 1985* will include only material that has been written by Chinese Christians for people living within the People's Republic of China. It will include six addresses and statements, four essays, ten sermons, a catechism, hymns, and an excerpt from "How to Study the Bible," by K. H. Ting. Marvin D. Hoff, executive director of FTE, said that the new publication will "help the voice of Chinese Christians be heard throughout the world."

—M.N.S.

Justice Fellowship Calls for An Increase in Alternative Punishments

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A national criminal justice reform group has called for public officials to "punish offenders without punishing ourselves" by increasing the use of restitution and community service sentences for nonviolent offenders.

Citing statistics released by the Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Statistics, the head of Justice Fellowship—an affiliate of Chuck Colson's Prison Fellowship—said that nearly every state could significantly reduce the cost of public safety by using restitution and community service-based punishments for those convicted of nonviolent offenses.

"Only one-third of the people sent to prison in 1983, the most current year studied by the bureau, were convicted of violent offenses," said Justice Fellowship President Daniel W. Van Ness. "And two-

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First Day News

QUICK QUAKER COMMENTARY

Catherine Cattell passed away July 3, 1986, in Newberg, Oregon. She was held in fond regard by the many Friends who knew her as such a warm and personable friend. In her early childhood she was known as the daughter of medical missionaries George and Isabella DeVol in China. She and her husband Everett were known as young pastors and then missionaries to India for 21 years. Their missionary service was followed by Everett's service as superintendent of Ohio Yearly Meeting (now Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region) and then as president of Malone College, Canton, Ohio. Whether on the mission field, the home of the yearly meeting superintendent and college president, or her room in Friendsview Manor; her caring, Christ-like spirit reached out to people in life-influencing ways.

Friends who were unable to become acquainted with Catherine personally, developed a relationship through her "Over the Teacup" columns in the *Evangelical Friend* and her books—*Till Break of Day* (stories of life in India) and *From Bamboo to Mango* (an autobiography).

Her son David preceeded her in death in an auto accident as a young man and Everett passed away in 1981. Family surviving include Catherine's two brothers, Charles and Ezra DeVol, and two daughters Barbara Brantingham and Mary Catherine Boots.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to Barclay Press, P.O. Box 232, Newberg, Oregon 97132 for publications promoting missions.

A previously scheduled article, "Catherine Cattell: A Lifetime of Trusting God," appears on pages 12-13.

Rod and Barb Routon, Friends missionaries in Mexico City, returned to the States in mid-July for a year of furlough/medical leave. Barb had come to the States in May for medical care and was diagnosed as having "active chronic hepatitis, autoimmune type." She was able to return to Mexico City for a short time in early July to assist with packing.

Vern and Lois Ellis were recognized in a special service during the sessions of Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting for their 30 years of service at Rough Rock Friends Mission, Chinle, Arizona. Tributes, a friendship quilt, and a monetary gift were presented to the Ellises. A videotape of the service is available for \$10 from the Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting office, P.O. Box 9629, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80932.

Edwin Bronner, a leading historian of Anglo-American Quakerism and authority on William Penn, received an honorary doctorate of humane letters during the Haverford College commencement ceremonies. A member of Haverford College's history faculty and curator of the Quaker Collection since 1962, Bronner was named head librarian of the college in 1968. He has authored numerous books and articles on Quakerism. He retired July 1 as head librarian but will remain on the faculty and as curator of the Quaker Collection.

Henry Taylor, clerk of the Goose Creek Meeting in Loudoun County, Virginia (Baltimore Yearly Meeting), and professor of English at American University in Washington, D.C., was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry in April for his collection published under the title of *The Flying Change*.

M. Scott Peck, psychiatrist and author of *The Road Less Traveled* and *The People of the Lie*, spoke May 18 during the Sunday school hour at the High Point Meeting (North Carolina Yearly Meeting) on the subject "The True Meaning of Community." He delivered the sermon at the meeting for worship that followed on the theme "All My Love."

Dr. D. W. Mategaonker, well-known to Eastern Region Friends for his contribution over 25 years to the Christian Hospital in Chhatarpur, India, died June 6 due to a heart attack.

At the time of his death he was serving as medical superintendent of Muir Hospital in Nagpur, where he joined the staff in April 1984. Surviving him are his wife, Sosan Singh, whom he married in 1958, and three children—Mala, Dinesh, and Shobha.



He was known and respected as a Christian physician who took a personal interest in each of his patients. He did not hesitate to share his Christian faith; in fact, his promotion of village evangelism through medical ministries and eye clinics was widely appreciated.

It was in 1957 that Cliff Robinson recommended to Dr. Ezra DeVol that he consider inviting Dr. Mategaonker to join him at the Chhatarpur Hospital in order to learn surgery. A year later he decided to stay, settling down and joining the Friends Church there. Two months later his marriage to a Christian nurse took place.

Ever anxious to serve the real needs of his people, Dr. Mategaonker went to Mungeli in 1958 to learn eye surgery from Dr. Rambo, the American physician about whom Dorothy Wilson wrote in the book *Apostle of Sight*. He was acutely aware of the impact a ministry of healing could have out in the villages, and each year he scheduled time to conduct eye camps in such places as Goethra and Jatara.

He received the master's degree in surgery from Ludhiana, India, in 1972, and two years later was honored with enrollment in the International College of Surgeons. From 1974 to 1984 he served as medical superintendent of the Chhatarpur Christian Hospital culminating 25 years of service on the medical team.

News of his death saddened the many people who knew him and admired his work. Dr. W. Ezra DeVol said, "I am so sorry to receive this news. He was like a son to me." Robert Hess cabled messages of sympathy to the family. "We have lost a very capable and dedicated leader," he said, "and truly he will be missed."

FRIENDS FOCUS

Goldsmith, Pickard, Ressler Make Changes

Faculty turnover appears minimal at Friends colleges within the Evangelical Friends Alliance. All faculty members will be continuing except for one each in three of the four schools.

Myron Goldsmith was named professor emeritus at George Fox College commencement exercises as he retired after 25 years of teaching religion at the Newberg, Oregon, college. Myron is a Friends minister and for many years served as chairman of the religion department.

Gene Pickard will be returning to missionary service after teaching in the mission department at Friends Bible College, Haviland, Kansas, for four years. He will be teaching at Berea Bible Institute in Chiquimula, Guatemala, where he served prior to coming to FBC. Gene recently received a doctor of missiology degree from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Illinois.

Lawrence Ressler will be leaving Malone College, Canton, Ohio, to take a position at Messiah College, Grantham, Pennsylvania. Some *Evangelical Friend* readers will remember his report on Cambodian refugee camps from his visit to that country in 1982.

Choir Alters Schedule to Respond to Need

The Friends Bible College Concert Choir had planned to sing in Lynn, Indiana, as part of their four-state spring tour, but instead of doing a concert, they did cleanup.

The day before they were scheduled to sing, a tornado demolished the downtown area and damaged or destroyed many homes. Arrangements were made with Red Cross and Friends Disaster Service for the 40-member choir to spend a free day to help clean up and provide food service.

Friends Worship Group Formed in Amman

Horace and Mary Autenrieth, Quaker Middle East Affairs Representatives for the American Friends Service Committee, writing from their residence in Amman, Jordan, report that a

worship group of British and American Friends has formed in Amman. Meeting for worship is held every other week. The worship group hopes that any Friends passing their way will join in meeting with them. For information about time and place, write Horace and Mary Autenrieth, P.O. Box 9001, Amman, Jordan, or telephone them at 629677.

Titicaca Flooding Is Another Hardship for Aymara Friends

About 45 Friends church buildings have collapsed in Bolivia and Peru as the giant hundred-mile-long Lake Titicaca has risen more than eight feet above normal. The flooding has affected thousands of acres of gently sloping farmland. Many Friends families have had to move to refugee centers as homes and crops have been destroyed. Northwest Yearly Meeting Mission Board has established a relief fund in response to both immediate and long-term needs. A few years ago these Aymara people were impacted by severe drought.

Quaker Haven Adds Staff

Bud and Letha Lawrence have served as caretakers of Camp Quaker Haven for 30 years. Quaker Haven is Mid-America Yearly Meeting's camp located near Arkansas City, Kansas. With the Lawrences' retirement later this year, the Camp Division of the Education Board has extended calls to three couples to assume positions at the camp.

Flurry Kemper, who has been with the camp since 1977, will assume the position of resident administrator. Ralph Lohman of Aloha, Oregon, will become executive director August 1. The position was created with the desire to promote the camp more actively and to secure financial support. Tony and Diana Jacks, from Haviland, Kansas, joined the camp on June 1 as manager of maintenance and food services director, respectively.

Doing Well and Well-being

Caroline Cherry, an attender of Radnor, Pennsylvania, Meeting, uncovered this anecdote in the 1823 diary of Ann Price Gibson Paschall (1792-1874), a traveling minister and member of Darby, Pennsylvania, Meeting:

"A young man asked a Quaker what was the reason that the Quakers went so well dressed and rode such good horses and were mostly rich. He was answered: first, they did their own preaching—they paid none to the priest. They settled their own disputes—they paid no lawyer. In the next place, instead of selling their grain to the distillers, they fed their horses with it."

Although this seems to have been told as a joke, Ann Paschall added: "May we not be satisfied with just making a living or just living a long [life] but let us be concerned to lay up treasure incorruptible in the heavens which fadeth not away, where neither moth nor dust doth corrupt, neither do thieves break through and steal." (from *Friends Journal*)

Easter Offering Grows

Easter offerings to purchase a van and other equipment for the new Evangelical Friends Mission work in Rwanda continue to be received at the EFM office. The total has now passed \$36,400. The offering response and answers to prayer in Rwanda have been very encouraging in this new outreach.

Mug Factory Offers Student Employment

Quaker Industries of Haviland is a ceramic mug factory established in February of this year. It is not a fund-raising enterprise for Friends Bible College, but is for the purpose of student employment. It is presently employing three students for the summer and hopes to employ at least ten this fall.

The industry is producing ceramic cups for centennials at this time and will take any kind of custom order. Art work for the cups is available through Quaker Industries also.

Counsel in a Capsule

Pastors at First Friends, Salem, Ohio, began in June a sermon series from the book of Proverbs. The series is entitled "Counsel in a Capsule" because of the book's brief statements that sum up major truths for living. The congregation was asked to submit particular verses from Proverbs that they would like used for a message.



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thirds of the inmates released that year were first-time prisoners. We could instead have punished these less serious offenders with measures that do not include a prison sentence, in which they can pay back their victims, save millions of tax dollars, and have a better chance of being rehabilitated."

Van Ness noted that while the median length of prison sentences is increasing across the country, the prison time served by the most violent offenders is surprisingly short. The national median time served for murder was less than seven years in 1983.

—E.P. News Service

Asbury Seminary Faculty Issues Arms Race Statement

WILMORE, KENTUCKY—The faculty of Asbury Theological Seminary has issued a position paper opposing the proliferation of nuclear weapons in the current arms race, supporting the "Declaration of Conscience About the Arms Race" statement of Fuller Theological Seminary, and calling upon other Christian bodies to join in an affirmation of that declaration.

The Asbury faculty emphasized that they did not intend to ratify a pacifist agenda, but merely to affirm a Christian commitment to peace. —E.P. News Service

Metro Manila's Street People Present Unique Opportunities

MANILA, PHILIPPINES—Prostitutes, street people, beggars, and exploited children present a real challenge to Christians in large cities throughout Asia. The Salvation Army recently established programs to counsel 1,275 sexually exploited children in metro-Manila.

FWCC QUAKER YOUTH PILGRIMAGE

FWCC Quaker Youth Pilgrimage announces 1987 Pilgrimage to Europe for five weeks in July-August 1987. For information on being a Pilgrim (ages 16-18) or an adult leader, write to:

FWCC Midwest
P.O. Box 1797
Richmond, IN 47375

Eight full-time staff members will attempt to reconcile the children with their families or refer them to other agencies. They will also provide Christian nurture, alternative work opportunities, and education.

The Lighthouse ministry—started by Action International Ministries—was designed to reach prostitutes in Manila's major tourist area. But the team of workers has actually shared the Gospel with street people and children, as well as with prostitutes. Nearly 1,000 people have expressed interest in knowing how to trust Christ as Savior.

M.N.S.

MAF Will Provide Domestic Air Service in Haiti

REDLANDS, CALIFORNIA—In the aftermath of the overthrow of Jean-Claude "Baby Doc" Duvalier, Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) has moved ahead to become one of the few domestic air services in Haiti. This unique opportunity comes with the full cooperation of local aviation authorities in Haiti.

"We will provide subsidized air travel for economic and health programs as well as spiritual ministries for the Haitian church," explained Donna Burns, public relations manager for MAF.

The new MAF program will provide emergency air ambulance service, disaster assistance in cooperation with national and international relief and development agencies, and regularly scheduled service throughout the provinces.

"We will also help with the reopening of airstrips that were closed during the reign of Duvalier, and we will open new airstrips, especially in the areas most poverty-stricken. We have provided international flights in the interest of the Haitian people for more than a year," said Burns.

Burns explained that MAF hopes regular air service to poor rural areas can help prevent massive migration to urban areas. "By bringing benefits such as medical help, commerce and public health needs to rural people, we will enable them to remain in their homeland regions," she said.

—E.P. News Service

The EVANGELICAL FRIEND neither endorses nor necessarily approves subject matter used in The Face of the World, but simply tries to publish material of general interest to Friends.—The Editors

Issue Spoke to Current Condition

The many years I lived in Newberg the EVANGELICAL FRIEND came monthly and very little of it got read. Then in 1975 I married a Baptist and moved to southeastern Washington. Now I read "my church" magazine cover to cover!

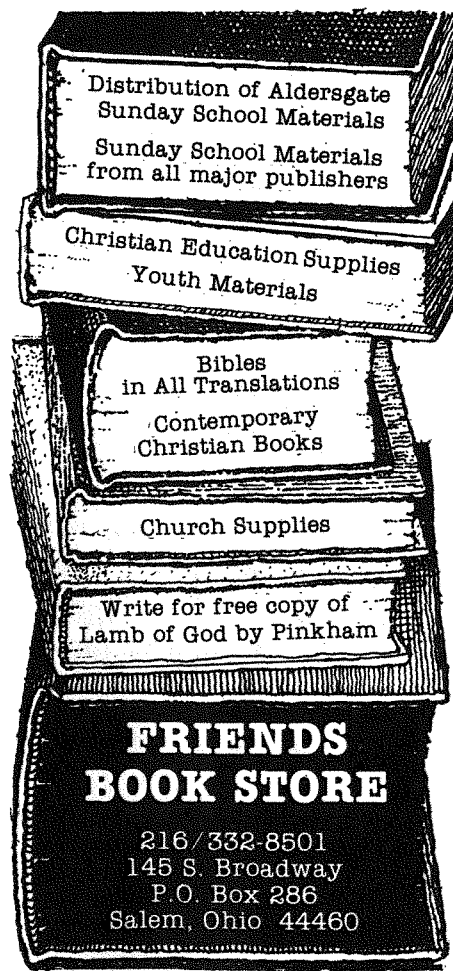
The April issue was very timely for a situation we were experiencing in our church.

Obviously your magazine is designed to minister to the Friends Church and rightly so, but you have been used of the Lord to be of very timely help to several Baptists!

DARLENE MEEKER KROLL
Colfax, Washington

Concerning the Scriptures

The current discussion in Northwest Yearly Meeting concerning the wording of





the statement on Scripture prompts this observation:

Whatever the term "inerrancy" may mean, the practical result of the debate seems to be to downgrade the time-honored statement in 2 Timothy 3:15-17 that Scripture is intended to make wise to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus and to provide guidance in righteous living and good works. If that purpose is downgraded or set aside, the Church will be the poorer. Life is not bound up in the Scriptures *per se*, but only in Jesus of Nazareth, the Son, to whom the Scriptures testify.

MARY K. GEORGE
Newberg, Oregon

'Oil of Joy for Mourning'

Thank you for the sensitive handling of how to deal with hurtful times through the articles in the May issue of *EVANGELICAL FRIEND*. I would like to share the notes I jotted down soon after the death of my beloved husband in April, 1978. I am thankful that God has continued to give me this joy and comfort. This morning the Lord says, "I have given you the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness." He has done just that. How I praise Him! How marvelously He has held me up in every area of life. I think not of my husband as being dead but as being more alive than ever, as being "in heaven where he was born for." I hope others who have lost someone dear to them can claim this assurance.

ETHELYN A. SHATTUCK
Newberg, Oregon

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SECRETARY WANTED FOR WIDER QUAKER FELLOWSHIP

Friends World Committee for Consultation, Section of the Americas, seeks a 3/5 time secretary to its Wider Quaker Fellowship program to begin work in Philadelphia by October 1, 1986. Broad knowledge of Quaker literature and excellent language skills required. Application letter, including complete resume and names and addresses of at least three references, should be sent before September 1, 1986, to:

Executive Secretary, FWCC
1506 Race St.
Philadelphia, PA 19102.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN VACATIONS AND HOLIDAYS

BY NANCY THOMAS

I've learned many things from my British colleagues on the mission field. One is that people from Great Britain don't take vacations like we North Americans do. Instead, they take holidays.

Perhaps this seems like a small semantical distinction, hardly worth mentioning. But after pondering the matter, I find that the difference in vocabulary reveals a very basic difference in attitude.

The root of the word *holiday* is, of course, *holy day*. Centuries back most holidays were religious celebrations. And even today in Latin America, one can't help but notice the overtly religious nature of most holidays, including Christmas, Easter, and the myriad of saints' days.

The root of the word *vacation* is the Latin verb *vacare* meaning "to be empty, to be free," and connoting "to make void, to annul." To most of us a vacation means time to turn aside from the real business of life (work) and take a break. That's certainly not bad, but to me it has a slightly negative feel. It's like the word *diversion* (something we look for on vacations); we divert ourselves for a brief time from our business, work, or school to be temporarily amused. But when the vacation's over, "real life" once again looms up and beckons us home.

Vacations aside, I like to think that rest and play and sport are part of real life, too. The word *holiday* conveys that positive sense of reality to me. A red, green, and blue word, it vibrates undertones of celebration, festival, joy, and, yes, holiness. A holiday is something real to go toward, good in itself and not just a respite from a grim reality colored only by the sweat of the brow.

C. S. Lewis said once that "the serious business of heaven is joy." Maybe our holidays prepare us for heaven.

Our family has decided not to take any more vacations. Instead, like the British, we go on holidays. They really are holy times that bind us together and present new territory to explore, new people to meet, and new experiences that color our lives brighter.

We took a holiday one Christmas to Wycliffe's Bolivian jungle base. While there we slept on a house boat, caught a "man-eating" piranha, ate alligator tail steaks, took three showers a day, and made some very good friends. We spent another holiday exploring the ancient Incan ruins at Machu Pichu, Peru. One summer we traveled by camper all over Bolivia, to areas out of our sphere of mission work. We tromped through museums and old cathedrals, explored a tin mine, bought souvenirs, cooked on a camp stove, and bumped over many kilometers of roads we had never known existed. Each night we all wrote in travel journals and then shared with each other the high points of the day.

Most of our holidays are not quite so exotic, but they have all been holy in one way or another. The pictures and mementos in our scrapbook collection (entitled "the Thomas Family Chronicles") serve as stones of remembrance and further cement us together.

Of course we need more holidays than these big once-a-year events. For every Christian, Sunday should be a holiday, a time of genuine celebration and worship. Our family also seals off Friday afternoon

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

A search for an Executive Director for Friendsview Manor is being conducted. Friendsview Manor was opened in Newberg, Oregon, 25 years ago as a ministry of the Department of Social Concerns of Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends. It currently serves the retirement and health needs of about 225 residents with a staff of 100.

The Executive Director must have an Oregon Nursing Home Administrator license or be able to undertake a six-month training program to obtain the license. In addition to being a committed Christian, the Director is expected to understand the needs of retired persons, have proven ability in management of business accounts, and communicate with and lead a variety of people in and out of this retirement community. Salary is commensurate with experience and the local economy.

Applications will be accepted through August 31, 1986. Inquiries and résumés may be addressed to: Hector J. Munn, Chairman, Board of Directors, Friendsview Manor, Newberg, OR 97132.




and evening as a weekly holiday. We may do nothing more than picnic and play Clue, but it's important to us. Hal and I try to take two-day private holidays (some people might call them retreats) as a couple at least twice a year.

In fact, every day should have some aspect of holiday in it. Perhaps that's what the writer of Hebrews is referring to when he encourages us to enter the Sabbath rest the Lord has prepared for us. Maybe that's what Jesus means when He says, "Abide in me." Is it possible to be at rest even while working, to play and rejoice in our spirits while typing letters, teaching kids, driving through traffic, or washing dishes? Can every day be sanctified, set apart as holy unto the Lord? Yes, I think so, as we rest, as we abide.

I have reason to believe that creation itself was the first great holiday. Genesis records it as a time of "work," but Proverbs 8 shows that the work was mixed with a lot of play. In this beautiful poetic chapter, Wisdom is personified as being alongside the Creator and helping Him with the work. It sounds a lot like John's description of the Word who "was with God in the beginning" and through whom "all things were made." (John 1:2-3) I especially love the *Jerusalem Bible's* translation of Proverbs 8:30-31, where Wisdom (Jesus), after describing Creation, sings, "I was by his side, a master craftsman, delighting him day after day, ever at play in his presence, at play everywhere in his world, delighting to be with the sons of men."

What a holiday that must have been!

May the Lord be with you, too, as you learn to abide in Him and be "ever at play in His presence."

Happy holidays! 

FWCC FIELD STAFF OPENING

Friends World Committee for Consultation, Section of the Americas, seeks 1/2-time Field Staff to serve the Western Region (the Continental Divide to the Pacific Coast) beginning January 1, 1987. Duties include visitation, interpretation, program work, fund raising. Inquiries or applications including resume and names and addresses of three references should be addressed to:

Executive Secretary, FWCC
1506 Race St.
Philadelphia, PA 19102

by October 1, 1986.

A Harmony of the Gospels

Robert L. Thomas and Stanley N. Gundry
Harper & Row, \$14.95

One of the earliest tools devised for study of the Gospels was a "harmony." A tool still highly helpful. Here is a new one using the *New American Standard Bible*, intended for anyone interested in serious study of Jesus' life. Besides the actual harmony, which occupies most of the volume, one finds outlines, maps, sources of Old Testament quotations, various cross-referencing tables, extensive footnotes. In addition the editors discuss 12 topics for special treatment because they are involved in making an accurate harmony. An excellent book for a church library or a study tool for anyone who seriously studies the Gospels.

—Lauren King

Paul and His Converts

F. F. Bruce
InterVarsity Press, 155 pages, \$5.95

Lay people, wanting a study guide for Paul's letters to the churches he planted in Thessalonica, Corinth, and Philippi, will find this book helpful. It is easily read and understood as well as not being so long and detailed that ordinary people will feel hesitant to "take it on."

The author begins with an overall look at Paul and his letters, helping the reader understand Paul's reasonings, and why he writes with authority. From there on, each of the five letters is dealt with individually, but in the same format: the plan of the letter, the outline of it, and then a short exposition.

The concluding chapter enumerates vital points in Paul's letters that are particularly valid for Christians today.

—Betty M. Hockett

Isaiah, Bible Student's Commentary

J. Ridderbos, Translated by John Vriend
Zondervan Publishing House, 580 pages, \$18.00

This commentary, written originally in Dutch, has been translated into English using the NIV wording for scriptural reference. It is scholarly yet readable for any Sunday school teacher, with detail and historical data presented in an interesting style. The section of "Isaiah's Activity in His Own Time" provides a splendid setting for seeing the book and history in its

cultural setting. Well-outlined and condensed for helpful (hurried?) reference makes it a valuable tool.

How many Isaiahs does he find? One. But he admits some problems in authorship. "Finally, we need to note in all this the special working of our God, who, by His guidance and inspiration, has granted us the Book of Isaiah in its present form as a part of Holy Scripture. The result of His gracious providence is that we can recognize this book, in its main divisions, as a well-ordered whole. Above all, it is through this unity that this part of Holy Scripture, though certain problems remain, vindicates itself to our faith by its divine contents as the Word of God."

—Jack L. Willcuts

Bible Readings on Prayer

Ron Klug
Augsburg Publishing House, 111 pages

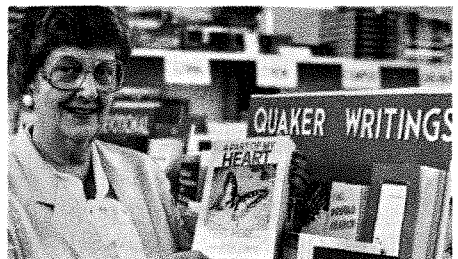
This book is a basic, easy-to-read daily devotional study about prayer. An excellent study book for a new Christian or high school and college-age people or anyone interested. An inexpensive, easy-to-tuck-in-anywhere book that is worth reading.

—Jannelle W. Loewen

Daily Life in the Time of Jesus

Henri Daniel-Rops
Servant Books, 444 pages

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Catholic scholar Daniel-Rops (author of a ten-volume *History of the Church of Christ* and editor-in-chief of a massive encyclopedia) and now reprinted, it must represent the gleanings from the editing of the encyclopedia. Hence one could by ferreting them out come by the same mass of details in reference books, but not the same delightful style. The book has three main divisions: (1) The land and its people, (2) The life of an Israelite from birth to death, (3) The religious culture of Israel. There is hardly a page from which one does not get light on some passage or expression in the Bible. I do not know where to find a better brief account of the Sadducees, Pharisees, and Essenes. This book will be at my hand, and reread. It is impossible to take in and remember from one reading the multitude of pieces of the mosaic of knowledge presented in this book. The author's Roman Catholic background occasionally shows but offers no problem. Anyone who wants to reconstruct in his mind what life was like in Jesus' day should read this book.

—Lauren King

An Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words

Merrill F. Unger and William White, editors
Nelson, 755 pages

This volume combines Nelson's *Expository Dictionary of the Old Testament* with W. E. Vine's *An Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words*, under two able editors. It gives the English word along with the original Hebrew or Greek word with transliteration, the part(s) of speech, and then extensive discussion of the various meanings and uses of the word, plus references to illustrate the usage. When digested, these discussions give anyone, including one without Hebrew or Greek training, about as complete an idea of the shades of meaning and usage for the words of the Bible as possible. In many instances these discussions could furnish the outline and much of the substance for a sermon or talk on many a topic, such as *agape*. For anyone with an interest in a sound knowledge of the words of Scripture, here is the most painless and quickly rewarding means. From *abase* and *abomination* to *youth* and *zealous* the words are there, all fully explained. For anyone interested in a wide and deep understanding of the words of the Bible this will prove an excellent tool.

—Lauren King

The Gospel of John

F. F. Bruce
Eerdmans, 418 pages, \$13.95

This commentary, the latest book by this evangelical British scholar, is a delight. Bruce is a complete scholar who can if necessary use Hebrew and Greek with the best, but here he avoids the technical matters. This is a book for any literate person, lay or pastoral. Moreover, it is warm and devotional. One cannot study John under the guidance of Bruce without finding himself brought to deeper understanding and heightened devotion.

First off, one gains a fine picture of the structure and purpose of the Gospel, the large elements and the small. Second, hard passages are carefully studied, the possible understandings presented, a preference given. Third, there is constant cross-reference to parallel and relevant passages in the other Gospels.

But for me the most helpful and often moving element is Bruce's fine discussion of the great passages in the Gospel: The Word passage, the talk with the Samaritan woman, the raising of Lazarus, the request of the Greeks to see Jesus, the discourses of chapters 14-16, the prayer of chapter 17, the crucifixion.

If I were to own but one commentary on this Gospel, it would be this one.

—Lauren King

The Roots of Sorrow, Reflections on Depression and Hope

Richard Winter
Crossway Books, 309 pages, \$7.95

Dr. Richard Winter is a reputable, well-published English psychologist. In his book he has evaluated the various treatments for depression. He has also

brought out the biblical perspective on depression, using stories of David, Solomon, and others, who were at times depressed. Winter dispels the myth that those who suffer in depression should feel guilty before God because they are not happy or more content. He presents a convincing case of triumph over depression with the help of the ever-loving, caring God.

—Jannelle W. Loewen

The Reluctant Defender

David Claerbaut
Tyndale House Publishers, Inc., 263 pages, \$4.95

Cabrini-Green, a low-income district on Chicago's Near North Side, is the setting for this account of a concerned attorney, Chuck Hogren, and the legal aid clinic that he operates.

"I see the needless crimes," laments Hogren, "and the only way to help the victims is to prevent the violence through ministering and effecting change in the city." One of those ministries is justice." This is the motivation behind the relentless efforts Hogren makes for young and old in his district.

The book contains brief accounts of dozens of his clients and their problems. Some of the situations end happily, many do not. One chapter recounts injustices perpetrated by the police. Another one is heavy with explanations of the judicial system.

Anyone interested in social concerns relating to justice through the law or in alternatives to traditional forms of ministry will find this book stimulating. Others may feel the same thing could have been said in fewer words.

—Betty M. Hockett



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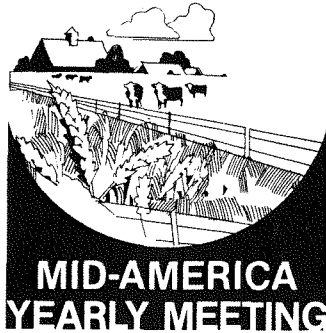
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FRIENDS CONCERNS



MAYM Pastors' Retreat

The beautiful Stonecroft Conference Center in the Ozark Hills near Branson, Missouri, was the scene of this year's Pastors' Retreat. The teaching was led by Verl and Lois Lindley, pastors at Granada Heights Friends Church, LaMirada, California. Sharing the rich fellowship and wonderful prayer times were 125 pastors and spouses, as President John Hinshaw gave leadership.

One part of the refreshing change of pace was the trip to Eureka Springs, Arkansas, to see an evening presentation of the *Passion Play*. There was sight-seeing, tennis, and just simple relaxing, with the Stonecroft staff serving as wonderful hosts. The 1987 retreat will again meet there.

Friends Bible College Notes

Degrees were conferred on 14 seniors at Friends Bible College on Sunday, May 4. Addressing the graduates was guest speaker Dr. Norman Bridges of Wichita, Kansas. Seniors Kevin Mortiner, Wonewoc, Wisconsin, and Todd Follette, Vale, South Dakota, gave the addresses at the baccalaureate services.

In June, Gene Pickard, head of the Missions Department, was graduated from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Illinois, with a Doctor of Missiology. After serving in the Missions Department for the past four years, Gene and his family are returning to Guatemala this fall, where Gene will again teach at Berea Bible Institute in Chiquimula.

Dr. Bruce Hicks, academic dean, announces that all faculty are returning for the 1986-87 school year except Missions professor Gene Pickard. Two new appointments have been made: DeWayne Bryan as dean of students and Jack Holliday as men's basketball coach.

Diana Jacks, employee of FBC Food Services for the past three years, will be moving to Camp Quaker Haven, Arkansas City, Kansas, with her husband, Tony, and two children this summer. Tony will be in charge of maintenance and facili-

ties, and Diana will be food service director.

Elaine Maack, professor emeritus, will be moving to Wichita this summer. Since retiring from teaching at FBC in 1982, Elaine has been assistant to the college librarian.

A challenge grant from the Mabee Foundation of Tulsa, Oklahoma, has been awarded FBC to replace all of the windows in Phillips Hall and Coppock Hall. The college plans to replace all of these windows with double-pane, double-hung aluminum windows.

The Alumni Banquet served 390 people in May. Earl Brightup emceed the program and Bill and Faye Pruitt and daughter entertained with music and ventriloquism. Alumni of the year were Willard and Doris Ferguson.

Glenn Leppert, registrar, has received a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar. The seminar will be held at Indiana University and the topic is "the Social Context of Faith in the German Reformation."

Gary Wright, head of the Pastoral Ministry Department, will be holding weekend revival services in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Michigan during the summer months. Also he will be studying toward a Master's Degree in World Missions and Evangelism at Trinity Divinity School, Deerfield, Illinois.

Friends University News

Formal dedication ceremonies were held April 25 for Friends Village, the new senior adult living complex adjacent to the University.

Friends University conferred 179 baccalaureate and three honorary degrees during commencement exercises Sunday, May 11. Arthur G. Gunther, former president and chief executive officer of Pizza Hut, delivered the commencement address.

Honorary degrees were conferred on Philip Nagley, (Doctor of Humanities), retiring after 39 years as a professor at Friends University; a Doctor of Divinity to Marshall Stanton, president of Kansas Wesleyan University, Salina, Kansas; and a Doctor of Public Service to Arthur G. Gunther.

The Friends University Symphonic Choir, "Singing Quakers," represented Kansas at the 1986 World Exposition in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. They performed Friday, May 23, at the Plaza of Nations. Also, as the finale, entertainment for the World Musical Showcase Celebration was given on Saturday evening, May 24.



Around Northwest Yearly Meeting

A 25th ANNIVERSARY was celebrated July 4 and 5 by the national Friends Church in Peru. The church in Peru planned special programs to commemorate the event. NWYM Mission Department sent an offering to help with expenses of their celebration as well as a certificate commending them on this milestone.

EIGHTY-FIVE PEOPLE from Northwest Yearly Meeting attended Youthquake June 19-24 at Oaxtepec, Mexico. Sandra Wilson and Ken VandenHoek were members of the planning committee for this international event for Friends Youth.

FRIENDS SINGLES met June 21 in Newberg to initiate plans for an organized fellowship. Involvement in the new Friends singles group is expected from Portland, Salem, Newberg, and Southwest Washington areas.

TWO NWYM TEAMS are involved in special ministry this summer. The YCEW team (Youth Consecrated to Evangelize the World) left June 25 for Bolivia and Peru and will be spending most of July there. High school students Carleta Baker, Laurie Brown, Troy Longstroth, Janelle Penna, and David Thomas, along with leaders Dan and Tami Cammack, will return in time to share at Yearly Meeting a report of their experience.

Four George Fox College students, a Summer Ministries Team, are helping with vacation Bible schools in five NWYM churches. Kellie Hanley, Sandy Gidding, Jean Taylor, and David Maurer will also be helping during Yearly Meeting week.

George Fox College News

George Fox College President Edward F. Stevens and two GFC professors participated in a two-week trip to the Middle East, returning to campus June 29. Stevens and history professor Ralph Beebe, chairman of the Division of Social Science, and Richard Engnell, associate professor of communica-

tion arts and chairman of the Division of Communication and Literature, visited Israel, Jordan, and Syria.

The visit was sponsored by the national Christian College Consortium and Mercy Corps International. Twelve from across the nation participated. While in the Mideast, Stevens and the others met with political and religious leaders to discuss the area's problems involving the three major religions and land occupation.

A month-long European study tour started the summer for a group of George Fox College students and their professor/tour leader Mike Williams. The students returned to Oregon July 3 after spending time in England, Scotland, Belgium, France, Austria, Germany, Italy, and Switzerland. To allow opportunity to visit with other travelers and people in the countries visited, the participants stayed in bed-and-breakfast establishments throughout the trip. They received credit in one of two courses.

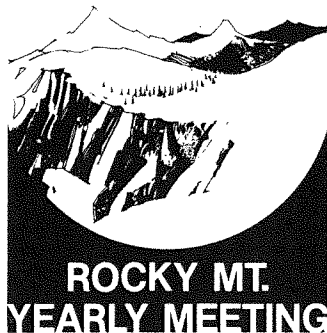
First "scholarly papers" produced by George Fox College's Center for Peace Learning have been presented at a national conference in Denver.

Peace Center Assistant Director Ron Mock presented the papers at the National Conference on Peacemaking and Conflict Resolution. The papers were "The Congregation as Enablers in Conflict Resolution" and "Enablers—Working with All Sides in International Conflict." It is hoped the papers will become parts of a book to be written in the next 18 months on the role of the church as a practical peacemaker.

When George Fox College religion professor Myron Goldsmith cleaned out his office desk in June it brought the end of an era at the college. Goldsmith joined the GFC faculty a quarter century ago, in 1961. He has retired, leaving behind an academic career that included a full-time teaching load and a variety of other activities in research, writing, ministry, and teaching at other institutions.

For nearly half of his tenure Goldsmith was chairman of the college's Division of Religion.

Jeffrey Rickey, already associated with the college as volunteer president of the college's Alumni Association, is George Fox College's new Director of Admissions. Rickey, 31, left a position as manager of Ingram and Associates, Portland, where he was manager for the human services company, responsible for professional staff supervision and marketing. A 1976 GFC graduate, Rickey is a former student body president and since last fall has been the Alumni Association president.



RMYM Briefs

CHINLE, ARIZONA—Vern and Lois Ellis, veteran Rough Rock missionaries, have retired from the mission after more than 30 years of service. Near the end of their final term, on May 25, a special farewell meeting was held for the Ellises. Between 300 and 400 residents and others attended services with a special evangelist and musician, followed by a reception and dinner. The events occurred at the Rough Rock Church at the mission. Missionary Diane Hutson moved back to the Rough Rock mission at the end of May after completing an early phase of Navajo language study in Farmington, New Mexico.

SOUTH FORK, KANSAS—South Fork Friends celebrated its 100th anniversary serving the northwest corner of Kansas.

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO—RMYM Superintendent Jack Rea reported that four Yearly Meeting churches—Grand Junction, Colorado; La Junta, Colorado; Vale, South Dakota; Hay Springs, Nebraska—are looking for pastors.

RMYM Prayer Opportunities

1. "But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His [God's] law he meditates day and night." Psalm 1:2

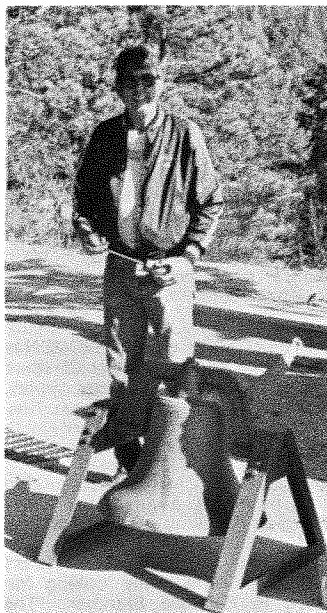
Ask God to place a deep thirst within you for the Scriptures.

2. "But as for Me, I have installed My King upon Zion, My holy mountain." Psalm 2:6 NASB

Is God truly the Lord of your life? Take some time to meditate now on what are the most important priorities within your life. If God is not the highest, why not take time and ask Him to become the King of your heart.

3. Intercede on behalf of your pastor. Pray that Satan would be bound from him and that the Holy Spirit's power would rest mightily upon your pastor. Ask God to use him to bring success to your church, not for the pastor's sake, but for the expansion of God's kingdom.

4. Ask God's blessing upon the RMYM churches in La Junta, Grand Junction, Los Animas, and Hasty (all Colorado); Vale, South Dakota; and Hay Springs, Nebraska.



Quaker Ridge camp manager Harold Mastin stands by the camp's new bell. It replaces the old one that has signaled hundreds of mealtimes over the years.

Jail/Rescue Mission Ministries Reach Pueblo Lost

Editor's note: The following report details two ministries members of the Pueblo Meeting are spearheading.

Pueblo County Jail Ministry
By Sherry Stockham,
Pueblo Friends Church

The Pueblo County Jail ministry began ten years ago. It now consists of lay ministers from the Assembly of God, Baptist, and Friends churches.

Every Sunday morning a group meets in the jail lobby at 8:00 a.m., beginning with a short time of prayer. Afterward, they divide into groups of two or three and hold simultaneous services on floors housing prisoners.

Services consist of an opening prayer, singing, message, and an invitation to accept Christ as Savior or to recommit one's life. There is also time for prayer requests. Inmates are encouraged to share questions, testimonies, Bible teachings, and to pray, as the group

closes by going around the table. Many individuals have given up the bondage of Satan and received Christ.

Members of the Pueblo Meeting participating are Sam and Sherry Stockham and Gene Smith. During the week they visit inmates to share on a more personal level. Other input includes mail correspondence and telephone visits.

Wayside Cross Gospel Rescue Mission

The Wayside Cross mission started in November 1984, founded by Rev. Thomas and Marien Bond, provides shelter for the homeless and seeks to meet spiritual and physical needs. The mission offers no creed but Christ and no law but love.

Sam Stockham serves on the board of directors and his wife, Sherry, is on the Women's Auxiliary. Since August 1985, the Friends Church has been on the preaching schedule for the mandatory chapel services one night a month. Pastor Merle Clowe and others from the church are involved in preaching.

Mission residents have been brought to the Pueblo Church and church members have been involved in overnight housing, serving meals or counseling.

Auxiliary members sort and size clothing and are responsible for arranging fund raisers.

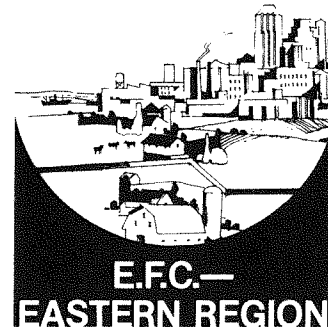
Prayers for these two vital ministries are appreciated.



Thomas Bond, left, executive director of Wayside Cross Gospel Rescue Mission and board member Sam Stockham adjust the bike cable on the prosthesis of a mission resident inside the chapel.



Sam Stockham, Thomas Bond, and Jim Martinez (left to right) barbecue hamburgers for the Wayside Cross Gospel Missions' annual 4th of July meal.



EFC—ER Happenings

ELLEN LOTH, member of Canton First Friends, left in June to begin her teaching duties at Prince Royal College (a secondary school) in Chiang Mai, Thailand. She will work under the sponsorship of Canton's Christ United Presbyterian Church with the assignment of English teaching. Ellen is a lawyer, having graduated from Case Western Reserve University Law School. She has practiced law since 1982, first as a clerk to Judge John Milligan of the 5th District Court of Appeals and then with the firm of Vogelgesang, Howes, Lindamood & Brunn. She has been granted a leave of absence from her firm for the two-year assignment.

DAVID AND CINDY AUFRANCE with their two children—Joshua and Rebecca—will leave for Hong Kong the end of July, returning for missionary service after two years home assignment. After spending the first year in deputation among churches, the Aufrances moved to Mundelein, Illinois, where both David and Cindy completed requirements for course work toward the master's degree at Trinity Seminary. As they return to their work, they request prayers for clear leading in their ministry as they begin another four-year missionary term.

JOHN WILLIAMS, JR., and his wife, Carol, traveled to California in May, where John was guest speaker for the pastors' short course sponsored by California Yearly Meeting.

YEARLY MEETING sessions are scheduled this year for August 9-14, beginning Saturday night with the men's banquet featuring Sam Kamaleson as speaker, Barbara Brantingham at the women's banquet, Promised Land Band at the youth banquet, and "Son Power & Light Company" at the children's pizza party. The singles banquet speaker is to be announced later.

Dr. Sam Kamaleson, Vice President of World Vision, will be guest speaker through Tuesday night. Evening meetings include Jan Ream of New Source Counseling Centers on Wednesday and the recording service on Thursday climaxes the week.

Church News Wanted!

News from RMYM churches or special ministries is wanted! Please send items to:

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The Sunday morning service will be in Osborne Hall, but the afternoon Summer Ministries Concert and the evening services will be at First Church of the Nazarene, two blocks from the Malone campus.

First Friends in Canton will host all business sessions Monday through Thursday at their air-conditioned sanctuary. Another change this year will be two afternoons (Tuesday and Wednesday) devoted to workshops held on the Malone campus.

Another innovation this year is the Youth Program, which will be held at Brunnerdale Center, located on Canton's west side. The teenagers will be joining adults for the evening services; however, youth will be housed and fed at the separate location. Bruce Bell is coordinating plans.

Kimberlee Preston is in charge of the Children's Program on the Malone campus. She plans field trips for the children during the week.

Brian Cowan is coordinator for displays, Dale Hammond is supervisor of the trailer area, and Dr. John

Enyart of Morningside Friends Church will direct the music.

PASTORAL CHANGES in Eastern Region Friends Churches include: Orange Road—Norman Voltz as Asst. Pastor in Evangelism Cardington, a beginning church—Joe Graham

Mt. Pleasant—Adrian Halverstadt Milan—Richard Gessling North Olmsted—Bill Wade, Assoc. Pastor in Church Planting Poland Bethel—Mike Brown, Youth Pastor

South Florida—Joe Kirby, Bi-vocational Church Planter Martinsville—Terry Knight Pleasant View—Lynn Shreve Rock Hill—Scott Woody Richmond-Hanover—Dennis Mote, Church Planter

Churches still to be filled are Sarasota, Marion, Damascus, Longview, and Springfield.

WAN SHEN LE Friends Church was dedicated on Sunday, June 8. Dr. Charles DeVol, longtime missionary

to China and Taiwan, was one of the honored guests for the occasion. He traveled to Taipei, leaving June 3 to stay two weeks. The new facility stands as a monument to the great commitment that Friends in Taiwan have made to carry the Gospel to every part of the country. It is also a tribute to the faith of the people that the building now is a reality. We congratulate Pastor Titus Tung, who has sacrificed much to see this project to completion, and Howard Moore, field superintendent, for this worthy accomplishment.

RETREAT FOR FRIENDS WOMEN is scheduled for September 26-28 at Cedar Lakes Retreat Center, Ripley, West Virginia.

Focus on Malone

COACH BOB STARCHER completed the baseball season with the Pioneers chalking up a 24-20-2 record. Next year the team will celebrate their silver anniversary season. "We're really looking forward to it," said Starcher. "The

baseball tradition has been strong at Malone as evidenced by our 410-264 record, and we see nothing but great things ahead."

TRUSTEE ELECTIONS were held at the May meeting of the Malone Board of Trustees. J. Harry Mosher of Westerville, Ohio, was named as the new president, assisted by James Morgon of St. Clairsville, Ohio, as vice chairman. Barbara Schreiber continues as secretary and James Powell as treasurer.

Named to three-year terms were Donald Mains, Robert Manns, John R. Milligan, and Barbara Schreiber.

CALENDAR

August 27-28 Malone Faculty Retreat
Sept. 2 Registration for Fall Semester
Sept. 3 Classes begin
Sept. 6 Friends Disaster Service Auction
Sept. 26-28 Retreat for Friends Women
Oct. 10-12 Malone Homecoming

FRIENDS GATHER

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

Spiritual Life and Growth

The **FORT COLLINS**, Colorado, (Lowell Weinacht) training group studying the Navigators' 2:7 discipleship program recently completed course four. The group is now meeting with Mark Johnson for three Sunday evening sessions for instruction in "Evangelism as a Lifestyle."

A new care-giving ministry was begun at the **EMPORIA**, Kansas, (Galen Hinshaw) Friends Church and is referred to as "Friendship Ministries." The purpose is to extend care to every household and person in the congregation.

New members welcomed into the fellowship of **TRINITY**, Van Wert, Ohio, (Duane Rice) Friends on April 20 were Karen and Scott Fleming, Awan Jemison, Carol and Harold Keith, Sue Krick, Jean Moody, Connie and Mike Pavel, Jean and Philip Taylor, and Gladys Winover.

WESTSIDE, Kansas City, Kansas, (Dan Frost) has recently instituted three new additions to their ministries: 1. A Post-Hi Fellowship group, which intends to meet weekly to strengthen one another's spiritual commitment. Curt Mauk and Lora Hendricks will serve as coleaders for the group. 2. A Friends Men group has been organized. 3. The second Sunday evening of the month has been set aside for emphasis on spiritual encouragement.

May 13-16 **CANTON**, Ohio, (John Williams, Jr.) held a "Circle of Prayer" week during which the sanctuary was available from 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for members to come and pray. Over 200 were committed to praying at least once during the week at the church.

Home Cell Groups began June 11 at **BOISE**, Idaho, Friends (Harold Antrim) with Bible studies in various neighborhoods of the city.

Missions

DERBY, Kansas, (Bob Sweat) held Mission Emphasis Week May 18-25. Sunday morning service guests were Gary and Connie Young and Gerry Custer, missionaries from Burundi, Africa, also Willard Ferguson, EFM missionary appointee to Rwanda, Africa. Sunday evening they viewed the film *Beyond the Next Mountain*. Wednesday evening an international banquet was held. Various local mission organizations were represented. Sunday, the 25th, the Wichita Area Hispanic Mission group (Hector Martinez, pastor) was in charge of the evening service.

The projected goal of \$1,000 for the hospital and eye clinic in Chhatapur, India, was exceeded at the first annual Missionary Conference at **IMMANUEL**, Eden, North Carolina, (C. T. Mangrum) Friends. Theme of the conference, sponsored by the Dorcas Missionary Society, was "End the Night—Send the Light." Featured speakers who also gave slide presentations were Evelyn Strader, missionary to India,

Owen and Mae Glassburn of Glassburn Missionary Evangelism, Inc., and David and Cindy Aufrance, missionaries to Hong Kong. An international banquet was held on Saturday night. On Sunday evening there was a "Praise the Lord" celebration.

HAVILAND, Kansas, (Paul Romero) has been blessed by the ministry of Harold and Evelyn Harriman, WGM missionaries to South America, also David and Annie Riley, who have been serving under WGM in Haiti. They are now living in their home in Haviland and will be doing deputation for WGM. Cleo and Mary Nesler took over 1,000 pounds of clothing to Kickapoo Friends Indian Mission at McCloud, Oklahoma.

PUTNAM, Carthage, North Carolina, (Thomas Steel) Friends held Missions Weekend May 1-4. Guest speakers were Chaplain Rick Hundley of Jail and Prison Ministries, Chesapeake, Virginia; Captain Randy Heckert, chaplain to the 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and Larry Rayle of John Wesley College, High Point, North Carolina. On Saturday night a film was shown on the life and work of Hudson Taylor, founder of China Inland Mission.

Two couples have recently gone from **NEWBERG**, Oregon, (Ron Woodward) Friends to serve abroad: George and Dorothy Thomas to Rwanda, and Drs. Greg and Ann Skipper to Mexico with the Northwest Medical Team for three weeks ministering to earthquake victims. Roscoe and Tina Knight have just arrived in this country from six months in Israel, where Roscoe served as chaplain at the Garden Tomb. Enroute home they visited EFM mission fields in Rwanda, Taiwan, and the Philippines, in preparation for Roscoe's new assignment

as EFM representative. Before returning home to Newberg they ministered at Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting.

Outreach

Pastor Bill Wade has joined the staff of **NORTH OLMSTED**, Ohio, (Neil Orchard) Friends as associate pastor-church planter. His responsibilities will be to penetrate the North Ridgeville community nearby, reach persons for Christ, train leadership for church planting, and have duties specific to the joined congregations.

Pierce County Police Chaplain Dan Nolte gave a multimedia presentation at the April 27 Sunday evening service at **OLYMPIC VIEW**, Tacoma, Washington, (Ron Rittenhouse) Friends. Chaplain Nolte, former pastor of Olympic View, now ministers full time to people in crisis situations.

A community awareness night, sponsored by **ALLIANCE**, Ohio, (Rick Sams) Friends was held at a local restaurant to inform people of the difference between Pro-Life and Pro-Choice. The film *A Matter of Choice* was shown. Two women gave testimonies, and the president of Right to Life, Stark County, spoke. Sarah Donohoe of Alliance Friends was honored as a volunteer at Alliance City Hospital, having completed 1,175 hours of volunteer work there.

Youth and Christian Education

April 23 **CANTON** presented their musical, *Come on Over to My Own Backyard*, with 54 children participating. Parents and friends enjoyed the musical complete with an indoor forest, kids in a treehouse, rabbits in

a cage, a caterpillar, and "getalongability." The Christian Education Commission hosted their annual "Teacher Appreciation Dinner" with over 80 teachers in attendance.

The **TEXAS AREA CHURCHES** are sponsoring camps for the junior and junior high youth of their churches. Junior Camp is June 30-July 3 at Camp Mohawk, and Junior High camp will be at Trinity Pines.

The Christian Learning Center at **SILVERTON**, Oregon, (Earl H. Tycksen) held its sixth Mayfair Auction on May 3. Over \$14,000 was raised at the auction and the Country Store held May 10.

Dawn Wayt, 11, of **ALLIANCE** Friends became state winner of the Musical Theatre-Junior 1 at Wittenburg University State Junior Festival and Convention for her singing. A surprise graduation party was held for youth pastor Ron Ellyson following an evening service. He graduated this spring from Malone College.

April was Sunday school recognition month at **BETHEL**, Hugoton (Jim Pitts). Each Sunday different classes were recognized, with members participating in the morning worship services.

HAVILAND Youth Ministries have two teams of seven to eight youth traveling to various churches to hold services. The program includes puppets, skit, mime, singing, and testimonies.

SPRINGBANK, Allen, Nebraska, (Roger Green) Friends participated in a community vacation Bible school along with Allen Methodists and Lutherans. It was held in the Allen schoolhouse at the end of May.

NORTHBRIDGE, Wichita, Kansas, (Duane Hansen) kids are selling Kid Saver Buttons and sponsoring an auction to raise money for camp.

Other Special Events

The **NORTHBRIDGE** Women's Volleyball team placed first in the church league. The Coed Team placed second.

CHARITY, Kennesaw, Georgia, (John Ryser) Friends had a special weekend of revival and dedication of their church May 9-11. Superintendent Robert Hess delivered the messages for the revival and the official dedication.

OLYMPIC VIEW Friends Women hosted a Mother-Daughter Tea on May 17. The event drew 81 people, ranging from grandmothers in their 80's to toddlers. Elaine Rittenhouse (wife of pastor Ron Rittenhouse), one of the organizers of the party, attributed the outstanding attendance to a relatively small group of church women who invited relatives and friends, making this truly an outreach event.

The George Fox College singing group "Dayspring" ministered May 2 at **NEBERG** Friends in both morning services. That evening was the first summer barbecue on the lawn.

The singing group from Mid-America Yearly Meeting "Celebrate" were special guests for the morning service at **BAYSHORE**, Texas, (Mahon Macy) on May 18. The following Sunday evening they were at a union service at **BETHEL** Friends, with the congregations from Bethel and **LONE STAR**, Hugoton, Kansas, (Gary Routon) joining together for worship.

The Mary-Martha Society of **WEST PARK**, Cleveland, Ohio, (Chris Jackson) Friends sponsored the Mother-Daughter banquet on May 9. Featured was the music ministry of Diane Herris and daughters, Andrea (9), Krista (7), Michelle (5), and Rebecca (2) from Canton, Ohio. Gail Panico gave a "Toast to Mothers" and Jean Shirkey gave a "Toast to Daughters."

The "Gym Dandy" Sunday School class at **BETHEL**, Hugoton, Kansas, recently hosted a formal banquet for the other adult classes and their guests. Special music and enter-

tainment were provided for the evening. The theme was "May Your Love Grow."

The **ROSE HILL**, Kansas, (Gary Jones) Friends were challenged by the film *Consider It All Joy*, a story of a woman's struggle to reconcile her tragic circumstances with her faith in God.

Helen Klewer was selected as "Mother of the Year" at **TRINITY** Friends, Van Wert.

During District Meeting at **ALUM CREEK**, Marengo, Ohio, (Dane Ruff) Friends Paul W. Unruh, trained family counselor, spoke on "The Marriage Affair" and "Pattern for Parenting."

The musical group "Dayspring" from George Fox College presented an evening concert on Mother's Day, May 18, at **SILVERTON** Friends. The men prepared a breakfast for the ladies of the church on Mother's Day.

The Mother-Daughter Banquet at **SMITHFIELD**, Ohio, (William Waltz) Friends was sponsored by the

Norma Freer Missionary Society. Pastor Robert Aufrance of the Smithfield Methodist Church played his Magic Keyboard as part of the program.

BOISE "Quaker Notes," directed by Gail Smith, were a real hit as they sang at the Church Night Music Week April 27. June 9 began an eight-week bowling league for "bowling friends" at a local bowling lane. Last year this group enjoyed competing on Monday evenings. Sunday evening, June 8, was All Choirs Music Night with groups performing from our congregation.

CANTON Friends celebrated the culmination of their "Start Fresh" Campaign with a "Thanksgiving Feast" at the church Sunday, May 18. Over 650 attended this sit-down, catered meal followed by a "Thanksgiving Celebration" in the sanctuary. It was a time of fellowship and thanksgiving for those who have helped with the "Family Center" project.

FRIENDS RECORD

BIRTHS

ALVARADO—To Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Alvarado, a son, Manuel Christopher, April 1986, Trinity Friends, Van Wert, Ohio.

BALL—To Mike and Cindy Ball, a daughter, Catheryn Danielle, March 24, 1986, Charity Friends, Kennesaw, Georgia.

BENEDICT—To Mark and Jodi Benedict, a daughter, Brittani Jan, March 24, 1986, Virginia.

BRIGGS—To Glenn and Janet Briggs, a daughter, Juliana, April 26, 1986, Tacoma, Washington.

CARPENTER—To Paul and Chris Carpenter, a son, Christopher Allen Eugene, April 19, 1986, Charity Friends, Kennesaw, Georgia.

CLARK—To Rob and Judy Clark, a daughter, Kamryn Jo, April 15, 1986, Haviland, Kansas.

FREDRICKSON—To Pete and Cindi Fredrickson, a boy, Michael David, May 1, 1986, Silvertown, Oregon.

GETTING—To David and Tina Getting, a daughter, Courtney Janelle, May 1, 1986, Pratt, Kansas.

GRAHAM—To Gary and Roberta Graham, a daughter, Kasia Lynn, March 30, 1986, Cherokee, Oklahoma.

HAWTHORNE—To Daryl and Mary Hawthorne, a daughter, Laura Marie, April 19, 1986, Northridge Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

HOPKINS—To Ernie and Rebecca Hopkins, a daughter, Krista Carol, November 14, 1985, Silvertown, Oregon.

JENNICHES—To Franz and Susan Jenniches, a daughter, Vanessa Lorraine, May 8, 1986, Silvertown, Oregon.

JOHNSON—To Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson, a son, John James Victor, May 1986, Trinity Friends, Van Wert, Ohio.

JUDY—To Bill and Cindy Judy, a son, Joseph William, April 9, 1986, Canton, Ohio.

KINSEY—To Larry and Mileta Kinsey, a daughter, Lacy Louise, May 2, 1986, Woodland Park, Colorado.

LaFORCE—To Bert and Sue LaForce, a daughter, Rachel Lee, May 1, 1986, Charity Friends, Kennesaw, Georgia.

LEDGERWOOD—To Jerry and Tammy Ledgerwood, a daughter, Abby Marie, April 24, 1986, Canton, Ohio.

LEWIS—To Brad and Helen Lewis, twins, a son, Jordan Brody, and a daughter, Morgan Elizabeth, March 21, 1986, Canton, Ohio.

LOESCH—To Delmar and Karen Loesch, a son, David Wayne, April 29, 1986, Booker, Texas.

RADCLIFFE—To Bruce and Danette Radcliffe, a son, Ric Littlefield, May 6, 1986, Mt. Prospect, Illinois.

RIES—To Brian and Cindy Ries, a daughter, Brianne Nicole, May 11, 1986, Canton, Ohio.

RISHEL—To Mr. and Mrs. Brad Rishel, a son, Adam Jamal, April 16, 1986, University Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

SHOOP—To Mr. and Mrs. Brian Shoop, a son, Scott Nathan, April 1986, Trinity Friends, Van Wert, Ohio.

THOMPSON—To Bob and Tracy Thompson, a son, Michael Joel, May 14, 1986, Canton, Ohio.

TRENT—To Steve and Shannon Trent, a daughter, Erin Marie, January 22, 1986, Charity Friends, Kennesaw, Georgia.

TOMICH—To Lonny and Karen Tomich, a daughter, Brittany Nicole, May 3, 1986, Boise, Idaho.

WALSH—To Mike and Pam Walsh, a daughter, Leah Marie, April 15, 1986, Canton, Ohio.

WATKINS—To Craig and Denise Watkins, a son, Andrew Craig, May 11, 1986, Medford, Oregon.

WHITE—To Kevin and Pauline White, a daughter, Camilla Marie, May 5, 1986, Haviland, Kansas.

MARRIAGES

CARL-GILLINGHAM. Nancy Carl and Sam Gillingham, Jr., April 18, 1986, Alliance, Ohio.

CLARK-ZADIGIAN. Mandy Clark and George Zadigian, March 22, 1986, Canton, Ohio.

DANIELS-THURMAN. Cheryl Daniels and Greg Thurman, May 3, 1986, Cherokee, Oklahoma.

HOGUE-McALISTER. Kandle Kay Hogue and Jeffery Chris McAlister, June 7, 1986, Boise, Idaho.

PARSONS-THURSTON. Chris Parsons and Dan Thurston, May 1986, Van Wert, Ohio.

RAMSEY-GREGORY. Debbie Ramsey and Larry Gregory, May 17, 1986, Olympic View, Tacoma, Washington.

SAVAGE-SPORLEDER. Cynthia Savage and Robert Sporleder, March 1, 1986, Tacoma, Washington.

WADE-GOOD. Louella Wade and Bill Good, May 1986, Van Wert, Ohio.

WHEELER-ROBERSON. Mary Ann Wheeler and Matthew Roberson, April 28, 1986, Van Wert, Ohio.

DEATHS

BAILEY—Glen Bailey, April 24, 1986, Canton, Ohio.

EDEN—Verna Eden, April 14, 1986, Ramona, Oklahoma.

FRENCH—Arthur Bert French, 78, May 31, 1986, Newberg Friends, Oregon.

MILLER—Pauline Miller, 78, May 5, 1986, Damascus, Ohio.

WOOTEN—Pearlie Wooten, May 8, 1986, Haviland, Kansas.

ZIMMERMAN—Imogene Zimmerman, April 21, 1986, Springdale Friends, Leavenworth, Kansas.

Declaring Our Mission

BY CHARLES MYLANDER
SUPERINTENDENT, CALIFORNIA YEARLY MEETING



IN 1985 the Evangelical Friends Alliance began making plans for a conference in 1987 that would provide leadership training for Friends around the world. Three hundred persons are expected to attend the International Friends Conference on Evangelism November 4-11, 1987, at the Fiesta Hotel in Guatemala City, Guatemala. Half the participants will come from countries other than the United States.

Although there will be large group meetings, the emphasis will be training classes to develop a clearer understanding of Jesus Christ and how to communicate His message to a non-Christian world; to facilitate cross-cultural sharing; to inspire mission efforts in every country represented; to produce a greater sense of identity among Friends and a loyalty to our world mission.

The conference is sponsored by concerned Friends who are interested in evangelism, from whatever branch of Quakerism they may come. The theme for the week will be "Jesus Christ Is Lord."

In 1987 the International Friends Conference on Evangelism will meet in Guatemala City.

One hundred years earlier, Friends produced the historic Richmond Declaration of Faith.

In 1887 Friends stated their beliefs.

In 1987 Friends will declare their mission.

In 1887 the issue was faith.

In 1987 the issue will be evangelism.

In both conferences the real issue is Jesus.

In 1887 Friends came together from the United States and England.

In 1987 they will travel from almost all the continents of the world.

In 1887 the participants were white. In 1987 they will represent the cultures, colors, and languages of yearly meetings worldwide.

At the Guatemala '87 Conference we will learn to expand our vision beyond our own provincial borders.

We will learn to lead new Christians to become Friends who follow Christ with hearts aflame.

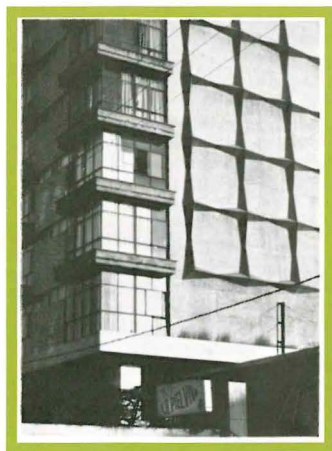
We will learn to multiply churches rather than only now and then adding a single new member.

We will learn to turn mission fields into mission bases that launch new Friends missionaries.

In short, we will learn to fish with nets rather than just hook and line.

I believe our Lord Jesus Christ is making us as Friends into a beautiful church in His sight. And I believe He will use the 1987 International Friends Conference on Evangelism as part of His redemptive process.

I am looking forward to Guatemala '87. Are you?



The Fiesta Hotel, Guatemala City, is the site for the International Friends Conference on Evangelism.

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