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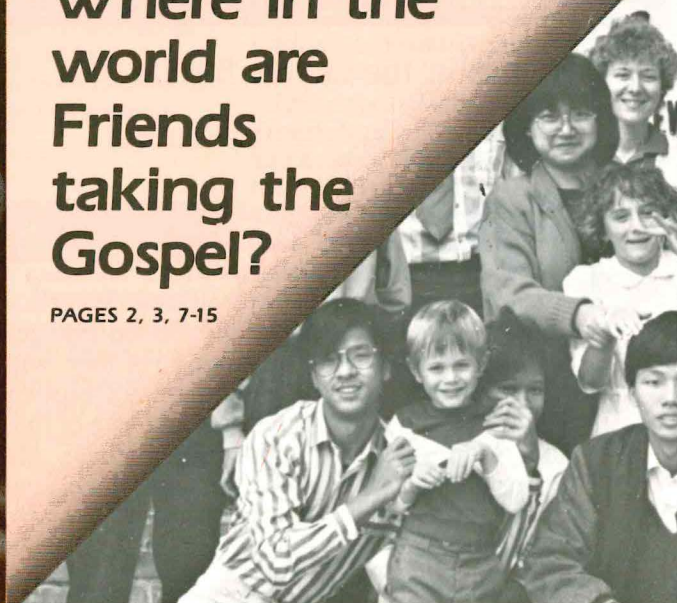
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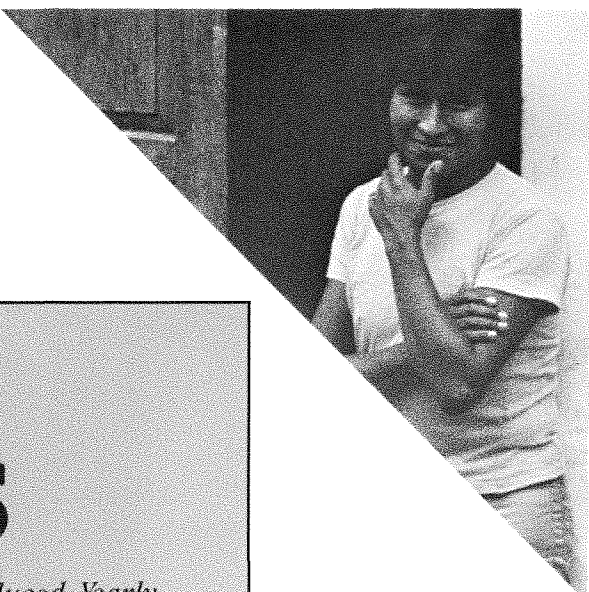
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taking the
Gospel?**

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FRIENDS MISSIONS

The missionary outreach of Friends has produced Yearly Meetings in other countries with membership that outnumbers the parent body. A summary of Friends missions is simultaneously presented in this issue of Evangelical Friend and in Quaker Life. The staff of Evangelical Friends Mission with offices in Arvada, Colorado, and the World Ministries Commission of Friends United Meeting, Richmond, Indiana, have compiled these articles that share the breadth and depth of Friends missions. Writers of articles are identified as follows:

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Bolivia

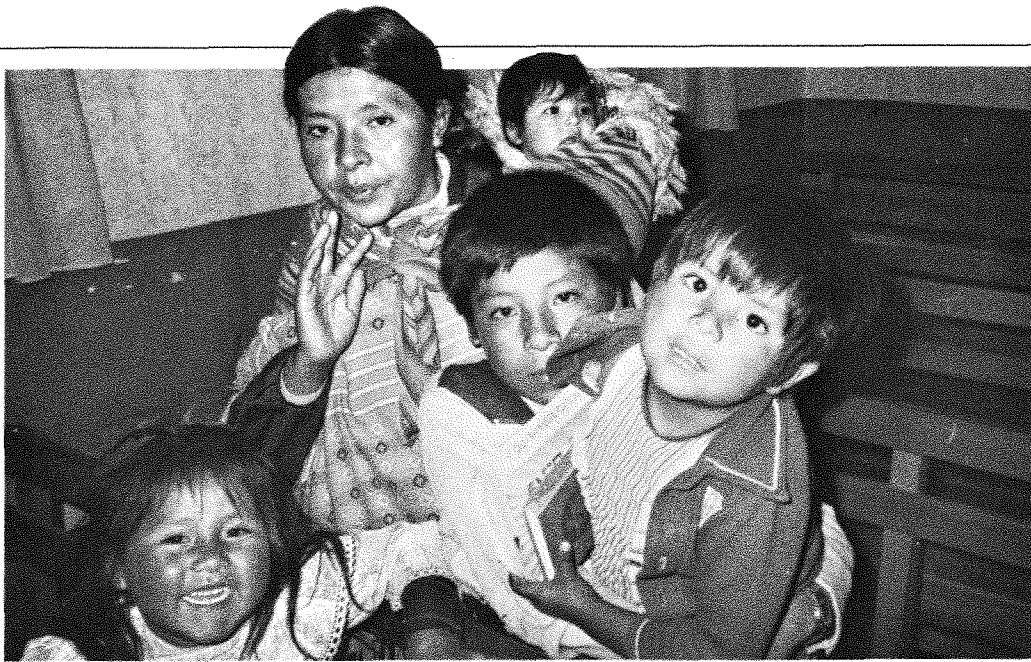
Friends in the City in Bolivia

By NANCY THOMAS

MARTIN's dark eyes flash, all mischief, and if this 11-year-old saint wears a halo, it surely sits askew. Martin became a Christian a year ago when the new Buen Pastor (Good Shepherd) Friends Church in La Paz held a neighborhood evangelistic campaign. The oldest child in a family of four, with a young mother abandoned by her common-law husband, Martin was attracted by the enthusiasm and love of the believers. The free movie shown in the chapel helped. Martin readily responded and accepted the Lord. Later that year at a

youth camp, Martin's fervent prayers and tears for the salvation of his family sparked a revival among the young people, many of whom have grown up in the church. God heard his prayers and now his mother is active in the Buen Pastor church, finding among the believers the ministry and security her family needs. She in turn has become an evangelist in her own right, an example of the seed planted in good earth.

Esteban, a former professional boxer, first heard God's call three years ago in a dream, which took place in a room decorated with pictures of Jesus who reached out His hand to Esteban and asked him to follow. At the time, Esteban refused, but after that night he regretted his decision and sought to find the Lord. A month ago a member of the new Santa Barbara Friends Church in La Paz invited him to attend a worship service. As Esteban walked into the small chapel, he was startled to recognize the room he had seen in his dream. The following Sunday he returned



Martin (center) with his mother, brother, and sisters.

and surrendered his life to the Lord. His fervor for God and joy in discovering that he can now understand the Bible are inspiring to others. For example, within two weeks of his conversion, he memorized Romans 8.

On the night of Esteban's conversion, a young woman from the neighborhood, Ana Maria, felt drawn to the same meeting. A single mother, she came because the Lord had clearly been preparing her heart. Along with Esteban, she knelt before Jesus and acknowledged Him as Lord. After Ana Maria prayed for salvation, we asked her if there was anything else we should pray for. She told us she was deaf in one ear and asked if God could heal her. After prayer, a look of amazement filled her eyes and she exclaimed in tears, "I can hear! I can hear!"

The Bolivian Friends Church has traditionally been a church of rural people, centered among the Aymara-speaking peoples of the high plains and jungle valleys. Even now, of the 170 Friends congregations in Bolivia, only 13 are in the city. But God is moving in La Paz, and Friends are part of the movement. The La Paz district of the Bolivian Friends Church is currently the fastest-growing area of the Yearly

Meeting; in addition to the 13 established churches, 7 new groups are meeting, hoping to become recognized churches in the near future.

Several of these new groups are composed of people who, although of Aymara background, are rapidly becoming part of La Paz's educated middle class. These people have different problems and needs from those of the country people, including intensified marriage conflicts, abandoned wives and children, communist influence in education, and the temptations of city life in general. Cultural change always includes conflict, and La Paz is a city in transition. As the overall composition of La Paz changes, the Church must also change. Thank God that He's giving Friends an open door to minister to these people; pray the church will have courage and wisdom to do what He asks of it.

Bolivian Evangelical University

In 1982, in cooperation with other mission and church groups, Evangelical Friends helped initiate the Bolivian Evangelical University in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. One class has been graduated from this institution, and these graduates are beginning

to make a significant difference in their communities, utilizing their training in English, electronics, music, nursing, theology, and communications. A seventh branch of study, agronomy, opened this year through a sizable grant from USAID.

The growing student body of the university includes several Friends. With the university going forward under new leadership, support is being sought for development of the 60-acre campus. The cost of the first building is estimated at \$200,000. The university provides Friends and other evangelicals a tremendous opportunity to train Latin American young people, providing a bulwark against the forces of evil. Much effort has been expended in the beginning of this institution and a great deal of faith and support is needed for its continuation and development.

—Reta Stuart

Burundi

The Friends Mission in Burundi, established in 1934 by Kansas (Mid-America) Yearly Meeting, was continuously staffed until 1985. At that time, the national government was refusing visa renewals for most mission-

aries and the last of the staff were forced to leave.

By God's providence in timing in 1984, prior to this change in policy, the Friends Church in Burundi was established as an independent yearly meeting. It has continued to operate under its own leadership since then, and God has been blessing the church in wonderful ways in its goals of evangelizing, planting churches, and training pastors. One church, Musama, when asked the reasons for its growth, identified these factors: (a) a burden for the lost, (b) follow-up, (c) love toward others, (d) caring, and (e) prayer. Sounds like Acts 2:42 in the 20th century!

The national government continues to restrict churches, both Protestant and Catholic, by placing limits on church meetings and also on volunteer labor in church construction projects. Fortunately these restrictions have not dampened the spirit of the Friends churches in Burundi, which continue to function effectively.

Since 1984 Burundi Yearly Meeting has established a new church in Zaire, just across Lake Tanganyika, and is seeking legal status from that government for the church. Burundi Yearly Meeting continues to operate Kibimba Hospital, the last hospital in Burundi to remain in the hands of a church. The Yearly Meeting is reestablishing its own TEE program, which will be directed by David Niyonzima, a 1987 graduate of Kenya Highlands Bible College.

Emmanuel Sibomana, Friends legal representative, and another leader attended the Billy Graham Evangelism Conference in Amsterdam in 1986. Friends in Mid-America Yearly Meeting were pleased to have Emmanuel Sibomana also attend their yearly meeting sessions, the first official visit by a person from Burundi in 25 years. Six Friends in Burundi have applied to attend the

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Called to the Cities



BY LON FENDALL

WHATEVER you may have heard about taxi drivers in Manila, it simply is not true that all of them are wild drivers. Some are, however. I recently spent two weeks in Manila, riding all over the city in taxis. I didn't go to Manila just to ride in taxis, of course, but that seemed to be the most practical way to get around.

Actually, any city I've been in has its share of crazy drivers, and taxi drivers seem to be self-selected for a particularly unnerving form of macho behavior, one expression of which is a passionate dislike for being passed. So, when I've been in places like Accra, Jerusalem, Washington, Colombo, Port au Prince, Dublin, New York, and Los Angeles, I've had people tell me that traffic there is impossibly dangerous and no one with

good sense would try to drive in the heart of the city.

Frustrations about heavy traffic and wild driving are normal, and indeed, life in cities can be far from serene. The summer heat and humidity, choking air pollution and extraordinarily aggressive cab drivers in Manila certainly took their toll on me, but nevertheless I love Manila and I also have a deep affection for most of the other cities where I've spent enough time to see past some of the ugliness and unpleasantness. It takes a little time to begin to see the deeper beauty of a city, its people, its unique history, and especially the way God's people are ministering to the needs of others. Most tourists never see these dimensions of cities.

In Luke 19:41 we read that Jesus wept when He looked out over Jerusalem, probably because of the confrontation He expected with the religious and

governmental leaders. His emotions were also undoubtedly stirred by a variety of memories. There had been times of exquisite joy in the city, beginning with His presentation at the Temple as a baby. I suspect Mary repeated Simeon's beautiful message many times after Jesus was old enough to understand.

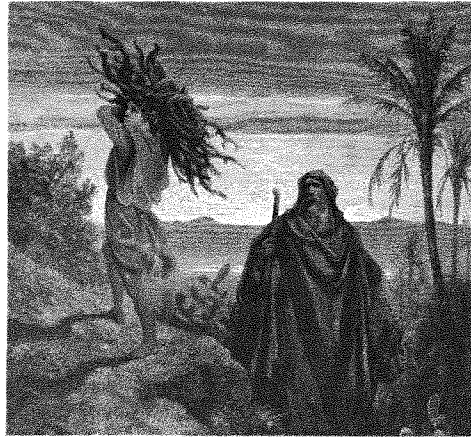
There were other beautiful memories that probably flooded into Jesus' mind as He approached Jerusalem—extraordinary healings of body and soul, the gradual awakening of dull minds as people struggled for the truths hidden in parables, waiting to be unlocked. Apart from these beautiful experiences and the special friends and followers Jesus had in the city, Jerusalem had a physical beauty that is still apparent today. Jesus loved the city, even as He grieved for what would soon occur there.

Christ also looks at our cities today with a mixture of affection and distress. I can picture Him on the edge of Manila, Tokyo, Mexico City, and New Delhi, looking and weeping. On a typical day, one can't see very far in these cities. The smog is too bad. But Christ looks at the people needing His healing touch, like those in the Ermita section of Manila, obsessed with sex, drugs, money, and survival. Without the eyes of Christ we are appalled and repulsed.

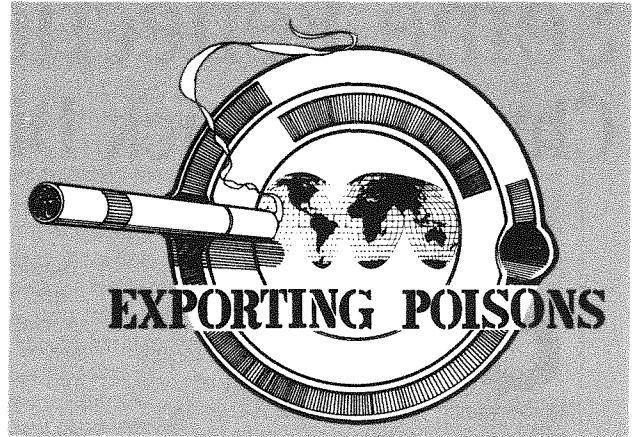
Evangelical Friends in the U.S., with a few notable exceptions, do not live and worship in the cities. We are people of the farms and small towns. I'm one of them. But I wonder if we need to pray for a new call to the cities. Evangelical Friends are beginning to reach people in some of the huge cities in the world, and I hope the conference in Guatemala this November will reinforce the call to reach the people of the city, who soon will be in the majority in the world. **EF**

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COVER: Around the globe the mission program of Friends has brought the light of Christ to people who had been living in darkness.
(Photo by Brad Rickey)



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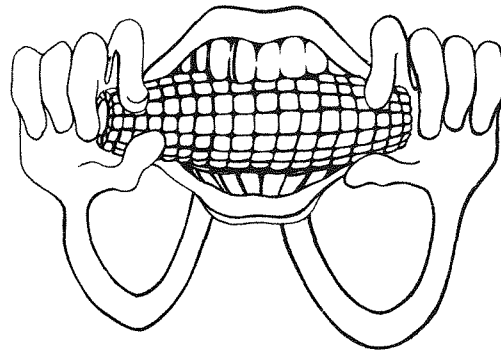
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Some Reflections on Church Potluck Dinners



BY JACK L. WILLCUTS

ONE OF the blessings, or burdens, of Quaker living, dependent upon one's point of view, is the many, many potluck meals one experiences traveling among Friends meetings. In North Carolina they are called "pitch-in dinners," in Indiana they are known as "carry-ins." But, like a rose with any other name, they all have the same delightful tastes and smells.

It is a great and wonderful way of fellowship, for just getting together and for entertaining. It allows some person's special culinary skills to be displayed, or a special dish to be developed again and again, thereby building up some modest, shy cook's reputation to the delight of all. It is a splendid way to handle shared responsibilities for hosting church guests, visiting missionaries, larger or smaller Quaker celebrities, expected and, especially, the unexpected ones. It is a happy way to care for special events like Thanksgiving and anniversaries.

Geographically, these affairs become more elaborate and ample the farther east and south one travels in American Quakerdom. One small Friends meeting on the east coast of North Carolina gathered at 9:30 p.m. on a Saturday for a "pitch-in meal" prepared for one unknown visiting Friend from Oregon, a meal replete with homemade ice cream, fried chicken, ham, several kinds of homemade pies, and all that accompanies these tasty pitched-in items!

One discovers that Friends, while espousing a simple lifestyle, do eat well, demonstrated by the tables loaded (sagging) with delicate dishes (with more being readied or kept warm in the church kitchens to replace the emptying dishes on the tables), and the evident double meaning of "weighty Friends." There is an old Quaker adage: "Never trust a skinny cook."

I've discovered a few things about myself through this Quakerly culinary

complex. For one thing, I have actually found that too many and too frequent exposures in church after church to this savory syndrome reduces one's anticipation considerably. It becomes predictable, a little like a cafeteria lineup. It can even become an emotional obstacle, not unlike the steeplechase in *Pilgrim's Progress* or Dante's climb up the Mountain of Purgatory. In other words, it can become no longer a nutritional opportunity, rather, a devotional test. Often the ladies slip out in the middle of morning worship or an evening service to get things ready, and probably plan and carefully watch the clock quite awhile before slipping out. This may be no less distracting than what goes on in the minds of men while one is speaking, but it somehow indicates the priorities of us all. "Take no thought as to what you will eat . . ." may have no relevance to potluck meals, but the verse comes to mind.

THEN there is the awkward moment when all is ready and it has to be decided who goes first. For a time in life as a pastor and in other leadership roles, I used to argue the point while the food cooled, children grew impatient, and everyone hungrily waited. Eventually, swallowing pride and modesty (before swallowing anything else), I have learned, when asked, to leap to the front and get out of the way. It is safer, provides the very best selection, and pleases those intently watching to see if you choose their dish. A wise thing in this circumstance is to take a little of just about everything . . . and this adds to the problem too. You are bound to get some stuff you really don't like, and it never suits one's disciplined diet. However, if one takes too little, someone always asks, "Is that all you're having?" Suddenly you feel guilty, apologetic, defensive, hostile, or depressed. In spite of every excuse, one still feels like an outsider in a foreign country. Especially after a fumbling attempt at banal assurances that it is a

wonderful meal but . . . there are no totally adequate rejoinders or jokes to fit the situation.

Another thing I have discovered about myself in this traditional part of religious life is that routine, familiarity, and even the most delightful expectedness of a potluck event have some spiritual lessons. Routine and familiarity can become deadening influences in all aspects of church experiences, such as counseling sessions that involve the same old human problems that require the same scriptural solutions. The texts for preaching are the same ones used 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 years ago. Must it all be said again? Committee meetings have a way of carrying the same agendas. Does something have to be new, unexperienced, like a complete new dish or recipe, to be exciting, worthwhile, enjoyable?

So, what many potlucks have taught me is that it isn't the sameness or predictableness that has grown stale, but my shifty, unstable, too-easily-bored soul. Do things have to be first editions and untried models or methods to be good, challenging, inviting, juicy? There is something quite reassuring about a "regular" order of service, singing the old hymns . . . or singing of praise choruses, of a certain person's predictable testimony or prayer, the pastor's struggle over this or that threadbare mannerism, or some kids whispering. It isn't a pleasant thing to admit, even to myself, and I risk my reputation and respect in pouring out my potluck confessions like this. (If this appears at all in print, it will be when I am safely out of the country! . . . and starved for some American, Friends potlucks.)

Pondering this, there echoes in my memory a verse from my personal devotions: "Seeing then that we have been entrusted with this commission, which we owe entirely to God's mercy, we never lose heart" (or our appetites). 2 Corinthians 4:1 NEB **EF**

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International Friends Conference on Evangelism in Guatemala this November. We praise God that passports, usually difficult to obtain, have been granted and are trusting these delegates will indeed be able to attend.

Some Friends in Burundi, not willing to accept today's political realities, continue to request missionaries. However, yearly meeting leaders maintain that missionaries did their job by teaching and



Burundi Friends leaders.

training pastors, teachers, and leaders. They say Burundi Yearly Meeting is past needing missionaries but does need prayers and love from the churches in America.

The Mid-America Yearly Meeting Foreign Missions Board continues to provide some financial support to Burundi Friends and retains a close liaison with them. There is satisfaction in the knowledge that the church, planted by missionary outreach and watered by Mid-America support, is now being nurtured and pruned by the Holy Spirit as He leads it. The legal representative has assured MAYM that, "In spite of the difficulties we face in Burundi, we will not compromise the priority of obeying Christ and working to meet the needs of our people."

—Maurice Roberts/
Gary Fuqua

Caribbean and Central America

Jamaica Yearly Meeting

The island nation of Jamaica has not undergone any major political or social upheavals in recent decades as has her neighbor, Cuba, to the north. And yet Jamaica is a place of both continuing struggle and vital spirit.

With an economy that leaves the masses having less and less but also a people called Quakers who feel they still have a service to give and a message to share, the future has promise.

Fourteen churches and approximately 300 members represent the strength of Friends in Jamaica. However, there are stirrings of spirit that portend something positive for the church. There are only three full-time pastors for the whole Yearly Meeting, but the young people continue to be an encouraging factor, adding life to the local meetings and leadership to the Yearly Meeting as a whole. Friends continue to serve the needs of the larger society through the Lyndale Girls and Swift Purscell Boys homes and the Continuation School, all in the Highgate area. They also contribute to the educational

needs of the island by sponsoring the Happy Grove Secondary School at Seaside. Individual Friends also serve in a number of important professions, flavoring Jamaica's life with their witness and faith.

One of the most encouraging signs for the future growth and health of Friends is a proposed Consultation to be held in 1988, which will bring together persons from across the Yearly Meeting to ponder, pray, discuss, and determine what direction the Friends Church in Jamaica needs to take into the years ahead. The World Ministries Commission continues to support Jamaica Friends through modest amounts of financial resources, as well as through our interest and our encouragement.

Cuba Yearly Meeting

After several years of struggle and difficulty, dating primarily from the 1959 political revolution, a small Cuba Yearly Meeting of Friends is beginning to experience and express new life and new growth. This can be seen in numbers of members, in ministries relating to local needs, and in their gatherings that nurture a larger community of Friends.

After the political revolution, the Friends schools were nationalized, and

immigration reduced the yearly meeting membership from 1,000 to 250. But the numbers are growing again, however, modestly, with committed well-trained pastors giving direction, stability, and strength. A growing number of young people are drawing other youth in off of the streets with their programs and outreach concerns. For everyone, the highlight for all of the Yearly Meeting is the annual Family Camp, where usually well over 200 Friends gather for learning, fellowship, and fun.

In spite of the increasing membership of Cuban Friends, their financial situation remains strained. The majority of the members are children, college students, and the elderly—those who are unable to contribute much financially. The pastors receive salaries below the median income for Cuba. Three of the meetings cannot raise even that much and depend on others to subsidize them.

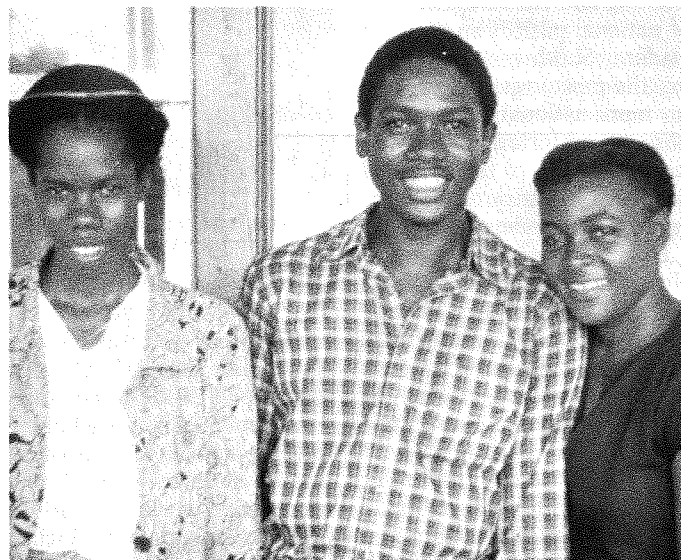
Thus, Friends United Meeting's World Ministries Commission continues to feel a sense of responsibility in helping Cuban Friends help themselves. At the same time we continue to be blessed and inspired by their courageous faith and commitment to Christ.

—Bill Wagoner

Belize

We are meeting the needs of people in the name of Christ and out of that they will see Jesus Christ. "The other churches in Belize aren't very interested in social services, but people know that Friends care about all of their needs," says Sadie Vernon, the Belizean Quaker who is committed to assisting the poor and disadvantaged of her country.

Although Sadie's work includes feeding programs, clothing distribution, counseling, income-generating programs, she states that "a Christ-centered message is going out through education" because of Friends. Friends



Jamaican young Friends.

are greatly involved in the Belize Continuation School. The school was started by Sadie in 1964 for young women who, due either to lack of funds or academic ability, are not able to attend regular high school. The school has grown from an original enrollment of 20 to over 150 students. The potential for growth is overwhelming—at least 225 applications were received for the 50 openings of the new first year! Rosemary Stadler, a Friends United Meeting volunteer from North Carolina Yearly Meeting who



Belizian in typing class at Continuation School in Belize City.

teaches business classes at the Continuation School, has developed a unique ministry with her students.

The Friday morning worship service for the Continuation School students is an important ministry of the school, because over half of the students come from unchurched families. Sadie relates, "Working with the girls at the Continuation School is the way we can tell them about God in their lives and about accepting Christ."

The Belize people know Friends are working among them. With the recent purchase of a van for Friends work, the Prime Minister asked Sadie to make a list of the contributions made by Friends, and there was a long

announcement on the Belizean radio about Friends contributions to education in Belize!

Things are happening. When you don't rush things, God brings it out in a way that wouldn't have happened if we pushed too hard!

—Susan Smith

Central America

The largest mission project of Southwest Yearly Meeting is in Central America, where 18 missionaries serve churches in Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador. There are three Friends Bible schools, one in each country, where pastors and leaders are trained. Construction is underway on a new campus for Berea Bible Institute, largest of the three schools, located in Chiquimula, Guatemala. The major emphases of the Central America work include church planting, Christian education training, theological education, counsel to the national Friends churches, bookstore services, and medical training.

Mexico

Two missionaries serve in Mexicali, Mexico. In recent years the one church has multiplied to four congregations. The major thrust in Mexico is in church planting, theological education, and training and encouragement of national pastors and leaders. Southwest Friends say the most urgent needs are for more national Friends pastors and for a new missionary couple to teach in the School of Ministry and minister in the churches.

For the last nine years, North Carolina Yearly Meeting (FUM) has undergirded missionary efforts in Mexico. At present there is an American couple serving at Monterrey and a national pastor and his wife carry on Friends ministry in Metamoros. There are both home and village meetings for worship throughout the week to serve the neighboring areas.

China

The work of American Friends in China began in 1887 when Ohio Yearly Meeting (now Evangelical Friends Church-Eastern Region) sent its first missionary, Esther Butler, to Nanking. British Friends started work in Szechuan, in the far West, about the same time, while American Friends concentrated their work in east China in the Nanking-Luho area. The term "Ohio Friends" is somewhat misleading since missionaries sent to China under Ohio Yearly Meeting were not only from Ohio, but also from Illinois, Kansas, Maine, Michigan, New York, England, and Scotland.

In addition to establishing churches, Friends carried on educational work from kindergarten through high school, helping to prepare workers for ministry in churches, hospitals, and

cal Seminary. Since the Bible School property was adjacent to the Friends Church, many students attended there, and the Nanking Friends pastor taught in the Bible School. Another cooperative work was a Friends nurses' training school that later became a united project of several missions.

From time to time it has appeared that the forces of evil had succeeded in stamping out the Christian witness in China. From 1950 to 1980 there were no missionaries in China and for part of that time all churches were closed. Very little information found its way through the Bamboo Curtain.

When Western Christians were permitted to visit China again, it was found that the pastor of the Nanking Friends Church and his wife had both died the same day as a result of being tortured, and the pastor of the Luho Friends Church had died in jail. But the church came



Church leaders at Da-chang-zhen, China, where the newly opened church has attendance of 450 people.

schools. Medical work was very important, especially in earlier years, and was largely responsible for establishing ten chapels in the Luho area.

A women's Bible teacher training school was started by Friends and later became a cooperative work with its own facilities, one of which is the present administration building of Nanking Theologi-

through those years with amazing strength. When the tour group led by Roger Wood of EFC-ER visited Nanking in 1985, they found 800 people in church on Sunday morning. Two new churches have recently been opened in Luho County. "And the gates of hell shall not prevail against my church."

—Charles DeVol



Dr. Bob Carter (right) and a volunteer medical student caring for a patient at the Lugulu Friends Hospital, Kenya.

East Africa

Friends have been a part of the exciting story of Christianity in Africa for over three quarters of a century, first as planters of the faith in Kenya in 1902, and now as partners with the growing family of East Africa yearly meetings.

From that first vision on a hill in Western Province of a great people to be gathered, four yearly meetings presently comprise the Friends Church in Kenya, with the possibility of others in due time because of the demands of growth and the geographical size of that beautiful land. From the original East Africa Yearly Meeting at Kaimosi established in 1946 have now come Elgon Religious Society of Friends, East Africa Yearly Meeting (South), and the newest member, Nairobi Yearly Meeting. These, and others that may come, all face tremendous opportunities for continued numerical growth as well as compassionate and creative Christian services to that land.

The World Ministries Commission continues to carry out a partnership relationship with East African Friends that tries to respond to their

needs as requested, working with these yearly meetings to support what they feel called to do. Specifically, Friends United Meeting's World Ministries Commission is supplying some financial resources to help with the Friends Bible Institute and Friends Hospital at Kaimosi, the mission to the Turkana tribes in northern Kenya, and both financial and personnel assistance at the Lugulu Friends Hospital.

Friends Bible Institute

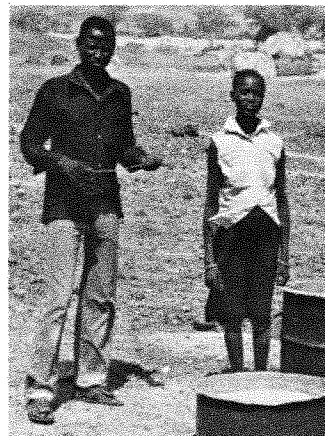
The Bible Institute has been called "the heart of East African Quakerism," and rightly so, for it is the only Quaker institution of this nature established to train East African Friends for effective ministry and leadership in local meetings. Both short courses, running from a few days to several weeks, and a full three-year course are offered as training and equipping opportunities. Courses offered over the three-year period are sociology, philosophy, Old and New Testament, contemporary theology and religions in the world, pastoral counseling, Quakerism, general church history, and typing.

Clearly, the dynamic growth of Friends in East Africa will experience and

express appropriate depth only as adequate training and equipping for ministry is available. The World Ministries Commission is eager to assist Friends in East Africa to improve their quality of leadership among Friends, so that it will both effectively reach out to a great people to be gathered as well as minister helpfully to the hundreds and hundreds of local meetings.

Turkana

One example of Friends in East Africa pushing into new frontiers is the mission among the Turkana people in the north. Begun in 1970 with a technical school and orphanage, this work began to expand greatly in 1980 when Isaiah Bikokwa, a Friends Bible Institute graduate living near Kitale,



Nursery school teacher and the cook in the "kitchen" at Lodwar, Turkana.

responded to a call from God to go as a missionary pastor to these people. Working prayerfully and patiently, Isaiah began by starting schools for children. Interested parents then began to come, so Isaiah started sharing the good news with them and soon had to start membership classes for the many new converts. Today several meetings and schools comprise this growing edge of Quakerism.

With the newest outreach point being at Lodwar, 45 miles south of Kalokol, Isaiah Bikokwa has said that though there are other churches

working in the area along with Friends, such as Africa Inland Mission and Roman Catholics, there are still many places in this expansive desert region where the Turkana people need to be reached with the good news of God's love and ministries of hope and healing. This is certainly one of the cutting edges of Quakerism in East Africa. The World Ministries Commission is eager to assist Friends in Kenya reach out to the unreached, facilitating people like Isaiah and others in their evangelistic and pastoral ministries.

Kaimosi Friends Hospital

The other areas of our World Ministries Commissions financial and personnel involvement are the hospitals at Kaimosi and Lugulu. These institutions represent Friends concern for a wholistic ministry.

The 120-bed hospital at Kaimosi has not had an expatriate doctor for several years as they have attempted to rely on Kenyans. Though this is commendable, it has not been completely successful as it is not always easy to attract even national doctors to the more rural hospitals. In recent months a fire destroyed the administrative and bookkeeping departments, creating even more difficulties for the staff and the Board of Advisors. But while the hospital continues to deal with these challenges, the World Ministries Commission will try to continue to offer modest support, feeling that the hospital is an important part of our Christian Quaker ministry to the many, many people of that part of Kenya.

Lugulu Friends Hospital

The 110-bed Lugulu hospital has evolved in more recent years from a dispensary and today serves approximately 6,000 inpatients, 25,000

outpatients, and delivers 1,200 infants yearly. The hospital reaches out to other communities through two permanent dispensaries and two mobile clinics. The World Ministries Commission has supplied a physician in recent years, first in Dr. Sam Palpant and now in Dr. Robert Carter since 1985. The Carter family will be returning to Lugulu in January of 1988 to begin their second term. The hospital is now under the oversight of Elgon Religious Society of Friends, managed by a board appointed by the yearly meeting. While it is not the only hospital in the general area, it does serve many surrounding communities with a strong spiritual emphasis, endeavoring to give witness to the total nature of our Lord's ministry of healing.

Uganda

Friends are trying to be a positive presence in the still somewhat unsettled country of Uganda. The present government has managed to stay in power since it took over in 1986, though there continues to be some fighting in the north as the former government tries its hand at overthrowing its conquerors. Dale and Karen Dorrell's ministry among Uganda Friends was instrumental in establishing some structure and stability to the small yearly meeting as well as giving valuable training in leadership. At Uganda Yearly Meeting's request, the World Ministries Commission is continuing to look for a missionary person or couple who can work with them in church growth, education, and needed development projects. Uganda is a land in need of lasting peace. We want to help our Uganda Friends maintain a witness for Christ.

Tanzania

Friends in Tanzania have experienced some difficulties in recent years but are now

enjoying peace in their meetings and the promise of better trained leadership. Two of their young men are presently attending the Friends Bible Institute at Kai-mosi, Kenya, to improve their pastoral leadership skills. While they are there, a Kenyan pastor and his family will be giving leadership among the Tanzanian Friends. There are only about 200 Friends in Tanzania located primarily in the northwest corner of the country. There is one quarterly meeting called Man-chira and two monthly meetings, Kisangula and Mugumu. These Friends want to maintain their vital connection with Quakers, and the Friends World Committee office in Nairobi has been instrumental in responding to this interest and helping this small group experience new life. The World Ministries Commission thus channels a modest amount of funds through the Friends World Committee office in Nairobi in support of this work.

—Bill Wagoner

Hong Kong

The ministry of Eastern Region in Hong Kong is through support of a missionary couple (on loan to OMS International mission) who teach at United Christian College, a secondary school, and help with discipling Christians and training church leaders.

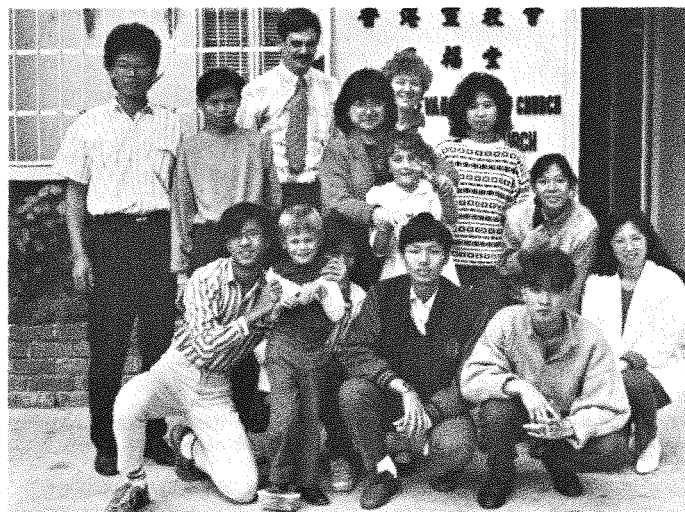
Facing the Future

"Hope for the best, prepare for the worst" is the feeling among many of Hong Kong's people today. In less than ten years, Hong Kong will be governed by the People's Republic of China. No one knows for sure what will happen then, but many people who remember the turmoil of the last 40 years in China are concerned for the future of Hong Kong. In light of this uncertain future, Christian churches and organizations are emphasizing

discipleship and lay training. Friends missionaries Dave and Cindy Aufrance work with the OMS International mission to help prepare believers for the future.

In the church in Hong Kong, Bible classes provide

with their teachers, they see Christ's love in action. By the time they graduate, about two-thirds of these students make a decision to follow Christ. During their years at UCC they are encouraged to attend a church where they



Aufrance family with young Hong Kong Christians.

an avenue for lay training. Christians are not only taught the doctrines of the Christian faith but are also encouraged to find a fellow Christian to be their "spiritual helper." At present, Dave and Cindy are helping a group of young Christians to develop their own methods for discipling other Christians. To complete their course, they must begin discipling another believer. Regardless of what the future holds, it will be very beneficial if all church members become personally involved in obeying Christ's command to make disciples of all nations.

Discipleship and training are also important ministries of United Christian College, a high school of over 1,200 students (grades 7-12). The Aufrances have also been involved at this secondary school. On the average, only 10 percent of the students are Christians when they enter UCC. All faculty members, however, are Christians and have complete freedom to present the claims of Christ to their students. Through chapels, Bible classes, and youth fellowships, the students hear the Gospel, and through personal contact

can be nurtured and trained to live in Hong Kong's fast-paced, materialistic society.

Many lives have been changed since UCC opened in 1974. When a young man named Godfrey first entered UCC, he was a troublemaker. At home his parents were so worried about him they sometimes tied him to the bed to keep him from meeting with friends. After an encounter with the police in tenth grade, Godfrey reexamined his life and allowed God's love to completely change it. He became actively involved in church and was instrumental in leading some friends to Christ. Today he is studying computer science in England and continuing his walk with the Lord.

Although there are many others like Godfrey, there are many more searching for an anchor in the midst of change. We should pray that they will find the One who is the only reliable basis of hope. Our greatest hope is that the Church in Hong Kong will be strengthened and equipped to cope with whatever the future may bring. —Cindy Aufrance

India

In 1896 Eastern Region Friends founded a mission in central India in the Bundelkhand area, which has been very unresponsive to the Gospel. But Bundelkhand Yearly Meeting has a few churches with about 300 believers. At Chhatarpur there are Friends English and Hindi schools, as well as a hospital.

The Work Goes On

Since India's constitution guarantees each citizen the right to profess, practice, and propagate his or her own religion, the recent request of India's president for missionaries to desist from converting, while continuing public service, was puzzling indeed. Although foreign missionaries in India today number fewer than 900, mission work goes on through some 5,000 cross-cultural Indian missionaries. These workers have to make adjustments to different languages, cultures, and climates just as Westerners do.

In Bundelkhand, Vijay Prakash, Evangelical Friends Church-Eastern Region (EFC-ER) representative in India, and Gabriel Massey, Friends general superintendent, and other Indian Christians have taken leadership of the Friends Church work that EFC-ER missionaries left behind. The work of Friends Church evangelists like Ratnakar Rao and pastors like Dayal Chand Singh and Samuel D. Lal is enhanced with the efforts of the Association for Cooperative Rural Assistance and Farmers' Service Assistance founded by Friends church members Vishal and Ruth Mangalwadi. These Friends leaders, the product of the Friends Mission, lead Friends in conducting worship services, Sunday schools, youth programs, and intense evangelism throughout the district from seven centers: Chhatarpur, Nowgong, Harpalpur, Khadari, Bilwar, Ghuara, and Tikamgarh.

As foreign missionaries in Bundelkhand had to leave India, Vijay Prakash encouraged the church to invite Indian missionaries of the Friends Missionary Prayer Band, originating in south India (not related to the Friends Church) to help them. These Indian missionaries now work in cooperation with the Friends Church in Bundelkhand, central India. "We have already given baptism to 118 people and many more are now turning to the Lord," wrote M. Patrick Joshua, FMPB general secretary, to Robert Hess on December 30, 1986. "Bundelkhand Landslide Operation Works" is their project with the goal of 100 worshipping groups, 1,000 baptized persons, and 100 local evangelists trained by 1991.

Union Biblical Seminary, now located in Pune, has



Christian English School students at Chhatarpur, India.

produced some 1,200 Christian leaders, including such Friends leaders as Vijay Prakash, Gabriel Massey, and Ratnakar Rao, for denominations across India. EFC-ER was a founding member of UBS and continues to support it. It also supports the Yavatmal College of Leadership Training opened on the former UBS campus in Yavatmal. Pratap Singh Brown, chairman of the church's Board of Evangelism, is directing some Friends young people to Yavatmal College for training.

The Friends Church continues to provide Hindi

schools. In Chhatarpur under the leadership of Shyam Kumari Lal, daughter of the late Stuti Prakash (Friends pastor for 55 years), some 300 Hindu, Moslem, Sikh, and Christian students are being educated in a Christian atmosphere. Friends also supervise smaller schools in Nowgong, Ghuara, and Harpalpur.

Norma Freer, the only EFC-ER missionary in Bundelkhand since 1974 (and the only one in India since 1980), established an English-medium nursery school in Chhatarpur in 1976, which now has classes through the high school level. This school reaches more than 600 students, maintains a steady Christian witness, and has been signally blessed with growth in numbers, prestige, and academic standing.

The Christian Hospital in Chhatarpur has maintained a steady ministry of healing for 56 years. Dr. Samson Retnaraj, with assistant doctors and staff, continues with the same vision as the missionaries who established the hospital. Dr. Retnaraj recently wrote a high tribute for those who preceded him, especially mentioning Dr. Mategaonker, who followed Dr. Ezra DeVol and served the hospital 26 years.

The CEEFI program, church-related Christian Education under the Evangelical Fellowship of India, was established with heavy financial and personnel contributions (first from EFC-ER and then many other missions) and celebrates its 25th anniversary this year with Sunday school, VBS, and teacher-training materials in 26 languages.

Praise the Lord that the work goes on! —Anna Nixon

Indonesia

Indonesia has been named as Southwest's newest mission field. A mission consultant will be hired on a part-time basis and will translate from

Faith and Practice what is essential to become registered in Indonesia. Long-range plans call for Friends missionaries to serve in this nation of islands.

Mexico

The first cooperative field of Evangelical Friends Alliance was opened in 1967 in Mexico City. This work, centered in the northwest part of the metro area, has expanded in recent years to other parts of the city and beyond. The main emphasis of Evangelical Friends Mission, in cooperation with Iowa Yearly Meeting, in Mexico is in planting churches by home Bible studies and in theological training of church leaders.

New Outreach

An exciting aspect of the work of Evangelical Friends in Mexico City is the beginning of a new national church-planting program in recent months. A substantial amount of funding has been given by Friends in the U.S. to supplement the support of the program by Mexicans who are in charge of planning and leading this effort. The objective is to nurture the present small house church groups into full-fledged churches and to encourage the planting of new congregations. It appears likely that several new centers will be set up in the months ahead. Nationals trained in the Bible Institute at Elektra are providing leadership for this program. In August the Bible Institute, which had been temporarily closed, reopened under national leadership.

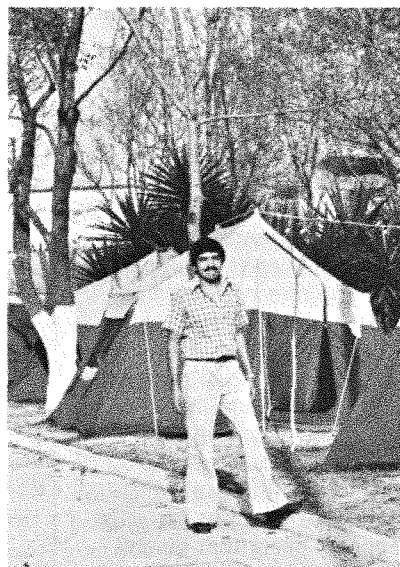
Another new effort is the publishing of a series of evangelistic lessons on videotape. Local Friends leaders and missionaries are working together to produce these lessons, which should become an effective new tool for reaching out with the gospel message.

In recent years other new ministries have been started,

such as Sunday school for the children of destitute people living in shacks along the railroad right-of-way and aid for victims of the 1985 earthquake. Friends individuals serve with a medical team from the U.S. Through such ministry to those in physical need, it has been possible also to offer spiritual help and hope to many people.

While no formal groups have been established outside Mexico City, contact has been made with various persons connected with Friends in other areas. This has occurred in the state of Oaxaca, where the persecution of Christians has been quite severe, and also in the town of Toluca some 50 miles outside Mexico City.

Needs and opportunities are many throughout the



Lalo Martinez, leader of Friends work at La Quebrada, while doing ministry with 1985 earthquake victims.

country, where evangelical Protestants presently make up only about 3.5 percent of the national population. But the needs are particularly great in Mexico City itself, the world's largest urban area. Evangelicals are teaming up to reach a goal of 10,000 evangelical congregations by the end of the century. Evangelical Friends purpose to do their best, by God's help, to contribute toward this impressive goal.

—Reta Stuart

Peru/Bolivia

Northwest Yearly Meeting began mission work in Bolivia in 1931; the work was first centered around La Paz, the capital, among the Aymara Indians, and later spread to various parts of the country and other groups. The Bolivian Friends Church became a yearly meeting in 1974 and by 1987 had about 170 congregations.

Northwest Yearly Meeting's work in Peru began in 1961 and by 1986 had grown to about 50 churches under national leadership.

Fruit for Labor

Every gardener likes to see the fruit of his labor—to taste juicy ripe tomatoes watered so carefully, to peel and slice bright orange carrots, to smell the aroma of freshly picked beans. All hard labor slips into memories of the past when you sit down to a table of your own produce.

Several families here on the Peruvian altiplano (high plains) are now enjoying the fruit of much labor. First, there is the fruit of the technical assistance provided by the Steve Baron family, who gave leadership to the greenhouse project. Now a number of families are able to enjoy the excellent produce from their own greenhouses.

Families, such as the Julian Mamani family in the community of Mulla near Juli, are able to greatly supplement their diet. In a culture and geographical area where vegetables are not commonly available nor their use taught, the diet is usually potato soup year-round. Some vegetables are used sparingly on special occasions, but that is uncommon. Now the Mamanis have a greenhouse that produces cabbage, tomatoes, carrots, beans, beets, and squash. This is remarkable, considering that the Mamanis live at an altitude of over 12,500 feet. Julian made the adobe bricks and purchased plastic and wood supplied by the project. The



Greenhouse project provides produce in Peru.

dependable Peruvian sunshine, even in the winter months, keeps things warm even when it is freezing at night. Julian's greenhouse does not have the convenience of a heater for nights or an automatic sprinkling system. In fact he has to carry water in a bucket from a well a quarter of a mile away.

Other families in a community called Ancomarca, at an elevation of about 15,000 feet, are also enjoying the fruit of this project's labor. In a climate that cannot produce anything, even in the middle of summer rains, these families are able to produce lettuce they otherwise would have to ship in at great cost or probably do without. Now they are able to save money and buy other nutritional foods. From the last rotation of crops, they even had more produce than their families could eat and were able to sell vegetables to friends.

The Lord is blessing the lives of those benefiting from the project. He is also blessing the labors of many people connected with it—people like Constantino Carola, who is trained as a technician to help in the project but also has a vision of planting the seeds of the Gospel. Such people demonstrate the validity of meeting the physical as well as the spiritual needs of the Aymara people. Daytime agriculture classes are followed by evening evangelistic meetings. The greenhouse project is just one of the Lord's methods for reaching people in Peru. Pray for much fruit for the labor here.

—Wayne Chapman

Philippines

Protestant churches in the Philippines have come through a period of political uncertainty intact and stronger in faith. All Christians are thanking the Lord for the governmental changes achieved with almost no suffering and bloodshed. Filipino believers exercised a great deal of prayer, faith, love, and courage during the very critical days of transition in presidential leadership.

The Friends work in the Philippines has steadily progressed since its beginning in 1978, though there have been setbacks and problems that have threatened to defeat the new growing work at times. The little house church located in Pasig, on the east side of Metro Manila, has grown until now there is a modern two-story building with an adjoining two-story duplex for staff housing. There is a growing congregation with many young people attending. Some of these young people have been trained in the Friends Bible Institute that meets in the church facility.

From the main church in Pasig, a number of home Bible studies have been started, one of which is now a growing house church in Sampaloc, at the edge of a large university. The Sampaloc group has recently outgrown its limited space and is now searching for a larger meeting place. This is a vital outreach point as it has a direct ministry to university students, who have the

potential of spreading the Gospel and planting Friends churches in their own provinces. Both the Sam-paloc church, as well as the church at Pasig, have full-time pastors. Jaime Tabingo oversees these churches as well as the program of the Bible Institute and a small congregation started in 1985 at Baguio City, some 150 miles north of Manila.

Another growing center with outlying Bible studies has been started in a different part of Manila known as Marikina. The Marikina work is under the leadership of Oscar and Carmen Camua and has grown well but is limited by the space available in houses. Pastor Camua has started a Discipleship Training Center and is training new church members as well as a good group of young people being led into ministry.

The Philippine Friends churches use evangelistic home Bible studies and "explosion evangelism" methods to reach people. These, plus neighborhood home evangelistic meetings each month, keep many new ones coming to the Lord and joining in the challenge of building His Church. This is a day of opportunity for the Philippines!

—James Morris

Ramallah

The Ramallah community, particularly the Friends, are firm in their belief that the Quaker presence and witness to peace and nonviolence are absolutely essential in the Middle East.

In the Israeli military occupied West Bank, the Friends Girls School and Friends Boys School provide education for nearly 900 students, both Christians and Muslims. Education holds great importance for the Palestinians because it is one of the few things that the occupation cannot take away. Due to the schools' fine reputation, maximum enrollment

is quickly reached, with hundreds of students having to be turned away each year.

Traditional Friends

The traditional Friends approach to education means that the schools work to nurture a sense of belonging to the local and international communities, and to develop



Classroom at Friends Boys School, Ramallah.

responsibility and leadership skills in the students. Friends Schools graduates have attained key positions in their professional fields and are among top Palestinian educators, lawyers, surgeons, doctors, architects, and government officials. But an even greater statement about the ministry of the Ramallah Friends Schools is that many graduates attest that their lives have been greatly influenced by the Quaker peace and nonviolence testimonies. The Ramallah Friends Monthly Meeting, though small, ministers to the youth of the city through an open Sunday school and reaches out to the people in the nearby refugee camps by providing nursery schools and a Mothers' Home Teaching Program.

Conclusion

In a land where the Prince of Peace was born, and where He lived and taught, and finally gave His life that we might know His Peace, the World Ministries Commission of Friends United Meeting continues to support this Christian Quaker witness. At times this seems to be against a lot of odds, but we believe the heaven of God's love is

penetrating the darkness of fear and violence in that land.

—Susan Smith

Rwanda

The newest field of the Evangelical Friends Mission is in the small central African country of Rwanda (pronounced Gwanda). Rwanda is located just south of the equator between the country of Tanzania on the east and Zaire on the west, Uganda to the north and Burundi to the south. Following almost three years of study and surveying bathed in prayer, the first Friends missionary team arrived in Kigali, the capital city, in February 1986.

Starting a new mission work now is very different than when the other nine EFM fields were started. We knew it would be difficult, but we also believed that God wanted us to open new work, so we have been pursuing this new venture with dili-

provided is a team of missionaries with many years of experience in neighboring Burundi; the Free Methodist Church with a good record in Rwanda, which is providing sponsorship until we can receive our own legal status; and capable nationals to help in the opening days of our work. We have found favor in the eyes of local officials and people in an unreached area of Kigali. God is blessing the Sunday services we have begun, for each week new ones are beginning to attend and finding the peace of Christ in their hearts.

The government is cooperating with us in finding sufficient land for building a church/mission headquarters, so the first steps to opening a new mission field are taking place. What does the future hold? We anticipate that, with a continuing open door and the blessing of the Lord of the harvest, we can begin to minister in Jesus' name to the developing community of Kicukiro, where we are work-



Doris Ferguson working in hospital at Kibogora, Rwanda.

gence and much seeking of the Lord's help and direction.

A whole series of miracles have happened to give us evidence that God is at work and leading. There have been points at which the door could have been closed and, it could yet close, but we are trusting the Lord who has guided thus far. Among the special things God has

ing. City plans call for a 200-family housing development right near the area where we have begun services and where the building site we are investigating for purchase is located. We believe that in the future there will be a time of harvest as we work with the Lord Jesus in this new field.

—James Morris

Taiwan

Friends missionaries of Eastern Region began work on Taiwan in 1953. By 1977, the Chinese Friends Church there became a yearly meeting, and in 1986 there were 2,745 members in 30 congregations. Church leaders have goals for growing to greater maturity and unity in various ways, including sending missionaries to other countries.

Church Growth

(In the 1986 sessions of Taiwan Yearly Meeting, a new ten-year plan for growth was adopted. According to this plan, 13 new churches will be established in the next ten years, making a total of 39 congregations by 1996. The following account, submitted by Esther Zinn, tells how a Taiwan Yearly Meeting church planted a daughter congregation, illustrating the commitment of Taiwan Friends to their goal of church growth.)

In July 1987 the 12-year-old Bridgeport Friends Church (in the Taipei area) shared in the first birthday celebration of her "daughter" church, Pancheng.

Surviving the early years as a small church was a struggle for Pastor Luke Cheng and his Bridgeport congregation, but they possessed a God-given unity of purpose and determination to succeed.

Fortifying themselves with the belief that "the Gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation," they set about seeking souls ready to be harvested. They now have a vitally alive, growing congregation with two services on Sunday morning. The varied ministries, both within and without the church, are carried on with the sole purpose of sharing the Gospel. There is an unusual caring for the pastor and his wife; they are not permitted to labor alone. "Our people have the heart to work together. Each person carries a heavy schedule, but much work is accomplished," says Pastor Cheng.

Pastor Luke and Mr. Ho, a seminary student, had a vision to establish a new congregation. With enthusiasm they presented their dream to the Bridgeport overseers, who caught the vision and were soon talking about sending a team of families and a seminary student to begin planting the church. Talk became reality and the team was dedicated and trained for three months. Within the target location for the new congregation, the team found 20,000 people, a vocational school with 40,000 students, a hospital with 1,000 beds, and a cloth mill with over 1,000 employees, but no church.

After a year of praying, planning, and training, the new church, a joint venture of Bridgeport Friends and Taiwan Friends Mission, was

opened in July 1986. Ten new families have been reached, idols have been burned, and small Bible studies have been started in both the hospital and the factory. New Christians are anxious to share what God is doing for them. Under the leadership of Mr. Ho, now a seminary graduate, and the team of families from Bridgeport, the congregation is growing and planning to become self-supporting in three years.

Vision and enthusiasm are contagious. Both "mother" and "daughter" churches are now in the praying and planning stage of a joint venture to plant another new church and the pastor has already been chosen. Under the leadership of God, we believe that another birthday anniversary will be celebrated in a few years—that of a daughter/sister church.

U.S.A.

Associated Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs

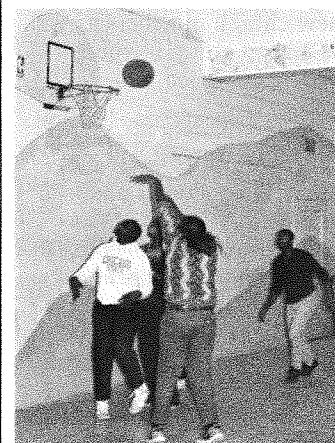
The Associated Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs (founded 1869) involves Friends from over 20 different yearly meetings working together in Native American concerns. There are presently six Indian centers under the care of the Committee that help to meet the physical, educational, and spiritual needs of Native Americans in Oklahoma, Alabama, and Iowa. These six include:

Council House Friends Center in Wyandotte, Oklahoma, with membership in Nebraska Yearly Meeting; Hominy Friends Center in Hominy, Oklahoma, with membership in Nebraska Yearly Meeting; Kickapoo Friends Center in McLoud, Oklahoma, which is an unaffiliated Friends meeting; Wyandotte Friends Center in Wyandotte, Oklahoma, with

membership in Mid-America Yearly Meeting; Choctaw Friends Center in McIntosh, Alabama; and the Tama Project, which is the newest project of the ACFA and is located in Tama, Iowa, and connected to Iowa Yearly Meeting. Interested persons may write for a copy of the newsletter, *Indian Progress*, c/o Editor, 1410 Corregidor St., Greensboro, NC 27406.

Chicago Fellowship of Friends

Chicago Fellowship of Friends is a young and growing monthly meeting concerned about bringing the Good News of Quakerism to the larger Black community. Through outreach ministries,



Residents of the Cabrini-Green area of Chicago play basketball at the Chicago Fellowship of Friends.

the message of Jesus Christ and the meaning of peace are taught to our young people—each week between 150 and 200 youth come to the meetinghouse.

The ministry of the Fellowship of Friends reaches out beyond the walls of the meetinghouse. Involvement in the schools through coaching at the high school, visiting students during their lunch period, and being a member of the neighborhood advisory board of the local grade school all help to create a caring visibility among community residents.

Incarnating the love of God relates in the area of justice as well. The Fellowship becomes involved in the lives



Leaders at Bridgeport Church in Taiwan.

of many young people by serving as an advocate of the Cook County Juvenile Court. Probation officers refer youth to the CFoF programs as an alternative to incarceration. Members of the Fellowship also actively make home visits to the families in the community. Effective ministry is done through these informal settings. Lives are changed through the relationships that are established in these contacts.

We believe the Quaker faith has a lot to offer urban areas. Friends testimonies do relate to the condition of urban lifestyle and can offer viable alternatives to the problems faced in our cities. Our prayer is for Friends to widen their horizons to include urban ministry and establish Friends Meetings in our population centers.

—Steve Pedigo

Inner City in Southern California

Two Southwest missionaries serve in Long Beach and reach into other inner-city areas. They plan camps at Quaker Meadow, operate a halfway house, provide computer job training, and engage in many helpful person-to-person services. The dream is to expand the staff to plant ethnic Friends churches and train future missionaries.

Rough Rock

In 1952 the Navajo Tribal Council gave Friends permission to establish a mission on a two-acre tract of land at Rough Rock, Arizona. This mission, now sponsored by Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting, serves some 2,500 Navajo people in an area of about 1,100 square miles, in the central part of the Navajo Reservation. Several Friends churches have been established.

The work of Rough Rock Friends Mission, located in northeastern Arizona, centers around a body of Navajo

believers at the church on the mission site and at four "camp" churches—Solid Rock, Red Ridge, Baa Nináilyahii, and Oak Ridge. Among activities in which Navajo Christians participate, camp meeting is popular—presumably because it follows the Navajo way of coming together with family for sharing food and fellowship, but with an evangelist rather than the traditional medicine man. Often a sheep is cooked in a pit to feed everyone and a country-style band provides music. Although the mission staff helps, it is mostly a Navajo-sponsored event lasting from two to five days. This summer's camp meeting schedule included Rough Rock in May, Oak Ridge in June, and Baa Nináilyahii and Solid Rock in July.

A well-liked summer event is family Bible school held at Rough Rock in July for five days, beginning with an evening meal served by mission staff and volunteers. This year's volunteers came from Northwest and Rocky Mountain yearly meetings. Family Bible school includes classes, crafts, and group activity for all ages, from primary to adult, with attendance from 125 to 150. This year Faye Pruitt of Northwest (Denver, Colorado) Friends Church taught through ventriloquism and chalk drawings.

Adult Bible schools are conducted throughout the year at church locations, such as one at Oak Ridge in early June, when missionary Fred Jones taught classes in Old Testament survey, and his wife, Sharon, had classes for children. During Bible school at Oak Ridge, Lois Martin, a missionary/linguist from Navajo Gospel Mission, assisted in teaching Navajo reading and writing at both elementary and advanced levels. In recent years the entire Old Testament has become available in written form. From time to time Bible studies for various age levels are led by missionary and Navajo staff members.

During the school year, weekly classes for elementary dorm children are held at Rough Rock, and former Rough Rock pastor Amos Redhair and his wife, Marie, lead weekly Bible classes at the Black Mesa School. After-school clubs are held in Navajo homes by missionary Diane Hutson, who reports, "Many parents have expressed an interest in attending regular adult Bible studies and seemed more friendly and open because of their children's involvement in Bible classes." Missionary Bob Hampton ministers to

bers. In November preparation begins for Christmas services attended by about 500 people, where gifts donated by Friends are distributed and refreshments are served. Missionaries are involved in pastoral ministry such as weddings and funerals; they also perform service ministries as welding vehicles or water tanks.

A number of work groups visit Rough Rock each year. These groups help with projects on the mission and in Navajo homes; such ministry gives youth opportunity to experience another culture



Navajo children at Rough Rock Friends Mission perform Christmas play.

schoolchildren as coach of the wrestling team.

The Timothy Program of Theological Education by Extension has recently been established to help Navajo leaders and laypersons improve their knowledge of the Bible and learn to apply biblical principles to their lives. This is a joint work of Rough Rock Friends Mission and the American Indian field of World Gospel Mission, with three centers. Because of distance between centers, Fred Jones, who directs the Timothy Program and is a licensed pilot and certified mechanic, hopes for a light aircraft to reduce travel time and expenses.

Among other ministries is camp visitation by staff mem-

and get a glimpse of mission service that may impact them in considering missions as a career option. This year a Friends Bible College group stuccoed the Solid Rock Church and a group from Newberg, Oregon, roofed two churches and painted another.

Rough Rock Mission, through its own efforts and in cooperation with other missions, is committed to equip Navajo Christians to minister to others and to integrate new converts into the Church. The mission is also committed to ministering, as much as possible, to physical needs of the Navajo people in the community, schools, churches, and homes.

—Bud Van Meter



Isaac under the Knife

BY REBECCA THOMAS ANKENY

FIND this difficult to write because I admire and love my parents very much. It would trouble me greatly if anything I expressed were interpreted as negative criticism of the way they have lived their lives and served our Lord. In fact, so warm are my feelings for them that my own ambition is to follow their example of obedience to God no matter what the cost, in spite of knowing what that cost can be.

It is frightening to read Jesus' calm announcements in Matthew 19:29, Mark 10:29, and Luke 18:29 that the call of the Gospel might separate families. He promises those who have left house, parents, siblings, spouse, or children for the Gospel's sake a reward both in this life and in the life to come. Jesus' teaching connects with and reinforces a much older scriptural narrative. Abraham left his father's family and later came within

inches of killing his son Isaac, in obedience to God's command. We say that the family is God's institution, but God apparently does not accept it as an excuse for refusing to obey or for delaying obedience. However, I am not interested in pursuing an argument in the abstract about God's attitude toward family ties. I want instead to share what I have learned from being in the position of all those people left behind for the sake of the

Kingdom of God, those in the position of Isaac under the knife.

My parents were each called independently to the mission field. After the hand of God brought them together, they began a lifetime of working to enlarge the Kingdom of God. It was customary on their mission field to send children to boarding school so that both parents could devote themselves to the work. At the time I preferred being with other children to being isolated on a mission station, but at seven years old I hardly understood the cost of leaving home. In spite of my positive attitude and the efforts of dorm parents to provide evenhanded, affectionate care, they were no substitute for my parents when other children shut me out of games, or when I was sick, or when I had a problem with my teacher. There was no one in my corner in the way parents are in their children's corners, at least as far as I knew. In spite of the fact that I remember many happy times at boarding school, I also vividly recall a seven-year-old child weeping for her parents. I still feel compassion for the nine-year-old caught in a personality clash with a teacher, though I can't remember anything else from that fifth-grade year. I have only the evidence of letters home—"See the tears on this letter. Please take me home and teach me"—written more than once that sad year.

I am sure that I was not the only sore-hearted person in my family. I am sure that my parents sorrowed over my sorrows and their own loss. The point is that sometimes the Kingdom calls us to make sacrifices and those sacrifices have repercussions for others who have not personally chosen to be sacrificed. However, I do not see Jesus giving us an easy solution such as, "Come follow me after the kids are grown." I see Him instead saying, "I will make it up to you, and I will be with those you leave."

I don't pretend that missionary kids have a monopoly on being left for the sake of the Kingdom. Chris Nordquist's article in the *EVANGELICAL FRIEND* about Elizabeth Fry (November 1986) told about one of these disciples who sacrificed a normal family life in order to obey God.

Any child who has been scrutinized too closely, has had well-laid plans upset, has been in some way sacrificed as an unhappy necessity so that a parent can obey God, can understand this issue. I would expect, for example, that preachers' kids can remember sorrows of their own that resulted from their parents' occupation.

We need to face our pain as we identify with either the role of Isaac or of Abraham. Let us not allow our past to prevent us from sharing with our parents the joy of serving God. Obedience costs dearly, but it does not have to destroy.

I wonder if it isn't easy for us "Isaacs" to be affected in our own relationships with others and with God by the resentment, anger, and fear of abandonment resulting from our parents' obedience. We refuse to offer ourselves as a living sacrifice because we have already been offered as sacrifices, and we may feel that is enough.

We may distance ourselves from spiritual relationships that might call for similar sacrifices from us. Instead, we protect our children so completely that they feel smothered. In fact, we fear that they too will abandon us. Sometimes we distance ourselves from our parents so that they will not be able to hurt us again. In my case, my wounded feelings combine with the genuine friendship I feel for my parents to make it difficult for me to let them go away from me even now, or to go away

from them. Only recently I realized that God's call might in fact make me one of the leavers rather than always being the one left. I found that oddly reassuring.

What can we Isaacs do, scarred as we are with the memories of being under the knife? I think the first thing is to forgive our parents. It may help to say it outloud: "I forgive my mother and father for putting me after God." What else would we want them to have done? It is not their fault; our argument about how we have been treated is with God, and honestly facing it before Him will do us good. The power of forgiveness to liberate us can hardly be overstated. Even if it seems that our parents at times sacrificed us unnecessarily, we need to forgive that, too. We cannot afford the luxury of judging our fellow servants; the cost to our own relationship with the Master and our parents is too high.

In turn, the parents whose obedience to God cost them some part of their family life can help us by weeping as they remember raising the knife, letting us know that this was not easy for them to do. I have a poignant memory of being accidentally left somewhere, bringing to life my worst fears of abandonment, and seeing my father cry later as he realized my fear and hurt.

We need to face our pain as we identify with either the role of Isaac or of Abraham, showing the other person in this parent-child relationship that it is not easy to sacrifice them for the sake of the Kingdom. Let us weep a little in each others' arms. And then let us give that pain to Him who also knew abandonment and the loss of His family—Jesus Christ. Let us not allow our past to prevent us from sharing with our parents the joy of serving God with all we are and have. Obedience costs dearly, but it does not have to destroy. God calls each of us to just such a costly obedience, and it can be with joy that we follow in our parents' footsteps. ■

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Your Money or Your Life, a New Look at Jesus' View of Wealth and Power

John F. Alexander

Harper & Row, 251 pages, \$14.95

Reading this book, for me, was like being in a boxing match, with one punch after another being delivered straight to the head. Each punch was fair, straight from the Scriptures. What must I do differently with my money or my life? Surely there is a formula. Could this be it?

Alexander disclaims the formula-giving motive when he says, "Striving to lift yourself by your bootstraps is not the spirit in which the book was written," and "We are free, free to serve God and others." Jesus came to be a servant. As His followers, we must be servants. We so often seek a balance between servanthood and self-fulfillment. That seems so right; but Alexander says "too bad Jesus never did." We don't have to be self-fulfilled, for Jesus said, "Whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it." To find our life in Christ, we do not have to lose it literally but just give up on self-fulfillment.

The book has no pat answers, no formulas. There are none. But it is very thought-provoking and may inch you closer to the mind of Christ. I think it did me.

—Philip E. Taylor

Becoming Peacemakers, An Introduction

Diane Stanton-Rich

Brethren Press, Elgin, Illinois, 1987, 133 pages, \$6.95

Diane Stanton-Rich is a person deeply concerned to inspire congregation members toward the discovery of alternatives to the arms race and toward the exploration of visions of a world beyond war. Currently she is the director of a Methodist project in the Baltimore-Washington area: "Going to the Source."

The initial chapters of *Becoming Peacemakers* clearly analyze ways in which many church members become involved in justifying military solutions to a world so desperately in need of peace and justice. In the search for "national security," a litany of arguments for "deterrence" reinforces the drive for

more and more ingenious instruments of mass destruction. Fear, rather than hope, dominates.

But the theme of this book is found in the latter chapters. In the Old Testament, the word *shalom* occurs 300 times. It is the unique role of churches to affirm the potential of nonviolent alternatives and to initiate the steps that can lead to a "peace race." In the final chapter, Diane Stanton-Rich takes the reader on an imaginary "time machine" trip to a community of the future, where each person, by specific uses of talents, is living in the spirit of *shalom*.

—Robert H. Cory

Clive Staples Lewis: A Dramatic Life

William Griffin

Harper & Row, 449 pages, \$24.95

Here is another book about C. S. Lewis, but different. Beginning in 1925 with Lewis becoming a fellow and tutor at Oxford University, Griffin traces his life year by year up to his death. His method is "dramatic"; that is, he selects 20 or so items from a year and puts them together in chronological order to furnish us with a collage of high points. He does thereby attain what seems to be a close view of Lewis without the ordinary interpretation of a biographer; hence a "dramatic" biography.

But the method has its drawbacks. For one, the picture is patchy, a collage. Second, we are subject to Griffin's ideas of which bit to select for reporting. Third, the bits are often so short and lacking in context as to be hard to understand.

Finally, this is the most poorly proof-read book I have met in some time. Misspellings, mispunctuation, wrong words, errors in grammar—like agreement of subject and verb—abound.

Nevertheless, this book gives a lively and interesting picture of Lewis from 1925 on.

—Lauren King

The Curate's Awakening

George MacDonald

Bethany House Publishers, 224 pages, \$5.95

One of the writers who influenced C. S. Lewis was George MacDonald. And this no doubt is one of the influencing books. It is the story—or rather the

beginning of the story, for there are two sequel novels—of what began to happen in the life of a nominal young clergyman who is asked by a clever agnostic whether he "really" believes what he is preaching. Upon close examination of his honest beliefs he concludes that there is much that he does not surely believe, and he sets out to work out his own faith. The story is well told and is interesting, except in some rather heavy theological reasonings. But these are rare.

—Lauren King

Confessions of a Theologian

Carl F. H. Henry

Word, 407 pages

Here is the autobiography of the most prominent of evangelical theologians. It is the story of the development of Henry's concern for a scholarship among evangelicals that can equal and answer that among liberals in the Church and the humanists and others outside. Central to this concern was the founding of *Christianity Today* as a voice of evangelical scholarship, an answer to *Christian Century*. And it must be added, prominent in the latter part of the book is his feeling that the magazine has turned aside from that high scholarly purpose to be a magazine of general appeal to the layman. And now there is no periodical speaking at a scholarly level for evangelicals. If you are interested in the evangelical movement, here is a book to read.

—Lauren King

It Must Hurt a Lot, a Child's Book About Death

Doris Sanford, pictures by Graci Evans
Multnomah Press, 29 pages

This is a book about death that even a preschool child can understand and appreciate. The story revolves around a little boy, Joshua, whose dog is killed when hit by a car. The writer has sensitively and thoughtfully dealt with the realities and feelings that all of us go through when faced with a loss through a death. Sanford ends the story with Joshua being able to help another friend who has experienced the sadness of a grandmother's death. Joshua realizes that he has grown and is a stronger person.

—Jannelle W. Loewen



ROCKY MT. YEARLY MEETING

Sartwell Speaks on Richmond Declaration

Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting has set evangelism and church growth as two priorities. The decision came after a concern presented by First Denver Friends at the 31st annual assembly of the Yearly Meeting June 13-18. Around 191 individuals attended various sessions.

RYM Superintendent Jack C. Rea said a task force formed during the sessions worked to formulate a plan for evangelism and growth.

Richard Sartwell, pastor at Salem (Ohio) Friends, was special keynote speaker. He spoke on the centennial of the Richmond Declaration and what that means for contemporary Quakerdom. He noted that the 1887 document, which came after a two-decade period of revival, was unique because Friends were unusually unified. "Friends were reaching out with the Gospel and others were being saved," Sartwell said.

He called the historic document an inheritance Friends have that can be shared before other Christian churches and the world. Sartwell thought the document's importance to present-day Quakers included its discussion of ministry, the inspiration of Scriptures, our peace testimony, and worship.

Other speakers at the sessions included Tim Fox of Fowler, Kansas, and Superintendent Rea. Fox and his family have been chosen by Evangelical Friends Mission to become

new Friends missionaries in Mexico City. Fox presented his testimony of making a decision to receive Jesus as Savior and then later how God led him to the decision to become a missionary. Rea spoke about how church growth is vital for the Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting.

A proposal by RYM's Missions Board to transfer control of the Rough Rock, Arizona, mission to EFM was proposed. The plan calls for EFM to be responsible for the direct care of the Navajo mission by 1992.

Diane Hutson, missionary to the Rough Rock Mission, spoke at the Women's Banquet. Harold Mastin discussed Quaker Ridge's future, noting the addition of new camps and a master plan for expanding the facility.

The 1988 RYM sessions will be July 10-16 at Quaker Ridge Camp.

Benkelman, Penrose Select Pastors

James Brackett is the new pastor of Benkelman (Nebraska) Friends. He, wife Debbie, and four children ages 7-12 assumed the pastorate vacated by Robert Sanders, who now heads the Woodland Park, Colorado, church. The Bracketts moved to Benkelman from Superior, Nebraska.

Beaver Park Friends have selected Vern and Lois Ellis as new pastors. The Ellises were longtime missionaries at Rough Rock, Arizona, until 1986, when they retired. The Beaver Park Meeting is in Penrose, Colorado, near Canon City.

RYM Prayer Opportunities

1. Take a moment to express thanks to God for His work in your life—salvation, provisions, protection, and teachings about Himself.

2. How close does your relationship with God seem? Why

not take a short time to evaluate what needs to become different in your life?

3. Pray for the ministries of these fellowships: Northwest (Arvada, Colorado) Friends; Fort Collins, Colorado; Benkelman, Nebraska; Grand Junction, Colorado; Wessington Springs, South Dakota; and Albuquerque, New Mexico.



E.F.C.- EASTERN REGION

Crash Victims Include Missionaries' Daughter

Memorial services for Daniel and Karen (Moore) Pursley, who died August 16 in the Northwest Airlines crash in Detroit, were held at Mt. Gilead on August 19 and in Sturgis, Michigan, on the 21st. The Pursleys were returning to their home in Phoenix after spending a week of vacation with family and friends in the Canton area. Dan, 28, was employed in Phoenix at Audio Visual of America, and Karen, 26, was administrative assistant with Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company. They were active members of North Phoenix Baptist Church. Karen, youngest daughter of Howard and Mary Evelyn Moore, missionaries under EFC-ER to Taiwan, grew up in Taipei and then attended Malone College, Baylor University, and graduated from International Beauty College in Arizona.

The Pursley Memorial Fund has been established by the family to be used for mission-

ary work in Taiwan, with contributions sent to the EFC-ER Office, 1201 30th St. NW, Canton, OH 44709.

Annual Auction Benefits FDS

The Friends Disaster Service Auction was held Saturday, September 5, at the Summit County Fairgrounds in Tallmadge, Ohio, with an excellent turnout and enthusiastic bidding on a variety of quilts, crafts, handmade furniture, and miscellaneous items. Coordinating the event was Dean Johnson and a crew of volunteers who worked diligently to collect and display the contributed merchandise. The proceeds are to be used to fund Friends Disaster Service, a Quaker relief organization whose purpose is to minister to victims of sudden disaster.

EFC-ER Happenings

LABOR DAY WEEKEND was the scene for the annual Friends Softball Tournament, held this year at Dogwood Park in Canton, Ohio, and directed by Greg Linville, Recreation Minister at Canton First Friends Church.

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THREE CHURCHES have extended calls, two to pastors and one Christian education director. *David Peters* assumes the pastorate at Boston Heights in Hudson, Ohio, October 1; *Richard Worden* is now pastoring Byhalia; and *Kimberlee Preston* is assisting Damascus Friends part-time in Christian education. Kim resides at Malone College, where she is assistant hall director.

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OPEN HOUSE was observed at Camp Gideon near Mechanics-town, Ohio, on Sunday afternoon, September 6, with many Friends stopping by to see the building that was recently completed at the Camp. Don and

Georgia Kensler, who reside at the Camp, helped to host the event, assisted by the Development Committee. Bruce Burch acted as emcee for the program.

A special guest for the occasion was Mrs. Delia Wilson of Tecumseh, Michigan. Because of her loyal support of the camp, the Committee named the building the Wilson Memorial Building in honor of the late Amos Wilson and his widow, Delia.

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DURING SEPTEMBER several Eastern Region churches observed special events. On September 13 there were celebrations in two churches. Barberton observed their 25th anniversary, and Poland-Bethel had special homecoming services in honor of 65 years in that community. Morningside Friends in Port St Lucie, Florida, began a telethon effort with the goal of beginning a new Friends Church in Port Salerno on November 1. Dan Hanny and Neil Orchard are coordinating this campaign.

Telemarketing

SARASOTA pastor, John Williams, Sr., is engaged in demographic study of the area and hopes to begin a telemarketing project on January 4. Pastor Williams invites Friends from far and near to volunteer as helpers in the campaign. Need a break from cold, northern winters? Try sunny Sarasota, Florida, for a real change and help Sarasota Friends at the same time! Address the pastor at 117 Pierson Lane, Sarasota, FL 34242. A corps of 60 is needed for the telephoning project.

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OCTOBER 15-16 are the dates for the seminar on HOW TO

PLANT A CHURCH, sponsored by Hanover Friends Church. Church planters, pastors, lay leaders are all invited to learn how telemarketing can be used to extend God's Kingdom in your area. For more information contact Dennis Mote, P.O. Box 183, Mechanicsville, VA 23111.



MID-AMERICA
YEARLY MEETING

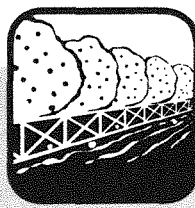
Missions, Interns, and Celebration

Bob and Cheri Hampton and Justin, missionaries from Rough Rock in Arizona, visited several churches in our Yearly Meeting.

Charles and Chelle Leininger from Haviland have accepted a two-year missionary internship in Guatemala beginning in September. The first year will be spent in Guatemala City in language study and church-planting activities. The second year they will transfer to Chiquimula, Guatemala (Southwest Y.M.), and help in the Bible School and other activities.

The Friends Men Organization has made a call for funds to underwrite the Mid-America Yearly Meeting pastoral intern program. This program enables young people to have on-the-job training in pastoral work, and the churches are strengthened through their ministry.

Northshore Friends Church in Houston, Texas, held a double celebration the last of May. On the 24th was a mortgage burning and on the following Sunday was the 50th Anniversary Celebration.



NORTHWEST
YEARLY MEETING

Church Plant

The Northwest Yearly Meeting Board of Evangelism has released Kevin and Denise Gilbert to plant a church in Bend, Oregon. They will be using the Technigrowth concept, inviting the community to worship on December 6. In late October many people within the Yearly Meeting will be making 100 phone calls each from their homes, with a total of 25,000 to 30,000 dial-ups being made.

Pastoral Additions

Mark Burton joined the pastoral staff of Clackamas Park (Milwaukie, Oregon) on September 1. Mark and Patsie moved from Medford.

Hayden Lake Friends (Idaho) has added two part-time Area

Pastors to help shepherd this growing congregation. They are Jess Whetsel and Dan Austin. The church family has been divided into geographical units, with the Area Pastor visiting, leading Bible studies, and caring for those families in his area. As the church grows, the plan is for these to become full-time positions.

Missions Update

A much-needed Toyota Land-cruiser recently arrived in Lima, Peru. This mission vehicle will continue to enable missionaries to travel the steep and rocky roads of the Peruvian altiplano.

Dan and Tami Cammack (missionaries under appointment to Bolivia) and Ken and Tonya Comfort (missionaries under appointment to Peru) are adjusting well to language school in Costa Rica. They practice by conversing with people on the streets!

Focus Report

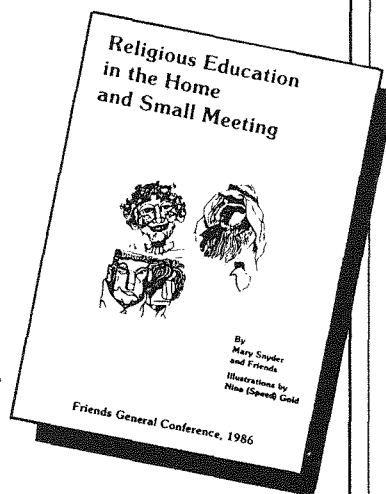
Focus, our fall pastors' inservice conference was attended by

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Gary Fawver



Fawver to Be CCI President

Gary Fawver, director of George Fox College's Tilikum Retreat Center, is to become the next president of Christian Camping International—USA. The organization, headquartered in Wheaton, Illinois, has nearly 900 member camps and 5,000 members nationwide.

Fawver, Tilikum director since 1974, will take an eight-month leave from the position beginning January and will spend three months traveling across the country to visit CCI camps.

Now president-elect, Fawver will be formally installed in November in Nashville, Tennessee, serving a two-year term.

He will head an eight-member board that meets twice a year in various cities. The organization has eight international groups and five regional districts in the United States. Fawver, 49, previously has served as Western Region director. He has been a member of Christian Camping International for 22 years.

Concerns on Aging

Health care, housing, honor, education, and euthanasia of the aging are discussed by George Fox College sociology professor Michael Allen in a newly published book. He is the author of "Gray on Gray: Quaker Concerns on Aging in the United States," one chapter of a 20-chapter book, *Friends Face the World*.

Allen, a George Fox faculty member since 1976, calls the aging of the United States population "one of the most dramatic and dynamic changes in the twentieth century."

Allen, who has a master's degree in sociology-anthropology, is a member of the National Council on Aging and the Gerontology Society of America.

The new book, edited by Leonard Kenworthy, is published cooperatively by the Friends General Conference, Friends United Press, and Quaker Publications.

Record Enrollment

Dr. Richard Felix, president of Friends University, Wichita, Kansas, has announced a 1987-88 enrollment of 1,150, the highest enrollment in the history of the university. The figure is nearly 6 percent higher than last year's enrollment of 1,094.

Felix credits the increase to Friends University's aggressive and entrepreneurial stance toward its future.

"Since 1979, the 3,100 colleges and universities in America have been greatly affected by a decline of more than 30 percent in fewer college-age students," says Felix. "While Friends [University] has also encountered declining student populations and changing governmental policies, we have emphasized our strengths and cut weaknesses. Friends University is determined to prosper and

grow stronger in this time of adversity in higher education, and our record enrollment proves we are on the right track."

Felix says enrollment for the near future at Friends will first be fueled by traditional liberal arts undergraduate programs, supported by newly funded endowed scholarships. Second, he adds that Friends' commitment to lifelong learning will emphasize appropriate adult programs for Wichita, such as the Human Resources Management (HRM) degree completion program. And third, the university will offer quality professional master's programs for the 30- to 55-year-old student.

A New Look

This year the Friends Bible College Admissions Department has changed their Open Look weekend for prospective students visiting the campus to *Take a New Look*, which allows the prospective student to choose between several different weekends of campus activities.

Pianist Performs and Publishes

In February, Friends Bible College, Haviland, Kansas, music professor Marilyn Ham will perform for the Lilenas Church Music Conference in Kansas

OUR FRIENDS COLLEGES

Malone's Fall Classes Include New Nursing Program

Malone College has added a four-year nursing major to its academic programs. The first course of the newly approved Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program will be offered to both freshman and sophomore students during the fall semester. The first sophomore clinical nursing course will begin in January.

Final approval to offer the professional degree in nursing was received on August 24 from the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges. The program was approved in February by the Ohio Board of Nursing Education and Nursing Registration and in July by the Ohio Board of Regents. Thirty students have already enrolled for classes and active recruitment is underway.

Capping more than three years of planning by faculty and alumni, the B.S.N. major focuses on caring for the student as the student learns to care for the "person-with-needs."

The newly formed department of nursing education is chaired by Dr. Jean Jackson-George.

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City, Missouri, and will be involved as a clinician in a seminar on skills for the church pianist. The Lillenas Publishing Company has tentatively agreed to the publication of her third book to be released in June 1988. It will be a collection of advanced piano arrangements for Christmas, Easter, and Thanksgiving.

During fall break Marilyn presented concerts at churches and colleges in Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio.

**OUR
WORLDWIDE
CHURCH
FAMILY**

**Christian Book Ministry
Prosperes in East Berlin**

East Berlin, Germany—A Christian publishing and bookstore ministry that began in 1946 continues to prosper in this capital city of East Germany. "About 300 customers per day come into the store," says store manager Wilfried Weist.

The large sign, "Evangelische Buchhandlung," which extends across the full width of the store front, evidently does a good job of attracting customers. There are few moments during the day when the store is empty. People come to browse among some of the 8,000 titles, which are crowded in shelves and on tables. The titles include some 1,000 Christian books, in addition to a full line of novels, art books, lexicons, music books, and other up-to-date literature. "Many people buy their first Bible here," says Wilfried.

But the sale of books is only one aspect of the ministry. "We also produce evangelistic pamphlets," says Codirector

Gunter Lorenz. Each year some 10,000 copies of new hymns and music for church choirs are also published. Another aspect of this bookstore ministry is the preparation of Sunday school literature for adults and training literature for workers with children.

The bookstore's activities are fully legal and operate within East German laws. It also sponsors 250 book tables in various East German churches.

—*Missionary News Service*

**Christians Who Die
for Their Faith Number
Higher than Ever Before**

London, England—David Barrett, religious statistician and publisher of the World Christian Encyclopedia, reported that in the 20th century Christian martyrdom has reached a higher level than ever before in church history. Each year an average of about 330,000 Christians lose their lives because of their faith, he said, citing his own research, interviews, and about 1,000 missions periodicals as the sources for his figures.

Generally speaking, persecution of Christians is most intense under totalitarian-ruled nations, but Christians also suffer under "young democracies" such as Latin American or African countries, for example. Barrett reported that about one in every 200 pastors, evangelists, or missionaries was killed during his or her ministry. Around 95 percent of these deaths are never made public, he said.

Barrett's findings are part of a long-term study beginning with the early church.

—*E.P. News Service*

**Public Confidence Grows
for Organized Religion**

Princeton, New Jersey—Public confidence in organized religion has rebounded, despite the PTL

scandal, but the church has still not recaptured the primacy it enjoyed for years as the most trusted institution in the U.S.

According to Gallup polls, 61 percent of those polled in 1987 said they had "a great deal" or "a lot" of confidence in the church or organized religion, up from 57 percent in 1986. The church tied with the military in this year's poll; the military had a 63 percent confidence rating last year. In 1979 and in 1983 the church was the most trusted institution in the nation.

Following the church and military in this year's poll were the U.S. Supreme Court (52 percent), banks (50 percent), public schools (50 percent), newspapers (31 percent), television (28 percent), and organized labor (26 percent).

—*E.P. News Service*

**'Rambo' Persuades
Costa Mesa to Reject Soviet
'Sister City'**

Costa Mesa, California—Costa Mesa's city council decided in late July not to establish a sister city relationship with the Soviet Union, surprising nearly everyone who had been close to the issue. Opposition to the sister city plan was led by

David Balsiger, publisher of the Biblical News Service, which produces election guides with a conservative Christian emphasis.

Members of Balsiger's RAMBO Coalition (Restore A More Benevolent Order) picketed during a city council meeting on the sister city plan, carrying signs criticizing the Soviet Union for human rights abuses and opposing any relationships with the U.S.S.R.

The council voted unanimously to pursue a sister city relationship, but also voted 3-0 to consider only cities that were not part of the Soviet bloc.

The Rev. Gary Barmore, pastor of the nearby Fairview Community Church, preached the following Sunday on religious fanaticism "and also on the Christian tradition of reaching out to one's enemies with concern and understanding" after reading of the controversy. "I was upset by the decision of the council and particularly by the persuasion by the reactionary group of religious people who were there," he said. "If we should err, we must err on the side of communication and interaction and love."

—*E.P. News Service*



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OUR FRIENDS IN LOCAL CHURCHES

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

Youth and Christian Education

At **SEILING**, Oklahoma (David Brown), the John Sanders family has had a German boy live with them for the past year. Boris Becker became very much a part of the Seiling church family. He graduated from high school this spring. A farewell ice cream social was held in his honor.

Kids' Crusade featuring "Prince Puppets" was held August 9-14 at **TRINITY** Friends, Van Wert, Ohio (Duane Rice).

Vacation Bible School was in session at **MEDFORD** Friends, Oregon (Paul Meier), August 24-28, with 120 registered. A total of 38 of our young people attended Twin Rocks camps during the summer.

Camp Union services were held July 30-August 6 in the **BYHALIA**, West Mansfield, Ohio (Richard Worden), community. The 40 youth attending the camp were directed by John and Connie Lockwood of Xenia, Ohio.

The **NORTHRIDGE**, Wichita, Kansas (Kevin Mortimer), youth held their summer retreat at Camp Hyde. The weekend dealt with priority in setting values in daily living.

The youth of **ALUM CREEK**, Marengo, Ohio, Friends (Dane Ruff) raised \$70 by making and selling pizzas.

LA JUNTA, Colorado, Friends (Lyle Whiteman) had an evening picnic in August to conclude the weekly Good News Club the church sponsored for grade school age children in

the summer. Half of the attendance was children who do not regularly attend the church or Sunday school.

Pastor Glenn K. Armstrong reports the largest turnout for vacation Bible school in many years at the **BAYSHORE**, Texas, Friends Church. Over 125 children registered, and 107 T-shirts were given for perfect attendance.

FRIENDSWOOD, Texas (Joe Roher), is extending its Sunday school program to include a class for mentally handicapped of all ages. "Special Friends" is the name of the class.

FORT COLLINS, Colorado (Lowell Weinacht), high school graduate Matthew Habenicht was presented with a "going away to college" gift from the church in the August 16 service. A portion of the Fort Collins Friends backyard has been fenced in and equipped with children's play equipment.

The **SPRINGBANK**, Allen, Nebraska (Roger Green), youth group meets twice monthly on Wednesday nights. The pastor meets with them once a month, and the other session is led by Crystal Green.

A new approach to adult Sunday school will start this fall at **STAR**, Idaho, Friends (Don Brown). Three elective classes will be offered to all adults. Teachers will be Connie Kerby, Donna Gabica, and David Smitherman.

Three **BETHANY**, Wadsworth, Ohio (Walter Morton), youth participated in Yearly Meeting this year in Canton, Ohio. Rick Eichelberger worked with the children, and Linelle Neff and Michelle Sarcona took part in the Youth Concert.

VBS at **BATTLE CREEK**, Michigan, Friends (John Grafton) was held July 20-28. The theme of "A Heart to Change the World"

focused on Friends missions around the world. The week concluded with a musical.

VBS was the last week of August at **CHERRY GROVE**, Battle Ground, Washington (Earl Geil). The attendance was about 50. The program was on Sunday evening followed with an ice cream social.

Daily vacation Bible school was held August 17-22 at **McKINLEY HILL**, Tacoma, Washington, Friends (John Retherford) with 15 youngsters and 11 helpers. Bible verses were learned, and several made decisions for Christ. The week ended with a picnic Saturday afternoon and a program of songs and memory verses Sunday morning.

BOISE, Idaho, Friends (Harold Antrim) concluded a very successful vacation Bible school with an average attendance of 150 children, plus 35 workers.

CANTON, Ohio, Friends (John Williams, Jr.) has hired Marva Hoopes in a one-quarter time position in Christian education. She will be directing all the children's worship-time programs, CYC, Aerobics, and "Mom's Morning Out." The additional help will free Carol Williams, Christian education director, to add new programs.

Missions

Willard Redinger of **SEILING** has returned from his 20th trip to Haiti since his first trip in 1981. He was accompanied by Stewart Ray and his teenage daughter Shelley. Stewart had made a previous trip with him. They dispensed medicine to the poor people who cannot afford to go to a doctor. The youth of the church had been saving money to send with Shelley to buy something special for the Haitians. They found an orphanage where ten girls were sleeping on the floor. They bought two beds and mattresses with covers that would accommodate these girls.

August 6 Seiling Friends were privileged to have Hector Charles and his son Jacob from Port-au-Prince, Haiti, speak in their service. He is the director that Willard Redinger has used since he has been going to Haiti. He is in charge of 17 churches, and many of these have orphanages, schools, and feeding programs.

BOISE Women's missionary Fellowship is planning a cookbook as a fundraiser, so recipes are pouring in. The other books published two different years were profitable, the money going for mission projects.

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Gladys Smith, a member of Hunter Hills Friends Church and EFC-ER recorded minister, died June 9, 1987, at the age of 83. She served 15 years in Bolivia as a missionary with Union Bible Seminary Mission. She next spent 15 years as director of Gospel League Home in Chicago, ministering to the underprivileged. The past 13 years she has lived in Mexico to be near her only son, Samuel Joshua Smith, who is a missionary with Worldwide Prayer and Missionary Union.

Terry Hibbs of **GREENLEAF**, Idaho, Friends (Don Lamm) returned August 29 from three weeks in southern Mexico, where he rebuilt an Missionary Aviation Fellowship plane.

Spiritual Life and Outreach

BOISE church had a "fruitful" summer—Bible studies on the fruits of the Spirit, Sunday sermons by Pastor Antrim on the same topics. Five homes were opened for the Wednesday evening Bible studies.

CANTON Friends have begun a new area of ministry to women. Laurel Notturme has been appointed the chairman of the Council on Women's Ministries with the goal of promoting spiritual growth and friendships. One of the main functions this year is to plan a "Dayspring Brunch" the second Saturday morning of each month.

At **UNIVERSITY**, Wichita, Kansas, Friends (David Kingrey) August 29 was a special day for sharing and reflecting on spiritual life. The leader was Kathryn Damiano from Chester Monthly Meeting, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.

Ed Dickerhoof has been named as youth pastor for **ALLIANCE**, Ohio, Friends (Rick Sams). He will also have some administrative duties.

The pastor's wife at **SEILING**, Hazel Brown, conducted a class on "How to Study the Bible," which was attended by several from their church, some

unchurched, and some from other churches.

URBANA, Ohio (James Chess), Friends are using the telemarketing approach of outreach to their community.

Prayer meeting at **GREENLEAF** during the summer months has consisted of potluck dinners followed by Bible study in the homes or on the lawns of members of the church.

New Building and Improvements

At **PLAINVIEW**, Nebraska (Matthew Hoffman), August 23 was Friendship Sunday. Church members were encouraged to invite their non-Christian friends to services. Plainview also had a church and parsonage cleanup August 22.

You know how it goes at your house—seems there's always cleaning up to do! There was the very same need at **ALBUQUERQUE**, New Mexico, Friends (Terry Ash). The Stewards and Christian Education committees put out a call for volunteers to help to get ready for fall Sunday school classes starting September 13. An official "Church Workday" was scheduled for floor tile removal, to lay carpet in an upstairs hallway, hang curtains in classrooms, paint over ceiling stains, clean and wax the basement floor, and sort and help move books and shelves.

Other Important Events

Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Durham of Graham, North Carolina, renewed their wedding vows, June 27, 1987, at **SAXAPAHAW**, Graham, North Carolina, Friends (James Hollingsworth). The couple celebrated their 25th anniversary with a reception that evening.

Chuck Orwiler, pastor at **DENVER** Friends, and Bill Pruitt, pastor of **NORTHWEST**,

Arvada, Colorado, Friends, switched pastorates for the day on August 10. First Denver's Education Committee invited Bill and Faye Pruitt to be at the church for the annual Rally Day. The couple led in singing; Bill preached, and ventriloquist Faye brought her friend "Willy!"

CHERRY GROVE Friends report that during the summer quarter Harry Daniel conducted a class on Peacemaking, followed by a three-day seminar with Ron Mock from George Fox College speaking during the Sunday school hour September 20 on "The Ministry of Reconciliation." Cleone Jacobsen held a class on AIDS. She works for the VA Hospital in disease control. A question-and-answer period followed.

At **MIAMI**, Oklahoma (Merl Kinser), several people helped fill the pulpit while the pastor was on vacation: Verl Jones, a local Church of God minister; LeRoy Brightup from Friends University; and Burgis and Rosa Mae Tabor from Lowell Friends Church.

A new church organist was welcomed at **NORTHBRIDGE** Friends. Marsha Engleman and her husband, Clay, and daughters Sheena and Danielle, moved from Collinsville, Oklahoma.

Teachers Needed

The Friends Schools in Ramallah, north of Jerusalem on the West Bank, are seeking several expatriate teachers for a two-year teaching assignment beginning August 1988. This assignment provides teaching experience in historically significant Friends Schools and opportunity to live in a Palestinian community.

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The softball team of **ALLIANCE** Friends won the trophy for their division of the city church league. Ken Brooks served as coach. Bill Williamson won the "Mr. Hustle" award for that division, an award given to the player who gives 100 percent and maintains a good Christian attitude.

Tony Elenburg, a recording artist from Nashville, Tennessee, ministered at **LONE STAR**, Hugoton, Kansas (David Hearon), in August.

FOCAS, the singles group from **NORTHRIDGE**, enjoyed a weekend at Silver Dollar City and Eureka Springs, where they attended the passion play.

BETHANY Friends report they had two picnics this summer in their remodeled pavillion behind the church. One was July 11 for the Father and Son Banquet, the other August 30 for all the church members. The film series *Origins, the Scientific Case for Creation*, was viewed during evening services this summer. A progressive dinner with their adult fellowship was held on September 5.

STAR Friends recently celebrated the birthdays of George Ireland, 95, and his wife, Elsie, 94, with refreshments following morning worship service.

COLORADO SPRINGS Friends, Colorado (Arden Kinser), had an all-church picnic sponsored by the Friends Women group August 20. Gary Macy, a Quaker chaplain based in Colorado Springs, spoke at the morning and evening services August 9 on the topic "Fruity Christians."

PELHAM, Ontario, Canada, Friends (John Young) had a baseball excursion to the Toronto Exhibition Stadium on August 15 to see the Toronto Blue Jays play the Chicago White Sox.

GREENLEAF Friends plan to celebrate 80 years of frontier life during 1988 with monthly reminders of milestones in its history. Sagebrush and sand made up the landscape during those early years. Now it is green and alive with people, so the resources are the same—people, steady, sturdy people. Pathfinders who led the way began with William Brown. Anyone having an authentic tale of an event is invited to share it with the planners of the new Frontier Movement now assembling its ammunition. Send contributions to the Greenleaf Friends Church.

Special speakers at **BYHALIA** this summer included Paul Williams, retired pastor from **ZANESFIELD**, Ohio; Glenn Ault-house of **MARYSVILLE** Friends; Dan Fancy of Marysville, and Roger Kinney, a pastor from Wauseon, Ohio.

BATTLE CREEK Friends held their second annual midsummer celebration on July 19. A picnic potluck meal was followed by an outdoor gospel concert featuring Rhonda and Doug Stanton.

A **MEDFORD** Friends all-church picnic was held in Hawthorne Park following the morning service July 12, with

softball and swimming afterward. There were 49 from Medford Friends in attendance at Yearly Meeting July 25-31. An adult raft trip down the Rogue River was held August 8. Recent senior outings led by Paul and Peggy Baker have included a picnic at Indian Mary Park, an all-day trip to the Redwoods, and a train ride on the Blue Goose from Yreka to Montague, California. A family "David Camp" was held at Fir Point August 21-23, with 52 of our church people participating. Irv and Shirley Brendlinger were present Sunday evening, June 21, to share an inspirational evening of piano music.

September 13 **BARBERTON** Friends, Ohio (Brian Cowan), celebrated the 25th anniversary of the dedication of their new building. Sunday school opened with a prayer of thanksgiving by former Sunday school Superintendent Emerson Snyder. Dr. Robert Hess, general superintendent of Eastern Region, brought the message in morning worship. Noon was a time for fellowship, food, and reminiscing. Dr. Byron Osborne and former pastors Edgar Phelps, Charles Bancroft, Bobby Murphy, Gil Shimanel, and Area Superintendent Bruce Burch participated in the afternoon service.

Tim Fox, missionary appointee to Mexico and former member at **ALLIANCE** Friends, was a speaker at Alliance. His message was entitled "Jonah, He Went."

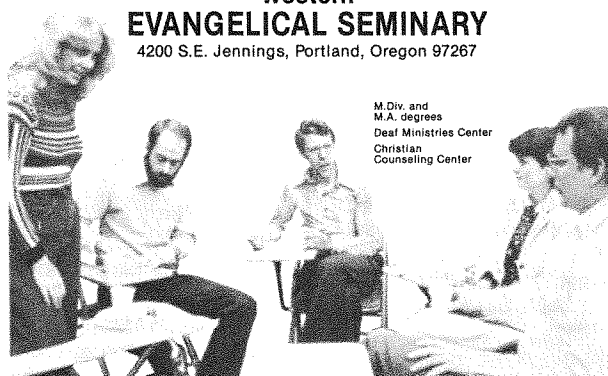
Pastor Larry Kinser of **DAMASCUS** Friends, Ohio, has instituted a monthly anniversary fellowship at the parsonage. All couples with anniversaries in that month are invited to share in a light meal and fellowship before attending the Sunday evening worship service.

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BAUGHMAN—To Joe and Kathy Baughman, a son, Kyle Stephen, July 21, 1987, Trinity Friends, Van Wert, Ohio.

BIERBAUM—To Greg and Sandy Bierbaum, a son, Jacob Todd, July 12, 1987, Haviland Friends, Kansas.

BISSONETTE—To Scott and Tressa Bissanette, a son, Joshua Lee, June 28, 1987, Trinity Friends, Van Wert, Ohio.

BURNS—To Rick and Robyn Burns, a daughter, Rachel Nicole, August 13, 1987, Canton, Ohio.

DANIELI—To Kevin and Edwina Danieli, a son, Travis John, July 3, 1987, Star Friends, Idaho.

DOUTY—To James and Julie Douty, a son, Zachary James, May 30, 1987, Boise, Idaho.

GARRABRANT—To Ivan and Jackie Garrabrant, a son, Micah Scott, August 7, 1987, Alum Creek Friends, Marengo, Ohio.

GEORGE—To Mr. and Mrs. David George, a son, Joshua David, August 1, 1987, Saxapahaw Friends, North Carolina.

HARRISON—To Kirk and Patty Harison, a son, Christopher Robert, August 14, 1987, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

ISLER—To Gary and Joyce Isler, a daughter, Kari Lynn, July 24, 1987, Canton, Ohio.

JOHANSON—To Glenn and Debbie Johanson, a daughter, Danielle Nicole, July 17, 1987, Canton, Ohio.

KNIGHTEN—To Terry and Donna Knighten, a daughter, Barbee Denise, July 16, 1987, Trinity Friends, Martinsville, Virginia.

MATEA—To Kevin and Brenda Matea, a daughter, Sarah Joy, July 25, 1987, Canton, Ohio.

MCBRIDE—To Mike and Vickie McBride, a son, Luke Thomas, August 20, 1987, Newberg, Oregon.

MCCRACKEN—To Dan and Cindy McCracken, a daughter, Abbie Delight, August 4, 1987, Newberg, Oregon.

MORTON—To Walter and Suzanne Morton, a daughter, Sarah Irene, August 5, 1987, Bethany Friends, Wadsworth, Ohio.

NEWTON—To Johnny and Norma Newton, a daughter, Meghan Elizabeth,

March 24, 1987, Saxapahaw Friends, North Carolina.

PITTS—To Katherine and Ken Pitts, a daughter, Allison Joy, June 25, 1987, University Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

REPP—To Tim and Christine Repp, a son, Joshua David, July 17, 1987, Boise, Idaho.

ROYER—To Mike and Debbie Royer, a daughter, Kelley Jayde, January 9, 1987, Hermiston, Oregon.

RYDER—To Frank and Jill Ryder, a son, Micah Tate, August 9, 1987, Canton, Ohio.

SCHEETS—To David and Sherry Scheets, a son, Andrew Kyle David, August 8, 1987, Boise, Idaho.

SEALS—To Mike and Sheryl Seals, a daughter, Laura Elizabeth, August 3, 1986, Boise, Idaho.

STRATTON—To Valerie Stratton, a son, Joshua Daniel, July 24, 1987, Northridge Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

THOMAS—To Joe and Joan Thomas, a son, Isaiah Joseph, July 17, 1987, Damascus, Ohio.

TRUNNELL—To Sharon and Tracy Trunnell, a daughter, Andrea Rose, August 26, 1987, Greenleaf, Idaho.

VANDEVIER—To Dave and Taya Vandevier, a daughter, Whitney Marie, July 10, 1987, Bethany Friends, Wadsworth, Ohio.

WHEELER—To R. Craig and Judy Wheeler, a daughter, Julie Ann, July 29, 1987, Damascus, Ohio.

Marriages

BERTWELL-VANDEVENTER. Sharon Bertwell and Larry D. VanDeVenter, March 31, 1987, Boise, Idaho.

BROWN-MARSHBURN. Elaine Brown and Kenneth Marshburn, August 22, 1987, Greenleaf Friends, Idaho.

BROWN-NASH. Linda Brown and Robert Nash, July 25, 1987, Trinity Friends, Van Wert, Ohio.

BURRIS-HADLEY. Angel Burris and Charles Hadley, June 20, 1987, Star Friends, Idaho.

CARSON-MURPHY. Jodi Carson and Mickey Murphy, July 18, 1987, Trinity Friends, Van Wert, Ohio.

COLEMAN-BULLIS. Janet Coleman and Dan Bullis, August 22, 1987, Newberg, Oregon.

CROW-SCHLEICH. Michelle Crow and Ronald Schleich, June 20, 1987, Portland, Oregon.

DOUTY-VANDENHOEK. Deana Douty and Jeff VandenHoek, August 29, 1987, Boise, Idaho.

DUNLEVY-GONOT. Kelli Dunlevy and Len Gonot, July 25, 1987, St. Clairsville, Ohio.

FIELDS-ELSTON. Becky Fields and Chris Elston, August 8, 1987, Trinity Friends, Van Wert, Ohio.

FRANCE-THOMSON. Kim France and Scott Thomson, July 18, 1987, Dover, Ohio.

GOINS-JOHANSEN. Deborah Goins and Kerry Johansen, August 29, 1987, Lincoln City, Oregon.

HILDRETH-DeLANEY. Pennie Hildreth and Ron DeLaney, August 15, 1987, Urbana, Ohio.

LEACH-LOESCH. LaVonna Leach and Clifton Loesch, August 8, 1987, Northridge Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

LEESON-McCUTCHEON. Ila Leeson and Robert McCutcheon, June 6, 1987, Battle Creek Friends, Michigan.

Le SHANA-McINTYRE. Catherine Le Shana and Dave McIntyre, August 29, 1987, Seattle, Washington.

NEWBY-BUESCH. Debra Ann Newby and Robert Buesch, July 31, 1987, Northridge Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

NIVER-NINO. Nanette Niver and Wilson Nino, July 11, 1987, Canton, Ohio.

OTT-MORTON. Gwendolyn S. Ott and Wilford Ernie Morton, August 1, 1987, Northridge Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

SEELYE-VOTH. Laurilyn Seelye and Virgil Voth, August 1, 1987, Newberg Friends, Oregon.

SHEFFIELD-GOURY. Kendra Sheffield and Brian Goury, June 27, 1987, North Olmsted, Ohio.

SHELLEY-JORDAN. Amy Eileen Shelley and Roger Edwin Jordan, August 1, 1987, Northridge Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

VAN LOO-THOMPSON. Julie Ann Van Loo and Michael R. Thompson, July 23, 1987, Battle Creek Friends, Michigan.

YOUNG-NEIFERT. Susan Lynell Young and Michael Leroy Neifert, August 1, 1987, Haviland Friends, Kansas.

Deaths

AULT—Harold Ault, July 25, 1987, Canton, Ohio.

BERRY—Jesse Berry, July 21, 1987, Star Friends, Idaho.

COOK—Jake Cook, July 23, 1987, Medford, Oregon.

CLOWE—Warren T. Clowe, 57, August 13, 1987, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

FOX—Delia Fox, 90, July 11, 1987, Mt. Pleasant Friends, Ohio.

FULLERTON—Marguerite Fullerton, 81, August 28, 1987, Meridian Friends, Idaho.

HORNER—Ida F. Horner, 77, September 2, 1987, Bethany Friends, Wadsworth, Ohio.

McKEE—Alta McKee, 69, August 24, 1987, Vancouver First, Washington.

PARSONS—Esther Parsons, July 7, 1987, Medford, Oregon.

RINER—Richard Riner, July 18, 1987, University Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

SMITH—Gladys Smith, 83, June 9, 1987, Hunter Hills Friends, Greensboro, North Carolina.

STRAYER—Zula Strayer, August 16, 1987, Medford, Oregon.

WILLIS—Doris A. Willis, 50, July 28, 1987, North Olmsted Friends, Ohio.

WOOD—Helen Wood, July 24, 1987, University Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

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FWCC Celebrations

As Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) celebrates its 50th anniversary this year, several parties will be held. October celebrations include events in Wichita, Kansas, at University Friends Church on October 16 and in Newport, Rhode Island, on October 25.

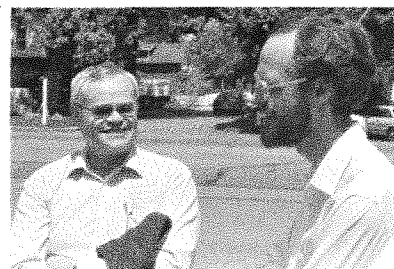
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New Call's second decade includes broader involvement

Ralph Beebe (left) from Northwest Yearly Meeting and Ben Richmond of Friends United Meeting at the New Call to Peacemaking meeting in Granville, Ohio.



Lon Fendall, editor of *Evangelical Friend* and director of the Center for Peace Learning at George Fox College, Newberg, Oregon, will speak at both gatherings. Howard Macy will preside at the Wichita event, and the music group "Harvest" from Friends University will perform. In Rhode Island the meeting will be held at Newport Evangelical Friends Church. Lon's topic will be "Responding Effectively to Conflict in the World." Participating yearly meetings are Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region, New England Yearly Meeting, and New York Yearly Meeting.

International guest speakers for FWCC anniversary events include John Punshon, Joyde Mtshazo, Ellsion Madenyika, and Jan de Hartog. American speakers include Lon Fendall, Jack Willcuts, Kara Cole, Barrett Hollister, Jonathan Snipes, George and Elizabeth Watson, Edwin Bronner, Alex Morisey, and Gordon Browne.

Annual Bike Ride

Food and fellowship were the key ingredients at the Friends Autumn Bike Ride, held October 10 in Iowa.

Riders could choose one of three loops. The 100-mile route began in Oskaloosa at College Avenue Friends Church, while the 62- and 28-mile loops started in New Sharon at New Sharon Friends Church. The routes included five Quaker meetings.

T. Wistar Brown Fellowship

The T. Wistar Brown Fellowship is offered each year to a person who wishes to do research in the Quaker Collection at Haverford College. It is regarded as a postdoctoral fellowship and is usually awarded to a mature scholar.

Five books have been published by T. Wistar Brown Fel-

lows, and others have manuscripts in process. Several Pendle Hill pamphlets have been written by Fellows, as well as a number of articles for learned journals. The Fellows meet an occasional class during their year, often visit a number of Friends meetings in the area, and read papers at the Friends Historical Association and similar non-Quaker organizations.

Candidates should fill out an application form and arrange for transcripts and letters of recommendation to be sent to the Provost's Office. The deadline for filing applications is December 31.

Guatemala '87

"Jesus Is Lord" is the theme of the first International Friends Conference on Evangelism meeting in Guatemala City from November 4 to 11. Morning speakers will be Robert Hess (Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region), Francisco Mamani (Bolivia), Emmanuel Sibomana (Burundi), Sam Kamaleson (India), Beatriz Zapata (Guatemala), and Thomas Wu (Taiwan).

Thirty workshops, each dealing with various aspects of evangelism, are planned. Each person will be able to attend ten.

More than 200 people are expected to be present. Friends who are attending from countries other than the United States are being assisted with expenses through scholarship funds. An additional \$16,000 is needed above the present scholarship gifts.

New Call to Peacemaking Reaching Out

If the first decade of the New Call to Peacemaking focused on renewing convictions within the "Historic Peace Churches," the second decade is beginning with an emphasis on reaching

out to others in cooperation and witness. No one assumes that Quakers, Brethren, and Mennonites have all recaptured the fervent biblical pacifism of their various traditions.

Last May the New Call to Peacemaking planning committee, with representatives from each of the three constituent groups, met in Granville, Ohio, with the steering committee of the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America. This new organization includes representatives from 11 Baptist groups.

In late July John Stoner, representative to New Call from the Mennonite Central Committee since the beginning, and Edgar Metzler, New Call national coordinator, participated in the national assembly of PAX CHRISTI.

The annual "Peace with Justice Week" is one area of inter-church cooperation where New Call to Peacemaking has been active in recent years. This is a national effort to encourage local religious groups to focus on peace during one week through local events and activities. The response has been growing rapidly, with hundreds of communities participating

last year. The dates for "Peace with Justice Week" in 1987 are October 16-24.

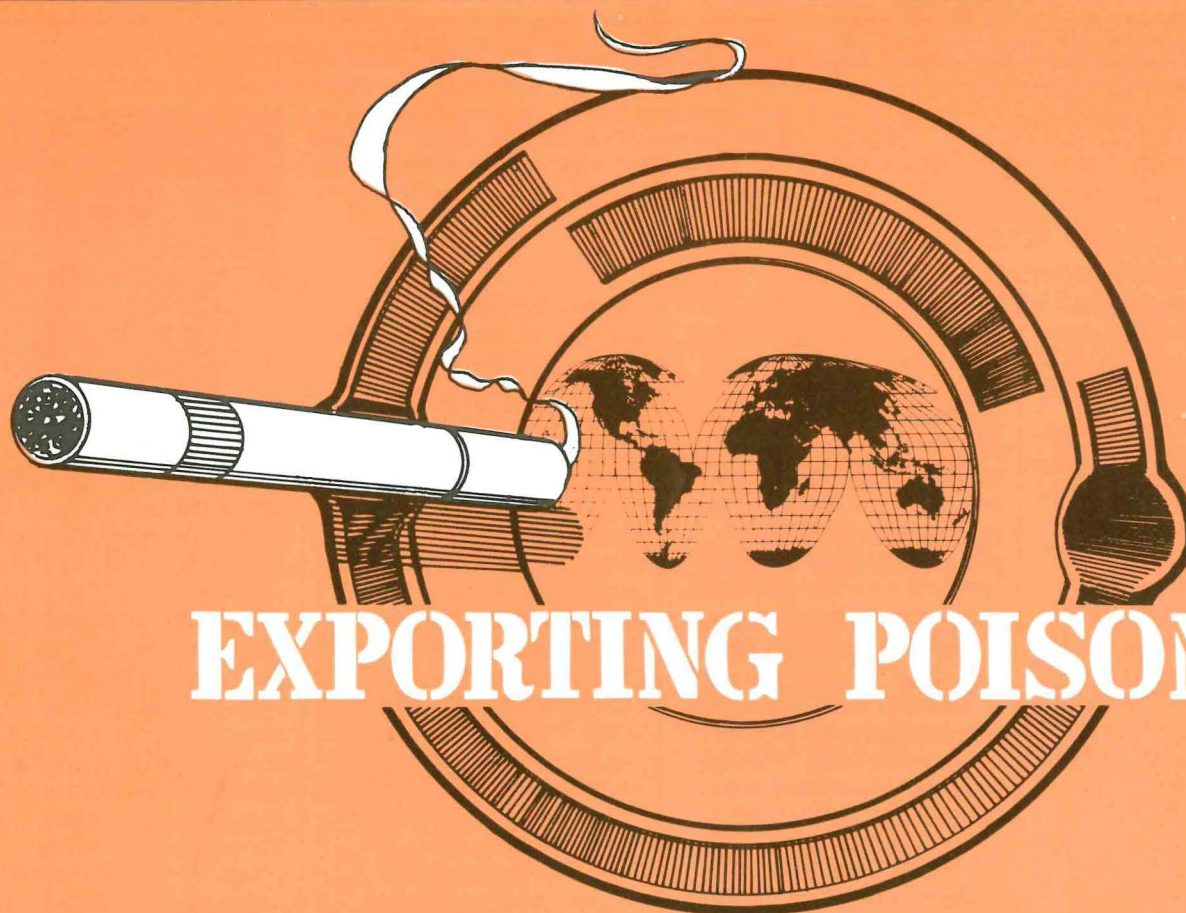
Many Christians are recognizing the challenge of Jesus' call to love our enemies, especially in our relationships to the people of the Soviet Union. Earlier this year, Clyde Weaver took early retirement from his book promotion job with Brethren Press and has served as a volunteer staff person for NCP in US-USSR relations. He has given hundreds of talks and slide shows to churches, schools, and community groups. Clyde is managing a project of presenting books from peace church publishers at the International Book Fair in Moscow.

In February 1988, a conference will be cosponsored with the Quaker War Tax Concerns Committee on the challenge to church organizations from employees requesting their federal taxes not be withheld. A small consultation of leadership persons from the three constituent groups will convene at the same time.



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EXPORTING POISONS

BY GENE PICKARD

THE FRONT cover of a recent *Time* magazine proclaims: "Trade Wars: the U.S. Gets Tough with Japan." On the back cover of another issue an advertisement for a brand of U.S. cigarettes promises in Spanish: "*Grandes momentos. Gran sabor.*" (Great moments. Great flavor.)

At first glance the lead article and the advertisement have nothing in common. However, both have to do with U.S. exports. Interestingly enough, an unnoticed news item at the same time the Iran-Contra arms story first came out reported that the U.S. had just signed a trade agreement with Japan, allowing the U.S. to export more alcoholic beverages and tobacco products to that country.

The United States of America is a fascinating study in contrasts, paradoxes, and anomalies. On the one hand, the government has declared an all-out war on drugs. There are even U.S. planes spraying marijuana fields in Guatemala. On the other hand, the government not only allows but promotes the export of

the death sticks, called cigarettes. Young people in the United States in my generation vigorously and violently protested the Vietnam war. Today people continue to protest against (though not so many, nor so violently) the nuclear arms build-up, capital punishment, violence in South Africa, the hunting of whales, etc. But who ever hears of protest marches against the tobacco industry, an industry that kills more Americans each year than died in the whole Vietnam War. Who ever hears of marches on the capital for subsidizing tobacco farmers. Yet tobacco has killed many more people than nuclear energy, even including the Chernobyl accident.

Ironically, as tobacco sales have declined in the U.S., tobacco companies have looked for new markets in the so-called Third World of developing nations. And their promotional efforts have paid off. More and more young people in those countries are beginning to smoke. The World Health Organization has forecast that "smoking diseases will appear in developing countries before communicable diseases and malnutrition have been

controlled, and thus the gap between rich and poor countries will widen further."

Sometime this year some members of congress will propose a bill to ban cigarette advertising. I urge our fellow Christians in the U.S. to support that legislation with letters to appropriate Senators and Congressmen. And when you write, suggest a ban at least on government involvement in promoting tobacco sales abroad. Of course that will not solve the whole problem. Tobacco is also grown here in Central America. However, we can urge our own government to stay out of the business. To redress trade imbalance is one thing, to promote the export and use of fatal poisons is quite another. **EF**



Gene Pickard serves as a missionary in Guatemala with Southwest Yearly Meeting.

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For Your Information

Rick and Mary Ellen Hunt have accepted a call to pastor Talent Friends Church. They will move to Talent November 1.

Marilyn Hadley-Voth, daughter of former superintendent **Norval** and **Mary Hadley**, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, September 27, in Hawaii. She was 32. Marilyn was completing a Ph.D. in linguistics at the time of her death.

Marilyn is survived by her husband, **Wes**, son **Canaan**, age 7, and daughter **Beulah**, age 5. A possible heart condition is suspected as the cause of death. Contributions for a Trust Fund for the support of the children can be sent through Newberg Friends Church, P. O. Box 487, Newberg, Oregon 97132.

On November 8, **South Salem Friends** will be celebrating their 75th birthday. Charter members will be honored.

The Annual **Thanksgiving Dinner at Piedmont Friends** will be November 19. This is a community outreach event. Churches in Southwest Washington, Portland, and Newberg Areas provide food and help for this dinner.

Be sure your church takes advantage of the opportunity to send two junior highers to **Samuel School**. This spiritually focused retreat will be held November 27-29 at Camp Tilikum. The purpose is to develop spiritual leaders among youth. Send registrations to Julie Hobbs, George Fox College, Newberg, Oregon 97132.

Praise the Lord!

Rwanda government grants permission to Friends. Willard Ferguson reported by phone that the Ministry of Justice has given written approval (signed October 13) granting legal status to Friends in Rwanda. **Praise God for doing what many said was impossible!!** Sincere thanks to ALL who

have cared, believed, and prayed for so long!!

Property Purchase - With government approval we can now resume negotiation on property for church/mission headquarters. **Pray** that we can buy desired property in Kicukiro (in Kigali area), if it is God's will.

Pray also about additional missionary staff, training of church leaders and members, new meetingplace for crowded house church (recent attendance 85-90), building a church, development of primary health care center, working with Free Methodists to open new secondary school (perhaps in 1988), and supplementary funding for these various projects.

Guatemala '87

A first. A worldwide Friends conference on Evangelism. This important event for Friends begins November 4 in Guatemala City. Approximately 250 Friends from 21 different countries will come together to grow toward one goal -- evangelization of the world. Many of the speakers and workshop leaders are from Third World countries.

Our mission fields in Bolivia and Peru are sending a combined total of 24 delegates. PRAY for their safe and speedy travel, visa arrangements, and finances.

Numbers attending from different countries:

Belize	1	Guatemala	20
Bolivia/Central	2	Honduras	10
Bolivia/INELA	15	India	3
Burundi	6	Ireland	1
Costa Rica	2	Jamaica	2
East Africa/Elgon	6	Matagascar	1
East Africa/Independent	3	Mexico	8
East Africa/Nairobi	6	Peru	9
East Africa/South	6	Philippines	5
El Salvador	10	Sweden	1
England	5	Taiwan	10
		Tanzania	1
		Uganda	2
		United States	125

Earthquake Damage

This word from Southwest Yearly Meeting in California. . .

"Alhambra Friends Church, Pico Rivera Friends Church, and Quaker Haven (retirement complex for former missionaries and pastors) all suffered damage from the recent earthquake and aftershocks that shook this Los Angeles suburban area. In addition, some families from Whittier First Friends and Granada Heights Friends had extensive damage, with a few losing their homes entirely. Since none of these churches had earthquake insurance, an Earthquake Relief Fund is being established. This fund will provide support for repair of these churches and Quaker Haven. Donations may be sent to Friends Church Southwest Yearly Meeting, P. O. Box 1607, Whittier, California 90609-1607, and designated for the Earthquake Relief Fund."

New Name

The church-planting outreach in Bend has been named the **DESCHUTES FRIENDS CHURCH**. At the time of this writing, over 100 persons across Northwest Yearly Meeting are committed to participate in the Technigrowth telephone campaign. Praise the Lord!!! Celebration Sunday is December 6. Please continue to pray for God's work in the lives of people in Bend, for the leaders now preparing for this ministry, and for pastors **Kevin** and **Denise Gilbert**.

Thanksgiving Offering

It's time to begin preparing for the annual Thanksgiving Offering. This year the Social Concerns Board has chosen **LIFELINE**, a ministry of Medford Friends Church, to receive this offering. This home provides long-term care for women in crisis pregnancies, and after delivery they help them find the needed resources to get settled.

The home provides food, shelter, transportation, support, Christian encouragement and love. A video presentation of the **LIFELINE** ministry will be sent to your church soon.

Spend Time with a Friend

A book can be a friend that is available any time. It can offer encouragement, introduce you to new people and new thoughts, and provide counsel or instruction.

Barclay Press, our Yearly Meeting publishing concern, has produced books that are of particular interest to Friends. Their list of available literature continues to grow as they make books from other publishers available in addition to their own listings.

The most recent book produced by Barclay Press is The Rich Heritage of Quakerism by Walter R. Williams. This challenging history of Quakerism was first printed by Eerdmans in 1962. The edited reprint includes an Epilogue by Paul Anderson. This book, which has been a valued resource among evangelical Friends, follows the people and concerns of the movement from George Fox to the present. The book sells for \$13.95.

Two books that will soon be available are On the Cutting Edge and Faith and Practice. Faith and Practice is our new book of Christian discipline for Northwest Yearly Meeting. This is the place to find the answers about Friends beliefs and procedures. The cost of Faith and Practice is \$4.95.

On the Cutting Edge is the biography of Ezra and Frances DeVol written by Anna Nixon. The vision, faith, and struggles of a surgeon and his wife is revealed through this fascinating and challenging three-generation family story that traces their service for Christ in four nations. The price is \$11.95 and the book will be available before Christmas.

Any of the Barclay Press books would be good gift ideas. The Fruit of the Vine, Special Edition, is a 366-day collection of selected devotional readings from 25 years of publishing the quarterly devotional guide. As a special gift offer, the Press is offering three copies for \$13.50; the regular single copy price is \$5.95.

Book orders, requests for their catalog, or other questions about books or printing should be sent to Barclay Press, P. O. Box 232, Newberg, Oregon 97132.