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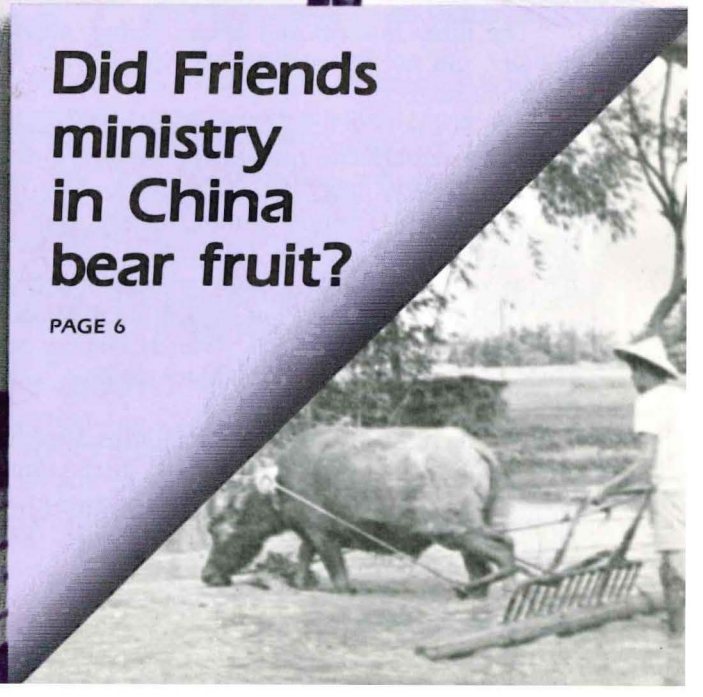
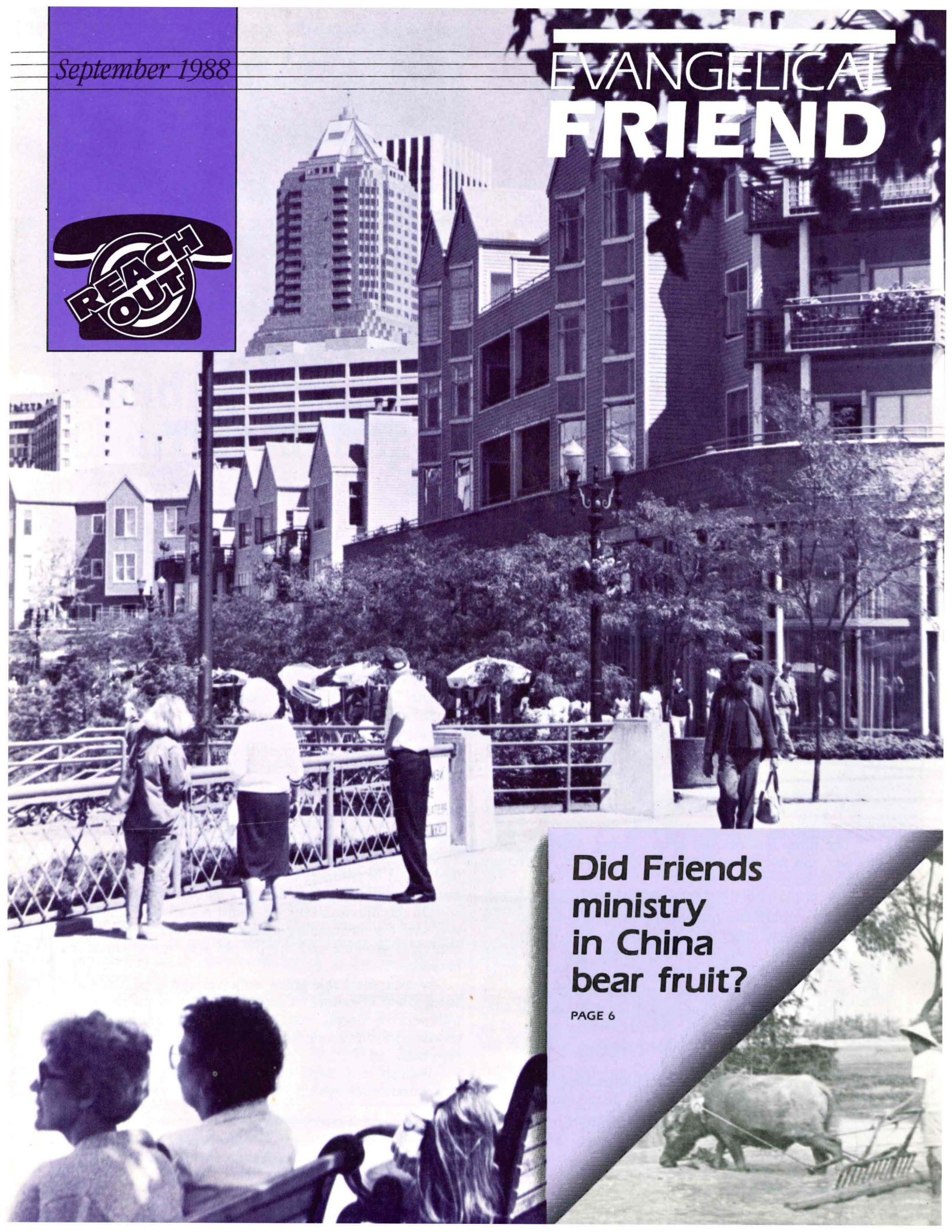
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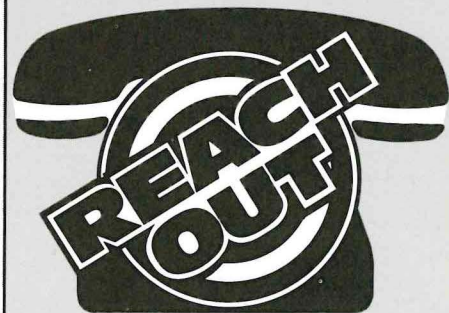


**Did Friends  
ministry  
in China  
bear fruit?**

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# *Reaching Out and Touching Lives!*

## **Outreach Success That Seemed Like Failure**

BY CHUCK MYLANDER

**A** YEAR and a half ago many of our churches did expansion projects using the phone and mail. Most of them resulted in a significant number of new people visiting our churches. In the Bell Anglo congregation, however, the result was disappointing. Under the able leadership of Pastor Norval Hadley, the people prayed fervently, worked hard, and made almost 10,000 dial-ups. The mail flowed to hundreds of homes. Yet to everyone's surprise, on Celebration Sunday only three new family units showed up. From a human point of view this was the worst failure of any of our phone campaigns, and we could not figure out why.

The three families did keep coming, although more phoning did not net any others who stayed. Incredibly disappointing!

One of the new ones, a Mexican man named Alanzo, showed a remarkable hunger for the Word of God. He was a witness to everyone and eager to obey the Lord.

Alanzo and Friends Center student Dan Cammack soon became fast friends. Dan took Alanzo on as a disciple, as well as forming a close personal friendship.

Time marched on. Dan left for the mission field with Northwest Friends in Peru. Norval Hadley resigned in favor of a full-time pastor. Mark Palacio came on the scene as the new pastor.

By this time, a year and two months after his conversion, Alanzo was a faithful worker in the church along with his wife, Sylvia, and three sons. However, being sensitive to the inner tuggings of the Holy Spirit, Alanzo's conscience was uneasy.

He had a good job and was doing well financially. He was happy in the Bell English-speaking congregation. His English was so good that no one ever questioned his legal status. Yet in his heart, Alanzo knew that he was born in Tijuana, Mexico, not the United States. He knew he was an undocumented immigrant.

Pastor Mark Palacio challenged Alanzo to consider pastoral ministry with Friends in Mexico. He told him about the opening at K-57 since Luciano and Elisia Lopez had to move to Brawley to retain their U.S. resident immigrant status.

At a personal financial sacrifice, Alanzo made himself available to serve. Our Mexico Committee of the Mission Board arranged a scholarship for him to study part-time in the School of Ministry. Today he is serving as the new pastor at K-57 in Luis B. Sanchez, Sonora, Mexico.

On the Mexicali tour we heard his vibrant testimony and saw his outstanding leadership in evangelism. The church is growing and the people are excited about his presence.

In his remarkable grace our sovereign Lord redeemed success out of failure. Our biggest flop as measured by numbers of people responding to a phone campaign produced a promising young pastor on our Mexico mission field.

We can only stand in amazement at the mysterious and wondrous ways that God answers prayer! **EF**

*Chuck Mylander is superintendent of Southwest Yearly Meeting. This article was first printed in The Encourager, a newsletter of SWYM.*



Church planter Sid Boyd displays church planting theme



## Exciting Results of Church Planting

BY DENNIS MOTE

**T**ODAY, planting churches is considered to be the fastest, most efficient way to reach the unchurched. Hanover Evangelical Friends Church of Richmond, Virginia, intends to plant five churches in five years, with the first celebration service having 300 people in attendance. Obviously, we are excited about seeing this come about.

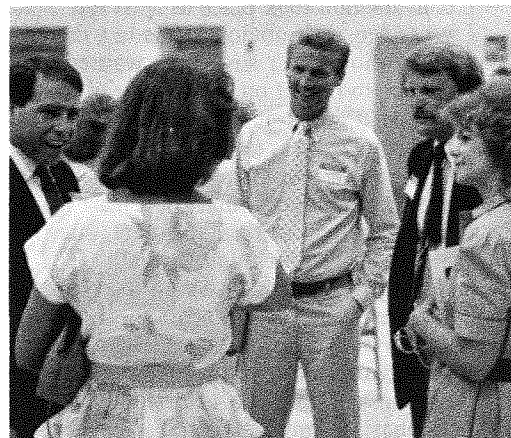
Hanover has already mothered one church. On April 5, 1987, the West End Evangelical Friends Church was planted. By its first anniversary, this new church had grown to an average of 172 people.

The church-planting dream began in the heart of George E. Robinson, senior pastor of Hanover Friends. Pastor Robinson began to preach, "The fruit of the apple tree is not the apple but more apple trees." Soon the congregation began to talk about mothering churches. The Evangelistic, Pastoral, and Extension Board of Eastern Region assigned Sid Boyd to Hanover as church planter intern. Boyd began to work with Pastor Robinson in preparing to establish a new church in the West End of Richmond.

Meanwhile, Robert Hess, general superintendent of Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region, asked Pastor Robinson to develop a five-year church-planting plan. As the plans developed, it was agreed to plant five churches throughout Greater Richmond in five years, with the first Sunday attendance of each church having 300 people in worship. For the plan to succeed, more help was needed. Dennis Mote was appointed by the EP&E Board to Richmond as the second church planter intern and later became director of the church-planting program.

The 300 worshipers are gathered through the use of a form of telemarketing called Technigrowth. Telemarketing is based on the law of large numbers, which assumes that if you ask a large enough number of people to do a certain thing, a predictable number of people will agree. Would it work if you ask people to come to church? Norm Whan, director of church planting for Southwest Yearly

Meeting of Friends in Whittier, California, had successfully used this method to start and grow many businesses. After making some adaptations, he tried it with a church, and it worked. Since then scores of churches have been started through Technigrowth.



Before the plan could be applied in Richmond, there were preparations that needed to be made, such as undertaking a demographic study, then selecting the target area. The interns then began a door-to-door advice-gathering survey. There were five questions they asked: (1) "Are you actively involved in a nearby church?" (2) "What do you think is the greatest need in this community?" (3) "Why do you feel people do not attend church?" (4) "If you were looking for a church, what kind of things would you look for?" and (5) "What advice would you like to give the new pastor of this church?"

The 750 unchurched homes that offered advice to the interns were then asked if they would like to be kept updated on the church's progress. People in 350 homes asked to be placed on the mailing list.

The five-question survey revealed the following information: (1) Where a large number of receptive  
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# Blessed Are the TOUGH

BY LON FENDALL

**S**OMETIMES it's worthwhile being a mouse in a corner, figuratively speaking, that is. I have no idea what real mice do in corners, but once I was able to listen in on a conversation among well-placed public officials. It was one of those situations in which there was a pause in the conversation while the politicians looked around to make sure no one was listening who might repeat the comments in the wrong places. Then they proceeded to compare notes on the strengths and weaknesses of various persons involved in politics in our state.

There was one unforgettable guideline used in rating the other public officials. Those given high marks were judged to have the quality of "toughness." This conversation took place at least ten years ago, so it obviously made a deep impression. Ever since, I've wanted a chance to reflect on the quality of toughness as it might or might not fit in with Christian values.

The word *toughness* didn't make it into the scriptural vocabulary. At least it's not in my concordance. In fact, one might easily conclude the quality is incompatible with Christian discipleship. A superficial reading of the Bible draws one to "soft" human qualities—meekness, love, compassion, mercy, gentleness, kindness. Those characteristics are emphasized in Galatians 5, where the "fruits" of the spirit are listed. The corresponding list of negative qualities, the "acts of the sinful nature," include some characteristics that sound a little like toughness—discord, dissensions, factions, envy. But that is not really the case. Toughness *does* belong in the Christian's vocabulary and lifestyle and if properly understood does not clash with the fruit of the Spirit.

Think for a moment of the situations in which Christ acted and spoke with toughness. He faced Satan's temptations squarely, knowing they were aimed at His most vulnerable points, but emphatically rejected the offers to protect Himself, to satisfy Himself, and bring honor to Himself.

The cleansing of the Temple, of course, reflected a courageous, almost

reckless confrontation of evil, greed, and desecration of the holy. That was the first one of a continuing battle with the religious leaders, who were determined to thwart Christ's mission and protect their religious and political turf. What can we call Christ's denunciation of the Pharisees, calling them all sorts of vivid and well-deserved names, if we don't call it tough? Did Christ become hateful and vindictive? No, but without the benefit of His tone of voice or look in His eyes, the words on paper make one wonder.

My assumption, though, is that a generous covering of love surrounded His tough words, meant for the restoration and redemption of these hypocrites.

Christ's manner was tough in dealing with those who were lost spiritually but seemed to be genuinely seeking the truth. He told the rich young ruler, one of the "Yuppies" of the day, the one thing he was least willing to do—get rid of all his possessions. Christ spoke with great intensity and toughness to the demons occupying helpless persons. And finally, there was a courage and even toughness about the way He refused to become the victim of those who plotted against Him, then attempted to take His life. He insisted on surrendering His life, not letting them take it. There's a big difference.

A very common New Testament expression, one that seems to me to be essentially synonymous with toughness, is "stand firm." In 1 Peter 5:8-9, the apostle instructed his readers to stand firm against Satan's temptations, to be alert and tough in resisting the one who would love to devour the believer. Somehow the passage makes me think of a

nest full of helpless birds, without enough feathers or strength to fly away, discovered and devoured by our family's much-loved and totally ruthless cat named *Streaker*.

In Hebrews 6:19 there is a reference to toughness in overcoming doubt and despair. Paul speaks of hope as an "anchor for the soul, firm and secure." His use of the word *hope* here indicates certainty and reliability. If I'm on a boat that might drift into the rocks, I want to be very confident

in the anchor. It must stay put. Our faith can have the toughness to hold firm when all sorts of doubts threaten it.

In Colossians 4:12, Paul mentions Epaphras, the kind of Christian we all like to have around. He worked hard at praying—"wrestling" is how Paul characterized it. His goal was that the believers in Colossae would stand firm, that is, be tough in following God's will, something that called for maturity and confident assurance.

**F**INALLY, and this only touches on a few of the "stand firms" of Scripture, in Philippians 1:27-30, we are instructed to be tough in dealing with opposition to our spiritual ministry. The resistance we face should not surprise us. We're not being singled out, but are part of a spiritual battle. Paul says we are given the opportunity to suffer on Christ's behalf, so there is no reason to be resentful about experiencing opposition. Above all, we face the opposition knowing that Christ is already victorious. He has defeated all our enemies, and our toughness and endurance can give us victory.

Toughness, then, belongs in the Christian's repertoire of behavior. I didn't say stubbornness, which is a distortion of sanctified toughness. Stubborn people are carried away by pride and forget that they are subject to human error and need to adjust to new information and changed circumstances. Humility is the antidote to prideful stubbornness.

The next time you read in the Beatitudes, "Blessed are the meek," keep in mind an equally valid truth, "Blessed are the Tough!" **EF**

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COVER: In cities and small communities, Friends are using the phone to reach out and touch lives.  
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# FRUIT REMAINS IN CHINA

BY LUCY ANDERSON

**C**HARLES DeVol has been described as "more Chinese than American." Because of his thorough understanding of Chinese culture and his skilled use of the language, the author is able to share many helpful insights on oriental thinking:

"One day a well-known Chinese evangelist said that it was a good thing that the Gospel was first carried to the West rather than to the East, because if it had been carried to China first, it might never have been taken to other nations for when Chinese find a good thing they are apt to keep it for themselves."

"In 1661 four Friends—David Baker, John Stubbs, Henry Fell, and Richard Sansthorp—felt called to go toward China and Prestor John's country. They carried letters from George Fox, mostly in English and Latin, to the King of Spain, the King of France, the magistrates of Malta, the Turk, the Emperor of China, and Prestor John. There is no record of these men ever reaching China, but they had the desire to go to China, and if they had gotten there it would have been 150 years before

Robert Morrison arrived and long before the Opium War. This was at a time when China was much more friendly to foreigners than it was when Esther Butler arrived."

"China had been ruled by emperors for 3,500 years or more. One dynasty had followed another. The Manchus had been ruling about 268 years. Some of their emperors had been very able men, but things had been going from bad to worse for a hundred years and Chinese leaders were very restless and wanted to overthrow the Ch'ing Dynasty.

"The most active agitator was Dr. Sun Yat-sen. He had received much of his education in Honolulu and had become a great admirer of Abraham Lincoln. He hoped China could have a republican form of government and do away with the monarchical system. He did not dare to do his work in the open within China, so he worked with Overseas Chinese in South-east Asia and elsewhere. He took up the study of medicine in Japan, in part at least, to cover up his real goals....

"The Emperor, Kuang Hsu, and the Empress Dowager had both died in the

fall of 1908, and the boy emperor, Hsuan Tung, was only six years old when he came to the throne. People all over China wanted a change, but few knew anything about a republican form of government. There were many changes, but changes in government came slowly. One of the noticeable changes was that the dragon flag had been replaced by a five-bar flag—red, yellow, blue, white and black—each color standing for one of the major sections of Greater China. Another notable change was the end of queues, which came about abruptly. In addition the feet of little girls were no longer bound, but this change came more slowly."

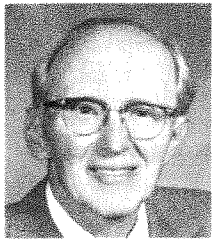
The launching of the Friends mission in China in 1885 came about when the secretary of the Ohio Yearly Meeting Mission Board received two letters in one day, one came from Mrs. Robert Beebe, in Nanking, the wife of the doctor in the Methodist Hospital there, asking if a Quaker girl would be willing to come to China to help as a nurse. The second letter was from Esther Butler, a schoolteacher in

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**T**he mission has become the church.



## An Overview



**A** NEW book has just been published telling the story of Friends missionary efforts in China and Taiwan during the past 100 years. Charles E.

DeVol, who retired in 1980 after 54 years of missionary service, has written the book, providing a great service to readers, since original documents related to the China Mission were destroyed during the infamous Cultural Revolution.

The title of the book, *Fruit That Remains*, is appropriately chosen from John 15:16 quoting the words of Jesus: "You did not choose Me, but I chose you, and appointed you, that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He may give to you." (NASB) As both a participant and an observer, Charles DeVol has seen the Gospel seed planted, take root, and flourish, bearing "fruit that remains" among the Chinese people, whom he has served so long and loves so dearly.

His story, modestly told in the third person, includes vivid memories of his child-

hood in China; the painful recollection of the deaths of his parents; the excitement of ministry in Luho and Nanking through hospital, schools, and churches; his narrow escape from death by hiding in a cistern; his concentration camp experience, and his joyful reunion with his family in the U.S.; the acceptance of his botanical research for the Ph.D. degree; and the challenge of opening the Friends mission in Taiwan with its remarkable development and growth to the present.

The Friends Mission was founded in Luho and Nanking, China, in 1887 and continued until 1950, when the missionaries had to leave. Prompted by a strong commitment to continue ministering to the Chinese, the Ohio Yearly Meeting Mission Board decided to begin work in Taiwan in 1954. Since then the work has grown, and now Taiwan Yearly Meeting of Friends is composed of 30 churches, all under national leadership.

The author presents this fascinating story in three sections—(1) Beginning the China Mission: 1885–1937, (2) The China Mission: 1937–1985, and (3) Friends in Taiwan: 1952–to the Present.

In 1985 Charles DeVol was able to revisit China. He writes vividly of his reunion with Friends whom he had not

seen or heard from

in 35 years. He listened to firsthand accounts of relatives who told of older Christians who had died and gone to their reward, and was deeply moved as he learned of pastors who had undergone imprisonment and torture for their faith. How excited he was to learn of God's faithfulness during great persecution and to meet the sons and daughters of deceased Friends who were strong in their Christian stance and forgiving in attitude!

His hope is that the history of the Friends work that he has so carefully written will eventually be translated into the Chinese language for the benefit of those who cannot read English. In this way an authentic record will be provided for future generations to understand the history of the mission and the sacrificial investment in it.

With 40 pages of pictures included in the book plus an introduction by lifelong acquaintance Walter Williams, Jr., *Fruit That Remains* is priority reading for all.

—Lucy Anderson





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Damascus, Ohio, who wrote of her call to China and that she would be willing to help care for the sick.

“Some might have thought that the fact that these two letters arrived on the same day was merely accidental, but it turned out to be very providential, for they had a tremendous effect on all who saw them or heard about them. Friends were convinced that they should start work in China.”

So Esther Butler went to China to assist in the Methodist Hospital, but thanks to the wise counsel of Dr. Beebe, the medical work became a stepping-stone for establishing Friends work. In 1890 she bought two acres of land in what has since become the center of the city of Nanking. A month later she began negotiations to build the Quakerage, a sturdy, two-story brick structure that for 60 years served as a home for the missionaries and headquarters of the China Mission.

“After the building of the Quakerage, the next structure was not a church. There was no need for one. There were no church members, no pastor, and no Bible women. The missionary did not go out to shepherd a flock, for there was no flock.

“Esther Butler had a strong personality. She didn't sit around waiting for things to happen. She made things happen. One of the greatest needs was for a training center for Bible women, and Asahel H. Hussey of Mt. Pleasant, Ohio, made this possible by his gift of \$1,500. In March 1891, Esther Butler opened this Training School.”

Friends placed a strong emphasis on education in all their mission programs. This was fortunate in China, for the Chinese have always had a very high regard for education. Scholars, and not generals, have been honored with statues. Poets, artists, mathematicians, and doctors have been given special respect.

“Chinese did not have schools as judged by Western standards, for nearly all teaching was done by tutors. Students could begin their studies at any time in the year, and each student studied at his own rate. Very few girls went to these tutorial schools, but there were exceptional cases when the teacher usually went to the home of the girl to do his teaching.

“The subject matter largely consisted of the study of the Confucian Classics. A student first had to learn to *read* the lesson, then to *write* all the words in the lesson and finally to *repeat* the lesson from memory. . . . All the students read their lessons aloud and at the same time. The



classrooms sounded like bedlam: The louder they read, the better, for it served a dual purpose. One was to help keep the teacher awake, especially on hot summer afternoons, and the other was to let the teacher know that the boys were working on their lessons.”

Medical work was another project of early Friends work in China. In 1904 a piece of land was purchased on which Peace Hospital was built, thanks to funds supplied by New York Yearly Meeting. Drs. Lucy Gaynor, Isabella French DeVol and George DeVol (parents of the author) were the medical missionaries in the early days who provided essential leadership in helping care for the sick. Together they developed an integrated plan combining medical, educational, and evangelistic work. For example, the hospital chaplain and Bible teachers ministered to the patients daily, inquiring about their families and also sharing the way of salvation with them. When patients were released to go home to their villages, there was careful follow-up and, in many instances, small chapels were started. In the ten-year period from the founding of Peace Hospital in 1907 to Dr. George DeVol's death in 1917, eight chapels were opened in Luho County.

The contribution of those early missionaries is carefully recorded in Dr. DeVol's book. Amanda Kirkpatrick, Lenna Stanley, Margaret Holme, Wilbur and Julia Estes, Walter and Myrtle Williams, Carson and Vercia Cox, Emily Moore, Rachel Mostrom, Ethel Naylor, Freda and Roberta Girsberger, Charles and Elsie Matti are some of those who served. The triumphs as well as the tragedies are related in touching detail. The reader

quickly realizes that China was in great turmoil during those formative years of the mission and that such events as the Boxer Rebellion, the Nanking Incident, the Japanese invasion, and both World War I and II—all had a great effect upon Quaker missionaries seeking to obey Christ's command, the Great Commission.

The martyrdom of John and Betty Stam in 1934 is recalled by DeVol:

“There was almost constant warfare between the Nationalists and the Communists. Most of the Communist army had been driven out of Kiangsi province but one band of about 3,000 Communist soldiers went through southern Anhwei and attacked the city of Tsingteh.

“They took John and Betty Stam captive and then pushed rapidly toward the village of Miao Shou since they were being pursued by the Nationalists. The Communists usually held their hostages for ransom for quite a period of time, but in this case they beheaded the Stams only two days after they were taken. The Communist leaders called to the people of Miao Shou to come and see the ‘foreign devils’ die.

“A Chinese evangelist by the name of Lo had been appointed by the China Inland Mission to work in Miao Shou. He too had been captured and then released, whereupon he fled to the hills and joined some other refugees.

“On the morning of December 8 they heard about the two American missionaries from Tsingteh who had been killed. Mr. Lo knew it must have been the Stams because there were no other missionaries stationed there. Immediately he went down to Miao Shou to investigate the situation. He found the house where the Stams had been bound and kept overnight before being taken out and executed. The house was deserted, but he found baby Helen lying on a Chinese bed, cooing sweetly and unharmed. He had no food for the three-month old baby and no money to buy food, but he found a ten-dollar bill carefully tucked away, which no doubt her mother had placed there.”

After entrusting the baby to some Chinese women in the village, Mr. Lo, with the help of scores of villagers, prepared coffins and buried the Stams after an open-air funeral service, attended by a great crowd. The baby, Helen Stam, was taken into the home of her maternal grandparents in Missouri and raised to adulthood.

In 1943 Charles DeVol was imprisoned in Pootung Camp near Shanghai by the Japanese. Along with 600 British and 400 American men, he spent seven months in the camp. His job was to keep the fires

going under the big Chinese kettles about three hours daily in the kitchen, each kettle large enough to cook rice for 500.

The prisoners were allowed to organize a school, and Charles was able to study organic chemistry and biochemistry under a professor from the School of Medicine at St. John's University. He taught college-level botany to mature men, many of whom were university graduates.

“The meals largely consisted of rice and beef gravy or fish broth. There was no milk, butter, vegetables, fruit or poultry. At first only one meal was served each day, and that in the afternoon, but later the men were given two meals a day.

After a few months, the Japanese released a supply of oatmeal that had been sent from the U.S. to help feed Chinese war refugees. Instead of giving it to the Chinese, they had stored it in warehouses and in the meantime it had become wormy. Nevertheless, it made a very welcome breakfast meal. The larger worms were easily picked out and the smaller ones had been thoroughly cooked! Hungry men are not too finicky . . .

“One day [in September] men from the Swiss Consulate arrived at the Camp with a list of names of those who would be repatriated and Charles' name was on the list! It was a great day on Sunday morning, September 24, 1943, when many were able to march out from the Pootung Camp, past the Japanese guards and away from the barbed wire compound to board the Teia Maru, a former French liner which had been taken over by the Japanese. The trip home to New York took 70 days.”

After World War II, missionaries returned to China and resumed their work. National pastors faithfully served their congregations and saw growth. Charles and Elsie Matti and Ella Ruth Hutson, along with more than 40 other missionaries, labored in Nanking in 1949.

In October a wonderful revival was held in the Friends Church with the morning attendance reaching 280, and in the evening, 600. An estimated 328 went forward to pray at the altar. God greatly used the evangelist, Li Han-Wen, a pastor from North China.

Unfortunately the Bamboo Curtain began to descend, as the Communists began closing chapels, jailing Christian

leaders, and practicing what were called “accusation meetings.” During these sessions, the Chinese people not only accused each other but sometimes accused the missionaries as well.

Pastor Li, besides pastoring the Nanking Friends Church and having the oversight of a street chapel, taught in two theological seminaries and was frequently asked to conduct evangelistic meetings. At Luho, Pastor Lindley Chiang was asked to be superintendent of the rural churches in Luho County, and Paul Feng pastored the Luho Church. Jonathan Hsu was



recognized in May 1950 and recorded as a minister by Ohio Yearly Meeting.

Then the curtain closed . . .

“In spite of Communism, the church had been able to carry on remarkably well, but all the time the Communists kept tightening their hold. On November 3, 1950, Charles Matti wrote to the Missionary Board that it was becoming increasingly apparent that the Communist rulers hoped for the day when all foreign missionaries would leave.”

An emotional farewell was held and our missionaries (along with five others) left by train from Nanking, going first to Canton, then to Hong Kong. It was there they could “breathe more easily,” after living under the Communists for a year and seven months.

From 1950 until 1972 Mainland China was virtually cut off from the rest of the world. With President Nixon's historic visit to China in 1972, “the bamboo curtain began to crack” and gradually things changed. By 1980 two churches had been opened in Peking, two in Shanghai, and

two in Canton. In each there was one Protestant and one Catholic.

The attitude of the Chinese Communist Party was that only a few elderly people would show up if churches were opened. But things turned out very differently!

“In each place where a church was reopened it was packed, and those who came were by no means all elderly. A friend who was in Nanking on the day the first Christian service was held reported 400 people came, and so many people wanted to testify that the minister had no chance to preach.”

With the opening of China to visitors, Charles DeVol went to visit it in 1985. It was heartwarming for him to travel with 19 Friends for three weeks and go back to Luho and Nanking to renew contacts with those he had not seen in 35 years.

The last part of the book deals with the work started in Taiwan two years after Ohio Friends had to close their mission in China. The growth of this “transplanted” church has been remarkable.

Taiwan Yearly Meeting was set up as an independent yearly meeting in 1977, and now most of the 30 churches are self-supporting.

Charles DeVol recounts the excitement of the first visit to Taiwan by the exploratory team, then the early years in Chiayi, the expanding of the

work in the Taipei area, the nurturing and encouraging of capable young pastoral couples, the church-planting efforts in smaller villages, and the establishing of a respected, national Friends Church.

*Fruit That Remains* closes with an emphasis on the maturing of the Friends work in Taiwan. Chinese leaders have taken over the responsibility of administering the work. The mission has become the Church.

“The compelling urge to establish missionary work in both China and Taiwan resulted in fruit for the Master. The cost? Only God knows the investment of human energy, funds and labor given sacrificially to extend His Kingdom. The reward? Many, many souls won to Christ, whose Christian testimony continues today. Truly, it has been worth it all!”

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# Satan's Shortcuts

BY RENDEL COSAND

**W**HEN I was a small boy, my dad sent me to a neighbor to pay some money he owed (actually just a few coins). I took the coins in my right hand, not even placing them in my pocket, and started out. I could have gone by way of the road or up along the railroad track behind our house. Either way would have been farther than just diagonally across the rough weed field next to our property. So I took the shortcut and started out running. A few rods across I caught my foot in a hole and went sprawling, landing on that right arm and hand full of change. I got up to discover that midway between elbow and hand that arm had taken a 90-degree turn. It was broken, all because I had taken a shortcut.

Shortcuts can be harmful, even tragic, especially if the suggestion to do so comes from the wrong source. Consider the temptations of Jesus.

The three suggestions Satan made to Jesus, as recorded by Matthew, Mark, and Luke, were actually temptations to take shortcuts.

Jesus had gone a long time without food. He was weak and hungry. "Turn these stones into bread" were the words of Satan. Why not? What's wrong with that? Jesus surely had the miracu-

lous power to do so. (I've heard of the bride who in her attempt to bake biscuits, turns bread into stone.) Perhaps to do so would not have been intrinsically wrong. But it was not God's plan. Jesus had to wait a little longer, get out of the wilderness, pick some grain or fruit, or receive the hospitality of some kind friend in order to satisfy His appetite properly, in God's time and God's way. There was a legitimate, right time and way to satisfy that very natural desire. And then there was Satan's way, and time—NOW! If Jesus would do right, He would have to wait just a little while, and shun Satan's shortcut.

What about suggestion number two (in Matthew's record)? "Do something spectacular. Jump off the topmost spire of the Temple. The angels will give You a gentle, soft landing. You'll really draw a crowd and prove Your power. Do it now!" (paraphrase) What a great opportunity, presented by Satan!

Some day Jesus is going to do something like this, only much greater. In the "day of the Lord" He will come down from heaven (a greater height than the Temple), and "his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives" (Zechariah 14:4) with a mountain-splitting impact. In God's way and

time it will happen. Meanwhile, Jesus had to wait and shun Satan's shortcut.

Then Satan turned on his heavy artillery. "Worship me. If you do, I'll give You all the kingdoms of this world!" he said in effect. What an offer! That's what Jesus wants, what He rightfully deserves. When He gets that, He can straighten everything out, get rid of all wickedness. True, it is wrong to worship Satan. But then, doesn't the end justify the means? Wouldn't some good come from it? (That's the way we often reason, and try to justify the wrong.)

No! Jesus recognized Satan's evil strategy. He shunned the shortcut. In the meantime He must go to the cross and take your sins, and mine. He must come forth from the dead. He must wait across the centuries for the Holy Spirit to work for God to bring to fruition all things. "And the Lord shall be king over all the earth." (Zechariah 14:9a) "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ." (Revelation 11:15b)

How does this apply to our lives, especially to young people? There are at least three areas.

## There's MONEY.

You sit in my living room. While I step to the kitchen to serve you some iced tea, you spot my wallet lying on the coffee table. You take a look. Inside is a 20-dollar-bill. Satan whispers a shortcut. You reach in and slip that money from the wallet to your pocket, before I return. That's stealing.

**T**HEN there's God's time and way. You ask me if I would like for you to cut my grass for \$20. (Actually I would like to have it done for less.) "Yes," I reply, and you go outdoors and go to work. After you sweat and take time, the job is neatly done. I take that twenty from my wallet and hand it to you. So you eventually get the \$20 in God's time and way, not by a sinful shortcut.

**MARKS!** (Generations ago people used that word for school grades.)

There are two ways to get good "marks" (grades). One is to look over the shoulder of your fellow student during an exam and copy what he puts down. He happens to have lots of "smarts," or so it seems. Regarding a report on collateral reading he was supposed to do, a young fellow did something like that in a course that I taught in a Bible college, of all places! Fortunately, he later confessed that he had just copied someone else's notes and had never done the reading at all. But he had to take the course over. He had taken the wrong shortcut.

**T**HE OTHER way is to cut no classes, pay attention, take good notes, work hard all term (not just the night before exams), think straight, pray a little, and get an "A." That's the long, hard, but satisfying way. That's God's way.

The "hottest" one has to do with **MORALS!**

"Why wait? Go ahead. A few words in a wedding ceremony don't make that much difference. Tell her that if she really loves you she'll prove it—now." These are Satan's diabolical pointers toward the shortcut. Or perhaps you are traveling. You're tired, lonely, and particularly vulnerable to one of Satan's shortcuts. "Why wait till you get home? Your marriage has become sort of humdrum anyway. Find someone exciting! Nobody will ever know." And so you take the shortcut that leads to guilt and finally to eternal anguish and darkness and separation from God.

The desire is right. And Jesus' desires for food, for attention, and for rulership were right. But Satan's shortcuts are disastrous. God's time and God's way are glorious!

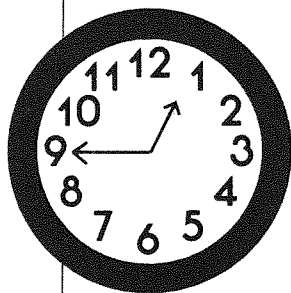
Let's **SHUN SATAN'S SHORTCUTS!** **EF**

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# Those Times

By Nancy Thomas



**A**FTER all this time you'd think I'd be better at waiting, angelic with folded hands, pulsing with patience.

"When's Daddy coming?" the kids whine from the car, 45 minutes after church. I don't answer anymore.

I'm learning, though my halo sits askew and the glow may look like a glower.

It's not that I don't use the time. I compose lists of ways people walk (waddle, strut, stroll, meander, march), observe chips in tile and tears in leaves, analyze wallpaper, memorize graffiti, pray for Pakistan, embroider book-marks, do isometric exercises, until . . .

"He's coming, Mom." You always do. Eventually.

But, some days Spirit-goaded you leap ahead, a path-finder, a hound hot on the scent of truth, radical and single-eyed.

Those times I just take up my cross-stitch and follow you. **EF**



## FRIENDS WRITE

### Responding to Suffering

I appreciate your monthly publication and feel prompted to respond to W. Sheffield's May 1988 article "What Does God Say About Suffering?"

"The Spirit bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together." (Romans 8:16-17 NKJV) It is well to note that we are expected to enter into Christ's sufferings. But what are Christ's sufferings? His sufferings were unique in that he never suffered for His own sake.

Jesus Himself was never sick nor does He equate sickness with suffering as the norm for Spirit-led Christians. Rather, His nature and ministry was wholeness in body, soul, and spirit. Granted, we

are not exempt from the effects of the world about us. God is not responsible for man's error and disobedience to His Word, man is! . . .

What can we conclude about Christ's sufferings? We are to enter into those things that exemplify Christ and further the Gospel. Chapter 8 of Romans says that we shall be more than conquerors in all sufferings through Him who loves us! . . .

What about all the Christians who are suffering various mental, physical, or emotional catastrophies in their life? What about sufferings that cannot be plainly identified as furthering the Gospel or causing one to know or show Christ by learning obedience through it? . . . Christian sufferings always bring about beneficial and positive results to the person and those round about them. . . .

It is necessary for us to be a most holy, repentant, uncompromising people before the Lord, walking in His Spirit so as to discern those sufferings, true sufferings that exemplify Him furthering the Gospel and bringing about perfection and obedience in our life. Are you willing to suffer as Christ did? Let us not be deceived by the lie of Satan to accept and enter into false sufferings that are unfruitful and distract us from our service and relationship to God.

Finally, "My brethren, take the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience." (James 5:10)

Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin.

RANDY DEMAIN  
*Metolius, Oregon*



# A Quaker Visitor to Russia

BY JACK WILLCUTS

**T**HIS is written in a Soviet Trade Union hotel room in Leningrad, Russia, on a snowy, cold March day. This part of Russia is at the same latitude as Greenland's "icy mountains." Leningrad (population 5 million) is built on a group of islands linked together with 300 bridges and surrounded by harbors dotted with heavily coated fishermen (and fisherwomen) hunched over fishing holes bored through two feet or more of crust and ice. It is warmer than Moscow, however, where a small party of British Quakers and I padded about in sweaters, coats, and more coats. Skiers silently slide along sidewalks to work, carrying briefcases; young mothers carry tiny, bright-eyed or sleeping children buried beneath furry blankets. Thick, glassy icicles dangle five feet from eaves, "hoarfrosty" trees and shrubs; it is a Siberian scene. I am glad for my newly purchased wool jacket so sheepy that it bleats when I put it on.

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**A** STATEMENT in a brochure reads: "International understanding is too important to leave solely to governments." With this in mind I joined a group of 12 Friends from England, some with previous experience in the Soviet Union. Our goal was "to meet and share common interests with Soviet people." We were accompanied as needed by Valentina, an experienced Russian interpreter. Palaces, cathedrals, people, and history—Russia is filled with them all. They started building some of these a thousand years before George Washington was born, so history is everywhere.

"This palace (or cathedral) was built or started, then destroyed in such and such war; rebuilt, ruined, rebuilt, damaged, restored . . ." Valentina runs through the centuries and landmarks like a shopping list. Take one: The world-renowned Winter Palace, used by Peter the Great and other czars, called "The Hermitage." It is too long and large to photograph in one picture. Lighted with chandeliers weighing three tons each, 15 parlours, some halls 1,000 square feet big, malekite column supports, walls and ceilings covered with "12,000 shades and sizes of mosaics." That is an unexaggerated start through the green and gold-domed lineup of palaces.

As for cathedrals, icons, paintings, and spectacular architecture, one feels like the breathless Egyptian runner trying to describe Solomon's Temple to the Queen of Sheba. A painting of the Last Supper, 20 by 30 feet, took the artist ten years to do. Another has the most original Rembrandts in one place (24) . . . maybe it was at Peter and Paul's Cathedral, or St. Isaac's, or Pushkin's Palace. It is hard to take notes with one hand and pictures with the other and keep up.

This is Christianity's millennium year in Russia, so the religious motif is currently being featured. I don't know about all of them, but I discovered that many of the fabulous ceiling paintings were mostly done on a special cloth, then glued up there. At this point I began to wonder about the task of cathedral custodians, which leads us to the "people" part of present-day Russia. (Never lease a palace before checking the maintenance contract.)

Several years ago on a European visit, I walked along the Berlin Wall and stared through the barbed wire Iron Curtain at "Check-Point-Charlie" dividing a city and a continent. This time, in a Russian Areoflot jet, we flew over it into the Soviet capital. To emphasize only the differences that separate peo-



ple is to overlook the beauty, helpfulness, love, fun, friendship, honesty, and other human virtues that exist on both sides. It is shallow and superficial to suppose that the dignity of the elderly, the joy of life of the children, the sacrifices of parents, insights into the mysteries of God's creation, the feeling at home on this earth, and other features of our oneness as human beings are the prerogatives of any one culture, country, or political structure. It is always possible, too, to seek and find evidences and examples to support one's preconceived ideas or prejudices.

**M**ANY of the terrible things we have heard about communistic Russia are true; many of the terrible things they have heard about capitalistic America are true. During a visit alone with a few English-speaking university students, I said, "Many in the U.S. and England believe Russia is just waiting for a chance to take over our countries and the world." They looked surprised, then laughed, "That is exactly what most of us think America is trying to do to us . . . and the world." But there are reasons, of course, why both views are held. In some ways, this fear affects Russians more deeply than it does us because of their horrible experiences with war. Another is their disillusionment with the kind of Christianity that justified the opulence and wealth in building all those cathedrals and palaces with slave and serf labor, often by rulers in the name of religion.

The people of Leningrad have particularly somber memories. More than a million died in Leningrad alone during the "Patriotic War," when the invincible Nazi war machine lay siege to the city. We visited the cemeteries where 12,000 bodies at a time were bulldozed into single graves; not just dead soldiers, but entire families who had died of starvation. In my lifetime!

Leaving a Russian Orthodox morning service, I asked a sad, wrinkled-faced woman (through an interpreter) why there were so few men in worship. "Don't you know?" her eyes met mine. "They were all killed. I lost five . . . five." She turned away, wrapping her shawl tighter for protection from the snow. The interpreter added, "I'm the youngest in a family of eight children. My father and oldest brother were killed and our house destroyed. I was only a year old, I don't remember it, but my mother did. She died last year at 78."

Western visitors are, of course, given materials to read. Complete translations of all the USSR-USA December, 1987, summit speeches, documents, and all that Gorbachev and

Reagan said publicly and in press conferences. Current issues of the *Moscow News* (available in 32 other languages), booklets with detailed explanation of *perestroika*, meaning "restructuring" and understood by Russians as "new thinking, new attitudes and approaches" of the Soviet government toward internal as well as international situations, and *glasnost* ("openings"). Other items: a 125-page book giving "100 questions" most frequently asked about the USSR by Americans, with answers given; and, a copy of the U.S.-published *Time* magazine featuring Gorbachev as their "1987 Man of the Year."

One could shrug all this off as propaganda, but it is believed by many, including people in the "third world" countries, some 15,000 of whom receive scholarships to study in Moscow universities.

Of special interest to me were my contacts with Soviet Christians. In Moscow we went an hour early to the Soviet Baptist Council Church (we found no Quakers in either city). The Baptist congregation is the only governmentally recognized Protestant church that one might consider evangelical. When most churches closed during the Stalin years, one former Russian Orthodox church building was made available to this fellowship in Leningrad.

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"Do you own the church building?" I asked. "No, it is State-owned, we rent it and keep it in repair." "Do you have freedom to worship and use it as you wish?" "Yes, but all our worship, programs, and teaching must take place within the church building." "Including Sunday schools for youth?" "Yes, within the church."

Five services a week are held here, so some in our group went on a Tuesday night to a prayer meeting. The subway and bus transfer rides from this hotel took 45 minutes. We found around 500 present, some coming farther than we had, and some who had walked through the snow. Again, the service lasted two hours, with three messages, and special choir numbers (65 voices). Few remove their heavy coats for the service. It happened that this week nearly 40 church "Field Superintendents" from across the USSR were present for a three-day conference, so they were seated on the platform with the three local pastors. Two spoke, bringing greetings, one from the Siberian churches, the other from The Ukraine. I was invited to bring greetings from the U.S. and English Christians. There were many young people present, including children. It seemed to me there was an atmosphere of intense concentration and absolute attention in the service. There was vibrant congregational singing of familiar hymns as well.

**T**HERE is a membership of more than 2,000 in this congregation, with 300 joining each year. It takes two years to join, with doctrinal classes held. Actually, it was said, membership is not encouraged since it can be detrimental in getting a job, educational opportunities, and membership in the Communist Party. Christians must think carefully before making a commitment, but the numbers, while small, are growing.

There is also a spirit of optimism and hope evidenced as a part of the national euphoria with *Perestroika*. "Things are so much better now," was heard frequently in every setting in which we participated, including churches. Great hopes are

placed on General Secretary Gorbachev. An example is a quote from the *Moscow News* reporting on a national planning committee conference to consider "The Significance of the Introduction of Christianity in Old Russia for the Development of Culture, World and European Civilization." "The Bible fuelled the creative works of Dante and Dostoyevsky, inspired Rublev and Michelangelo; were it not for it there would be no Cathedral of the Intercession of the Holy Virgin . . ."

I was reminded of the student response to my question in our private talk. "Would you like me to send each of you a gift copy of the Bible?" "Oh yes," they nodded, "But don't do it, for we would never get it . . . and even if we did, well, don't do it . . ." But we were told the United Bible Societies were permitted to bring 100,000 Bibles into the country this year, compared to 25,000 the previous year. In the back of my mind, however, I recalled recent reports in *Christianity Today* of Soviet Christians languishing in prisons.

Every group and everyone with whom we talked is desperately eager to see the international armaments buildup stopped, including their own. A Soviet official, as we met in his office, quite vehemently observed that when Reagan and Gorbachev sign the nuclear cutback treaties and all are approved and removed, this will reduce the known total nuclear missile supply (of both sides) by only 4 percent, "and it takes less than that to destroy the entire world. Since the world can only be destroyed once, why waste so much money and resources?" One impression in visiting in homes, casual contacts in situations where conversation takes place with "common" people, was that the same feelings of futility and frustration about the international tensions and confrontations are felt on both sides of the Iron Curtain.

I return to the Psalms to glimpse, by faith, our Creator's perception of nations and the world. "Serve the Lord with fear and rejoice with trembling." (2:11) This is not to escape our responsibility to work discerningly and courageously as peacemakers, nor sit in judgment on others while waiting for Christ's return. There are many ways we can be involved, helpfully, practically, sacrificially. Pray. Pray for peace, for "those in authority," for any suffering persecution, and pray for ourselves that we not become so preoccupied in our comfortable living we do not care about those who suffer. As Tatiana Goricheva, a contemporary Russian Christian, writes, "It is a pity that the West does not understand the value of suffering, its power to renew and purge. The experience of the persecuted Russian Church says to us quite clearly that suffering for God does not take us away from Him, but on the contrary brings us nearer to Him." My emotions were unusually stirred watching several young men pushing their way through crowded aisles to kneel at the altar of an evangelical church in Moscow, being counseled by elders, leaving the meeting clutching some Christian literature. Pray for them.

Can we not also encourage and take advantage of *Glasnost* and *Perestroika*, using this new openness and restructuring to develop personal contacts, visits, send Bibles, perhaps support our university and college students and others to enroll in Moscow and Leningrad universities to study Russian, or teach English while being a witness in various ways as openings come? Maybe our Friends colleges could provide scholarships to Soviet students. I met some who would certainly apply. The doors are not nearly so closed as they were just five years ago. And we know what we are supposed to do with "open doors." Enter them! **EF**

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### Why Settle for More and Miss the Best?

Tom Sine

Word, 225 pages, paperback \$8.99

By all means avoid this book; it is dangerous. If you read it and reject its plea, you will be forever doubting and guilty about your lifestyle. If you go with Sine, you will never be the same again, your life radically changed. So be warned.

What he wants is Christians who will take the whole purpose of God seriously; that is, live as if they *really* did. Right now, he thinks, many are not. Hear what he has to say. "We cannot embrace a world view primarily committed to the pursuit of material gain and at the same time subscribe to a world dedicated to the service of God and others." "In my view, this ideology of radical individualism and the pursuit of self-interest has been the single most potent force in the breakdown of family, morality, and community in all levels of our society." "Christian colleges seem to be more interested in preparing graduates to fit into upwardly mobile lifestyles and successful professions than seriously to prepare them to challenge or change the institutions in which they work." How much house, wardrobe, transportation, and recreation do I really need in a world in which many go hungry? He reports that we spend on ourselves 97 percent of what we earn, and of the 3 percent left only 5 percent goes to any kind of international mission; that is, less than 2/1000 of what we earn.

By now you can judge that Sine is distressed with the lifestyle of many Christians. But he does not stop there; he gives extensive and detailed practical suggestions for change, plus examples of persons and groups who have altered their lives. and he gives questions for discussion at the end of each chapter. What we have here is a handbook for revolution in ourselves and our churches (and meetings). He offers help in freeing up time for a richer devotional life, for learning and practicing true community, for finding our vocation (which is not necessarily our job or career), for the service of love to those *outside* our own church door.

As I said at the beginning, avoid this book unless you have stomach for revolution. There is no telling what an explosion might burst upon us if we began to study and discuss it in our congregations.

—Lauren King

### Laughing Together (The Value of Humor in Family Life)

Dotsey Welliver

Brethren Press, 110 pages, paperback

The author, a writer, speaker, and staffer at Wheaton College, evidently believes that humor and laughter should be taken seriously. She's in good company, with both Scripture and science on her side. Proverbs 17:22 says that "A merry heart is good medicine," and modern medicine attributes all sorts of benefits to laughter, from longer life to a better night's sleep.

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So, Dotsey Welliver sets out to examine humor and laughter, and to try to find value in them. She is aware that, as E. B. White once said, "Humor can be dissected, as a frog can, but the thing dies in the process," but with that caveat understood, she forges ahead to try to help the reader understand the nature of humor and its effects. And she makes it evident that she feels that God intended humor to be a part of our lives.

Along with the analysis are many jokes, anecdotes, funny stories, amusing reminiscences, and a few cartoons, not to mention a number of suggested activities to generate humor in the family setting.

This is a clever little book, whose value just might outlast the relatively short amount of time it will take to read it. Consider giving it a spot on the shelf next to the works of Quaker humorist Tom Mullen.

—John Pierce

### From Here to Retirement, Planning Now for the Rest of Your Life

Paul Fremont Brown

Word Book Publishers, paperback, 228 pages

Due to several factors, retirement for most Americans is getting longer and longer. The word "retirement" may not be found in Scripture. Moses, Abraham, and even Methusaleh apparently were never on Social Security, but it is experienced widely now in the Christian community. Quakers also get old as fast as other good people, so need to ponder the implications of it even though it is said "old age is one of life's greatest surprises."

Paul Fremont Brown is a retired engineer with several retirement occupations. His specialty seems to be financial counseling, so a lot of the book focuses on that aspect of looking toward retirement. He got Rep. Claude Pepper of Florida to write a brief preface, and of course HE is AARP's hero and a professional retiree. "Some people are bushwhacked by boredom or depression," Brown announces in his introduction, "while others live zestful and meaningful later years . . ." He then launches into the reasons for the difference. Preparation is terribly important, he explains, especially for retirement.

There are 14 brief chapters detailing finances (first), finding new adventures, dealing with health, and even two sections on "Keeping Your Marriage Alive." "No matter how well you know each other or how much rough road you have shared, marriage before retirement does little to prepare you for marriage after retirement." Well. You may want to check this book out! —Jack L. Willcuts

### A Cord of Three Strands

Linda Raney Wright

Revell Press, 255 pages, \$10.95

Here is another book on marriage! This book is one that most sincere Quakers should agree with. It brings out the concepts of balance, team ministries, biblical acceptance of women as prophets, priests, and in other leadership roles. I found this book very thoughtful, very well researched, and well written.

—Jannelle W. Loewen

# A LIFE CHANGING Mission Visit

BY LISA MAST

**A** SHORTTERM mission, me Lord? Why should I go to the mission field? I support the missionaries. They are doing fine over there without me going too, Lord. I'm doing my part here in my church. I attend worship services and help when they need it. Please, Lord, stop talking to me about missions. You know, Lord, missions begins at home. I can't pack up everything and leave. What about my home, friends, family, and my job? What will people say? No, I just don't think I'm cut out for missionary life. You know how weak my stomach is, Lord, I can't tolerate that weird food and those strange customs. You know I'll serve You here, Lord. I'll do whatever You ask...."

Does this prayer sound familiar? There was little doubt the Lord was speaking to me about going to the mission field, and I did not know exactly what to do about it. I knew right away that I was not prepared to be a missionary, at least in the context of what I thought a missionary was. What could I do? I found myself thinking about missions, praying for missionaries, talking with missionaries on furlough, and yet still unsure how the Lord

could use me on the mission field.

"A short-term mission; me, Lord?" There are so many mission organizations sponsoring trips to just about every country you can imagine; but how does one know which group is doctrinally sound? How does one know that the lifestyles of the leaders of the groups will be consistent with one's own commitment to Christ? Can a person really trust these organizations? As a member of the Friends Church, the Lord impressed on me the importance of supporting our own missionaries. Why not visit some of them? Get to know them in their environment, observe what they do? This would provide a cross-cultural experience as well as an opportunity to see our missionaries at work.

That is just what I did. In 1987 I went on a three-week short-term mission trip to visit our missionaries in South America. I met Dwaine and Becky Williams in Santa Cruz, Bolivia; Hal and Nancy Thomas in La Paz, Bolivia; Bev and Wayne Chapman in Puno, Peru; Gail and James Roberts in La Paz, Bolivia. I met many other missionaries as well. I was pleased to learn that the mis-

sionaries from various organizations work closely together in South America.

There is so much to see, do, and learn on a short-term mission visit that I want to encourage everyone interested in missions to consider this:

1. You will be able to make a difference in someone's life as a result of your short-term mission. It could be a missionary, or a person you meet during your travels. Maybe, because of your trip, some will give their life to Christ and begin a personal relationship with Him.

2. You will be a richer person when you return to the States because of experiences abroad. You will have new insights, new blessings.

3. You will be a more interesting person. You can talk about your trip, the people you met, and the things you saw and did.

4. You will be able to give up-to-date accounts of situations in the country you visited.

5. You will be able to pray more specifically for the needs and dreams of the missionaries you know personally.

6. You will have many new friends to write and visit.

7. You will be able to know with greater certainty where

your mission dollar is going. You will see firsthand how the Lord stretches mission money.

8. You will see the Lord work in situations you never could have imagined.

9. You will be richly blessed by the Lord for obeying His call. But watch out! He may call you for a longer term of service.

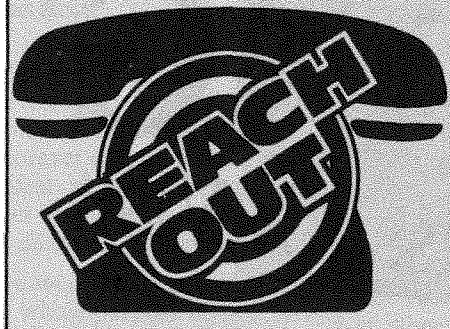
In Matthew 28:19, 20 Jesus says, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age."

I challenge you to consider a short-term mission to one of our Friends mission fields. Get to know our missionaries, their families, their needs, cultures, and dreams. It will change your life; you will never be the same. ■



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unchurched people were; (2) Where to rent a facility to worship; (3) Why people do not attend church; (4) What they are looking for in a church; (5) The programs to develop to meet the people's needs and thereby hold them; (6) Everything from the style of worship to the type of pastor that would be needed to match the people's lifestyle and worship needs.

Once this information had been gathered, a church-planting task force was formed. Six committees began work. The Technigrowth Committee enlisted over 60 volunteers to do the phoning. The Advertising Committee created 12 brochures describing the new church. The brochures were designed from the information received from the door-to-door survey and the Technigrowth manual. The Computer Committee entered names, addresses, and phone numbers of the interested people and provided the Mailing Committee with mailing labels. The Mailing Committee used countless volunteers to prepare and mail more than 24,000 brochures. The Building and Equipment Committee helped secure a well-known elementary school and equip it for worship. An excellent nursery was provided and three children's church programs were offered. Another committee made plans for stationing ushers and greeters in the school parking lot and auditorium. The Neighborhood Bible Discussion Committee established groups in the target area. Neighborhood Bible discussion groups have become very popular since the birth of the new church. At present, over 60 people attend one each week.

During January 1987, volunteers dialed 28,250 telephone numbers across the targeted area. We talked with people in more than 16,000 homes, with 3,500 of them asking to be added to our mailing list. On April 5, 1987, 211 people came for our first worship service. But, were not 350 expected at that first service? We believe the following factors resulted in a smaller turnout than expected: (1) We only had time to place follow-up calls to 2,100. Ten percent of 2,100 actually came; (2) Daylight

Saving Time began earlier than usual, and this decision was made after our publicity was mailed out; (3) It snowed that morning and people in Richmond aren't used to driving in the snow (4) Spring break began for school children, and many families were out of town; (5) The PTL scandal became news the week before. Fifty homes made mention of this scandal during the callbacks.

For the first six to nine months of a new church's existence, the pastor is the glue that holds things together. David Smith was selected as pastor for the West End Church. He possesses a love for people and other necessary traits that a church planter needs. Associate Pastor Stephen Savage provided the organizational skills that were needed in a new church. As the director of church planting, I helped the pastors incorporate church growth principles in their ministry. God has honored the labors of this team. Eighty-five people formed the core of the new church by June 1987. By her first anniversary, the West End Evangelical Friends Church had grown to an average of 172 people. We believe that God helps His church to grow as people pray, honor His Word, and follow the principles He has established for church planting and growth.

On November 6, 1988, Hanover Friends is planning to plant her second church in the greater Richmond area. Ultimately it is hoped that the newly planted will themselves begin to plant other churches. Our future is as bright as the promises of God. **EF**

*Dennis Mote is director of church planting, Hanover Evangelical Friends Church, Richmond, Virginia.*

## Chris Was Ready for the Call

BY RETHA MCCUTCHEN

**I**D LIKE you to meet Connie (Conrad) and Chris Hamann from Bend, Oregon. They are a part of the Deschutes Friends Church in Bend—a 10-month old baby church! This baby has had a unique development.

Last year Chris developed an interest in family history and began doing some reading about her past and her family heritage. In this study, she discovered that some of her ancestors had been Quakers! What is a



**Kevin Gilbert**

Quaker? She knew nothing about the Quakers! Chris and Connie had belonged to a Protestant church earlier in their lives, but in recent years had given very little thought or action to that heritage or faith. Yet the Holy Spirit began to plant a desire within them.

One evening as Chris was watching television, the phone rang and she heard a voice say, "Hello, this is Kevin Gilbert. I'm pastor of a new Friends church opening in Bend in December. Could I ask you a couple of quick questions?"

That conversation was the beginning of a life-changing relationship! Who are Friends? Friends are Quakers! What a coincidence! Chris was already curious about her heritage and the faith of her ancestors. God continued to bring openness to spiritual things and a drawing toward this church. Chris states that the call came just at the right time in her life. She was ready for a return to Christ and His Church.



Bend is a resort community in central Oregon with a population of 20,000. The Board of Evangelism of Northwest Yearly Meeting decided to send Kevin and Denise Gilbert to Bend to plant a church using "The Phone's for You" process for gathering people. There was a core group of four committed families, and some help was available from a mother church 40 miles away. In this core group there was a pastor, a director of music, a director of children's ministries, treasurer, and head usher. These persons laid the foundation for worship, nurture, and fellowship.

The initial obstacle for so few people isolated from population centers with larger churches was finding a way to do the phoning. It seemed impossible! A problem was turned into an opportunity. Friends pastors across Oregon, Washington, and Idaho presented their people with the challenge of this new work in Bend, and people were asked to pray, to make 100 phone calls from their own home at their own cost and send the response cards to Bend by a specific deadline. What a beautiful cooperative spirit developed throughout the Yearly Meeting! People began to think of Deschutes Friends as "our" church. People in every area of the Yearly Meeting now have a personal investment in this work. Enthusiasm and support are high!

One hundred people were recruited and trained. Twelve thousand seven hundred calls were made, from which a prospect list of 1,200 was derived. On Celebration Sunday, the sixth of December, 89 were present for worship.

Chris Hamann was one of those worshipers. As December 6 approached, Chris found herself very reluctant to go, yet she felt a compelling drawing as well. Was it only curiosity about her family roots? With much fear



and trepidation, Chris gathered her courage and walked into Pilot Butte Junior High School that morning. "Immediately, I felt like I'd come home," she said later. "I cried through the whole service."

Chris has returned to worship at Deschutes Friends and enjoys the warm fellowship of the developing congregation. She especially likes the friendly sharing during the coffee hour each week. For several weeks Chris attended alone. Then pastor Kevin Gilbert visited their home and met her husband, Connie. This relationship-building, coupled with Chris's enthusiastic response to worship, caught Connie's interest. He decided to visit and see for himself.



"The Phone's for You" is not the end of a church plant, but the beginning.

In Bend it didn't end with Celebration Sunday. The Hamanns found that the fellowship of the church family met people's need for friendships. The people have drawn together to support the people within their group and the community. A recent yard sale raising funds to send youth to summer camps added another bond in their corporate unity and ministry. Gifts of money and food for a needy family expressed the developing attitudes of this congregation. Home Bible studies provide an atmosphere for nurture and growth in prayer. Like all congregations, the Deschutes congregation is growing together while continuing to reach out to their community.

What have the Hamanns discovered at Deschutes Friends Church? Chris says, "A friend in Jesus as well as friends in the church. We enjoy church. We hate to miss Sundays, and rarely do."

Christ does make a difference in lives. **EF**

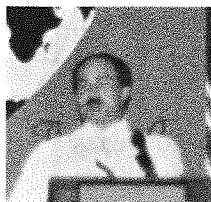
*Retha McCutchen is assistant superintendent of Northwest Yearly Meeting.*



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EASTERN REGION

### Eastern Region Friends Meet in 176th Yearly Meeting

Drawing 1,050 in attendance, the Missionary Banquet was the first event on Saturday,



Mark Engel

August 6. Mark Engel was flown home from Taiwan as special speaker. He was followed by a surprise taped greeting from each of the missionaries serving in foreign fields, complete with slides. The theme was "The World upon My Heart—Think Globally . . . Act Locally."

The Sunday afternoon service featured the youth who participated in Summer Ministries. Randy Neiswanger, Youth Board president, reported that some 150 young people participated in some kind of special project during the summer.

The guest speaker for the first three days was Philip Teng of Alliance Theological Seminary in Nyack, New York. Dr. Teng retired last year as pastor of North Point Alliance Church in Hong Kong after serving 30 years and establishing 11 branch churches.

On Tuesday afternoon, 18 workshops were held. Betty Hockett of Newberg, Oregon, was sponsored by the Publications Board and led the seminars on writing. Other topics included Sex Respect, Tele-Growth, Friend Day, Quaker Values, Missionary Outreach, Rwanda Miracles, Lifestyle Evangelism, Youth Sponsors, Substance Abuse, Managing Your

Finances, Put Sparkle in Your Classroom, and Taiwan Update.

From the reports during the business sessions, these items were "gleaned":

\* Two extension churches were approved as full churches—Akron Community, and West End, Richmond, Virginia. The E P & E Board anticipates assisting with planting new churches this next year in South Richmond, in Michigan, and in Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania. In addition the replanting of the Broadview Heights church is an encouraging project in cooperation with Willoughby Hills.

\* The Publications Board was renamed Communications Board, and the Christian Education Board declared Tuesday as "Dorothy Barratt Day" in recognition of her 20 years of faithful service as EFA Consultant.

\* The dates for Yearly Meeting next year are July 29–August 3, 1989.

### Summer Ministry Success

The Alaska group, who traveled to Kotzebue to assist in VBS teaching in July, was able to make a great contribution to Friends in the northland. Sue Clarke, Administrative Assistant at Richmond-Hanover, led the team consisting of four Eastern Region youth in the first summer ministry project of its kind. The team was limited to four, and each was asked to raise \$1,200 to cover travel.

### Loss of Chinese Christian Leader

Jonathan Hsu died in Shanghai, China, on July 1. Many will remember meeting him when he visited the United States in the fall of 1985. Upon his return to China, he began intensive work in writing three books for publication.

### Meeting Moves

Pastor Neil Orchard reports that Treasure Coast Friends



Phil DiSabatino led the congregation in song accompanied by the Canton orchestra and choir during EFC-ER Yearly Meeting

Church (Stuart, Florida) has relocated to meet at 940 Central Parkway instead of their former school location. They average between 30 to 50 in attendance on Sunday mornings.

### Camp Director Named

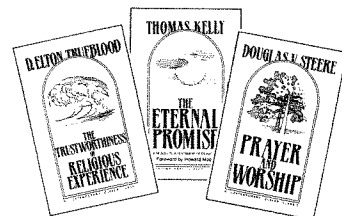
Jack Harris has been named as the camp director for Camp Gideon. He is a member of Canton First Friends Church

and works at Malone as associate director of the Management Program. As a rock-climbing enthusiast who has taught courses in wilderness camping, Jack has some excellent ideas in helping develop Camp Gideon.

### Sorry, Wrong Number

The phone number for Camp Gideon is 216/738-6871. The number listed on page 19 of the July/August issue was incorrect.

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## Youth "quiz-off" on Acts



### MID-AMERICA YEARLY MEETING

#### Area Meetings

Hutchinson Friends hosted the area churches on July 17. The afternoon program started with music and devotions led by Dave Robinson, pastor of Haviland Friends, and Brenda Choate, vocal instructor at Friends Bible College. Gary and Connie Young, under appointment to EFM Rwanda, spoke about their needs and future plans. The evening speaker was Cathy Leestma, an author, speaker, and homemaker from Southern California.

Activities for the teens were directed by Paul Romoser, youth pastor at Haviland, and children's activities were led by the Hutchinson Friends Church.

Wichita Area Rally was held at Camp Quaker Haven at Arkansas City. The afternoon activities included swimming, games, and fellowship. After a carry-in meal a male quartet from Central Community Church in Wichita provided music, and the Yearly Meeting extension video was shown.

Ed and Sharon Key shared their experiences at the Inter-

#### FIELD SECRETARY

Half-time Field Secretary to travel in the Midwest for Friends Committee on National Legislation interpreting the work and financial needs of FCNL to its constituents. Needed immediately. Send inquiries or suggestions to:

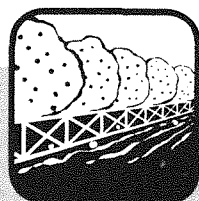
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national Conference on Evangelism in Guatemala at the Tri-State Area Rally, held at the Bolton Friends Church.

Chandler Friends Church hosted the Central Oklahoma Rally. Randy Littlefield, MAYM director of church growth, was the speaker.

#### The Langham Friends Church

Under the direction of MAYM, plans are being laid for a Technigrowth Campaign to be directed to the Langham Creek area in the Houston, Texas, area. The church will be named the Langham Creek Friends and will meet on November 6 for its first meeting.



### NORTHWEST YEARLY MEETING

#### Church Planting

Three new church plant/renewal projects are underway in Northwest Yearly Meeting. Kent and Vancouver, Washington, and Southwest Portland are the target areas. Pastors and their core groups are currently planning "The Phone's for You" campaign and developing a leadership core through Bible study and planning groups. The first church will open November 6 following a 30,000 dial-up campaign. This church, in Vancouver, Washington, is pastored by Steve and Donna Wood. Steve is a graduate of Malone College and Wheaton Seminary, and has served on the pastoral staff

at Newberg (Oregon) Friends for the past 12 years. Joining the team as associate pastors are Jeff and Deana VandenHoeck. Jeff is a graduate of George Fox College, and recently received a Master's degree from Friends Center in Azusa, California.

#### Missions

A new missionary has been added to the Peruvian staff. Kathryn Alyssa Anderson joined her family, Denny, Sue, Aaron, Bryan, and Kristin, on July 27. The Anderson family returned to the mission field the end of August.

Groundwork is being laid for developing the Arequipa, Peru, work into a training center for pastors. Denny and Sue Anderson and Dan and Tami Cammack will spend the coming year developing a strategy and program for this project. Leonardo Tola, a missionary from Bolivia, and the coastal church leaders will also be involved in the planning.

Earl Perisho, Mission Board clerk, will meet with the entire planning team in December to help finalize the beginning of the school.

Ed and Marie Cammack, missionaries from Peru, will be presenting the Arequipa minis-

try to churches throughout the Northwest this year.

#### Youth Emphasis

The part-time youth superintendent position has been increased to full time. Bruce Bishop, a graduate of George Fox College, will continue serving in this capacity. Under Bruce's leadership, Youth Yearly Meeting was a highlight. The youth learned about Friends business, discussed issues, elected officers, and are actively participating in Yearly Meeting business. Bible "Quiz-zing" in the junior high has been instituted across NWYM. The two finalist teams held a "quiz-off" during Yearly Meeting covering Acts 1-10. The team from the Willamette Valley area took first place.

YCEW (Youth Challenged to Expand their Worldview—formerly Youth Consecrated to Evangelize the World) is a summer program allowing high school students the opportunity to do short-term mission work. The 1988 teams went to Bolivia/Peru and Kenya. These young people added much to Yearly Meeting as they shared the highlights of their trip and what the Lord has done in their lives because of this experience.

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## Aids victim shares experiences

Tom Hinderliter



### ROCKY MT. YEARLY MEETING

#### Woodland Park Friends Prepare to Build

About 40 folks from across Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting joined members of Woodland Park Friends June 12 to dedicate newly purchased land. Church members hope to soon begin construction of a new facility on the 6.5 acres on Rampart Range Road in Woodland Park, a small city in the mountains west of Colorado Springs.



Jack Rea (center) speaks at dedication ceremony. Pastor Bob Sander (far left) looks on.

Pastor Bob Sander opened the service, followed by member Richard Kearns, who expressed his sentiments and hopes for the new congregation. RMYM Superintendent Jack Rea closed the service with a message and dedicatory prayer.

#### Reaching Out to AIDS Victims

Mary Heathman, a member of First Denver Friends, presented a workshop July 17 and 24 on acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) during the

Sunday school hour. The first Sunday covered the whole issue of AIDS from a Christian perspective. The presentation examined what is known about the disease as well as how to minimize the risk. On the second Sunday, a young man who has AIDS talked about his experiences.

Heathman is one of the staff members at Where Grace Abounds. The ministry presents Christ to homosexuals and strives to help them turn from that deviant life, which is contrary to the Scriptures.

#### RMYM Prayer Opportunities

1. Pray God's blessings upon the Woodland Park Friends Meeting as planning commences for construction of a church building.

2. Ask God's blessings on the ministries of these RMYM meetings: Albuquerque, New Mexico; Northwest Friends (Arvada, Colorado); Plainview, Nebraska; Wessington Springs, South Dakota; Fort Collins and Lamar, Colorado.

3. Beseech God that a righteous man who values life, particularly that of unborn babies, will be elected U.S. president in November.

### OUR FRIENDS COLLEGES

#### Through Many Years and Changes FBC Sale Goes On

For 56 years the Quaker settlement of Haviland, Kansas, has hosted the annual Friends Bible College Ladies Auxiliary Sale. On Saturday, October 1, 1988, at 9:00 a.m. hundreds of friends and alumni will gather

at Hockett Gymnasium for the exciting sale of numerous handmade items.

The Sale began in 1932 when Professor George L. Edie, business manager for Friends Bible College, gathered together some women of the church to form an auxiliary. Feeling the urgent financial pressure of the school, Nora Cravens organized the soliciting and selling of articles in the home of "Aunt Flo Elliott." Close to \$300 was raised; 18 women were present.

This small beginning has mushroomed into sales that have totaled over \$50,000; 1986 set a record, totaling over \$62,000, with 1987 bringing in second with a total of \$58,200. Proceeds from the Sale go to the general operating fund of Friends Bible College, a college producing Christian leaders both within the Friends community and among Christians in general since 1917.

The highlight of the Sale usually comes in the early afternoon for quilt lovers as well as those who enjoy excited bidding. The auctioneers coax thousands of dollars from the audience for the quilts.

"Folks especially have their eye on the 'Tree of Life' quilt, which has become a tradition and usually brings top dollars. In 1984 it netted \$6,600," stated FBC Public Affairs secretary Rowena Holliday.

Besides the lovely quilts, many beautiful ceramic pieces including charming porcelain dolls are prepared by ladies in the community. Last year's total from just the ceramic pieces reached \$7,465.

Also sharing in the success of the Sale are area merchants who donate numerous items to be sold.



#### New Dean of Students Appointed

Friends Bible College, Haviland, Kansas, appointed Tom Hinderliter from Puyallup, Washington, as dean of students for the 1988-89 school year. Tom has been teaching at Puyallup Valley Christian School for the past seven years. He also coached girl's softball and tutored English for children from India and Korea.

Both Tom and his wife, Patti, are graduates of Northwest Nazarene College in Nampa, Idaho. Tom received his master's degree from Western Evangelical Seminary in Portland, Oregon, in Christian History and Thought with a minor in Counseling.

As Dean of Students he will also be involved in health services, sports, dorm life, student self-government, teaching, and counseling.

Tom and Patti have three children, Heather, a freshman at FBC; Tristan, age 5; and Lyndon Robert, age 3.

#### Financial Aid Officer Begins Duties

Danei Worden, a newcomer to the Friends Bible College staff, arrived this past summer to fulfill the positions of Financial Aid Director, Women's Dorm Mother, and Publications Writer.

Danei was a 1987 graduate of Malone College in Canton, Ohio. Majoring in communications, journalism, she believes, has given her the necessary skills for communicating with people, as well as for communicating through the printed word.

### Vice President Named

Sam Farmer, a member of the George Fox College (Newberg, Oregon) Board of Trustees for 19 years, will leave that post and his position as a national corporate sales manager to become the next vice president for development at George Fox College.

The new vice president will be responsible for planning, management, and coordinating of the college's programs in fund raising. He will coordinate the efforts of the director of development, director of alumni and parent relations, and director of planned giving as they contact corporations, foundations, churches, and individuals.

### Aid Compiled for Practicing Peacemaking

A book designed to teach conflict-resolution skills has been compiled by a George Fox College professor for use in educational settings throughout the United States.

"The Role Play Book," edited by Ron Mock, assistant professor of the Center for Peace Learning at George Fox College, is a compilation of 32 hypothetical conflict situations written by conflict management educators across the U.S.

The book covers four areas of conflict—interpersonal, family, congregational, and work place. The 32 scenarios present simple one-party, and more complex multiparty, situations.

"The book was based on the premise that peacemaking is not just a concept, it is a skill," Mock said. "The only way you get good at it is through practice," he explained.

### Cultures Meet on Campus

Forty-two Japanese women learned American customs and conversational English at George Fox College July 17-27.

From a community college near Tokyo, the women, ages 18 and 19, participated in Pacific American Institute's "American Homestay" program. They attended classes at GFC during the day and visited with Newberg host families in the evenings and on weekends.

### LRC in Use for Fall

George Fox College's new \$2.25 million M. J. Murdock Learning Resource Center opened its doors to students on August 31—the first day of classes.

While a few "minor carpentry projects" will continue through September, the 34,000 square-foot building was sufficiently complete to accommodate students who want to study, hold meetings, and check out books, said Merrill Johnson, director of Learning Resources.

The college is especially pleased with the opening date, since the unexpected cleanup of asbestos in Shambuagh Library in April and May threw construction workers off schedule.

### GFC History Sought

Ralph Beebe, professor of history, has been reassigned to conduct research for a pictorial book he is writing on the history of the college. The book, commissioned by GFC's Centennial Committee, is scheduled to be published by Barclay Press, Newberg, for the college's 100th anniversary in 1991.

Currently, Beebe is trying to find people who have documents, information, or photographs that might give insight into the history of the college. He can be contacted at the college, 503/538-8383.

During his research this fall, Beebe will teach one course. He will teach several courses in the spring.

## New Church in the City

The Work of the Chicago Fellowship of Friends

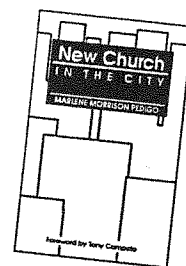
by Marlene Morrison Pedigo

"New Church ... does not attempt to glamorize or shock, but works at sharing the beauty of urban core ministry in an honest and straightforward fashion."

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### Malone College Announces New Nursing Faculty Members

Malone College (Canton, Ohio) has hired two new full-time faculty members for its Department of Nursing, according to Dr. Ronald Johnson, vice president and dean of the college. Elizabeth W. McVan and Martha E. Horst will be working with Barbara Heinz, interim chair person for the Department of Nursing, beginning with the fall semester at Malone.

### President of Malone College Resigns

Dr. Gordon R. Werkema has announced his resignation as President of Malone College, Canton, Ohio, after seven years in the position.

Werkema says he is planning to take substantial time to travel, study, and evaluate other opportunities outside of Christian education. He has spent the last 31 years in leadership roles in different educational institutions and organizations. "I hope that my accomplishments over the last

seven years will continue to have a positive impact on the college," says Werkema.

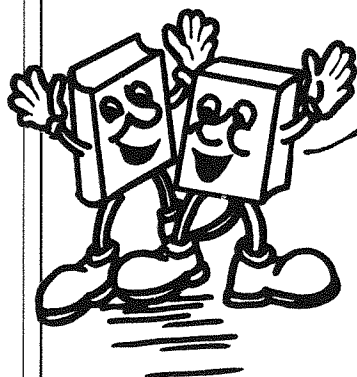
"Seven years ago we selected Dr. Werkema as president in large part for specific strengths he personified which the college desperately needed," stated J. Harry Mosher, board chairman of Malone College.



"We recognize him today as a man of Christian commitment, professional breadth, and integrity. He has developed a professional recognition for Malone College locally, throughout the state, and in many areas of the nation. He has strengthened the college in its Christian heritage and its original educational philosophy," continued Mosher.

Gordon Werkema and his wife, Jacklyn Brumels Werkema, who live at Malone House in Canton, have five children, all resettled away or at college and military service elsewhere.





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## Friends University Offers Two New Master's Degree Programs

Dr. Richard Felix, president of Friends University, Wichita, Kansas, announced two new master's degree programs to be offered this fall at the university. The two new programs are a Master of Arts in Christian Ministry degree and a Master of Music in Church Music degree.

The Christian Ministry graduate program is focused upon preparation for and improvement of practical ministry. The program and the courses are foundational, providing the basic preparation necessary for informed service and for additional graduate level theological education. Persons with Christian interest, but without a specific vocational focus, may also find the program fulfilling as a source of personal enrichment.

Students in the Christian Ministry program select one of three areas for specialized individual preparation: pastoral studies, Christian education, or biblical studies.

The graduate program in Church Music is designed to enable college graduates and music professionals to become skilled leaders and administra-

tors in the field of church music. The focus is on personal philosophy, resources, leadership, methods, and growth of music skills.

Each degree program can be completed in two calendar years while a student maintains full-time employment.

**OUR  
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CHURCHES**

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

## Youth and Christian Education

Randy Young, a 1988 graduate of Friends Bible College, will be coming on staff at **PRATT**, Kansas, Friends (John Havens) as youth pastor beginning August 21.

Ten young people from Pratt attended camp at Quaker Haven in June. Two of our youth, Chad and Shelli Riggs, are traveling and singing with Cornerstone, the concert group sponsored by Mid-America Yearly Meeting.

The youth of **NORTH OLMSTED**, Ohio, Friends (J. Daniel Frost) held a car wash on July 2 and a Teen Talent Night on July 6 to assist the four youth from their church who participated in the summer ministries program.

Due to the efforts of Alan Olson of John Day, Oregon, and Delpha (Campbell) Van Komen, Eagle, Idaho, a reunion of the Christian Endeavor (the forerunner of Friends Youth) members of **WHITNEY**, Boise, Idaho, Friends (Roger Watson) of years 1946-1956 was held July 3-4.

The vacation Bible school at **DAMASCUS**, Ohio, Friends (Larry Kinser) used "Wonderfaire" as its theme, averaging 132 students and workers. Offering totaled \$226, which went to the Christian Hospital in Chhartarpur, India.

The week of June 15-19 Jeff Green and Shawn Isam from **SPRINGBANK**, Allen, Nebraska (Roger Green), attended the Wesleyan Youth Camp near Atkinson, Nebraska. The two wrote a piece of music that they presented at the camp. They won an honorable mention, which can be taken to the state camp in December.

Spring graduates were honored at the morning service in **MEDFORD**, Oregon (Paul Meier), on June 5.

A new approach to VBS was tried in Medford this summer. Several five-day clubs were held at various homes during the weeks of June 13-17 and June 20-24.

West Wichita Children's Center under the direction of **UNIVERSITY**, Wichita, Kansas (David Kingrey) received its accreditation by the National Academy of Early Childhood programs. Lynnette Krieger is director of the program.

Vacation Bible school for **URBANA**, Ohio, Friends

(Jim Chess) was August 15-19 and for **PELHAM**, Fenwick, Ontario, Canada, Friends (Matthew Chesnes) at the end of July.

The **EAST GOSHEN**, Beloit, Ohio, Friends youth (Charles Bancroft) attended an all-day event at Quaker Canyon for the Annual Memorial Day Retreat. The video *Heaven's Gates and Hell's Fire* was viewed by the 40 who attended from different churches.

Kids Krusade (Wonderfaire) was held nightly June 27-30 at **TRINITY**, Van Wert, Ohio (Duane Rice), with Marcia Micheal of West Liberty, Ohio, as leader. There were puppets, stories, songs, and prizes, and a missionary offering for Marty and Mikey Chavarria in Mexico City.

Lee Simmons was extended a full-time call as youth minister at **GREENLEAF**, Idaho, Friends (Don Lamm). His wife, Lori, will continue her education at Northwest Nazarene College; Lee graduated from there in June.

Greenleaf's teens have had a car wash, lawn mowing, bike-a-thon, and a "float" on Boise River to raise money for their summer trip to San Francisco and the inner city. The group left August 1 to visit the Golden Gate Ministries, to see firsthand the mission work among the homeless. They were accompanied by Youth Pastors Lee and Lori Simmons.

Summer Backyard Bible Clubs were held in several places around **ALLIANCE**, Ohio, Friends (Rick Sams). Melissa Duriga and Debbie Milliken headed the project.

"Hey You . . . ththth," a discipleship class for 7th and 8th graders, was held during Alliance's regular VBS. Also held for two of the mornings was a Bible study for interested parents.

## "Orange-Blend" singles . . . town meetings



Left front: Darin McCoy, Aaron DeArmon, and Heather Mosser, youth who took part in the program. Back row: William Waltz, pastor, and Chris Noale, speaker and evangelist from the University of Steubenville.

A Father's Day program was held at **SMITHFIELD**, Ohio, Friends (William Waltz) with guest speaker, Chris Noale, and readings and music by the Youth.

**BARBERTON**, Ohio, Friends (Brian Cowan) advertised their vacation Bible school with a decorated bike parade through the housing project on July 9. The theme of the lessons was "Discovering God's Power at the Wonderfaire." Of special interest each day were the skits given by two clowns.

### Spiritual Life and Outreach

Eighteen members of **DEERFIELD**, Ohio, Friends (Wayne Evans) traveled to Sarasota, Florida, June 16-26 to assist Randy Heckert in leading Backyard Bible Clubs in the area around **SARASOTA** Friends (John P. Williams, Sr.).

Two young men of **PRATT** Friends, Denny Alexander and Frank Hernandez, are working at The Achievement Place, a home for troubled boys ages 9 through 16. On Sundays these boys are all in worship.

**CHERRY GROVE**, Battle Ground, Washington, Women's Ministries hosted the Mother and Daughter Tea for Prairie High School.

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The new young singles group at **ORANGE ROAD**, Westerville, Ohio, Friends (Tim Kelly) is known as the "Orange-Blend Singles." Shirley Dillon and Annette Harvey are leading the group.

Cornerstone, a high school singing group, performed at **FORT COLLINS**, Colorado, Friends (Lowell Weinacht) July 15. The church reports its Outreach Committee has begun a "secret pal" program to encourage members in their own personal outreach.

Evangelism coordinator Jay Hollowell and several singles in **FIRST DENVER** Friends, Colorado (Chuck Orwiler), went on a weekend campout at Brainard Lake, west of Denver, July 19-21.

Quentin and Florene Nurdyke long-time members of **NEW-BERG**, Oregon, Friends (Dick Sartwell) have moved to Greensboro, North Carolina, where Quentin will be director of outreach for North Carolina Yearly Meeting.

**LONE STAR**, Hugoton, Kansas, held a welcome for their new pastors Larry and Teresa Trezise. They come from Hutchinson, Kansas.

Sunday evening concerts at **WESTGATE**, Columbus, Ohio, Friends, have included pianist Steve Banks and Westgate's own singing group, Oasis. Westgate pastors Randy Neiswanger and Eric Woods have undertaken a new form of visitation called Town Meetings. On designated evenings, each pastor goes to a home to meet with two-, three-, or four-family units.

**PAONIA**, Colorado, Friends (Eldon W. Cox) enjoyed a concert July 3 in the morning worship service by Ernest Alexander, a contemporary Gospel singer from Wichita, Kansas.

### Missions

Arden and Joy Sanders have returned to Papua New Guinea. Arden completed his Ph.D. at Fuller Seminary. They are members of **NORTHBRIDGE**, Wichita, Kansas, Friends (Duane Hansen), and he is the son of retired pastors Glenn and Cora Sanders.

Ron and Janice Wood of **KICKAPOO** Friends Center, McCloud, Oklahoma, spoke at **GATE**, Oklahoma, Friends (Richard Buck) and shared concerning their work with the Indians.

**ALLIANCE** Friends Men in Missions earned \$300 for missions by joining together to tear down a small barn.

**ALUM CREEK**, Marengo, Ohio, Friends (Dane Ruff) hosted Gene and Betty Hockett, WGM representatives, as guest speakers on June 19.

**DON WHITE**, nonresident member of **GREENLEAF**, is chaplain and art teacher for Navajo children in Arizona, traveling to different churches on the reservation.

David Kingrey, son of Pastor David Kingrey at **UNIVERSITY** Friends, shared his experiences assisting Dr. Bob Carter at the Friends Hospital in Lugulu, Kenya.

### Family Life

Bill and Marjorie Williamson of **EMPIRE** Friends, Vale, South Dakota (Lloyd Hinshaw), celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary August 21 at the Spearfish Senior Citizens Center . . . August 14 Empire Friends and Vale Lutheran churches had a joint Sunday morning worship service.

A golden wedding celebration for Jim and Christy Duncan was held at the **MEDFORD** church on July 30.

Anniversaries celebrated this summer at **GREENLEAF**: Don

and Marilyn Comfort, 40th; Loren and Myrtle Burton, 50th; John and Grace Roberts, 50th; Ralph and Harriet Winters and Ray and Florence Wright their 65th anniversaries.

The congregation of **GILEAD**, Mt. Gilead, Ohio, Friends (Charles Robinson) was able to join friends to honor Walter and Leta Furbay June 25, on their 69th wedding anniversary. He is a lifetime member of Gilead Friends, and she was a member of Sullivant Avenue Friends in Columbus (now **CAL-VARY**). They met at quarterly meeting.

### Church Building and Improvements

The new parking lot at **WHITNEY** Friends is almost finished; the landscaping is all that it needs to be complete. We are praying and hoping to have it finished soon, so we may put it to its intended use.

### Other Important Events

Bill and Faye Pruitt, pastors of **NORTHWEST** Friends, Arvada,



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## Quaker Youth Pilgrimage

## Is religion in schools constitutionally permissible?

### OUR WORLDWIDE CHURCH FAMILY

#### National Groups Say Religion Should Have Place in Schools

Washington, D.C.—Religion should be part of a public school's curriculum, according to a diverse group of 14 national religious and educational groups. The organizations studied the place of religion in the public school and produced a brochure addressing that question.

Colorado, provided a musical concert at **GREENLEAF** on July 31. Lee Belt of Greenleaf, after several years' experience as announcer, is now director of public service announcements and does copy and traffic directing at KBSL and KBGN, Christian radio stations in Boise and Caldwell.

Blanche Martin, **GREENLEAF** member residing at Sunnyside Manor, Nampa, Idaho, observed her 100th birthday with a three-day celebration over the Fourth-of-July weekend.

Richard and Virginia Riggs were Fourth of July coordinators for the annual Greenleaf celebration.

A memorial service for Irene Delamarter, 93, former affiliate member of Greenleaf, was held June 25, after her death on June 21 at Warm Beach Manor, Washington. She and her husband were longtime custodians of Greenleaf Academy and Church.

The Friends Women of **PRATT** Friends sponsored their first Mother-Daughter Tea. The theme was "Making Memories." There were 40 in attendance.

**FERRY ROAD**, Danville, Virginia, Friends (Charles and Besie Kernodle) will miss Rev. Thomas Murphy, who died at 91 years of age June 25. He founded the Ferry Road Friends Church and also was pastor of **LONGVIEW** Friends (Roy Taylor) and **PLEASANT VIEW** Friends (Lynn Shreve) before his retirement.

An all-church picnic was held July 10 in Hawthorne Park after the morning service in **MEDFORD**. Volleyball and swimming were included in the activities before and after the potluck meal. The seniors group made a trip to the Oregon Caves on July 14 and took a float trip down the Rogue River, with dinner at the Double Tree Ranch on August 18.

Medford joined other southern Oregon Friends churches to participate in a "Judges Camp" at Fir Point Camp in Glendale August 19-21.

The annual Father-Son Banquet at **TRINITY**, Van Wert, Friends was June 18 with speaker Onely Heath of Berlin, Ohio. His topic was "Togetherness."

**PELHAM** Friends honored their pastor John Young with a farewell dinner as he ended his years of service at Pelham. They now look forward to welcoming their new pastor, Matthew Chesnes.

**NORTHRIDGE** congregation was challenged by Roy Collin, a Southern Baptist minister. Roy is a consultant with Resource Services Inc. (RSI), an organization that specializes in helping congregations raise funds for debt retirement and building expansion.

The annual church picnic of **DAMASCUS** Friends was held June 29 in the Community Center with 150 present. The Shepherds Sunday School Class was in charge of arrangements centered around a "Rocky Mountain Roundup" theme. Games included apple-peeling contest, cow-chip throwing contest, and family tug of war. A special highlight was a "mystery guest," who turned out to be Rev. Bill Buell of the neighboring Methodist Church portraying a circuit rider complete with costume and horse. He then provided the devotions for the evening.

The ladies of **BYHALIA**, West Mansfield, Ohio, Friends (Richard Worden) held a "Mother-Daughter" banquet. Special music was given by Maggie Dunbarr and Judy Binninger of Marion, Ohio. Ruth Worden gave a presentation about "Motherhood."

Byhalia Friends enjoyed hearing Bret Cogan, assistant pastor

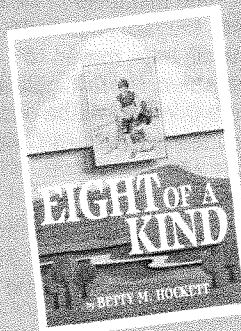
of **GILEAD** Friends, bring the morning message on May 15.

**GILEAD** Friends hosted several guests in June. On June 5, Rev. and Mrs. David Riley of Mid-America Yearly Meeting were there. They will be beam-ing Christian radio into Mexico from Brownsville, Texas.

Russell and Esther Zinn, with their daughter and son-in-law, were guests on June 19.

June 25 was "Bret and Lisa Cogan Sunday." The intern pastor of two years will begin work in a pastorate in High Point, North Carolina, at **CEDAR SQUARE** Friends Church.

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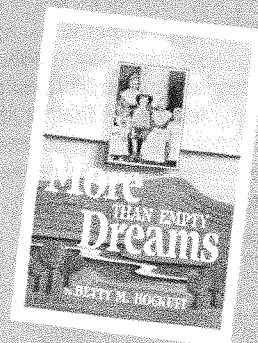
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## Is Castro influenced by evangelicals?

"This publication demonstrates that people with widely divergent views about many other issues can and do agree that study about religion in public schools, when done properly, is both constitutionally permissible and educationally sound," explained Charles Haynes, project director for Americans United Research Foundation, a participating organization.

Oliver Thomas, general counsel for the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, commented, "Completion of this yearlong project confirms what many of us had hoped was true: widespread consensus does exist about the proper role of religion in the public school curriculum. Moreover, we have demonstrated that dialogue, rather than litigation, may provide the solution to many current church-state controversies."

Other brochure sponsors included the American Academy of Religion, American Association of School Administrators, American Federation of Teachers, Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, Christian Legal Society, National Association of Evangelicals, National Conference of Christians and Jews, National Council of Churches, National Council on Religion and Public Education, National Council for Social Studies, National Education Association, and National School Boards Association.

The brochure was designed to help schools present teaching about religion in ways that are "constitutionally permissible, educationally sound, and sensitive to the beliefs of students and parents."

The brochure emphasizes that teaching about religion must be academic rather than devotional. The school must not strive for acceptance of

any one religion, must not sponsor the practice of any religion, and must not promote or denigrate any religion.

—E.P. News Service

### Zondervan Corporation to Be Acquired by Harper & Row

Nashville, Tennessee—The Zondervan Corporation announced July 13 that it has signed a "definitive merger agreement" with New York-based publisher Harper & Row. The Zondervan purchase includes the Zondervan Music Group, including the Benson Company, SingSpiration, and Stamps-Baxter Music.

"Harper & Row has a long and distinguished tradition in religious publishing, and with the acquisition of Zondervan we are pleased to be expanding our efforts in the largest segment of that market," said a press release issued by George Craig, president and CEO of Harper & Row. "Our goal is to give Zondervan the resources to enhance its premiere position in Christian publishing and retailing and to expand its marketing reach into the academic, professional, and general book marketplaces where Harper has its primary strength. We are aware of Zondervan's distinct editorial integrity and we shall respect that editorial voice."

James G. Buick, president of CEO of Zondervan, commented, "We are pleased to have reached an agreement with such a distinguished publishing firm, which has the financial strength to help Zondervan achieve its full potential. Harper & Row management has indicated their intention to afford Zondervan the necessary independence and editorial autonomy to assure that the company can continue to carry out its mission in Christian publishing and retailing"

—E.P. News Service

### The Evangelical Church in Cuba Is Growing, Says Latin American Expert

Havana, Cuba—The evangelical church in Cuba is alive but is "waiting for a revival," according to Rodrigo Zapata, an expert on the Latin American church and a missionary with Heralding Christ Jesus' Blessings (HCJB) World Radio. Zapata visited the communist-controlled country recently.

There is no organized persecution of the evangelical church by the Cuban government, but resistance can come in more subtle forms, especially for those outspoken about their faith. For example, it is

difficult for an active Christian to secure and to hold a job.

In spite of the pressure, there are young Christian professionals who are spearheading future growth of the evangelical church in Cuba, according to Zapata. "The new generation of Christians is a generation of university students and professionals, doctors and scientists, cultured people who are very well-prepared and who have a greater impact on society."

Even though religious freedoms in Cuba are restricted, Zapata claims that the evangelical church has a favored position because of the country's leader, Fidel Castro. Christians who fought with Castro during the 1953 revolution left an impression on the communist leader who "respects their prayers, their reading of the Word and their Christian virtues" said Zapata, who added, "They are national heroes."

But most of the atheist officials in the communist regime don't hold this view. "In my opinion, if Castro were to be replaced, the evangelical church would suffer more persecution," Zapata claimed.

—E.P. News Service

### Musicians for Social Action

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania—Christian songs dealing with social issues are being sought for a new album to be released in early 1989 by the Musician Task Force of Evangelicals for Social Action, in cooperation with Myrrh Records. Songwriters are invited to submit compositions dealing with such issues as abortion, the arms race, the environment, the family, justice, peace, and pornography. The album is a response to Tony Campolo's challenge during Gospel Music '88 to "make a difference with your music."

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ANDERSON—To Denny and Sue Anderson, missionaries, a girl, Kathryn Alyssa, July 27, 1988, Owatonna, Minnesota.

BARNETT—To John and Martha Barnett, a son, Jason Robert, June 22, 1988, Alliance, Ohio.

DEAN—To Rick and Robin Dean, a daughter, Jessica Nicole, June 10, 1988, Beloit, Ohio.

DENT—To Phaidra Dent, an adopted daughter, Lauren Shirin, born December 10, 1987, in Calcutta, India; home in Bay Village, Ohio, May 30, 1988.

DICKSON—To Mr. and Mrs. Duane Dickson, a daughter, Chelsea Rae, May 25, 1988, Byhalia Friends, West Mansfield, Ohio.

FLEMING—To Richard and Denise Fleming, a son, Daniel Richard, July 1, 1988, Medford Friends, Oregon.

GIDLEY—To Gary and Teresa Gidley, a daughter, Kristy Marie, June 14, 1988, Damascus Friends, Ohio.

HAMPTON—To Bob and Cheri Hampton, a girl, Anne Elise, August 9, 1988, Newberg Friends, Oregon.

HEROLD—To Jim and Vicki Herold, a daughter, Christina Leight, June 6, 1988, East Goshen Friends, Beloit, Ohio.

HOOKE—To David and Cindi Hooker, a daughter, Cassandra Joy, July 13, 1988, Medford Friends, Oregon.

LINK—To Kenny and Rorie Link, a son, Robert David, May 6, 1988, Westgate Friends, Columbus, Ohio.

LOCKWOOD—To Steve and Dianne Lockwood, a daughter, Ilana Estella, June 8, 1988, Liberal, Kansas.

MCDONALD—To Bob and Therese McDonald, a son, Joshua, January 31, 1988, Woodland Park, Colorado.

MATHEWSON—To Adam and Laurie Mathewson, a daughter, Heather Ruth, July 22, 1988, Newberg Friends, Oregon.

RAMSEY—To Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Ramsey, a son, Tyler Martin, May 17, 1988, Byhalia Friends, West Mansfield, Ohio.

ROCHHOLZ—To Tim and Londa Rochholz, twin daughters, Lauren Beth and Ashley Kay, June 20, 1988, Eugene Friends, Oregon.

RULAND—To John and Peggy Ruland, a son, Paul Alan, June 13, 1988, Westgate Friends, Columbus, Ohio.

THOMAS—To Clyde and Carol Thomas, a son, Mark William, August 1, 1988, Newberg Friends, Oregon.

WALLACE—To Kelly and Susan Wallace, a daughter, Emily Vorhes, April 22, 1988, Westgate Friends, Columbus, Ohio.

WILSON—To Dan and Sherry Wilson, a son, Justin James, July 25, 1988, Newberg Friends, Oregon.

WOLLANDER—To Jon and Susan Wollander, a son, Mark Andrew, May 19, 1988, Eugene Friends, Oregon.

**Marriages**

BYWATERS—BURNETT. Sue Bywaters and Tom Burnett, June 25, 1988, Trinity Friends, Van Wert, Ohio.

COLLINS—BURGESS. Carol Collins and Clint Burgess, May 28, 1988, Westgate Friends, Columbus, Ohio.

DELANEY—RASMUSSEN. Marguerite Delaney and Wayne Rasmussen, January 29, 1988, Pratt, Kansas.

DOUTY—DART. Mary Douty and John Dart, August 13, 1988, Nampa, Idaho.

EHRLICH—KELLY. Lynett Mae Ehrlich and Matthew Steven Kelly, June 14, 1988, Greenleaf, Idaho.

FRANTZ—GILMORE. Rebecca Frantz and Brian Gilmore, May 21, 1988, Newberg, Oregon.

GALLAGHER—HOLDAHL. Colleen Gallagher and Laine Holdahl, July 16, 1988, Newberg Friends, Oregon.

GIDDING—MAURER. Sandra Gidding and Dave Maurer, August 6, 1988, Sutter Creek, California.

HELM—MCDONALD. Carol Helm and Mark McDonald, July 2, 1988, Newberg Friends, Oregon.

JOHNSON—GEPFORD. René Lynn Johnson and Timmy Lee Gepford, June 11, 1988, Caldwell, Idaho.

JORNEY—GURUNG. Joy Journey and Hari Gurung, January 1988, Alliance, Ohio.

KITCHENS—LEWIS. Glenda Kitchens and Ed Lewis, July 23, 1988, Austin Friends, Texas.

LOUTHAN—WILLIAMS. Lillian Louthan and Ken Williams, June 20, 1988, Newberg, Oregon.

MOTT—MARCOVICH. Kelly Mott and Terry Marcovich, July 9, 1988, Paonia, Colorado.

NOLAN—WILCOX. Nancy Sue Nolan and James Allen Wilcox, July 2, 1988, Trinity Friends, Van Wert, Ohio.

RIVERA—HALLOWELL. Amor Rivera and Jay Hallowell, August 6, 1988, First Denver Friends, Colorado.

SAFFELL—LEE. Virginia Saffell and Richard Lee, May 27, 1988, Friendswood Friends, Texas.

THOMAS—RASMUSSEN. Allison Diane Thomas and Douglas Jay Rasmussen, July 16, 1988, Pratt Friends, Kansas.

**Deaths**

COX—Steve Cox, 14, June 22, 1988, Orange Road Friends, Westerville, Ohio.

DAVIS—Vern O. Davis, 83, August 7, 1988, Newberg Friends, Oregon.

FLOWERS—Shirley Flowers, 58, December 12, 1987, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

HEWITT—Roy F. Hewitt, 81, July 12, 1988, Medford Friends, Oregon.

HILEMAN—Gladys Hileman, 78, June 16, 1988, Damascus Friends, Ohio.

HOLLOWAY—Joe Holloway, May 26, 1988, Friendswood Friends, Texas.

HOUSTON—Lena Beth Houston, July 5, 1988, Hutchinson Friends, Kansas.

MURPHY—Thomas Murphy, 91, June 25, 1988, Ferry Road Friends, Danville, Virginia.

PIERSON—Hazel Pierson, 81, July 16, 1988, Newberg Friends, Oregon.

ROBERTS—Lenore Roberts, 97, December 7, 1987, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

SPAIN—Ruth Spain, 85, June 10, 1988, Urbana Friends, Ohio.

STANLEY—Becky Stanley, July 30, 1988, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

VAN GUILDER—Richard VanGuilder, April 28, 1988, Gate Friends, Oklahoma.

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**HGST Attains Associate Membership, Appoints Senior Vice President**

The Houston Graduate School of Theology became an Associate Member of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada (ATS) by vote of the member schools in their Biennial Meeting. The application of the Houston seminary (HGST) and the ATS staff report with its supporting documentation were reviewed by the Commission on Accrediting that it "was satisfied that the school meets the constitutional provisions and the criteria for associate membership." The Commission added that it was "pleased to recommend this school for the status

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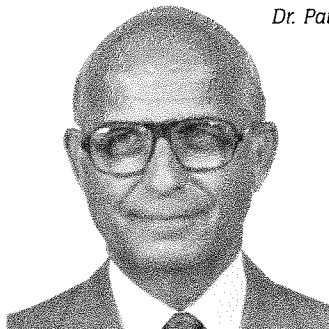
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## How to build a celebration



Dr. Paul Ryser

of Associate Membership in the Association."

Dr. Delbert P. Vaughn, president of Houston Graduate School of Theology, reports that the Houston seminary is gratified by this recognition. HGST, has been in consultation with officials of the ATS from its beginning in 1983, but this first step in affiliation with the ATS is an important achievement in the development of the school. "We are grateful for the increased opportunities this status will provide for our school to serve the Friends (Quakers) who established the school and the churches of Houston who have received us so well," said President Vaughn.

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The Houston Graduate School of Theology is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Paul E. Ryser as senior vice president and associate professor. Dr. Ryser will have respon-

sibilities in areas of administration, finances, and teaching, beginning July 5, 1988.

Dr. Ryser brings to this position a number of years of experience in pastoral work, college and university teaching, and more recently in medical sociology and research within a corporate setting.

Dr. Ryser holds the Ph.D. degree in medical sociology and research methods from the University of Pittsburgh, and four prior degrees, including the Th.B. in Bible and Theology from Malone College. He has done postdoctoral study at the University of North Carolina in social demography.

### Can Ritual Enrich Us?

Approximately 35 Friends gathered at Camp Quaker Heights in Eldora, Iowa, for 24 hours to explore "Friends Recognition and Use of Ritual and Tradition in Meeting and Family." Larry and Joanne Spears led the group in workshop fashion in what became a rich sharing of the values and risks involved in the use of ritual and tradition. This was a conference sponsored by the North High Plains Region of Friends World Committee for Consultation, Section of the Americas.

They suggested that ceremonies and rituals can be ways to tell our faith story—rituals can be meaningful ways to express what we believe. They also laid out a method for looking at rituals to determine whether a particular ritual should be given the status of a sacrament.

Celebrations, the Spears suggested, are occasions that enrich our family's or meeting's

spiritual life. A ritual is an action repeated. Most celebrations include rituals although the action may not be repeated precisely. A potluck meal, singing carols, and a play by the Young Friends as parts of a Christmas party might all be rituals.

Celebrations can be meaningless and even downright unpleasant if we don't adapt them to the needs of our family or meeting, if we don't think about why we are celebrating, or if we are dragged along by conflicting expectations of our culture.

To avoid these pitfalls, the Spears gave the following list of questions with which to test each celebration:

1. What is being celebrated? What do we want to focus on about this, this year?
2. What is the purpose of this celebration?
3. What do we want to have happen during this celebration? What does each member want to see, hear, and feel?

4. What do we *not* want to have happen during this celebration?

5. How important is it to resist or minimize aspects of cultural or religious heritage?

6. What are our limitations in being able to do this celebration?

7. What can we do this year to celebrate?

—Bruce Thron-Weber

### Fellowship Offered

Applications are being received for the T. Wistar Brown Fellowship at Haverford College for the academic year 1989-90. Fellows spend one or two semesters at Haverford College doing research in the Quaker Collection of the library and in nearby scholarly collections. The Fellowship is usually awarded to mature scholars and the stipend is \$10,000.

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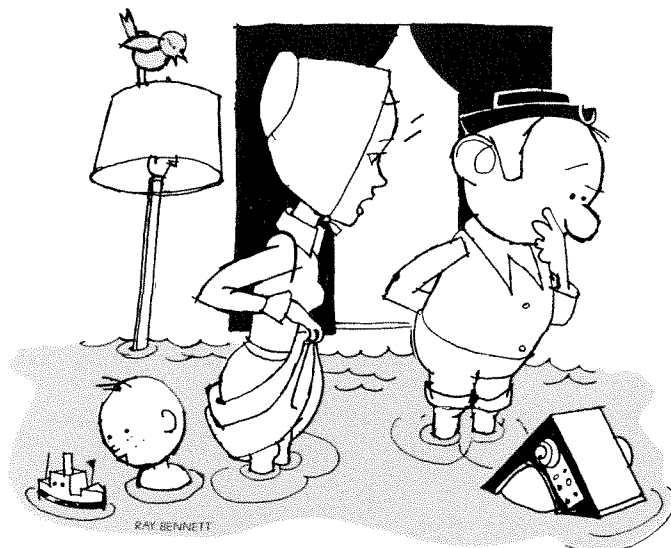
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# Church Planters Dial Up New Members

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## NEWS Church Planters Dial Up New Members

More than 700 North American churches in over 55 denominations have gotten off to speedy starts or expanded dramatically by using a new telemarketing program pioneered in California by the Friends Church (Quakers). Telemarketing a new congregation depends on a business formula known as the Law of Large Numbers, said Norman W. Whan, director of church planting for Friends Church Southwest Yearly Meeting: "If you do A, B, and C often enough, D will almost always result."

The "Phone's for You" Method was developed by Whan, the former owner of several insurance marketing firms, and by Charles Mylander, superintendent of Friends Southwest Yearly Meeting. The method is simple: Call at least 10,000 people and invite them to church. Callers work with a two-question script. The first question screens out anyone who already attends a church; the second seeks permission to mail information about the new or expanding congregation. Interested individuals then receive five mailings from the church before the first service. Calls are made by volunteers of callers sent into an area by the sponsoring church or team of callers.

According to Whan, the telemarketing program costs \$4,000 in start-up costs and produces the mailings. An additional \$8,000 in start-up costs covers office rental, equipment, and secretarial help. "But in most cases, the new church is self-supporting within 24 months," said Whan, noting that traditional church-planting projects are subsidized heavily for several years.

The method proved successful in a 1985 test and was put to work starting new congregations. The first church planted, Mountainview Friends Church in Upland, California, saw nearly 200 attend its first Sunday service. The largest church planted by this method was Beachview Friends Church in Huntington Beach, California. Over 56,000 phone calls drew 502 people on the first Sunday.

Whan said statistics from every part of the country show that the number of people attending the initial service averages 1.2 to 1.3 percent of the number of people called.

Yet the number who stay beyond the first service declines to an average of 100 to 150 members, said Ben Staley, former chairman of the Southwest Yearly Meeting's Church Extension Board. For example, after Beachview's exciting start, only about 100 attend today.

And occasionally the effort has failed. Two New England churches garnered ten or fewer attenders after each made 8,000 calls. Whan attributes the majority of failures to deviations from the rigid telemarketing program.

Those who respond to telemarketing are often unbelievers, which also contributes to start-up difficulties. "The few people who were committed were [spiritually] immature," said Stephen R. Epperson. "They really loved the Lord but weren't mature enough to minister or even to take the smallest responsibility."

Still, Staley said, the method's advantages outweigh its limitations. The people drawn to church by this approach are people who are fresh out of the world," he said. "They have such a hunger for what Christ has to offer."

BY CARLENE B. HILL

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planted, Mountainview Friends Church in Upland, California, saw nearly 200 attend its first Sunday service. The largest church planted by this method was Beachview Friends Church in Huntington Beach, California. Over 56,000 phone calls drew 502 people on the first Sunday.

Whan said statistics from every part of the country show that the number of people attending the initial service averages 1.2 to 1.3 percent of the number of people called.

Yet the number who stay beyond the first service declines to an average of 100 to 150 members, said Ben Staley, former chairman of the Southwest Yearly Meeting's Church Extension Board. For example, after Beachview's exciting start, only about 100 attend today.

And occasionally the effort has failed. Two New England churches garnered ten or fewer attenders after each made 8,000 calls. Whan

attributes the majority of failures to deviations from the rigid telemarketing program.

Those who respond to telemarketing are often unbelievers, which also contributes to start-up difficulties. "The few people who were committed were [spiritually] immature," said Stephen R. Epperson. "They really loved the Lord but weren't mature enough to minister or even to take the smallest responsibility."

Still, Staley said, the method's advantages outweigh its limitations.

The people drawn to church by this approach are people who are fresh out of the world," he said. "They have such a hunger for what Christ has to offer."

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## To My Dear Friends

I am still overwhelmed as I remember Wednesday night at Yearly Meeting sessions. I had been asked to attend if I felt like it, but I could never have anticipated your expressions of appreciation—comments about my work as YM Treasurer for the last 15 years by Howard Harmon, Harold Ankeny, and Clynton Crisman; and your spontaneous standing ovation! The corsage and beautiful bouquet of red roses—I just was not prepared for all of these expressions.

What I did not know until later was that many of you had made a love gift that totaled \$1,000 for a home computer. So I am taking this opportunity to thank each of you who contributed. I will miss the daily contact with so many of you, which was my privilege at the YM office, but I plan to be at sessions such as Yearly Meeting to keep in touch.

In Christian love,  
Beatrice Goldsmith

[Editor's note: An additional \$300 was recently given to Beatrice.]

## Friends Softball Tournament

A Friends Softball Tournament was held at Alpenrose Dairy on September 10. Teams were from Sherwood, Eugene, Piedmont, West Hills (Maplewood), Hilltop, Silverton, and Vancouver. Silverton won! Congratulations!

## Fall Retreat Dates

October 14-16, **Board of Education**, Inn of the 7th Mountain in Bend

October 17-19, **Board of Ministerial Service**, Spaulding Oaks in Newberg

October 28-29, **Board of Evangelism**, Inn of the 7th Mountain in Bend

October 29, **Board of Social Concerns**, Portland area

November 11-12, **Board of Missions**, Clackamas Park Friends Church in Milwaukie

November 19, **Council of Elders**, Newberg Friends Church

## PRAYER WARRIOR NEWS

(Prayer concerns of Northwest Yearly Meeting extension churches)

**Deschutes** (Bend, Ore.) PRAISE the Lord for two new people who accepted Him recently. PRAY for a renewed vision for outreach within the congregation and for the telephone campaign to contact new residents.

**Hilltop** (Oregon City, Ore.) PRAISE the Lord for the great spirit of harmony and anticipation, and for the many new contacts. PRAY for our continued outreach.

**McCall** (Idaho) PRAY for us as we plan and implement outreach that will meet some needs in the community. PRAISE God for our men's and women's care group and for the kids Round-up program.

**Valley** (Mount Vernon, Wash.) PRAISE the Lord for providing a new home for pastors Doug and Debby Wedin and family; and for the health of the church's newest member—a 2½-month premature baby. PRAY for a much-needed youth leader, junior church helper, and musicians.

**Mountain View** (Vancouver, Wash.) PRAISE the Lord for His provision of people, strength, and wisdom in the phone campaign as we begin this work. Our goal of 25,000 contacts to develop a prospect list of 2,500 will be reached. PRAY for these people, that the Spirit will continue to draw them toward spiritual things. Pray for our Celebration Sunday, November 6.

**East Hill** (Kent, Wash.) Please continue to pray for the Holy Spirit's moving on the hearts of people in the Kent area, drawing them to Him. Pray for Celebration Sunday, December 4.

**West Hills** (formerly Maplewood in Portland, Ore.) PRAISE the Lord for His leadership as the congregation makes plans for outreach. PRAY for His leadership in facility selection and resources needed to develop a prospect list through a phone campaign beginning in January.



doing together what we



can't do separately

## The Great Commission Program—1989

### Our Ministries Together

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#### Missions

**Six Missionary Families** to Bolivia and Peru  
including:

Ed and Marie Cammack on deputation

**New Urban Work** in La Paz, Bolivia, and Are-  
quipa, Peru, South America

**New Mission Field** in Rwanda, Africa

**Roscoe and Tina Knight**, Evangelical Friends  
Mission Church Representatives

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#### Education

**Department of General Education**

Ministerial and Missionary Scholarship aid  
George Fox College Matching Scholarships

**Department of Church Education**

Curriculum Consultants, including Dorothy  
Barratt, EFA Christian Ed. Consultant  
Friends Youth

**Department of Christian Testimonies**

Informational and helpful written materials

**Department of Children's Yearly Meeting**

Children's programming for Yearly Meeting  
sessions—nursery through sixth grade

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#### Evangelism

**Priority for ministry...**

Reaching the unchurched

**Plant three new congregations**

Pastoral leadership and training  
Start-up cost

**Renewal** of Outreach in existing congregations

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## Social Concern

**Department of Peace**

New Call to Peacemaking  
Draft Counseling  
Training in Reconciliation

**Department of Moral Action**

Sanctity of Life Issues  
Training Against Abuse  
Legislative Information

**Department of Relief and Rehabilitation**

Prison and deaf ministries  
Police chaplaincy  
Thanksgiving offering

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## Stewardship

Teaching

Promotion of total stewardship

Ministers' Aid

Yearly Meeting Staff—increase Youth Superin-  
tendent from three-quarter to full-time  
position

Headquarters Building

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## Ministerial Service

Encouraging and training of those called of the  
Lord into ministry, and the recording of  
gifts.

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## Family Life

Gives guidance to churches for the reconcilia-  
tion of stressed families.

Provides books, videos at low cost to churches  
concerning family life.

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## Fine Arts

Encourages creative activities in vocal and  
instrumental music, poetry, drama, visual  
arts, and crafts.

Encourages ministers of music.

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## Media

*Evangelical Friend* made available to every  
attender.

Facilitates ministry of book publishing.

Promotes video production and programs.

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## Ethnic Ministries

Nurturing and encouraging of Friends  
churches among ethnic groups: Piedmont  
Church, Hispanic Church, Korean Church