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NAZARENE COLLEGE DAY
April 24
AN EDITORIAL

IT IS an interesting word: "an inner drive, that causes one to act," so states the dictionary.

From life and experience we know it is one of the most important words in human language.

Where it is present, things happen because people act. Where it is absent, life languishes—monotony reigns. Where the church remains inactive, where lethargy dominates and stupor pervades the air, nothing happens, interest fades, deterioration begins its deadly work.

What makes lack of motive even more terrible is the fact there is no reason or excuse for it. From everywhere the genesis for motivation pushes at us. For the church there is today the greatest cause for action. In the dismal tragic conditions around us there is reason for action.

Supreme Court justices have expressed alarm because we have been bereft of the good authorities which in the past have shaped the character of our homes, churches, schools, and communities.

A free economic and political system depends most upon widespread moral commitments for its success. Without this our free constitutional system will be eroded and ultimately replaced by an all-controlling dictatorial state.

Alexander Solzhenitsyn attributes the decline of the west "to the calamity of a despiritualized and irreligious humanistic consciousness."

Chief Justice Burger recently commented to the American Bar Association, "Possibly some of our problems of behavior stem from the fact that we have virtually eliminated from public schools and higher education any effort to teach values of integrity, truth, personal accountability, and respect for other's rights."

Crime and delinquency in the United States costs us at least $123 million per year and forcibly alters our lives, destroys people, frightens and demoralizes us, and threatens our civilization.

Have we read or heard facts like these until we no longer "hear"? Are we insulated from our world? We still have to live in it for a while and our children will be in its maelstrom for a longer time.

The "keeper of the moral keys" is the church. We are the ones to act. Now! In haste! In desperation! It is emergency time.

Where? In our communities where we are.

How? In the political arena by casting our votes for right, good, responsible officials; by writing our congressmen, giving our voice to good legislation and against bad, and encouraging them to moral integrity.

But by all means do something! How? By offering, urging, supporting the "great" force of the church. Invite and bring friends to church. What would happen if your church took a Saturday morning to urge everyone in a given area around your church to go to church—any church—best of all, your church on Sunday.

Then we can thrust the great power, the precious beauty and the oh so needed white light of the church, our church, into the dark way to show the needy people how to really live!

MOTIVATION

"FOR THE CHURCH THERE IS TODAY THE GREATEST CAUSE FOR ACTION."

by General Superintendent V. H. Lewis
I HAVE THOUGHT of the year 2000 as if it were a great dividing line of time. The mystique of it would be revealed when we scale the mountain of time and look over into the valley of the next country. Rightly or wrongly, I grew up with the concept that there would be instant change into a new era beginning with the year 2000. It may be that I "mixed" the concept of the millennium with the 21st century.

The dividing lines of past centuries have not always been so clearly defined. They have merged from one into the other. However, with the rapidly changing situations today, there may be a difference. It is the challenge of these swift-moving events that causes me to want to be here when we enter the year 2000. My entrance into this world came about two decades into this century. If I live as long as my father, I'll realize my ambition of changing centuries.

I wonder what the year 2000 will be like. A stimulating book written by John Naisbitt, titled *Megatrends*, has much of our society thinking about this question. Mr. Naisbitt is an industrial consultant and seems to have an understanding of social change. He says there are 10 major trends taking place in our world today. Among them are 2 that immediately affect the church and our colleges:

(1) The move from industrial society to informational society, and
(2) The population shift from North to South.

A number of Mr. Naisbitt's conclusions are easily confirmed; for instance, the massive shift of population from the North to the South. The 1980 census revealed that the South and West had more population than the North and East for the first time. This places a tremendous responsibility upon the church to minister to the shifting masses in America.

His conclusion that we are moving from an industrial society to an informational society is spectacular. The idea poses problems and opportunities. Although America, and other industrial countries, will have industrial capacity, it is predicted that the Third World countries will be the major industrial producers of the future.

An immediate result is that many workers in the steel and auto production industries will never return to their old jobs. There will be millions in other manufacturing establishments who will have to change employment. This will force major population shifts. It will also open up industrial growth in the Third World where the church should be ready to minister at the new industrial centers of the 21st century.

Probably the most interesting opportunities for our church and her colleges are those provided by an informational society. We are already at the center of this. The church has information of the gospel. We are at a point where we can use the tools of informational dissemination to share the Good News of the Gospel. Our ability to do so will determine our success in "carrying out" the Great Commission.

Our colleges are in the forefront of informational services. We have eight strong liberal arts colleges in the U.S. and small, but good, colleges in Canada and Great Britain. Our Nazarene Bible College in Colorado and Nazarene Theological Seminary at Kansas City are among the leaders in their categories. We have over a dozen colleges and seminaries, plus several dozen Bible schools, around the world. All of these are in a position to take advantage of the move toward an informational society.

These Nazarene institutions provide opportunities for learning in the most favorable environment. Many colleges deal only with the what and how of a subject or life. The Nazarene college deals with the why of the subjects and life. This answers those who ask, "Why all the bother to establish and support Nazarene colleges at such sacrifice?" It is that our colleges have a vital place in the divine structure of the church to provide information to help young people, and to integrate that learning into genuine Christian living.

A survey of the colleges in the world will reveal that there are very few colleges with the purpose and commitment to meet the educational and spiritual needs of their students. My knowledge of the presidents, administrators, faculty, and constituency of our colleges supports my faith and gives me courage that Nazarene colleges will be in the "cutting edge" of providing truth in our changing world.

Dr. Dennis Kinlaw, president emeritus of Asbury College, said, "There is something about us that when we want to lay our lives on the line, we want to do so for something of value." Our colleges and seminaries provide that value.
Letters

OSTRICH ROUTINE DEPLORED

I want to express my appreciation for your editorial in the January 1 Herald, "A New Year's Concern."

I have been utterly amazed and other times dismayed that we, as a church, have been silent on the nuclear proliferation issue. Other than my own conversations with individuals in the church, I have yet to see anything in print from any level of leadership. I may have missed something, of course. But to my knowledge, your editorial was the first public, printed comment.

I know not every believer (or Nazarene) shares a unified position on the issue. And a single definitive position is probably not even the real need. But what is needed is honest confrontation and dialogue. Too often, responsive Evangelicals in recent times use the "ostrich routine."

David M. Best

AIRMAN GROUNDED

I am a basic trainee at Lackland Air Force Base but my church is the First Church in New Smyrna Beach, Fla., pastored by Rev. Dan Miles. When I left home one of the first things I missed was my church and Christian fellowship. I was so frightened that I couldn't handle the pressure and keep a good Christian standing. I knew I was saved but sanctified was still very questionable. When times got hard the first one I turned to was Jesus and, praise the Lord, the question was answered. I want to thank the Lord and my church for being where I am now—sanctified!

Rick Nevard
San Antonio, Texas

STORM TESTED

I can tell you from experience that God can give you victory in the midst of a storm. In March 1980 I had cancer surgery. These were very trying moments in my life. There were times that if I hadn't had

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CELEBRATING HOLINESS
HIGHER EDUCATION

By General Superintendent William M. Greathouse

IN CELEBRATING the Year of the Young we pause to salute our colleges, seminaries, and Bible colleges around the world.

These institutions are not merely “church related,” as in most denominations; they are the Church of the Nazarene preparing her youth for life and service, thereby preserving her best inheritance and enabling her better to fulfill her mission of spreading scriptural holiness to the ends of the earth.

Our schools and colleges in the United States and elsewhere sprang into existence almost simultaneously with the birth of the alliances, missions, and churches which later merged into our denomination as we know it now. Today we have a network of institutions of higher education in the United States, Canada, Mexico, South America, Great Britain, Europe, Africa, Asia, Australia, and around the globe, all endeavoring to wed the best in religion to the best in learning.

James Stalker observed that Christ first effected the moral conquest of the ancient world, then its intellectual conquest. This is the very nature of Christianity. Christ initially liberates the will from its bondage to sin, then the mind from its darkness and error. The Spirit of life in Christ is also the Spirit of truth. This we believe to be the principle explaining the founding and development of our institutions of higher education.

In Christ, St. Paul wrote, are “hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.” He who is the world’s Redeemer is also the Creator in whom all things cohere (see Colossians 1:15—2:4). Truth is therefore one. There should be no cleavage between evangelism and education, since Christ the Redeemer is Christ the Revealer.

Those early leaders who so boldly called some of our schools “universities” may have been wiser than they knew. Intuitively they felt the unity of all disciplines in Christ. They knew they were living in a universe, in which Christ is the Truth.

Although necessary tensions certainly exist in the academic process—for example, between religion and science (because of their differing methodologies)—there can be no final contradiction between the truth of revelation and the truth of nature. The task of Christian higher education is to integrate faith, learning, and life in the understanding and experience of our youth who are preparing to live to serve God and humanity in their various vocations.

In 1915 Dr. H. Orton Wiley wrote in the Herald of Holiness:

The Church of the Nazarene is face to face with the great problem of the education of her young people. The ideals formed in youth are the ideals that are bodied forth in life. The conditions which made the Church of the Nazarene a necessity are demanding a type of education which only our schools and colleges can furnish. Others may educate their own according to their ideals, but the Church of the Nazarene will be able to perpetuate her high ideals of Christian experience, her intense and enthusiastic loyalty to Jesus Christ, her answering faith in the authority of the Scriptures and her aggressive type of evangelism and missionary effort only as she instills these ideals into the minds and hearts of her young people. Without this there can be no future for us as a church.

These words are as true today as they were 67 years ago. Under ever-mounting difficulties—chiefly economic—Nazarene institutions of higher learning are endeavoring to carry on and fulfill the expectations of the church. Let us continue to give them our confidence and loyal support, along with our prayers and loving endeavors to keep them true to their divinely initiated course.
Why Attend A Nazarene College?
by DON METZ

I HAD SENT my application to an independent college and planned to enroll there. Then I met a men's quartet from a Nazarene college at a camp meeting. These young men persuaded me to apply for admission to Eastern Nazarene College. This decision changed the course of my life.

When I entered college, I planned to remain for only two years. The idea was to get some basic education and then to pastor a church—a Methodist church. But something happened during these two years. My professors changed my plans, without directly advising me. I caught something from these dedicated scholars. I became addicted with educational fever—and the Church of the Nazarene.

Dr. Stephen S. White ignited a love for theology that still burns. Dr. Ralph Earle inspired me to approach the Bible both devotionally and scholarly. Alice Spangenberg introduced me to the love of words, and appreciation of their use in writing. Dean Munro was a demanding, compassionate teacher who showed it was possible to combine holiness and scholarship. Lynford Marguard was an expert matchmaker who helped me fall in love with history. R. J. Dixon was a walking model of dynamic evangelism and philosophical thinking. Edward S. Mann showed me how to combine enthusiasm for life with complete dedication to an overwhelming mission. I stayed at college for two years—then two years more—then on to graduate work—all because of my teachers.

Beyond the influence of my teachers was the attraction of the Church of the Nazarene. I enrolled in college as a member of another denomination. I left college as a Nazarene. During my stay in college I found that Nazarene doctrine, Nazarene life-style, and Nazarene worship suited me. I was no pushover. I debated, analyzed, inquired, and examined. In my senior year the issue was settled, I became a Nazarene, and I still rejoice in that decision.

And what shall I say more? I courted my wife on a Nazarene campus and its environs. My choice friends of today were pals in college. Avenues of service have opened because of a Nazarene college. My personal values were nurtured by a Nazarene college. Today my faith in and appreciation for Nazarene higher education is strong and growing.

Two Christian scholars visited our campus recently. Both men spoke directly to issues and problems involved in Christian higher education.

The first speaker was Dr. Dennis Kinlaw, professor of Old Testament at Asbury Theological Seminary. Addressing both faculty and student groups, Dr. Kinlaw stressed several ideas. One point of emphasis was the nearly total collapse of public higher education in the area of ethical concerns and in a basic sense of mission.

Dr. Kinlaw was more optimistic about Nazarene education than many Nazarenes. He stated that the Nazarene colleges, with approximately 300 Ph.D.s and around 12,000 students, have the power to influence the entire national culture. He told the students that they have an opportunity rare in educational circles. Dr. Kinlaw made me feel 10 feet tall.

Dr. Arthur Holmes, professor of philosophy at Wheaton College, also inspired the faculty. He contrasted the humanistic approach of much of current education with the God-centered education of a Christian college. He challenged the assumptions of much of contemporary educational thought. His approach called for the deliberate introduction of biblical and theological interpretation of various academic areas.

Many years ago Dr. G. B. Williamson declared that evangelism and education were the two arms of the church. Both arms are needed. In a recent interview, Dr. Carl Henry stated that one of the weaknesses of evangelical churches is the failure to regard education as of equal importance with evangelism. We need both, as Dr. Williamson stated.

A generation ago it seemed that the goal of most Nazarene families was to send their children to a Nazarene college. Parents sacrificed to insure college education for their children in a Christian environment. These were wise parents.

Why attend a Nazarene college? Turn it around and ask—Why not attend a Nazarene college? I'm glad I did!

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WE LIVE in a world of dimensions; physical, social and economic, mental, and spiritual. We struggle to identify the boundaries of our world and at the same time seek to find our own identity in relationship to them. The struggle is one that begins early in life and seems never to end.

We live in a world of physical dimensions; the large and small, micro and macro, nano seconds and light years, cosmic and atomic. Time, space, distance, power, speed, and miniaturization are an inescapable part of our daily life whether or not we are always aware of them. The accomplishments of man expressed in our understanding of our physical world are often astounding. Indeed, some of our individual or collective problems may be reduced or solved through a better understanding of our physical world. Education promotes such understanding.

We live in a world of social and economic dimensions, from the micro of neighbor and neighborhood to the macro of nation and world. We cannot be concerned only about one and ignore the other. We, and those who represent us, must be concerned not only about the personal problems of "making ends meet" but also such world problems as population explosion, poverty at home and abroad, energy reserves, food and water resources, world tension, and war and peace. There are no easy answers here but education can provide some directions.

We live in a world affected and directed by the minds of people. We are, to a large degree, products of our minds and thoughts. Whether we are mental pygmies or giants as compared to our God-given potential will depend on the attention we give to the development of our mind. We have the choice of thinking small, or not at all, or finding opportunities to develop an awareness and understanding of the problems around us in a broader dimension. We will fail in this dimension if we do not educate.

But education alone is not sufficient to deal with the problems and concerns of living. We have lost life's most important ingredient if we ignore the dimensions of our spiritual life. Someone has referred to this dimension as the dimension of depth, to many a lost dimension. Important as other dimensions are, they will never solve man's spiritual problems as long as man harbors a heart rebellious to God's will. If all social and economic problems are solved there is still envy and hate. If we educate and know truth and acquire wisdom we may know right and still do wrong. The spiritual dimension demands a commitment to the reality of God and the limitless dimension of His love. At the same time, this includes a willingness to face basic issues, social and religious, with a depth of understanding, love, and concern. Here is the mission of the Nazarene college—to help students integrate faith, learning, and living, educating in an environment that is distinctly Christian.

The words of the songwriter are appropriate: "His love has no limit, His grace has no measure, His power has no boundary known unto man." The resources of God are limitless. Let us tap them and develop a dimension of depth. Let us not make the mistake of serving a too-small God.

by DON BEAVER

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The words, found in the prayer that Jesus taught His disciples, are sometimes passed over quickly, but they stand at the very heart of our Christian commitment and of our acceptance of the Lordship of Jesus Christ. We all recognize that the person who has not acknowledged Christ as his Savior may find it difficult to say, "Thy will be done." But even after we have accepted the will of God in our lives for salvation, and for freedom from original sin in entire sanctification, we may be tempted not to accept the complete will of God for our lives as we experience difficulties or as we face tough decisions. We must learn that the will of God for our lives is good. This does not mean we view life in a fatalistic, resigned way. We should be positive and optimistic, knowing that God has great things planned for us both in this life and in the life to come.

God's will for us can be received with thankfulness and even enthusiasm if we remember who God really is. If God is eternally existent, if He is infinite, if He is the sovereign of the universe, if He is holy, then He, the triune God, can and should be trusted to know what is best for us.

Why shouldn't we trust Him? He is all wise and powerful. He would have to be infinitely intelligent to have created the world around us, the universe. We get some limited concept of God's knowledge and power from the enormous size of the physical universe. Our exploration of the solar system has only made a small beginning. We are not even out of our backyard in our attempts to visit our stellar neighborhood.

The Apollo astronauts needed five days to travel to the moon. If astronauts were to go to the very nearest star using Apollo-type equipment and speeds, 100,000 years would be needed. This nearest star, Alpha Centauri, is so distant that light requires more than four years to come from it to us, even though light covers 186,000 miles each second. The most distant stellar galaxies that can be seen with the most powerful telescopes are so far away that their light requires 10 billion years to come to us, and there may be galaxies even farther away. The distance that light can travel in 10 billion years is too enormous for our minds to understand.

Some feeling for this great distance can be gained by considering the locations of the earth, the sun, and the most distant stellar galaxy on a much-reduced scale. If the distance from the earth to the sun, which is actually 93 million miles, is set equal to one one-thousandth of an inch, then the distance to the most distant stellar galaxy would be represented by 10 million miles.

Our universe is enormous, much larger than our minds can possibly conceive, and yet this physical universe was created by our Heavenly Father. How wise and how powerful He must be! Our natural reaction is to be awed by this vastness of space and time. We may think how minute, how small, how powerless we human beings are, mere specks lost in the cosmos. But on reflection we know that human beings are the most complex entities known. No physical or biological structure is more complicated. And we know that God loves us. God,
our Heavenly Father, who is the Creator of this enormous physical universe, so loved us that He sent His Son, who was born as a baby, lived as a man, and died for our salvation. Isn’t it egotistical, presumptuous, and stupid of us when we don’t trust Him?

We can depend on His faithfulness, not only for our salvation, but also for guidance when we face difficulties, problems, or tragedies. This does not mean we should react passively to all of life’s situations. Much can and should be changed through our efforts and with God’s help, but we ought to trust God in those circumstances we cannot change. Let us be thankful that we can have Him, the infinitely wise Creator of all that we can see or know, as our loving Father and personal Savior.

Help me, Lord,
To willingly
Give up this task
I love
To younger,
More efficient hands
With wisdom
From above!
I know You have
A plan for me,
Perhaps not yet
Revealed,
But in the center
Of Thy will,
Still trustingly
I yield;
Committing
All I have to Thee,
My talents—time—
My cares,
Knowing You will
Lovingly
Take charge
Of my affairs!

—ALICE HANSCHE MORTENSON
Racine, Wisconsin

NORTHWEST NAZARENE COLLEGE, 1914-1916

“The busy man of the year was Rev. Harry Hays. He pastored the church, acted as district superintendent, provided in his home a place for the Bible department, headed the department of theology, and, in the meantime, when not occupied with other duties, did the work of the financial agent. In a large measure he helped to put the school on the map. He held meetings in various places over the district, which was still extensive, and interested the heads of families in the school. . . . Before the school year had closed, and before the new board of trustees had been chosen . . . plans had been made toward the construction of suitable buildings on the property secured.” (From Northwest Nazarene College, 25 Years of Progress, 1913-1938)

In actuality, Idaho Holiness School (now Northwest Nazarene College) would wait to be “put on the map” by H. Orton Wiley and Russell V. DeLong. Nevertheless, NNC, as most of our Nazarene schools, owes a great deal to a host of forgotten men who served for a year or two during its founding years. Harry Hays, the second “head” of the school, stayed only two years, during which time he also served simultaneously as district superintendent and pastor of the Nampa, Ida., church. His first task was to bring the school back into a relationship with the Church of the Nazarene. The first “head” of the school had severed that relationship during the second semester of the school’s first year. Rev. Hays also attracted Professor C. V. Marshall from Penn College, who gave the infant school its first academic boost. About 1916, Rev. Hays left Nampa to pastor the San Diego, Calif., Church of the Nazarene.

—STEVE COOLEY, Director of Archives
nazarene higher education represents an opportunity for investments that bring both immediate and long-range benefits to the Kingdom. To begin with, our institutions of higher education represent worthy needs for the true steward's financial resources.

The past 75 years have seen massive investments in campus facilities. The church has also given generously to subsidize Nazarene higher education so that young people from the local churches, regardless of their own financial resources, might be able to attend.

In recent years this investment has become regularized through systematic assignment of educational budgets according to the recommendations in the study of our total stewardship program presented at the last General Assembly. And those who attended that General Assembly saw with their own eyes the accumulated dividends of Nazarenes' financial investment in its institutions of higher learning as thousands of alumni present in the convention hall, only a fraction of the total, stood to be identified as the product of our educational programs.

A second kind of stewardship that represents a major investment of resources of years and money is that being made by the students attending our Bible college, our liberal arts colleges, and our seminary.

These investments represent thousands of sacrifices by students and their parents who have a vision for life-shaping potential represented by Christian higher education. In these days of rising costs and declining availability of some forms of financial aids, the temptation to choose, on the basis of lower tuition costs, a public institution of higher learning with no assurance of Christian purpose represents a new challenge that must be met squarely.

The encouragement of church leaders, especially pastors, is needed more than ever to guide Nazarene young people to make those sacrificial investments which yield direct spiritual benefits to them individually and to the church that nurtures them. And, in the day of lessened commitment to assisting students in the public sector, there is an unusual need for Nazarenes with financial resources to follow the example of Uncle Bud Robinson and other pioneer Nazarene leaders by providing grants and scholarships for students, especially missionary and ministerial students, who should not be overencouraged to borrow to finance their preparation. Perhaps the greatest opportunity for the establishment of endowed scholarships is to assist generations of future students until Jesus comes.

For a few hundred Nazarenes at any one time, there comes the privileged opportunity to invest a portion of one's life directly in the work of Christian higher education. I think of the devoted businessman I knew...
Ian two decades ago who turned his family business over to his wife and sons so that he might invest his full energy, effort, and business experience at a dollar a year to help his regional Nazarene college out at a time of financial difficulty.

I think of people who manage these facilities, and people like the hard-working Christian secretary who paid these reflections from a barely legible manuscript, and the devoted Christian gentleman who gives his best of care to the building I work in.

I think of scores of dedicated and highly trained Christian faculty members I have known who have given the best years of their lives to this calling. Virtually all of these people have foregone potentially higher salaries to make these investments of themselves in Nazarene higher education.

The idea of stewardship as an investment should not be a new idea to Bible-literate Christians, as a reading of Matthew 25:14-46 will remind us. The parable of the stewards, often called the parable of the talents, shows us a wide difference in investment aims and strategies and a divine review of each.

Whether your stewardship is in the form of financial investment, or educational investment, or investment directly in the work of a Nazarene institution of higher learning, you probably have received some of God’s spiritual dividends along the way. I remind you that, in addition to these dividends, you can look ahead to the capital gains, the day when the King shall say, “Well done, thou good and faithful servant.”

PARDON the personal reference, but guess what I found in a bundle of old papers passed on to me by my parents! A buff-colored duplicate dated December 4, 1934. A Bresee College receipt designated for “Willis’ Tuition, 2nd Semester.” The detail read:

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What a transaction on behalf of my high school freshman year’s tuition!

In the depths of the depression, my parents were paying tuition with 180 lbs. of beef credited at 7¢ and 9¢ per pound. The previous year the wheat harvest had been completed in one day, so there was little quantity and even poorer prices. I am sure that in some of those years there was less than $500 cash income from the farm (eggs, cream, fryers, calves, and all).

But my parents had a goal for the education of their children in a Christian high school and college. Even a Great Depression could not shake that plan. Other goals could wait. The children grow up quickly. Once the teen years are past, the patterns for life are set.

The deal was this. Each of the four children were to help out on the farm, get part-time jobs during the school year, and the resources would be pooled. The financing of a college education was guaranteed so long as it was a Nazarene college and we delayed marriage. The college bill was on the same priority level as groceries, gasoline, clothing. There would be no new cars, very little for vacations, nothing for furniture or remodeling the old house. By arrangement with creditors, interest on indebtedness was paid but no payment on principal was made. Tithes, offerings, and the children’s educations? These were never in doubt. The plan was very simple, the priorities clear.

Do you know what? Ours was a happy family. We never realized we were poor. We never thought of dropping out of college. The bills were all paid. Better furniture, remodeling, and vacations were there to be enjoyed with the grandchildren. My parents lived out their values and priorities and we are the beneficiaries. Their example was a safe pattern for their children to follow.

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The Journey

What an opportunity is mine
to travel upwards
with the glorious hope
of heaven as my goal.

No, I am not alone.
He will guide me.
He traveled the way before
and marked the path with drops
of blood.

No, I am not afraid.
His love will lead me
through the hills and vales,
His mercy will lift me
over the treacherous mountain
heights.
His grace will keep me from falling . . .
And I will reach my destination!

—GERALDINE NICHOLAS
Abbotsford, British Columbia

April 15, 1983
DO TWO WALK TOGETHER unless they have agreed to do so? (Amos 3:3, NIV). The shepherd prophet’s rhetorical question says it very well: two cannot walk together “unless they have made an appointment” (RSV). For over three quarters of a century, the Church of the Nazarene and her colleges have moved together on an appointed path. The colleges of the church and the church of the colleges pursue common purposes under the Lordship of Christ. Commitment to His cause and to His Body, the Church, is a cherished commonality. The church has consistently demonstrated commitment to Nazarene higher education. Likewise, the colleges have demonstrated commitment to the church.

In many ways, the church-college relationship may be likened to that of marriage. The pledge to walk together as one toward a mutual goal is the most obvious parallel. As in a marriage, in ways both real and mystical, the two become one, while maintaining individuality.

A church is not a college; a college is not a church. Yet, there are elements of both in each. The genius of Nazarene higher education is that each serves the other. The church has given financial, organizational, personnel, and spiritual support to its colleges in addition to providing its most precious resource—its finest young people. The colleges have given back to the church an educated leadership, informed laity, biblical scholarship, and consecrated concern. The intent of each—as in a good marriage—is to build the other, reach common goals, and more effectively carry out the Great Commandment.

Those of us involved in the daily work of the church’s colleges are forever grateful that we have not been left to walk our path alone! Those colleges who have been “affiliated with,” “sponsored by,” or “approved by” their respective denominations have too often found that the lack of active support and reinforcement has forced them into other alliances. Conversely, the colleges of the Church of the Nazarene have found an ever-strengthening bond with the church as the years have passed.

I recall my father remarking with a sly grin that married couples in their later years have a tendency to take on each other’s physical appearance—to look alike, as well as to act and think alike. My own observation of couples who have lived together and loved intensely would tend to support his claim. The same is true of the church-related college and the college-related church! After many years together, they look, think, and act more and more alike! In the descriptive language usually reserved for marriage, “the two have become one.” As the flow of people, prayer, ideas, and finance goes back and forth between the two, each shares a part of itself with the other until they become more and more inseparable.

Can two walk together if they have not agreed to do so? “No,” says the prophet and our experience confirms the response. The mutual commitment must be there lest they drift onto different paths. With one heart and mind, the Church of the Nazarene and her colleges walk together into the future because they have agreed to do so. Existing institutional structures tend to guarantee the continuing agreement in purpose. Under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, the personal commitment of faculty, staff, and students to the church, and the corresponding personal commitment of church members to the college will ensure that the coming centennial of our walk together will be marked by thanksgiving and praise.
I had advanced from mechanic, to lead mechanic, to supervisor of mechanical service while working at United Air Lines. I was second in charge of the midnight crew of mechanics, and had many responsibilities, which I thought I had discharged very well. However, I did not have a beer with the men after work, or seem to fit in with the topics of their daily conversation. After a year I was demoted to lead mechanic. What a blow to my self-esteem! This was a real negative time in my life. All hopes of advancement were gone. Although I enjoyed my work as radioclectric mechanic, the future prospects looked bleak. My spirits were not the highest, to say the least. Where was God's hand in all of this? My immediate supervisor asked me if I was going to quit. No, I didn't quit my job, but stayed on the night shift for two more years training the new radio-electric mechanics.

However, the seeds of dissatisfaction had been sown, and I started looking at the want ads. Answering one ad led me to a job as service engineer on electrical systems at Convair/General Dynamics in San Diego. The company moved our whole family and goods from Chicago to San Diego. I was enjoying new scenery, a warm climate, higher salary, and an interesting line of work. I began to see God's plan unfolding for me.

After seven happy years at Convair, I was laid off. A recession had occurred in 1962, and 14,000 workers lost their jobs at Convair. I tried, with no success, to be a salesman, stock broker, and owner of my own marine radio business. My spirits sank to a low ebb. I knew the feelings of despair and worthlessness that are afflicting the millions who are now unemployed in 1983. Where was God in this time of trouble? However, I did not lose faith in God at any time, but felt that I would have a good testimony for Him when this period of trouble was over. Fortunately, my wife was teaching school at this time. We had five young boys, so the seven of us did not go hungry, and our needs were all met. The layoff was a big negative at this period of my life.

One of the negative facets in finding work was a lack of a bachelor's degree. I could not find useful employment, so I decided to go to college, and make school my full-time employment. In two years I had my Bachelor of Arts degree, a credential in Elementary Education, one in Teaching the Mentally Retarded, and a job teaching elementary school. Again I could see the hand of God changing a negative into a positive.

After 15 happy years teaching in elementary school and junior college, God has helped me to gain several other degrees, including a doctorate in education, and to experience a wonderful year and a half as a lay missionary in Japan. God has truly had a wonderful play for my life. If I had not been dissatisfied with my job in Chicago, I would not have moved to San Diego. If there had not been a layoff in San Diego, I would not have entered the field of education. Two negatives really do make a big positive.

Harold Ayer is currently under special assignment by the Division of World Mission to the Japan Christian Junior College.

Two Negatives Make A Positive

by Harold Ayer
INHERITANCES:

Earthly & Eternal

by MARCIA OLSEN

HONKING gaggles of geese flapping south, azure Idaho skies, and the anticipation of munching nachos at Art's Old House belied the serious transaction inside our attorney's office. My husband and I had pondered the particulars—naming the executor of our wills, choosing the guardian of our minor child should we die simultaneously, calculating the percentages of our estate to be given to our daughter and various church institutions. We had discussed with our lawyer exactly how we wished the beneficiaries of our wills to receive their inheritance. Carefully, legally (and wordily!) he devised an acceptable document. With all the whereases, thereforees, and herewiths in place, we signed. We left the office satisfied that our signatures insured the execution of our desires.

Since that day in the attorney's office, several spiritual parallels to the occasion have flooded my mind.

Four simple analogies have emerged. First, it's comforting to know that my earthly inheritance is carefully arranged for my daughter and me. That's what God did for His chosen people—His beneficiaries. Through Moses He gave explicit instructions to the Hebrews as they stood on the verge of the Promised Land—their inheritance. In the Old Testament the land itself was a symbol of God. Deuteronomy describes in minute detail the inheritance rights of this generation who had wandered in the wilderness for 40 years. It was to their fathers that God had promised this land and they were now to be the actual recipients. Precise locations for particular tribes, with qualifications for unusual cases, were specifically outlined before they could claim their inheritance. God methodically planned for His inheritors, insisting that certain conditions be met and maintained. Like God, we have exercised human caution and conditions for our wills. I'm satisfied that our earthly estate is properly designed, like God's was for the Hebrews.

That thought leads to the second application of that transaction. For me as a Christian, these earthly provisions for others and me are not preeminent in my life. It is comforting to know our wills are in order and that I will be adequately cared for on this earth, but far more thrilling for me are the words from Psalm 16, "The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance." Those words are stated so plainly that I might consider them too simple. But when the implications of that verse soak in, their dynamic impact reverberates against the walls of my mind, precipitating throbs in my temples and palpitations of my heart. My finite mind fails to comprehend that statement: that the Creator of the universe, the One who flung out the galaxies, is my inheritance! My daughter, my church, and I may inherit an adequate sum—but it is a pittance in comparison to being a beneficiary of the Lord God himself. Imagine that I, mortal and earthly, have God for my personal inheritance! And not just for 40 or 50 years as our worldly possessions might be, but as Psalm 37:18 asserts, "The Lord knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be forever" (italics mine).

Whew! That awesome promise requires calm contemplation, soul-saturation; but my mind refuses to be passive, whirling instead to a third thought. Since we are in worldwide economic gyrations, our tangible estate may end up being paltry or even depleted. Though we exercise prudence, outside circumstances could thwart our best intentions. Not so with our heavenly inheritance! 1 Peter 1:3-4 declares, "In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope ... and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade—kept in heaven for you" (NIV). That's security! The stock market fluctuates, prime interest rates soar, and real estate investments sit idle, all out of our control. In this earthly moment of time these concerns most naturally elicit our energies, but we Christians, in spite of those variables, steadfastly nestle in the warmth of the words, "an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade."

In the opening paragraph I stated that we left our lawyer's office "satisfied that our signatures insured the execution of our desires." That phrase catapults me...
to the last spiritual parallel. What assurance do I have that the Lord will be my inheritance, that His carefully orchestrated inheritance plan will not perish, will indeed be mine? Our attorney believes my husband and I are trustworthy: that the inked letters forming our names on the last page of our wills represent people of integrity, that our signatures confirm reliable intentions. Powerfully and positively Paul proclaims in Ephesians 1:13-14, “Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance ...” (NIV). As much as I prize my honorable name and reputation, with how much more authority does the Holy Spirit notarize my heavenly inheritance, offering himself as the guarantee. No 90-day returns, no one-year warranties. With the infilling of His presence the Holy Spirit guarantees that the Lord is my inheritance. His signature is utterly infallible—my inheritance is sure.

After our visit to the attorney, I felt secure, satisfied, safe. With as much care as is humanly possible, my earthly inheritance is prudently planned. That fact provides comfort. However, riveting my focus on my heavenly possession produces both relaxation and wonder. I—earthly, mortal, finite—am the Lord’s beneficiary. For the infinite, ceaseless foreverness of eternity, He is my inheritance!

ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST the Holy Spirit was outpoured, launching enormous growth for the kingdom of God. Converts were rapidly multiplied.

During the years 1983 through 1985, each local Mission Action Committee should challenge the church to an all-out commitment on Pentecost Sunday for the launching of new work.

The goal of the Church of the Nazarene is to start 288 new churches in our 75th year, which begins September 1. Seventy-five jubilee churches are to be organized on October 23, 1983.

Pastors and local Mission Action Committees will want to plan in advance a commitment emphasis to launch a new work each year in the spring. We believe that each cluster of five churches could start one new work, giving us a total of 1,000 new works annually. Our 75th year can be the impetus for widespread mission action.

Pentecost Sunday is an ideal Sunday to make a Spirit-filled new work commitment. Here are suggestions for new work starts:

- Mission action (extension) revivals
- New extension Sunday Schools
- Language classes or language missions
- New ethnic works among English-speaking ethnics
- Summer ministry extension teams
- District church planting efforts
- Bivocational church planters
- Lay-led new work campaigns

Prepare for Pentecost Sunday and new work starts. Recycle spiritual and biblical preparations from the Mission Action Sourcebook to prepare the whole church.

Establish a “Great Commission Library” with recommended reading books. Available are:

- A packet of three booklets: Mission Action Guidelines, How to Launch Ethnic Churches, and God’s Mandate for Church Planting
- Communication and Growth
- Evangelical Home Bible Class
- Finding Your Ministry
- Get Ready to Grow
- It Happened at Pilot Point
- Put In the Sickle
- Tell it Well
- The Master’s Plan for Making Disciples
- Spiritual Gifts Workshop—an extensive lecture workshop with participant workbooks

Available also are professionally produced audio-video aids for motivation and instruction for beginning new works:

- “A Church for Tomorrow”
- “Love Makes it Happen”
- “Finding Your Ministry”
- “Planned Parenthood for Churches”
- “A Church Is Born”

These are all 16-mm. films, 15-35 minutes long. They can be ordered from the Nazarene Publishing House.

Additional helps available in Personal Soul Winner Training may be found in the Mission Action Sourcebook, Section 12.

Pentecost Sunday can be a Mission Action Commitment Day for launching new works. Pentecost will happen 1,000 times in the new work efforts established in our 75th year.

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REVIVAL—what an awesome word! It is awesome for many reasons, not the least of which is what it does within an individual, as well as society.

Revival is not limited to religious issues, for to be “revived” applies to the physical, psychical, and spiritual world. However, our primary concern in this article is the thought and thrill of what God wants to do within the Body of Christ—the Body that we call the Church.

2 Chronicles 7:14 gives to us the grid for preparation that is applicable for all eras and areas of life. Look at the steps of this statement that specifically lead us to a God-given guarantee of revival:

1. “If my people, who are called by my name . . .”
2. “Will humble themselves . . .”
3. “Pray and seek my face . . .”
4. “Turn from their wicked ways . . .”
5. “Then will I hear from heaven . . .”
6. “Forgive their sin . . .”
7. “Heal their land.”

As a shepherd of the sheep, it would be easier, and certainly less demanding, if I could delegate this preparation to the chairman of the Board of Trustees or Stewards, or even the staff person in charge of “outreach and evangelism.” But, it doesn’t happen that way. As the Bible says, “Like priest, like people.”

On the other hand, what a thrill it is as a father to see a renewal or revival come into the life of the family—to realize that you have assumed the responsibility and the role of leadership to see that family “come alive” in a new and exciting way. So it is in the leadership of the Body, the Church.

Whether pastor, staff, youth leader, Sunday School teacher, discipling or Bible study leader, to lead the way for revival is an awesome and wonderful task! Will you give yourself to this preparation? It’s worthwhile!

The power that emanates from this preparation is incredible! “I will forgive their sins and I will heal their land”—purity and prosperity!

Could it be that we, as God’s people, need a good “dose” of both? Just as we have allowed some extremists, both sincere and savage, to scare us and, consequently, rob us of some of God’s physical prosperity, so have we allowed them to frighten us away from the fortunes of God’s “spiritual Fort Knox.”

None of us is naive enough to believe that we are enjoying all that God really wants to give us; therefore, would we dare to decide today that since God’s Word is reliable, we will no longer be reluctant, but begin now to apply His Word to our lives step-by-step and expect Him to release His power within us?

Look at the Scripture again: “If my people”—that’s us! “Will humble themselves”—what will that take to happen to you? “And pray and seek my face”—what an incredible posture! “And turn from their wicked ways”—I fear the wickedness of God’s people which is spoken of here is not adultery as much as attitude; not stealing from my neighbor as much as stifling the move of God; not lying as much as laziness! What would happen if this were changed? “I will forgive”—oh, such power and purity! “I will heal”—oh, such power and prosperity!

The emphasis of Simultaneous Revivals, which is much in the minds of many of us these days, could be something that surpasses anything that even our leaders have dreamed! Oh, yes, there are mechanical problems to be solved and there are personnel problems to be worked out. But let me suggest that we concentrate on revivals and not necessarily on meetings with special workers!

I am sure that you agree with me that a revival is more than a meeting. We are all eager that our evangelist be a vital part of this, and that we use all of these men and women of God, but along with a meeting, I

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want a moving—a moving of God upon me, upon my Church, and upon my "Jerusalem."

What would happen if every pastor, every staff member, every board member, every leader and teacher in our churches would commit himself or herself to this end? Imagine what effect it would have on our children and their concept of revival, the effect on the young marrieds, the critical middle-years, the old saints, the finances of the church, the growth of the church, and even the impact on our communities!

I know you and I want this; I know we believe it is possible; I hope we believe it can happen to us! If this is true, we must obey and believe. Let’s fall on our faces before God and begin to prepare: expect the power and enjoy the product of God’s magnificent promise: “If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”

I will never forget a story out of the life of Uncle Bud Robinson. At the close of a service in one of his typical revivals, a lovely lady came down the aisle of the church to the altar. She got Uncle Bud’s attention and he came over to her. She said, “Uncle Bud, God told me to come forward because I have sins in my life, but I am not sure what they are!” He said, “Sister, kneel right down there and guess!” “And do you know,” he said, “she guessed the very first thing!”

I don’t believe our problem of preparation is ignorance as much as arrogance!

“Another year or day comes to a close without trauma.” says the author. “But what if something does happen?”

The book is divided into five parts: I Am Hurting; What’s Going On?; What Has God Promised?; Don’t Fence Him In; What Do I Do Now?

It never hurts to question God if you are ready to listen to His response and accept it. None of us have adequate answers. Questions about suffering have baffled the greatest minds of the ages. What we do have is a God who is worthy of our implicit trust, and this book will strengthen your faith in Him.

God is here . . . with me . . . comforting me . . . guiding me through decisions, and giving me hope for the future, joy in my heart, and strength to cope. With the world in unprecedented turmoil at home and abroad, I find this reminder of His actual promises wonderfully comforting!

—MABEL P. ADAMSON
Kansas City, Missouri
In March I was privileged to visit Trevecca Nazarene College. I was there to deliver a series of lectures based on the Exodus. Since 26 years of my ministry were spent in the Southeast, I have watched with deep heart interest the growth and progress of Trevecca. The campus has been remarkably improved. New buildings added, old buildings renovated, some eyesores removed—all this has created a spacious, attractive campus. A resolute administration, and a dedicated faculty, impressive for its caring as well as its competence, makes Trevecca a hilltop beacon with a great mission and future.

As I walked about the campus, I reflected upon the heroism, sacrifice, toil, and faith that has made today's Trevecca possible. From small, humble beginnings, through crises-filled years of depression, wars, and recessions, the college has steadily advanced. Past and present success has been made possible because of men and women, preachers and laymen, teachers and students who dreamed and dared, pouring their work, money, and lives into Christian higher education. Nothing has come easily. No magic wands were waved to dissolve problems and produce buildings, equipment, and personnel. The soil of TNC has been enriched with "blood, sweat, and tears."

What is true of Trevecca is true of all our colleges. They have a history of progress through sacrifice. Laymen have sold and mortgaged property to keep the schools afloat. Teachers have served these colleges at low salaries, sometimes no salaries, writing one of the gallant chapters in church history by their selfsacrifice to Christian education. Administrators have prayed, pushed, and pled, adding example to exhortation in order to equip, staff, maintain, and improve our colleges. Students have found in them more than learning—they have found the challenge, zest, and joy of shared commitment, of participatory sacrifice.

The vision, courage, and faith that founded and forwarded our colleges is still alive. We will pray, give, and boost to assure our educators of adequate support, to assure our youth of opportunity for quality education in a Christian environment.

Larry is a Nazarene missionary. Mr. Wilson and his family continue to help make Nazarene history.

Wilson served as Journal Secretary for the General Assemblies of 1928, 1932, and 1936. This, with his pastoral and educational experience, enables him to speak with authority and interest of earlier days. He often addresses church history classes and is appreciated for his acute memory and exceptional ability as a storyteller.

Widowed since 1978, Mr. Wilson does his own shopping, cooking, housework, and yard work. Each Sunday finds him in church.

His father was one of our early general superintendents, W. C. Wilson. Prior to his election in 1915, W.C. had served the church as pastor, evangelist, and district superintendent. Unfortunately, few Nazarenes know about W. C. Wilson. Mallalieu Wilson is taking steps to correct this. He is writing a biography of his father, and the story of his mother's family as well. When completed, these writings will enhance our stock of Nazarene history.

We salute this veteran educator, and rejoice in the heritage of which he is a significant part.
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BERTHA MUNRO—A TRIBUTE

This year a veteran educator went home at the age of 95. At the last she showed “marks of batterings”—her phrase—but like a crumbling cathedral she was magnificent even in ruins.

I knew her briefly as a friend and served her briefly as pastor. At the time she was retired, indeed she was pushing 90. But my brief encounter with Bertha Munro affected me deeply and for good. She was the kind of person whose gentlest words could thunder in your mind, whose tiniest smiles could make the inner landscape blaze with light.

When president Leslie Parrott summoned me to ENC to head the Religion Department, she frankly disapproved. As I labored there, she warmly supported. When I became her pastor, she openly rejoiced. Dr. Parrott later showed me a letter from her in which she stated that bringing me to ENC was one of the best things he did. Smiling, he said, “She is really telling me, now that I’m at Olivet, to keep my hands off and leave you there.” She was like that, never one to fix her estimate of a person in the past. She could change her mind and admit her mistakes because she was committed to integrity and honesty.

She was, first of all, a Christian. Her devotion to the Lord was heart-deep and lifelong. Converted at nine, she walked with Christ until the end. That is poorly phrased—there is no end and she walks with Him now. She did not walk without misstep, but she never altered direction. Her course was always forward in the will and work of God.

She was an educator, deeply convinced that truth is transmissible through life. Her goal was “dynamic integration” of mind and spirit. She demanded what she demonstrated—quality in learning and living. Compassionate, but not indulgent, she would not dignify shoddy work with good grades. Her vision of God and truth forbade intellectual or moral compromise.

To me, she represented our church and our colleges at their best. Ten thousand like her would be too few. One unlike her is too many. In her own words, “His love on my soul’s altar kindled there / An answering flame...” That answering flame still helps to illuminate my pathway.

THE WOMEN—GOD BLESS THEM!

In February 24 I was part of a crowd honored to hear Louise Robinson Chapman and Estelle Crutcher. I sat at their feet during the Leaders’ Conference in Kansas City. Mrs. Chapman spoke to us about missions, and her message was clear, fiery, and stirring. She is now 90 and retains the faith and courage of her youth as missionary in Africa. Mrs. Crutcher preached on pursuing holiness—doctrinally, experientially, and relationally. In her 80s, she is still hungrily questing after God.

In March 3 I had the privilege of being a luncheon guest, along with Robert and Frances Spear, of Leone Ikse and Elsie Leuking. They are longtime residents of Miami, Fla., and members of our First Church there. For I was first a Christian, I learned of their interest in missions and Sunday Schools and revivals. Across 40 years they have poured love, money, prayers, and effort into the work of the kingdom of God. Leone is over 90, Elsie in her 80s. What a rare treat it was to share lunch and memories with these women! Godly women have provided a huge share of the priceless heritage that is ours as Nazarenes. Their sacrifices and achievements furnish some of the thrilling chapters of our history. In devotion to Christ, in loyalty to holiness, in heroism of faith, in service to humanity they yield to no man. Without their enriching contributions, we could not have survived and succeeded. We are indebted to our women, clergy and laity, beyond our ability to measure or repay.

I am the stepson, spiritually, of a woman preacher. Doris was converted in a revival meeting where Elizabeth Roby Vennum was preaching, and I was reached for Christ through the life and love of Doris. Much of my early Christian growth occurred under the tutelage of a compassionate Sunday School teacher named Evelyn Gwinn. I have good reason for deeply appreciating our women.

Many Christian women are playing a major role in the ongoing life and work of our church. Thank God for them! May their numbers steadily increase!
A MAN CALLED JOHN

by GORDON L. KENNEDY

JOHN GRANT was a distant relative of U. S. Grant, a grand-nephew, I believe. His wife introduced us one bright spring morning while they were working in their yard and garden. I was the new pastor and my first pastoral call was made in May 1951. Mary was a member of our church, John was not. But he was a good man to know, well liked by all who knew him. He was past 70 years, tall, thin, and stooped shoul­dered from many years of hard labor. He had built a number of houses, including the one they called home.

During the next two years John had much sickness and seldom left his home. I recall him being in church just twice. Due to his illness he had many visitors from every church and religious organization in the area. Our Sunday School superintendent once said that John Grant had a concrete mind, thoroughly mixed and firmly set. But I knew God could find a way to reach him, and time was running out.

At the close of an evening service, Grandma Grant informed me that John wanted to see me. I called on him the next morning.

He was lying in bed, propped up on pillows, watching one of his favorite TV programs. I was about to ask him to turn off the TV, but for some reason the Spirit checked me. After an hour or so I excused myself and went about other duties.

"Just twice. Due to his illness he had many visitors from everywhere."

I got a wonderful opportunity to tell this 72-year-old lady how the Lord could help her and give her strength to go through her trouble. When we completed our conversation, she said, "I know why God let you live. If you never touch no one else's life, you have helped me."

He's such a wonderful God—never makes a mistake in what He does.

There is peace in the midst of the storm.

Mrs. Bobbie Sue Grisham
Lebanon, Tennessee

GORDON L. KENNEDY is a Nazarene elder residing in Hamilton, Ohio.

"By All Means... Save Some"
PEOPLE AND PLACES

Rev. Daniel L. Brewer, missionary for the Church of the Nazarene in Bolivia, received the Master of Education degree from Azusa Pacific College, Calif., in December 1982.

Mr. Brewer received his A.B. degree from Eastern Nazarene College in 1963, the Th.B. degree in 1964, and obtained his M.Div. from Nazarene Theological Seminary in 1966.

Mr. Brewer has served in Bolivia over 14 years. Mr. Brewer, his wife, Carolyn, and three girls are currently on furlough in Louisville, Ohio.

The Springfield, Mass., church honored retiring missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Oscar M. Stockwell, at a reception recently. Greeting old and new friends made it a joyous occasion. The Stockwells kept their membership in the Springfield church throughout their 37 years of service in Mozambique and South Africa. Two television stations and a local paper covered the event at the church.

VENEZUELA OFFERING ALMOST TRIPLES GOAL

Nazarenes are 280 percent behind the new mission work started late last year in Venezuela—at least they beat the churchwide offering goal by that much.

As of March, Nazarenes in 25 countries scattered around the world have given $562,331. Goal for the offering was set at $200,000.

Of the offerings that have come in, only a small portion has been used to get missionaries Bill and Juanita Porter settled in the South American country, and the work under way. Included in this has been the purchase of a small truck that is now used for transportation. It will later be used to haul building materials when church construction begins.

The Porters are now looking for property in the suburbs of Caracas, capital of this Spanish-speaking nation. By the end of the year they hope to purchase land on which they can begin to build Venezuelan Churches of the Nazarene, according to Dr. L. Guy Nees, director of the World Mission Division.

Already, five stateside Work and Witness teams have laid plans to travel there and provide some of the necessary muscle and materials: Georgia District; Bellflower, Calif., church; Mississippi District; Southwest Indiana District; and Washington District.

A breakdown of international support by region for opening the Venezuela work follows.

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Five district superintendents and their campaign managers were recognized for their outstanding 1982 Herald of Holiness subscription campaigns at the annual Nazarene Leaders' Conference held in February at the Sheraton Royal Hotel in Kansas City. Each team, representing one of the five district groupings, had reached the highest percent over its district goal.

W. E. McCumber, Herald editor, presented each superintendent winner with a black mat pen and pencil set, on which Herald of Holiness was inscribed. Every superintendent whose district attained 100 percent of its subscription goal received a walnut plaque with the first page of the first issue of the Herald of Holiness.

Although the district campaign managers were not present for the annual Kansas City conference, each winning campaign manager has received a $100 gift certificate from Nazarene Publishing House.

NPH manager and Herald publisher, M. A. (Bud) Lunn, congratulates all winners and every church that worked so wholeheartedly to make the 1982 subscription drive a success.

Group winners are:

**Group I (8,500 members or more)**
- Highest percent: Illinois District
  - Rev. Jim Blue, campaign manager
  - Rev. John Hancock, superintendent
- Others attaining 100 percent or more:
  - Central Ohio, Southwest Indiana

**Group II (6,500-8,499 members)**
- Highest percent: West Texas District
  - Rev. Tom Evans, campaign manager

**Group III (5,000-6,499 members)**
- Highest percent: South Carolina District
  - Mrs. Leota Downing, campaign manager
  - Rev. D. Moody Gunter, superintendent
- Others attaining 100 percent or more:
  - Northwestern Illinois

**Group IV (3,500-4,999 members)**
- Highest percent: Southeast Oklahoma District
  - Rev. M. Gene Wilson, campaign manager
  - Rev. Wendell O. Paris, superintendent
- Others attaining 100 percent or more:
  - Maine, Canada West

**Group V (3,499 members or less)**
- Highest percent: Dakota District
  - Rev. Delroy Bender, campaign manager
  - Rev. F. Thomas Bailey, superintendent
- Others attaining 100 percent or more:
  - Alaska, Nebraska, Canada Pacific, Rocky Mountain, and Louisiana

Beginning in February, the 1983 campaigns are well under way. The theme is: “Give Yourself the Gift of Good Reading.” It is based on the scripture, “In reading ... you will be able to understand” (Ephesians 3:4, NIV). Every Nazarene and friend of the church is reminded that reading holiness literature aids understanding of God’s Word. What better way to celebrate the church’s 75th anniversary—subscribe to the Herald of Holiness!
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE ENTERS AÇORES*

Dr. and Mrs. Earl Mosteller, veteran Nazarene missionaries, were approved by the general superintendents and the General Board in February, to open a new Nazarene mission work in the Açores.

The Açores are a group of nine Portuguese islands in the middle North Atlantic between New York, U.S.A., and western Europe. The islands have a population of 250,000.

Dr. and Mrs. Mosteller made an exploratory visit to the islands in January, 1983. They found the people receptive and government officials cordial. Investigation showed five Protestant groups with small churches on four of the islands. Five islands are virtually unreached by any evangelical church.

Dr. Mosteller reported that the Church of the Nazarene is already known in Açor through the Portuguese radio broadcast, A Hora Nazarena, which has been aired there for several years.

Dr. and Mrs. Mosteller have laid plans for opening the Church of the Nazarene in Açores in 1984, beginning in the capital city of Ponta Delgada, where one-fourth of the island's population is located.

As the work develops there could be opportunities for Work and Witness teams, youth and musical groups, Portuguese evangelists, and other volunteer workers to provide short-term contributions to the growth of the Church of the Nazarene there.

Dr. Mosteller reported that he found an openness to the gospel wherever he went, and that two young people had been converted—first fruits of the harvest awaiting the Church of the Nazarene in Açores.

Dr. and Mrs. Mosteller will be on deputation tours during 1983, and will endeavor to contact Açorean immigrants as they travel in the States. It is known that there are sizeable groups of Açoreans living in New England, the San Joaquin Valley, California; Toronto, Ontario; and in Hawaii. Churches in those areas could have a vital part in opening this new ministry, by calling the Mostellers for services and assisting them in contacting the Açorean community nearest them. Through these groups, Dr. Mosteller hopes to establish contacts in Açores that will be fruitful.

Churches desiring to have Dr. and Mrs. Mosteller for deputation services may contact Judy Veigl, Deputation Secretary, World Mission Division, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131.

Churches or individuals wishing to share through contributions for the opening of Nazarene work in the Açores may do so by sending their gifts to Dr. Norman O. Miller, General Treasurer, Church of the Nazarene, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131, designating clearly that it is for the opening of work in the Açores. Ten percent credit will be given to the church indicated.

—World Mission

GENERAL BOARD APPOINTS 26 MISSIONARIES TO 10 WORLD AREAS

Twenty-six missionary candidates received the commission and mandate to represent the Church of the Nazarene in 10 world areas. Nineteen of those appointed were new missionaries, and 7 were reappointed, having prior missionary service. The new appointees are:

Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Johnson (teacher, dietician) of Kansas City, appointed to the Republic of Haiti.

Miss Annette Taft (minister-teacher) of Kansas City, appointed to the Australasian Nazarene Bible College in Australia.

Miss Pamela Grant (accountant) of Bethany, Okla., appointed to the Asian Regional Office, Manila, Republic of the Philippines.

Miss Mary Katherine Peacock (nurse-teacher) of Birmingham, Ala., to the Swaziland Medical Council.

Rev. and Mrs. Stephen Pettis (minister, homemaker) of Norco, Calif., appointed to Indonesia.

Rev. and Mrs. Michael Robinson (minister, nurse) of Brodhead, Wis., appointed to Honduras, Central America.

Rev. and Mrs. Byron Schortinghuis (minister, homemaker) of Umatilla, Fla., appointed to the Republic of the Philippines.

Rev. and Mrs. Mark Tipton (minister, physician's assistant) of Dublin, Ga., appointed to the Republic of South Africa North, Compassionate Ministries.

Miss Janet Houmes (teacher) of Eugene, Ore., appointed to the Australian Nazarene Bible College in Australia.

Rev. and Mrs. Larry Cornett (minister, homemaker) of Kodiak, Alaska, appointed to Zimbabwe.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Slaughter (radiological technologist, homemaker) from Colorado Springs, appointed to specialized assignment on the Swaziland Medical Council.

Miss Arlene Garde (teacher) of Rock Falls, Ill., appointed to specialized assignment on the Swaziland Educational Council.

Those missionaries reappointed from prior missionary service are:

Rev. and Mrs. Paul Stroud (minister-builder, homemaker) of Grand Saline, Tex., to the Republic of Cape Verde.

Dr. and Mrs. Steve Ratlief (teacher, administrator) of San Diego, Calif., to Asia Pacific Nazarene Theological Seminary, Manila, Republic of the Philippines.

Rev. and Mrs. Gerald Hayse (minister, teacher) from Grandview, Mo., to Africa Communications Council, Johannesburg, Republic of South Africa.

Mrs. Wanda Knox (teacher) of Olath, Kans., to the Caribbean Nazarene Theological College, Trinidad.

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CHURCH PLANTER CONFERENCE IN KANSAS CITY

Eighty-five full-time participants attended the church planter training conference held in Kansas City January 24-28. They came from five different denominations. A preponderance of Nazarenes were registered, many of them leading pastors from a variety of districts.

Twenty-three seminarians took the course for credit, and seminary President Terrell Sanders stated that "the Church Planters’ Conference and the NTS class on church planting were an outstanding success." He further stated "... it is very important that we identify outreach ministries and the seminary in the promotion of and equipping people for church planting."

Guest lecturers included Dr. Charles L. Chaney, dean of the Courts Redford School of Theology and Church Vocations, Southwest Baptist University of Bolivar, Mo. Previously, Dr. Chaney was director of Church Extension in the state of Illinois, and in a nine-year period 200 Baptist churches were organized. He dealt with subjects relating to the motivation for church planting and the bivocational church planting ministry.

Dr. Raymond W. Hurn spoke on "The Message that Plants Churches" gave profiles of contemporary Nazarene success models in church planting, displayed the latest of research on highly successful new churches, and led the group through strategies to be utilized in the planting of new churches.

Rev. Jerry Appleby presented the work of 17 ethnic consultants, many of whom were present in the conference, and gave a profile of contemporary Nazarene ethnic success models in church planting. Ethnic consultants from 10 different cultures attended the training conference and received a challenge to return to teach church planting and facilitate church planting in their own cultural or ethnic group.

Rev. Bill Sullivan, Evangelism Ministries director, taught sessions on a Nazarene growth system.

Dr. James Garlow (l.), new church planter in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex, is an interested listener in dialogue with Dr. Charles Chaney (r.), one of the featured speakers and dean of the Courts Redford School of Theology and Church Vocations at Southwest Baptist University at Bolivar, Mo. Dr. Raymond Hurn, Church Extension director and director of the conference, is in the background.

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Dr. Clarence Jacobs, pastor of the Brooklyn Miller Memorial Church of the Nazarene, raises a question.

in Ministry and the newest church planter from Metroplex Chapel, Dallas/Fort Worth area, spoke on developing lay ministries for outreach.

Four successful new work models were portrayed by Rev. D. L. Huffman of San Antonio; Rev. Carl Baker of Columbus, Ohio; Rev. Gerald Manker of Oregon City, Ore.; and Rev. Larry McKain of Waterloo, Ia.

Comments about the conference were enthusiastic.

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NEW YOUTH BOOKS TO BE RELEASED FOR WYC

The General NYI Council and the staff of Youth Ministries has announced the release of several new books for youth in conjunction with WORLD YOUTH CONGRESS '83. The event is scheduled for June 20-27 in Oaxtepec, Mexico.

John Denney, editorial director for Youth Ministries, has been piloting the resources production over the past several months, devoting full time to the materials to be used at WYC '83 and beyond by youth and youth leaders across the denomination. The result is a series for youth leadership training, six youth reading books in English, six newly translated books in Spanish, a new youth musical, and a resource for youth leaders.

The new youth series is Leadership Multiplication, written by Hal Perkins, which will contain eight books: World Vision, Knowing the Father. Coming to Jesus, Following Jesus, Becoming like Jesus, Making Leaders in the Family, Making Leaders in the Church, and Making Leaders in the World. The series is an advanced discipleship curriculum, focusing on helping teens to become spiritually strong and leaders in various areas.

Of the six new English titles, Walking by Faith in Jesus Alone—Together, by Gary Sivewright is serving as the theme book for the event. It will also be produced in Spanish for WYC. Other new titles planned are: (for early youth) Footprints: Following Jesus for Junior Highers, edited by Bruce Oldham, and My Father, My Friend, by Alan Scott; (for all youth) The Adventures of Jeremiah, by Ron Wheeler, Ask Debbie and Dan, by Debbie Goodwin and Dan Crov; (for leaders) The Temples of Jesus, by Reuben Welch.

Besides Walking by Faith in Jesus Alone—Together, new books to be produced in Spanish for the event are: Discipleship Is More than a 12-Letter Word, by Norm Shockey; Meeting with Jesus, by Hal Perkins, Beacon Small Group Bible Study: Ephesians, by Gene Van Note; and World Vision and Knowing the Father, from Leadership Multiplication. The new youth musical, I'll Follow the Son, will be done in both English and Spanish. International Publications Services is working with Youth Ministries in the production of these books.

After WYC '83, these youth books will be made available to local churches and individuals through the Nazarene Publishing House.

Nazarene Youth International is excited about the ministry opportunities that await Nazarene youth at WYC. For more information concerning WORLD YOUTH CONGRESS '83, contact Mike Estep, director of the event, at 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131, or your district NYI president. Watch for further WYC updates in future issues of the Herald of Holiness.

BOARD OF PENSIONS HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

Pensions and Benefits Services announced that the Board of Pensions held its annual meeting February 26, 1983. The following were among several business items that were handled:

The administrator was authorized to pay a “13th month check” to the members of the pension roll during October 1983. This extra month’s check is to be given as a special bonus to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Church of the Nazarene. The bonus was made possible due to favorable investment experience during the past year.

An amendment was made in the “Basic” Pension Plan document removing the restriction that had prevented a retired minister from carrying a slate of revival meetings in the Herald of Holiness. Now, virtually anyone holding revival meetings can list a slate by registering with the Visual Arts Department of the Nazarene Publishing House.

A Subcommittee on Pension Policy and Integration was appointed to evaluate the need for an improved pension plan for the United States. The subcommittee is to work toward having the improvements ready to present to the 1985 General Assembly.

Based upon previous actions of the Board of General Superintendents, the Board of Pensions, and the endorsements of the Finance Committee and Executive Committee of the General Board, the Nazarene Health and Hospitalization Insurance Program for employees of the United States districts/agencies was officially adopted by the General Board. Bid proposals are now being prepared for interested districts and colleges.

Dr. Dean Wessels, administrator of the Board of Pensions, reported that other pension policy considerations will be studied and brought to the next Board of Pensions meeting scheduled for this summer.

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Youth Ministries has announced the first of several YOUTH IN MISSION projects for the summer of 1983. INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MINISTRIES (ISM) will involve 24 students from North America, joined by 12 students from the Nazarene Seminary of the Americas in San Jose, Costa Rica, ministering in three countries of South America. The collegians will experience missions on a grass roots level, doing anything from sweeping floors to personal evangelism to sharing in public worship services.

During the spring months, ISM participants, along with other YOUTH IN MISSION students, meet weekly in an extensive preequipping program. The collegians will also be involved in raising a ministry donation for the cost of their summer travel, through local churches, district organizations, and concerned individuals. Training Camp will begin on June 29, at Mid-America Nazarene College in Olathe, Kans., for North American participants.

The ISMers will then travel to Costa Rica to join the students from the Nazarene Seminary of the Americas on July 6, for another week of specialized training in cross-cultural understanding and site orientation. The students will arrive in their ministry location on July 14 and serve until August 24.

The 1983 ministry locations include:

**Venezuela.** Four teams of six students will invade this new Nazarene frontier to begin the work of establishing several churches during 1983. Evangelistic crusades will conclude each team's efforts at a specific location. Rev. Bill Porter is serving as field coordinator of the project.

**Peru.** Six students will serve in Peru, working with missionaries to provide support ministries and sharing ministry ideas with future pastors at the Nazarene Bible school in Chiclayo. Rev. Louie Rustle is serving as field coordinator.

**Colombia.** Six students will travel to Colombia, to work with missionaries to provide new outreach contacts for the churches there. Rev. Al Wilson is the field coordinator.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MINISTRIES is a program unit of YOUTH IN MISSION, sponsored by Youth Ministries. ISM is coordinated in conjunction with the Division of World Mission, which receives requests from national district superintendents or mission directors through the regional directors. Youth Ministries works with the regional director for final approval and site selection, while recruiting and training quality students to serve. Dale Fallon serves as ISM staff coordinator.

YOUTH IN MISSION participants are chosen from hundreds of applications from colleges across the United States and Canada, involved in summer ministries in local churches, inner-city locations, personal discipleship training, children's ministries, music groups, and world mission evangelism. They give of themselves and their summer to serve others. Pray for these students and support them in your prayers and giving. For more information, contact Dale Fallon, director of YOUTH IN MISSION, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131. □
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ANNOUNCEMENT
Tahlequah, Okla., First Church will celebrate its 50th anniversary June 26. Pastor Kyle R. Young...
WILDMON URGES FELLOW METHODISTS TO JOIN THE MORAL CRUSADE. Donald E. Wildmon has urged the top lay leadership in the United Methodist Church to become involved in halting the moral decline in America. Wildmon, recently addressing the National Association of Conference Lay Leaders in Nashville, told the group that network television was basically anti-Christian.

Wildmon, quoting extensively from a recent study on the television elite by the research team of Robert Lichter and Stanley Rothman, said the study showed only 17 percent of those responsible for entertainment programs agree strongly that adultery is wrong, 80 percent feel that homosexuality is not morally wrong, and 93 percent seldom or never attend church. He said the study also showed 69 percent feel the government should redistribute the income in America and that 45 percent think the government should guarantee every individual a job.

The United Methodist minister quoted the authors of the study who said: "Two out of three believe that TV entertainment should be a major force for social reform. This is perhaps the single most striking finding in our study. They seek to move their audience toward their own vision of the good society." The television elite, according to the study, want consumer groups, intellectuals, blacks, and feminist groups to have the most influence in society while Christianity and the military would be given the least, Wildmon said.

He said the television elite are using television "to preach the religion of secular humanism, which is diametrically opposed to Christianity," and that TV producer Norman Lear was the leading TV preacher in the country. "When Christians are depicted on TV, they are nearly always stereotyped in a negative manner."

ABS SAYS BIBLE BOOK COUNT NOW UP TO 1,763. Last year a part of the Bible appeared in 24 more languages for the very first time, the American Bible Society reports. This shows in a tally of the 1,763 languages in which at least one book of the Bible had been published by the end of 1982, a figure updated each year by the world's Bible Societies from major translation sources, including non-Bible-Society ones.

The biggest jump was in those languages getting their first New Testament. With an increase of 23, that count came to 551. Those languages with complete Bibles numbered 279.

Linguistics put the number of languages and distinct dialects throughout the world at over 3,000, although the exact figure varies with various authorities. The two global areas showing the biggest rise in "new" languages with complete Bibles numbered 279.

"Showers of Blessing" PROGRAM SCHEDULE

April 4
"The King Eternal"
by W. E. McCumber, speaker

May 1
"The Healer"

BAN ON RELIGION. The U.S. Supreme Court has refused to consider an appeal to permit voluntary religious activities in public schools despite a warning by 24 U.S. Senators that the nation's highest court was "at odds with the people" and "hostile to religion."

At issue was a school board policy in Lubbock, Tex., allowing students to meet voluntarily on school premises before or after school hours for religious purposes. A federal Appellate Court held that the voluntary policy was unconstitutional because it amounted to official recognition of religion and involved school personnel.

TURNING TO RELIGION. Personal papers found by Afghan guerrillas on the bodies of Soviet soldiers killed in Afghanistan indicate that a "significant minority" of these young men were Christians or Muslims.

A recent issue of Krasnaya Zvezda, the Soviet Defense Ministry daily paper, deplored the weakness of "atheist education" in the armed forces.
MRS. MAUDE SHECKELS, 87, died Feb. 23 in Vero Beach, Fla. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mike Norris. Interment was in Glen Burnie, Md.

Survivors include her sons, Ben Jr. and Dave; 1 daughter, Grace Nelson; 9 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

ROBERT L. STRUBBLE, 75, died Feb. 10 in Ponca City, Okla. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Gary Davis and Rev. BIU Yee. Surviving are his wife, Iona Gilbert; 2 sons, Jimmie L. and G. Lee; 4 daughters, Norma Abrams, Coleen Gibson, Marilyn Kampbel, and Phyllis Cross; 21 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; 4 brothers, and 4 sisters.

ETHEL L. WILCOXON, 82, died Feb. 28 in Ekhart, Kans. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Wil Hawthorne. She is survived by her husband, Rev. Dennis Wilcoxson; 2 sons, Merle and Fins; six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, one brother, and one sister.

Do you think the temptations mentioned in Matthew 16 and 26:38-39 are the only temptations Jesus faced during these severe tests of His faith?

Luke’s account makes it clear that Jesus Christ was tempted throughout His 40-day fast in the wilderness (4:2), while the three specified temptations occurred at the close of that period. Verse 13 implies that Satan’s attack was later renewed. While the Gethsemane struggle is certainly included, other attacks are not excluded, as Mark 8:32-33 and Luke 11:14-18 indicate. But I do think that Christ so decisively conquered the templer in the wilderness, that henceforth Satan renewes his assault with the desperation and savage despair of a defeated foe.

Your answer to the question about “tongues” in the Dec. 15, ’82 issue confused me. In your opinion these were human languages, such as “Greek, Hebrew, Latin, French, English, Spanish,” etc. Are you saying, then, that these people were using languages learned at home or in school? Why would this be called a spiritual gift?

I’m sorry that I confused you. No, I did not say, and am not saying, that the “tongues” to which Paul refers in 1 Corinthians 12-14 are languages learned and used in normal ways. The persons involved were speaking languages they had not been schooled in, either by parents or teachers. The “gift” was conferred upon them by the Holy Spirit. Acts 2 clearly shows that the Holy Spirit can immediately and directly enable a person to communicate the gospel in a language not his own.

This is not to say that all “tongues” speaking is done by the inspiration of the Spirit. The gifts of the Spirit (called charismata) may be consciously or unconsciously imitated. In 1 Corinthians 12 Paul uses charismata, but in chapter 14 he uses pneumatika, spiritual phenomena, which may or may not be genuine.

But wherever a genuine gift of “tongues” is exercised, the person speaks, not on the basis of natural aptitude or educational achievement, but on the basis of a supernatural endowment. From all that is said in Acts and 1 Corinthians, the content of such language-gifts is the gospel and the intent is the edification of others.

God does not intend this gift for all believers, and when conferred and exercised it must be subject to the “rules” laid down in 1 Corinthians 14, for when conferred it must be subject to the “rules” laid down in 1 Corinthians 14, for the Spirit does not inspire anyone to contradict His plain words in the Bible.

More important, all Christians, whatever their understanding of the charismata and pneumatika, should relate to one another in the love described in 1 Corinthians 13.

When Jesus prayed from the Cross, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do,” did this include forgiving the Pharisees who had ostracized Him and were responsible for His crucifixion?

I see no reason to exclude these blind, bigoted men from His prayer. Of course, the answer to His prayer would require that they repent and believe, Norval Geldenhuys rightly sees this prayer as “His earnest longing that His persecutors should be given another chance to repent before the otherwise inevitable judgment is executed on their sins,” similar to the prayer of the gardener that the fruitless fig tree be given one last chance (Luke 13:6-9). From the Book of Acts we know that thousands of Jews did repent and were forgiven before the fall of Jerusalem. And Nicodemus and Saul were not the only Pharisees to become followers of Christ (Acts 15:5).

Do the Spirit (called charismata) or human languages (used in school or at home) qualify as spiritual gifts?

One answer is, “Yes, both.” The other is, “No, only one.” The answer depends upon one’s understanding of the Spirit’s gifts. 

Any opinion these were human languages, such as “Greek, Hebrew, Latin, French, English, Spanish,” etc. are. Are you saying, then, that these people were using languages learned at home or in school? Why would this be called a spiritual gift?

I’m sorry that I confused you. No, I did not say, and am not saying, that the “tongues” to which Paul refers in 1 Corinthians 12-14 are languages learned and used in normal ways. The persons involved were speaking languages they had not been schooled in, either by parents or teachers. The “gift” was conferred upon them by the Holy Spirit. Acts 2 clearly shows that the Holy Spirit can immediately and directly enable a person to communicate the gospel in a language not his own.

This is not to say that all “tongues” speaking is done by the inspiration of the Spirit. The gifts of the Spirit (called charismata) may be consciously or unconsciously imitated. In 1 Corinthians 12 Paul uses charismata, but in chapter 14 he uses pneumatika, spiritual phenomena, which may or may not be genuine.

But wherever a genuine gift of “tongues” is exercised, the person speaks, not on the basis of natural aptitude or educational achievement, but on the basis of a supernatural endowment. From all that is said in Acts and 1 Corinthians, the content of such language-gifts is the gospel and the intent is the edification of others.

God does not intend this gift for all believers, and when conferred and exercised it must be subject to the “rules” laid down in 1 Corinthians 14, for the Spirit does not inspire anyone to contradict His plain words in the Bible.

More important, all Christians, whatever their understanding of the charismata and pneumatika, should relate to one another in the love described in 1 Corinthians 13.

When Jesus prayed from the Cross, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do,” did this include forgiving the Pharisees who had ostracized Him and were responsible for His crucifixion?

I see no reason to exclude these blind, bigoted men from His prayer. Of course, the answer to His prayer would require that they repent and believe, Norval Geldenhuys rightly sees this prayer as “His earnest longing that His persecutors should be given another chance to repent before the otherwise inevitable judgment is executed on their sins,” similar to the prayer of the gardener that the fruitless fig tree be given one last chance (Luke 13:6-9). From the Book of Acts we know that thousands of Jews did repent and were forgiven before the fall of Jerusalem. And Nicodemus and Saul were not the only Pharisees to become followers of Christ (Acts 15:5).
"BRIDAL" SHOWERS OF BLESSING

The prayers of the Ironton, Ohio, Elm Street Church brought a downpour of blessings during their revival services with Evangelist Ted Robinson. They began preparing for revival by having 11 a.m. prayer meetings at the church each day. Specific persons were lifted in prayer, and they also prayed that God would bring revival to their church as a whole. There was around-the-clock prayer by individuals who pledged to pray at a certain time each day. Several people fasted as well.

God answered the prayers of the Ironton church. Six people were saved, seven were sanctified wholly, and five others came to the altar making decisions. Numerous others commented that it was a time of personal revival for them. Several people said it was the greatest revival they had ever experienced in the church.

But the revival did not end with the special services. God continued to bless as people continued to pray.

The following night after the revival services were over, there was a bridal shower at the church. Rev. Wayne Beard was called to the church to check on something. While he was there one of the ladies came up to him and asked, “Were you praying for me early this morning about 1:00?” Rev. Beard was surprised by her question because he, along with several others, had in fact been praying for her at that time. She told him she wasn’t able to sleep and had even disturbed her husband because she was so restless. Rev. Beard talked to her and asked her if she would like to pray. They went to the altar and she prayed and received Christ.

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THE CHURCH SCENE

The Columbus, Neb., church observed its fifth anniversary March 6 with Dr. Eugene L. Stowe, general superintendent, as the guest speaker. Dr. Stowe preached in the morning worship service and again in the special afternoon anniversary service, where 118 people gathered.

The Colonials of Mid-America Nazarene College and Rev. Jim Diehl, Nebraska district superintendent, also at-
Hot Springs, Ark., Lockhaven Church recently dedicated a new facility, the first phase of their new building and relocation project. The first building, built on 8.9 acres of ground, has 13,000 sq. ft. of floor space. The building was built with the congregation donating almost all the labor. District Superintendent Donald Irwin brought the dedicatory message. District Secretary Fred Ferraez as well as former pastors W. J. Camp, Harold Glaze, and Villard Hunter also participated. Pastor William O. Hull led the congregation in the act of dedication.

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tended the special occasion. Birthday cake was served to everyone after the celebration. Pastor Danny Goddard and his wife, Sandie, have served the Columbus Church for two years.

Twenty-six men and women of Valparaiso, Ind., First Church went to Danli, Honduras, during the last two weeks of February to build a church building for the Church of the Nazarene there. The Danli congregation had been worshiping in the front room of the pastor's home.

The Valparaiso church raised $12,000 to help purchase the land and material for the building. The cement block structure, measuring 20 ft. by 50 ft., was built on eight and one-half working days. The inauguration service was held on February 23 with around 185 people in attendance. Rev. Richard Jordan, pastor of the Valparaiso church, preached the inauguration sermon with Missionary Paul Jetter interpreting. Ramon Triminio is the pastor of the Danli church.

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Pastor Glen G. Dayton has served the Minot N.D., Southside Church for the past four and a half years, during which a total property relocation took place. The church owns four acres of land in an excellent location. Parsonage groundbreaking was July 29, 1979, and church groundbreaking occurred May 4, 1980. The church building was constructed debt-free and dedicated March 28, 1982, with General Superintendent Jerald D. Johnson and District Superintendent F. Thomas Bailey. The structure is a modified bermed earth, wood, concrete construction, energy efficient. The 4,200 sq. ft. building includes a sanctuary that seats 175 plus overflow areas to accommodate another 115 persons. There are nine classroom areas. This first unit of a three-unit plan was constructed at a cost of $14.00 per sq. ft. The church recently burned the contract for land. Mr. Louis Redding contributed $5,000, making possible the final payment on the land two years ahead of schedule.
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During its recent meeting, the Board of Trustees of Point Loma College voted to officially change the name of the institution to Point Loma Nazarene College.

This school of the Southwest Region of the Church of the Nazarene is the outgrowth of educational work begun in Los Angeles in 1902 by Dr. Phineas F. Bresee.

In 1973 Pasadena College was relocated on Point Loma in San Diego, and its name was changed to Point Loma College: An Institution of the Church of the Nazarene. The historic March 8, 1983, board action shortens the name to Point Loma Nazarene College. Legal action is being implemented to officially affect the name change. —NN

MANY “POSSESSING THE PROMISE” IN SIMULTANEOUS REVIVALS

All over the country people are finding a “promise” they can trust, and Nazarenes are inviting people to “possess the promise with us.”

For example: Springfield, Ore., First Church has caught the vision of “possessing the promise” through an “old-fashioned Holy Ghost revival,” says Pastor Gene Skidgel. For a month prior to their services, three times a day, they prayed specifically for the revival. They advertised on the church page of the daily paper and mailed special invitations to church contacts and friends.

Over 150 people made definite decisions at the altar during the week of services with Evangelist Howard Castle. Many accepted Christ, others were sanctified wholly, and some were delivered from drugs, alcohol, and tobacco. Several received spiritual and physical healing in a Friday evening healing service.

A couple who had been attending for a short time accepted Christ. Unknown to the husband, the wife had financed a drug habit using the grocery money. But upon her conversion, she was delivered.

Another couple Pastor Skidgel had been counseling attended the services. Both were chain smokers. The first Sunday of the revival the husband was instantly freed from tobacco, and later in the week his wife was also delivered.

The Friday night service was a high point of the campaign. It had been advertised as a healing service—total healing, spiritual and physical. Counselors dealt with those seeking physical healing about their relationship to Christ first. One lady brought her grandson for physical healing. But as a counselor dealt with her about her spiritual need, she accepted Christ, holding her grandson in her arms.

Another woman had to sit in a chair at the altar because of back problems. God touched her, she walked away from the altar, and later testified that her back problems were gone.

One member of the church brought her sister to the service. The sister had been drinking since 11 years of age. That night she accepted Christ and He freed her from alcohol.

Through a basic discipleship program these new Christians are learning what it really means to “possess the promise.” They, like others all across the U.S., are discovering that “Promise” is Jesus Christ. —NN

MISSIONARY MARK RUDEEN IN SERIOUS ACCIDENT

Rev. Mark Rudeen of the Nazarene Seminary of the Americas in San Jose, Costa Rica, suffered a serious motorcycle accident Wednesday morning, March 16. According to reports, Rev. Rudeen was riding his motorcycle to an early morning prayer breakfast when he was hit from the side by another motorcycle. He sustained fractures to the pelvis, hip, and right leg.

Doctors expressed concern because Rev. Rudeen had had open-heart surgery in 1976, which could result in complications. They recommended that he be transferred to Houston, Tex., to have special orthopedic surgery, where doctors who had done the prior heart surgery could be present.

When Rev. Rudeen arrived in Houston, the doctors advised that he not have surgery, but be placed in traction for four to six weeks.

Rev. and Mrs. Rudeen are serving as professors at the Nazarene Seminary in San Jose. Rev. Rudeen is also dean of students. —NN

JIM BOND INDUCTED INTO NAIA HALL OF FAME

Rev. Jim Bond, assistant to the president at Point Loma Nazarene College, was inducted into the NAIA Hall of Fame at the 30th Annual Hillyard Hall of Fame Banquet, March 17 in Kansas City.

Rev. Bond began his basketball career in high school at Pampa, Tex. He led the team to the Texas State Championship for two consecutive years, with 56 straight victories. He was selected as High School All-American. Upon graduation he chose Pasadena College (now Point Loma Nazarene College) because of a call to the ministry. He had been recruited by some 75 “major colleges.” At Pasadena he led the P.C. Crusaders to four straight NAIA District playoffs and a 1958 championship, going to the national finals tournament in Kansas City.

Jim Bond was drafted by the then Minneapolis Lakers, even though he stated he would not play pro basketball but would go to seminary to study for the ministry.

“Gentleman Jim,” as he was known to teammates, enrolled in Nazarene Theological Seminary, where he completed the Bachelor of Divinity in 1958. He pastored in Wyoming, Oklahoma, Idaho, and Colorado. He was elected president of the Nazarene Young People’s Society (now NYI), and was a missionary in Brazil for a year and a half. He is married to the former Sally Whitcanack. They have two children, James Clifton and Christina Lynn. —NN

Pictured (l. to r.) are Sally Bond, Jim Bond, and Carroll B. Land, past president of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics and athletic director at Point Loma Nazarene College.
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