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The Church In Action
PILOT POINT—MONUMENT OR MOVEMENT?

"... WE ARE STILL IN THE SUNRISE OF A GREAT HOLINESS MOVEMENT..."

Pilot Point has been revisited. The great moment of union on October 13, 1908, was appropriately remembered, and the celebration was in keeping with the denomination's pride in its heritage and appreciation for its founding fathers.

As the dust settled over the Texas plains at Pilot Point and the crowd slowly dispersed, I asked the question, "Have we worshiped at the monument of a past heritage, or have we renewed our sense of mission as a holiness movement?" This question pursued me as the plane lifted from the Dallas airport to transport me to the next assignment.

The present issue of the Herald assists us in finding the answer. The church has given a good account for the past 75 years in its growth and spiritual contribution to evangelical Christianity, both in America and the 70 nations where it has become established. A perusal of the current Herald emphasizing the church at work will reassure our people of our mission in 1983.

In order to continue the mission and objectives of the Church of the Nazarene to future generations, we must observe three vital principles: (1) maintain a constant awareness and renewal of our sense of mission; (2) proclaim and preserve our doctrinal distinctives; (3) adhere to our ethical standards.

Loss of objective has been the downfall of many movements and institutions. Historically, a number of evangelical movements have become monuments within their first 100-year history. It happened because they lost their sense of mission. The Church of the Nazarene can avoid this. We do not have to become a victim of history. We are today a viable spiritual force for holiness evangelism, and if we remain obedient to the Spirit of God and to our mission, we can thrust this great heritage into the future era.

It is encouraging that the distinctive doctrinal emphasis that brought the church into being is today experiencing a renewed emphasis. The Nazarene Publishing House has recently published some of our finest literature in this field. Evangelists report holiness revivals and people seeking and finding the experience of sanctification throughout the church.

Attention must be given to the ethical implications of living a holy life. The great doctrine of holiness cannot survive by proclamation alone. It must become the life-style of its adherents in daily discipleship. The General and Special Rules set forth in our Manual are Bible based and are an expression of the spiritual and intellectual conscience of the holiness movement. They work well in all our relationships—family, business, daily lives, etc.

As the big jet moved across America from Pilot Point, I felt reassured that we are still in the sunrise of a great holiness movement, and I rededicated myself to using all possible means to keep our beloved Zion a movement and not a monument.

by General Superintendent Charles H. Strickland
THE WORDS “TEACH-PREACH-WIN” are familiar to every member of the Church of the Nazarene around the world. The basic sourcebook is the Bible! Then come other aids: tracts, Sunday School literature, songbooks, Bible study aids, etc.

We are familiar with the literature that is available in English. However, on any Sunday you will find Nazarenes worshipping, studying, singing, and preaching in more than 60 languages other than English. In many of these languages we have some printed materials, while in others little or nothing is available.

The Herald of Holiness in English is an excellent magazine, but it is often taken for granted. However, did you know there are Spanish, French, and Portuguese editions printed in Kansas City along with Sunday School materials, books, and music? Other language papers are printed in West Germany, Holland, South Africa, India, and other areas.

The hymnal or songbook is probably the most used book next to the Scriptures. The Spanish songbook LLUVIAS DE BENDICION (Showers of Blessing) has had the greatest sales of any book ever published by NPH. With only 40 Spanish districts, 330,000 copies have been sold since its publication. Another best-seller is the Zulu songbook in South Africa—over 30,000 copies.

LOUVOR E ADORACAO, the new Portuguese hymnal published in 1983 after seven years of preparation, has been well received. One minister writes: “I belong to the time of ‘let’s improvise.’ Today, thanks to Publication Services and its Portuguese office, we have precious Sunday School material, a magazine that is a source of inspiration, a considerable number of books and, to top it all, our new beautiful hymnal LOUVOR E ADORACAO. On my behalf and that of the church I represent, I want to convey my deep appreciation.” A district superintendent writes: “The entire church is happy! The rejoicing is clearly visible. LOUVOR E ADORACAO completely satisfies. How good it is to sing again the classic (old) hymns that lift the soul!” The leader of another denomination shares his reaction: “The new Nazarene hymnal is a breakthrough in the Portuguese evangelical world.”

The materials produced in non-English languages are made possible through a partial subsidy that comes from the General Budget. We have missionaries serving in areas where the basics in literature are not available. The lack of these materials can be attributed to several things, including:

1. The failure to place the providing of literature on a high priority.
2. The complex regulations that govern printing, shipping, and payment for products.
3. The lack of funds to print, translate, and train writers to write in their native language.
4. The economic and literacy level in various countries.

With your prayers and continued support of the General Budget and mission specials, the church can meet more of these needs through Publication Services.
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How are our General Budget dollars being spent? This “Church in Action” issue brings you an answer. It was prepared at the request of the general superintendents and with the cooperation of the division and ministries directors.

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ABOUT OUR ROOTS

In his interesting article “Spirit Baptist, the Nazarene Emphasis” (Herald, May 15), Dr. J. Kenneth Grider suggests that because it teaches entire sanctification as “wrought by the baptism with the Holy Spirit,” our church “grew directly out of the American holiness movement, and only indirectly out of the Wesleyan revival on the British side,” since John Wesley himself did not actually relate the baptism of the Spirit to the second work of grace.

Whilst I agree that the latter is the case, may I point out that John Fletcher and Joseph Benson amongst 18th-century British Methodists did clearly teach that the baptism of the Spirit was synonymous with entire sanctification or perfect love, as numerous statements in their writings make clear. Fletcher’s works are known to have been brought to America by Thomas Coke and other British preachers, and I would, with great respect to Dr. Grider, like to affirm that the direct line of descent from Wesley’s movement to our own is quite clearly established.

Peter W. Gentry
Port Glasgow, Scotland

BULLY BEATEN

I appreciate “letters to the editor”—“the voice of the people.”

The devil’s psychology is to keep the people believing that he, the big bully, cannot be resisted.

Consequently, far too many people are afraid that they will be labeled a “rabble-rouser” or an “odd-ball” if they dare to speak out openly for the right and against wrong.

God’s Word declares, “Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free.” And the truth is that Satan, with all his forces, can be resisted, should be resisted, and will be resisted if more of God’s children will stop believing a lie, and, in the power of the Spirit, rise up in mass against him, the devil. Remember, Satan is already a defeated foe. Let us continue to speak up!

Charles C. Davidson
Brandon, Florida

THE BEST MEDICINE

I joined the Nazarene church in 1972 after much soul searching. I was brought up and taken to church

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SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS of ministry and service as a denomination give us opportunity to reflect on commitments we made in identifying with the Church of the Nazarene. Of no little significance was our agreement to “impress upon the attention of the unsaved the claims of the gospel . . .” (Constitution, Church of the Nazarene, General Rules).

We made this commitment because it gave us opportunity to respond to the commission given by Jesus himself, “Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15).

That the challenge of our Lord was meant for the church as a body is quite clear. A literal response as individuals would be practically impossible. A practical response as a church, however, is possible. At least, such has motivated Nazarenes for these 75 years.

Yet as commendable as it is for a church to penetrate 70 countries and areas of the world, we refuse to be satisfied. “All the world” and “every creature” have become driving forces within us.

Long-range, established goals are achieved as short-range ones are implemented. Long-range, our goal is “all the world.” Short-range, we have targeted five new world areas this year to be entered by the Church of the Nazarene.

Implied in this commitment is a stewardship of all our resources. Stewardship encompasses our finances, both personal and church monies. Only as the church keeps the Great Commission as its priority can its constituency be expected to maintain the same priority. Congregations are being untrue to divine directives if attention is focused only upon local needs. A mission to all the world is the reason for a body of believers even to exist. An assigned budget for world evangelism should be looked upon as a minimal guideline rather than simply another obligation to be met.

Implied in this commitment is also a stewardship of the best talent we can muster. In practical terms, this means we pray for young people to give their lives for the purpose of implementing the commitment made by the entire church. A part of the overall support system in dispatching these young people to “all the world” is not just the money but the prayers of God’s people and effective use of their own stewardship.

Denominational leaders 75 years ago gave themselves to this great task. Although progress has been made, there is still much to do. We who are your present leaders made the same commitment when we joined the church, and we feel compelled to the same task now. We call upon our people everywhere to consider afresh with us our mission, and along with us strengthen your commitment to it.

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EACH WEEK the children bring their pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters to Sunday School class; the youth and older folk bring their dollars or their checkbooks.

Twice a year they bring a little extra for the Thanksgiving and Easter offerings for World Evangelism. Often this “little extra” represents real sacrifice.

What happens to this money so willingly given by Nazarenes around the world? One little girl said, “it goes in the offering plates.” But we are looking beyond the offering plates to its actual use by the general church.

Most of us know that 80.5 percent of it is channeled into world evangelization and the remaining 19.5 percent is used to finance the administration of our international church.

A portion of the 19.5 percent comes back to us through the Division of Christian Life and Sunday School at the international headquarters. Phil Riley is division director.

JOHN C. OSTER is Lay Training coordinator for the Division of Christian Life and Sunday School at International Headquarters of the Church of the Nazarene in Kansas City, Missouri. Phil Riley is division director.

Children and teens gain in-depth knowledge of the Bible through well-designed Bible Quizzing programs. The habit and skills of Bible study will serve them all their lives.

vision of Christian Life and Sunday School, under the direction of Rev. Phil Riley.

Let’s back up a bit and consider what happens to the weekly offerings that our children bring to Sunday School. A major portion of this money is used to purchase Sunday School lesson material and story papers from the Nazarene Publishing House. The same is true of offerings brought by youth and adults.

The purchase price of these materials pays for their preparation and printing. In this way, a continuous supply of holiness study material is guaranteed without cost to the General Budget.

How, then, is the General Budget money spent—that small portion that is designed for the administration of the Division of Christian Life and Sunday School at the international headquarters? It pays for program development and specialized ministries.

In the area of Children’s Ministries, the Caravan program, Quizzing, Bible memorization, Children’s Church, and Catechism programs have all been developed and resourced with funds provided by the General Budget.

Let’s put the picture in focus. In every community there are children whose personalities and characters are being formed for life. Standing against the many negative influences of today’s world are the church and the home. As a Sunday School teacher, pastor, or parent, how could we respond to this very real challenge if our church had no ministries or resources to offer?

Fortunately, we need not come into this crucial battle unarmed. General Budget pennies have been
wisely used by Children's Ministries, under the direction of Miriam Hall, to provide the ministries and the resources that we need.

_The new Nazarene Catechism is a case in point._ The need for such a program became very evident in questions and comments from local churches.

One family with a sixth grade child wanted that child enrolled in a catechism class. Since there was at that time no such class, they sought a church that did have one. We hope that other church was able to meet the spiritual needs of the family, but the Nazarene church certainly lost its opportunity to do so.

So the headquarters Christian Life staff went to work. They surveyed all of the catechism programs that they could find from every publisher. They selected the best features of several such programs and adapted them to Nazarene content. Then they combined these features into a new program uniquely suited to our own needs. The Nazarene Publishing House was consulted to find out the most feasible way to package such a program for local church use.

When Nazarenes buy the new catechism materials, the sale price will cover the cost of printing the materials and providing for future editions, but without the General Budget at work there would have been no materials to print.

Those General Budget pennies given in faith for others have come back to us in the form of a lifeline to save our children. Each of us can put our own value on that return.

_General Budget dollars invested in development of vacation Bible school programming have provided one of our most effective ways to reach children in many different kinds of communities._

For example, Chapel Hill Church of the Nazarene, located in the inner city of Kansas City, reached as high as 114 in VBS attendance when they had previously been averaging 55 in Sunday School.

Twenty of these children asked for prayer when the plan of salvation was presented. Five new families of children are now attending regularly and on a recent Sunday morning, there were more than 70 in Sunday School.

In a suburban location, the Belton, Mo., Church of the Nazarene reported a similar experience with its VBS last summer. Attendance in the children's department climbed from around 25 to over 70. Lack of room inside forced several classes out of doors to meet under a canopy made from an old parachute.

Of the children attending, 35 claimed no church affiliation. Since the VBS closed, three new families of children and several new teens are attending regularly.

These are home mission returns on the General Budget dollars invested through the development of evangelistic vacation Bible school programming in the holiness tradition.

But vacation Bible school is not the only children's program generated through General Budget giving that results in outreach to new children in the community. In New York, a Chippewa leader in the Caravan program who is also a nurse was talking to a coworker who became so interested that she began bringing her own daughter on Wednesday evenings and finally on Sundays. As a result, an entire family has come to know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.

Even the Bible Quizzing program has its outreach aspects. One unsaved mother in Texas was called upon to help her son understand a difficult verse in his quizzing study. As a result, she contacted the pastor and she and her husband accepted Christ as their personal Savior in that first visit.

Those few pennies assigned to Christian Life and Sunday School assume international impact when they are administered through Youth Ministries, under the leadership of Rev. Larry Leonard.

It is this money that makes possible the quadrennial conventions of Nazarene Youth International. General Budget money also helped organize and implement the World Youth Congress this past summer at Oaxtepec, Mexico, which profoundly impacted over 2,000 youth from 22 world areas.

One church learned how quickly this international congress brought changes in their own local fellowship.

In a prayer meeting service, Doug, a junior high student, testi-
relationships—the Christian family.

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MINISTERING TO THE WHOLE PERSON
by L. GUY NEES

FROM THE DAY when the earliest Nazarene missionaries went out armed with castor oil, Epsom salts, Vaseline, and the Bible, Nazarene missions have been concerned about ministering to the whole person.

The simple home remedies of those early missionaries opened reluctant doors by ministering to physical needs. The sight of a white person kneeling in the dust to athe and dress a person's festering wounds said volumes about Christ's love. And our simple remedies wrought miracles in homes where witch doctors' concoctions had been the only remedies.

From portable medicine kits to clinics where nurses served as doctors, to four modern, 100-plus bed hospitals complete with training illeges for nurses, Nazarene medical missions have striven to meet people's physical needs. Nutrition centers and hygiene clinics have been a more recent development.

Hand in hand with medical assistance has gone education. Harmon Schmelzenbach's first convert got up from her knees and asked for three things: "a blue spell" (a Zulu primer with a blue paper cover); some cloth to make a dress; and a piece of soap to wash from her hair the mud that indicated she worshipped demons. She also wanted a New Testament, but she first needed to learn to read. Her requests were granted and reading lessons began that day at Lulu Schmelzenbach's table.

Schools became early priorities on mission fields. They met under trees, in churches, brush arbors, and in homes. The Bible became school primer, theology text, pastor's sermon source, and devotional guide. Often the sand served as paper or blackboard. Where blackboards existed, they were just that—boards painted black.

Primary schools were needed, either because schools for children were nonexistent or because evangelical children were persecuted in other schools. Secondary schools developed in a few countries, offering higher education for youth in areas of English, mathematics, and science especially.

When public schools became available and persecution ceased, our schools were closed in favor of the national education programs. Similarly, when Belize built a modern hospital in Belmopan, just a few miles from our Holland Memorial clinic in Benque Viejo, the clinic was closed and the staff transferred elsewhere.

Nazarene Bible colleges usually began with one missionary and one or more young men, often newly converted, who felt called to preach. These schools have developed into fine campuses with both national and missionary teachers. In recent years a few centrally located area theological colleges have been developed, with larger staffs and better libraries and facilities.
for teaching. Students come from as many as 10 different countries to study at these schools. Extension classes are provided for those who cannot leave jobs and move families. One man has already graduated from the Nazarene Theological Seminary of the Americas in Costa Rica, doing all his studying by extension classes. The larger theological colleges are affiliating with Nazarene colleges in America through which students, with an extra year of training, can earn a degree.

Evangelism, which began with the missionary, has not lessened with the growth of educational and medical ministries. Much of the evangelism is carried on today by capable, trained, devoted national pastors and evangelists. Missionaries also evangelize, especially in new areas. The evangelistic thrust of the Church of the Nazarene overseas steadily increases as new areas are opened and new countries entered.

Juliet Ndizimande, a young Swazi woman, felt God's call to be an evangelist to youth. She conducts revivals in all Nazarene primary and secondary schools in Swaziland at least once a year, averaging at least 1,000 converts a year.

Larry Garman labors in the rain forests of Peru among the Aguaruna Indians. There our early missionaries had few visible results, but the seed is producing a harvest. Today, Garman reports 57 organized churches, and 25-30 Aguaruna pastors ready for ordination in 1984—their first ordinands. Two recent converts pleaded for Garman to take the gospel to their tribe. One of the men has been studying in Garman's one-man Bible school. Garman has appointed him an evangelist to his people and provided a small boat by which the man can travel the river waterways.

Eber Martinez, district superintendent in Southwest Guatemala, discovered that hundreds of Guatemalans were moving into the isolated northern mountains and jungle of his district, and settling on free land given by the government. Many of these settlers are Nazarenes and they have started churches. On a perilous journey, Martinez visited and found churches holding regular services with lay preachers in charge. On that and subsequent visits, Martinez has organized a dozen churches, baptized believers, dedicated babies, performed marriages, and held revivals. If this explosive growth continues, the area will have to be made a separate district with a resident superintendent.

In countries with deprived economies, the church has developed self-help programs with marked results. In Haiti, improved poultry and hog production and woodworking projects have produced cash income. For the first time Haitian districts are looking to becoming Regular Districts—fully self-supporting.

In Indonesia, Donna Rench developed a home industry that produces small bamboo figures, including Christmas Nativity scenes which are popular sales items with tourists. Participants promise to tithe income and save 10 percent toward the education of their children. They live better on the 80 percent remaining than they ever did before.

Jim Campbell, missionary agriculturist sent to South Africa, teaches rural Africans better farm
Nazarene teachers, Manzini, Swaziland
ing methods. He uses simple methods and has introduced the people to new vegetables for better nutrition.

Very early in his ministry, Jim saw the critical need for clean water in African villages and rural homes. He developed a simple method for protecting their springs and is teaching the Africans how to build the protecting structure. Children are taught not to play in the drinking water supply, and the adults not to use the water for their laundry. They are also taught to build latrines a safe distance from the water supply and not above it on sloping land. Hospital directors anticipate that clean water supplies, carefully maintained, can drastically reduce the number of patients entering the hospital.

The need to train Swazi teachers led to a Teacher Training College at Manzini, and its graduates have become instructors in both mission and government schools.

Nazarenes have seen the critical needs for Christian literature from the beginning of our missions. Soon after the Schmelzenbachs went to Swaziland, the Herbert Shirleys joined them and Mr. Shirley started a printing press. This was the beginning of a long history of publishing ministry that now provides material in 10 of the major languages used on Nazarene districts.

In the western hemisphere, the small printing press operated by the Butlers and Augie Holland in Guatemala was the forerunner of the present Publications Services office in Kansas City, which produces Heralds, Sunday School literature, hymnals, commentaries, and other holiness books in Spanish, Portuguese, and French. In other countries, Nazarenes are translating and writing Nazarene holiness materials for local churches on a smaller scale, doing their best to meet the urgent need for holiness literature in the local languages.

These widely varying ministries to the whole person would not be possible without the General Budget. It supports in part, or wholly, all the broad spectrum of services to the churches overseas.

Through its multiple avenues of ministry, supported by the General Budget, the Church of the Nazarene is ministering in 70 countries where 2,883 churches and missions are already flourishing, and others are opening almost daily. Last year, overseas Nazarene districts showed a healthy 7.8 percent growth; a net increase of 13,000 members, making a total of 198,806 Nazarenes overseas.

THE CHURCH IN ACTION

CHURCH GROWTH DOLLARS
by NINA BEEGLE

IT WAS the greatest revival our church has seen ... The people prepared as never before with publicity, altar workers, and prayer ... filled with record crowds each night ... sanctuary resounded with praise ... God mended hearts and homes ... good offering for evangelists ..."

A typical good report of a revival effort in a local church! But what does it have to do, Mr. Average Layman, with the portion of your budget dollar that goes to the Division of Church Growth? What could "headquarters" possibly have to do with such a report?

It begins with the open-date list- ings of evangelists, provided by Evangelism Ministries, which helps a church to choose an evangelist; or the toll-free WATS line to secure information or confirmation. Perhaps the evangelist was more effective because of the spiritual “injection” he received at the annual evangelists’ gathering. And the good organization followed by much prayer? The revival preparation guidebook received from Evan-
Wilbur W. Brannon and David Wilson direct a delegation of women in planning for the next WILCON. PALCON and WILCON provide training, continuing education, and inspiration to pastors, their wives, and other leaders in the church.

Beverly Burgess, Evangelism Ministries program director, and Nina Beegle, divisional writer and editor, discuss a word change in the revision of “Nazarenes in Action” personal evangelism manual during final proofreading.

Need an associate? Wilbur W. Brannon will help you fit individuals to staff needs through the multistaff listing.

Can we match funds with that 50-year-old, established church in Toronto, Canada, that wants to plant a new church? Rodger Ruggles opens the books to see what funds are available before it can be approved. In 1982 the Division of Church Growth helped support 124 local pastors and 110 local churches to either purchase or make payments on their properties.

Growth under the direction of Bill M. Sullivan.

Church growth takes many forms. Evangelism is one. This arm of church growth itself wears several hats under the categories of public, personal, and process evangelism.

Public evangelism is maintained by equipping and supporting our evangelists so your church can choose from a highly qualified cadre. An annual gathering for 684 evangelists, song evangelists, and wives tends to “keep the fire burning” under these servants.

Though all may not have the gift of personal evangelism, God has entrusted to all Christians the “ministry of reconciliation” and the “message of reconciliation” according to 2 Corinthians 5:19 (RSV). The “Nazarenes in Action” plan equips for such ministry.

Interpretation and implementation of process evangelism programs help local churches add to their numbers “those that are being saved.” Church growth concepts and strategies are continuously studied and evaluated to provide the most effective, up-to-date information and methods for our growing denomination.

Church planting wears a big hat. It is not uncommon to see lethargic members activated, and the activated excited when a church extends itself in church planting, whether in traditional ways or through urban and ethnic programs.

One hundred ninety-six churches have been planted and fully organized since 1980, and 244 other congregations are preparing for organization. Your General Budget dollar allows you to take part in this exciting, ongoing denominational growth.

Through ministries to refugees, migrants, immigrants and inner-city poor, the Church of the Nazarene in the U.S. and Canada is learning to speak 25 new languages, to understand new cultures, and to reach across fences that used to separate us from our neighbors.

Twelve area ministerial training schools for non-English-speaking ethnic groups are now operating, turning out qualified men and women for pastoral and leadership positions. These groups are-grow-
Secretary Eileen Craven calls up information to locate the nearest pastor and notify him of Nazarenes moving into his area. "We called on them and they have joined the church and are very active," was that pastor's later report. "Moving Nazarenes" is one of the many services made possible through the General Budget.

ing more rapidly than the church can service them. Though ESL (English as a Second Language) materials are being developed for Sunday School and Bible study purposes as rapidly as possible, the need is far ahead of the supply. Your budget dollar will help Church Extension Ministries gain momentum to meet this demand.

CONET and VIDEONET are the result of Wilbur Brannon's3 concern for his fellow pastors and the answer to a long-existing need. These programs are aimed at strengthening our leaders, spiritually, mentally, emotionally, and practically.

Courses of study for ordination are maintained as well as the more advanced programs of continuing education for pastors and leaders. The Preacher’s Magazine, edited by Wesley Tracy, has long provided scholarly, as well as practical enrichment. The Deaconess program, once a strong arm of the church, lending action and compassion to the proclamation of the gospel, is being revived by Melvin Shrout. The chaplaincy program, an umbilical cord tying young men and women in military service to their church through contact and periodicals, was recently added to the services of the division.

Auxiliary programs work through the ministries of the Division of Church Growth to enhance the productivity of their General Budget allotment. Church Extension Ministries’ ANBP (Association of Nazarene Building Professionals) lends the expertise of some of the country’s top architects, engineers, and landscape artists to help churches plan new buildings.

At the Nazarene Indian Bible School, their donated time, labor, and materials made possible the impossible, providing a beautiful campus.

Church Extension Ministries also fosters ANSW (Association of Nazarene Social Workers).

The newly formed ANSR (Association of Nazarene Sociologists of Religion), under Evangelism Ministries, is giving valuable input for church growth and problem solving and has just released a book on The Smaller Church in a Super Church Era.

Pastoral Ministries services the Multi-Staff Association with continuing education and placement services. The Chaplain’s Association also benefits under this umbrella.

The Division of Church Growth provides programs, services, and materials that would be unattainable by local churches and districts without this central agency of skilled and dedicated workers.

1. Director of Evangelism Ministries is Bill M. Sullivan. David Holtz is coordinator.
2. Director of Church Extension Ministries is Raymond W. Hurn. Jerry Appleby serves as coordinator. Urban/Ethnic Ministries.
3. Wilbur Brannon is director of Pastoral Ministries; David Wilson is coordinator.
But doctor," I said excitedly, "I thought when a main coronary artery became 100 percent blocked the result was a massive heart attack and the muscle downstream died."

The doctor smiled as he continued to analyze the "pictures" resulting from the heart catheterization just performed. "Normally," he said, "that is the case. However, in your situation we can see canals which your heart built around that restriction as it became 100 percent blocked."

I responded, "Well, doctor, that is what I call God answering a prayer that I didn't know how to pray." A twinkle showed in his eyes, with a positive smile breaking through his facade of professionalism.

Within 48 hours, the famous heart surgeon, Dr. Denton Cooley, bypassed six restrictions, two months before my 65th birthday, and started me on the road to physical recovery. Early convalescence was painful, but recovery rapid. Within five weeks I was able to keep an appointment for a 50-minute presentation to the NIROGANS at Glorietta.

Two days later, in Kansas City, God allowed 13 working hours with the newly appointed Commission on General Board Organization, which had resulted from recommendations made at the 1980 General Assembly by the restructure study committee.

That fall I kept asking my wife, "Do you suppose the Lord still has something for me to do, even at this age? Why do you suppose He saved my life?"

At the next General Board meeting, the following February, the chairman of the Commission on General Board Organization presented a lengthy report of progress on the General Assembly's directives to restructure both the General Board and International Headquarters. Following this report, division directors were elected. When it was learned that I had been elected to head the Finance Division, I immediately called my wife and asked her if we should accept. She responded, "We will pray about it... perhaps this is the answer to the question you have been asking."

THANE MINOR is Finance Division director and Stewardship Services director for International Headquarters of the Church of the Nazarene in Kansas City, Missouri.

Good budgets are dependent upon good planning and articulate programming. Therefore, the highest priority action during the balance of 1981 was to establish the General Board directive—Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Review as a System (PPBRS). Through the division directors, manuals were prepared and distributed to all "budgeters" in the headquarters. Thus, PPBRS was accepted and implemented. By 1982 there was a logical budget to follow, based on the best and most complete documented plans, programs, and budgets this headquarters had experienced. This resulted in criteria from 1982 expenditures that could measure the cost effectiveness of restructure and reorganization implementation.

With the role of accounting for all income and expenditures being that of the general treasurer, it was clear that the primary role for the director of finance was to improve cost effectiveness. The original goal was to produce a measurable $100,000-$200,000 improvement in cost effectiveness during 1982.

With a "zero-base" system of budgeting—that is, each account beginning a budget year with zero dollars, and every dollar requested to carry out the programs requiring justification before it could be approved—there was a significant potential to extend General Budget dollars in ways that would more effectively accomplish our mission ("to advance God's kingdom by the preservation and propagation of Christian holiness as set forth in the Scriptures").

By comparing the tasks performed in 1982 with those performed in 1981, it was discernible that more tasks (programs) had been performed in 1982 with approximately the same personnel. Moreover, by comparing the same line items in the general treasurer's report of expenditures for 1982 with his 1981 report, it was obvious that in several significant areas, less money had been expended while accomplishing more. This is a true definition of "cost effectiveness."

With the help of the Lord and positive action in the headquarters, we were able to improve cost effec-
tiveness beyond our goal of $100,000-$200,000. For example:

1. The Finance Division learned that it could eliminate one manpower position and improve effectiveness by approximately $40,000 in the area of salaries and benefits.

2. By consolidating the purchases of all office equipment, and requiring justification therefore, we expended approximately $50,000 less in 1982 than in 1981.

3. By very carefully planning all travel for the best price possible, and by combining trips with a common "round robin" effort, travel costs were reduced.

4. In the area of literature and public relations a significant improvement resulted from more careful spending in some organizations (Stewardship and Media Services), while others worsened.

5. There were dramatic savings in the salary, allowance, and benefits areas as a result of the utilization of computer-driven word processing equipment. This is equipment that accepts dictation from any telephone in the headquarters to a central location, accumulates it in the computer's storage system, and publishes semiautomated documents (letters, memorandums, brochures, booklets, etc.) in a volume that would have otherwise required approximately 20 more manpower positions.

All in all, cost effectiveness improved about as expected. (The above data is based on the official annual reports of the general treasurer.)

REORGANIZATION RESULTS AND THE FUTURE FOR GENERAL BUDGET

"Has it worked?" Of course, the answer is, "Yes, far better than we had dared to hope. 'Praise God from whom all blessings flow.' However, there is still much room for improvement.

With learning as an innate process, PPBRS each year should reflect improvement over the previous year. Better plans will result from experience as the previous year's plans are updated. More effective programs will result from better understanding of "courses of action," articulated annually for the next 12-month cycle. Experience will produce insights resulting in decision-makers "buying" only what is clearly needed through effective evaluation processes involving "quality" and "cost."

The prayers of all readers are solicited for future efforts. With your prayers, our insightful efficient efforts, and God's help, General Budget dollars will continue to be more cost effective.

Book Brief

GIDEON: AN INTIMATE PORTRAIT

AUDREY J. WILLIAMSON

author

THIS IS THE LIFE STORY of General Superintendent Gideon B. Williamson. The author, in the Introduction, expresses the hope that it "might have interest for people whether or not they knew him." As far as this reviewer is concerned, her hope was fulfilled.

From the first page, the human side of the man becomes apparent—a man who poked fun at the idea of his wife writing what he called his "Mee-mors and Remains." Two characteristics enable a great man to survive the rigors of a lifetime of leadership. Gideon Williamson possessed an abundance of both: uninhibited appreciation for close family ties, and the ability to laugh. One senses throughout the biography that moments with his wife and children, and later his grandchildren, provided a necessary haven where he could let down his hair, unwind, and be—in every sense of the word—himself.

Perhaps one great value of such a personal glimpse into his private life is a reminder that top spots in the church are filled by men every bit as human as he; men who savor close friendships, hideaways with family alone, and the knowledge that somewhere out in the crowd someone understands and supports in prayer. Such well-balanced individuals make the world go round and keep the church on track.

Gideon covers 60 years in the history of the Church of the Nazarene. He began attending General Assemblies in 1928, and upon retirement from the general superintendency in 1968, he and his wife went to Nazarene Bible College where they served without pay for 12 years. He was above all a church statesman and a strong servant of the God he loved deeply.

The book is highly readable. The cover photo is almost as inspiring as the contents. You'll enjoy them both.

Evelyn Stenbock
Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City

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EASIER BUT NOT EASY

The story of our Lord's temptation begins with the words, "Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit..." Being Spirit-filled will not exempt from temptation.

When I came into the church, I kept hearing preachers say, "Holiness is Christian life made easy." I no longer believe that. If they say "easier," I agree. When the carnal mind is destroyed there is no fifth-columnist within to sneak the gate open for the enemy. But the enemy doesn't cancel the battle for that reason. Satan signs no armistice. He will be snapping at our heels when we are stepping through the door of death.

Conflict, struggle, and temptation are part of the Christian life. The Spirit does not lead us into hiding but into battle. He does not spare us from suffering; He refines us through suffering. Holiness puts you on a collision course with the world's social, political, and religious structures, which are unholy.

The life of Jesus Christ and the lives of His people that we read about in Scripture were marked by ordeals. Life was not easy. God was not committed to comfort, pleasure, or longevity, but to their characterization. In His wisdom and goodness, "God not His own Son," and He will not spare you as Satan requested and received permission to afflict. When He applies for a permit to try us, God will refuse to issue it.

The only fellow I ever heard testify, "The devil been bothering me," also confessed, "I haven't been bothering him either." He admitted that he was slippered. Most of us, however, are like a woman stood and testified in one of my former pastorate that had been going through severe trials and began testimony by saying, "Brother McCumber, the sure 'nuff devil." I've found it so. Holiness makes Christian life easier, but not easy. Struggles and battles do not cease this side of life and heaven. The Spirit-filled and Bible-armed can triumph, as did their Lord, however. Victory can be!

SMASH THE SNAKE

A startling sentence occurs in 2 Kings 18:4—"And he broke in pieces the bronze serpent that Moses had made."

That serpent had been fashioned by the greatest man in the history of Israel. It had been mightily used of God to heal snake-bitten and death-bound people. No wonder Israel had preserved this artifact for centuries. If it existed today, that bronze serpent would fetch more than a king's ransom at auction.

Yet Hezekiah destroyed it, for "the people of Israel had burned incense to it." It had become an idol. The instrument of God becomes a god. The creature displaces the Creator. Means become ends and ends become idols. An idolatry of ways and means has always threatened the church. The present is taken prisoner to the past, and the future is thereby mortgaged. On the gravestone of every dead church is inscribed, "We've always done it that way."

God is not bound to His own traditions. He is endlessly creative and innovative. He has many ways of producing the same result, as the healing miracles of demonstrate. He is not locked in to any method. He has no indispensable servants or systems. Hezekiah was right in smashing the bronze serpent. Deadly ills call for drastic remedies.

Is that why the original manuscripts of the Bible disappeared? If we had them, would we not make of them? Some have committed bibliolatry with and translations!

Samson "cast away the jawbone" with which he 1,000 Philistines. Some of us would have put it in a glass case with a sign over it—"In case of Philistines as there are Philistines who need killing.

As we celebrate our heritage, let us beware of an worship and the idolatry of means. Let us value past as a witness to the God who says, "Behold doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you perceive it?"
mon “cast away the jawbone” with which he led 1,000 Philistines. Some of us would have put it in glass case with a sign over it—“In case of Philistines, ask the glass.”

**JRPRISE DIVIDENDS**

of the great things about serving the Lord is the unexpected dividends that keep popping up as one goes along.

Other day I got the kind of letter that makes my life worthwhile. It was from a former student, a pastor. The letter began,

This morning in my quiet time, the Lord reminded me of some of those beautiful people who have crossed my path over the years and who greatly impacted me for good. Your name was the first to come to mind. This note is simply from my heart to you to thank you for your very positive contribution to my life.

It flooded my day with sunshine!

I was preaching at a retreat in North Carolina. A clinical psychologist, there to conduct a seminar, introduced himself. Then he told me that as a boy of 12, he converted in a revival meeting where I was the gospelist. Over 30 years later, the Lord allowed our trails to cross and let me discover that He had used me to serve another's need. Can you imagine my joy?

Another time I was preaching to inmates of a state prison camp. I told the story of a rough-and-ready dragliner’s conversion. That dramatic life-change had occurred 15 years before. Unknown to me until the service was over, a man was present who had worked with the dragliner for years and knew him well. That day the prisoner became a Christian too.

I once preached a funeral message to a large crowd in a country graveyard. Many years later, in another state, a man recalled the event and told me that God had used the message to reach his heart.

Such incidents—and I could fill a book with them—are serendipitous, to use a word heavily muscled from overwork. They confirm something I have often told laymen in churches I pastored—“As long as you are faithfully doing God's will, you are accomplishing more good than you realize.”

**ONCENTRATION**

room in which I am staying today (the day I am writing this, not the day you are reading it) overlooks a tennis court. My reading, writing, and praying are frequently disturbed by the sounds that carry up from the court.

The morning two women were playing. During their game they kept up a running conversation on a variety of subjects, none of which were related to tennis. This flowing stream of chatter an occasional question about the game intruded. “Was that my first or second serve?” “What's the score now?”

I thought to myself, “Surely they can’t be playing well. Their minds and mouths flitting from subject to subject, the tennis must be terrible.” Finally, I stood up from the desk and looked. Sure enough, tennis balls flying in all directions, most of the time at wrong angles and wrong altitudes. A few shots missed the net; a few landed in bounds. Neither player could evoke the style of Helen Wills Moody.

Surely at anything, concentration is necessary. Why so many are mediocre Christians?

Of course, being a Christian is not the only thing we must do. There is bread to be earned, homes to be maintained, children to be raised, church activities to be shared. But being a Christian is what we should do all the while we are doing everything else. The mechanic, as he repairs an engine, can’t be content with mechanical skills. He should be a Christian mechanic, relating himself to people and things daily in a way that pleases Christ and benefits others. No one can be a Christian only when he is off duty. Being a Christian must permeate the duty as it is done and have top priority in our thought, speech, and action.

“This one thing I do,” said Paul, speaking of his pursuit of Christ and Christlikeness. Becoming a better disciple does not happen automatically or unconsciously. We have to work at it, concentrating desire and effort upon it.

In, with, and through our total activities, we must make Christianity the main business of our lives. Nothing is more important than becoming increasingly like Jesus Christ.
YOUR HONEST EVALUATION IS REQUESTED

by MARK R. MOORE

YOUR HONEST EVALUATION IS REQUESTED TO ASSIST IN MAKING A PROPER ASSIGNMENT. The subject of the letter was a couple applying for missionary service. The future of their family and their ministry was being considered. I knew that if they were assigned but were unable to adjust to missionary life, there would be adverse results, not only for them but for the other missionaries involved and for the national Christians. Thousands of missionary dollars would be lost. However, if as appointees they were successful, countless benefits to God's kingdom would be realized.

“HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN THE APPLICANT? IN WHAT RELATIONSHIP?” It was my privilege to have known both husband and wife for a number of years. They had selected each other as life partners and prepared for their chosen vocations while attending the college where I served as president. We had talked both formally and informally about decisions they were making. I believed then (and even more so now) that they were sincerely seeking God’s will for their lives. The professors they chose, the majors they selected, and their social acquaintances all indicated serious decision-making. Christian professors, concerned administrators, and the support of godly parents were contributing influences as this talented couple prepared for professional and Kingdom service.

“CHECK AT THE APPROPRIATE LOCATION ON THE LINE.” A dozen or more items were listed, such as Christian testimony, attitude toward authority, teamwork, professional ability, ability to cope with stress, plus others. I was to rate them as either exceptional, above average, average, or poor. As I considered each item carefully, I recalled several experiences on campus where this couple had been tested and came through victoriously.

“SUMMARIZE YOUR FEELINGS ABOUT THE APPLICANT’S POTENTIAL FOR SERVING THE CHURCH OVERSEAS.” It was a pleasure to give a strong, positive recommendation on their behalf.

God has given me many opportunities to evaluate prospective missionaries and pastors. It was a joyous assignment to serve on the Department of World Missions for eight years. Dozens of missionary applicants were interviewed each year. We heard reports of many returning missionaries. Many times the missionaries testified to the fact that it was while attending college that they receive their call to missions. It was on campus that they met their life’s companion. It was in college that God helped prepare their minds, hearts, and souls. Often a missionary would recall with smile, “It was in college that God taught me how to sacrifice, thus preparing me for missionary service.

In my former assignment as district superintendent, I frequently met with church boards to assist them in the selection of a pastor. The informally trained pastor was sometimes called. Many did a fine job. Most of the pastors, however, came from our colleges and seminaries. Today it is imperative that the Church of the Nazarene provide education and training for the ministry. If we fail to do so, the great opportunity for influencing the world with the holiness message will be lost. Our early leaders were convinced that the education of both minister and layman was a vital part of fulfilling the Great Commission. They started liberal arts colleges almost as often as they organized local churches.

Dr. James B. Chapman wrote in the October 6, 1921 Herald of Holiness, “If I had a million dollars to give, I would give eight hundred thousand of it to the educational work of the Church of the Nazarene.” I cannot grasp the full scope of meaning in that strong statement regarding financial support for holiness colleges. It could have been that at that time in our history, Dr. Chapman saw the need for buildings, equipment, and salaries. Without these things, it would be impossible to support our liberal arts colleges and to reach the best in education.

It is possible that if Dr. Chapman were alive today, he would adjust the percentage of financial support out of his million. He would say that our institutions, charged with the education of both laity and ministers, should have a high priority of support from the church.

Last year about 12,000 students enrolled in the 10 liberal arts colleges, Nazarene Theological Seminary, and Nazarene Bible College. The general church invested $1,268,237 in Nazarene Theological Seminary, Nazarene Bible College, Canadian Nazarene College, and British Isles Nazarene College. The local church, through district cooperation, invested $10,674,661 in the liberal arts colleges. In effect, each student who enrolled received approximately $1,000 off the cost of their education before the bill was totaled.

My current assignment of representing the general church's interest in Nazarene higher education is rewarding. I also serve as a liaison between the general church and our liberal arts colleges. Church history records that where college and church hold to the same mission and purpose, both thrive.

Together, our churches and colleges can better serve God and the cause of Christian holiness. Should Jesus tarry, the Church of the Nazarene's success in this century and the next will depend on our vibrant holiness mission through a balance of education, evangelism, and missionary activity.
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COMMUNICATING THE GOSPEL

by PAUL SKILES

YANTI is a young Nazarene in Indonesia. In 1965, when she was 10 years of age, her father was arrested for alleged participation in subversive political activity. Her family was broken permanently. She suffered severely. She was rejected by her friends and through the terrible struggles of the next 10 years, she came to a desperate pit of deep fear, bitterness, and depression. She felt she could not go on and made plans to end her life.

One day she heard the radio broadcast Pancaran Berkat (Showers of Blessing). She heard that faith in Jesus Christ could give her hope and security. For the first time she heard that there was another Father who loved her and would be near her—the Heavenly Father. Slowly she began to turn to Him. The Nazarene radio program offered Bible studies by correspondence. In 1978 she responded and began Bible study. The truth of that Book began to penetrate her mind and heart. She gained strength and purpose for her life that she had never known before.

One unforgettable day, though she felt she was risking possible rejection, she made her first contact with the Nazarene missionaries that the radio program had identified. Yanti went to the home of Rachel and Michael McCarty to inquire about the Lord and the Church of the Nazarene.

"I want to finish the correspondence course so I can attend your church," she said. "Then I want to be baptized."

"You don't have to finish the correspondence course before you come to our church," replied Rachel with warmth and love in her voice. "You can come this Sunday, if you wish."

A light sparkled in Yanti's eyes. "Oh, I am so happy," she said. "This is good news to my heart."

The very next Sunday, Yanti was in church. Soon she accepted the Lord and was baptized. The next step was membership in the Solo First Church of the Nazarene. The pastor and his wife, the Berhitus, spent many hours with Yanti, as did the McCartys. It was in that atmosphere of love and acceptance that she grew in her faith. The goal of Nazarene Communications and Nazarene radio ministries had been reached once again; a hungry listener was put in touch with a pastor and congregation who cared enough to nurture and love her, in spite of her lack of self-esteem and deep depression.

The happiness continued. Yanti was elected to the church board and continues her active involvement in the ongoing ministry of Solo First Church. Yanti faithfully encourages young people, especially, to follow the Lord.

The next step for Yanti was to say yes to full-time Christian service. Today she has prepared herself at the Bible college to serve Christ and the Church of the Nazarene.

And the whole world is waiting for the best word of all—the good news of God's love and grace. The Church of the Nazarene, through Media Services, is responding by every possible means. By radio, television, films, any and all contemporary audio and audiovisual formats, we are carrying that urgent message to a hungry, hurting world.
by my mother. We attended a Lutheran church and I have several relatives that are ministers in that denomination. My husband’s background is Nazarene. Since making this commitment to the Lord, I have been through emotional and physical problems (six years). I am happy to state that with the prayer support from my husband, daughter, church family, and the Lord’s guidance, I am no longer taking prescribed medication. I feel great physically and mentally. Turning back to the Bible, reading it, praying, and searching the scriptures can be the best medicine.

My first encounter with the Nazarene altar was terrifying; however we have made great strides in our altar services by gently nudging people into Jesus’ open arms. We had the best teacher possible. Jesus. High pressure salesmanship is not what our Lord had in mind. During the last few years I found great comfort and strength reading Psalm 27.

DeeOra Newcome
Willard, Ohio

PRISONER FINDS CHRIST

I had been blessed by your Herald of Holiness for many years, as a Nazarene minister’s son. But for the past year the Herald of Holiness has meant more to me than most books ever will, because I am incarcerated at the Central Correctional Institution here in Columbia. I was sentenced to 45 years in prison last May. As a youth I knew Christ as my personal Savior and Lord, but as I grew up I seemed to drift away from Him. I am married now and have a son who is five.

I have a great many people who care about me and I am very thankful for this. I know that Jesus will guide me through this 10 years before parole. I read your article in the May issue, “Some Convicts are Con Men.” All you have said is true, but like the article states, there are honest, penitent prisoners who need, deserve, and appreciate help. I do not write asking for money, I write to let you know that the Lord has changed my life and that I am now serving Him, and hope to tell my story to everyone someday. I may not be a minister like my dad or his friends, but God will use me in a special way as He sees fit.

I am presently involved with a Bible study group. I have a tremendous opportunity before me in prison. I can use this time, instead of letting it use me. I can put my roots down deep in God’s Word and let Him nourish and sustain me, or I can dry up and drift away from Him. I drifted away once before and I know what it’s like. Now that I have Christ in my heart, I’m going to keep Him there.

Darrell L. Bruce
Columbia, South Carolina

GOD USED MY HOBBY

by HOLLY WOLFE

I WAS BORN AGAIN on June 10, 1972, and sanctified at the same altar three months later. I had been all out for Christ ever since the day I was saved. I had given freely of all I possessed, both time and money, so I was surprised when God spoke to me in a Sunday evening service and seemed to say, “You haven’t given me everything.” As I prayed and sought the will of God, He showed me that I hadn’t given Him my hobby.

I said, “Lord, I don’t know what You can do with it, but if You want my hobby, it’s Yours.” You have to understand my hobby to know why I questioned God. I am a raccoon hunter, which I usually do alone or with one or two other men in the middle of the night.

About six months later I went to a Competition Hunt, and as I was riding along in the back of a pickup truck on a dusty gravel road with one other fellow, I brought up the subject of Jesus Christ to him and to my surprise found him very interested. As we talked, I found out that he had been on drugs and into alcohol and several other deep sins. I told him how Jesus had transformed my life, shared the gospel with him, and he prayed through, there in the truck. Two weeks later I saw his brother at another hunt, and he said he, too, had been saved and they both were attending a Nazarene church. Well, needless to say, I had a shouting spell right there and I finally realized that God did want to use my hobbies. There is a world of raccoon hunters out there that might never hear the gospel unless I tell them. I feel honored and privileged that God has chosen me to do the job.

About six months later I felt inspired to write an article. I sent it to both of the national coon hunting magazines, and they both published it. In the article I challenged Christians to take young men hunting and share the gospel with them. I received dozens of letters from all over the United States and Canada and dozens more telephone calls.

One man wrote from Iowa. I answered his letter, shared my testimony, and he called me and said that he wished he could find the peace that he felt I possessed. I shared the gospel with him and the man was saved on the telephone. To God be the glory, because He can even use our hobbies, no matter how weird they seem. No matter what you do, or who you are, there is a group of people out there who need to hear the gospel from you. If you don’t tell them, God will find another way. But don’t let the blessing slip from your fingers, because God has called you to the task.

HOLLY WOLFE is an electrician and an active member of the North Hill Church of the Nazarene in Port Huron, Michigan.

“By ALL MEANS... Save Some”
David L. Miller, professor of organ and director of the Bethany Nazarene College Chorale, and his father, Rev. Allen B. Miller, toured Europe during the summer, 1983, as accompanist for College Chorale, and his father, and director of the Bethany Nazarene College Choir. In 1982 Professor Miller toured in Europe with the Bethany Nazarene College Choir.

On August 12, 1983, Patricia Bruce received her doctorate degree in psychology from the Aging and Development Program of Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. The topic of her dissertation was "Adult Age Differences in Spacial Memory." On August 29, Patricia received the "Student Research Award" from Division Twenty of the American Psychological Association for her dissertation research at the association’s annual meeting in Anaheim, Calif. Patricia and her husband, Ted, are members of the Jefferson City, Mo., church. Dr. Bruce teaches a toddlers Sunday School class and serves on the Christian Life Board.

When Missionary Ron Willard went on a fact-finding trip to Botswana in 1982 and 1983, his primary objective was to gather data on establishing the Church of the Nazarene in this country in southern Africa. The Church of the Nazarene had previously received a Certificate of Registration in Botswana by Rev. Harmon Schmelzenbach III, on July 31, 1974.

Rev. Willard visited several towns and villages. In Francistown, a city of nearly 30,000, Rev. Willard discovered a small congregation of people who had moved in from another area and were already conducting services. One of the first major thrusts of the Church of the Nazarene in Botswana will probably be in the Francistown area, since contacts in and through the congregation have already been established.

Public transportation is available in Francistown in the form of train service. It is anticipated that the city will be the headquarters for the Botswana Railway. The new jobs that this would generate will result in additional growth, housing, and an opportunity for the church to reach even more souls.

Another possible site for establishing mission work for the Church of the Nazarene is Gaborone, the capital of Botswana. The population of Gaborone is almost 60,000. Construction of an international airport is near completion in Gaborone, and as in Francistown, this new commercial effort will generate new jobs, housing, and growth to the city.

Food, clothing, and building supplies are readily available in both Gaborone and Francistown.

Almost totally consumed by the sands of the Kalahari and scrub savanna, Botswana is home for nearly 1 million people. Most Batswana inhabit the eastern portion of the country. Villages throughout the land range in size from just a few persons to 30,000 or more. Only 11 towns boast a population of over 10,000.

Although the southern border of Botswana lies only about 200 miles from Johannesburg, South Africa, the Botswana had no contact with Europeans until early in the 19th century when missionaries arrived. Just 15 out of every 100 people in Botswana profess Christianity. The majority of the population adhere to indigenous beliefs.

There is very little evangelical work being done presently in Botswana. The Catholic, Lutheran, and Anglican churches have work there, as do the Baptists, Church of Christ, Assemblies of God, and Seventh Day Adventists.

Since Kalahari sands cover 80% of the country, about 40% of the rural population depend on piped water supplies. More than 83% of the people of Botswana reside in rural areas and depend upon agriculture for their livelihood. The best agricultural lands are in the eastern and northern regions.

There are about 3 million cattle in Botswana. The country exported $51 million in beef and beef products in 1981.

Mining operations have been the primary driving force for economic growth in Botswana since the early 1970s. Botswana is one of the largest diamond-producing countries in the world.

The climate in Botswana is largely subtropical. Average annual rainfall is 18", but varies from as little as 9" a year in the Kalahari Desert to 25" in the north. Temperatures range from below freezing in the winter months to over 100 degrees in the summer.

This country represents people who need to hear the gospel, and the Church of the Nazarene is ready to answer the challenge.
THE NAZARENE HUNGER AND DISASTER FUND

The Nazarene Hunger and Disaster Fund is a special fund maintained at Nazarene Headquarters in Kansas City to meet needs caused by famine, earthquakes, floods, displacement due to war, or other sudden or long-standing disasters. Through this fund, food has been made available to undernourished school children and nutrition centers in Haiti; to earthquake victims in Italy, Mexico, and Central America; to families displaced by fighting in Lebanon and Central America; to refugee families in Southeast Asia; to malnourished mothers and small children in Africa. Medical relief supplies have been flown to areas of disaster. And it is an ongoing program. Funds can be sent at any time to Dr. Norman Miller, General Treasurer, Church of the Nazarene, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131, designated for Nazarene Hunger and Disaster Fund. All monies will be used 100 percent for the purpose designated.

OUR COLLEGES AND SEMINARIES

KRESGE FOUNDATION AWARDS $600,000 TO NAZARENE INSTITUTIONS

Three Nazarene colleges recently received challenge grants from The Kresge Foundation, Mount Vernon Nazarene College, Mid-America Nazarene College, and Trevecca Nazarene College were awarded funds totaling $600,000.

After considering 1,316 proposals in 1983, The Kresge Foundation of Troy, Mich., has awarded new grant commitments totaling $33,025,000 to 133 charitable organizations in 36 states and the District of Columbia. The majority of these grants were toward projects involving construction or renovation of facilities. Most grant recipients had raised initial funds toward their respective projects before requesting foundation assistance. Grants were then authorized on a challenge basis, requiring the raising of the remaining funds, thereby insuring the completion of the projects.

The Kresge Foundation was created by the personal gifts of Sebastian S. Kresge. Foundation grants are made to institutions in the areas of higher education, health care and related services, the arts and humanities, social services, science, conservation, religion, and public policy.

Mid-America Nazarene College was awarded a challenge grant of $250,000 from The Kresge Foundation toward the construction of a new library. This grant is part of a $3.3 million capital campaign. The new Mabee Library will be the largest building on Mid-America's campus. Totaling 39,000 sq. ft., it will not only include all the library services, but will also contain the latest in computer technology and the learning center. This is the first grant to Mid-America Nazarene College from The Kresge Foundation.

Mount Vernon Nazarene College was awarded a challenge grant of $150,000 from The Kresge Foundation. This grant was committed toward the $1.5 million classroom project, leaving just over $300,000 to be raised for the campaign.

Trevecca Nazarene College was pledged a challenge grant of $200,000 from The Kresge Foundation for a new Student Life Center. Construction on the center is scheduled to begin during the 1983-84 academic year. A campaign to raise $2.2 million for the new facility was launched last September. Church constituents have pledged $703,000 with the Nashville Community, national foundations and corporations and friends pledging $835,861. A balance of $661,139 is still needed to complete the project.

Trevecca's Student Life Center will provide dining facilities, student government offices, student publication offices, conference rooms, counseling center, bookstore, post office, and a student lounge.

ENGLISH AND SPANISH BIBLE QUIZ FINALS

Sixty-five young people from three countries participated in the 1983 international Bible quiz finals held at Oaxtepec, Mexico. The quiz was part of the World Youth Congress in Mexico, June 20-27.

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past Northwest in a close quiz to win the U.S.A./Canada finals. Members of the team were John Emmons (Valparaiso, Ind.), Mark Howard (Bradley, Ill.), Andrew Singh (Bradley, Ill.), Tonya Digby (Georgetown, Ill.), John Dykes (Seymour, Ind.), and coach Donna Scherer (Chicago). Mount Vernon placed third in the finals with Mid-America in fourth.

The first Spanish international quiz finals were held at the same time. Mexico Central came in first, with Mexico Northwest second, Mexico West third, and Mexico Northeast fourth. Members of the Mexico Central team were Jairo Castillejos, Benjamin Castillejos, Fernando Ovillo Jimenez, Roberto Islas, and Eli Trujillo Ovando.

Mark Colter of Tiffin, Ohio, was the top quizzer in the U.S.A./Canada finals. Selected as the all-U.S.A./Canada team were Mark (Mount Vernon), Stan Young (Mid-America), John Emmons (Olivet), Becky Causey (Northwest), and Andrew Singh (Olivet). David Castillo of Mexico Northeast placed first among the Spanish quizzers to receive top quizzer honors as well.

The next Nazarene international quiz finals will be held in June 1985 at Anaheim, Calif.
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DISTRICT ASSEMBLY REPORTS

SOUTHWEST OKLAHOMA

The 35th annual assembly of the Southwest Oklahoma District met at Oklahoma City. District Superintendent M. Bert Daniels, completing the second year of an extended term, reported a new church, Canadian Hills.

Presiding General Superintendent V. H. Lewis ordained Robert Adams, James Ikner, Randall Larpenteur, Min Gyo Shih, and Preston Smith.

Elders Carl Summer, Robert Snodgrass, and Bill Johnson, and laymen Ken Hughen, James Emmert, and Roy Thompson were elected to the Advisory Board.

Mrs. Peggy Swanson, Bruce Johnson, and Rev. Garland Wallace were reelected NWMS president, NYI president, and chairman of the Board of CL/SS, respectively.

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During a recent visit to the States, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Schofield, superintendent of the British Isles South District, stopped over in Terre Haute, Ind., to visit with friends, Rev. and Mrs. Claude D. Wilson, at Terre Haute Eastside Church, and to conduct a revival. Pictured (l.) is Mayor Pete Chalos bestowing on the Schofields (r.) honorary citizenship in the city of Terre Haute. The event was televised over channel 10. The following Sunday, the adopted "Hoosiers" were granted honorary membership in the Eastside Church.
Hancock, completing the first year of an extended term, reported a new church, Nashville, III. Dr Eugene L. Stowe, presiding general superintendent, ordained Donald E. Johnson, Russell W. Brewer, Paul A. Carlock, Jr., Billy D. Webb, Steven W. Holley, and David Wayne Runyan.

Elders Cecil Carroll, Michael Ice, and John Ruzlch, and laymen Kent Nisbet, Kenneth Whittington, and Jim Yates, Sr, were elected to the Advisory Board. Mrs. Lorene Whittington, Garey A. Miller, and Duane Schmidt were elected NWMS president, NYI president, and chairman of the Board of CL/SS, respectively.

NAZARENE CAMP MEETINGS

MOVING MINISTERS
VANE M. ANDERSON from Horseshoe Bend, Ark., to retirement (500 Dayton, Apt. 237, Muskogee, OK 74403)
WARREN A. BENOT from Reno (Nev.) First to Antlers, Okla
GARY R. BURKHART to Mount Pleasant, la.
GARY L. CABLE from Sunnyland (Washington, Ill.) to Rockford (Ill.) First
VERN D. CARPENTER to Casper, Wyo.
KENTON R. DAUGHERTY to Milford, III.
OTIS M. DOWNS from Bloomington (Ind.) Broadview to Newbern (Columbus, Ind.)
JERRY HOLLOWELL from Bonham, Tex., to evangelism
JAMES LOWERY from Kings Mountain, Ky., to associate, Lancaster, Ky.
DANIEL E. MCDONALD from student, Olivet Nazarene College, Bourbonnais, III., to LaPorte, Ind.
JAMES J. MCDUFFEE from Fairview (Muncy, Pa.) to Niles (Ohio First)
GARY L. MORGAN from associate, Franklin, Ohio, to associate, Heretford, Tex
MICHAEL G. PALMER from Fenton, Mo., to Burlington (la.) First
RONALD L. PHELPS from Crystal Lake, Ill., to Richland (Yukon, Okla.)
SCOTT K. VANEBIBER from Prescott, Ariz., to Tulsa First
HERMAN W. WHITBY from Martinsville Fort Trial (Bassett, Va.) to Romney, WVa
ROY F. WATES from Burlington (la.) First to Shebyville, Ill.

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funeral services were conducted by rev. Robert C. Killen. She is survived by her husband, Dwight V.;
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REV. IRVING M. FARNSWORTH, 70, died Sept. 1
 Lansing. Mich. Funeral services were conducted by
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ROBERT C (BOB) MOORE, 80, died Aug. 2 in
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include his wife, Virginia; 1 son, Rev. Robert D.; 3
ger. Greta Strange. Vera Hall, and Helen Cal-
 granddaughters. 2 great-granddaughters; and 2
isters.
JAMES W. MAISH, 57, died Sept. 12 in Frankfort,
Ind. Funeral services were conducted by Rev Earl
Rousito and Rev. Branson Roberts. Surviving are 2
. James W. Jr and Terry L.; 4 daughters, Connie
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RAZRSMITH, 84, died Aug. 16 in Merkel. Tex.
funeral services were conducted by Rev. Marshall
Stewart and Rev. D. M. Duke. Surviving are 3 sons,
Raymond, Leroy and Dean; 3 daughters. Estelle
McCleeskey, Mildred Snodgrass, and Jean Morris; 20 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandchild; and 2 sisters.

FLOYD W. WEBBER, 74, died Aug. 9 in Yarmouth, Me. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Kendall Dudley. He is survived by his wife, Edna.

EMMER J. WELCH, 70, died June 10 in Henderson, Tex. Funeral services were conducted by Revs. Joe Wilson, Bernice Fleming, and Ronald Schaeffer. Surviving are her husband, Howard J.; 5 sons, Luther; Howard O.; Joe, David, and Durward; 3 daughters, Vera Fleming, Mary Jane Steinbach, and Nellie Schaeffer; 21 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

REV. FLOYD WYCOFF, 75, died Sept. 7 in Fort Worth, Tex. There was a memorial service in Fort Worth, with funeral services in East Liverpool, Ohio. Both officiated by his son, Rev. Richard Wycoff, and two sons-in-law, Rev. Dana Shunko and Rev. Fred Wenger. Rev. Wycoff pastored churches in Pennsylvania and Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Mary; 1 son, Rev. Richard; 2 daughters, Beatrice Wenger and Helen Shunko; 10 grandchildren; 1 foster brother; and 3 sisters.

CORRECTION
According to information we later received, the funeral service for Rev. U. B. Godman was conducted by Dr. E. W. Martin, assisted by District Superintendent C. Neil Strait. Rev. Godman pastored churches in Ohio, Tennessee, and Michigan.

BIRTHS
To Rev. MIKE AND DEBBIE DENNIS, Woodland, Tenn., a girl, Rachael Anne, Aug. 23.
To Rev. RENE AND DEBBIE (HARRIS) ESCALANTE, Brinton, N.Y., a girl, Michelle Irene, Sept. 18.
To JERRY AND DIANA (ADAMS) HURD, Cincinnati, Ohio, a boy, Jason Michael, Aug. 29.
To KENNETH AND BEVERLY (FOLEY) LAYMON, Houston, Tex., a boy, Kyle Ryan, Aug. 10.
To GEORGE AND TERRI (HICKOK) LYNON, Bourbonais, Ill., a boy, Nathanael David, Aug. 17.
To BILL AND CHERYL (CUTLER) MASSIE, Granum, Alberta, Canada, a girl, Crystal Lee, Sept. 7.
To DEAN AND BRENDA (COBURN) POTTS, Duncan, Okla., a boy, Adam Benjamin, Aug. 22.
To RICHARD AND DEBORAH (BATES) POWERS, Kansas City, Mo., a girl, Pamela Ruth, July 31.
To RON AND BRENDA (PORTER) PRUITT, Goschen, Ind., a boy, Bryan Eugene, Aug. 28.
To DARRELL AND BARBARA (SCHNERTER) RANUM, Columbus, Ohio, a boy, Curtis Blair, Sept. 3.

NEWS OF RELIGION

30,000 SEEK ASYLUM IN THE U.S. EVERY YEAR. Aliens seeking asylum from persecution in their homelands are flooding the U.S. with applications. Five years ago the number was 3,700. Now they are rolling in at the rate of 30,000 annually. There's a backlog of 171,000 cases from 140 countries, according to Missionary News Service.

Political asylum is granted when the government decides that there is a well-founded fear of persecution because of political or religious beliefs or race. Asylum status allows an alien to live and work in the U.S. and usually leads to permanent residence.

COLLEGIANS TURN TO RELIGION. A recent Gallup poll suggests that college campuses are becoming receptive to religious renewal. The survey shows:

- Religious commitment becoming stronger ..................... 35%
- Religious commitment becoming weaker ...................... 16%
- Religious beliefs important ........................................ 80%
- Religious beliefs not important ................................... 15%
- Forty percent attend religious services at least once a week—Christian, Muslim, Hari Krishna, Moones, etc.

PROTESTANT SCHOOL ENROLLMENT UP. Enrollment in Protestant schools has skyrocketed since the 1970s while enrollment in public, Catholic, and nonchurch private schools has fallen. In the Northeast and Midwest, church school enrollment increased by 50 percent; on the West Coast by 100 percent, and in the South it has quadrupled.

Most of the growth is in Christian fundamentalist schools and is attributed to the permissiveness and low academic standards in public education.

NEW SLAVERY. The author of a United Nations survey of prostitution is calling on churches to join in an effort to halt this "modern form of slavery." Child prostitution is spreading in the Third World. The churches are being urged to work for prevention as well as helping those already involved.

NOT EVERYONE HAPPY WITH YEAR OF THE BIBLE. A suit filed in district court in Los Angeles by 16 people, including several clergymen, charges that President Reagan's proclamation of 1983 as the Year of the Bible is unconstitutional.

Plaintiff John Crossley, a United Presbyterian minister, says Reagan has no right to assert by proclamation that the Bible is "the preeminent text to the whole nation." Attorneys for the plaintiffs are working in conjunction with the American Civil Liberty Union's church-state project.

BROAD-BASED RELIGIOUS COALITION PETITIONS CONGRESS CONCERNING GENETIC RESEARCH. A broad-based coalition of religious leaders, ranging from right-wing TV evangelist Jerry Falwell to National Council of Churches head, Bishop James Armstrong, recently petitioned Congress to ban all research that could alter the genes affecting human heredity. The group of 59 churchmen signed a resolution circulated by Jeremy Rifkin, author of several books on genetic research and one of its most adamant opponents. The group included Catholic bishops, Jewish leaders, and top representatives of Protestantism's mainline, charismatic, and evangelical traditions.

Said the resolution, "No individual, group of individuals, or institutions can legitimately claim the right or authority to make decisions on behalf of the rest of the species alive today or for the future generations."
MARRIAGES

DEIDRA ROSS and JOSEPH LOVELL at Charlotte, N.C.; June 11.

LISA MALTBa and STEVE WALLACE at Charlotte, N.C.; June 25.

BETTY BRUMLEY and MAX SCOTT at Memphis, Tenn.; Sept. 10.

JULIE ANNETTE POE and KEITH BRENt COK at Prairie Village, Kan.; Sept. 10.

ANNIVERSARY

Sept. 3 was the 71st wedding anniversary for ESTEL ARTHUR and MILDRED JUANITA (WILLIAMS) HARCOURT. They were married in the Methodist Episcopal Church by Rev. R. A. Sawyer Rock, Kansas City, Mo., 1922.

MARRIAGES

K. HERMAN and ELIZABETH DONNELLY at Prairie Village, Kans.; Sept. 10.

LANCE A. HOFF and JUDY KENDALL at Prairie Village, Kans.; Sept. 10.

BENJAMIN H. BROWN and CAROLYN LINDSEY at Prairie Village, Kans.; Sept. 10.

WILLIAM M. CAMPBELL and EFFIE S. CARROLL at Prairie Village, Kans.; Sept. 10.

JANE W. COOK and M. A. M. BROWNE at Kansas City, Mo.; Sept. 10.

LESLIE D. RICHARDSON and SHARON P. KEMP at Prairie Village, Kans.; Sept. 10.

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The new hospitalization program began July 1, 1983, and is designed for United States districts and church agencies. It is intended to protect pastors, church-employed laymen, and their families.

Three coverage groups are available, based on deductible amounts, with options of life insurance and dental coverage.

Dr. Dean Wessels, administrator of the Board of Pensions, reports that several more districts are presently considering enrollment in the program.

THE CHURCH SCENE

The Fairfield, Me., church celebrated its 50th anniversary with a full week of services with former pastors and friends attending and speaking. Services were well-attended each night.

On Sunday night the two leaders of the Maine District was instituted. They were Dr. Jack Sha, the present superintendent, and Joshua Wagner, retired superintendent who was closing speaker of the celebration.

Pastor and Mrs. John L. Parry pastored in the Church of the Nazarene for over 40 years and are finishing their 6th year at Fairfield.

CHURCH OBSERVES 70 YEAR OF HOLINESS EVANGELISM

Marion, Ohio, First Church reported a great revival with Charles Millhollin as the evangelist. A 15-day meeting included three Sundays. Attendance averaged over 400 and altars were filled with seekers. Fifty people sought sanctification in the morning service on the closing Sunday.

Twelve revival committees, involving over 70 adults, began to prepare for meeting six months in advance. Special prayer meetings began three months before the meeting. Services were advertised on radio and in newspapers, newsletters, and brochures.

Shortly after the revival, gifts and pledges for a new educational building totalled $167,000. Attendance is the highest in the church's 70-year history. D. Eugene Simpson is the pastor.

On July 10 the Capital Church of the Nazarene in Frankfort, Ky., held an "I Love America Celebration" with over 400 attending the Sunday morning service. People gave gratitude to God for freedoms and prayer for those who serve in the military and as elected officials. Participation included the 202nd Kentucky National Guard Band, Lieutenant Governor Martha Layne Collins, Major General Bill Wellman, U.S. congressman Carroll Hubbard, and other local officials. This event was telecast via five television stations and given news coverage by two regional newspapers. Rev. Mike Clyburn is the pastor.

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Members of the Church of the Nazarene gathered in Pilot Point and conducted special services to commemorate the occasion, according to Dr. B. Edgar Johnson, general secretary of the church.

The 75,000-member denomination resulted from a series of mergers between many local and regional bodies in the United States and Great Britain. The mergers were a direct result of the Wesleyan Holiness Movement of the late 19th century.

The principal union, which is regarded as the founding date for the Church of the Nazarene, was organized in the United States, Rev. John Dias came to Cape Verde to preach the gospel for the first time. The work he started eventually became the Church of the Nazarene in Cape Verde.

To celebrate this important anniversary, over 200 delegates and visitors attended the 30th assembly of the Cape Verde District, August 2-7, on the island of Brava, where the work began.

CAPE VERDEAN DIAMOND JUBILEE

Seventy-five years ago, when the Church of the Nazarene was being organized in the United States, Rev. John Dias came to Cape Verde to preach the gospel for the first time. The work he started eventually became the Church of the Nazarene in Cape Verde.

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Field Director Roy Henck presided; Rev. Manuel Sança Gomes was host pastor.

Rev. Gilberto Evora was reelected district superintendent. Mrs. Filomena Monteiro was elected NWMS president, and Rev. Mario Lima and Rev. Jorge Maia Lopes were reelected NYI president and chairman of the Board of CL/SS, respectively. Elders Antonio Barbosa and Daniel Barros, and laymen Antonio Duarte and Lourenco Lima were elected to the Advisory Board.

On Sunday afternoon, Rev. Francisco Xavier Ferreira, the first national district superintendent, presented a historical sketch of the work in Cape Verde. There was a victory march of singing Nazarenos from the original church building (which had been rebuilt after last year's hurricane damage) to the present building in the center of the village.

NEES AND BUSTLE TO VENEZUELA

Dr. L. Guy Nees, World Mission Division director and Rev. Louis Bustle, regional director of South America, conducted the first Nazarene Pastors and Wives Conference in Caracas, Venezuela, Sept. 23-25.

On Sunday night Dr. Nees presented local preachers' licenses to 13 men, who with their wives, form the beginning group of spiritual leaders in Venezuela for the Church of the Nazarene.

Rev. and Mrs. William Porter, pioneer missionaries in Venezuela, have experienced unusual success in their first year there. Five churches will be officially organized on Oct. 23, and the goal is to have 1,000 in Sunday School on that Sunday.

The Venezuela Offering of $593,721.61 has given a great boost to the beginning of Nazarene work in this country of 17 million.

NEW EDITORIAL DIRECTOR FOR YOUTH MINISTRIES

Rev. Jack McCormick has been named the new editorial director for Youth Ministries of the Church of the Nazarene. Rev. McCormick had served the Indianapolis Westside Church as pastor of singles and senior adults. For five years prior to that time he served as youth ministers pastor for Indianapolis Westside. He is a graduate of Mid-America Nazarene College and Nazarene Theological Seminary.

Rev. McCormick fills the position formerly held by John Denney, who moved to Portland, Ore., to assume the pastoral duties of the Portland Rose City Church.

Jack is married to LeAnn (Harting) and they have two children, Rachel, three and a half, and Seth, 16 months.
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