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LEST WE FORGET

by General Superintendent Charles H. Strickland

Even a brief review of the founding of America will cause us to respond with great appreciation for the grand heritage we enjoy. We should all make this coming Thanksgiving a special day of gratitude and thanks.

The early pioneers who laid the foundation of the United States linked the new world with the old. They penetrated a primitive land as missionaries, soldiers, traders, farmers, artisans, and professional people, and made known its wonders to those already dwelling in settled communities. Most of these early settlements were along the shores and rivers of the Atlantic Coast. From the Atlantic Ocean to beyond the Mississippi River (with the exception of Illinois and part of Kentucky) the country was a vast forest. Beyond the Mississippi lay the prairies of the Middle West, blending into the High Plains that stretched to the Rocky Mountains. Gold and silver beckoned the pioneers to these rugged mountains. The Pacific Coast with its forests and minerals combined the attractions of both East and Middle West.

Governor William Bradford of the Plymouth Colony declared the first Thanksgiving Day in 1621, in gratitude for the colonists' first harvest in the new world. On this occasion Pilgrims and Indians sat together and feasted on wild turkey and venison. President George Washington issued the first presidential proclamation for a Thanksgiving Day in 1789. The tradition was kept alive by many state governors, but it was the proclamation by President Lincoln on October 3, 1863, that made it a national day on the fourth Thursday in November.

At this Thanksgiving season we have many reasons for gratitude. Let us give thanks to God for the preservation of the Union, for personal freedom, and especially for our great Christian heritage. Among the early pioneers were preachers and missionaries who brought the Christian religion to the new world, establishing churches and schools and also establishing the Christian faith into our democratic form of government. The constitution reflects the powerful influence of the Word of God and our Christian faith. For our land of the open Bible and freedom to worship we give humble thanks.

How shall we show our gratitude? I am writing this article while on assignment outside the U.S. I am in a world region where poverty is real and personal freedom unknown. I feel so strongly that we must share to a greater extent our material blessings, and we must support the agencies of the church that are sacrificially attempting to meet the physical and spiritual needs of people around the world. The Thanksgiving Offering is our opportunity for a sincere expression of our gratitude to God and our love for world areas not so fortunate as America. □

The Eternal Adequacy

By RAYMOND C. KRATZER

"I AM."

Comerique

The dynamic name of God, so thrillingly stated in Exodus 15:26, pulsates with power and adequacy. It does not reflect a past glory or performance. Neither does it tantalize with a future will-o'-the-wisp panacea. But it boldly declares the eternal adequacy of God's available help *now*. Immediately! Today! This moment! "I AM the Lord!"

The eternally present God is with us each moment if we are truly the children of His care. He is never too busy, too preoccupied, or too disinterested to be involved in every area of our lives.

A world-famous woman was asked one time if she ever prayed. She replied, "No. I would not presume to bother God with my needs. Perhaps a Head of State or some other important leader may have the privilege of prayer to ask for Divine guidance, but as for me, my needs are too minuscule to bother Deity with them."

How sad to have such a meager estimate of our God who says, "Come boldly unto the throne of grace, that [you] may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4:16).

God is available in the crises of our lives immediately. But He is also the I AM when we have misplaced our keys, or need a parking place, or have a headache. He says, "Call . . . and I will answer thee . . ." (Jeremiah 33:3). In my early life I was employed by the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company in their Denver offices. I had been advanced to the position of "Inspection Clerk," and one day I lost a very valuable document. Diligent searching failed to discover it. I went home that night troubled, and I retired with my usual prayer to the Lord for help and thanksgiving. During the night I had a dream that pinpointed the whereabouts of that document in a certain drawer in my desk. The next morning I was overwhelmed to discover it right in that drawer. I'm confident God alerted me in the night to alleviate my concern. He is so good! So adequate! So immediate!

We may adventure in miracles daily, if we are not dull of hearing or shy in asking. The promise in Philippians 4:19 is ours: "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." And in His depositum there is no lack.

When we need guidance in some important decision, Jesus is available "in the shadows" whispering, "I am the way." Foolish errors of judgment could be eliminated if we would take a little time to discover God's way. Usually this help comes by prayerfully searching the Scriptures for direction.

When we need protection He says, "I am your fortress, your rear guard, your defense." Nothing can happen to you, if you are the child of God, except through His permissive will. For example, several years ago while on a mission in Guyana we met a fine young pastor. The missionary shared with us a frightening experience he had gone through. In the area where he had formerly ministered, racial unrest had taken over. The bus upon which he was riding was stopped, and a burly man with a club entered and selected this young pastor as his next victim.

In stern words he commanded: "You, back there, get off this bus and take your licks!"

The minister quickly breathed a prayer: "Dear Lord, what will my church do without a pastor? What will my family do, if I am killed? But if this is Your will, I am in Your hands."

He got off the bus and stood before the cruel men with clubs ready to beat him to death. But they could not lift a hand. It was as though angels had immobilized them. After several minutes, they turned and fled the scene. The I AM had protected His servant with immediacy and adequacy!

We may always be assured of the eternal adequacy of our God in every situation. He is never late. He is never surprised. He is never inadequate. His unfailing promise is, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen" (Matthew 28:20). □

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ANTI PORN

I'm tired of seeing pornographic magazines every time I walk into a store, and I'm tired of seeing people waste their money, time, and destroy their morals, along with their children's morals, with these magazines. I propose we join together and demand these magazines be taken off the shelves of all stores before our children become an imprisoned generation.

The magazines have been linked to sexual violence. If we would put a stop to the magazines, there would be fewer violent acts.

I challenge you readers to get involved in the fight against pornography by:

1. Joining together in our churches and taking a stand.
2. Getting petitions started.
3. Making frequent phone calls to the stores and demanding the magazines be taken off the shelf. Tell them you won't do business with them if they don't.

If enough people will do this, the magazines *will* be taken off the shelf.

Luke Gatlin
Eufaula, Oklahoma

FAMILIES FOR LIFE

We are writing in reference to the article "I'm Sorry, My Baby" in the June 15 issue. For those who have further interest in the long-term emotional effects of abortion on women, we recommend the book *Will I Cry Tomorrow*, by Laura Thompson, Ph.D. Dr. Thompson relates her own abortion experience and the subsequent healing Christ brought to her private suffering.

Also, for information about making educational material on abortion alternatives available to your congregation, please contact:

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We are grateful for the increasing interest of our denomination regard-

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SEARCHING FOR YOUR HEART

By OVAL L. STONE

Do you want a clue as to where your heart is? Luke said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Luke 12:34, NIV).

Your treasure is usually in some kind of a purse—old or new.

I was sitting in a doctor's office one day, waiting, waiting, and waiting. I was getting weary until I saw a little, hunchbacked lady come into the office, as lively as she could be, and find a seat directly in front of me. Her age was "old," and her weight was probably 90 pounds. What I noticed most, however, was the very large purse she carried. She set the heavily laden purse on her lap, opened it wide, and the purse looked relieved. Because of her humped back, her bifocals were just right for her to see everything in her purse. I went in to see the doctor, came back out, and to my surprise, she was still digging in her purse. I decided to see this out. I sat down and watched. Finally, the nurse called for the lady, but she was so engrossed in her "purse searching" that she didn't even hear her name. The nurse came over to her and, with apparent regret, the woman closed the purse and went on—to less interesting things, I'm sure.

I thought, That lady is biblical! For in our scripture passage, Luke also says . . . "Provide purses for yourself that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted" (12:33, NIV). The term *purse* in this scripture does not mean "handbag" but refers to something more comprehensive—the "value center" of one's life.

With this understanding, it becomes imperative that we use bifocals, or maybe a microscope, to search our "purse." As we begin our search, we are likely to find some trinkets—the so-called valuables of this world. We may find stocks, bonds, savings accounts, insurance programs, properties, annuities . . . in fact, our total value system will be there.

Jesus indicated that we can have all of these in our purse, and they aren't bad or wrong, as long as we don't find our heart in there too. Yes, our Bible verse remind us of this danger—"for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." So . . . let's take a good look in our purses.

If we should find our heart in our purse search, we had better dump all the contents out and start over, for this worldly bag is going to grow old, deteriorate, and everything in it will fade away with time. This earthly treasure and value system is going to fail! There is no "eternal life" insurance in this kind of "purse."

Where is your heart safe? Once again Luke speaks, "Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven." Let's trade our worldly valuables for deposits in heaven's safe-box, for we all know that real life consists of more than the valuables of this world. Wealth does not bring joy.

I will never forget a woman's testimony given while her pastor was receiving a "Thank Offering" for missions. She stood, with tears in her eyes, emotion in her voice, and said, "My husband gave me money for a new pair of shoes, but I feel led to give this money to missions." This feeling at once became contagious, and the whole crowd rallied to give far above the pastor's request. Joy was very evident in that service as people praised God and placed their money in a "new purse"—one that will never wear out.

As you and I search for our hearts, where do we find them? Are they in the decaying purses of earth's temporary existence? Let us remind ourselves that a rich man can die, and all is lost, but a poor man can die, and all is gained. It depends on which "purse" holds our heart.

By becoming a part of God's value system, we can share and give until we are rich—earning the "interest" of satisfying thoughts about our conduct, a completely dedicated life, a clear conscience, plus faith, hope, and charity—the security of having treasures in His "purse," rather than our rapidly decaying worldly "purse." Our deposits will be safe against inflation, rust, and thieves.

With joy, let us give to the Thanksgiving Offering—and place our heart in the "purse" that will never wear out—a treasure in heaven. Each of us will find his heart safely kept there. □

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COMPASSION AT THE LOCAL LEVEL

By L. GUY NEES

"We'll never know if we don't try."

This was Judy's response to her husband, Doug, when he questioned her suggestion about three years ago that they offer a free meal for needy people in Kalispell, Mont., on Thanksgiving Day.

"Do you think we can do it, Judy?"

And Judy answered, "We'll never know if we don't try." And so they tried and did it! They provided over 200 free meals the first year, more than 300 the next, and almost 500 in 1986.

Doug and Judy and their family operate no ordinary grocery store and restaurant. It's a place filled every day with shoppers for groceries, pharmaceuticals, and meals. Customers especially enjoy the 10¢ coffee. The parents enjoy the help of their two sons, Tim and Randy, and their daughter, Hilda, as well as other employees.

Doug Wise purchased the Sykes grocery store in the early 1940s and since that time has always carried charge accounts and has served the public with free daily delivery service. It is no wonder that he was awarded the National Grocers Association's "Spirit of America" award for 1986. While not given every year, "this award is presented to members of the National Grocers industry in recognition of active participation in government or community affairs to preserve and protect free enterprise and independence of the food distribution industry" (*Montana Food Distributor*, November 1986).

Through the years Doug and Judy have been involved in many community philanthropic programs, including church activities at the local Church of the Nazarene. This additional gift of love at Thanksgiving time was a natural extension of their life's pattern of giving.

Judy, who is a member of the First Church of the Nazarene in Kalispell, said of this whole experience, "Without Jesus in the midst of life's storms there would be no peace in the valley, no joy on the mountaintops, and no blessings to share. To God be the glory!" □

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Doug and Judy Wise

Part of the crowd Thanksgiving Day, 1986

ENTERING INTO HIS GATES

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Thou, O Lord, art worthy, Thou art worthy of our praise,
Healer of the brokenhearted, Ancient of Days;
Altogether lovely, Lord, Anointed One art Thou,
Never-changing Holy One, before Thy throne we bow.
King of Kings and Lord of Lords, we magnify Thy name,
Savior, Sun of Righteousness, forevermore the same.
Good Shepherd, Refuge from the storm, accept our love for You,
Immanuel, the Great "I AM," the "Word Made Flesh" come true.
Victorious One, our Conqueror, upon our knees we fall,
Immutable, Omniscient, O Lord God over all.
Name o'er all names, Lord Jesus Christ, the Bright and Morning Star,
Great High Priest, how we worship Thee, for all the things You are!

"ENTER INTO HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING..." (Psalm 92:1).

PRICE TO PAY, BURDEN TO CARRY

By JAIME KRATZ, SR.

The hour has arrived. Chairs from the kitchen and dining room have been spaced between other furniture in the living room. All lights are on, the tape recorder is playing evangelical music. Hymnals and chorus sheets are evenly distributed. Everything one can possibly think of has been taken care of. The dozens of invitations and personal visits made have encouraged us to expect an optimistic reception.

Everything is set . . . and no one shows up!

This isn't the first time in raw, pioneer church planting that we have experienced a certain nausea, a sort of stomach cramp, accompanied with sweaty palms.

When a person begins a church "from nothing," without a support team and/or group of core believers from another Nazarene congregation, the props can be easily knocked out from under dreams of immediate success.

As the hour rolls on, a few timid folk begin to appear. Before the night is over, there are enough present to inspire hope for future victories. Thank the Lord, we are being permitted to establish one more beachhead for the Kingdom.

In 41 years of church planting on two continents, we have learned that there is an unwritten price to pay in pioneer work. The Lord only knows the emotional burden this type of church planting imposes on the workers themselves.

Of course, there are other "unsung heroes" behind this type of ministry—those who have sent out the missionaries and support them with faithful intercessory prayers and sacrificial giving. BECAUSE YOU GAVE, we have been able to devote ourselves to this type of exacting ministry.

BECAUSE YOU GAVE, many churches have been pioneered that would never have existed otherwise. Just to encourage you, one congregation alone, begun in our apartment in Rio de Janeiro, is now building a sanctuary to accommodate 3,000 people . . . BECAUSE YOU GAVE! □

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FREEDOM IN THE FIRE

We are not to rely on our own understanding but on the wisdom of Him whose thoughts are above ours. Only by giving over everything to Him can He see us safely through the flame.

By J. GRANT SWANK, JR.

When going through the fire, we frequently want to plan how everything is going to come out all right in the end. If we are perfectionists, this tendency is even greater. Our efficiency drives work overtime in charting the course, even telling God what to do in order to bring us safely through the flame.

Yet Jesus has told His own: "Take . . . no thought for the morrow" (Matthew 6:34). When this is coupled with "Take no thought for your life" (v. 25), we realize that we are confronted with one of Christianity's greatest challenges: Either our lives and our futures or God's life and His tomorrows. Which will it be?

The heat of the fire inclines us to dwell upon our own safeties and securities rather than abandoning self and time to the Creator. We want to make it through in short order. Therefore, we try extra hard to put things together rightly in hopes of hastening to the solution.

Frequently, however, all of this motion adds up to going backward. At best, it means we get no further with self or time than if we had yielded all at the outset to God.

I recall preaching at revival services during the time when a fellow whom I had trusted had stolen several thousand dollars from me. I had thought he was doing me a good turn with my money when actually he was planning on leaving the country with it.

Naturally, I wanted to get my money back. The means of doing this was especially complicated. So it was, that while I was trying to see myself through the fire, I was also preaching to others how to live victoriously. Thankfully, I was keeping close enough to Jesus and far enough from Satan to be able to preach effectively during those revival services. In doing so, the sermons actually helped me too! That was encouraging, for I delivered more than one message to myself while hoping that the listeners were getting something worthwhile as well.

In one of the meetings, before the sermon, the host pastor asked for testimonies. A number of people told what God was doing in their lives. We rejoiced over their witnesses. The testimony that I still remember came from the organist.

I had known her about 30 years. She had led a difficult life: her husband had deserted her for another woman, her children had strayed spiritually, her possessions had always been meager. Yet she had remained true to God. In the flames she stayed close to the Lord.

Her testimony lifted my spirit to the heights. Here I was striving to get out of the fire. I wanted desperately to get that thief and put him in his place, but I simply did not know how to do it. In the midst of my confusion, I heard this woman speak: "You know, Pastor," she started, "I have found that God can do an awful lot in our lives when we are willing to leave Him alone. There are times when we are to do nothing but trust Him. Sometimes He can see us through when we are content to sit and wait."

Immediately, I thought to myself, Now that is a different kind of testimony. I had never heard it put quite like that before. Then I thought of how we preachers are usually urging the people to be up and doing. Get out there and witness. Do God's work while it is still day. But here was a Christian who was speaking God's truth to me in the fire. She was telling me to quit beating the air, to stop putting the puzzle together ahead of time.

That is hard to do, I told myself. I want to get this thing straightened out. I want justice. That robber has got to be caught soon and my money restored. Then I realized that it was a lot easier to keep straining than it was to surrender. It was easier to tucker out with my plans than to trust God's.

When I got home from that service, I could not wait to tell my wife the message the organist had preached that night. "I want to do just what she said," I declared. And so I did. I quit the exhausting struggle and concentrated on being still before the Lord. It was not easy, but I just had to do it.

It was important that I not worry

about tomorrow but live in faith for the day. In the end, the robber was apprehended and taken to court. There he pleaded guilty, and I got all my money back. In the process, I had the opportunity to witness for the Lord to policemen, court personnel, community professionals, and to the thief himself.

We cannot grasp tomorrow. The only day we have is today. So many people spend their lives fretting over the future that they never get into today. They so strive to reach each tomorrow that they do not experience the present as a gift from God.

When going through the fire, ask the Lord to help you concentrate on this very moment. Don't try to put things all together. Give up on scheming toward the perfect ending. We are not to rely on our own understanding but on the wisdom of Him whose thoughts are above ours. Only by giving over everything to Him can He see us safely through the flame.

These words by an unknown writer helped me when going through the fire:

As children bring
their broken toys
with tears for us to mend,
I brought my broken dreams to God
because He was my Friend.

But then instead of leaving
Him in peace to work alone,
I hung around and tried to help
with ways that were my own.

At last I snatched them back and cried,
"How can You be so slow—"
"My child," He said,
"What could I do?
You never did let go." □

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NAZARENE ROOTS

APPOINTED TO LEAD: THE FIRST DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS

"At the close of the Pilot Point union, I was standing by the side of Dr. Bresee, when he called to him Charlie Jernigan. Pointing toward the north, he said, 'There is your District, Oklahoma, Kansas and Nebraska. Go in and establish churches.' There was no money to put behind Jernigan—no promise of salary or expenses. He had a family to care for, and he had a camera. He had faith, he had the consciousness that God was with him. He tackled the job. There were giants in those days! Before his mansion was ready for him in the celestial city, Charlie Jernigan had organized the Church of the Nazarene in six states."

As this account by C. A. McConnell shows, the earliest district superintendents in the Church of the Nazarene faced a monumental task, and most were expected to build their districts from the ground up. While district superintendent, Jernigan supported himself for several years through his professional photography. Others in this first class continued as pastors, while others were supported through their evangelistic work. Gradually the districts were built up in churches, people, and financial resources and could accommodate a more permanent and institutionalized structure of support.

Who were these first district superintendents? Pictured above with their district names given: (1) H. D. Brown, Northwest; (2) R. M. Guy, Alabama; (3) C. B. Jernigan, Oklahoma and Kansas; (4) E. Dearn, Northeast (Eastern Canada); (5) H. H. Sumlin, Southeast; (6) Wm. Howard Hoople, New York; (7) A. B. Riggs, New England; (8) C. A. Bromley, Kentucky and Tennessee; (9) H. B. Hosley, Washington (D. C.); (10) H. F. Reynolds, general superintendent; (11) P. F. Bresee, general superintendent; (12) E. P. Ellyson, general superintendent; (13) Alpin M. Bowes, Rocky Mountain; (14) J. D. Scott, Dallas; (15) W. F. Dallas, Arkansas; (16) J. H. Norris, Pittsburg; (17) T. H. Agnew, Central Chicago; (18) John W. Goodwin, Southern California; (19) Horace G. Trumbauer, Philadelphia; (20) P. G. Linaweaver, San Francisco; (21) Wm. E. Fisher, Abilene.

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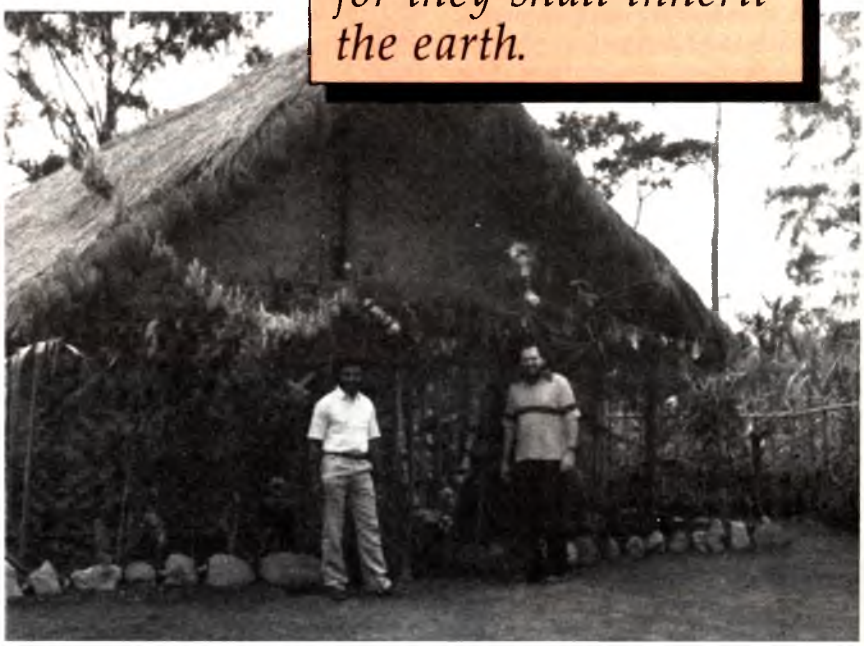
A MISSIONARY LOOKS AT MATTHEW 5:5

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

By SAM LEVER



One of the greatest thrills about serving as a missionary is that new cultures bring new perspectives. This is especially true of the Bible in Papua New Guinea. I know that the Bible is written to all peoples of all cultures of all times, but the more I preach to the people of P.N.G. the more I realize that the Bible more clearly speaks to them than it does to industrial America. The reason is that their culture is more closely associated with the culture present in the times of the writing of the books of the Bible—agricultural and steeped in the influences of tradition.

For instance, many of the parables of Jesus center around gardening or farming. The people of Jesus' time lived very close to nature and intimately understood the meaning of these messages of our Lord. However, being from a different culture, though I could intellectually understand the meaning, I could not *participationally* understand it. It is my privilege to participate in and learn from this culture, which has the added effect of making the Bible come alive, relating more intimately and closely to my life. It is also a blessing to see the effects of the gospel from a new perspective. It is just such a thing that I wish to share with you now, for certain events have made one of the beatitudes, Matthew 5:5, take on new perspective for me.

Jesus is actually quoting a promise from the Old Testament—Psalm 37:11. Matthew 5:5 reads: "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth." Many of us can recall from childhood such statements as, "It sure doesn't appear to me that the meek will inherit anything, let alone the earth. The meek appear to be those who are taken advantage of and will never own anything." And, of course, when we think of this scripture, we think of the greedy landlord whose outrageous rent creates hardships for "the meek." Does this make the beatitude less true? Certainly not. First we must examine the language of this beatitude in order to understand its meaning.

The word translated *meek* is only found four times in the New Testament. Some of its possible meanings are "considerate, gentle, humble, kind, and forgiving." As *Beacon Bible Expositions* beautifully expresses, meekness means that we accept the burdens imposed on us without hatred and we look to God for vindication. *Pulpit Commentary* further explains that meekness relates primarily to our attitude toward God, and secondarily to man, because man is God's creation and thus to be respected. Our meekness toward God necessitates meekness toward man.

Let us look at how it is used. Twice Christ uses this word to describe himself. In Matthew 11:29 He says, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls." In 21:5 He says of himself, "Thy King cometh unto thee, meek . . ." Two other times the word is used of a quality of spirit that Christians need, once in Matthew 5:5 and again in 1 Peter 3:4 in reference to a wife's attitude toward her husband. So, since twice Christ applied this quality to himself and twice it is stated as a Christian virtue, we can see that the real core of meaning is this—Christlikeness. That is, as Christ is considerate, gentle, humble, kind, and forgiving, so should we Christians be. And, as Christ accepted the burdens imposed upon Him without hatred, so should we Christians. It is our duty to be like Him in our attitudes. So, to paraphrase—"Blessed are those who manifest Christlikeness in their attitudes, for they shall inherit . . ."

Inherit what? The promise that Israel would inherit the land is found many times in the Old Testament. In fact, Christ is probably quoting directly from Psalm 37:11. However, we can clearly see the essence of the promise in Isaiah 60:21. A contextual study reveals that the promise refers to a time when there will be no night, and the sun and moon will be removed, for God himself will be our light. In other words, the promise is for the future kingdom, when all Christians will inherit the new heaven and the new earth (Revelation 21:1).

While it is true that the literal interpretation refers to our future kingdom, could it be that this beat-

itude has a present and temporal meaning as well? Let me share a story with you.

The story centers around the newest-to-be district in Papua New Guinea, the Southern Highlands District. About six years ago Pastor Paia began looking for a Bible-preaching, holiness-believing church to come to his village. He found and invited the Nazarenes. After five years, there were only two Churches of the Nazarene in the province of Southern Highlands. But then something happened. Pastor Paia and Pastor Kambu often preached at the open markets, but through the years the tension between them and the unsaved, and between them and the members of a nonevangelical church located in his area, grew. On several occasions these two pastors suffered at the hands of their opponents. They were often physically abused, their Coleman lanterns were kicked and destroyed, and every attempt was made to humiliate them. Their response was, "God bless you, brother, I cannot fight with you," and this in a country where instant retribution is the norm. I marvel yet at the depth of God's grace. The result: the local villagers saw the contrast of those who claimed to follow Christ and these two who manifested the very heart of Christ. It was not long before many villagers were asking for the Church of the Nazarene to come to their village. Today, just one year after I first met Pastors Paia and Kambu, there are 14 churches and preaching points in their area, and we are having to divide the Highlands District so that the district superintendent can cope with the rapid growth.

As we evaluate what has happened, could we say that this is the fruit of the promise given in Matthew 5:5? Do you see what has happened? Because these two men were gentle, humble, kind, and forgiving; because they accepted the burdens imposed upon them without hatred; they have claimed (inherited) more of the land. No, they don't hold the title nor are they considered the rightful owners of these other villages, but they have claimed these villages for God. It is true that we cannot force others to accept Christ, but it is also true that we can become so much like Him that others can see Him in us and thus a hunger is created in their hearts for Him. It could be that if we Nazarenes everywhere manifested the spirit of Christ, we too could claim (inherit) more of our families, towns, cities, and even our countries, for God. "Blessed are those who manifest Christlikeness in their attitudes, for they shall inherit the land for Him, and some day, for themselves." □

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The Church and CHAPTER ELEVEN

By ARTIE H. WHITWORTH

A young farmer stood in the congregation and requested prayer for him and his family, as they were filing chapter eleven bankruptcy. He believed that chapter eleven was the most Christian thing he could do in his situation. It would allow him to keep his home for his family and still be responsible for his debts; it would give him more time to weather the storm. The next day, news of his decision spread throughout the community and to two neighboring communities where the young farmer did business. Overnight, he became the laughingstock of the countryside.

University of Missouri sociologist Bill Hefferman conducted a study in 1985 in which 44% of the farmers surveyed, who were forced from their farms, reported that the church was not at all supportive of them and their problem. Surely the church owes more than this to its people.

In the rural community where I live and labor, bankruptcy is a very real problem. Not only does it carry with it a great sense of loss and failure, but also a great depth of guilt and shame. These hardworking people, who put in long, hard days, have shown losses for several years running because of national and world market conditions. Yes, I have heard the pros and cons of the debate about mismanagement, overextension, government aid, etc., but these are human beings who are hurting and need our prayers, understanding, support, and love. The church has a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate to them the caring love of Christ.

Gossip, even when it wears a mask of concern, is not the answer. The church must put faith into action, individually and collectively. We need to give both moral and financial support when needed. One individual was granted bankruptcy by the courts, but the date of his first payment to creditors did not give him time to raise and harvest a crop, so his situation was still hopeless. Someone needed to help, but no one did. Jesus' commandment to love our neighbor should be demonstrated by all the churches in these rural areas.

I am sure there are other groups, such as oil workers in oil-producing states, steel workers in steel-mill towns, who need the church to step to the forefront and demonstrate the divine love that has been shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost. Quietly doing what Christ called us to do will help these troubled people through their crises. □

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DEAR GOD, MAKE ME FEEL BETTER RIGHT HERE

Tell the Lord exactly what you mean. Eliminate vagueness in prayer, and you will be surprised at how specifically He will answer you.

BY MORRIS CHALFANT

When the small boy bowed his head for the luncheon grace, he made his parents open their eyes in the midst of his prayer. The boy said, "And dear God, make me feel better right here." That's when his parents peeked and saw him pointing at a little scratch on his cheek. What kind of a father wouldn't answer a prayer like that?

Maybe we could learn from that little child. We might find out how to be more effective in prayer. We might find something of the secret of Jesus' words of wisdom when He said, "Except ye become as this little child . . ."

If you have ever bought ice cream for a group of youngsters, you know that you purchase as many varieties as there are children. "I want chocolate!" "Make mine strawberry!" "I like maple nut!"

Why is it that when we approach our Heavenly Father in prayer, we fail to be as specific? Most often we pray, "Lord, bless my friends. Help the missionaries. Comfort those who mourn."

We'd never consider going into a meat market and asking for three pounds of meat. Instead we designate ground beef, or pork chops, or chuck roast.

Tell the Lord exactly what you mean. Eliminate vagueness in prayer, and you will be surprised at how specifically He will answer you.

When Elijah prayed for rain, we may be sure that at that time he prayed for nothing else. It has been well said that when a beggar cries for everything, he usually gets nothing. Could this apply to our prayers? Let's stop being so vague and general.

George Mueller learned the secret of specific prayer. No doubt you are familiar with George Mueller, perhaps one of the greatest prayer warriors of all time. In one of his books he tells how he trusted God to buy the land and build an orphanage. He prayed specifically for the land, the facilities, and the furnishings, and each one came into being through a real miracle. They had the grand opening and that night as he was praising God for the orphanage, he was suddenly struck with the fact that there were no orphans. He immediately started asking God where the orphans were. He relates that the Holy Spirit spoke very definitely to him and said, "George, you asked for land, facilities, and furnishings and you received those. You did not ask for orphans." George Mueller wept his way through the rest of his prayer asking God for orphans. The next day 1 little orphan trudged alone up the trail and pleaded for admission. Before the week was out, more than 30 children had been admitted.

Specific petitions are given specific answers. The greatest gap in the Christian world in the redemption of souls is failure to pray daily for that lost friend or enemy you would like to see won. I mention enemy because someone has said that

if you have enemies, treat them kindly and pray for them, for you made them.

When J. Hudson Taylor was 18 years of age, he wandered into his father's library and picked up a gospel tract. Having read it, he could not shake off its message. Finally, falling to his knees, he accepted Christ as Savior. More than a week later his mother who had been away on a visit returned home. Hudson rushed to tell her the good news. She said she already knew it. He was greatly surprised, but she explained, "Ten days ago—the very date on which you tell me you read that tract—I spent the entire afternoon in prayer for you until the Lord assured me that my wayward son had been brought into the fold." Yes, pointed prayer brings pointed answers!

Generalities in our prayers are no credit to our prayer life. It is so easy to pray for "souls." It takes a little more concern and effort to pray for Sammy Johnson or Timothy O'Reilly. It is easy to pray for the "missionaries," but it takes a little more consecration to pray for that one person who is working on the mission field. It is easy to pray for the "cause of Christ," but when you get down to praying about the new organ in the church or the new Sunday School furniture, it is a different matter.

Maybe we would fare better if we would put our finger on some sore spots and pray like the little one: "DEAR GOD, MAKE ME FEEL BETTER RIGHT HERE at the point of those I find it hard to love. Dear God, make me feel better right here at this point where I've been hurt so much."

Most of our heaven-directed words do not arise out of pressing circumstances. Yet we should always strive to make our requests as clear and sharp as if they did. "Lord, control my tongue," for example, is more pointed than, "Help me be a better Christian." The more specific our requests, the more definite His response.

Do you deprive yourself of God's power because you fail to pray on target? □

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BECAUSE OF Dustin

By GERALDINE NICHOLAS

Marsha proudly pointed out her new baby boy, Dustin, through the hospital nursery window—a beautiful, healthy baby boy.

"Just in time for Christmas," I commented.

She and her husband, Greg, beamed. Their first baby was surely cause to make it their best Christmas ever. Their sheer happiness brightened the drab hospital corridor.

I recalled a year earlier when Marsha had played the part of Mary, mother of Jesus, in a drama accompanying our church's Christmas cantata. Now she was a new mother with a baby of her own.

Dustin was in church the first Sunday of his life. Plans were made to have him dedicated to the Lord early in the new year.

Imagine the shock when my husband answered the phone early in the morning five weeks later, and heard, "Pastor, could you come? Dustin is dead."

"Crib death," the doctor said.

As family members gathered in those early hours, wanting to offer comfort, there seemed little that anyone could say to help. The grieving parents sobbed, "Why?" There were no answers. Sometimes, from our human perspective, it is impossible to understand how "all things" can work together for good. Romans 8:28 is hard to hang on to at those times.

My heart ached as I watched them struggle with grief at the funeral. In the weeks that followed they searched for answers but found none. Finally, as they affirmed their simple faith in God they were able to adjust to their deep loss and began to realize some "good things" that would forever be theirs because of Dustin.

Because of Dustin, Greg and Marsha experienced the joy of parenthood. What a privilege! What a magical moment occurs when a couple sees for the first time the fresh creation of their love. To hold their own baby, the delightful little human being designed and formed by God—surely this is one of life's highest human experiences. Greg and Marsha knew that special happiness because of Dustin.

Because Dustin was taken so suddenly and unexpectedly, Greg and Marsha's faith was tested beyond their spiritual maturity. What a blessing it was to hear their affirmations of faith through tears, "The Lord gives and He takes away. Blessed be the name of the Lord." Although their hearts were aching more than words could express, they had been willing to trust God's unlimited sight beyond their own human understanding.

Because of Dustin, Greg and Marsha came to know a valley of sorrow where they had never before traveled. Only those who have been there really know what it's like. Surely there is an empathizing understanding that God imparts exclusively to those who walk that dark vale. Their human understanding left them floundering in their grief, yet they learned to lean more and more on the divine strength of their Heavenly Father, whose grace is always sufficient.

Because of Dustin, Greg and Marsha discovered the precious treasure of family and friends. They felt the unusual care and love that a Christian fellowship gives. A sensitive layman suggested financial assistance for the unexpected funeral expenses. The simple suggestion united their church family in a conspiracy of love that provided a generous love offering for their practical needs. Greg and Marsha's hearts grew larger as they realized the depth of love that brothers and sisters in Christ share during a common sadness.

Best of all, because of Dustin, heaven seems dearer to them than before. They look forward to a reunion there someday. In the meantime they know Dustin will be safe with Jesus.

Time has passed. Greg and Marsha are parents again. Their new baby is another precious gift from God. Yes, no one will ever take Dustin's place in their hearts. Because of Dustin, how very precious is this new life! □

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BITTEN BY A BLOOMIN' DOG

By C. DALE GERMAN

Here I am serving God all the way out here in Australia and a dog bites me on the arm! All dressed up I was too, ready for my 8:30 A.M. theology class, attired in a beautiful brass-buttoned blue blazer—and this bloomin' dog bites me on the arm.

Bitten in flesh and smitten in spirit, I showed up at class with a jagged-toothed tear on the right sleeve of my jacket to deliver a lecture on the earthly ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Some folk would tell me to praise God for the dog bite because God must have a lesson for me to learn. That kind of reasoning is total nonsense, and I never have believed in thanking God for misery. God didn't bite me in the arm. The dog did, and it's a lucky dog too, for I'd just as soon have kicked it as to praise God for the unprovoked attack.

I was completely innocent in this whole incident of the cynical canine. I neither antagonized the dog nor asked for what I got. I had just said "good-bye" to my 2½-year-old son and stooped down to kiss him, when out of nowhere came this loping lunatic of a dog and bit me on the arm.

Rather than kicking the dog and offending dog lovers everywhere, and being called carnal in the process, I decided to jot down some higher-minded thoughts and send them to the *Herald of Holiness*, hoping to help heal some "dog bites" others may have suffered.

1. *Innocent people get attacked.* None of us are immune from mad dogs. All of us are vulnerable. You can have the best motives and noblest ambitions and still get torn to shreds by criticism and small-minded, tunnel-visioned people who spend all their energy finding fault with everyone and everybody. You are an especially conspicuous target if you are successful and humble enough to stoop down and kiss the lowly among us.

2. *Attacks hurt.* When I told the class about my collision with calamity, I confessed that I wasn't in the mood to pray and asked a student to begin the class with prayer.

I was not angry or hurt deeply. I just didn't *feel* too Christian at the moment. Rather than fake it, I confessed, and, amazingly, as the student prayed especially for me, I felt myself beginning to get over my negative attitude.

If you have been bitten by some bloomin' bad dog of one breed or another, admit it hurts and let others help heal you.

3. *Respond to attacks with affirmative attitudes.* Dogs aren't supposed to bite God's anointed! "Touch not the Lord's anointed, you snaggletoothed schnauzer." How can we lecture on the earthly ministry of the Holy Spirit, or anything else, with the mental image before us of a crazy, snarling dog hanging on our right sleeve by its saw-toothed grip?

I'm no "choir boy" at a moment like this, but I will say my first reaction to this lunatic-fringe dog was to comfort the frightened lady who owned it. I assured her I was okay and was sincere in telling her not to worry about my jacket.

Attitude is so important. We can make or break ourselves, our witness, our future, by our attitude.

It's one thing to jest about kicking the dog. It is quite another to be serious about it.

Now, this whole lamentable episode is over, and I am calmly sitting in my comfortable office writing all this down for others to read. I feel inspired to reflect a little further in conclusion.

1. *Suffering for Jesus is a privilege.* Human suffering comes from far worse than dog bites and torn sleeves. We love to sing, "I serve a risen Saviour, / He's in the world today." Risen? Why? Because He was "bitten by mad dogs." If our song of joy was bought with blood, and if eternal life comes through an innocent death, then our suffering becomes redemptive as we endure to the end for the privilege of being a fellow-sufferer with Him.

2. *Suffering for Jesus always ends in joy.* Invisible mending will fix my sleeve. No trace of the tear will ever be found.

Bitten and torn, shredded and used, we servants of Christ never lose heart, knowing that this world of briers and brambles is not our final home. We are just passing through this life on our way to a better life. While here, the earthly ministry of the Holy Spirit sustains and comforts and leads us until we come to that better life. The suffering of this present world cannot compare with the glory to come in a home where all wrongs are either made right or completely forgotten, all tears wiped away, and all rips, tears, scars, and scabs healed by the Invisible Mender whom we shall behold in all His splendor.

Finally, I'm not praising God for a dog bite and a torn sleeve, but in spite of those blemishes on my day, I am praising God for the earthly ministry of the Holy Spirit who gives me more to think about than a bloomin' dog bite. □

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ALETA HARRIS • ASUNCION, PARAGUAY

LORD . . .
IF I can leave everything in Your competent, compassionate hands,
my problems, my doubts, my fears,
my heartaches, my aspirations,
THEN my own will be free that I might raise them
in praise to You and use them to serve others.

IF I can leave at Your feet the guilt of my sins forgiven
as well as the temptation to belittle myself
because I know my own shortcomings all too well,
THEN those things will not be a stumbling block to my own
as I walk the path in which You lead me,
as I become what You would have me to be and share
with others the message of hearts made clean from sin.

IF I can trust You to continuously cleanse my mind of the things
that would displease You or bring disgrace to You,
the things that cloud my thinking
and make You seem so vague and far away,
THEN I have this strong assurance that my thoughts
will be Your thoughts, clear and pure,
and that You will not be a faraway God, but One who
will fill me and flow through me that not only I,
but the world also, might know You.

Book Brief

ANGELS HAVE GIZZARDS

LOIS BLANCHARD EADES
author

This is a book about children and the funny things they say. Pastors and laypersons who read it will probably quote it often. The fascinating thing about children who grow up around the church is their uninhibitedness. They tend to call the shots just as they see them.

There is a delightful chapter on the way children see the hymnody of the church. Words sung in church don't always come out the same in the mind of a child as they appear in songbooks. In fact, some of them come out better than the author intended. Many come out with humorous twists. Lois Eades has captured in brief and pointed paragraphs a large collection of precious jewels from the mouths and minds of little ones.

The only danger I see in reading this book is that you might find your own theology agrees with that of a child. That is not always bad except when we refuse to grow up.

On the other hand, the practical theology expressed in a child's understanding of this old hymn may not be bad theology for a harried housewife:

Jesus! Jesus! Jesus!
Sweetest name I know!
Fills my every laundry,
Keeps me singing as I go.

If you stand in need of a good healthy, holy laugh, this book will meet the need. □

—Glen Lewis Van Dyne
Pasadena, California

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the editor's STANDPOINT

AN EXERCISE IN GRATITUDE

Let me suggest a small exercise in gratitude.

Think of those who have influenced your life in helpful ways. Perhaps they did so through prayers, through their witness to Christ, or through shared material goods. Perhaps they visited you when you were sick, or lonely, or bereaved, or depressed. Perhaps they ministered to you through preaching or teaching, or by modeling a holy life. Whatever it was, fix their names and kindness in your memory just now.

Offer to God a "sacrifice of thanksgiving" for them and for what they did to help you. Praise Him that His love for you was channeled through their love and life. God seldom rains manna from heaven or sends bread in the beaks of ravens. Most of the time He supplies our needs by alerting friends and prompting them to share their resources with us. Thank Him, therefore, for those human conduits of divine mercies.

While doing this, pray that you may become such a channel of blessing yourself—that your life may be His point of entry into the lives of others. Ask Him to let you mean to hurting people what others have meant to you in your times of need. Don't allow your life to become a Dead Sea. Pray for outlets that will carry refreshing currents to those about you.

One thing more: Take pen and paper and write a note of appreciation to those persons you have been thinking about and thanking God for. Or, if you prefer, pick up the telephone and give those persons a call. Thank them for the attitudes and actions that lifted you. Let them know that you remember with gratitude what they have been and done. Who knows, they may need such a message to hearten them today. The very ones you thank may be having "down" times and need encouragement right now. If they are not, it will still do you good to cultivate the practice of expressing gratitude.

All of us have been helped in many ways by many persons. We should not take our blessings for granted. Let the bearers of those blessings know they are appreciated. And now, excuse me—I have some thank-you notes to write. □

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In Kansas City's Swope Park the body of a newborn baby girl was found in a trash can. The baby had been asphyxiated, according to the autopsy report. Whose child it was has not been determined at this time.

The infant was given a number and buried. A kind-hearted funeral director provided a casket. His sister supplied a pretty dress for the baby. As the tiny casket was lowered into the ground, two funeral home employees recited the Lord's Prayer. A small concrete cylinder bearing the number 13347 marks the grave.

I read the news item with deep gratitude for the kindness of those who made sure the infant was buried with all possible dignity and care. I read it, too, with profound sadness that a baby girl should exit this world unnamed. A name stands for one's personal identity; and also for one's relationship to a family. No one should be deprived of a name.

My heart aches, too, for the mother—if it was the mother—who deposited that body in a trash can. Whatever her sins, she now bears the ugliest scars that life can impose. Perhaps the infant died at her hands. What abuse had she experienced that would crush normal maternal emotions and drive her to so desperate an act?

Perhaps another killed the child and treated the corpse like garbage. The mother may be as helpless a victim as was the infant. Perhaps the death was accidental, and irrational fear drove the mother, or someone else, to get rid of the body as quickly as possible, placing it where it would be found, perhaps in the hope that some kind persons would provide the decent burial the infant received.

Police are investigating. We may never know the identity of the infant or the mother or anyone else who may be involved in the death and disposal. 13347 is a heart-breaking symbol of the evil and sorrow that plagues our world. 13347 is a challenge to the church to reach as many people for Christ as possible, preventing all the evil we can, and bringing the gospel of pardon and peace where evil has already occurred. □

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WORD CHOICE—A DANGER

Carefully choosing our words can make a big difference in how they are received. People have sometimes referred to me as short, squatty, and chubby, none of which cheered me in the least. But once a kind woman referred to me as "compact," and I liked her version of my construction.

Dr. J. B. Chapman used to say that if you call a man flatheaded he will be offended; if you call him levelheaded he will feel complimented. Even synonyms should be carefully selected.

Many have found a path of safety in describing sermons as "provocative." *What* they provoke, whether thought, or anger, or boredom, or whatever, is seldom added, allowing the preacher a warm glow and the listener an unscathed hide.

In this matter of phrasing, however, an insidious danger may lurk. Sometimes words are chosen to mask the actual nature of what they describe. Isaiah cried "woe" to those who called evil good, darkness light, and bitter sweet. To describe an action or situation in words that change God's assessment is to mislabel those actions and situations fatally.

"Meaningful relationship" is used these days for what used to be called "shacking up." But an adulterous affair is no less wrong for wearing a politer name.

Some preachers were discussing premarital and extramarital sex and the attitude that should be taken toward them by the church. A country parson spoke up. "Are we talking about what the Bible calls fornication and adultery?" The chairman of the meeting said later, "It was amazing how quickly we resolved the question when things were called by their right names."

The path of moral rectitude is obscured when we change the labels God has placed on human conduct. "Alternative life-style" sounds nicer than "homosexuality"—which God's Word plainly condemns. The world prefers terms that deny sin and mask guilt. When the church concurs in this rewriting of fact, it betrays the God who spoke the Word and the world that needs to hear the Word. □

NOTHING HAPPENED

When I lived in New England I visited the site of the opening skirmish of America's Revolutionary War. A commemorative plaque quoted Emerson's famous poem:

By the rude bridge that arched the flood,
Their flag to April's breeze unfurled,
Here once the embattled farmers stood
And fired the shot heard around the world.

Similar historical places and markers have engaged my interest throughout the years. But the other day I saw one that was quite different.

With Don and Connie Reed, and Dwight and Norma Jean Meredith, I had lunch at Ponder's Cafe in Ardmore, Okla. On leaving the cafe, Norma Jean called my attention to a bronze plaque fastened to the outside brick wall. It read, "On this site in 1897 nothing happened."

How appropriately that could be affixed to many places, including church buildings, with a current date! When religion is empty forms repeated dully by unbelieving and uncommitted people, nothing happens! Two words describe such services—ho hum.

On Mount Carmel the priests of Baal prayed for hours, mingling their blood with that of their sacrifices, and pleading, "O Baal, answer us." Nothing happened. "There was no voice; and no one answered." Then Elijah prayed a three-inch prayer to the living God and "the fire of the Lord fell" (1 Kings 18:20-40).

Gehazi laid Elisha's staff upon a dead child and nothing happened. "There was no sound or sign of life." Secondhand religion is powerless. Then Elisha stretched himself upon the child, prayed earnestly, and "the child sneezed seven times and opened his eyes" (2 Kings 4:25-37).

Where the living God is worshiped by believing people, things happen. What's going on at your church? If the heavens seem brass and no fire falls, don't blame God. To paraphrase a challenging bit of scripture, "Where is the Lord God's Elijah?" □

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ing this most primary of all spiritual/moral concerns.

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THROUGH THE VALLEY

I was pleased to find the article "Out of the Depths" by Charles Martin in the June 1, 1987, *Herald.* Like Pastor Martin, I have also experienced serious depression; eight years of seemingly endless hopelessness and despair. I was healed a year ago, and this last year has been the best one yet. During the last few months, the Lord has shown me that this time of suffering was not meaningless, but a preparation so that He could use me to reach out to others who are suffering emotionally. The Lord did not just restore me, He returned me to a life that is better than ever. For those who are in the midst of an emotional crisis, there will be an end. The Bible says, "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, . . . you are with me" (Psalm 23:4, NIV). There will come a time when God can use even this.

Kathie Brooks
St. Albans, Vermont

COMING

The rapture of the Church is clearly outlined in 1 Thessalonians 4:13—5:10, and could occur momentarily. True believers ought to be listening for the shout of the Bridegroom, the Lord himself, a voice from the archangel, and the trump of God. If we are watching for or speculating who the Antichrist may be, we are sorrowing our Lord.

Does a groom put his bride-to-be through trial and tribulation before the wedding? Indeed not! The Church is the bride of Christ and has not been designed or prepared for the tribulation. While we celebrate with Christ in heaven, those left here upon earth will find out who Antichrist is and suffer 21 judgments.

Signs of the approaching end are everywhere, and the Church is being judged in the process so she may be without spot or wrinkle.

Wonderful things await us just ahead, and we should eagerly anticipate and pray for the coming Lord and Kingdom as in the "Lord's Prayer."

Clell Poeschel
Centralia, Washington

FROM LOST TO LOVED

By JESSE L. BUCHANAN

Let me introduce you to Phyllis. Marvin, one of our leading laymen, went to the Army Reserve Center to check on getting a film for a special service at the church. That is where he met her. She was a captain in the U.S. Army and worked at the Reserve Center.

In conversation with Phyllis, he learned that she was raised in a Nazarene home, graduated from Eastern Nazarene College, but had drifted far away from the church.

"Phyllis, come on down to our church and give us a try," Marvin said. She did not come immediately, but Marvin persisted with invitations over a period of time, and she finally decided to visit the church so he would leave her alone.

She visited a few times, slipping in just as the service was beginning and slipping out before anyone could get acquainted with her. One such Sunday, as the choir came down, my wife stopped at the pew where Phyllis was sitting and asked, "May I sit with you?" "Sure," was the reply. After that, each time she was in the service, my wife sat with her.

We started inviting her to our home on Sundays for lunch and, after the evening service, for snacks. She was very lonely, with no family and no real friends in the area. With special interest shown her, Phyllis was soon attending every service, including Wednesday nights. She was getting more involved with our church family and especially our parsonage family. We "adopted" her and she "adopted" us. She needed someone to love her, and we did.

One Sunday, she read some scripture in our Sunday School class, and I noticed she read very well. Immediately, I approached her, asking, "Phyllis, would you read the Scripture lesson for me during the service?" She was a little hesitant at first, and said, "I am wearing slacks." I replied, "That's OK with me." She became my scripture reader every Sunday morning and evening. She told me later that when she was growing up she was not allowed to wear slacks, even in freezing weather. Now, she never wears a dress.

One Sunday night, Phyllis made her way to our altar. She prayed through to glorious victory! What a glow she had on her face. Christ became Lord of her life.

Phyllis was promoted to major shortly after her conversion. This gave her the opportunity to attend a special school to help further her career opportunity. I pinned the major's leaves on her uniform, with mingled happiness and sadness, because I knew she would soon be leaving us for her new assignment.

The day came for Phyllis to leave us. With mixed emotions and many good-bye hugs, she was on her way. My prayer is that some family will "adopt" her and will help her through the lonely days that I am sure she will have in a new town, new church, and new job.

We have received a card from Phyllis, who is getting settled in her new home, thanking us for helping her find her way back to the Lord and the church. □

JESSE L. BUCHANAN pastors the Town 'N Country Church of the Nazarene in Tampa, Florida.

"By ALL MEANS... Save Some"

Church Extension Ministries

UP FRONT

NODDING GRAIN, WAITING FOR THE SICKLE

by Michael R. Estep, Director
Church Extension Ministries

Harvest fields. Has there ever been one so ripe and ready as we are seeing in our cities today? Open, receptive immigrants provide a unique opportunity for the cutting edge of ministry all over the continent. Are there some in your town? Have you looked? Jesus commands it of us. "LOOK," He said, "at the fields! They are ripe for harvest."

Seven years ago, a gray-haired Sunday School teacher in Long Beach, Calif., invited 10 Cambodians to Sunday School. Five came. Now they are 700 and still growing, and they are called the "New Life Church of the Nazarene."

The new film *Harvest Fields: Mission in Your Neighborhood* shows ordinary laypeople "each doing what he or she does best" to love Southeast Asians to Jesus. They didn't think they could work among people who couldn't speak their language, but they did it in answer to God's call, and He enabled them. Their joy will spill over on you as they tell you:

"I have never done *anything* in my life that was so rewarding."

"I gave God every excuse I could think of, why I couldn't do it . . . God transplanted His love for those people into my heart."

"It [working with the Cambodians] has made a change in my life, in my marriage; it has certainly made a change in my spiritual life."

"If I could reach my arms around the entire Cambodian community today, most of them would respond to Jesus. I can't get to all of them. I want . . . to help other laymen to see that they can do it!"

"It is indescribable, the love God puts in your heart for someone who can't even talk to you."

Don't miss the gripping story of what happened in one church where laypeople obeyed the Holy Spirit and became missionaries in their own neighborhoods.

Oh, and—uh—be sure to take your handkerchief. You'll need it.

Order this film from the Nazarene Publishing House, film order desk, 816-931-1900. □

CLEVELAND CHURCH ON WHEELS' $800,000 MIRACLE

"Please, Mister, take me home with you. My mom won't miss me. She don't care about me."

Such pleas as this one from a little boy in Cleveland keep Phil Batten looking for new ways to meet the needs and heal some of the hurts of Cleveland's high-crime-area residents.

He started in 1981 while pastoring the Willo-Lake Church of the Nazarene at Eastlake, Ohio. The Church on Wheels was a bus ministry innovation that took the church to the people rather than busing people to the church. The first service netted 442 people. The second drew 693. In the past six years the ministry has grown under the blessing of God to include other kinds of outreach, including a kitchen on wheels and multiple gospel services.

For the past two years, Batten and his volunteers have averaged more than 1,000 religious services each year. This year at Christmastime they went to 76 locations and presented a Christmas program to a total of 10,222 persons, and gave a gift to every child.

A businessman in Cleveland heard about the work Batten was doing and wanted to help. He donated $20,000 worth of gifts for the children. Later the same man bought two buses for the ministry and matched the district dollar for dollar on the purchase of a $100,000 building for a new church.

"On a normal Saturday in the summer, we are ministering 8 to 10 hours, holding from four to six services at each location to handle the crowds. We can only put 70 on the bus at one time," Batten explained.

Rev. Phil Batten with wife, Delta, and two lively boys, Andy (attempting to create a three-legged Mom), and Jarel.

For the past six years, during the cold months, Batten has ministered to as many as 1,700 at a time in a 7,000-sq. ft. community building, called King-Kennedy Center, in the heart of the ghetto.

Not that Batten isn't accustomed to God surprising him with miracles that enable this New Testament ministry to function and grow—they happen all the time—but this last one nearly "blew his mind."

"Two weeks ago," he said, "we signed papers to take over the $800,000 King-Kennedy Center for a

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The Church on Wheels holds a congregation of 70. When 400 appear that means six services must be conducted.

Youth choirs and singing groups from Ohio churches minister in the Church on Wheels. Last year a total of 700 teens from all over the U.S. sang in various services.

Church on Wheels . . .

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year. We're calling it Peniel Center. Our contract gives us the use of the entire building with rent and utilities paid for! And that's not all. Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) is providing a man to work four hours a day for me, and paying his salary, to keep the place up. That's $85,000 worth of utilities, rent, and salary that I don't have to absorb this year!"

The CMHA, just before Batten's "miracle" came to pass, had presented him with a certificate, thanking him for the six years of ministry to ghetto families. The North Central Ohio District and the many volunteers who have assisted him, according to Batten, have earned this certificate and the reputation they have established in the Cleveland area.

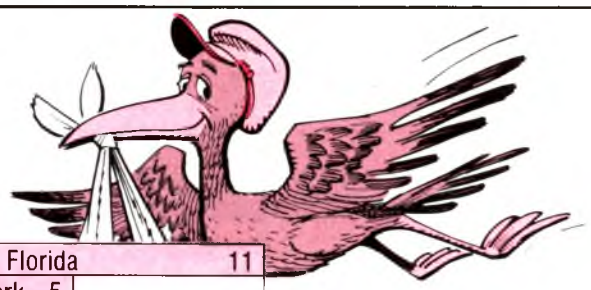
The building is being prepared for all the anticipated ministries for a 35-hour-a-week program, beginning in September 1987. These include two hours a day devoted to adult ministries and helps, two hours for children, and two hours for teens. Services will also include a medical clinic, a food program, clothing distribution, and alcohol and drug abuse programs.

"I expect we will be doing $400,000 worth of ministry this year. We expect to serve 500 to 800 people a week in that one location. We're bypassing 50 to 60 percent of what inner-city ministry costs, and that's going to be, within the next 10 years, a million-dollar miracle for us. Hopefully we can do things right and eventually get another center going."

Five years ago Dennis M. Scott said, "Phil Batten's dreams are staggering." He was right. □

Nina E. Beegle, Editor
Church Growth Division

TOP 11 DISTRICTS



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New Churches Organized First Nine Months, 1987

25 other districts show 1 new church.

Total FOCs—67 by October 1987

EXCERPTS FROM CHURCH PLANTERS' LETTERS

From Philip H. Troutman, pastor, Iglesia del Nazareno, Aurora, Ill. Chicago Central District

"If there has been any one thing that has helped us in our adjustment to [church planting] it has been our fellow pastors and wives on the district. We have received much support and understanding, and not a little good advice from them. Though many of the men are enough older than I to be my father, I have been treated as a colleague.

"I do not know how NTS could have prepared me better for the shock when I hit the field. I confess that when I took this assignment to plant a church, I really had no concept of what I was getting myself into!

"But to be truthful, I really can't think of any way you could have made me understand before I got here, unless my field education had included a lot more personal calls and door knocking. The knocking on doors and meeting strangers and trying to interest them in our church and our Jesus is still the hardest part of the whole job. Maybe it never gets truly easy. But the Lord has not let us down. We are trusting Him to build His church through us." □

From John Whitsett, pastor, Ovilla Road church, Dallas District

". . . At NTS the environment required personal initiative, but rarely did my decisions affect anyone else. All of a sudden, I've been thrust into a situation where I am looked upon as the leader, and the nucleus families are expecting me to make decisions, many of which affect a number of people. I'm still not fully comfortable with that, but they are affirming me and giving me reinforcement that makes it easier. As I get more accustomed I hope to overcome this uneasiness.

"The one thing I would consider vital for success in church planting is being surrounded by pastors who have eyes for the Kingdom instead of for just their own churches, and who are not threatened by the new church. Fortunately, I have that. The church in DeSoto, Tex., has officially become our sponsoring body. We have access to their supplies, copy machine, postal permits, and . . . when people tell you often that they are praying for you, it provides a real emotional boost."

(This church was organized June 14, 1987, after this letter was received.) □

COLORADO

Castle Rock—This new CTM, sponsored by Denver's Mission Action Committee, is excited. "We didn't think it could get any better . . . Thank you for your prayers . . . We have felt God's power . . . God continues to show us that He and He alone is bringing about His church in Castle Rock," says Pastor Jack Bradley.

On a Sunday morning in Denver First, a visitor heard people pray for the Castle Rock church during Sunday School class. He came with his wife, only because it was Mother's Day. At the end of class he said, "I have a business in Castle Rock, and I want that new church to use my building for their meetings." This man is owner of Omega Karate, and the building he has offered them, free of charge, has three times the floor space they had in their former rented quarters, and ample rooms for Sunday School.

Recently 30 teens from Denver First canvassed the Castle Rock community, and three families have attended Castle Rock church as a result.

An organ was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Strong of Lakewood church.

Forty hymnals were donated by Golden church.

DAKOTA

Sturgis—A new work started Sunday, July 12, with Rev. and Mrs. Harold Johnson as pioneer pastors of this Black Hills town. They formerly pastored in Miller, S.Dak.

DALLAS

New Boston—Home mission outreach has begun in New Boston, sponsored by pastors and churches of the Northeast zone of the district. Rev. Ron Estes is leading Bible studies in the home of David and Julie McCullough.

GEORGIA

District—District MAC launched a "Chosen 300" campaign last year for persons to give $5.00 per month or a total of $60.00 per year for home missions. Five new Bible study groups were begun in Decatur, St. Mary's, Elberton, Brookhaven, and Dahlonega, as of June 1987, each with an appointed or volunteer leader. A search for property sites is underway.

MISSISSIPPI

Philadelphia—New Life Church of the Nazarene (CTM) is growing under Pastor Dianne Adams, an enthusiastic visitation advocate, making several hundred calls a year in her church community. Pastor Adams is originally from Meridian Church of the Nazarene, pastored by Dr. Charles Johnson. Worship services are held in a rented building. Plans are to organize this assembly year, probably in January 1988. Mississippi District is sponsor.

NORTH CAROLINA

District—Rev. James Wandling resigned as pastor of Charlotte Trinity Church where he served for seven years, to assist Superintendent D. Eugene Simpson in planting new churches. His district assignment will be in building construction, locating and financing of properties, and working with congregations on site plans.

The district has set a goal of organizing 20 churches in the next five years and 35 by 1995. The state has 65 counties with no Nazarene churches. Population is predicted to increase from 6 million to 9 million by the year 2000, making North Carolina one of the five fastest-growing states in the nation.

PITTSBURGH

Saltsburg—Beautiful facilities have been purchased from another denomination for the new Saltsburg church, organized in November 1986. This 10% Special work was begun by Rev. and Mrs. Willis Whitling, and in April 1987, welcomed new pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Paul George, Jr.

VIRGINIA

Springfield—Rev. Larry McKain received 65 new members into the *New Life Chapel Church of the Nazarene,* April 19, 1987. Charter remains open.

Richmond—Highland Springs church is sponsoring an outreach Bible study and Sunday services in *Varina.* Rev. Edgar Masencup is the visionary pastor who began this work. Coming soon is the new pastor, Rev. and and Mrs. Michael Brown of Riverview, Fla.

WEST TEXAS

Lubbock—New Jerusalem (Spanish) Church of the Nazarene, organized April 24 by Dr. Gene Fuller. Pastor Richard Sickels and the Monterey Church welcomed the new pastor, Rev. Robert Cortez, his family, and congregation.

WEST VIRGINIA SOUTH

District—This home-mission minded district sent teens, led by Jim Vance, district evangelism director of NYI, lay persons and pastors, to minister to new churches in Chicago. Building and maintenance work was under "Doc" Haynes. Simultaneous revival services were conducted for the week in the English-speaking churches in the evenings, involving the entire group of volunteers. □

A Christmas program, arranged by Phil Batten and volunteers from Cleveland area Nazarene churches, drew 1,400 people to the King-Kennedy Center where services are held in winter months.

TWIN WELLS SCHOOL OPENS DOORS TO NATIVE AMERICANS

Roy and Carolyn Lynn

Just a few months before Roy Lynn was to complete his doctoral dissertation at Kansas University, the familiar nudgings of the Holy Spirit turned his mind frequently to a spot off Interstate 40 near Holbrook, Ariz., called Twin Wells Indian Schools. Twin Wells Indian Schools (TWIS) had been closed for a year, after 24 years of serving Native Americans under Basil Miller of World Wide Missions. Meanwhile, a group of Nazarene churchmen have formed Native American Ministries, Inc. Under this corporation the school was reopened and will be operated with Nazarene personnel, and according to Nazarene standards. Directors of the school have secured approval from the General Board of the Church of the Nazarene for 10% Special funding.

When Roy and Carolyn were approached by Rev. Michael Estep, director of Church Extension Ministries, about TWIS, they had to deal with the inconveniences and interruption to their lives that the move would require, but they quickly said yes to God. In June Roy left Kansas City to take up responsibility as administrator of TWIS, a 59-acre property with 28 buildings: dormitories, classrooms, administration and maintenance buildings, chapel, gym, and dining room.

One thing is missing: operating funds and salaries. The needs of this new faith venture are many, including salaries. The food bill alone for the nine-month school term is $100,000.

Carolyn left Kansas City in August, leaving her position in Church Extension Ministries to become office manager of TWIS with an office staff of approximately six people.

"My goal for TWIS," Roy says, "is to see it become an indigenous organization for the Native Americans—a totally self-supporting, self-propagating entity of the two Native American districts in the Church of the Nazarene. When I find God's person to take my place, I will resign."

Other goals include adding a grade level each year to the present grades 1-6, through high school level, and to add vocational training for adults. Thirty-two volunteer teachers, house-parents, maintenance workers, and food service people answered God's call to this mission field, enabling the school to receive 83 children.

Because many of the volunteers are at TWIS on a temporary basis, there is an ongoing need for workers. Presently, there is need for a girls' dorm parent, kitchen helpers, a librarian, and a physical education teacher.

Work and Witness teams finished two new classroom buildings during the summer, 1987. Approximately $102,000 worth of maintenance and refurbishing still needs to be done, and another dormitory is planned for next summer.

Dr. Don Payne is principal and assistant administrator of the school. □

MINISTERIAL TRAINING FOR ETHNIC PEOPLE

Funding for education of ethnic pastors and lay church workers through Nazarene Bible College began in 1981, following the closing of Seminario Nazareno Hispanoamericano in San Antonio. In discussion and strategy meetings that followed, Dr. Raymond W. Hurn and ethnic representatives laid down the basic concept of the Ethnic Extension Training Center program. This was in line with a call for help by district leaders for quality instruction and contextualized practical training for ethnic people, related to an accredited college. Eleven Ethnic Extension Training Centers are now sponsored by Church Extension Ministries.

In 1985 the General Assembly and Board of General Superintendents gave Nazarene Bible College the responsibility to train ethnic adults for ministry in their own geographical areas, making it possible for many who had limited financial resources or were not able to leave families and jobs to secure an education.

Nazarene Bible College now offers accredited Bible college ministerial education to ethnic persons who:

1. pastor ethnic congregations but have not had opportunity for formal ministerial education,
2. feel the call of God to ministry and want to prepare,
3. desire to complete educational requirements for ordination or commissioning in the Church of the Nazarene.

Dr. R. T. Bolerjack, vice president for Ethnic Extension Training Centers, supervises operation and development of these centers for Nazarene Bible College and Church Extension Ministries, and negotiates with the American Association of Bible Colleges. In February of 1987, he reported 159 preparing for ordination in the preaching or compassionate ministry tracks, or a commissioning program, and 103 in the lay training program.

Classes are being taught in several languages, including Armenian, Cambodian Khmer, Laotian, English, French Creole, and Spanish. These serve other identifiable ethnic cultural groups such as Arabs, Samoans, and Caribbean Blacks.

Training centers now operate in:

1. *Instituto Teologico Nazareno, Los Angeles,* First Church, Dr. Jose Rodriguez, director
2. *Armenian Bible College, Pasadena,* Dr. Yeghia Babikian, director
3. *Northeast Extension of Nazarene Bible College, New York,* Rev. Don Miner and Rev. Dan Fleming, directors
4. *Georgia Nazarene Bible Institute, Atlanta* East Point Church, Rev. Ed Husband and Rev. Howard Porter, directors
5. *Central Florida District Training Center, Orlando,* Lakeland, Rev. Ralph Mosgrove, director
6. *West Virginia Nazarene Bible School, South Charleston* First Church, Dr. Raymond Cunningham and Rev. Norbert Fischer, directors
7. *Asian Nazarene Bible College Extension, Long Beach,* New Life Church, Brent and Marty Cobb, directors
8. *Dallas Nazarene Bible College Extension, Dallas* Irving Faith Church
9. *Texas Nazarene Institute, Fort Worth, Tex.,* Liberation Community Church, Brian Stone, director
10. *Washington Nazarene Bible College Extension,* Washington, D.C., First Church, Dr. Daniel Smith, director, Dr. Martha John, administrator
11. *Nazarene Indian Bible College, Albuquerque,* Rev. Denny Owens, director □

INDIANA MAN BUILDS ON GOOD FOUNDATION

In June 1982, Charles Tillman planted the New Life Church of the Nazarene, Richmond, Ind., a biracial congregation. It has grown to more than 70 members. Ordained in 1984 at age 22, Tillman was one of the youngest elders in the Church of the Nazarene. According to Superintendent John Hay, he has done a remarkable work.

Tonda Juhasz, wife and mother of one of Tillman's white families, said, "I get so upset when people ask me, 'Why do you go to the black church?' It's not a black church. It's a Holy Spirit-filled, compassionate, loving church. Our pastor is a holy, Spirit-filled man of God."

Tillman was named in "Outstanding Young Men of America for 1986." □

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IN THE NEWS

PEOPLE AND PLACES

Jerry Easdon has received his Ph.D. in organic chemistry from the University of Iowa. Dr. Easdon is an alumnus of Bethany Nazarene College (Southern Nazarene University) and a member of the Branson, Mo., church.

Easdon earned a master of science from San Diego State University. He taught one year at BNC before returning to school to complete his Ph.D. Presently, Dr. Easdon is a professor of chemistry at The School of the Ozarks in Point Lookout, Mo.

Point Loma Nazarene College chose **Loren P. Gresham** as "Distinguished Layman of the Year." He is a native Tennessean and a 1962 graduate of Pasadena College. Following his early years in Nashville, he, his parents, and brother moved to Hawaii where he completed the ninth grade at Hawaii Baptist Academy in 1954.

In 1955 the family returned to the mainland where he enrolled in Pasadena Academy. He graduated with the class of 1958 as salutatorian and distinguished himself in basketball, receiving ALL CIF ranking as a senior.

He graduated in 1962 from Pasadena College as an honors major in history and recieved national recognition as a UPI All-American in small college basketball. He also traveled with Venture for Victory basketball teams engaging in international competition.

PLNC's "Distinguished Layman" was honored in 1970 with selection as a Fulbright scholar and continued his graduate work at Victoria University in Wellington, New Zealand, for a full year.

His teaching career, begun during college days at Southwestern Military Academy in San Marino, continued with Southern Nazarene University (then Bethany Nazarene College) in 1967 as an instructor and later professor of political science and history. Graduate education was completed during these years with an M.A. degree received from the University of Southern California and the Ph.D. degree in 1973 from the University of Oklahoma.

He coached the BNC basketball team to the national NAIA championship in 1981. His alma mater honored him that year with the APL award. He and his wife, Linda, have directed a summertime study/sailing program for SNU in the Virgin Islands and Bahamas for 12 consecutive years.

Southern Nazarene University in 1985 selected him as provost in which position he supervises academic, financial, and student development as well as the enrollment management program.

He has taught for many years a Sunday School class at his home church, Bethany, Okla., First Church. He is a church board member and a frequent convention speaker for both academic and religious events. □

Pictured is Colleen Cornwell *(l.)*, director of human resources, going over personnel records with the new Nazarene Publishing House manager, Bob Foster. Arleta Andre and Bud Lunn are looking over their shoulders. Arleta has the oldest service record of all employees, 45 years, and Bud came in second with 41 years. Of further interest, these records indicated there are 5 employees with over 40 years of service at NPH, 11 with over 30 years, and 13 with over 25 years. Though there is a natural turnover, as many seminarians or seminary wives are employed during their school years, 56 percent of the 278 NPH employees have over 5 years of service.

PRAYER PARTNERS

Petitions

Continue to pray for our people as they prepare to gather in a tremendous thank offering for world missions. The goal is $9,250,000. We pray that a spirit of sacrificial giving in the thank offering will release an overwhelming spirit of joy and blessing in our local churches.

Praisings

We are praising God for the 34 graduates of Nazarene Bible College who began their first pastoral assignments this summer in churches across the U.S.A. and Canada. For most of them this represents a mid-life change of vocation.

Praise the Lord that by September there were 97 newly organized churches, missions, preaching points, and points of contact in the Mexico City thrust. There are more than 1,000 additional people in weekly worship because of these new outreach areas established during 1987.

And praise God for His blessing on the Encounter '87 and ISM young people, which enabled them to minister to over 5,000 children in Mexico City through VBS's this summer.

RAYMOND W. HURN, *Secretary*
BOARD OF GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS

ENCOUNTER IMPACTS MEXICO CITY

Thousands of persons were reached with the good news during "Encounter '87," a special multifaceted evangelistic outreach to Mexico City, August 3-10.

"Encounter" was designed to reach those who have not heard the gospel, but it also provided young people with a sense of mission work. About 300 persons from 19 districts in the United States joined with 200 representatives from the Central Mexico District for the week of ministry.

This was the third "Encounter" in the past six years. An outreach program has been conducted to Mexico City for the past two decades, according to Rev. Jose Pacheco, editor of Spanish literature for Publications International. The 1987 "Encounter" coincided with the denomination's Thrust to the City of Mexico, "Mexico '87."

Special crusades were held nightly at the Mexico City churches, including entire families who had already attended VBS during the day. The gathering at one location grew so large the services were moved outdoors and into the street. The preacher spoke from the roof of the church to more than 550 persons. Some entire first-time families to the Church of the Nazarene accepted Christ.

During the seven days, at least 25,000 tracts and other pieces of literature were distributed on behalf of the 19 existing churches.

Regional director for Mexico and Central America, Jerry Porter, spoke at a special city-wide service Sunday afternoon, August 9. More than 2,000 persons packed the auditorium designed to hold only 1,500. At the close of his message, nearly 300 responded to an altar call. This was the largest gathering of Nazarenes in Mexico City in the history of the denomination.

Other pastors and NYI district leaders preached through interpreters in several churches. Among them were Dr. J. V. Morsch, Central Florida district superintendent, and Rev. Don Smith, Central Florida district NYI president.

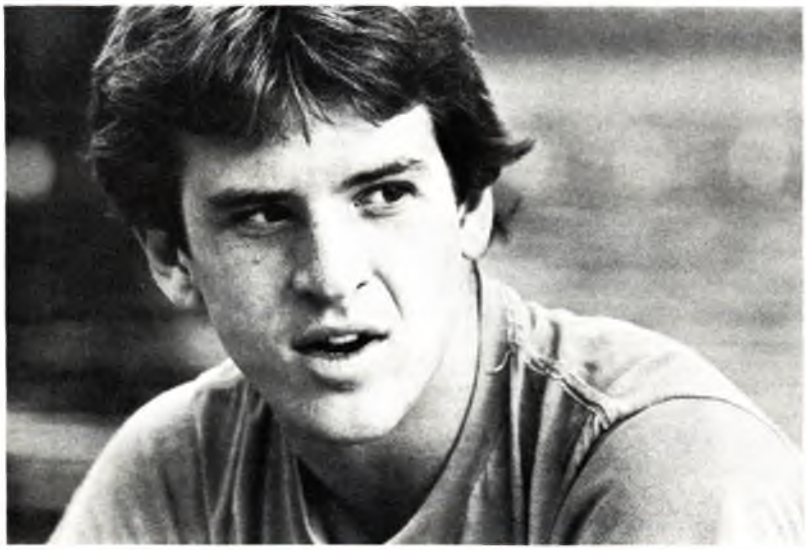
Seventeen VBS teams comprised of 10 to 12 Americans and the same number of Mexicans used puppets, clowns, and musical groups in 17 churches and missions. Mark and Vangie Rudeen developed and wrote the scripts, along with instructions, as well as a bilingual manual for the workers in both English and Spanish. Rev. Rudeen is pastor and director of Spanish ministries for the Northwest District. Total attendance at the children's crusades was nearly 9,300.

Under the direction of Jose Luis Macedo, musical groups visited two main federal penitentiaries where they ministered to more than 600 prisoners.

Musical groups participating in "Encounter" included: "Grupo Vida" from Mexico City Eighth Church; Sergio Moreno and Rafael Serrano from Mexico City Fourth Church; the Central Florida District IMPACT Team; "Majesty," a group from Tampa, Fla., First Church; a quartet from Clearwater, Fla.; and a 22-piece orchestra directed by Rick Everett of St. Paul, Minn.

A men's basketball team and a ladies' volleyball team competed against teams of the ISSSTE (the social service agency for workers of the government of Mexico). The competitions were organized by Mr. Rene Jimenez, layman from Mexico City Third Church and an employee of ISSSTE.

Two Work and Witness teams



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Found 1355

Jerry Porter, Mexico and Central America regional director, preaches at the Sunday evening service.

Hundreds knelt at the altar to accept Jesus as their Savior.

worked in the buildings of Xochimilco and Toluca. These teams were directed by Mr. Don Bell, Work and Witness coordinator for Mexico.

Rev. Michael Estep, Thrust to the Cities director, was invited by the board of directors as English-speaking evangelist for young people from the U.S.A.

The board of directors for "Encounter" is made up of representatives from the U.S.A. and Mexico. Mexican members include Mr. Enrique Rojas, member of Mexico City Eighth Church and of the General Board; Mr. Neftali Sol, member of Mexico City Fifth Church; Mr. Jose Luis Macedo, member of Mexico City Fifth Church; and Rev. Eduardo Duque, pastor of Mexico City Third Church and teacher at Nazarene Mexican seminary. Rev. Julio C. Perez, Central Mexico district superintendent, is an ex officio member. Board members from the U.S.A. include Rev. Robert Bolton, associate pastor at Tampa, Fla., First Church; Rev. Larry Ryan, pastor of Goshen, Ark., church; Rev. Bill Murray, youth minister at Xenia, Ohio, First Church; Rev. Mark Rudeen; Mrs. Verna Keller, secretary and member at Edmond, Okla., church; and Rev. Jose Pacheco.

The next "Encounter" is scheduled for 1990. □

—*NN*

Children from different missions and preaching points participate in one of the rallies.

LAYMEN'S TAPE CLUB

December Selections

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The Pastoral Resource Committee was *(front row, l. to r.):* Rich Bisson, pastor of Overland Park, Kans., Blue Valley Church; Pastoral Ministries Director Wilbur W. Brannon; and Clarence Kinzler, superintendent, Northern California District; *(back row, l. to r.)* Lyle Pointer, pastor, Boise, Idaho, First Church, writer of the new manual; Jim Johnson, educator from Sacramento, Calif., Liberty Towers Church; Tom Goble, superintendent of the Anaheim District; and Dale Jones, senior statistician, Church Growth Division.

COMMITTEE COLLABORATES ON NEW PASTORS' PLANNING RESOURCE

A resource committee met with Pastoral Ministries Director Wilbur W. Brannon May 26-27 at the King Conference Center in preparation for the writing of a planning manual for pastors. It is anticipated this manual will help pastors plan effectively not only for regular services but also for church growth. Practical steps in implementing plans can help pastors give leadership that should result in numerical and spiritual growth in their churches.

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HARPER & ROW EDITOR CONDUCTS CONSULTATION AT HEADQUARTERS

Rebecca Laird, associate editor of the Religious Books Division of Harper & Row, conducted the first of a series of continuing education seminars for editors at Nazarene headquarters, September 3-4. It was sponsored by the Communications Division. The first seminar was attended by representatives from four headquarters divisions: Christian Life and Sunday School, World Mission, Church Growth, and Communications, including staff from Publications International and the *Herald of Holiness*.

"We received strong positive responses from editors on both the continuing education program and the quality of Ms. Laird's presentation," said Cecil Paul, Communications Division director who organized the program.

A lifelong Nazarene, Laird is the wife of Michael J. Christensen, director of Golden Gate Ministries, an urban ministry project of the Church of the Nazarene located in the Haight-Ashbury district of San Francisco. She has worked for Harper & Row for nearly five years and is presently responsible for acquiring books focusing on women's studies, inspirational biography, and some fiction and children's titles for the evangelical and Protestant markets. She also oversees the editorial development of a preschool Christian education curriculum published under the Harper & Row imprint of Winston Press.

A published author, Laird was active in the Youth In Mission summer ministries program before she graduated from Point Loma Nazarene College in 1982. □

"WORSHIP AND PREACHING HELPS" COMMITTEE MEETS FOR 1989 PLANNING

Four pastors met with Rev. Wilbur Brannon, Pastoral Ministries director, May 18-19, in Kansas City to plan and strategize for effective development of "Worship and Preaching Helps" in 1989.

Planning included discussion about what constitutes worship, the relationship of evangelism to worship, and ideas for creative worship. The group then identified their target audience, the usual needs connected with that audience, and ways to help meet those needs through this popular preacher's tool.

Agreement on broad thematic strains for exegetical and homiletical development was followed by writing assignments for 1989. □

Shown at the committee meeting *(back row, l. to r.)* are: Carlton Hansen, Rochester, N.Y.; Steve Green, Cincinnati; Dennis Johnson, Kent, Wash.; *(front row)* Gene Williams, Wichita, Kans.; and Rev. Wilbur Brannon.

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MISSION TO THE CITIES '87 is a program unit of YOUTH IN MISSION, the summer ministries program for college-career youth sponsored by NYI Ministries in cooperation with Church Extension Ministries. Twelve MISSION TO THE CITIES teams served in churches or mission points throughout North America this past summer.

Training for the MISSIONS TO THE CITIES teams was June 14-23. The first 10 days were spent at YOUTH IN MISSION Training Camp at Point Loma Nazarene College in San Diego. The emphasis was on building team unity and learning ministry tools that will include evangelism, puppetry, canvassing, and music. Several teams had an additional training week at Los Angeles First Church. There they were involved in an urban training ministry experience. Participants learned how to minister in the inner city through first-hand experience, working with the staff from the Los Angeles First Church as well as with other urban ministry experts.

Once at their locations, the MISSION TO THE CITIES teams were involved in park or street drama ministries for youth and adults, holding "Sunshine Clubs," a children's community Bible club, leading Bible study groups, working in crisis care centers and social relief programs, and conducting Vacation Bible Schools. Teams were involved in music ministries and in numerous age-level ministries. The ministry program concluded August 17, when participants returned to school or full-time employment.

According to YOUTH IN MISSION coordinator Dale Fallon, "MISSION TO THE CITIES will be an exciting program this coming year. Not only will it continue its support of Chicago, the 1986 Thrust to the Cities location, it will also be involved in the 1988 Thrust to the Cities locations of New York and Los Angeles. With these three locations and others such as Toronto and Orlando, MISSION TO THE CITIES is going to need young people who are eager to share the love of Christ."

For further information concerning the YOUTH IN MISSION Program, write to Dale Fallon, Program Coordinator, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131. □

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OUR COLLEGES AND SEMINARIES

NEW PLNC FACULTY

Keith Pagan, vice president for academic affairs at Point Loma Nazarene College, announces the appointment of two new faculty members for the 1987-88 school year.

Maxine E. Crain, Ph.D., former professor at MidAmerica Nazarene College, has joined the college as professor of literature. Crain earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees at the University of Nebraska at Omaha and her master's of philosphy and doctorate at the University of Kansas. She has taught for a number of years and for the last five has been chair of the division of humanities at MANC.

Crain has published numerous articles in both professional and popular journals and has lectured in various seminars and conferences.

Merrily J. Allen joins the college as assistant professor of nursing. She comes from Tacoma, Wash., where she was a member of the faculty of nursing at Pacific Lutheran University. She received her bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing from the University of Washington and for the past two years has been a doctoral student at the University of San Diego. Allen has a specialty in community health nursing. □

NBC CELEBRATES 20TH ANNIVERSARY—LOOKS FORWARD TO THIRD DECADE

Nazarene Bible College celebrated 20 years of equipping men and women for ministry and looked toward its third decade of service during special activities in Colorado Springs, August 27-28.

More than 700 persons overflowed the auditorium of Colorado Springs First Church for a special 20th anniversary "Decade III" convocation, Thursday evening. The service featured brief messages from each member of the Board of General Superintendents on the contributions of NBC to the life of the denomination. Other persons on the program included former NBC professor Audrey Williamson; West Texas District Superintendent Gene Fuller, chairman of the NBC board of trustees; former NBC President L. S. Oliver; assistant professor Dorothy Brown; and current president Jerry Lambert.

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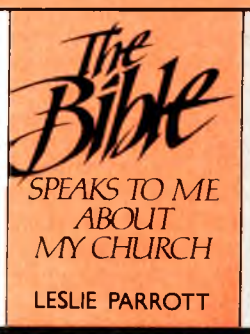

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NBC faculty, students, guests, and many Nazarenes from the community packed the sanctuary of Colorado Springs First Church for the special Decade III convocation.

Lambert outlined eight goals for the college, one of which is to construct a chapel on the campus, debt-free, by the school's 25th anniversary in 1992. Chapel services are currently held in a large room in the G. B. Williamson Center on the campus.

General Superintendent Charles H. Strickland was the first president of NBC, which was created at the direction of the 1964 General Assembly. More than 1,800 students have graduated from NBC during its first two decades. □

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Former NBC professor Audrey Williamson, whose husband, the late General Superintendent G. B. Williamson, was a leading proponent of NBC, chats with Mrs. Charles Strickland prior to the convocation.

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Nazarene members of the Enduring Word Series Curriculum Committee are shown *(front row, l. to r.):* Morris Weigelt, James Spruce, Millard Reed, Stephen Miller, secretary; *(middle row)* Sergio Franco, Alvin Lawhead, Ann Cubie Rearick, Gene Van Note, chairman; Eunice Bryant, Juan Vazquez Pla; *(back row)* Vernon Houser, Riley Coulter, Clayton Bonar, H. Ray Dunning, and John Bowling. Not pictured is Tom Barnard.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINES CREATED FOR 1990-91

A team of 24 Nazarenes, Wesleyans, and Free Methodists met in Indianapolis this summer to create lesson outlines writers will use to write the adult Sunday School lessons for 1990-91.

"Nearly all the holiness denominations are basing their adult lessons on outlines developed by this committee," said Gene Van Note, chairman of the Enduring Word Series Curriculum Committee. The lesson outlines are also being used to develop Nazarene Sunday School lessons in Spanish, Portuguese, and French, and for the Everyday English lessons.

At this year's 13th annual meeting the committee developed outlines for the following four quarters, beginning in September 1990:

—The General Epistles
—Romans
—People Jesus Met on the Way to the Cross; The 10 Commandments
—Life Issues

The committee also reviewed and revised outlines created last year for use in churches during 1989-90. Each year, the committee creates four quarters of outlines, then reviews the work it did the previous year. After the outlines pass this review process, they are reviewed and approved by the General Board of the Church of the Nazarene before writers begin their work.

Each of the three denominations on the committee use their own lesson writers and produce their own student and teacher quarterlies. All three churches, however, share the curriculum resources of *Emphasis* and the *Adult Teaching Resources* packet—both of which are edited and printed by the Church of the Nazarene. □

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At the *Southeast Oklahoma district assembly,* Rev. Ark Noel, Jr., was elected district superintendent upon the retirement of Dr. Wendell O. Paris. Dr. Eugene L. Stowe, general superintendent, ordained William E. Houk. Shown *(l. to r.)* with General Superintendent Stowe are those who received the Great Commission Leader Award: Pastor Bill Buettner, Ada; Pastor Jim Armstrong, Harrah; Pastor Richard Sowder, Idabel; Mrs. Wayland Stewart (for Pastor Stewart), Roland; and District Superintendent Paris. Pastor M. Gene Wilson, Tishomingo, received the Great Commission Fellowship Award.

At the *West Virginia South district assembly,* District Superintendent C. Harold Smith completed the third year of an extended term. Dr. Eugene L. Stowe, general superintendent, ordained Ronald L. Baker and James C. Cash, Jr., as elders, and Timothy W. Haynes, deacon. Pictured *(l. to r.)* are Great Commission winners: Pastor Merlin Provance, Charleston Davis Creek, Leader; with General Superintendent Stowe; Pastor Roy Lyons, Winfield, Leader; Pastor Charles V. Williams, Charleston South Hills, Fellowship; Pastor Darryl Bogatay, Teays Valley, Leader; District Superintendent Smith; and Pastor Allen Shortridge, Hurricane First, Leader.

At the *Canada Pacific district assembly,* District Superintendent Charles J. Muxworthy was reelected to an extended term. Dr. William M. Greathouse, general superintendent, presided. Pictured *(l. to r.)* are pastors who received the Great Commission Fellowship and Honor Schools Awards: Kim Fallis and Maurice Westmacott, Cowichan Valley; Earl Wood, Guilford; John Peng, Agape (Chinese); Riley Coulter, Victoria First; and Elwyn Grobe, Royal View. Rev. Arnold Johnson, Fort Fraser, was given the Outstanding Churchman Award, and Rev. Gene Morell, Dawson Creek, received the Recognition of Service Award as first coordinator of pioneer area.

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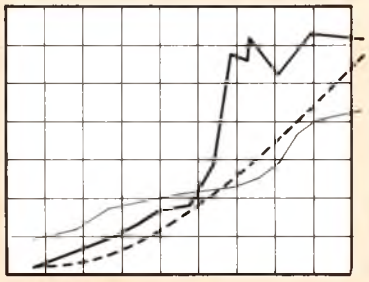
At the *Northeastern Indiana district assembly,* Dr. Charles H. Strickland, general superintendent, ordained Joe C. Acree and Shirley L. Nelson. District Superintendent Oval L. Stone reported. Pictured *(l. to r.)* are pastors who received the Great Commission Leader Awards: Philip C. Rogers, Middletown; James D. Turner, Muncie Wheeling Avenue; and Oscar H. Sheets, Elkhart Northside. Not shown is Kenneth D. Cooper, Muncie New Hope. Other pastors and churches that received the Great Commission Fellowship Award were Theron H. Hanes, Butler; Ernie Pelz, Huntington, Eugene C. Sommer, LaGrange; Billy E. Stanton, Collett; Ronald J. Blake, Wawasee; Dennis W. Foor, Churubusco; John S. Abshear, Dunkirk; C. Kenneth Sparks, Fort Wayne Trinity; and J. Allen Dean, Shipshewana.

At the *Alabama North district assembly,* District Superintendent B. J. Garber reported two new churches organized: Fayette and Bessemer St. Paul. Dr. William M. Greathouse, general superintendent, ordained James Hill and Huey Davis. The credentials of Allen Barrett and Paul Isaacs were recognized. Shown *(l. to r.)* are the pastors who received the Great Commission Leader Award: James Boardman, Decatur Bethel; Paul Busby, Parrish; Lamar Smith, Gardendale; and Rodney Shanner, Sheffield First. Others who received the Great Commission Fellowship Award were: Robert Ellis, Hanceville; Bobby Holsombeck, Saragossa; Lester Ford, Wilson Chapel; Jimmy Earnest, Fayette; Gary Houston, Bessemer St. Paul; Joel Daniel, Jasper Northside; Bob Corley, Sumiton Community; Gerald Woods, Birmingham First; and Ralph Brown, Huntsville First.

At the *Chicago Central district assembly,* District Superintendent E. Keith Bottles was reelected to a four-year term. He reported a new church organized: Chicago Oak Lawn Arabic. General Superintendent Eugene L. Stowe ordained Timothy Wayne Crump, Michael Wayne Stipp, and Victor Matthis Philip. Pictured *(l. to r)* are pastors who received Great Commission Leader Award: Pastor Larry Hindmand, Chicago Oak Lawn, Category III; Pastor Richard Young, Chicago First, Category IV; E. Keith Bottles, district superintendent; Pastor Robert St. Clair, Kankakee Eastridge, Category II; and Pastor Tim Crump, Braidwood, Category I. Pastors Mike Stipp, Schaumburg; and Jim Bledsaw, Chicago Northside, were runners-up, Categories I and II. Rev. Lawrence Hindmand, Chicago Oak Lawn, received the Superintendent's Award of Excellence.



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At the ***West Virginia North district assembly,*** District Superintendent John W. Dennis completed the third year of an extended term. General Superintendent Charles H. Strickland ordained Thomas A. Swinderman a deacon.

Pastors and churches who received the Great Commission Leader Award were Donnell R. Armstrong, Weston Valley View; Archie Fetty, Colliers; Herman N. George, New Cumberland; and Russell Downs, Point Pleasant. Others who received the Great Commission Fellowship Award were E. Gerald Gray, Congo; James L. Sherman, Huttonsville; and Doyle N. Rider, Weaver.

NORTH CAROLINA

District Superintendent D. Eugene Simpson reported a new church organized at Forest City. Dr. Charles H. Strickland, general superintendent, ordained Rickey Allen McClain. The credentials of Kenneth Dean Howell, Clyde Wesley Lappin, Chester Dale Hirschy, and John Matthew Nunley were recognized.

Churches receiving the Great Commission Leader Award were Forest City, Shelby, Asheville, and Fayetteville. Pastors and churches that received the Great Commission Fellowship Award were James Staggs, Asheville; Rick McClain, Asheville First Deaf; Ray Moore, Charlotte Trinity; Max Murphy, Crystal Coast; Gary Monk, Elizabeth City; Larry Smith, Fayetteville; Spurgeon Freeman, Forest City; Wayne Thomas, Gastonia Eastside; Edward Koteskey, Hayesville; Geron Rogers, Rocky Mount; Lloyd Brock, Shelby; and Edwin Wittung, Statesville. Pastor Stephen Smitley, Durham, received the Citation of Merit Award.

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Survivors include his wife, Rena (Kennard); son, William Lee Scott, Rock Hill, S.C.; daughter, Virginia, wife of Rev. Paul Wiggins of Marion, Ind.; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Converted in 1925 and ordained in 1929, Rev. Scott was active in the ministry of the Church of the Nazarene for 62 years and served pastorates on the Louisiana, North and South Carolina, and Tennessee districts. He was instrumental in the construction of several churches and the organization of three. After his retirement in 1967 to Nashville, he served the Madison, Old Hickory, and Nashville Bethel churches as associate pastor. The latter church bestowed upon him the title of Pastor Emeritus.

DEATHS

LOIS M. ANDERSON, 66, Sept. 20, Sacramento, Calif. Survivors: husband Howard; daughter Barbara Freisen; son David; four grandchildren; one brother.

REV. GEORGE D. ASH, 67, Aug. 10, Miami, Fla. Survivors: wife Constance; sons McKinley and David; daughter Susan Wisehart; one graddaughter; one brother. Ministry: Miami City Mission.

TINIE CAVIN BEADLE, 87, Aug. 26, Whitesboro, Tex. Survivors: husband Gilbert; sons Alvenzie and Paul; daughters Lenora Underwood and Geneva Buckhanan; nine grandchildren; two sisters.

DOROTHY K. COBURN, 66, Sept. 22, Bethany, Okla. Survivors: husband Dr Thurman E. Coburn; four brothers; one sister.

REV. G. DONALD CRAKER, 74, Sept. 23, Spokane, Wash. Survivors: daughter Velma Hile; sons Randall and Gilbert; seven grandchildren; two brothers; two sisters. Ministry: Carson, Pullman, Goldendale, Zillah, and Spokane, Washington.

MARTHA EULA DILLINGHAM, 98, Sept. 6, Hamlin, Tex. Survivors: daughter Geraldine (Mrs. Weldon) Johnson; three grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren.

JEANETTE DUMFORD of Hagerstown, Ind., 93, Sept. 14, Richmond, Ind. Survivors: daughters Inez Holcomb, Audrey Magee, Marjorie Cook; sons Leo, Omar, Warner, Herbert; 23 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-granddaughter.

VESPER PANSY DYE of Akron, Ohio, 97, Sept. 28, Brewster, Ohio. Interment: Akron, Ohio. Survivors: daughters Esther White, Ruth Lewis, Lois Herrell, Dorcas Elrod; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren.

WILMA FAYE ENDERS, 64, Sept. 19, Fredericktown, Mo. Survivors: husband Roy; daughter Karen Frye; son Mike; two grandsons; two brothers.

MILDRED J. HARCOURT, 93, Sept. 8, Henderson, Tex. Interment: Douglass, Kans. Survivors: sons Rev. Harold C., Norman E.; daughter Elnora Vaughn; 9 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; 3 great-great-grandchildren; 1 sister.

VADA N. KIRKLAND, 79, Feb. 1, Coalgate, Okla. Survivors: daughter Velda Denny; two grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; three sisters; one brother.

TRESSIE B. LESLIE of Olive Hill, Ky., 79, Sept. 7, Morehead, Ky. Interment: Olive Hill, Ky. Survivors: daughter Jacqueline Dunlap; stepdaughter Betty Krok; one granddaughter; three great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandsons; two brothers; one sister.

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NEWS OF RELIGION

FORMER NEW AGE MEMBER SHARES CONVERSION TO JESUS CHRIST. Former New Age member and film producer Paul McGuire has launched a campaign to warn people of New Age deception and the importance of developing a relationship with Jesus Christ. McGuire has written a book tentatively titled *Don't Throw the Baby out with the Bath Water,* has produced a videotape, and is traveling to speak on the dangers of the New Age Movement.

McGuire, who, with his actress wife, is active in the Hollywood film community, says, "Almost all of the non-Christians we meet are involved in some form of New Age practice such as channeling, regression, meditation, and other Eastern mystical practices. Some of these people are very influential in the motion picture industry."

McGuire studied the newly accredited field of "Altered States of Consciousness" at the University of Missouri, and says he's experienced cosmic consciousness, astral projection, LSD consciousness expansion, mental telepathy, hypnosis, spirit guides, the teachings of Baba Ram Dass and Carlos Castenedas, Buddhism, Hinduism, Zen, enlightenment, meditation, and other New Age practices. He warns, "Involvement in these activities can have serious detrimental effects. Shirley MacLaine's New Age is not all fun and games." The New Age movement is nothing more than "a Satanic counterfeit of biblical Christianity."

McGuire was a former radical activist who demonstrated with Abbie Hoffman at the age of 15 and was made an honorary member of the Black Panther Party, although white. He says that growing up in New York City he never encountered a Bible-believing Christian, and looked instead to Eastern mysticism for answers. While in high school he engaged in narcotic-aided "consciousness expansion" exercises with a fellow honor student, beginning a pilgrimage into New Age practices that lasted over a decade, until he came to Christ at the University of Missouri. □

CHRISTIAN CAMP IN HONG KONG PREPARES FOR COMMUNIST TAKEOVER. To combat the impending Communist power takeover of Hong Kong, leaders of a Christian camp in that area are working to lead 100,000 people to Christ by the year 1997 and are preparing a strategy for the church to move underground.

The Suen Douh ("To proclaim the truth") Camp, a 15-year-old camp that operates year-round and features three-day programs from various schools to teach students about citizenship, family life, ethics, and religion, has seen nearly 10,000 conversions in the last 18 months.

In 1997 China will take over control of Hong Kong, a British crown colony comprising the island of Hong Kong (about 32 square miles) and the adjacent mainland bordering southeast China. Britain has been leasing the area from China, but the lease will expire in 1997. □

KING JAMES VERSION BIBLE STILL NUMBER ONE. Of the 93 percent of all Americans who own at least one Bible, 42 percent own a King James Bible, while 21 percent own a New King James Version, according to a new nationwide study conducted by the Barna Research Group of Glendale, Calif.

The study found that the King James Version, originally translated in 1611, is still the number one selling Bible. The second most popular is the New King James Version, completed in 1982 and published by Thomas Nelson Publishers. Thomas Nelson says the newer version has rapidly gained acceptance, with current sales up 86 percent from fiscal 1986. □

Aug. 26, Florence, Ky. Interment: Erlanger, Ky. Survivors: husband Roger.

JAMES DONALD POE, 41, Aug. 18, Tampa, Fla. Interment: St. Petersburg, Fla. Survivors: wife Sharon; sons Rev. Brent and Kevin; daughter Juanita; his mother; four brothers.

CAROL B. (McCLURE) PRINCE, 47, Sept. 14, El Paso, Tex. Survivors: husband Rev. Mike Prince; daughter Shirley Thomas; son Michael, Jr.; her mother; one sister.

REV. JOHN REESE, 62, Sept. 12, Jupiter, Fla. Survivors: wife Ruby; daughters Sue Reese and Mrs. Don (Linda) Harris; two grandchildren; two brothers; two sisters. Ministry: Missouri, Minnesota, and Wisconsin.

REV. EDITH NELL SMITH, 56, Aug. 24, Parrish, Ala. Survivors: husband Rev. Roy Smith; daughters Mrs. James (Susan) Russom, Mrs. Jock (Sherree) Kiser, Mrs. Randy (Spring) Key; four grandchildren. Ministry: North American Indian and Alabama North districts.

REV. BRANSON G. STILLION, 86, Sept. 5, Glendale, Ariz. Survivors: wife Marie; sons Dr. Rodney Stillion, Samuel, Branson, Jr.; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren. Ministry: Arizona.

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MARRIAGES

BETH MARIE PURDY and RANDALL EUGENE CAMPBELL at Charlotte, N.C., June 27

BRENDA L. HILLIARD and RUSSELL TIPPIN, JR. at Lewiston, Idaho, July 7

ANNIVERSARIES

REV. AND MRS. ANDREW CONE celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by renewing their vows at the Covina, Calif., church Aug. 29. A reception followed. They were married in Brockton, Mass., Aug. 27, 1937. They served in many capacities as laymen in Brockton and Waltham, Mass.

In 1947, they took their first pastorate in Elmsdale, P.E.I., Canada. Andy was ordained in 1949. They began the work in Middleton, Nova Scotia. Through the years, they served also at Nashua, N.H.; Gardiner, Maine; Willoughby and Steubenville, Ohio; Ithaca, N.Y.; and for many years as evangelists. Andy now serves as associate of the Montebello, Calif., church, pastored by his son-in-law.

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Does Judgment Day take place when we die or when the Lord comes back?

Consult the following scriptures: Matthew 25:31-46; John 5:25-29; Acts 17:31; Romans 2:12-16; James 5:7-9; Revelation 22:12. Others could be cited, but these are enough to show that the day of final judgment awaits the coming again of Jesus Christ. □

What was the original Greek word that is translated "chosen" in Matthew 22:14, KJV? What is your understanding of this verse?

The verse in question reads, "For many are called, but few are chosen." The parable of the marriage feast ends with this statement.

The Greek word for "called" is *kletoi,* and the Greek word for "chosen" is *ekletoi,* for whatever help that may be.

The first group includes the second, and I understand the verse as did Adam Clarke. He wrote: "Many are called by the preaching of the Gospel into the outward communion of the Church of Christ; but few, comparatively, are chosen to dwell with God in glory, because they do not come to the master of the feast for a marriage garment—for that holiness without which none can see the Lord."

A recent commentary puts it, "many are invited, but not all are approved." When the wedding guests were inspected, the man present without the wedding garment was "bounced." As Frank Stagg wrote, "The *wedding garment* is a reminder that even within the grace of the divine calling there is moral demand."

Matthew uses "called" for all those invited, and "chosen" for all those accepted, those who are suitably attired. Some who were "called" refused to come (vv. 1-10). One who came refused to dress properly (vv. 11-13). He was as defiant of the King as were those who scorned the invitation. His inexcusable behavior was punished, as was theirs (vv. 7, 13). □

Several versions of the New Testament treat Matthew 17:15 as if demon possession and epilepsy are the same thing! Which problem did the boy have? Having mild epilepsy myself makes me curious.

Where modern English translations read "he is an epileptic," the King James Version reads, "he is lunatic." The Greek word behind the translations is *seleniazetai* and literally means "moonstruck." It occurs only this once in the New Testament.

So "lunatic" entered the text because centuries ago people believed that the moon sometimes caused madness. And "epileptic" entered the text because the seizures this lad suffered, as they are described in Mark 9:18-20, are symptomatically akin to those suffered by victims of epilepsy.

In some ways this translation is unfortunate, for this boy's seizures are clearly ascribed to demon-possession in the gospels, and not to epilepsy. Epilepsy is "a chronic disease of the nervous system, characterized by convulsions and, often, unconsciousness"—as my dictionary defines it.

Whatever "lunacy" and whatever "epilepsy" this lad suffered were caused by a "deaf and dumb demon," not a diseased nervous system. Jesus healed him, not by correcting his nervous system, but by exorcising the demon.

Demon possession and what we know today as epilepsy are not the same thing, nor is lunacy and epilepsy the same thing. Epileptics have enough burden to bear without unnecessary, untrue, and unfair stigma. □

TRINIDAD JOINS CARIBBEAN EVANGELISM BLITZ

The Caribbean Evangelism Blitz for 1987, under Regional Director James Hudson, coordinated the activities of hundreds of Nazarene laypersons, pastors, and evangelists in volunteer evangelistic efforts during June, July, and August. According to Hudson, this included more than 50 evangelistic crusades, several schools of personal evangelism, college groups including International Student Ministries teams, a Youth Congress, and traditional Work and Witness teams. "In the past year," he said, "in schools of evangelism alone, 1,013 have heard the gospel presentation in their homes, and 851 persons have prayed to receive Christ."

As the "blitz" got underway, 20 evangelists from the United States, with some of their spouses, held numerous revivals in the English-speaking countries of the Caribbean. Rev. Jack Hawthorne, church growth coordinator for the Caribbean Region, and his wife, Fairy, taught schools of evangelism in the Bahamas, Jamaica, the Leewards, and Belize. They had conducted schools in Barbados in 1985.

As the most recent happening in the Caribbean Evangelism Blitz, 11 personal evangelism trainers from the U.S. and Barbados paid their own expenses to see God change lives in Trinidad. Coordinated from Evangelism Ministries by Beverly Burgess, personal evangelism program manager, she and the other 11 trainers held schools of evangelism in the northern and eastern sections of Trinidad July 8-18.

Twenty-one churches in these areas were touched by the redemptive efforts of the trained personal evangelists who taught 157 trainees. Separating into teams, they presented the gospel to 315 people. Of these, 260 prayed to invite Christ into their hearts, and 31 others recommitted their lives to Him.

Four of the trainers were from Barbados, trained by Jack and Fairy Hawthorne. Two were pastors: Rev. Granville Rock and Rev. Cameron Bentham, and two were laypersons: Ricky Kirton and Maureen Hunte. In their home churches they are involved in personal evangelism and in training others.

At the same time that schools of evangelism were being taught, a Work and Witness team from Pasadena First Church were rebuilding the Collymore Rock Church in Barbados, which had been totally destroyed by fire. Meanwhile, its pastor, Rev. Granville Rock, was in Trinidad training people to win their friends and relatives to Christ.

Requirements for assisting in the personal evangelism aspect of the Caribbean blitz were: (1) Personal Evangelism Training in Evangelism Explosion method with Wesleyan adaptions; (2) Ability to serve as a trainer (including taking trainees on home visitation calls); and (3) Payment of personal expenses plus $150 toward the cost of materials.

These requirements did not deter Terry and Gail Curtis. After radiation treatments for throat cancer, Gail was left with no salivary glands, making it necessary to carry containers of liquid wherever she went. During a devotional time in Trinidad, the trainers anointed Gail and prayed that God would touch her so this health problem would not be a hindrance to her in presenting the gospel. The Curtises' 27th wedding anniversary also occurred midway through their Trinidad experience. That God had answered prayer was significant in His blessing them with 27 new converts, one for each year of marriage!

The Trinidadians generally expressed the same benefits gained from the schools of evangelism: overcoming fear and gaining confidence, having an

The Collymore Rock Church *(above)* in Barbados being rebuilt by the Work and Witness team from Pasadena, Calif., First Church.

Rev. Leland Henry *(l.)*, coordinator for the schools of evangelism in Trinidad, is with his wife and boys, Lindon and Lincoln; and personal evangelism trainers Gail and Terry Curtis *(r.)* from Houston.

Ruth DeLong *(above)*, minister of Evangelism and Outreach at Phoenix Orangewood Church, conducts two schools of evangelism every year in her own church. She has also conducted such training in every state in the U.S. but two, and in Africa, New Zealand, Australia, and Jamaica. In Trinidad, she saw 30 people receive Christ in their homes one Sunday.

effective tool to do the job, a new enthusiasm for presenting the gospel to their friends and relatives. One of them wrote, "I pray that this course can be shared with more people, all around the world, so we can have a nuclear evangelism explosion!"

Another said, "This school is the best investment I have made . . . for the cheapest price. It is the first time I have seen the gospel presented so simply and effectively and received with such joy . . . I only regret that I didn't do this course earlier."

"The reception of the gospel by the people of Trinidad was just overwhelming," said veteran trainer Ruth DeLong. "They had set up appointments with neighbors, friends, and relatives before we ever got there. You don't see that kind of enthusiasm here. People are so afraid someone will be embarrassed. There was such eagerness there, even among Hindus."

Because of the lack of enough trainers, all the prospects listed by the trainees had not been reached. But trainer J. P. Hedges stayed to serve as a counselor at the Caribbean Region Youth Camp immediately following. He said the new trainees were so motivated by seeing people receive Christ in their homes that they continued to present the gospel to the rest of the prospects. They are already training others in personal evangelism.

Rev. Dave Clifford, Evangelism Explosion director for the Caribbean Region, said, "The Evangelism Explosion method is used successfully worldwide, and results in the Caribbean have been magnificent. I am thrilled with the way God has blessed."

Because of the very positive response, Program Manager Beverly

Trainee July Ferrell *(l.)* was ecstatic when Patsy, her seamstress *(center)*, responded to the gospel presentation by Beverly Burgess *(r.)* at the first home they visited in Trinidad.

Burgess taught an unscheduled class for pastors of the area on nurture of the new converts and how to continue the training and work of personal evangelism. District Superintendent Clifford Maxwell called together about 15 pastors for this class.

Evangelism Ministries is planning a similar trip to Guyana in 1988 where they hope to conduct four schools of evangelism. They are seeking 40 volunteers to train the people of Guyana in personal evangelism. □

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NEWS OF EVANGELISM

SINGER REACHES TEENS

"We had targeted another group, but our teens got the greatest amount of help," reports Pastor Willis D. Kennedy of Omaha, Nebr., First Church's recent revival with Evangelist Gary Haines.

Evangelist Haines, a nightclub entertainer before his conversion, struck a responsive chord in the teens. "Several got saved," according to Pastor Kennedy. "One boy threw away all of his rock cassettes, and took down the rock group posters off his bedroom walls."

As a result of Rev. Haines' ministry, 40 people, a large percentage of them teens, found spiritual help at an altar of prayer. Six of these accepted Christ as their personal Savior for the first time. □

THE CHURCH SCENE

Eighteen adults and seven young people gathered at **Las Vegas, Nev., First Church** recently to prepare 3,000 copies of a 32-page magazine, *The Rising Son*, for mailing.

The bimonthly publication *The Rising Son* is part of the prison ministry of members Gary and Jan Hoffman. It consists of testimonies, exhortations, prayers, and poetry, sharing what God is doing in the lives of inmates. All the contents, even the artwork, is done by inmates themselves.

In February 1986, Jan and Gary mailed out 40 copies, their first issue, to destinations within Nevada. Since then, by popular demand, that number has increased to 3,000 copies, which go to 48 states and 10 foreign countries.

"This step of faith costs $600 every other month and attests to the dedication of two committed laypeople," says Rev. Charles Palmer, associate pastor of First Church.

The church has appointed Gary and Jan as directors of Prison Ministry Outreach. □

The **Williamsburg, Ind., church** celebrated the burning of its parsonage and land debt, May 31. The church had secured a 25-year mortgage, and paid it off 11 years early. Dr. John F. Hay, district superintendent, burned the mortgage papers, with pastor Rev. Kenneth A. Donley assisting. The church is debt-free at the present time and is planning an additional educational wing in the future. □

QUAKES AFFECT CHURCHES IN SOUTHERN CAL

At least two California Nazarene churches suffered damage following October's earthquake and the subsequent aftershocks. Pasadena First and Whittier College Avenue were both affected by the tremors beginning October 1.

Whittier College, only five to six miles from the epicenter of the quake, had mainly large sections of plate glass broken, along with some cracked walls. But the building was declared safe by the city and the church's builder. Services were held in the building on Sunday. Pastor Forrest Stone said at least three families in his congregation had been forced to find other places to stay after their living quarters were condemned as unsafe.

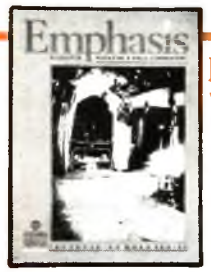
At Pasadena First the Sunday morning aftershock caused a 10 by 10-foot section of a stained-glass window to fall, along with an illuminator light that was located at the top of the sanctuary.

Sunday School was held and communion was served in the classes, but the regular morning service was not conducted. Services were resumed on Sunday evening. Rich Pritchard, executive pastor at Pasadena First, said the repairs would cost thousands of dollars.

The main quake measured 6.1 on the Richter scale, killed at least six persons, and caused damage estimated at more than $100 million. Aftershocks continued during the days following the quake.

Nazarenes reported some damage in their homes, but none were killed. □

—*NN*



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CHATTANOOGA CHURCH OBSERVES MILESTONE

Chattanooga, Tenn., First Church recently had a homecoming celebration. Evangelist Bob Hoots was the guest speaker for the weekend of activities. First Church is 81 years old and has had only four pastors in those years. The celebration was for 50 years at its present location at the corner of Main and Willow Streets in downtown Chattanooga. The current pastor, Rev. John R. Andrus, has served the church since 1962.

The weekend of special services began August 28 with a special musical salute to the past 50 years. Excerpts from past groups and singers were played and current groups and persons sang. A surprise tribute was given for Pastor John Andrus for his 25 years of service to the church. District Superintendent Tom Cox emceed the special event. Letters from many family and friends were received as well as many friends in the general church to Pastor Andrus. He also received a letter from Congresswoman Marilyn Lloyd of the U.S. House of Representatives who sent an American flag, and a letter from President Reagan. Mayor Gene Roberts of the city of Chattanooga presented Pastor Andrus a "Distinguished Citizen Award." Mayor Roberts acknowledged his many years of friendship with the pastor and appreciation for his leadership in the community. The mayor also expressed gratitude that while many inner-city churches have moved out, First Church of the Nazarene has remained.

Services were held Saturday, Sunday morning, and Sunday afternoon with Rev. Bob Hoots preaching. □

Pictured *(l. to r.)* are Evangelist Bob and Peggy Hoots, Pastor John Andrus, Mrs. Wyoma and Superintendent Tom Cox, East Tennessee District.

Mount Vernon, Ohio, Lakeholm Church, adjacent to the campus of Mount Vernon Nazarene College, dedicated its new 7,500 sq. ft. educational addition Sunday, April 12, doubling the square footage of the existing sanctuary and educational space. The new space houses Sunday School classrooms, offices, and increased fellowship space. The church, which serves both campus and community, was founded in 1970. Pastor Larry White reports excellent growth during the last several years in spite of space limitations.

Mark Graham, *Reporter*

Chicago Central District Superintendent E. Keith Bottles *(l.)* presents the keys for a 1988 Ford VBS van to L. Wayne Quinn, Chicago Thrust to the Cities coordinator.

VBS KIDS RAISE $97,000 FOR WHEELS FOR MISSIONS

At least $97,000 has been received from young people attending Nazarene Vacation Bible Schools for the "Wheels for Missions" program, according to Jeannette Wienecke, VBS coordinator for the Christian Life and Sunday School Division.

"At this point it looks like we are going to exceed our record of $100,000 set last year," said Wienecke. "Funds continue to come in daily and our cutoff date is not until next April."

Offerings were received from children attending VBS in the United States and Canada to purchase vehicles for use in mission areas in the United States as well as in World Mission areas. The funds are divided equally between the two. □

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FLOODS HIT AFRICAN COASTAL CITIES

Torrential rains and floods ravaged the southeastern coast of the African Continent during the week of September 27. The Natal Province was declared a disaster area, and at least 240 people are reported dead. More than 80 persons were missing and at least 58,000 were left homeless as a result of the floods.

Richard Zanner, Africa regional director, reports that Nazarene families are among the homeless and injured, but no Nazarenes are known to be dead. The African Region has appointed two committees to coordinate relief efforts for the flooded areas. The RSA European District, a regular district, has donated 7,000 Rand ($3,500 in U.S. currency) toward the relief project. Efforts are being made by the relief committees to formulate an accurate report of the situation, but communication with some areas is still impossible. □

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PRAYER ANSWERED FOR MRS. GREATHOUSE

A CAT Scan performed on Mrs. Ruth Greathouse, October 27, showed no sign of the tumor that had been located while she was in West Germany two weeks earlier. The radiologist who performed the test said there was no evidence of malignancy.

"I just thank God," said the wife of General Superintendent William M. Greathouse. "I also want to thank the Nazarenes everywhere who have been praying for us. We definitely believe God has answered prayer."

Mrs. Greathouse became ill October 13, while in Berchtesgaden, West Germany, for the Nazarene Servicemembers' Retreat. She was hospitalized for tests that indicated a large tumor in the abdominal cavity.

The Greathouses cut short their time in Germany, returning home October 19. □

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BOYD HANCOCK DIES OF HEART ATTACK

Boyd Hancock, 68, former superintendent of North Arkansas District, died of a massive heart attack at his home in Rogers, Ark., October 14. Funeral services were at Conway First Church, October 17.

He served as superintendent of North Arkansas from 1962 until 1975. He was a full-time commissioned evangelist from 1975 until his retirement in 1984. He still held revivals and had just completed a meeting in Little Rock the weekend before his death.

Visually impaired since birth, and totally blind for the past 20 years, Hancock was heavily involved in the ministry to the unsighted of the Church of the Nazarene. He began a book-cassette lending library for the blind, instigated the translation of *Worship in Song* into Braille, expanded the size of the denomination's Braille magazine, *The Holiness Evangel,* and was responsible for the initiation of the placement of missionary reading books and *World Mission* magazine onto cassettes.

A graduate of Bethany Nazarene College, he was ordained in 1941 on the Arkansas District. He is survived by his wife, Janice, and three children: Boyd, Jr., Janice Abla, and Cheryl Stevens. □

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FALL ENROLLMENT STRONG AT NAZARENE COLLEGES

At least 11,834 students (graduate and undergraduate) enrolled in the Nazarene institutions of higher education this fall in the U.S.A., Canada, and the British Isles, according to figures compiled by the Education Services office. This was an overall increase of 548 above the figure for the previous fall. The number of new freshmen totaled 2,492, down 51 from the 1986-87 school year, but this decrease was offset by the increase in graduate students. Eight institutions showed increases while four showed decreases (20 or fewer). TNC showed the greatest overall increase (290), of which 230 were graduate students. Those institutions recruiting the largest number of new freshmen were ONU (381), PLNC (355), and NNC (274).

The overall stats for the schools are as follows:

School		*1987-88*	*1986-87*	*Increase (Decrease)*
BINC	Head Count	57	56	1
	New Freshmen	15	18	(3)
CNC	Head Count	121	117	4
	New Freshmen	45	39	6
ENC	Head Count	708	719	(11)
	New Freshmen	168	228	(60)
	Graduate	154	162	(8)
MANC	Head Count	1,106	1,008	98
	New Freshmen	255	227	28
MVNC	Head Count	1,059	1,030	29
	New Freshmen	267	249	18
NBC	Head Count	414	421	(7)
	New Freshmen	149	133	16
	Affiliated Ext.	44	56	(12)
NNC	Head Count	1,095	1,075	20
	New Freshmen	274	267	7
	Graduate	16		
NTS	Head Count	407	424	(17)
	New Freshmen	102	120	(18)
ONU	Head Count	1,774	1,742	32
	New Freshmen	381	413	(32)
PLNC	Head Count	2,077	1,936	141
	New Freshmen	355	334	21
	Graduate	300		
SNU	Head Count	1,276	1,296	(20)
	New Freshmen	270	317	(47)
TNC	Head Count	1,696	1,406	290
	New Freshmen	211	198	13
	Graduate	790	560	230
TOTALS				
	Head Count	11,834	11,286	548
	New Freshmen	2,492	2,543	(51)

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