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AMERICA'S NEW MISSION FIELDS

by General Superintendent Charles H. Strickland

From its early beginnings the Church of the Nazarene experienced the challenge to share the gospel of Jesus Christ to the whole world "in the same measure as we ourselves have received it." Acceptance of this assignment has involved a sacrificial sharing of our resources as well as hundreds of dedicated lives committed to the great missionary thrust of the church. This gigantic effort has now opened work in 76 world areas and as of the close of 1985 reveals a healthy growth pattern, far ahead of growth in North America.

Goals set by the 1985 General Assembly indicate a continuation of this effort to evangelize the world by entering 20 new areas by 1995. We have pledged \$160 million for the quadrennium, 1985-89, for world evangelism.

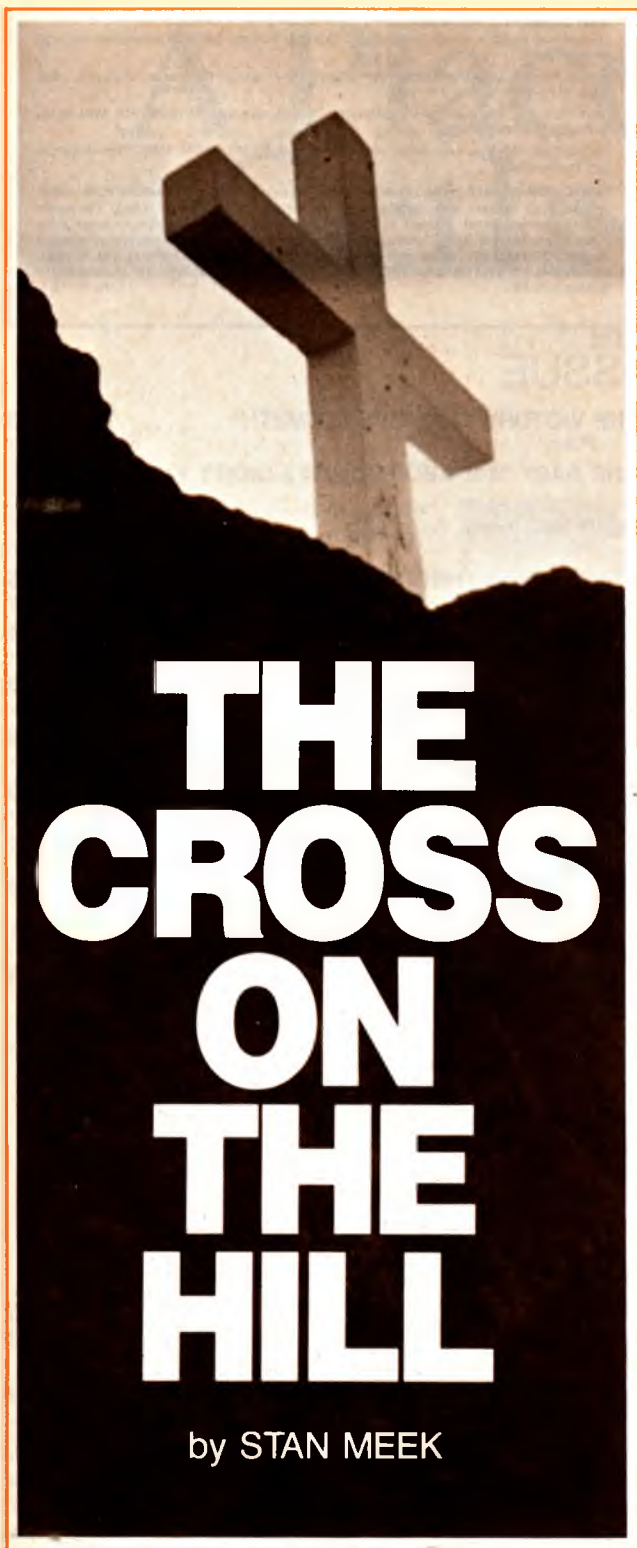
A new social development is now appearing on the American scene, which presents an awesome challenge to the church in its evangelistic outreach. We are witnessing an unprecedented increase in the population flow of ethnic groups to the large centers and inner-city areas. Many of our large cities have witnessed an influx of people from many areas of the world—Spanish, Black, Korean, Chinese, Haitian, Vietnamese, etc.—all seeking a new life of freedom in the world's great democracy. This has created unusually crowded conditions and great social problems within the inner city.

The church is beginning to meet this new challenge at

home. The term "home missions" has been replaced by "urban ministries," "ethnic education," "compassionate ministries," "inner-city evangelism," etc. These new terms indicate the scope of this development. Ethnic pioneer areas are being opened within established districts. Good examples are: Central and Southern Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Los Angeles, Chicago Central and many others. Social evangelism is expanding in New York's Lamb's Club, Washington's Community of Hope, San Francisco and Berkeley's Golden Gate Ministries, Cleveland's Church on Wheels, and others.

Individual churches are developing a multilanguage congregational ministry. Chicago is the target city for 1986 with a large task force dedicated to plant 30 churches and missions within the inner city. Nazarene Bible College is planning extension classes in the large centers in cooperation with the districts to help train ethnics to evangelize their own people and pastor the rapidly growing churches among them.

The Church Growth Division has the administrative responsibility for this new thrust to the cities and the ethnic ministries. We urge our people to make this challenging assignment a vital part of your intercessory prayer time for the church. The greatest stabilizing force in this new social revolution within our cities is a saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. □



David Christofferson

A Spanish nobleman named Francisco Vasquez de Coronado set out from Mexico in 1540 to find the fabled cities of gold. With him traveled 30 mounted men, 6 foot soldiers and attendants, and a Franciscan missionary, Juan de Padillo.

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Pushing deep into the American continent, the party traveled north-northeast. On June 29, 1541, after much hardship, they crossed the Arkansas River between what are now the Kansas towns of Ford and Fort Dodge.

After crossing the river, that little party of men celebrated, on the high hills overlooking the river from the north, what undoubtedly was the first Christian service ever held in mid-America. That service predated the landing of the Pilgrims by almost 100 years.

Many centuries later, a 38-foot cross was erected on the highest of those hills, marking the site of Coronado's crossing and that unique Christian service of thanksgiving.

The cross of Coronado significantly identifies an important "crossing" of a great explorer in man's history. The contributions of Coronado's travels and explorations are interesting and indeed valuable to mankind.

There was another cross on another hill, though, that impacted history far more significantly. The cross of Christ towers above all other crosses erected by man. It marks the spot in history where God's love intercepted forever man's sin, rebellion, and hate.

Christ was no explorer. He wasn't experimenting. He wasn't trying to find a way. He knew the way. He blazed a sure trail across the terrestrial plains of this planet to make it possible for man to find his way back to God.

Following the needle of God, Christ pushed far into sin and Satan's territory. Upon crossing River Death, the conquest of Satan's domain was completed. The cross of Christ marks the spot.

The cross of Christ marks the spot where God's love intersected forever a world of hurt with a world of healing; where man's frontier of fragmentation was displaced forever with God's settled wholeness and peace.

The cross of Christ marks the spot on man's trail of flight where his aloneness and alienation were ended, and where communion and fellowship with God and the community of believers began.

In contradistinction to Coronado's failed attempt to find the fabled cities of gold, the cross of Christ marks the spot where God laid down forever the sure foundations to the only real City of Gold.

Napoleon, another great name in history, is reported once to have taken a map of the world, and pointing to the British Isles, remarked, "If it were not for that red spot, I would have conquered the world." So Satan can point to the cross of Christ and say, "If it were not for that red spot, I would have conquered the world."

Because of a high hill called Calvary, marked by the towering cross of Christ, mankind can now celebrate forever a great feast of true thanksgiving and praise, and one day in the City of Gold see what John the Beloved saw: "I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; and cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb" (Revelation 7:9-10). □



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NEW COMMITMENT URGED

What is a soul worth in North America compared to one in a foreign country?

A look at the statistics released in the *Herald* of December 15 issue seems to present a prima facie case for foreign missions as a prime investment.

Does America need to work harder? To more aggressively branch out? To improve methods and/or materials? Do we need to pray more? Do Sunday School teachers need to visit more? Do clergy and laity need to be stirred again?

Should our emphases be reexamined, reoriented, or redirected?

A new commitment to Him whose coming Jesus promised before Pen-

tecost is indicated. May clergy and laity allow the Holy Spirit a greater thrust!

*J. M. Yarborough
Valrico, Florida*

GET INVOLVED

Don't you think it's time we get our eyes off one another and on Jesus? We must quit judging what others wear or if others watch TV or not, and get involved in the harvest of souls.

At our church I downplay emphasis on these issues every chance I get. After all, that's all a new contact for the church needs to hear to chase him away.

Concerning television there is some good programming (i.e., educational and religious programs).

Maybe we've missed it by not using this effective media tool to its fullest capacity as a church.

And I question whether having a television or not would cause a person to spend more time in prayer, Bible study, or Kingdom work. It's whether the initial desire is there or not that makes the difference.

Isn't it time we rise above these issues and get to the real task of lifting up Jesus?

*Rev. David W. Waltner
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ENCOURAGING TESTIMONY

Early in the 1940s a friend of mine had been sanctified. She shared her experience with me.

Belonging to a church that did not

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A Place Called Gethsemane

by ALBERT J. LOWN

Gethsemane, the garden where Jesus prayed in such anguish just before His arrest and trial and death, was a familiar and beloved spot to Him. John informs us "Jesus oft resorted there." It was His haven of quiet and renewal during His Jerusalem ministry; a fact well known to Judas Iscariot.

Our Lord's Gethsemane experience, as Matthew records it (26:36-46), can be summed up in seven words. *Supplication* is the first of the "words" as we view the kneeling, agonizing Lord, who commanded the disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray" (NIV). Gethsemane was the tranquil vestibule of Calvary. Deep within the garden grove, Jesus overcame the temptation to self-preservation and avoidance of the Cross. There He received angelic reinforcement to confront the betrayer, Judas, and the numerous arresting company with the majestic "I am he." From there He went as a sheep to the shearing and as a lamb to the sacrifice, unresisting.

Sorrow, immeasurable, is the second word in Matthew's Gethsemane passage. "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death," Jesus said to Peter, James and John; "Stay here and keep watch with me" (NIV). When the making of His soul an offering for sin, and Satan's endeavor to achieve a pre-Calvary death, are added to the human travail, the words of prophetic pathos—"See if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow" (Lamentations 1:12)—have unfathomable fulfillment.

Our friends cannot enter into the greatest emotional crises of our souls, though they can "watch with" us to our comfort and their credit. But Jesus had been where "sorrows like sea billows roll," where dry eyes or battling through in one's own strength are impossible. He shares both our tears and travail.

Submission follows. "My Father, if it be possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as



Harold M. Lambert

you will" (NIV). The thrice-repeated filial prayer presents the awesome mystery of foreknowledge and free will. If "a lamb slain before the foundation of the world" was "pre-ordained of God"; if "without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins"; if Moses and all the prophets predicted "the sufferings of Christ"; if Peter was rebuked by Jesus for voicing Satan's alternative; how could the "cup" possibly pass from Christ's hand and heart?

Yet the confirmed choice, "Not my will, but thine," acknowledges and honors the submissive human will. God will not bypass or override, in any circumstance or crisis of life, the free-will birthright He

has given. But He does strengthen the faith and consecration that responds to, embraces, and rests in His will.

Selection illumines the total humanity of the resolute, praying Jesus. "He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him" (NIV). Finally, because of the frailty of the chosen three, it was in complete loneliness that the Savior prayed through in dark Gethsemane. He did not wish it so. He wanted and needed selected friends near and awake, to sense their fellowship in the prolonged agony of His soul. Those who give the most to and for others are often in greatest need of caring friendship, and friendship should never be one-sided only.

Sensitivity breathes in the words, "The spirit is willing, but the body is weak" (NIV). The intentions of the disciples were good, their loyalty and friendship utterly sincere, and their promises truly fervent; but tiredness overcame alertness and concern, even after the Savior's second request to watch with Him. They slept again, though aware of their Master's travail. Yet even in His own heaviness of spirit and trauma of choice, Jesus understood and sympathized with the human limitations that influence the contrast between emotions and ethics, the willing spirit and the actual conduct.

Sadness, not for himself but for the sleeping trio, is expressed in His words, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour is near, and the Son of Man is

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betrayed into the hands of sinners" (NIV). He had entreated them to watch with Him; disappointed when they slept, He counseled, "Watch and pray" (NIV). Finding them asleep a second time, He left them, accepting their exhaustion. The third time His disappointment and loneliness was expressed; a greater grief to Peter than words of anger or condemnation could have been. They had failed to watch and warn of imminent arrest; a regret carried in Peter's memory and recalled in his letter, "Be sober, be vigilant . . ." (1 Peter 5:8).

Sacrifice, courageous and complete, sealed the garden prayer vigil. "Rise, let us go! Here comes my betrayer!" (NIV). As the police torches lightened the darkness, Jesus went from private prayer to an illegal trial; to mocking, scourging, the Golgotha way, and public execution. He illumined the black night of betrayal with the amazing pledge: "I will go before you into Galilee"—the risen Shepherd, Savior, and Friend.

Who can doubt there was a personal crucifixion and resurrection in the garden on Thursday night; an acceptance of Good Friday and an anticipation of Easter Sunday? And who can withhold from Him the confession and consecration:

*King of my life I crown thee now,
Thine shall the glory be . . .*

For Gethsemane and Calvary are linked in the chorus of William Kirkpatrick's Easter song:

*Lest I forget Gethsemane,
Lest I forget Thine agony,
Lest I forget Thy love for me,
Lead me to Calvary.* □

My Gethsemane

*When life is pain—
an open sore—
and I in weakness
cry, "No more!"
Help me, Father,
pray as He,
"Not my will, but
Thine for me."*

—MARCIA LEE KRUGH
Fremont, Ohio

CHRIST GAVE . . .

That the World May Know

by General Superintendent
Raymond W. Hurn

Twenty-one district superintendents, some from "guerilla-infested" areas, had come from Mexico and Central America for a training exercise in church growth, superintendency, and management training. Their spouses were also present.

We were considering the apostle Paul's sufferings, physical abuse, and special illness or "thorn in the flesh" (Galatians 4:13-14; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10). He had prayed three times for deliverance from this "thorn in the flesh," to no avail.

We then anointed and prayed for some of these superintendents and spouses. Here was a brother with cancer of the bone. He and his beautiful wife (a nurse) were so young, so eager, so full of life. Dr. Howard Hamlin had said five years before, "You will have a maximum of five years to serve." He is still serving, although uncomfortable. One woman suffered heart palpitations and stomach upset brought on by the pressures of life.

One superintendent's life had been threatened. He feared going back into the interior where guerilla warfare had broken out. But the defenseless congregations in that area were his responsibility, so he went, knowing that God was leading. Miraculously, the guerillas had preceded him by one day and were now gone! God protected each step of the way. His "thorn in the flesh" was an old back injury that had put him in bed for three months and continued to plague him. And there were others who came with the "thorns" of arthritis and various diseases, seeking to be delivered so they could serve in larger, better ways.

Overnight there were answers to prayer. One superintendent, after a recent cornea transplant, was having great difficulty with his eyes, but overnight the problem disappeared. Others testified to immediate relief from some of their symptoms.

How like the apostle Paul, in his effort to follow his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they seemed to be. Paul reminded the Romans, "For even Christ did not please himself but, as it is written: 'The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me'" (Romans 15:3, NIV). When an ambitious mother and her two self-seeking sons tried to influence Christ for special positions in His coming kingdom, He told them, "Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:26-28, NIV).

Paul urged this spirit upon the Corinthian church. They excelled in almost everything—in their faith, in their speech, in their knowledge, in their earnestness, and in their love (2 Corinthians 8:7). His one great concern was that they also "excel in this grace of giving" (NIV).

He tested their sincerity by comparing it with the earnest zeal of others who were giving to the relief of the famine-stricken Jerusalem church. These other churches were poor, but with "overflowing joy" they gave out of their extreme poverty, being rich in spirit and generosity. Paul testified that they "gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own" (2 Corinthians 8:3, NIV). They had begged the apostle for the privilege of sharing in this relief offering.

Paul said they went beyond expectations. What seemed to impress him most was that they "gave themselves first to the Lord" and then to the apostle and the church in harmony with what they felt was God's will for them.

In this spirit of generosity they were like Christ: "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9, NIV).

True generosity cannot be commanded. It must be proven by selfless and spontaneous acts of giving. The willingness to give with eager love for Christ is the keystone. It is not how much or how little but how willing: "For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have" (2 Corinthians 8:12, NIV).

The poor widow of Mark 12 is still a challenging example of selfless giving. To be a widow 2,000 years ago was a painful liability. When the rich and mighty approached the Temple treasury, they threw their great gifts into one of the 13 trumpet-shaped receptacles provided for contributions without any thought or conscience that the system that made them so rich abused the rights of others, especially widows. Then "a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny" (Mark 12:42, NIV). These were the smallest coins in circulation in Palestine. It was a meager offering.

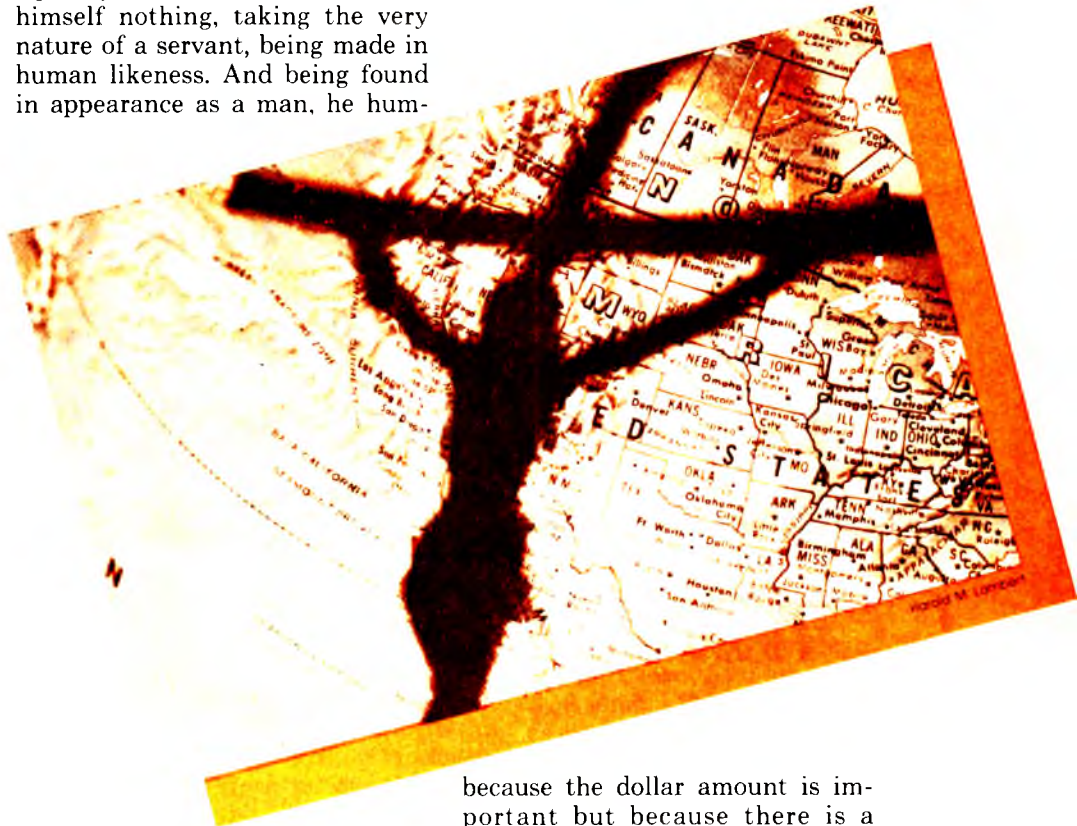
But Jesus said, she gave "all she had to live on" (Mark 12:44, NIV). Talk about vulnerability! She gave all that she had. Nothing now stood between her and starvation. Jesus

was so impressed that He called His disciples about Him and said, "This poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others" (Mark 12:43, NIV).

Who among us has given anything at all compared with the great gift of God himself through the person of Jesus Christ. The extravagance of the gift of Christ can never be exaggerated. Although He had the very nature of God, He did not consider himself to be equal with God. He was not grasping after equality for himself, "But made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he hum-

Now it was time for them to "finish the work" so that their eager willingness might "be matched by your completion of it, according to your means" (2 Corinthians 8:11, NIV).

I am reminding Nazarenes everywhere that last year we also had an eager desire to give \$9.5 million for world evangelism, but we came up short and the goal this year was again set for \$9.5 million. It is now time that our eager "willingness" be matched by a spirit of true generosity that will lead us to more than complete the \$9.5 million goal, not



because the dollar amount is important but because there is a waiting world that needs to know Christ.

bled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross!" (Philippians 2:7-8, NIV).

Because of His humiliation, His selfless giving of "all," God exalted Him to the highest place of all. God "gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:9-11, NIV).

When Paul encouraged the Corinthians to be generous, he reminded them that the year before they were the first to give and the first to have the desire to do so.

Christ gave . . . that the world may know! If He could take upon himself the very nature of a servant in the act of giving, if He could humble himself and become obedient to death in the act of giving that the world may know, can we not give our "all" now? A waiting world wants to "know." A great corps of 600 missionaries is giving more than money—their very lives—that they may know. Let us purpose to first of all give ourselves to the Lord and live in keeping with His will, and let us also rise up at this beautiful Easter season to give out of our abundance that a waiting world may know of the saving power of Christ. □

It's really out of my hands. I have no right to create it. They would have my neck if I suggested it, so I won't do what I want to do. But . . . I've been praying hard for several months about a Russian Nazarene holiness broadcast. I think the Lord wants us Nazarenes to get busy and talk holiness to Russia.

Did you see the little news blurb in the *World Mission* magazine of July 1985? It said:

Recently a prominent pastor from the Soviet Union has been in contact with the World Mission Division. He has asked for study and training materials on Nazarenes and Holiness. He says, "For many years I have been looking for facts and figures on your church." Dr. L. Guy Nees says, "Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will give guidance . . . if this is an open door."

I believe in God's ability to open doors. I think He gets a bang out of making it difficult for individuals bent on making it hard on Him. I recall what my parents said, "God cannot be outdone."

I have been talking to a lot of people during recent months—experts in the field of the use of interna-

tional media (radio and television). Most of these are experts on non-North American strategies, resources, and statistics. I've also been reading everything I can get my hands on that will tell me more about the world of non-Judeo-Christian heritage.

We are now getting statistics that lead us to know there are some 40,000 radio churches in Russia. Recently Dr. Donald McGavran said:

Since a vision of the part which mass media ministries can play in multiplying churches has arisen largely as a result of the tremendous multiplication of house churches in China and the establishment of at least 40,000 radio churches in Russia, we must all recognize that it is possible for mass media to play a significant part in carrying out the Great Commission.

A radio congregation consists of 20 to 100 people who meet secretly several times a week in different homes in order to listen to radio Bible studies and programs of spiritual nurture from some of the world's most powerful religious stations.

So while you are doing your best to minister to those around you, I'm trying to figure out how the Lord is going to make it possible for the Church of the Nazarene to minister to millions who will never show up on

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HOLD ON, RUSSIA! THE NAZARENES ARE COMING (SOMETIME)!

by RAY HENDRIX



our "number rolls." A Russian language broadcast of biblical studies on holiness? Why not? We have the material, the scripts, access to people to record it, available music, *but no funds* to sign broadcasting contracts or to go to production.

Now please remember this—I am in no position to organize this, but if I were so requested I would recommend that 1,000 of you reading this would pledge \$50.00 a year for a Russian broadcast. All you would need to do is send your check to *World Mission Radio* in care of Dr. Norman O. Miller. It would then get

assigned to funds usable for Russian language media. But that's only my personal opinion, you know. You've got to take your own initiative.

Imagine! Millions are anxious to know much more about something you and I take for granted. Radio is the only way we can tell them.

Oh, yes—one more thing. Did you know what Christianity offers that no other religion can provide? *Free forgiveness for sin.* That's what gets their attention. So what shall we do? As I see it, there are two options: *Act, or think about it a little longer!* □



Robert Moust

by WANDA GORMAN

My husband and I were watching the news when heartrending pictures of starving people in Africa were flashed on the screen. We both stood there aghast as we viewed the pitiful people whose eyes pled for someone to help.

I feed everything—the birds, the squirrels, the stray cats—everything that is hungry. I just can't bear to see something or someone hungry. So the pictures of those African people hurt me to the depth of my soul, and I exclaimed to my husband, "We just have to help somehow."

He agreed, "We must find a way to do something, but how?"

We decided we could give \$10.00 per week if we had to cut back on our grocery money to do it, but how would we know the starving people of Africa would receive food? We

"Ye Have Done It unto Me"

had heard many stories about organizations where much of the money was used as overhead and very little actually got to the need for which it was intended. So I called Steve Weber, head of the Hunger and Disaster Fund at our General Headquarters, and told him we wanted to send a little money, but we did not know whether our church was involved in this endeavor in Africa or not. He had good news for me. He said if the money was sent to the Hunger and Disaster Fund and designated for Mozambique, Africa, that money would be used to help feed the starving in that area, as we had a national pastor who was distributing food to the needy people there.

Now I would trust my grocery money with a Nazarene pastor anytime. There is just something about a sanctified man that lets you know he will do his best to fulfill his responsibility. I thank God for our people who pay General Budgets to make possible Nazarene Mission Stations in areas of need.

We began giving \$10.00 per week through our NWMS for the hunger fund. My husband and I shared with our church people our burden and what we were doing, and our precious people here at Pontiac First began bringing in money also. We felt like Jesus was dividing up the loaves and fishes we had given Him to make them stretch further and further. To date our church has raised over \$2,800 for this purpose.

Our General Budget and all allocations are paid in full. We tripled our September Alabaster giving and doubled our February Alabaster giving, making a total of \$3,500 in Alabaster funds for this church year. The hunger fund was in excess of all other obligations.

It is such a good feeling to know that even one starving boy or girl went to sleep with a full stomach because we cared, along with other loving, caring Nazarenes across our denomination who are also giving. We can't feed them all, but we can feed some. I feel very strongly that Jesus is looking down and saying, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." □

THE REWARD

*When I love those
who return my love,
I feel joy
because I have pleased
them.*

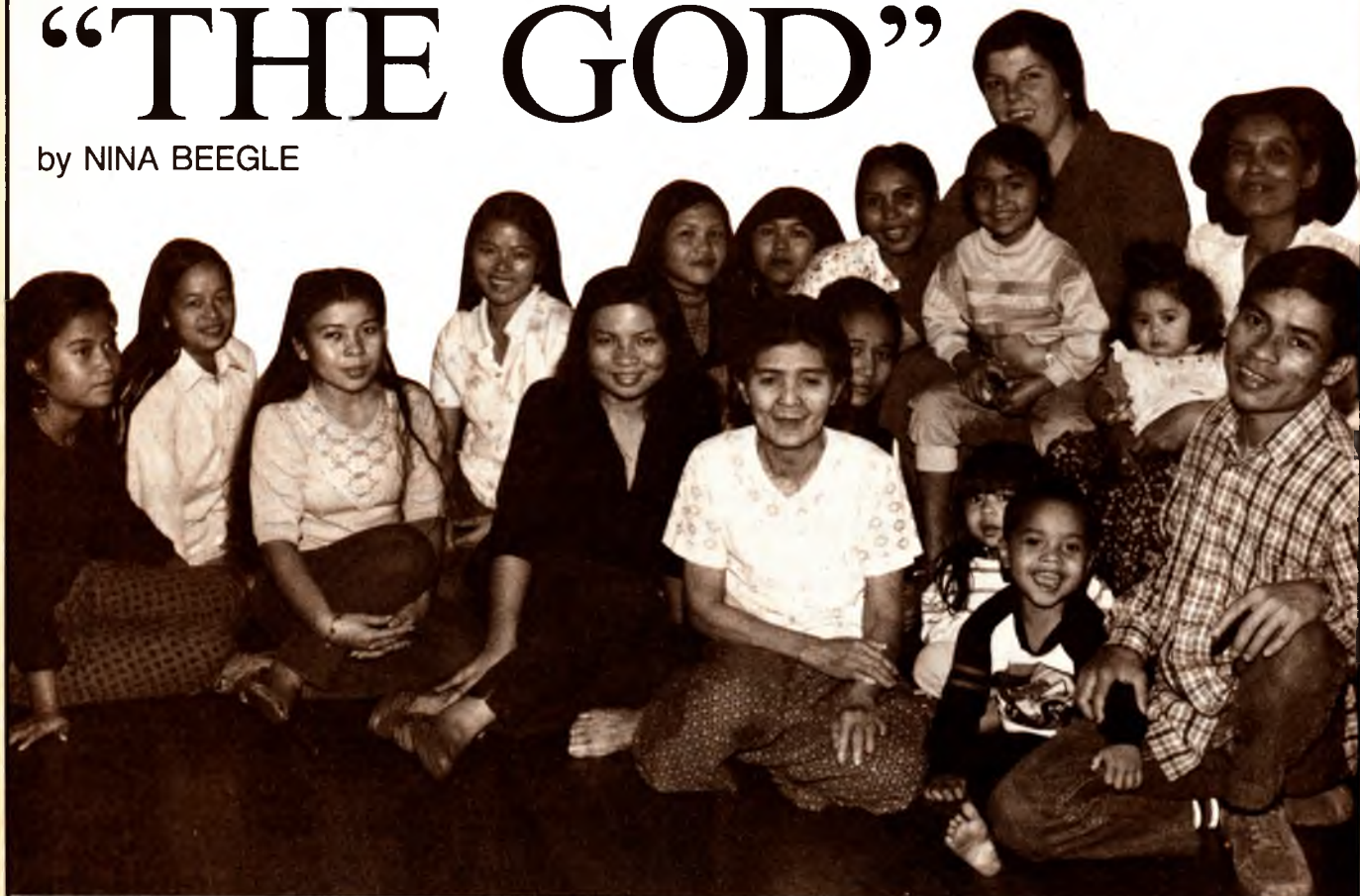
*When I love those
who resist my love,
I feel joy
because I have pleased
God.*

—GERALDINE NICHOLAS
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NOW I KNOW "THE GOD"

by NINA BEEGLE



After her father was killed by the Communists, Chheat had no reason to remain in Cambodia. She would leave and take as many of her family as possible. Of course she would take her mother and Dy (pronounced Dee), her younger sister. As the oldest unmarried child in the family she was responsible.

Chheat's heart was very heavy after her beloved father was killed. She knew he had given his life for his family because, when they begged him to try to escape before the Khmer Rouge arrested him, he refused, saying it would mean certain death for his family.

"Don't worry about me," he told Chheat, "I have medicine. You chil-



Lines of fear, grief, and illness remain etched on the face of Thap, Ran—Chheat's mother, for whom she must provide care and sustenance.

Barbara Nichols (top), coordinator of Cambodian Ministries at Chicago Northside Church, poses with some of the Cambodians. Though several families often occupy one small apartment, they make a valiant effort to maintain cleanliness. Dy is third from left; Chheat is fifth from left.

dren follow the rules and don't talk about politics, and when I am gone you leave Cambodia."

"My father was like a village chief," said Chheat, "and the people respected him. He knew that his turn would soon come to be arrested and killed."

The Communists have a kind of "hit list" after takeover of a country, beginning with professional people—doctors, lawyers, professors—and filtering down to people like Chheat's father. She saw innocent people arrested and killed day after day and she greatly feared for her father. It was little comfort to

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Chheat's sister, Chhoeur; her brother-in-law, Cin Reth; and their four children.

know he carried the tin of poisonous fruit that he said he would eat if they arrested him. When word got back to Chheat after his death, she learned he was so brutally beaten that observers saw his teeth fly out. There was no chance to resort to the can of poisoned fruit.

In the midst of their separation and suffering Chheat was praying to the God who speaks to hearts.

"My grandparents were Buddhist, but we know the Buddha not God," Chheat said. "We don't know who is God, but we pray, every day, 'God help.'"

Chheat's mother was starving, so after a long day of work she would sneak out at night under threat from the patrolling Vietcong, to find a rice field where she could get a few grains of rice and sneak back home. Her life was in danger always, but she prayed without ceasing to the God she didn't know.

At last final arrangements were made for as many of the family as could to flee to the border of Thailand, though they were all sick and malnourished. They had agreed to pray to this God who had helped them thus far, for the journey was perilous and chances for making it to the border were very slim. But there was nothing to be gained by staying.

Chheat possessed the only bicy-

cle among them. She had used it before to help people escape and several times had helped elderly people who never could have made it without her. When her mother and old aunt could go no farther she relayed them on her bicycle, one by one, to a certain point, then started the process over, taking them a little farther each time. All this was done under the stress of being careful that a stick didn't break, or that one of the many with respiratory diseases didn't cough. This included small children.

After many days they came to a wide, treacherous river, the last barrier to Thailand, and they knew it was heavily guarded. They must make no noise. Though they had prayed to their unknown God, fear shrouded them as slowly, painstakingly they felt their way to avoid the many deep holes. Would He protect them? Without Him there was no chance for 10 people to make the crossing undetected.

On January 6, 1980, they arrived safely at one of the border camps. Life was not pleasant there, but one thing was more important to Chheat than food or clothing, or even kindness, much as they needed that.

"In the camp I try to find God," she said. "But nobody tell me. I attend church a half-mile away and try to find the really God. I have a thousand questions." Chheat was in the camps for three and a half months.

"We never thought that we would have the fortune to live in the United States," Chheat said. "Some families in the camp have relatives in the U.S. before the Khmer Rouge, but not us. We must wait to be sponsored by the internationals." To her utter amazement, Chheat, her mother, and her sister, Dy, were given notice that a man in the U.S. was sponsoring them. With great hopes they boarded the plane to a strange city called Chicago.

Chheat's dream soon went flat. The Thai man who sponsored them was selfishly motivated. His offer was not to help them with their desperate needs, but to give her enough food for herself in exchange for her services in his store. He was not sympathetic, though their bod-

ies were emaciated and sickness made work impossible. They needed good food and care to get well. They had absolutely nothing but the clothing they wore. They could not communicate with anyone in this strange place where indignity was heaped upon them from so many who made it clear they were not welcome.

Chheat's refusal of her sponsor's offer left them nothing. They were led up dusty, cluttered stairs, embanked by filth-encrusted walls, to the fourth floor of a tenement building. In the empty little two-room apartment, the bitter March winds of Chicago claimed dominion through broken windowpanes. There was not a bed, a cover, a pan, or a dish. They faced a fate little better than they had known in Cambodia—except that now they had freedom.

But what is freedom without warmth or food, with no way to communicate their needs, no one to care, and no prospect for anything better? They sought to relieve their misery from the only available supply—the garbage cans and alleys that held the sullied dregs of Chicago's poor. A morsel of garbage to sustain life, a box spring that gouged their thin frames, and a few rags for cover were a good day's provision to be shared by the three. But the worst of all for Chheat was



Chheat (L.) with sisters, Chhoeur (with baby), and Dy.

that she would never see the rest of her family again.

Such an existence eroded the sensitive mind, the weak body, and the searching soul of little Chheat. The World Relief people found her dangerously depressed. In her deep depression she clung to the one faint spark of hope in her life—the God who was great enough to get her out of Communist Cambodia. She continued to pray to Him whom she reverently called “The God.” He had been preparing the way before her and was about to pour out the vial of her prayers.

In September 1984 World Relief (agency of the National Association of Evangelicals) contacted Barbara Nichols, coordinator of Cambodian Ministries at Northside Church of the Nazarene in Chicago. She and the church had sponsored and cosponsored several families, and they felt she was just the one to sponsor Chheat’s sister and family and to minister to little Chheat. Barbara’s love and compassion for Southeast Asian people knows no bounds. Whatever their needs, she finds a way or makes one, to supply food, raiment, beds, transportation, government assistance, education—all these and love.

Up to this time the U.S. had not been good to Chheat, and an endlessly ominous future was all she could envision. Then Barb came, and with her some of the necessities for housekeeping and basic living. But Chheat was so depressed that even this hardly penetrated her despair. When the news came that her sister Chhoeur was being sponsored, her troubled mind and soul could not respond.

“They were so accustomed to being neglected and used,” Barbara says, “that they were just overwhelmed when we began bringing them things. They are such a grateful, gracious people. They don’t want to be a bother or a burden to anyone. It’s such a joy to help them.”

“I didn’t want anyone to try to make me happy,” Chheat recalls. “I wanted to keep away from anybody. I want only to die. When Barb say we are going to the airport to pick up my sister and her family, I don’t

know if she nice or if she is like my sponsor. I pray, ‘O, God, make this lady nice to my family.’”

At last it was time to go the the airport for Chhoeur, her brother-in-law, Cin Reth, and their four children. A faint glimmer of happiness seemed to break in upon Chheat’s joyless existence as they covered the miles to O’Hare airport.

Recognition shone on Chheat’s countenance as she approached a man older than she. Typical polite exchanges were made. “Her brother-in-law, no doubt,” was Barbara’s assumption. But it was not Cin

able to publicly display their feelings.

A mix-up of flights brought family members to Chicago who had been destined for Maryland, so here they were together, and there was nothing to do but take the lot of them. The effective prayers of a humble, depressed maiden had changed the plans and processes of men.

As Barbara continued to minister to the needs of this extended family, Chheat wondered what made this sponsor so different from the other one. She found her an-



Some of the 15 relatives of Chheat picked up at O’Hare Airport by sponsors from the Chicago Northside Church.

Reth, and that was the first of several surprises that day.

“Who is this, Chheat?” Barb asked eventually.

“My cousin,” Chheat answered.

“Well, I don’t know about any cousin. I came to pick up 6 people, and there are 15 people here!”

As people flowed from the plane, the homecoming got more and more animated and the Asian family grew larger and larger. The 15 could hardly contain their joy, though custom made it unaccept-

swer when Barb took a carload of Cambodians to Northside Church of the Nazarene to meet others from their country who already worshiped there.

Chheat immediately recognized that this was where she would find “The God,” because she could feel His love there among the people.

“Now I am happy, and I can smile again,” Chheat said. “We start learn about Jesus and study the Bible. Barb, she take my family to church every Sunday, and we try to learn, like a baby go to school. All my family keep talking about God is, and that’s why we are here. I no more sad because now I know The God, who He is.” □

"Saved as Through Fire"

by KENNETH B. CLEMENTS

This statement from 1 Corinthians 3:15 (NASB), could be applied to a young soldier near the Vietnam DMZ in October 1971, when the defense of South Vietnam was being rapidly turned over to the Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN). U.S. soldiers in fixed positions were less and less secure from both the bombardment of enemy artillery and ground assault.

One such position was a firebase called ALPHA 2, at a place known well by marines as Con Thien, for a village that had once stood there. During those difficult days it was my privilege to minister to the U.S. artillerymen there. As U.S. soldiers withdrew from the DMZ area stretching from Lao Bao to Dong Ha, our artillerymen became the victims of heavy and accurate rocketry and long-range artillery from the North Vietnamese army. Getting to these men for my twice-weekly visit and worship services was a major challenge and grew very unpredictable.

At ALPHA 2, the XO, who is the officer in charge of fire missions for an artillery battery, was a devout Christian man. At every visit he took great pains to call the men together for worship. When combat allowed, sometimes there was a large group. Otherwise, the group was very small. We sang some hymns, prayed together, read the Scriptures, and had Communion. The XO, at my side, was always demonstrating his own faith and dedication to the Lord. If ever there was a wonderful young Christian man, it was he; and all his soldiers knew it and respected him deeply for it.

On this one frightful evening, the enemy opened on ALPHA 2 with their heavy artillery with a combination of delayed fuses and fragmentation shells. They evidently expected to destroy that firebase completely that evening. Our gun crews were firing rapidly on as many targets as they could locate, and all the while the XO ran from gun to gun, encouraging them and keeping an estimate of the damages.

Just between two bunkers, a large fragment ripped through the neck of the XO, cutting his major artery. In the midst of the barrage, the medic ran to him, dragged him behind a very low wall, and did what he could—he cradled the head of his beloved XO while the wounded man bled to death. In the last shades of light, all who could see from their bunkers witnessed the end



U.S. Army Photograph

of a great Christian man, and they were demoralized.

With first light, my helicopter dropped me at the firebase to offer whatever help I could at a time like that. As I moved from crew to crew with my words of faith and confidence in God, I found some hardened and some softened. Before Communion, many asked for prayer and reported reconciliation with the Lord.

One young soldier I will never forget! He had never been in a church in his life, but he had read the life of his XO and knew that the Lord makes people "different." Through our prayer, he confessed his sin of unbelief, repented, and was saved as we knelt in the mud. Quickly I poured water from my canteen into my helmet and baptized the world's newest Christian. He was "saved as through fire." □

THE VICTORY THAT OVERCOMETH

*We sorrow, but we sorrow not
As though no hope remained;
There shineth in our night a Light
The dark can't comprehend.
The ashes of our fondest dreams
A beauty will transform;
No tempest comes but what we have
A covert from the storm.
A shadow from the heat is ours,
We have a balm for pain,
Our crooked paths are straightened out,
And places rough made plain.
Should tears and weeping fill our night,
Joy rises with the dawn,
And should in stocks our feet be thrust,
Our prisons fill with song.
Through famine, sword, or peril,
Or accounted sheep for slaughter,
We are persuaded, in all things,
In Him we're more than conqueror!*

—E. RUTH GLOVER
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ONE BABY THE ABORTIONISTS DIDN'T KILL

by C. DALE GERMAN

Emmalyn and I stood speechless, looking down into a warm plastic incubator at the three-and-a-half-pound baby inside. It was our first glimpse of the life that would become our adopted son.

He was a big fellow at three-and-a-half pounds. Before we saw him his weight had dropped to two-and-a-half pounds. His skin was wrinkled like an old man's and so thin we could see blood vessels through it.

Too small and weak to move, he laid in the incubator motionless, with tubes and monitors connected to him everywhere.

He was a seven-month baby, a premie. His birth mother gave him life, then gave him to us. Eight-and-a-half months after conception he was in our home, filling our lives with all the love and joy we had longed for for 15 years.

It should horrify every compassionate person to realize that, constitutionally, defenseless little babies like this have no protection against those who would kill them by abortion, either suctioning their bodies apart with the force of a vacuum cleaner or pulling their little limbs from their torso piece by piece, or drowning them in a salt solution that literally burns off their skin.

Many people do not realize that the infamous and outrageously un-

fortunate 1973 Supreme Court *Wade vs. Roe* decision legalized the killing of human life right up to the last moment of the ninth month of pregnancy. The only restrictions on killing babies legally is that the baby must be unborn. That is why the womb has been called the "free fire zone."

It matters not that abortions are not usually performed this late in pregnancy. The fact is, the law allows nine-month abortions in defiance of every scientific and moral evidence that human life is at stake.

Abortion proponents have told us that abortion is a quick, easy, clinical method to care for the "product of conception." The fact is, abortion is a risky surgical procedure with one ultimate purpose. The product of abortion is a dead baby.

Abortionists have told us legalized abortion is safe and better than back alley illegal abortions. The fact is, abortion on demand only protects the doctor who makes his livelihood by taking innocent life. Abortion remains risky to the mother and is never safe, but always 100% fatal, for the baby.

Abortionists have told us a woman has the right to control her own body. The fact is, a woman does not have total legal rights to control her own body. Neither men or women have the right to take illicit drugs or commit legal suicide. The fact is, this argument has nothing to do with the subject of a woman's right to control her own

body. The fact is, the baby's life inside the mother is a totally individual life with a separate blood type, brain, and set of footprints and fingerprints.

One cannot really understand the pro-abortion mentality without understanding the religion of secular humanism.

The humanists, in their manifesto, state clearly that there is no God and that human life is merely the highest known form of natural evolution.

All who favor abortion are not humanists, but they follow the humanist philosophy. If life is merely the survival of the fittest, killing weak, defenseless babies is only a part of the evolutionary process. If there is no God or afterlife, killing doesn't matter. That's why one of the manifesto's articles of faith is the right to suicide.

The late Bertha Munro, in *Truth for Today*, said, "God creates, the devil destroys." Every human life is a unique creation of God. Every abortion is wanton destruction of human life. Abortion on demand is a totally anti-Christian, humanistic concept.

Pro-abortionists have told us abortion is a loving, compassionate, necessary way of helping women through unfortunate crises, and a way of preventing an epidemic of unwanted babies.

The fact is, abortion causes women more pain, sorrow, and guilt than going to term. Many women experience depression every anniversary of the date that would have

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been their baby's birthday. There is nothing compassionate or loving about abortion. There is only sadness.

The fact is, there is no such thing as an unwanted baby. It is just a matter of "wanted by whom." Many women who have aborted babies have realized too late it was only the pregnancy they did not want, not the baby.

Emmalyn and I waited 15 years for Dale. We love him so much that I even gave him my own name. Others have waited longer and are still waiting.

If there is a pregnant woman somewhere reading this and considering abortion, I plead with you, please consider the priceless gift of love you can give to someone who cannot ever have children of their own.

Abortion is not the answer. You can deliver a happy, healthy baby that will be loved and cared for. A couple somewhere right now is praying and searching for a little baby, and you have it within you to be the answer to their prayer.

Life is always better than death. I beg you sincerely, please choose life. Let your baby be another baby the abortionists didn't kill. □

Keep Walking



*Keep walking, dear Christian,
keep walking with Jesus.
Don't slacken your pace.
A skeptical world is watching
your footsteps
in trials you face.*

*Keep walking with Jesus,
though moorings you trusted
are slipping from view;
keep walking, some
newborn Christian
may be depending on you!*

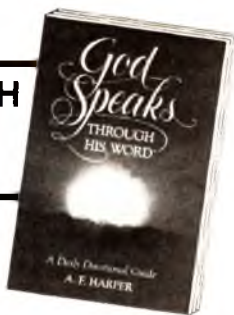
*Keep walking, dear Christian,
keep walking with Jesus,
though bitter the loss;
no pain that you bear
can ever compare
with His on Calvary's cross!*

*Keep walking, dear Christian,
keep walking! There's light
at the end of the way!
With Christ as your Guide,
you will be inside
that Pearly White City someday!*

—ALICE HANSCH MORTENSON
Racine, Wisconsin

Book Brief

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD A Daily Devotional Guide



A. F. HARPER,
author

Read through the Bible in one year! Many consider doing it; some begin; a few blessed souls succeed and become addicted to the practice. Modern translations have boosted the rate of success. But how can you do it?

We have a brand-new book of meditations that encourage reading the whole Bible at the rate of about three chapters a day. Two advantages of this book over a typical Bible reading schedule are that the reading can begin anytime, because it's not dated; and each devotional lists the chapters to be read, followed by the

shorter portion where the focus of the devotional is to be found. This makes it feasible on busy or trying days to read only the scripture related to the devotional and to move on the following day to the next full reading without the guilt of feeling "behind."

The daily devotionals are rich and informative. A few contain multiple choice or other personal testing devices to inspire contemplation. Here and there the author has inserted a comment to explain a passage, to clear up a question, or to draw attention to helpful background.

When I was reviewing this book, I was also studying Amos. First thing I did was to check out what Harper said about this minor prophet. His comments were helpful to me. The book is not intended as a commentary, but other writers, teachers, or speakers could gain devotional insight, as I did. All books of the Bible are covered.

Over several decades, A. F. Harper's prolific pen has given the church a steady flow of excellent material. He has several major projects just out or in the works. But the passing of years could prove this one to be the best, because it seems to have the kind of universal appeal, combining nurture and knowledge, that endures. □

—Evelyn A. Stenbock

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the editor's STANDPOINT

PRAYER AS COMMUNION

People are quicker to pray in desperate situations than in sunny hours.

Stukas screamed out of the sky, raining bombs on the ships deployed to evacuate the British army from the beaches of northern France. Soon ships were ablaze and sinking. The sea was slick with oil and filled with swimmers struggling to stay afloat.

The *St. Abbs*, a tug pressed into service for the rescue operation, used every possible evasive tactic while picking up survivors. Soon 130 men crowded her deck, some of them badly injured. A doctor and a chaplain tried to give first aid and encouragement as the bombs kept falling. Walter Lord quotes the chaplain as saying, "I have never prayed so hard before."

Emergency prayers may bring succor, but they do not guarantee safety. When the *Stukas* disappeared and the *St. Abbs* steamed homeward, suddenly a bomber swooped over, dropping four bombs in the tug's path. One of them tore open her bottom, and the ship sank within 30 seconds. Few men survived.

Prayer as a cry for help is not enough. We are not promised immunity from trouble or rescue when it comes. Read Hebrews 11. Gallant men and women of faith survived menacing situations, but others, equally faithful and heroic, were mocked, tortured, and killed. God "spared not his own Son," Gethsemane's prayers notwithstanding. For reasons hidden in His own wisdom, He may not spare us either.

That's why prayer as communion with God is all-important. We need to cultivate His acquaintance and to increase our love, trust, and obedience. Whatever happens—and whether the answer to our cries for help is yes, no, or wait—we shall not be torn from His hands. In life or death, we will be with Him who has pledged, "I will never leave you nor forsake you" (NKJV).

Sometimes S.O.S. prayers are answered as we wish, sometimes not. But prayer as fellowship with God is always answered with added measures of courage, peace, and strength. Nothing can separate us from God's love, not even burning seas and sinking ships. □

FAILED PREDICTIONS

When 1985 expired in our neighborhood, its passing celebrated with fireworks, I thought of a failed prediction.

A preacher friend who is "into" prophecy had published a tract "proving" from Scripture that the Temple would be rebuilt in Jerusalem by 1985. 1986 is here, but the Temple is not. It would not be unfair to say that my friend had been "bull-dogmatic" about his exegesis and prediction.

He is one of many who have unwisely set dates for end-time events, only to be contradicted by the flow of time. Until the Lord returns, such blunders will occur.

Failed predictions have a damaging effect upon a preacher's credibility. Many will cease to listen to him, even when he is proclaiming the gospel and not indulging in profitless speculations.

More damaging still, these failed predictions can turn folk away from prophetic scriptures. The predictions are intended to arouse people from lethargy and inspire them with hope. When they fail, however, they

have an opposite effect, contributing to disinterest and apathy. They lull people to sleep by causing them to associate all proclamation of the Second Coming with the conspicuous errors. The undoubted sincerity of those who make wrong predictions does not rescue the situation.

Though foolish men forecast a thousand predictions that fail, the promise of God will not be forfeited. Jesus Christ is coming again. This truth, eminently plain in Scripture, is the "glorious hope" of the Church. That hope exercises a purifying effect upon those who embrace it. It gives an added urgency and incentive to their labors for the Kingdom. We must not allow the misguided zeal of mistaken date-setters to quench our hope or slacken our work.

The word of God cannot fail. His promises are bound to be fulfilled. Our responsibility is to believe them and proclaim them, living in constant readiness for the return of our Lord and encouraging others to do likewise. We can leave the schedule to God, confident that He will convert prophecy into history in His own good time. □

Sex, power, money, friendship—these are gifts of God when received from Him. They are gifts of Satan when taken from his outstretched hands, taken outside the will of God.

SERVE GOD ONLY

"All these things will I give You," said Satan, referring to "the kingdoms of the world." Then he added the price tag: "if You fall down and worship me" (Matthew 4:9, NASB).

Jesus replied, "It is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only.'"

Him only? But did not Jesus say to His disciples, "I am among you as the one who serves?" (Luke 22:27, NASB). Did He not command each of them to be "servant of all"? Yes, Jesus served men and taught us to serve one another, but only God is to be served *as God*.

Jesus would not absolutize the relative. He would not exalt a creature to the Creator's place. He would not receive from the tempter what He could rightfully possess only as the gift of God. To serve God *as God* is to do His will and to use His gifts with an eye single to His glory.

To yield to temptation is to make the tempter your god. To receive gifts from Satan is to forfeit gifts from God. The tempter's gifts may appear as perfect imitations of

the Creator's gifts, but the devil's gifts contain death, and God's gifts bring life.

Sex, power, money, friendship—these are gifts of God when received from Him. They are gifts of Satan when taken from his outstretched hands, taken outside the will of God.

To eyes that clearly see, God's gifts are infinitely more precious than are the tempter's. "The kingdoms of the world"—what a staggering prize to dangle before a man! No wonder that Hitler and Stalin, for example, grabbed for them so avidly.

Jesus chose instead the Father's will—and was nailed to a cross! But He was raised from the dead and declared, "*All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth*" (Matthew 28:18, NASB, italics added).

Only nail-scarred hands can be trusted with God's gifts. Only the believer who is "crucified to the world" can distinguish between the gifts of God and the counterfeits of Satan. What men accept from the tempter will ultimately destroy them. What God bestows, however roughly gift-wrapped, means life and peace and freedom, now and forever. Serve only God as God! □

UNUSUAL MAIL

I get lots of mail. Sometimes it's sweet, sometimes it's acidic, always it's interesting. I thought nothing could surprise me, but a recent letter did. It was strange!

The letter was from Decherd, Tenn., where Gene A. Wardlaw is the pastor. He reported a revival meeting during the fall drive for increased Sunday School attendance. The fires kindled then are still burning, he says, and on a recent Sunday morning, during a solo by their song leader, John Williams, "the altar was lined with seekers" and soon "tears of joy and shouts of praise" were seen and heard.

That is not the strange part. Thank God, we have churches in many places where services are marked with the power and blessing of God, bringing conviction of sin and deliverance through Christ.

The strange part involved the Christian life chairman, Jimmy Wimley. Under his leadership, the Sunday School is averaging 19 more per Sunday than last year. The Decherd church led the district in the fall drive. Included with the letter were two Polaroid shots of

Brother Wimley, one with and one without a mustache. He had promised the pastor that if they reached a certain goal, the pastor could shave the mustache off.

Now we come to the strange part! Enclosed with the letter was the mustache, the clipped hairs sealed in a small, separate envelope! Nothing like that has ever reached us in the mail before.

We rejoice with those who rejoice. Whether or not we can publish your news items, we enjoy hearing of the victories you celebrate in your churches. Praise the Lord for outpourings of His Spirit and for the growing edges on the church. But, folks, if I want lip hair, I can raise my own crop.

I returned the mustache. Wardlaw's letter ended, "Use the pictures or throw them out. Just wanted you to know we have a church with a shout!" Great! Send the shout and keep the hair. Set new goals and win new laurels, go from victory unto victory, but please, no mustaches, no eyelashes, no scalps are needed to dramatize the report! □



The Restored Man's Aim

by NEIL E. HIGHTOWER

THE BIBLICAL ESTIMATE of man is not uniformly pessimistic, as some strains of Christian perspective seem to indicate. The Psalmist saw that man was made "a little lower than the angels," and is "crowned . . . with glory and honour" (Psalm 8:5).

This lovely psalm goes on to show man as a governing creature, endowed with dominion over God's creation. No created thing has been exempt from man's oversight (v. 6). That certainly places a burden of responsibility upon mankind, one which requires environmental stewardship.

Man, by the grace of God, is equal to his responsibility. He is created in the image of God. To be sure, in the fall of Adam, that image was defaced but not totally destroyed. According to Wesleyan theology, in only one category is the image lost, namely, the moral image. Man has retained the spiritual and governmental image. Man has an inability in that which pertains to salvation. He cannot by his own strength choose God, for in his fallen, natural state he is without the Holy Spirit. Being deprived of God's presence, the source of all righteousness, man is born with an inclination to sin.

All of this being true, still the Psalmist could exclaim that man is "fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalm 139:14). In that mysterious and awesome revelation is the potential of human purpose. Paralleling

that reality is the second reality that "all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). Man's gracious and glorious potential is short-circuited by his willful choice of sin. There is no inevitable necessity that he should disobey God, but there is a tendency, a bent, to disobedience. Devoid of God's presence, and possessed of imperfect knowledge, man chooses according to his deprived condition.

The beautiful word of divine truth is that Jesus came expressly to restore the breached line of divine-human communication, and to redeem us from the curse of sin. In that restoration, we are made "more than conquerors." As we walk in the light God sheds on our pathway, through the communication of God's grace, we are continually kept in the redeemed condition. Creation lost is thus creation regained. The sanctifying grace that hallows us issues in a blameless life, though not a faultless life. Ours is still a relative perfection, that is, a perfection corresponding to the end or purpose of our creation and measured by the light of the generation or dispensation in which I am living. Man was never created to be absolutely perfect, as is God. That is the reason it was consistent for David to say, in Psalm 101:2, "I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way . . . I will walk within my house with a perfect heart." What a lovely affirmation, which serves as a model for us who look back to the atoning work of Calvary as David looked forward. Having only the schoolmaster, the Law, David nevertheless aimed for blameless living. Ought our aim to be less, we who have the grace of the Son? □

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PRAY FOR Lathrop Ministry House (1) and bivocational volunteers and church planters. (L. to r.) Lisa Criss, Meg and Dan Barnes (church planters), Mike Hicks (director of ministry house), Tammy Addington, and Rev. James Bledsaw.

PRAY FOR the James Bledsaw family (2), Northside Church of

the Nazarene, and the multiple outreach ministries this pastor oversees: Lathrop Project and Ministry House, food pantry (feeds 300 a month), clothing distribution, Cambodian sponsorships and ministries. Five congregations: Spanish, Korean, Cambodian, Arabic, Anglo/mixed race.



3

PRAY FOR Northside church (3) in Ravenswood, an inner-city community of mixed races with much poverty. Five congregations worship here in five languages.

PRAY FOR First Korean Church (4), organized in 1975, and Pastor Sang Lee. At 12:30 other groups vacate Northside and the Koreans have Sunday School and worship until 3 P.M.



4

PRAY FOR First Spanish Church and Pastor Jose Alfaro. Happy Hispanics (5, 6) arrive for worship at Northside Church. Their spirited music is enjoyed by all the groups.

Children of many nationalities (7) learn together in Northside's Sunday School and children's church.



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AGG NY NATIONS

PRAY FOR Rev. Gilbert Leigh (8), founder and president of New World Christian Ministries (NWCM), pictured here with his family.

PRAY FOR the outreach ministries of NWCM (9, 10): Six Headstart Programs, a Christian academy, counseling, youth ministry, social services to low income people in south and west Chicago. Rev. Leigh pastored Ingleside Church of the Nazarene for 20 years.

PRAY FOR Rev. Archer and Austin Church of the Nazarene (11, 12). This church also ministers to the poor and operates a food pantry and clothing distribution. Austin Church has a long history in Chicago.

PRAY FOR the Arabic congregation (13) at Northside church, growing and working toward organization. Rev. Suleiman Rihani came from Jordan to minister to Arabian peoples in Chicago. He is standing (*fourth from right, back row*) directly behind his wife (*seated, fourth from right*).

PRAY FOR the Cambodian congregation (14, 15) at Northside church, and for Andrew Chiang from Malaysia who teaches them. These people come to the U.S. with nothing and face many difficulties trying to become settled into homes, jobs, and the American way of life.



Sears Tower, Chicago.
World's fourth largest building.
Photo by Kee Chang



The Board of General Superintendents (l. to r.): John A. Knight, Charles H. Strickland, Jerald D. Johnson, William M. Greathouse, Eugene L. Stowe, and Raymond W. Hurn.

PRAY FOR CHICAGO

Chicago '86 *Thrust to the Cities* is our first objective in our call to Nazarenes everywhere to commit themselves to daily intercession. We join our prayer partners internationally, asking God to guide and empower us as we seek to make a spiritual impact that will affect the entire city of Chicago and all our ministries there.

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(1 Thessalonians 5:17)

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—Alfred Lord Tennyson

Every Nazarene pray for Chicago at least 10 minutes every day.

"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective."

—James 5:16, NIV

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| ■ Pray while you wait. | ■ Pray while you walk. |
| ■ Pray while you work. | ■ Pray in your private devotions. |
| ■ Pray while you drive. | ■ Pray at family worship. |
| ■ Pray while you ride. | ■ PRAY WITHOUT CEASING. |

(1 Thessalonians 5:17)

With every Nazarene praying every day, may God grant us for His glory—

CHICAGO '86 GOALS

- 3 new neighborhood social help centers for ministry to the poor and needy
- 9 new churches in Black neighborhoods
- 9 new Anglo churches
- 6 new Hispanic churches
- 6 other-ethnic group churches

DECADAL GOALS

- 1 million members by 1995
- 10,000 Nazarene churches around the world (total churches in 1985—7,300)
- 10 world cities impacted for Christ

PRAYER LIST FOR CHICAGO '86

Carry this prayer list with you and pray every day.

■ Chicago Central District

- Central Steering Committee for Chicago '86
- Robert Brunson, Coordinator
- Superintendent, E. Keith Bottles
- Pastors
- Volunteer workers
- Bivocational pastors, church planters, lay ministers
- The 26 Nazarene churches in Greater Chicago

■ Inner-City Ministries

- Northside Church of the Nazarene Spanish Church
- Korean Church
- Anglo/Mixed Race Church
- Arabic Church
- Cambodian Church
- Lathrop Ministry House
- Mike Hicks, Director
- Volunteers; bivocational workers
- Austin Church of the Nazarene Social Services to the Needy
- Ingleside Church of the Nazarene Social Service Ministries
- Headstart Program for Children
- New World Christian Ministries
- Six Headstart Programs
- Multiple Ministries to Poor and Needy

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I Walk Where Laymen Walk

by MARY KERSTETTER

ME? WORK IN A FACTORY? My parents raised me to be a proper lady—to live in a nice house and oversee a nice family! Well, sometimes God's plans override ours and those of our parents.

Eighteen years ago, in answer to a call from God, my husband, Bill, and I, our five kids, one goldfish, and a dog of mixed breeds, set out for Trevecca Nazarene College in Nashville. Bill graduated in two and a half years while working full time.

After our first pastorate, in which I was sure Bill was the best pastor those people ever had, and the whole town would soon be converted, we took a home mission assignment. In all this time, I never contemplated going to work.

When our five children reached adulthood, Bill was employed in a factory as an industrial electrician, one of his great loves. He shared with me, when he came home from work, his opportunities to witness and the different reactions of the men when they found out he was a preacher. I rejoiced with him, but somehow I felt left out—as though I wasn't doing anything for the Lord.

I decided to get a job. Maybe then the feelings of inadequacy would leave.

I got a job. The inadequacies were still there. Perhaps the job I chose had something to do with it. Did you ever try to feel adequate while caring for 18 three- and four-year-olds? My days in the day-care center were numbered. In just six months I decided that having raised 5 children of my own in no way equipped me to handle 18 of someone else's.

Home again, the glories of caring for a two-bedroom apartment faded, and I started combing the want ads for another job. But it was God's turn to find work for Mary.

One day Bill came home and announced, "Boy! Do I have a surprise for you! Guess who has a job?"

Since I was the only unemployed person in the room, I guessed he must be talking to me. Bill said he had

been tending to some business in the personnel office when, during a casual conversation, he mentioned that I was looking for a job. The secretary told him, "We can use her—starting tomorrow."

All my life I had heard how awful were women who worked in factories. I heard how terribly the men treated factory women. Needless to say, my heart didn't go pitter-patter. In fact, it nearly stopped beating! How was I going to get out of this one?

Bill was so pleased with himself that I could see there was no way out. I didn't sleep much that night.

Too soon, morning came, and Bill and I started for work. I was so scared, I clung to his hand all the way to the factory. When I got there I checked in with "Lillian" who "showed me the ropes." Lillian turned out to be a sweet, compassionate lady, not at all the stern, hardhearted type I had anticipated. With much fear and trembling I began my new adventure.

As the days went by at my table in the inspection department, I found that God had given me a mission. All types pass through my department. The chain smoker, the profane, the lazy, the eager to work, the quiet, and the loud—all pass through. The pregnant little 18-year-old with a 1-year-old daughter passed through. The Roman Catholic, the Baptist, and the Pentecostal were there. And, unlike my biased expectations, the people were, for the most part, friendly and happy. Most of them even spoke with a clean tongue.

What a mission field! Every day I get to witness. When I can't speak Christ, I can live Him!

Now, I thank my Heavenly Father that I walk where laymen walk. I'm learning to understand their daily trials and fears. I now understand firsthand why they nap through prayer meeting after an extra hard day at work. I also understand how important it is to be prayed up and Bible-saturated so that when my ears are assaulted by profanities I can call upon the name of Jesus for cleansing of the mind. When the supervisor comes in weighed down with burdens, I've learned how to make him laugh or give him words of encouragement.

Jesus has planted me where I can grow in compassion and understanding. I'm glad I can walk where laymen walk. □

MARY KERSTETTER resides in Manchester, New Hampshire, where she and her husband are church planting for The Wesleyan Church.

teach holiness, my heart became hungry for this experience.

My friend then introduced me to the *Herald of Holiness*. She had saved every issue and had a stack of them to give to me.

I would take home armloads and read every word, even the obituaries. I was especially thrilled when I read the reports of revivals.

As I devoured the *Herald* my heart was exposed to the fact that I had a carnal nature and that there was a remedy. Thank God I experienced the blessing.

After having read all the old *Heralds*, I subscribed for myself.

I have been blest and challenged

many times to a closer walk with God. Even today I read almost every word in every issue.

This paper should be in every Nazarene home and read thoroughly by every Nazarene.

Mrs. Jacob Karst
Grand Blanc, Michigan

CHURCH FAMILY APPRECIATED

When our son, William E. Varian, died, we received many expressions of love and sympathy from the church family. From general superintendents, general officers, fellow ministers, and laymen came a host of cards, letters, and phone calls, assuring us of love and prayers. We are thankful to them all, and to our faithful Lord, who has sustained us

in the difficult places. Praise God for our hope in Christ, and for the loving support of Nazarene members and friends.

Rev. and Mrs. Elden W. Varian
Lakeland, Florida

APPRECIATION

I do appreciate the *Herald* so much.

Your "Standpoint" section is good, and I enjoy the personal references about yourself and family. Then I soon check the Answer Corner. Just don't want to miss any of it.

May the Lord continue to bless you in your work and responsibility.

Mary L. Nicholson
Kansas City, Missouri

DARE TO SHARE

by DELLORA WEST

Doug passed away this morning," said the grief-stricken voice over the telephone.

"I'm so sorry," I comforted, even as I breathed a prayer of praise. How could I experience such a strange emotion upon learning of his death when I had seen him only twice?

Doug had been brought to this city for chemotherapy, and I learned of his illness through mutual friends in another state. Dutifully, I requested the pastor and staff to visit him as they made their hospital rounds. I also asked the people to pray.

It came as a shock when God said, "Don't leave everything to somebody else. Go yourself."

"But Father," I protested, "I have no way to get there. I can do only limited driving. Besides, wouldn't it be better to send someone more skilled than I?"

"Trust Me," came the answer.

My transportation excuse disintegrated when, two days later, my sister-in-law checked into the same medical center for foot surgery. While she underwent the unpleasant preliminaries for the operation, I slipped downstairs to meet and visit Doug.

Hesitating at the door of the dimly lit, semiprivate room, I asked, "Doug?"

"Yes?" from the man hunkered on the side of his bed facing the wall, head in hands, shoulders slumped, a picture of utter dejection. A patch over one eye, to prevent double images, added to the depressing sight. Not even a flower relieved the dreary atmosphere of his cramped quarters.

DELLORA WEST is a free-lance writer and a member of the Oklahoma City Lakeview Park Church.

"By ALL MEANS... Save Some"

He brightened when I quietly introduced myself, explaining that members of our respective families were close friends. Pathetically eager to see a visitor, he invited me to sit down. Conversation was casual. Fearful of tiring him, I rose to leave after only a few minutes.

"Don't go just yet," he begged.

I returned to the uncomfortable chair beside his bed and listened for 30 minutes as he talked of family, home, and unfulfilled dreams. Nothing spiritual.

God provided an opening for me to say, "Doug, would you let me pray for you?"

Somewhat uncertain of what to do or say, he grabbed my hand and stammered, "Yeah, that'll be OK."

I held his hand as I prayed briefly, simply, and earnestly. The Holy Spirit filled the room. Although Doug made no comment afterward, his countenance radiated unmistakable inner peace.

Shocking myself, I asked, "Would you like to read about how God helped me cope with illness and misfortune?"

"I sure would," came the ready response. I promised to bring a notebook before his dismissal the following morning. Since no copy machine was readily accessible, I typed furiously into the wee hours to make presentable copies of several short, unpublished manuscripts.

When I delivered the neatly bound promised copies, the nurse was preparing Doug for his 170-mile trip home. Opportunity to speak of spiritual things passed. I never saw him again.

As the caller continued with details of the memorial service planned for Doug in a distant city, I could not escape the awesome thought: If I had not been obedient, would this man have slipped into eternity unprepared, with no one to tell him about Jesus?

Will you dare to share your Good News with someone today? ☐

IN THE NEWS

PEOPLE AND PLACES



Dr. David Hynd, retired pioneer Nazarene missionary, recently observed his 90th birthday and 60 years of service to Swaziland. October 26, 1985, a special celebration was held at Elwandle, Manzini, Swaziland. The birthday cake shown was decorated to depict a map of Swaziland indicating the churches, schools, and clinics he helped to establish. Speeches at the birthday celebration were given by Mr. Arthur Ntiwane, Baphalali Swaziland Red Cross Society representative; Rev. Isaac Hleta, president, Swaziland Conference of Churches; Mrs. F. N. Okhaya, representing the U.N. High Commission for Refugees; Rev. P. K. Walker, Nazarene field director of Swaziland Mozambique; Rev. Jotham Magagula, Swaziland North District church representative; and the Hon. Mr. Stephen M. Matsebula, minister of Labor and Public Service, on behalf of Swaziland Prime Minister Prince Bhekimpfi. Five hundred people attended the occasion. Dr. David Hynd officially retired in 1961. He was awarded the Medal of Royal Order of King Sobhuza II in 1982.



Pastor Wayne G. Greve of Christ Community Church of the Nazarene on the Eastern Michigan District, recently earned his doctoral degree in curriculum and instruction. He attended International Graduate School in St. Louis, an affiliate school of World Uni-

versity. His research had an international perspective and was cross-cultural in nature. The research involved 36 schools in 27 different countries. His dissertation was titled, "Analysis of Selected Curricular Elements in the Internationalization Process in Mission Schools of Nazarenes from 1968-1985."

Dr. Greve holds the B.A. from Adrian College and the M.A. from Eastern Michigan University. He is an ordained elder and the founding pastor of Christ Community Church. He has taught at Northwest Nazarene College, the College of Idaho, and in Michigan's public schools. He is listed in *Who's Who in American Education* 1967-68. Dr. Greve continues to be active in the

fields of teaching, pastoring, and public speaking. □

Dr. Hal Cauthron, professor of New Testament Languages and Literature at Trevecca Nazarene College, has just returned from a busy sabbatical in Africa where he interviewed Bishop Desmond Tutu, Anglican Bishop of Johannesburg.

Dr. Cauthron read a paper for the New Testament Department of the faculty of theology at the University of South Africa. He led a discussion of biblical exegesis with the faculty of the Johannesburg College of Education. In addition he taught two courses at both Swaziland Nazarene Bible College in Siteki, Swaziland, and Nazarene Theological College in Transvaal, South Africa.

With numerous preaching appointments, including chapel services at three colleges, he attended the final day of the five-day South African Conference of Evangelical Leaders sponsored by Evangelical Fellowship of South Africa. He resumed his teaching assignment at TNC during the winter quarter. □

CHAPLAINCY MINISTRIES SELECTS EUROPEAN MILITARY COORDINATOR



Rev. Jerry Bohall has been selected to represent the Church of the Nazarene as European military coordinator. He will be responsible for creating and providing support for Nazarene military fellowships in Europe.

Rev. Bohall retired from the USAF after serving 26 years. He and his wife pioneered the Far East Church of the Nazarene in Japan. While serving at Tachikawa AFB, many young men and families accepted Christ. Through the Bohalls' ministry, revival broke out in the church and God called many Japanese young men into the ministry. Rev. Bohall is leaving a successful pastorate to minister to the scattered Nazarene military flock.

He was formerly pastor of Benton, Ark., First Church. His district responsibilities included: member of Board of Christian Life, NWMS Council, and chairman of the Board of Ministerial Studies. His wife, Doris, was a member of the district Board of Christian Life and Sunday School and was district NWMS president. □



General Superintendent Jerald D. Johnson, speaking at the opening banquet of the Evangelists' Gathering.

EVANGELISTS' GATHERING A TIME OF RENEWAL

The fourth annual Evangelists' Gathering was held December 16-18, 1985, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Indianapolis with 225 evangelists, song evangelists, and spouses. "A Revival for Evangelists" was again the theme. Reports from Evangelism Ministries and the Evangelists' Planning Committee indicate that spiritual renewal and commitment took place from the opening banquet to the final general session.

General Superintendent Jerald D. Johnson spoke at the opening banquet, declaring that sanctification produces unity and loyalty in the Body of Christ. Dr. B. G. Wiggs, superintendent of the Southwest Indiana District, walked the evangelists through the story of Esther in a descriptive delivery. Dr. A. Wingrove Taylor, general superintendent of the Wesleyan Holiness Church in the Caribbean, delivered an exposition of Isaiah's holiness, Micah's witness, and Elijah's humanness.

Dr. James D. Hamilton, professor of

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pastoral ministry at Nazarene Theological Seminary, was available to the evangelists for Christian counseling to address the specific problems and stresses created by this specialized ministry.

Mrs. Jerald (Alice) Johnson spoke at



Mr. Pat Topolsky of Top 'n' Sound, Anderson, Ind., provided sound systems for the gathering and recorded general sessions for participants.



Rev. Paul Neal, Nazarene Publishing House representative, shows books to several evangelists.



Dr. A. Wingrove Taylor, general superintendent of the Wesleyan Holiness Church in the Caribbean (l.); and Dr. B. G. Wiggs, superintendent of the Southwest Indiana District (r.); are shown with Dr. Bill M. Sullivan, director of Evangelism Ministries (center).


the ladies' luncheon, sharing how God loves us and supplies every need. Mrs. Marjorie Jantz and several other evangelists' wives shared the importance of being prepared to meet the vicissitudes of life.

According to Beverly Burgess, Evangelism Ministries program director, "An unusual outpouring of the Holy Spirit attended the Tuesday evening

general session that culminated in singing, testimony, and praise. Some knelt at the altar, some stood with hands raised in praise to God, as all were swept into a united spirit of worship." □



The new Evangelist Planning Committee is shown with Dr. Bill M. Sullivan, Evangelism Ministries director. Standing (l. to r.) are Dr. Sullivan, Stephen Manley, Larry Leckrone, and Jim Green. Seated are Gary Bond and Lenny Wischart.



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EVANGELIST'S SLATES

ADAMS, MICHAEL D.: Orlando, FL (Evangel Temple), March 4-9; New Port Richey, FL, March 11-16; Mansfield, OH (Grace), March 18-23

ARCHER, DREX: Concerts in Dakota, March 9, 16; Ellendale, ND, March 18-24; Concert in Dakota, March 30

ARMSTRONG, LEON, LINDA & FAMILY: Leesburg, VA, March 4-9; Fredericksburg, VA, March 11-16; Greensboro, NC (Guilford Wesleyan), March 18-23; Asheboro, NC (First), March 25-30

BAGGETT, DALLAS W.: Cincinnati, OH (Mount Carmel), March 25-30

BAKER, RICHARD C.: Rock Mills, AL, March 4-9; Savannah, GA (First), March 11-16; Pottstown, PA, March 18-23; Hurricane, WV (Teays Valley), March 25-30

BALLARD, DON: Fort Smith, AR (First), March 4-9; Waverly, TN, March 18-23; Reserved, March 25-30

BALLARD, JOHN & JUNE EVANGELISTIC TEAM: Dalton, GA (Grace), March 4-16

BEELER, LOWELL E.: Reserved, March 3-10; Des Moines, IA (Southside), March 18-23; Flora, IL (Evangelical Methodist), March 25-30; Portland, IN (Evangelical Methodist) March 31—April 6

BELZER, DAVID A.: Pittsburg, TX, March 11-16; Fort Scott, KS (West Park), March 18-23; Hoopston, IL (Westside), March 25—April 6

BLUE, DAVE & DANA: Bradenton, FL (The Breakfast Club), March 6;

Daytona, FL (First United Brethren), March 8-9; Bradenton, FL (The Breakfast Club) March 13, 20, 27

BLYTHE, ELLIS G., SR.: Archdale, NC, March 4-9; Charleston, WV (Calvary), March 11-23; Riverdale, GA (Timberlake), March 25-30

BOCK, DON: Reynoldsburg, OH, March 4-9; Lebanon, PA (Church of Christ/Christian Union), March 11-16; Newark, OH (Community Wesleyan), March 18-23; Irvine, KY, March 26-30

BOICOURT, MARLA J.: Bonner Springs, KS, March 2; Bucyrus, OH (Marion Zone Indoor Camp Meeting), March 4-9; Scottsbluff, NE, March 11-16; Montrose, CO (First), March 23-30

BOND, GARY & BETH: Seymour, IN, March 3-9; Lansing, IL, March 11-16; Battle Creek, MI (First), March 18-23; Reserved, March 24-30

BOQUIST, DOUG & DEB: Columbus, OH (First Baptist), March 2; Sterling, IL (First), March 4-9; Wadsworth, OH (Teen Ret/Lutheran), March 14-16; Ashland, OH (Brethren Park Street), March 16; Cincinnati, OH (Northern Hill), March 23; Toledo, OH (Christian High School), March 24-28; Mansfield, OH (Club Concert), March 29; New London, OH (Alliance Church), March 30

BOYNTON, RICHARD C.: Macomb, IL, March 12-16

BREWINGTON, JANE A.: Boise, ID (Five Mile), March 4-16

BROWN, FRED D.: Wapakoneta, OH, March 4-9; New Carlisle, OH (Bethel Community), March 11-16; Logan, OH, March 18-23; Waterford, OH, March 25-30

BROWN, MARK A.: Hartford City, IN, March 4-9; Rensselaer, IN, March 11-16; Reading, MI, March 18-23

BROWN, ROGER N.: South Charleston, WV (First), March 12-16; Mansfield, OH (Grace), March 18-23; Lowell, MA, March 25-30

BUDD, JAY B.: Carrollton, MO, March 5-9; Ottawa, KS, March 11-16; Kingston, MO, March 25-30

BURKE, OWEN M.: San Mateo, FL (First), March 4-9; Decatur, IL (Fanes Parkway), March 18-23

BURKHALTER, G. PAT: Goodland, KS, March 4-9; Baytown, TX (First), March 11-16; Jackson, MS (Emmanuel), March 18-23; Chickasha, OK, March 25-30

BURNHAM, KENNETH H.: Westmoreland, TN (Free Methodist), March 4-9; Scottsville, KY (Free Methodist), March 11-16; Winfield, KS, March 18-23; Palco, KS (Canaan Chapel), March 25-30

BYERS, CHARLES & MILDRED: Dallas, TX (First), March 4-9; Red Oak, IA, March 11-16; Reserved, March 17-22; Mount Pleasant, IA, March 23-30

CANEN, DAVID L.: Blountstown, FL (First), March 3-8

CANFIELD, DAVID B.: South Lebanon, OH, March 4-9; Winchester, KY, March 11-16; Argillite, KY, March 18-23; Ashland, KY (Cannonsburg), March 25-30

CASTEEL, HOWARD H.: Arnold, MO, March 4-9; Caruthersville, MO, March 11-16; Streator, IL, March 18-23; Edwardsville, IL, March 25-30

CAYTON, JOHN, JR.: Brockton, MA, March 4-9; Brunswick, ME, March 11-16; Plattsburgh, NY, March 18-23; Meadville, PA, March 25-30

CHAMBERS, LEON & MILDRED: Indianapolis, IN (Indianapolis District Preachers' Retreat), March 24-26; Chattanooga, TN (East Tennessee District Preachers' Retreat), March 26-28

CHASE, FRANK: Prague, OK, March 4-9; Greensburg, KY (Campbellsville Brethren in Christ), March 11-16; Bloomington, IN (Holiness Church), March 19-30

CHRISTNER, JACK M.: Ellwood City, PA (Free Methodist), March 4-9; Franklin, PA (First), March 11-16; Adrian, MI (Madison), March 18-23; Albion, PA, March 25-30

COBB, BILL & TERRI: Topeka, KS (Oakland), March 4-9; Kingfisher, OK, March 14-16; Topeka, KS (First), March 25-30

COFFEY, RUSSELL E.: North Fort Myers, FL (Swan Lake Holiness Camp), March 3-9; Chattanooga, TN (Indoor Camp), March 11-16; North Fort Myers, IN, March 17-23; Griffin, GA (First), March 25-30

COVINGTON, NATHAN A.: Muldrow, OK, March 4-9; Del City, OK, March 11-16; Eufaula, OK, March 18-23; Reserved, March 25-30

CRANDALL, VERNON & BARBARA: Dunkirk, IN, March 4-9; Pontiac, MI (First), March 11-16; Chrisman, IL, March 18-23

DANIELS, M. HAROLD: Nampa, ID (First), March 2-9

DARNELL, H. E.: Nampa, ID, March 6-16; Portage, PA, March 21-30

DELL, JIMMY: Waldron, AR (First), March 1-5; Mena, AR, March 6-9; Little Rock, AR (Westwood), March 15-19; Pine Bluff, AR (Oak Park), March 20-23; Reserved, March 30

DENNISON, MARVIN E.: Topeka, KS (Lakeview), March 9; Belton, MO, March 19-23

DISHON, MELVIN: Batavia, OH (Community), March 18-23; Mayfield, KY, March 25-30

DODDS, JOHN E.: New Hampshire, OH, March 4-9; London, OH, March 11-16; Fredericktown, MO, March 18-23; New Carlisle, OH, March 25-30

DOOLITTLE, KEVIN C.: Perrysburg, OH, March 14-16

DRISKELL, G. TIMOTHY: Tuttle, ND, March 16-21

DUNMIRE, RALPH & JOANN: Vance, AL (Tuscaloosa Zone Indoor Camp Meeting), March 4-9; Clarksdale, MS, March 25-30

DUNN, DONALD R.: Ripley, WV, March 11-16

DUTTON, BARRY & TAVIA: Olean, NY, March 4-9

ECKLEY, LYLE E.: Fort Worth, TX (White Settlement), March 4-9; Weatherford, OK, March 4-9

ESSELLBURN, BUD—THE KING'S MESSENGERS: Frederick, OK, March 9; Weatherford, OK, March 16; Mangum, OK, March 18-23; Duncan, OK (Oak Avenue), March 25-30

FADER, WES & MARY: Salisbury, MD, March 4-9; College Park, MD, March 11-16; Hershey, PA, March 18-23; Denton, MD, March 28-30

FISHER, C. WILLIAM: Port Orchard, WA, March 4-9; Sacramento, CA (North), March 11-16

FORTNER, ROBERT E.: Casey, IL, March 4-9; Stockton, IL, March 11-16; Broughton, IL (Broughton Methodist Men's Revival), March 17-23

• **FOSTER, HALLIE & MARTHA**: Sparta, IL, March 25-30

FRANK, RICHARD A.: Winchester, VA, March 2; Alexandria, VA (First), March 9-16; Alexandria, VA (Mount Vernon), March 23-30

FREELAND, RONALD E.: Paoli, IN, March 4-9; Tell City, IN, March 18-23; Cloverdale, IN, March 25-30

FRODGE, HAROLD C.: Astoria, IL, March 11-16

GADBOW, CLINTON D.: Leon, IA, March 26-30

GAUTHORP, WAYLAND W.: Cincinnati, OH (First Wesleyan), March 11-16; Cowden, IL (Free Methodist), March 18-23; Justice, IL (Argo Wesleyan), March 25-30

GINTER, TIMOTHY E.: Toronto, OH, March 9; Cambridge, OH, March 11-16; Geneva, OH, March 18-23; Cleveland, OH (West Side), March 26-30

GRAY, BOB & BECKY: Kansas City, MO (First), March 4-9; Boise, ID (First), March 12-16; Moscow, ID, March 18-23; Charlton, IA, March 26-30

GREEN, JAMES & ROSEMARY: Sparks, NV (First), March 5-9; Chattanooga, TN (First), March 11-16; St. Charles, MO (Harvester), March 18-23; Freeport, IL (First), March 25-30

GROVES, C. WILLIAM: Coshocton, OH (Prairie Chapel United Methodist), March 5-9; Jefferson, PA, March 18-23; Greenup, KY (Lloyd), March 25-30

HAIL, DAVID F.: Miamisburg, OH, March 4-9; Cincinnati, OH (Lockland), March 11-16; Alum Creek, WV, March 18-23; Calvin Creek, WV (Chelney), March 25-30

HAINES, GARY W.: Olathe, KS (College), March 2-9; Grandview, WA (Lower Valley Holiness Crusade), March 16-23; Tyler, TX (First), March 29—April 2

HALL, CARL N.: Boca Raton, FL (Zone Camp, Fort Lauderdale), March 11-16; Waycross, GA (First), March 16-23

HANCE, S. RAY: Baxter Springs, KS, March 19-23

HANCOCK, BOYD C.: Clovis, NM (First), March 4-9; Reserved, March 11-16; Perryville, AR (Immanuel), March 18-23; Mount Pleasant, TX, March 25-30

HAYES, ALVIN B.: Larimore, ND, March 11-16

HAYNES, CHARLES & MYRT: Bowling Green, KY (First), March 4-9; Glasgow, KY (First), March 11-16; Greensfork, IN, March 18-23; Morristown, TN, March 25-30

HELMS, MIKE & GLORIA: Celina, OH, March 4-9; Anderson, IN (East 38th Street), March 11-16; Montpelier, IN, March 18-23; Elkhart, IN (Bressee), March 25-30

HENDERSON, LATTIE V.: Thomasville, NC, March 11-16; Caldwell, OH (Caldwell Christian Alliance), March 17-23; Sanford, NC (Beacon), March 24-30; Winston-Salem, NC (Faith), March 31—April 6

HICKE, SHIRLEY F.: Aledo, IL, March 4-9

HIGGINS, CHARLES E.: Merced, CA, March 2-6; Antioch, CA, March 9-13; Fresno, CA (Grace), March 16-20; Redlands, CA, March 23-27; Red Bluff, CA, March 30—April 4

HILL, BEN E.: Mound City, MO, March 11-16; Marshall, MO, March 18-23; Nashville, TN (Glenciff), March 25-30

HOWARD, RICHARD E.: Hanover, PA, March 11-16

JACKSON, PAUL & TRISH: Washington-Idaho, Concert Tour, March 2-9; Kennewick, WA, March 11-16

JAMES, RANDY & MARY JANE: Harrisburg, PA (Bethany), March 11-16; Waterloo, IN, March 18-23; Kurtz, IN, March 25-30

JAYMES, RICHARD W.: Sandusky, MI, March 11-16

JEFFRIES, JEFF & JAN: Carpinteria, CA, March 2 (A.M.); Ojai, CA, March 2 (P.M.); Sisquac, CA (Community Church), March 9; Vancouver, WA (Fourth Plain), March 16; Harrisburg, OR, March 18-23

JOHNSON, ROBERT: Denver, CO (Eastside), March 2; Kiowa, CO, March 16

JOHNSON, RONALD E.: Arizona, Concert Tour, March 4-9; Lancaster, CA (First), March 11-16; Oregon, Concert Tour, Western Oregon, March 19-26

JONES, TERRY L.: Burlington, IA (First), March 4-9; South Bend, IN (First), March 11-16; Hamilton, OH (First), March 18-23; Junction City, KS, March 26-30

JUSTICE, MEL & DONNA: Lebanon, IN, March 4-9; Spencerville, OH, March 18-23

KNIGHT, JOHN L.: Tulsa, OK (Central), March 5-9; Lufkin, TX (First), March 11-16; Choctaw, OK, March 18-23; Denton, TX (First), March 25-30

KOHR, CHARLES A.: Denton, MD, March 18-23; Follensbee, WV (Faith Chapel), March 25-30

KRATZER, RAYMOND C.: White Salmon, WA (Pinecrest), March 12-16; Oak Harbor, WA, March 25-30

LAWSON, WAYNE T.: Ambloy, WA, March 9-14; Quincy, WA, March 16-21; Caldwell, ID (Canyon Hill), March 23-30

LAXSON, WALLY & GINGER: Potomac, IL, March 5-9; Reserved, March 10-23; Winchester, OH (CCU Church), March 26-30

LECKRONE, LARRY D.: Gaithersburg, MD, March 4-9; Owego, NY, March 11-16; Smithfield, IL, March 18-23; Sandusky, OH, March 25-30

LEONARD, J. C.: Brookfield, MO, March 4-9

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LUDELL, P. L.: Sylva, KS (Pleasant Hill), March 4-9; Raytown, MO (Kansas City Southwood), March 11-16; St. Charles, MO (Harvester), March 18-23; Freeport, IL (First), March 25-30

LOETSCHER, O'NEAL & LINDA: Riverside, CA (Arlington Avenue), March 4-9; Modesto, CA (First), March 11-16; Madera, CA, March 18-23

LOHR, DONALD A.: Beckley, WV, March 4-9; Charleston, WV (Loudendale), March 11-16; Princeton, WV, March 18-23

LORENZEN, LINDA B.: Wilmington, OH (Church of Christ), March 9; Lexington, KY (Eastland Park), March 12-16; Dayton, OH (Huber Heights), March 16; Fort Wayne, IN (South Side), March 23

LYBARGER, O. EVERETT, JR.: Farmington, AR, March 4-9; Ward, AR (Hickory Plains), March 18-23

MANER, ROBERT E., JR.: Charlotte, NC (Calvary), March 11-16; Atlanta, GA (Riverside), March 18-23; Decatur, GA, March 25—April 30

MANLEY, STEPHEN L.: Kansas City, MO (First), March 4-9; Boise, ID (First), March 12-16; Moscow, ID, March 18-23; Chariton, IA, March 26-30

MAX, HOMER L.: Fort Dodge, IA, March 4-9

McDOWELL, DORIS M.: Topeka, KS (Wanamaker Woods), March 2-5

McFERRIN RICK & LANETTE: Muncie, IN (Mayfield), March 4-9; Dayton, OH (Maryland Avenue), March 11-16; Peru, IN (First), March 18-23; Hartford City, IN (Olive Branch), March 25-30

MELVIN, L. DOLORES: Borger, TX (Trinity), March 23-30

MEREDITH, DWIGHT & NORMA JEAN: Reserved, March 4-9

MILBURN, GARY: Williamsport, PA, March 11-16

MILLER, WALLY & CARROLL: Spanaway, WA (Bethel), March 4-9; Sunnyside, WA, March 12-16; Cheney, WA, March 19-23; Tacoma, WA (Lakewood), March 25-30

MILLS, CARLTON A.: Clearwater, FL (First), March 2; Tampa, FL (First), March 5; Clearwater, FL (Central), March 9; Palmetto, FL, March 12-16; Sanford, FL (First), March 19; Orlando, FL (New Life), March 23; Jamestown, ND (First), March 24-30

MOORE, NORMAN L.: Prescott, AZ, March 5-9; Lancaster, CA (Lancaster Zone Crusade), March 11-16; Hawthorne, CA, March 19-23; El Centro, CA (Imperial Valley Crusade), March 26-30; Los Angeles, CA (Mission), March 31

MORLEY, FRANK W.: Banning, CA, March 4-9; Victorville, CA, March 11-16; Ewan, WA (Wally Pentecost), March 23-30

MOSS, UDELL G.: House Springs, MO, March 4-9; Knoxville, IA, March 11-16; Ottawa, IL (First), March 18-23; North Star, MI, March 25-30

MOYER, BRANCE E.: Gatesville, TX, March 4-9; Fargo, OK, March 25-30

MULLEN, DEVERNE H.: Newmarket, Ont., March 16

MUNCIE, ROBERT & JANE: McGehee, AR, March 4-9; Mount Vernon,

IN (Point Township), March 14-16; Greenfield, IN (Stringtown), March 18-23

MURPHY, MARK N.: Bedford, OH (East Cleveland City-Wide Crusade), March 5-9; Dayton, OH (Parkview), March 11-16; Columbia, SC (Traveling Indoor Camp Meeting), March 17-23; Goose Creek, SC (Charleston Calvary), March 26; Indianapolis, IN (Lawrence), March 28-30

MYERS, HAROLD L.: Reserved, March 4-9; Bartow, FL, March 11-16; Benton, IL (First), March 25-30

NAJARIAN, BERGE & DORIS: Reserved, March 11-16

NASH, FORREST W.: Leesburg, FL (NIROGA, Lake Yale Resort), March 3-7

NEFF, LARRY & PAT: Martinsville, IN (First), March 2; Winchester, IN, March 4-9

OLIVER, L. S.: Fort Morgan, CO, March 4-9; Pineville, NC, March 11-16; Cary, NC, March 18-23; Dallas, TX (Casa View), March 25-30

OYLER, CALVIN & VIRGINIA: McKinney, TX, March 25-30

PAGE, MARK: Coshocton, OH (First), March 4-9; Dixonville, PA (Wesleyan), March 13-16; New Boston, OH, March 18-23; Parkersburg, WV (First Evangelical Methodist), March 25-30; Columbus, OH (Delray Road CCCU), March 31—April 6

PALMER, JAMES E.: Brookfield, MO, March 4-9; Petersburg, IN, March 25-30

PASSMORE EVANGELISTIC PARTY: Kempton, IL, March 4-9; Aurora, IL (First), March 11-16; Gilman, IL, March 18-23

PEAL, DONALD S.: Clarksville, AR, March 11-16

PERDUE, NELSON S.: Danville, IL (First), March 5-9; Moundsville, WV, March 11-16; Columbus, OH (Warren Avenue), March 18-23; Howell, MI, March 25-30

PFEIFER, DON EVANGELISTIC TEAM: Cullman, AL (First), March 2-6

QUALLS, PAUL: Leesburg, FL (NIROGA, Lake Yale Resort), March 3-7

RICHARDSON, KENNETH L.: Milan, IL, March 4-9; Rushville, IL, March 18-23

RICHARDS, LARRY & PHYLLIS: Cory, IN, March 18-23

RICKEY, HOWARD L.: Hawthorn, PA, March 4-9; Dayton, OH (Northridge), March 19-23; Norwich, CT (Preston), March 25-30

ROBINSON, TED L.: Casper, WY, March 4-9; Mount Vernon, MO, March 11-16; Cape Girardeau, MO (First), March 18-23; Doylstown, OH, March 25-30

ROTH, RONALD W.: Poplar Bluff, MO (Northside), March 4-9; Malden, MO (First), March 11-16; Murphysboro, IL, March 18-23; Lebanon, MO, March 25-30

SMITH, CHARLES HASTINGS: Sherman, TX, March 5-9; Iowa City, IA, March 12-16; Des Moines, IA (Southside), March 18-23

SMITH, OTTIS & MARGUERITE: Pampa, TX, March 4-9; Reserved, March 10-30

SMITH, DUANE: Oxford, PA, March 11-16; Parsons, WV, March 19-30

STANFORTH, KENNETH: Downey, CA (Telegraph Road), March 2-9; South Gate, CA, March 14-23

STANTON, TED & DONNA: Newell, WV (Congo), March 18-23; Catlett, VA, March 25-30

STEVENSON, GEORGE E.: Confluence, PA, March 4-9; Somerset, PA, March 11-16; Blacksburg, VA (First Wesleyan Church), March 18-23; Cincinnati, OH (Carthage), March 26—April 6

STREET, A. DAVID: Cory, IN, March 18-23; Marion, VA, March 25-30

STRICKLAND, RICHARD L.: Vance, AL (Indoor Camp Meeting Tuscaloosa), March 4-9; Lexington, KY (Eastland Park), March 12-16; Aztec, NM, March 19-23; Winchester, OH (First CCCU), March 26-30

TAYLOR, CLIFFORD E.: Tacoma, WA (Christian Schools), March 24-27; Northwest, Interdenominational Christian Workers Conference, March 28-29

TAYLOR, MENDELL L.: Okeechobee, FL, March 12-16; Fort Pierce, FL (First), March 18-23

TAYLOR, ROBERT W.: North Platte, NE, March 4-9; Nashville, TN (Foster Avenue Wesleyan), March 11-16; Vernon, AL, March 20-30

TAYLOR, RONNIE F.: Poplar Bluff, MO (First), March 4-9; Nashville, TN (Foster Avenue Wesleyan), March 11-16; Vernon, AL, March 20-30

THOMAS, J. MELTON: Lawton, OK (First), March 4-9; Victor, MT, March 18-23; Rawlins, WY, March 25-30

TINSLEY, MARVIN: Indianapolis, IN (South Irvington), March 18-23

TOOLEY, JAMES: Wapello, IA, March 4-9; Climbing Hill, IA, March 14-16; Lincoln, NE (Salvation Army), March 23-28; Lincoln, NE (Northeast Missionary Church), March 30

TRIPP, HOWARD M.: Shreveport, LA (Werner Park), March 11-16; Jacksonville, FL (Grace), March 25-30

TUCKER, RALPH W. JR.: Lamar, MO, March 18-23

WELCH, MRS. DARLENE: Bowling Green, KY (First), March 1; Bedford, OH (MVNC Regional Ladies Retreat), March 21; Bedford, OH, March 23

WELLS, LINARD O.: Plano, TX, March 4-9; Gainesville, TX (Eastside), March 11-16; Drumright, OK, March 18-23; Oklahoma City, OK (Woodson Park), March 25-30

WHITWORTH, ARTIE H.: Walters, OK, March 4-9; Muskogee, OK (Trinity), March 11-16; Hill City, KS (Church of God, Anderson), March 25-30

WHITWORTH, MARCUS A.: Del City, OK, March 11-16; Des Moines, IA (Southside), March 18-23

WISEHART, LENNY & JOY: Wichita, KS (First), March 5-9

WOODWARD FAMILY EVANGELISM: Lake City, FL (Trinity), March 11-16

WRIGHT, E. GUY: Lizemores, WV, March 4-9; Follansbee, WV (Hoo-verson Heights), March 11-16; Hudson Falls, NY, March 18-23; Sistersville, WV, March 25-30

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PRAYER THRUST MOVES CHICAGO CENTRAL DISTRICT

Two hundred thirty-six Chicago area clergy and laypeople attended the first of a series of prayer luncheons to mobilize Chicago Central District churches to pray for the greatest possible impact for Christ in Chicago during the 1986 Thrust to the City and following. The meeting, held January 11 at the Airport Ramada Inn (O'Hare), was hosted by the Central Steering Committee for the Chicago Thrust to the City. Churches across Chicago Central District were well represented.

Guest speaker, Mrs. Millie Dienert, international prayer chairman for both the Lausanne Congress on World Evangelization in Switzerland in 1974 and the International Congress for Itinerant Evangelists in Amsterdam, 1983, challenged the participants.

During the last 30 minutes of the gathering, participants met in groups of four for intercessory prayer. A printed program presented specific needs.

Visiting churches on the district later, Bob and Norma Brunson reported not only a renewed interest in prayer, but people making restitution, public confession, and other evidences of the Holy Spirit's moving on hearts.

Norma Brunson, who initiated the prayer luncheons, said that God spoke to her on a recent trip to Israel concerning intercessory prayer.

"If prayer doesn't go up so we can see and understand the whole business of Chicago '86 and the decadal Thrust to the Cities from God's perspective," she said, "it's like my going to the Sears Tower, standing on the ground floor, and saying I've been to the Sears Tower. In order to get a good perspective of the city, I have to go to the very top, and then I see what is really there—the beauty and the need. We need to climb the ladder of prayer and really see the task from God's perspective and pray that Chicago '86 leaders will be able to see this."

Robert W. Brunson is coordinator of ethnic urban ministries for the Chicago Central District, working directly with the nine congregations of ethnic makeup. He is also chairman of the district's Central Steering Committee for Chicago '86 Thrust to the City.

The Brunsons were missionaries to Peru and Costa Rica in 1971-82. They returned to the U.S. in December 1982, on medical leave. They have served the Central Chicago District and Superintendent E. Keith Bottles since July 1983 in ministry to ethnic churches.

Headquarters personnel attending the prayer luncheon, along with Dr. Bill Sullivan, Church Growth Division director; were Dr. L. Guy Nees, World Mission Division director; Rev. Michael R. Estep, new Church Extension Ministries director; and Glen Van Dyne, video coordinator for Pastoral Ministries.

Thrust to the Cities is a denominational project designed to impact major cities of the world. Chicago is the first city targeted. □

OUR COLLEGES AND SEMINARIES



ENC PROMOTES BARNARD

The Board of Trustees of Eastern Nazarene College has announced the promotion of Dr. Tom Barnard, dean of students, to vice-president. Dr. Barnard has served as executive assistant to the president and dean of students since 1982. He will continue to serve as chief student personnel officer of the college. In addition, his new duties will include involvement in the college's shared development concept. Dr. Barnard will assist in the development of programs to encourage donations from friends and alumni of the college. He will also coordinate the development of a new organization for the college—the "Committee of 120"—and will coordinate the work of the college's "Fellowship of Magnificent Concern," both of which are fund-raising organizations.

Prior to joining the administrative team at Eastern Nazarene College, Dr. Barnard served on the faculty of Bethany Nazarene College for 16 years, the last 10 of which he also served as dean of student development.

Dr. Barnard is a graduate of Point Loma Nazarene College (formerly Pasadena College) and holds graduate degrees from Bethany Nazarene College and Fuller Theological Seminary. His doctorate in higher education administration was completed at Oklahoma State University in 1974.

For 20 years Dr. Barnard has been active in community affairs in addition to his college work. For 9 years he was teacher of one of the largest adult Sunday School classes in his denomination. For over a decade he was active in the Oklahoma Sunday School Association, a state-wide interdenominational organization, serving as its president from 1975-80. He is currently serving his second term on the Endur-

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The Alumni Association officers of Nazarene Theological Seminary have announced their new alumni project for this quadrennium. A permanent lecture series will be established in honor of Dr. Ralph Earle, longtime professor at NTS in biblical literature. A financial challenge of \$12,000 was announced to all alumni recently. This endowed series, when established, will contribute to the theological education of all NTS students in years to come. More than \$5,000 has already been pledged. Pictured at a recent meeting (seated, l. to r.) are Rev. Phil Riley, NTS alumni president; Rev. Richard Bond, secretary; Dr. T. C. (Jack) Sanders, president of NTS; (standing, l. to r.) Rev. Dan Vanderpool, member-at-large; and Dr. Robert Crabtree, registrar of NTS. Not pictured is Rev. Jay Hunton, member-at-large.

ing Word Advisory Committee for the Church of the Nazarene. He is a consultant for the New England Association of Schools and Colleges—a regional accreditation association. He is a member of the National Association of Professors of Christian Education, the Association of Christians in Student Development, and the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators. He has contributed chapters in *Exploring Christian Education* and *How to Teach Adults Without Really Suffering*. A new book, *How to Grow an Adult Class*, was published in 1983.

In 1976, Dr. Barnard was honored by PLNC in being selected as Alumnus of the Year. He is married to the former Madelyn Newcomer of Phoenix. They have two children—Bruce Kendall, of Boston, and Gaylene, of Houston. □

MVNC RECEIVES 1 MILLION DOLLAR GIFT TOWARDS CHAPEL/FINE ARTS FACILITY

Mount Vernon Nazarene College President William J. Prince announced that a \$1 million challenge gift has been received toward the proposed \$5 million chapel/auditorium-fine arts building from Dr. and Mrs. Ralph R. Hodges.

Hodges, founder of Management Decisions Development Corporation,

Fairfield, Ohio, is a founding and current member of the MVNC Board of Trustees. Recently named the chairperson of "The Time Is Now" campaign, he has been the chairperson of the board's development committee since the inception of the college. He is currently serving on the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees. The college awarded him an honorary doctor of sciences degree in 1981.

"Besides serving as a trustee, Dr. Hodges has also had a significant part in the development of the academic computer science program at MVNC, as well as the development of the administrative computer," said Dr. Prince.

Hodges was elected to the General Board of the Church of the Nazarene in



MVNC President William J. Prince (r.) is pictured with Dr. Ralph Hodges, who donated a \$1 million challenge gift to be used for the proposed \$5 million chapel/auditorium-fine arts building.

1972, and by special election in 1978. He was an elected delegate to the General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene in 1964, 1968, 1972, 1976, and 1985 by the Southwestern Ohio District.

The Hodges are lifelong third generation Nazarenes and are charter members of the Fairfield, Ohio, church where they hold current membership. He has served his local church as Sunday School superintendent, youth director, Sunday School teacher, on the Board of Trustees and as general contractor for the first and second units of the church building. Dr. Hodges and his wife, Ruth, have three children, Marcia, Sandra (Richardson), and Tim. They and all the children reside in Fairfield, Ohio.

Mrs. Hodges is the daughter of the late Rev. G. Howard Rowe, who was instrumental in the formation of the original Nazarene Young Peoples Society (now Nazarene Youth International) organization.

Dr. Hodges retired January 1, 1986, from MDDC and plans on spending the major portion of his time fostering the efforts of the "The Time Is Now" campaign fund for the new chapel/fine arts complex. □

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The 38th Annual Assembly of the district convened at the Capalaba, Queensland church January 17, 1986. Rev. John N. White is the district superintendent. One new church was organized at Toowoomba, Queensland.

General Superintendent Jerald D. Johnson presided and ordained Rev. Arthur C. Knights, Rev. John W. Smith, and Rev. Glenn T. Stott.

Elected to the Advisory Board were (elders) Rev. George Alder and Rev. Gavin Thompson; (laypersons) Mr. John Fulton and Mr. Peter Wilson. Mrs. Loy Hearn was elected NWMS president. Reelected were Mrs. Jonathan Fulton, NYI president, and Rev. Arthur Knights, chairman of the Board of CL/SS.

Gavin E. Thompson, reporter

FOR THE RECORD

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

EUGENE L. STOWE

Mississippi	April 17
San Antonio	May 2-3
Alabama South	May 7-8
Maine	June 6-7
Rocky Mountain	June 12-13
New England	June 17-18
Northwestern Ohio	June 20
Chicago Central	July 11-12
Colorado	July 17-18
East Tennessee	July 24-25
West Virginia South	August 7-8
Iowa	August 14-15
Georgia	August 21-22
Southeast Oklahoma	September 4-5

CHARLES H. STRICKLAND

Sacramento	April 11-12
Central California	April 18-19
Philadelphia	April 30—May 1
North Florida	May 8-9
Southern Florida	May 14-15
Upstate New York	June 12-13
Northeast Oklahoma	June 18-19
Michigan	July 9-10
Southwestern Ohio	July 18-19
Northeastern Indiana	July 24-25
Kansas	August 1-2
Virginia	August 13-14
North Carolina	August 20-21
West Virginia North	September 5-6

WILLIAM M. GREATHOUSE

Hawaii Pacific	April 9-10
Western Latin American	April 16-17
Southwest Latin American	April 19
Alabama North	May 1-2
Canada Atlantic	May 30
Canada Quebec	June 3
Canada Central	June 6-7
Canada West	June 12-13
Canada Pacific	June 20-21
Central Ohio	July 16-17
Southwest Indiana	July 23-24
Akron	July 31—August 1
South Carolina	August 13-14
Kansas City	August 20-21



Pictured at the 1985 Arizona district assembly (l. to r.) are District Superintendent and Mrs. Crawford Vanderpool (now retired); ordinands Rev. and Mrs. Thomas R. Shouse, Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Schultz, Rev. and Mrs. Ronald R. Burgess, Rev. and Mrs. Rick Bell, and Rev. and Mrs. Jimmy Delbridge. General Superintendent Jerald D. Johnson presided.



Pictured at the 1986 Australia Northern Pacific district assembly (l. to r.) are Dr. Jerald D. Johnson, general superintendent; ordinands and wives Rev. and Mrs. John W. Smith, Rev. and Mrs. Glenn T. Stott, Rev. and Mrs. Arthur C. Knights; and Rev. John N. White, district superintendent.

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Northwest	April 30—May 1
Oregon Pacific	May 15-17
Los Angeles	May 23-24
Intermountain	May 29-30
Kentucky	June 17-18
Nebraska	June 26-27
North Arkansas	July 9-10
Illinois	July 16-17
Houston	July 24
Wisconsin	August 6-7
Tennessee	August 14-15
Northwest Indiana	August 22-23

JOHN A. KNIGHT

Washington	April 16-17
Eastern Latin American	April 19
New York	April 25-26
Louisiana	May 7-8
Central Florida	May 13-14
South Arkansas	May 22-23
New Mexico	June 4-5
Arizona	June 11
Dakota	June 26-27
Eastern Michigan	July 11-12
Minnesota	July 23
Pittsburgh	July 25-26
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Central Latin American	April 17-18
West Texas	April 24-25
Southern California	May 8-9
Northern California	May 15-16
Southwest Indian	May 28

Navajo Nation	May 30
Alaska	June 5-6
North Central Ohio	June 17-18
Eastern Kentucky	June 25-26
Northwest Oklahoma	July 30
Indianapolis	August 7-8
Joplin	August 14-15
Missouri	August 21-22
Southwest Oklahoma	September 4-5

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY INFORMATION

HAWAII PACIFIC—April 9-10. First Church of the Nazarene, 408 N. Judd St., Honolulu, HI 96817. Host Pastor: Larry D. Coen. General Superintendent: Dr. William M. Greathouse.

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Z. JUNE BALLARD from evangelism to Knoxville (Tenn.) South
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DONALD CANADAY to Union Chapel (Ind.)
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JIM FRYE from NTS to Quanah, Tex.
FRANK LALONE from Michigan to Kenton, Ohio
JAMES M. LEACH from South Point, Ohio, to Belpre, Ohio
JAMES R. LEONARD from Kissimmee (Fla.) First to Estill Springs, Tenn.
RICHARD J. MARK from Santa Cruz, Calif., to Nampa (Idaho) Karcher
EDWIN C. NICHOLS from Canyon Hill, Idaho, to Parma, Idaho

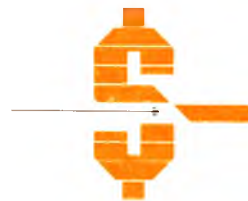
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DANIEL R. TAYLOR from Patricksburg, Ind., to Terre Haute (Ind.) Eastside
MIKE R. WILLIAMS from Elyria, Ohio, to Merritt Island (Fla.) Community
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monmouth, Ill., First Church will celebrate its 50th anniversary April 13. All former pastors, members, and friends are invited to attend or send letters of greeting, which will become part of a scrapbook commemorating this event. Former pastors will present the 9:45 a.m. Sunday School lessons. Dr. Floyd Pounds, district superintendent, and Rev. Tom Hill, former pastor, will speak in the 10:45 a.m. worship service. Following the morning service there will be a dinner in the fellowship hall. The Brethren Quartet from Olivet Nazarene College will sing throughout the day and will be in concert at the 4 p.m. service. For further information, contact Pastor Tom Crider, 315 W. Broadway, Monmouth, IL 61462, or call 309-734-6641.

VITAL STATISTICS

DEATHS

JOHN MARK ADAMS, 31, Sept. 22, El Reno, Okla., accident. Survivors: wife Connie; daughters Kelli and Tami; one brother. Ministry: Oklahoma, Kansas, and Colorado.

BERTHA B. CALLAHAN, 86, Nov. 27, Phoenix, Ariz. Survivors: son Walton (Cal); daughters Mrs. Joe (Freda) Crossland and Mrs. Lewis (Jimmie Lou) Richards; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one sister.

REV. CHARLES V. GRILE, 74, Oct. 22, Hebron, N.Dak. Survivors: wife Ada; sons Merrill and Ronnie; daughters Charlene (Mrs. Orin) Breiland and Carol Coram; and nine grandchildren. Ministry: Ohio, Minnesota, and North Dakota.

REV. LAWRENCE T. HOLMAN, 73, Dec. 30, Medford, Oreg. Survivors: wife Dorothy; sons Larry, Jr., and Hal; daughters Grace Crocker and Janice Moore; 13 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild; and 1 sister. Ministry: Bellflower, Riverside, Monrovia, Calif.; Eugene, Oreg.; Bethany Nazarene College, Oklahoma; Chandler, Ariz.; Covina, Calif.; Albuquerque, N.Mex.; and Klamath Falls, Oreg.

MRS. GENESTA JOHNSTON, Jan. 4, Pearl River, La. Survivors: daughters Mrs. F. Pravata, C. Hastings, Mary Veazey, Fran Ferraez; son John L. Johnston, Jr.; 13 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

RUTH M. MEYER, 74, Dec. 29, St. Marys, Ohio. Interment: Celina, Ohio. Survivors: son Robert F.; and one brother.

MRS. ZELDA HUNT NEWAY, 86, Dec. 29, Roseburg, Oreg. Survivors: sons John Paul and W. Ray; four grandchildren; two sisters; and one brother.

E. MARIE (RIDDLE) PINNER, 61, Dec. 29, Bay City, Mich. Interment: Troy, Mich. Survivors: husband Rev. Donald W.; daughters Sue Ann and Cheri Lynn Shrader; son Donald Mark; one grandson; two brothers; and one sister.

FRED SWAN, 82, Jan. 11, Bellflower, Calif. Survivors: wife Mary; daughters Eleanor Emmert and Gale Pruitt; four grandchildren; and three great-grandsons.

BEN H. WEATHERBY, 95, Jan. 7, Lewiston, Idaho. Survivors: daughters Ruby Platt, Opal Paul, Goldie Freeman, and Betty Johnson; sons Rev. Thomas O.,

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NEWS OF RELIGION

GIVING IS STRONG, MEMBERSHIP SLIPS IN U.S. CHURCH BODIES, NCCC STUDY SHOWS. Giving in nine U.S. mainline Protestant church bodies increased by 7.83 percent in 1984 over 1983, despite a decline of 0.77 percent in their combined memberships, according to a new survey by the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. (NCCC). The data from nine selected U.S. church bodies—compiled from information collected on 39 U.S. church bodies—showed the increase in giving was well above the 4 percent inflation rate for 1984.

Per capita giving increased by 8.67 percent in the church bodies surveyed, which included the American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A. (1982-83 data used), the American Lutheran Church, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the Episcopal Church, Lutheran Church in America, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), United Church of Christ, and the United Methodist Church (1982 and 1983 data used). In those church bodies, average per capita giving was \$293.65, up from \$270.22 the previous year.

Among the nine church bodies studied, only the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) showed a gain in total or full membership from 1983 to 1984. The LCMS showed a gain of 0.11 percent to a total of 1,986,392.

The United Church of Christ showed the greatest increase in total contributions, 14.46 percent, to a total of \$444,465,292 in 1984, despite a membership loss of 0.32 percent. □

CONGRESS DROPS BAN ON "SECULAR HUMANISM." The U.S. Congress has dropped a controversial legislative provision that had forbidden use of federal funds for the teaching of "secular humanism" in public schools. Both houses of Congress passed a new version of the magnet-schools program that does not contain the ban.

The ban, which passed in 1984 with backing from Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), had little real effect. The legislation contained no definition of "secular humanism," making it difficult, if not impossible to enforce.

The ban, however, was considered an important symbolic measure. □

DIVORCE RATE DROPS FOR SECOND STRAIGHT YEAR. America's divorce rate has declined for the second straight year, following 20 years of increases, government statistics disclosed January 3. There were 1,158,000 divorces in the U.S. in 1983 (the last year for which statistics are available), 12,000 fewer than 1982.

That 1 percent drop followed a 4 percent drop from 1981 to 1982, reversing a 20-year trend that resulted in an all-time high of 1,213,000 divorces in 1982. However, provisional estimates indicate divorce rates may once again increase when final figures are reported for 1984 and 1985.

Geographic variation is strong in divorce patterns across the country. The Northeast has the lowest divorce rate at 3.6 per 1,000 people, followed by the Midwest with a rate of 4.6. The South's rate was 5.6, while the West's was the highest at 5.8 per 1,000 people. Massachusetts had the lowest divorce rate at 3.2; Nevada had the highest divorce rate at 15.0, an increase from 1982's 14.9 rate. □

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY INCLUDES CANADA. Focus on the Family, Dr. James Dobson's organization, is expanding its operations in Canada. The recently formed Focus on the Family Association of Canada will research family-related issues in Canada, according to Canadian board member Doug Sauer.

The "Focus on the Family" radio program, hosted by Dobson, already airs on 31 Canadian stations. A separate version of the program addressing Canadian public policy issues is a future possibility. A pilot program, in which Dobson interviewed Canadian Christian women's leader Gwen Landolt, has already aired. □

Xena, and Ben, Jr., 16 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and 17 great-great-grandchildren.

FRANCES IRENE WEST, 61, Nov. 10, Pittsburg, Kans. Survivors: sister Lillian O'Connor; brothers Stewart and Cloyd West.

WALTER T. WILSON, 67, Nov. 18, Miami, Fla. Interment: Chattanooga, Tenn. Survivors: wife Geraldine; daughter Donna; one sister.

BIRTHS

to DON AND DEBBIE (STANSBURY) ELLIS, Olathe, Kans., a girl, Dawn Marie, Dec. 24

to GLENN AND LORRAINE (MULLIGAN) EVANS, Pearlard, Tex., a boy, Andrew Michael, Jan. 5

to MIKE AND PAM (BURGHART) FARRIS, Indianapolis, Ind., a boy, Brandon James, Sept. 20

to BRUCE E. AND PHYLLIS (ROGERS) GARDNER, Orlando, Fla., a girl, Amanda Nicole, Oct. 15

to BILL AND DARLA (BROWER) HALL, Lakeland, Fla., a girl, Brittany Marie, Nov. 26

to LARRY AND PATTY (WILEY) HAYMAN, Reynoldsburg, Ohio, a girl, Jewell Renae, Dec. 19

to RANDY AND TONI (GISRIEL) HERBOLD, Olathe, Kans., a boy, Tyler Duane, Sept. 14

to PERRY AND SHERRY (FURNISH) JAYNES, Danville, Ill., a boy, Adam Scott, Sept. 13

to RAY AND CHARLOTTE (SMITH) LOGHRY, Duncan, Okla., a boy, Christopher Allen, Dec. 8

to STEPHEN AND LINDA (HECKMAN) PESTILLI, Norwell, Mass., a girl, Lindsay Dawn, Sept. 21

to RANDY AND PAMELA (KING) POE, Waxahachie, Tex., a boy, Nathan David, Oct. 7

to REV. DONALD E. AND LINDA (SHAW) SIDES, Greenville, Tex., a boy, Stephen Seth, Nov. 18

to REV. STEVE AND JANICE (TOLLY) STOCSTILL, Bassett, Va., a boy, Andrew Wilson, Jan. 19

MARRIAGES

MELINDA LEE DONHAM and KEVIN LEE GIRT at Noblesville, Ind., Nov. 9

LORI S. ACHESON and RUSSELL J. LAWLOR at Orlando, Fla., Dec. 15

ANNIVERSARIES

November 10, 1985, PHIL AND MILDRED SMITH celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Mr. Smith, a retired builder, was also honored for his participation in eight Work and Witness building

projects on foreign mission fields. The Smiths have been members of Arlington, Va., Calvary Church since shortly after their marriage. A reception was hosted by their three daughters, June Kirby, Joyce McPhee, and Janet LaLone. The Smiths have eight grandchildren

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We welcome questions on biblical and doctrinal matters. The editor is not able to send replies to questions not selected for publication. Address: ANSWER CORNER, *Herald of Holiness*, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131.

Should persons who smoke, attend movies, and dance, be allowed to serve on the church board?

When teachers and board members give wedding receptions where they serve liquor and have dance bands, should a Nazarene pastor perform the marriage ceremonies and attend the receptions?

I think you really know the answer to your question—no.

Our pastors and board members and teachers should be exemplary Christians, loyal to the doctrinal and ethical standards of our church.

How do people guilty of blatantly violating these standards get elected to the board and appointed to teach? Where the membership votes such persons into leadership roles, a revival of integrity and courage—among other things—is desperately needed. □

Can an unsaved person take Communion? Please explain what it means to examine yourself?

Many unsaved persons have taken communion, just as many unsaved persons have been baptized.

I assume you mean, "Should an unsaved person take Communion?" In that case, my answer is no, unless the person has become convinced of his sins and need for Christ, and takes Communion at that time as an act of faith in the atoning death of Christ, which the Communion service proclaims. In that case, Communion would function as a "converting" ordinance.

Such events would be rare, but possible, for the Lord himself is the Host at His supper and could offer himself in saving grace to the penitent and believing recipient.

Ordinarily, however, Communion is for those already in covenant relationship with Christ, who have already believed in Him and received eternal life from Him.

To "examine" yourself is to test the sincerity of your motive in taking Communion—that taking Communion really is an expression of your faith in the atoning Christ, and a pledge of your devoted service to Him. The examination is not to prove your worthiness or goodness, but your honest repentance, faith, and love for Him who is the Savior of sinners. □

Was Melchizedek a priest from another race or tribe serving the same God as Abraham, with a priesthood far superior to that which God later set up with Abraham's descendants, or was he simply Christ in the same sense that He appeared in the furnace with the Hebrew children?

Melchizedek was the priest-king of Salem, and a worshiper of the true God, El Elyon, whom Abraham also knew as Yahweh. That Melchizedek blessed Abraham and received tithes from him is used by the writer of Hebrews to affirm the superiority of Melchizedek to the patriarch Abraham. That Abraham gave tithes to him evidences the fact that Melchizedek was indeed a priest of the one, true, living God who had given victory to Abraham in the battle recorded in Genesis 14.

All I read in Scripture and from Bible scholars convinces me that it is better to see Melchizedek as a "type" of Christ than as Christ in a pre-Incarnation appearance.

Some scholars affirm that through the conquest of Jerusalem (which they identify with Salem, arguing from Scripture and archaeology) by David, the house of David inherited the priest-king dynasty of Melchizedek. Whether this can be accepted or not, David does refer to the coming Messiah. One greater than himself, as "a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek" (Psalm 110:4). Jesus Christ, the Messiah, is both the Son of David and a Melchizedekian priest with an eternally effective ministry by which He saves all who come to God by Him (Hebrews 7:1-28). □

NEWS OF EVANGELISM

MINISTRY TO ALL

The Williamsport, Pa., church recently held a week of revival services with Evangelists William and Dorthea Overton. The revival was aimed at all age-groups of the church. Rev. Overton's messages, illustrated with chalk art, were effective, as were Mrs. Overton's presentations of spiritual truths through puppets.

Pastor William Wescoe states, "I have never seen my people so interested. They really worked to bring in their friends, neighbors, and relatives. We had an excellent group of visitors every night." Many found spiritual help at the altar as the evangelists explored "our relationship to Jesus." □

PRAYER RESURRECTS CHURCH

"We have closed the special meetings with Brother [Evangelist Nathan] Covington but are glad to report that the revival is still happening." So says Pastor David Hill of the recent revival at the Mannford, Okla., church.

In preparation for the special services, prayer meetings were held on

Saturday mornings and Sundays preceding services. In addition, cottage prayer meetings and prayer chains were established.

The result? "This meeting lifted up our whole church," reports Pastor Hill. "It was as if we were dead, but now we are alive again."

One woman who had been troubled with her angry temper was sanctified. A 56-year-old man was called to the ministry as a supply pastor. The strained relationship between the pastor and a layman was healed as they prayed together at the altar.

This was a time of God calling His people back to himself. "Those who had lived too close to the world," says Pastor Hill, "are now living closer to God." □

THE CHURCH SCENE

About 900 persons attended the recent dedication of the **Church of the Nazarene in Coatepeque, Guatemala**. Eleven pastors from the Southwest District and delegations from several churches attended the special service. Rev. Lauro Santiago, district superintendent, spoke. □

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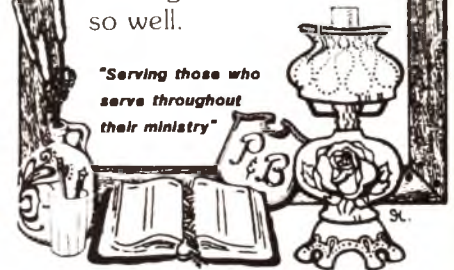
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High Springs, Fla., First Church recently observed an "old timers" Sunday, recognizing those who had served in the church 15 years or more. Pastor Larry Thayer, Sr., reports 16 people were recognized as "old timers," serving a combined total of 389 years.

Mrs. Laura Ogle was given special honor for 59 years of service. She was presented a handmade lap warmer, individually decorated and designed by the congregation. □

The **Fayetteville, N.C., church** and Pastor Larry D. Smith honored all military personnel of its congregation in the Sunday morning service of November 17, 1985. Special music was provided by the local Westover High School choir. Color ceremonies were conducted by the Westover High School Junior ROTC color guard and regulation drill team.

Chaplain (COL.) Bill Martin, U.S.A., (Ret.), was the featured speaker. Chaplain Martin is the former chaplain of XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg, N.C. □

Rev. and Mrs. Robert W. McNeely were honored at their church's annual Adult Christmas Banquet December 5, 1985, in Columbus, Ohio. The McNeelys entered their 25th year of service at **Mount Sterling, Ohio First Church**. Ninety-eight church members and friends attended the banquet to show their love to them. Rev. McNeely was given a golf set and bag, and Mrs. McNeely received a watch. Under the leadership of the McNeelys the church has grown from 50 to 250 in membership and a new sanctuary and educational unit have been built. □



The Cincinnati, Ohio, Carthage Church recently dedicated its new sanctuary, offices, and rest room addition. The sanctuary has a seating capacity of 300. This new structure was added to the existing building, turning the old sanctuary into a fellowship hall. The church began this building project with no money on hand. The people of the church donated over 10,000 hours of labor, ladies prepared over 250 meals for the workers, and over \$200,000 was given for the building which is valued at \$500,000. The value of the entire facility is now \$800,000. To the glory of God, the building was dedicated debt free. District Superintendent Harold B. Graves brought the dedicatory message. Rev. R. Gene Anspach has pastored the Cincinnati Carthage Church for four years.



Pictured is the new parsonage of Spartanburg, S.C., First Church. The 1712 sq. ft. house, with two-car garage is valued at \$85,000 and has an indebtedness of \$50,000. Rev. Dwight M. Gunter II is the pastor.



Shown is the new church facility for the Montgomery, Ala., Capital City Church. The new structure is located on approximately six acres of land just off I-85 and the Southeast Bypass. Appraised value of the 10,700 sq. ft. building and land is \$495,000 and indebtedness is \$120,000. The pastor and congregation did a large percentage of the work. Rev. Charles C. Martin has been pastor seven and a half years. Dr. Orville W. Jenkins, general superintendent, was the dedication speaker. Dr. Don Jernigan, Alabama South district superintendent, and the Honorable Emory Folmar, mayor of Montgomery, also participated in the service.

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THAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW

DR. HURN CONDUCTS TRAINING OF SUPERINTENDENTS IN GUATEMALA

Dr. Raymond W. Hurn, general superintendent, recently participated in a week-long training session with 21 district superintendents (many of them new to the post) and their spouses in Guatemala City. He was assisted by Dr. Juan Carlos Miranda, an Argentinean and consultant for Fuller Evangelical Association, who lectured on church growth. Business management sessions were presented by Dr. James Hudson, regional director, and his staff.

Following four assemblies in Guatemala, Dr. Hurn and his wife, Madelyn, journeyed to Mexico City where they met with the Mexico Board of Administration, the legal body for the denomination in Mexico, and with the seminary board. He participated in the official dedication of the new campus on January 25. Dr. Hurn reports that at that time there were already 90 students preregistered for the second semester.

The Hurns were delayed in Mexico City due to the massive "March for Peace in Central America," which passed at an intersection ahead of them. The march, organized to promote peace in the region and to stress self-determination and respect for human rights, began in Panama and trekked through Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala, and southern Mexico, although the marchers were not permitted to cross Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala as a group. Thousands of persons from more than 30 countries participated.

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"THE CALLING" TO BE MARKETING TO WIDER AUDIENCE

The World Mission Division has announced that its film *The Calling*, is being made available to the general evangelical public through rental arrangements with Victory Films. The 16-mm film was previewed at the General NWMS Convention last June. Since that time, thousands of Nazarenes have viewed the presentation, which depicts the life and ministry of pioneer Nazarene missionaries Roger and Esther Winans in Peru.

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SCOTT IS NEW WORLD MISSION DIVISION DIRECTOR



Dr. Robert H. Scott, 55, superintendent of the Southern California District since 1975, has been elected by the General Board and has accepted the position as World Mission Division director for the Church of the Nazarene. The announcement was made February 11 by Dr. Eugene L. Stowe, responsible general superintendent for the division.

Dr. Scott succeeds Dr. L. Guy Nees who served in the post since 1980 and retired at the recent General Board meeting.

Dr. Scott served as department chairman of the World Mission Division on the General Board since 1983, having been a member of the General Board since 1976. He has served the church in a number of other denominational posts including: Department of Education vice-chairman; Boundaries Commission member; commission member on revision of the denominational statement on "Ethics" in the *Manual*; Nazarene Bible College and Point Loma Nazarene College trustee; and other committees.

Ordained in 1953 on the Northern California District, Dr. Scott is a graduate of Pasadena College and was awarded the honorary doctor of divinity degree by PLNC in 1983. He served as pastor of Santa Ana, Calif., First Church of the Nazarene from 1962 to 1975 and also served pastorates in West Sacramento and Wasco, Calif.

He and his wife, Carolyn, have two children, Vicki Reese and Steve.

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MONEY DONATED FOR HAITIAN CHURCH ON NYI CRUISE

Participation in the recent NYI "Celebration at Sea" cruise donated \$6,000 toward the construction of a new church building for the Freres Church of the Nazarene congregation in Haiti. A check for the amount was presented to Rev. Renel Jerome, pastor of the church, during the cruise by Dr. Woodie Stevens, general NYI president.

The congregation, which reports about 150 active and 325 probationary members, has been meeting on the Nazarene seminary grounds in Haiti.

The cruise attracted more than 850 persons and was sponsored by the regional NYI of Bethany Nazarene College, Trevecca Nazarene College, Eastern Nazarene College, Olivet Nazarene College, and Mount Vernon Nazarene College.

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Dr. Woodie Stevens (l., front), NYI general president, presents a check for \$6,000 to Haitian minister Rev. Renel Jerome (r., front). Representatives from some of the NYI regions participating in the presentation include (l. to r.) Cecil Jones, Mike Estep, Roger DeVore, and Jim Russom.

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