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*Let us fix our
eyes on Jesus,
the author and
perfector of
our faith, who
for the joy
set before him
endured the cross,
scorning its shame,
and sat down at
the right hand
of God.*

—Hebrews 12:2, NIV



THE POVERTY OF GOD

by General Superintendent Raymond W. Hurn

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).

"Power conscious" age . . . can you fathom a God with all the power that can be imagined, giving it up to be poor? That is what He did for us! I am sure this act is fresh in the minds of Nazarenes at this Easter season. Two-thirds of our members around the world have joined us within the past 10 years, and 33 percent in the last 5 years. If tomorrow morning were the great "resurrection day," what a volume of praise would arise from the voices of thousands of Nazarenes recently made new creatures in Christ Jesus and the many thousands of us who have helped make all of that happen. What joy you must feel with me today over our growing holiness enterprise.

In 75 countries of the world there are 609 selfless missionaries. Two million patients were ministered to by tender hands in Nazarene world mission hospitals and clinics during the past five years. And a stream of national leaders outside North America are passing through 36 Bible schools and seminaries to take their places proclaiming Christ everywhere. There are 136 world mission districts with more than 20,000 national pastors laboring together in the cause of Christ.

Christ is blessing the work of our labors . . . and we all had a part in it.

1986 finds us with a goal of \$9.5 million for the Easter Offering, not much more than the total raised last Thanksgiving. We cannot count on a few big gifts to raise this much money. It simply means every pastor must elicit a response from every Nazarene if we are to give the offering that we must give. Our success in missionary endeavors at home and abroad demands it.

I have spent several weeks where our missionaries labor. Our regular districts are truly self-supporting, self-governing, self-propagating. They do not get a dollar of

General Budget money to run their regular districts. The emerging pioneer areas, pioneer districts, and mission districts are giving a good accounting of themselves as gradually they take over their own support. More money is thereby released for strictly missionary endeavors.

In 1987 Mexico City becomes our target in the "Thrust to the Cities" program. The earthquake did much more than rearrange real estate in Mexico City. It destroyed thousands of people, killing such a large number that no one really knows the official figure. This calamity has also opened up the hearts and minds of people in new ways to the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are trying to get ready for an invasion of Satan's territory that will destroy his hold on the lives of Mexicans.

But Mexico is only one of 75 mission fields where a spiritual need is self-evident. Who wants to see a movement like this slow down or stop? None of us, of course. And so we must all put forward the greatest display of sacrifice we have ever known as we give in the 1986 Easter Offering.

Paul told the Corinthian church, even as I am reporting to you today, "I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. 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 8:8-9, NIV).

Can we count on every Nazarene in every local church to be persuaded to give sacrificially in the Easter Offering? We are depending on you, and Christ is depending on you. As with the Corinthians, many of you have been the "first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so. Now finish the work so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means. 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 8:11-12, NIV). □

by ED FELTER

The gun fired. With catlike reflexes, a secret service agent leaped in defense of President Harry Truman. The hot lead of the assassin's bullet found deadly lodgement in the agent's body.

Of special significance are the words the president released for press publication when he was questioned about his reaction to the incident.

"I never knew what it meant to have someone die in my stead."

Do you know what it means to have someone die for you?

Not many of us do. Few have been rescued at the cost of another's life. The trauma of knowing someone died in your place must leave indelible imprints on the mind.

But in reality, each of us has had Someone die in our place. Jesus Christ gave His life for all of us, but also for each of us. Collective substitution is a powerful truth; however, when thought of as a personal, one-for-one vicarious death, it was Him stepping in line and taking our death when we deserved it.

The Easter message tells us vividly of Christ's substitutionary death. It was not simply a reactionary, dutiful response. Rather, it was planned from the foundation of the world, with Jesus taking both the robe of flesh and the humiliation of someone else's sin and allowing himself to become the vicarious target of God's judgment on sin.

In such personal substitution, we begin to understand what Truman felt following the assassination attempt. To feel the impact of the realization that Jesus suffered, bled, and died for you and me as individuals is awesome.

It would also be somber, if it were not for the fact that on the third day God raised His Son Jesus from the grave. This was also for us as individuals. Just as He took *my* death, in so doing he gives *me* life! Because He lives, we also shall live! His death in my place made it possible *legally* for me to live. But it took the resurrection of Christ on my behalf to *impart* life, and that more abundantly.

I'm sure I haven't the slightest idea of what it means to actually have someone die to save my physical life. But thank God I know spiritually, through the reality and vitality of Easter, what it means to have Jesus

SOMEONE Died for You



Christ die in my place, and be resurrected by the power of God that I may have life eternally. I know because of faith in Christ as my personal Savior. I know He hung in my place on Calvary, paying the price of sin for me, that I might live!

Do you know? ☐

WHO IS JESUS?

*Is Jesus just a wise man
Who went about and taught;
Who told the folks what not to do,
And all the things they ought?
Is he just a great physician
Who healed the lame, the blind;
A man who fed the multitudes,
And showed that He was kind?
Is Jesus just a preacher
Who told of things to come;
A man who won a lot of folks,
But aggravated some?
Yes, Jesus Christ is all of these;
A man who earth has trod,
But Jesus Christ is much, much more—
He's the precious Son of God!*

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MARINE TESTIFIES

We still have people in this world who are lost, lonely, and who need a very special and close Friend. The friend I am referring to is the Lord our Savior, He that created us.

It is time for us all to reach out and touch these people for the Lord, by letting Him work through us. I would like to challenge everyone to go out and find these people and bring them to God. It is a great challenge, but not impossible, for I have already succeeded with two, who now attend church on a daily basis and who spread the Lord's word where they are stationed. Both are Marines.

I thank the people who brought

me closer to the Lord—my parents and the loving people of Canaan Hill Church of the Nazarene in Lawson, Mo.

Kevin N. Patton
Quantico, Virginia

WANTS CHURCH PLANTED

I'm writing to request that ALL of you pray that we can have a Church of the Nazarene in Paris, Ark., population 3,947.

I am encouraged after reading the article by Larry McKain about Church Planters in the January 15 issue. I felt the leading of the Holy Spirit to write and pray that someone will get a burden for Paris, as I have. I do not have the ability to build a church building, but God has put it

on my heart to ask for one. A Church of the Nazarene is desperately needed in Paris. There are no Nazarenes in Paris, but there are a lot of people who need the gospel.

I am the one full-blooded Nazarene in Paris, Ark.

Vertie Wooten
Paris, Arkansas

NEVER GIVE UP

Several years ago where I worked as a young Christian a friend wanted me to do some things I didn't feel good about. I told him I wouldn't, and he said, "All the other backtenders do it." (I work in a paper mill as a backtender.) I told him I gave my life to do the Lord's work. He laughed and hung up the phone.

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Hallelujah

On one occasion Michelangelo turned to his fellow artists in a spirit of great indignation. "Why do you keep filling gallery after gallery with endless pictures on the one theme of Christ in weakness, Christ upon the cross, and most of all, Christ hanging dead?" he asked. "Why do you concentrate upon that passing episode as if it were the last word, as if the curtain dropped down there on disaster and defeat? That dread scene lasted only a few hours. But to the unending eternity Christ is alive; Christ rules and reigns and triumphs!"

The risen Christ conquers Satan and sin. If anyone had asked on the Day of Crucifixion, "Who has conquered, Satan or Christ?" no one would have dared to suggest that Christ was the conqueror.

During His lifetime Jesus had conquered sickness, evil spirits, and death. But now from all appearances, He had been conquered by wicked men who had nailed Him to a cross. Jesus had battled Satan and sin all His life and had conquered in every encounter—up until the hour of His arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane and His death on the Cross.

If Calvary and the garden tomb were the end of the gospel story, we would have to admit total defeat of God's plan for man's redemption, and defeat for Christ.

Those who beheld Christ on the Cross could not believe He was a conqueror. But the Man nailed to the Cross was "the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: for by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: and he is before all things, and by him all things consist" (Colossians 1:15-17).

At the Cross Satan and sin did the worst that could be done to the Son of God. Satan, in deep hatred for God, used man, the object of God's love and affection,



What a Savior!

by MORRIS CHALFANT

to put God's only begotten Son to death.

Satan could have done nothing to manifest more reckless defiance of God's power and authority. But while Satan was permitted to bring Christ to the Cross, he did not have the power to wrest from Christ His divinity and subject Christ to himself.

Satan, even in subjecting Christ to the Cross, made possible the complete fulfillment of God's plan of redemptive grace. Satan, by his diabolical scheme, helped to establish that which he expected to thwart.

Thus when Christ arose from the grave, Satan and sin were conquered forever. Satan, at what seemed his highest moment, could not conquer Christ at what seemed His weakest time.

"I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore" (Revelation 1:18).

This declaration of power, authority, and life heartens every believer who is harassed by Satan, making him know that he trusts in One who has forever conquered both Satan and sin.

"The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death" (1 Corinthians 15:26). This is a sure promise that only Christ can fulfill. Because He has conquered death, He brings to the believer victory over death. "And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die" (John 11:26). That is, shall not die eternally. Paul exclaims: "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:55-57).

"If a man die, shall he live again?" (Job 14:14). God, in Christ, answers that question. He shall live again, because Christ said, "I am the resurrection, and the life" (John 11:25). God, who has made ample provision for this life, has also made provision for the resurrection of His saints. How hopeless would be the future if God's saints had no assurance of a life after death. The difference between Christianity and other religions is that Christ gives salvation as a gift and guarantees a

life after death. No religion without Christ can offer anything like this.

Because Christ conquered all the enemies of mankind, and left them defeated foes, there is victory for every believer. We may be overcomers in the face of every besetting sin, temptation, trial, discouragement, seeming defeat, and even despair. "In all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us" (Romans 8:37). Dr. John S. Bonnell has said: "Easter's crowning proof for modern man is the spiritual power which Christ gives us, enabling us to conquer splendidly at the place where once we had always met defeat."

The Resurrection thus enables us to experience within our own hearts the presence of the risen Christ, of whom it was written, "[He was] declared to be the Son of God with power . . . by the resurrection from the dead" (Romans 1:4). For us the real, practical proof of the Resurrection must be personal. And it can be—for "He is risen!"

What an awe-inspiring picture we get of the Lord Jesus as John viewed Him on the Isle of Patmos! His trumpet voice and powerful figure of strength and grandeur made the apostle see Him as the victorious conqueror over death and hell who will one day come to rule in unexcelled glory. We need to concentrate more on the risen Christ who declared, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth" (Matthew 28:18). He is now our Lord, our Captain through life, our Intercessor at the throne, and our soon-coming King.

Reverently recognizing His supreme majesty, let's emphasize His thrilling words, "I am alive forevermore!"

*Lifted up was He to die;
"It is finished," was His cry.
Now in heav'n exalted high,
Hallelujah! what a Saviour!*

—PHILLIP P. BLISS

LIFE'S PAUSES

Sometimes . . .

*my life is like a traffic jam.
I inch my way along,
blocked on all sides
by crowded confusion.
I feel trapped.*

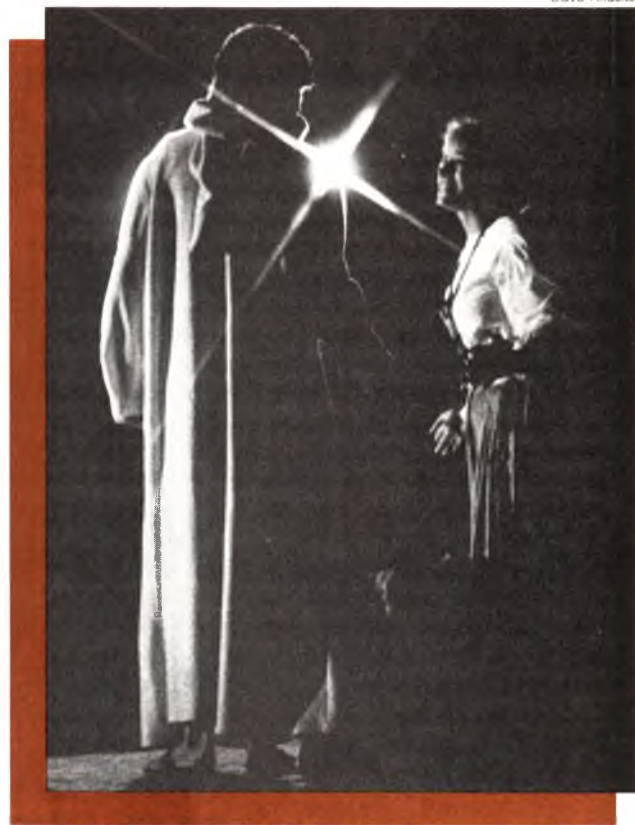
But . . .

*As I wait in quietness before the Lord,
communicating with Him,
the chaos clears,
the road opens.
I can advance.*

—GERALDINE NICHOLAS
Abbotsford, British
Columbia

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Dave Anderson



by IVAN A. BEALS

The greatest mystery writer in the world" bragged in front of 8 million TV viewers that he could prove Jesus Christ's resurrection was a hoax . . . if he were given one week back in ancient Jerusalem. Og Mandino's book, *The Christ Commission*, relates how author Matt Lawrence got his wish. An angry viewer hit him with a knock-out punch that landed him in Jerusalem, A.D. 36—six years after Jesus' crucifixion and death.

Mandino sends his character searching for clues to refute the claim that Jesus arose from the dead. Lawrence walks the same streets and visits the same places Christ did. He interviews the eyewitnesses, facing some of the dangers the Lord's followers endured. All the theories Lawrence thought would solve the resurrection mystery are rebuked by first-hand testimony.

From the first, unbelievers have sought to debase the Resurrection faith. Modern skeptics can neither walk the streets of old Jerusalem nor interview those who saw and recorded Jesus' life and ministry. Even His disciples of that day often questioned their own eyes and ears. What Jesus Christ said and did has always required a response of faith.

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CTION FOR TODAY

Doubting Thomas was offered seeming proof positive—to put his finger in Jesus' nail-pierced hands. But that disciple still had to believe it was the Lord. Both then and now, the appearances of Christ after His death have been called apparitions or hallucinations. The real substance of Jesus' death and claimed resurrection remains open to dispute. No person can be forced to believe the scriptural eyewitness accounts.

Yet, historical data supports the fact that something happened to give birth to the Christian Church. That body of believers thrived despite threats and persecutions, refuting the charges of hoax. Their assertion that Jesus is risen from the dead remains central to all Christian faith.

Christ's corpse was never displayed to prove He was not risen. His tomb remained open and empty. His disciples were accused of stealing the body, but they were never tried in court. For three days, until Jesus appeared unto His chosen followers, they thought someone had removed the body. The Lord refuted any theft when He appeared alive.

Hearing the troubling news that Christ was risen from the dead, the authorities tried to squelch it. No committee or commission could fabricate the evidence to silence the gospel of Jesus' resurrection. That glad truth spread like the light of daybreak. Even dark threats of prison and death were subdued by the glorious proclamation of a risen Savior.

Was Jesus, then, truly risen as He said? Was He really resurrected from the dead as His disciples claimed? Many thought Christ's empty tomb was a farce; their future remained bleak. Some people of that day believed with their whole hearts. Their very lives seemed renewed with the power of Christ's resurrection. Jesus' startling appearances to eyewitnesses raised a steadfast hope.

It was no easier for people of that time to believe than it would be for us today. Compare the unlikely scene then—a huge stone slab removed, and a sealed, hollowed tomb emptied—with now—a narrow, deep hole burst through the sod in a cemetery, and an empty casket. First thoughts in both instances are—grave robbers! But Jesus' appearances to His followers calmed those fears.

How does Jesus Christ appear to us centuries later? In a sense, every person comes face-to-face with His cosmic presence. Personal experiences vary, which confirm individual faith that Christ is alive. But Christian doctrine is unfounded unless Jesus is risen from the dead as He said. Any other explanation makes Him a liar. His spiritual presence disclosed to us today is the earnest of His bodily resurrection.

From his fictional journey back into time, Matt Lawrence found little reason to reject the Resurrection. All of his interviews with those closely involved with Jesus pointed toward His rising rather than to

deception. Faithful witnesses confirmed a miraculous event, not the finality of death. It all defied human understanding, which confronts every seeker of resurrection truth.

Modern-day "doubting" Thomases and would-be critics must deal with the reality of Christ's spiritual presence in the world. They must admit the impact His resurrection makes in the total life of every believer. Though some would be satisfied to accept a spiritual rising of Jesus, that is not enough. His was a bodily resurrection so our whole beings could be redeemed.

Christians need not wait for the resurrection's final proof in the last day. Believers say they know Christ lives because He lives in their hearts. We thank God for giving us spiritual life through His Holy Spirit. But this new life that occurs by faith in Christ is life that quickens our spirits and bodies unto righteousness.

The proof of our Lord's resurrection today—or any day—is found in the transformed lives of those who invest total faith in Him. Other evidence may decay or be hidden from view. Research now only yields recorded scriptural testimony that may be questioned. But every saint who lives and dies in the Christian faith affirms that Christ is risen. Every transformed sinner's life is proof Jesus died on the Cross for our sins and rose again on the third day. Christ is truly Victor over sin and death! □

The Easter Surety

"He is not here but is risen,"

Angels declared on that morn;

Anxious disciples in wonder

Turned from the tomb, hope reborn.

He is not here but is risen!

It seemed impossible then;

A miracle supernatural,

Astounding the minds of men.

He is not here but is risen!

With might and authority;

Conquering Satan and evil,

He rose to give liberty.

He is not here but is risen,

Firstfruit from out of the dead;

Pledge of eternal life for us,

Freeing from death's fear and dread.

He is not here but is risen—

Echo these words from the tomb;

Glorious anthem of vict'ry,

Sounding the knell of death's doom.

He is not here but is risen,

Raised in a body so fair;

Soon in the first resurrection,

We, too, this glory shall share.

—BYRON H. MAYBURY
Duarte, California

LET'S BE GLOBAL CHRISTIANS



by SAMUEL L. DUNN

As the Church of the Nazarene increasingly becomes an international church it is important that we in the United States enlarge our vision of the work of Christ in our times. We must become global Christians! The global Christian is characterized by: global awareness; knowledge of world and Christian history; understanding of world religions; awareness of current missionary activity; willingness to share leadership; and final allegiance to the cause of Christ. Let's consider these ideas.

The global Christian is knowledgeable about world geography, governments, languages, and cultures. He is able to locate most countries on the map, knows the capitals of the major countries, and is able to identify regions by racial and language groups and religions. He keeps track of major developments in government, sociology, religion, war, and peace. He is particularly interested in developments that would alter the ability of the church to do its work. An example of the latter would be the Falklands War (la Guerra de Las Malvinas), which pitted Great Britain against Argentina, both countries in which the Church of the Nazarene has work. Were (Are) there any repercussions to our denomination's missionary activity because of that war?

The global Christian promotes understanding of other countries and cultures. He studies other languages as opportunities occur and encourages members of his family to learn other languages. As occa-

sion permits he travels to other countries so he may gain firsthand understanding of other cultures.

Current events don't take place in a historical vacuum. Many of today's world problems have their roots in events that occurred centuries ago. It is important to understand which areas of the world have been evangelized and are now considered (culturally or religiously) Christian, which have been evangelized and since been lost, and which have never been evangelized.

For example, the global Christian knows of the great ninth-century missionary Boniface who was responsible for bringing the gospel to the area known as Germany. Boniface may have been the most significant missionary in the history of Christianity after the apostle Paul. As another example, the global Christian is aware that Jesuit missionaries in the 17th century were having outstanding success in Japan. It is believed by many that Japan would have become a (Catholic) Christian country had not the Jesuits been halted by conservative elements in Rome.

The global Christian knows the major religions of the world and their principal beliefs and practices. He knows the regions in which Buddhism, Confucianism, Hinduism, Islam, Shintoism, and Animism are practiced. The global Christian keeps up on the missionary activities of these religions and knows the impact they are having on Christian practice.

The global Christian knows, for example, about the great advances both Islam and Christianity are making in Africa. The southern

half of Africa may become the most Christian region of the world by the year 2000, while Islam is on the move in Africa, spreading south into the continent.

The world Christian is also aware of the other great ideologies (such as revolutionary Marxism or atheistic humanism) which are equivalent to world religions. The adherents of these ideologies are also seeking to gain converts and acquire entire regions of the world for their causes.

The global Christian is interested in, prays for, and supports current missionary activities throughout the world. He keeps informed about the work of the Church of the Nazarene by attending missionary conferences and reading publications about our own missionary programs. He is also cognizant of the other great missionary organizations and the work they are doing to bring the gospel to men and women everywhere. The global Christian constantly prays for clerical and lay missionaries throughout the world.

The missionary program of the Church of the Nazarene is having outstanding success in over 75 countries of the world. Membership growth rates in these countries are regularly above population growth rates. Alongside the remarkable growth of the Church of the Nazarene, the general cause of Christ is moving ahead with unparalleled success in many parts of the world. For this the global Christian gives praise to God!

The global Christian realizes that he must share leadership of Christian organizations with citizens from other countries. As is true with many evangelical organizations, the growth rate in the

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Church of the Nazarene has been higher outside the United States than in. Certainly by the year 2000, if present trends continue, less than 50% of the church's members will be inside the United States. The global Christian willingly accedes leadership to those best able to carry out the global mission of the church, realizing that the mission is more important than historical origins. The global Christian

willingly turns over mission fields to local leaders on principles of indigenization and endogenization.

Last, the global Christian gives final allegiance to Christ and not to any particular political, economic, or cultural system. The global Christian realizes that the cause of Christ stands above national loyalties, that the cause of Christ moves on regardless of the external circumstances in which individuals,

groups, and nations find themselves. While we believe that our system of government and economics is best, the global Christian is aware that the Christian must first consider himself a citizen of God's kingdom and must work to advance that Kingdom first. This means that each person must dedicate his life, family, and vocation to the cause and glory of God's kingdom, all to the greater glory of God.

NAZARENE ROOTS



C. J. Kinne

"FOLLOWING THE GREAT PHYSICIAN"

"In these times, when real poverty is so rare among [Western] Christians and when persons in the most ordinary circumstances have so many luxuries, the great mass of professing Christians do not realize the necessity for nor the blessedness of self-denial. If we could but get a real glimpse of the world with its suffering and sorrows, we would understand something of our opportunities and obligations. We are sent not only to preach the gospel but to heal the sick . . . [to follow] Jesus in the work of healing."

Inauspiciously, C. J. Kinne began to articulate the impulse underlying Nazarene medical missions—an impulse that would lead to Nazarene hospitals in China, India, and Africa in following years, coupled with a program of medical stations around the world. For hundreds of Nazarenes, "following the Great Physician" would mean, as it did for Kinne, binding physical as well as spiritual wounds. Indeed, as Nazarene orphanages and rescue work began to decline in the late teens, the 1920s witnessed the re-channeling of Nazarene compassionate ministries into a stream of international missions.



Bresee Memorial Hospital at Tamingfu, China.



Some products of Bresee Memorial Hospital

C. J. Kinne was a pivotal figure in keeping the impulse for compassionate ministries alive. Raised in the Methodist fold, he united with Bresee's West Coast work in 1905 and managed *The Nazarene Messenger* publishing company. He played a key role in consolidating the different regional papers

into the *Herald of Holiness* in 1911 and became the first manager of the Nazarene Publishing House. In 1919, Kinne founded the Nazarene Medical Missionary Union to promote the cause of medical missions. Among its stated aims was the establishment of hospitals "under the direction of the General Missionary Board."

Kinne's particular vision focused on a Nazarene hospital for China, and he made his first trip there in 1923. He returned to China (1924-26) to oversee construction of Bresee Memorial at Tamingfu, and returned yet again (1928-30) to see the project through to completion. In the years following, Bresee Memorial Hospital not only cared for the afflicted but also educated medical professionals to serve throughout China. Kinne's legacy, shared by many others, was the insight that "those who relieve the sufferings of the body always have the most ready access to the hearts of men." (*Herald of Holiness*, July 9 and August 6, 1919; C. J. Kinne correspondence.)

STAN INGERSOLL, Archivist



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THE ANSWER

by JOHN W. MAY

Jesus never backed down from personal confrontation. His messiahship, His ministry, and His mission were made clear. It is interesting to note how many times in the New Testament that we find the words, "Jesus answered them."

When the devil tempted Him, He answered him with Scripture. When the Pharisees questioned Him, He answered them. When the blind man called out to Him, He answered him. When the disciples cried out to Him in fear that their ship would capsize, He answered them. The Gospels are full of His answers.

Contrary to the suggestion of Satan and modern-day unbelievers, Jesus *has* the answer. There is an answer to our times, troubles, and tests. Our eyes may not immediately see it, our ears may strain to hear His voice, our minds may not comprehend it, but the answer is there.

At the risk of oversimplifying life's crises and catastrophes, we may confidently assure believers of un-failing answers in Him.

Question marks may stand out in bold relief against the storm clouds, but the storm does not last forever. Mysteries may bewilder the mind, but we will understand it better just ahead. Christ has the answer to the aching heart, the drooping spirit, the searching mind, and the unsettled soul.

More than that, He *is* the answer. To the children

still singing "Jesus loves me, this I know," He is the answer. To teenagers seeking to find themselves, He is the answer. To young adults carving out a life, He is the answer. To mid-life travelers and sojourners, He is the answer. To the lonely elderly reaching out to touch, He is the answer.

Someone has observed that our modern day is caught up with these questions: Who am I? What am I? Where am I? Why am I? Outside of Christ there are no meaningful answers to those questions. He alone is the answer. If we are to find ourselves, it will be in Him. If we successfully cope with the maze of everyday life, it will be in Him. The issues are spiritual and can only be resolved in a right relationship with Him through His saving and sanctifying power.

He is the Christ for every crisis. His people have seen Him in the sick room, in the living room of everyday life, in the hospital room with its clinical coldness, in the death room when they have had to say good-bye to someone dear, in the bedroom as they lie staring into the blackness of the ceiling trying to sift through oppressing problems. Christianity is meaningless if this is not a reality to those who trust in Him.

Years ago while driving to the hospital to visit my wife who was suffering with a bleeding ulcer, I made the observation to our daughter that I had an uneasy feeling about her mother. She answered, "I don't, Daddy, I've got a promise!" What a lift! Christ is the answer. One day a little later we saw the evidence of it when He healed the ulcer.

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It is just as true that He *makes* the answer. We are in His hands, which are as powerful as they were when he touched the people on the Galilean shores. We are in His heart, which beats for our blessing.

We cannot always change things, but He can. He is able to make the crooked places straight and to bring down the mountains and fill in the valleys.

Sometimes when He does not choose to change things, He changes us. He gives us grace to cope when we cannot conquer. He gives us power to walk when we cannot run. He gives us the ability to suffer for His sake when we cannot solve a situation. Christ is with us in all things, in all days, and in all ways.

The day of miracles is not past, and Romans 8:28 still works. Christ is able to make all of life, with its bad and its best, to work out for what is best for us and for His glory.

I knew a wonderful Christian lady who suffered much at home. I seldom saw her without a smile. It was not a silly, counterfeit, or forced smile, but a genuine expression. Knowing her ordeal, I wondered at times how she was able to do it. But I knew! It was Christ in her making an answer, performing a miracle. Sometimes I saw that smile when there were tears in her eyes, but I never doubted for a minute where she was getting her strength to cope.

As we approach 2,000 years since Christ appeared on the earth, Christians are more certain than ever that He is the answer, He has the answer, and He makes the answer for the world, the nation, and the person. □

NEW LIFE

*New life is surging all around—
The ground swells as each sleeping
bulb and seed*

*awakens to Spring's call and
stretches to greet the warm sun.*

*The trees hear the call
and shake themselves awake—like some
shaggy old dog rousing from slumber.*

*The sap breaks free and in its ecstasy
erupts from the dry branches to new life!*

*Tiny rivulets are released from
their icy prisons and charge forth
in an exuberant burst of freedom,
filling their banks to capacity,
oftimes to overflowing.*

*And within me is a response—a quickening—
Spring is coming, bringing Easter!*

*And Easter is new life and freedom,
and a heart overflowing
with the amazing love of God!*

—MABEL P. ADAMSON
Kansas City, Missouri

Because You Gave...a Dream Church Becomes a Reality

by STANLEY STOREY

If you will give people light, they will find their own way. Through faithful General Budget giving the church has sent out missionaries to Mexico and Central America where we now have 600 churches and 46,000 Nazarenes. The church has been faithful in giving them the light of the gospel. They have responded by helping to build the kingdom of God in their own country and communities. This response is reflected dynamically in Guatemala.

Of the 17 Churches of the Nazarene in Guatemala City, none seated more than 400. A place of meeting for large gatherings was not available.

Regional Director Hudson kept dreaming of a church facility that could service the whole city and provide space for growth. The dream appeared nearly

impossible. Land was scarce, and any that was available was astronomically expensive.

Then the ingredients to fulfill the dream began to come together. Mrs. Rina Mendez, who with her husband had joined the church at Vivibien, advised the church that she had a piece of land and wished to donate it. The land was part of a commercial site owned by the Mendez family, and the value of the donation was \$125,000.

Dr. Alfredo San Jose, successful and distinguished pastor, had taken the Mendez family into membership. He was pastoring the Central Church, which will occupy the new facility. Mr. Jim Couchenour, president of Cogun Industries out of Lima, Ohio, and past president of ANBP (Association of Nazarene Building Professionals), volunteered to do the site planning and master drawings.

The plans are to have a 1,000-seat chapel, a recreational area, a six-story evangelism and discipling training center, seminar rooms for pastoral extension training, a multimedia center, and a library. It will be a facility to service a dynamic city and a growing district.

Because of the commitment of Mrs. Mendez, and because you gave, the dream is being fulfilled. □

STANLEY STOREY is a Nazarene missionary to Guatemala.

"Because YOU GAVE..."

MIRACLES

As I awoke that crisp autumn day, little did I realize that it was not going to be just an ordinary day. It was a day that a miracle began.

Coupled with the pressures of a building program, I was concerned about my wife, Darla, who was to leave for Montreal, Quebec, to begin tests and examinations preceding brain surgery. Pressing personal circumstances made it necessary for her parents to take her to Montreal a few days before I could join her. This proved providential. Actually, it meant the saving of a life.

Several weeks prior to that day, a young man by the name of Bob had dropped by. His unexpected visit came just as my wife and I and our daughter Mitzi were leaving the house for a dinner engagement at the home of Paul and Joan Cornwell, members of our church. Hardly knowing what to do, I invited Bob to go along with us. Of course, the extra dinner guest was welcomed by the Cornwells, in spite of his dirty clothing and strong odor of alcohol.

As the weeks passed, Paul and I became guides and guardians for Bob. Soon he was working on the new annex that was under construction. However, in spite of all our efforts, Bob did not respond favorably. Very soon word came that he was back in the county jail. This saddened all who had tried so hard to help him.

One morning as I pondered everything we had done, which had proven so futile, I sensed an urgency to go after him at least one more time. The impression was so strong I felt almost driven. But why?

Disgusted with myself for spending so much time in what seemed a hopeless situation, I started out to find Bob.

With all of this whirling in my mind, I drove into the



H. Armstrong Roberts

STILL HAPPEN

by STEVE POWELL

driveway of the home where Bob had been staying, the home of a "drinking buddy" of his. To be very honest, I did not want to be involved in his problems anymore, especially not that day.

As I walked up the sidewalk, someone fell into step beside me. He was dirty, with long droopy hair, his eyes half dazed with alcohol. He simply said, "My name is Harold Curtis, and I need help." I stopped, stunned, staring at another casualty of alcohol. Should I become involved again?

As his story unfolded it was unsavory. He told me that several days before he had left the scene of an accident in which he had totaled his Thunderbird, that he had gone through a divorce, was drinking himself to death, and had lost a high-paying job with Detroit Diesel Allison, where he had worked for 22 years. He was drinking two cases of beer a day and living on

canned food. On top of all this, he was deeply in debt.

How could I help him in all this? The whole situation stunned me. But then, God had definitely sent me. I was to be an instrument in His hands.

In the ensuing weeks, Curt, as he was to become known to my family and the church, gave his heart to Christ in a glorious conversion. As a result of this, and encouraged by newfound friends, he began to clean up himself and his life.

The first thing to tackle was traffic court about his hit-and-run accident in which he lost his driver's license for one year. Once past that, there was the chore of getting back his job at Allison's.

After numerous meetings and maneuvering, his job was restored to him with a condition: that he commit himself to the Hazelton Clinic in Hazelton, Minn., for a six-month alcohol abuse program. This was almost too much for Curt, but he went through with it.

STEVE POWELL pastors the Church of the Nazarene in Brownsburg, Indiana.

During this time, Curt met a lady in the church, Judy Arnett, and God began to work in their lives. Their future together was looking promising—love was beginning to blossom.

On Thanksgiving Day 1983, Judy and I drove Curt to Indianapolis International Airport for the trip to Hazelton. Curt and I had been almost constant companions for these weeks and parting was painful. The events of those weeks had convinced Judy and Curt of their love for each other.

In February 1984, Curt stepped off a plane in Indianapolis, a new man. He had completed his treatments

in Hazelton earlier than expected, and his job and Judy were waiting for him.

Curt and Judy were married September 1, 1984, and I was best man. A miracle had taken place in his life. He was a new person in Christ, and is continuing to live this Christ-centered life. Thank God for the privilege of having played a small part in God's miracle-working power.

As a postscript, God was also with Darla. She came through major brain surgery and her recovery has been completely successful.

God is still performing miracles. ☐

WISE INVESTMENT!

Dear Pastor:

Following my last offering for a special need in the church, you sent a note to me and spoke to the congregation, acclaiming my great sacrifice.

Sacrifice? No, not really. I am just investing in the company for whom I work and am fully convinced of the company's product. It isn't a sacrifice, but rather a wonderful opportunity to invest in a company that has not shown a loss in 2,000 years. I call that a pretty sound company, and the President has personally promised that all of my needs would be met, backing that promise with the capital of the corporation.

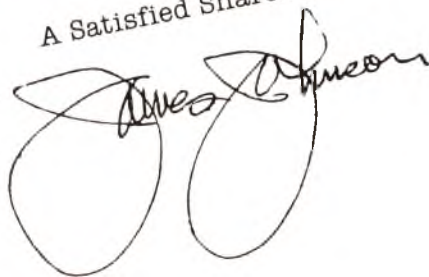
How big is this corporation? The President says that just one shareholder alone is of greater value than all of the world. In His report to the shareholders and potential shareholders, He made several brief statements regarding the assets of the company. He mentions that the corporation owns the whole world and is in ownership of all the world's gold and silver, plus all living creatures.

Sacrifice? Oh, not really. I like to think of it as a sure investment. As far as returns on my personal investments, I haven't been able to come up with an exact figure yet. You see, God always repays when you give, but you don't give to get. All I know is that the returns of my investments to this corporation have been so much that they have been pressed down, shaken together, and running over.

So please don't call it sacrifice. I have found it quite a joy to invest in a corporation like this. It is really the only wise investment.

A Satisfied Shareholder,

James D. Johnson is a Nazarene missionary to Samoa.



Open Hearts Open Doors

by NINA BEEGLE

What do a three-car garage, a carpet store, and a hotel conference room have in common? Not much, except that in all three, people are meeting together for worship. The people do have something in common. They are Nazarenes.

Take the case of the three-car garage. Actually, in the beginning the only Nazarenes there were the people who owned it—Norm and Kathryn Winebarger. When they moved to the tourist-heavy Nevada town of Gardnerville, they visited every church in the area before, as Kathryn says, “We realized we were more Nazarene than we thought.”

The Winebargers began to gather a few neighbors and acquaintances into their living room for Bible study.

“We were remodeling our three-car garage into a family room,” said Kathryn. “But the situation in our home was getting out of hand as the group got larger, so we decided we’d just have to have our meetings in our unfinished family room. We moved in a piano, and it wasn’t long before someone donated an organ. Churches on the district donated hymn books and chairs.”

All over the continent people with vision and concern are beginning cell groups in such places for Bible study, Sunday School, and/or worship ser-

vices. Often these small beginnings blossom into full-blown churches, as in the case of the Carson Valley Church of the Nazarene in Gardnerville, Nev.

When the Winebargers moved to Gardnerville, they were plagued with loneliness and a sense of not belonging. Says Kathryn, “There is a lack of openness and acceptance because of the constant influx of tourists. We found the same aura in the churches we visited.” That’s when they decided to start the church in their living room that graduated to their three-car garage.

“It seemed like a scary thing to do, but the adventure of it was just about as exciting as the development.” Their adventure began in March 1984.

Preparing for Sundays in the Winebarger house in those days was akin to a three-ring circus. They had two adopted teenage daughters living at home, plus their daughter and her two children. The early hours of Sunday morning found them all scurrying about to clean house, get breakfast out of the way, and prepare a dinner menu for 20 or 30 people, all before 8:30 or 9:00 when people began to arrive. Even the bedrooms must be prepared for guests, as that is where children’s church was held.

“This was the most traumatic thing in the whole experience,” Kathryn re-

calls. “But in this community you have to tie people in by some way, so we always had this open invitation: ‘If you are here, plan to stay and have dinner.’”

Attendance in the three-car garage went from 18 in August to 26 in September to 39 in October. It was time for a new Church of the Nazarene. District Superintendent Walter Hubbard sent a capable, adventuresome young couple, Rev. Phillip Gunter and his wife, Jan, to pastor the new mission church.

By November, the garage was no longer adequate and Pastor Gunter combed the small town for a suitable meeting place. A third-story Legion Hall was secured. This site has limitations, such as the absence of an elevator. Though nicely appointed with carpeting and kitchen, Sunday School space is limited, so the young people’s class has to meet in a dance studio across the street.

“Nearly everyone has come with relatively little or no church background,” Kathryn explains. “For several months there were no Nazarenes in the group. Then we ran an ad in an area paper and picked up some from distant towns. Now we have four Nazarene families coming.”

Pastor Gunter says, “A compliment to us is that more often than not, our regulars bring their weekend guests



Part of the regular group that met in the garage church. Along one wall were bookshelves full of Kathryn’s teaching materials. The piano acted as a wall between the congregation and the laundry closets, from which corner the water heater periodically made a noise “like an elephant taking a bath,” according to Phillip.



After November 11, 1984, Sunday morning worship was moved to above the storefront, but the still useful three-car garage is getting a new Sheetrock ceiling in preparation for the church’s valentine banquet. The piano and game table are pushed aside for the project.

rs in Carson Valley

with them to church." Sylvia, an insurance agent's secretary, regularly invites her clients to church. Beth, who has worked as a waitress and a grocery store courtesy clerk, has invited customers on several occasions. People have brought their friends, neighbors, and family members.

One of the first things Pastor Gunter did to attract new people was to advertise widely a six-week film series on James Dobson's "Focus on the Family." They sent mailers to 5,600 homes. Three families attracted through this means are now regular attendants.

Community involvement has given the group a positive image in the area. Pastor Gunter is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and he recently attended the American Lung Association training clinic for freedom from smoking so he could use it as an outreach tool in the community and to help several new converts in his own church who wanted to "kick the habit." An interdenominational community prayer time, held weekly at the Methodist church, is also well attended by the group.

Jan Gunter and Kathy Winebarger took the 20-hour training program for the County Family Abuse Council and now regularly assist on the family abuse crisis line.

"We don't try to follow traditional modes of outreach," says Kathryn. "We draw people through special midweek attractions, like some coming and sharing their hobby or craft specialty. We also have a mothers' club that is attracting a lot of women, most of whom do not come to our church. Most of the people who attend the church have not come first to the services, but through one of these outreach programs."

The men have prayer breakfasts regularly, and a new men's softball team is drawing six or seven who do not attend church. "The purpose is to reach out with the hope of winning every one of these men to Christ," says Pastor Gunter.

Where are all these midweek activities held? In the pastor's home and the Winebarger's garage. Midweek services are held at the Gunter's, and every Wednesday the teens, who at-



In the third floor meeting place, part of the congregation poses on March 17, when they were officially organized into a Church of the Nazarene.

tend high school right across the street from them, have lunch at the pastor's house. Women's ministries, monthly dinners, and Sunday evening services are high times of activity in the Winebarger's garage/family room.

"Ours is not the orthodox Sunday evening service," Kathryn explains. "Next Sunday night we are having a mothers' tea. We also will have a men's night on one Sunday. Our Sunday night services are directed toward outreach."

In a weekly prayer and praise time on Wednesday nights, they share requests and answers to prayer.

With continued growth in the church family, now averaging 54, a new facility is being planned and Pastor Gunter is in the process of securing property for future building.

The pastor's salary and housing, which the Sacramento District has paid, is gradually being assumed by the congregation. District Superintendent Walter Hubbard organized the church in March 1985.

Whether a new church begins in a garage, a hotel room, or a shopping mall, a willing, committed person or group emerges as a standard requirement. Spiritual vision becomes reality when open hearts express Christian hospitality through open doors. Such vision is not contained in rooms and buildings. □

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The Legion Hall above Penguin Plumbing, is on the third floor. No elevator!



Rev. Phillip and Jan Gunter with Mrs. Pauline Hubbard and District Superintendent Walter Hubbard.



When Chris and Stan arrived in America, the delegation from Oak Harbor in Washington State welcomed them at SEA-TAC Airport.

Washington Nazarenes WELCOME Polish Refugees

by HUBERT HELLING

Broken English stands in the way of learning many details, but there is no mistaking the feelings of Stanislaw Steplewski and Krzysztof Wroblewski about being in Oak Harbor, Wash.

"It is good, very good," said Wroblewski, a big, warm-hearted truck driver and nationally recognized weight lifter from Poland.

"Fantastic," Steplewski said, his face breaking into a grin at being able to communicate the one thing of which he is certain.

The two men are Polish refugees who left their native country because they feared arrest for involvement in the outlawed Solidarity labor movement. With just minimal luggage, they escaped from Poland on pretenses, each leaving behind families he hopes can join him in the United States.

The Nazarene church arranged the arrival of the two men in Oak Harbor through World Relief, an organization in Seattle that helps refugees gain entry to the United States.

Just how they got out of Poland is somewhat confusing, and the two are not eager to disclose their methods for fear of jeopardizing those who helped. What appears to be clear, however, is that arrangements involved a lot of money placed in the hands of the right people.

HUBERT HELLING, formerly missionary to Japan, now works with ethnic ministries in Seattle, Washington, First Church of the Nazarene.

The enormity of their struggle or the magnitude of the decision to flee is difficult to grasp. Their hopes for the future, however, are simpler to understand.

Each wants a job—any job.

Once they are employed, they can begin an application process to bring their families to the United States. That process takes about six months, they said. Nazarene church pastor, Gordon Garrison, said usually the process is assured because once the wage earner in the family leaves Poland, his wife and children become wards of the state, and the Polish government has no desire to support them.

Until they are employed here, a host family from the church is seeing to their needs. Garrison said the church members are just taking the immigration process one step at a time. Where the two Poles will eventually land or how they will fit into the United States culture cannot be known at this time.

What Steplewski and Wroblewski do know is they have taken the first step toward a new life.

In an office at the Church of the Nazarene, the two answered questions about their trek. They knew some German, as did another man in the room, and they switched from broken English to part German, used hand signals and a Polish-English dictionary to get across their story.

Steplewski pulled a well-creased birth certificate from his wallet, a document he said he had hidden in his shoe when he left Poland.

"I been in strike. My wife been in strike," he said,

trying to explain why he left Poland. He spoke of tanks in the street, a ban on travel, and the birth of his son in 1981 as events that delayed his escape.

In Poland now, members of the Communist party make a lot of money and can shop in government stores where goods cost half what they do elsewhere, the two men said. Those who resist make barely a stipend and must purchase high-priced goods, they added.

For carrying a Solidarity sign in a demonstration, Steplewski, a truck and taxi driver, had his license revoked, making work impossible, he said. He turned to being a mechanic to survive.

And Wroblewski motioned with his hands high over his head to show just how big life in the United States is regarded. He said a thousand people were standing in a line at an American Embassy in Poland when he left.

"One thousand," he stated emphatically, demonstrating the plight of those in the queue by folding his hands in front of him, tapping his foot with impatience, and wiping all expression of joy from his face.

Then after a few more questions, Wroblewski stood, pointed to his chest, and emphatically said, "I want to speak."

With faltering English, but adamant about communicating his message, he said, "Thank you. Thank you very much. Oak Harbor is very good people."

And with great sincerity, he added, "Pastor Garrison and all people of Oak Harbor is my brother. Understand?"

Yes, we understand! ☐

(From the *Evergreen Frontier*. Submitted by Hubert Helling, director of ethnic ministries, Washington Pacific District.)

EDITOR'S NOTE: Stan and Chris now have jobs.

The Gardener

*With tender love the Great Gardener
Watches and nurtures with care
Each plant that grows in His garden;
And sometimes He prunes here and there.*

*He notes with joy each new blossom;
The promise of growth He can see.
But He knows we need more than sunshine,
Or a desert quite soon we would be.*

*We need the rains and chill weather—
Even the darkness of night—
To help us grow roots and be stronger
And to make us appreciate light.*

*So I'll not question His wisdom
If the day brings a storm or the sun.
All these help bring to fruition
His glorious plan for each one.*

—ALICE CRANE BEHR
Richfield, Idaho



Book Brief

THE HIGH WAY: GOD'S CALL TO HOLY LIVING



JOHN W. MAY
author



Books, books, books! Words, words, words! Songs, sermons, and TV teachers! Inspiring Bible-based ideas bombard our minds. The Christian world today is glutted with testimonials of tragedies and joys, vividly alive with human interest and heavy on experiential religion. The personal viewpoint of any colorful Christian speaker or writer captivates us.

Current widespread dissemination of Christian thought brings a high level of inter-church unity, but it obscures vital differences. For this reason, John W. May's book is especially important. He has written

"from the heart in nontechnical words to people who may be searching for the triumphant experience of entire sanctification as a second work of grace, or encouragement in living in it." In six clear chapters, he leads the reader to a full understanding of "God's Call to Holy Living," leaving no doubt as to the benefits of "The High Way."

A section of Chapter 1, "The Call," describes "the longing for inner peace [that] can be adequately filled only in Christ," from which arises "the desire to be, do, and say all that God desires." The seed of some awesome thoughts is contained in the statement that this increasing passion for God is "reciprocal to the emotion God feels for us."

Some wish more would be said about daily living after the experience of entire sanctification. This book covers all bases on that subject. The Holy Spirit is shown as an ever-present Companion, able to transform the attitude, lift the load, even still a nasty tongue. He is there to lean on in tough times.

The book is not "preachy." It's comfortable reading—good, solid, old-time holiness preaching. This is the excellent material either to lend or give away. ☐

—Evelyn A. Stenbock

Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City
72 pages. Paper. To order, see page 23.

the editor's STANDPOINT

HE'S ALIVE!

In the closing service of an indoor camp meeting, I had preached, in my struggling manner, the gospel message. Expounding Scripture, I had extolled the power of the risen Christ to save from all sin and for all time. Then Mark Murphy, at my request, sang "He's Alive!" That is not your customary invitational hymn, to be sure, but how powerfully he sang and how wonderfully God blessed!

For the next 45 minutes the congregation joined Mark in a succession of great "Sunday morning" hymns, and wave after wave of glory swept the sanctuary. The altar filled with seekers. When they had prayed through, others came, and still others. It was one of the most thrilling and fruitful services I've been in for 40 years.

Some were converted, some were restored, some were sanctified wholly. Some were rescued from the prison of apathy and liberated to dream and dare for Christ again. Some were reconciled to God and found peace. Some were reconciled to one another, as confessions were made and forgiveness was asked for and granted.

Radical changes were experienced as the commonplace was suddenly invested with a Presence and a power beyond the vigor of language to describe.

And all of this was the fruit of the Crucifixion and Resurrection. All of this resulted from the touch of an unseen, living hand laid with healing effect upon dying souls. The Lord was there, as He had promised to be.

Jesus said, "By their fruits you will know them" (Matthew 7:20, NKJV). The fruit identifies the tree. Not one of those whose lives were touched, whose hearts were changed, could doubt the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Only the living Christ, triumphant over sin and death, could achieve the deliverance being experienced and celebrated in that service.

Thomas conquered his doubts by touching Christ. Our doubts and fears are overcome when Christ touches us. Truth printed on a page of Scripture becomes truth burnished upon a transformed heart. Here, in the saving work of Christ, is all the proof we need that "He's Alive!" □

SHE GAVE ALL SHE HAD

Speaking of the widow who dropped two small coins into the Temple treasury, Jesus said that she gave "all she had."

Sooner or later, willingly or unwillingly, people part with all they have. When a rich man died, one of his survivors was asked, "How much did he leave?" The laconic reply was, "All he had."

The important question about giving is not "How much do you have?" but "Who are you giving it to?" and "What are you giving it for?"

The widow whom Jesus commended was distinguished by what she gave to God. "The rich" who are mentioned in the same passage were marked by what they kept for themselves. Her gift was her wealth. Their gifts were out of "their abundance."

What we give in love is really saved. What we keep in greed is really lost.

She gave herself out of love for God, so giving her money was not hard. They withheld themselves, so a grudging "tip" to God satisfied their level of interest in His kingdom. Explaining the generosity of some poor

Macedonian Christians, Paul said, "First they gave themselves to the Lord" (2 Corinthians 8:5, RSV). The purse comes with the heart. Where the heart is cold the giving is calculated. Where the heart is warm the giving is generous. Generosity is measured, of course, not by the amount we give to God but by the amount we reserve for ourselves.

On the occasion of the widow's giving, Jesus said to those around Him, "I tell you . . ." The opinions of others are nothing; the judgment of Jesus is everything. He approves "all we have" giving and "all we have" living, for that's His style. He gave all He had for us. His very life was a sacrifice for our sins. "All" is what Christ demands, what He deserves, and what He demonstrated.

Riches and poverty are ultimately measured by responses to God, not by figures on paper. The widow was rich where it mattered most. You can be sure that God never forsook her. Sooner or later riches forsook the others. We don't have to give what we possess, but we can't keep it either. □

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THE RISEN ONE

"God raised him from the dead," says the Bible, referring to Jesus.

God did not raise Abraham from the dead. "Friend of God" he was, this pioneer of faith, but his dust lies in the cave of Machpelah.

God did not raise Moses from the dead. Towering above others, this great lawgiver had "face-to-face" communion with God. Yet his unmarked grave on Nebo's lonely height still contains his dust.

God did not raise David from the dead. God called him "a man after my own heart," and yet his bones crumbled unrevived in his royal sepulchre.

"John Brown's body lies a'moulderin' in the grave," runs the old marching song. And so does the body of every other man who died—with one exception! God raised Jesus from the dead.

Why this one exception? Think about it. The answer has to be more significant than any other fact of history.

God raised Jesus because the life of Jesus was unique. He alone, of all men who have lived, was sinless. He

never violated the will of God, not in thought or speech or deed. His singleminded, wholehearted purpose in life was to do the will of God. Death had no claim upon the One who did no sin.

God raised Jesus because the death of Jesus was unique. Its method was not unique—thousands of men were crucified in that same century. But its *meaning* was unique—Jesus' death was an atoning sacrifice. He who did not sin bore the sins of all who have sinned. He died, "the just for the unjust," that He might bring us to God. He offered himself as "the Lamb of God" to take away the sin of the world.

God raised Him because divine love, mercy, wisdom, justice, and holiness required the Resurrection. God raised Him to demonstrate the conquest of sin and death. God raised Him as the sunrise of a new age, a new creation, which floods the darkness of "this present evil age" with the light of hope.

Jesus is alive and nothing can be the same. Jesus is alive and we can be saved from sin, united with God, and fulfilled for eternity. □

EXTEND WHAT YOU EXPECT

David Walder, in his choice biography of Horatio Nelson, England's great naval hero, makes this observation: "Horatio Nelson had never possessed a great deal of patience, nor tolerance of the faults of others, though he expected more than Christian charity to be extended to his own."

Aren't most of us like that? We expect more for ourselves than we extend to others. Jesus commands us to love each other as He loves us all, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Surely this means we should try to be as understanding, patient, and kind with others as we expect them to be with us. We don't want others to rush us to trial before evidence is in. We don't want others to judge us on the basis of rumor, prejudice, or exceptional behavior. We don't want others to freeze their estimate of our worth or ability at the point of some past failure. No, we want to be assessed in the best light possible. Yet, how slow we are to apply the same criteria to others that we desire for ourselves.

Real effort to apply Christ's "golden rule" would reduce much of the friction and prevent many of the breakdowns in interpersonal relationships. "In every-

thing, do to others what you would have them do to you" (Matthew 7:12, NIV).

None of us is without faults, including your wife's first husband. Even heads of gold have feet of clay. Our knowledge is partial, our judgment is limited, and our performance is flawed. Even our "reliable sources" can be mistaken.

We can exercise tolerance and patience without compromising our moral convictions or scuttling our doctrinal commitments. There's a difference between standing courageously for the right and walking roughshod over people we think are wrong. "Boldness," in the New Testament, is not to be confused with belligerence. "Courtesy" is an imperative in the ethical teaching of the apostles.

To be harder on oneself and easier on others was regarded by John Wesley as a sign of growth in grace. The maturing Christian will pat more backs and knock fewer heads. He will exercise a greater tolerance toward the frail, unwise, stubborn, and eccentric people who complicate his life. □

After that every time he saw me he would laugh. Satan would try to get me mad at him, but I wouldn't give in. The Holy Spirit talked to me during this time and said, "Don't give up!"

I talked to him about the Lord but couldn't convince him at the time.

Some months went by, and one day he left work early. His daughter got into a bad wreck. I got alone and started to pray for her. The next day I told him that I was praying for his daughter and asked, "How is she?" He started crying, and stuck out his hand to shake mine, and said that nobody had ever prayed for his fam-

ily. I thanked the Lord for this experience because it made me stronger.

One year later he died in his sleep because of a heart problem. He was about 47 years old. I've thanked the Lord many times for talking to me during this time even though Satan wanted me to quit.

Warren D. Hughes, Jr.
Newport, Indiana

SOWING AND REAPING

I appreciate Mr. Hayslip's article. All along I have contended that it has never been a law of the United States to prohibit education concerning religion. But the school boards, the superintendents, the principals, and some of the teachers

have used the law prohibiting enforced prayer as an excuse to discriminate against Christians.

Every other form of religion can be taught in much detail under the guise of education except the Bible and Christianity. The Gideons are forbidden to distribute Bibles to the students. There are copies of Bibles in the elementary Library.

Now we are reaping the results in vandalism, dope, disrespect, etc., in our schools today.

I thank God for the Christian teachers we have in our school systems.

Doris Riddle
Worden, Montana

PRAYER ANSWERED AFTER FIFTY-FOUR YEARS

by GOLDIE JOHNSON

I was discouraged. "Lord, I've prayed 54 years for my brothers." Out of a large family—father, mother, eight brothers, and two sisters—I was the only one saved. My family were not church people. Occasionally we three older children would go to Sunday School, but it never lasted long. However, in 1930, I personally met Jesus in a revival meeting and gave my heart and life to Him. What a change! As I grew stronger in my own walk with Him, I also grew burdened for my family. I prayed many, many times with weeping and a great burden. Years went by and the burden was no less heavy. It was still there and at times pressed in on me.

I became discouraged and asked the Lord, "Isn't there at least one brother out of eight that is hungry for God? Looks like there would be one." And the burden deepened.

One day I received a letter from my oldest brother, who lives in California. From his doctor he had learned that he had cancer, and it had spread throughout his body. I called him, and he could only whisper. His voice was gone. I counseled him as best I could over the phone and had prayer with him.

Letters flew back and forth between us, and my burden increased. He was seeking God but had no church connection. He needed pastoral care. I wrote to a pas-

tor in that city who called on him several times but to no avail.

Then the Lord impressed me to go to California (2,400 miles) and pray him through myself. I had to make arrangements for someone to stay with my invalid husband and booked a flight on July 2, 1984, for Chula Vista.

What a glad reunion when my sister met me at the airport and took me to Andy's home. He broke down when he saw me, to think I had come all that distance to be with him.

The next day I called the pastor of the Church of the Nazarene in Chula Vista, and in a couple of hours Rev. Wilbur Dodson came over, and we had a time of fellowship together. Then he took a chair close to Andy and talked to him about getting right with God. He said, "I would like to hear you pray a prayer of repentance." Andy did not know how to pray, but Rev. Dodson understood and said, "You repeat after me . . ." The prayer was sincere and came from a hungry, seeking, repenting heart. Tears flowed, but he had found the peace and forgiveness that he had been seeking for so long.

My stay was short and wonderful. Andy wanted me to read God's Word and have prayer with him every day.

I dreaded the time of separation and prayed for strength. God did not fail me. Just before I left I prayed a prayer of commitment, placing Andy in the hands of God. The room was filled with God's presence, and the memory of it is precious to me. It lingered with me after I arrived back home.

Andy lived six weeks after my visit. When word came that he was gone, I could not grieve but only rejoice that he was in heaven. God did care and answered prayer after 54 years. Praise His name! □

GOLDIE JOHNSON, a retired schoolteacher, teaches a Sunday School class at Ottawa, Illinois, First Church. She resides in Utica, Illinois.

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IN THE NEWS

PEOPLE AND PLACES



The National Society of Fund Raising Executives (NSFRE) has conferred upon **Dr. Ronald Schmidt**, vice president, Institutional Advancement at Bethany Nazarene College, Bethany, Okla., the designation of Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE).

Schmidt was among only 71 professional fund-raisers to achieve this NSFRE ranking in 1985, bringing the total number of CFREs to 874, according to Certification Board Chairman Robert Pierpont, CFRE, vice president for development, Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York.

"The CFRE status," Pierpont explained, "indicates that an individual has achieved an advanced standard of tenure, performance, education, knowledge, and service to the profession."

As campaign director at BNC, Schmidt is chairman of the Vision for Greatness Capital Campaign, which has underwritten \$3.2 million toward a \$3.5 million goal for a new student center complex in 18 months.

A native of Nampa, Idaho, Schmidt holds degrees from Pasadena College, Pasadena, Calif.; the University of Southern California, Los Angeles; with his Ed.D. degree from Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah. □

An alumna of the Biology Department of Bethany Nazarene College has been selected as one of 104 recipients of the 1985 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching, according to John M. Fowler, project director for the National Science Teachers Association. **Mrs. Donna Mae Blankenship Jablecki**, a 1965 biology graduate, currently teaches science in the Angleton, Tex., school system.

The Presidential Awards program was established by the National Science Foundation in 1983 "to identify outstanding middle/junior and senior high school teachers of science and mathematics who can serve as role models for their colleagues," stated Mr.

Fowler. The NSF award included a \$5,000 grant to the recipient's school to be used under the direction of the awardee. □

January 23, was declared "Barbara McClain Day" by a proclamation read in chapel at Trevecca Nazarene College. Miss McClain was given letters of appreciation from former students and colleagues.

Dr. Barbara McClain has completed 30 years of teaching at TNC. A professor of music, McClain began teaching at Trevecca in the fall of 1956, giving her the longest tenure of any professor in active duty at the college. McClain has served as a faculty member and also as assistant academic dean and chairman of the Department of Music. She was awarded an honorary doctor of music degree by TNC in 1976. She holds an A.B. from Olivet Nazarene College and B.Mus. and M.Mus. degrees from the University of Illinois. She presently teaches music history, piano, and fine arts of the Western world. □

AVERAGE TOTAL MINISTERIAL COMPENSATION SHOWS GAIN

The average total compensation for Nazarene pastors increased 5.89 percent from the 1983-84 assembly year to the 1984-85 assembly year, according to a recent study by Pensions and Benefits Services USA. This study, based on statistics released by the general secretary's office and an assumed value for housing, reveals that average total compensation for Nazarene ministers has kept pace with inflation for the last three years.

Although this year's report indicates additional progress, Dr. Dean Wessels, director of Pensions and Benefits Services USA, cautions that most Nazarene ministers are still underpaid. Average salary figures do not reveal the number of salaries that fail to keep pace with inflation.

Nazarene ministers depend upon the sensitivity, spiritual wisdom, and financial stewardship of their church leadership to care for their adequate compensation.

Dr. Wessels urges that each local church board review the compensation package it has voted for the pastor and staff. Church boards are advised to follow respective district assembly guidelines for review of the pastor's salary. These guidelines are usually printed in the District Assembly Journal, or they may be requested from the district superintendent. □



A video seminar of creative hymn playing proved to be a success in Ravenswood, W.Va. Mary Anne Foster, church pianist and piano teacher from Ravenswood, earned a "Church Pianist Certificate" when she attended the seminar for church pianists held in Kansas City three years ago. She has been a loyal supporter of "Please, Would You Play the Piano?" materials ever since. She purchased the videotapes produced by the Department of Communications and was requested by her piano students to have a group viewing of the tapes. She recently decided to make a week-long seminar and invited her students to study music intently. Ten were in attendance. The theme for the week was "Giving My Hands to Jesus." They not only studied music but also prayed together that God would use their hands in the ministry of music wherever He would lead them to serve Him in the future. Three denominations are represented. Pictured (kneeling, l. to r.) are Susan McCoy, Sheilah Mason, Julie Hambric, and Lola Fisher; (standing) Linda McCoy, Terry Nitz, Nicole Hawkins, Sarah Neyler, Derenda Silence, Pam Carder, and Mary Anne Foster, teacher.

OUR COLLEGES AND SEMINARIES



NNC APPOINTS VERNER



Dr. Richard A. Hagood, vice president for Institutional Advancement at Northwest Nazarene College, has announced the appointment of Reese E. Verner, Nampa attorney, as director of community and governmental relations for the college.

Verner, who has practiced law in Nampa for 18 years, will advise the college in matters concerning local, state, and federal government activities. He will also represent the college in civic projects and promote positive relations between NNC and the local community.

Verner graduated from Pasadena College in California with a degree in business administration. He earned his law degree at the University of Arizona College of Law. He was admitted to the Arizona State Bar in 1966 and became a member of the Idaho State Bar in 1968.

Verner served in the Idaho State

Senate for two years and was voted Outstanding Freshman Legislator in the Idaho State Legislature in 1979. He has served the city of Nampa in many ways since settling there in 1968. He has been a member of the Salvation Army Advisory Board, the NNC Advisory Board, and the board of Nampa First Church. He has taught an adult Sunday School class at the church for the past 10 years. Presently he is serving as president of the Nampa Kiwanis Club, which has over 90 members.

Verner and his wife have four children—Reese Allan, Tracey, Holly, and Chris. Mrs. Verner is an elementary school teacher in Melba, Idaho. □

THE SEARS-ROEBUCK FOUNDATION PRESENTS GRANT TO MVNC

Mount Vernon Nazarene College was one of 42 privately supported colleges and universities in Ohio to receive an unrestricted grant recently distributed by The Sears-Roebuck Foundation, a spokesman said. The grants to the institutions total \$70,700.

In the Columbus, Ohio, area, Capital University, Franklin University, Kenyon College, MVNC, Ohio Dominican College, Ohio Wesleyan University, and Otterbein College received grants totaling \$10,800.

The 7 colleges and universities are among 956 private accredited two- and four-year institutions across the country that are sharing in \$1,750,000 in Sears Foundation funds for the 1985-86 academic year. The grants may be used as the colleges and universities deem necessary. □

BNC NAMES OKLAHOMA COUNSELOR

Addressing the challenge of recruitment in the greater Oklahoma City metropolitan region, Bethany Nazarene College officials have an-

nounced the addition of Mr. Bryan Merrill as a full-time admissions counselor to the college's student recruitment force. He will direct the college's high school visitation program, and his primary responsibilities will focus on personal recruitment of students from the central Oklahoma region.

The newly developed position is in response to a perceived need by the college Board of Trustees who personally raised the financial commitment following their annual spring meeting.

Merrill comes to his assignment having served three years as a part-time member of the Office of Student Recruitment. A native of El Centro, Calif., Merrill is a 1983 music graduate and will complete his master of arts degree in speech communications education this spring from BNC. □

NBC RESPONDS TO CALL TO PRAYER

Over 80 students, staff, and faculty of Nazarene Bible College, Colorado Springs, have joined the Board of General Superintendents in their Call to Prayer for Revival, according to President Jerry Lambert.

This expression was a culmination of chapel services held January 7-9 that



Pictured (l. to r.) are Mr. Bob Hoppe, NBC student body president, presenting student/faculty prayer commitment cards to President Lambert.

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Prayer groups in NBC chapel, January 9, 1986

focused on revival. On Tuesday of that week, Business Manager Wes Taylor spoke on "Young Men of Vision." Dr. Floyd Perkins gave a biblical perspective of revival in Wednesday's chapel, sharing from his holiday experiences in South America where a spiritual awakening is occurring. In Thursday's chapel, responding to a challenge given by Dr. Phyllis Perkins to become "Instruments to Pray," students signed commitment cards, and began to fervently petition God for revival on campus and across the church. □



October 28, 1985, Nazarene Indian Bible College was informed that its first institutional self-analysis report was accepted by the American Association of Bible Colleges. This is a major step in the process of becoming an accredited Bible college. Pictured above is Academic Dean Thomas McKinney (r.) presenting the first copy of the completed report to President Denny Owens. They will host an on-site evaluation team in the spring. NIBC is located in Albuquerque. The college trains ministers and church workers for Nazarene churches among the North American Indians.




President Gordon Wetmore (l.) of Northwest Nazarene College has received word that the Music Department's programs have received accreditation from the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM). Of the 3,000 colleges and universities in the United States, only 500 institutions have music programs that are accredited by NASM. The report of the evaluators referred to NNC as a "model program" for church-related liberal arts majors. Dr. Jim Willis (r.) is chairman of the department.



The Nazarene Student Leadership Conference Steering Committee met in Kansas City recently and were photographed while they toured the Nazarene Publishing House facilities. Pictured are the committee members: (seated) Dan Chung, NSLC student cochairman; (2nd row, standing, l. to r.) are Kimberly Drake, Point Loma Nazarene College; Melinda Nabors, Trevecca Nazarene College; and Diane Fitz, Northwest Nazarene College; (back row, l. to r.) are Bill Sunberg, Mid-America Nazarene College; Mark Ledford, Mount Vernon Nazarene College; Jeff Shephardson, Eastern Nazarene College; Earl Chamberlin, Bethany Nazarene College; Scott Fitzgerald, Olivet Nazarene College; and Robert Hoppe, Nazarene Bible College. Not pictured are Jeanne McAteer, Canadian Nazarene College; Lynn Elmer, Mid-America Nazarene College; Clark Rivas, Nazarene Theological Seminary; and Dr. Mark R. Moore, secretary of Education Services and NSLC co-chairman.



Mid-America Nazarene College Christian education and ministerial students recently visited Nazarene Publishing House, accompanied by Dr. Richard Spindle, Dr. Barth Smith, and Dr. Don Owens, president.



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The fifth grade Caravan group from the Olathe, Kans., College Church, added a field trip to Nazarene Publishing House as a part of the requirements for earning the "History of the Church of the Nazarene" badge. Kathy Lott (r.) is the leader of this group.

GENERAL NYI COUNCIL MEETING A SUCCESS

The first General NYI Council meeting of the new quadrennium under the banner "SHARE HIS SPIRIT" was held in Kansas City January 13-17. The new representatives met from various regions of the world. Dr. Woodie Stevens, general NYI president, chaired the meeting.

Dr. Millard Reed discussed with the council a proposal by the committee designated by the General Assembly to study constitutional changes.

Regional youth congresses outside of the United States and Canada are planned for 1987-88. The international representatives met together to discuss procedures and ideas for their congresses. United States and Canada began discussion on a 1987 Nazarene Youth Congress. The program formation began in the meeting with discussion on ways to reach more teenagers and to more effectively train both teens and leaders at this event.

The council also dealt with program and editorial products produced by Youth Ministries. □



The Washington District NYI sponsored the first "Total Youth Ministry Workshop" this past November 9. Rev. Bud Reedy, editor of the new curriculum, led the workshop. He covered topics such as setting goals, NYI programming, teaching methods, and weekly Bible studies. The youth leaders of the district were taken step by step through the use of the total guide for Nazarene youth ministry. Those interested in such training and inspiration for district youth leadership should contact Youth Ministries.



Dr. Bill M. Sullivan leads a small-group discussion at the recent Washington Roundtable on Evangelism at Washington, D.C. At left is Lloyd E. Fuss of the International Church of the Four-square Gospel. This year's roundtable was the largest in its four-year history. More than 70 persons representing a national church population of 100 million attended the three-day meeting, which focused on the feasibility of having a national evangelistic gathering in 1988. Dr. Sullivan also presided over one of the general sessions.



Nancy Clark, consultant for Southeast Asian Ministries, made an early morning visit to Nazarene Publishing House. Accompanying her were Nimol Chin, first Cambodian ministerial student registered at Mid-America Nazarene College; and Prach Yen, 65 years of age, who travels for the Church of the Nazarene presenting Christ to Cambodians in the United States, most of whom are Buddhist. Her father was the first Christian in Cambodia. Pictured (l. to r.) are Nimol Chin; Nancy Clark; Prach Yen; and M. A. (Bud) Lunn, NPH manager, presenting them with their first copy of *A Dictionary of the Bible and Christian Doctrine in Everyday English*. Nancy was one of the language specialist editors for the book.



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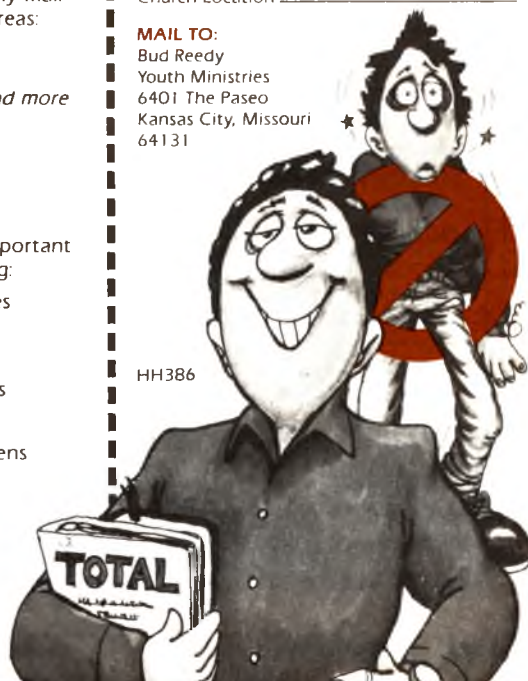
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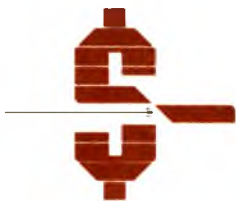
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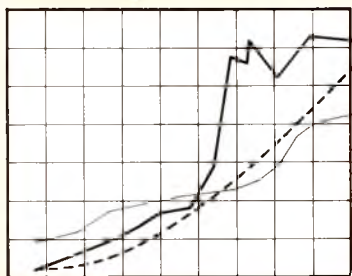
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Evangelists may be reached through Evangelism Ministries' toll-free number, 800-821-2154.

VITAL STATISTICS

DEATHS

REV. RAYMOND D. BOYD, 78, Jan. 19, Webb City, Mo. Survivors: wife Lillie; sons Bill, Charles, and Jack; daughters Rev. Bertha Elizabeth Boyd and Mary Jane Taylor; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and one brother. Ministry: Joplin, Kansas City, and Arkansas Districts.

REV. MISS ELSIE BRADFIELD, of Leola, Pa., 69, Jan. 12, Whiteford, Md. Survivors: sisters Grace and Sadie Bradfield, and Mrs. Bessie Ford. Ministry: Washington District.

MRS. ANNA EUDALEY, 84, Jan. 15, Carnegie, Okla. Interment: Marlow, Okla. Survivors: daughter Rhama Weaver; sons John, Mark, Leonard, and Lawrence.

WILMER E. (JACK) GRIFFITH, of Meade, Kans., 72, Jan. 23, Wichita, Kans. Survivors: wife Mildred; daughters Bernadean Stanford and Barbara Walker; and five grandchildren.

BEATRICE S. HEDRICK, 87, Feb. 1, Orlando, Fla. Survivors: son William E.; two grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

JESSICA DAWN HOFFMAN, 3, Dec. 19, Hudsonville, Mich. Survivors: parents Keith and Elizabeth Hoffman; maternal grandparents and great-grandmother; and paternal great-grandparents.

REV. LAWRENCE (LARRY) T. HOLMAN, 73, Dec. 30, Medford, Oreg. Survivors: wife Dorothy Marie; daughters Grace Crocker and Janice Moore; sons Larry and Hal; 13 grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and one sister. Ministry: Riverside, Monrovia, Covina, and Bellflower, Calif.; Chandler, Ariz.; Albuquerque, N.Mex.; and Klamath Falls and Eugene, Oreg.

ROBERT M. INGLAND, SR., 85, Dec. 17, Charleroi, Pa. Survivors: wife Elsie (Neiderhiser) Inland; daughter Rev. Wilma Jean; son Rev. Robert M., Jr.; stepdaughters Mrs. Phylliss Biscoe and Mrs. Judy Dancy; stepsons Rev. Richard Neiderhiser and Rev. Kenneth Neiderhiser; 3 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild; 13 step-grandchildren; and 7 step-great-grandchildren.

REV. EUGENE S. JUSTICE, 58, Jan. 23, Mount Sterling, Ky. Interment: Ashland, Ky. Survivors: wife Oreltha; daughter Cindy Manley; son Michael E.; two sisters; and two brothers. Ministry: Irvine, London, and Monmouth, Ill.; and Mount Sterling, Ky.

REV. MRS. ALICE THORNBURY KIRK, 92, Jan. 6, Ashland, Ky. Survivors: daughter Mrs. L. K. (Eunice) Edwards; sons Darius E. and Frank; 8 grandchildren;

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NEWS OF RELIGION

FOUR OUT OF 10 ADULTS ATTEND CHURCH WEEKLY. Four adults in every 10 attend religious services in a typical week, according to a recent poll. Of those surveyed in 1985, 42 percent indicated that they had attended church or synagogue in the last week.

Churchgoing reported in polls has varied slightly between 40 and 43 percent since 1969. All-time high church attendance in polls was reported in 1955 and 1958 at 49 percent; all-time low attendance was reported in 1940 at 37 percent.

The latest survey showed that Catholics were more faithful churchgoers than Protestants (53 percent to 42 percent), and that church attendance increased with age and education level achieved. Church or synagogue membership is claimed by roughly 71 percent of Americans. □

SOVIET OFFICIALS WORRY THAT ABORTIONS ARE DAMAGING HEALTH. Soviet medical officials are concerned over the consequences of the estimated 10 million abortions performed every year in the U.S.S.R.

Soviet women commonly have 4 or 5 abortions, and some have had as many as 20 in state-run clinics. The government officially discourages abortion, but it remains the primary method of birth control. Clinics charge five rubles (about \$6.50) for the procedure. Abortions are legal in the first three months of pregnancy, but only 1 is permitted within a six-month period.

One observer estimates that Soviet doctors performed 16 million abortions in 1980, about 10 times as many as were performed in the U.S. There are an average of 2.08 abortions for each live birth in the Soviet Union, compared with about two live births for each abortion in the U.S.

A. A. Popov, a Moscow specialist in medical demography, said, "It is well known that the current abortion rate is a major factor in determining the incidence of gynecological diseases and childless marriages, infant mortality, miscarriages, and child morbidity. Lowering the abortion rate would have a colossal effect on public health." □

WESTERN MISSIONARIES MAY SOON BE IN MINORITY WORLDWIDE.

Western missionaries may soon be in the minority in the worldwide missionary movement of the Christian church, according to Dr. Ian M. Hay, general director of SIM International. "Already there are an estimated 20,000 non-Western missionaries," he reported. "If trends continue, by the end of the century, or even sooner, the majority of Christian missionaries will be from Third World countries."

Hay explained that the Evangelical Missionary Society of Nigeria, a 40-year-old organization, is an example of a Third World missionary agency. That group supports 622 Nigerian missionaries.

Third World missionaries often face the same kinds of cultural clashes that Western missionaries face, Hay said. When Nigerian missionaries from animistic backgrounds cross ethnic lines to Islamic areas, their dress, eating habits, accents, and other customs can be barriers to acceptance. □

GROWTH OF WORLD RELIGIONS. The past 50 years has witnessed a 500 percent growth of the Muslim population, from 200 million to the present 1 billion.

During the same period, Christianity increased by 47 percent, Hinduism by 117 percent, and Buddhism by 63 percent. The rapid spread of Islam is viewed as one of the greatest socioreligious changes of our time. □

10 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandchild; and 1 sister Ministry: Eastern Kentucky District.

MRS. ELSIE D. KOHSER, 66, Jan. 4, Williamsburg, Va. Survivors: husband Rev. Harold L.; daughters Mrs. E. Ray Thrasher, Mrs. Dorothy Beaver, and Mrs. Elsie Lane; and four grandchildren.

ADOLPH LAUFFER, formerly of Toledo, Ohio, 87, Jan. 14, Los Angeles, Calif. Survivors: wife Elma J.; two daughters; one son; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

MRS. EMMA G. LEWIS of Daytona Beach, Fla., 77, Oct. 29, Winter Haven, Fla. Interment: Clarksville, Tenn. Survivors: sons William and Kenneth; daughters Mrs. Rubye Stone and Mrs. Joyce Pyles; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and one sister.

CHARLES E. SNYDER, 61, Jan. 19, Hutchinson, Kans. Survivors: wife Marian; sons Bill, Mike and Randy; four grandsons; three brothers; and six sisters.

MRS. ALLEN (ANNA RUTH) TETER, 85, Sept. 22, Hutchinson, Kans. Survivors: son Jerald; daughters Betty Robinson, Marian Snyder, and Phyllis Morgan; 9 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandchild.

ROBERT E. WALTER, SR., 53, Sept. 24, Selins-

grove, Pa. Survivors: wife Barbara; sons Robert II, Wayde, Jody, and Benjamin; stepson Raymond Crissman; four grandchildren; his mother; one brother; and one sister.

FAYE BUCHANAN WHITE, 63, Mar. 26, 1985, Fort Worth, Tex. Interment: Manchester, Ga. Survivors: son James Edward, and one brother.

J. SCOTT WHITLOCK, 82, Jan. 21, Texarkana, Ark. Survivors: wife Verona; daughters Lorraine Kounter, Zelna McKamie, Mary Hamilton, Joanna Whitlock, and Rachel Watson; son Scott, Jr.; 16 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; two sisters; and one brother.

W. W. (WOODI) WILSON, 38, Nov. 22, Norman, Okla. Survivors: son Kenneth Frank; daughter Bonnie Joann; and one brother.

SYLVIA I. WRIGHT, 83, Jan. 15, Flint, Mich. Survivors: husband Rev. Ira T.; daughters Georgia and Ruth; sons Bruce, Byron, Richard, David, and Philip; 22 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandchild; and one sister.

BIRTHS

to NEAL AND BETH COURTNEY, Selingsgrove, Pa., a girl, Abigail Collette, Sept. 15

to JEFF AND DEBBIE (SCHROEDER) CRISSUP, Helena, Okla., a boy, Zachary Tyrell, Dec. 23

to PAT AND KIMM (CARDWELL) KIRSCHNER, Kansas City, Mo., a boy, Patrick Benjamin, Oct. 27
to LARRY AND BETH (POUNDS) LEGLER, Independence, Mo., a boy, David Alan, Oct. 16

to REV. DANIEL AND CYNDI (LAYMAN) McDONALD, La Porte, Ind., a boy, Kyle Richard, Oct. 13

to RICK AND DEBBIE (HUBBARD) RAINS, Temple, Tex., a girl, Morgan Elizabeth, Feb. 2

to LARRY AND DONNA VERNER, Selingsgrove, Pa., a girl, Charity Leah, Nov. 10

to DAVID AND GLYNDA (RIVAS) WESLEY, Kansas City, Mo., a boy, Shane Kelly, Nov. 7

MARRIAGES

ANNA HICKS and REV. CHARLES C. POWERS at Shelbyville, Ind., Dec. 21

LAURIE SCHERMERHORN and MARK MADRU at Flushing, N.Y., Dec. 23

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Editor

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.

Paul teaches that we are justified by faith in Christ, not by works of the Law. Yet, according to Acts 21:18-26, Paul joined other Jews in keeping the law relating to vows. Is this not inconsistent? How can we reconcile his teaching and behavior?

As long ago as 1831, Adam Clarke ended his discussion of the incident recorded in Acts 21:18-26 with these words: "However we may consider this subject, it is exceedingly difficult to account for the conduct of James and the elders, and of Paul on this occasion. There seems to have been something in this transaction which we do not fully understand." Every discussion of the matter written since could well end with the same admission.

We do know that Paul was willing to suffer and die for the sake of his gospel, a gospel that affirmed the sufficiency and finality of Christ's death as the means of our redemption from sin and justification before God (see Romans 3:19-28; Acts 20:22-24; 21:13). We further know that Paul, for the sake of the gospel, was willing to participate in the traditions of Jews or Gentiles, where such participation could bond him to them without compromising the gospel (see 1 Corinthians 9:19-23).

From this we may assume that, in Paul's own mind, bearing the cost of the ritual by which these four men completed their vows did not contradict the gospel of Christ, nor did it contradict the liberty of the apostle. Evidently these men were not keeping the law as a

means of being saved, but as an expression of obedience and gratitude to God who saved them through faith in Christ. This Paul could share in good conscience, for while such law-keeping was not necessary for him, neither was it forbidden to him. It was a case, as F. F. Bruce observed, of Paul refusing to be in bondage to his own liberty. He was practicing 1 Corinthians 9:19-23 without contradicting Romans 3:19-28. ☐

Will you please comment on Ezekiel 37:15-22. Who is this Joseph mentioned in verse 16? I have a Mormon friend who tells me that he is Joseph Smith, their "prophet."

Your friend is wrong.

The "Joseph" of Ezekiel 37:16 is the Joseph of Genesis 37—50, represented in his descendants.

Ezekiel is here prophesying a restoration of Israel.

After Solomon's death the people of Israel were divided into two kingdoms. The Northern Kingdom included the tribes that sprang from Joseph—Ephraim and Manasseh—with rulers from Ephraim. The Southern Kingdom was comprised of Judah and Benjamin, with rulers from Judah. The northern people lost their place and identity with the collapse of Samaria in 722-721 B.C. The southern people went into Babylonian exile with the fall of Jerusalem in 587 B.C.

Ezekiel describes a future regathering of the people of Israel, but there will be one kingdom, symbolized by joining "the stick of Joseph" and "the stick of Judah." Purged from idolatry and cleansed from sin, they will dwell peacefully under one king, the Messiah, called here "my servant David" (vv. 24-26).

The Mormons are not restored Israel. ☐



Dr. Eugene L. Stowe, general superintendent, delivered the dedicatory address for the new church and parsonage property now occupied by the pastor and congregation of Louisville, Ky., First Church. Rev. Yuland K. Baker is the pastor. Dedication services were held Sunday, October 20, with 250 in attendance. The property is valued at \$930,000 with an indebtedness of only \$60,000.

NEWS OF EVANGELISM

REVIVAL SHOWERS FALL ON LAKE ISABELLA CHURCH

The Lake Isabella, Calif., church, a congregation of 50 members, isolated in the middle of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, had a revival meeting right after the holiday season. They were apprehensive about attendance, finances for two evangelistic groups, and energy levels so soon after the holidays. But they felt God was in it.

Prayer meetings were held and major ads were put in the weekly paper and spot ads on the radio for four weeks. Fliers were also passed out.

The Jon Lecrones were the evangelists and Jeff and Jan Jeffries the song evangelists for the week of December 29, 1985, through January 5, 1986.

The average attendance in recent months had been 45 for worship, and last year's average for Sunday School was 27. The population of the entire area is 16,000. Yet the average attendance was 55 for the revival meetings.

The evangelists ministered in the community 23 times in eight days, in-

cluding two live radio appearances and two luncheon performances for the county senior citizens.

There was a five-hour New Year's Eve party with preaching, puppets, a clown, and games, ending with prayer and Communion. They had two Sunday School rallies, two potluck dinners, a men's breakfast, a ladies' luncheon, and a free dinner for the Rotary Club members and their wives with Christian entertainment, which included a Bible story. The week closed with preaching services and a community sing.

Forty local people attended who were unchurched. Several significant altar responses and the salvation of two children resulted.

Since the week of services, two prominent businessmen from the community and one lady, new to the church, have been saved.

God has opened the door for Pastor James N. Lee to be on the local radio station every Sunday morning for 30 minutes and the new local FM station every Sunday night for three hours.

Pastor Lee says, "We have had a shower from heaven. I'm looking for a downpour." ☐

"AGAINST PRINCIPALITIES AND POWERS"

The Ankeny, Iowa, church may be small in size, but as a result of their recent revival with Evangelists Calvin and Virginia Oyler, they've been winning some big spiritual battles.

Under the anointed ministry of the Oylers, four people prayed for salvation at the altar. One of these was a teenage girl. She had a 24-year-old boyfriend who had been in prison. For the past three years, he had traveled with a motorcycle gang that practiced Satan worship. The week following the revival, this new Christian girl brought her Satan-worshipping boyfriend to meet Pastor Leray Glendenning. There in the parsonage, this young man was, according to Rev. Glendenning, "gloriously delivered from Satanic powers and was saved." ☐



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THE CHURCH SCENE



The sanctuary of the Palm Springs/Cathedral City, Calif., church was dedicated Sunday afternoon, November 17, 1985, by Dr. Robert Scott. This service was the culmination of a 10-year dream of a group of people who felt the need for a holiness voice in this growing area. The Palm Springs church was organized November 17, 1975, exactly 10 years before the dedication of its permanent home. Rev. Bill Lentsch led the group in building the sanctuary, which is located at the corner of Cathedral Canyon Drive and 33rd Avenue. More than 2,900 hours of donated labor were provided by the members of the church.



The Cincinnati Clifton Avenue Church has become involved in international and compassionate ministries by reaching out to area colleges and universities. The church has a Mission Action Committee, chaired by Habtu Ghebre-Ab, board member, teacher, and local preacher. The scope of the committee includes foreign student housing, and refugee sponsorship. Pictured (l. to r.) are Habtu Ghebre-Ab; daughter Rahwa; wife Michal; Joe Leggesse, Yeshi Leggesse, Rahel Leggesse, Tsahi Leggesse, Shurland Kellman, and Dagne Kassa Nure. Richard L. Fisher is pastor.

TWO NEW CHURCHES ORGANIZED ON COLORADO SPRINGS "SUPER SUNDAY"



The Colorado Springs New Horizons Church was organized with 34 members on January 26 ("Super Sunday" meant more than football to Colorado Nazarenes). One hundred were present for the celebration, 80 of whom will be attending the new church, meeting in a school building. The Mission Action Committee, largely responsible for planting the new church, is comprised of a pastor and a layperson from each church in the city. Standing near the pulpit are (l.) Rev. Lawrence Jantz, the new pastor; Mrs. Jantz; and Colorado District Superintendent and Mrs. James Diehl.



District Superintendent James Diehl's message was delivered through an interpreter at the organization of the Korean Church of the Nazarene during ceremonies January 26 in Colorado Springs. Of the 140 present, 120 were Koreans, 65 were charter members. They meet in the Nazarene Bible College chapel. Rev. John Kim (middle row, center) is the pastor. To his left are his wife and Rev. Yoon Kyu Chun, Korean national consultant for Church Extension Ministries. Colorado District Superintendent James Diehl is in the back row, extreme right. Both churches are self-supporting.



Church Choir Arrangements for PENTECOST SUNDAY—June 15

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MINISTER'S FAMILY PERISHES IN BLAZE

The family of Rev. George Wheelock, 34, perished in a blaze at their parsonage in Nebo, Ill., early Saturday morning, January 25. Rev. Wheelock awoke around 7 a.m. and noticed smoke in the house. His wife, Rebecca, 32, went to get their daughter, Chantel, 6, while he went to get their son, George, Jr., 10. Toxic fumes from the blaze overcame all but Rev. Wheelock who fell from a second story window of the frame farmhouse to the ground below.

Firemen arrived on the scene shortly after the fire was reported, but they were unable to save the wife and two children. Rev. Wheelock was transported to the Illinois Community Hospital in Pittsfield, Ill., where he was treated for smoke inhalation. The fire apparently was electrical in nature and began in the center of the house.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. John Hancock, superintendent of the Illinois District, January 29, at the Nebo Church of the Nazarene.

The Wheelocks had no life insurance and there was no insurance on the house or its contents. Churches on the Illinois District received a special offering on the Sunday after the disaster. A special fund has been established by the Illinois District to assist the Nazarene minister. □

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DISTRICTS RECEIVE LIFE INSURANCE DIVIDENDS

The District Group Term Life Insurance Plan has paid a dividend to members for the fourth consecutive year. Dr. Dean Wessels, administrator of the Board of Pensions, reports this dividend resulted from a significantly low ratio of expenses to income.

Each district and church agency participating in the Group Term Life Insurance Plan—part of the Nazarene Health and Hospitalization Program—was issued a check by the Board of Pensions. This payment further reduced the already low net cost of the life insurance protection.

More than 47 percent of the U.S. districts belong to the Nazarene Health and Hospitalization Program. Many districts joining NHHP during this last dividend period had never received a refund from any life insurance program.

Dr. Wessels states that in addition to the savings on life insurance, each participating agency also saved 15 to 20 percent on the cost of medical coverage. Because of its structure, NHHP allows for more purchasing power than could otherwise be accomplished. □



L. GUY NEES HONORED BY GENERAL CHURCH

Dr. L. Guy Nees was honored by the general Church of the Nazarene during the annual meeting of the General Board, February 21-24, in Kansas City.

Dr. Charles H. Strickland, chairman of the Board of General Superintendents, presented Dr. and Mrs. Nees with a special plaque and a check for their many years of service to the denomination. Dr. Nees has served 48 years in the Church of the Nazarene as a pastor, college president, and a district superintendent. He became World Mission Division director in 1980.

"How good is God and the church," said Dr. Nees to those attending the Monday night session. "We thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

He and his wife are retiring to Kalispell, Mont.; however, Dr. Nees will be available for revivals and other meetings.

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NINA GUNTER SUCCEEDS DR. PERKINS



The Board of General Superintendents has announced the election of Mrs. Nina Gunter as general NWMS director, upon the nomination of the World Mission Division director and approval of the General NWMS Council and the World Mission Department.

Mrs. Gunter is an ordained elder and for 15 years has served as district NWMS president of the South Carolina District where her husband, Dr. D. Moody Gunter, was district superintendent. In 1976 she was elected to the General NWMS Council as representative of the Southeast Region and served in that capacity for 9 years. From 1980 to 1985 she was vice-president of the general NWMS.

She succeeds Dr. Phyllis Perkins who served in the post from 1980 to 1985. Dr. Perkins resigned the post to accept a position at Nazarene Bible College in Colorado Springs.

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MANZINI HIGH SCHOOL LEADS IN PASS RATE FOR SWAZILAND

The Manzini High School, one of three high schools operated by the Church of the Nazarene in Swaziland, led the entire country with a pass rate of 97 percent, according to a report from Dr. Richard F. Zanner, regional director for Africa. The results were taken from the latest official Junior Certificate examination results from high schools in the country. The report shows a pass rate of 63 percent in Swaziland with 26 schools failing to score a rate of more than 49 percent.

The three Swaziland Nazarene high schools showed some of the best results with the following pass rates:

Manzini	97.36%
Endingeni	80.36%
Siteki	70.15%

The Church of the Nazarene administers 39 schools in the country of Swaziland, with a combined enrollment of more than 12,000 students.

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LEADERS' CONFERENCE/GENERAL BOARD

Nazarene district superintendents, regional directors, college presidents, general superintendents, division and ministry directors, church officers, and General Board members were in Kansas City during the last two weeks of February for the annual Leaders' Conference and annual meeting of the General Board.

Leaders' Conference began Wednesday, February 19, and ended the following Friday. Among other topics discussed were local church budgets, changes in the *Manual*, and mem-

bership goals for the decade. Winners of the Great Commission Medallion and Silver Citation Award for church growth were also announced, along with the winners of the *Herald of Holiness* subscription campaign.

The General Board meeting (February 21-25) included the appointment of 35 missionaries, including the reappointment of Dr. and Mrs. Paul Orjala to missionary service.

Further details of the Leaders' Conference and the 1986 General Board meeting will be included in an upcoming edition of the *Herald*.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

With the unanimous approval of the Board of General Superintendents and in consultation with the Advisory Board and department heads of the South Carolina District, I have appointed Rev. James Bearden (presently pastor of Oskaloosa, Iowa, church) as superintendent of the South Carolina District, effective March 15, 1986.

—Eugene L. Stowe
General Superintendent

BEARDEN APPOINTED TO SOUTH CAROLINA



Rev. James Bearden, 45, pastor of the Oskaloosa, Iowa, church, has been appointed superintendent of the South Carolina District by Dr. Eugene L. Stowe, respon-

sible general superintendent. The action was taken with unanimous approval of the Board of General Superintendents and in consultation with the South Carolina District Advisory Board and district department heads. The appointment becomes effective March 15, 1986. He replaces Dr. D. Moody Gunter who resigned the post to become Finance Division director at Nazarene headquarters in Kansas City.

A native of Pascagoula, Miss., Rev. Bearden is a graduate of Trevecca Nazarene College. He has served as senior pastor at Oskaloosa since August 1980. Prior to this he pastored churches in West Virginia, Eastern Kentucky, and Virginia.

He and his wife, Nancy (nee Rushing), have three children, Jamie Sue, Paul Richard, and Julie Ann.

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