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THE SIN OF TRYING TOO HARD

by General Superintendent William M. Greathouse

I was better off when I didn't try!"

These bitter words erupted from the lips and heart of a young husband I had recently led to Christ. Gloriously forgiven and emancipated from his old life as a sinner, he was now struggling to realize his new life in Christ.

What was his problem? As I knew and he came later to see, having begun in the Spirit he was trying to be made perfect by the flesh. The Christ-dependence that had brought pardon and new life in the Spirit had unconsciously been displaced by self-effort. He was simply trying too hard, and thereby he was blocking the power of God.

As Frederick Buechner says, when it comes to putting our lives back together and finding the wholeness God wills for us, "the human best seems to be at odds with the holy best." To grit your teeth and clench your fists in your struggle to be holy, "is, by that very act, to be unable to let something be done for you and in you that is more wonderful still."

Having begun in the Spirit, we are also made perfect by the Spirit. To fail to see this is to secure our lives against being opened up and transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit. Our human best becomes the enemy of God's holy best. To try too hard is so very human. We all have been there. The Pharisee lurks in every Christian heart. But if we will listen to the Word and the Spirit, God will teach us the better way of letting go and letting Him.

"There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his" (Hebrews 4:9-10). The rest from self-effort. The rest of faith. The rest of God. The promised rest of the Spirit.

In a chapel service at Eastern Nazarene College years ago the Lord used me to help a young minister find this rest. "For years I have fasted and prayed to be truly sanctified," he confessed with tears. "I get right to the verge of the blessing, but I can never seem to break through." In response I found myself saying, "We are not sanctified by our self-effort, we are sanctified by the Holy Spirit. The moment comes when we cease to struggle and simply rest and receive." After further prayer and instruction, and with the help of college pastor, Dr. J. Glenn Gould, this young man's struggle gave way to rest and receptivity. He was gloriously filled with the Spirit.

At the conclusion of his report at an eastern district assembly this man, now a mature pastor, reminded me of that morning at ENC and testified, "Brother Greathouse, the Holy Spirit still abides!"

The last-ditch stand of the flesh is not rebellion but self-effort. But, thank God, having begun in the Spirit, we may also be made perfect by the Spirit! "In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength" (Isaiah 30:15).

Let go, and let God!



A Great Investment

Some eight years ago, as pastor of a Nazarene congregation of about 55 members, I was praying earnestly about the local church goals and plans to be proposed to the church committees and then to the local church board for the new assembly year. As I was praying one morning, with the church's plans laid out before me, the Lord seemed to speak vividly to me relative to our church's meager number of subscriptions to our official publication, the *Herald of Holiness*.

Being raised from infancy with the *Herald of Holiness* at my fingertips, I realized that it had been a continual source of guidance, inspiration, and blessing to my own life for many years.

As I confronted the matter in prayer that morning, I told the Lord that six or seven of our church families faithfully subscribed each year to our church paper. But somehow the Lord seemed to show me that day that our church was neglecting a special avenue of service and a very important means of direct contact with many of our church families that could be reaching them every other week.

The Lord seemed to clearly guide my mind and heart in conceiving a plan for my church that morning. I went before the church board for final approval of the plan. Our committee on Church Finance was proposing to the board that a gift subscription to the *Herald of Holiness* be sent to every family on our church mailing list. This would mean some 42 subscriptions.

We are a small congregation and operate on a limited budget, so the board members responded, "But, Pastor, where could we find the funds for such an expanded operational expense?" I had already talked with our church treasurer about the plan, and the treasurer had assured me of his cooperation if the church board approved the idea.

It was explained to the board that the *Herald of Holiness*



by J. WALTER HALL, JR.

worked, fine, if not, we would fall back to the old practice of six or seven subscriptions per year.

At the end of the assembly year, our church treasurer reported the effect of the new *Herald* subscription plan on church income. His report showed that over six times the amount expended for subscriptions for all church families had been received from the new families that had just started receiving the *Herald* during that year. We all praised the Lord together.

That did it! The church board members all said immediately, "Let's do it again," and they have followed this plan for the past eight years.

The plan was not adopted to meet a quota, but to help spread the ministry and influence of the church, and the message of holiness, to every open door God had entrusted to our church family. We have joyously witnessed these people attending our services, finding the Lord at our altar, and coming into our church fellowship as members. We thank God that He has wonderfully enlarged and blessed our outreach and opportunities to minister through this great channel of influence, the denomination's official periodical, the *Herald of Holiness*. □

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FOR HELPING FARMERS

I have recently finished research on America's farm crisis and the neo-Nazi movement in the Midwest. I read several accounts of farmers committing suicide or joining militant extremist groups.

I began to notice a certain apathy on behalf of the church. The church is responsible for spiritual well-being of its congregation and by allowing the farmers' spiritual fitness to slack, it has failed. I cannot understand how churches can illegally harbor Central American refugees and fund lavish church headquarter offices while farmers go broke.

The farmers have invested their time and money into the church over the years and it seems only fair that the church could return some of

both back to them. The tithes the farmers have paid should be channeled into projects aimed at helping the farmers. The funds could be used for homes, food, and clothing which the farmers who have lost their farms need.

Obviously, the church cannot bail the farmers out financially, but it can let them know that somebody cares for them and that their hard work is appreciated.

Buddy Johnson
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

PORN FIGHTER

I recently researched the topic of pornography. I was sickened to hear of the sexual pollution in this world today.

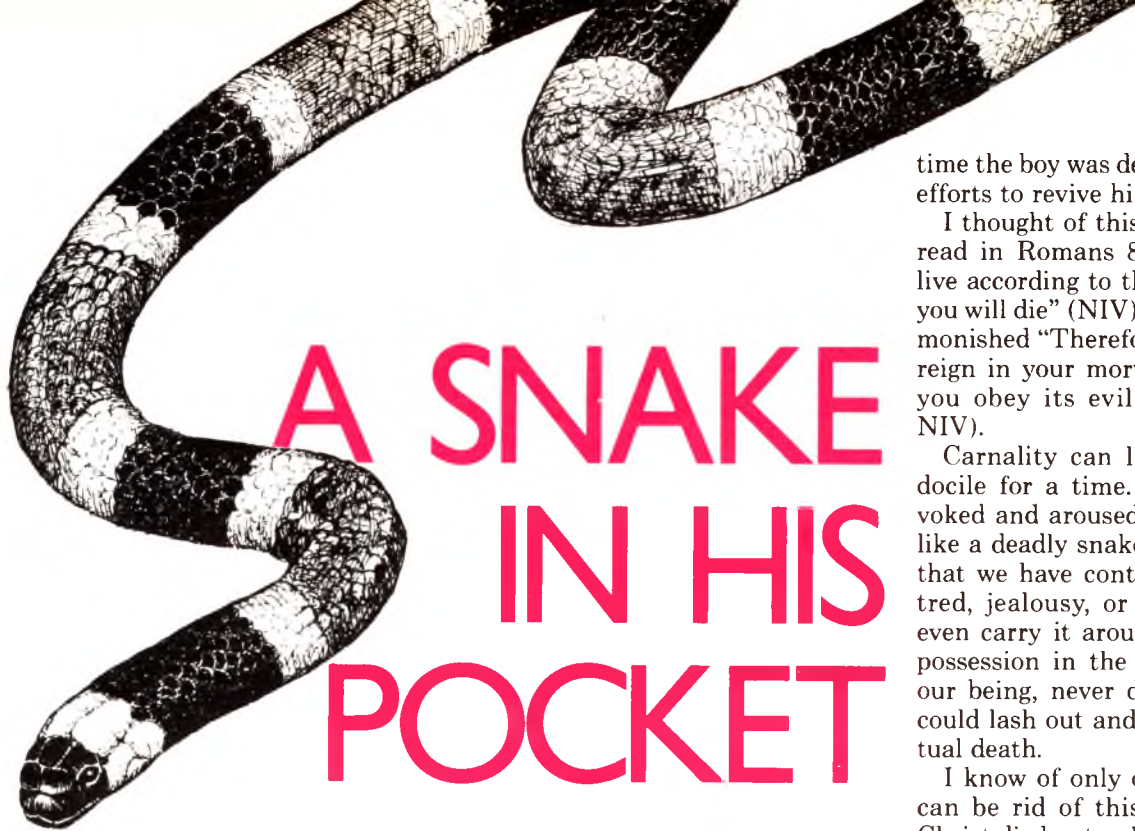
Before I researched pornography,

I thought it was nude pictures in absurd magazines. I soon realized that pornography includes heterosexual intercourse, homosexual intercourse, bestiality, and men having sex with children.

I attended a consultation on pornography in Oklahoma City, and the things I saw and heard of were sickening. When I think of little children being subjects for this obscenity, it makes me want to get involved to stop this sexual insanity. My prayer is that Christians all over the United States will get involved and help put an end to this sickness. Christians must realize the problem, and join together as one to fight to rid our society of pornography.

The problem of pornography is much more severe than most people

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A SNAKE IN HIS POCKET

by ELAINE CUNNINGHAM

Would you carry a poisonous snake in your pocket?

Years ago I taught school in central Florida. An incident happened there that made me aware of the danger of harboring a poisonous carnal nature within.

One morning a boy who attended our school was playing in an orange grove near his house while he waited for the school bus. He saw a coral snake lying in the sun and picked it up. Gently and carefully he placed it in his shirt pocket.

Coral snakes are beautiful. Brilliant red, yellow, and black rings circle their slender bodies. Smooth scales glisten in the sunlight. They are normally shy and not easily aroused. They feed on small mammals and other snakes. But what the child didn't know was that when a coral snake is irritated enough to strike, its venom goes directly into the central nervous system, often with a fatal result.

The snake curled up in the boy's pocket as the school bus lumbered along the country roads. The driver parked the bus in the school yard and the boy ran across the crunchy St. Augustine grass to his classroom.

All morning the snake rested qui-

etly while the boy had his arithmetic and reading classes.

At recess the boy played softball with his friends. He batted and ran bases and still the snake slept peacefully.

The bell rang. The hot, sweaty kids lined up at the door of the school building. Children jostled each other in line. One classmate gave the boy a shove, pushing him against the child in front of him. When their bodies collided the snake struck, emptying its gland of the poisonous venom. The boy screamed and fell to the ground struggling for breath. In a short

time the boy was dead in spite of all efforts to revive him.

I thought of this tragedy when I read in Romans 8:13, "For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die" (NIV). We are also admonished "Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires" (6:12, NIV).

Carnality can lie dormant and docile for a time. But when provoked and aroused it often strikes like a deadly snake. We may think that we have control over our hatred, jealousy, or lust. We might even carry it around as a prideful possession in the inner pocket of our being, never dreaming that it could lash out and cause our spiritual death.

I know of only one way that we can be rid of this deadly enemy. Christ died not only for our pardon but also for our purification. We can claim the rest of the promise in Romans 8:13: "... if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live" (NIV).

When the Holy Spirit indwells us there is no room for the poisonous sin nature. He cleans out the carnality and fills our lives with His love and power. With Him in control we can live victoriously over sin and death.

No, I would not carry a poisonous snake in my pocket. Nor would I want to live without the cleansing, purifying, indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. □

TEARS

*I do not choose to call them idle tears,
A sign of weakness and a test begun;
A test of manhood, and the man outdone
'Ere the last sob is wafted to his ears.
But rather would I choose to down all fears
Of wounded pride and let them freely come
To lift the burdened heart of anyone
and set it free from pain, it disappears;
But all our tears are not a part of woe,
A sudden outburst that the soul has kept,
For often do we let them gladly flow
In token of some wak'ning joy that slept.
Yet greater still a sign of love they show,
For Jesus at the tomb of Lazarus wept.*



—J. PAUL BROWN
Nashville, Tennessee

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Alabaster Is More...

by ELIZABETH VENNUM

How much more? What does Alabaster mean to your family? To your church? Whatever your answer, the more important question comes to us from Swaziland's outstanding, dynamic minister, Rev. Juliet Ndzimandze—"What is your Alabaster box to you?"

What is our answer? Does it really mean enough? Would our candid response be, "To me, it's a mere missionary 'box' for the casual coin or convenient check." Or can I say, "It's more, MUCH MORE, because it holds my special love gifts for Jesus that help to meet the needs—urgent needs—of Alabaster build-ings around the world!"

Juliet reflects, "To me, my Alabaster box is precious beyond words!" She did not always feel this way. Her eyes were not opened to Alabaster giving until she saw the sacrificial love offering given by her father, Solomon Ndzimandze. He was a retired, blind national preacher who went to heaven shortly before the first Alabaster opening in Swaziland. Swazi men and women stood with bowed heads and misty eyes as Solomon's wife presented his Alabaster box. It revealed the amazing amount of L-4-10-0 (approximately \$15.00 then). When Juliet remembered that her father was receiving less than \$5.00 a month to support his family, her heart was greatly touched. She vowed that she, too, would share in this giving out of love to her Savior.

Six years later God spoke to her

ELIZABETH VENNUM is a Nazarene elder who resides in Nashville, Tennessee. She was a member of the General NWMS Council for about 12 years. In 1948, while reading about Mary of Bethany's costly gift to Jesus, God opened her eyes to His plan for Nazarene Alabaster giving. She says, "No one knows better than the Lord and I that Alabaster is more than a human plan. It was not thought up; it was received from Him during several secluded hours of unmistakable and unforgettable inspiration!"

in a special way, asking her if she loved Him enough to do *more* to help others to know Him through churches, schools, hospitals, and pastors' homes. From that day she promised to give her *second* tithe to Jesus in her Alabaster box. And when God blesses her in exceptional ways, she often puts in *even more!*

Have you heard how Rev. and Mrs. John Seaman and a new Nazarene church in Martinique discovered the thrilling "more" of Alabaster? Linda Seaman, though growing up in the Nazarene church, says she never felt the excitement of Alabaster—not too much was said about it; it was the "box" on the top of the refrigerator that was almost forgotten until time for the offering.

Years later she and her husband were pioneer missionaries in Martinique. God had graciously blessed the venture in Morne Venté—they were bursting at the seams for more space in a rented building. In the midst of these growing pains, the time came to present Alabaster giving to these new Nazarenes. How would they react to sending Alabaster dollars to help others build when their own need was so urgent? They responded beautifully! Their only complaint—the Alabaster boxes were too small. In preparation for the first Alabaster march offering, some had filled three or four boxes!

One of the first converts, Véronique Belrose, was very short on cash. All she had was a little grocery money she had saved for the coming week. As she was leaving her home on the Sunday night of their first opening, God spoke to her about that grocery money. Should she just give that to Alabaster, too, or should she save it for groceries for her family? Véronique decided to be obedient and give *all* she had! Why? Because she loved Him and wanted others to hear about this Jesus that had so wonderfully transformed her life. Mrs. Seaman continues:

What were the results of such obedience on her part and on the

part of other fellow Christians? By the end of the year, Martinican Nazarenes had given 12 times their goal for Alabaster—\$1,200 to help build Nazarene churches around the world! But that's not all. That very week we received a phone call from the World Mission Division telling us that Salem, Oreg., First Church had decided to help build a church in Morne Venté as its mission project for the year. With the help of additional work teams and Alabaster funds, we were going to have our church in Morne Venté after all!

Did Véronique and her family starve that week? No. In fact, that very night a neighbor came by with two bags of groceries just because he felt like they might need them. And the next morning a friend came by to pay back an old debt Véronique had forgotten about.

Martinican Nazarenes would encourage Nazarenes everywhere to discover the surprising "more" of Alabaster giving!

Alabaster has meant different things to different people of all ages and circumstances—from the last coin of a child to a very substantial check of a grateful businessperson. In the Master's eyes, it is not the size of the gift that makes it Alabaster; it is the measure of love that brings it.

Alabaster dollars are different from all other dollars in our church. Alabaster dollars are never a part of the General Budget, which is life-line giving supported by the Thanksgiving, Easter, Prayer and Fasting, and other offerings, and the Faith Promise plan. Alabaster funds are the major source of financing desperately needed buildings and building sites in World Mission areas. For over 35 years, Alabaster dollars have worked hand in hand with General Budget dollars and in recent years with Work and Witness dollars. Truly, we also thank God for all the tremendous blessings of Faith Promise. If, however, Alabaster should ever be absorbed or sidetracked by

it or any other channel of mission giving, becoming impersonal and faceless, it will fade away. Obviously this would seriously cripple our growth since adequate buildings are indispensable to our global mission advance. Dr. L. Guy Nees, former director of World Mission Division, said, "Progress can be spelled B-U-I-L-D-I-N-G-S."

The 36-year record of Alabaster giving speaks for itself. Love gifts to Jesus through Alabaster have reached over \$30 million. Alabaster dollars have paid in full or in part for over 3,000 buildings or building sites. Thank God and you for what He has enabled us to do. Yet there is some cause for concern. While there has been an increase in Alabaster dollars, the rate of increase has declined. Could this be due to an inflation of our desire for things we want but do not need? With our phenomenal church growth in World Mission areas, this is both a

searching and sobering question. Could part of the problem be lack of updated information or a lack of opportunity to give directly to Alabaster? Alabaster information is the fuel that feeds the flame of Alabaster giving. Because of the uniqueness of Alabaster giving, some churches, even though on Faith Promise, have retained the special Alabaster box offerings in February and September.

Looking ahead to the last seven offerings of this fourth decade: What are the priority building needs? Of course, the key person to answer this is Dennis Berard, financial manager, World Mission Division:

Nazarene work in World Mission areas has been very successful in winning people to the Lord and starting new churches. Along with this, many young people are being called into the ministry. All of this growth is wonderful and

we thank God for it. But with this increase, adequate buildings are urgently needed. We still have those who meet in garages, under lean-tos, in mud huts, and under trees.

The need for buildings has probably never been greater than it is today. The challenge of entering 20 fields by 1995 is an impetus for increased participation in Alabaster giving.

If we love enough, we will find ways to give enough to meet this challenge! Do you have an Alabaster box? Do you have a plan? Have you prayed about it?

The all-important question for every one of us is—"Does my Alabaster gift please Jesus?" If we give as though we are placing it in His nail-scarred hands, He will be satisfied . . . we will discover the joyful "more" of Alabaster . . . and it will be enough . . . that they might know Him! □

Because You Gave... NIROGA IS POSSIBLE

by DENNIS APPLE

What is a NIROGA? It isn't an obscure part of Africa nor is it the name of a college fraternity. It certainly isn't the name of a candy bar. One gentleman, trying to figure out what this acronym meant, called it the National Institute for Real Old Geezers—Alumni.

NIROGA actually means Nazarene International Retreat of Golden Agers. Simply put, it is a retreat for adults age 55 and up. That's right, you're not admitted to this prestigious event until you are 55 or married to someone who is.

A NIROGA is hard to describe! Someone has said it is "like a camp meeting with the atmosphere of a county fair." It is a week of old-fashioned preaching and singing combined with seminars, crafts, scenic tours, and other items too numerous to mention.

A typical NIROGA day starts with sunrise devotions at 6:45 A.M. It really is surprising to see the hundreds that attend the sunrise service. At 7:30 A.M. a delicious

breakfast is served as you make new friends or visit with old ones at the table.

After breakfast you select a seminar that interests you. How about a class on "The Life of Christ" or an oil painting class—for beginners?

Study animals, birds, and plant life in a course titled "Adventures in Nature" taught by a college professor. Or consider a course on starting a senior adult ministry in your church. You may want to paint ceramics, make wood carvings, or simply chat with an old friend over a second cup of coffee.

Before lunch there is an inspirational service with great Bible preaching and inspired music.

After lunch you still have choices to make; take a scenic bus tour or attend a class on physical exercise. Or, still another option, attend the "Ask the Doctor" session. You may want to play a round of golf, a game of shuffleboard, or simply put your feet up and take a good Nazarene nap.

After more good food and fellowship at the evening meal, enjoy another inspirational service and have a good laugh at "fun time" following.

You fall into bed tired but happy with the rich experiences you have enjoyed that day.

No, NIROGA isn't a National Institute for Real Old Geezers. It is an enriching experience for those who love God and are looking for ways to pack more life into their living. All of this is made possible because you gave so generously to General Budget. □

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Camerique

A LITTLE BIT OF OLD...

by GARY SIVEWRIGHT

Since 1958, Nazarene youth have gathered on a quadrennial basis in a camping experience somewhere in the world. It has been known as an institute, a conference, a congress, but the objective has always been the same—to disciple teens and equip them to live out their faith in their world.

Staples of the program have been youth choirs, excursions, special speakers, recreation, Bible quizzing, special singers and musicians, and terrible food. Nazarene Youth Congress '87 promises to be no exception.

An ingredient that's seldom talked about or written up in a brochure is what makes a Youth Congress the memorable event it has been and will be—the people. Those who will attend NYC '87 will discover what the thousands who have attended Youth Congress in the past have discovered—that teens and youth sponsors they meet will be friends for a lifetime.

The idea of not facing the world alone, but with hundreds of like believers, brings a new joy in serving Jesus. The shared learning, shared worship, and shared commitment to follow the Lord makes a Youth Congress an unforgettable life-changing experience.

GARY SIVEWRIGHT is a veteran member of the Youth Ministries staff, currently serving as TOTAL editor and program coordinator. NYC '87 will be the third youth congress Gary has helped plan.

Youth Congresses have met in such exotic locations as Fisch, Switzerland; Oaxtepec, Mexico; and Estes Park, Colo. For many, half the fun of going to the Congress was getting there.

Being there has brought its own brand of adventure. Stories of missed trains in Switzerland, Pepto Bismol in Mexico, and "The Long House" in Colorado will probably go down as legend in NYI history books. But none of these sites have anything on the 1987 location. Nazarene Youth Congress '87 in Washington, D.C., will meet most adventurers' expectations. The national landmarks in the D.C./Baltimore area will provide interesting places to visit before, during, and after the congress.

So what's new about Nazarene Youth Congress '87?

1. Never have so many gathered for a congress event. Attendance quotas have been doubled over previous years to encourage districts to bring as large as possible delegations. Around 5,000 teens, youth leaders, and workers are expected for this one event.

2. A large part of NYC '87 will include working on an inner-city project in the Washington, D.C., area. Training for service and dialoguing with inner-city teens should expose many Nazarene teens to a world they've never seen before. Each day for three con-

secutive days 40 buses with 1,600 delegates will head for the city to enable them to "make a difference" where they are.

3. A master plan to reach beyond the Youth Congress dates has been developed so that when the event is over, the Spirit lives on. Key projects, to build and encourage churches and mission projects on every district, will guarantee that the training and experience gained at NYC '87 will not go unused, but will continue to pay off as long as the youth are on the district.

4. Never in any congress has there been a greater opportunity to develop skills and talents than NYC '87. Optional workshops in "Sharing the Faith," "Getting Along with Parents," and "Finding Your Ministry" will be offered. A whole separate track of workshops will be offered for the youth leader who wants to be better prepared to reach youth in the last half of the 80s.

Basketball, volleyball, and quizzing tournaments will all be held simultaneously. Exceptional musicians from all regions will be performing, as well as special musical guests.

5. Those attending NYC '87 will receive the latest in discipling materials to enable them not only to follow Jesus, but to "share His Spirit" with others. The teaching and the preaching is the very best, and geared specifically to where teens live. It is assumed that every participant of NYC '87, teen and adult, has already made a conscious decision to be the very best disciple of Christ he can possibly be. Every class and every service starts from there. But the joy of following Jesus comes not so much from what He's done for us but what we are able to do for Him through the power of His Spirit.

Nazarene Youth Congress '87—a little bit of the old in tradition and format. And a whole lot of new in training, program materials, location, optional workshops and activities, and special guests. It's a once-in-a-lifetime experience that no Nazarene teen should miss.

Nazarene teens interested in applying for Nazarene Youth Congress '87 can receive applications and information from their pastor or their district NYI president. All applications must be turned into district presidents by November 1, 1986. □

NAZARENE ROOTS



A. M. Hills



Roy T. Williams

THE FORMATION OF AN EFFECTIVE PREACHER

Roy T. Williams came to old Texas Holiness University (later Bethany-Peniel College) with the announced purpose of "studying for the ministry" . . . Dr. A. M. Hills, the president, a graduate of Oberlin College and of Yale Theological Seminary, and a zealous and successful holiness preacher, was the pattern, as well as the adviser and teacher, of all the theologues who enrolled at Peniel in those old days, and no one followed the pattern more carefully and to better purpose than did Roy T. Williams.

"At the time of which we speak, Dr. Hills spoke either extemporaneously or from brief or full notes. But he reported that during the first ten years of his ministry he wrote out all his sermons in full and delivered them from manuscript. This early training he accredited with helping him to establish a homiletical style and to develop a certain accuracy that remained with him when he came to the time when he could

risk leaving manuscript and even notes. He thought that, especially in the beginning years, a preacher should make careful, detailed preparation for every effort at preaching. He thought this necessary to assure the content . . . and also to establish . . . a regard for order. . . .

"Roy T. Williams took this advice and example to heart, and all his student days he was painstaking in every phase of preparation whenever it was arranged for him to preach. He was never known as a 'ready man' in those days. If he were expected to preach, he must be given due notice, and then he would always come up with something fresh and worthwhile; and with evident preparation of spirit, voice, and manner, would preach effectively. . . .

"Even when . . . Williams came back to join the faculty of his Alma Mater . . . he was still the careful and painstaking slave of preparation . . . and still remained adamant in the face of invitations to preach on improvised occasions. He let those responsible for the preaching in the College chapel know that . . . they must notify him two weeks in advance of any occasion on which they wished him to preach . . .

"Dr. Williams was twenty-eight years old when he was elected president of the College . . . but it was just about this time that he began to 'swing out' into the free, unctuous style that became his best known factor as a preacher. His entrance into full-time evangelistic work at the age of thirty brought farther to the fore the latent capacity to preach anywhere, anytime . . . but the long apprenticeship of general and particular preparation stood him in hand, and those years of labor were like the barrel of the gun in that they gave direction and accuracy to what might otherwise have been a too scattered shot." (From J. B. Chapman, "General Superintendent Williams as a Preacher," *The Preacher's Magazine* (Sept.-Oct. 1947): 275-76. □

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ONE-IN-A-MILLION

“God has wonderfully blessed us and helped us. He is with us every day.”

by MABEL P. ADAMSON

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This is the testimony of Dotty and Steve Morgan of Aurora, Colo., as they face the busy and challenging task of raising four daughters for the Lord—all born April 19, 1982.

Steve Morgan is from Kansas City, Mo.; Dotty from Mexico, Mo. They met at Mid-America Nazarene College. Both are from Nazarene families and were saved in youth. They married in her sophomore year. After Steve's graduation, they moved to Wichita, Kans.

Both wanted a family. Dotty miscarried once, and there was no further conception. After seven years of marriage, Dotty took a fertility drug for one month, the lowest dosage possible. She became pregnant and soon discovered she was carrying more than one baby. They were astounded when sonograms and studies revealed four fetuses. Multiple pregnancy might have occurred, regardless, as there are more than 20 multiple births on both sides of the family.

They learned that the births would be early. Prospects of four "Preemies" struggling to survive posed a great concern. The

Morgans went to prayer. God had never failed them and he could handle this situation, too.

Dotty was hospitalized in the sixth month because of her size and because she needed to be kept quiet. The babies were delivered two weeks later, 27 weeks developed and fully formed, at the Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. All four required respirators and intravenous feedings. The last was taken off the respirator at eight weeks.

With babies so tiny, weight is measured in grams. The survival rate for babies 750-1,000 grams is only about 60 percent and all but one was at the lower end of this range. She was *below* it, weighing 1 pound, 7 ounces (651 grams approximately).

After the births, a hospital worker tried to prepare Dotty for the possibility of one or more not surviving. But Dotty says she had already received word from the Lord that they would live! Dotty says, "He was just *there* all through my pregnancy. I could feel the presence of the Lord so close right after night."

Steve had his own assurance. He says, "When we were ready to have



Steve and Dotty Morgan and their home in Aurora, Colo.

N FAMILY



Amber Dawn

them and the outcome was unsure, we committed them to the Lord because we knew we couldn't deal with it. Humanly, we would have gone crazy. The Lord gave us both a real calmness in dealing with it and not worrying."

The girls were Wichita's first quadruplets. A local store gave the Morgans a \$500 shopping spree after store hours. One company gave them a year's supply of formula, and Mid-America Nazarene College gave each a \$1,000 scholarship. Health insurance initially provided two full-time nurses for 16 hours a day. They also had some live-in help for a short time. Family and friends gave warm, loving support—and many free hours. Friends from Wichita Westside Church of the Nazarene organized shifts to help. Such wonderful friends were a tremendous help in the necessary adjustments.

A life-style that had revolved around church, Sunday School, church friends, and family get-togethers was drastically changed. Imagine feeding four hungry babies, getting them dressed for the

day, and undressed for the night! Imagine trying to get a full night's sleep! And, oh, imagine the diapers!

Dotty says, "There is hardly a daytime minute when one isn't demanding attention. And a quartet of demands is not unusual. You really learn not to be in a hurry. You do what comes next. Usually by the time you get finished with one, the next is letting you know she's ready." And adds, with absolute sincerity, "Seldom do I feel frustrated."

Seeing that on paper, I might question. Watching her with the quads, there is no doubt. She is an amazing woman of great warmth and charm, with an attractive openness that puts one immediately at ease. Blessed with an easy-going disposition, she moves quickly but calmly when one of the quads needs attention.

She disclaims any credit. In her own words, "Only the Lord can give you the strength to keep up with it." Steve adds, "The Lord has done so many things in my life through this whole situation . . . It's terribly important to me for the girls to understand what Christ means to me . . . To give my daughters the love, self-respect, and stable start I was given is my desire. I can only do that with support from a higher source."



Amy Lynn



Ashlee Brooke

When the quads were about a year and a half old, Steve was transferred to Denver. They discovered that the larger city offered more advanced medical facilities and better educational opportunities for children with special problems. They settled in Aurora, a suburb of Denver, and transferred their membership and allegiance to Denver First Church. Steve also went through a job change after moving to Denver and now sells computer software for UCCEL.

They purchased a van for transportation and on Sundays it is found in Denver First parking lot. Church friends greet them and assist in getting the girls into Sunday School. Both sing in the choir and in a special group. They are very happy at Denver First Church but will never forget the love and support given them at Wichita Westside when the quads were born.

On Sunday afternoons, the congregation takes turns taking the children home—usually one per family—so the Morgans can go out to dinner. "One family took all four of them at once," said Dotty. "They said they'd do that again—if they had to."

It was in Denver when the girls were three that I first visited them. Almost exactly a year later, I re-

turned for another visit. My appointment was for 8 A.M., so I got to see some of the action. It was so enjoyable that I want you to meet the girls, too. They are enchanting. Daddy says to see them is to love them. I agree.

Amber Dawn, the first born, weighed 1 pound 15.5 ounces. She was the most docile of the babies, cuddly and passive. Due to an eye disease (RLF) related to premature birth, she is blind, but very independent. Eye surgery, performed in Boston when she was 12 weeks old, could not correct the problem. Further surgery would be of cosmetic value only.

Amber goes two days a week to a regular preschool and two days a week to a special school. She loves music and it is very soothing to her. Dotty would one day like to find a music teacher for her, someone who would be loving and patient.

She moves around with little hesitation and with her head slightly tipped up. With her outgoing nature and the faith and courage instilled from the teaching and example of her parents, I have a feeling she'll go through life just like that—chin up, meeting the obstacles with confidence.

Her mother says of her, "She's not handicapped; she just can't see!" And that's exactly the way I felt after seeing her in action.

Amy Lynn, smallest of the four, impressed me as a tiny bundle of joy. Mother says, however, that she is a bit temperamental, a very determined child. She was the second born and weighed 1 pound 13.5 ounces! Amy is moderately affected by cerebral palsy. She wears inhibitive casts ("moon boots" they call them) so that she doesn't walk on her tippy toes and also to help turn her toes out. She is doing quite well walking and talking. She joins Amber and Ashlee in preschool two days a week.

She has had the one major accident in the family. Last year, she fell off the slide and broke her leg and is still leery of the slide.

What a sweetheart! She has such a piquant charm! She looks at you soberly as though carefully assessing; then suddenly smiles and it's like turning on a 100-watt bulb! She'll do just fine.

Ashlee Brooke, the tiniest at birth, has had an even temperament from the first. With huge almond eyes and an outgoing nature, she is "Miss Personality," a real talker and goer. She goes with Amber and Amy to preschool two days a week, and all three are doing extremely well. They love school, and plans are already being made for mainstreaming them into a regular school situation.

Ashlee is "mother's little helper." She is an alert, sensitive child, quietly and efficiently "doing" her thing. She is observant and articulate, and, as I found out, quick to tell you that her name is spelled with 2 e's.

Not so fortunate as Amy, whose cerebral palsy is moderate, is



Amanda Renee

Amanda Renee, born fourth at 1 pound, 12.5 ounces. She has severe cerebral palsy.

Dotty thinks that Amanda's handicap was probably the most difficult to deal with. "Amanda gets so frustrated because she can't play like the others. It is difficult for me to watch her frustration and not be able to do much about it."

Amanda goes four days a week to a special school and is doing things not thought possible. All the goals set for her in the fall were met within six months. She tries to pull herself around on the floor and Dotty is now working on toilet training.

And there is more good news!

Amanda may someday, perhaps quite soon, be able to communicate with her world. It is hoped that Amanda will get a computer this year and learn to "talk" with her family.

Despite the heartache of knowing that a wheelchair will probably be Amanda's legs all her life, Dotty praises the Lord for all he is doing for Amanda.

When the girls were finally all put together, dressed by Mother, themselves, each other, and even a little by me, they proceeded outside to play. Mom ought to lose several pounds a day keeping up with them—four swings to keep going, and don't let one stop for too long either. But it was a pleasure to watch them: Amber going down the slide, with such a delightful expression on her face; Amanda smiling as Mother swings her; Amy digging in the sand; and the intrepid Ashlee "mountain climbing."

At the end of the day, Daddy Steve asks, "Want to pray to Jesus?" He carries Amanda to the family room. Ashlee follows, leading Amber by the hand. They kneel, Dotty between Amanda and Ashlee; Steve between Amy and Amber. Steve leads the prayer. For the first time in the day, the house is quiet.

Dotty has no regular help, but she has someone come in so she can go grocery shopping, and sometimes family or friends so she and Steve can have some time together. Their social life is pretty much "on hold." Dotty misses the contact with people, but her love for the girls outweighs this lack. That will come—later.

Dotty says again, "I know I couldn't have made it through the past four years without the Lord. He's all He has promised to be—and more—and more!" Steve says, "We don't look back. We're not that way. You do what you have to do . . . God always gives the extra grace."

In many ways, it's just an average American family but not statistically so. Statistics indicate there are only 150 quad families in the U.S., or about one in every million. Put this one-in-a-million family in the hands of the one true living God and they can't help but be a blessing and inspiration to others. And they are! □

EMERGENCY APPLICATION

by WILLIAM D. REID

In 1978, what appeared to be a tragic disaster was about to strike the Central Church of the Nazarene in Fairmont, W.Va. Fairmont is built over the top of coal mines that were tunneled out in the early 1900s. As the wooden support structures rotted away beneath the surface, it was not uncommon for sections of land to collapse, taking homes and streets.

Suddenly, within a week's time, three apartment houses and one residential home began to collapse directly across the street from the church. This type of problem is referred to as "mine subsidence" by the Federal Office of Surface Mining. After two weeks the homes were condemned and the residents were ordered to move out. Since "mine subsidence" was not covered by insurance, the owners lost everything and received no compensation. A few weeks later, the area was roped off and orders were issued to bring down the dangerous buildings. The mine beneath was attempting to swallow up everything.

It was about this time that I noticed some cracks in the plaster of the sanctuary walls. After making a close inspection, I discovered that every wall in the large old church building was cracking from top to bottom. Central Church was a four-year-old church begun in a big old church building in downtown Fairmont. Attendance was running 80 to 100; we were doing very well.

It was obvious what was happening. The mines beneath the church were collapsing. People began to be fearful of attending services, scared of a building that could collapse on them. Even though the city building inspector and engineer verified the safety of the structure, people were still fearful.

Huge cracks appeared in the baptistry and literally destroyed its usefulness. Cracks then showed up in mortar in the brick steeples, and exterior steps. When I contacted our insurance company, they rewarded my concern by cancelling our insurance. As things continued to come apart, the certainty of losing the building became more of a reality.

Realizing that nothing could be done on the human level to salvage the situation, we decided to begin prayer meetings at the church each evening at 7:30 P.M., calling upon God for guidance and deliverance. Within two weeks, things began to happen that can only be seen as the hand of God at work. First, an insurance office within two blocks of the church agreed to a policy that covered everything except mine subsidence.

Secondly, I contacted the Office of Surface Mining and the office sent engineers to investigate. They felt

that the church could be saved. Although there was no money available to help the people who had lost everything, there was a fund to save buildings and property not yet condemned. However, an "emergency application" would have to be made and then political pressure would be needed. The emergency application was made, prayer meetings continued, and political pressure was applied. The district organized a "Save Central" campaign. Hundreds of letters were written to Senator Robert Bird, Governor Jay Rockefeller, and all state congressmen. Several months later, we received a \$200,000 emergency grant to pay for drilling beneath the church and filling the collapsing cavity underneath the church with a mixture of fly ash and concrete. Meanwhile, no further damage had occurred to the church. Our prayers were being answered.

As the pouring process was being completed, the chief engineer told me that work would have to stop at three o'clock that day because the \$200,000 would be used up. They were not sure where all the concrete mixture was going, but after two weeks the mine had not filled up. However, at 10 minutes till three that afternoon, the last hole filled up and ran over. The mine was full. It cost \$200,000 right on the nose. Isn't God great at working things out exactly right?

I have thought about that wonderful experience many times since and one thought occurs over and over again. Why can't people become as concerned for souls as they are about a brick building that may be lost? Why is it people will come out night after night to pray for a building, and yet when you have a prayer meeting to pray for lost people, only a few show any real concern?

What would happen to Central Church now if they held prayer meetings every night for lost souls? What would happen to Mansfield, Ohio, Grace Church, where I now pastor, if we held nightly prayer meetings for lost souls? Some wives show little concern for their husbands. Some husbands are very careless concerning their wives. I see parents who show no real concern for the souls of their children. And there are children who seem like they couldn't care less about Mom and Dad.

I think it is time for many churches to begin to make "Emergency Application" to God to save those lost people for whom they are responsible. "Emergency Application" would bring great revival. □

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PORNOGRAPHY:

We Are All Victims

by SHARON SHEPPARD

She'd been a genius-level graduate student in anatomy at the University of Minnesota, two years away from becoming a college professor. Dashing home from a convenience store late one evening, she was dragged into an alley, brutally beaten with an iron pipe, raped, and left to die. After 11 hours of surgery during which a part of her brain was removed, she lay unconscious for several weeks, having sustained injuries to an eye, an ear, and her skull. This young woman, a Christian who once had great energy and promise, hopes that someday she will get well enough to be able to take care of herself and get a job.

I talked with her assailant, now an inmate at the Minnesota Correctional Facility at Oak Park Heights. He was a friendly, talk-

ative young man who spoke openly about his involvement with pornography. He fell strangely silent when I told him I'd met his victim. "I guess I wouldn't recommend looking at so much pornography," he said.

Another prison inmate convicted of repeatedly molesting his daughter said, "I knew it was wrong. I felt awful; I couldn't stop. Then I read how daughters really like to have their dads force sex on them, and it made it so much easier to do."

The newspapers are filled with tragic accounts of victims of pornography such as the 5-year-old girl who was gang-raped by five boys, ages 6 to 13, after the boys watched an in-house pornographic movie on the TV sets of the motel where their families were staying, and the 19-year-old Minneapolis man who raped his mother after watching a pornographic movie.

Although there are some who would like to believe that there is no link between the high incidence of sexual assault in the U.S. and the recent dramatic escalation of pornography, there is growing evidence to indicate that exposure to pornographic materials increases male

aggressive behavior against women and decreases sensitivity to rape.

Dr. Neil Malamuth of UCLA, in a study of male college students, found that following brief exposure to pornographic materials, more than half of the students indicated they would consider raping a woman if they were sure of not being caught.

But isn't pornography really used by a small minority of deviants? No. Pornography has exploded into a \$8 billion-a-year industry that offers a sordid smorgasbord of endless variety to fit the most specialized tastes of the sex fantasizer. He (or in rare instances, she) can choose from live sex on stage or masturbation booths with video peepshows featuring child sex; gay sex; women having sex with goats; group sex; sex with pregnant or handicapped women; violent sadomasochism (S&M); films showing rape, beatings, and dismemberment; or "snuff" films showing simulated, or sometimes actual, murders of women.

While pornography used to be largely contained in sleazy sex-strip sections of major cities, it has now invaded the homes of middle America. In addition to the 15,000 to 20,000 "adult" bookstores and 800 X-rated movie houses found "downtown," corner groceries may provide a wide selection of pornographic magazines. Porn has invaded the home via cable TV, dial-a-porn, and X-rated videocassettes. According to a *Newsweek* poll, nearly 40 percent of all VCR owners bought or rented an X-rated cassette within the last year.

America's preoccupation with sex has spawned an unprecedented proliferation of pornography. More than 2½ million view pornographic movies each week. The combined circulation of *Playboy* and *Penthouse* has surpassed that of *Time* and *Newsweek*. There are now four times as many distributors of pornography as there are McDonald's.

Is pornography a "victimless crime"? Unfortunately not. The user of porn absorbs a deviant view of sex as he feeds his mind on violent and bizarre fantasies. Studies show that porn creates a distorted view of sex and that its users be-

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come disenchanted with their marriage partners.

The underlying message of pornography is that women are a class ordained solely for the sexual pleasure of men, and that they enjoy being raped and abused. This perspective is degrading to both women and men and is an insult to the God who created us in His image.

Pornography is destructive to adolescents as well. Not only are they vulnerable as photographic subjects for pornographic materials, but the message porn gives them is that deviant sexual behavior is the most exciting, and that there is no relationship between sex and commitment, love, or morality.

Possibly most tragic of all are the effects porn has on innocent children who have been exploited by pornographers. Thousands of children are missing, and in recent years, more than a million children have been photographed in sexually explicit poses or while engaging voluntarily or involuntarily in sex acts with adults or other children. Because the child's silence is bought with black mail, many parents never suspect their children are being used.

A sex manual for molesters

called *How to Have Sex with Kids* is available through mail-order distributors and "adult" bookstores across the country. The book explains how to meet children; how to persuade them to have anal, oral, vaginal, masturbatory, and group sex; and how to keep these activities from the children's parents.

All of this would be hopelessly depressing if there were no recourse. Fortunately, the battle against pornography can be won. Obscenity is illegal, and we need to begin pressing to see that the laws are enforced. Economic sanctions are effective, too, and several large chains have eliminated the sale of pornography from their stores nationwide because of complaints from ordinary citizens.

The adoption of a resolution to oppose pornography at the 1985 General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene is an important first step. The enforcement of that stand remains to be carried out by individuals across the denomination who will join with others, Christians and non-Christians alike, who are becoming concerned. If you really care about the moral future of our country, here are some things you can do.

1. Become knowledgeable about

the issues concerning pornography by reading current articles on the subject.

2. Contact your local law enforcement officials and your elected representatives in the state legislature and the Congress to express your concern about the enforcement of existing antiobscenity laws and the revision of inadequate legislation.

3. Write letters to the editor of your local paper expressing your views about pornography.

4. Courteously inform those you do business with who are handling pornographic magazines that you intend to do business elsewhere.

5. Join with others who are fighting pornography by contacting the National Christian Association (P.O. Box 40945, Washington, DC 20016), the National Federation for Decency (P.O. Drawer 2440, Tupelo, MS 38801), or Morality in Media, Inc. (475 Riverside Dr., New York, NY 10115).

Should a Christian get involved in moral issues? Ask the mother who was raped by her son, or the young woman whose hopes were forever banished in a dark alley by a young man who fed his mind on porn. When the Lord returns, He'll ask us what we did. ☐

Book Brief

THE HOLINESS PILGRIMAGE Developing a life-style that reflects Christ



JOHN A. KNIGHT
author



The primary purpose of these chapters," writes Dr. Knight, "is to emphasize the dynamic, open-ended character of biblical holiness . . . The holiness journey involves an identifiable style of life. But Christ is at the heart of our holy walk."

The nature of this pilgrimage of the Christian is developed in four chapters: "The Life-style of Holiness," "Stages on the Way of Holiness," "The Holiness-Hope

Tension," and "Holiness and Full Salvation." There is clarity of thought and a solid biblical grounding, to help the Christian live creatively and abundantly the life he has come to share in Christ.

"Holiness is not a concept that is extraneous to the meaning of Christian faith; it is not a life that is 'added to' the normal life of a believer as an option. It is not an experience that is designed to get the believer 'high' quicker and for longer. Rather, holiness is at the heart of Christian faith—the core of its message; it is the norm of Christian living—the constraint of its ethic; and it is a vital and personal relationship with God in Christ through the Holy Spirit that is ever deepened, expanded, and enriched as the Christian walks in obedience—the communion of its God-given life."

This quotation from the first chapter indicates the thrust of the whole book. Dr. Knight gives clearly the thought of the Bible on the subject, and adds the development that John Wesley provided.

Dr. Knight has had a rich variety of experience in the church, as pastor, editor, writer, educator, and administrator. He is presently a member of the Board of General Superintendents. ☐

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the editor's STANDPOINT

OUR PURIFYING HOPE

Many devout and serious Christians believe that the end of history is imminent. Attempting to understand biblical prophecy and current world events in the light of one another, they have concluded that the return of Christ is near.

I claim no special expertise as a student of prophecy or an analyst of events, but I hope they are right. The coming of Christ is the hope of the church and the world. Until the government is “upon his shoulders,” we shall never have the golden age of peace, justice, and abundance that has been the dream of mankind throughout centuries.

Every Christian, every day, should live in readiness for our Lord’s return. Such hope will have a sobering effect upon our minds and a purifying effect upon our lives. The second coming of Christ is a powerful incentive to holiness.

John wrote, “Everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure” (1 John 3:3, NKJV). Peter wrote, “Looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and

blameless” (2 Peter 3:14, NKJV). James wrote, “Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door!” (James 5:9, NKJV). Jesus said, “Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work” (Revelation 22:12, NKJV). Yes, the hope of Christ’s return exerts moral caution and spiritual incentive.

Christ’s second coming should also spur our efforts to reach the lost. “The night is coming,” Jesus warned, “when no one can work” (John 9:4, NKJV). While light still shines, we must busily proclaim the gospel and urge people to “seek the Lord while He may be found” (Isaiah 55:6, NKJV). The door to life, peace, and freedom is now open, but one day it will be closed by the Master’s own hand (Luke 13:24-27).

The last promise in the Bible reads, “Surely I am coming quickly.” The last prayer is, “Even so, come, Lord Jesus!” (Revelation 22:20, NKJV). I think I know how John felt when he made that response to our Lord’s promise. □

SAVING TIME FOR WHAT?

Dewitt Peterson of De Ridder was teaching the Sunday School lesson at the Louisiana district laymen’s retreat. He had my attention from start to finish, for nearly every word weighed a pound. There was substance to his discussion of values and decisions necessary to Christian living.

One remark lingered with me as I returned home: “We have more buttons to push and less time to push them than ever before.” I thought of how hard many people are working to pay for their labor-saving devices.

Don’t get me wrong—I’m not opposed to labor-saving devices. I have vivid memories of doing the family wash on a scrubboard during my first year of pastoral ministry. Some quack had convinced Doris that she had a heart problem, and he warned me not to let her tackle any hard jobs. *Ergo*, as the Old Romans used to say, I did the laundry. It won’t surprise you to learn that the first thing I consented to buy on credit was a washing machine.

The question pushes in—what are we doing with the

time and energy saved by our push-button marvels of advanced technology? As already indicated, some resort to second jobs to make the easy payments. Others camp in front of television sets and let their brains turn to mush. Some exhaust themselves in a variety of recreational pursuits. On Sunday they are so spent from having fun that they can’t drag their weary bodies to church.

The wise use of leisure time is a serious ethical challenge. A measure of recreation is needed and good. Our free time is best spent, however, doing things that help people and further the mission of the church. To live simply and spend carefully will enable us to have more time and resources to deepen our knowledge of God and broaden our ministry to others.

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OUR YOUNGSTERS

This year the Kansas State Spelling Bee was won by 12-year-old Benjamin Wray. With his parents and other family members, Ben attends the Oakland Church of the Nazarene in Topeka. He plays the piano and trumpet and is active in the youth group.

Thank the Lord for Ben—and for all the bright, promising youngsters in our churches. We thrill to their achievements. They hold the hope of a stronger church and better society tomorrow. To them we should devote our energies and abilities—teaching, guiding, befriending, leaving nothing undone that will help them know and serve Christ.

Ben Wray won the state finals by spelling *limicolous*, a word he had never heard before. My Webster's New World Dictionary defines it simply as "living in mud." Living in the mud of sin is exactly what boys and girls will grow up to do unless the church reaches them for Christ.

Thank the Lord, too, for all the parents, teachers, Sunday School workers, youth ministers, and pastors who

give themselves for the youngsters! The responsibilities are staggering; their rewards are gigantic. To see young life unfold fulfilling its potential for goodness and greatness, and to know you played some part in that development is immensely satisfying.

Love, vision, and faith are needed to reach and teach youth. There stands a kid in layered clothes; baggy, wrinkled, and mismatched clothes. His hair is dyed orange and stands erect like frozen corn stalks. He pops his fingers and thinks the greatest cultural achievement of modern times is breakdancing. It will take someone who looks deep and hopes long to see beyond the weird surface to the person within—someone who will love him, listen to him, challenge his spiritual hunger, absorb his confused hostility, forgive his moral idiocies, and minister Christ to him until he wants Christ above all else.

Only accepting, forgiving, enduring, Jesus-like love will save the youngsters for the Kingdom. Unless we provide that, we doom them to a limicolous future. □

FENCING AND UNFENCING

"Good fences make good neighbors," says a Yankee farmer in a Frost poem.

When I was a lad, my brothers and I built a low coral-rock fence between our house and the neighbor's. The neighbor was upset and then irate, claiming that we had put the fence on his property. He stewed about it so belligerently that Dad went to the expense of a property survey. The surveyor's report showed that the fence was on our lot, and so were a few inches of the neighbor's garage! He suddenly became meek and friendly, afraid that he would have to tear down that attached garage.

Sometimes good fences make for fussing and feuding.

Christ died to destroy some fences—the artificial barriers of race, class, and sex on which some people base spurious claims of superiority. For those who "have put on Christ," wrote Paul, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus"

(Galatians 3:27-28, NKJV). In the church, there are only brothers and sisters.

At the same time, Christianity is not totally unfenced. Some things are forbidden to followers of Christ. "Do not love the world or the things in the world," exhorted John, for "the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever" (1 John 2:15, 17, NKJV). The people of God are called to be holy, and they remove the fence against worldliness at their peril.

Paul, who exulted in his freedom, was willing to limit it for the sake of a weaker brother. "An idol is nothing," he admits, and therefore meat offered to an idol is just meat. But, "if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat" (1 Corinthians 8:4, 13, NKJV). Love can respect fences in order to help others.

Being a Christian involves learning when and where to put up or tear down fences.

Good fences make good Christians. □

by NINA BEEGLE

THE CHURCH ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE BRIDGE

Not many new churches start in one month and organize the following month. That's what the Hawesville, Ky., Church of the Nazarene did.

Not often do two districts collaborate on planting a church, either. But the Southwest Indiana and Kentucky districts did.

And how often does a sponsor church give the beginning church its chairman of Christian Life and Sunday School, its NYI president, and its assistant pastor? The Tell City, Ind., church did, and that's how the Hawesville church got off to more than a scooting start.

And all because of a toll bridge.

The Nazarenes living in Hawesville, you see, had to cross a toll bridge to reach the nearest Church of the Nazarene, which was on the other side of the river in Indiana. Pastor Paul Buchanan of the Tell City, Ind., church was willing to let go of some active workers in his church to help start another fellowship on the Kentucky side of the bridge.

"I felt I couldn't very well build the Tell City church by reaching out and inviting people from across the river, and it made sense to me that if they had their own church over there, they could grow," said Pastor Buchanan. "It wasn't easy to give up several key families and some prospects from my church, but it seemed the right thing to do."

The idea of the new church in Kentucky germinated when Buchanan and his new assistant, Rev. Berdena Carpenter, attended a Preachers' and Wives' Retreat where Dr. Eugene L. Stowe spoke on church planting.

Rev. Carpenter had received a call to preach in her



mid-40s and had just been ordained that summer. It was a "natural" for her to go back to her own church in Tell City as assistant pastor following her ordination. Now, she was about to embark on her first pastoral charge.

Buchanan met with Aleck Ulmet of Kentucky District and Superintendent B. G. Wiggs of the Southeast Indiana District about his concern. The idea was approved by the District Advisory Boards, and Buchanan's baby church idea then received

an affirmative vote from his congregation.

Rev. Carpenter took the leadership of the new church, bringing the CL/SS chairman with her (her husband!). Three families from the Tell City church formed the new group of 8 that met in a Hawesville schoolhouse and rapidly grew to 17. In their beginnings, Rev. Carpenter challenged the group to give what they could toward all budgets, though it was not a requirement for the new church. Further, she challenged them to put aside \$1,000 a month toward a building fund.

"Even though I said it, it didn't seem possible that it could happen with our small group of mostly young families with heavy financial responsibilities," said Rev. Carpenter.

In seven months, however, they had poured into their church budget \$10,000, with \$7,000 in the building fund. They gave 16½ percent to missions in that short first year.

"We had two revival meetings in those seven months, our children's quiz team won second place on the district, and I'm quite sure mine was the only church on the district with 200 percent attendance at prayer meetings," Rev. Carpenter said.

On both sides of the toll bridge, growth is happening, and the toll bridge is no longer a barrier. □

NINA BEEGLE is Division of Church Growth editor at International Headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri.



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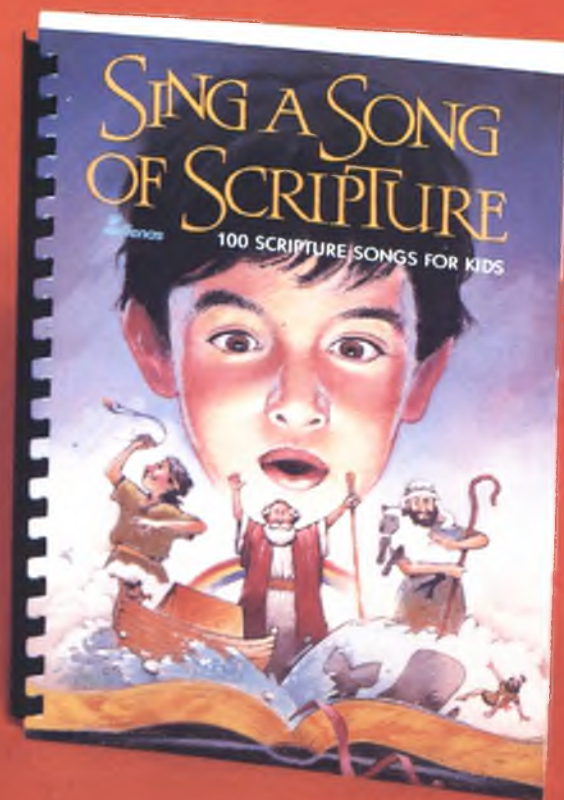
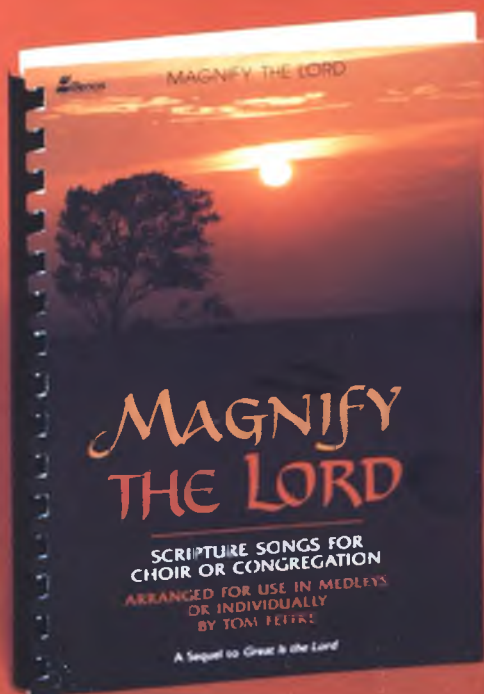
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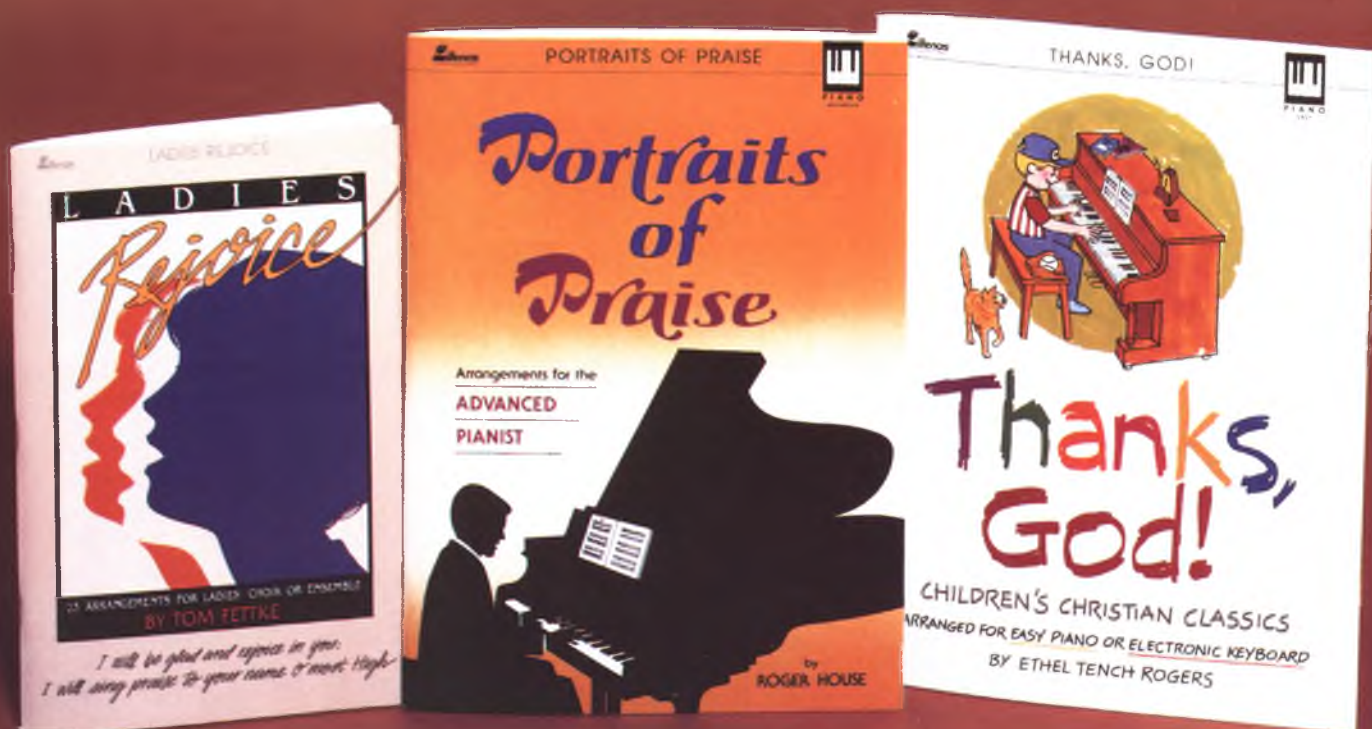
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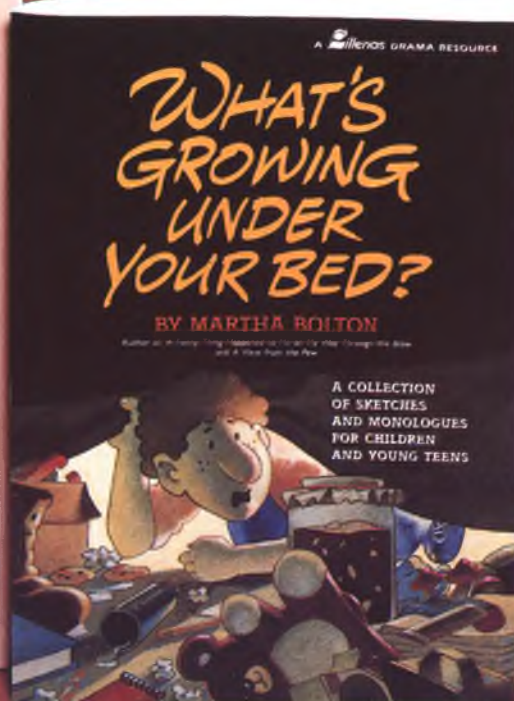
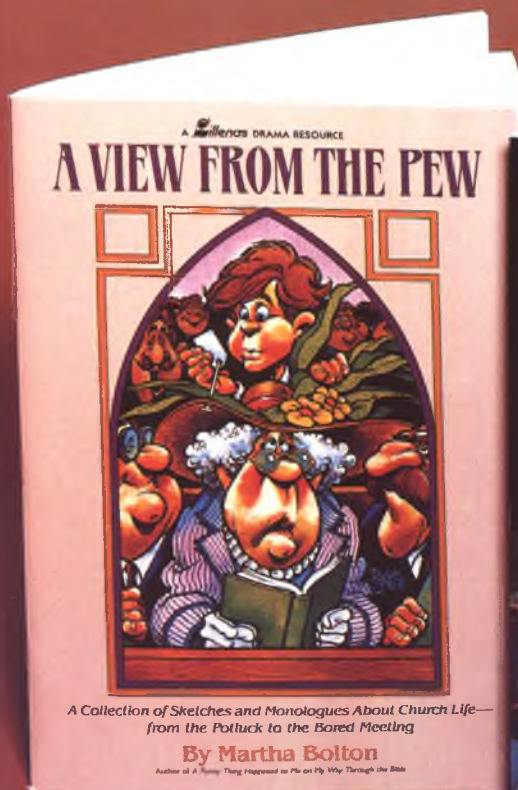
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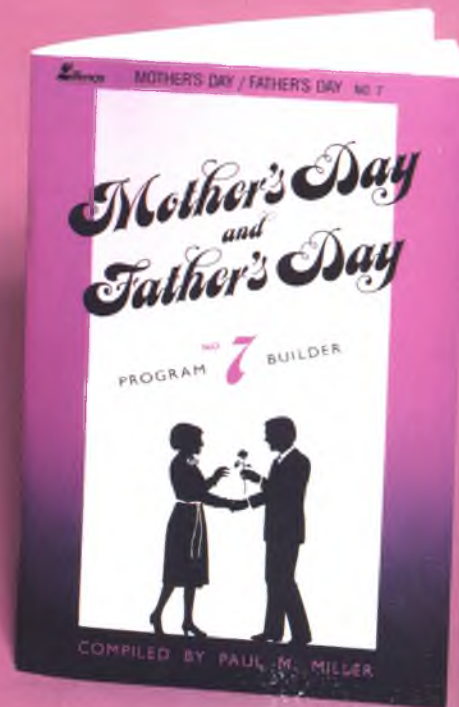
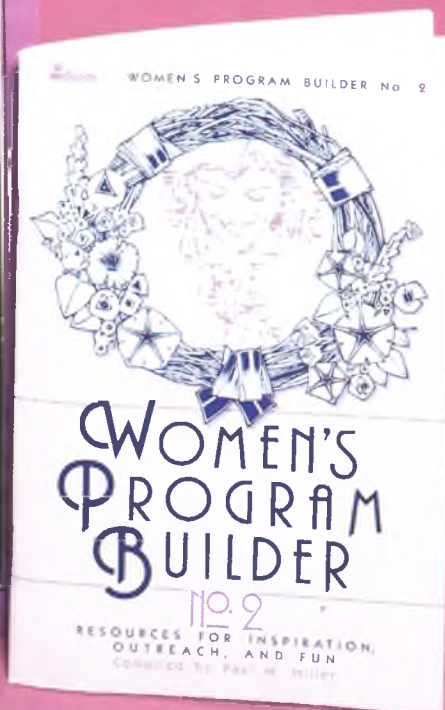
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by DAVID F. NIXON

I was seated in the Salt Lake City airport, my feet propped on a seat in the waiting area, savoring two scoops of cookies and cream, when he spotted me. My ice cream looked so inviting, the friendly black man headed for the parlor to indulge himself too. He returned to where I was seated and struck up a conversation about travel and other mundane matters, including our mutual concern that ice cream was the last thing either of us needed to be eating. Drawn by his winsomeness, I knew that soon I would be witnessing to him.

Tony had missed the plane to Houston at 10 A.M. when the airline inadvertently overlooked his emergency standby status. It was now 1 P.M. His father was dying of cancer, and the family had been summoned

to the hospital. His calmness contradicted the crisis nature of his situation. Though delayed several hours, he seemed utterly at ease to have missed the plane and perhaps the time of his father's death. My heart went out to him, and I asked if he wanted me to pray for him and his father, not knowing whether Tony was a Christian.

He readily consented and we bowed in prayer. I prayed a brief prayer for his comfort, asking the Lord to prepare Tony for what lay ahead in Houston. The subject of our ensuing conversation was the Lord and our mutual faith in Christ. Then I knew the reason for his calm. Tony was a Christian and so was his father. His mother had died a victorious Christian death from cancer nine months before this. He possessed a serene confidence in the Lord.

I felt a true kinship with this black brother in Christ. He expressed an awareness that God had

sent a "comforter" in the form of a Nazarene minister returning home from General Assembly, providentially placed in the SLC airport awaiting a connecting flight. My heart was thrilled again with that same sense of brotherhood I had experienced in Anaheim stadium as I sat across the aisle from the section designated for translation.

Steve Caudill had asked the audience at that Sunday evening service to reach across the aisles and join hands with brothers and sisters around the world to sing our new quadrennial theme song, "Let the Whole World Know." I held the hand of a precious sister from Latin America who sang in Spanish as I sang it in English. The barriers of race, nationality, and language have been removed through Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, English nor Spanish, white nor black, east nor west, north nor south. In Christ we are family, for we are one. Christ has made us one.

Tony went his way to face his family crisis in Houston. I went mine. But our hearts were united in one brief providential rendezvous. Another providential meeting occurred in Anaheim. Old acquaintances were renewed; common purposes, ideals, and goals were affirmed; oneness of Spirit was experienced. I winged my way home thankful to be part of the family of God—a family that includes a black Christian in another denomination; a family that includes a Latin American sister; a family that includes thousands of people around this shrinking globe who are identified with the Church of the Nazarene. □

Reliance

*We must thank Him
For yesterday,
Praise Him
For today,
And trust Him
For tomorrow!*

—MARCIA LEE KRUGH
Fremont, Ohio

DAVID F. NIXON pastors the First Church of the Nazarene in Pekin, Illinois.

are aware of. The United States has gone far beyond the level of Sodom and Gomorrah. We need to be concerned whether God will call down His wrath on the U.S. like He did on Sodom and Gomorrah.

*Terry Hamilton
De Soto, Texas*

ESCALATING SIN

Referring to the bombing of Libyan "military bases" by U.S. warplanes, our president, secretary of state, and many others openly declared that "the more we try to appease terrorism, the more it escalates."

Could not many churches, preachers, laymen, and sinners begin to grow spiritually if they would apply the same truth to sin?

What will it take to teach us that we cannot pacify sin, and sinful acts, hoping that they will "just go away"? God's Word is clear—"the way of the transgressor is hard," hard on the transgressor and hard on others.

When are we going to stop trying to excuse sin by blaming it on circumstances or weaknesses or glandular imbalance or human nature?

Isn't it high time for many preach-

ers and Christians in the power of the Spirit to rise up en masse and declare openly that sin is sin and that there is only one cure for sin, not more dollars from Washington, bigger church buildings, glowing statistics, big staffs, big choirs, big meetings, but the atoning blood of Jesus?

Anything short of that can only result in the escalation of sin and its consequences.

*Charles C. Davidson
Brandon, Florida*

FAITHFUL PASTOR

How much for granted we take the fact that our pastor will be there when we need him! Our own pastor, Rev. Harold Holmes, is always there at the slightest illness to pray with us.

My cousin who lives in another state 500 miles from us is dying of cancer. She has no church affiliation, no "shepherd" to care for her. My aunt (from the same area) said how she wished she knew a pastor who could talk to her. I called information in Wilmington, Del., to find the Nazarene church there. When I called, the pastor readily promised to call on her. He called us back the next evening to say that he had called not

once, but twice. He also shared our burden with a Nazarene pastor in the area who is starting another church. He called on her, too. She assured them both that everything is all right between her and the Lord.

I didn't get the pastor's name, but I want to thank both of them. How blessed we are to be a part of a church who will share our burdens miles away! We are truly "one in the bond of love."

*Pat McDonnell
Delaware, Ohio*

PAYS BUDGETS

As one who has led his churches to pay their budgets in full for 26 consecutive years, may I applaud your planned slip of the pen in the Answer Corner of the May 1 issue. Cain may not be a representative of our district superintendency, but your gentle reminder is very appropriate. I have watched our district leader die a slow death over lack of budget payments. He hurts with groans which dare not be uttered. I for one have a goal of every budget paid in full for every year of pastoral ministry. I may not always agree with decisions made, but I shall always lead my churches to support fully.

*W. Beecher Kuykendall
Whitefish, Montana*

THE COOKIE JAR

by MARILYN L. CHRISTMORE

Delbert was dying of cancer. The doctors could recommend no further treatment. Week after week he tried to ignore the telltale signs of his diminishing life; but the pain that persisted in spite of increased medication, the clothes that once had fit so well and now hung on his body, his failing memory, and the gaunt face that stared back at him from the mirror testified to his impending death.

Delbert knew about God and salvation, so the realization that he was not ready to meet his Maker gnawed at him. Yet a part of him still held back. "I feel

like the little boy who gets caught with his hand in the cookie jar," he explained. "I can't see running to God now because I know I'm dying when I've ignored Him and done so many things I knew I shouldn't have for so many years."

Delbert planned his funeral, bought his casket, and then finally one day, with the hospice chaplain present, made his peace with God.

Later he remarked, "I never knew it could be so easy."

With his place in eternity secured, Delbert's concern was that since he had no one to care for him, he might have to go to a nursing home. Some experiences in the past had made this prospect frightening to him.

He took this concern to the Lord and He honored his request. With some help with cooking and cleaning, Delbert was able to stay in his own apartment until he became quite weak and entered the hospital. There he slept comfortably for most of a week before he quietly slipped away to meet his newfound Master.

The little boy with his hand in the cookie jar has met his best Friend. □

**"By ALL MEANS...
Save Some"**

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IN THE NEWS

PEOPLE AND PLACES

Jim Skon, an assistant professor of computer science at Mount Vernon Nazarene College, is currently in the Philippines with his wife, Jane, and their 15-month-old son, Joel. Based in Manila, the capital city, the MVNC professor will be helping the Asia-Pacific area of the Church of the Nazarene enter the world of computer automation. They will be staying in Manila for 59 days.

While Jim is busy programming, **Jane Skon** will be teaching English as a second language to the 59 students (mostly Korean and Filipino) of the Asia-Pacific Nazarene Theological Seminary. □

BOOKS FOR COLLEGES IN THE PHILIPPINES

The first shipment of used textbooks and holiness books has been shipped to Luzon Nazarene Bible College in the Philippines. Bennett Dudney, director of Publications International, and Merrill Williams, missionary to the Philippines, rejoice as Nazarenes begin to respond to the need as expressed in the project "Books in Mission."

Send the selected titles to publications International, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131. You will receive a receipt for one-half the retail price as an "approved special" gift. Publications will ship the books to the respective colleges.

There are Nazarene colleges in the Philippines, Africa, and other countries where English is the language of instruction. The economy makes it nearly impossible for students to buy holiness books at American prices. By



Shown (l. to r.) are Dr. Dudney and Missionary Williams with some books given for the project.

sending these used books to the colleges, students will be sold the books at a price they can afford, or they will be given the opportunity to work and earn the books, which they then can take with them into the ministry. Any funds received will be kept by the college for other literature needs.

The list of needed books includes such titles as:

Exploring Christian Holiness, Vols. I, II, and III
Exploring Evangelism
Exploring Christian Education
Exploring Our Christian Faith
Exploring the New Testament
Exploring the Old Testament
God, Man, and Salvation
Into All the World
Introduction to Christian Theology
Ministry of Shepherding
Beacon Bible Commentaries
Bible Concordances
Bible Dictionaries
Clarke's Commentaries

For a complete list of needed titles and further details on the procedures in sending books, please write to Publications International. This will enable students to prepare for the ministry while in college, as well as helping them build a basic library for after graduation. □

INTEREST RATES HOLD STEADY FOR NAZARENE SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT PROGRAM

Contributions to the Nazarene Supplemental Retirement Program (TSA, IRA, and KEOGH) will continue to receive 10 percent annual effective interest for the last half of 1986.

Dr. Dean Wessels, administrator of the Board of Pensions and Benefits USA, indicates that now may be a good time for pastors, evangelists, and church-employees to reevaluate their retirement savings programs. Many IRA's deposited with banks and other savings institutions when interest rates were much higher are now maturing. Current interest rates do vary. Some individuals may achieve a higher interest rate on retirement funds by rolling over matured IRA's into the Nazarene program. An interest rate difference of 1 percent could mean thousands of dollars either gained or lost for retirement.

Dr. Wessels points out the excellence of the Nazarene program, citing that

deposits made prior to January 1, 1983, are still earning 13.5 percent annual effective interest.

The Nazarene Supplemental Retirement Program is available to all church and church agency employees, both ministerial and lay. More details of the program, interest rates, and enrollment procedures are available from Pensions and Benefits Services USA, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131. □

GROWTH REPORTED AT DOMINICAN REPUBLIC ASSEMBLIES

Church growth and development gains were reported at the four district assemblies in the Dominican Republic conducted by Dr. William M. Great-house.

Rev. Marshall Griffith, mission director, reported one new district organized, 10 new church organizations, a net gain of 2,093 in church membership (a 39% increase), a net gain of 3,562 in Sunday School enrollment (a 28% increase), a net gain in Sunday School attendance of 1,641 (a 40% increase), and total giving of \$31,000 (a 50% gain).

Dr. James Hudson is the director of the Caribbean Region, which includes the Dominican Republic. □

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MINISTRIES '86

The 1986 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MINISTRIES, a program unit of YOUTH IN MISSION sponsored by NYI Ministries, is a grass roots mission program. The students involved in this program typically do anything from community canvassing to sharing in public worship services.

ISM is coordinated through the Division of World Mission. Mission directors or national district superintendents make requests through their regional director for an ISM team. Once the request has been received, NYI Ministries works with the regional coordinator for final approval and selection of the site.

Thirty-one students were selected to be involved in the 1986 program, which has taken them to several countries, including Portugal, the Azore Islands, and Great Britain. In preparation for their summer of ministry, these stu-

dents, along with all YOUTH IN MISSION participants, were involved in a 12-week preequipping and journaling

process. Their training time culminated in an intensive 10-day Training Camp held at Camp Taconic, the New York district camp located near Red Hook, N.Y., beginning June 15. During that time, ISM members were involved in training sessions on evangelism, cross-cultural ministries, team work, and NYI programming. They return to the U.S. August 18.

YOUTH IN MISSION participants are chosen from hundreds of applicants from across the United States and Canada, involving college and career young adults in summer ministries in local churches, inner-city locations, children's ministries, music groups, and world mission evangelism. They give of themselves and their summer to serve others. For further information, contact Dale Fallon, Program Director, YOUTH IN MISSION, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131 □

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Terry Hudson
MANC graduate



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MVNC

Mark Snellenberger — MVNC (no photo available)

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Dr. Charles H. Strickland challenges denominational leaders and headquarters employees to pray daily for the work of the denomination.



Members of the Board of General Superintendents join together in prayer for a renewed outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Church of the Nazarene at the altar of Nazarene Theological Seminary following Dr. Strickland's message.



Shown (l. to r.): Rev. Bowers, Chaplaincy Ministries director, welcomes Chaplain Max Jones and former inmate Frank Costantino to the headquarters chapel series.

CHAPLAINCY MINISTRIES DIRECTS HEADQUARTERS CHAPEL SERVICES

Chaplaincy Ministries, under Rev. Curt Bowers, director, has been responsible for planning special chapel services for the employees at Nazarene headquarters this year. These have included a special message by Dr. Charles H. Strickland, chairman of the Board of General Superintendents, who challenged church leaders and employees to join the general superintendents as Prayer Partners in daily intercession

for the work of the Church of the Nazarene.

Another headquarters chapel service on prison ministry featured Nazarene chaplain Rev. Max Jones and Rev. Frank Costantino. Rev. Costantino was led to Christ under the ministry of Chaplain Jones while serving time at Florida State Prison.

Many headquarters personnel, seminary professors, and students were present for the services conducted in the chapel at Nazarene Theological Seminary. □

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THE STRICKLANDS CELEBRATE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY


General Superintendent Charles H. Strickland and wife, Fanny, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their children and grandchildren in Oklahoma City, June 22. The Stricklands have four sons and eight grandchildren, who joined them for the special celebration.

Mrs. Strickland is doing well and continuing to grow stronger following surgery last fall to eliminate two arterial blockages. □

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Of the 219 graduates in the class of 1986 at Mid-America Nazarene College, 11 were international students. This is the largest group of international students to ever graduate during a single year at MANC. President Donald Owens announced to the spring Board of Trustees meeting a new program that will enroll as many as 20 Southeast Asian and African students in addition to the normal group of international students. The college has announced a new academic minor in missiology to be offered for the first time this fall. Dr. Owens, along with other missions scholars, will teach in the program. The MANC international graduates of 1986 are shown (l. to r., back row): Daniel Pinheiro, Portugal; Paulo Barros, Cape Verde; Makonnen Getahun, Ethiopia; Robert Emberly, Canada; (front row) Dr. Keith Bell, vice president for academic affairs; Gordan Williams, Guyana; Lilowti Williams, Guyana; Justina Eke, Nigeria; Moses Ademekinwa, Nigeria; and Dr. Donald Owens, president. Not pictured are: Frelon Cox, Bahamas; Sung won Kim, China; and Gary Yeh, China.



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Nazarene colleges and seminary in the United States and Canada conferred degrees on 2,173 persons in 1986 by the end of the summer, according to statistics compiled from Nazarene college registrars. Point Loma (with 361) has the highest number of 1986 grads of all Nazarene educational institutions and the highest in its history, followed by Olivet (326), Southern (256), Trevecca (256), Northwest (232), Mid-America (219), Eastern (170), Mount Vernon (167), Nazarene Bible College (72), Canadian (21 including extension graduates), and Nazarene Indian (5). Nazarene Theological Seminary conferred degrees on 89 persons including doctor of ministry degrees to Edgar Donald King, Jr., and Verry Wayne Smith.

Honorary doctorate degrees were conferred by the following institutions on the respective individuals:

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ABC News anchorman Steve Bell delivered the commencement address at Trevecca Nazarene College. Dr. Bell's niece, Debi Rexroth of Stone Mountain, Ga., was one of 155 undergraduates receiving a degree.



The 1986 graduating class at Nazarene Indian Bible College, pictured (l. to r.) are Sharon Siguieros, Timothy Siguieros, Mrs. Phillip Short (not a graduate), Phillip Short, June Sage, and Wilkinson Sage.



Dr. Donald Owens presides at his first commencement as president of Mid-America Nazarene College.



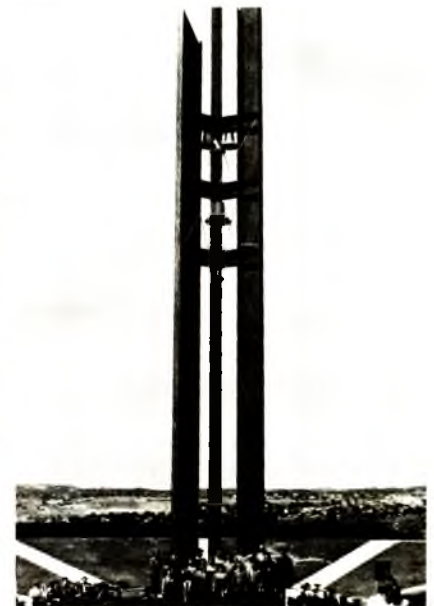
Dr. Gordon Wetmore (l.), president of Northwest Nazarene College, confers the honorary doctor of divinity degree on Rev. Walter Lanman, superintendent of the Northwest District.



Dr. Eugene L. Stowe (l.), general superintendent, was commencement speaker for Nazarene Theological Seminary. He is shown with Dr. W. T. Dougharty, chairman of the NTS Board of Trustees.



Mount Vernon Nazarene College president, Dr. William Prince, addresses the gathering at the college's 17th commencement. Pictured (l. to r.) are Mark Ledford and Judy Yost, both recipients of the Service Above Self Award; Dr. Clifford Anderson, chairman of the Division of Education; Dr. Prince; Dr. Harold Graves, chairman of the MVNC Board of Trustees; and Dr. Robert Lawrence, vice president for Academic Affairs.



Baccalaureate in Apostles' Court at Nazarene Bible College.



Dr. Leslie Parrott addresses the graduating class of 1986 at Olivet Nazarene College.



Students, family, faculty, and friends gather for graduation at Eastern Nazarene College.



The seven graduates of Canadian Nazarene College (l. to r.) are Shelly Lynn Seymour, David A. Grobe, Michael A. Hemmings, Jean E. McAteer, Elizabeth Jean Black, Gordon R. Henwood, and Sandra Lynn McGuire.



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At graduation ceremonies, students from five tribes received either the two-year associate of arts degree or the four-year bachelor of science degree.

NEW NIBC CHAPEL; NATIVE AMERICAN UPDATE

Recent events of consequence to Native Americans in particular and the

Church of the Nazarene in general were the graduation and chapel dedication at Nazarene Indian Bible College and the first district assemblies of the

Navajo Nation Indian District and the Southwest Indian District.

A National Native American Conference will be held in Phoenix, February 2-4, 1987.

All-day Services Combine Graduation/Dedication

At all-day graduation ceremonies May 25, 1986, students and faculty were honored to have Dr. Raymond W. Hurn, general superintendent, as their guest speaker. Students representing five tribes received either the two-year associate of arts degree or the four-year bachelor of science degree. Each of the graduates is either already pastoring or will immediately be assigned a pastorate with a Native American congregation.

Graduation ceremonies also included a morning baccalaureate service at which Michael R. Estep, director of Church Extension Ministries, spoke. An afternoon chapel dedication service featured Rev. Gerald E. Manker, superintendent of the Oregon Pacific District.

The honorary doctor of divinity degree was conferred upon Rev. Julian Gunn, superintendent of the Southwest Indian District, in recognition of his service to the college. The honorary alumnus award, the third in the school's history, was presented to Rev. Leon F. Wyss, superintendent of the New Mexico District.

The combined graduation/dedication services were indicative of the interaction of students, faculty, and other employees of the college in the building projects on campus, and the progress of the school toward accreditation.

New Chapel Is Work of Many

Like other campus buildings, the chapel was constructed by Work and Witness teams, NIBC students, and other interested individuals from all parts of the continent. Wally Renegar,



Dignitaries at the graduation ceremonies included (l. to r.) Rev. Denny Owens; president, Nazarene Indian Bible College; Dr. Raymond W. Hurn, general superintendent; Rev. Julian Gunn, superintendent, Southwest Indian District, who received the honorary doctor of divinity degree from the college; and Michael R. Estep, director, Church Extension Ministries.

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Dr. Hurn prays the dedicatory prayer



The new chapel on NIBC campus was erected this year by Work and Witness teams and interested individuals. It was finished in time for graduation ceremonies May 25.



Inside view of cupola on chapel

director of development, in a desperate effort to have it finished for the special events says, "In the last weeks we called pastors and laymen, and they came on short notice to fill some of our pressing deadlines. It is miraculous how God removed obstacles and provided sacrificing people from as far as 2,000 miles away." Local craftsmen were hired only for last-minute finishing work.

In the last month unexpected donations arrived to pay for the carpeting, 100 chairs, and pulpit furniture for the chapel. The tireless work of Renegar and others in coordinating the project has produced a debt-free chapel valued at \$300,000. The interior of the 150-seat, hogan-shaped building is decorated in a tasteful blend of "Indian blue" and "sunset cameo."

Two New Districts Hold First Assemblies

Immediately following these significant events, the First Annual Assem-

bly of the Southwest Indian District was held May 27 at the college, with Dr. Julian Gunn presiding. The former North American Indian District, of which Gunn was district superintendent, was dissolved into two separate districts in 1985—the Southwest and Navajo Nation Indian districts. The Southwest Indian District is comprised of 15 fully organized churches. The Paquate Indian Church in Laguna, the most recent addition, was organized May 11, 1986. Two church-type missions and one language Bible study also exist on this district.

The First Annual Assembly of the

Navajo Nation Indian District was held May 29 at the Twin Wells Indian School, Colbrook, Ariz., with District Superintendent Johnny Nells presiding. In their first year of existence this small district donated \$975 and a Work and Witness team to help remodel the student center at NIBC. Navajo Nation District has 19 fully organized churches, 6 church-type missions, and 6 language Bible studies.

At a recent Eastern Dine Zone rally, the worship facility at Farmington was dedicated. This is a church-type mission. ☐



Dr. Hurn was presented with a cowboy hat at the Southwest Indian District Assembly. Dr. Julian Gunn is seen behind podium.



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Shown at the *North Central Ohio district assembly* (l. to r.) are Dr. D. E. Clay, district superintendent, who presented the Great Commission Leaders Awards to Robert L. Rhodabarger of Cherry Valley—Category II; Donald T. Martin of Mount Vernon Evangelical—Category I; and Timothy B. Pusey of Galion—Category III. General Superintendent Raymond W. Hurn ordained James R. Bloom, Charles E. Ginter, George A. Gribben III, Jeffry C. Waters, Michael R. Wehner, and Glen Wooldridge. Elders orders of Shirley W. Deemer were recognized. Maria G. Sandoval was consecrated a deaconess.



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The *Alaska district assembly* was held in the Anchorage Jewel Lake Church. All budgets were reported paid in full and a 4 percent Sunday School growth was reached for the year. This year, Alaska District celebrates the Church of the Nazarene being in Alaska for 50 years. General Superintendent Raymond W. Hurn presided over the assembly and dedicated the Jewel Lake "sanctinasion," with Rev. Lyle Colblentz as pastor. The assembly gave District Superintendent Roger J. Wegner a four-year call. Pastors receiving the Great Commission Award were (l. to r.) Rev. Don McCullough, Kodiak; Rev. Wes Smith, Anchorage First; Dr. Al Woods, Fairbanks Totem Park; shown with District Superintendent Roger Wegner (r.).



At the *Northeast Oklahoma district assembly*, Dr. W. T. Dougharty, district superintendent, was reelected to a four-year term. Dr. Charles H. Strickland, general superintendent, ordained Revs. John Hay Jr., Mike Murray, and Don Nichols. Making the Evangelistic Honor Roll were Pastor Richard Kylo of the Mannford church; Pastor Charles Smith, Hominy; Pastor Jerry Demetre of Glenpool; and Pastor Ron Sands of Nowata. Pictured are the two Great Commission Leaders Award recipients with the district superintendent: (photo 1, l. to r.) Rev. Jerry Demetre and Dr. W. T. Dougharty; and (photo 2, l. to r.) Rev. David Wilson, Bartlesville First Church, and Dr. W. T. Dougharty.





At the *Maine district assembly*, Dr. J. E. Shankel, district superintendent, completed his 15th year. Dr. Eugene L. Stowe, general superintendent, ordained Rev. Glendon A. Wills. The Dover-Foxcroft and Bangor churches achieved District Excellence status by reaching 20 goals, including the Evangelistic Honor Roll, increase in Sunday School attendance, a 10 percent church for missions, and all budgets paid in full. Pictured (*photo 1, l. to r.*) are Pastor David McLeish of the Dover-Foxcroft church, winner of Category I Great Commission Award, and Dr. J. E. Shankel. Also shown (*photo 2, l. to r.*) are Dr. Shankel, Mrs. Katherine Petley (Bangor church secretary), and Pastor Calvin A. Alexander (Bangor), winner of Category II Great Commission Award.

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At the *Alabama South district assembly*, Dr. Don Jernigan, superintendent, completing two years of an extended term, reported two new churches organized: Dadeville and Sylacauga Grace. The district was a Mission Award District, paying 95% of the General Budget. They received 185 members by profession of faith, with increases in Sunday School enrollment and average attendance. Money raised for all purposes increased by \$100,000. Pictured (*l. to r.*) are the winners of the Great Commission Leaders Awards: Pastor Les Snodgrass of Millbrook, Group II; Pastor Joseph Jones of Phenix City, Group III; and Pastor William Hall of Peterson, Group I. General Superintendent Eugene L. Stowe ordained L. S. Channell, David P. Kent, and Dale H. Young.

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VITAL STATISTICS

RETIRED SONG EVANGELIST DIES



Ron Lush, Sr., 69, died at a Scottsdale, Ariz., hospital Sunday evening, June 29. He had been critically ill, suffering from a form of leukemia.

For nearly 50 years he traveled extensively throughout North America playing his trumpet, encouraging music in local churches, and leading camp meeting crowds in singing.

He served as the head of the Music Department of Northwest Nazarene College and of Pasadena College; and as professor of music at Nazarene Bible College, Colorado Springs. He also served as minister of music in a number of churches. For the past 16 years, his home had been in Prescott Ariz.

The funeral service was conducted July 3, at the Phoenix Biltmore Church.

He is survived by his wife, Myrtlebel; two sons, Ron, Jr. (senior pastor at Phoenix Biltmore), and Charles of Chandler, Ariz.; three grandchildren, Stephen, Stacy, and Jonathan; a sister, Marjorie Lean of Tacoma, Wash.; his twin brother, Donald, of Sun City, Calif.; a brother, Richard, of Puyallup, Wash.; and his sister, Beverly Parnell of Washington, D.C.

DEATHS

EDWARD S. ANDERSON, 76, Mar. 12, Riverside, Calif. Survivors: wife Grace; son Chip; one grandson; and one brother

REV. ERNEST H. "BOB" CLAYTON of Los Osos, Calif., 58, May 18, San Luis Obispo, Calif. Survivors: wife Evelyn; daughters Bobbie Jean Bonnickson, Colleen Clayton, and Claudia Brooks; son Paul; three grandchildren; his mother; one brother; and one sister. Ministry: Ely, Nev.; San Leandro and Fresno, Calif.

LAVINA FRANCES CLEM, May 1, Fort Scott, Kans. Survivors: daughter Virginia Herren; sons Donald and Rev. Douglas; 10 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; 1 sister; and 1 brother.

ERNEST H. JONES, 74, Dec. 20, Modesto, Calif. Survivors: wife Zella Lee (Bales); daughters Mrs. Janet Perdue and Mrs. Janie Ruth (Clayton) Borchers; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

WILLIAM L. LUCAS of West Point, Ga., 57, July 4, Valley, Ala. Survivors: wife Gayle; daughters Debra McConnell, Trena Leatherman, and Vickie Porch; five grandchildren; two sisters; and one brother.

ROBERT WALDO RICE, 66, Jan. 31, Morehead, Ky. Survivors: wife Georgia (Cartee); his mother; four brothers; and six sisters.

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NEWS OF RELIGION

RELIGIOUSLY MOTIVATED VIOLENCE, VANDALISM WOULD BE PUNISHED BY PROPOSED BILL. A bill recently introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives would impose criminal penalties for damage to religious property and for injury to persons meant to hinder their free exercise of religious beliefs. The bill, H.R. 4980, would amend federal law to provide penalties—including fines up to \$15,000 and prison sentences up to life—for persons who "deface, damage or destroy any religious real property because of the religious character of that property" or "obstruct by force or threat of force, any person in the enjoyment of that person's free exercise of religious beliefs."

Rep. Dan Glickman (D-Kans.) introduced the bill, which has 31 co-sponsors. He said, "In spite of our nation's willingness to accept and embrace various religions and forms of worship, there remains a minority within our population who see fit to vandalize and destroy religious property and, in the process, to jeopardize the freedom of others to safely practice their religious beliefs."

Glickman added, "There have been many reports of acts of vandalism tied to anti-Semitism in this country, but such attacks have not been limited to the Jewish faith. In fact, a whole range of faiths—including Baptist, Catholic, and Episcopal—have been targets of such vandalism. It is, therefore, not a narrow, sectarian problem." □

PHILIPPINE BIBLE SOCIETY LEADER AMBASSADOR TO U.S. President Corazon Aquino has appointed the president of the Philippine Bible Society, a partner of the American Bible Society, as her country's ambassador to the United States.

Serving his country as a legislator since 1949, in addition to his leadership of the Bible Society, Ambassador Emmanuel N. Pelaez has long been active in a number of Christian organizations, including Prison Fellowship International, of which he is chairman of the Philippine chapter, and a brotherhood of businessmen and professionals.

Bible work on a systematic basis began in the Philippines 86 years ago, but the American Bible Society made its first contact with the islands in the 1820s when it dispatched a gift of Scriptures in Spanish. Now the two organizations work closely together as partners in the worldwide United Bible Societies. □

SUPPORT FOR EUTHANASIA WIDENS Surgeon General C. Everett Koop contends that euthanasia has become the latest moral battlefield in the United States. Koop's videotaped message was shown at a conference on "Death by Design" held at St. John's Mercy Medical Center in St. Louis.

The moral issue has changed from its former posture of making sure that patients die comfortably, Koop said, to a feeling that they are being artificially kept alive too long. The issue sharpens as the number of elderly continues to grow.

Edward R. Grant, director of Americans United for Life Legal Defense Fund, says that the public is not aware that taboos against euthanasia are being lifted. The Associated Press polls show an increased support of euthanasia and call the changing attitude "a social phenomenon on the scale of the abortion debate." □

CHRISTIANITY GROWING IN EASTERN EUROPE. A recent study conducted by London's Keaton College showed that, contrary to communist ideology, an ever-greater number of East Bloc citizens are embracing the message of the Bible.

Of the 17 million East German citizens, 10 million are Protestants and more than a million are Catholics. Baptists and Pentecostals show substantial gains in Romania and Bulgaria. □

BIRTHS

to STEVE AND SANDY (MESTEL) BOZE, Mesa, Ariz., a boy, Matthew Charles, July 4
to KEVIN AND MINDY (CRAWFORD) BRENNAN, Nashville, Tenn., a girl, Lauren Nicole, Apr. 16
to J. T. AND DIANNE (ROBINSON) CARNELL, Arvada, Colo., a girl, Kimberlee Jeanne, Mar. 27
to DAVID AND TAMI (FLETCHER) FINKENBINER, Dallas, Tex., a boy, Jordan Ryan, Feb. 20
to TODD AND BARB (JEWETT) HANSEN, Tulsa, Okla., a boy, Kyle Evan, June 16
to KURT AND MELISSA (MOBLEY) JOHNSON, Sittard, The Netherlands, a boy, Alexander David, June 5
to MICHAEL AND SARAH (ADAMS) JOHNSON, Nashville, Tenn., a boy, Brian Thomas, May 23
to STEPHEN AND RITA KURTZ, Selinsgrove, Pa., a boy, Michael Lee, June 26
to DANIEL AND CINDY LENGEL, Selinsgrove, Pa., a boy, Michael Scott, Apr. 25
to DAVID AND LEAH (BRACE) LOW, Anaheim, Calif., a girl, Megan Elizabeth, June 9
to ALLEN AND PAULA (ELLSWORTH) SCHROEDER, Lakin, Kans., a boy, Nathan Allen, July 3
to LEON AND MELISSA SHOWERS, Selinsgrove, Pa., a boy, Zachary Trey, March 17
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to HENRY AND ESTHER (WANKEL) WEIS, Jefferson, S.Dak., a girl, Kristina Mae, June 8
to DEAN AND SUSAN (MURPHY) WOODCOOK, Apalachin, N.Y., a boy, Brandon Dean, May 20

ADOPTIONS

by REV. DAVID AND SUSAN (WATSON) DOWNS, Owego, N.Y., a girl, Courtney Susanne (Hwang, Jeong Ok), born Jan. 31, adopted Apr. 30, Seoul, Korea

MARRIAGES

LYNETTE DAWN FULTZ and TIMOTHY ALAN GINGRICH at Selinsgrove, Pa., May 17
LAURA GAY HOFFMAN and LONNIE EARL SCHOLL at Selinsgrove, Pa., May 24
LORIE LINN MANN and RANDY K. SNOW-BARGER at Kansas City, Kans., June 7
REBECCA JACKSON and MARK ZAPPA at Anaheim, Calif., June 14
KARLA JANE WAGNER and TODD DOUGLAS SMITH at Selinsgrove, Pa., June 14
PAULINE MOTE and JOHN HEBERLING at Anaheim, Calif., June 21

ANNIVERSARIES

MR. AND MRS. WARREN THOMAS EISENMANN of the Temperance, Mich., Bedford Church

celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Their family gave a dinner in their honor on June 14. Both Mr. and Mrs. Eisenmann were licensed ministers, holding pastorates for 10 years in Michigan and Ohio.

They have three daughters and four sons: Mrs. Esther Stephan of Allegany, N.Y.; Mrs. Ruth Adams of Monroe, Mich.; Mrs. Ralph (Mary) Brown of St. Anthony, Mich.; Thomas of Temperance; John and Mark of Dunnellon, Fla.; and James of Mansfield, Mo.

JESS AND VINITA HAMILTON celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary June 21 with their family at the Heritage Cafeteria in Springfield, Mo. The Springfield Crestview Church had a special "Hamilton Day" June 22 in their honor. Their son, Dr. James Hamilton, was the guest speaker, and the Jack Hamilton family provided the music. Dr. Dean Baldwin, pastor, presented Gideon Bibles in honor of the Hamiltons.

Their children—Ramon, Jack, Boyd, and James, and their families—with many other relatives and friends, were present for the celebration.

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The Bible tells us to bring our tithes into the storehouse. I wholeheartedly agree and, in so doing, give with the expectations that my money will go directly or indirectly toward promoting the work of the Lord. Why then should any of the congregation's money be used in giving Christmas bonuses to various people holding offices in the church? The church is not a financial institution nor is it a profit-making organization, so can we consider it proper to use God's money for such purposes when it could well be done by love offerings instead?

I think, in your zeal, you are missing a point or two. The money in a local church's treasury is not the congregation's, it is the Lord's. It already includes offerings made in love as well as tithes. Such "bonuses" are part of the church's support of its ministry. You are right—the church is not a financial institution or profit-making organization, so why should its support of ministers be a cold-blooded, contractual arrangement?

Most people who work for the church are poorly paid compared to the income their same skills and efforts could bring in secular occupations. There are exceptions, of course, as there are in any field. If bonuses bother you, why not lead the effort to secure generous raises in salary instead? That would please the recipients better and help them more.

Another thought—if you regard the local treasury as the congregation's money, remember that those receiving the bonuses have contributed their tithes and love offerings, too. You may be simply returning part of what they have given.

Whether from the treasury or from special offerings, the value of the bonuses lies in the appreciation expressed and the encouragement given. □

Baptism was commanded by our Lord as a sacrament. Are we truly baptized if we fail to properly understand the meaning of the act and the resulting commitment?

Baptism is the act of God through human agents; otherwise it has no efficacy. This sacrament must be received by faith, for where faith is absent the Christian ritual is reduced to pagan magic. Where there is faith in Christ as the One whose death atones for our sins, adequate understanding exists to justify baptism. Such faith does not imply advanced theological understanding, but it does commit the recipient of baptism to follow Jesus Christ.

In the absence of repentance and faith, baptism is not the act of God but the pretense of man. And in that case it does no more than wet the skin and increase the sinner's condemnation.

All who are converted to Christ should be baptized. None who do not seriously intend to follow Him should be baptized. □

In a recent discussion in our home this question arose: Will those who speak in tongues be eternally lost?

Only people who reject the Christ who offers himself as their Savior from sin will be eternally lost.

There are devout, sincere Christians who speak in tongues. "Tongues" are declared in Scripture to be one of the Spirit's gifts, and like all the other gifts, not intended for all Christians, but bestowed sovereignly upon those selected by the Spirit to receive and use this language gift. Paul said, "I speak in tongues"—and I'm confident he went to heaven. (See 1 Corinthians 12–14).

Those who speak with forked tongues will be lost. (See Revelation 21:8; 22:15.) □



PROFILE

OF THE TYPICAL

CHURCH PLANTER

The "typical" church planter is anyone who is committed to the Lord's admonition to "Go . . . make disciples." She is an executive, a teacher, a mail carrier, a pharmacist, a waitress, or a homemaker. He is a bus driver, a doctor, a computer programmer, a construction worker, a student, or a salesman. Anyone can be a church planter—some are even ministers!

Maybe you've been transferred to a new area where there is no Church of the Nazarene. Plant one!

For information on how you can plant a church, contact
Church Extension Ministries, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131.



SoloCon, a gathering of adults who have never married, or are divorced or widowed, met Memorial Day weekend, May 23-26. The Fellowship of Christian Athletes National Training center near Turkey Run State Park in western Indiana was the site for the retreat. Dr. Harold Ivan Smith spoke to a capacity crowd of 230 single adults. Thirteen states, Canada, and Scotland were represented. The presence of the Holy Spirit was evident as single adults experienced renewal in nearly every service.

NEWS OF EVANGELISM

NINE DAYS OF COMMITMENT BRING REVIVAL

The people of the Big Springs, Tex., church demonstrated their commitment to revival by spending the nine days preceding their special services in prayer and fasting. God honored that commitment through the preaching and singing of Evangelist Gary Haines.

Pastor Carl Powers reports that 30 people found spiritual help at an altar of prayer, including 3 who were saved and 2 who were sanctified wholly.

The revival reached a climax in the closing Sunday evening service. According to Pastor Powers, "The Holy Spirit moved during Brother Haines' first song. People began coming to the altar." A spontaneous healing service began, during which several seekers testified to a definite physical touch from the Great Physician.

Summing up the revival, Rev. Powers concludes, "This was a real time of spiritual growth and enrichment for the Big Springs church, providing both physical and spiritual healing." ☐

"I WANT IT ALL!"

A strong emphasis on prayer led up to the recent revival at the Borger, Tex., Trinity Church. Preparations included biweekly cottage prayer meetings, early morning prayer meetings, special ladies' and men's prayer groups, prayer around the altar preceding the regular worship services, and special seasons of prayer at noon by the church members, wherever they happened to be.

The result was, according to Pastor

C. Bill Ray, was "the best revival I have ever been in! Every service ... was crowned with glorious victory." Under the ministry of Evangelists Dolores Melvin and Shirley Hogan, 56 people found spiritual help at an altar of prayer. One of these, an 82-year-old man for whom the church had been praying for several years, was saved in

the Sunday morning worship service. Sunday evening, he was back at the altar seeking entire sanctification. He exclaimed, "I want it *all*!"

Trinity Church is still feeling the impact of this "camp meeting atmosphere." Said Rev. Ray, "The evangelists are gone ... but revival is still happening!" ☐



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Chicago is one of the most diverse cities in the world, with many ethnic neighborhoods—a City of Many Nations. Ministers and laypersons are needed to help impact this great city for Christ.

Church planters, support families, and volunteers for various church and social ministries are desperately needed. Needs vary according to the economic and ethnic nature of each community. People to minister in other languages are crucial to the success of Chicago '86.

Existing churches need both paid and volunteer workers. Is God calling you?

Information is available from Thrust to the Cities, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131, or Nazarenes In Volunteer Service (NIVS), same address.



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MEXICO CITY



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Barbara Martinez

Mexico's capital city, with distinction as the world's second largest, claims 15 million people in its metropolitan spread.

Much like the countryside in and around it, dripping with bougainvillea, gladiola, and bright cactus bloom, color and variety seem to be splashed on everything—people, history, music, and religion.

In its people, the blood of Aztec mingles with the blood of Spanish and Creole, producing a people as colorful as their history.

The city's old stone carvings of suffering Christian martyrs stand with those of monstrous pre-Christian gods, depicting its replete history.

Even its religion, 97% Roman Catholic, is mixed with the old and the new, blending in its colorful festivals as brightly arrayed carnival devils seize and pass sentence on priests in mock battle.

It is to this panorama that the Church of the Nazarene goes in 1987 to plant 100 churches in five years.



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OFFICIAL SCULPTURE HONORS THRUST PROGRAM CONTRIBUTORS

A beautiful bronze sculpture has been commissioned by the Thrust to the Cities program for presentation to churches, districts, or individuals who contribute \$10,000, or more to Thrust, according to Rev. Michael Estep, Thrust to the Cities director.

Based on Matthew 10:42, the sculpture shows a pair of hands offering a cup of cold water to another pair of upreached hands. The sculpture is a limited edition of 1,000 designed and cast by Scott Stearman and his Fountain Creek Productions.

The first edition of the bronze was presented to the Board of General Superintendents during its recent meeting in Kansas City. Another has been presented to Charleston, W.Va., Davis Creek Church, which, under the leadership of its pastor, Rev. Merlin Provance, has contributed \$10,000 to Thrust. Each Thrust city will also receive one of the prized sculptures. □

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ARCHIVES RECEIVES VANDERPOOL MATERIALS

Nazarene Archives recently received about five cubic feet of material from the general superintendency of Dr. D. I. Vanderpool, who served in the office from 1949 to 1964. Donated by his son, Wilford, most of the collection consists of office correspondence. The remainder includes photographs, wire recordings, oversized records, sermon outlines and manuscripts, and daybooks.

The Vanderpool collection is the largest of a recent general superinten-

dent to be inventoried since that of Dr. R. T. Williams. This is significant since Archives has scant material on other modern general superintendents, although some accessions have been arranged for the future, according to Stan Ingersol, Nazarene Archives manager.

"All that we had prior to this time on Dr. Vanderpool could have been listed on a single sheet of paper," said Ingersol.

Nazarene Archives also recently received two cubic feet of materials on former general superintendent Dr. R. T. Williams that supplements an already sizable collection on the late general superintendent. The contribution was made by his son, R. T. Williams, Jr.

The new Williams materials include correspondence files and many old photographs that show different aspects of Texas Holiness University (the forerunner of Peniel University). It also contains a couple of museum pieces, including the portable typewriter upon which Dr. Williams wrote his sermons and a small box of sermon manuscripts.

"These are valuable records, and I hope that we will receive more in the future," added Ingersol. "The papers of the general superintendents are important not only for what they say about the individuals who created them but also for what they reveal about the development of the denomination and its institutions." □

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A portion of the D. I. Vanderpool collection recently donated to Nazarene Archives.

NAZARENE THEOLOGY CONFERENCE PLANNED FOR 1987

The quadrennial Nazarene Theology Conference will be held at the Plaza Marriott in Kansas City, February 27—March 1, 1987. The three-day conference will find Nazarene theologians exploring a variety of issues with papers being presented on Hermeneutical Integrity, The Theologian and the Church, Sin and Systemic Evil, Sanctification and Human Experience, and Ecclesiology. Also, a panel will discuss the agenda for Nazarene theology for the next decade, and seminars will be held on such topics as Liberation Theology, Eucharist and Baptism, and Ethics and Higher Education.

A highlight of the conference will be Dr. H. Ray Dunning's presentation of a systematic theology he has written with the tentative title of *Grace, Faith & Holiness*. This work was assigned by the Book Committee and the Board of General Superintendents and is tentatively scheduled for publication in 1987. Dr. Dunning is professor of theology at Trevecca Nazarene College and has been working on this assignment for approximately seven years.

Dr. Al Truesdale (Nazarene Theological Seminary), chairman of the program committee, says the committee established the agenda for the conference after polling the Nazarene theological faculties for the topics they considered most in need of discussion in the denomination. He adds that the conference will be significant because of its international scope.

"This will be the first time that one of our theology conferences has included professors of religion from other world areas to this extent," said Dr. Truesdale. "Jonathan Salgado, Tom Findlay, Agelito Agbuya, and Henry Enrique Guang—all professors at Nazarene schools outside the United States—will be participating."

Other members of the program committee include: Dr. H. Ray Dunning; Dr. William Terrell Sanders, Mount Vernon Nazarene College; Dr. Henry Spaulding, Eastern Nazarene College; Dr. Richard Spindle, Mid-America Nazarene College; and Dr. Mark R. Moore, Education Services secretary.

The conference is sponsored jointly by the Board of General Superintendents and Education Services. Its executive committee includes Dr. John A. Knight, responsible general superintendent; Dr. Mark R. Moore; and Dr. Jack Sanders, NTS president. For more information, contact Education Services at headquarters. □

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