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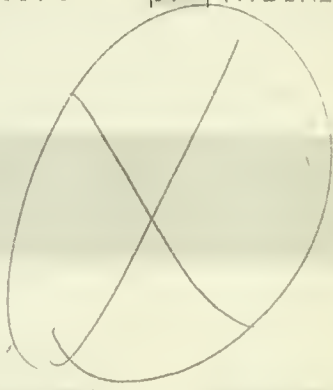
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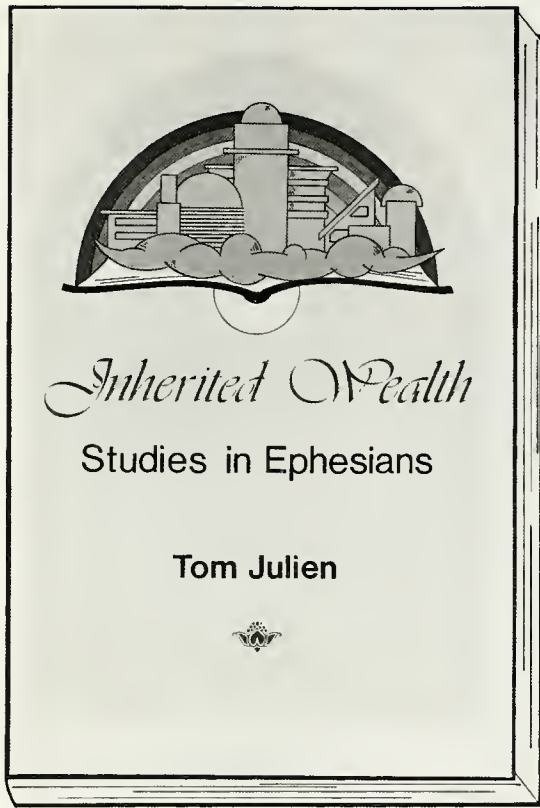
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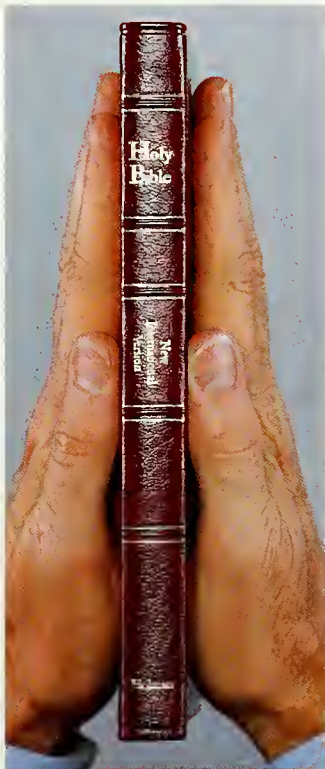
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Here we are, standing on the edge of another great opportunity. Not just because it is the 90's, but because we are alive and have a few more days to serve. The world is exploding with change, and most of us are not great on change. It brings the element of uncertainty -- when we do not know what is going to happen we feel a bit uneasy.

It is certain that this year will not be like the old one. There is change in the world and everyone is talking global. "Global" may well be the fad word of this decade. There is change in the political structure of the East European countries. They want change from a system that has not been working well. What form that change will take is not certain. If things are normal the change will not come fast enough for people . . . old systems do not die with ease and new ones are not formed in a perfect state.

This unrest and change presents a challenge to the church. Will the church be ready for the challenge? I hear of businesses getting ready for the change and the new global era, but churches are still struggling with old problems. They cannot decide where to attack the problems or even which problem to attack. The old role of the evangelical church was to change persons and society by an internal change of heart. This meant that the Gospel of Jesus Christ was the centerpiece of the attack. We picked up another old idea of change through society and a need to help society. Keep in mind that both truths are necessary to win the battle.

Our present society is short-term oriented in solutions to problems. They must see results now and not in the distant future -- so we have set out to change laws and rulers on this earth. There is the Biblical reminder that we are pilgrims and when

we put our roots down too deeply here, we tend to lose sight of our mission of redemption and salvation.

What a dilemma to be in when the needs are so great! The global concept fits well into the prophecy of the Bible. I think our newspapers and TV are telling us that we are about to see the Word of God fulfilled. If our media is telling us about it, we need the same awareness from the pulpit. Men are becoming lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God -- yet mankind has always been self-centered and eager to please self. Whether we are more so in our age is open to debate.

The real question is: What is our clear-cut mission? What are we seeking to accomplish? This will sharpen our vision and get us headed in the right direction for God. The opportunities and avenues of service to preach the Gospel have never been better. Yes, the church has "egg" on its face from religious figures who have recently fallen by the way. However, that does not change the fact that if there is any hope at all for humanity, it must come through Jesus Christ. There are not a lot of "right ways" that will lead to Heaven. The Bible states there is only ONE . . . the way to the Father is through the Son.

We may be accused of being narrow with such an approach, but we had better get the message back in focus. If it is narrow, that is not our problem. We did not make the Bible, so it is not our task to reshape it. It is our responsibility to preach it and the working of the Holy Spirit will activate it. The Grace of God will take care of the results.

The opportunity of a New Year -- whether to a global society or your neighbor -- is tell them of the love of God and the awful consequences of rejecting Christ. The opportunity is open, what will we do about it?



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BIBLE READING HONOR ROLL

If you have read through the Bible in 1989, we'd like to list your name on our honor roll. In this first issue of 1990, we're pleased to have responses from several persons:

"I finished reading my Bible thru for 1989, and am ready to start over in 1990. I think this is 19 times."

-- Mrs. Ray Andrew, Leon, Iowa

"The past two years, I have read through the Bible each year."

-- Thelma Boren, Findlay, Ohio

"We have read through the Bible in 1988 and again in 1989. Thanks for the encouragement. We plan to do it again in 1990."

-- Phyllis and Russ Dunlap, Winona Lake, Indiana.

The 1990 Freedom Holocaust

by Fran Fredericks

FREEDOM! The Berlin wall is now open. Tens of thousands of East Germans are fleeing across the border in search of freedom. As missionaries in West Germany, my family is living in the middle of history in the making. But will the world's refugees find real freedom? Will we find real freedom?

As a parent in our "freedom society," fear grips my heart from time to time. An example -- my recent visit to the local grocery store. While I waited in line to check out, I stood next to the magazine rack. My eyes swept across the selection of pornographic magazines openly displayed at eye level. There is a 13 year old boy standing behind me. It's . . . my own son! Our eyes meet briefly and my heart sinks. How will he possibly escape the misuses of freedom at every turn in this "freedom society?" He needs a power greater than his own.

"Holocaust" -- this word immediately brings graphic pictures to mind from some fifty years ago . . . pictures of suffering, torture, starvation, and injustice. All flowing from the hands of a madman through the power of his SS officers, Gestapo and war machinery. If you haven't read about the World War II Holocaust, pick up an encyclopedia and get the highlights. To learn about the Holocaust of the year 1990, pick up your daily newspaper, visit a courtroom or your local hospital.

We have a runaway, modern-day holocaust in 1990. It is accelerating at a frightening speed. Abortion, drug abuse, AIDS, pornography, family deterioration is today's "freedom holocaust." It is not inflicted by the power of others, but by each one of us exercising our personal freedom to make a deliberate choice. For every baby that is terminated, there is a web of involved individuals who exercise their freedom. Recreational drug users seldom look ahead to the mainliners, whose bodies appear to have known their own concentration camp. AIDS provides its own sentence in a death camp. Porno is the gas chamber that is available in the privacy of our own homes. Here in West Germany pornographic magazines are at the fingertips of every child and adult. Families in the 1990s are not separated by a wall or jerked apart by rifle-wielding soldiers. They are torn apart by mutual incompatibility or infidelity, because parents have lost touch with the whole concept of home and love. Children, who once represented a hopeful future, are too often placed before the firing squad of television, negligent supervision and immediate gratification advertising. Parents who have

prioritized their time and energy are elsewhere.

How can we possibly escape the lust and self-seeking at every turn in our freedom society? Oh, you say, "I know missionaries need to know and talk about freedom and the power of choice in one's life. But for me it's not so critical."

If that couple's unborn baby is to live . . . if that teenager is to be able to say "no" when certain well-understood, but questionable matters come up . . . if our youth group is to remain in the world, and yet not be swayed by its spirit . . . if our families are to reflect love and commitment . . . if our churches are to be radiant with worship, and led by the Holy Spirit . . . if our work is to be free of those compromising entanglements, then each one of us must have a rare persuasive power in his freedom. Yes, more power than some of us know anything about . . . yet.

Here is the wonder. God has provided for all our needs in life. Where His Holy Spirit is "there is liberty." Freeing power! Power for every choice -- power for every strong temptation, for every cry of need, every sigh of disappointment, every disheartened look into tomorrow. Every longing heart has that ringing promise of His -- "If the Son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed."

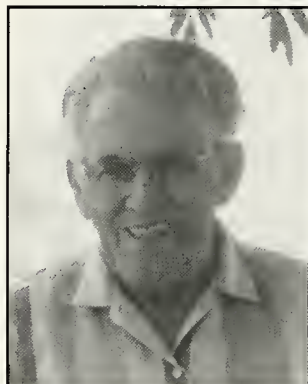
Let us begin afresh today to humble ourselves on bended knees with an open Bible, listening to the Liberator's voice of promise. Let us learn through the empowering of His Holy Spirit the marvelous wonder that we may be "free" . . . really free!



Fran Fredericks (lower center in photo above), her husband Jim and their four children serve as missionaries in Calw, West Germany with Grace Brethren Foreign Missions.

Memories of

A Tribute to Jake Kliever



"I told the Lord if He could do something with nothing, then I would do my best. He wanted nothing so He could do it all." Jake Kliever is living proof that God can use whoever is willing to do His will. His former teammates and friends remember how willing Jake was to be about the

Lord's work. Here are a few of their memories of him.

Dr. Jacob Kliever was a man that, once met, was not easily forgotten. His quick grasp of humor in any situation and his zest for life were quickly perceived. But who was Jake Kliever, once you really got to know him? What was he like on the mission field?

Jake was a man who left his mark on the fields of Central African Republic and Chad where he served for so many years. He was a tender, loving man who at times found it necessary to hide it under a stern crust. He was steadfast in his principles and his philosophy of missions. He believed in an indigenous church that would stand on its own.

Wherever Jake was, there was always a crowd -- especially an awe struck group of kids. His slightest of hand tricks drew "oohs and ahs", and also won him a hearing for a gospel message.

Jake was a man of varied and considerable talents. He was a composer. Some of the most loved songs sung in our African churches came from his pen. He was an organizer and the African churches benefited from his ability to help them organize and to do so along New Testament lines. He was a student. Anyone, working on the station with Jake knew that a couple of hours before dawn, Jake would be up and at his study of the Word. He was a communicator. Jake was a student with a purpose -- to communicate in the most effective way possible the truths of God's Word to the people whom he served. He was a pioneer in Bible School ministry, in developing refresher courses and further study for pastors to help keep their ministry fresh. Jake has left a legacy of written Bible teaching materials that have helped younger missionaries and Central Africans alike to study and teach more effectively.

Many, have, and will continue to miss this man, Jake Kliever. Yet who would ask him back? He has gone to be with the Lord and his beloved Freda.

-- Rev. Marvin Goodman

Three days before his death I was with him for the

afternoon, and after reading scripture and praying. I felt awkward because I needed to leave and yet I realized the gravity of his condition. 'Jake, I will pray for you. You can count on it,' I promised. He looked a bit perplexed, and then said, 'Well, thank you, . . . but I should pray for you. I'm gonna go home soon, and you will be stuck down here. You have a hard ministry. I will pray for you.'



Jake was my Paul. Even up to the last hours of his life, he was concerned for someone else who was laboring in the church that Jake dearly loved. But that was Jake."

-- Rev. Jeff Hoffard

Almost every morning at 4:00, he was in his office studying God's Word and praying. He showed his devotion to Jesus Christ by spending much time talking to Him each morning and he allowed God to talk to him through His Word.

-- Rev. Roy Snyder

What do I remember of Jake? Flashes of unrelated incidents go through my mind: Jake teasing the children at bedtime; traveling along the road sighting an antelope, shooting it, and taking meat wherever he was going; organizing his "chop box" and trunks for his many trips to the bush; Jake pelting the intruding goats with BB shots; suffering deeply from slights big or little; Jake eating little, sleeping little; talking a lot, always ready to throw a sermon into the conversation.

As a young man he laid aside the prospects of a successful business career so that he might obey God's calling to Africa. All the long years of service never changed his conviction that Africa was God's place for him. And so, Jake,

Thou art gone to the grave!
but we will not deplore thee,
Whose God was thy ransom,
thy guardian and guide;
He gave thee, He took thee,
and He will restore thee,
And death has no sting,
for the Savior has died.
(Heber)

-- Miss Ruth Snyder

A Friend

A Tribute to Fred Franco

Fred Franco, an American who was a member of the Chalon, France GBC went home to be with the Lord September 19, 1989. Although not an official member of the missionary team in France, Fred was an honorary member. As Larry DeArmey said, "he did regularly and practically the work of a missionary." Fred was always looking for and creating opportunities to share Christ with others.

Fred's life appeared to be a difficult one. He had a promising future as a printer which was interrupted by a tour of duty in Vietnam, and then at the age of 29 he contracted Hodgkins Disease which required cobalt treatments. The treatments left Fred physically handicapped. At first this handicap had negative effects on his morale. He became quite dependent on those around him. Because he was no longer able to work, he had plenty of time to think and search for answers to why all this had happened to him. His search began in books on ecology, astrology, world history, Judaism and many more, but finally ended in the Bible. After reading the Book of Romans and the Gospel of John, Fred committed his life to Christ.

When people spoke to Fred of his handicap he would respond, "If I hadn't had this physical condition, I believe I never would have met God. Be careful that the same thing doesn't happen to you so that you'll trust God as I did."

The missionaries in France and the French believers loved Fred. They shared some of their feelings and memories of him. One thing that impressed all of them was Fred's passion for the Word and his conviction concerning its impact. Fred was never without a stock of books or tracts which he distributed with great liberality. He rarely missed a chance to give a stranger something eternally significant to think about.

One of Larry DeArmey's clearest memories of Fred took place at a cafe in Lyon, where he met Fred to discuss some business. Fred excused himself to use the restroom, Larry watched him limp across the cafe and up the stairs, an arduous process that took him about 15 minutes round-trip. When at last, Fred returned to the table, he was scolding himself

for not having taken any tracts upstairs with him. He'd talked with one of the cleaning ladies and regretted not having a tract to leave with her. Larry said he would've been glad to have run one up to her, but Fred insisted that he do so himself because he was sure it would mean more

to her. Larry sat there for the next fifteen minutes feeling quite inspired by Fred's passion to share Christ in spite of what it cost him.

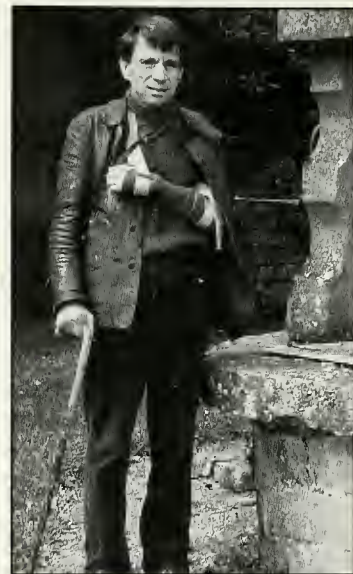
Carolyn Nord related this incident: "While taking a walk in the park in Chalon-sur-Saone with my husband and I, Fred noticed a little league baseball team practicing in a nearby field. Right away he said, 'You know, as Americans, we ought to go over and talk to that coach about baseball. Everyone knows that's an American sport.' So Fred did and, as always, baseball was just an opportunity to meet someone and tell them about their need for Christ."

Kent Good: "Fred was one of the most honest men I've ever met. He sought to know what the scriptural principles were relative to any issue. Laws that others chose to ignore, Fred sought to know and respect because God demanded it.

Regine Sigot (French believer's testimony at the funeral): One of the things that impressed me about Fred was his concern for others. He rarely thought about himself, but always thought about his son, his parents, or his brothers and sisters in the church. When he was sick, we would try to help and comfort him, but in fact we were the ones who received love and consolation. I think we each have something for which we could thank Fred personally.

Chris Nord, Fred's pastor: Fred left to his friends a legacy of courage in the face of the great difficulty which his handicap caused him. It was hard to complain about one's circumstances when Fred was unwilling to complain about his.

Both of these men had a strong conviction about the impact of the Word of God. They studied many long hours and practiced and shared what they had learned. These men have impacted many lives and their testimonies live on in our memories and in other's lives. **And by faith they still speak, even though they are dead.**



Victory Through Agony

by J. Timothy Coyle

When the apostle Paul wrote to the believers in Rome he was able to say to them that their faith was being proclaimed throughout the known world (Rom. 1:8). When he wrote to the Thessalonian believers he was able to say the same thing of them. In fact, their reputation travelled faster than Paul could (1 Thess. 1:7-9). These believers were living such exemplary lives that their faith was the talk of believers everywhere. And to think that all of this happened without the aid of telephones, modern transportation, or denominational magazines! Even with all our advanced technology though, we need to ask ourselves where the churches are that have this kind of reputation today. As we read the New Testament and early church history, it seems as though the first Christians were taking the world by storm. That does not seem to be the case today though, at least not within our Fellowship. Something has gone wrong, and we are falling short.

Perhaps part of the problem is that we know little by way of experience of a concept that was a part of the lives of the early believers. In Philippians 1:27, Paul encouraged the believers at Philippi to conduct themselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then he commented on their "experiencing the same conflict which you saw in me, and now hear to be in me" (vs. 30). If we live as God intended and take a stand for Christ, we will experience conflict in this world. The word "conflict" translates a word in the original Greek from which we get our word "agony". The word was taken from the world of the Greek games. Appropriately, it has been immortalized in our own culture by the introduction to ABC's Wide World of Sports: "The thrill of victory and the agony of defeat."

It is clear though, that there is also agony in victory, for the original word referred to the striving with every muscle fiber, the agonizing to the very limit of one's own strength, in order to win the contest. The term was then used figuratively by the New Testament writers to refer to the struggle and conflict that we endure in this life as we strive for a heavenly prize. Or perhaps we should say if we strive. The New Testament makes it clear that this effort is to be made in every facet of the Christian life. At least seven areas are mentioned in which we are to strive.

Becoming A Believer

In Luke 13:24 Jesus said to strive to enter by the narrow door. It is clear that the entering that He spoke of was that of becoming a believer. Our word

for agonize here is translated by the word "strive". Of all the talk there is today about evangelism, this is a concept that is rarely if ever mentioned. Yet it is consistent with what Jesus said elsewhere when He invited people to come to Him. He said that a person must deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow Him.

When we share the gospel though, we tend to focus on the good things that result from accepting Christ and say that all one has to do is just believe in Him. But Jesus also said to count the cost. Perhaps one reason that this striving does not characterize the lives of more Christians later on in life is because we do not start them off on the right foot. No wonder the commitment of many believers today seems so shallow. Yet many outstanding Christians of the past like Martin Luther, John Bunyan, and John Wesley, knew what it meant to strive to enter by the narrow door. The same needs to be true today.

The Daily Christian Life

Living the Christian life consistently on a daily basis involves this same kind of striving, and it is taught throughout the epistles. In 1 Timothy 4:7-8 Paul is writing about the pursuit of godliness. Then in verse 10 he says, "It is for this we labor and strive." Every Christian is to become more and more like Christ, but this does not come easily or naturally. Later Paul refers to this life as a contest and he tells Timothy to "fight the good fight of faith" (vs. 6:12). Forms of our word for agonize are used twice in this verse, and both times they are translated by the word "fight". We are in a struggle against the world, the flesh, and the devil, and we gain no ground without striving.

In Hebrews 12:1 we read, "Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us". Once again the figure of the games is used, but this time of a different event. Here our word is translated as "run". Just as the runner must draw from his reserves and endure pain and exert every bit of energy if he is to win, so in this life we must strive to be consistent in every area of our lives and on a day-by-day basis.

Facing Trials

As the writer of Hebrews continues, he focuses on a specific problem that these believers were experiencing. In verse 4 he says to them, "You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood in your striving against sin." The sin that they are striving against is not their own personal sin. Rather, it is the unjust sinful persecution that they were experiencing at the hands of others. The

shedding of blood refers to martyrdom. To encourage them, the writer reminds them of the hostility that Jesus Himself endured for us (vs. 3).

The Bible makes it clear that trials are a normal part of the Christian life. While some fall away because they feel that God is not being fair to them, God actually allows trials to be a part of our lives in order to develop us into something truly worthwhile. God has something much higher in mind than our present comfort and ease.

Overcoming Sin

Not only do we need to strive against the unfair treatment of others, we also need to deal with our own personal sin. In 1 Corinthians 9 Paul uses the figure of the games to illustrate a point concerning the proper exercise of the liberty that believers have in Christ. In verse 25 he says, "And everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable." Here our word is translated "competes". The context makes it clear that Paul is speaking of the training which an athlete subjects himself to in preparation for his event. Because he wants to win he watches what he eats and does not indulge himself. He also builds up his body and increases his endurance, even at a painful cost, so that he will be in the best shape possible. As Paul said, "I buffet my body and make it my slave" (vs. 27). He then ran according to the rules.

Today, we see a number of people who strive, even agonize, to keep physically fit. But that is the extent to which we see self-discipline exercised in society. The zeal for physical fitness is matched by an unparalleled spiritual and moral unfitness. In our culture of anything goes, self-indulgence has replaced self-control. Unfortunately, believers are not exempt.

Our Prayer Life

Another area in which we are to strive is our prayer life. True prayer is hard work. Therefore in Romans 15:30 Paul wrote, "Now I urge you, brethren, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God for me." Of course, we are to pray concerning our own needs and ministry, but we also are to pray for the needs and ministries of others. An example of one who did pray like this is mentioned by Paul in Colossians 4:12: "Epaphras, who is one of your number, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, sends you his greetings, always laboring earnestly for you in his prayers, that you may stand perfect and fully assured in all the will of God." Here a form of our word is translated as "laboring earnestly". It is worth noting that Epaphras did not pray for health problems of the Colossians or that physical needs would be met. Rather, he prayed for their spiritual needs and for their standing before God. And he prayed so earnestly that he agonized for them.

Ministry To Others

Not only are we to work at those things that lead

to our own spiritual growth, but we are also to strive in our own ministry to others. In Colossians 1:28 Paul states that he sought to present every man complete in Christ. In the next verse he adds, "And for this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me." Fortunately God has not called us to minister in our own ability and strength, but in His. Nevertheless it does take work on our part. Paul then wrote, "For I want you to know how great a struggle I have on your behalf . . ." (vs. 2:1). Here our word is translated "struggle", and Paul says that it was great.

It is clear in 1 Thess. 2:2 that the struggle that Paul experienced sometimes involved physical conflict: "But after we had already suffered and been mistreated in Philippi, as you know, we had the boldness in our God to speak to you the gospel amid much opposition." Here "opposition" could also be translated "struggling" or "agony". It is one thing to endure the agony that comes as we ourselves seek to grow in Christ, but it is something else to endure it as we seek to minister to others. And yet this is part of what Jesus called us to when He said that we are to make disciples of all the nations.

Preserving Truth

Finally, we are also told that we are to strive as we uphold the truth. In Jude 3 we read that believers are to "contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints". Here a form of our word is translated "contend earnestly". It is true the Lord is sovereign and that His Word is divinely powerful. But as the body of Christ that is involved in a spiritual battle, we are told that we are to contend earnestly for what we know to be true.

Conclusion

In nearly every area of the Christian life that we can think of, from our conversion to the various facets of daily Christian living, to our ministry to others -- we are told to work hard, even agonize. Not that the Christian life is meant to be a dreary series of struggles, but when called to do so we are to strive to overcome the battle with the flesh, as well as the influences of the world and the devil. As an athlete agonizes, drawing from his deepest reserves and pushing every muscle to the limit so that he might win the prize, so we are to strive in the Christian life to win a heavenly prize.

The theme of our National Conference last year was "Deepening Our Commitment". It is hard to imagine how we can truly deepen our commitment to God, to His Church, and to the world, without encountering some of this kind of striving. In the last letter that Paul wrote he said, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith (2 Tim. 4:7). May we all live by that same standard so that we have that same assurance.

J. Timothy Coyle is pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Newark, Delaware.



The Realization of a **40** Year Dream

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I fell in love with Africa as a teenager in the early forties. Mary Emmert, was pioneer Brethren missionary from our church in Dallas Center, Iowa, to the Central African Republic (then, French Equatorial Africa). She was responsible for my early interest. As I saw her pictures and heard her account of the work, I was enthralled.

by Lloyd Wenger

After marriage to Barbara in 1950, there were two of us to share the dream. Our home has always been open to missionaries. We particularly sought those who served in Africa. Who could tell what effect regular contact with missionaries might have on our family?

We count it a privilege to have been personally acquainted with the late Dr. Orville Jobson, another pioneer Brethren missionary to Africa. He certainly encouraged us to pursue our dream. The Goodmans, Snyders, and Mingsers are other missionaries to Africa who have influenced our lives.

Even though we never met Al Balzar, we followed with interest his career in Africa. He directed in the building of many of the missionary homes, schools, dispensaries, and churches still in use today. Noting that he was a layman with special skills, we wondered if there might be a place for us in Africa, also.

Our interest in the dark continent was so great that whenever we were invited to go on a tour of the Holy Land or some other exotic place, our response was always the same, "Let us know when you are going to tour Africa."

One of life's surprises came to us in 1984 when I was elected to serve on the Board of Directors of Grace Brethren Home Missions. What an honor and challenge! I began to realize that America is a great mission field itself.



Lloyd Wenger

I also realized that if Grace Brethren missions are to grow and prosper, two things must happen. First, we Christians must become acutely aware of the necessity of making investments with eternity's values in view. Secondly, the Grace Brethren Fellowship of America must expand its numbers to provide prayer warriors and financial supporters to undergird its missions efforts.

I am convinced that the Lord will hold His children accountable for the investment of their

Lloyd Wenger recently completed service on the Board of Directors of the Grace Brethren Home Missions Council. He and his wife Barbara, long time members of Dallas Center, Iowa GBC are retiring to take a volunteer assignment with Grace Brethren Foreign Missions in the Central African Republic.



Barbara Wenger

title, offerings, and time. I am also convinced that Grace Brethren ministries provide an excellent vehicle for sound investment.

As people approach their mid-sixties, they give considerable thought to retirement -- should they, or not? If so, when, and what follows? As Barbara and I considered our alternatives about a year ago, we agreed that one option could be to retire at 62 and turn our long time dream into reality.

In February 1989 we made contact with Tom Julien of Grace Brethren Foreign Missions to see if we could be of service to the mission in Africa. Later contact with CAR field superintendent Dave Daughterty brought assurance that there would be places of service for us.

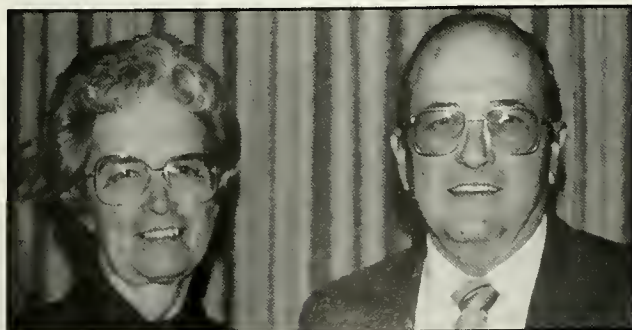
We are now planning to leave for the Central African Republic in June 1990. We want to serve

in maintenance or in whatever area of need where we can be helpful. Our desire is to serve a year or so, come home to the States for a brief visit, and then return to Africa for another period of service. We would hope to continue that cycle for at least five years, God willing.

Our relationship with the Home Missions Council has been fulfilling and rewarding. I have appreciated getting to know the Home Missions staff and directors. I have seen the dedication and sacrifice of the staff, the missionaries, and their families. Now, I have resigned from the Board of Directors to be available to serve with our missionaries in the CAR. This will be the

fulfillment of a life-long dream.

Please pray with us that the Lord will give us health and finances to carry on our ministry. Pray that we might be a useful part of the African work for as long as God may desire.



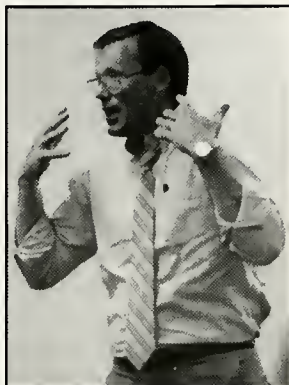
Lloyd and Barbara Wenger

Home Mission News

New Pastors Orientation meetings were held in the Home Missions office in Mid-November. Pictured are the twelve men in attendance. This number included ten pastors who have begun their ministries since the last orientation session in 1988 and two who are hoping to be involved in Home Missions churches in the near future.

Sessions were led by Home Missions staff personnel and included subjects like Targeting and Reaching the Un-churched, Discipleship and Leadership, Church Finances, and The Pastor and the IRS. There were presentations also on Home Missions policies and procedures, as well as introduction to the ministry of the Grace Brethren Investment Foundation.

A special feature of the three day session was a visit to the offices of CE National with an introduction to the leadership in that ministry. Director Ed Lewis presented the men with samples of the great number of resources available from CE National as aids to their ministry in church-planting.



Dave Marksbury
Western Regional Director

Let me add my voice to the chorus. For me, in particular, it helped to make me feel part of a larger team and to deepen my respect for the Home Missions staff."

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Dave Kowalke, Tim Enderle, Dale Jenks

News excerpts from pastors' reports Around The Nation:

Columbia, SC, Pastor Jim Jackson -- "God is blessing our efforts to reach out among our neighbors. Recently three families from the street on which we live were in our Sunday morning services. Out of those ten people, two have come to know the Lord."

Hartford, Ct, Pastor Louis Huesmann -- "Attendances have been in the mid to high 60s during the fall. More people are committing to various tasks and ministries. Thirteen attended a teachers training program taught by Howard Hendricks in Massachusetts. It is exciting to see this willingness to learn and pursue excellence!"

North Port, FL, Pastor Lester E. Pifer -- "Our church has now settled on a permanent site of 3.48 acres of land in a newly developing area of North Port. The Lord enabled us to make the down payment of \$6,960. Two new members have been added; and our first threefold communion and baptismal services have been held."

Moreno Valley, CA, Pastors Chris Suitt and Mikal Smith -- "We completed our first new members class with ten participants. Our attendance has stayed with an average of 70. Two new teachers are beginning in our Sunday School, and two women's groups have started meeting."

Charleston, WV, Pastor Emory Young -- "We added another family to our flock last quarter. We had our record attendance with Operation Barnabas during the summer -- 101! We have secured more satisfactory meeting facilities, and our giving increased during the quarter."

Philadelphia, PA, Pastor Steve Makofka -- "We started from nothing when we moved here in June. We had four converts (two families) in July and spent much of the summer in discipleship. We started Sunday morning services in September with an average for the month of 20. This includes the Pappas family that moved from Ephrata, PA. Cindy Harding, former summer missionary, is coming from Penn Valley to help with our children's ministry."



Back Row: Bill Crabbs, Dale Jenks, Dave Kowalke, Mitch Carlaga, Will Marling, Perry Huesmann, Brian Chronister.
Front Row: Greg Perry, Tim Enderle, Al Edgington, Steve Makofka, Davis Harbour.

One new pastor wrote about the seminar: "I imagine by now you have already determined that these orientations are useful and even necessary.

An Interview with Jim Johnson, Director of the Grace Brethren Investment Foundation



"Investments with eternal values"

The Grace Brethren Investment Foundation, Inc. is celebrating 35 years of service to the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches. From a good beginning in 1955 which saw 300 depositors invest \$800,000 to our current base of 3,650 accounts and \$18,500,000, we have seen the blessing of God upon this ministry.

We are extremely appreciative of leaders over the years who gave so much to the organization and success of the GBIF. We gratefully acknowledge the contributions of Dr. L.L. Grubb, Dr. Lester Pifer, Dr. Bob Thompson, Directors Elmer Tamkin, Ken Rucker, and Walter Fretz, and Brother Frank Poland, long time office administrator as well as the members of our Board of Directors, past and present.

The following interview was conducted by Jesse Deloe, Director of Administration at Grace Brethren Home Missions. Responding to his questions is Jim Johnson, Director of the Grace Brethren Investment Foundation.

Deloe: *How has the GBIF helped the Fellowship in the church planting efforts of the Grace Brethren Home Missions Council?*

Johnson: Over these 35 years we have loaned \$30.5 million dollars on 203 loans to Grace Brethren congregations. More than 60 percent of our churches have received loans from us.

Deloe: *What are the advantages and savings to our Fellowship in borrowing from the GBIF?*

Johnson: First priority has always been to our Home Missions points. Many of these churches could not qualify for commercial bank loans because of limited funds for down payments and the lack of a credit history. God has been so good; we have never had a church default to the GBIF.

During the past 15 months alone we have made 22 loans totaling \$5 million dollars. Estimated savings in closing fees (points) on this group of loans is \$80,000 to \$100,000. In many cases borrowers have saved 1 percent or more on interest rates (more than 2 percent for Home Missions Churches). Saving just 1 percent on an average loan of \$250,000 would effect a savings of \$40,000 over 20 years.

Deloe: *Is there really a need for additional deposits in the GBIF?*

Johnson: I am so glad you asked. We can probably exceed another \$4 or \$5 million dollars in new

commitments in 1990 if our Fellowship will respond with new deposits. We have used as much of our reserves as we dare with current commitments. We want to say "yes" to several substantial loans that are now in the inquiry stage. These potential borrowers want the interest they would pay to go back into Grace Brethren ministries.

Deloe: *Are there advantages to depositors in the GBIF?*

Johnson: You bet. First, there is a high return to depositors. We are currently paying 6.77 percent on our investment passbook. That yields 7 percent annually with compounding. We require no minimum balance and we make no service charges.

Secondly, with the GBIF, you know exactly where your money is invested -- in the building of Grace Brethren Churches.

Third, convenience. We like to say that "your investment account with GBIF is as close as your mailbox," and, we pay postage both ways.

Finally, there's safety. We have never missed an interest payment to our depositors.

Deloe: *What are your goals for GBIF?*

Johnson: We've set a goal of 20,000 accounts, and we really feel that is an obtainable goal. Everyone needs to save from his or her earnings. It's a matter of investing in the future. We will pay our investors a good return now, but only in Heaven will it be revealed what eternal dividends have been earned through the investment of these funds in ministry.

Our second goal is to be able to respond to the needs of our entire Fellowship to provide loans for all their building needs.

Third, we want to be of service and responsive to each depositor and every borrower.

Deloe: *Thanks, Jim, for your candid and helpful answers. It ought to be apparent to our readers that your heart is in ministry to the Fellowship. The Grace Brethren Investment Foundation provides a way that all of the Grace Brethren people can help in building new churches and following good stewardship at the same time. Small deposits -- or larger ones -- will yield good earnings for the investor and make it possible for the GBIF to lend money to congregations who are seeking to provide facilities for ministry to their communities.*



**Jim Johnson, Director
Grace Brethren
Investment Foundation**

To open an account, or for more information, call 219/267-5161.

Remember, interest is 6.7 percent (7 percent annual yield with compounding).

Three Reasons Why I Don't Pray and One Reason Why I Do

by Mary Thompson

While we worked with the Navajo people I learned some things about praying. Mostly I learned that I know so little, but I'd like to share some of the little I've learned about prayer. Here are three reasons why I don't pray and one reason why I do.

The first reason I don't pray is **BECAUSE THE NEEDS ARE TOO BIG** -- I feel overwhelmed. In working with the Navajo people I became overwhelmed with their great needs -- poverty, lack of education, poor home conditions and many other serious problems brought on by alcohol and drug abuse. I'm convinced that this is the situation on every mission field. Every missionary is overwhelmed with the need. (Something to remember when you pray for missionaries.)

And you experience the same frustration here, don't you? As you become concerned about other



people you can become overwhelmed with their problems. When you read the papers, the news magazines, listen to TV and radio, and observe people in your family and your neighborhood you become aware of political problems, moral problems, problems between nations and all sorts of situations that seem too big even to pray for.

Jeremiah offers a solution to the feeling of being overwhelmed because the needs are so great. He says, "Ah, Sovereign Lord, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you." (Jeremiah 32:17)

The second reason I don't pray is that I'M **DISAPPOINTED WITH PEOPLE**. Even though the Navajo people are so needy they often don't respond to God's Word.

My husband Bud had a continuing concern for two brothers who had attended Grace Brethren Navajo School. Both had rejected any claim of Christ upon their lives. The younger had been in jail numerous times and a police officer described him as an alcoholic at age seventeen. The older brother, a handsome young man, personable and with good ability, had graduated from a Christian high school in another state but had dropped out of college. He returned home to New Mexico without any purpose in life and spent most of his time loafing around and drinking more and more.



WMC OFFERING

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(SMM -- CE National)

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Mary Thompson, with her husband Bud, ministered for a number of years at the Grace Brethren Navajo Mission, Counselor, New Mexico. Now retired, they are living in Winona Lake, Indiana.

One evening Bud was taking the two young men out to their home in the back country. He had just picked up the younger at the hospital where he had been patched up after a drunken fight.

Realizing that we would soon be leaving the mission, Bud wanted to take one more opportunity to urge these fellows to give up their lives of sin and the misery it was bringing them.

They listened, then the older brother spoke up: "Mr. Thompson, don't you realize some people don't want to change?"

It's true some people don't want to change. And we become disappointed when people don't respond to the gospel. But James says, "*Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.*" (James 5:7)



The third reason I don't pray is that I DON'T KNOW HOW TO PRAY -- I don't know what I should ask for. If you've had any involvement in a family dispute you know the story is different, depending on whom you talk to. Who is right? How should you pray?

This is just as true in dealing with Navajo people. Nobody regardless of the shade of his skin, likes to admit he or she is at fault. And being foreigners to the Navajo culture we often don't understand their customs or the way they think. How to pray?

Regarding this problem, Paul writes, "*The Spirit helps us in our weakness. We don't know what to pray for, but the Spirit intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.*" (Romans 8:26)

I'm sure you could add to my list of reasons (excuses) why I -- and you -- don't pray.

But here's the reason I DO pray. I pray because God's Word tells me to pray. Jesus gave His disciples the sample prayer that we call the Lord's Prayer. He often prayed and said we should always



pray and not faint. In the epistles we're told to "pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17)," "pray for one another (James 5:16)," "and pray when you're in trouble (James 5:13)."

That's it! That's the reason I pray! Because God says I should. He wants me to pray and He's pleased when I do. I don't have to understand why. I just trust Him and do it!

And, by the way, prayer brings results. You may think from the stories I've told you that nothing good is happening with Navajo people. We saw God answer many prayers during our eight years with the Navajos. Here's one of them.

A primary need of the Navajo church is trained Christian leadership. In answer to many prayers, three Navajo youth, Dino Butler, Joanne Smith and Daron Butler have graduated from Grace College and two other girls are presently students. All of these young people are graduates of Grace Brethren Navajo High School at Counselor, New Mexico. These Navajo youth have great potential to minister to their own people -- as we continue to hold them up in prayer. I'm glad God answers prayer. I'm glad we can pray even though we don't feel adequate for the responsibility. Keep on praying and trust God to do great things.

Come, my soul, thy suit prepare,
Jesus loves to answer prayer;
He Himself has bid thee pray,
Therefore will not say thee nay.

Thou art coming to a King;
Large petitions with thee bring;
For His grace and power are such,
None can ever ask too much.

John Newton (1725-1807)



NEWS UPDATE

The **1990 Brethren National Youth Conference** will be held on the campus of Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC, August 4-10, 1990. Cullowhee is located near Asheville, NC; Knoxville, TN; and the Great Smoky Mountain National Park.

"**GI Gospel Hour**" is trying to make contact with people who had a part in Christian mission activities while they were in military service in the Pacific area during World War II.

"People who found ways to promote Christian missions during the ravages of war will be gathering for a reunion next August. 'GI Gospel Hour' activities by servicemen and women in the Pacific theatre during World War II resulted in establishing a Bible college in Manila and an organization of hundreds of missionaries now spread around the Pacific rim. For information about the reunion, contact: Ken Lundell, 6624 N. Talman, Chicago, IL 60645. Telephone 312/262-8863."

Indianapolis, IN. The Board of Directors of Grace Brethren Home Missions has approved Indianapolis, Indiana, as the location for the newest church-planting project. Beginning January 1, 1990, Pastors Al Edgington and Ron Smals will head up a core group of families, largely from Pastor Edgington's former pastorate at the Community Grace Brethren Church in Warsaw, Indiana, to establish a new church in Northeast Indianapolis.

Pastor Edgington was formally commissioned by the Warsaw Church as their missionary church-planter on his last Sunday as their pastor (Nov. 19). In cooperation with the Indiana District Mission Board and with a special relationship with the Bethel Brethren Church of Berne, Indiana, the Home Missions Council has established a three-year plan for the new group to arrive at self-support status.



Northwood, OH. The above picture shows the damage to the Trinity Grace Brethren Church.

A gust of wind apparently knocked over the 40-foot long wood frame as workers tried to put it in place. The piece fell against a row of other trusses and like a line of dominoes they came crashing down, knocking one man off his scaffold and trapping him beneath debris from the roof and walls.

Rev. John Fahrback, pastor, had just signed the mortgage papers for the church and drove past the construction site when he saw the damage to the new church building. This along with the many other drawbacks and trials -- commuting from Fremont where his family lived with relatives; having to move the house he purchased "across a field of mud" in order to make adequate room for the new church building; and losing a child to crib death. Said the chairman of the building committee, Nick Mariano: "Being pastor is hard enough, let alone building a church, moving into a new home, and having a child die. He didn't buckle amidst adversity. It's a strong Christian testimony. A lot of guys would have cashed it in. No one would have blamed him if he did, but he came out like a real storm trooper."

Pastor Fahrback was called to the church four years ago with the membership at 20. The congregation now consists of over 100 members.

"God teaches us through trials," said Pastor Fahrback reflecting on his hectic year. "Life sometimes isn't very optimistic but you have to realize God is in control. All things work together for good." Paraphrasing a Bible verse, he said: "There is a purpose in all of this."

The pastor has already seen some good come from the turmoil, like the congregation pulling together and his chance to minister to other hurting parents who have lost children. "All in all," he said, a few damaged timbers weren't much to be upset about. It has slowed us down a bit, but I've felt God's sustaining power in the midst of trials and that's what Christianity is all about.

A new church has been started in the Orangevale, California, area, according to word received from Pastor Russell Williams. Their first worship service was held on November 26, 1989, with 20 people present.

Some of their needs are signs to direct people to the place of meeting and also in the area of music.

They request prayer for the need to be recognized by the State of California so they can set up proper banking procedures.

Paul Fink, formerly with Grace Schools, Winona Lake, IN, and now with Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA, suffered a heart attack several months ago. He is now "back in the saddle" carrying on normal activities.

Hagerstown, MD. The congregation of the Calvary Brethren Church observed their 50th Anniversary with services Nov. 5-8, 1989. Dr. Luke Kauffman, Myerstown, PA, highlighted the activities. Norm Mayer, pastor.

David and Cindy Kowalke, former missionaries to England, have moved to Richmond, VA, to begin work planting a new church. This is in advance of the Richmond Project in relation to National Conference in 1990.

Rev. R. Paul Miller, former pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Maitland, FL, for 21 years, assumed his new duties as minister of senior adults at the Grace Brethren Church of Myerstown, PA. He will also serve as chaplain of the Grace Community Retirement Center.

The Grace Brethren Church of Norton, OH, pastored by Bob Combs, held a mortgage-burning service for their sanctuary on Dec. 3, 1989. The 15-year loan was paid off in 7 years.

Rev. Paul Dick has completed his ministry at the Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church, Winona Lake, IN. He had been minister of visitation for several years. He previously served as pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Winchester, VA, for 40 years.

Mrs. George Johnson, who serves along with her husband as missionaries to Brazil, returned to the States in December for knee replacement surgery. They returned to Brazil on Jan. 10, 1990, to continue their work.

Several missionaries returned (or will be returning) to their respective fields of service; they are: Dan and Rachel Jackson (Germany, Jan. 3), Brenda Welling (Mexico, Jan. 26), and Roger Stover (Germany, Jan. 31).

MARRIAGES

BLAIR: Wendy Fink and Douglas Blair were married November 18, 1989, in the Grace Brethren Church of York, PA. Daniel White, pastor.

GROSE: Rachel Jeffreys and Jeff Grose were married June 24, 1989 in

the Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church, Winona Lake, IN. Charles Ashman, pastor.

HOOVER: Lynette Nutter and Gary Hoover were married Dec. 2, 1989, in the Susquehanna Grace Brethren Church, Wrightsville, PA. Les Nutter, father of the bride, and Don Fowler took part in the ceremony.

HUNSBERGER: Teffinie Wallace and Ned Hunsberger were married Oct. 28, 1989, at the Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church, Winona Lake, IN, by Ralph Burns.

KELLER: Gale Wenger and Walter Keller, Jr., were married on Oct. 7, 1989, at the Fontana Union Chapel by their pastor, Gerald Allebach of the Grace Brethren Church, Palmyra, PA.

MINEAR: Polly Hicks and Tim Minear were married on June 10, 1989, at the Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church, Winona Lake, IN, by Dan Michaels.

TRAVIS: Amy Ridenour and Ron Travis were married Oct. 21, 1989 at the Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church, Winona Lake, IN. Charles Ashman, officiated.

ZELLNER: Brenda Wilcoxson and Brian Zellner were married on Apr. 29, 1989, at the Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church, Winona Lake, IN. Pastor Charles Ashman was assisted by the groom's grandfather, Edward Lewis, and uncle Ed Lewis.

DEATHS

FIRESTONE, MILES, 76. Miles was actively engaged in the Lord's work at the Grace Brethren Church in Wooster, OH. He was also involved in the work of the Gideons and loved the Lord demonstrating it by his willingness to do the Lord's bidding. He had been a board member of Grace Brethren Foreign Missions, and in 1988 was honored by the Grace Brethren Christian Education National Board when he received their annual Senior Medal of Honor in recognition of his faithful service in Christ.

\$48,000 in Scholarships Granted

Something happened at Brethren

National Youth Conference last summer that made the crowd cheer. For the first time, Grace College, through the work of the Financial Aid Department and the Office of College Recruitment, made available \$48,000 in scholarships to eight high school juniors and seniors planning to attend in the coming semesters.

The final big announcement revealed the following scholarship winners: Lynette Courson, East Side GBC, Columbus, OH; Stephanie Gregory, Learnersville GBC, Pinellas Park, FL; Jerri Hoover, Grace Community Church of Huber Heights, Dayton, OH; Randy James, Worthington GBC, Dublin, OH; Stephen Lausch, Ephrata Area GBC, Denver, Pennsylvania; Christy Shay, Worthington Grace Brethren Church, Columbus, OH; and Danielle Thompson, Community GBC, Naples, FL.

The scholarships will be offered to high school seniors at the 1990 BNYC.

Three New Degrees

Three new masters degrees have been added to the Grace Seminary curriculum, with an additional masters degree and doctoral degree program presently under consideration.

According to Dr. David R. Plaster, vice president for academic affairs in the seminary, students now may earn a masters degree in Old Testament. The curriculum, he said, features heavy requirements in Hebrew language exegesis and related cognate languages and is designed primarily for pre-Ph.D. work. Dr. Plaster emphasized that the M.A. in Old Testament is not designed to prepare students for the pastorate, but for further academic pursuits.

Two new tracks also have been added in the seminary's Division of Christian School Education. Students may now earn their M.A. in Elementary Education and M.A. in Curriculum and Instruction.

The two new degree programs currently under study are the M.A. in New Testament and a Doctor of Ministry degree. The D. Min. degree may be offered as soon as January 1991, he said.

The Parable of the Life-Saving Station

On a dangerous seacoast where shipwrecks were frequent, a crude little life-saving station was built. The building was just a hut, and there was only one boat, but the few devoted crewmen kept a constant watch over the sea. With no thought for themselves, they went out day or night, tirelessly searching for any who might need help. Many lives were saved by their devoted efforts. After a while the station became famous. Some of those who were saved, as well as others in the surrounding area, wanted to become a part of the work. They gave time and money for its support. New boats were bought, additional crews were trained, and the station grew. Some of the members became unhappy that the building was so crude. They felt a larger, nicer place would be more appropriate as the first refuge of those saved from the sea. So they replaced the emergency cots with hospital beds and put better furniture in the enlarged building. Soon the station became a popular gathering place for its members to discuss the work and to visit with each other. They continued to remodel and decorate until the station more and more took on the look and character of a club. Fewer members were interested in going out on lifesaving missions, so they hired professional crews to do the work on their behalf. The lifesaving motif still prevailed on the club emblems and stationery, and there was a liturgical lifeboat in the room where the club held its initiations.

One day a large ship was wrecked off the coast, and the hired crews brought in many boats of cold, wet, half-drowned people. They were dirty bruised, and sick; and some had black or yellow skin. The beautiful new club was terribly messed up, and so the property committee immediately had a shower house built outside, where the shipwreck victims could be cleaned up before coming inside. At the next meeting there was a split in the club membership. Most of the members wanted to stop the club's lifesaving activities altogether, as being unpleasant and a hindrance to the normal social life of the club. Some members insisted on keeping lifesaving as their primary purpose and pointed out that, after all, they were still called a lifesaving station. But those members were voted down and told that if they wanted to save lives they could begin their own station down the coast somewhere. As the years went by, the new station gradually faced the same problems the other one had experienced. It, too, became a club, and its lifesaving work became less and less of a priority. The few members who remained dedicated to lifesaving began another station. History

continued to repeat itself; and if you visit that coast today you will find a number of exclusive clubs along the shore. Shipwrecks are still frequent in those waters, but most of the people drown.

What a striking illustration of the history of the church. Yet the work of evangelism, of spiritual lifesaving, is nonetheless the purest, truest, noblest, and most essential work the church will ever do. The work of fishing men and women out of the sea of sin, the work of rescuing people from the breakers of hell, is the greatest work the church is called by God to do.

Rescuing men from sin is God's great concern. Evangelism has been called the sob of God. Concern for the lost caused Jesus to grieve over unbelieving Jerusalem: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling" (Matthew 23:37).

Oh God, give us that same compassion that Jesus had for a lost world. And may our churches be true life-saving stations to the spiritually shipwrecked!

Submitted by a Grace Brethren pastor, Author unknown

Brethren Evangelistic Ministries Goes Abroad!

Through the generous support of Christian businessmen, directors Phil Guarena and Tony DeRosa traveled to Mexico City and Guatemala in November and December in order to encourage and stimulate evangelism in our FGBC churches in Latin America. Warmly received by national pastors, they preached, ministered, and were invited to return for future evangelistic campaigns.

Joined in Puerto Rico by Ed Waken, Orlando Vasquez, Pastor George Traub, Executive Director Ron Thompson and his wife, Thelma, their daughter, Angie Ellis, and Juan Isais, a First Love Renewal was held in our Grace Brethren Church of San Juan, pastored by Carmelo Arbona. The seminar was also attended by people from area Baptist and Christian and Missionary Alliance churches. The team was interviewed on a local Christian radio station. Several people were saved in a downtown tent service following the seminar. Pray for our Grace Brethren people in these areas!

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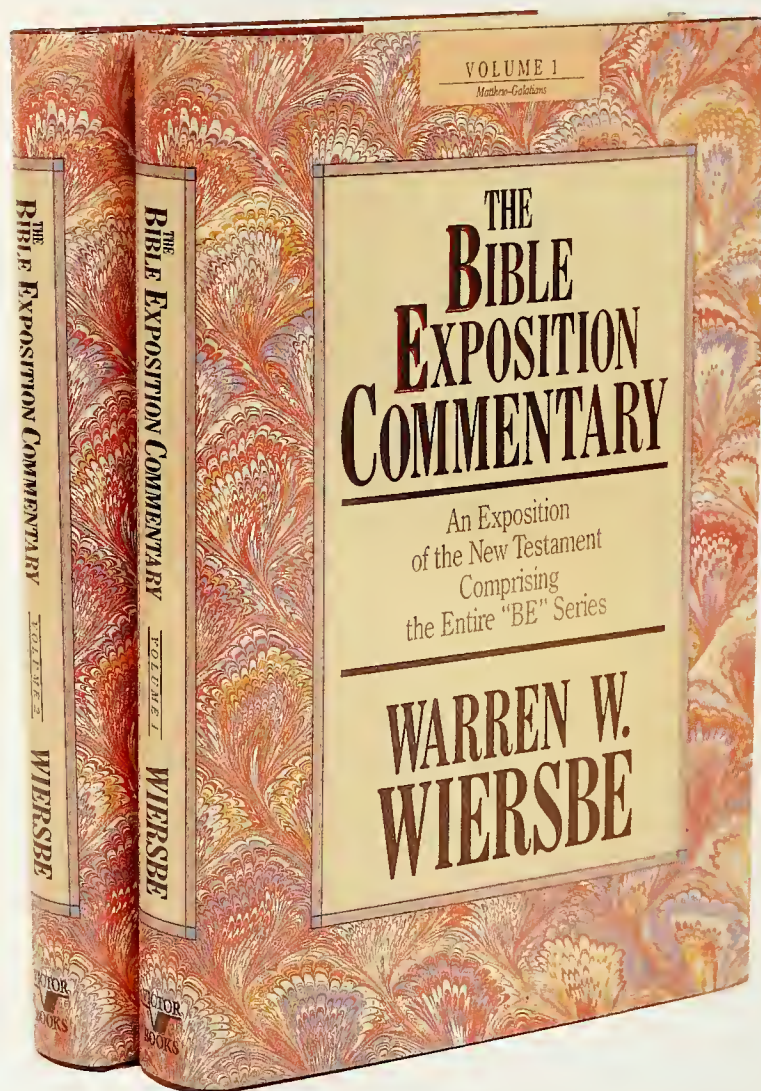


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Can you believe the news? The Berlin WALL is tumbling down and they are selling the pieces as souvenirs. It is cheaper without graffiti and they are selling it by the pound! Just a few short weeks ago if you had attempted to get a piece of the concrete -- you may have been shot. However, there are now more holes in the WALL than there are in the National Budget.

The people of Eastern Europe are asking for new governments and getting it. Things are changing so fast that you do not know the difference between fact and fiction. Maybe . . . just maybe . . . Elvis is still alive!

You had better get a "Piece of the Rock" before it is all over because it may not be as pleasant as it all seems. The cry for change does not necessarily mean it is all going to turn out so everyone will live happily ever after. A few changes in the government does not mean there will be more food on the table. If they do not get it, out will go the next set of leaders.

There is something else that is of interest to us as Christian believers -- it is an awareness of change and uncertainty. Keep in mind you are hearing about people who are not classified with the saints. They are like all other persons -- fallen in nature and interested in themselves. But behind all of this you have to remember that a call for a different form of government is not the same thing as a call to God.

We in the United States learned a long time ago that a democratic government is not the same thing as a Christian conversion and the millennial state. However, I am interested in all of the change and the reunion of some of the governments. It could be something really BIG -- it could be the continued move-

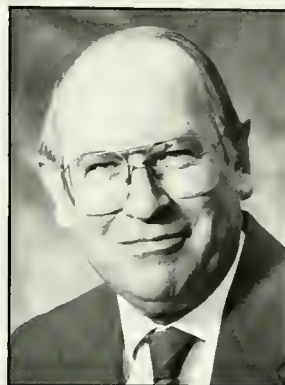
ment of the hand of God. Israel was reborn as a state in 1948 -- still in unbelief, but the dry bones are there and they could begin to get some flesh one of these days.

Remember the ten toes of Daniel and that big statue with feet made of clay! It appears to be reforming again in the ECC -- European Common Community. They talk of common money and common trade and the elimination of borders. The big get-together that was mentioned by Daniel some thousands of years ago!

The people who want some help are assured of a world leader in the future. It will come to pass. It seemed all of the pieces to bring together the biblical prophecy was too complicated and hard to understand. It's not so difficult to comprehend these days as the world rushes on to completion. No date setting will be done here I assure you, but there is at least proof that it can all happen. When you begin to get enough pieces in their proper place in the puzzle, you just know that the rest of the pieces will come easier.

I am positive these days are days when you are glad to be a child of God -- even with the confusion, uncertainty and excitement. It is time to get out those old books on prophecy and that old, old book called the Holy Scriptures. It is time to take a fresh look at the possibilities of what God is doing. Mankind works and manipulates his endeavors -- while God goes on working out His eternal plan.

The efforts of man to attain peace outside of the peace that God has offered leads to frustration. Earthly peace is a goal for which to strive, but the peace of God and peace *with* God is of supreme importance.



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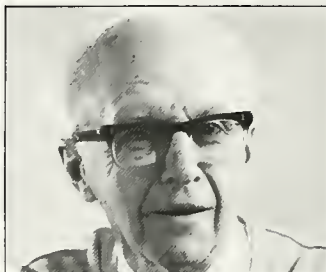
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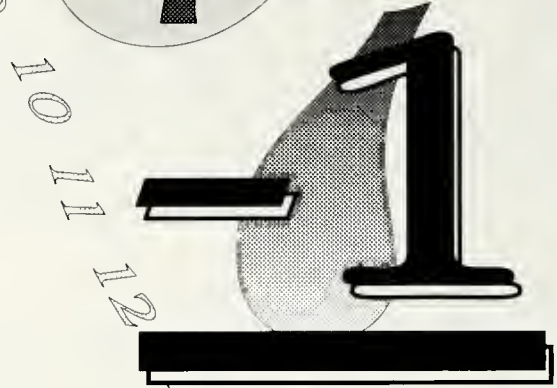
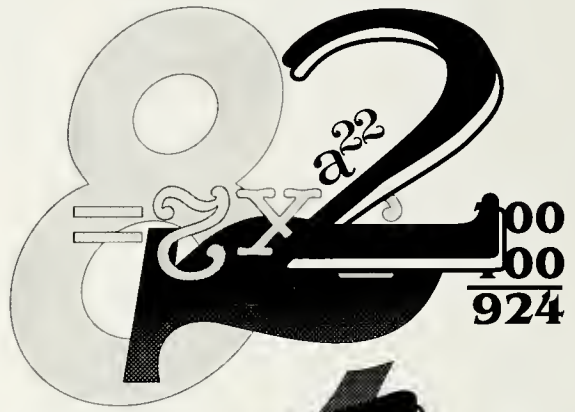
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(Editor's note: Not all Home Missions churches begin in exactly the same way or with the same early results, but here's the story of an amazing beginning for a new church that began late last summer.)

Pastor Brian Chronister introduced a Missions Moment tape recently this way. "Greetings from the cold, foreboding land of igloos and dog sleds in

Anchorage, Alaska. "Actually," he said, "that's not true. Anchorage is a city of about 200,000 people and no igloos. Dog sleds are only a novelty.

"It is actually warmer here than it is many times in such large metropolises in the lower 48 states as Boston, New York, or even Winona Lake."

All kidding aside, however, some really unusual things are happening in Anchorage. Pastor



Pastor Brian Chronister, his wife, Happy, and children, David and Charity.

Chronister says there are a lot of people in Alaska and a lot of people who don't attend church. The largest Grace Brethren Church in the state of Alaska is the Anchorage Grace Brethren Church, pastored by Larry Smithwick. That's where Brian served on the pastoral staff for 5 years.

He reports, "Anchorage Grace Brethren had the courage to **subtract** from its number and send out a core group of people (about 100) to start another church in the city." The result has been a **doubling** of churches and people.

To the amazement of everyone, on the last Sunday of August, 1989, a new church held its first services, and 170 people attended! Since that time the Grace Community Grace Brethren Church has multiplied the core group to more than double the original number. Late in the fall 220 to 250 people were attending services in the new church.

Children have come to know the Lord through the church's Awana program which began in September. There have been eleven conversions since that time.



Since its start in August, 1989, the Anchorage Grace Community Grace Brethren Church has now reached an average attendance of 220-250 people.

The pastor comments, "We're thrilled at what God has done. In fact, we're astounded at what He's done." At the same time as we are growing, the mother church continues to attract visitors.

He challenges the rest of us: "We hope that maybe this will be an encouragement to those of you in other places in the country. Maybe, there's something like that you might be able to do.

The Grace Community Grace Brethren Church has multiplied the core group of 100 to more than double the original number.

"As for us, we have the dream of being able to do it again in this city some day in the future." He

concludes, "We hope that you're praying for us as we try to plant some roots and reach the lost and unchurched of this city. And, we are praying for you, too, that you might be able to do the same.



A core group of families were sent out from the Anchorage church to start another church in the city.



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Home Missions News

Congratulations, **Tri-County Grace Brethren Church**, Royersford, Pennsylvania! Pastor Kenn Cosgrove has brought this congregation to the point of self-support status, beginning January 1, 1990.

The church had its beginning in 1981 as a Bible study led by Pastor Bob Divine, then pastor at the New Holland Grace Brethren Church. From those few families, a church began in 1983. Penn Valley Grace Brethren Church's pastor, Bill Tweeddale, sent his Minister of Christian Education, Tom Carlson, to be their first pastor. The church was adopted as a Home Mission point in August of 1983. Today attendance averages between 30 and 35.



Congregation of Tri-County Grace Brethren Church, Royersford, Pennsylvania.

The congregation has been supported both by the Home Missions Council and the Northern Atlantic District for five years. The Council will continue helping by providing health insurance for the pastor's family for a brief period of time and will be available for counsel and assistance as needed.

Praise God with the Tri-County Brethren and the Council for this step of faith and indication of solid growth!

Pastor Dale Jenks, on the field in **Saratoga Springs, NY**, only a few months, reports that eleven believers were baptized in late November and thirteen new members were received into membership. That included representatives from at least three families.

Although without a senior pastor for several months, the **Bradenton, FL, Grace Brethren Church** is progressing well under the leadership of three elders in the church. Ralph Hall, former pastor and later head of building ministries in the Home Missions office; Lynn Schrock, former missionary in Argentina, and retired pastor; and Ernie Bearinger, former missionary in Brazil -- these three men are filling the pastoral gap in Bradenton, and the work is progressing well. They



The church has recently moved into a renovated home.

have just recently moved into their new facilities, a renovated home, and are seeking to remodel an existing garage for use as Sunday School space.

News Excerpts from Pastor's Reports Around the Nation:

Anchorage, AK, Pastor Brian Chronister -- "We are consolidating now, and our attendance appears to have settled on an average per Sunday of 220-250. The elders are working on formulating our long term goals."

NE Columbus, OH, Pastor Will Marling and Perry Huesmann -- "Rocky Ridge GBC is conducting Sunday evening meetings. The core group is beginning to get a vision for what church planting is all about, and God is using many individuals to impact people for Christ."

Lakeland, FL, Pastor Jim Taylor -- "It is a real encouragement to see visitors at almost every Sunday morning service. The children's ministry is growing and there is much enthusiasm with those who are working in this area."

Escanaba, MI, Pastor Gary Hable -- "Last fall we focused on prayer on Wednesday evenings. Our Bible study was also on prayer. As one person put it, 'Since we have been praying for our contacts, everyone has visited the church at least once and some have made it their home.'"

Mishawaka, IN, Pastor Scott Weaver -- "We are regularly having 60 in A.M. worship services. After baptizing two men, our membership reached 60. We have had two more good decisions which could result in a new family for our church."

Bradenton, FL, Pastor Ralph Hall -- "We are seeing improvement in many areas for which we praise the Lord! We reached a high of 45 in the morning service. In recent weeks we have had at least four new families who have indicated their interest in becoming a part of the work. Our offerings are averaging between \$550 and \$600 per week which are meeting our expenses at present. We have submitted the plans for remodeling the garage to the County for approval. I frankly believe we are seeing some of the greatest results of our work just in the last few weeks."

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WMC Missionaries of the Year



Brenda Welling
Mexico



Fran Fredericks
Germany



Faye Hocking
CAR



Vivien Ruiz
Philippines



Nancy Green
Brazil

Meet Your WMC Missionaries Of The Year

Each year the Foreign Missions office supplies us with the names of five missionary ladies to be honored as the WMC Missionaries of the Year. The 1989-90 Missionaries of the Year are: Mrs. Jim Fredericks, Germany; Mrs. Dan Green, Brazil; Miss Brenda Welling, Mexico; Mrs. Jim Hocking, CAR; Mrs. Ted Ruiz, Philippines.

Mrs. Jim (Fran) Fredericks

Fran Fredericks grew up in a Christian home, but it wasn't until 1974 that she surrendered her life to Christ. Husband Jim was a 25-year-old accountant when he received Christ, and immediately he discovered a hunger to know God's Word. Three years later, he and his family uprooted to study at Grace Seminary, where Jim graduated in 1981. He then served on the staff of North Long Beach Brethren Church (now Grace Fellowship Church). The Fredericks' made a trip to Germany in December 1985, and this sealed the decisions in their hearts to serve the Lord in Germany and ignited a deep burden for the German people. They went to Germany for language study in the fall of 1986. The Fredericks have four children: Debbie, Mike, Angie and Liz.

Miss Brenda Welling

Brenda first became interested in Mexico while studying at the University of Mexico. Later, under the TIME program, she was personally challenged by the spiritual needs in that country and the great need for workers. Brenda is a West Virginia native but was raised in Indiana. Through the influence of her parents and her church, she came to know Christ as her Savior at age seven. The hospitality of her parents brought many missionaries into their home. This exposure initiated her interest in missions. God used many things to help in Brenda's preparation -- a Spanish major at Grace College, TIME experience in Mexico City, teaching one year in Canton, OH, studying at Grace Seminary, participating on a Timothy Team, Evangelism Explosion training, serving in her local church, and a missions internship in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Brenda is a member of the Grace Brethren Church of Goshen, IN.

Mrs. Jim (Faye) Hocking

Faye Hocking, who grew up in Ohio, was raised in a Christian home, accepted Christ when she was a child, and committed her life to Christian service. Husband Jim's background was similar except in one respect: he was raised in the Central African

Republic, the son of missionaries Don and Betty Hocking. Jim and Faye met at Grace College from which they both graduated; Jim went on to earn his M.Div. from Grace Seminary. Jim and Faye served on a short-term basis in the CAR for 11 months. In 1985, after a year of French language study, they returned to the CAR as career missionaries. They were already familiar with the Sango language. The Hockings are working with young people and training them for leadership roles in the African church. Jim is also an excellent mechanic and is helping in that area. They have four children: Jay, Jenny, Joel and John.

Mrs. Ted (Vivien) Ruiz

Vivien Ruiz, who comes originally from east Tennessee, came to know the Lord while in college. She met Ted, a southern Californian, when they were in preparation for mission work with the Agape Movement of Campus Crusade for Christ. Being assigned to the same team to Guatemala from 1976 to 1978 gave them valuable experience in mission work as well as an opportunity to get to know each other. After returning to the U.S., their relationship grew and they were married in 1979. Additional preparation for full time mission work included involvement in evangelism, discipleship, missions, visitation, and Deacon Board at the GBC of La Verne, California, where they are members, and by Ted's training at Talbot Seminary, from which he graduated. In the fall of 1985 they joined Clay and Kim Hulett as the pioneer missionary team to the Philippines. They have two children, David and Rebecca.

Mrs. Dan (Nancy) Green

Nancy Emch grew up in Rittman, OH, where she received Christ at the age of seven. After graduation from Grace College, she taught vocal music in a Milwaukee, WI, Christian School, then moved to Columbus, OH, to become a receptionist at Worthington GBC. Her husband, Dan, whom she met while at Worthington, received Christ at the age of twelve, but in 1975 he gave total control of his life to the Lord. In 1978 he spent the summer as a TIME missionary in Brazil, and it became clear to him that he could serve the Lord in that country. After their marriage in 1979, Dan and Nancy assisted in starting the Cincinnati, OH, Grace Brethren Church before their departure for Brazil in July 1982. They now live and minister in Brasilia, and are the parents of three children, Mary Hannah, Aaron Daniel, and Caleb Jeremiah.

A Continuing Commitment

The message of Dr. Bill Male, a 30-year veteran of Grace College and Seminary, is that planned giving helps further a vital educational ministry and helps the giver be a good steward.

Following is an interview with Dr. E. William Male, who is Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Ministries at Grace Theological Seminary and planned giving officer in the Department of Institutional Advancement at Grace College and Theological Seminary. The interview was conducted by Liz Miller, a Grace College student. Miss Miller is an intern working in the department this year.

Question: I know that you have been associated with Grace College and Seminary for a number of years, but I understand that you



began in a new position here last fall. What is it that you are doing in this new position?

Dr. Male: It's true that I've been around here for quite a while. As a matter of fact, this past school year was my 30th as a member of the faculty and administration here at Grace -- and I thank God for the privilege of serving Him in these capacities over all those years.

The new position to which I have been appointed is that of a Planned Giving Officer. It is part of our Department of Institutional Advancement. I'm excited with this opportunity to continue serving Grace by helping to raise the level of gift income that is so necessary for the health and growth of our schools.

Who are the people that you are serving?

I'm working primarily with present and future friends of the school who are in a position to make contributions to our ministry by including Grace in their wills, through purchasing annuities, or by entering into one of a variety of available trust agreements.

Could you share a little more information concerning these giving programs? For starters, what is an annuity?

An annuity is a contribution based on a contract made with the school. Its provisions allow for significant income tax savings, as well as a guaranteed life income for the annuitant. But perhaps I can better explain it by giving an example.

Let's say Mrs. Jones, a 76-year-old widow, invests in a \$10,000 Grace Gift Annuity. She will receive an 8.7 percent rate of return. This means she will receive a guaranteed income of \$870.00 per year for the rest of her life, with \$484.46 of this \$870.00 taxable and the other \$384.54 tax-free. In addition, a \$5,504.54 deduction from her federal income taxes is received in the year she makes her annuity purchase.

You mentioned trust agreements. What are they?

There are several kinds of Charitable Remainder

Trust programs. These are especially attractive for people with real estate or other securities which have appreciated in value. I get really excited when I see the possibilities of these programs, because not only does Grace receive a needed contribution, the donors often benefit financially.

How are you building on past planned giving efforts?

Happily, a lot of groundwork has already been done in this area in recent years. I'm especially appreciative of the work of Dewey Melton, who was my predecessor in this position. Through his efforts, and those of Read Morrison, our former comptroller, and others, we now have over 70 annuities worth more than \$1,130,000 to Grace.

We also have a file of well over 300 individuals who have indicated at some time or other that their wills include a provision for Grace College and/or Grace Seminary. We thank God that so many people have made these arrangements to help us continue to educate young people.

I have already begun to correspond with all our annuitants, both to let them know how much we appreciate their interest in Grace Schools and to let them know that we stand ready to assist them any time they want to consider increasing their investment in this ministry.

Of course, many new potential investors will be identified through responses to advertising, direct mail, and personal contacts. This is already beginning to happen, and it is my responsibility to follow up on all of them.

How is your background assisting you in working with these people?

In one way I think I may be uniquely qualified to minister to them. Such people want to know more about the ultimate beneficiary of their "planned gift."

My major function on their behalf is not to figure out all of the specific details of the various options available to them. We make sure sound financial planning is available for all of these donors. And in the cases involving wills, they will need the services of a knowledgeable attorney.

My major functions will be twofold. First, I serve as the contact person who can introduce people to Grace College and Seminary and to the various options available for such major investments. Second, it is my job to answer most of the questions our friends may have about the exciting things that God has done -- and is continuing to do -- here at the college and seminary. My years

of experience in the academic spiritual life of both schools are invaluable here.

After spending 30 years in the academic world, is this new position satisfying to you?

Yes, because I see tremendous ministry possibilities in this position. Let me stress that I'm not approaching this program only with the idea of getting money for Grace. I want to help each person find the best option for his or her circumstances.

Of the older people I've learned to know, I've discovered that many don't know what to do with their resources. If I can help them to feel confident about what happens to their money following their death, I know I'll be satisfied in my new ministry. The primary goal is to help people be good stewards of what God has given to them.

I see tremendous ministry possibilities in this position. Let me stress that I'm not approaching this program only with the idea of getting money for Grace. I want to help each person find the best option for his or her circumstances.

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These may sound like standard buzz words, but the more I travel around, the more I realize that this is no longer the norm for so-called Christian institutions. The Christian community wants to support schools that maintain these foundational principles.

How can people get in touch with you?

They can call me at (219) 267-7427 or write in care of Grace Department of Institutional Advancement. I'll be happy to answer any questions.

From Earthly Treasures to Eternal Treasures

The Story of Herta Wohnhas

August 8, 1947 our first child, Sibylle, was born. The war had been over for two years and we were living very comfortably. My husband had started a successful construction company with a friend. They employed 160 workers. Nothing we wanted to buy was out of our reach. We had all our needs met and could afford all of our wants.

Two years after our daughter's birth, Falk was born. At first I stayed home to care for him, but there was an inner emptiness that drove me out of the house. I loved my children and my husband, but there was something missing. After Falk was a year old I took employment in a china and crystal shop while my sister tended my children. Since there was no financial need for me to work, my husband could not understand my desire to be employed. I reasoned that if I worked I could fill the void in my life and keep my mind occupied so that my thoughts would not wander to subjects like heaven and hell. As the years passed I began to realize that work was not helping. I told myself that if I had another child, then maybe things would change. However, when Frithjof was born in 1956 nothing changed.

In 1961, Sibylle was to be confirmed, but she refused to do so. We were concerned because the

state church taught us that with Confirmation one seals the faith that has been imparted by infant baptism, and without it one can not be sure if he is going to heaven. We pleaded with her and finally she gave in and participated in Confirmation.

When Sibylle married James, she changed and things changed around our home. They wanted to pray at the table and use their own words instead of church prayers.

Then one day James told us that he was giving up his job as a stock broker and going to the United States so he could study theology. Why was he uprooting his family and taking our daughter and granddaughter to America? When my husband asked, "Who will take care of the three of you?" They replied, "God, our heavenly father."

***I loved my children
and my husband, but there
was something missing.***

When my husband finally began to write to them in the United States, every letter James and Sibylle wrote to us had a tract in it with the provoking title: *How to get to heaven from Albstadt*. (The town that we lived in was called Albstadt.) Often we would throw the tract away, but sometimes someone in the family read it. Some of the sentences were strange. We were told that we were sinners, one of the worst swear words in German. Surely we were not sinners. We were sprinkled as infants! We were confirmed! We had a nice Church wedding! We raised our children as good Christians!

My husband was in America visiting Sibylle and her family when my sister died of cancer. They all flew back to Germany for the funeral. After the funeral, my husband, the man that could not live without his work, that only took a 10-minute lunch break, never darkened the door of his business again. Shortly thereafter his partner had a heart attack and could not go back to work. Their company went downhill and finally they were forced to declare bankruptcy. My husband did not care. He would only say, "All that is left of one's life is a can of ashes" (as was evidenced by my sister's cremation). My husband died January 4, 1986,



Mrs. Herta Wohnhas



literally of a broken heart. His death was sudden. Who would take care of me now? I had always depended on either my sister or my husband and now God had taken both of them. In addition, He had taken my daughter away from me, she would never return to Germany. Before I had everything and now I had nothing. I had to live on social security. Is this a fair God? Why me, Lord?

When my husband died Sibylle was in Germany with Euro-Missions Institute. She stayed on in Germany and helped me straighten out some things, but she soon returned to the States. In the spring of 1987, James and Sibylle wrote and told me that they were coming back as missionaries. I thought, "What do I tell my friends and neighbors? We do not need missionaries in Germany, we are a Christian nation! What do they think we are? Heathen?" My sons and I decided that we would not pick them up at the airport nor did we want them to live at my house. It would be too embarrassing! Dan Ramsey picked them up at the airport and they stayed with the Ramseys until James went to language school. In December, between terms of language and Bible schools they needed a place to stay and I reluctantly agreed that they could stay with me. Where was their Heavenly Father now; could He not even provide a place for them to live?

No one in my family or my husband's had ever reached the age of seventy. Would I? The night before my seventieth birthday, a strange thing happened. Everyone was in bed when James remembered that he had left his wallet in the car. He got out of bed, went through the basement to the car.

He noticed a strong smell of gas. He discovered we had a gas leak! He woke everyone up and we opened the windows, put on coats and hats and called the gas company. We sat in the living room waiting anxiously for them to come and fix the leak. It never occurred to us to leave the house. If James would not have forgotten his wallet and noticed the leak, we would either have died from gas inhalation or from the explosion that would have occurred when my son who smokes came to wish me a happy birthday. Why did God let me celebrate my seventieth birthday? Why had He spared me in such a strange way?

One day I lay on my bed just wishing I could die.

After finishing Bible School, James and Sibylle moved in with me until they could move to Calw. Life seemed totally hopeless to me. One day I lay on my bed just wishing I could die. James came in and asked, "Mama, why do you lie here waiting to die?" I responded, "Life has no more meaning to me, but according to you and Sibylle I am not ready to die because I won't go to heaven." James told me that I would be separated from God forever. Then he explained to me how I could get to heaven. That very afternoon I asked Jesus to be my Lord and Savior and my burden was lifted.

I still live only on my social security, but I would not trade this lifestyle for the one I had without Christ. I am now a child of the King of kings and Lord of lords. I have eternal treasures waiting for me in heaven where I will live with my Heavenly Father forever.

by Herta Wohnhas



James, Sabine and Sibylle Belton

Still In My First Love

by Marion R. Thomas

I greatly love First Love Renewal. The ideas taught in this dynamic flow of witness for Christ I have used for many years. Speak for the Lord wherever you are in whatever the circumstances you are in, and take advantage of all happenings to witness of Christ and His marvelous love for us and His ability to meet all our needs. After having planted five Grace Brethren Churches in Ohio, South Carolina, and Florida, and being active in sowing seed for churches in Arizona and Indiana, I can say with great confidence and joy, witness where you are! Use any open doors to make a friend to win him or her to the Lord. Have good literature to back up or spearhead your witness. Sow in tears and we shall reap, without any doubt, the Word of God assures us. I could write books about the many occasions when just a hunger to witness for my Lord caused him to open unusual contacts and results in soul-winning. God uses every willing person. First Love Renewal is just you and me, any of us willing, being used of our Lord for rekindling the fires of soul-winning.

It is easy to talk of the person you are in love with. Oh, I love You, my Lord Jesus! I worship and praise You today. My eyes sparkle to think on You in the night time, and all the day. When I sing hymns I am thrilled with Your salvation given to all of us in the family of God. It is great joy to tell those I meet in any place, He is wonderful. A happy heart is a great advertisement in this sad world. A bright light shines a long way in the dark. I am the lamp, You be the light, my Lord! Joyful tears wash my eyes as I think of You, Lord Jesus, and it is joy to tell those folks of You! After some time with You, I want them all to know You, my Lord! Worship and praise singing prepares us to overcome fears that the Devil gives and seeks to hinder us in the only business that will last. Cause me to put first things first. We are not charismatics, but I tell you, we are happy, happy believers.

***"We are not charismatics,
but happy believers."***

Brethren, join us across the nation in all our Grace Brethren Churches, missions, schools, homes, and hearts in fresh awakening and return to first love that will sweep through all our Grace Brethren Fellowship in fresh revival and Holy Spirit, New Testament, great awakening that will cross America again like when the Wesleys came to these beloved shores!

Get churches together for First Love Renewals. This is a movement of design by the Holy Spirit for the terrible needs of these endtime days.



Pastor Marion R. Thomas is a retired elder, serving in the Findlay Ohio Grace Brethren Church. He and his wife, Yvonne, reside in Bluffton, Ohio.

TV or not TV

by Dean I. Walter

I heard this message on TV:
 "Your life's not what it ought to be!"
 They said I need more loving care . . .
 And this is what they had to share:
 I need some Cheez-Whiz with my snack,
 And Carter's pills to soothe my back;
 A box of Bufferin for my head,
 And Nitol "Z's" 'ere going to bed;
 Then Folger's Coffee in my cup
 To help me with my getting up.
 And for my breakfast, I should plan
 To eat a bowl of Fruit and Bran . . .
 No sucrose, but a Sugar-Twin
 To cut the fat and keep me thin.
 But I may have fried eggs and ham.
 If first I spray the grill with PAM.
 Alas, my teeth will fill with cracks
 Unless I brush them well with Plax;
 And if my words come out with clicks,
 I need a tube of Orafix.
 My hair needs something called Finesse

If I would win my wife's caress.
 And when I wear my Sunday suit,
 I need to add a touch of Brut.

All this I needed to keep well,
 Plus things of which I cannot tell.
 A score of things were for my wife
 To help her live a long, rich life;
 And add another score to that
 To have a healthy dog or cat.

In one short hour I took these notes
 From Quaker Oil to Quaker Oats . . .
 And this is just a partial list . . .
 I tremble at the things I've missed.
 For I may die and miss the one
 Without which I become undone!

(Editor's note: Dean I. Walter is Associate Pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Greater Washington, D.C. I think it would be appropriate to call him the "Poet Laureate" of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches! -- CWT)



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NEWS UPDATE



Carl J. Beridon

Dr. John J. Davis, President of Grace College and Grace Theological Seminary announced that Carl J. Beridon has joined the college and seminary administra-

tion as Dean of Enrollment.

Beridon, a Michigan native, moves to Grace from his position as president of Trans Continental Underwriters, Inc., an aviation insurance agency, and Sources International Corporation, a marketing firm. He is a sales agent for Datex USA, Inc., and previously was vice president and general manager of another Michigan aviation insurance agency.

Beridon has served as principal of Oakland Christian School in Pontiac, Michigan, and The Kings Christian School in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, and he was an associate pastor at Easton Union Church in Mount Holly, New Jersey.

As Dean of Enrollment at Grace College and Grace Theological Seminary, Beridon heads student recruitment, admissions administration, student financial aid, and career planning and placement services.

The Grace Brethren Church of Lititz, PA, is accepting resumes for the position of Maintenance Supervisor. This is a full-time position in charge of all volunteer, staff and contract workers in the areas of maintenance, equipment, janitorial services, and grounds. Resumes should be sent to the church at 501 W. Lincoln Ave., Lititz, PA 18543, directed to the attention of Tom Avey.

Eddie Miller, missionary to Brazil, was severely injured by a bull in Brazil and was returned home to Modesto, CA, for medical help. He underwent

surgery to replace the ball in a hip and is in a brace for back injuries.

Greg Shipley received his Th.D. from Westminster Seminary and is now serving as a missionary to England with Grace Brethren Foreign Missions. He is a member of the First Brethren Church of Philadelphia, PA. Mike Brubaker, pastor.

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HARRAH GRACE BRETHERN CHURCH. of Harrah, WA, is 111 Pioneer, Harrah, WA 98933. (The mailing address of the church remains the same.)

DEATHS

HAMMER, JUNE. January 12, 1990. She was the wife of James Hammer, a former pastor in the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches. Burial was in St. Louis, MO.

IMMEL, KEITH. He was a faithful member of the Grace Brethren Church of Rittman, OH, and a father of Missionary Howard Immel, passed away on July 31, 1989, after a long illness. Bud Olzewski, pastor.

JENKINS, VIRGINIA. August 18, 1989, 65. She was a member of the Ghent Grace Brethren Church of Roanoke, VA. Nathan Leigh, pastor.

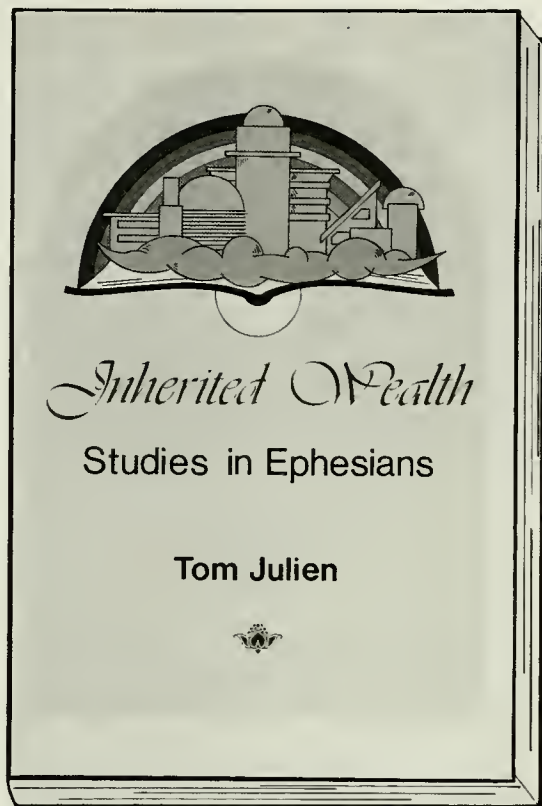
KERR, THEODORE "BUD" C., 80, December 25, 1989. He was a faithful member of the West Kittanning Grace Brethren Church. The Reverends Ronald Jurke and Richard Cornwell officiated at the memorial service. Richard Cornwell, pastor.

KINGERY, COY. August 27, 1989, 81. He was a faithful member of the Ghent Grace Brethren Church of Roanoke, VA, for over 50 years. Nathan Leigh, pastor.

PETERS, HESTER. October 12, 1989, 102. She was a member of the Ghent Grace Brethren Church of Roanoke, VA. Nathan Leigh, pastor.

RUNYON, ETHEL. 96, December 31, 1989. "She was a faithful saint of God, having served with her husband on the Deacon Board, and many other areas of service in the First Grace Brethren Church, Dayton, OH. She was a member for 43 years. Friendship Village had been her home for the past fifteen years. She was an inspiration to all who knew her. Our loss is heaven's gain." G. Forrest Jackson, pastor.

SHANKLE, OMER C. 87, January 10, 1990. He was a faithful member of the West Kittanning Grace Brethren Church for 57 years. Richard Cornwell, pastor.



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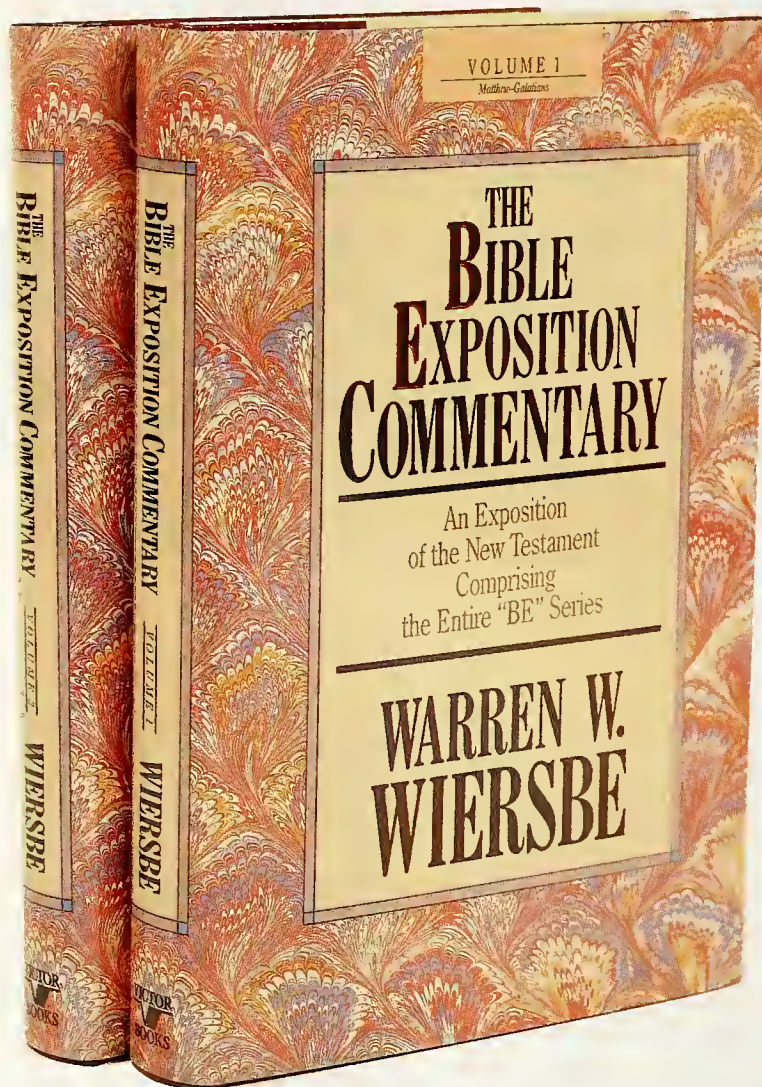
Tom Julien and his wife, Doris, served 28 years as missionaries in France where Tom was also field director and European area director. In 1986 he became executive director of Grace Brethren Foreign Missions.

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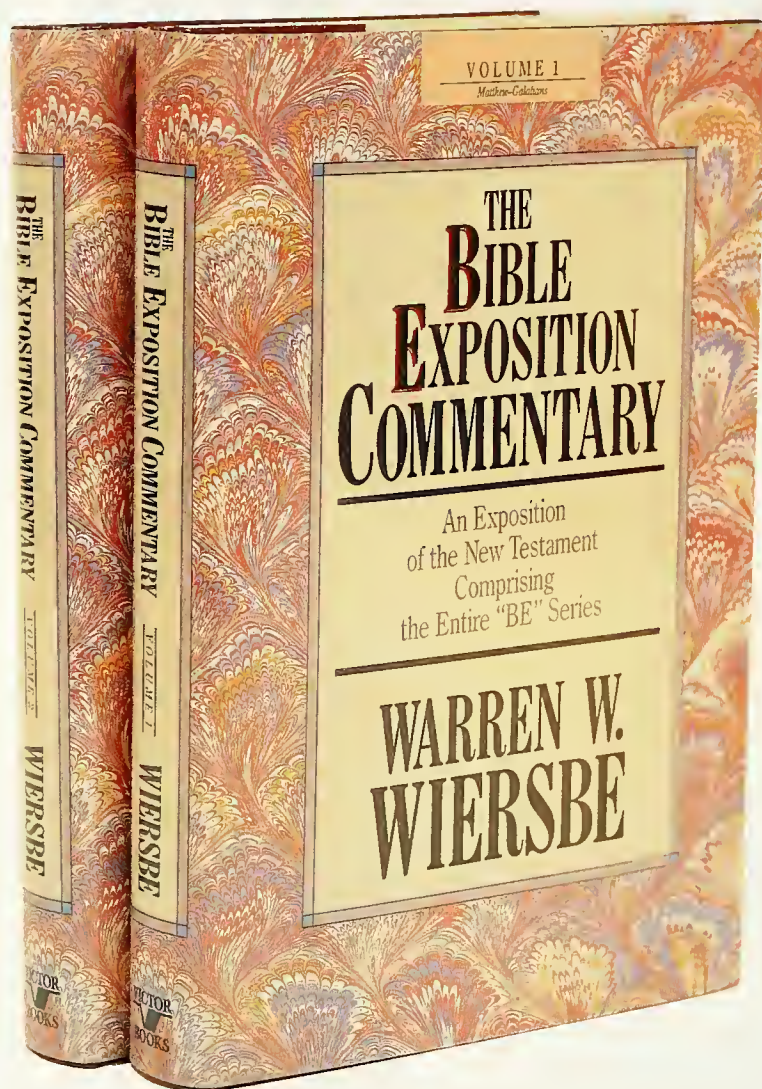
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The bitter cold of December had given way to the mild temperatures of January. The snow was replaced with the slow gentle rain. This was great for February when you consider the other possibilities. Rain, wind, and a mild 40 degree day -- not too bad to get around and do a little bit of the daily activities.

First, a stop at the post office to see what the mail person has left in the box. A couple of bills and a half dozen appeals from my favorite mission projects. Normal day so far, but all was to change soon. The rain was picking up and the wind was a little stiffer coming off of beautiful Lake Winona. So with head down and face to the ground I headed for the car. There was the first find of the day. A shining new penny in the middle of Park Ave. Without hesitation I did not feel a ripple of temptation -- it remained in its little pothole in the pavement.

Off to the super market to get some calorie counters for the morning coffee break at the Herald. A couple of jelly filled and a half dozen caramel covered beauties and some unsugared ones for those sensitive to good things. Back to the car and the wind and the rain brings my head down to keep the cold out. This time to my surprise there were two pennies in the midst of some dirt and grime that had fallen off a car. Again, no temptation -- I kept moving and the pennies remained for someone else to discover.

I did have a conscience problem about this because I remember when a penny found would bring joy for days. Then, however, a penny could change a young kid's life. A nickel was a major problem because it resulted in making more decisions than I was prepared to make. It could mean fifteen or twenty pieces of candy. That meant big decisions. But now a penny was not as much a problem to my budget as it was to whether or not I wanted to expend the energy for so little return. A penny is not what it used to be!

But then came Sunday and as

I walked down the aisle of the church I spied another object. To my surprise it was a 357 magnum shell -- alive and useable! I had been hearing about the disagreements among the Brethren but this helped focus how intent we were all becoming. I did pick this one up and turned it over to the police.

So that was the week -- two finds of pennies without a stop. One bullet . . . a quick pickup. Monday I found a quarter, it was worth the time.

What does it take to make us stop and pay attention in our current world? We hardly pause for a moment when we see folks shot or maimed on TV. We see it happen so often it hardly upsets our sensitivity any more. Almost daily the news brings us word of another politician involved in some compromise of his duties. We just seem to know that is about average. Do we pause when we hear another bank just went under? No use getting excited about the fact that several hundred had to re-open under another name during the past several years.

Pause when you see the latest price on sneakers at \$175.00 a pair? You can pump them up to the right pressure! Stop and think it over when you hear the newest church in town is going to cost two million, three million or about \$30 million. No, we have reached the place when it is about like a penny in a puddle in the parking lot. Too much trouble to pause and pick it up. It just isn't worth that much time or effort.

Not many things in an increasingly jaded society retain a sense of great worth. We take a glance, do not hesitate and go on our way. We Christians are about as guilty as everyone else. It is a rather sad commentary on our times. We have been inundated with commercials, false claims and materialism for so long, it just does not come through very often. Indeed, we are losers by it all.



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"I read my Bible through twice last year. I have been doing it twice for the last couple of years, and at least once for the last 15 years. My husband, Shimer, has been reading his through once a year for the last 20 years." -- Mrs. Shimer Darr, Meyersdale, PA

"I read through the Bible again last year. This is the fifth year I have done it." -- Mrs. Virginia Leaf, Winona Lake, IN

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Living Under A Death Sentence

by Beverly Sharp

"If you were told that the Lord was coming back on a certain day and hour or you were told you had only a short time to live, what would you do with the time you had left?" As a Sunday School teacher I have used this question to encourage myself and my students to evaluate our lives, never dreaming it would become something I would have to actually deal with in my family.

In August of 1988 my son, Tom Sharp, missionary to Mexico, became very ill. It seemed to be a severe attack of Crohn's disease which he had had for a number of years. It had been a very stressful time in their family life as 2½ year old Mandy had had a 7½ hour life threatening surgery in April. Then their son Benjamin was born in June. By August 20th Tom had to have an emergency operation to take care of a blockage in the colon. Suzie, his wife, anxiously waited for surgery to be over. The doctor came to her and said, "Your husband won't be going home with you."

"What do you mean?" she asked.

"He won't live through the next 72 hours. He has advanced colon cancer. It is everywhere." It was the beginning of a death sentence.

In God's planning Tom did live through that time period and got out of the hospital. It was decided that they should move back to Ohio so our family could help with transportation, baby-sitting, and encouragement. Tom did not want to move their belongings home because he was determined that with God's help he would return to the mission field.

The missionaries on the border, the San Diego and Pasadena Churches were such a help. Thanks for all you did. At home in Bellville, the Ankenytown church cleaned, painted, papered, and filled with furniture, bedding, pots and pans -- everything needed for Tom and Suzie and the children to live a normal life. What a blessing that was!

Our first visit to the doctor in Ohio was not any better. His opening words were "Tom, you know this cancer is going to kill you, don't you?" So what do you do when you are 36 years old with a wife and three children that you love dearly?

First of all Tom chose to live positively with hope and faith in the Lord that he would be able to raise his family. We didn't talk about dying. Cancer means doctors, nurses, hospitals and other patients. It was an opportunity to witness for his Lord.

His chemo treatments were new for this area, and he had to stay at the hospital for a week each month. Soon he asked to take them as an outpatient so that he could be home with his family. Time was precious.

Tom worked part time at Ankenytown Grace as he was able. So eight months came and went and we became quite confident that the doctors were wrong. But each 20th of the month we looked at the calendar and thanked the Lord for another period of time, it was so special.

In March, just before Easter, Tom found a growth in the lymph gland of his neck. He didn't tell anyone -- just went to prayer meeting, played his guitar and taught the lesson on the end times. The next day he showed the doctor, but he had given Suzie one more worry free night. It meant two more kinds of chemo plus the ones he already was getting.

There were many good days, and some very bad ones. Extra time in prayer and with his Bible and a loving, caring wife were the things that kept Tom going. There were some difficult things that happened apart from the physical illness, for Satan was busy.

If you live under a death sentence you do the important things. He spent a lot of time with the girls, a lot of time holding Benji while he slept but no one teased him about spoiling him. When Grandma Reed died they took the girls to the funeral and explained about dying and heaven with Jesus. In spite of an ileostomy, a catheter and a chemo pump, he got in a few games of church softball. He told his sister he couldn't run like he used to, but he always made sure he came in standing up, and that's the way he was dealing with his life.



Tom and Suzie Sharp, Cristi, Amanda, Benjamin.

In July an opportunity came to go back to Tijuana, Mexico. He had the special privilege to dedicate a meeting place for the Mexicans at Otay Mesa. He came home so excited. What a gift from God that trip was!

But it was the beginning of the end, for the next week great pain set in. He made a trip to Winona Lake to the Missions Conference to give his testimony but it was right to the hospital on his return.

Three weeks later the doctor's prediction came true; but it was one year and seven days later in-

stead of 72 hours. I believe this was a result of dedicated prayer across our Fellowship. Our families can never express our appreciation adequately for the encouragement the Foreign Missions staff, the missionaries and our churches gave during this time and since Tom's homegoing. Grace Brethren people do care! We thank you.

Tom didn't win his hard fought battle with cancer for God chose otherwise, but he accomplished with great courage and faith a good testimony for his Lord.

CELEBRATION 90

You did it! YOU PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT PART IN SOMETHING ETERNAL. As part of your Grace Brethren church, you have participated in the planting of over 720 Grace Brethren churches overseas. Thousands of people have come to know Jesus Christ as their Lord because people like you were faithful to the Great Commission. That's something to celebrate.

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| May 6 | Soldotna, AK | October 27 | Aiken, SC |
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| June 10 | Waterloo, IA | | |

For further information call or write to:
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Attention Mary Ann Barlow

Guidelines for Forums on Church Membership Issue

The 1989 Conference passed the following motion (Annual, p.24): "A motion prevailed to refer the matter of the Baptism-Church Membership issue to the Fellowship Council with the directive that they prepare for a forum of study and discussion and come back to the conference with creative alternatives as soon as feasible but not more than 3 years from now. The following action was taken at the meetings of your Fellowship Council in Simi Valley, California, Jan. 13-16.-- Roger D. Peugh, Moderator.

I. Goal/Purpose of the forum(s) mandated by 1989 National Conference regarding Baptism and church membership: the WHY.

To effectively communicate with one another at every level in order

- A. **to properly understand one another** in an atmosphere of mutually demonstrated Christlike humility and respect, maintaining highest commitment to the biblical standards of spiritual unity and integrity in all communication of and discussion of differences.
- B. **to study** and come to a mutually shared deeper understanding of the biblical and practical issues involved in the whole discussion.
- C. **to seek to arrive at a consensus** which will then be converted into **inductive Bible study discipleship tools** useable at several levels of discipleship and leadership training in all churches, districts and in our training institutions.
- D. **to recommend creative alternatives** for the resolution of as many tensions as possible to the Fellowship Council for presentation to National Conference.

II. Suggested (not exhaustive) list of forum topics arranged in order of importance: the WHAT.

- A. Baptism:
 - 1. What is biblical baptism? Is trine immersion the "best" mode or the "exclusive" mode taught in the Scriptures?
 - 2. What does the Bible teach about the rebaptism of a believer who claims to have been "baptized," subsequent to salvation, by a form other than trine immersion?
- B. Membership:
 - 1. What is church membership as defined from the Scriptures? (Are all of the aspects of our "legal membership" biblically derived or does our culture influence our practice significantly?)
 - 2. Are there allowable exceptions for taking people into membership who cannot be baptized

because they are sick or have some other "legitimate" reason for not being baptized? Must baptism always be public? (Are private baptisms biblical?)

- 3. What are the required practical steps to show that one agrees with the Statement of Faith?
- C. Local churches:
 - 1. What does the Bible teach about the autonomy of the local church?
 - 2. What does the Bible say about how churches relate to each other? (Under whose jurisdiction do our districts fall and how do our presently constituted districts relate to the National Conference?)
 - 3. What authority does a central ecclesiastical body have in determining policy in a local church (e.g. National Conference through the Fellowship Council?)
 - 4. What biblical teaching on separation would mandate the dividing of Grace Brethren from Grace Brethren over the issue of open and closed membership policies? (What does the Bible teach about the issues over which Christians should separate from other Christians? What are the implications of such separation for fellowship with or support of other Christian groups?)
- D. The matter of our common mission: What does the Bible teach about tolerance of something in the practice of another brother (or church) which I may not be willing to reproduce?
- E. Faithful perpetuation:
 - 1. How can we ensure the perpetuation of our fellowship since we are a voluntary organization and since there are no "policemen" to enforce the rules?
 - 2. How is pastoral leadership to be trained, examined and certified?

F. Honoring commitments:

If agreement over these membership matters cannot be reached, how will the binding commitments which have been made to our FGBC ministries (e.g. care for pension of widows of pastors) be honored? What are the biblical ramifications of simply dropping or ignoring these promises made?

III. Means of reaching the goal: the WHO and HOW.

- A. A forum Coordinator appointed by the Moderator will assemble existing study materials and make them available to those requesting them (expenses to be borne by those requesting materials).
- B. The Forum Coordinator will assign study articles addressing the above questions, to be written from as broad a spectrum as possible.

- C. District ministeriums appoint a contact person as representative of the district at the broader level. Any expenses incurred to be borne by districts. (Fellowship Council members are not to be considered for the position of District Representative.)
 - D. Lay representation be appointed in each district by the District Conference officers. Any expenses incurred to be borne by districts.
 - E. These representatives, in cooperation with the Forum Coordinator, solicit materials, arrange and chair district-sponsored open forums, giving careful attention to all sides of the issues as fairly as possible. Lay participation is to be actively encouraged. Forum meetings are to be opened with prayer session and interspersed with prayer times, recognizing that without God's help we will not arrive at His conclusions on the issues.
- IV. Plan for reaching the goal: the WHEN.**
- A. District-level forums held by the fall of 1990. Dates for these fall meetings set by District Conferences or Ministeriums spring 1990.
 - B. Input from these district forums reviewed and revised at a three-day meeting of the district representatives immediately prior to Jan. 91 Fellowship Council meeting, a report given at that time to the Fellowship Council.
 - C. The Fellowship Council then see that the material is organized into the best format for distribution at district conferences in spring of 1991.
 - D. General Forum to be held in connection with the 1991 National Conference for review of the materials presented and to receive suggestions for further review at Jan. 1992 Fellowship Council meeting.
 - E. Fellowship Council to report to 1992 Conference with creative alternatives for the resolution of as many tensions as possible in our fellowship.
 - F. Fellowship Council also will initiate the formulation of in-depth inductive Bible study materials which represent the consensus of the Forum input and are to be available for adoption by Conference 1992.

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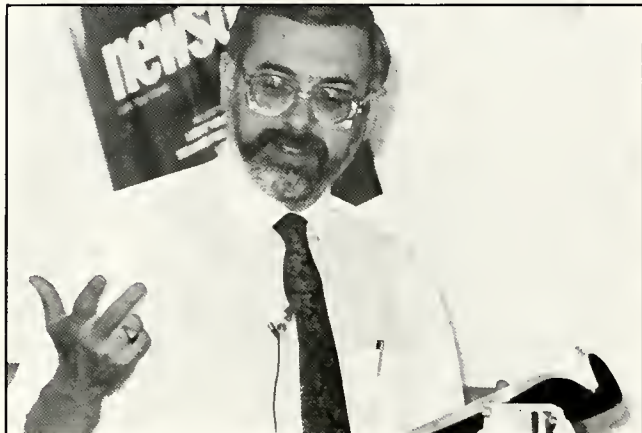
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Also included in the day will be the two 1990 Operation Barnabas teams to present their ministry of music and drama following the luncheon. This complementary day of "Continuing Education" is an integral part of the National Conference of the FGBC. Won't you join CE National in Richmond?



Operation Barnabas Teams Sharing in Music Ministry

Continue to pray for the . . .



YEAR OF YOUTH OUTREACH

Listen to some of the encouraging quotes being received from our churches:

"Heather was one of the girls in my counseling group at conference this year. She has been witnessing to a boy she met in Kentucky during conference. Since conference he has become a Christian! She wrote and told me of this. She keeps in touch with him and says he is growing in our Lord! PTL!"

"We are seeing great things this year as a result of YOYO. Our teens are talking to friends, and our attendance has increased from 6-10 a week to 12-16 a week! Our teens are sharing Christ!"

"I have had great opportunities to share with a boy at school, whose name is Richard (If you could pray for him and many others). I have seen at least eight big

answers to prayer in the last two months, and I'm excited about what the Lord has in store for me for the rest of the year!"

"I had the opportunity to talk to Sharon about what would happen if she didn't accept Christ and about how Christ purchased a place for her in Heaven, and she could have it if she wanted. She said she did. My pastor then came over and talked with her about the commitment she would be making. And she accepted Christ as her personal Savior."

I've been involved with Teen Evangelism Explosion for three semesters now and it's amazing to go out and share Jesus Christ with other youth. The reason I say it's amazing is because people are really shocked when they discover teenagers going out and sharing their faith . . . This was such an encouragement to me because they showed me that people do need the Lord!"



TIME that counts for eternity . . .

CE National's TIME program (Training in Missionary Endeavor) is an investment that can count for eternity. TIME affords young people short-term missions opportunities allowing them to investigate missions and to develop a heart for the lost. This year's TIME teams will experience TIME orientation training in inner-city Chicago and leave



Developing a heart for the lost.



TIME participants share their faith at inner-city Chicago orientation

for the fields in France, Spain, Brazil, Africa, the Mexico border and the Navajo mission.

Please pray for the 1990 TIME applicants as they prepare for their ministries, as they investigate missions and as they develop a heart for the lost.



Investigating missions

develops church leaders . . .



Operation Barnabas participants share their faith

CE National's 1990 Operation Barnabas teams give growing senior high youth a thirst for ministry and train them for future ministry inside and outside the body of Christ. OB teams encourage our churches as they minister to them during their five week summer tour. The 1990 tour begins June 29th with orientation in Myerstown, PA and concludes as they minister at National Conference in Richmond, Virginia.

Please pray for the 1990 Operation Barnabas team members.



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NEWS UPDATE

Tim Hawkins has recently been licensed to the Brethren ministry. He and his wife, Julie, are preparing to go to Portugal as missionaries. A special day has been planned in their honor by the Grace Brethren Church of Rittman, OH. It will be held on July 15, 1990.

Phil Valentine, son of Grace College student Rod Valentine, had surgery for a cancerous tumor on Feb. 6. Phil is 2 years old and has had one and one-half years of chemotherapy treatment. There are plans for a bone marrow transplant.

Pastor Wayne Hannah is "back on the job" following his recent surgery. He is pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Richmond, VA. He wants to say "thanks" for the many who prayed for him.

Paul Bauman and Ralph Gilbert are conducting a tour to the Holy Land and Austria and back to the Oberammergau Passion play May 15-28. If interested, you may contact them either by mail or telephone: 214-758-8875, or mail to: Paul Bauman, P.O. Box 8181, Longview, TX 75607.

Warren Tamkin and wife are planning a trip to Europe June 8-17. The Tamkins will be visiting such places as the Oberammergau Passion play, the Chateau in France, and also Stuttgart, Germany. If you are interested in joining the Tamkin party, the cost is \$1595 from New York City. For more information, call 717/432-4177.

Roy and Ruth Snyder are working with a Haitian group from the Grace Brethren Church of Fort Lauderdale, FL. On a recent Sunday there were 59 present. Dr. Herman Hoyt's material on "Brethren Beliefs" is being translated into French for their use.

James Taylor was ordained to the Christian ministry in November 1989. He is pastor of the Lakeland, FL, Grace Brethren Church. Members of the ministerium were on hand to assist in the service, along with Pastor Dan Eshleman of the Grace Brethren Church of Elizabethtown, PA. Pastor Taylor was licensed to the ministry in 1986 at the Valley Grace Brethren Church where he served as associate pastor prior to assuming his responsibilities at Lakeland.

DEATHS

DAVIS, MARTHA B. 68. She was a member of the West Kittanning Grace Brethren Church, Kittanning, PA. Richard Cornwell, pastor.

GREENLEAF, MARY M. 89. January 15, 1990. She was a faithful and the oldest member of the Vicksburg Grace Brethren Church, Hollidaysburg, PA. Rev. Dean Walter, a son-in-law, and Pastor Griffith conducted the memorial service. Robert Griffith, pastor.

MARRIAGES

JEFFREYS: Leslie VanDeWater and Doug Jeffreys were married on December 9, 1989, at the Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church by Roy Roberts, Chaplain at Grace College. John Teevan, pastor.

MORENO: Becky Disbro and Martin Moreno were married December 23, 1989, at the Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church by Charles Turner. John Teevan, pastor.

Editor's Note: The following information is presented to make available the same material to all members of the fellowship. This and other articles are for the purpose of information --CWT.

Submitted by Keith Merriman and John Fahrback:

Recently, two meetings were held at the Orrville Grace Brethren Church in Orrville, Ohio. The primary purpose of the first meeting (Nov. 13, 1989) was to gather together a group of pastors who had a desire to rescind the 1964 Resolution, to have questions answered and theological, biblical convictions put into print to be presented to the Fellowship. Many hours of work were put into a statement that reflected the convictions of a majority of those who were present. The statement was not able to be finished in the time allotted so it was decided that a second meeting was necessary. The primary purpose of the second meeting (Feb. 2-3, 1990) was to finish the "We Believe" statement begun at the first meeting and to inform those pastors at the meeting of the complexity and depth of the problems now facing our Fellowship.

The following "We Believe" statement was finalized at the Feb. 2-3 meeting.

We Believe

1. We believe Matthew 28:18-20 is the only definitive passage in the New Testament concerning the form, function, and formula of water baptism.
2. We believe that trine immersion and the practices

of threefold communion are vital in the life and identity of the church.

3. We believe the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches must safeguard and perpetuate all biblical truth which includes baptism by trine immersion.
4. We believe that Christ commanded the church to baptize all believers by trine immersion (Matt. 28:18-20).

We believe, therefore, that Point 9 ("Ordinances") of the Statement of Faith ("the Christian **should** observe the ordinances of our Lord Jesus Christ . . .") should be understood to mean "the Christian **must** observe . . ."

5. We believe that all members of New Testament churches were trine immersed upon entering the local assembly for the purpose of being discipled in all that Christ commanded (Matt. 28; Acts, passim). [scattered passages]
6. We believe that the resolution made at the 1964 National Conference has helped to foment even greater disunity in our Fellowship.
7. We believe that we as a Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches must rescind the resolution of

1964 and must require that every church belonging to the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches have trine immersed members only (except for medical limitations), in accordance with the Scriptures.

8. We believe that when an individual becomes a member of a Grace Brethren Church that he is to understand the Statement of Faith to be a description of his own personal conviction concerning the basic truths taught in the Bible for faith and practice.

"Accordingly, the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches, Inc., believing the Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible to be the infallible rule of faith and of practice, and feeling the responsibility to make known the divine message of the Bible, presents the following articles as a statement of those basic truths taught in the Bible which are common to our Christian **faith** and **practice**."

(Article II, Covenant and Statement of Faith, page 5, BYLAWS of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches, Inc., adopted August 7, 1984.)



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An American In Paris

by Larry N. Chamberlain



Larry Chamberlain is Executive Director of the Grace Brethren Home Missions Council, Grace Brethren Nava-jo Ministries, and the Grace Brethren Investment Foundation. He writes here of his experience as a participant in the World Missions Institute in France last fall. Seeing missions, not as local, home, or foreign, but as world-wide, Mr. Chamberlain comments on what he considered to be significant lessons from his experience.

It began with a simple invitation from Tom Julien, Executive Director of Grace Brethren Foreign Missions: "Larry we'd like you to join us

this year at the Chateau of Saint-Albain in France for the Institute of World Missions." What followed was an odyssey of unforgettable significance.

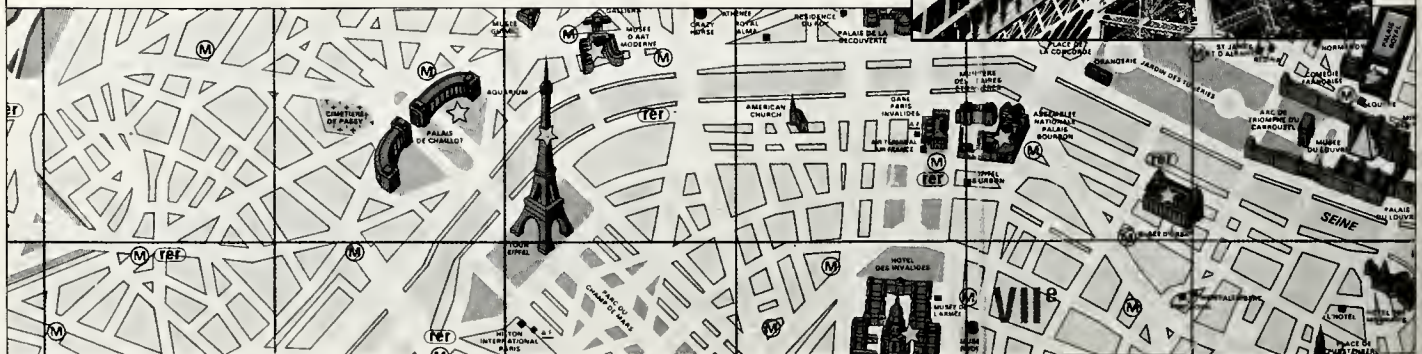
It wasn't the travel that was significant, although, except for some brief trips across the border into Canada, this was to be my first visit to a foreign country. It was a great challenge, especially the language. Using a handy translation book, I was able to get around, but simple things, like ordering lunch or purchasing a bus ticket, took on new meaning -- especially for those taking my order or issuing my ticket. Reading a map of downtown Paris -- where I spent a day as a walking, unguided tourist -- was a thrilling accomplishment. I felt as though I had personally discovered Notre Dame and the Eiffel Tower!

No, although it was exciting, it wasn't the travel that was significant. Of great significance was the opportunity to see first-hand the vastness of our Lord's Great Commission. To realize anew that the earth is indeed round and doesn't simply drop off at the protective shores of the USA. To meet, on their tough turf, the faithful missionaries representing

our Fellowship as a European team. To hear them speak about their ministries . . .

"We are fighting great spiritual battles in England." -- Bill Kiddoo.

"Cults are waiting at the doors of eastern countries."



East Germany is opening up for evangelism opportunities." -- Dan Ramsey

"France's hour is coming. We are at the beginning of exponential growth in France." -- Larry DeArme

"Never before have I seen more people open to the Gospel. Yet, the people are very philosophical, very argumentative." -- Florent Varak

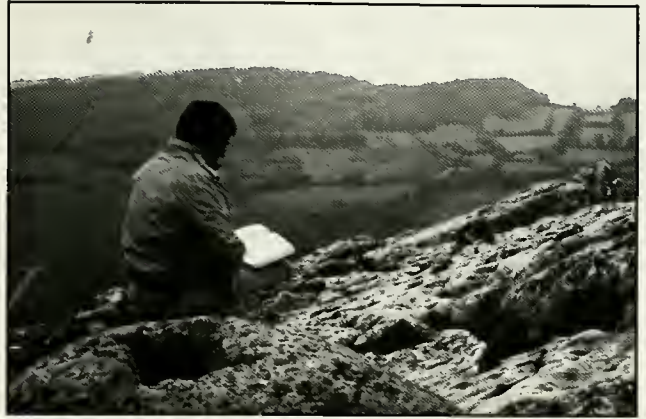
"God is choosing a team of churches that will rise to a sense of destiny." -- Tom Julien

What was of great significance was the opportunity to see first-hand the vastness of our Lord's Great Commission.

Of great significance was the fellowship with key people attending the conference from churches in the States: Jeff Dunkle (Myerstown, PA), Bob Belohlavek (Columbus-Worthington, OH), Lloyd and Nancy Bartel (Wooster, OH), Norm Johnson (Ashland, OH), Mike and Margie Brubaker (Philadelphia, PA), Steve and Paula Popenfoose (Warsaw, IN), and Madelyne Underwood (Columbus, OH). To pray with them, walk and talk with them, hold communion with them. These were precious times, unforgettable, significant times.

Of great significance was the time set aside for "A Day with God," hiking up the steep hillside at Solutre, finding a quiet place, alone, with a panoramic view of the French countryside, with time enough to read through the entire Book of Psalms. To pray for America. To pray, with universal vision, for the nations of the world. To pray, with renewed appreciation, for our faithful church-planters at home and abroad.

Thank you, Tom, for your invitation and for your companionship in the Great Commission. Also, thank you for your shared vision for the



High in the hills of Solutre, France, Larry Chamberlain finds a quiet place alone to spend "A Day with God."

neighborhoods of America and the nations of the world. And thank you for this great opportunity, at the World Missions Institute, to expand my horizons to see our ministry in America as complementary as essential for the ongoing fruitfulness of world missions.

*God be gracious to us and bless us,
And cause His face to shine upon us --
That Thy way may be known on the earth,
Thy salvation among all nations.*

(Psalm 67:1-2, highlighted in my Bible on a hillside in France, September 27, 1989.)

Key people were in attendance for the Institute of World Missions.



From Around the Nation



Mayport, FL, Chaplain John Diaz, U.S. Navy -- "Attendances have increased in youth and morning worship services. I baptized four, including three adults, in a recent month."



Yakima Valley, WA, Pastor Abner Solano -- "We continue to hold Bible studies in Grandview, Sunnyside, and Mabton. We also have a family training program. We have about nine family units and six other contacts with possible additions."



Willoughby, OH, Pastor Joe Cosentino -- "We are thankful for God's faithfulness as we reflect upon the recent celebration of our first anniversary as a church. We have experienced good attendance, a common sense of purpose, and greater exposure in the Cleveland area."



Indianapolis, IN, Pastors Al Edgington and Ron Smals -- "We have six core families and a single man moving from the Warsaw, Indiana area and Pennsylvania to become the ministry team in Indianapolis. Two of these families have already moved to the area and the third hopefully will be moving around the end of March. We have 8-10 good contacts that need to be followed up on in the Indianapolis area and that will happen soon. The ministry's off to a great start!"

Lakeland, FL, Pastor Jim Taylor -- "We are grateful for a couple who recently transferred membership here and for seeing new faces in our congregation each week. We praise the Lord for our people and their willingness to be involved in ministry."

NE Columbus, OH, Pastors Will Marling and Perry Huesmann -- "It is going well. There is vitality, growth, and excitement. Praise the Lord! Plans are on schedule for public services in April."

Blain, PA, Pastor Dennis Huratiak -- "Praise the Lord for the election of two new elders to the leadership of our church and for some new folks visiting the church as well as additional prospects."

Belmont Heights, CA, Pastor Greg Perry -- "The Lord has been increasing our numbers this past month. Sheena Butler received the Lord in December, and a recent addition to our Church brought the membership to 20."

North Port, FL, Pastor Lester Pifer -- "We are on a 60-day waiting period to clear all contingencies for the purchase of our property. Closing will be around March 1st. Our people are faithful to all meetings and are concerned about reaching new people. The offerings have held up well with another record of over \$1200 recently."

Bradenton, FL, Pastor Ralph Hall -- "We recently had a new high attendance of 45. An adjacent homeowners' association met in our facility with 40 people from the immediate area, and we established a favorable contact with these people."

Albuquerque, NM, Roger Moore, elder -- "We now have two Bible studies weekly and plan on a third soon. Without a pastor we are striving to keep busy and keep our few families strengthened and faithful." (Please pray that God will send a pastor to this congregation very soon.)

Anchorage, AK, Pastor Brian Chronister -- "We are surprised and pleased to notice that our attendance on Wednesday nights is averaging 60 percent of our Sunday A.M. service. Our most effective evangelism of children is occurring then with nine professions of faith last Fall."

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WMC at Work



Thank You's

I want to thank you for your gift of \$1,721.00 for the Brethren Biblical Seminary at Bata. The gift is designated for Library books and we are delighted that this addition to the library will enable more students to work more efficiently with their studies and research. It is a "on-going" gift and will be used and appreciated by many students in the coming years. I am also sure that many of the faculty members will use these new books as resource tools.

Through the years, the Africa Team has been conscious of your good-will and financial support and they join me now in sending our sincere thanks. We also appreciate your strong prayer support of the missionaries out here.

David S. Daugherty
C.A.R. Field Superintendent

We would like to express our deep appreciation to the ladies of the national WMC for their contribution to our support this year. It means so much to us to have a nationwide network of praying saints for us. Please extend our thanks to all the appropriate ladies.

Tom and Laura Hickey, France

Thanks to all those who saved Campbell labels and bonuses (117,000 total). We were able to purchase the following for the Navajo Mission School:

- 1 -- Bell & Howell 16mm projector
- 2 -- Sewing Machines for Home Economics
- 1 -- Film strip projector

-- Elaine Marpel
Principal
Grace Brethren Navajo Mission School



Meeting Idea

The April Meeting is on Saturday morning, April 7
It's a Breakfast Meeting!

NOTE: IT'S ELECTION OF OFFICERS
We've never done it that way before, you say??
You're right!!
(Isn't that GREAT?)

District News

The Mid-Atlantic District provides a booklet for the year which includes WMC National Conference Highlights. Also, it contains information about the program packet, plus district and national goals. A pie shaped graph of our national offerings is included and is a very helpful visual.

North-Central Ohio District puts out a publication called "Lead-Her" which includes a district president's moment, SMM Happenings, Officer's Roster, reports from each circle, recipes, announcements, and other helpful information. Thanks for a well done publication!

WMC Offering:

March, April, May Foreign Missions

Goal: \$9,000
Send before June 10.

Multi-Nations: Argentina, Chad, England, Japan, Spain.

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A Visit to Three Mission Fields

Last November and December Brethren Evangelistic Ministries Directors Phil Guereña and Tony DeRosa had an opportunity to visit and minister in three beautiful Latin cultures: Guatemala City, Mexico City, and San Juan, Puerto Rico.



Children participated in the seminar in Puerto Rico.

Guatemala City was overwhelmingly heart-shaking with all its contrasts. It is blessed with gorgeous scenic views -- lakes, volcanos and mountains, but over half the Indian population with its 24 languages seems to be poverty-stricken. Our Grace Brethren Church in this capital city is pastored by Rodrigo Argueta. The work began nine years ago through missionaries from Mexico City and today has over 50 members. Rodrigo displays a willingness to learn and has a vision to reach out and start other Grace Brethren Churches. It was a moving experience visiting Wycliffe Bible Translators Tim and Lois Carey who are laboring sacrificially in an Indian Village. Brethren Evangelistic Ministries hopes to conduct an evangelistic seminar in Guatemala in the future.

Mexico City became the location for a delicious Thanksgiving meal, including roast suckling kid (goat). Mariano Azcarate pastors our



Pastor Rodrigo stands with his children and Phil Guereña.

Grace Brethren Church in Mexico City, a group blessed with young couples and a thriving youth group. Missionaries Brenda Welling and Bess Farrell assist with women's work and youth. Martin and Kristy Guereña are the newest missionaries on the field. Time did not permit a visit to two other Brethren outposts in Mexico.



Missionaries Bess Farrell and Brenda Welling

Puerto Rico was the final leg of the tour. Nine individuals from the mainland associated with Brethren Evangelistic Ministries met to plan future strategy and lead in an evangelistic seminar at the Grace Brethren Church of Summit Hills, located in a suburb of San Juan. This church, now a part of the South Florida District, is pastored by Carmelo Arbona. Several other evangelical denominations were represented by those who attended the seminar. The warmth and hospitality of the people was very evident. Pray that God will lead His people there to new heights of spiritual growth.

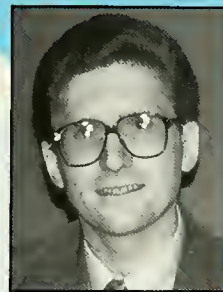
Seeing these ministries gives one the impression that they have a bright future. They do. But much depends on our Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches reaching out in prayer and ministry to these brothers and sisters in Christ. They are hungry to learn from us and to be with us.



Phil Guereña and Wycliffe Bible Translators Tim and Lois Carey (standing). Seated are Guatemala national translators.



The struggle to plant a new church can be very lonely unless you have good allies and friends. The Grace Brethren Investment Foundation has been such a good friend to our congregation and to me personally. This was my first building program as a pastor so I was easily frightened and intimidated. The team at GBIF was far more encouraging and enthusiastic in their help than I could imagine any financial organization could be.



Pastor Terry Hofecker
Dublin, Ohio

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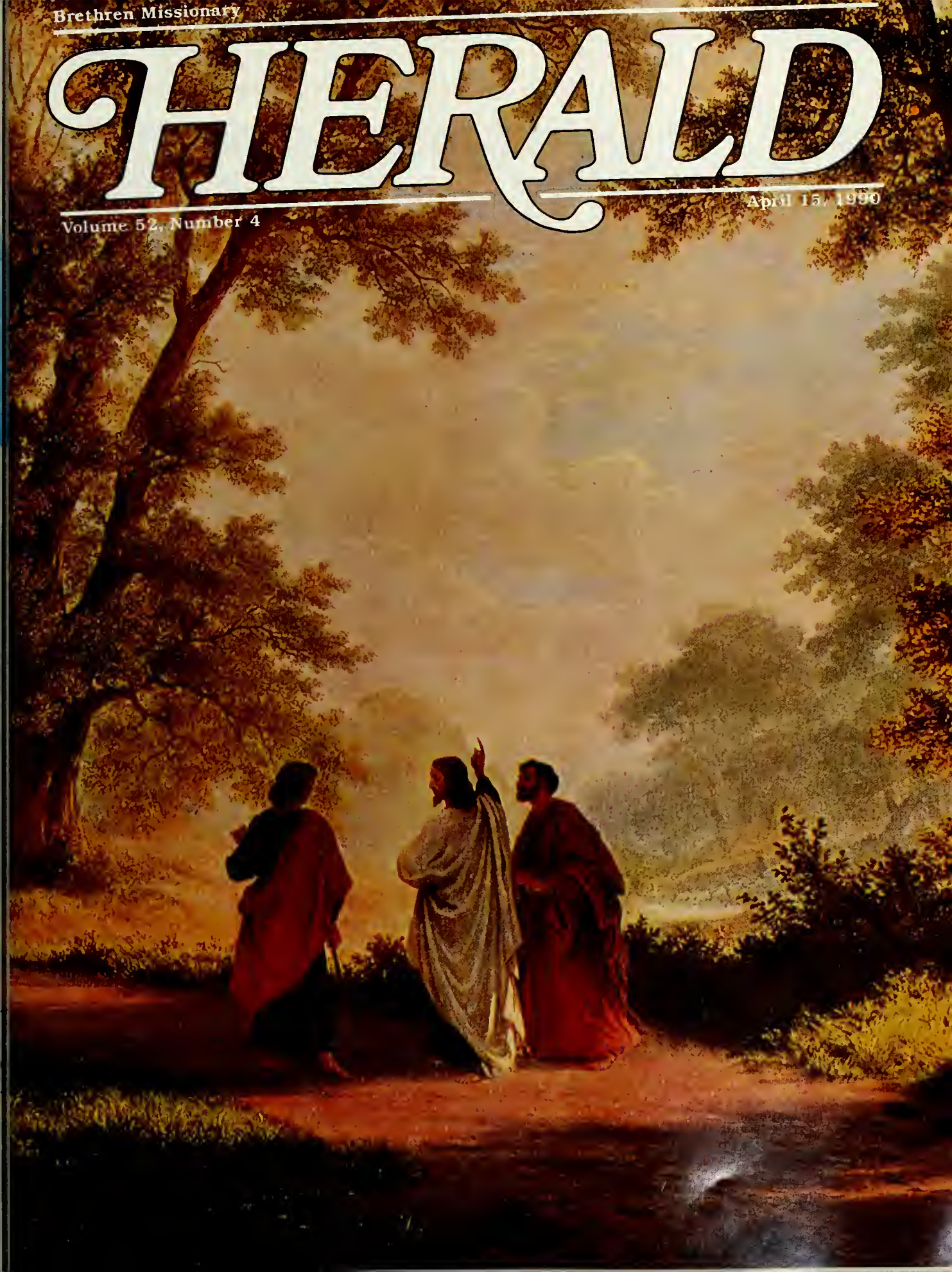
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I have been around for so long that I remember when a standing ovation was important. In the present day, it appears that if someone can whistle a couple stanzas of Dixie with a bit of accuracy they are in line for a standing ovation. I have been to a couple of concerts recently when the most surprised individual in the house was the artist.

Not knowing the full background of where all of this started makes it a little difficult to be fully objective. I grew up with the impression that when something was so outstanding it required a very special recognition -- it was time for a standing ovation. Now it is a matter of just showing up to perform and you are in line for the ultimate compliment.

Maybe the thing which upsets me is because we are so quick to honor the mediocrity of our times. We have used language in such a cheap manner that we have nothing left in the vocabulary to use when there is a need for it. "Awesome" is one of those words and "awesome's" cousin -- "fantastic" get tossed about like they had meaning. God is "awesome" but is "awesome" meaningful to a pair of sneakers or an overpriced automobile? I think not.

It is all part of our times, part of the madison avenue "hype" that has entered our vocabularies. We have brought the truly important down to the level of the everyday and the mundane. Our sense of

values is so distorted we cannot recognize those things of value. If you use your standing ovation on the average what do you have for the truly great?

Can you find a description for the work of man's hands and then move on to describe the work of God in creation? It is interesting how God handled it. "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." We praise the work of an artist in a painting which we cannot understand, or see what he is attempting. His work looks like it came out of a kindergarten first wet paint session. People will pay a million for it and say he is a genius. But we hardly lift our heads to see God paint a picture on the horizon in the late summer sky -- in brilliant oranges, blues and multi-hues.

When the end comes and mankind has terminated his endeavors, it will not end in a standing ovation as much as a bowing of the knee in submission. To stand in the presence of God -- the truly great one -- is almost a sacrilege. True greatness does not permit us the luxury of lifting our heads, true greatness demands a bowed head and body that are prostrate at his feet.

We need to use care in extending words that are beyond their actual meaning and reserve for the true great times in life those special acts of tribute. Having used our symbols and words to recognize the average, we need to have something to say that will be special when that time comes.



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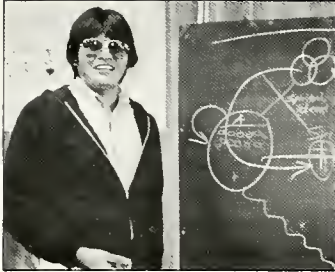
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How "Great" is the Great Commission?

by Pastor George Traub

Have you ever had a chat with a friend so warm and engaging that you wished you could talk another couple of hours? I recently had that kind of conversation with a very dear friend who is a foreign missionary. Inevitably, our thoughts turned to the Great Commission. As we talked about Matthew 28:18-20 he shared his concerns that very few people seem to understand that our commission is to **make disciples**. In an age where evangelistic methods abound, somewhere lost in the shuffle is the fact Christ has asked us not only to evangelize, but to make disciples as well. Anyone who comes to Christ and then enters the process of maturity through the impact of a believer is vastly different from someone becoming a Christian and being left alone to flounder in a dog-eat-dog world. The **responsibility** to help someone goes beyond leading them to Christ; it also involves a willingness to be involved deeply with a new believer as he struggles to mature.

I couldn't agree more! With more crazy things going on in our world than ever before, the influence and impact of a maturing believer on a newborn Christian is essential. It is **required** if we are going to fulfill the Great Commission.

Curiously enough, though, I've had to come to grips with a gnawing reality as I have visited many of our Grace Brethren churches in the last two years. When I spoke of evangelizing the lost and discipleship, I saw reactions mixed with fear, guilt, and even cynicism. I began to inquire about these reactions, and to my surprise, many, many people were not hearing the Great Commission as "great". They were afraid to share **anything** of the Gospel because they would not be able to see people accept Christ, much less develop a discipling relationship. Some had tremendous guilt because, although they were witnessing and people were coming to the Lord, something invariably had broken down a discipling relationship (a move, death, or a falling away from the Lord). Others were downright cynical, feeling the Lord had asked them to do something they did not have the gifts or abilities to accomplish. It became apparent to me that many people were not hearing the Great Commission as an exciting opportunity to be used by God. Instead, they were perceiving conversion and discipleship as **something that had to be accomplished every time, or they were**

not evangelizing! Unless sharing the Gospel produced this result, one was not obeying Christ's command.

I remember a conversation I had with a woman after I taught a CE track at National Conference. As soon as I explained some Biblical principles found in the Gospels and Acts about the freedom we have to share the Good News, she said, "George, I've been trained and trained, even re-trained on how to share the Gospel and disciple people (about seven years altogether), **but I never did it!** When I asked why, the same answer I've run across for the last two years came back: "I couldn't do it the right way. The more I was trained, the more afraid I grew because I didn't want to mess up." And because she wasn't witnessing, the guiltier she became as well.

Not long ago I talked to a teenage Christian attending a Catholic high school. She confided she was petrified of sharing her faith because she didn't know if she could do it the right way, or how she could handle the criticism that might occur. Consequently, she never shared the Gospel at all, much less considered discipleship.

As I thought about all of this, it occurred to me that the key word between evangelizing and discipling is **balance**. The Lord Himself encourages us to be ready to witness at any time, without worry or premeditation, because He will provide words for us through the Holy Spirit (Matthew 10:18-20; Mark 13:9-11). The parable of the sower in Mark 4:1-20 instructs us to sow regardless of the type of soil it falls upon. Paul explains when you meet someone and share with them, you become involved in a **process** (I Corinthians 3:5-8). Some plant, some water, others will gather the harvest, but **God** does all the work. If I am sowing the Gospel and it falls on "thorny" ground, or I am planting a seed that someone else may water later on, does that mean I have **not** obeyed simply because I did not bring that person to conversion and a discipling relationship? Again, I think the word is **balance**. I must be willing to obey the Lord's command to be an ambassador at **whatever level or situation He brings along**. If I plant a seed, I cannot feel guilty or afraid to share the next time simply because I did not see someone come to the Savior and thus be able to disciple him. Christ Himself disciplined

twelve, but there were many others He did not disciple (see Mark 5:1-20 for example). On the other hand, if, through the power of the Holy Spirit, I am used to lead others to Christ, my responsibility to them is just beginning. Discipleship is essential and required according to Matthew 28:18-20. Too often we feel conversion is the major work, leaving the new believer's development into a committed disciple as a job for someone else. Not so!

Is discipleship **the** missing dimension in evangelism? I would say it may be **a** missing dimension. We must always be ready to disciple if that is where we find ourselves in the **process** of someone's salvation. I personally feel **the** missing dimension in evangelism is our conscious, passionate awareness of our own relationship to Christ, and our dependency on Him to use humble, earthen vessels through the power of the

Holy Spirit. When I am able to shift my thinking in evangelism from "doing it the right way" to understanding my love relationship with the Savior, and the freedom from fear and guilt that results when I am able to evangelize, or disciple, or both (depending on the opportunity He gives), then I will be **willing** to do it! When I realize that Revelation 2:4 implies a living, breathing relationship with Christ is at the core of my efforts to obey Him, and out of that union comes a **natural, competent** ability to share because the Holy Spirit is the agent of impact (II Corinthians 3:4-6), then I will be **free** to plant, water, reap and disciple -- whatever opportunity the Lord provides in His ultimate plan!

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Reflections From Red Lake

by Larry N. Chamberlain

Red Lake, Arizona.

If you look for it in a Rand-McNally Road Atlas, you won't find it, not even in the map's index. It's located on the 25,000 square mile Navajo reservation, extending into four Southwestern states. But if you call the good folks at the Navajo Mission at Counselor Post, New Mexico, you'll get good directions.

According to missionary Steve Galegor, assistant superintendent: "From Flagstaff, go north on Rt. 160 to Tonelea. There is a trading post on the right. Go six or seven miles and there is a rock formation called Elephant Feet. The Red Lake GBC is about a half-mile further on the left." (Guestimating the location on the map, I notice that the Grand Canyon is only 60 miles to the west.)

I'm driving with fellow Navajo Committee members Luke Kauffman, Al Bowman, and GBIF Director, Jim Johnson. It's Sunday morning and we're on an indirect route to the Navajo Mission for committee meetings in order to visit with Navajo Pastor John Trujillo and his congregation. It's cold (17 degrees), not unusual in the 7,000 ft. high-mesa country of Navajoland.

Sure enough, there's the trading post. A few miles later, "That sure looks like elephants feet to me," so much so that it resembles the petrified legs of a prehistoric elephant, stopped dead in its tracks. And the church is only a little ways beyond, just like Steve said.

We're a little early, about 9:45 for the 10:00 a.m. services. The church is small, approximately 20 x 40, with several out-buildings for pot-lucks and outdoor services during the summer. There is no indoor plumbing, so two other small woodframe structures are located about 100 feet away, appropriately bannered "Adam" and "Eve".

Inside the church, a few people are already gathered; they greet us warmly. The woodburning, cylindrical furnace was fired-up several hours ago and it's doing a good job. This attractive church was built several years ago by the Navajo people under Pastor John's leadership. The smell of a fresh coat of paint testifies to the special preparations for the guests expected this morning. You sense, as well, a special pride of ownership in this house of praise and worship.

Others arrive now, including Navajo Pastor John

Trujillo and his wife, Nora, dependable servants of Christ for many years. John has been a faithful shepherd of this flock of believers. The service begins with a lot of singing, in Navajo, which is a challenge for a not-so-very-good lip-syncher. (I'm about one and a half notes behind).

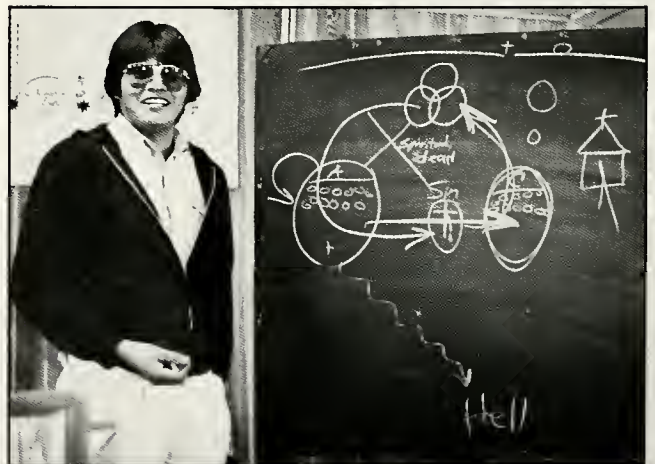
Marvin and Arnold and Bessie (Arnold's wife), students at Southwestern Indian Bible College in Flagstaff, commute each weekend to help John in his ministry. This week, Marvin is teaching the adult Sunday School:

"My people think that there are many gods, but there is only one true God, the One who created us. This true God is the One that we should worship. The more time you spend with Him, the more you know Him. 'Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.' Since I have been saved, it's like Spring . . . showers, green grass, trees . . . and I want to pass it on. I want someone else to know."

Arnold shares his testimony:

"It's a tremendous blessing to be going to school and to be learning about the Word. I'm willing to give my life to the Lord. And I hope you do that, too."

Pastor John is sitting in the front row and it looks like he is cleaning his glasses. No, he is weeping. He is weeping because, as he will share later, these young men have been miraculously saved



Marvin currently attends Southwestern Indian Bible College and travels over 100 miles each weekend to help the Red Lake church.

out of alcohol, drugs, and Navajo religions. They are an answer to his prayers of many years, that God raise up Navajo people to reach his nation for Christ. "I used to do everything in the church. Now Marvin, Arnold, and Bessie teach Sunday School and lead in the singing. And all I have to do is preach!"

And preach he does. A seven-point sermon entitled, "New Things for the New Year": faith, position, assurance, service, joy, prayer life, testimony.

"Faith should be centered in Christ. No matter where you are, live for Christ . . . in the hogan, at the trading post, at work, with your family . . . live for Christ! When you have Jesus, you have joy."

Twenty-two Scripture references are listed with the outlines on the blackboard. The pages of Navajo Bibles are rustling throughout the sermon with verses underlined with varied-colored markers. As the verses are read by the Pastor, the congregation voices the words along with him in a murmured, reverent response.

It's now 2:00 p.m. (Navajo Sunday "morning" services normally run to mid-afternoon), and Pastor John leads in an invitation hymn. We sing several verses; nine Navajos of various ages come forward and kneel at the altar to pray, to cry. Some are praying and weeping for their unsaved family, an alcoholic husband, or wayward children. Some are praying for a closer walk with Christ. It is a powerful scene of the Spirit working in the hearts of these dear people, a people forgotten by the rest of America, "tucked away" against their will in a rugged, barren country, a reservation, far from their homelands.

Afterward, we take a group picture of the congregation and guests, reproduced on this page with yours truly holding the camera (unseen, of course). We enjoy a pot-luck dinner of frybread, soup, and



The children of the Red Lake Grace Brethren Church.

snacks. We learn names, we shake hands, we talk about families, we compliment them on their building and their gracious spirit and warm hospitality. We hug and say our good-byes.

As we begin the six-hour drive east to the Mission, we look back in our minds to the preceding hours and praise God for the good and faithful ministry of John and Nora, for the life-changing Good News of the Gospel received so joyfully by these people.

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The Navajo congregation at Red Lake, Arizona, Grace Brethren Church.

Here are Home Mission reports from Around the Nation:

Atlanta, GA, Pastor Ernest Usher -- "The attitude here is great! We are seeing growth in our men that is very encouraging. We have started a men's group and also a weekly men's Bible study, and we are in the planning stages of a full-fledged Sunday School program. The church also adopted our largest budget ever for which we have filled our first month's obligations totally.

Lakeland, FL, Pastor Jim Taylor -- "There has been an expansion of our mission outreach program . . . We are experiencing visitors almost every Sunday morning . . . It is a real encouragement to see the interest on behalf of our children's ministry."

Mishawaka, IN, Pastor Scott Weaver -- "God gave us our best year in 1989 with an average of 61 per AM service. Recently a young man was saved for whom we had been praying for two years."

Columbia, SC, Pastor Jim Jackson -- "We are targeting the unchurched through radio advertising on a popular, contemporary station. God is answering the prayers of many as the number of non-believers in our midst climbs and our hearts rejoice. God is at work here!"

Charleston, WV, Pastor Zeke Young -- "Our work is progressing nicely. We have set some exciting goals for 1990: hoping to have an average attendance of 60 by year's end and secure land for a future church home."

Anchorage, AK, Pastor Brian Chronister -- "We had a record high 286 in attendance and more than 80 in Awana. The Lord overwhelms us! We have selected three more elders in the congregation."

Brunswick, ME, Pastor Darrel Taylor -- "It has been a good month. Two new families began attending, and our people have received them openly. It is great to see love in action and to see how unbelievers are attracted to the *real thing*."

Hartford, CT, Pastor Louis Huesmann -- "We began 1990 with a spirit of enthusiasm and renewed vision for ministry in the Greater Hartford area. We have had visitors every week which is very encouraging."

US Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, PA, Chaplain John Schumacher -- "We are now in the Advance Course phase of the academic year. I am responsible for the Ethics Advance Course and find it totally fascinating. Opportunities abound for ministry in relationships with faculty and students."

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Nationals In Training

by MaryBeth Kaylor

Grace Brethren Foreign Missions seeks to plant indigenous churches or in other words, it seeks to plant churches that will be under the leadership of the nationals without the help of our missionaries. On most of the mission fields GBFM has Bible Institutes and/or other forms of leadership training. They seek to train young men for eldership and eventually a few will become pastors.

Daniel Dutruc of France and Adan Panizales of the Philippines are just two of the young men being trained to take over leadership responsibilities in their churches. GBFM is looking forward to what the Lord will do through these men.

Daniel Dutruc

A nationally recognized modern French Christian author or thinker just cannot be found today. Men of God who submit themselves to God's Word, are rarely recognized in the salons of Paris. While there is no modern French Francis Schaeffer, Billy Graham, C.S. Lewis, J.R. Tolkien, there is at least one French Christian today who has literary ability. You won't find Daniel Dutruc-Rosset listed anywhere on the roster of the Academie Francaise in Paris. But you might find him taking a walk somewhere in the countryside near the city of Lyon, with his wife and two daughters. You might also notice him shopping or doing some other routine task. What you wouldn't notice is that he is probably deep in thought about God and Scripture. He might relate some fashionable new product he sees displayed in a shop window to an end-time prophecy.

On most weekdays you can find Daniel working behind a post office window in Lyon. That's where a German couple found him about six years ago after they had been robbed of everything except the clothes on their backs. They were telephoning for emergency funds so they could return to Germany and Daniel offered them a place to sleep. Even though Daniel and his wife, Julia, couldn't communicate in German, their prayers before meals and hospitality during the stay left a lasting impression of Christian love on the couple.

Daniel has done much thinking and praying about his fellow Frenchmen. He believes that the French people and particularly the French Evangelicals need "recognized" writers, thinkers, musicians, poets, artists who see things from the Biblical view rather than the man-centered view which pervades everything in the French culture.

But Daniel himself doesn't feel called to pursue recognition of his own literary or musical talents, at least not yet, he says. He keeps busy working a full-time job, spending time with his wife, and trying to teach his two daughters, Gabrielle, 16, and Rachel, 12, how to cope in an increasingly hostile, non-Christian society. Besides, it would not be characteristic of Daniel to seek worldly recognition.

Daniel has a burden for the souls in France. He believes the most important thing in life is whether or not people know the Lord. It's not owning one's own home (every Frenchman's dream); it's not wearing a suit and tie and polished shoes to work or church; and it's not recognition from the world; it's simply knowing that people have put their faith and trust in God. Daniel's father, a long time skeptic of Christianity, made a profession of faith just before dying of stroke complications. What could be more important or special to Daniel than seeing his own father come to know the Lord?

He has been associated with the Chateau de Saint Albain and Grace Brethren foreign missionaries since 1964. He was a student at Lamorlaye Bible School between 1967-1969 and an active missionary and evangelist with Dan Hammers between 1970-1975. These experiences have been good preparation for Daniel and the work that he is committed to doing for the Lord in France today.

Since 1986, Daniel has translated four Bible commentaries from English to French. He translates every other afternoon using his computer. In

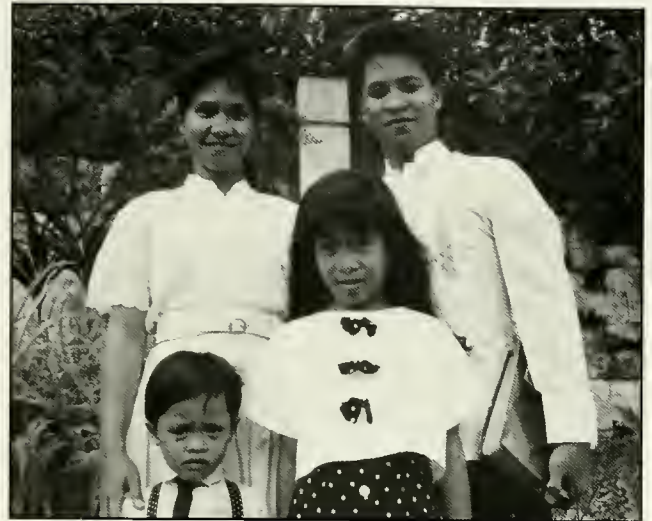


In the 1970s Daniel Dutruc was very involved in music ministries.

addition to that work, he teaches Bible studies one evening each week and preaches in the church in Lyon at least once every three months. He has taught himself Biblical Hebrew, modern Hebrew, Dutch, Spanish, and English.

Much conscientious study of the Word and putting it into practice, has given Daniel a desire to become an elder in the Lyon church where he can act as a peacemaker among his sometimes divisive French brothers in Christ.

Larry DeArme, long-time friend of Daniel, wholeheartedly agrees that the Lord has used Daniel's youthful talents in the past to help win souls for Christ. The Lord is continuing to use Daniel and his sharp objective mind, as well as his abilities as an artist and a dreamer. Only the Lord knows for sure, but perhaps Daniel Dutruc-Rosset will also become one of the "recognized" French Christian thinkers, writers, or spokesmen which the Evangelical Church in France needs so very much.



Adan and his family.

Adan Panizales

God has been blessing the new church at Valle Verde, located in Metro Manila. Our Valle Verde church is the second begun in the Philippines. The attendance has reached about 50 per Sunday and continues to grow. The dedicated national leaders are a blessing God has provided. Adan Panizales is one of those leaders. Here is his testimony:

My life was a mess! I was involved with drugs, alcohol and women. In fact, I was under the influence of drugs at my own wedding. Esmeralda, the beautiful woman I married, became thinner and thinner because of the heartache I had brought her. Our marriage was in ruins.

We were blessed with a daughter and then a son. When our son was only a month and 10 days old he became sick. His heart had a hole in it that grew larger and larger. I asked God to spare his life, but my son died three days later.

During this time of grief, I began to search for a Bible study. I found the little church at the top of the tenement building. My shame and lack of understanding kept me from making a decision that first Sunday. On the fourth consecutive Sunday that I attended, I accepted Christ as my Savior. As I came forward tears ran down my face. That was the beginning of a new life! I put away my old vices and started to study the Bible every day. My wife, Esmeralda, began to harass me. She asked, "Why did you change your religion?" She was a devout Roman Catholic, a leader in Fatima (Followers of Mary). I continued to study the Bible and to obey the Lord. As a result my wife accepted Christ two years later.

I had been working in a high class restaurant since 1977, but I transferred to a different one and forfeited my "days off" on Sundays. That was the beginning of my spiritual backslide. I couldn't go to

church and I didn't have time to read my Bible or pray. Little by little I slipped back into the ways of the world. I applied to work abroad to make more money so I could eventually go to Bible school full-time because even though I was living in sin, I knew that God had called me into the ministry.

My uncle, who was a new Christian, invited me to a Wednesday night Bible study. The speaker was Brother Bob Juday, a missionary from Virginia. As he spoke the Holy Spirit began working in my heart. That night I surrendered my life completely to Christ. Afterwards I spoke with Brother Bob and told him I was going abroad to work because I could make more money for Bible school. He said, "I will pray that God will give you wisdom concerning your desire to go abroad." I'll never forget that! I asked if services were held on Sunday because I wanted to be faithful until I left. As I began to study the Word again, the Lord made it clear to me that it would not be best for me to go abroad!

I still desired to become a pastor, but financially it seemed impossible. But God provided through the Educational Assistance Program and I am now studying full-time to be a Grace Brethren pastor.

I give thanks to my Lord and God for saving me on the rooftop of a tenement building in Manila. We also thank the Juday family for their love, support and encouragement. Thank you, too, for your prayers and support.

Brother Adan is being trained to assume pastoral leadership of the Valle Verde Grace Brethren Church. He is a tremendous leader and student of the Word. God has already used him and his wife to lead many Filipinos to Himself. We thank the Lord for sending Adan and his family to us and for the extraordinary qualities we see in his life. He is a "pastor" as well as a "preacher."

Pray for these men in training as they prepare to become leaders and help to establish indigenous Grace Brethren churches.

A Dream Come True

by Mrs. Elaine Polman Brenneman

From a little girl's praying for the missionaries in the 'cornfield' to visiting a daughter and family who are missionaries was really a mother's prayer and dream come true.

My visit to Spain will never be forgotten. Sunday is a special day to me and this was true in Valencia, Spain. Getting to Bible study was exciting -- the traffic was terrible. To get into the apartment building where the believers meet, we had to ring a door bell. That opened the door. Then we walked up to the second floor where we rang another bell. Carmen Laper, the TIME worker welcomed us with a kiss on both cheeks (a European greeting I like!). The smell of coffee warmed us.

At 11:00 a.m. we sat down in a big circle with a cup of coffee in one hand, a song sheet in the other and we sang. The only song that sounded familiar to me was "Hay Poder" (There is Power in the Blood).

Bible study is what the Sunday service is called. It is very informal and is taught by my son-in-law, Walter Poupart. While he is teaching the adults, Ruth, my daughter teaches the children in another room. (The Spanish that Walter and Ruth learned growing up in Puerto Rico is a big help!).



Ruth Poupart with her children's class.

At 12:00 noon, after their Bible lesson, the children gather in the kitchen for their hot chocolate and cookies. (No, that doesn't spoil their lunch for the noon meal is usually at 2:00 p.m.).

Even though Valencia is on the Mediterranean, it is not tropical in the winter. It was raining and cold. The summers are very hot and dry and no air conditioning. The town is old -- lots of apartments, and the people are very friendly.

My grandsons, Joshua and Joel, attend a Spanish speaking school and are learning the language. Missionary children are a plus in

missions for their playmates make some good contacts for the Bible study.

Yes, a dream come true . . . but returning home I realize that I must pray harder for those missionaries in Spain, and for the new babes in Christ like Alex, Margarita, and the children in Ruth's Sunday School class. Will you pray with me?



Mrs Elaine Polman Brenneman, active WMC lady and retired missionary from Puerto Rico visited her daughter and family (The Walter Poupart's) in Spain. She shares some experiences from her trip.



The Bible study group in the Poupart home.

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The Feud Between Form and Freedom

by Pastor Paul Anderson

An effervescent woman wandered into a liturgical service. As the pastor preached, she echoed his words with "Praise the Lord!" Another woman leaned over to say, "Excuse me, but we don't praise the Lord in the Lutheran church." A man down the pew corrected her: "Yes we do; it's on page 19."

In a charismatic service, an old man stood up and said, "I just got word from the Lord. He says He's sick to death of guitars and tambourines."

These light-hearted stories illustrate the continuing conflict between form and freedom. I think of it as a continuation of the Old Testament feud between priest and prophet.

The priest is part of the establishment; the prophet points out the weaknesses of the status quo. The priest comforts the afflicted; the prophet afflicts the comfortable. The priest represents the people before God; the prophet represents God to the people. While the priest offers, "Peace, peace," the prophet thunders about repentance and judgment. He challenges the hierarchy, usually with the tact of a marine sergeant. There appear only two options -- fight or switch.

A prophet shows up out of nowhere. Headquarters certainly did not give him credentials. His appearance and manner do not endear him to anyone but his disciples.

You feel like asking, "Where do you get your authority?" His only answer is that God has put a word in his mouth and he must speak it.

Prophets can be compelling, and that makes it hard on priests who have been trying to point people to God all along. Agreeing with the prophet automatically reveals their guilt or negligence. So the priest goes back to his daily sacrifices. The prophet yells, "That's not what God wants; he wants your life on the altar, not your bull."

So the fight goes on.

The cry for change, whether from prophets in the past or renewal movements in the present, calls us to self-evaluation. Some modern-day prophets urge more freedom and spontaneity; others preach dignity and form.

When does ritual become "rut-ual"? When is "letting the Spirit lead" simply an excuse for lack of preparation?

Even if renewal movements want to identify with the church they address, they have an anti-establishment ring. In calling for change, they are judging the present state of affairs. Psychiatrist Karl Menninger says, "All people regard all changes as loss, and it is followed by anger." Can you blame them? Who wants to hear they will be missing God's

intent if things don't correct themselves? Renewal movements tend to look suspiciously at "office." The feelings are mutual.

So the tension between God-ordained structure and spontaneous, unstructured authority continues.

We have both sides in our congregation. Some wish we would throw out the liturgy so we could be free to "move with the Spirit." Others are tired of the changes we are always introducing and want us to return to the good ol' days when they could follow the bulletin play by play.

Is it possible to have the best of both worlds?

We say a resounding yes. The issue of structure and freedom is not either/or. God has no preference for formless spiritualism over Spiritless formalism: He rejects both. Spontaneity offers no innate advantage over liturgy. Liberty is where the Spirit is, not where the preacher has thrown away his notes. Order and ardor can be happily wed. Truth is cannonized but style is not. Even in our liturgical church we have learned to enjoy varieties of creative expression in worship.

In the past decade we have been waking up to the fact that *worship deserves a higher priority*. Protestants have traditionally been better workers than worshippers. Pastors may spend 15 hours on sermon preparation and 15 minutes throwing the service together. Can we accurately call a preaching service a worship service? Are good listeners good worshippers?

God wants worshippers before he wants anything else. Jesus told the Samaritan woman that "the Father seeketh such to worship Him." Karl Barth wrote that "Christian worship is the most momentous, the most urgent, the most glorious action that can take place in human life." If we agree, then worship is not what we do before we get to the important stuff. One glimpse into heaven reveals worship is of eternal significance. The entire Book of Leviticus was written to teach a nation how to worship. The feasts of Israel were not add-ons to an otherwise secular life, but an acknowledgment that at the center of life is the worship of God.

Like so many other disciples of the Christian life, worshipping in spirit and truth requires that we find the balance between two often-contradictory poles. The paradox of praise calls for harmony between such emphases as the priestly and the prophetic, the objective and the subjective, the transcendent and the imminent, the corporate and the individual, the timely and the timeless.

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Bulletins, Babies, Pulpits, Pews -- If Anything Can Go Wrong, It Will

by Tom Raabe

We all know Murphy's Law, the universal dictum of despair made famous by a man whose vision of life was summed up in the fatalistic axiom: "If anything can go wrong, it will."

While such cynicism has no rightful place in the Christian faith -- we are a hopeful people -- we all must admit to having entertained such a defeatist attitude from time to time. While on this side of eternity, we can count on our share of unpredictable and embarrassing turns of events.

This law even makes its way into the worship service. Sermons riddled with sound system feedback, ushers running out of bulletins just as they come to you, clergy singing erroneous hymn verses while their microphones are on -- these things do happen.

Who has not sung with the other gender during "men only" or "women only" hymn verses? Who has not blurted out the first note of a hymn stanza when an organist was embarking upon an interstanza solo? Can you explain why when one baby in the sanctuary starts crying, all the rest of them start crying, too? Or why, when you don't have a bulletin, you can stand on your pew waving railroad flags, and the ushers still won't see you?

What is a Christian's proper response to these things? Does he slam his book shut and refuse to sing for the remainder of the service? Or does he laugh? If we can't laugh at ourselves, how can we smirk at our pastor when he moves into the pulpit three verses too early during the sermon hymn?

Given the logical premise that the more the laughter, the better the tonic it becomes, here is a list of churchly applications of Murphy's Law:

Usherology

- The number of bulletins available is inversely proportional to the importance of those bulletins in following the service.

- When all the pews in a church are half-filled, the usher will shoe-horn the party of nine that wants to sit together into your pew.

- The pew pencils are never sharpened.

- At an average service, in a building equipped with average-sized thermostats, four ushers are needed to adjust one thermostat.

- If the service is crowded, it takes six.

- Ushers who aren't adjusting the thermostat are checking the doorstops.

- Usher Fact: The last usher actually to have listened to a sermon while on usher duty died in 1963.

Pewspersonship

- When you are early for church, attendance that Sunday will be down, but when you're running late the narthex will be filled with occupied folding chairs.

- As a latecomer, the distance you must march up to the front in search of a seat during a crowded service is equal to the distance you must march back when you don't find a seat there.

- At some point in every service you will have to crawl over somebody's legs.

- Those lucky enough to avoid crawling over somebody's legs will have somebody crawl over theirs.

- When you want to sit at the end of the pew, the person sitting there will refuse to move to the center.

- The attentiveness of a congregation during a sermon is inversely proportional to the number of Greek words the preacher explains.

- When you have no offering envelope and no bills and must deposit coins in the plate, nothing will be in it to muffle the clanking.

- When you accidentally drop your bulletin, it never lands at your feet but sails away.

- The distance the bulletin travels corresponds directly to the number of inserts implanted therein.

Babyology

- The church growth potential for a given congregation is directly proportional to the number of babies in attendance at the early service.

- The meaningfulness of that service for a given parishioner is inversely proportional to the number of those babies in the next pew.

- The babies that stop crying when taken from the sanctuary will begin crying again upon re-entry.

- The kid who becomes lost on his way back from children's church is always your kid.

And, to add perspective to this body of cynicism -- Murphology is, after all, a negative science -- we should keep in mind this concluding postulate, "Murphy," we are told, "was an optimist."

Tom Raabe is a free-lance writer from Aurora, CO.

NEWS UPDATE

Rodger Williams, former pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Mabton, WA, announced his resignation. He and his family will be moving to Blue Springs, MO, where he will continue to serve the Lord.

Ocala, FL Grace Brethren Church congregation has held its first service in their new building.

Art Johnson has returned to the Christian ministry after fifteen years of Christian school teaching. He is now pastoring the Grace Brethren Church of Pompano Beach, FL.

Randy Poyner has moved to Port Orange, FL, and will be a marriage and family therapist with a treatment center with the desire to build a Christian counseling center.

Jeff Thornley, Pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Greater Washington, D.C. - Waldorf Branch, was included in the 1989 edition of *Who's Who Among American Christian Leadership*. The branch church he started in Waldorf in 1980 will be completing its second-phase building program this summer, almost tripling the size of their first-phase facility. Currently the church holds three worship services (one on Saturday evening) with 435 in attendance. Their dramatic Easter musicals in the past have drawn over 1,000 people to the church. This year they are anticipating an attendance of approximately 1,400. Almost 100 of their members have been certified in "Evangelism Explosion." Professions of faith occur weekly.

The New Holland, PA, Grace Brethren Church has announced that a call has been extended to Dr. Roy Roberts to become their pastor. He has accepted the call and will shortly assume pastoral duties.

Richard Sellers will complete his pastoral duties at the Grace Brethren Church of Flora, IN. He will be involved in special speaking assignments in various churches as he is anxious to be involved in Christian ministry.

Ray Sturgill has been released from the Veterans' Hospital in Lexington, KY, and is now back at work.

Rob Mayes will assume his duties in April as associate pastor of the Grace Brethren Church in Fremont, OH. He will also work in the area of administration.

Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, IN, announced that its West Coast Campus ministry will be phased out at the end of the current semester. Slower enrollment growth than anticipated sadly requires the main campus to conclude its financial subsidy of this operation.

The Grace Brethren Church of Waterloo, IA, will observe its fiftieth anniversary May 4-6, 1990. The celebration will include messages from four former pastors of the church: Reverends Arnold Kriegbaum, Lewis Hohenstein, Richard DeArmedy, and John Aeby. Former associate pastors, choir directors, charter members, and alumni now serving the Lord elsewhere have also been invited to return for the occasion. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information contact the church, or call 319/235-9586.

Rev. Robert Divine has accepted the call to pastor the Grace Brethren Church of Norwalk, CA. He began his pastoral duties April 1, 1990.

The Grace Brethren Church of Orlando, FL, will hold a mortgage-burning service at 2:00 p.m. on June 23, 1990. All past members and friends are invited to this time of celebration. Earl Futch, pastor.

The Fremont, OH, Grace Brethren Church held its fiftieth anniversary on Saturday evening, March 24, 1990. The meeting held at 7:00 p.m. was followed by a reception. Former pastors in attendance were: Lee Friesen, Ormond Beach, FL; Lester Pifer, Bradenton, FL; Tom Hammers, Winona Lake, IN; Robert Culver, Houston, MN; and Ward Tressler of Fremont. Associate pastors Buck

Summers and Phil Johnson were also present. Special music by an alumni choir was presented.

The Eastside Grace Brethren Church of Columbus, OH, held their missions conference recently. On Friday evening, fellowship times with missionaries were hosted in eight homes. On Saturday, there was a morning breakfast, an afternoon door-to-door evangelism outreach, and a banquet was held that evening. Roger Peugh, current moderator of the National Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches and on the faculty of Grace Schools, spoke on Sunday morning. David and Becky Schwan, missionaries planning to serve in England, presented a concert during the evening service.

Will Marling, pastor of the Rocky Ridge Grace Brethren Church, Gahanna, OH, reported that this new church celebrated its premier public service on March 25, 1990.

Ed Trenner, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Orange, CA, recently spent some time in the Central African Republic for a master-planning session on evangelism.

DEATHS

CRAPUCHETTES, MARC, 26, was killed in an auto accident on February 22, 1990. He was the son of Jacques and Mickie Crapuchettes. Lew Ingwaldson, pastor, South Bay Community Church, San Jose, CA.

EARLEY, HAROLD "BUCK," 59, February 17, 1990. He was a member of the Grace Brethren Church of Hagerstown, MD. Ray Davis, pastor.

GRAHAM, DONALD, 84, January 20, 1990. He was a member of the Grace Brethren Church of Kenai AK. Glen Welborn, interim pastor.

HOUSTON, FRANK, February 12, 1990. He was a member of the Grace Brethren Church of Meyersdale, PA. Larry Gegner, pastor.

KNEPPER, EMALINE, March 12, 1990. She was a member of the Grace Brethren Church, York, PA. She and her husband, Jim, were familiar faces at all our national conferences. Dan White, pastor.

MON, JULIE, 79, March 5, 1990. She was a member of the South Bay Community Church of San Jose, CA. Lew Ingwaldson, pastor.

WHITTINGTON, ETHEL, 78, March 18, 1990. She was a member of the Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, MD. Ray Davis, pastor.

MARRIAGE

DePACE: Addie Reed and Foster DePace were married March 3, 1990. The ceremony was performed by Tim Coyle, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Newark, DE.

CHANGE YOUR ANNUAL

DAVID MITCHELL. His new phone number is 808/671-3619.

POMPANO BEACH, FL. Art Johnson is the new pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Pompano.

HOPE, NJ. Gene Wall has resigned from the Hope Grace Brethren Church and accepted the call from the Community Grace Brethren Church of Vienna, WV.

LONDON, OH. Tim Enderle is no longer the pastor of Grace Brethren Church of London, OH.

ROBERT KULP. He has resigned from the Everett Grace Brethren Church, Everett, PA, and has accepted the call of the Grace Brethren Church of Island Pond, VT. His new address is P.O. Box 432, Island Pond, VT 05846.

DONALD HALL. He is the secretary of the Grace Brethren Church of Willis, VA. His address is Rt. 2, Box 347-A, Boones Mill, VA 24065.

SIDNEY, IN. The phone number for

the Grace Brethren Church of Sidney, IN is 219/839-0400.

EAGLE RIVER, AK. Chris Hay has resigned, effective January 31, 1990, from the ministry of the Grace Brethren Church of Eagle River, AK.

GILBERT HAWKINS, has resigned as pastor of the Beaver City, NE, Grace Brethren Church. Gilbert has pastored the church for the past 10 years. He is seeking the leading of the Lord for a new field of service.

HAROLD PAINTER. Mountain Shadows R.V. Resort, 1295 S. Cawston Ave., Sp. 42, Hemet, CA 92343 (Tel. 714/766-1045).

CENTERVILLE, OH. The zip code for the Grace Brethren Church should be 45459.

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BESS FARRELL. (page 32). Xola 125-103, Colonia Alamos, 03400, Mexico D.F., Mexico.

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BARRY ROWE'S (wife's name, Jean) home address is 321 27th Ave., Altoona, PA 16601 (Tel. 814/942-0907). His membership is held by the First Grace Brethren Church of Altoona, PA.

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Kenneth E.

Bickel, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church in Goshen, Indiana, has accepted an appointment to the position of Instructor in Pastoral Ministries at Grace Theological Seminary. Prof. Bickel has been a part-time instructor in the Pastoral Ministries Department at the seminary since 1988.



He is a graduate of Millersville State College in Pennsylvania and holds Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Biblical Counseling degrees from Grace Theological Seminary. Prof. Bickel's appointment is effective September 1.

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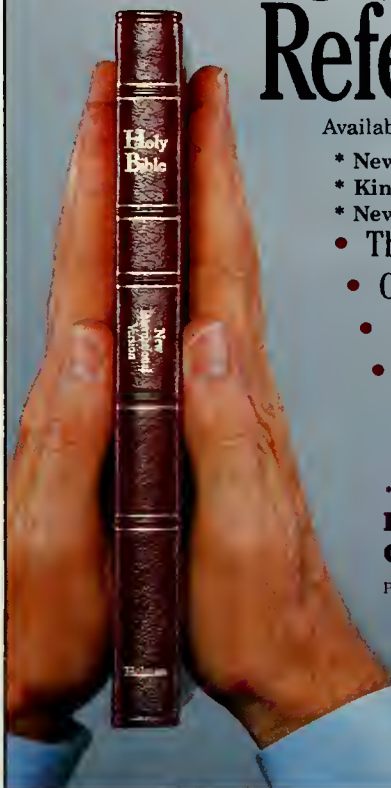
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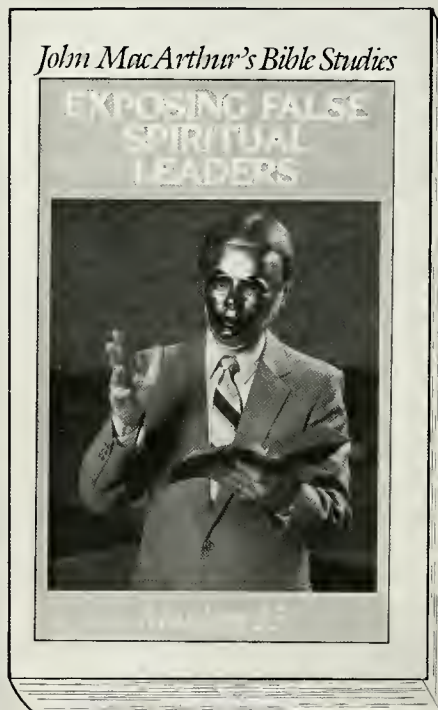
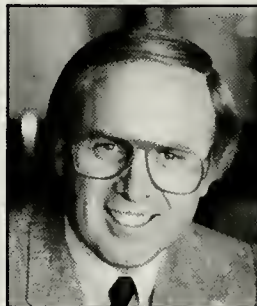
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The high-tech age has reached even the hamburger crowd! Having just returned from San Jose, California (which is in the center of Silicon Valley), I returned amused and confused. Amused, because it seems that in the midst of all the high-tech of that computer area there was something different.

Most of the major companies of the computer industry have headquarters buildings in that part of the world south of San Francisco. Being a computer bug, I had to wander around the territory and see what was going on. (My wife accuses me of being an easy touch for anyone with a gadget.) I confess that I did bring home a new computer, but that is not what I wanted to tell you about. I went into the local McDonalds for a bit of refreshment and there by the cash register was what brought the amusement.

A fax machine was conveniently located -- ready for business. The sign read "fax your Macs." It was not a joke, just an up-to-date method of ordering your Big Mac by fax. Now many people are not used to this new instrument of communication. We brought one into the Herald operation a couple of years ago and it proved to be a time and money saver. You can send written copy to another fax machine anywhere in the world by a simple phone call. The cost averages about twenty-three cents -- less than a first class stamp.

McDonalds knows the territory and so they have local customers fax in their orders and their Macs will be ready at the drive-up. When I asked about it they said, "The customers love the idea". No mixed up orders and it is in writing. I was amused and

delighted. Isn't it interesting to note how the secular world is able to take the latest devices and turn them into profitable use? I admit the wisdom of the world will not get them saved, but I must admire their ability to do their task with such great skill.

Now I admitted to not only being amused but I also confessed to being confused. The church and the Lord's work is so often carried out with such dull imagination. This is a compliment because I almost had to say "no" imagination. While the world communicates in split seconds to get the message to their customers, the church is still etching their message in a pencil and paper era. You can fax an order for a Mac but you have to wait till Sunday at 9:30 for your message on the subject of eternal truth. Yes, a few visionaries have used the air waves and TV to hurry things up -- but they have received mainly criticism . . . justly so in many cases.

We have tried to speed up the news to you and now it takes 10 minutes to report where it used to take six weeks. We want to begin to fax materials to you, but there are no fax machines in the churches to receive the message. Times are not changing -- they have already changed!

Please accept in good faith my comment, but it seems to me that it takes a long time to accomplish things in the church. We hold meetings, appoint committees, come up with a mediocre decision and take one year, two years or longer in the process.

I can fax a Mac in thirty seconds for which I am both amused and confused. Are we doing something important? If so, what is the big delay?



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by Charles W. Turner

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The Grace Brethren Church of Fremont, Ohio. Lower left: Jack Peters, Jr. and Pastor Gene Klingler. Lower right: The group of former pastors able to be present for the 50th Anniversary Service. (Photos by Lois Michaels.)

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BIBLE READING HONOR ROLL

"I read my Bible through in 1989 and have started to read it through in 1990."
-- Irvin Harbaugh, Warsaw, IN

The following persons from the Ankenytown Grace Brethren Church, Bellville, Ohio have read through the Bible in 1989:

Vonnie Bradrick	Tamsin Denman	Ernie Rousseau
Rex Brokaw	Donna Gamble	
Clarence Denman	Reta Ridenour	

Fremont, Ohio Grace Brethren Church Celebrates Fifty Years of Ministry

On March 24th the Grace Brethren Church of Fremont, Ohio celebrated their fiftieth anniversary not only with a special service at 7:00 p.m., but also with a day that was different and memorable.

Many former members and former pastors were present from all over the country -- many from Florida, some from Indiana, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Texas, Iowa, and many parts of Ohio. The charter members present were young people when the church began. They have often spoken of those great, exciting and difficult first days. To start a church fifty years ago was not easy, but the charter members proved that they had the stamina to do it, and now they especially enjoyed the reunion fifty years later.

It was a pleasant surprise at 8:30 a.m. when we came for the Christian Workers' Breakfast to find our guests had already arrived, and the fellowship we enjoyed continued all day. The breakfast of omelets with cheese, ham, homemade coffee cake, bran muffins and a drink was filling. The Fellowship Commission with Paul Kuieck, Minister of Music, and some young people as servers did an excellent job of making everything run smoothly.

After breakfast, many guests attended the seminars for Christian workers led by Dr. Kenneth Gangel from Dallas Theological Seminary.

During the free time until the evening service

there was more time for fellowship, reminiscing and seeing Fremont for the first time in many years.

However the evening celebration at 7:00 p.m. was the service to which we had all looked forward. As we entered the sanctuary, we were handed a gold booklet put together with a gold cord and tassel. If we had not been in the mood for celebration before this, this booklet would make us aware of the significance of this time. In it was the program for the evening along with a short synopsis of what each pastor had done since leaving Fremont, a brief history of the church, the charter membership list, the special ministries of the church and the statement of faith.

The program included former and present musicians playing the piano and organ, leading the singing, singing in the choir, and playing their instruments. In between these musical numbers each former pastor gave a brief greeting. To conclude the program, Voices of Grace sang "Thank You", Pastor Klingler gave his closing remarks, and the congregation sang "The Family of God."

The hors d'oeuvres reception was held in the Friendship Hall. With cameras clicking and much talking and hugging, everyone celebrated. Lois Michaels contributed significantly to our pleasant memories of this outstanding evening, with many pictures of former and present members.



Past and present choir members joined together to form a special choir for the evening service.

Meet Stephany Craig

Stephany Craig remembers a missionary couple she met when she was nine years old: "The man had the most beautiful pictures I had ever seen. There was one picture with an African lady. She had bracelets hanging from her long arms and necklaces draped around her rich, dark neck. Sitting in her lap was a little girl wearing a huge smile and a green t-shirt! I couldn't believe it — where did that little girl get a t-shirt in the jungle? For the first time, I realized that little girls in Africa were just like me."

Stephany says the missionary noticed her fascination with the picture and told her all about the little girl and her mother. The missionary's name was Jake Kliever. "From that day on, I was hooked. I fell in love with Jake and his wife, Freda, for showing me what I could do with my Christianity. Whether it meant sharing Christ with others next door or across the ocean, at that point I knew my faith was to be given away."

Today, Stephany serves as the Communications Coordinator for Grace Brethren Foreign Missions. She joined the staff in March. Stephany is a member of the Wooster (OH) Grace Brethren Church, and her parents, Keith and Diana Glanco, attend the Rittman (OH) Grace Brethren Church.

Stephany and her husband, Mark, were married in October of 1989. They come from Chicago, where she was employed at Awana Clubs International as an Editor, and Mark worked at the Lincoln-Belmont YMCA as Youth/Family Program Director. Mark is now employed at the Huntington (IN) YMCA as Camp/Youth Program Director.

The couple met at Moody Bible Institute. Through the advice of her father, Stephany attended the school and was convinced that she could best participate in the Great Commission after learning technical skills as a Communications Major. Mark felt the Lord's leading to minister to unchurched youth and completed his degree in Youth Leadership/Physical Education at Judson College in Elgin (IL).

"I feel an indebtedness to Grace Brethren Foreign Missions and to the Fellowship as a whole because of the influence that godly Brethren men, women, Sunday school teachers, missionaries, pastors, and youth leaders have had on my life," says Stephany. "I am excited about my new opportunity at the Grace Brethren Foreign Missions home office to serve the Lord by communicating what the Lord is accomplishing around the world through our fellowship."



Mark and Stephany Craig

Churches Planted in Buenos Aires and Lyon

The first Sunday of the new year and a new decade saw the formal dedication of a new Grace Brethren Church — the Community of Grace in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Twenty-two believers signed a covenant of membership showing their commitment to Christ and His church.



Five from the Community of Grace were baptized March 11.

The day began with the baptizing of five in a neighbor's pool. In the afternoon, three-fold communion was held, and the founding members were registered. Also, a commission of men was named to study the Scripture and divide ministry responsibilities.

This church-planting endeavor was initiated in 1985 by a handful of missionaries. In spite of times when several made decisions yet did not follow through, and other times when there were no decisions at all, God has been faithful. Today, 45 active believers worship at the Community of Grace.

Stan and Betty Nairn and Alice Peacock remain at the work. Valuable ministry input must be accredited to Earl and Lita Futch, Dave and Sue Guiles, and Steve and Wilma Bailey. Benjamin Navarro, graduate of Word of Life Bible Institute, has been working in the church for the past three years. He is currently being considered for a pastoral leadership position.

Pray for the Community of Grace. It has moved from birth and infancy to a childhood level of maturity. The entire mission staff in Buenos Aires is grateful for your prayers.



Missionary Stan Nairn, with Community of Grace Church members.

Grace Brethren Foreign Missions is pleased to announce the official incorporation of another church under the leadership of missionary, John Viers. The Lyon Grace Brethren Church registered 37 charter members on March 11.

Our Brothers in Brazil

by Russ Ogden

The spiritual high points of my life have been visits to mission fields. I've had seven of them, and every one has been a thriller. I confessed this to a veteran missionary, and said it's probably true because I stay such a short time. He said, "No, it's always the same." This seems to me a great incentive for becoming a life-long missionary.

So, when Eddie Miller and our Brethren in Brazil invited me to minister ten days last November, I was eager to go. Here are my impressions and suggestions. They bear no official authority.

The Evangelical Church of the Brothers of Brazil (Portuguese doesn't have a word for Grace) were meeting November 22-26, 1989, for their Thirtieth Annual Convention. Their program honored "Jeronimo" ("Jerome" Keith Altig) as founder of the mission more than forty years ago. The converts of our pioneers are still the pillars of the church.

The convention met in the Marambia church in a suburb of Belem, a city of over one-and-a-half-million people on the south shore at the mouth of the Amazon River. We have about a dozen churches in the area, and a dozen more spread from Macapa in the north to Brasilia inland and Uberlandia in the south. Most of the churches were represented at the convention.

***A new generation
is now arising
to lead
our churches in Brazil.***

It was great to see my missionary friends on their own turf. I have known most of them since school days, but had never seen them function as Brazilians. As on other mission fields, the spiritual appetite was keen, the singing exuberant, the food delicious, and the hospitality overwhelming.

At their request I spoke to the convention each evening on the person and work of the Holy Spirit, and conducted a series of seminars for pastors and leaders on the same theme. Why so much interest in the Holy Spirit? They are troubled by the same question we often hear at home, "Why are charis-

matic churches growing faster than ours?" (My answer won't fit in this article.) Pray for a greater realization of the power of God's Spirit in the lives of our brothers and sisters in Brazil (and in the U.S.) as we labor with Christ to build his church.

A new generation is now arising to lead our churches in Brazil. The president of this convention was Pastor Ivanildo Trindade. His father was led to Christ and trained by "Amazon Bill" Burk, started six churches along the river, and has been pastor at Macapa since 1966. His sister was convention choir director, and his brothers are active in the churches.

Ivanildo is a graduate of the University of Belem, and of Grace Theological Seminary at Winona Lake, Indiana. He is a gifted preacher and leader who has a vision for reaching all of Brazil with the gospel. He supports his family by promoting tourist products for the State of Para, and editing their English publications.

Most of the pastors are young men with families. All of them work part time jobs to support their families. This is a hardship on both churches and families. Many are discouraged and thinking of leaving the ministry. Some of their wives are urging them to do so. The problem is not lack of dedication, but the stringent demands of survival.

Financial help is a great need in our Brazilian churches -- as in all economically emerging countries. The inflation rate (2,000 percent last year) raises costs faster than incomes. It takes all the work a family can do to put food on the table and clothes on their backs. They simply have no resources for paying a pastor adequately. A salary of only \$100 a week would enable a pastor to give full time ministry to his church.

Neither do they have resources to pay for church buildings. The Marambaia church where the convention met is led by Pastor Tiago (James, in English). A wall was knocked down to combine two large rooms, creating an auditorium that will seat about 300 people. The church has a goal of reaching 400 people. An attached building next door is for sale, and could be used now for Sunday School. The cost is \$20,000 -- little to us, but out of reach to them. Many of our Brazilian church buildings were provided by gifts of love from

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Christians in the United States. More love of this kind will enable more church growth in Brazil.

Our Mid-Atlantic Grace Brethren Churches encouraged the Brazilian pastors by helping them attend a training seminar in Brasilia January 29 to February 2, 1990. "Generation 90" drew evangelical leaders from many countries and offered a life-transforming view of Christian ministry. The cost in U.S. money was only \$100 per man for the entire five days, including transportation, room, and meals. We asked each church to sponsor one pastor. The gifts were enough for a dozen men, but only seven were able to go. The balance of the fund will be used for other projects to help the churches.

Grace Brethren Foreign Missions recognizes the need for American churches to encourage sister churches in other countries. We cannot give to individuals (our tax laws forbid this), but churches can help other churches. We recognize the danger of developing dependence upon the United States subsidies; but we also recognize the Christian mandate to show God's love to our brothers by sharing our "material possessions" (I John 3:16-18). As we move toward an International Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches -- our target date is 1995 -- I believe this kind of tangible love will be essential.

Ivanildo Trindade will be in the U.S. this summer to enlist our churches at home in working partnerships with our churches in Brazil. He will have a list of church growth priorities developed in Brazil. I have agreed to help as his contact person in the U.S. If you want information about Ivanildo's visit and Brazil church partnerships, please get in touch with me.

In my opinion, it is time for us who have so much, to share our substance with our brothers and sisters who have so little. Our investment is in making disciples of Jesus Christ in all nations. The benefits are eternal.

Russ Ogden is pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Lanham, Maryland. He is also a member of the Brethren Missionary Herald Co. Board of Trustees.



Pastors on platform at convention



Convention choir, led by Celeste Hodgdon (Ivanildo's sister married Hodgdon's son)



Marambia Church, where National Convention met



Pastor Tiago, Eddie Miller, Ivanildo Trindade



New baptistry in remodeled Marambia church

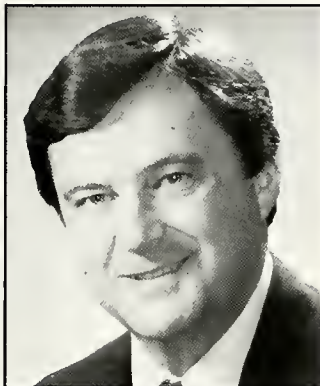


Dorothy Hodgdon on the Caslo Keyboard, and Daniel (a pastor's son, age 14) on electric guitar

Spiritually United

by *Larry N. Chamberlain*

The Grace Brethren Home Missions Council is committed to the establishment of new Grace Brethren Churches throughout North America. Reaching the nations of our world with the Gospel of Christ should be the highest priority on all of our agendas, consistent with the post-Resurrection commands of Christ recorded in Matthew and Acts:



Larry Chamberlain is Executive Director of the Grace Brethren Home Missions Council, Inc.

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations . . . (Matt. 28:19)

You shall be my witnesses . . . to the remotest part of the earth. (Acts 1:8)

The Apostle Peter, following the dramatic, Spirit-filling experience on the day of Pentecost, preached a powerful sermon to the crowds of people who had gathered to hear the apostles speaking in different languages. Three thousand of this multi-national crowd immediately responded to Peter's message and were baptized!

I believe that the task of reaching our world for Christ was never intended to be a solo effort; rather, it is a shared responsibility.

These converts represented the first recorded group of believers in the church age. What characterized their unified response to the Gospel? How can we, in our churches today, be encouraged by their spiritual unity as we seek to fulfill the

commands of Christ? Please read the exciting text of Acts 2:37-47, reproduced on the opposite page.

I see in these verses three factors which created a significant sense of spiritual unity in the hearts of these new believers. In verses 37-41, there is **A Shared Objective . . . they were spiritually**

united behind a common cause. What united them that day was a common submission to the claims of Christ and a united response to the global message of the Gospel . . . "For the promise is for you and your children, and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God shall call to Himself."

Our churches today must be challenged to place the Great Commission, the global message of the Gospel, at the top of their agendas. How distracted we become with lesser things in our programming. The church today must rethink its focus, redirect its energies, reprioritize its agenda, and collectively, with spiritual unity, cross geographic and ethnic boundaries. . . . yes, even the high fences of indifference . . . reaching the nations of the world for Jesus Christ.

Second, these early believers sensed **A Shared Responsibility . . . they were spiritually united with prayer and support.** From the very beginning, the early church taught us

selflessness, not selfishness. They taught us how to look out for one another, totally contrary to the American philosophy of "looking out for number one." They pooled their resources, they gave of themselves. Their response was spontaneous and generous, a natural spill-over of their new-found faith in Christ. Our church-planters in America and around the world need our prayers and financial support. How much more could be done in Great Commission outreach if our giving today followed the example of spontaneous, sacrificial generosity demonstrated by these new believers in Jerusalem.

Third, there was **A Shared Celebration . . . they were spiritually united with joy and praise.** The early church

was characterized by mutual encouragement, not criticism. They came together, some in the midst of significant persecution, for the purpose of praising God and encouraging one another.

When we come together as groups of churches, on district or national levels, we ought to celebrate our victories and uphold one another in our struggles. We should celebrate the new churches established in the USA and in nations abroad. We need to present, with joy and praise, our church-planters and their families as the courageous heroes that they are, conquering new frontiers at the cutting edge of the Great Commission. They need to hear our applause and our words of appreciation.

I believe that the task of reaching our world for Christ was never intended to be a solo effort; rather, it is a shared responsibility, as we spiritually unite behind a common cause. The task is too large to accomplish alone. And with generous prayer and support we must labor together in an environment of joy and praise.

God has uniquely prepared the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches to meet the significant challenges and opportunities of this next decade and the century beyond. We must stand together in our commitment to Christ and to His Word, and to the world for whom He died. We must stand together, with oneness of purpose and resolve. Spiritually united, we can usher in a decade not of decline or dissension, but a decade of renewed dependency upon God and an accelerated advancement of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in America and around the world.

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Acts 2:37-47 (NASB)

- 37 Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?"
- 38 And Peter said to them, "Repent, and let each one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- 39 "For the promise is for you and your children, and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God shall call to Himself."
- 40 And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation!"
- 41 So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and there were added that day about three thousand souls.
- 42 And they were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.
- 43 And everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles.
- 44 And all those who had believed were together, and had all things in common;
- 45 and they began selling their property and possessions, and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need.
- 46 And day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart,
- 47 praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Mayport, FL, Chaplain John Diaz, US Navy

-- "We had a very successful marriage enrichment weekend with Dr. Randy Poyner. Ten couples attended of which eight were new to the chapel. We praise God, too, for the salvation of a young Navy father of two children. We had a new record attendance in January of 90 in our Sunday School program."



Ocala, FL, Pastor Chuck Davis -- "Our building program was completed and the congregation held their first services in the new building on January 28, and a baptismal service was held the second Sunday. First-time visitors are present at almost every service. Plans are being made now to launch out into the community with the Gospel." (Dedication service was March 31.)

McAllen, TX, Pastor Bob Soto

-- "Our youth program recently had an 'All-Night Shut-In.' At one point there were 32 young people attending. It was a very fruitful event with six teenagers coming to know the Lord. I also had an opportunity to meet with parents of three of the teens, and they expressed great interest in attending our church."



Macedonia, OH, Pastor Ron Boehm -- "In 1986 (our first full year) we averaged 52 in worship and 36 in Sunday School. This past year we averaged 92 and 58. We have received \$16,017.61 toward the Building Fund since paying off our land. General Fund offerings have averaged \$898.07, or nearly \$100 more per week than we anticipated at the beginning of the year. Consequently, \$4,893 was sent out to missions, over \$500 more than we had budgeted. PTL!"

Seattle, WA, Pastor Bob Gentzel -- "The planning team has begun to worship together on Sunday morning. About 27 of us were involved in the planning for our birthday service on April 15." (152 attended the inaugural service.)

Atlanta, GA, Pastor Ernest Usher -- "Attendance has remained steady, although it has not increased. However, our membership has increased by eleven! We had the great joy of baptizing eleven people, nine as the result of confession of salvation and two from another denomination."

Saratoga Springs, NY, Pastor Dale Jenks -- "Things are progressing nicely so far this year. A family of six has joined us from the Island Pond,

VT, church. This not only broadens our financial base but also gives us much needed help in our Christian Education department and in music. A young Navy couple has also started attending and give every indication of continuing. This will give us contacts with others at the local Navy base."

Mishawaka, IN, Pastor Scott Weaver -- "Our attendance in the AM service is 20 percent ahead of last year's. We have a new young man attending whom we are discipling. David Newhouse, a new member, is doing a great job as Music Director."

Belmont Heights, CA, Pastor Greg Perry -- "Since January first, six people have come to know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. We have celebrated five baptisms. Our offering has grown significantly."

NE Columbus, OH, Pastors Will Marling and Perry Huesmann -- "We have been public since March 25 (PTL!) There is excitement and momentum. The church family really does want to reach unsaved people. We continue to grow. What a joy to be in God's commission!"

NE Indianapolis, IN, Pastors Al Edgington and Ron Smals -- "The Smals are now settled in Indy, and the Edgingtons moved to the area in late March. Another family has already moved to Indianapolis as well. The Indy team has been traveling to Indiana District churches, as well as others, to encourage prayer support for this new endeavor. Many folks in the northeast area are responding positively to the new church." (First public worship services were held on Easter Sunday.)

Anchorage, AK, Pastor Brian Chronister

-- "Attendance in January averaged 250 people which was a dramatic increase from the average of 217 in December. Suddenly we are struggling to provide adequate parking and seating. We started a children's church service which enabled us to dismiss the kids early and provide more seating for adults. But this is not going to be enough. In mid-February we had 293 in attendance and were overwhelmed!"



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My Home Church . . .

A Look at the Evangelism of our Influence

by Ron E. Thompson

Today I visited my home church. I see changes everywhere. The building is new, as are many of the people who have become members since I moved away. Wow! Has it been 37 years already since I was a part of the teen group there? A beautiful new edifice now sits miles away from the little wooden frame building where I first attended as a junior boy. Modern heating and air-conditioning have replaced the old pot-bellied stove that stood near the door of the place where once I worshipped. Spacious and neatly-decorated classrooms bring to mind memories of green burlap divider screens that served as walls where I sat in Sunday School. The old upright piano on which I nervously played hymns for the congregation to sing has given way to an electronic digital organ and a modern, console piano. But some things never change! On a poster still at the front of the beautiful new sanctuary are those same familiar words we quoted every month when someone had a birthday. I vividly remember the tears welling up in my grandmother's eyes as she stood one Sunday while everyone in the congregation quoted that meaningful poem:

*Many happy returns on the day of thy birth,
May sunshine and gladness be given,
And may the dear Father prepare thee on earth
For a beautiful birthday in Heaven!*

I miss those saints who made such a profound impression on my life. Some of them have long since been promoted to Heaven, but their fingerprints are still on me. Part of what I am today is the direct result of their prayers, support and love for me. Had it not been for them, I wonder who, or what, or where would I be? Directly or indirectly they disciplined me by their words and ways.

Today I stood in the pulpit and preached in my home church. Jesus spoke about how a prophet has little or no honor in his own country, yet I felt exceptionally honored to be where I am today. I respected and revered "Preacher" H____, the man I remember most behind this sacred desk. He left his mark upon my life. Now that I have been a pastor, I too can appreciate the privilege and honor of ministering to God's people. What an awesome responsibility it is to shepherd the flock

of God over which He has made us overseers. How I pray that my words and my life will impact the lives of others as I was ministered to in this place.

Today I worshipped God in my home church. Some folks look familiar, but many I do not know. I am singing and praying with a different generation now. These are the children and relatives of those who were my elders when I was younger. The influence and legacy of those who have gone on before me is still strangely present. It is manifested in their children. As I engage in some humor with two retirees I recall that twinkle in their mother's eye when this sage of the church laughed with me as a preacher boy, then gave me some wise counsel. I miss Mrs. C____'s fancy hats and those touching children's stories she often told. But I caught a glimpse of her enthusiasm as I greeted and looked into the eyes of David, her son. I observed some of that meek and quiet spirit of Ethel J____ as her daughter served me punch at a reception in the fellowship hall last night.

Yes, there are also the familiar faces of people who still worship at the church, entire families who have stood faithful through the years. How blessed I am because God gave me Thelma, my wife of 33 years, from one of them. This is the place where I spent much of my life as a child and teenager. Here is where I was introduced to the Savior and challenged to serve Him. My spiritual roots go deep into the heart of this church; not this building, but this body of believers. Whatever I am today I am because of God's grace, but people played an important and vital role in it all. How I thank them for their prayers, their faith and patience, their investment in my life. And thank You, Lord Jesus, for giving me an opportunity to visit my home church once again!



Rev. Ron Thompson is the Executive Director of Brethren Evangelistic Ministries. He served for 17 years as pastor of the Patterson Memorial Grace Brethren Church in Roanoke, Virginia, and for five years as pastor of the Grace Brethren Church in Richmond, Virginia.

Focus On SMM -- WMC's Daughter!

Thank You . . . WMC!

The month of May brings to mind the special holiday known as "Mother's Day." As I think of a mother/child relationship, I am reminded of the parenting role WMC has with our SMM program. WMC has consistently overseen the needs of SMM, provided financially and given prayer support and spiritual direction. Just as a mother oversees the needs of her child, so WMC provides for the girls of our fellowship involved in SMM.

This past year, WMC has provided financially by encouraging each WMC member to contribute \$3 to SMM. This support, while being a small amount for each member, collectively totals over \$11,000. WMC has faithfully given input to our revisions whether through participating as SMM cabinet members or as one who has reviewed the revisions and given input. WMC members serve as SMM leaders providing hands-on involvement in the lives of our SMM girls.

Our WMC ladies have faithfully provided the prayer support that is the foundation upon which we have based our SMM revisions. The prayers of WMC along with our SMM leaders are allowing us to realize our goal of completing the revisions and meeting our target date of July 6 to have Books 1-6 available for sale.



Just as many of us have expressed our love and appreciation to our mothers this month, we at CE National and the girls of our fellowship involved in SMM want to express our gratitude and sincere appreciation to the ladies of WMC. Your investment is one that will return eternal rewards.

*In His work,
Cheryl Otermat*

FROM THE PAST

In 1939, 4 months after the beginning of WMC, the president, Mrs. Homer Kent, Sr. wrote the following letter to councils, which was printed in the *Herald*:

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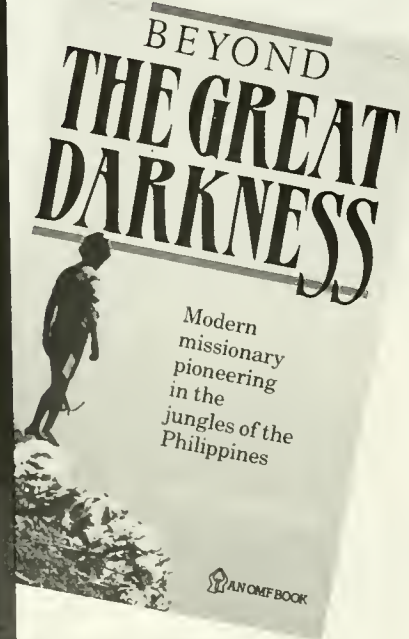
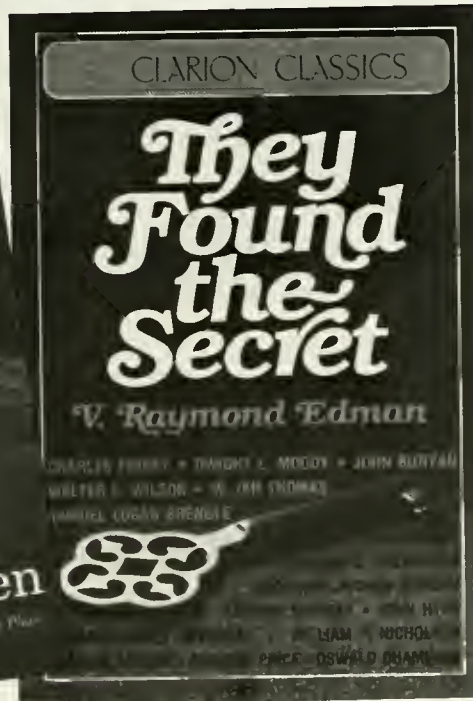
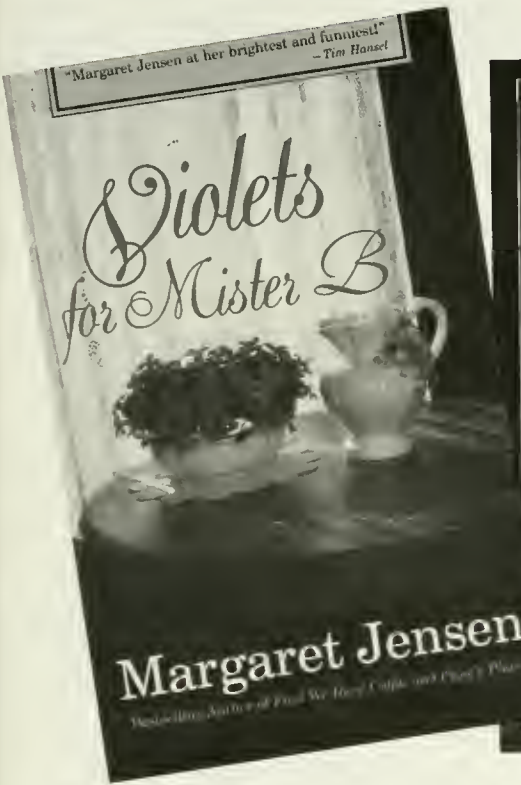
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NEWS UPDATE

Louis Huesmann, former pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Greater Hartford, Hartford, CT, has been called to serve as the new pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Long Beach, CA. He began his duties there on May 1.

Robert Whited has announced his retirement as pastor of the Cherry Valley Grace Brethren Church, Beaumont, CA. He will continue to live in the area. The new pastor of the Cherry Valley Grace Brethren Church is Robert Kliever, former pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Westminster, CA.

Mick Rockafellow pastor of the First Brethren Church of Buena Vista, VA, has resigned and will assume the pastorate of the Grace Brethren Church of Lansing, MI.

New Grace Brethren churches desiring official membership in the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches should write and request an F.G.B.C. Membership Application from our Fellowship Coordinator, Charles Ashman, P.O. Box 386, Winona Lake, IN 46590. This application should be secured and returned by July 1 in order to be processed in time for this year's national conference.

Ed Jackson, director of Church-Planting and Development for Home Missions, plans to retire from his present ministry in October of this year. In his retirement he will again lead the Grace Brethren Men's organization as he did some twenty years ago. He and his wife, Polly, will move to Columbus, Ohio, where he will maintain an office in the Grace Brethren Church of Worthington. He will be assisting the districts in that area as a consultant in church planting.

A new daughter-church is being started by the Grace Brethren Church of Waynesboro, Pennsyl-

vania. Four couples from the mother-church will be assisting in this effort, as well as Home Missions and the Mid-Atlantic District. Alan Clingan has been called as pastor and arrived on the field the end of May.

Paul Bauman will be conducting a tour to Jordan, Israel, Austria, Germany, Holland, and the world-famous Passion Play in Oberammergau. Date of departure is September 15, 1990. If interested, you may contact Paul Bauman at 214/758-8875; or write to P.O. Box 8181, Longview, TX 75607.

Glen Welborn, interim pastor for the past 16 months at the Grace Brethren Church, Kenai, AK, has completed his ministry there and returned to his home in Leon, IA. (An interesting testimony of God's grace in Glen's life appeared in the Nov. 1989 *Brethren Missionary Herald*.)

For those interested in the history of Winona Lake, the International

Friendship House has been returned to the name of the Westminster Hotel, since the Free Methodist Church headquarters has been moved to Indianapolis. There are plans to use the area surrounding the old Free Methodist headquarters with multi-units of housing. It would involve about 95 units when completed.

For those who have a Fax machine available and would like to speed up their Sunday School orders, the Brethren Missionary Herald Co. is now accepting orders by Fax. Our number for this special service is 1-219-267-4745.

Mrs. Edith Gingrich, wife of Dr. Raymond Gingrich, underwent surgery in Texas in early April. The surgery was for the repair of a heart valve. She has returned to her home at Grace Village, Winona Lake, Indiana. The Gingrichs' son, Sam, who is a physician, returned from Hawaii to accompany his parents to Texas.

Change Your Annual

Barnhill, Charles. R. 1, Box 593, Adrian, PA 16210.

Bryant, Tom. The former pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Lynchburg, VA, is no longer associated with the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches. He should be removed from the *Annual*.

Hay, Chris. 406 McCullum Dr., Kenai, AK 99611.

Simmons, Bernie. 6726 Worthington-Galena Rd., Worthington, OH 43085.

Smals, Ron. 9324 Hampton Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46256.

Young, Emory (Zeke). The correct address is: 5321 Sunrise Ln., Charleston, WV 25313.

Lynchburg, VA. The Grace Brethren Church's phone number is in-

correct and should be deleted.

Weddings

Krause: Rhonda Cox and Bill Krause, Jr., were united in marriage on March 31, 1990, at the Meyersdale Grace Brethren Church, Meyersdale, PA. Larry Gegner, pastor.

Deaths

Landis, Anna E., 71. She was a special member of the "Pearls of Wisdom" group of the Meyersdale Grace Brethren Church, Meyersdale, PA. Larry Gegner, pastor.

Landis, Carrie M., 93, December 28, 1989. She was a charter member of the Jenners Grace Brethren Church,

Jenners, PA. Max DeArmey, pastor.

Moehler, Chester J., 76, January 13, 1990. He was a faithful member of the Conemaugh Grace Brethren Church, Conemaugh, PA. Tom Goossens, pastor.

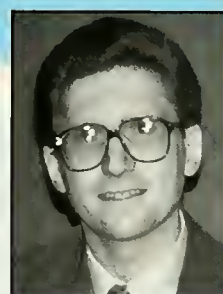
Parton, Harry E., 92, April 11, 1990. He was a 60-year member of the Harrah Grace Brethren Church, Harrah, WA. Chuck Winter, pastor.

Sheehan, Zelda P., 79, March 8, 1990. She was a member of the Conemaugh GBC, Conemaugh, PA. Tom Goossens, pastor.

Walker, John H., April 19, 1990. He was a charter member of the Grace Brethren Church, Parkersburg, WV. Richard Placeway, pastor.



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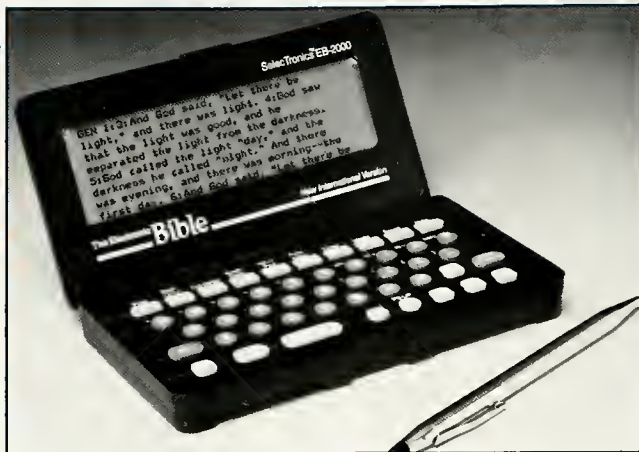
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Details aside, the churches were a little silent to the activities and seemed hopeful that the whole thing might go away. I must personally admit to some sense of frustration to it all. Where did the Christian community fit into it and what is our position on Earth Day and the environment?

First let me be a little critical to help cover some feelings of guilt. I did not hear or see any mention of the creator of the universe. The attention centered on doing good things to keep our physical universe a bit cleaner. I have no problem with this because we should not abuse the land about us. However, the approach was not a biblical one and the general approach was as though there was not a God who in the beginning created the heaven and the earth. It seemed to miss the point.

I do not want to excuse our duties as Christians. God created the heavens and the earth and the major problem

is that we are all fighting the curse that God put on the earth because of the sins of the first couple. They were banished from the garden because of disobedience and henceforth would earn their bread and butter by the sweat of their brow. Since then we all have been trying to beat the curse.

We also have the knowledge as Christians that this is not our home and we are pilgrims and strangers. Our homes are eternal in nature -- but this does not excuse us from our duties as commissioned by Adam to tend and care for the earth. All of the meaning in the command to subdue the earth escapes me a bit, but there are duties to be done.

So, somewhere between the Earth Day folks and the Christian community there must be the middle ground of care and concern for the earth. The world does have a fixation on the here and now. Why not? This is all they have without God and they had better take care of it because it is not going to get any better. In fact, it is going to get a lot worse for them than living on this cursed earth. For the Christian there is the hope of eternity and the knowledge of something much better than earth even though it may be beautiful and still have a lot of problems.

With only an earth to honor and no knowledge of God the creator, it is a futile effort to get too excited about the here and now. There is also the knowledge that one of these days the earth will burn with a fervent heat and that will be the time for a new heaven and a new earth.



Earth Day -- But Where Was the Creator?

by Charles W. Turner

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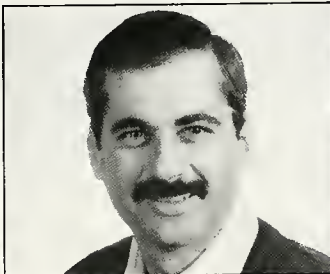
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As I read this morning's devotions I was so moved by the things he said. At first I thought the writer was my brother Herman Hein who cut his finger while doing woodwork, but it was Gene Moine who cut his in a mowing accident.

In all the years I've been reading and using *Daily Devotions* I've often wondered what the person looked like who wrote the message. Today's was one of those times. It was such a moving testimony. I am a teacher in Sunday School and I often wonder if I ever leave an impact on one of my little students.
-- Wilma R. Sommer, Columbia, PA

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A Mission Field in the United States

by Roy Snyder

In August 1988 several Haitian men visited the Grace Brethren Church in Ft. Lauderdale. They liked the message they heard. Later, after another service, they spoke to Pastor Steve Edmonds about the possibility of beginning a church service in French in the building. Pastor Steve said he would have to contact the elder board of the church. The board replied that since it is a Grace Brethren Church, any regular meetings there should be held by a Grace Brethren group.

This did not discourage the Haitian men. The more they heard about triune immersion and the three-fold communion service, the more they became convinced that Brethren beliefs and practices were correct. In January 1989, Wilfred Jean was baptized and became a member of the Ft. Lauderdale Grace Brethren Church.

As a young teenager in Haiti, he had accepted Christ as Savior. Later in his teens, God called him to preach the Gospel. He had his education in the French school system until he was 21 years of age. At graduation he received top honors and his baccalaureate diploma. (The equivalent of a Jr. College education).

Following his French studies, he graduated from Bible School and a School of Commerce. He also had additional studies at a School of Theology in Haiti before assuming pastoral duties.

After the removal of "Baby Doc" Duvalier in Haiti in 1986, the military took over the government. One of their first moves was the imprisonment of professional people. Many of the professionals left Haiti, including Wilfred Jean.

In Florida he had several jobs. In his first job he was a driver for a company delivering security papers. He also worked as a security guard at night. However, he was not happy with these jobs as God had called him to preach. It was at that time, he came to Pastor Edmonds and told him he wanted to start a church.

The actual beginning of the Haitian Grace Brethren Church took place May 7, 1989. There were 30 at the first service, mostly visitors. Then they dropped to ten and built up from there.

In September 1989, we received an invitation from the Ft. Lauderdale church to come for three months to work with a Haitian pastor in French. This was a challenge for me as it had been more than seven years since I had worked in French. After much prayer, we accepted the challenge. Upon our arrival in Ft. Lauderdale, I met with Pastor Edmonds and Wilfred Jean. Pastor Steve said that my goal should be to prepare Wilfred for his licensure in the South Florida district, especially teaching him Brethren



A partial view of the Haitian congregation (103 were present on Easter Sunday.)

beliefs and practices. Much time was spent translating materials into French and teaching him two afternoons a week. In early March he took an eleven page written exam that was translated into French for him. Later, Wilfred had a two and a half hour oral exam before the district examining committee. He did well and was accepted for licensure.

The exciting thing about the Haitian work for us was to watch the growth in three months. From 40 at our first meeting to 80 at our last meeting we attended April first. The Ft. Lauderdale church now has the problem of finding more space for the Haitian believers as the Fellowship Hall of the church is becoming crowded. We believe many Haitians are coming because of Pastor Wilfred's radio ministry and his visitation program. Pray for his ministry and that permission may soon be granted for his wife and two small sons to join him in the U.S.A.

This mission field of Haitians in South Florida alone is made up of more than 200,000 people. Pastor Wilfred has a burden for these people and also for large numbers of Haitians from Paris to Venezuela. This burden also is for his people in Haiti where there are 7 million inhabitants. His great desire is to have Grace Brethren missionaries go to Haiti. For a start, CE National is hoping to send a team to Haiti in the summer of 1991.



Roy Snyder and Wilfred Jean. Roy comes from Altoona, PA. He attended Penn State and spent three years in military service during WW II, mostly overseas. While in Europe, God called him to missionary service. He later went to Grace Seminary where he met his wife, the former Ruth Croker. They both graduated in 1949. They went to France that fall and then to Africa. After 35 years there, Roy went on medical retirement because of a heart attack. Snyders now live in Winona Lake, Indiana.

Daughter Church Planting

by William J. Vermeulen



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What best indicates faithfulness to evangelism and a church's mission? It is not the number of people who profess Christ; it is the growth and multiplication of churches. We who labor in church planting believe the means and end of our missions are local churches -- especially mother churches giving birth to daughter congregations, and daughter churches maturing with a vision of giving birth to granddaughters. The adding of new churches, as good as it is, is not enough. If we are going to even begin to meet the challenge of propagating the gospel in our day, congregations must multiply.

But occasionally we are met with some challenging questions such as these: "Aren't there enough local churches in America that are faithful in preaching the gospel?" and "Don't we have a lot of small churches with plenty of room for growth?" In answer to the latter question, a study was conducted in the community of one questioner's church. The shocking statistics that came from the study revealed that if all the churches of his persuasion in the area (there were seven) were filled to capacity on Sunday morning, the combined attendance would be less than six percent of the population! Furthermore, if all the churches in the community -- Catholic and Protestant -- were filled to capacity twice on Sunday morning, less than 20 percent of the population would be in attendance!

To answer the former question of whether there aren't enough churches already, consider the following concerns:

Why Plant New Churches?

- There were 28 Protestant churches in America per 10,000 people in 1900, 22 in 1950 and 12 in 1985. The Southern Baptist judge the present figure to be about 10.
- There are over 80 million people in the US who have no allegiance to a Christian group while another 60 million are on the rolls but inactive! And these figures are rising rapidly.
- The planting of new churches is Biblical. Church historians tell us that church planting was a major part of the early church's expansion.

- The planting of new churches is necessary to fulfill the Lord's command to "go into all the world and make disciples . . . baptizing . . . and teaching . . ." These things are to be done in the church.

- As much as we may wish the situation were different, older churches generally are not effective in reaching the unchurched and new residents. Statistics clearly show that the ability of new churches to add new souls through conversion usually declines. The problem is compounded even further as communities experience ethnic and cultural changes.

- Movements of people in the US demand new churches in growth areas. There has been general movement of large numbers to the Sun Belt. California, Florida and Arizona are the three fastest growing states in the US. San Diego County in Southern California is growing at the rate of 117 people per day! And there have been the particular movements to economically attractive areas such as the hi-tech development in the greater Boston area and the diversified growth of places like Kansas City.

- Statistics indicate that the planting of new churches is the most effective form of evangelism and is a creative way of reaching the unchurched with the gospel.

- Studies indicate that new churches are helpful in keeping our adult children within our own churches at a time when the attrition rate of Christian young people is alarming.

- New churches tend to be more relevant to contemporary society and to demonstrate an ability to effectively assimilate the unchurched. There is less of an assimilation and acculturation problem in new churches. They are more open to new ideas and approaches to reaching the lost.

- New churches are needed to reach the tremendous influx and variety of ethnic and cultural groups entering our borders as well as to provide for the differing socio-economic groups in America.

Daughter Church Planting

By far the most effective way to approach the problem is seeing healthy churches give birth to daughter congregations. But why should existing congregations plant new churches? In addition to considering the answers given to the question, "Why plant new churches?" consider first the *advantages to the mother church*.

- Part of the strategy of the early church was to multiply churches. In Acts 9:31 we are told the churches were edified and multiplied.
- Daughter church planting assists the congregation of the mother church in clarifying its purpose and maintaining its mission priority.
- Daughter church planting fosters unity in the mother congregation as members rally around a common vision and goal in the church's mission project. It becomes a focal point of new commitment.
- Daughter church planting stimulates the mother church's prayer life and leads to a greater emphasis on Biblical priorities.
- Members of the mother church grow in their concern for finding and enfolding the lost sheep Christ died to redeem.
- There is an observable growth in faith among members who are meaningfully involved in the church's extension project demonstrating trust in the Lord for the many important elements required to bring a new church into existence.
- The mother church usually realizes new growth as its members develop concern and as some become involved in reaching the unchurched on behalf of the daughter church. The new urgency for the mission usually spills over into the experience of the mother congregation.
- Daughter church planting extends the ministry of a local church into new areas, broadening its geographical impact.
- Daughter church planting involves the unordained in a significant and meaningful responsibility. Some of them may not have had a particular role to play in the mother church.

If we are going to even begin to meet the challenge of propagating the gospel in our day, congregations must multiply.

- Daughter church planting stimulates better stewardship in the mother church and leads to an expanded mission budget, something always desirable for a church and honoring to the Lord.
 - Daughter church planting helps move the church's mission philosophy from theory to reality, testing and improved effectiveness.
- As compelling as these possibilities are, we have not yet considered the *advantages of the daughter church*. Consider these eight significant factors concerning the value of a new church rather than in the vacuum of an unattached pioneer work:
- Needed leadership is usually more available.

The daughter church can draw upon a larger number and variety of spiritual gifts to provide a good "gift mix" for the new work.

- A stronger agreement concerning purpose and philosophy of ministry exists, and the people embrace a common vision of what this new church is to become.
- The mission church has an important resource bank to draw upon for assistance in realizing a healthy beginning.
- The daughter church will have a better attendance in its early days, a factor experience tells us is of great importance in seeing first-time visitors return. Without a good attendance in the beginning worship services, it is very possible the new church will experience a "trickle start," a factor that discourages visitors to return. I interviewed people who did not return to new mission works begun with a few people. Their comments included the following. "The group wasn't as big as my former Sunday School class . . . They're only playing church." "It will take too long for this tiny group to come to a place of being able to minister to the needs of my family," and "A church group this size is not credible and is not a viable option for my family."
- The body life of the new church develops more rapidly when a number of its people are already in regular fellowship with each other. And fellowship -- especially in small groups -- is very important to the early development of a new church.
- There is a stronger prayer support when there is a mother church committed to pray for the new work.
- The daughter church and its leadership receive hands-on guidance.
- The mother church provides a strong encouragement and support mechanism so important to effective church planting. This is especially needed by the organizing pastor and his family in the early days of the new start.

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Church Planting in Seattle

by Pastor Bob Gentzel

Starting a new church is difficult, exhausting, challenging, and sometimes even frightening. But it is also something else. It's enjoyable and very satisfying!

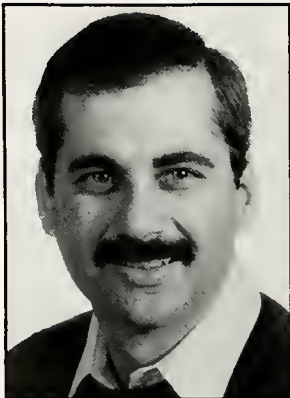
My family and I moved from central Alaska in the Fall of 1989 to start a new Grace Brethren Church in the greater Seattle, Washington, area.

Seattle is one of the most rapidly growing areas of the U.S. Its unemployment rate is among the lowest in the country. It was recently selected by *Money Magazine* as the most favorable city in America in which to live. *Places Rated Almanac* called it the best recreational area in the country, and *Savvy Magazine* identified it as the second-best place to raise children.

Large numbers of people are reading these reports and moving to Seattle, and there are many suburbs in which church planting has not yet caught up with population growth.

We are making a start, though. A new church, Grace Bible Fellowship G.B.C., held its first public worship service on Easter Sunday, April 15, with 152 people in attendance. The congregation is meeting in an elementary school gymnasium in Maple Valley, about 10 miles east of the other Grace Brethren Church in the Greater Seattle area, in the suburb of Kent.

What is it that attracts men to a ministry of starting new churches? What causes people to want to attend a newly-planted church? Let me suggest several reasons why I have enjoyed this ministry so fully.



Pastor Bob Gentzel

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First, it is very gratifying to watch something take shape and begin to grow. When we came to Seattle, we had no one committed to being a part of this project. We had no building, no chairs, no C.E. materials. By the time our birthday had arrived, though, God had provided all of those things. He had also provided an organization that has given so much in the way of prayer, and

Brethren Home Missions — and a “Mother Church” that has helped in ways too numerous to count — the Grace Brethren Church of Kent, Washington.

Second, I enjoy church planting because of the kinds of problems that are encountered in new churches. Ministry is problem-solving. Whether the problem is the need of an unsaved person to come to the Lord, an immature believer to grow, a broken marriage to be healed, or a lonely person to find friendship — ministry is problem-solving.

Planting a new church is an attractive ministry, in the third place, because such churches tend not to be bound by traditions. My point is not that there is anything necessarily wrong with traditions but that new churches are generally not bound by them. Some people find that attractive.

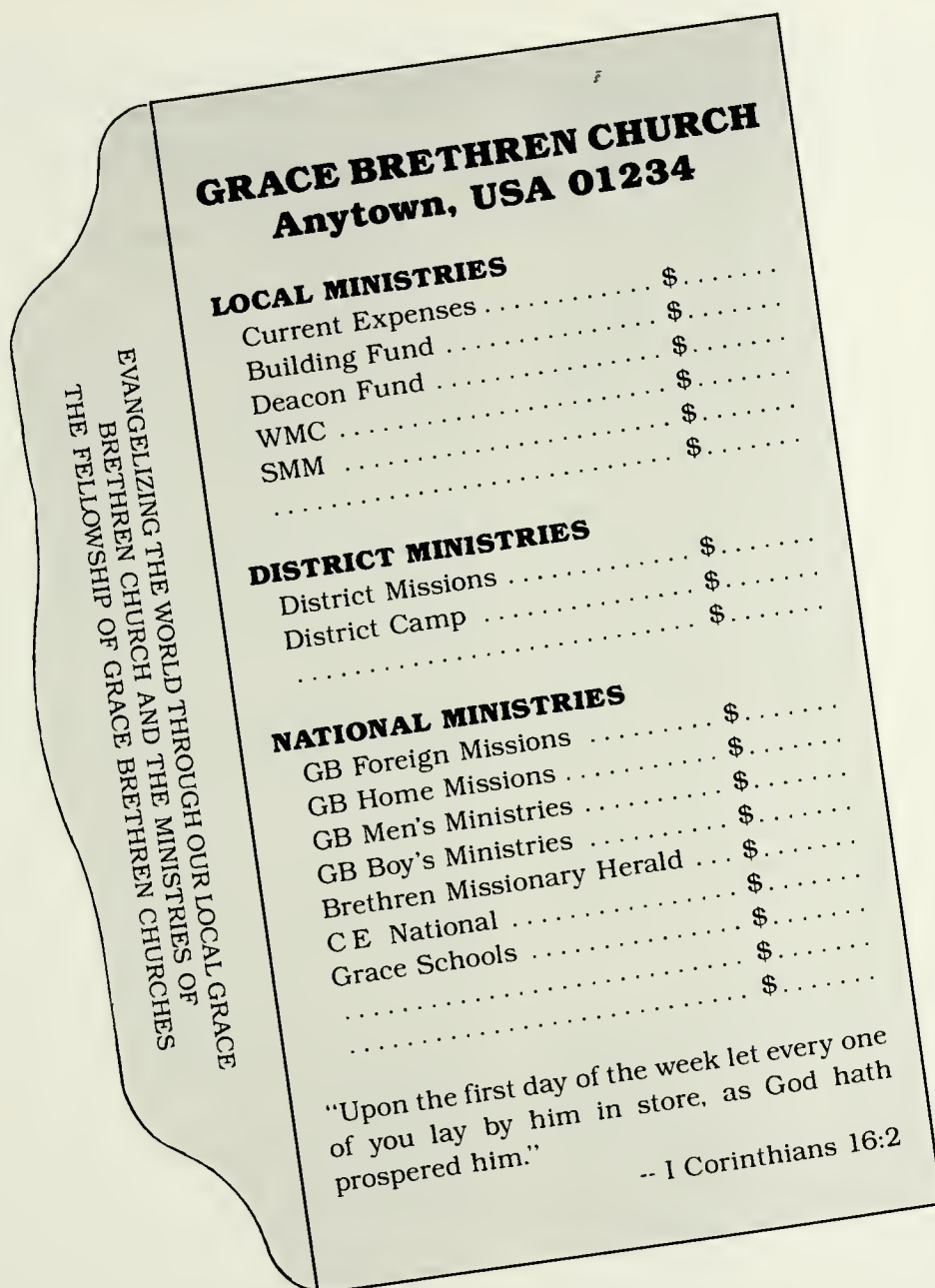
When we decided to mail 16,500 invitations to our first service, when we stayed up late stuffing and addressing envelopes, when we remained at the school until 3:00 a.m. preparing for our first service, when we purchased our music on overhead slides instead of hymnals, no one said, “We’ve never done it that way before.” The fact is, in a new church, you haven’t done anything any way before!

The longer I’m in ministry, the clearer it becomes that ministry is the process of imparting vision. It is problem-solving, as I’ve said, but we solve problems by planting in people’s hearts a biblical vision of what God wants them to become, what He wants them to do, how He wants them to serve.

Finally, church planting can provide a great sense of accomplishment and satisfaction. The greatest sense of satisfaction comes from ministering within the context of your God-given spiritual giftedness.

Evaluate your giftedness, your personality, your strengths, and desires. Whether it is in a pastoral position or in some other capacity, maybe being a part of a new church would be a source of great joy for you.

Editor's Note: This article is a summary of Pastor Bob Gentzel's chapel address at Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Indiana, in April 1990.



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Rethinking The Harvest

Mandate for the Mission -- Matthew 9:35-38

by *Kenneth O. Gangel, Ph.D.*

Winston Churchill spoke of that "special moment" when a person is "figuratively tapped on the shoulder and offered the chance to do a special thing, unique to him and fitted to his talents; what a tragedy if that moment finds him unprepared or unqualified for the work which would have been his finest hour" (quoted by William Spoor in a speech at Dartmouth College, February 1986).

Such was the experience of the disciples in the early Galilean ministry described in some detail by Matthew. In his record, verses 35 of chapter 9 through 42 of chapter 10 are second only to the Sermon on the Mount (chapters 5-7) on the sayings of Jesus.

Interesting too that the mandate for the mission appears at the end of a chapter in which Matthew has not only described his own call but one in which Jesus had turned away from the Pharisees several times, probably cementing rift between their traditional theology and the radical gospel he came to proclaim.

The Perfect Model

(Matt. 9:35)

Already the Lord had acquired a strong reputation for mercy. In verses 27 through 33 of Matthew 9 we read,

As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, calling out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!" When he had gone indoors, the blind men came to him, and asked them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" "Yes, Lord," they replied. Then he touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith will it be done to you"; and their sight was restored. Jesus warned them sternly, "See that no one knows about this." But they went out and spread the news about him all over that region. While they were going out, a man who was demon-possessed and could not talk was brought to Jesus. And when the demon was driven out, the man who had been dumb spoke. The crowd was amazed and said, "Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel" (Matt. 9:27-33).

This perfect demonstration of ministry was played out before the eyes of the disciples and the spiritually starving residents of Jerusalem. As they watched the Lord move among people displaying the characteristics of the Father in His care, they could only shake their heads and proclaim, "Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel."

That was only one side of the response. As the Pharisees watched this heavenly model, they reacted differently and said, "It is by the prince of demons that he drives out demons" (v. 34). They had voiced this opinion on more than one occasion and one of those times Mark was led to record the discussion that led to the passage we commonly call the description of the unpardonable sin. About these Pharisees Jesus proclaimed, "Whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; he is guilty of an eternal sin." He said this because they were saying, "He has an evil spirit" (Mark 3:29-30).

Throughout the chapter the Lord had already been building a theme of restoration. Verses 9-13 describe the restoration of a sinner (Matthew); verses 14-17 describe the restoration of John's disciples who had been troubled about the behavior of Jesus' disciples since it did not appear to them to be sufficiently ascetic; verses 18-26 tell about the restoration of a family as Jesus brings their twelve year old daughter back to life; and verses 27-34 describe the restoration of two blind men who, in typical response to Jesus' warning about telling other people what happened to them, "went out and spread the news about him all over that region" (v. 31).

Then we come to verse 35 which tells us that "Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness." Jesus' ministry of restoration built his reputation for mercy, called down the rejection of the Pharisees and invoked significant reaction on the part of the population. The common folks, the sick, the diseased, the boat people, the refugees, the prisoners, the poor, the broken, the dispossessed -- these began to understand the Father's mandate now carried out by the Son. After all, was this not the One who had just said, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice . . . I have not come to call the righteous but sinners" (v. 13)?

The Shepherdless Multitudes

(Matt. 9:36)

The model Servant opens His pastoral heart and Matthew records, "When He saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd" (v. 36).

This analogy was not a new one, appearing numerous times in the Old Testament.

To go out and come in before them, one who will lead them out and bring them in, so the Lord's people will not be like sheep without a shepherd (Numbers 27:17).

Then Micah answered, "I saw all Israel scattered on the hills like sheep without a shepherd, and the Lord said, 'These people have no master. Let each one go home in peace'" (I Kings 22:17).

How bad is it? What kind of a harvest do we face compared to the "crowds" that Jesus dealt with personally during the years of His earthly ministry? According to one estimate (Barnes) there were 600 million non-Christians on planet earth in the year 1840. In 1980 the Missions Advance Research Center suggested that figure had become 3 billion. Taking just those two figures we see a 500 percent increase in unsaved people over 140 years of human history. Obviously rethinking the harvest forces us to ask questions about both need and strategy.

But our text tells us there were specific reasons why Jesus had compassion on the people -- they were harassed and helpless. The word "compassion", by the way, is used only in the New Testament of Christ. But the words "harassed" and "helpless" are more common both in Greek and in English; both in the first century and at the end of the twentieth. The first (harassed) comes from *eskulmenoi* which means weary and frustrated. The second (helpless) translates the word *erimeno* which literally means "prostrate on the ground."

How this verse reminds us of the beloved Twenty-third Psalm! How we see ourselves as part of that harassed and helpless multitude, sheep without a shepherd, welcoming the coming of the Good Shepherd and prepared to cast our weary, frustrated selves on the ground in his path, seeking and finding no other resource of dependable hope.

Think how often the human servants of God have languished in this posture since the days of this encounter in Galilee. Picture missionaries carrying the gospel unto the darkness of heathen tribes; pastors crying with broken-hearted widows in the quiet of a study; parents praying with a teenager desperately struggling to break a drug or alcohol habit; Sunday school teachers putting their arms around dirty, sweaty little kids from the wrong side of the tracks whose parents don't even care whether they eat much less whether they come to Sunday school!

Like the martyrs of old, these are those of whom the world is not worthy. These servants shepherd the multitudes following the model of Jesus and they form a remnant minority who have become the messengers of the mission.

But what can they do? What are their qualifications for such an enormous task? How can they

carry out the mandate for the mission? In the movie "Funny Girl" Fanny Brice (played by Barbara Streisand) was asked by the director to do a roller-skating scene. She had never skated before but with a little practice she went out to do the scene. Later the director asked her, "Why did you agree to do that when you've never done it before?" To which she responded, "I didn't know I couldn't."

How like the Savior's volunteers! How many of those who serve do so not out of wide experience and elaborate training but out of willingness and at times even naivete which tells them to try it because they really don't know that they can't.

The Single Mandate

(Matt. 9:37,38)

Matthew has painted a dramatic word picture. We see Jesus wandering through the dusty bypaths of Galilee, up and down the sun baked plains, in and out of little villages and through the streets of what passed in that day and time for major cities teaching, preaching and healing. We see the crowds gathering around, harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Against that vivid scenario Matthew writes, "Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field'" (v. 37-38).

We almost expect a missionary invitation at this point; instead we get a command to pray. Rather than thrusting out His own disciples (which He will do very shortly), the Lord begins by requiring their prayer. The verb rendered "ask" at the beginning of verse 38 is what Greek scholars would call an aorist of urgency, emphasizing that the disciples must do it as a specific act, and must do it now. Interestingly, we find the reverse order in Luke's record where the text of Scripture says,

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field" (Luke 10:1-2).

What seems clear from a comparison of the texts (to say nothing of the emphasis in John 4) is that praying and going are two dimensions of the same task. Or to put it another way, those who are serious about praying for harvest workers may



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very well find themselves the answer to their own prayers. And those who are willing to go as harvest workers, will soon discover that their going is useless without a dynamic commitment to prayer.

Obviously then, as now, the ratio of work and workers seemed incorrect. What had happened in the divine accounting system? Had God produced too many unsaved people and too few saved people? Had He miscalculated the response to the prophets in the Old Testament, or to John the Baptist, or to Jesus Himself?

No. Within the fabric of human freedom the Lord

of the harvest has allowed workers to determine how they would respond to His mandate. But Jesus doesn't ask the disciples to pray for the enlightened vision of mildly interested church members. The phrase rendered "to send out" is *ekballo* which literally means to thrust or push or force. I take it from this text that missionary prayer should center on a compulsion of workers for the harvest field, thrust out, not by some emotional reaction nor the heavy-handedness of human rhetoric, but the clear inner witness of the voice of God.

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Meet Cindy Byers



Our family moved to the Winona Lake area two years ago this summer from Southern California, where my husband, Don, had been the senior pastor at Grace Church of Orange for the past 11 years. Our oldest daughter, Tracy, is an Elementary Education major and active in student government as a freshman at Grace College. Our daughter, Kerry, is finishing her junior year at Warsaw High School and is actively involved in the leadership of her church youth group. Our son, Dave, keeps busy with the wrestling and track team at Warsaw Middle School. Along with work, I have been taking classes in the business and art department at Grace College, as time permits.

“Ministry is an attitude in action.”

I was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, though the better part of my life has been lived in Southern California. It was while I lived in Michigan that I gave my life to God. It was through a childhood misbehavior that my heart was convicted of sin. The realization that I personally could not rid myself of guilt compelled me to seek forgiveness from Christ. It was then that I committed my life to love Him and serve Him, anywhere. This is still an active commitment that I consider very essential to my walk with God.

I have had the privilege of being both a “preacher’s kid” and a pastor’s wife. I learned early

that ministry is more than a title or label. Ministry is an attitude in action.

Two things I have desired since childhood: First, to walk with God and to enjoy personal worship, intimacy, and fellowship with Him. Second, to live my life as a reflection of God’s wisdom. In other words, to walk with God in such a way as to respond wisely to life’s circumstances, because I know Him and His Word.

My ministry resume lists many different “things” I have done in service for the Lord, but they are secondary to my relationship with God Himself. I desire God more than I desire ministry.

I do desire ministry, though, and with the current changes in my life I am actively seeking ways to serve God best. My husband, Don, is the Director of Constituent Relations for Grace College and Seminary. It was this job change that brought us to Indiana, a change in which we prayerfully sought God’s leading and believed it to be a part of the “anywhere” commitment we both made to God. We had both been “stretched” greatly the previous fall at the Pastoral Institute in France.

All that has been a part of my life is a direct result of God’s “kind intention” toward me. Some situations have been harder than others, but God’s faithfulness has never ceased. I cannot comprehend His love. I rest in the promise that He is still conforming me to the image of His Son. Whatever that may mean, my joy comes from obeying Him. I just want my life to be significant for His kingdom.



**Introducing
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Having been reared in a Christian home, I heard the Gospel and received Jesus as my Savior at an early age. However, our church taught nothing about the believer’s assurance of salvation, and it

was not until I was a young man in the army that I finally began to grow up as a Christian.

I met my wife, Nicki, at our church's college. But soon I became spiritually despondent and decided to drop out of college to join the army. There I met committed Christian men of the Navigators who taught me the importance of living daily in God's Word and memorizing Scripture. Particularly because of scripture which we memorized, new joy and confidence in our Lord flooded into our lives as both my wife and I learned of our security in Christ. Soon we joined the fellowship of a Bible-teaching church and began to make rapid progress in our spiritual growth.

During this time, we began to consider the possibility of my attending Bible college. I had such an intense desire for Bible teaching that the Sunday and Wednesday services of the church simply were not enough. As soon as I had fulfilled my military enlistment, I enrolled in Washington Bible College in D.C.

Under the daily teaching of the Word, my appetite for Bible study at last began to be satisfied, and I developed a deep desire to minister the Word of God to others, particularly in the area of missionary church-planting. This desire finally became so compelling that I could no longer envision doing anything else. We recognized that the Lord was leading us, and we committed ourselves fully to Him for the work of the ministry, whatever it involved.

Eventually we learned of the desperate need for missionaries in Iceland, a country without a single Bible-teaching church. After graduation, a year in an assistant pastorate, and a two year deputation ministry, we departed for Iceland.

Within a year the Lord gave us two Icelandic "Timothies" who felt that God was leading them to prepare as pastors of the churches which we had come to establish. So we found ourselves with a pastoral training ministry, which we had not foreseen. We finally returned to the U.S. with the Icelandic men to participate in their training in the pastor training school of a local church. One of the men was finally ordained and both of them returned to Iceland at the completion of their training.

By this time, our children, Becky, Paul, and Rachel were getting older, and there were urgent financial needs which needed to be taken care of. So we decided to return to the Midwest. With our two oldest children now of college age, we feel ready to resume our career in full-time Christian service.

Presently, I am attending Grace College where I am studying secondary education to become a teacher in a Christian school. In the meantime, I consider it a real privilege to be working with Grace Brethren Foreign Missions as a maintenance and darkroom assistant. It is great to be in this support role to the missionaries you have sent around the world.

God Protects His Children

by Sue Weaver

It started out as a normal Tuesday morning. After taking my two older children, Ben and Julie, to school, my two-year-old, Philip, and I headed to the neighboring village, called Pont de Vaux. I needed to make deposits in our account and the Chateau account, and I agreed to deposit our neighbors' checks in their bank, too. And there were a few things we needed to pick up at the grocery store.

We parked the car and began crossing the street to our neighbors' bank. When we had almost completed crossing the street, I saw out of the corner of my eye two people coming my direction. They were walking very fast in the middle of the street. The first one was a young lady with wet hair. She walked quite close to me and yelled in passing, "He's going to shoot!" A man with long dark curly hair carrying a large gun followed her. He, too, passed just several feet from me, but said nothing.

It seemed like I should do something, but what? They were farther down the street now, and people were coming out of stores to see what the yelling was about. I figured that maybe the best thing to do was to get Philip off the sidewalk, even though I wasn't really afraid he'd shoot us, assuming the whole thing involved some kind of lovers' quarrel.

As we headed to the second bank, I saw most of the population of Pont de Vaux out on the sidewalk. One group gathered around the wet-haired woman, so I knew that she was all right. Everyone was talking excitedly, but I couldn't understand exactly what had happened. The bank teller thought she had heard shots, but wasn't sure.

Pulling into the grocery store parking lot, I saw a policeman standing near one of the entrances guarding a man who was lying face down on the ground. It was the man I'd seen carrying the gun earlier. Soon other policemen came and took the man away.

The next day after an early morning hair dresser appointment in Pont de Vaux, I bought a newspaper. It was only after reading the newspaper article that I began to realize how fortunate I was to still be enjoying my family and my ministry.

The man with the gun had started at home, killing his own mother, his doctor, and wounding a neighbor. Then he took the neighbor's car and drove to Pont de Vaux where he entered a beauty shop and killed the woman working there. The woman I had seen with wet hair had been her client. Just down the street from where he had passed me, the man killed a woman pushing her baby in a stroller. He was finally stopped when a young man who worked at the grocery store recognized the man as a neighbor of his and went out to talk to him. He was able to overpower the man and take the gun from him. Praise God, for His protection!

Spirituality ■ Significance ■ Service

*A message from Dr. John J. Davis
President, Grace College and Grace Theological Seminary*

We live in a world of rapid, volatile, and often unpredictable change.

No better example exists than the changes that have taken place during the last year as Eastern Europe and some Soviet republics have raced toward democracy.

Some changes societies go through are strictly cultural and economic. Those changes often are for the better when they mean more freedom or a higher standard of living for oppressed peoples.

Other social changes, however, involve moral and spiritual issues which rarely result in meaningful progress. Mankind has demonstrated over and over again that moral and spiritual values degenerate when they are not founded on principles God has established in His Holy Word for a well-ordered society.

That brings me to an important mission God has given us at Grace College and Grace Theological Seminary.

These institutions of Christian higher education are both well known for their unwavering commitment to the Word of God as the source of truth and life. This provides an important foundation for everything we do and every course we teach here.

That does not mean there are no changes on the campus, however, because we are constantly refining instructional techniques and organizational structure to better accomplish the tasks God has given to us.

One area of change this year has been in the way we are organized to manage this ministry. We have refined the way we operate internally in order to provide greater mobility in the decision-making process, greater efficiency, and to create greater impact.

That kind of change does not affect our doctrines or spiritual values. But any educational institution, if it is going to be viable and have strength in the 1990s and beyond, will need to be able to change methodology in order to accomplish its objectives in very rapidly shifting economic and political environments.

Sometimes changes involve reduction or elimination of programs that are too costly or ineffective. That is the chief reason we have had to very reluctantly phase out the seminary's extension campus in Long Beach, California, after the end of the spring semester.

We are phasing it out not because of a lack of vision or change in principles, but because it has

proved just too costly to sustain without a higher level of donor support and more students enrolling for seminary education.

Many such decisions are mandated by students themselves as they choose to enroll or not enroll in certain academic programs. At Grace College, low numbers of history and computer science majors required that we phase out these programs for the moment. A computer science minor, however, remains intact.

Some other programs have experienced healthy increases in enrollment. That is part of the process of change, and we are determined to respond as students' needs become known.

Similarly, we have added some academic programs in the seminary in response to the needs of prospective students and the churches they represent.

***In order to make God-honoring
decisions in life,
Grace students must
receive a strong foundation
in the Word of God***

In the Division of Christian School Education, Grace Theological Seminary now offers M.A. degrees in Elementary Education and in Curriculum and Instruction, in addition to the original M.A. in Christian School Administration degree program.

Two other new seminary degrees will be added to our traditional programs this fall. They are the M.A. in Theological Studies and M.A. in Specialized Ministry. I am especially excited about this latter program because it will have majors in Youth and Family Ministries as well as Outreach and Discipleship.

We have previously announced the addition of the M.A. in Theological Studies and M.A. in Old Testament, enhancements to the M.Div. and M.A. in Missions programs, and our intention to seek accreditation of a new Doctor of Ministry degree.

All this illustrates that we operate in an environment of constant change. We must respond to the changing needs of students and churches if our ministry is to remain vital and ongoing.

Let me turn my attention now to the future and our commitment to students.

One important goal we have for Grace College students is to continue to help them develop written and oral communication skills. Such skills are mandatory if graduates are to enjoy success in the corporate world, but those skills are even more important if they are to share their faith in accurate, effective, and practical ways.

For some of our students, that occurs in evangelistic ministries in the jails, rest homes, retirement centers, and other outreach ministries in which they participate while at Grace. For other students, the experience is in a local church context, where they teach Sunday school and minister to young people.

Another continuing goal for both college and seminary students as we look to the future is that, through their educational experience in and out of the classroom, they learn to be critical discerners of valid ideas and behavior in a very complex world.

The Christian life is made up of very serious choices. In order to make God-honoring decisions in life, the student must receive a strong foundation in the Word of God through godly instructors. Developing discernment skills -- learning how to make proper choices -- is an integral part of the Grace College educational process.

These factors form the foundation for three very clear visions I have for the campus in the 1990s.

First is a vision for *spirituality* -- spirituality in a world characterized by materialism, the loss of sensitivity for others' needs, and the breakdown of relationships at every level. My vision is to help our students become Christian adults who are determined to honor God and meet the needs of a lost world despite its hostile environment.

Second, I have a vision for *significance*. I want Grace College and Grace Theological Seminary to continue their tradition of spiritual, theological, and academic significance. That can come about only by being distinctively Christian and at the same time distinctively committed to excellence in the academic process.

Third is the vision for *service* to God and humanity. Education is mere intellectual entertainment if it does not produce a lasting impact

on our world. Service must be our response to the mandates of Scripture and the needs of the world we see around us.

While our students are here, we want them to develop a disposition that best reflects the life of Christ as He reached out into different cultural and economic levels and as He ministered to despised people as well as leaders. We want them to be willing to serve all people in all environments, and to have ministries that cross ethnic, racial, economic, and cultural lines for the impact of the gospel.

That is my vision for the '90s and beyond -- for spirituality, for significance, and for service.



Dr. John J. Davis

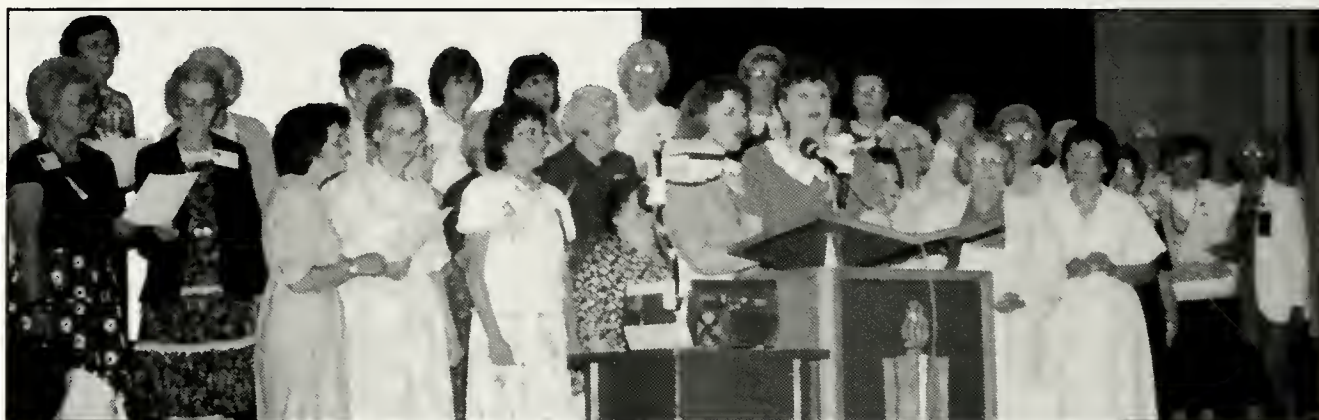
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In the immediate and historical context, of course, the disciples became the messengers for the mission. In our day, we talk about missionaries, evangelists, counselors and other "professionally trained" Christian workers. And, of course, each of them stands strategically important to the harvest. But in the broad sweeping sense of the New Testament, the mandate for the mission falls upon all who know the Savior, all who wish to follow His perfect model, all who have been plucked by Him

out of the shepherdless multitudes -- these come under the mandate to pray. With what motivation? Love for the Savior which responds to His love for us. For what reward? His blessed peace now and an eternity with Him in the heavenly home.

When Mother Teresa was interviewed by a famous television commentator in Calcutta, he asked, "Mother Teresa I wouldn't do what you're doing for all the money in the world." Her response was immediate and brief: "Neither would I." Those who hear and respond to the mandate serve for purposes known only to Him and His disciples, then and now.

See You at Conference!



In 1737, more than a century after the first colonists came to Virginia, Cal William Byrd founded a new settlement on the James River 90 miles from the sea. It was named Richmond because it was situated much like the Richmond-on-the-Thames in England. Today Richmond is the chief manufacturing city of Virginia and a leading southern trading center. Ocean vessels use a deep water terminal as they move cargo in and out.

The town was built, like Rome, on seven hills and is also the capital of Virginia. In addition to being an important educational center, it is a city rich with historical heritage.

I trust many of you are planning to attend FGBC National Conference July 28 through August 2 at Richmond, Virginia. The theme of the conference is *Bonding Together for Ministry*.

If this reads like a travel folder, this is intentional. You will have three late afternoons and evenings free for sightseeing and fellowship.

Strategically tucked into the conference program are three days of Women's Missionary Council sessions, July 31 through August 2, 10:45 a.m.

TREASURES

One by one He took from me,
 All the things I valued most,
 Until I was empty-handed;
 Every glittering toy was lost,
 And I walked earth's highways, grieving
 In my rags and poverty,
 Till I heard His voice inviting,
 "Lift your empty hands to Me."

So I held my hands toward heaven,
 And He filled them with a store
 Of His own transcendent riches,
 'Till they could contain no more,
 And at last I comprehended
 With my stupid mind and dull,
 That God could not pour His riches
 Into hands already full!

Martha Snell Nicholson

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-- Betty Ogden
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The Fort Myers, FL Grace Brethren Church has accepted the resignation of Pastor Randall Smith. He has received a call to move back to Jerusalem, Israel, and will be teaching at Biblical Resources Study Center outside Bethlehem.



The Poyners

Pastor Jim and Charlotte Poyner, serving the Lord at the Gulfview Grace Brethren Church, Port Ritchey, FL, were surprised recently with a "This Is Your Life" theme celebration. Many gifts, cards, and mailgrams were received. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of a surprise vacation trip to Hawaii. Cake and ice cream were enjoyed by all.

Special guests at the occasion were: LaVera Heidemann, Pastor Poyner's mother, of Jessup, Iowa; and his brother and wife, Randy and Betty Poyner of Port Orange, Florida. Dick and Mary Moore, Mrs Poyner's parents, of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, were also in attendance. There were more than 150 guests present for the special event. The unique "This Is Your Life" program unfolded as the family members, concealed behind closed drapes, participated. Special music was furnished by Randy and Betty Poyner and Thomas and Judy Hale. Angie and Paul Poyner, children of the honorees, presented their "P.K.'s" family experiences. Lonnie Miller, of Jamar Travel Park, one of the

founding families, gave the ten-year history of the church, with James Poyner being called as pastor.

Pastor and Mrs. Robert Whited are "retiring," after nearly 30 years of ministry in many churches across the U.S., with the past nine years served at the Cherry Valley Grace Brethren Church of Beaumont, CA.

In appreciation of their ministry the Cherry Valley church surprised the Whites with a reception where they were presented with an all-expense trip to Hawaii.

Besides the future trip to Hawaii, other plans for the Whites include more traveling and a continuing ministry as opportunities arise.



Marion, IN. Jerry Franks, 51, passed away May 8, 1990. Jerry had developed the "Dimensions in Brass" at Grace College and later at Indiana Wesleyan University, formerly Marion College, in Marion, IN. He was artist in residence and director of instrumental music and bands at Grace College from 1966 to 1979, and at Wesleyan University he was in charge of instrumental music. He was loved, respected and admired by all who knew him. Memorial services were held at Marion, IN, and also later in Uniontown, PA, his hometown.

Shown above are some of his former students from Grace College, Winona Lake, IN, and from Wesleyan University who prior to his death were able to attend a celebration in his honor.

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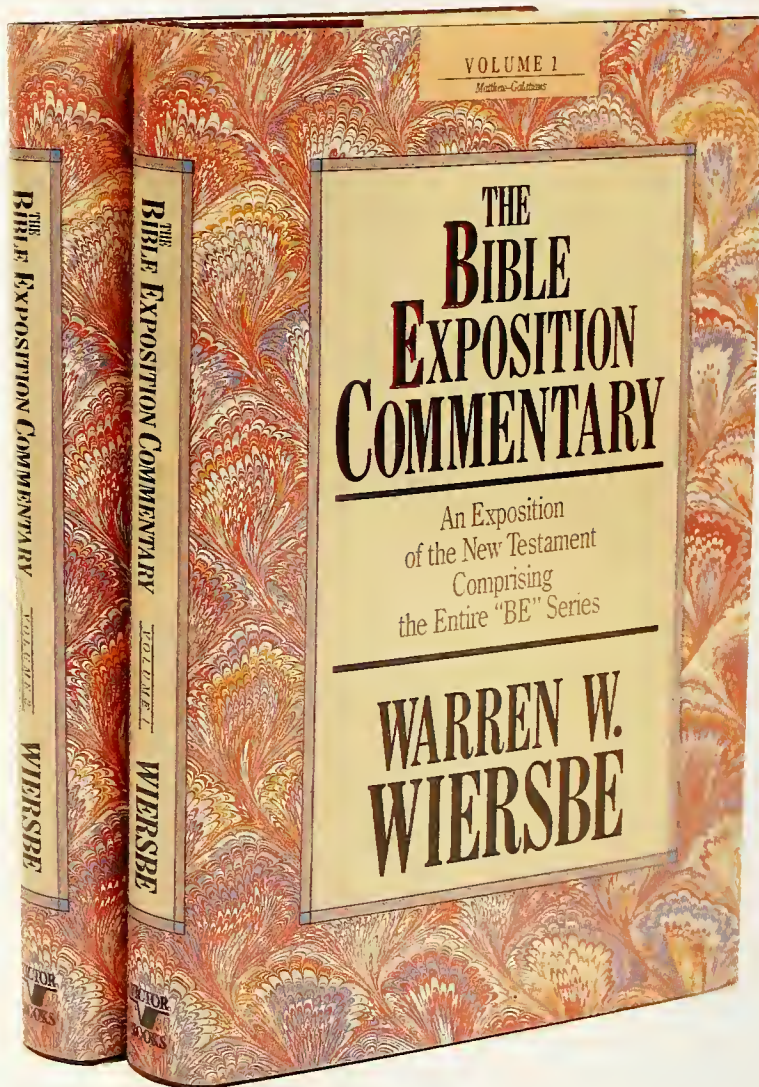
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Hughett, Fred. 69. March
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Here we are in the month of July and the world is going wild with what appears to be a new-found freedom. By the time I write this editorial and get it printed the major part of the world could have changed. "Check-point Charlie" is history and the Berlin Wall is going for a pretty piece of change. You can buy your piece of the rock for a couple of dollars!

Who knows what tomorrow will bring? Will Gorby decide he wants to run for a bigger office than the presidency of the USSR? I understand the job of the mayor of Washington, DC is open and an election is coming up soon. The world is a delightful place to be these days if you have a sense of humor and are not too opposed to change.

In fact, we are all having so much fun that it is difficult to wait until the evening news to find what is the big change for the day. It is so much fun living today that everyone seems to want more of it . . . on credit.

Even the mighty are falling. Donald Trump needs a few extra million a week to keep up with the banks who call him daily to check on his well being. Remember when credit had a bit of a stigma to it? No, you cannot be that old.

Gold was in our coins in the "old days" but it got too expensive to do something like that. Then the silver went from the coins and copper in a penny became more valuable than the penny. Now we talk about doing away with the things because

they are a waste of time. But we have a good substitute -- it is plastic. What would we do without plastic today? It fills our gas tanks and makes our purchases. We can even buy our Big Macs at McDonalds! Think of it . . . buy now and pay for McNuggets in the next six months with only 18 percent interest.

Something is very wrong out there in a world that moves so fast it cannot keep up with itself. We have mortgaged our future to the failing savings and loan industry and the picture is not very nice. We have not only run out of good credit but we also have run out of moral values. We have to try to pass a law to stop people from burning the flag on the fourth of July. Murder, abortion and a creeping new virus is moving across the land.

The church is not guiltless in all of this. Often we will put theological principles aside for the convenience of the times. Situation ethics is having a field day and we respond more to the effects rather than starting with the scriptures as the basis of our action. In a plastic world we dare not become plastic Christians.

The fourth of July is past for this year and we trust that the work of the Lord will become the command of our lives. We are proud to be Christians in America and we need to fulfill the duties of God and country. The plastic of our times reminds us that we need to be laying aside and ahead . . . gold and silver in the spiritual realm.

**Gold, Silver,
Copper, Paper,
Mixed Metals
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**Celebrating
the Fourth
in a Plastic
Boat.**

by Charles W. Turner

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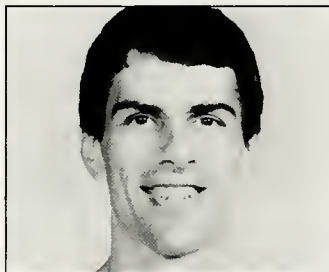
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Waterloo, Iowa Grace Brethren Church Celebrates 50th Anniversary

by Jody Delagardelle

The Grace Brethren Church of Waterloo, Iowa celebrated its 50th anniversary May 4-6 with a weekend of services and activities.

Former pastors Arnold R. Kriegbaum, Lewis C. Hohenstein, Richard P. DeArmey and John M. Aeby were guest speakers.

A worship celebration service was held on Friday evening to begin the special weekend. Saturday evening a "Charter Members Dinner" was enjoyed, and this was followed by a potluck on Sunday, and an afternoon anniversary program. Music for the weekend was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Dick Eaves, Mrs. Jesse B. Deloe, Mrs. Donna Miller, Mrs. John Aeby and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Lear.

"Former pastors and worshipers traveled from all areas of the United States, including Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Washington, Arizona and Florida," Senior Pastor John Burke said.

The Waterloo Grace Brethren Church had its beginning in late 1939 when a group of Brethren

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Former pastors assisting in cutting the anniversary cake included (left to right) Rev. Richard P. DeArmey, Rev. John M. Aeby, Rev. Lewis C. Hohenstein and Rev. Arnold R. Kriegbaum.



Interior of the Waterloo Grace Brethren Church.



Pastors' wives also took their turn at cutting the cake. Left to right are Mrs. John Burke, Mrs. Arnold Kriegbaum, Mrs. John Aeby, Mrs. Richard DeArmey and Mrs. Lewis Hohenstein.

A Day in the Life of Grace Brethren Foreign Missions

• In late spring, Jim Hocking, Reinhold Hiller, and Bob Skeen traveled to Cameroon with \$80,000 in checks to buy two trucks. When they arrived in Duala, they found that the bank was insolvent and wouldn't honor their checks. Stranded with no money and without a vehicle, they called Dan Hocking in Florida, who contacted Steve Popenfoose, GBFM Finance Director. "I worked for the next week to get another \$80,000 through New York to the bank in Cameroon," says Steve.

• Recently, GBFM received a request from a former missionary couple to have a plaque placed on the grave of Pastor Marc. Marc had been very helpful to them as new missionaries many years before, and they now wanted to honor him with the engraving of his name and a verse of Scripture. Such a plaque is very rare in the Central African Republic. As a new missionary in the Central African Republic, Lila Sheeley attended his funeral in March 1972. Pastor Volongou Marc was a respected man, mourned by believers and pagans alike. "It was impressive. There was not the wailing

and crying that I later associated with death in that culture. Instead, the people sang hymns in praise of the man's life and testimony," Lila reflects. Lila currently serves in the home office as Distribution Coordinator. She ordered the plaque and shipped it to a missionary who will attach it to the gravestone behind the Grace Brethren Church of Bossembele.

• Converts in England are few and far between. In a letter early this summer to Terry Julien, who redesigned the *Life's Most Important Question* tract for the England team, Bill Kiddoo writes: "As a friend of mine here would say, I am really chuffed about the new tract. (In a British dictionary that means pleased or delighted.) I think they are excellent! Thanks for your hard work. We all have a good list of people with whom we have shared the gospel that we will hand them out to right away. It's great to have the tracts in time for our big outreach at the Carnival. I think they have all the ingredients to make them a very usable tool for the Lord. Thanks!"

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You Are Invited!

You won't want to miss the Grand Missions Rally of Grace Brethren Home and Foreign Missions at this year's National Conference. It will be held on Sunday evening from 7:00 to 9:00. This exciting event promises vision for the next century. Come join us for a special presentation of music, media, and missions.

Grace Brethren Foreign Missions is commemorating its ninetieth anniversary Thursday afternoon from 1:30 to 3:30. Join us for the commissioning of new missionary appointees, our corporation meeting, and the chance to meet nationals and our missionaries. You will enjoy an exciting time of sharing what the Lord has accomplished through Grace Brethren churches in the last ninety years and be encouraged to an even greater commitment to the Great Commission during the next decade!

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The GBFM staff sees Celebration '90 as an anniversary not of missionary organization, but of a Fellowship of churches faithful to the Great Commission. We hope most every church that has faithfully participated in world evangelism during the past 90 years will be able to rejoice in the victories.

At each rally, participants have been urged to renew their commitment in a three-fold way. First, to pray three minutes a day for one named missionary during the coming year. Second, to give the equivalent of three days wages to foreign missions during the coming year. Third, to share the gospel with three people.

Doors Open in Eastern Europe

Europe Director, Roger Peugh, and his wife Nancy, recently returned from an investigative trip to Eastern Europe. They were accompanied by Dan Ramsey, Germany Field Superintendent, and Bill Cook, currently in language study with his wife, Mona. The Cooks hope to eventually serve in Eastern Europe.

Roger Peugh reports that 300 different Christian groups are studying opportunities for evangelism in Eastern Europe, but that few are committed to church-planting. Grace Brethren Foreign Missions is dedicated to evangelism and discipleship leading to the formation of local churches.

Reports of this trip indicate unusual opportunities for evangelism at this critical period in history. The new-found freedom of Eastern Europeans has created an almost unprecedented responsiveness to the gospel.

Grace Brethren Churches both in Germany and France are responding to needs for Bibles and literature and are inviting American Christians to join them in this effort.

President Namsene Studies in United States

Through the years, the James Gribble High School has been the only Christian Academy in Central African Republic with impact not only on the churches but also the government. Children of influential government officials attend the school in Yaloke. The Ministers of Economic Development, Water and Forest, Commerce, and other departments of government have children in the school. Graduates of the school are found in many government positions, among them the Secretary of State and the Director of National Education.

Elie Namsene, Director of the James Gribble High School and President of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches in Central African Republic, is currently visiting the United States to complete his doctoral dissertation on the history of the Grace Brethren Foreign Missions in Africa. He will receive his degree from the University of Lyon III in France. He and his wife, Martha, have eight children and are expecting their ninth.

To Be Commissioned at National Conference

- Ken and Kim Burk -- Portugal
- Tim and Julie Hawkins -- Portugal
- Ralph and Martha Schwartz -- Portugal
- C. Bess Farrell -- Mexico

Welcome to a New Year in WMC!

From: Janet Minnix, National WMC Program Chairman and the Program Packet Committee for 1990-91, Elsie Wiley, Rene Wheeler, Darlene Edwards.

We don't know how you feel, but we feel like we've been around the world this past year -- in WMC, that is. And truly we have, for we've visited every one of our mission fields, and shared with our missionaries in the excitement of seeing God at work, even as we've discovered more about each country and seen many of the problems faced in cross-cultural evangelism. But we're back home now, and it's time to turn our thoughts to the future and what's in store for WMC this year.

1990-91 is Year I in the five-year WMC Program Planning Cycle (Topical Study), and our programs this year will focus on the topic of Friendship. When God created woman, He placed in her a

special ability to develop intimate relationships. In His Word, God has given us models after which to pattern our own friendship-relationships. We will be studying these scriptural examples as we learn how to become FRIENDS IN A WORLD OF STRANGERS, friends not only with others in the Body of Christ, but friends with those outside the Body, seeking by loving them to draw them into the circle of God's redeeming love.

The Missions emphasis will feature "Friendship Experiences" written by home and foreign missionaries. These women have shared from their hearts some of their own experiences and lessons learned about friendship. The following article is a preview of the March missionary challenge by Becky Pappas from West Germany. Becky has served with her husband, John, in Aalens, West Germany, since 1977.

Knitting With Three Strands

*by Becky Pappas
Missionary, West Germany*

Ten years ago when Edna Haak arrived in Germany to begin her missionary service, little did we realize how God would knit our ministries and lives together. Today with the advantage of hindsight, I can appreciate how God directed circumstances and events to bring about that "weaving" process.

Since her first apartment still lacked two month's worth of renovating effort, Edna moved into our home. "Way back then" we only had two little girls, and our Thomas was well "on-the-way". In those shared quarters there was much "sharing" -- relating language school experiences, learning about one another's families and backgrounds, asking and answering questions concerning German culture, reading books aloud to the girls, laughing at the crazy things kids say, discussing insights from God's word, praying for one another. This fellowship revealed our shared commitments to the spiritual task before us and was the beginning of a friendship bonding. We could not know then that those two months would serve as a springboard to much contact with Edna. Several years later she moved to our very neighborhood, and eventually joined our church-

planting team in the city of Aalen. Time shared with one another and with God has strengthened that friendship and sharpened that commitment.

Our time together is seldom an extended amount. Neither of us enjoys the luxury of a "laid-back", slow-pace schedule, so we don't often have the pleasure of leisurely chatting (and cross-stitching) over a cup of tea, nor do we have the uninterrupted conversations we might desire. But God has blessed me with "a sharer of burdens" in my teammate. Our commitment to the spiritual battle causes us to ache (agonize) over the tragic "casualties" we encounter. At times we are inwardly shaken at the depravity and darkness around us -- our sadness over Frau S.'s decision to divorce her husband and her total rejection of biblical counsel; the ban in certain circles on our Children's Work and the bribing methods some parents used to prevent their children's attending; our frustration at the unfair treatment given to refugees (to whom we're ministering); the aggressive behavior in the supermarket and most especially on the roads!

Special burdens are also in the family context. I've observed Edna's response of compassion and

prayer when she would hear our loner-offspring sob, "Edna, I don't have any friends!"; a willingness to minister in practical ways by cooking meals and caring for kids when I was ill or woozy with morning sickness; offering to oversee the children to give John and I a day together with God.

Our spirits are not always sober and serious. God certainly gives needed balance, and my teammate-friend is "a sharer of joys"! I recall many phone conversations (at unearthly hours), when we just had to share a special witnessing opportunity; or a positive response or encouraging comment after a public presentation in which we tried to include a testimony to our faith; or the unexpected spiritual alertness of a mischievous six-year-old in the Bible club; or the thrill of seeing those we're discipling sharing the "good news" with others. And again out of the personal realm we've reasons to rejoice -- remembering birthdays and helping to make them special; planning and anticipating a Pappas-Haak outing (whether it includes a basketball game or a stop at McDonald's, a hike or an afternoon for music-making); sharing each child's delight when he/she returns from a special time at Edna's (depending on the child's "bent", it might have been to bake, sew, or plant flowers).

My most vivid memories from this collage of shared joys center around John and I departing

for the hospital for the birth of a baby. Those scenes capture for me the heart-bonding that God has granted in our relationship. Those times were very emotional for me -- saying good-bye to the children and wondering what the next few hours would hold. But Edna always sent me off with a comforting hug, and she'd promise "We'll be praying!", and I knew she meant it and would encourage our children to talk with God on this exciting occasion. That hug and the assurance that the children were in loving hands quieted my fears, and somehow I was then "ready".

"A cord of three strands is not quickly broken." (Eccl. 4:12b) Our gracious God has skillfully knit hearts together on this mission team. I praise HIM for the "three-fold cord" relationship I have with God and Edna; a bond made stronger through shared time, and shared commitment, shared burdens and shared joys.

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met in the A. A. Bontrager home for prayer and Bible Study.

Within a matter of weeks a charter was drafted, church officers were elected and 39 members signed the original charter.

By the end of the year lots were purchased, building plans were approved and construction of a meeting place was well under way. During the building of the church the group met in the facilities of Lowell School.

One year later, in November of 1940, the original building was dedicated with Dr. Charles W. Mayes as the dedication speaker. Since those beginning days, the building has been expanded three times to make room for a growing congregation. Major remodeling was done in 1961 and 1962.

Over the 50 years of its history, the Waterloo Grace Brethren Church has been led by seven pastors. They include Dr. J. C. Beal and Rev. Frank Coleman, both deceased, Rev. Arnold R. Kriegbaum, Rev. Lewis Hohenstein, Rev. Richard P. DeArmev, Rev. John Aeby and Rev. John P. Burke.

Presently, the church also has an associate pastor, J. Ron Weimer and youth pastor Rob Barlow. The youth ministry, known as Inheritance, based on I Peter 1:4, has many levels of outreach programs for 120 7th to 12th graders who attend activities

from Waterloo and surrounding areas. Inheritance Alive, music, puppet and drama teams traveled to Colorado in June as part of their ministry tour.

The church has a membership of 566 people. Its morning worship service is carried live each Sunday at 10:50 a.m. on KNWS radio.

Over 15 families who originally worshiped at the Waterloo Grace Brethren Church have now gone on to full time Christian service throughout the world including Kay Lane; Mike and Judy Christian; Ralph and Nancy Miller; Jim and Charlotte Poyner; Randy and Betty Poyner; Tom and Donna Miller; Tom and Jane Grady; Steve and Bonnie Garcia; Lynn and Lois Schrock; Mark and Roberta Saunders; Mike and Diane Henry; Jerry and Janet Kelley; Tom and Jeannine Shipley; Gene and Ellner Billington; Rex and Eunice Jones; Ron and Willa Henry and Joan Lesh.

Senior Pastor John Burke stated: "As I reflect upon the fifty years of faithful labor here in Waterloo, I am reminded of Paul's words when he wrote, 'I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you making request with joy' (Phil 1:3-4). 'I thank my God' for a host of committed men and women who have sacrificed, served, and supported the work over these many years. Most important, 'I thank my God' for the way in which He has kept His hands upon the work and used it over this half century."



Daughter Church Planting

Part 2 by William J. Vermeulen



Editor's Note: This is the conclusion of a two part article written by William J. Vermeulen of the Association of Baptists for World Evangelization. It first appeared in The Church Planter and is used here by permission of the publisher.

Taking the Necessary Steps

What commitments are necessary for your church to develop a daughter congregation?

- The first commitment needed is *to develop a plan*. This responsibility may be designated to an existing group such as the Missions Committee, or the church might assign the work to a new group such as a Church Extension Task Force. The group responsible for the planning of the new work needs to develop its knowledge and understanding of the task and solidify its vision. It will need to gather and analyze data, set goals and plan its strategy.

- The second commitment needed is *good promotion*. The group should report its findings to the entire congregation who should place stress on both the need and the potential. The committee should present the project as an exciting adventure for the entire congregation! It should assist the congregation in getting its eyes lifted up and away from itself to see the broader horizon of what Christ wants to accomplish through them in building His church.

- The third commitment needed is *to pray*. Prayer is one of the most important factors in church planting. It is essential to making a healthy beginning as well as to facing the challenges of the future, and it should be organized in a definite way. We should not just pray over our plans, but plan over our prayers! The plan should include specific prayer strategy for broad involvement of members and organizations, the whole congregation, and other concerned churches.

- The fourth commitment needed is *to expand participation*. The challenge here exists in two areas. First, build a team of people who will play an important role in beginning the new work while remaining attached to the mother church. Some of them may even commit themselves to attend the new church for a limited period such as six months or a year. They will be an integral part of building the new church's core group, making the new church known in its community, participating in the task of getting people out to the worship

services (especially the first one) and helping with the chores and ministry of weekly services, group meetings, and follow-up.

Second, find families who will commit themselves to church planting and be willing to move out from the mother congregation to become part of the nucleus of the new church. Beginning with a strong core group that has mature Christians and people with leadership skills is a tremendous asset. A strong core is also important to the task of providing needed ministry to the unchurched whom the Lord will bring into the new fellowship. Find people with gifts and interest in church planting. Seek out people who have strong evangelistic zeal, a personal faith that is contagious, and a creative contribution to the new church's development.

- The fifth commitment needed is *to implement the plan*. Give the responsible group the authority, resources, and initiative to see the plans carried out, evaluated, and reshaped until they are most effective. Assure the group of the church's support and give them on-going encouragement and assistance in seeing the plan carried out.

Existing churches need to make church planting one of their priorities. The pastors of churches are central to making progress in this exciting challenge and need to encourage their churches toward specific steps of action. The majority of church members need to be educated about church planting and to become more aware of the Scriptural imperative and the incredible need to develop new congregations.

Great opportunities lie at the doorsteps of many local churches who need to come to grips with the challenge to extend themselves into new and needy areas. They need to move away from centering just on present realities: they need to envision new possibilities -- from the static sight of what is, to the faith-expanding contemplation of what could be. The church is called to live and act by faith, expecting great things from God. One of the best ways the church can exercise faith corporately is to multiply through planting a daughter church.

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Postpartum Depression Among Pastors

Mother church pastors may very well suffer from postpartum depression after giving birth to a new church. It hurts to lose people and resources from your regular attenders and supporters. But, God is gracious to provide for the "mothers," too. Larry Smithwick made an amazing announcement to the Northwest District Conference in late May. He said that the mother church in Anchorage, Alaska, had 700 in attendance a year ago. They gave up 150 people to a new church plant last Fall. This Easter, the new church had more than 400 in attendance, and the original church had 800. That's a gain of 500 people between the two churches! Praise the Lord!

Another mother-daughter church combination has been underway in northeast Ohio for more than a year-and-a-half now. The Western Reserve

Mother-Daughter Churches

Churches Planting Churches

Grace Brethren Church of **Macedonia, Ohio**, is only four years old itself, but Pastor Ron Boehm and his congregation have a vision to reach the lost for Christ and to plant Grace Brethren churches in the Greater Cleveland area. So, they launched the Lake County church in **Willoughby, Ohio**, in the fall of 1988 with Pastor Joe Cosentino.

Now the mother church reports nine recent baptisms and eleven new members, bringing the membership total to 63. They have hit a high attendance of 165. They already have more than \$21,500 in their building fund and are studying the architect's preliminary drawings for their first building. Projected cost will be \$308,000, and some are wondering if the facility may not be too small! Thanks for praying for both new and mother churches!

From Around the Nation . . .

Here are reports from Home Mission churches:

Charleston, WV, Pastor Emory Young -- "We continue to grow with new families joining each month. We now have a group of about 60. Our Mother's Day Celebration saw 64 attenders!"

Ocala, FL, Pastor Chuck Davis -- "The work is progressing well. Attendance is up 50 percent over last year at this time. New visitors are at every Sunday AM service. For the first time we have several teens coming regularly. People's lives are being changed. Many are now ready to become members, and we anticipate real growth in membership this year."

Philadelphia, PA, Pastor Steve Makofka -- "As we are doing a better job of meeting the spiritual needs of our people, they are becoming more excited about reaching their friends for Jesus. One of our families has started an SMM-type program for the girls in their daughter's school. One of our men is working on a Bible literature class for foreign students at a major university. And we are holding Sunday evening services in the park to be available to more people."

Marion, OH, (self-supporting Sept. 1), Pastor Dave Kennedy -- "A single parent came forward to dedicate her two young children to the Lord on Mother's Day. Another family in the church invited this new family over for dinner and lovingly introduced them to real care in the body."

Mishawaka, IN, Pastor Scott Weaver -- "Our AM Worship attendance averaged 78 for April! This is cause for joy and rejoicing. We baptized two young couples May 20. Bids for the new building (were to be received) in mid-June."

North Pole, AK, Pastor Davis Harbour -- "Twenty-six attended communion on Easter Sunday evening, six for the first time!"

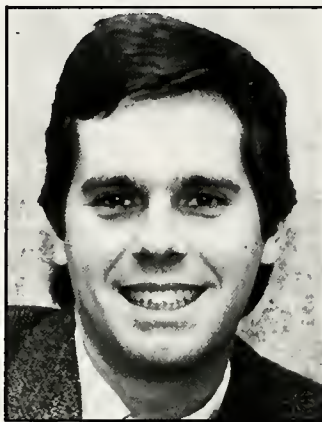
Northeast Columbus, OH, Pastor Will Marling -- "We are working on formal organization, training of leaders, and implementing some new teaching opportunities. We are also solidifying the two keys to our ministry: Sunday morning celebration and our small groups, called Care Groups."

North Port, FL, Pastor Lester Pifer -- "We have had a fine response from our people in raising funds for our property purchase and, also, to assume a higher rental figure for our current meeting place. We hope to raise \$14,600 for our property before closing."

Navajo Ministries, Counselor, NM, Steve Galegor, Assistant Superintendent -- "The new building project (Navtech Center) is underway but about a week behind because of bad weather. Six seniors graduated from the school at the end of May. Recently, the entire Kindergarten class prayed to receive Christ."

Liberty GBC Outreach Day

Here's a good test for your judgment and common sense. Should someone try to get eight Grace Brethren Churches to cooperate and have them give up a Saturday morning to go door to door in the inner-city? Wait, don't answer yet. It's on the same day as a youth rally, so we'll have to rely on adult volunteers. Do you think it sounds like a bad idea? You say going door to door doesn't work any more, and besides, what adult is going to want to go door to door in the inner-city on a Saturday morning? You say the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches is fast becoming an oxymoron (like "jumbo shrimp")? Maybe you're right. Maybe it is a bad idea. But Liberty GBC went ahead and did it anyway.



Rev. Steve Makofka, pastor of the Liberty GBC, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

find those who were already under conviction of sin and to aid the Holy Spirit's work in their lives. To those who were interested we offered the plan

of salvation, information about our church, and a visit from the pastor."

The survey team knocked on 265 doors to get 45 completed surveys. This generated a list of fifteen homes where people were interested in learning more about Christianity, the Bible, or the church. What would have taken one person weeks to accomplish was done by the team in a little over two hours. Such are the benefits of teamwork and cooperation.

But the benefit of the survey was not limited to Liberty GBC. All of those who participated received personal benefits as well. One pastor's wife, anticipating the possibility of being mugged, left her diamond ring at

home, but she didn't let that fear keep her from coming. Afterwards, she had this to say: "It wasn't as bad as I thought it would be. I actually enjoyed it. People were not suspicious of us as I thought they would be. I was surprised how many people think that you get to heaven by good works. I felt like we were just getting started. I want to come back and do it again."

Others responded in different ways. One participant was encouraged to see the pastors

We have what the people need, they just don't know it.

Saturday morning, March 17, saw forty people from eight Grace Brethren Churches praying together in preparation for making an impact on Philadelphia. The group included seven pastors and a cross section of laymen. Their purpose was to conduct a Bible Knowledge Survey in the Fishtown area of Philadelphia. The survey had ten questions which dealt with Adam, Noah, and Jesus Christ, all of whom experienced God's judgment for sin. This led to a question regarding the person's own eternal destiny. Steve Makofka, pastor of Liberty GBC said, "Our purpose was to try to

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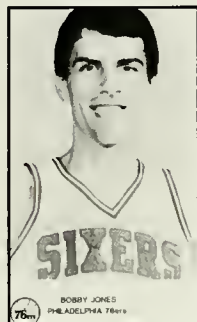
"practicing what they preach" and leading the way in outreach by being examples. Others found the experience to be a real eye opener. One man, almost overwhelmed by the needs he saw, said, "We have what the people need, they just don't know it." All returned to their home churches challenged to increase their prayer efforts on behalf of this church and its community.

So, what should you do next time someone wants to do something for outreach that doesn't sound like a good idea? Think about it. Pray about it. Pursue it. Fortunately for us, God doesn't confine Himself to our limited perceptions of good judgment and common sense.

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NEWS UPDATE

NBA Star Speaks at New Holland, PA, GBC



Every day thousands of youngsters in our country "shoot the hoop." Many entertain dreams of some day playing at Carolina under Dean Smith, playing on an Olympic team, or playing on an NBA Championship team.

Bobby Jones is a true example of following dreams, achieving goals and overcoming adversity.

He was a 1970 high school All American, who after graduating played at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and was a member of the 1972 Olympic Basketball Team. Upon graduation in 1974 from UNC, he achieved All American, and a B.A. in Psychology. He went on to play twelve years of outstanding professional basketball.

Bobby is the only player to make the all-defensive first team ten years in a row, playing in five all-star games and winning the cherished NBA Championship in 1983 with the Philadelphia 76'ers.

Bobby shared his simple, clear testimony on Memorial Day Sunday, May 27, at the evening service of the Grace Brethren Church, New Holland, PA. This growing church was packed on Easter Sunday as the overflow room was used. Bobby Jones drew a crowd that exceeded Easter's attendance by 100 plus on a holiday weekend.

Dr. Roy Roberts, the new Senior Pastor, plans to schedule a professional sports personality at least twice a year in order to reach men and boys who would not otherwise come to church. Dr. Roberts will draw on his contacts of conducting pre-game chapels for professional teams spanning three decades.

Kenai, AK. An installation service was held for Chris Hay as he

assumed the pastoral duties at the Kenai Grace Brethren Church. Those taking part included James Welborn, William Schaffer, Glen Welborn, and Ted Titus. Mark Welborn and Richard Stables were also installed as elders of the Kenai church.

Dan Allan is now the senior pastor at the Grace Brethren Church of Ashland, OH.

The offices of the **Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches** located in Winona Lake, IN, are on Central Standard Time—one hour behind the East Coast and 2 hours ahead of the West Coast. This remains in effect from April 1 to October 28 (most of the state of Indiana does not change to Daylight Saving Time.)

Howard Immel is the new pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of London, OH.

David Rosner is the new pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Flora, IN. He began his ministry on June 1.

Richard Sellers was the interim pastor of the Grace Brethren Church

at Lansing, MI, until Mick Rockafellow assumed the pastorate on July 1.

John Townsend is the new pastor of the Everett Grace Brethren Church, Everett, PA. He began his ministry as of May 20.

Ron Guiles has resigned from the Grace Fellowship Church of Fort Worth, TX, and has accepted a unanimous call to be the senior pastor at Grace Brethren Church of Maitland, FL.

Steve Edmonds has resigned at the Grace Brethren Church of Fort Lauderdale, FL, and has accepted the pastorate of the Grace Brethren Church of Murrysville, PA.

Bill Stevens, former pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Lake Odessa, MI, has resigned and has accepted the pastorate of the Brookville, FL, Grace Brethren Church.

Carl Miller, former pastor of the Ankenytown Grace Brethren Church, Bellville, OH, has announced his resignation. He is open to future pastorate ministry.

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Lehigh Valley GBC, (page 85). Their secretary is Phil Ronco, 17 Briarcliff Rd., Allentown, PA 18104.

they moved to California in 1946. They continued to serve the Lord in the South Gate Brethren Church and then later in the Community Grace Brethren Church of Long Beach.

For many years, Ed was head usher at the national conferences. Many pastors and missionaries were the recipients of Hastings-Hospitality, assistance in packing, moving, and so forth. Practical spiritual counsel was the trademark of the Hastings. One pastor remarked: "When I felt in need of good advice, I always went to Ed."

An informal memorial service was led by Dr. Harold Dunning of the Grace Brethren Church of Long Beach, CA.

Death

Hastings, Ed. 84. October 20, 1989. He accepted Christ as his Savior, and along with his wife served the Lord in the Grace Brethren Church in Homerville, OH, until

Personal Reflections

I have been encouraged by many to open up a limited number of pages of the Herald magazine to the expression of opinions and beliefs regarding the baptism/membership issue in the Grace Brethren Church. No practical means of such an exchange has been available to persons following last year's national conference. A forum plan was adopted at the 1989 conference, but has not been implemented in a workable fashion to date. No exchanges which involve the names of other persons will be included. The use of the Herald magazine makes the information available to lay persons as well as to ministers. No editing will be done on any of the articles and it is understood that the material does not have the endorsement of the Herald or the Fellowship—it reflects the personal position of the individual author.

—Charles W. Turner, publisher

The Baptism/Membership Debate in the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches: Some Personal Reflections

By Donald P. Shoemaker, Senior Pastor
Grace Community Church, Seal Beach, California

ON BAPTISM

1. Jewish proselyte baptism serves as an important backdrop to the NT practice (William Sanford LaSor, "Discovering What Jewish Miqva'ot Can Tell Us About Christian Baptism", *Biblical Archaeological Review*, 1987, 13(1), pp. 52-59). Jewish proselyte baptism was a purificatory rite administered by immersion.

2. While NT baptism was most likely administered by immersion, the evidence is insufficient to conclude that Matthew 28:19 or any other baptismal text can be interpreted to say that only immersion baptism is biblical baptism.

3. It cannot be established with any high degree of certainty that Matthew 28:19 either demands a triple action or that the passage was originally intended to be a liturgical formula (which it later became).

4. To say that the trinitarian formula focuses on the work of the triune God in our salvation is true but this is not expressed by Matthew in his final discipleship passage. It is very possible that Matthew's account of the "Great Commission" focuses back on the baptism of Jesus. His baptism was trinitarian, too (though certainly not in mode or formula). Disciples are to follow their Lord in baptism. As God was His Father, as He was a Beloved Son, as the Holy Spirit descended on Him, so we, too, are beloved sons of the Father through the Son and endowed by the Spirit and ready now to follow Him in obedience, ministry and suffering.

5. It is unsound and eisegetical to demand that the various baptisms in Acts were by Trine Immersion. The variation of language between the various passages suggests that no fixed liturgical formula is in view, although allegiance to the Lord Jesus Christ appears to be an invariable factor (which is also what the "Great Commission" affirms).

6. The best defense for Trine Immersion comes from church history, like it or not. The *Didache* presents the earliest inference to Trine Immersion but with a clear acknowledgement of the acceptability of another mode (pouring). Historian Philip Schaff says that this document may indicate a tightening of practices because liturgical ceremonies tend to compound rather than diminish.

7. Trine Immersion is "biblical baptism" in that it fulfills the intent and spirit of the Great Commission and the biblical theology of baptism. Our duty to our Lord is fulfilled in this mode. That is, Jesus is pleased with our performance of this ritual when it is done in faith. But saying this does not exclude the validity of other modes when done in faith.

8. Trine Immersion is, in my opinion, the *best* mode of baptism in light of all the relevant information that can be gleaned from systematic theology, church history, historical theology and pastoral theology.

9. Baptism is initiatory. It was the normal sign of entrance into the believing community. Delayed baptism is not to be found in the NT and therefore introduces an element of confusion into the meaning of the rite.

10. Scripture does not supply sufficient specificity on mode for this factor to be made a test of orthodoxy or fellowship/membership. The principal motif of "cleansing" is satisfied by any of the three major modes. Baptism by pouring draws a focus on the outpouring of the Spirit, which cannot be divorced from baptism and which is a key theme of the Lukan corpus.

11. The lack of NT specificity as to mode of baptism is harmonious with New Covenant worship "in spirit and truth". Undue focus on form constitutes a violation of our Lord's criticism of the same with regard to ceremonial washings.

12. While *baptizo* can carry the notion of immersion when indicated by the context, the thought of an overwhelming rite is the key idea. There is no way that *baptizo* in 1 Corinthians 10:1,2 can be removed from the debate by giving it a

metaphorical meaning. The sacramental images are too strong in this chapter to eliminate them from the debate. And there is no way that *baptizo* can mean immersion in this passage. The Israelites were baptized but they were not immersed. The Egyptians were immersed but they were not baptized.

13. Rebaptism is to be rejected if the former baptism was believer baptism. Rebaptism casts aspersion on both the initiatory nature of baptism and on our understanding of the meaning of the rite of footwashing (John 13:10).

ON HERMENEUTICS

1. It is hermeneutically unwise to read Matthew 28:19 into the Lukan baptism passages, whether or not Matthew 28:19 teaches Trine Immersion. Such a tactic does not allow the authors to tell their own, independent messages. Biblical theology must precede systematic theology, not the other way around.

The tendency in many conservative circles to do the above often tends toward a "docetic" view of Scripture whereby it only pretends to be the product of human hands, the "authors" being more like stenographers than authors in their own right. The nature of Scripture as the inspired, inerrant Word of God does not mitigate against my observation. It is at once both the Word of God and the words of men who were genuine authors.

2. In the defense of Trine Immersion a tendency toward an existentialist, esoteric hermeneutic is to be noted. This is hard to "place a finger on", but the atmospherics for such a hermeneutic are apparent.

This is to be noted when it is implied that "fuller understanding" is available to the more "spiritual" person. I quote from the 1984 National Conference's Two/Three Year Study Committee's report No. 1 (because this line of thinking has re-entered into the current debate):

But where do we draw the line on this delicate but infinitely important question of THE CLARITY OF SCRIPTURE? Actually, there is no such thing as an absolute "line" of theological discernment which finite minds can draw. Instead, THERE IS A CONTINUUM WHICH GOD HIMSELF PROVIDES: the closer we walk with our Lord the clearer will be our understanding of His will (John 7:17) — "if any man is willing to do His will, he shall know of the teaching, whether it is of God." [1985 Annual, p. 24]

To arrive at this view of "fuller understanding", it is necessary to take John 7:17 out of context (which the above report does) and turn the grammatical-historical method of interpretation and its corollary, the perspicuity of Scripture, on their heads. Emergence of spiritual elitism can result.

ON DISCIPLESHIP AND BAPTISM

Matthew's concept of discipleship is not the modern notion that a disciple is a special sort of Christian who has gone on to deeper commitment. In Matthew, being a disciple is congruent with being a Christian. If Matthew 28:19 clearly teaches and demands Trine Immersion, then a non-trine-immersed person is not a disciple and the following syllogism becomes appropriate:

MAJOR PREMISE: In Matthew, being a disciple equals being a Christian.

MINOR PREMISE: Trine Immersion is an essential aspect of being a disciple.

CONCLUSION: One who is not trine immersed is not a Christian.

ON CHURCH POLITY

1. "Church Membership" in its modern construct is absent from the NT. Rather, it is an ecclesiastical concept which attempts to make biblical concepts concrete in our modern context (like church weddings and baby dedications). We will therefore search in vain for firm biblical specifics on "Church Membership".

2. What we commonly call "being in fellowship with the church" comes closer to NT patterns of "belonging to the church". People can be fulfilling their NT responsibilities to their church whether they formally "join" or not.

3. Whatever the NT does lay down as requirements for being enfranchised into the local church refers more to "being in fellowship with the church" than being a "church member".

4. Therefore, if the Bible demands Trine Immersion, no one who lacks it should be considered as being in any sort of fellowship relationship with the church at all. Those who strongly believe the Bible demands Trine Immersion should not sustain a fellowship relationship with those who do not.

5. It is incongruous to have someone minister in any exemplary leadership capacity (such as teaching, mission work or pulpit supply) who cannot meet the standards of membership that bind the man and woman in the pew.

6. Ephesians 2:13-22 argues for the full enfranchisement into the life of the church of anyone who is in Christ and who has access to the Father through the Spirit with us. My dictum: "Anyone who is accepted by Jesus is acceptable to us."

7. Because of my connections to Pentecostalism in my teens and early 20's, I recoil at any distinctions created between Christians due to water/spirit baptism. I reject any notion which might say: "You are a Christian. You are following truth as you know it. But we have this 'Full Gospel' teaching on 'The Baptism' and if you will only get 'The Baptism' you can be counted one with us."

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ON THE DEBATE WITHIN OUR FELLOWSHIP

From twenty-one years' experience as a minister in our Fellowship I see three positions:

1) The *Restrictive* ("closed") Position Trine Immersion is the only true mode of baptism and therefore all members ought to be trine immersed.

2) The *Moderate* ("conformity") Position -- Trine Immersion is a "denominational distinctive." It is reasonable to ask incoming members to conform to this key mark of our movement for the sake of unity. Rebaptism is testimonial and in no way repudiates one's earlier baptism.

3) The *Inclusive* ("open") Position -- Trine Immersion should not be required for membership in the local church (at least for transfer members) because Scripture doesn't demand it and/or because of some church polity reason(s).

My cautious opinion is that many who hold to the restrictive position do not acknowledge the existence of the moderate position. Yet, I have probably heard more people argue for this view than either of the other two. Nonetheless, I regard the moderate position as indefensible and having an unstable, short half-life. It is only a matter of time until many of these people move to the inclusive position.

ON STANDARDS OF CERTAINTY

As in the judicial system, there are different levels of certainty in doctrine. Some issues fall into the category of "beyond a reasonable doubt." Other

issues fall into the category of "supported by a preponderance of the evidence."

That baptism and communion are rites for the church is "beyond a reasonable doubt." But the mode of baptism and the exact ritual of communion fall into the category of support by a preponderance of the evidence. It is my opinion that issues which fall into this latter category must not be issues over which Christians divide or over which judgments as to one's orthodoxy or acceptability as a member should be made.

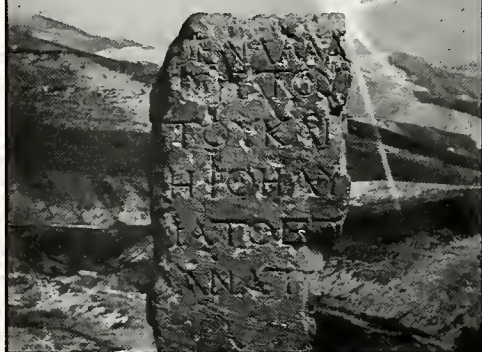
It is my opinion that large numbers of pastors would accept Trine Immersion as "biblical teaching" and personally hold to a "closed" policy while at the same time feeling that the level of certainty falls short of being "beyond a reasonable doubt." Therefore, these pastors are willing to let inclusive membership policies operate in the Fellowship without sensing inconsistency or compromise.

Nothing is wrong with holding positions with tentativeness due to the absence of conclusive evidence. Now we see through a glass dimly, for a variety of legitimate reasons. The nature of inductive reasoning (as well as our "Motto" — "The Bible, The Whole Bible and Nothing but The Bible") forces changes and even reversals in positions previously held.

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Alan Millard

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 2. Later known as the Brethren Board of Evangelism
 3. Since 1987 known as Brethren Evangelistic Ministries
 4. Past leadership: Dr. R. Paul Miller, Dean Fetterhoff, Bill Smith, Scott Weaver, Jim Custer, Mason Cooper, Bob Collitt, and Ron Picard
 5. Present structure: Board of Directors composed of 6 pastors and 6 laymen, elected by National Conference
- B.** Purpose: "To promote in every way possible the cause of evangelism in the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches" (FGBC Handbook)

II. What We Are Doing

- A.** Our past ministry
1. Evangelistic crusades in churches
 2. Church growth strategy
 3. Cooperated in GROW '73: Personal evangelism program for FGBC
 4. DEO 80's: Regional seminars in personal evangelism
 5. Supportive role in evangelism with C.E. National in N.A.C. and in evangelism training at Grace Schools
- B.** Our financial base
1. Project offerings from Grace Brethren men (in years past)
 2. Offerings from churches where crusades are held (10%)
 3. Gifts from Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches and individuals (90%)
- C.** Our present ministry
1. Revival crusades in churches
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- B.** Nightlighters: Youth evangelism program with Mike Williams begins March 23
- C.** CIA Band: Children's program using rhythm instruments now under development
- D.** Free literature to FGBC pastors: "101 Ways You Can Use Scripture in Evangelism"
- E.** Videos on prayer: "How to Have a Revival Prayer Meeting"; "Praying with Others"
- F.** Audio-visual presentation on our ministry for National Conference, Richmond, VA
- G.** Working with National Strategy Committee and C.E. National in Vision for 90's
- H.** Participating in C.E. Convention and Brethren National Youth Conference
- I.** First Love Renewal Seminars using team approach
1. Tentative schedule: Winchester, VA; Northwest District; Grafton, WVA; Port Richey, FL
 2. Possible international ministries in Guatemala and Mexico
 3. Women's ministry team: North Atlantic WMC Retreat
 4. Operation Barnabas Orientation: Myerstown, PA



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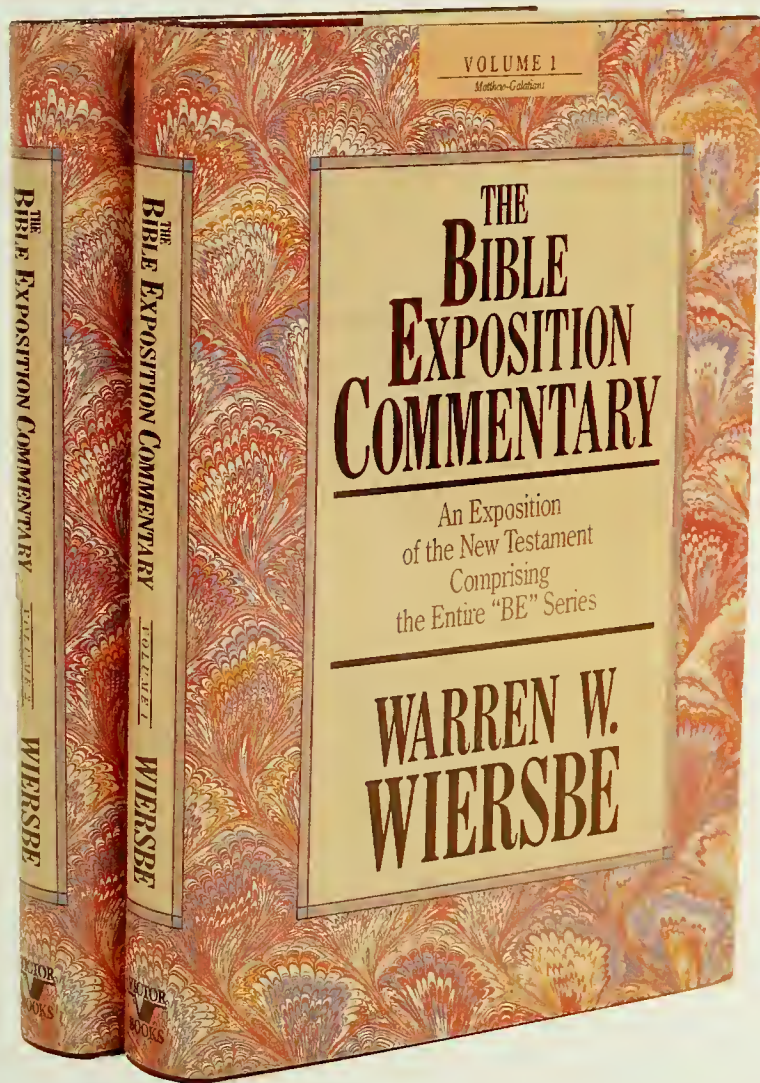


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The "Hubbie" was to be able to see "The edge of time". We were told by the scientists that now we could unlock the secrets of time and creation and we would know more about how the world was created. I could have saved them a lot of money. For a lot less than \$2,500,000,000 they could have picked up the Bible and read where it says, "In the beginning God created . . .".

Inasmuch as Hubbie did not discourage our myopic scientists, they have a new one for you as a taxpayer. For just \$8,000,000,000 they are going to build a space station for us . . . a place to live in outer space. This orbital station will have three laboratories and living quarters for eight. It will take 28 space shuttle shots to carry the 18 pieces of equipment to space and assemble. Instructions probably will be in Japanese!

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The Eye In The Sky . . . Was Not Exactly Pie In The Sky!

by Charles W. Turner

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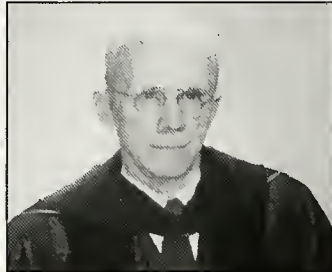
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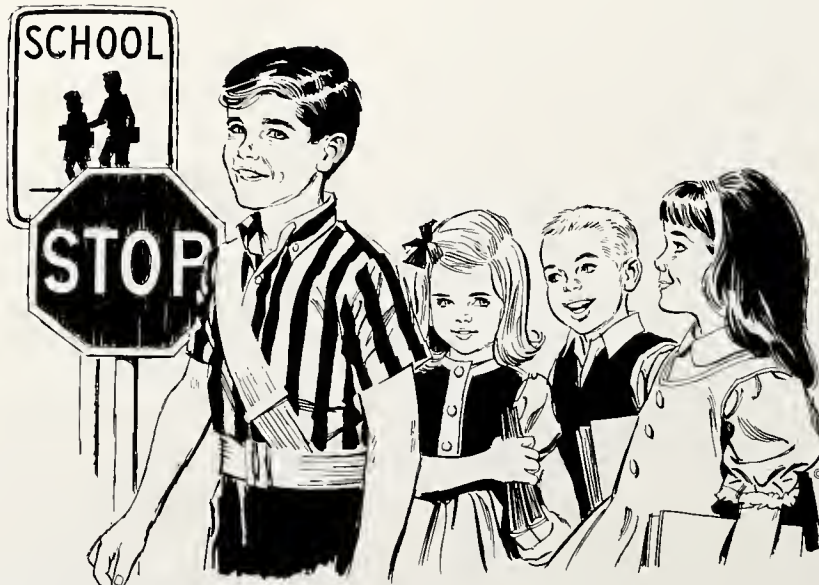
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Open Doors, Money and Men

The Missionary Society Director had just made an astounding statement. He said, "We would like to open a new field and we have the money to do it, but we do not have the people to send." The young pastor of the church in which the Director was speaking felt his heart burn within him. The next evening the pastor and his wife went to hear the Mission executive speak again and after the service they inquired, "If we would offer to go, would you send us?" The Director responded, "Try us and see."

In this way the movement was born which ultimately, with the cooperation and labor of other missionaries, resulted in thousands of people hearing the gospel for the first time, multiplied hundreds accepting the Lord proclaimed by those who preached the Word, a number of churches being planted and scores of young people trained or in training for the important task of themselves taking the message to others.

God had brought three important ingredients together to produce the work He wanted done: an open door, people eager to do His will and the finances to enable the work to be done.

Once again our Brethren Fellowship is faced with two of these ingredients which are, 1) an amazing open door and 2) the people eager to enter it. If the third element, the necessary finances, is supplied, there is every possibility that again we will see an explosive work done for Christ.

The open door is Guatemala. In the person of Rodrigo Argueta we have an ordained Brethren pastor currently on the field where he and his wife and three beautiful children are working, despite great difficulties, to establish a church and bring the message of salvation to the teeming millions of their fellow countrymen. Their vision is to branch out into other localities, even into other Hispanic American nations with the gospel message.

Their vision includes a complex which will house the church, Sunday School and a training school for those men and women who feel the call of God in their lives. The fact is that at the present time there are four men and two women enrolled

and studying in just such a school. One of the men is about ready to assume the duties of a pastor under Rodrigo's supervision. The need now is for a building suitable for housing these activities which currently meet in homes or other temporary facilities.

Not only is there this capable pastor already on the field but there are an American businessman and a pastor whose hearts God has touched who stand ready to go and assist Pastor Rodrigo on a short term basis in the areas of evangelism and soul winning.

Our Fellowship is faced with an exciting challenge. This could well be the launching pad for a tremendous work in all of Latin America. Pastor Rodrigo has requested help of Brethren Evangelistic Ministries in teaching his people and encouraging them to witness to their families, friends and neighbors, and the two men mentioned above are ready to go to Guatemala and minister in this way. About \$3000.00 will be needed for this project. As a Fellowship we need prayer for guidance. We need concerted action and support if we are to realize the great blessings our Lord has in store for us.

-- Dr. J. Keith Altig
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What Goes Around Comes Around

By
Edward A. Jackson

On April 29, 1970, the Lord spoke to my heart through the student riot on the Ohio State University campus. His message was so loud and clear that shortly thereafter I resigned my commission as a Lieutenant with the Ohio State Highway Patrol to become the founder and Executive Director of the National Fellowship of Grace Brethren Men, Inc., formerly the laymen's organization. This full-time ministry grew, and out of that growth the Grace Brethren Boys' Ministry was born.

Those were hard times financially for the organization, and it was clear we needed a full-time director for the growing boys' ministry, so I felt led to enter the pastoral ministry and give my salary from the men's organization to the director of the boys' work. The boys' ministry has been productive, and today many young men are in full-time Christian service because of it. Since the early days of the men's work, many men have been faithful to the boys' ministry; however, there is a much broader ministry for the men that has not been developed.

Today there are two groups which are the best kept secrets in the Grace Brethren Fellowship: Yokefellows, and Acquillas and Priscillas. Both groups are a part of the Grace Brethren Men's organization. Yokefellows are men or couples who volunteer their time and expertise, at their own expense most of the time, to help where they are needed. A group of such men assisted recently in the construction of the Ocala, Florida, Grace Brethren Church, and about fifty, including wives who helped in the kitchen, worked this summer to build the Navtech Center at the Grace Brethren Navajo Mission.

Because of its Yokefellow activities the Grace Brethren Men have now become Grace Brethren Men Interna-



Ed and Polly Jackson with Joe Taylor

tional. Some years ago the men did a project at the Chateau in France. In January and February, 1991, approximately ten men will be traveling to the Central African Republic on a Yokefellow construction project. It is our goal to see the men involved in at least one overseas project each year. Presently there are five state-side

projects in the planning stages.

The second group we refer to as Priscillas and Acquillas (see Acts 18). These are men and women who assist in a church-planting project while supporting themselves in secular occupations. For example, five families have moved to Indianapolis, Indiana, selling their homes and finding new employment in order to assist in the planting of the Northeast Grace Brethren Church in that metropolitan area.

It is my prayer that for whatever time the Lord gives me, I will be able to see the Grace Brethren Men extend to many other areas of ministry in the Fellowship. Second Timothy 2:2 is our theme verse, "... faithful men able to teach others also."

On March 10, 1990, in light of my retirement this Fall from the executive staff of Grace Brethren Home Missions, I volunteered to lead the men's organization after I leave Winona lake. This was just about 20 years to the date when the laymen's organization asked me the first time to lead their organization on a full-time basis.

"What goes around comes around," they say. But let me give testimony to these last 20 years, and the Lord's blessing.

During these 20 years I have also been involved with Home Missions, first becoming a board member in 1967. I served in this capacity until 1974 when the Lord called me into the pastorate, and Polly and I took up residence in Kenai, Alaska, as Pastor and wife. Our teenage son, Jim, (now a Home Mission pastor at the Carolina Grace Brethren Church, Columbia, South Carolina) also accompanied us to the North Country.



Ed with Yokefellows

The Lord was so good! For the five years we were in Alaska, we saw our church go self-supporting at Kenai. We also saw a church started in Anchorage and land purchased in Homer, Alaska, for a church plant. Yet, we still did not know—and even at times doubted—that we were church-planters. It was only after a call all the way to Orlando, Florida, and seeing our Home Missions church go self-supporting in only 18 months, plus seeing three other churches started—Melbourne, Lakeland, and Orange City—that we began to perceive that the Lord was leading us as church-planters.

Some of us are slow learners. Praise the lord for his ever enduring patience!

“What goes around comes around.”



Bob Thompson and Ed Jackson in Alaska

Now it was back to Alaska again, namely Homer, to plant a church on the land purchased some two years earlier. With the help of three families of Priscillas and Aquillas—the Jerry Sunthimers, the Dick Hammers, and the Jim Jacksons—a church was planted in Homer.

The Lord blessed, and in two years Polly and I were off to North Pole, Alaska, a suburb of Fairbanks to plant another Grace Brethren church. It's called North Pole, not because of its geographic location—for it is 150 miles south of the Arctic Circle, but because it is one of the coldest places in the Arctic. Polly and I were only one year at North Pole when the Lord called us back to Ohio to pastor the church at Findlay, leaving a congregation of 35 who were meeting in a log house that had a sod roof.

In Ohio, I was asked to assist the Northcentral Ohio District in planting new churches in that area. That year we saw eight new churches planted in the district.

What goes around comes around.

We were only one year at the Findlay, Ohio, Grace Brethren Church, and assisting in district missions, when Dr. Bob Thompson asked me to

join the Home Missions Staff as the Eastern Field Director. With the Northcentral Ohio District's blessing, I accepted the offer.

It has now been nearly five years that I have served as the Eastern and Southern Director of Church Planting, with a travel schedule that averaged over 50,000 miles a year. We have seen many answers to prayer, many new churches planted, and have been blessed far beyond our fondest imagination. (For a fisherman to live 20 feet from Winona Lake, well, “it don't get any better than that.”) The Lord surely is good.

Now, as of October of this year, Polly and I will move to Columbus, Ohio, and retire (better said, “change hats”) because we have arrived at that age. The Grace Brethren Men have been very gracious and will allow me to lead them as their Executive Director once again. I will also assist the Northcentral and Northeastern Ohio Districts in their church-planting ministries.

What goes around comes around.

What a great privilege to serve a great God!

As I look to the future and the potential ministry that can be developed by the men of the Fellowship, I am as excited as the day I quit the troops to lead the men's work the first time. I relate very well to Caleb of old, who said, “. . . give me this mountain.” I also know, as Caleb knew, that the mountain is still possessed by the enemy, but I also know, as he did, that we serve a great God, and He knows we are here.

These years I have had in the ministry, and the years spent with Home Missions, have been great and very rewarding times. The experiences, both positive and negative, have not dimmed my vision



Homer, Alaska—1978



Lakeland, Florida Grace Brethren Church

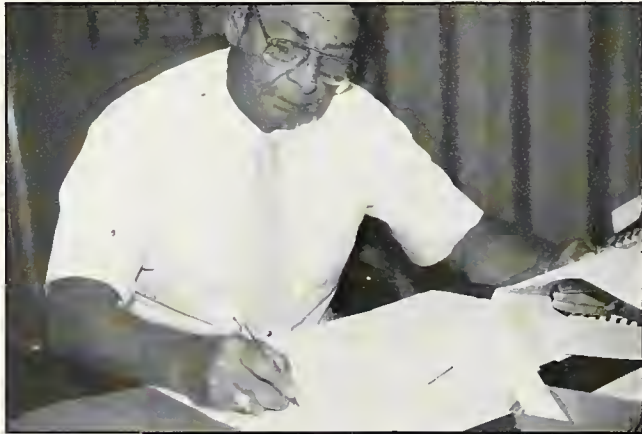
at all, but have caused it to be sharpened.

As I approach this new challenge, I also feel like Nehemiah as he looked to the rebuilding of the wall at Jerusalem. I am going to take the same tactic by going to prayer about the task, and I am going to call the men across the nation to prayer.

One of my goals for the future is to see a men's prayer time every week in each church in the Fellowship. This would be a time when the men pray with and for their pastors. For some churches, this is already an on-going ministry. I just feel it is something all men should be involved in. To me, this makes a men's ministry functional instead of just existing as an organization.

As Nehemiah had his Tobiah and Sanballat, I am sure that we also will experience the opposition of Satan's workers. But as Nehemiah prayed and picked up the sword and trowel—God blessed.

With this example from God's Word, I look for the men's ministry to serve in the Fellowship to the honor and glory of the Lord. And as Nehemiah saw revival through the rebuilding of the wall, we can see revival in our churches because of the prayers of men.



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NEWS UPDATE

A **director of development** for the Grace Christian School of Myerstown, PA, is being sought and resumes may be sent to Randy Maxson, chief administrator and principal. He may be contacted through the Grace Brethren Church of Myerstown, or by phone at 717/866-7891.

Norton, OH. --The youth group, 9 youth and 3 adults, spent some time at the Grace Brethren Church of Clayhole, KY, helping with Daily Vacation Bible School and cleaning the church inside and out. Thirty years ago Ray Sturgill, the present pastor of the Clayhole church, helped with the youth work at the Norton (Barberton) Grace Brethren Church, and now the Norton youth are helping at Clayhole. Also, Bob Combs was originally from the Clayhole area. Roger Scarboro is the youth pastor and Robert Combs, pastor.

Tim and Julie Hawkins were commissioned for their missionary work in Portugal. They plan to go to the field this month. The commissioning service was held on Sunday, June 17. Those taking part were: Dick Conover and John Gurishner of Akron, OH; George Hawkins of Winona Lake, IN; Homer Miller of Ashland, OH; and Gene Moine and George Allenbaugh of Rittman, OH. Several of the pastors of the district spoke at the service-- Doug Jensen of Cuyahoga Falls and Lee Dice of Wooster, OH. Mike Prentovich and Pastor Olszewski, both from the host church of Rittman, OH, also took part. Tim Hawkins was also licensed to the Christian ministry at the commissioning service.

Clayhole, KY. The Grace Brethren Church celebrated its fiftieth anniversary on August 5, 1990.

The Grace Brethren Church,

Limestone, TN, welcomed Tom Kiefer to their pastoral staff on May 22, 1990. He came from the Fairlawn Grace Brethren Church, Akron, OH, and was a recent graduate from Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, IN. His main role as associate pastor will be to oversee children, youth, and young adult ministries. His wife, Laurie, gave birth to their second child, Joshua, ten days after their arrival.

The position of **youth pastor** is open at the Martinsburg, PA, church. Chalmer Naugle, who has served in this capacity for six years, will be attending the Denver Theological Seminary in the fall. Resumes may be sent to Pastor Bill Snell if you have an interest in this ministry.

Mike Wingfield, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Limestone, TN, is the founder and president of a new ministry: Prophecy Today Ministries. This ministry publishes an eight-page monthly newsletter which relates current events to biblical prophecy. If you would like to receive a complimentary issue, please send a written request to: Prophecy Today

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Ministries, P.O. Box 97, Limestone, TN 37681, or call Pastor Wingfield at 1-615-257-2880.

Anderson, SC --Tim Betz, one of the youth leaders at the Grace Brethren Church of Anderson, SC, is currently in the process of starting a puppet ministry team. Since the youth are starting from scratch and come from a small church, they cannot afford to buy a collection of quality puppets.

If you are interested in helping this youth group get the necessary materials, either by cash contribution or supplying old quality puppets, kindly contact Mr. Betz in care of the Anderson church.

Grace Village in Winona Lake, IN, a retirement and health care facility operated by a National Board of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches, is looking for a Licensed Health Care Administrator and a General Administrator of the Retirement-Health Care facility or a combination of the two positions in one. If interested, please send resume or inquiry to Mrs. Marie Owen, 2262 So. Old Ditch Rd., Warsaw IN 46580 (Phone 219-267-6454).

Garfield Pecoraro, May 19, 1990, were married at the Riverside Christian School in Lost Creek, KY, by Pastor Ray Sturgill of the Clayhole Grace Brethren Church, Clayhole, KY.

Death

Yoder, Billy, February 2, 1990. He was a faithful member of the Summit Mills Grace Brethren Church, Meyersdale, PA, for many years. Albert Valentine, Pastor.

The Waters of Bitterness Made Sweet

A sermon by the late Dr. Alva J. McClain

(Editor's note: The following has been adapted from a sermon Dr. McClain wrote which was among some of his papers and books sent last year to Morgan Library by his widow, Josephine McClain, who lives in Waterloo, Iowa. The sermon is dated December 4, 1921, when Dr. McClain was pastor of First Brethren Church of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Dr. McClain was one of the founders of Grace Theological Seminary and its president from 1937 until 1962.)



"So Moses brought Israel from the Red Sea, and they went out into the wilderness of Shur; and they went three days in the wilderness, and found no water.

"And when they came to Marah, they could not drink of the waters of Marah, for they were bitter: therefore the name of it was called Marah. And the people murmured against Moses, saying, 'What shall we drink?' And he cried unto the Lord; and the Lord showed him a tree, which when he had cast into the waters, the waters were made sweet: there he made for them a statute and an ordinance, and there he proved them." — Exodus 15:22-25

The greatest triumph in the whole history of Israel was the marvelous deliverance from the Red Sea, through which they had just passed, by the overthrow and destruction of Pharaoh and his hosts.

The history of Israel is crowded with great experiences at the hand of God. The walls of Jericho, how they fell down, entirely at the hand of God. The battle against Amalek — Moses merely held up his hands, and when they grew tired, the people supported him. The bread from heaven, the manna, the invasion of Sennacherib — how that when the nation of Israel was "up against it," the Angel of the Lord went forth and smote 180,000 in one night and saved Israel!

These are great experiences. But none of them ever paralleled the splendor of that moment when the people stood on the banks of the Red Sea and watched the rushing waters close forever over the heads of the tyrannical king of Egypt and his much-vaunted armies!

So great and glorious was that deliverance at the Red Sea that it became the measure of God's holy power in the Scriptures. When the prophets and the singers wanted to proclaim Jehovah as a God of power, they spoke of Him as the God who brought the fathers up out of the land of Egypt and destroyed their enemies in the Red Sea.

We might suppose that Israel would never forget such a magnificent and triumphant experience. Surely the memory of this experience would lead them to follow the path that God directs. But this is not what we find. Our expectation is not borne out. The notes of their triumphant song had scarcely passed away until we find them murmuring against God.

"And when they came to Marah, they could not drink of the waters of Marah, for they were bitter." I think the lesson that we may draw from this verse is that the most triumphant experiences in life are often followed by the most vexing and trying circumstances. They had just passed through the Red Sea, and now they have come to water they cannot drink.

Here is a people that God has chosen for His very own. He has delivered them out of the bondage of Egypt, He has delivered them out of the Sea; He has destroyed their enemies in the midst of the Sea; He has promised to lead them into a land flowing with milk and honey; He has declared that He will go before them and keep them in all their ways. And they are following God — I want you to remember that. They have turned their faces toward the "good land," and lo, they have gone but three days' journey when they come to the bitter waters that they cannot drink, and they murmur.

Surely, this mystery can be explained. These people must have strayed from the definitely appointed path. This is what results when people disobey the voice of God. This experience is God's punishment for their disobedience.

It sounds plausible as an explanation, but it is not true. Mark you, the nation of Israel is walking in the very path that God has laid out for them. As they walk that path, God is leading them and they come to the place where the waters are bitter.

Doesn't it often happen like that in your life, and in mine? We have given ourselves, body, soul and spirit to Christ and He has delivered us wondrously from the power of sin; we are walking in the path, conscious of His leading, and suddenly we come to the waters that are bitter. It seems impossible to drink of them. Yes, it is impossible to drink of them. We cannot do it.

The waters of life are bitter when we lose property, when we lose our health, when loved ones are taken away from us, or when our friends forsake us and prove false. In all these things we come to the "waters of Marah."

It is true sometimes that God permits trials to come into our lives to chastise us from straying from the right path. So we would have every Christian turn the searchlight within and see whether he is in the will of God.

But the great central truth of the text is that God sometimes permits us to suffer affliction even

when we are walking in the right path. There are some people that do not believe that, but we do. Some people think that whenever you are sick or get into trouble, you are lost, or something like that. But it is not true! These people were walking in the path of God, and they came to the waters and could not drink.

Was it not true of our Lord? Can you find any sin in Him? Was He ever selfish? And yet, walking in the very path God had appointed Him, He was led into the garden of Gethsemane and to the Cross itself. Sometimes things come into our lives that are hard to bear, even when we are in the path of God and in His will. Sometimes He permits us to get into trouble.

"And the people murmured against Moses." The lesson that is taught here is that the greatest services of life are often soon forgotten. Moses had been a great leader, hadn't he? He had forsaken Egypt where he might have had every material advantage; he had cast his lot with a despised nation of slaves in order that he might faithfully lead the people into the "land of promise." The book of Hebrews testified that Moses was faithful as a leader, and yet Israel had forgotten Moses' faithful service in three short days. They had forgotten the 10 plagues that he had brought upon the land of Egypt, in order that they might be free; forgotten the Red Sea; forgotten the enemy overcome. And they murmured as if it were Moses' fault that the waters were bitter!

Is it not a universal trait of human nature today? We still contend with the flesh. We cannot count ourselves a great deal better than these Israelites.

Such murmuring is against God in the final analysis. Moses had not chosen the path that brought the people to Marah. God chose it. God was leading. And our experience may indeed be bitter, but let us not forget that when we murmur, it is against God, for the bitter experiences come only by His permission. That is one of the blessed facts in His Word. Romans 8:28 — "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose." Because that is true, I shall rest in Him, being fully persuaded that when He has allowed me to suffer sufficiently, He will take me out. I believe that is what the Word of God teaches. So, let us not forget that when we murmur about our circumstances, we are really murmuring against God Himself.

"And he cried unto the Lord." I love that! Moses cried unto the Lord when the people murmured. The lesson is that it is better to pray than to resign. It is better to pray when the way is hard. It matters not what it is.

Note the contrast—the people murmured against Moses, but Moses cried unto the Lord. There is a difference. Some people murmur and some pray. Thank God for those who pray. They are the ones that help us. Moses could have turned around and murmured against the people.

He might have said, "Have I not guided you where God directed? Am I God that I can cause streams of pure water to break forth? Is the bitter water more of a hardship to you than to me?" He might have answered their murmuring thus, but he did not. He kept still but cried only unto the Lord.

Moses could have resigned officially but he did not do that. He prayed! It is better to pray than to resign, no matter the circumstances. Don't resign and then pray. Pray first, and then there will be no occasion for resignation.

Then the greatest of all blessing. In the midst of difficulty the Lord showed him the tree which he cast into the waters. The waters were made sweet! The lesson is this: For every bitter experience in the Christian's life there is an antidote. No matter how bitter it may become there is always something that will always sweeten. Have you lost money? They use gold for paving material in that city whose builder and maker is God. This is where our citizenship is! Have you lost your home? Then remember the place Christ is preparing for you! Have you lost loved ones? Think and meditate upon that new heaven and new earth where God shall wipe away all tears! Have you suffered much from bodily pain? Remember that "our light affliction which is but for a moment, works for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." Have you been humbled—"stepped on" perhaps? Humiliated? Then remember that "he that is abased shall be exalted." It doesn't matter what your experience may be, God always has an antidote for it just as He did for the bitter waters.

Moses did not discover the remedy. A native of the country did not point it out. God showed him the tree. Apart from God, life must always remain a bitter thing.

Note that it was a tree that sweetened the waters. I love that! So, there is a tree which alone is able to sweeten the waters of life which are bitter — the tree on which our Lord was made a curse for us—the cross! The cross of Christ sweetens life. Ask the men who have suffered, who have come again and again to the waters of Marah. They will bear no uncertain testimony that this tree turns ashes into garlands of flowers that never fade. They can tell you best how God sweetens the bitter experiences of life.

So, fellow Brethren, here is something that we must remember. We cannot side-step the bitter experiences of life. Let us settle that here in our hearts. We will come upon them even when we tread the way which leads unto life. Though our path today may be strewn with roses, rest assured that in time we will come to the waters of Marah.

And when we come to them and cannot drink, let us not murmur. Let us, by faith, take the wondrous cross of Christ and cast it into the waters so they will be made sweet. The cross of Christ will not keep you from bitter waters but thank God that it will make them sweet.

Are You Part of a Growing WMC?

How can we tell whether our WMC group is growing? We can count the number of women who attend the meetings and compare that number with the size of our group a year ago, or five years ago. But can we see evidence that the WMC members are growing in the Lord? Here are some characteristics that should be developing in our groups as they grow. You might want to discuss these evidences at your first meeting this year as you set growth goals for your group. This list is not comprehensive--your group may want to add other evidences to your list.

A GROWING W.M.C. . . .

- Has members who enjoy meeting together.
- Gives each lady opportunities to use her gifts to help the group.
- Emphasizes service for others rather than convenience for ourselves.
- Encourages its members to contribute to group unity by being willing to consider the ideas and suggestions of others above their own.
- Keeps the pastor and church leaders informed of the group's progress and activities, and welcomes input from them.
- Is eager to meet missionaries who are on home ministries and to help them feel welcome.
- Actively seeks opportunities to help and encourage missionaries on the field through correspondence and special projects.
- Can count on its members to pray specifically for the needs of other individuals in the group, in their church and around the world.
- Encourages both the older and the younger members to respect and appreciate each other, and to support one another in their spiritual growth.
- Consists of ladies who are reaching out with love to those around them.



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Theme Song: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Theme Chorus: "This Is My Commandment"

FRIENDSHIP QUILTS

Several versions of the "Friendship Quilt" were popular in this country from Colonial times through the nineteenth century. Frequently, these quilts were made by young women for purely social reasons. A "friendship melody party", usually a surprise party, would be given by a girl's best friend. Each guest would fashion her own pattern from fabrics she had at home, and any materials that were needed for setting the blocks together would be supplied by the person giving the party. Each block in the completed quilt, therefore, would be different in design and color. Later, the girl for whom the melody party was given would reciprocate by inviting the same group to a quilting bee at her home.

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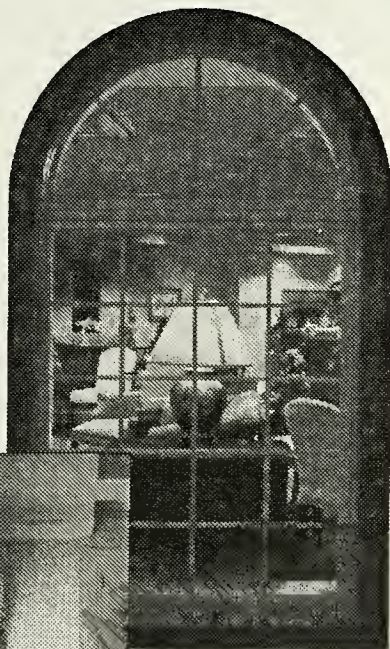
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Sometimes the group of friends would settle on a basic motif for the quilt, then each quilter would design and make a block, carrying out the friendship idea by signing her name. Another version of this quilt was to have a quilter ask each of her friends to supply material for a block, and then complete the entire quilt herself, using the cloth donations as a reminder of her friends.

Similar to the Friendship Quilt was the Album Quilt or Presentation Quilt. This quilt was made

in blocks, each block a different design, created by the quilter making it, who also supplied the material. In most instances the block was signed with an embroidered signature. The quilt, when set together and quilted, was presented to a minister, the minister's wife, a teacher, a family leaving the area, or a leader in the community, as an expression of friendship.

Sources: *Quilting As a Hobby* by Dorothy Brightbill; *Quilting Manual* by Dolores A. Hinson; *Quilt World* magazine, May/June 1981.



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"Trusting God for Great Things Together"

An Unusual Approach for Building at Cincinnati, Ohio

By Ned Denlinger, Administrator and Mike Clapham, Pastor

The land has been purchased. The building plans have been fine-tuned and approved. All that remains is to raise the necessary funds to build the new facility debt free. It sounds so simple -- allow God to pay for the project before it is even started! This is the essence of the "Constructing the Vision" program at the Cincinnati GBC. It is an *unusual* approach, one that requires significant faith. But before describing it in detail, perhaps we should relate how this adventure first began.

It began with a vision. It is a vision of reaching lost souls for Jesus Christ. It is a vision of discipling believers so that they in turn might spiritually reproduce themselves. It is a vision of planting New Testament churches in the Greater Cincinnati area and beyond. The vision is for us to be used by God to advance His kingdom until He, in His perfect timing, returns to call us home.

As the dream took shape, we were able to articulate the philosophy of ministry behind it as well. Every church, every spiritual leader, and every believer should desire to see God's kingdom advanced as His Spirit leads us and empowers us to accomplish what is humanly impossible. How do we set out to achieve the unachievable? This is what distinguishes church from church, pastor from pastor, and believer from believer. The task that needs to be completed is not up for dispute; God has given us our marching orders! How we accomplish it means everything as we consider our spiritual gifts, our culture, our circumstances, and the resources that God has given us. While we must keep in mind that Biblical principles are *not* to be violated, God has given us a variety of methods to finish the task at hand.

Our philosophy is dependent upon a diversity of people who are unified in fulfilling a singular purpose. Cincinnati GBC has attracted and cultivated ministry minded people who share the vision to use their spiritual gifts to help the local body advance His kingdom. As a result, whenever we have asked for resources that will lead directly to the ministry of changed lives, God has provided abundantly through our people.

The story begins in the early summer of 1986. The church in Cincinnati was prepared to go totally "self-supporting" on September 1st. Many were involved with a diligent search for property where we could build a permanent facility. Then it happened! We began to pray -- consistently and fervently, and God answered our prayers.

Shortly before National Conference, one of the couples in our church, Dave and Sue Collins, discovered an available piece of property that met our three basic criteria:

1) It must be close to I-71, I-75, or I-275 to provide accessibility.

2) It must be a minimum of 5 acres to meet building requirements.

3) It must be *affordable*.

It was the last requirement that ultimately drove us to our knees. From the human perspective, we were asking God for the impossible since the going rate at that time was at least \$50,000 per acre. The living God answered with overwhelming abundance! He provided us six acres for the price of *one* and the property had been on the market for over five years!

Since the church was about to go self-supporting and was seriously considering the purchase of

property, the leadership team came to pastor Mike with what appeared to be a reasonable request. It involved preaching a series on giving and biblical stewardship. The request was considered by Pastor Mike, but because of a personal commitment he had made to the Lord years before, he suggested an alternative approach which was acceptable to all involved.

An invitation was extended to Ned Denlinger, who at the time was serving at the Troy, Ohio GBC, to teach on biblical stewardship for four weeks. Ned was willing to "commute" to Cincinnati during the month of October. God's timing and choice were clear and unmistakable. We had already made the commitment to pay cash for the property even though our numbers were few and our families were young. During those four weeks two incredible things happened! First, we raised the necessary funds to buy the land and second, the Lord planted the seed for something even more visionary.

It took approximately two years for that seed to germinate. After the property was purchased, the leadership team began to dream. Since we trusted the Lord to "do the impossible" with the land, why not do the same with the building? By the time we had secured an architect, the body was beginning to grasp the vision as well. II Corinthians 12:9 became our rallying point. Because of the Lord's sufficient grace, He desires to perfect His power through our weakness.

As we considered what our building should look like, how large it should be, and how the rooms are laid out, the first question asked was "Why do we need a building?" What ministries are we currently successful with that can be improved with the use of our own building? What future ministries do we have gifted people for, but require a facility to accomplish? Through our people, God answered these questions. We developed lists of reasons of how a permanent building could aid us in reaching our community, and serve as a launching pad for ministries in the greater Cincinnati area and beyond.

Next we pursued how the building should be constructed and what its floor plan and features should be. We contracted to have architectural drawings made of our vision. These drawings have since been completed and unanimously approved by our congregation. The cost of the drawings was \$25,000, half of which was paid for by the encouraging support of the Southern Ohio District of Grace Brethren Churches. The rest was raised by our own people as we understood this to be the next step in our building ministry.

During the time that the drawings were being assembled, our leadership concluded that the Lord was leading us to build debt free as well. We presented this position to our people and it too was affirmed unanimously! Some of our main reasons

for this decision are as follows:

1) Being a ministry minded church, we don't want the burden of long term debt to distract from our participation in local, district, and global missions.

2) Being an evangelistic church, we want to invite the unchurched without any expectations that we need them for financial reasons.

3) Having a desire to be involved in church planting, we want to be in a position to fund future churches around the globe.

4) Being desirous of God's will and timing, we feel that His provision of the finances through His people is perhaps the best door that He can open and close. Using the philosophy that we *could* borrow, it would be easy to build in our timing, perhaps missing out on God's best for us.

Since we trusted the Lord to "do the impossible" with the land, why not do the same with the building?

We established a plan to raise funds that has 3 stages. Stage 1 was to challenge our church body of approximately 30 families to pledge sacrificially. They subsequently pledged to give \$100,000 above their regular giving from July through December of 1989. This was an exciting commitment, in that it is well beyond our operating budget for the entire year! When December 31st came and not all of the funds were in, we continued to pray, and a month later we saw our goal exceeded by almost \$10,000!

Having successfully concluded Stage 1, we are now launching the second stage of our plan. We believe that with a total of \$250,000, we can break ground, erect the building, and have a functional facility. Stage 3 would be the raising of funds to put the finishing touches on the interior of the building, as well as provide furnishings and equipment. Obviously, we need to raise an additional \$150,000 before we can break ground. To accomplish this goal, we are trusting God to move in the hearts of *many* people and several local churches to provide the necessary funds to initiate the construction process, hopefully by September 1st, 1990.

The goal of Stage 2, "Constructing the Vision", is to confirm God's will for our church body to begin construction this year. God can confirm His desire by providing \$150,000, or He can close the door whereby we will acknowledge His perfect plan and timing for our church.

Therefore, in an effort to be good stewards and "Count the Cost" of our project, we are seeking 150 commitments of \$1,000, which when raised,

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Meet Your Missionaries

The following are photos of missionaries on Home Ministries this summer. Missionaries attending Field Superintendent Meetings in Richmond, Virginia, include: Jack and Rosa Churchill, Dave and Karen Daugherty, Larry DeArmey, Dave and Sue Guiles, Rich and Kathy Harrell, Clay Hulett, George Johnson, Bill Kiddoo, Cecil O'Dell, Dan Ramsey, Walt Poupart, and Ralph and Martha Schwartz. Elie Namsene, president of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren churches in the Central African Republic, and Pastor Ivanildo Trindade from Brazil are also visiting the United States this conference season.



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Central African
Republic



Dave and Sue Guiles
Daniel, Mark, Jonathan
Argentina



Rich and Kathy Harrell
Chad



Margaret Hull
Portugal



Ted, Kristen, and Carrie
Kirnbauer
Japan



Paul, Louise, and
Phillip Klawitter
France



Betsy Morris
France



Margie Morris
Central African
Republic



Chris and Carolyn Nord
Sarah, Jonathan, Stephanie
France



Marian Thurston
Central African
Republic



Evelyn Tschetter
Central African
Republic



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Central African
Republic



Earle and Dorothy Hodgdon
Brazil



Gary, Jean, and Jonathan Austin
Central African Republic



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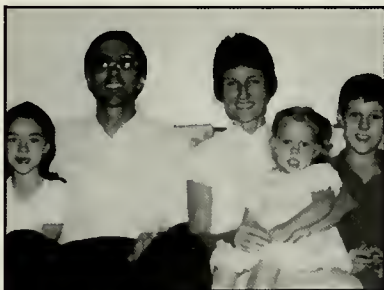
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David, Rebecca
Philippines



Tom and Sharon Stallter
Erin, Megan, Nathan
Central African Republic



Jack and Marilyn Wainwright
Timmy, Brian, Philip, Rebecca
Central African Republic

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would hopefully be received by September 1, 1990. In other words, we want to receive commitments of 150 units of \$1,000 before anyone sends any money. In this manner, everyone taking part has become a member of the team which makes it possible for us to begin the construction process.

As of late June, we have diligently worked to solicit the prayers of hundreds of believers around the world for our project. With those whom we feel might be interested, we have shared the vision of our church and asked for them to consider making a financial commitment. While the concept has been overwhelmingly appreciated, we have yet to receive the necessary financial commitments. In His wisdom, the Lord may be telling us that it is not *our* plan that is going to work, but *His* Spirit that provides exceedingly abundantly above what we could think or ask. Therefore, we are still

looking to God, the Creator of this universe, to provide what is necessary to see our vision accomplished. Should our target date come and go without sufficient commitments to break ground, it will be apparent that His timing for our project is yet to be revealed.

As we have encouraged many to do in the past months, we ask you to join us in prayer as we pursue this worthy effort. We pray that when our building is complete, that all who hear the story will come to the conclusion that "God did it." Until that time, we will continue to pursue our vision. A vision of reaching lost souls for Jesus Christ. A vision of discipling believers so that they in turn might spiritually reproduce themselves. A vision of planting New Testament churches in order to advance His kingdom until the Lord returns to call us home.



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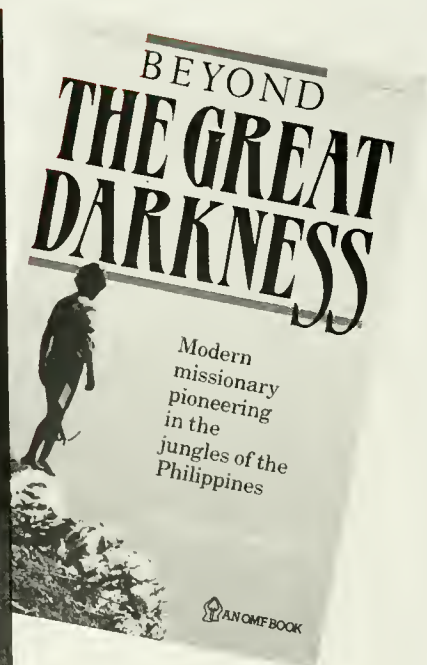
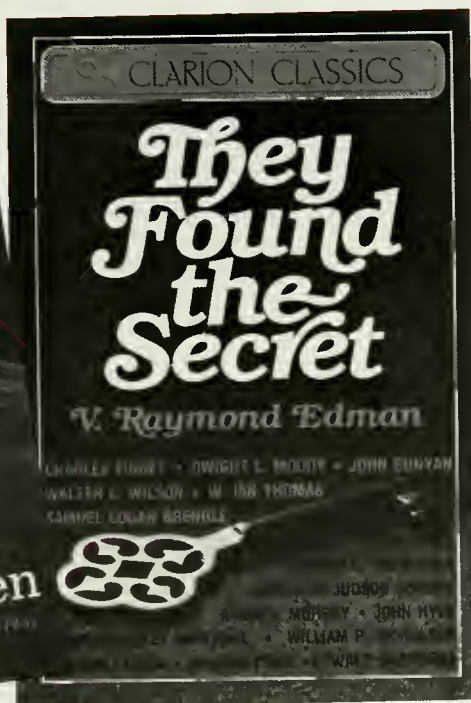
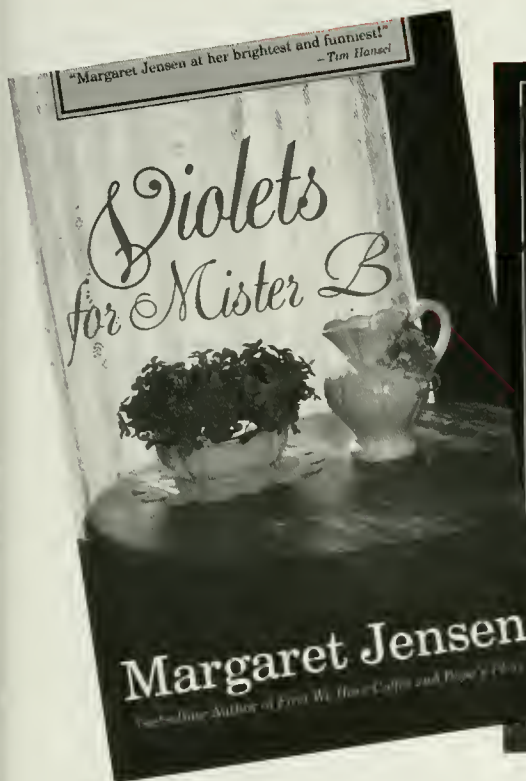
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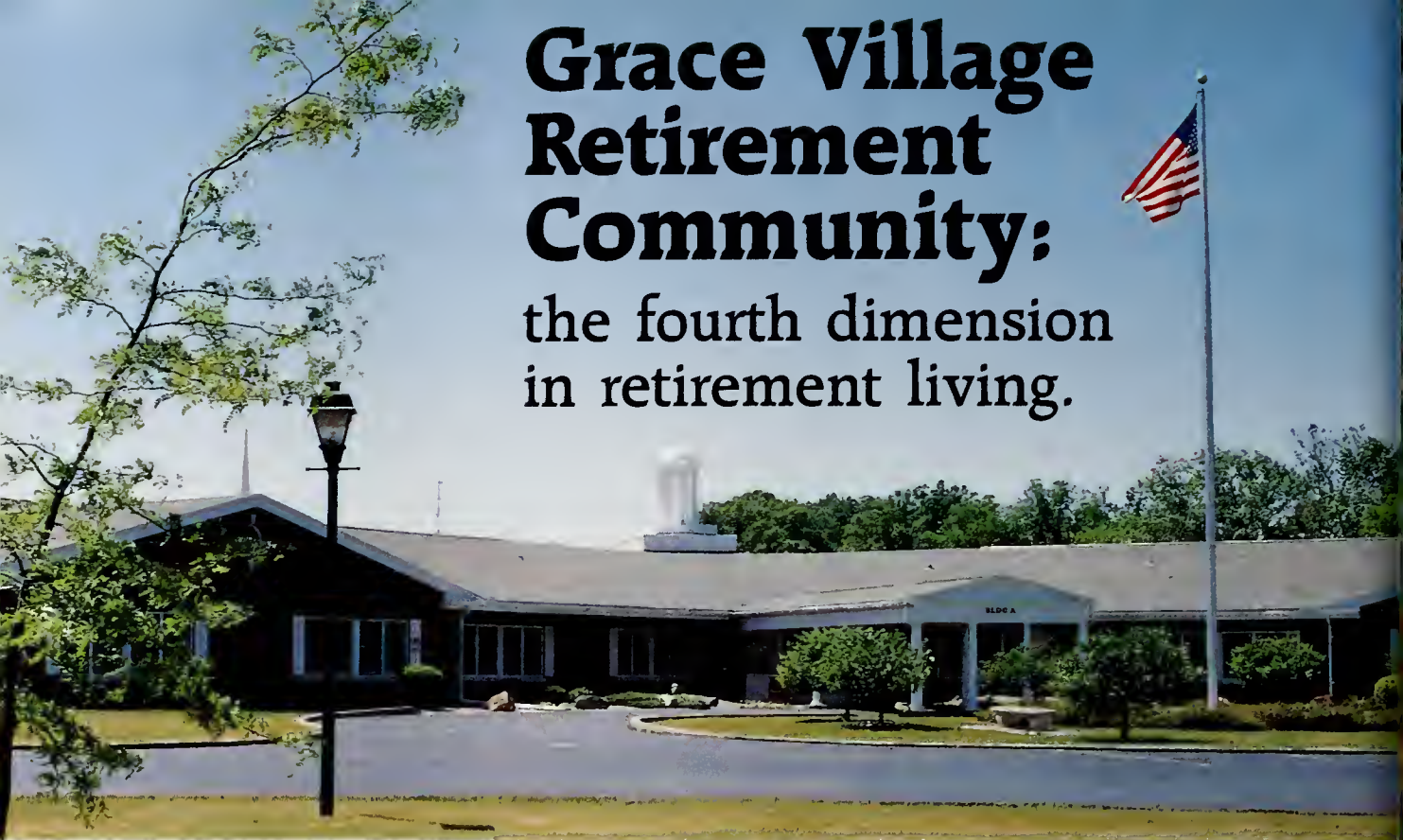
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There are a couple of individuals to whom I would like to express my thanks. They have worked hard at their tasks and have done a very good job. Since they are about to take leave of their present duties, it is time to say, "Thanks".

The individuals are Ed Jackson of Grace Brethren Home Missions and Sherwood Durkee of Grace Village. Ed has served as the field representative in the eastern part of the United States to help Home Missions churches and pastors. Sherwood has served as administrator at Grace Village. Ed will be returning to a great love of his—working with men in a number of projects. Sherwood will be working in some new area of interest.

It has been a pleasure to know Ed Jackson—he is refreshing, open and never finds a challenge too big or too hard. I knew his folks in Rittman, Ohio when I pastored there. Ed was a State Trooper in Ohio and he served the men and boys works in the Brethren church. When you get to know Ed, you will learn not to be surprised. He held pastorates in Alaska and then in Florida . . . if that is not variety, I do not know what variety is all about. To me, Ed seems to be a kind of Pied Piper of men.

Ed can get men involved as very few people have done in the Grace Brethren Church. In the early days of our fellowship of churches, R. Paul Miller would have men putting up tents and pulling them down and having them do jobs they had not even thought about trying.

Ed has that same ability. He is mobile, from the Navajo work to Iowa district conference to heaven alone knows where next week. Polly was right there with Ed and she always has

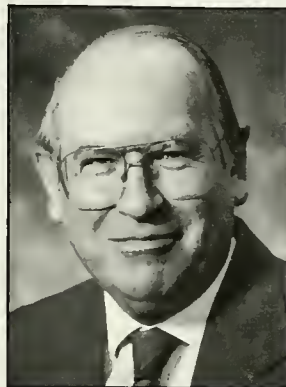
that smile. Ed, you may be changing addresses, but I know God has some good things in store as you inspire men to reach their full potential. Thanks for the work thus far, we will be hearing more from you in the future. Hopefully, the Lord will protect the rest of us because you will probably have us doing things we have never even thought about until you show up.

Sherwood Durkee, my thanks to you for doing a job that certainly was a big one. Living next door to the village at Winona, I saw it all happen. You, my friend, have kept dust on my window sill for years. One project followed another and addition after addition was built at the village. When I was too busy to find time to speak at another chapel program, I somehow made it for you, the Lord and all of the good people at Grace Village.

The village grew and new rooms were added. New health care facilities went into place. Very few people realize how much it took to do what needed to be done or even had the vision to see what could be done. What a changed place from the one you took over years ago! I just went by the village and walked through the new independent housing now under construction. You had a vision and you did it so quietly that many missed what was being accomplished. It is a big area now and it took millions of dollars and careful oversight to bring it to pass. I was next door and watched it all happen!

What you have done for persons who have needed this kind of care is great. To you and Joyce a big vote of thanks from all of us in the brotherhood.

So, to Ed and Sherwood and Polly and Joyce the best to you as you continue to serve Him and others.



Thanks, Ed and Sherwood!

by Charles W. Turner



Ed Jackson



Sherwood Durkee

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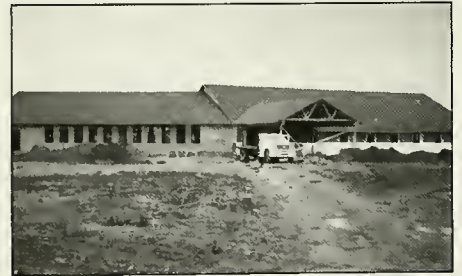
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**Portugal Team
Commissioned**

A highlight of National Conference was the commissioning of the team to Portugal. In 1988 investigative work was done by Rev. and Mrs. John Zielasko in Portugal as a first step in opening this field for Grace Brethren Missions. As a result of their challenge, seven missionaries were commissioned on Thursday, August 2, as the pioneer team for church planting in that country.

Rev. Ralph Schwartz and his wife, Martha, formerly served as missionaries in Brazil. Ralph is currently pastor of the Santa Maria Grace Brethren Church in California. They have committed themselves to Portugal, and if their support is available, they will join Tim and Julie Hawkins, who depart in September to begin language study. Later, they will welcome Ken and Kim Burk. Miss Margaret Hull, who has just finished 25 years of ministry in

After 25 years of missionary service in the Central African Republic, Margaret Hull is commissioned to Portugal



Africa, will be transferring to Portugal to be a part of the team.

Joining them in the commissioning Service was Bess Farrell, appointed as a career missionary to the church-planting team of Mexico City. Bess has already

served in Mexico City from the Grace Brethren Church in Long Beach (CA).

A total of 53 missionaries were present at National Conference in Richmond (VA).

**Foreign and Home
Missions Bond
Together For Ministry**

Grace Brethren Home and Foreign Missions shared the opening Missions Rally on Sunday evening of National Conference. This Rally featured testimonies from church-planting teams around the world, both in the United States and abroad.

In their opening remarks, Larry Chamberlain and Tom Julien, Directors of Home and Foreign Missions, shared ways that the two organizations have been working together and expressed the desire that this teamwork continue. Both organizations share the same philosophy of ministry—that of serving local churches and their Great Commission ministries.

It was pointed out that the world is not divided between home and foreign, but Jesus has

sent us to Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the uttermost parts.

In a feature media presentation, tiny points of light on maps both of the United States and of the world indicated that the Fellowship has seen significant growth during the past 50 years. This encourages many in the goal of seeing every church involved in planting a new church during the next 10 years.

**Plans Discussed
for an International
Fellowship**

One of the goals of the Fellowship strategy is the creation of an international fellowship of Grace Brethren churches. The Fellowship Council has assigned this goal to Grace Brethren Foreign Missions. Participants in discussions concerning an international fellowship included Pastor Ellie

Namsene from the Central African Republic, and Pastor Ivanildo Trindade from Brazil.

Steps discussed toward a closer fellowship between churches worldwide: the identification of churches and leaders from countries with Grace Brethren churches and the establishment of a communication network; the exchange of pastors internationally; a conference of delegates from each country in 1995; and the eventual creation of a missionary society that would allow nationals of any country to become missionaries to any other country.

The coordination of these steps will be largely under the responsibility of the regional coordinators of the four continents where Grace Brethren missionaries are serving. Plans are already made to bring together representatives from the Latin American churches during the coming year in an effort to bond together for ministry.

Church Planting Defined

The National Strategy Committee has assigned to Grace Brethren Home and Foreign Missions the task of tracking new church planting around the world. In the United States, many new churches are started directly as daughter churches from existing congregations. Further, a number of ethnic churches have begun through the efforts of other congregations.

In other countries much of the church planting is done by nationals rather than missionaries. The most dramatic example of this is in the heart of Africa where there is rapid church growth both in the number of congregations and in the number of members. At a meeting of

Grace Brethren pastors in the city of Bangui, it was asked why American Christians were not as interested in churches planted by nationals as those planted by missionaries. The answer is lack of communication. It is hoped that in coming months, a system of tracking new churches will be developed so that churches all over the world will be able to rejoice at the birth of new congregations.

In order to accomplish this, the assignment was made to Home and Foreign Missions to define the basic elements of the New Testament Church. The purpose of this assignment was to define the criteria that would distinguish between an organized church and any group of Christians meeting together for prayer or study. This document was presented to the Fellowship Council

and will be reviewed during the coming year.

Field Leaders Meet in Richmond

A leadership council included the 12 field superintendents of Grace Brethren Foreign Missions, two board members, and the home office administrative staff. They met for a week of reflection and planning July 16-20. This meeting was the first time since 1985 that the field superintendents gathered, and some of them were meeting colleagues for the first time ever.

The week was spent in sharing reports from the field, studying leadership principles, and working through strategies for the 1990s. The highlight of the week was a communion service led by Roger Peugh on the final evening.

Out of this meeting grew 10 mission goals for the 1990s presented to the board of trustees and adopted the following week: 100 active missionaries by the year 2000; 100 new churches; 10 new countries; five new people groups; 50 new national elders who meet the scriptural qualifications for eldership; each missionary to seek a Great Commission partner in each supporting church; 100 World Mission Churches in the U.S.; yearly visits from U.S. pastors to each continent; establishment of a million-dollar endowment fund; and participation in the development of an international fellowship.

Ninety Years Celebrated

On September 4, a ceremony was held under the trees at Winona Lake (IN), to commemorate 90 years of ministry for Grace Brethren Foreign Missions. At that spot in 1900, Jacob Cassel and 53 others met to commit themselves to getting the gospel to "the foreign field."



GBFM Board members participated in the prayer of commissioning at National Conference in Richmond (VA).

Board Sees Progress

Much of the focus of the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of Grace Brethren Foreign Missions was on the progress of ministry in 12 fields where Grace Brethren missionaries are serving. The presence of the field superintendents allowed board members to have firsthand information and to make decisions on the basis of field representation. A large number of missionaries were interviewed during the week and were approved for return to the fields. Tom and MaryAnn

Barlow were appointed for missionary service to France.

The new nominees for the board for next year are the following: Pastor Jay Bell from Long Beach (CA), Pastor Roger Wambold from Telford (PA), Pastor Terry Hofecker from Northwest Chapel in Columbus (OH), and Pastor Steve Taylor from Aiken (SC). Pastor Taylor was nominated from the floor during the annual corporation meeting at National Conference. The lay nominee will be submitted at a later date.

WMC President's Address to National Conference

In WMC this year we truly did "Go . . . to all the world."

Beginning in September with Marie Mishler urging us to "go in love," we learned that we should go in response to His great love in sending His Son to die for us. Marie learned to love the Africans personally because of God's great love for her.

In October, June Immel encouraged us to go in obedience because "God commands us to go." Althea Miller in November said, "Go . . . expectantly," for Psalm 62:5 states: "My expectation is from Him."

December's mission study by Alice Peacock from Argentina emphasized, "Go . . . and find." She encouraged us to go, find and ask, for a lost world awaits us.

Brenda Juday, who works with her husband in the Philippines, declared in February, "Go . . . and tell." This command is not for the career missionary only, but for every one of us to be ready to give an answer for the hope that is in us.

Alice Haag, retired missionary to Mexico, wrote in March, "Go . . . and teach." We are to teach God's ways that transgressors will be converted. Many times this is done by simply sharing our own testimony of what God has done for us.

In April, Becky Kiddoo urged us to "go and share . . . joyfully." Becky said, "The Christian's joy depends not on his circumstances but on the eternal promises of God keeping him going when things are hard."

In May, Nancy Graham from Japan wrote, "Go . . . swiftly." As in America, Japan is in a hurry—rushing everywhere, but no time for Christ.

Thirty-nine people die as I say these words. Every hour 5,417 people go to meet their Maker. What am I doing to reach them with the Gospel

before it is too late?

In June, Brenda Welling, Mexico, pointed out in her devotional that we should, "Go . . . to glorify God." (I Chron. 16:24, 25) "Declare His glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise . . ."

In July, Marilyn Salazar, former missionary to Spain, cheered, "Go WMC, go!" Marilyn urged, "Doors are opening around the world as never before." Rev. 3:8: "Behold, I have set before thee an open door . . ." As Marilyn encouraged us, "let us go in and possess the uttermost parts of the world" in the strength and power of the Lord.

Althea Miller in her August summary of this year's devotions said, "Give Him the sacrifice of your body. Be a joyous modern-day missionary." Rom. 12:12: "I implore you by the mercies of God that you present your body a living sacrifice."

God has given each of us as Christians a spiritual gift, and it could be that He wants us to devote our entire life to using that gift. (I Cor. 12) Ask God to show you what your gift is. If it is the gift of helps, see to it that it is used. Many churches are suffering today because Christians are not exercising their gifts to the local body. Individuals are suffering because of our neglect.

The Church of Jesus Christ should not be floundering for lack of workers. If we as believers had identified our gifts and were properly exercising our gifts in obedience to the Holy Spirit and if we were fulfilling our mission of winning the lost and making disciples (not just running programs), we would have people waiting in line to care for the little ones on the nursery, to sing in the choir, to teach a Sunday School class, to serve as an officer in WMC. Eph. 4:11-16 states that every part of the body is to supply something so that the body will grow and mature in love. Gifts are given by the Spirit of God and not by one's own energy. These gifts are not for building the ego of the gift recipient but for the purpose of benefitting others. God is glorified best when believers are exercising their gifts in ministering to others.

Have you asked God to help you discover those victories, successes and strengths in your attempts at ministry that seem to go beyond any natural explanation?

Along with the successes, how about determining weaknesses? Evaluate why some events seemed not to work out as you ministered. Look



by
Mrs.
Betty
Ogden

at some ineffective attempts at ministry and see if you discover a pattern. Too often folks are recruited and placed into service in the church before their ministry gifts have been identified. This often results in mediocrity in performance or total discouragement for the person.

Consult Christian friends, mature believers who know you well and have observed you during times you have ministered.

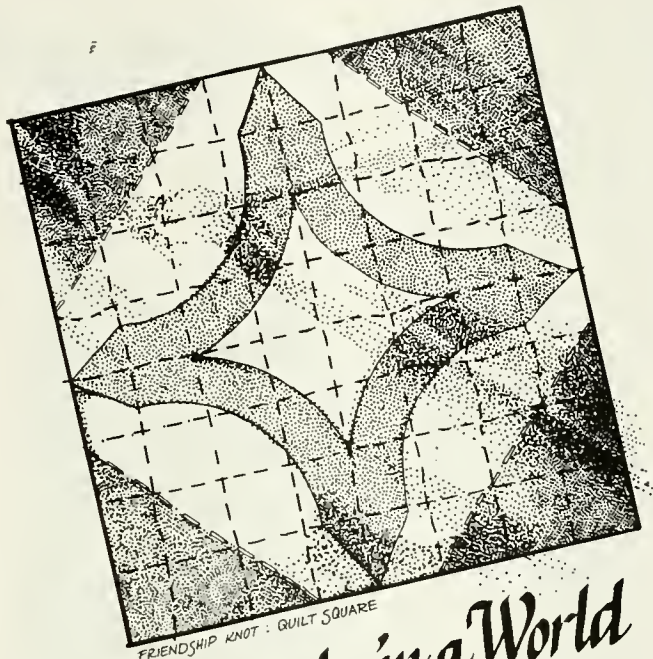
Evaluate carefully those gifts you desire to use—the ones which give you joy and effectiveness. "Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart" (Psalm 37:4). Then develop your gift as part of your lifetime commitment. Be in constant prayer and study of the Word, seeking God's will and His glory in the exercise of your gift. "We are God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus to do good works."

Is your gift teaching, exhortation, words of wisdom, words of knowledge, serving, helps, leadership, administration, giving, showing mercy, discernment, faith or hospitality? All of you have at least one gift. Some of you have many gifts. How are you using your gifts to the glory of God?

Recently *Moody Monthly* reported that one congregation had to cancel thirty Sunday School classes because of lack of teachers. Almost everywhere the shortage of volunteers for evangelism, missions and Christian education has produced a crisis in the church today.

Why are so many reluctant to serve? Some feel inadequate because of limited training. Others are afraid to risk failure, but the largest majority are just too comfortable. They only want to be fed. There are so many takers in the church today and so few givers. Many want their freedom and independence to pursue their own desires.

Jesus, our greatest example of a servant, was obedient to all the Father asked of Him (Phil. 2:6-8). In the same way, we serve, not as an option,



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but because it is an essential response for all who seek to obey their Lord.

Life is so brief. It is merely a series of happy hellos and sad goodbyes. Nothing is permanent. Those possessions we guard so carefully will one day be taken from us. As a young person I learned, "Only one life will soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last."

In light of eternity and the brevity of this life, I challenge you to be obedient to God's command to serve Him. There is so little time left.

We need to serve Him with our time and with our resources.

My special concerns are for the three offerings that have had a shortfall the past several years.

SMM is the heartbeat of WMC. How many of you are former SMM members? I would like to challenge *all* of the councils to give to the ministries of SMM - even those who do not have SMM groups in their churches.

The second offering that fell below our recommended goal is for the missionaries of the year. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to honor the service of our Grace Brethren missionary ladies.

Lastly, we need to increase our support of the Missionary Residence offering. The repair and replacement fund has been seriously depleted by necessary projects and there is a constant need to replace vacuum sweepers, towels, linens and other

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Conference Wrap-Up

Home Missions Staff Appreciation

More than one hundred Home Missions personnel attended an appreciation dinner at the site of National Conference on the Friday before the FGBC meetings convened. Pastors and their wives were joined by staff members and members of the Board of Directors and their wives for a delicious dinner followed by a unique program. Actors, dressed in period costumes, related something of the historical character of Richmond's people and her churches during the Revolutionary War and Antebellum periods.



Home Missions pastors and wives enjoyed a special historical presentation at the Staff Appreciation Dinner.

Missions and Church Planting

Again this year, Missions was a central theme at several sessions of the 51st annual Conference of the FGBC. A two-hour Missions Rally, jointly sponsored by Home and Foreign Missions, emphasized Church Planting both in America and overseas. National representatives from several foreign countries were joined by pastors of mother churches, District Mission Board representatives, and pioneer Home Missions pastors in interviews and discussions of their ministries.

Tom Julien and Larry Chamberlain, Executive Directors of Foreign and Home Missions, respectively, introduced the meeting and led in the interviewing and discussion.

A brief history of the Fellowship, its membership and church growth, and the missions accomplishments of its first five decades were portrayed in an audiovisual presentation.

The program was concluded by a challenge from Pastor Jim Custer who led the large audience in making decisions regarding commitment to missions and church planting. More than 200 filled out and handed in decision cards following the service.



More than 200 responded to a special invitation regarding commitment to missions and church planting at the Missions Rally. Pastor Jim Custer led the challenge.



Chaplains Recognition

Six active military chaplains were present for Conference week. They were hosted at a special luncheon sponsored by the Chaplaincy Committee of the Home Missions Board of Directors. Each gave a very brief report on his current place of service and ministry.

Present were Lt. Cmdr. John Diaz and his wife, Brenda, U.S. Navy; Lt. Col. Jim Elwell, U.S. Air Force; Maj. John Patrick and his wife, Georgia, U.S. Army; Col. John Schumacher and his wife, Martha, U.S. Army; Capt. Phil Spence and his wife Minda, U.S. Army; and Capt. Charles Card, U.S. Army.

In addition, reserve chaplains Jerry Young and his wife, Lorene, U.S. Army, and Darrel Taylor, U.S.



Charles Card, Jim Elwell, and Phil Spence, present at the Chaplain's Appreciation Luncheon, have been deployed to Saudi Arabia.

Navy, ministering to the Coast Guard, participated in the dinner meeting.

Brethren are asked to pray for Chaplains Elwell, Card, and Spence who have been deployed to Saudi Arabia in recent weeks to minister to the troops in the staging area of the war-threatened Middle East.

Corporation Meeting

At the annual meeting of the Home Missions, Investment Foundation, and Navajo Ministries Corporation, presided over by President Luke E. Kauffman, several awards and introductions were made. Ed and Polly Jackson were recognized for twenty-three years of ministry with Home Missions. Ed was presented with a plaque, and he and Polly received gifts from the Board of Directors in anticipation of Ed's retirement from the executive staff next month.

Pastor Bill Snell, Martinsburg, PA, and Pastor Kurt Miller, Palm Harbor, FL, were introduced as new Home Missions staff members. Snell will replace Ed Jackson as Director of Church Planting and Development with responsibilities in the East and South. Miller will assist Snell, on a part time basis, as Associate Director.



Pastors Bill Snell and Kurt Miller introduced as new Home Missions staff members.

Home Missions Challenge Hour

Two audiovisuals were premiered at Conference. "History and Opportunity" presents the story and challenge of the ministry at the Grace Brethren Navajo Mission in New Mexico. Featuring Daron Butler, graduate of the mission school and now a student at Grace Seminary, this eight-minute presentation is being sent to all FGBC churches in video format for use in connection with National Indian Heritage month in November.

The second presentation, "Church Planting Is Evangelism," consists of quotations and scenes from the seven Home Mission churches which have begun since the 1989 Conference. All were the result of a mother-daughter effort to launch

new congregations.

Executive Director Larry Chamberlain presented awards to Home Missions pastors whose ministries during the last year were worthy of special note. Those so honored were Brian Chronister, Anchorage, AK; Bob Gentzel, North Pole, AK, and Seattle, WA; Ron Boehm, Macedonia, OH; Charles Davis, Ocala, FL; Darrel Taylor, Brunswick, ME; Jim Taylor, Lakeland, FL; Mike Wallace, Pine Grove, PA; and Emory Young, Charleston, WV.



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District Missions Dinner

Pastor Bob Fetterhoff, Missions Board chairman of the Northeastern Ohio District, challenged representatives of District Mission Boards across America, by relating the work of his own district in church extension. He was assisted by Pastors Ron Boehm and Joe Cosentino. Ron is a Home Missions pastor, but his congregation in Macedonia, Ohio, served as mother church to daughter a new church in Willoughby, Ohio, pastored by Joe.

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NEWS UPDATE

News Release from the Conservative Grace Brethren Association

A major (but certainly not the only) irritant among Grace Brethren people currently is the baptism issue.

The 1964 decision, which allows for churches to receive non-trine immersed members contrary to biblical teaching, is now appealed to as the norm for the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches.

Many Brethren of traditional convictions are disheartened by this betrayal of trust. They hold to the position which is still the official position of Grace Schools, namely:

"... we hereby declare that the meaning of paragraph 11 in our Covenant of Faith is in harmony with the historic practice of the Brethren Church, being understood by the founders of the school, namely that triune immersion is a requirement for entrance into church membership." (Jerry Young letter to pastors, March 28, 1990 release.)

In order to honor the Scriptural, historical and traditional convictions of the Brethren Church, an association was recently incorporated. Its purpose is to be an agency through which people with Brethren convictions may support conservative Grace Brethren ministries in obedience to Matthew 28:18-20. The association is intended to work within the National Fellowship.

Inquiries and gifts may be addressed to The Conservative Grace Brethren Association, Post Office Box 576, Winona Lake, Indiana, 46590.

Confirmed Board Members: Dr. Herman Hoyt, Dr. James Boyer, Dr. John Whitcomb, John W. Zielasko, Robert Moeller, Keith Merriman, Dale Denlinger, Nick Mariano, William Crabbs.

Advisory Board: Robert Devine, Marion Thomas, Gary Crandall, Frank Poland, John Firebaugh, J. Hudson Thayer.

Perry Huesmann has accepted a position on the pastoral staff at the Bellflower Brethren Church in Bellflower, CA, with Pastor Ed Cashman. He began his new duties on September 1, 1990.

Pastor Ron Boehm reports that the Western Reserve Grace Brethren Church, Macedonia, OH, has voted to go self-supporting on December 1, 1990, marking their fifth anniversary as a church.

Pastor Chuck and Marilyn Winter were surprised with a plaque and reception following the morning service on July 15. The plaque read: "In grateful appreciation of 20 years of faithful service to God at Harrah Grace Brethren Church. Your consistent dedication and hard work have been an inspiration to us all." The Winters arrived in Harrah, WA on July 6, 1967. In 1970 they returned

for three years to a previous missionary radio ministry in California. In 1973 they were called again to the Harrah church in the Yakima Valley. "**Brethren Helping Brethren**" On July 14, 1990, a crew of 18 men from the Iowa Midlands District helped put a new roof on the Sunday school addition of the Pleasant Grove Grace Brethren Church, North English, IA. The need for a new roof was mentioned at district conference and with the encouragement from Ed Jackson, the men quickly responded.

Pleasant Grove Grace Brethren Church was organized over a century ago with 16 charter members in 1880. This was the church home of many who have served the Lord faithfully over the years: Estella Myers, Pastor Don and Lois Miller, Pastor Paul and Ellen Miller, and

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Marriages

Coldren: Yvonne Koch and Timothy Coldren were married on June 23, 1990, at the Grace Brethren Church of Myerstown, PA. Luke Kauffman, pastor.

Giorgio: Donna Smith and Michael Giorgio were married on December 16, 1989 at the Grace Brethren Church of Myerstown, PA, by Jeffrey Dunkle. Luke Kauffman, pastor.

Miller: Alicia Albert and Randy Miller were married on June 16, 1990, at the Grace Brethren Church of Myerstown, PA. Luke Kauffman, pastor.

Moore: Amy Hauser and Bret Moore, August 17, 1990, Kenai Grace Brethren Church, Kenai, AK. The ceremony was performed by Chris Hay, pastor.

Deaths

Andrews, Robert K., 77, went to be with the Lord on August 7, 1990. He was a member of the Grace Brethren Church of Hagerstown, MD, for 17 years. Ray Davis, pastor.

Beitler, Mrs. Virginia, 69, July 13, 1990. She was a member of the Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, MD, for 31 years. Ray Davis, pastor.

Shirato, Matthew, 81, June 6, 1990. He attended the Grace Brethren Church of Myerstown, PA. Timothy George, associate pastor, officiated at the memorial service. Luke Kauffman, pastor.

Valentine, Philip, three-year-old son of Rod and Jan Valentine of Clayhole, KY, passed away on Friday, July 13, 1990, after a long bout with cancer. He was conscious to the end. A memorial service was held on Sunday, July 15, at Hyden, KY.

Edwin and Connie Jordan. Many faithful young people grew up, went on to higher education at Grace College and other Christian colleges, became teachers, Christian workers, and established Christian homes.

Pleasant Grove Grace Brethren congregation is happy to have Pastor Gilbert and Rosella Hawkins as their new spiritual leaders. Needless to say, they have been very busy since their arrival in June.

"Thank you," Ed Jackson, and all the men of the churches in the Iowa Midlands District who not only helped but also to those who sent gifts and words of encouragement. A big "thank you" to the ladies who served all the delicious food to a group of hard-working men. May everyone continue to be faithful in His service. —Mrs. Gretchen White, Secretary of the Pleasant Grove Grace Brethren Church.

Brian Roseborough joined the pastoral staff of Redlands, CA as co-pastor working with Pastor Mitch

Cariaga. He began his duties on September 1, 1990. He had formerly been serving as evangelism coordinator at the La Verne, CA, Grace Brethren Church.

Carl Miller, former pastor of the Ankenytown Grace Brethren Church, Bellville, OH, has accepted the pastorate and began his ministry on August 28, 1990, at the Grace Brethren Church of Goshen, IN. His father, the late R. Paul Miller, had ministered to this congregation a number of years ago.

Gerald Kelley has resigned as pastor of the Indian Heights Grace Brethren Church, Kokomo, IN. He is seeking the Lord's leading for his future ministry.

Everett Caes, former pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Elkhart, IN, has resigned and has moved to the Dayton, OH, area. He is open to a staff ministry with a Brethren church in that area.

The Community Grace Brethren Church of Coraopolis, PA, has left

the Grace Brethren Fellowship and have become affiliated with the Evangelical Free Church. The church is located in the Pittsburgh area.

Gary and Jean Austin, having served 15 years in the Central African Republic, have announced their intended resignation following their state-side ministry.

Nineteen people from the Columbus, Ohio East Side Grace Brethren Church spent a week at the Navajo Mission doing a variety of manual labor tasks as part of the Men in Ministry program.

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necessary items.

WMC ladies are notorious for responding to needs when they are informed. Will you challenge your ladies to increase their offerings in these areas this new year in WMC?

In the 1990-91 program, we will focus on the topic of Friendship: "Friends In a World of Strangers."

My heart was blessed this past winter as I read Dee Brestin's *The Friendship of Women*. When God created woman, He placed within her a special ability to develop intimate relationships. Her strength can also be her weakness, for with this comes the danger of her depending on a human relationship rather than on God. Dee Brestin says, "One of the costliest mistakes we can make is having a weak Christian for a best friend." I Cor. 5:11: "You must not associate with anyone who calls himself a brother but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or a slanderer, a drunkard or a swindler." This does not mean we should not befriend non-Christians. Certainly we have a responsibility to reach beyond our Christian friendships and truly love the lost to Christ. But our best friends should be strong Christians. I made many mistakes in my lifetime, but I learned

as a preteen to surround myself with friendships of those girls who lived in obedience to Christ. That changed the course of my life. If your best friend cuts down others with gossip, you will become like her. She will drive you to God or to sin.

As older women, we have the responsibility to pass on to the younger women the importance of obedience to the Lord: to be self-controlled and pure, to love their husbands and children, to be busy at home, to be kind and submissive (Titus 2:3-5).

When we consider the drastic moral changes that have taken place in our country during the last ten years and the rapidity at which it continues to decline, it is certain the years 1990-2000 will result in total moral bankruptcy unless the Lord intervenes on a miracle level.

We need to teach the younger women of the unique privilege that is theirs to serve the Most High God! They need to know that our Sovereign God who needs absolutely nothing in order to complete His plan for this world, carefully equips each believer to be His means to accomplish that plan.

And now, "May the God of peace . . . equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

Personal Reflections

I have been encouraged by many to open up a limited number of pages of the Herald magazine to the expression of opinions and beliefs regarding the baptism/membership issue in the Grace Brethren Church. No practical means of such an exchange has been available to persons following last year's national conference. A forum plan was adopted at the 1989 conference, but has not been implemented in a workable fashion to date. No exchanges which involve the names of other persons will be included. The use of the Herald magazine makes the information available to lay persons as well as to ministers. No editing will be done on any of the articles and it is understood that the material does not have the endorsement of the Herald or the Fellowship — it reflects the personal position of the individual author.

—Charles W. Turner, publisher

The Baptism/Membership Debate in the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches: Some Personal Reflections

By Jim Fitch

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Please consider this article an attempt to comply with your request for input from the laity regarding the baptism/membership issue. This reply is in 3 parts.

- A. Results of a 3 week study in the Mid- Adult Sunday School Class.
- B. Results of my own personal independent study.
- C. Recommendations.

The class study was too short to cover all the topics suggested in the guidelines considering that the results had to be in by July 23. Consequently, we concerned ourselves with only the first 2 questions.

1. What is biblical baptism? Is trine immersion the best mode, or the exclusive mode taught in the Scriptures?
2. What does the Bible teach about the re-baptism of a believer who claims to have been baptized subsequent to salvation, by a form other than trine immersion?

By way of comment, it's fair to say that some of the class saw it as less than a "burning issue". To maintain interest and to encourage co-operation and input, (I mention it here for "our" benefit) I suggested that the method whereby we arrive at our conclusions pertaining to "baptism", should be the exact same method that we use to establish all other foundational doctrine by which we live. And further, that the conclusions we reached,

whether on baptism or any other subject, would influence what we believe and thus how we behave. If that's correct, that our actions stem from what we perceive as truth, we'd better be mighty careful about what we believe whether we're studying baptism or anything else.

To help us be careful, and because this particular issue has such diverse considerations, we chose Deuteronomy 29:29 as a "guideline" scripture for the study.

"The secret things belong unto the Lord our God; but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law."

In other words, we determined to keep our focus on "those things which are revealed", and to not give consideration to what God has not chosen to reveal. This was not always easy! It was however, absolutely necessary to keep from going in circles. I find it necessary even now, to say again with the utmost conviction and for the benefit of any and all who may chance to read this, "We do not have license to formulate doctrine on what God has **not** revealed."

His revealed work is the only beacon by which we can travel.

So then, we proceed to questions 1 and 2. The following conclusions were unanimously approved by the class, and were arrived at via the consideration of 98 references to baptism, baptize, baptized, and baptizing found in a concordance. If others have knowledge of still more pertinent passages we welcome knowing about them.

Q1. (Part 1) What is biblical baptism?

Baptism is a God ordained rite.

"...; but He that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me," John 1:33

John the Baptist is speaking, and if there is any concern about "who" sent him, we refer to John 1:6, "There was a man sent from God, whose name was John."

The ordinance is reinforced by Christ Himself;

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Matthew 28:19.

The above scriptures should serve as authority for the rite, to legitimize it as doctrine, and to reinforce it as God's will for us.

Q1. (Part 2) Is trine immersion the best mode or the exclusive mode taught in the scriptures?

Our answer is based on the following passages; Matthew 3:6, "baptized of him **in** Jordan"

Matthew 3:16 "And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightaway **out of** the water."

Mark 1:5 "and were all baptized of him **in** the river Jordan"

Mark 1:9 "and was baptized of John **in** Jordan"

Acts 8:39 "and when they were come up **out of** the water."

Our study of the scriptures leads us to believe that "immersion in water" is the exclusive mode of baptism taught by example in the word of God.

Q2. What does the Bible teach about the re-baptism of a believer who claims to have been baptized subsequent to salvation by a form other than trine immersion?

We could find no passage that we felt referred to such a situation. Acts 19:5 mentions re-baptism, but not because of wrong methodology originally. Our answer to this question is, "nothing."

This covers what we were able to consider as a class. Hopefully we will go on to the other questions and look forward to the results and findings that come from national conference.

My own personal reply touches some different areas.

I appreciate the prudent decision to poll the membership, believing that concerned and involved lay people may have much to contribute, and from a fresh perspective.

Let me also say, not by way of admonition but by way of encouragement, to those charged with the responsibility of gathering, evaluating and acting on this information, "make haste." I detect a note of impatience in the tone of the writer of Hebrews when he too encourages his hearers to "go on unto perfection" instead of building again foundations that have already been established and are sound, Hebrews 6:1, 2. Nothing can or will be gained by an extended debate of the issue except the continued festering of an already irritated lesion, and that at the expense of the functioning of the body. Make haste!

I have heard it suggested that if we had sufficient and well defined leadership at a national level that matters such as this could be resolved by those discerning and Godly men. Perhaps, but this seemingly could be a two edged sword to those who prefer to maintain the autonomy of the local church.

I feel a need to expand on what the class has said in reply to the question "What is biblical baptism?" Certainly that answer is literal and sufficient for us to see it as an "ordinance to obey", but to see it as only that and not to consider the figurative meanings is to miss a blessing. *The New Dictionary of Theology*, quoting another source, calls it "a participation in the death and resurrection of Christ, a washing away of sin, a new birth, an enlightenment by Christ, a re-clothing in Christ, a renewal by the Spirit, the experience of renewal by the flood, an exodus from bondage, and a liberation into a new humanity in which barriers of

division are transcended." That may be a bit wordy, but could more properly describe what many feel about baptism than the class's answer.

Personally, I feel that Romans chapter 6 best answers the question, "what is biblical baptism?" I won't elaborate, feeling that those responsible for evaluating this will be familiar with the significance of "death" and all that it means in ch. 6. The second half of question 1 concerning the "exclusive" mode or the "best" mode was answered satisfactorily by the class. I won't comment except to say that there is an exclusive mode, and by virtue of that fact it becomes the best mode.

Also in question 2, I feel that the class answer was sufficient if we only consider a "bottom line" approach. It may be prudent however, to consider further Acts 19:1-5.

"And it came to pass, that, while Appolos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, he said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on Him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus." Acts 19:1-5

From these passages ask this question: What was Paul's concern? Was it with ritual and method, or was it with men? The question that was of utmost importance to him was "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" vs. 2. I had to reflect on this for a while in order to grasp the significance of his concern. Let me call to mind some words that bring me much joy and comfort.

"Hereby know we that we dwell in Him and He in us, because He hath given us of His Spirit." 1 John 4:13

"And hereby we know that He abideth in us, by the Spirit which He hath given us." 1 John 3:24

"In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of His glory." Ephesians 1:13-14

"The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God." Romans 8:16

There are other passages, but these will remind us of what Paul knew. If men are truly born again of the spirit, they'll know it by the Spirit. These men, by their answer, gave Paul no assurance that they had been brought to a place of repentance and union with Christ.

He wasted no time in correcting that situation, first by the word, "Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on Him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus." Acts 19:4, and then by deed, "When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus." vs. 5.

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His example speaks loud and clear to me, *Examine the men, not the method.*

I am convinced, regarding those issues that are vital to a full and complete life in Christ, what I call "the fullness of the Gospel of Christ", that God has spoken volumes.

Old Testament, New Testament, by proclamation and revelation He presents again and again those things that are both difficult and absolutely necessary. An example would be "faith". Over and over the subject of "faith" is brought before us until we recognize it as the vital ingredient by which we must live. God doesn't spare the horses when it comes to expounding on "faith".

Conversely, when it comes to matters that are simple, or should be, God speaks "sufficiently". So it is with re-baptism. To my knowledge He allots only one brief mention in the whole of scripture to the matter, Acts 19:1-5. If we are to abide by the guidelines of Deuteronomy 29:29 we must *formulate our doctrine on what is revealed in this passage in Acts.*

I am further convinced, and this by way of revelation, that for us, as a Fellowship, to dogmatically adhere to a policy that promotes dissension is to be outside the revealed will of God.

"Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."
I Corinthians 1:10

I believe that this can be a reality. I also believe that this verse stands as an admonition to and instruction for, those who disagree with our existing requirements for membership. Much could be written about the freedoms that we have in Christ, the great tolerance that He extends to us in those areas that require "judgment". Suffice it to say that, in those areas, the same tolerance that is extended to believing brothers must be in turn, practiced by them.

My recommendation(s) can be summarized briefly and acted on simply and scripturally.

Change our focus . . . Instead of looking at what "method" was used to baptize a candidate for membership, be more concerned with the standing of the individual before God. Look on the heart, not the baptismal certificate. I'm not suggesting that we throw caution to the wind as far as method is concerned, but I am suggesting that we accept all forms of immersion in water, everything else considered. If the decision is made to not accept other forms, sprinkling etc., at least we can cite biblical precedent for our requirements without requiring unusual or individual interpretation.

A major problem, if not *the* major problem with this whole issue stems at least in part from the fact, that when we refuse membership to Christian brethren based on what cannot be supported

plainly and clearly in scripture, we encroach on the very freedoms that Christ has allowed. I don't blame them for getting angry. I'm sure that they feel exactly like I do when a Charismatic asks me if I've been baptized in the Spirit. Now we all know what they're talking about, they're asking if I speak in tongues. But what they're *insinuating* is that if I haven't been, (according to their belief), I lack something in the Lord. Those are fighting words, spoken or unspoken. Yet, we do basically the same thing to our brothers. This is why I say that we are outside the revealed will of God when we adhere to our present policy.

Our attitude cannot be supported scripturally. Our insinuation is unscriptural, and the fact that we insinuate is also unscriptural.

There are added benefits to merely changing our focus.

By establishing a board, or using one already in place, to examine candidates for baptism, we cannot only more properly address the condition of the heart but we can also do it locally, thus maintaining the autonomy of the local church. Also, by creating such a process, we can evaluate the degree of spiritual maturity, or lack of it, in an individual, and better disciple that one to a continued growth in Christ and possible opportunities for service.

There are other benefits that will be readily discernible merely by changing our focus. Concerning ourselves with that with which the Apostle Paul was concerned will, I'm convinced, open the door to other blessings.

I leave it to your prayerful consideration.

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EVANGELISM

by John R. Reid

There are two aspects of evangelism which I have been considering lately. The first is that God communicates the fact of His person and righteousness quite independently of us. For instance, David speaks of the heavens proclaiming God's glory and in another place of His righteousness (Ps. 19:1-4; Ps. 50:6). Paul described the response that this creates in men and women's hearts when he preached in Athens. He spoke of God making us that we should seek Him and in turn we live and move. It is important to reflect on what this means in our understanding of evangelism. It means that evangelism depends on God rather than on us. God is the great evangelist, and He is in the situation long before we ever arrive. He is there communicating the fact of His creative power, providential care and the consequent need we have of a relationship with Him. He does this to people where they work, at their leisure and in their homes. This means that the work is His. He can make sons and daughters from the very stones. Moreover, He will have given intimations of His person and His providences to many of the people to whom we speak long before we ever open our mouths. God is active in this world and in a sovereign way touches the lives of whom He wills.

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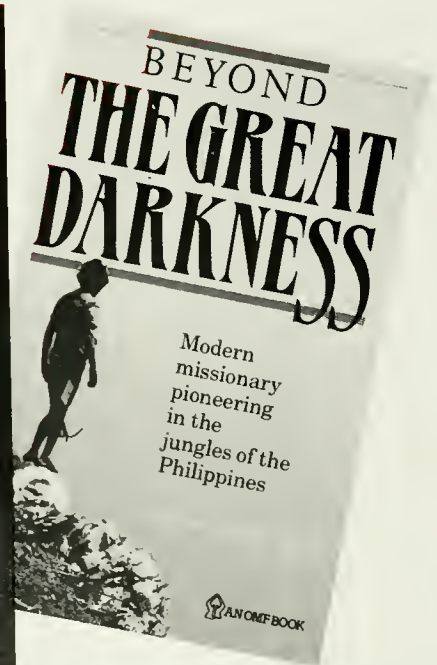
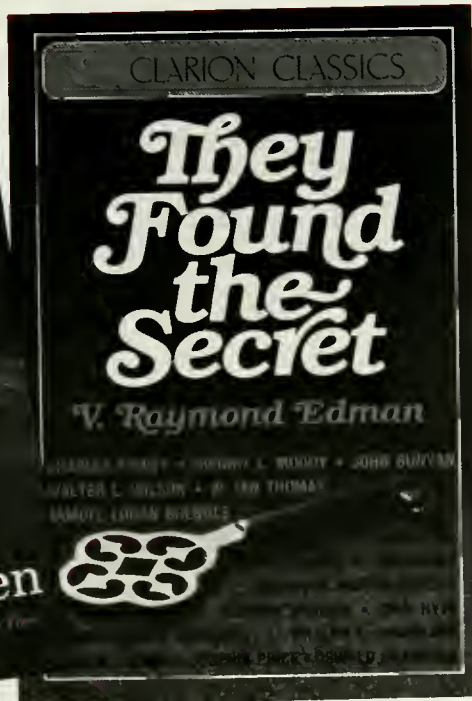
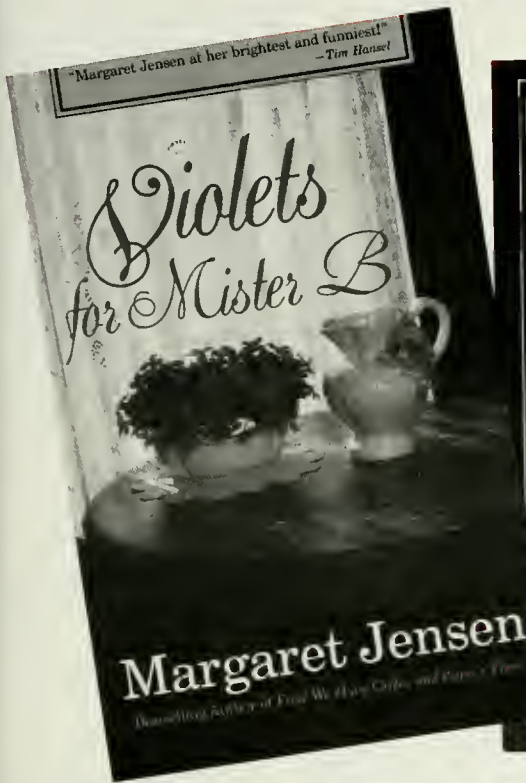
shares the task of evangelization. There are lots of things which God does which he never shares with men and women. It is His glory alone to sustain all things by His powerful work. It is His glory alone to provide the purification of our sins. However, the task of evangelization which is so central to His purposes for the whole of humanity, He willingly and carefully shares with His sons and daughters. He does this by giving them spiritual gifts which enable them to do the work of an evangelist. He does this by giving them the Holy Spirit who enables them to make the good confession. He does this by giving them His own words which, if they abide in the mind, make His people powerful in speech. He does this by sharing His own infinite love which enables His children to persuade

their peers to be reconciled to God. He does this by enabling His people to reinforce the preaching of the gospel by sacrificial service. Consequently, there is a tension in our thinking of evangelization. It is important to keep these two aspects in balance. Evangelization is God's work. He is the Evangelist. He constantly communicates Himself to men and women. On the other hand, God has entrusted His own task of evangelization to His people. He has made us His fellow workers. He has not chosen the ministry of angels to be the messengers of the Gospel but His own children. There is tension here. God communicates Himself without our aid. God has chosen His people to be the instruments of evangelization. These two facts give us great encouragement. When we speak and serve, we know that God has been active before us. When we speak and serve, we know that God is entering into a fresh partnership with us to make known how deep and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.

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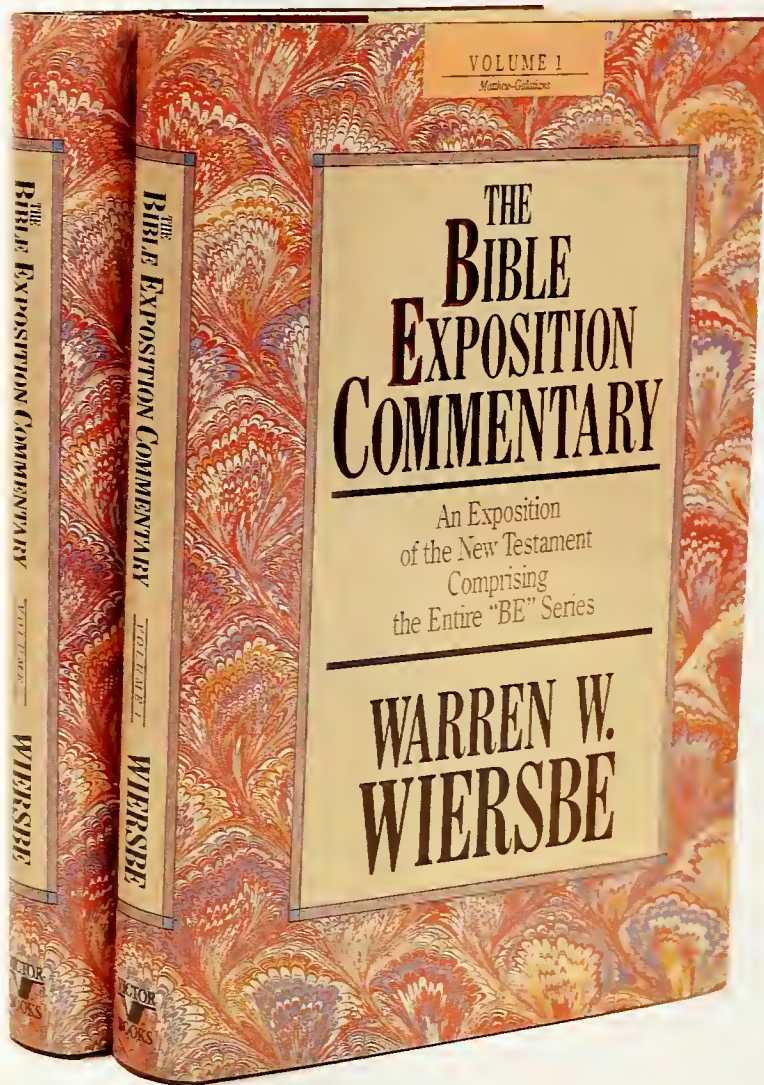
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A WORD ABOUT THE JACKSONS

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In 1962 Ed was promoted and sent to General Headquarters Staff in Columbus, Ohio. The Jacksons had a part in the starting of the Worthington Grace Brethren Church. In 1970, during the riots on campuses around the nation, the Lord spoke to Ed through the riots. He resigned his commission as a Lieutenant and became the Executive Director of the newly formed Grace Brethren Men, Inc. (formerly Grace Brethren Laymen's Organi-

zation). Ed directed this organization for 4 years, saw the Grace Brethren Boys formed, and then felt the call to the ministry and became the pastor at Kenai, Alaska Grace Brethren Church.

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There seems to be a cry in the land. "whatever happened to good old fashioned dedication in the church?" We all seem to miss it and expect it in everyone else, but it is really tough to find some in our personal lives. In the early days of the church there was the "no paid ministry" for preachers, we then changed it to the "under-paid ministry" and that created a lot of problems, too.

There were so many needs in the church that we started to add to the staff. This looked like the solution to our problems: Find a qualified person and add them to the church staff to cover specific needs. We then found we had a lot of specialists in the church. Someone was chosen for the senior pastor job, he needed an associate, then we had to have a man for the mature folks (the senior citizens) and the young people had to have a specialist. Someone was available to care for each and every need we might have.

There was a lot to be said for this bold new plan . . . The best part was we had trained people doing what untrained people (volunteers) used to do. But with every good idea there are a few flaws. Flaw one was that we accepted the new staff member as a trained professional. Now there is no question that this takes a lot of money to pay for these new professional staff members. The budget increased but we started treating the new staff as professionals and judged them on the basis of their performance. If they did not perform as the church thought—out they go, just like anyone else.

But flaw two in the plan may be even more serious—we formed a new group called "Ministers of Giving". They were formerly called the laity or the volunteers. They found they could be used of God to help pay the bills. They became specialists in giving. It did not take too long for the ministers of giving to figure out if they performed their work in

giving, it would free them up for the weekends and the summers. They used to do all of the work around the church . . . teaching, visiting, caring for the music and building maintenance, but now someone was doing it for them.

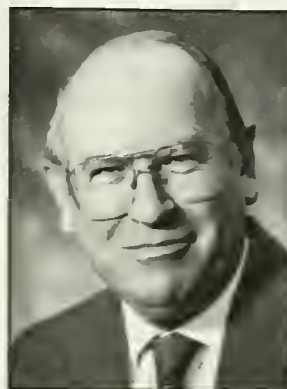
We all became specialists at our tasks and the church lost the most precious possession and motivation it had—a love for God that moved us to action and dedication. We lost our calling and found ourselves as real professionals—similar to Doctors, Lawyers and the respected people of the community. But if you are a professional, it seems that people judge on the basis of performance, not on dedication.

Now we see the ministry as persons who are professionals and if they do not perform as their employers—the people in the pew—expect them to, they are invited to take the exit gate at the next annual call. There is a rapidly increasing cry for help from the ministers that they just do not get any respect. It is obvious that they are getting less respect.

The number of young people headed for the ministry is dropping at an alarming rate—this former group of volunteers took a fresh look at the system. Most seminaries are showing dramatic drops in the numbers of incoming ministerial students. At some seminaries, enrollment is 50 percent off and their ministerial candidates are down about 75 percent over the past ten years. If we are going to be professionals and can serve God anywhere, why not choose a profession other than the ministry?

We have lost the call of God and this is the call that keeps a person dedicated. Ask any minister who has been at it a long time, "why do you keep going?" The answer will be "God called me to preach, I cannot do otherwise". A large group starts on the pathway to the ministry, few there be who finish it.

Now before you pick up your



Endangered Species— "Volunteers"

Whatever Happened To Dedication?

by Charles W. Turner

phone and call my toll-free number at the Herald, let me say that I am not against the use of multiple staff in a church. Many could not survive without it as a basis of operation. Others like to staff because the "big boys" do it. A lot of lay persons like it because they can pay the bills and do what they want to do. But there is not a lot of dedication showing up to get the job done. We have accepted the plan of "pay for performance" in the church and it is costing us a lot in dedication and acceptance from God.

Let's keep volunteers and dedication alive in the church or the downward trend will continue.

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Praise Notes



CE National praises God for many, many answers to prayer.

1. for Grace College's greatly increased scholarships to Grace Brethren youth.

2. for the 1750 people who attended Brethren National Youth Conference and the 1100 who participated in the BLITZ!

3. for the 964 new believers who accepted Christ as a result of the Year of Youth Outreach!

4. for successful completion of teaching seminars at CE Day: at National Conference with Rev. Rod Toews and at the North East Ohio's seminar on "Teaching in the Local Church" concentrating on Sunday Schools.

5. for safety for the 100 persons who traveled on summer ministry teams.

6. for growing churches such as the East Side Grace Brethren Church, 1990 Church of the Year, and for the Grace Brethren Church of Delaware, Ohio, 1990 Sunday School of the Year, and for the exciting "people involvement" in churches.

7. for the changed lives on Operation Barnabas teams, hearing such comments as "It was awesome, powerful. I'm closer to God than ever before. I learned that God is in control of everything and can use me to encourage other. This summer has changed my life."

8. for the ministry in Brazil, stimulated by the Brazil '90 TIME team and for the effective ministries of the present TIME workers: **Tina Walker**, CAR; **Sterling Snyder**, France; **Helen Garrett** and **Jennifer Ritchey**, Navajo Mission.

9. for the numerous new locations for TIME in 1991 including Japan, Romania, Argentina, Czechoslovakia and more.

10. for the excellent location of the 1991 Brethren National Youth Conference scheduled for Flagstaff, AZ from August 3-9, 1991.

11. for a new 1990 Brethren National Youth Conference video done as a surprise gift to CE National by Gary Henley from Worthington, Ohio.

12. for the exciting SMM reports—new groups starting, changed lives, and enthusiasm.

13. for the teamwork with Grace Brethren Home Missions in relation to preliminary church-planting work in Canada by two Operation Barnabas teams next summer.

14. for the great CE Celebration in Lancaster, PA area where over 200 friends joined together at the Good-

n-Plenty restaurant for a complimentary meal donated by Chris and Dolly Lapp.

15. for the "pro-active" board members who are assisting in ministries such as CE banquets, home meetings, and scheduling "Spotlight on CE National" in churches.

16. for the good response to the meeting that was led by CE National board member, Steve Peters, to promote an evangelism/discipleship emphasis within the Fellowship.

17. for the new class at Grace Seminary for Master of Divinity seniors entitled, "Christian Education Philosophy and Methods."

18. for the "College Care Program" to encourage Grace Brethren students who are attending state schools or non-Brethren Christian schools.

19. for the National Youth Cabinet's plans (meeting from November 29 - December 2) to discuss the youth ministries in local churches, districts, Grace Schools and various national emphases.

20. for the National Children's Cabinet meeting in Chicago to discuss a strategy to enhance children's ministries in the FGBC.

21. for the newly established CE Resource Network that categorizes church resources combining written materials, books, ideas, with the 25 resource network consultants.

22. for the gift of over \$12,400 from the National WMC to help the SMM program this past year and for other gifts received from Grace Brethren Investment Foundation, the youth at BNYC, individual SMM groups, and districts.

23. for the CE emphasis that will be in Grace College/Seminary chapels, November 13-15, when Dr. Dann Spader challenges students with the needs in youth ministries.

24. for the many encouraging notes and letters from people like you who are prayer partners with CE National as we seek to assist and encourage our churches in leadership development.

25. for a wonderful God who makes all these ministries possible!



A Church-Sponsored Basketball Camp . . . Crazy Idea?

by Chip Heim

It was only an idea in February. A crazy idea, maybe, but an idea all-the-same: a church-sponsored basketball camp. Whoever heard of such a thing?

Tim Osborn conceived the idea after reading an article about a basketball camp sponsored by Focus on the Family. "Why couldn't we do something like that in our area?" he asked me. I jumped at the idea. The "we" was East Side Grace Brethren Church, Blacklick, Ohio. In July we saw the crazy February idea come true. We sponsored a week long basketball day camp (8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) for junior high school boys from single-parent homes.

Tim shared his idea with two other men in our church - Chuck Cole and Lee Caryer. They jumped at the idea too. The four of us - Tim, Chuck, Lee and I - formed the camp steering committee. Our first formal decision about the camp concerned goals. What could a church-sponsored basketball camp accomplish? We agreed on four goals: see 50 boys attend the camp; put the boys in contact with male role models; make it possible for each boy to know what it means to be a Christian; and secure key people to speak on drugs/alcohol and education.

Early in March we made what was to be our most critical decision. It was a decision that affected virtually every aspect of the camp. And it was a decision that eventually made the camp unique. We decided the camp would be free. Since our target group was boys from single-parent homes we believed no boy should be excluded for financial reasons. We were confident this decision was from the Lord.

The decision to make the camp free produced a charitable response from many we approached about the camp. Our local junior high school principal enthusiastically offered the school gymnasium for the camp. "I'll help you in any way I can," he said.

We approached senior adults in our church who form a group called LAF (Life After Fifty). Would they help us I wondered? Of course they would. The LAFers offered to purchase camp shirts and basketballs, develop the camp pictures, and provide lunch on two of the days. Another person gave the camp extra basketballs and shirts for awards. Three local restaurants - Donato's Pizza, Snapp's Hamburgers, and Subway - provided lunch on the three remaining days. Our free camp now had a

gymnasium, five lunches, shirts, balls, pictures, awards, and volunteers from within and without our church (49 volunteers in all). But there was one thing missing.

Boys. What if we gave a basketball camp and nobody came? How would we attract our target group of boys? How could we promote the camp to boys from single-parent homes?

One of our steering committee members, Chuck Cole, submitted articles about the camp to local suburban newspapers. His articles described in detail the nature of the camp. These articles provided exposure to the east side of the Columbus metro area. The articles effectively advertised the camp but they did not cost us anything. Ironically, Chuck was paid for each article he submitted.

By early June only ten boys had registered for the camp. I suggested to Chuck, Lee, and Tim that we open the camp to all junior high age boys. Not exactly a suggestion of great faith. But all three men, nervous like me about the "success" of our camp, reiterated our initial dream we believed came from the Lord. Regardless of how many boys registered, the camp would remain for boys from single-parent homes.

Lee, who also serves as a church elder, once published a basketball magazine. This experience gave him many connections within college basketball. As a result three former college basketball team captains, two current college coaches, a former NBA player, and two Columbus TV sports anchors spoke at the camp and also the director of the Ohio High School Athletic Association. And, they spoke for free! They wanted to help, too.

But what were the results? Fifty-three boys attended the East Side Basketball Camp and none of them were previously from our church. One boy came from a family of five children. His mother is a widow. Two other boys were removed from their home due to severe family problems. They are being raised by their grandmother. Another boy lives only a few blocks from downtown Columbus. But during the camp they heard Brad Hoffman, former captain at the University of North Carolina, speak about his relationship with Jesus Christ and his shooting touch. They heard Larry Hunter, head coach at Ohio University, speak about Christ as well as demonstrate inside play. Local TV sports anchor Jimmy Crum pressed the boys about the importance of a good education.

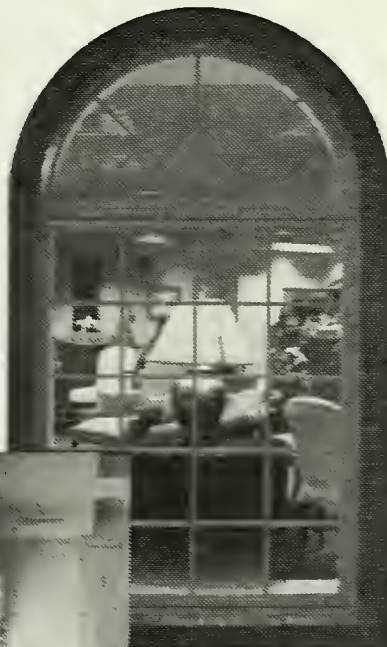
There is no question we affected the lives of 53

boys. A few made commitments to Christ. Several mentioned that it was the best basketball camp they had attended. One mother told me that the camp was exactly what her son needed. "He's really having a difficult time right now family-wise," she added. Another mother said a church that would sponsor a free basketball camp for her son was a church she would like to visit. A father wrote a note saying, "My son enjoyed all the fellowship and the basketball experience. Your ministry is a great way to reach out to kids."

I learned many things from the camp

experience. Two though were significant. I learned that God gives us dreams and ideas and we must take the risks to achieve them. Second, I learned that my faith or lack thereof does not limit God. Our camp was a success not because of our faith, hard work, luck, great speakers or free lunches. It was a success because our God was at work behind the scenes to reach boys that he loves. Our camp was simply a vehicle for him to reach them.

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Is Jesus Again Healing Blind Jewish Eyes?

by Mike Wingfield

In John 9 Jesus healed a Jewish man from his physical and spiritual blindness (read John 9:1-41). After the physical miracle, this man openly accepted Jesus as his Messiah (verse 38). Perhaps most people reading this passage today would conclude that the greatest miracle recorded here is the physical healing of this man's blind eyes. However, those who have been involved with Jewish evangelism would agree that the greatest miracle here is the healing of this man's spiritual blindness.

Later, speaking to a Jewish audience, Jesus said: "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see; and that those who see may become blind" (verse 39). The Pharisees in His audience clearly understood the application of His statement to refer to them and therefore responded: "We are not blind too, are we?" In reply to their question Jesus gave them the parable of the Good Shepherd (John 10:1-18). In this parable He couched the prophetic truth that only a few believing Jews would grasp in the future: "And I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they shall hear my voice; and they shall become one flock with one shepherd" (verse 16). The context and a study of the book of Acts demonstrates that Jesus was telling them that the future church would be mostly made up of Gentiles, and that Jewish believers would proportionately be in the minority. Jewish evangelism down through the centuries has been a testimony to our Lord's statement.

However, in light of all of this we must remember that our Lord has made it very plain in His Word that Jewish evangelism is to be a priority in the ministry of His body, the Church. In Acts 1:8 He made it clear that Jerusalem and Israel were to be the center of their evangelistic efforts. You might be thinking: "But that is where the apostles lived and it is only logical that He would tell them to make this their priority. But, that does not indicate that it is to be a priority for the church living in America today, is it?" The answer is found in Romans 1:16, where Paul writes to the believers in the capital city of the Roman Empire and tells them (about 27 years after Acts 1:8) that evangelism is still "to the Jew first."

Why is this to be the God ordained priority of evangelism? Scripture tells us that we as believers owe a great debt to the Jews because everything precious to us (Old Testament, New Testament our

Savior, our salvation, etc.) has come through them. Also, the Scriptures teach us that Israel is the "apple of His eye" (Deuteronomy 32:10 & Zechariah 2:8). Therefore, what is precious to our God ought to be precious to us as well!

The Church today needs to awaken to the priority of Jewish evangelism! Why? First, we must accept the priority given to it in Scripture. Second, we must bring into focus the hour in which we live. A detailed study of Romans 9-11 reveals that God is not through with Israel. Her spiritual blindness (resistance to the gospel) will dissipate as we approach the End Times and "the fullness of the



Jewish blindness is most evident at the Wailing Wall (or Western Wall) in Israel today. Here hundreds, and sometimes thousands, of Jews come from all over the world to pray for the coming of the Messiah.



Sheep are seen grazing here in Israel on the Golan Heights, only a few miles from the Syrian border.

Gentiles be come in" (Romans 11:25).

As a matter of fact, it is possible that we are NOW witnessing the beginning steps of a new spiritual openness within Jewish circles. Perhaps the blindness of God's special chosen people is gradually being healed. Jews are fleeing by the thousands from Russia, Eastern Europe, and other countries to Israel because of anti-Semitic threats. Many Jewish evangelism agencies are reporting an amazing, sudden openness to the gospel by the Jews as they wait in Rome and other places for exit visas and transportation to Israel. These agencies are crying out for more manpower, money, and materials to meet the demand for the Jewish hunger for the gospel. Even in Israel reports are pouring in that many Jewish eyes are opening to the gospel as never before. Praise the Lord!

As Jewish hearts and eyes are opening to the gospel where are we in the Grace Brethren Fellowship? What can we do? Statistics indicate that there are approximately 15 million Jews living today. Of this number, 6.6 million live in countries where English is the first language of the Jewish population. The majority of these English speaking Jews, 5.7 million, live in the U.S. (2,094,600 in the New York City metro area; 501,000 in the L.A. metro area; 250,000 in Philadelphia; 248,000 in Chicago; 238,000 in Dade County, Florida; 228,000 in Boston; 196,000 in the San Francisco Bay area; 165,000 in

Washington D.C. area; 93,000 in Baltimore; and 70,000 in Detroit). Surely we can do something!

If we really love our Lord, we will be concerned about "the apple of His eye"—the Jewish people. We will be in tune to these End Times as the Holy Spirit is restoring Israel physically (500,000 Soviet Jews alone are expected to immigrate to Israel in 1990 and 1991) and spiritually (see Ezekiel 37). The Holy Spirit holds the key to spiritual blindness and vision and He will make us sensitive to the plan of God and the needs of men.

The same Scriptures that testify that the End Times will bring an "apostasy" in the church (2nd Thessalonians 2:3) tell us that God will restore His program with Israel, which includes the gradual healing of their spiritual blindness. Therefore, it is time to open our eyes to the Jewish fields that are "white already to harvest" (John 4:35).



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Professions of Faith	4,061	4,040	- 21
Total Baptisms	2,427	2,511	+ 84
MEETING ATTENDANCES			
Sunday Morning	41,973	42,068	+ 95
Sunday School	30,151	29,513	- 638
Sunday Evening	16,610	16,445	- 165
MEMBERSHIP			
Total Membership	39,856	39,481	- 375
Trine-Immersion Membership	35,806	35,437	- 369
All Expenditures	\$39,400,824	\$40,604,479	+ \$1,203,665
U.S. CHURCHES			
Total Number of Churches	318	319	+ 1
CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS			
Number of churches operating schools	41	43	+ 2
Total Enrollment	10,573	8,823	- 1,750
FOREIGN FIELD STATISTICS			
Number of churches	721	733	+ 12
Foreign field average attendance	194,534	193,075	- 1,459



Under the oak trees near Rodeheaver Auditorium, 43 held hands to pray at the close of a service commemorating the founding of GBFM 90 years ago.

GBFM Observes Ninetieth Anniversary

by Larry Hubartt

Forty-three missionaries, home office staff members, and friends of GBFM met September 4, to observe the ninetieth anniversary of the mission. Since its birth, 440 foreign missionaries have been sent into 17 countries. But there was less than complete agreement on the historic occasion.

At the 10th General Conference in 1900, Jacob C. Cassel, an influential elder from Philadelphia, presented a paper: *Are We Ready to Enter the Foreign Missionary Field?* There were a variety of responses. Some heartily approved. Others were hesitant, not sure that the time was right for such a venture. Others opposed.

The conference moderator sympathized with Cassel and gave him the opportunity to present the idea to the delegates. But there was little enthusiasm for the proposal. The moderator then encouraged Cassel and his group to discuss the formation of a missionary organization outside

under the trees.

"The group betook themselves to a little knoll to the north of the building where the conference was being held . . . On this spot these missionary enthusiasts who refused to have their ardor cooled, conceived and brought to birth The Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church," wrote Louis S. Bauman, one of the participants.

Last month's celebration was held under the trees near Rodeheaver Auditorium in Winona Lake (IN), the site of the original meeting. Wendell Kent, Director of Information Services, read the minutes from the historic meeting and names of the 53 charter members.

Tom Julien, GBFM Executive Director, emphasized the challenge of the nineties. He repeated Cassel's question, "Are we ready to enter the foreign missionary field?" Are we ready?

In commemoration of our 90th anniversary, Grace Brethren Foreign Missions has published an attractive and inspiring 55-page picture book. If you enjoyed reading about the formation of the mission, you may want to read more about little-known ventures into Persia and China, tent meetings in Argentina where stones were hurled by angry nationals, and Allen Bennett's touching last words as he "went from a little mud hut at Gazel into the presence of the One most dear to him." Send \$5.00 for your copy of *Remember the Commitment: A Story of Vision* to GBFM, P.O. Box 588, Winona Lake, IN 46590.

Missionaries must continually concern themselves with raising their support, but you'd be surprised at which missionary has the greatest support need! It's the home office funded by Operation Lifeline. The France team is at a 98 percent level; the Brazil team is 100 percent supported. But Operation Lifeline giving is only at 56 percent.

Our ties in Middle East

by Lynn Mackaben Brown

Although GBFM does not presently have missionaries assigned to the Middle East, the mission has a special historical interest in the area of conflict.

The first missionary supported by the Foreign Mission Society of the Brethren Church, now Grace Brethren Foreign Missions, was Yonan Y. Auraham, an Iranian. In 1903 the Foreign Missionary Society sent Yonan and his family to their native city, the area around Lake Urmia

(modern day Reza'iyeh).

His salary was \$400 a year—half for personal expenses and half to support the ministry. The field was closed in 1906 at the recommendation of Charles F. Yoder whose travels in the area confirmed wholesale slaughter in the vicious war between the Turks and the Armenians.

Yonan stayed in his home country on a self-supporting basis and remained a missionary until his death in 1915.

It Was the First Time They Had Ever Heard the Gospel

by John Viers

Following are highlights from the Romanian trip made early this summer. Five from Lyon, France, reported to the church on the Sunday of their return.

There were several occasions to preach the gospel. Both Daniel Dutruc and Florent Varak preached, and the other members of the team shared their testimonies. One of the most surprising events of the trip was totally unplanned.

The team was visiting a museum when Florent snapped a picture of a child playing nearby. Moments later the teacher asked that he take a picture of the whole class and send it to them. When it was learned that the team was French, a meeting was organized in the school for all who wanted to attend.

They wanted to hear all about France, so Daniel spoke of his country. Then Florent gave a message on John 3:16. By then the room was packed with both students and adults. Some were weeping, saying that it was the first time they had ever heard the gospel. On another occasion more than 1000 people gathered for a worship service.

The team distributed 1500 Bibles and New Testaments in addition to 1000 gospels of John. They also took specific types of medication, food items, and clothing requested by a contact in Romania. The Grace Brethren Church of Lyon, France, donated an electronic typewriter, printing supplies, and a public address system. Two printing presses will also be shipped.

NEWS UPDATE

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Correction:

Haag, Walter. The address
is correct as listed in
the present Annual.

Weddings

- Drudge:** Heidi MacGregor
and Darrin Drudge were
married on June 1,
1990, at the Winona
Lake Grace Brethren
Church, Winona Lake,
IN. John Teevan, pastor.
- Oelze:** Linda Horton and
John Oelze were united
in marriage on August
11, 1990, by Dale Doron
at the Winona Lake
Grace Brethren Church,
Winona Lake, IN. John
Teevan, pastor.

Owen: Jackie Johnson and
Ken Owen were united
in wedlock on May 26,
1990, by Lee Jenkins at
the Winona Lake Grace
Brethren Church,
Winona Lake, IN. John
Teevan, pastor.

Swing: Doris Fluke and
Steve Swing were mar-
ried June 2, 1990, by
Charles Ashman at the
Winona Lake Grace
Brethren Church,
Winona Lake, IN. John
Teevan, pastor.

Deaths

Bish, Dorothy, 65, August
4, 1990. She was a
member of the West Kit-
tanning Grace Brethren
Church, Kittanning, PA.
Richard Cornwall,
pastor.

Reeves, Joseph Andrew,
was promoted to glory
on September 19, 1990.
He was the father of
Betty Hocking, wife of
Don Hocking of the
Camerons. He was the
grandfather of Jim and
Faye Hocking of the
C.A.R. and Tom and
Tammy Hocking, short-
term missionaries to the
Camerons. On
September 17, a great
grandson was born
bearing his name. The
parents—Tom and
Tammy Hocking.

Lehmann, Karen Marie
Steiner, 29, killed in an
auto accident. She was
a graduate of Grace
College and served as
secretary to the youth
pastor at the Grace
Brethren Church of
Columbus, OH. A
memorial service was
held in the Grace
Brethren Church of
Wooster, OH, on
September 20, 1990.
Robert Fetterhoff, pastor.

The Grace Brethren Men Interna-
tional, have moved their offices
from Winona Lake, IN, to Columbus,
OH. This includes the Yolkfellows
Ministries. The new address is: 6675
Worthington-Galena Rd., Wor-
thington, OH 43085 (Tel. 614/
888-7733). Please direct all inquiries
to Ed Jackson, Executive Director.

**As a result of the Year of Youth
Outreach** between August 1989 and
August 31, 1990, 964 became
believers! This year CE National is
encouraging a continuation of the
20/20 goal by encouraging
churches to report their "target
three." The TARGET THREE
program is to encourage members
to pray for three non-believers daily
and seek to make contact with them
monthly in an attempt to share
Christ.

Warren Zellner, a member of the
Board of Brethren Evangelistic
Ministries, experienced a bad fall
while doing roof construction on a
church in Ohio. He is hospitalized in
Lima, OH with severe breaks in both
his left wrist and left leg. Surgery
took place on September 29 to put
a pin in his leg. He will be confined
to a wheel chair for several months
of recuperation when he returns to
his home in Winona Lake, IN.

Robert Griffith, former pastor of the
Vicksburg Grace Brethren Church of
Hollidaysburg, PA has announced
his resignation after 12 years of
service to the church. He is open to
further leading of the Lord in Chris-
tian service. The church is open to
contacts from interested individuals
to pastor the church. Pastor Griffith
will complete his ministry there in
late November.

**The Grace Brethren Church of
Marion, OH,** held a dedication
service recently. The church has
also gone self-supporting. David
Kennedy, pastor, stated that Dean

Risser was the morning speaker and Ed Jackson spoke in the afternoon. About 140 people from the church and community gathered for the service. With much volunteer labor and their own construction, the quarter-million-dollar plant has a \$57,000 mortgage.

Over 1700 attended Brethren National Youth Conference in Cullowhee, North Carolina this past August. Eleven hundred participated in the BLITZ and 51 people in the Cullowhee/Sylva community became believers as a result of their ministries. Plans for next year are to have Brethren National Youth Conference and the Twenties

conference at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, AZ. It will include opportunities to see the Grand Canyon and the majestic scenery in that area. The dates are August 3-9. It follows the adult conference that will be at the exciting Worthington, OH church.

The First Brethren Church of Buena Vista, VA, is searching for a senior pastor. The church is celebrating its 100th anniversary, and is located in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. Resumes of experienced men may be sent to Ralph Dyer, chairman of the Pastoral Search Committee, 100 E. 29th St., Buena Vista, VA 24416; or phone the

moderator, Buddy Smals at 703/261-3683.

This fall churches have been encouraged to send the names of college students who are not attending Grace Schools in Winona Lake. CE National is coordinating the "College Care Program" to keep contact with Grace Brethren college students by mailing them information on the TIME program and Twenties program. We will be working with others in finding people who will visit students throughout the year letting them know of Grace Brethren opportunities and that the Grace Brethren care for them.



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1990-1991 WMC Yearly Goals

PERSONAL GOALS

1. Read and study the Bible regularly.
 2. Be a faithful prayer warrior.*
 3. Active in Evangelism.*
 4. Encourage increased interest in SMM or aid in the establishment of SMM in your local church.
 5. Give regularly to WMC-time, talent, and money as the Lord leads and prospers.*
 6. Support regular family devotions.*
- Use of Daily Devotions is suggested.

*Refer to WMC Handbook.

LOCAL GOALS

1. Observe a special time of prayer on the 15th day of each month.*
2. Emphasize prayer for local youth and those who made decisions for full-time Christian service.
3. Support district rallies and projects.
4. Contribute to Major Offerings:

Please send all money to the WMC Financial Secretary using the proper offering slip from the Treasurer's sheet in the Program Packet. Make checks payable to - Grace Brethren National WMC.

A. September, October, November

HOME MISSIONS- Goal \$9,000

Project: Yakima Valley church; computer software-Home Missions Office; capital improvements-Dryhill, Kentucky. Send before December 10th.

WMC Offering:

Sept., Oct., Nov.

(send before December 10)

Home Missions . . . Goal: \$9,000

Yakima Valley Church	\$2,000
Computer Software for Home Missions Office	\$3,500
Capital Improvements for Dryhill, Ky. GBC	\$3,500

Thank Offering

(Send before December 10)

- Children's Ministries of Brethren Evangelistic Ministries
- FAX machine for CE National
- Financial Assistance for Herald News Service

THANK OFFERING- We suggest a minimum of \$1.50 a year per member.

Send before December 10th.

Project: Brethren Evangelistic Ministries- \$1,400 for children's ministries; CE National- FAX machine for office; Herald News Service expenses

B. December, January, February

GRACE SCHOOLS- Goal \$8,000

Send before March 10th.

Project: Entrances to McClain Hall

NATIONAL SMM OFFERING

Sponsorship of Director of Girls' Ministries (SMM, CE National) Note: SMM is the heart of WMC. We suggest a minimum of \$3.00 a year per member. Send before March 10th.

C. March, April, May

FOREIGN MISSIONS- Goal \$9,000

Send before June 10th.

Project: Printing of Hungarian tracts- \$3,000; Vehicle for Portugal- \$6,000

MISSIONARIES OF THE YEAR OFFERING may be given in the month of your birthday or at a special emphasis throughout the year toward the support of WMC Missionaries of the Year honoring their service. We suggest a minimum of \$1.50 per member. Send before June 10th.

Missionaries of the Year for 1990 - 1991 are: Rosa Churchill-Mexico, Kathy Harrell-Chad, Becky Kiddoo -England, Berta Kuns-C.A.R., Betty Nairn-Argentina

D. June, July, August

WMC OPERATING EXPENSES- Goal \$8,000

Send before September 10th.

5. Encourage the reading of the following books, which may be purchased from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Box 544, Winona Lake, IN 46590. *Violets for Mr. B* by Margaret Jensen; *A Light In Darkness* by Barbara Reed; *They Found the Secret* by Erdman.

6. Use Brethren talent when available and support Brethren works, support SMM.*

7. Aid in expenses, if possible, of local president or representative to attend each district meeting and National WMC Conference.

8. Elect officers in April or May to assume their

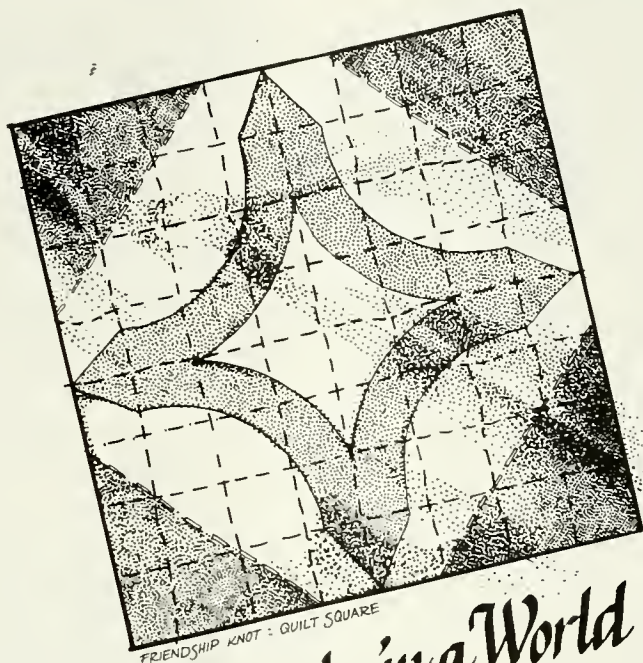
duties in September. The local Annual Reports compiled by the retiring local presidents must be in the hands of the district president by May 31. Seating of the delegates at National Conference is permissible only if annual report is returned. Reports will not be accepted at National Conference.

9. Keep membership cards current.* The membership chairman is responsible for giving her card to any member transferring to another council and seeing that a new member receives and signs a membership card when she joins the local council. (These cards are available from the National Literature Secretary.)

10. Refer often to the WMC Handbook. This can be obtained from the National Literature Secretary, Box 711, Winona Lake, IN 46590.

DISTRICT OBJECTIVES

1. Honor those reading the entire Bible or tapes of the entire Bible within a year.
2. Recognize the SMM at a District WMC Program.
3. Use Brethren talent when available and support Brethren works.
4. Send District Newspaper to National President, National Editor, and District Editors.
5. Sponsor at least one project, said project to be cleared through the National First Vice President, to avoid duplication. The project may be kept within the district, but the National First Vice President should be advised for completion of her report. Send before March 10.
6. Send all district offerings for National Brethren works to the National WMC Financial Secretary-Treasurer.
7. Contribute an annual freewill offering, to be used as the committee in charge sees the need, toward furnishing and repair of the Brethren Foreign Missionary Residence at Winona Lake, Indiana. Send to the National WMC Financial Secretary-Treasurer.
8. Pay the District President's expenses to National Conference.
9. Give financial assistance, so that the District SMM Leader may attend National Conference.
10. Contribute annually to the National WMC Operation Expenses. Send to the National WMC Financial Secretary-Treasurer, by September 10.



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A Letter to Mother

Editor's preface: The following is a letter written by the new Grace Brethren Church in Short Pump, Virginia, (Pastor David Kowalke) to its mother church in Richmond (Pastor Wayne Hannah). The families making up the core group of the new congregation were commissioned by the sending congregation on May 13, 1990, and the new group held its first public services on May 20th, Mother's Day.

MOTHER AND BABY IN RICHMOND, VIRGINIA ARE HEALTHY!!

May 6, 1990

Dear Mother,

I know that my Birthday is still a week away, but I wanted to write this note to you on the page of my heart so that you and I will always be able to look back and remember how we felt. Maybe it will be a help to us in the difficult days that are bound to come, reminding us that we looked through eyes of hope and therefore smiled at the future!

I know that having me grow and develop inside of you has not been easy. It has taken a lot of energy, time, and focus. The birth might be, as the doctors say, "a little uncomfortable," too. "Post-partum," you know, those feelings of loss after birth, might bother you some. People will be looking at me saying, "Look how pretty, how wonderful!," and there you will be thinking, "Yes, but what about all my work in the delivery?!" I want you to know that I appreciate the love and commitment that I already sense from you, even though you don't see me yet!

I am here in you as a body - fingers, toes, eyes, and the rest - a part of you and yet separate from you. Much of what I am is directly taken from you, and I'm glad! Even though I will look a little like you, I will be different. Don't let that make you afraid, Mom. It is the differences that we will have that will help us to grow into the people we are yet to become!

Mother, I don't just want to be your daughter: I want to be your friend, too. Maybe if we both work really hard in the years to come, by talking with each other and doing things together, we could become, well, like sisters! I'd really like that!

I know that things won't always be easy. Love takes work. I promise to work hard! Thanks so much for the help and encouragement that I know you will give. Love is just that way, isn't it? When I grow up and it is my turn to have a baby, I know that you will be right there with me, and my Husband! I know we will be different. I want to be. I know that we will develop different personalities. I want that, too. But, Mom, in a very real way, I want to grow up to be just like you!

Well, I better end this letter. I'll be out soon. I'll move away, circumstances will change, and many things will happen in the years to come, but I will always remain,

Your Loving Daughter

P.S. When am I going to have a baby sister?!



Wayne Hannah



Dave Kowalke

Editor's footnote: Pastor Kowalke adds this note: "We hope that the sentiments above will encourage some (other churches) to consider the joy of daughtering a church. Churches Planting Churches. Isn't that God's strategy?!"

Ed, My Comrade and Friend . . .

by Larry Chamberlain, Executive Director

On January 29 of this year, Ed Jackson came into my office and announced to me his plans for retirement on October 10, the date of his 65th birthday. For twenty-three years, Ed has been involved with Home Missions, serving as a member of our board of directors, next as a pioneer church-planter in Alaska, Florida, and Ohio, then as director of church-planting and development for the eastern and southern divisions. I've had the personal privilege of working with Ed for thirteen of those years, since 1977, the year I signed on the team.

I've never known Ed to relax his intensity for life, for the Lord, for the Church. Now, you'd think that while he's fishing (his favorite pastime), he'd relax, yet he even fishes with such intensity that the Indiana Fish and Game Commission has considered confiscating his boat and bait bucket in order to conserve the fish population in Winona Lake.

January 29 was a tough day for me. My feelings for Ed and Polly are very strong. He desired for me to keep his plans confidential for the time being, so when he left my office I penned a "confidential," hand-written note which I am privileged to share with you now as a public tribute.



Ed Jackson

Ed, my comrade and friend . . .

January 29, 1990

Thank you for advising me of your plans for retirement this year. I am very happy for you and Polly, to know that this decision will allow for your life to be less distracted, less interrupted, than the demanding schedule of the past would permit.

For the entire time I've had the honor to know you, Ed, you've given us 200 percent of your energy, time, and prayer life. Your schedule and level of spiritual intensity would have buried the best of men long ago.

My confidence in your leadership is extremely high. My appreciation for your management/people skills is best seen in the rarity of my personal direction of your division of this ministry. Rarely have I felt ill at ease with your judgment calls.

The great sense of teamwork in the eastern/southern division is a direct tribute to your personal example and encouragement.

Even throughout the turbulent times of our Fellowship, I've keenly sensed your loyalty, your commitment to the team, your personal affection, your companionship and prayers.

My heart is very sad as I consider the loss of your presence here in the office. You are a joy to be around and one in whom I confide for counsel, for a spiritual lift.

We have many memories, you and I, and I hope to continue to enjoy your companionship for many, many years to come. Your contribution to the team will continue. I am sure.

Well, here I am . . . eulogizing as if you were already retired . . . but I'd rather you hear my praise and feelings now, my good friend, as I feel them most keenly today.

I love you.

Larry Chamberlain is Executive Director of the Grace Brethren Home Missions Council.



Personal Reflections

I have been encouraged by many to open up a limited number of pages of the Herald magazine to the expression of opinions and beliefs regarding the baptism/membership issue in the Grace Brethren Church. No practical means of such an exchange has been available to persons following last year's national conference. A forum plan was adopted at the 1989 conference, but has not been implemented in a workable fashion to date. No exchanges which involve the names of other persons will be included. The use of the Herald magazine makes the information available to lay persons as well as to ministers. No editing will be done on any of the articles and it is understood that the material does not have the endorsement of the Herald or the Fellowship — it reflects the personal position of the individual author.

—Charles W. Turner, publisher

Maintaining Our Distinctives

By Dean Risser

I was reading in Exodus about the golden calf episode at the foot of Mt. Sinai. Moses had taken so much time up on the mountain with God that the Jews doubted he was coming back down, so Aaron made them a golden idol shaped like a calf and told them this was the god who brought them out of Egypt.

When Moses descended from Sinai he saw the dancing and heard the singing as the Jews worshiped the idol. In his anger he threw down the stone tablets with the engraved commandments and broke them. Three thousand people died for their wickedness that day.

But the worst thing that happened was when the Lord said he was not going to lead the people into the Promised Land personally, but would send an angel to do it instead. Moses, in a face to face conversation with God, said to him,

"If your presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. How will anyone know you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?"

Exodus 33:15-16

What is to distinguish the people of God from other people? What sets us apart from the ungodly? What are our "distinctives?"

Through the years I have heard it mentioned many times that we Grace Brethren people need to maintain our distinctives. The thought was, "We need to remain different from other Christians." At least, that's what the term spoke to me.

I've asked myself, "Just what are those distinctives, and from whom are we trying to distinguish ourselves?"

Coming back to Exodus 33, it seems that Moses wants himself and the Jewish people to be distinguished from all other peoples because the Jews were the only true people of God, the only ones who had a covenant relationship to Him. All the other ethnic groups were pagans and idolaters—good reason to be different from them.

What was it that Moses said made the Jews different from all the pagan nations about them? Circumcision? Passports? Wearing some symbol about their neck? The way they dressed? Riding only white camels? A pious manner? No, none of these.

What made the Jews different, if we can believe Moses, was the presence of God in their midst. The kind of Deity Jehovah was made the Jews the kind of people they were. His Presence, and its effect on the Jewish nation, were the "Israelite distinctives."

We as Grace Brethren want to be different from the unsaved people of our day, and for much the same reason. There should be a distinction between us and the unregenerates that surround us, but just what should it be that distinguishes us? Style of baptism? I don't think I need to prove that triune immersion doesn't always make a person a dedicated Christian who is distinct from the pagans who surround us.

But does God really want us to be distinct from dedicated Christians that are not Grace Brethren? I don't think so. According to Ephesians 4:3, we are to make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. Paul goes on to say that there is only one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism (I Cor. 12:13).

We have a clear command in the New Testament to work hard at maintaining the unity of the Spirit, but I can't find a single command to maintain practices that distinguish us from true believers in other churches.

I believe the same thing that distinguished the people of God in the Old Testament should distinguish God's people in the New Testament—there should be evidence in our lives that the presence of the Living God is with us. And frankly, baptism just doesn't do that, regardless of what style it is.

What distinctives should mark the true believer? They should be something visible to everyone who knows him or her. Baptism is not visible to all our friends, unless they happened to be there when it happened.

What our friends, both saved and unsaved, would like to see in us is a life-style filled with the fruit of the Spirit. This is what you would like to see in me, and I in you. The Lord would like to see it in both of us. Shouldn't this be our emphasis, our basis for fellowship and working together? Wouldn't this move us forward toward a unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace?

These are "distinctives" worth maintaining!

Dean Risser is Associate Pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Delaware, Ohio.

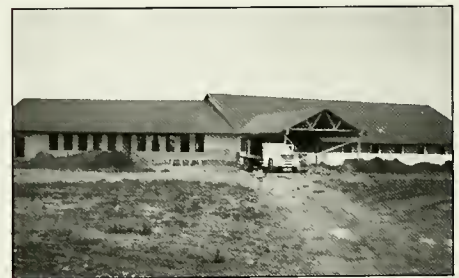
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There is a lot of criticism of pastors, but they are a great group as a whole. There are some who should be in another profession, but the same is true of school teachers, doctors, lawyers or any other line of work. So be nice to them and accept them as a gift from the Lord.

However, I heard about one preacher who got into the ministry that I fully believe was unqualified. He is now ordained and the name "Fluffy" does leave me with a little confusion. The age of the newly ordained minister also caused me a bit of concern inasmuch as he is just six months old. It certainly makes the individual a little young for making mature judgments.

Well, here is the whole story on the newly ordained minister. He is a 6 month old half-Pekingese, half-Poodle dog. The owner is a Chicago detective by the name of Bruce Walsted. He has the identification papers to prove it and the ministerial card reads "Reverend Fluffy Walsted." The ordaining source is the American Fellowship Church in Rolling Bay, Washington.

Mr. Walsted filled out all of the papers for Fluffy, sent in the application and of course the necessary fee. Back came the OK and Fluffy, the beige-colored puppy was declared an ordained minister. Now if you will excuse the pun . . . we have an ordained minister who is a real dog.

The Walsteds have tried to find a clerical collar to fit Fluffy, but up to now . . . no luck. Fluffy's human mother is a Catholic and her husband is a Lutheran . . . so far, the newly ordained dog has not admitted to any denominational inclination. Now the story is cute on the

surface, but there is a rather sad note to it all.

The most obvious of the problems is a group that calls themselves a church—The American Fellowship Church in this case. It has nothing better to do than to pass out ordination certificates for a few dollars. The church does not care whether the applicant is human or canine as long as there is the necessary application and the enclosed payment.

Christianity has been under a great deal of abuse of late. We have let the standards drop to the level where it matters not what is done as long as there is a dollar. The sharpness of the message is edged more by the circumstances rather than by the conviction of the heart. The church has recently undergone a number of public scandals in the full view of the public and TV cameras. It has not been a good time for us and the world has lost much of their respect for Christianity by it all.

The illustration of the ordained puppy is an outrageous example of the misuse of the name "church" in the 20th century. But the church has in all periods of time done some rather outlandish acts. You could pay for your sins through the channel of money in the Middle Ages. Even in Biblical times there was the necessity of Jesus cleansing the temple. The Corinthian church was filled with a lack of understanding of the Lord's supper. So it goes . . . the need to be alert to what is the main purpose of the church in preaching the Word of God and bringing men into a closer understanding of His will.

However, from time to time, it may just happen that a dog gets ordained.



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HOW IS YOUR LOVE LIFE?

by Lyle Sweeney

I used to be quite an authority on the family. Then the Lord was kind enough to bless me with a wife and three children! Since then my perception of being an "expert" on the family has been radically altered. Have you ever experienced similar feelings?

It is interesting when we as groomsmen walk the aisle to become one with our brides, how eager we are to assume our roles as husbands. We can hardly wait! We firmly believe that we will be caring, that we will remember all the special events, that we will be gracious in opening car doors and that we will give our best to be perfect gentlemen. However, experience soon reveals how far short we fall of being godly husbands. You do not have to be a Greek scholar to figure out that it takes a lifetime to live out the directive that God gave husbands in Ephesians 5:25, "Husbands, love your wives."

As children of the living God we have been given an equal privilege to love those who do not have a relationship with the Lord. That too, is a difficult task to live out. It is impossible in the flesh, but probable in the strength of the Holy Spirit. When we consider the privilege of sharing the love of Jesus Christ with others, we ought to be challenged far beyond mere fulfillment of a duty. It is for this that we ought to earnestly dedicate ourselves to sharing that Good News, the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

I recall my first attempt of sharing that love of Jesus Christ with a friend who was very familiar with my ways before the grace of God came into my life. I was so enthused that I felt I just had to share the gospel with him. Our conversation in the mornings before we left for work on a construction site consisted of the usual small talk and it continued on into a discussion about the weather and where the day's assignment might take us. Finally, I was determined to share this love of Christ that I had experienced. I asked him the question, "Are you interested in knowing God?" "Well, I am not really interested in talking about God." With that I put my pocket New Testament back in my lunch box, determined that I was not called to "share the Good News of the Gospel."

My motives were noble but my method of

"witnessing" left much to be desired, similar to my naivete as husband. Of course scripture commands us to be witnesses for Christ, (Acts 1:8). But somehow my 20th Century approach to evangelism actually missed the mark of what it meant to be a witness of the love of Christ. To that point in my life, Christian witness consisted of a nice, neatly packaged presentation of the "Four Spiritual Laws." I had an attitude of "one size fits all" for squeezing the gospel message into a few carefully selected scripture passages only suited to "instant" conversions.

There are many methods that can help us clearly communicate the Good News of Jesus Christ, but we need to remember that the Lord never asks us to "do witnessing," rather to "be witnesses."

It has been a personal privilege for me to be spiritually rejuvenated by the principles offered by a First Love Renewal. The primary tenant of First Love Renewal is that there are as many methods of communicating the gospel as there are people. Each individual who is willing to share the gospel should do so in their own unique style. There is no solitary method. Each new opportunity is different than the last.

Just as I am continuing to learn how to be flexible in my marriage role, I am learning also to be flexible and sensitive in "being a witness." As a husband, my greatest task is to willingly allow God to change and mold me. It is likewise true in evangelization. My task is to be yielded to the Holy Spirit. As unique opportunities come into my life, I need only to be willing to share. So, how's your love life today?



Lyle Sweeney is pastor at Pike Grace Brethren Church in Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

GBFM Report Card

The following is an update on six of 12 fields where GBFM serves. Next month, you will read exciting news from the remaining six fields.



ENGLAND

The England team lives in the Solihull area, a suburb of Birmingham. The team of seven includes: the Kiddoos, the Shipleys, Roy Angle, and the Schwans, who arrived this summer.

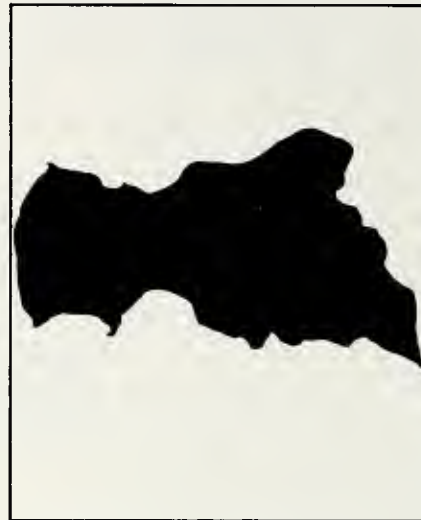
Though a church has not yet been organized, in early fall, more families were reported to be attending Sunday morning worship. Please pray for the England team members as they search suburban Birmingham for a church site and continue in their Bible study ministries.



PHILIPPINES

The work of GBFM in the Philippines was begun in 1985 with the arrival of Clay and Kim Hulett in Metro-Manila, a city of 15 million people. They settled in the Calumpang neighborhood, an area with 80,000 people and not a single church. Ted and Vivien Ruiz joined them a year later.

After eight months of evangelistic work by the Judays, who also arrived in 1985, the first Grace Brethren church in the Philippines was organized. By 1989, a second church had been established. In the past year, the Philippines team was joined by a fourth missionary family, the Beavers. The Grace Brethren Bible Institute has also been organized in which seven men and their wives are preparing for the ministry. Each of the men will soon be sent out to pastor a Grace Brethren church.



CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

As a mission field, the Central African Republic (C.A.R.) had a beginning full of foreign viruses, negative answers from authorities, ill-suited living conditions, and prolonged waiting.

James and Dr. Florence Gribble led the first group of missionaries to the C.A.R. in the early part of this century. After three years at Camp "Wait-Some-More," the Gribbles were granted permission from the French government to begin a ministry that has made the country the most evangelized GBFM field.

Missionaries are stationed in five cities: Bangui, Yaloke, Boguila, Bata, and Bossangoa. Bangui is the capital of the C.A.R. with 320,000 people. Yaloke is where the James Gribble High School is located. Boguila has suffered a cut of at least half of its missionaries due to retirement; Bata is home to the most C.A.R. missionaries; and Bossangoa has only one missionary couple.

Pygmy ministry is a recent and exciting outreach in the C.A.R. During a five-year ministry, Pastor Jadin, a national, baptized 52 pygmies. In the last year, there have been more than 400 baptisms.



BRAZIL

1990 marks the 40th anniversary of GBFM operations in Brazil. The original church-planting effort was launched by pioneer missionaries, Keith and Vivian Altig, in the northern Brazilian city of Icoaraci in 1949. Within a year there were 13 new believers. Forty years later in 1990, there are 13 Brazilian Grace Brethren Churches with more than 1200 members. Seventeen missionaries now serve in both north and south Brazil.

Currently second and third-generation believers are being trained at the Grace Bible Institute in Belem, as future Grace Brethren pastors. Meanwhile, other missionaries have arrived. Bruce and Lisa Triplehorn have completed eight months in language school and have moved to Uberlandia, joining Dan and Nancy Green in church planting and development.



CHAD

More than 70 years ago, Miss Estella Myers was the first GBFM missionary to French Equatorial Africa, modern day Chad. In 1935, Reverend and Mrs. Curtis G. Morrill opened the Bekoro station in southern Chad. Four years later, Reverend and Mrs. Jacob P. Kliever joined the Morrills.

During the civil war in the Chad, missionaries were forced to leave. But eager Chadians pursued a gospel education, and the church continued to grow.

Missionaries, Rich and Kathy Harrell, returned to a formerly occupied home, but their library had been preserved. Les and Ruth Vnasdale arrived in Chad in 1988 to aid the Harrells in their ministry. But 71 churches and two GBFM missionary couples in the Chad are unable to reach 5,200,000 Chadians. Pray for more missionaries.



JAPAN

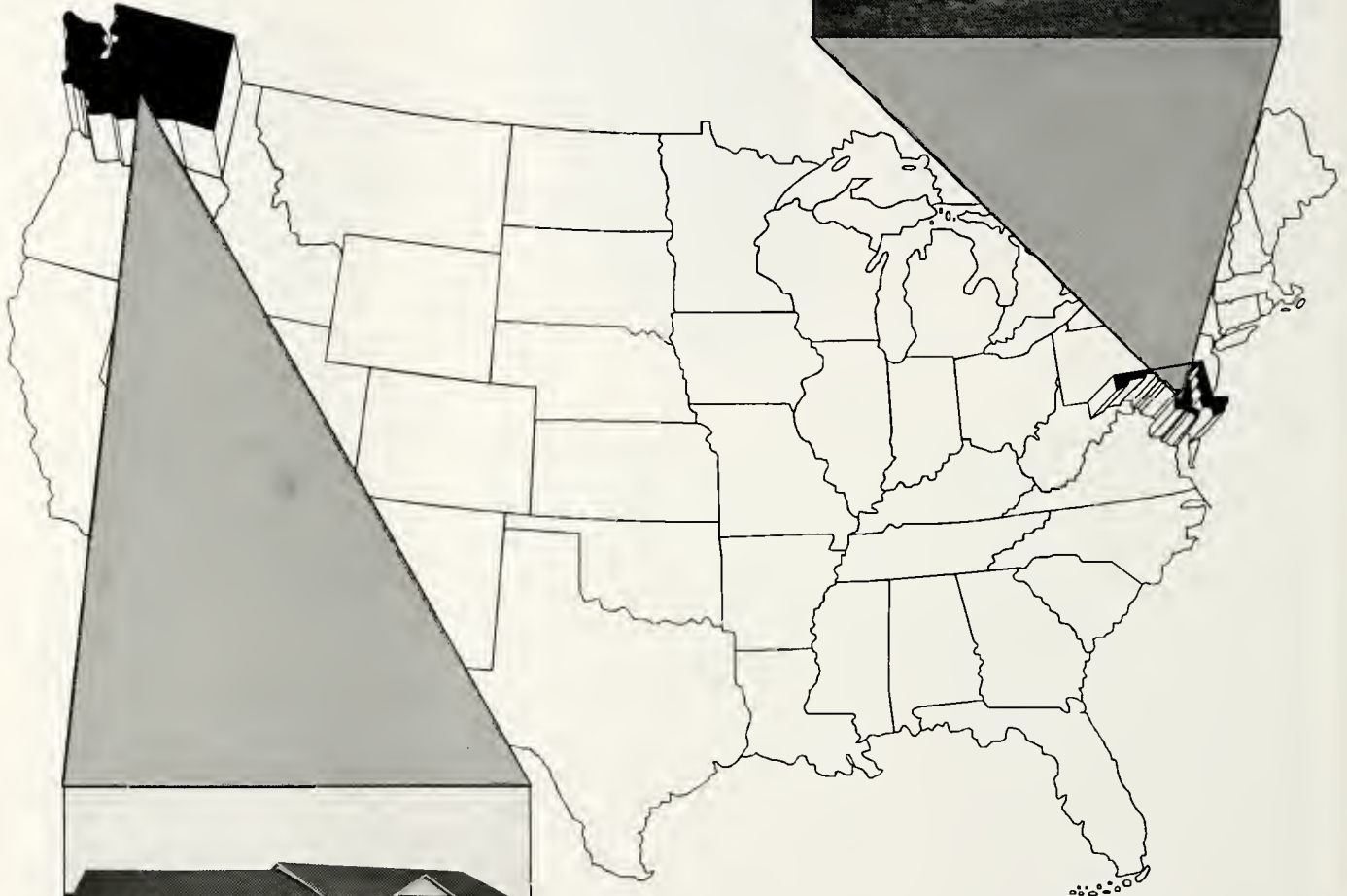
The O'Dells and the Grahams were the first GBFM missionaries to Japan. They began their work in 1984 and were joined by the Kirnbauers in 1986. A year later, 28 Japanese met together in Tokyo, for the first Grace Brethren Church service in Japan. Soon after, the Grahams in Osaka, saw the first convert when a college coed received Christ as her Savior.

Although Japan is often regarded as a difficult mission field, the Japan team is grateful for the fruitful results they continue to see. This past spring, the Grahams reported a conversion every month since October 1989.

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NEWS UPDATE

The La Loma Grace Brethren Church, Modesto, California, celebrated fifty years of existence during the past year with a catered barbeque dinner for 350 people on a Saturday evening where lots of fellowship was enjoyed. The following morning attendance reached over 300 people, including four former pastors: Peter Bury, who served the church from 1944-45; Harold Painter, pastor during 1945-1953; J. Paul Miller, 1954-1973; Darrell Anderson, 1973-1978; and Joel Richards, to the present. Each of these men shared in the morning service in special ways.

The La Loma church has truly been a missionary church as a number of our missionaries were or are being supported, some having been reared and nurtured by this church. Among them are: Eddie and Eileen Miller and Ed, Jr. and Susan Miller, Brazil; Marvin and Dorothy Goodman, Don and Lois Miller, Martin and Beverley Garber, and Mary Cripe (all retired and now stateside). Mary Beth Munn had also been supported by this church.

The congregation is looking forward to continuing to serve the Lord in Modesto.

The Allegheny District observed a "Day of Prayer" September 29, 1990, at Camp Albryoca in the southwestern part of Pennsylvania. A good number of pastors and lay people attended. The day focused on seeking God's face and petitioning for His blessing upon our district.

The Allegheny District "Day of Prayer" is in harmony with one of the basic objectives set forth by the Strategy Committee of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches. (Submitted by Emory Young)

James Kennedy has resigned from the pastorate of the Makakilo Grace Brethren Church, Ewa Beach, HI. He and his wife plan to return to the

mainland sometime during 1991.

Charles Card, Grace Brethren Chaplain serving in Saudia Arabia, reports the following: "We have started a soldier's Bible study which meets six days a week. We have a Wednesday night 'Praise and Prayer' service. Every Sunday we conduct three Protestant worship services. During this time of crisis, there's a heightened awareness of spiritual things."

The North Central Association has

approved the accreditation of the Doctor of Ministry degree for Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, IN, according to the Director and Dean David Plaster. Classes will begin in the summer of 1991.

The Bowling Green, OH, church is seeking a pastor. Contacts may be made directly to the church by letter.

The Makakilo, HI, GBC is seeking a pastor. Interested person(s) may contact the church by calling 1-808-672-4542.

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Weddings

Boyce: Rana Beal and Scott Boyce were united in marriage on October 5, 1990, at the Meyersdale Grace Brethren Church of Meyersdale, PA. Larry Gegner, pastor.

Durst: Tami Joy Rumsey and Jeffrey Wayne Durst were united in holy wedlock on October 13, 1990, at the Grace Brethren Church of

York, PA. Larry Humberd and the pastor, Daniel White, officiated at the wedding.

Miser: Pamela K. Hillard and Steve Miser were married in the Grace Brethren Church of Altoona, PA, on August 18, 1990. Tim Waggoner, pastor.

Deaths

Anderson, John A., 58, was promoted to the heavenly choir on September 27, 1990. He was choir director at Grace Community Church of Huber Heights, Dayton, OH, for the past four years. Howard Mayes, pastor.

Barndt, Ruth, 71, went to be with the Lord on October 12, 1990. She was a member of the Riverside Grace Brethren Church of Johnstown, PA, for over 35 years where she was involved in various ministries, such as retired church counselor, former Brownie leader, and a Sunday school teacher. Don Rough, pastor.

Dorman, Mabel A., 88, went to be with the Lord on October 22, 1990. She was a faithful member of the Vicksburg Grace

Brethren Church. Robert Griffith, pastor.

Jensen, Matilda B., 90, went to be with the Lord on September 12, 1990. She was a long-time member of the Grace Brethren Churches in Harrah and Yakima, Washington. Chuck Winter, pastor.

Richardson, K. E., 92, August 31, 1990. He had served as the pastor of the Fairlawn Grace Brethren Church in Radford, VA, for 18 years. He had also held pastorates in Grafton, WV; Johnson City, TN; and Riner, VA. He had retired in Roanoke, VA, where he served as visitation pastor at Ghent Grace Brethren Church for many years. Memorial services were conducted by Pastors Kenneth Teague, Nathan Leigh, and Daniel Wright. His membership was held by the Ghent church in Roanoke. Nathan Leigh, pastor.

Winkler, Ruth, 67, September 19, 1990. She was a member of the Grace Brethren Church of Canton, OH, and also served for a number of years at the Brethren Navajo Mission in Counselor, NM. Terrance Taylor, pastor.

On Their Own!

Three Home Missions Churches are stepping out on their own this fall. After five years, seven years, and thirteen years, they are leaving the relative safety of their district and Grace Brethren Home Missions oversight to go it alone. Sufficient growth has been achieved so that, without the financial assistance of district and national agencies, these congregations will be able to provide the resources necessary to carry on their ministry and continue to grow.

Marion, Ohio.

Pastor David Kennedy led his church in a celebration of self-support and building dedication on September 9. Ed Jackson was the guest speaker at the dedication service, and Jim

Johnson, Director of the Grace Brethren Investment Foundation, also participated. Begun in 1983, the core families were from three area Baptist churches. Daryl Emch and Dean Risser preceded Dave Kennedy as pastors. Risser was one of the speakers on self-support Sunday. Membership is now in the forties.

Pine Grove, Pennsylvania.

The Myerstown, PA, church started this work in September of 1977. Howard Gelsing was the founding pastor and served for nearly nine years. Ground breaking for the building was in May, 1982, and the project was completed in 1983. Construction funds were provided by the Grace Brethren Investment Foundation. Home Missions Executive Director Larry Chamberlain was present for the self-support celebration on October 10. The church is known as the Echo Valley Grace Brethren Church, and its mailing address is in Tremont, PA. Membership is in the eighties.

Macedonia, Ohio.

Pastor Ron Boehm met with two interested families in the fall of 1985, and five years later, the Western Reserve Grace Brethren Church will achieve self-support status on December 1. Land was purchased on their third anniversary, and construction of a worship facility is scheduled for 1991 with financing by the Grace Brethren Investment Foundation. The congregation launched another new church in 1988 when they themselves were only three years old. The Eastlake GBC (Pastor Joe Cosentino) is the daughter church of WRGBC. The mother church currently has more than fifty members.

Three other churches have indicated their intention to go self supporting on the first of January, 1991:

North Pole, Alaska.

Pastor Davis Harbour recently asked us to pray that the church in North Pole would be able to go self-supporting by July, 1991. Since then, the congregation has planned to move up its self-support status to the first of the New Year. Praise the Lord!

Pastor Harbour has been on the field only one year. The North Pole work was begun by Ed and Polly Jackson in 1983. Its current membership is 24.

Ocala, Florida.

Dr. Charles Davis' congregation will also be arriving at self-support at the beginning of the year. Pastor Davis has led the church in a building program this year and, aided by the Yokefellow men, a beautiful new facility was dedicated earlier this fall.

With a current membership of 44, the church looks back on 6 years of history, having begun as a Bible study led by Arnold Kriegbaum, former pastor and retired Dean of Students from Grace College.

Redlands, California.

In 1986 Mitch Cariaga graduated from Grace Seminary and moved back to his home area to plant a church. He began building his dream all alone. Home Missions was asked to help out for a couple of years. Now, Pastor Mitch and his people have continued to grow and to work out unique ministries in connection with a wedding chapel where they hold their services. Their attendance is currently in the nineties and they expect to leave the Home Missions support roster on January 1.

We offer our congratulations to these churches who join Makakilo, Hawaii; Anchorage, Alaska; and Royersford, Pennsylvania, who went self-supporting at the beginning of 1990. They are all grateful for the help given them by the churches of the FGBC through contributions to The Grace Brethren Home Missions Council and District Missions Boards.

Home Mission Churches Going Self-Supporting 1990-91

Jan. 1, 1990- Makakilo, HI, GBC, Pastor Jim Kennedy. Church began 1982; membership 23.

Jan. 1, 1990- Royersford, PA, Tri-County GBC, Pastor Kenn Cosgrove. Church began 1982; membership 31.

Aug. 1, 1990- Anchorage, AK, Comm. GBC, Pastor Brian Chronister. Church began 1989; membership 100.

Sept. 1, 1990- Marion, OH, GBC, Pastor Dave Kennedy. Church began 1984; membership 46.

Oct. 14, 1990- Pine Grove, PA, Echo Valley GBC, Mike Wallace. Church began 1979; membership 87.

Dec. 1, 1990- Macedonia, OH, Western Reserve GBC, Pastor Ron Boehm. Church began 1985; membership 62.

Jan. 1, 1991- North Pole, AK, GBC, Pastor Davis Harbour. Church began 1983; membership 24.

Jan. 1, 1991- Ocala, FL, GBC, Pastor Chuck Davis. Church began 1984; membership 44.

Jan. 1, 1991- Redlands, CA, Orange Grove Community Church, Pastor Mitch Cariaga. Church began 1986; attendance 81.

National Indian Heritage Month

November is National Indian Heritage Month. During this month we encouraged the pastors and churches of the Fellowship to become active participants in the Provider of the Promise campaign.

Since 1946 the Home Missions Council has been involved in a ministry of compassion to the Navajo Indian. Through our Grace Brethren Navajo Mission the promise of hope through Christ is offered by programs of evangelism and education on the Navajo reservation, housing the largest tribe of native Americans in the United States.

Like all Home Missions programs, the Navajo Mission must develop its own support base; it must be funded by gifts designated solely for this work. The "Providers of the Promise," a

support group of Brethren interested in Navajo Ministries, has been established for this purpose.

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New Pastors' Orientation

New Home Missions pastors attended a three day orientation workshop in Winona Lake October 16-18. Five current Home Missions pastors and nine men considering Home Missions work attended. The current pastors of Home Mission churches were Don Bowlin, Rio Rancho, NM; Alan Clingan, Greencastle, PA; Steve Edmonds, Murrysville, PA; Larry Edwards, State College, PA; and Howard Immel, London Ohio.

Among the guests was Pastor Wilfred Jean of the Haitian church meeting in the facilities of the Grace Brethren Church in Fort Lauderdale, FL. This church has made application to become a part of the Home Missions family.

During the three day seminar, the men received an overview of Home Missions and the Grace Brethren Investment Foundation. Members of the Home Missions staff led sessions on targeting and reaching the unchurched, prayer, discipleship, and leadership development.

Personal Reflections

I have been encouraged by many to open up a limited number of pages of the Herald magazine to the expression of opinions and beliefs regarding the baptism/membership issue in the Grace Brethren Church. No practical means of such an exchange has been available to persons following last year's national conference. A forum plan was adopted at the 1989 conference, but has not been implemented in a workable fashion to date. No exchanges which involve the names of other persons will be included. The use of the Herald magazine makes the information available to lay persons as well as to ministers. No editing will be done on any of the articles and it is understood that the material does not have the endorsement of the Herald, the Fellowship or the local church — it reflects the personal position of the individual author.

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Baptism as a Requirement for Church Membership

By James L. Boyer

Probably the most commonly used argument for the acceptance of members into Brethren churches without requiring trine immersion is a claimed distinction between "convert baptism" and "church membership baptism". Put very briefly the argument is that Biblical baptism was for new converts, that there is often no connection between that and admission to a local church today, therefore all Biblical arguments for baptism or for mode of baptism as a requirement for church membership are inapplicable.

More specifically, the "open membership" position claims that there is "no clear biblical link" between water baptism and local church membership; therefore we must use "logical inferences" to decide. Within that group there is wide difference of logical inferences, some arguing that there should be no baptism at all required, simply a confession of faith. Others, probably most of them, would at least require immersion, without insisting on trine action.

Argument Proves Too Much

Before exploring the validity of this claim, let it be pointed out that the same argument would rule out all Biblical teaching for anything done by Grace Brethren Churches, since there is no "Biblical authorization" for the banding together of local churches into a fellowship, nor for home and foreign mission boards, nor for Grace Schools, nor for any program of our Grace Brethren fellowship; and the same is true of every other church or Christian ministry in existence today. The only movement with "clear Biblical authorization" is the individual, autonomous, local congregation in each locality. Fortunately most people are not consistent in their logic.

Baptism and Church Membership

It is my intent to show that there is indeed a Biblical link between Universal Church member-

ship and local church membership, and that the link specifically involves the requirement of Christian baptism.

There are only two ways in which the word "church" is used in the NT (not including a couple of places where the word is used in a non-Christian sense, for the OT "congregation" and for the political "assembly" in a Greek city). These two "churches" are (1) the Universal Church which is the body and bride of Christ, the true Church, the so-called "invisible" Church, and (2) the local congregation of believers in a city, a country, and ethnic group, or which meets in someone's home. References to the Universal Church are few (chiefly Matt. 16:18, 1 Cor. 12, Eph. 5:25-32). References to the local church are many (too many and too commonly known to need listing).

What is the relation between these two churches? Simply put, they are counterparts. The one is the real, the true body of believers, those who genuinely have been transformed by grace into His family. The other is the actual group of "believers" who meet for worship and instruction in any place. It certainly included all the members of the True Church in that locality, but there would be also the "tares", the mere professors who claimed to be part of Christ but were not.

What were the requirements of membership in the True Church? The Bible is very explicit. In answer to the crowd who on the day of Pentecost (the "birthday" of the True Church) asked Peter, "What shall we do?" he answered, "repent and be baptized." The scriptural account continues, "those who had received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about 3000 souls" (Acts 2:37-41). In the next verses the same group is called, "those who had believed." In our terminology, the requirement for membership in the True Church is salvation by faith, demonstrated by water baptism.

What were the requirements of membership in the local church at Jerusalem? Obviously it was the same as required for the True Church, for there was no hint of a distinction nor of an exception. The claim that the Bible does not give any requirements for local church membership is simply not true. And note that not only was baptism plainly included in the requirement, but also that it was Christian baptism—by trine immersion. The claim that we can "only assume" that the baptism at Pentecost was trine immersion (because "the Bible doesn't specifically say so"!) even though we (Brethren) agree that Christ taught trine immersion in the Great Commission, is to impugn the character of Peter by implying that he knew Christ had commanded trine action but refused to obey

that command. That is not exegesis, it is twisting the scriptures for one's own purposes.

Changed Circumstances

But it is insisted that the situation is different today in two major respects: (1) that in Bible times all candidates for church membership were new converts and had never been baptized; also, (2) that there was not a plurality of churches in a given locality (each with its own mode of baptism) between which the convert must choose. There was no such thing as Baptists wanting to join a Brethren church. For better or for worse, that is correct.

Does that mean that we have a right to relax "membership baptism" to include other modes, but retain trine immersion for "convert baptism"? This seems to be the "open membership" position. Let it be noted that this is a far more drastic change on the authority of "logical inference" than anything we have spoken of yet. It is the invention of an entirely new "baptism" never hinted at in scripture, one therefore which needs no Bible support and could be made to consist of a simple "hand of fellowship". Some of the "open" advocates indeed insist that there should be no baptism at all in the reception of members into local churches, a position which is more consistent, but of course further yet from Brethren convictions concerning the Word of God.

Denominational Distinctives

Are denominational distinctions and multiplicity of church groups un-scriptural and wrong simply because they are not mentioned in Scripture? Admittedly they have often come about because of doctrinal disagreements or errors, sometimes from some leader's lust for worldly power or position or riches, too often from personality conflicts. And it is always a wrong when God's people cannot get along as brothers. But also the wrong has often been over-ruled and used by God to cleanse His church and to further His work. I believe we can see a scriptural example in Paul and Barnabas (Acts 15:36-40).

There is no Biblical teaching which authorizes such divisions and groupings, but neither is there any Biblical teaching forbidding them. Certainly there is no reason why autonomous local churches cannot cooperate with other churches with which they are in agreement. If they wish to build a denominational superstructure for mutual support, encouragement and fellowship there is nothing improper about that. In fact, it has been blessed of God again and again in the past experiences of our own Grace Brethren fellowship.

It follows that such a superstructure is dependent on those common distinctives which brought those churches together and characterizes them. If any of those churches finds itself no longer in agreement with the basic distinctives of the group,

the honorable thing is to withdraw. For such a church, or a group of such, to try to change the standards already used in building the structure is to undermine this basis of cooperation; it is treachery and betrayal.

A Warning from the Past

Dr. Alva J. McClain, in a letter dated June 25, 1959, clearly stated the historical, and some resulting legal, facts:

"The Brethren Church is a denomination, in the ordinary sense of that term, with a legal charter of incorporation under the laws of the state of Ohio in 1883. The organizers at that time declared themselves and their churches to be 'the true conservators of the doctrines of the Brethren church', with no purpose 'of secession or departure from the original church organized in Germany in 1708'. In the 1940 division, the organizers of our present national conference (NFBC) likewise declared themselves and their churches to be the continuation of the original church of 1708 . . . the second general conference of the Brethren Church (1887) declared that 'the apostolic idea of congregational church government relates alone to the incidental affairs of the congregation, and not to doctrinal practices, which must be universal.' The third general conference (1892) defined these doctrinal practices, the first being '1. That the ordinance of baptism is trine immersion only.' . . . Thus defined, water baptism has been practiced as the Biblical initiatory rite into the Brethren Church from its beginning in 1708. There is no recorded official action to the contrary until the recent action of the two Southern California congregations. (The action of the Church of the Brethren cannot be recognized because it was under a modernistic and apostate leadership). The notion that water baptism should be observed as a Biblical command, but not as the required initiatory rite into the visible church, is contrary to both Biblical and church history. On this point, among all branches of Christendom, there is probably no instance of greater unanimity in the interpretation of Scriptures."

He goes on to speak of the legal jeopardy brought on by a person "from a position within a religious organization" who would seek to violate or destroy the principles for which it was established", or "to alienate its funds and properties for other purposes

...
"No better basis for a successful law suit could possibly be found than an official departure from the Brethren practice of trine immersion as a requisite for church membership We who are Brethren should be men of honor, not needing civil courts to decide questions of ethics."

It seems obvious then, that for a Brethren church or organization or person to alter the historic requirement for membership in the Brethren church, is the most serious violation of both legal and ethical standards that it is possible to conceive; it is a criminal betrayal of trust.

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Letters to Our

Dear National WMC Ladies,

It is hard to believe it is conference time again. I feel almost like a beauty queen who is getting ready to turn her crown over to another . . . As I know it is time for the new "Missionaries of the Year 1990-91" to be announced!

I want you all to know that you have been such an encouragement to me this year. Many have celebrated with birthday cakes when I have spoken at your meetings. Your generous offering is greatly appreciated. Your many kind cards and gifts were blessings. Yet the greatest blessing has been the exceptionally wonderful year we have had because of your *daily prayers* for me and my family. It has been a comfort to know you were praying as our children adjusted to travel and nurseries from California to Indiana to Washington state to Tennessee and back again! God answered your prayers for traveling mercies as we were on the road probably at least 75 percent of this year!! God gave us rich fellowship with many churches across the U.S.A., special family times, and times to share the gospel as well as our ministry in the Philippines.

We will be on our way back to the Philippines as you meet at National Conference. I will be praying for your concerns that W.M.C. somehow become a vital part of the younger women's interest and not slowly die out. You ladies have done so many wonderful things for all of our fields (including a beautiful copy machine in Manila!) as well as each individual missionary . . . we would be at a *great* loss without you.

Selfishly, I would like to always remain a "Missionary of the Year" because of the prayer focus you give us! I know that is impossible and others need your encouragement too! However, if any of you would like to make a commitment to pray daily for us, we would love to have you write us to let us know. We will seek to keep you extra informed on our specific prayer needs and answers too! You may write us at:

Ted and Viv Ruiz
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Thank you again!
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Vivien Ruiz

WMC Ladies

Dear WMC Ladies,

Having just returned from National Conference, my mind and heart are still full of the wonderful time we all had there together. One of the things that thrilled me most was being chosen as one of the Missionaries of the Year by the WMC. It is hard to express my appreciation for this honor.

For over two weeks before conference I was away from home helping in the summer camps here in Mexico. When I returned from them I went right back to Virginia. My son, Carlos, told me that he was quite depressed at my being away from home for such a long time. But when I got back and told him that I was one of the missionaries of the year, he was very impressed and happy about it. He even shared the news in his Sunday School class when the teacher asked them for any blessings received during the week.

I realize that we missionaries are always supported in prayer all the time. But for this year I will be aware of extra prayer going up on our behalf. That is a very humbling thought, and encouraging to me. If there is any way I can cooperate with the WMC program during the year, please let me know.

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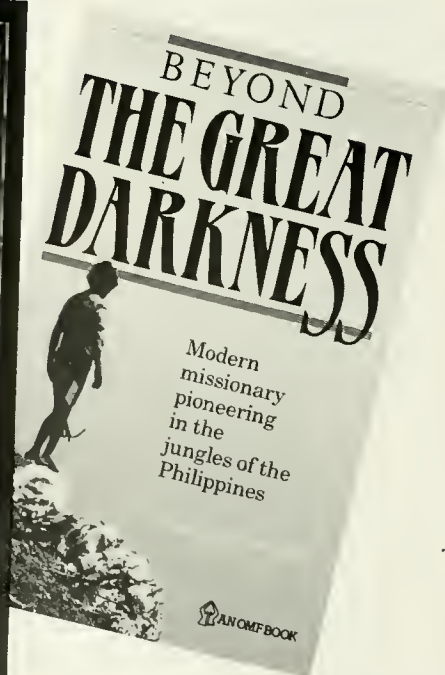
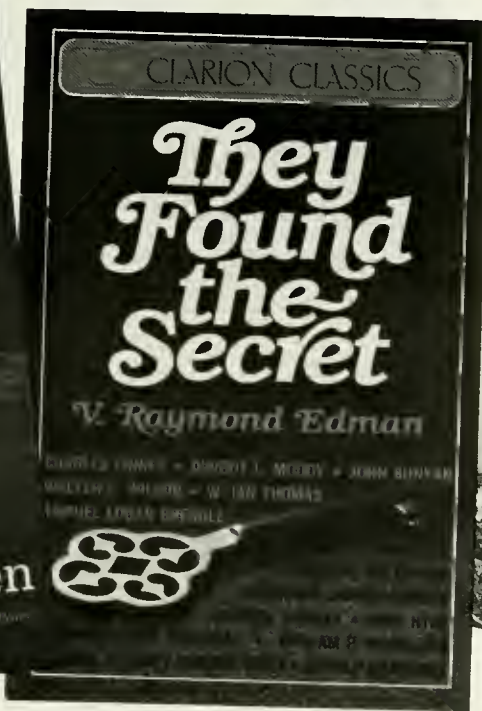
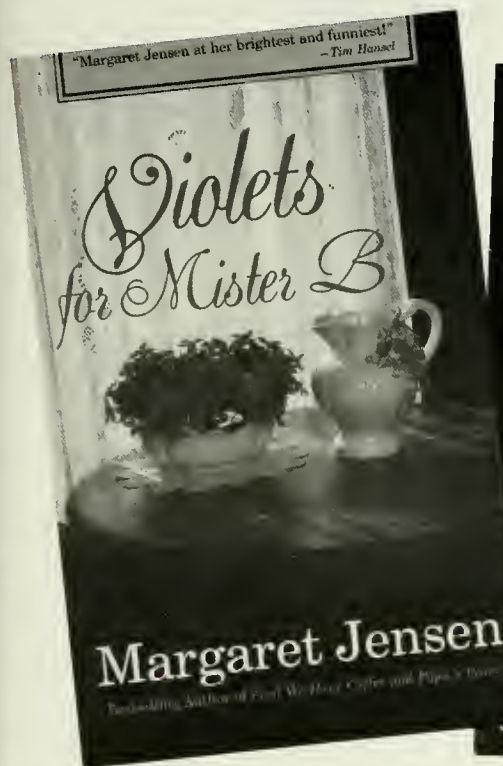
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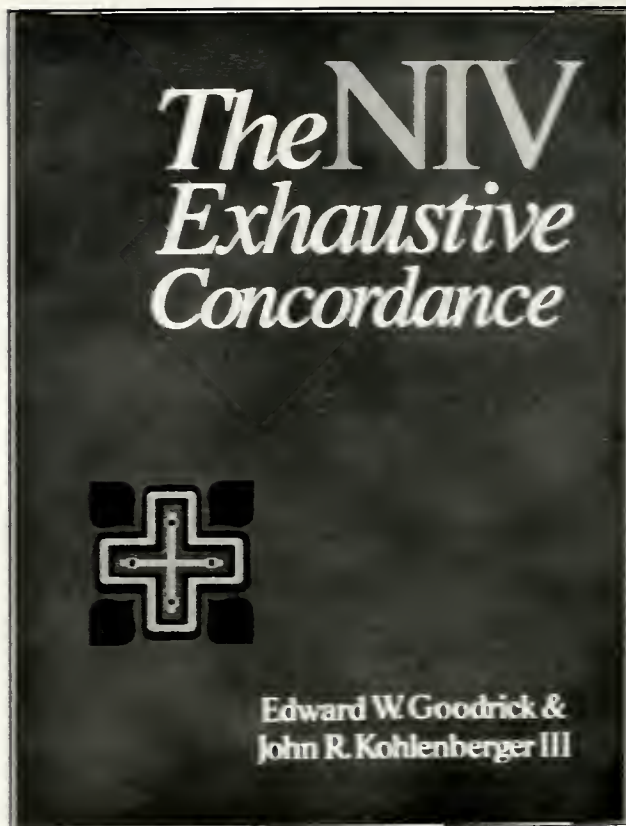
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BONDING TOGETHER FOR MINISTRY

1990 Moderator's Address

by Roger D. Peugh

gather with joy and anticipation here in this great historic city of Richmond, Virginia for our annual conference and especially to the host Grace Brethren Churches of Richmond for the warm welcome we have received. Special thanks to Pastors Wayne Mah and Dave Kowalke and Coordinator Bryant for the countless hours of preparation you have invested in us. And, being tired myself and knowing what I do about men's work, we want to say a special thanks to your wives for their tireless support at the sides, to your secretary Morag Spence, to Childcare Coordinator Donna Mesiano for their loving support and hard work. You have been chosen by you to be your moderator is a great honor. I have been blessed by literally hundreds of you who have loved me throughout the year that you have been praying for me and intensely interested in the spiritual purity, vitality and global effectiveness of our precious Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches.

Analysis of Our Situation

My job to analyze our situation and I do it by first looking at the very significant historical context into which God has placed us. The Communist grip has been broken in much of Eastern Europe! The Berlin Wall story! On May 6 I walked through the rubble of real estate which had been severed by the Wall. I had the privilege, directed by East German border Guards, of picking up this rubble of the Berlin Wall. I also got several other things - 56 pounds to be exact! I never thought I would see the day. I stood there as a teenager in 61-62, thinking many times: "This will never open up again." And now Germany is trying to reunify. The barbaric regime of Ceausescu in Romania has fallen and repented thousands have turned to Christ since then. Teams have been preaching in the streets of Russia this past year, sharing the Gospel openly with PA systems. These are truly amazing historic developments!! The globe has also been rocked by devastating earthquakes and natural catastrophes. Our Lord in heaven has again made His great love manifest by freeing untold millions from a prison that had been in for half a century. They now have freedom we have long since taken for granted! Multitudes have also suffered excruciating pain this past year as our God has worked at work.

1. Some of the positive things in our FGBC.

But not only in the lives of interesting people in exotic and faraway places has our loving Father been working. He has also been doing a highly significant work in our midst as a Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches. Precious people have been won to Christ, ruined lives have been reclaimed from the junk heap of sin and fractured families have been reunited by our Lord. Over 800 have found Christ because of The Year of Youth Outreach started last year at National Youth Conference. Seven new churches were established by Home Missions last year and there are 10 new Home Missions pastors. In this calendar year 6 churches plan to go self-supporting. The new church in Anchorage, Alaska was self-supporting within just 10 months after starting and the combined Easter Sunday attendances of mother and daughter churches was 500 higher than Easter a year ago! Good numbers growth has forced double services in some churches and many of our facilities are being maximized for the Great Commission. Hundreds of Sunday school teachers have faithfully taught their classes and seen many come to Christ, grow in Him and become active in service. Youth and children's workers have labored faithfully week by week, and a host of unrecorded life-changing decisions have been made in quiet corners across the nation. VBS ministries touched thousands this summer! My own son returned from a district junior camp with the remark: "It was awesome!" speaking specifically of the influence of the Bible messages upon his life. Over 100 from across the country have rolled up their shirtsleeves together to build at the Navajo Mission. Your sacrificial giving has sent out TIME and BARNABAS teams who have touched the lives of thousands of others. Grace Seminary has seen a 55 percent jump in new M.Div. applications over a year ago at this time. Dr. Davis reports we see the highest interest expressed in the Seminary in 10 years. Some district conferences were reported to have been outstanding because of God's evident working in all who attended. 250,000 Grow tracts and over 10 tons of books from our BMH publishing evangelized and edified countless thousands of readers here as well as beyond our shores this past year. We are a team of churches in this country which has experienced great blessing - and where we

have labored together harmoniously that blessing has been greatly multiplied by our God.

God also is working cross culturally! Missionaries on all of our fields have had the thrill of seeing people choose to follow Jesus Christ, become baptized and move forward in spiritual growth. The Bafio Grace Brethren Church in Bangui, Central African Republic had an evangelistic crusade in January and followed this with the baptism of 900 new converts! There are 34 Grace Brethren Churches in the city of Bangui alone! Several hundred Pygmies were baptized in the C.A.R. Believers in Lyon France, Aalen, West Germany, Manila, Philippines have constituted themselves legally as churches and God has wonderfully renewed a church in Argentina that had been struggling. About 2000 have come to Christ, been baptized and a church with 15 full-time workers has been established in Site B Cambodian refugee camp on the Thai border of Cambodia through the ministry of Cambodian Pastor Vek Huong Taing, a Grace Brethren elder who is a full-time Campus Crusade worker and a member of our GBC Long Beach. Our GBC Long Beach and some other churches of the Southern California district have been vitally involved in supporting this outreach endeavor to Cambodians living in Thailand. Senior Citizens have gone overseas to labor and have been greatly blessed and been a blessing to many. Financial giving to Grace Brethren Foreign Missions is excitingly stronger than ever before with thousands in our FGBC sacrificially involved. Faithful growth in your prayer support continues to thrill us all. Many of you have visited mission fields this past year, returning home with a much deeper understanding of the work and a commitment to pray and give as never before.

God has continued to be God this past year and to show us that He loves us! Though we have not deserved His kindness, and never will, He has taught us, changed us, helped us and used us to bless others - in spite of some serious difficulties. In researching this list of God's blessings I concluded: It's been a great year in our fellowship of churches.

And by the way, we must always begin looking at things from this perspective, for our perspective determines what we see. It's like when you line up your closest friends to take a picture. You forget and put the sun behind them, and when you take the picture you end up with blackened silhouettes. Your camera was looking from the wrong perspective and the image of your friends was black! However, when you change your perspective and put light on the subject, you get a great picture.

Today, with God's good light on the subject

we see that Christ is still on the throne is still all-powerful, still all-knowing, sovereign and still doing a superb job of running the universe. He has also richly blessed Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches. We His and He will ultimately bring us to perfection He has planned for us. Please do not misunderstand! I am not blaming the Lord for the things we did wrong or left undone - simply reminding us that He has graciously and sovereignly blessed us this past year also has excellent solutions ready for our problems - solutions which He is anxious to show us. He has good plans to bless us in order to make us a blessing to many others.

2. Four major problems of this past year in the FGBC:

However, the job of the Moderator is not to look at things through rose tinted glasses. Problems and tensions force me to tell you that all has not been well. It is my responsibility to assess our spiritual state, as fairly and accurately as possible, and to give practical recommendations for improvement.

On the one hand, because of God's merciful grace, we are doing much better than we deserve. On the other hand, quite frankly has been a hard year for many of us in our family of churches. There has been much grief and confusion and the rumormongering has been working overtime. Let me briefly discuss and clarify four major things:

1) The debate we experienced over rebaptism/church membership issue prior to and at last year's conference continued throughout the year. The rumblings of conflict and division have been heard and we have been deeply disturbed by them.

2) Serious allegations of supposed doctrinal deviation on the part of some professors at Grace Theological Seminary have been made. As Moderator, I investigated the charges and personally questioned those professors who had been charged regarding their supposed doctrinal deviations.

I report to you that the allegation that Grace Theological Seminary is on a subtle drift away from the inspiration and authority of the Bible is absolutely untrue. To a man the faculty administration are joyfully committed with reservation to the inspiration and authority of the whole Bible. The whole faculty is committed to biblical creation, believing in the teaching that God created everything out of nothing as literally reported in the Genesis account. The charges of drift from the historic position on what the Bible teaches about God's coming kingdom and other events proved to be without substance.

Though Grace Theological Seminary is not perfect, all faculty members demor

questioned integrity in their commitment to the Lord, to the inerrancy and authority of the original text of Scripture, to the use of sound principles of biblical interpretation and the theological heritage of Grace as expressed in the Statement of Faith. In fact the timid stance of today's Grace professors on literal and recent creation week, while rejecting any accommodation to the theory of evolution, is much more narrow than the position taught there 50 years ago. I fervently agree with the charges that Grace Seminary is defecting from its historic commitments to God's inspired and perfectly faithfully interpreted with sound hermeneutics.

The membership debate at Grace Seminary

Grace Brethren Foreign Missions, and the European Team in particular, have been the object of serious allegations. The governing Board of Trustees of the mission made a thorough investigation of the charges and unanimously reported that though there were a few very unfortunate communications slips, no insubordination or sin was involved. Our foreign mission administration missionary staff are not drifting away from our theological heritage.

A number of pastors began expressing their intention to stay away from Richmond because of the official involvement of the Fellowship in the Richmond Project. They saw their consciences violated by being involved in actively assisting in the establishment of a church with an "open" membership policy. On November 12, and with great reluctance, the Fellowship Council voted to cancel official involvement of this conference in the Richmond Project because the Council did not want to see Conference be the mechanism of division in our Fellowship.

Pastors Wayne Hannah and Dave Kowalke, Coordinator Bob Bryant and our two European Brethren Churches here in Richmond, as well as Project Coordinator Lee Dice - as aerator I express to you our deep sorrow over the pain and confusion this decision has caused all of you.

Biblical Solutions for our Problems:

1984 was a good year, but it was also a tough year for many. Brethren, we urgently need your help! We have a host of wonderful things going for us, but year after year our unresolved problems are blocking the blessing of God, using our resources and seriously hindering corporate witness. The Lord has laid on my heart three biblical absolutes as the direction of the solution for our problems.

These three things are the eternal basics laid out to us by the Holy Spirit in 1 Cor. 13:13:

"And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love." These words were written to the Corinthian church plagued with serious carnal disunity over spiritual gifts! The context in Corinth, in many ways, is similar to ours and the solution they were given is so fitting for us in our present situation.

1. Faith

First, it is the hour to trust our infinite God together! It is not the time to spread doubt and pessimism. God is still alive! He is sovereign and His excellence in managing our universe is unexcelled, including His oversight of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches. Trust every promise of His perfect Word and rest in His care, His protection and His provision. Missionary candidate needing support, you can trust HIM! Pastor, needing help and guidance for a painful time in your ministry, you can trust HIM! In a recent meeting, a number of those present said this has been the most difficult year of their lives. Perhaps you are here with that same testimony. Congregations having a difficult time relating to your church leadership - you can trust God to give wise help. Youth worker, God has all the resources you need for the challenge of working with broken young people in this permissive age! District leadership facing wide open ministry challenges, you can trust our God for guidance and provision! Grace Schools, Foreign and Home Missions, CE National, BEM, BMH, Men's, Ladies' and Youth ministries, WE CAN TRUST HIM TOGETHER TO BE GOD. HE WILL LEAD AND PROVIDE!! THERE IS NO NEED TO BE DISCOURAGED AND PESSIMISTIC. Some years ago it was our privilege as a family, along with my parents, to visit the orphanage in Bristol, England which had been established by George Mueller. We found a quote there which my Dad put on the refrigerator at home. It reads: "I steadily refuse to gratify the devil by becoming discouraged - Isa. 41:10." Let me name four things which biblical faith does:

1) **Biblical faith in God leads to dependence.** Christ said: "Without me, you can do nothing" and faith says: "I will trust God to do His work!" Faith leads to humble dependence on God, and the dependent Christian prays and asks God for the help and resources he needs. Prayer, among other things, is telling God I love Him and I really trust Him. At the end of this message "Destiny" will sing after which we will go to prayer in small groups of two and three. We will be praying together much at this Conference and living out the conviction that without Him we can do absolutely nothing to

please Him. We cannot find our way in the dark without His help.

2) **Faith in God leads to obedience.** Faith in His Word will drive us to trust Him and then to obey every single directive His Word has given. A hallmark of our fellowship of churches is its unbending faith in the absolute truth of all of God's Word coupled with the desire to obey it all. I see no evidence of a shift away from this commitment among us (though our practice is somewhat different!). We are obviously not agreed on some important issues - but in our disagreement we have not said that a certain portion of the infinitely precious Word of God is of no value. Forbid the thought! Rather we say, humbly, we don't completely understand it and study harder, learning from one another in the process.

3) **Faith in God rests the past with Him.** The decisions of previous Conferences were much prayed over and, by faith, we must accept the fact that the Lord sovereignly directed the outcomes of 1964 and 1989. We prayed for His will to be done, we agonized together over the matter, and now we can and we must rest confidently in the fact that He did indeed direct us.

4) **Faith in God confidently anticipates His help in problems.** The great God who opened the Berlin Wall 9 months ago is the same almighty and all-wise God who can break down the walls which have been erected between us. According to James 1, let us ask Him for the wisdom we need to find the solutions we do not have. He tells us that if we ask IN FAITH, unmixed with doubt, He will joyfully give us His wisdom.

2. Hope

Our second absolute and lasting value is Hope. What is hope? We hope our picnic doesn't get rained out. We hope the farmer has a good harvest at the end of the summer. We hope the new shirt fits. But this vague uncertain hope which is dependent on sunshine, good fertilizer or an accurate guess of someone's shirt size is not the hope the Bible means here. The hope of the Christian is sure and certain - Christ is coming again. Amen? Recent world events hint that His coming may be very soon! Christ **will finish** what he started! Christ **will solve** our problems, one way or the other. He will either use us significantly as a fellowship of churches in the 90's, or He will take us out of the way so that He can use others! Christian hope gives a steady light at the end of the tunnel.

I know something about a dark tunnel. Just 10 years ago right now, following the painful division of the Stuttgart church, I suffered a period of despair for about 4 months. My prolonged focus on the circumstances of the problem only pushed me deeper into despair

- and then I began learning to look for help apart from the immediate circumstances - help found only in God himself.

To focus on the problems and the failures people only increased my pessimism. To focus on Christ Himself brought light and hope. I began to learn the practical importance of obeying Philippians 4:8 to meditate constantly on things which are true, lovely, noble, pure, of good report, virtuous and praiseworthy. One day late in the fall of 1980 a verse of Scripture met the problem and God's truth turned on the lights in my heart again. That verse was: "The Lord has given, the Lord has taken, blessed be the Name of the Lord." Our God is sovereign. God directed all of those precious people away from the Stuttgart church to let me begin learning something about His Hand in my affairs. He restored my hope - and I know that His promise to never leave me nor forsake me had been true all along, I just had grasped it.

I believe that our Fellowship of churches will be suffering with depression. Many people who have spoken with me seem to have lost hope. Brethren, may I reverently and confidently say: Our God has not gone to sleep! He has been watching and working among us from the beginnings including this past year. He has heard our groanings and our prayers. And these things have happened to us for some purpose. There is no reason to lose hope, there is no reason to manipulate people or situations to accomplish what I might perceive to be God's will for them. He, who began His work in us, *will complete* it until the day Jesus Christ (Phil. 1:6). This is not a call to passive inactivity but rather a call to see God as ultimately responsible for His church. He bought her, He owns her and He is perfecting her. This is the crucial perspective which brings God's light on the subject.

If I am filled with evil suspicions I will not interpret everything my Christian brother does with the eyes of the cynic, imagining that he has sinister motives in all that he does. I am sinning! This perspective chooses to see only the blackened silhouette of a brother. I imagine that a fellow Christian is only dealing with devious and wicked motives. This discredits the certain work of God's Spirit in him.

The Apostle Paul did not view other believers in this way. In Romans 15:14 he said: "I reason am confident concerning you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another." Where did their fullness of goodness come from? From the Lord. Where did their knowledge and their counselling ability come from? From the Lord! Paul chose first and foremost to focus on what God was doing

the life of his fellow-believers. When he met a new believer, I believe he did not start that relationship from the perspective of cynical mistrust, but rather with the confidence that God was at work in his brothers. And he not only saw that and thought it, **HE TOLD THEM HE SAW IT!!**

A study of 1 Cor. 1:4-9; 2 Cor. 7:4 & 13-16 shows he had this confident hope of God's working in the Corinthians. In 2 Thess. 1:3-5 we also read: "We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other, so that we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure, which is manifest evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also suffer." Paul told the Thessalonians of his joy over God's working in them, and he boasted about God's working in them behind their backs.

This is a vital part of the practical solution to our despair as a fellowship of churches. Let us learn from the example of the Apostle Paul and make the choice to first look for God's confident working in our brother or sister. Secondly, let us tell them we see it. Thirdly, let us talk about God's working in them behind their backs. (By the way, husband, when is the first time you told your beloved wife you saw God evidently working in her life and boasted about His work in her to others? Wife, when have you told your husband you saw Christ working in him and let others know how thankful you are for it? Parents, tell your believing children you see Christ in them!! What God wants in us as a fellowship of churches, He also wants for our homes!)

This perspective reminds me of a very practical illustration my father once used in the home church of Harrah, Washington. One day he brought a huge piece of white paper to class with a black dot up in one corner. In the course of the Sunday School lesson, he picked up that paper and said: "What do you see?" One of us very wise young men in the crowd raised his hand and said: "I see a black dot." My father asked: "Doesn't anyone see the white paper?" We sat in sheepish silence.

The biblical perspective of confident hope looks for the white paper - looks for God's hand at work in the life of my Christian brother and sister. Catch them doing something good and tell them you see it. Let's pray for the boldness to come to this conference to tell our brother or sister how happy we are about God's evident working in them! Instead of gossip sessions in hallways, let's be found encouraging each other and boasting about God's work in each

other behind our backs! Let's huddle for times of prayer and rejoicing in the halls.

Now, don't get me wrong. The black dots are still there, and they still have to be dealt with. But Christ commanded that this confrontation be done face to face, not behind backs (Matt. 18:15-18). The purpose of that confrontation is the restoration of my brother!! **SEEN FROM THIS PERSPECTIVE OF CONFIDENT HOPE, THE BLACK DOTS ARE NOT THE CENTER!** Christ and His work in the other person are the center of my perspective - and that gives us light and hope when confrontation is needed. And sharing with other believers that we see God working in them does tremendous things to bind us together in Christ, encouraging us to ministry. Just tell me how you would feel if the Apostle Paul would walk up to you today and say: "I'm confident that God's at work in you!" Just tell me how you would feel about Paul?

3. Love

The third thing we have in our text is that great biblical word: **Love!** "FAITH, HOPE, and LOVE. Let's rescue this wonderful biblical word back from the enemy who has twisted and perverted it. I am not ashamed to say the biblical word love. I'm not ashamed to tell people I love them and I don't believe any of us should be. Christians committed to the Bible don't mean some kind of warm feeling or sweet sentimentality or ecumenical compromise when they use this word. Christ said that to love God and to love our neighbors is **THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT OF THE LAW**, the kingpin of the Old Testament. God's Spirit through Paul said that love is the fulfillment of the law (Romans 13:8-10).

The Bible teaches that six good things are worthless without biblical love. Here in 1 Cor. 13:1-3 are five of them: first, eloquence without love is just irritating noise; second, great insight and wisdom are empty bubbles without love; third, visionary faith which can remove mountains is valueless without love; fourth, generosity which motivates one to give it all away is an empty shell without love; fifth, martyrdom - the sacrifice of one's own life for a cause - is a waste without love. Revelation 2 adds a sixth, namely that theological orthodoxy and correct practices without biblical first-love fall under God's judgment. Brethren, if it is that important, then we must passionately rediscover what it means to live out this directive of our Lord.

A. First we need to love God - seek him fervently, daily and live only for Him. At last year's conference we were called to commitment. Love for God commits to put Him above everyone and everything - It motivates a joyful servant spirit which seeks to obey every single

directive He gave us to follow. It motivates us to Christlike purity in every thought, in every word and in every deed. Brethren, our thoughts cannot be dominated by God's Word and the wicked mindset of TV crime and violence. Many foreign believers visiting in our country have been appalled at the great American love affair with TV entertainment and material pleasures. Our visitors are most shocked to see many true believers swept along with the tide. Many who find 15 minutes a day in God's Word and in prayer an impossibility, think nothing of 15 hours of TV a week. Runaway personal indebtedness due to greedy pursuit of this world's trinkets is causing a landslide of bankruptcies nationwide. As followers of Christ, we are to march in step with God's word, rather than keep pace with a world running fast and far from God. Let's invest our minds, our time, our resources and our lives for ONE thing: Loving God and bringing Him glory.

B. We also need to biblically love our brothers and sisters. Christlike "brothering and sistering" means that we will pray for and seek the highest good of fellow believers. We will give a call to encourage. We will send a note. We will bind up the wounds and cheer the faint-hearted. But, since biblical love is perfectly balanced and rejoices in the truth, we will also admonish the wayward; we will kindly but directly confront those in sin; we will gently but firmly correct and discipline the rebellious. Whom the Lord loves, He chastens, and if we are Christlike, we must be ready not only to give a hug, but to gently speak words which are hard to hear - face to face to the offender. Biblical love will lead us to stop evil suspicions, to stop sinful judging and gossip and will drive us to go to others in order to help them and to build them up.

This mandate to be men and women of biblical faith, biblical hope and biblical love must become practical in our fellowship of churches. We have dissipated countless hours and untold energy on conflict. However, none of us has any more time and spiritual energy to expend on anything but the Great Commission. The vote of last year's conference made the clear statement that most of us in our Fellowship do not desire to divide over the issue of rebaptism and church membership. A great many of you have told me in the course of this year: "Roger, we are tired and weary of the conflict with its evil suspicions, its closed secretive meetings, the continued striving!"

A very small group in our midst has theological convictions of conscience which apparently hinder them from continuing to joyfully cooperate in harmonious ministry with those in our Fellowship whose interpretations

are not identical to theirs. I have been assured that they intend to continue to fight for conviction on these issues.

I repeat the obvious: *The majority of our churches and our leaders desire to remain together in cooperative ministry under the conditions of the 1964 Conference decision.* Most of those with a "closed" practice are willing to accept and minister with those whose position and practice is "open" something we have been doing together now with no basic change, for 26 years. There is no sinister plan to push our whole fellowship into an open position and practice.

This is the hour for faith in our great God. We have confident hope in God's working and God's love for our brothers which leads us to resolve the conflict. I believe the Bible teaches us we can and ought to resolve this and that all of us can continue in cooperative ministry together. There is no biblical mandate to separate over the kind of issue which is involved. Let us biblically reconcile our differences and begin to march ahead again, believing that God will guide us.

However, Brethren, with great heaviness of heart I state publicly to us all what I have told some, face-to-face, who told me it is their desire to keep striving over these issues: It is evident that biblical reconciliation, clear spiritual unity and harmonious cooperative ministry are not possible because of differences on the rebaptism and church membership issue, then the sooner there is a graceful separation between us, the better it will be for all concerned. By "gracious separation" I mean that we will make an organizational break with each other but we will keep talking to each other and treating each other with love and mutual respect characteristic of mature men and women of God.

First, God is concerned. He is not glorified in the Church when we carnally strive against each other. He has equipped us with His Word in order that we might be spiritually united, as there is unity in the triune Godhead (17:21-23). The Glory of God in our midst must be the very highest priority in all of our hearts. Anything that falls short of His glory must and must be dealt with. Today I call to those of us who have sinned and who have not repented with it to repent and to seek God's forgiveness. Then go to your brother and cleanse your relationship with him. This is no time for waiting until the other person comes to us. We must humble ourselves before God and our Brethren and take the initiative to resolve existing conflicts we are aware of. We have a passion that God's glory be restored to our midst where it has been tarnished by sin. The honor of His Name is attached to our ministry and the credibility of our witness is at

Second, each side is concerned. Neither side is edified and built up, rather both are being injured and torn down by the strife. Neither group can focus fully on obedience to the Great Commission while they are wasting precious time and spiritual resources on conflict.

Third, those caught in the middle are hurt and concerned. Missionaries overseas are demoralized by the fight much like the devastated children of divorced parents. You don't know how we've wept overseas over the problems in the States. National churches are watching with anxiety and intense interest. An African pastor in Bangui recently asked a GBC pastor visiting there: "How are mother and father doing?" (meaning how are we doing in the FGBC who have parented the huge fellowship of churches in Africa). He said: "I've heard that mother and father are fighting and might get a divorce. Please tell them that if they do, it will tell us here that the way to solve our differences is to simply get a divorce." Some Brethren seminary students are watching how we resolve this conflict. We have already lost some tremendous future leaders from other denominations and para-church ministries because they lost heart for ministry among us as they observed the conflict in our midst. Others are right now in the throes of decision about where they will invest their resources in future ministry.

Fourth, the watching world is vitally concerned about our solving the conflicts we have.

The watching world is also waiting for our love through us. We are commanded to love God, then fellow-believers and thirdly to love Christlike love for the lost He died to save them. Do we really love the lost of this world with God's selfless, compassionate love? We stand before unprecedented opportunities to share the Gospel and plant churches nationwide and worldwide.

It is a world of more open doors now than ever before. I travelled 16 days in May with several others through E. Germany, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Romania. The purpose of our visit was ministry as well as to investigate what God is doing over there. We wanted to learn if we as a Fellowship and how we have work to do in evangelism, leadership and church planting behind what used to be called the Iron Curtain. Everywhere we went we found the doors wide open and believers anxious for us to send in teams of workers to reach the lost in their countries and establish new churches. A TIME team is expected for Romania for next summer. Our France church sent a ministry team to

Romania in June and the German churches are bonding together to send a ministry team to former East Berlin in October. We can now freely get the Gospel into Eastern Europe's bewildered and spiritually hungry millions. Further millions in western Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America languish, waiting for us to cease our conflict and to bring them the Gospel. People everywhere need the Lord!! Do we really care? We must bond together for ministry - to love the lost beyond our borders to Him!

It's a great thing to send missionaries to faraway places to share Christ in exotic surroundings. But it is just as glorious and urgently needed that we share Christ with people this week here in Richmond, and next week in your home town. Millions across this land need the Lord we know so well. Without fervent evangelism and church planting here in North America, there are some serious limits imposed on our involvement in global outreach. Are we ready and willing to reach out and love the lost right around us?

I make the following practical recommendations. Be sure to view these recommendations in the light of the commendations given at the outset of the message.

I appeal to each individual to:

- 1) Commit to the abiding Biblical values of faith in our great God, hope because of His certain work in our world and our Christian brother, and biblical Christlike love which is both gentle and firm, kind and confrontive.
- 2) To commit anew to personal holiness and to a passion to become Christlike in every area of your personal conduct.
- 3) To commit to personally share the Gospel regularly with unsaved people everywhere you can. Personal evangelism must become a regular prayer burden and passion of our daily lives. Sing the prayer chorus every day: "Lord, lay some soul upon my heart and love that soul through me, and may I humbly do my part to win that soul to thee."
- 4) To commit to avoid evil suspicioning. Let's not put the most negative interpretation on everything we hear. Give fellow believers the benefit of the doubt, just like you would appreciate having the same from them. Check out rumors carefully and personally before being forced by the facts to conclude that a brother is driven by evil motives.
- 5) To commit to looking for God's good work in your Brother and Sister, and then tell them you see it; boast as Paul did about God's work in others behind their backs.
- 6) To commit to biblically confronting those who are sinning face to face with gentleness and firmness, according to the biblical directives in Matt. 5:18, Gal. 6:1 and 2 Tim. 2:24-26.

I call local churches to a threefold commitment:

1) To renew your corporate commitment to prayer. Seek God together at every opportunity - worshipping, asking, interceding! Pray for the Lord to raise up laborers for His harvest at every level - local, regional, national and international. Please repeat the Day with God in mid-May at the very least.

2) To renew your corporate commitment to a passion for evangelism and discipleship in your local environs. Church leaders, you must blaze the trail with our example and support.

3) To prayerfully renew your commitment to direct involvement in planting another church in this decade.

I call for fellowship-wide commitment:

1) To continue seeking broad involvement in the excellent goals of our FGBC strategy regarding prayer, evangelism, leader training, church planting, communication and vision.

2) To mobilize good participation in the Forums established to study God's word together regarding baptism, as it relates to church membership.

3) To have the District Moderators and Ministerium Chairmen continue to meet yearly with the national Boards for prayer, sharing and interaction, as was done on May 26. I strongly urge that this meeting be repeated. This will facilitate a much greater team unity in our fellowship of churches.

The Fellowship Council has asked me to bring this request to you:

4) To greatly improve our communication and effective working together by taking steps over the next several years to employ a full-time Fellowship Coordinator. This week the Fellowship Council will be presenting a unanimously approved proposal to begin research into this matter and I ask you too to give your hearty approval. The enthusiastic ministry of our part-time Coordinator, Charles Ashman, has been appreciated by us all - and his valuable work has validated the need for a full-time position.

Our Fellowship-wide outreach plan for the coming decade calls for the mobilization of every person in our churches. We must pursue ourselves, we must worship, we must pray, we must train for evangelism, and we must evangelize with joy and passion and plant the churches we can. We possess incredible riches in the Gospel which we can no longer waste on conflict but must focus on the work at hand. Let us pray fervently together! Let us study God's Word fervently together! Let us resolve the conflict with God's help! Let us obediently go forth together to reach a new world for HIM! Let us bond together in Christ our Lord for credible and effective ministry around the world!

Let us pray together. Our heavenly Father, we pray together that you might work in our hearts in these minutes - that your Word might do its work and we may repent where we are that - and be corrected where that is needed. Give us an excellent time of prayer in the minutes that follow. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Business Sessions

FIRST SESSION,

Tuesday morning, July 31, 1990

Roger Peugh led in prayer and called the first session of the 51st Annual conference of The Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches to order, meeting at Richmond, Va., July 29- August 2, 1990.

A motion prevailed that the official list of member churches of the FG.B.C. consist of those churches listed on pages 72-90 of the 1990 Grace Brethren Annual with the exception of the churches which have disbanded or voluntarily withdrawn from the fellowship.

In various reports to the conference the membership committee reported a total of 286 ministerial delegates and 364 lay delegates for first day total of 650 delegates.

A motion prevailed to accept the following churches into the FG.B.C.

- Grace Bible Fellowship Grace Brethren Church - Maple Valley, WA.
- Eglise Evangelique Des Freres De La Grace - Ft. Lauderdale, FL.
- Cornerstone Grace Brethren Church - Lexington, OH.
- Northeast Grace Brethren Church - Fishers, IN.
- Conococheague Grace Brethren Church - Greencastle, PA.
- Grace Community Church - Anchorage, AK.
- Ambassadors Grace Brethren Church - Orangevale, CA.

A motion prevailed to adopt the proposed agenda as printed with the following change to item 5 of Wed. to Tues. between items 14 and 15.

PROPOSED AGENDA

Tuesday, July 31, 1990, 9:30 a.m.

Business Session

Call to order, Moderator Roger Peugh
Presentation of member churches in the FG.B.C., Kenneth Koontz, Conf. Secretary
Initial report of the Membership Committee, Charles Thornton, Chairman
Seating of delegates from member churches

Presentation of new churches to be received into the FG.B.C., Fellowship Membership

Additional report of the Membership Committee, Charles Thornton, Chairman

Seating of delegates from the newly received churches

Presentation of the proposed agenda, Charles Ashman, Coordinator

Consideration of applications for approval

of any newly formed districts

10. Report of the Nominating Committee, John Burka, Chairman
11. Election of Moderator-Elect and Fellowship Council members
12. Report of the appointment of conference officers by the Fellowship Council; Ratification of the appointments by the conference.
13. Report of the appointment of Conference committees by the Fellowship Council
14. Report of the Committee on the Moderator's Address, John Davis, Chairman
15. Adjournment

Wednesday, August 1, 1990, 9:30 a.m.

Second Business Session

1. Call to order, Moderator Roger Peugh
2. Approval of the minutes of first business session, Kenneth Koontz, Conf. Sec.
3. Additional report of the Membership Committee, C. Thornton, Chairman
4. Report of the elections of Moderator-Elect and Fellowship Council members
5. Report of the FG.B.C. Strategy Committee, Jerry Young, Chairman
6. Report of the Brethren Evangelistic Ministries Board and election of members to the board, Ben Thompson, Exec. Director
7. Report of the Social Concerns Committee, Donald Stetemaker, Chairman
8. Report of the Resolutions Committee, Ben Guiles, Chairman
9. Report of the Retirement Planning Committee, Larry Chamberlain, Chairman
10. Report on Chaplain's Ministries, Lee Jenkins, Endorsing Agent
11. Unfinished Business
12. New business
13. Adjournment

Thursday, August 2, 1990, 9:30 a.m.

Third Business Session

1. Call to order, Moderator Roger Peugh
2. Approval of the minutes of second business session, Kenneth Koontz, Conf. Sec.
3. Additional report of the Membership Committee, C. Thornton, Chairman
4. Election of the Nominating Committee
5. Report of the Conference Treasurer, Steve Popendose
6. Report of the Conference Statistician, Sherwood Durkee
7. Report of the Auditing Committee, Don Esbelman, Chairman
8. Report of the committee on Pastorless Churches and Available Men, Howard

STRATEGY COMMITTEE

Jerry Young presented the following report to the Strategy Committee.

Introduction

A Masterplan for the Fellowship of Great Brethren Churches was approved by delegates at Annual Conference last year. Adoption of the report included the recognition that everything is "written in pencil, not ink." Goal refinement and implementation is a continuing work assigned to the Strategy Committee. The goals of the Fellowship Masterplan can be achieved at each church, district and organization level. The goals and determines on which goals to focus their energy and resources.

Progress Report

1. The Strategy Committee gathered the Advisory Group during the 1989 Conference for purposes of goal refinement and implementation. Using a workshop format, members of the Group provided written reports on each of six objectives in the Masterplan.

2. The Committee met again in Winona on November 16-17 to initiate implementation strategies. The meeting included a workshop with leaders of cooperating organizations in the Fellowship. Regional meetings established to encourage implementation strategies at the district level. Projected and places are as follows:

Eastern-Harrisburg, PA—April 3/4, 1991
Central-Winona Lake, IN—October 9/10, 1991
Western-Los Angeles, CA—February 2, 1991

3. The Elizabethtown GBC hosted the Eastern regional meeting as scheduled, with 20 people in attendance. Evaluation of the meetings attending is very positive. District representatives were able to give input to the Strategy Committee and executives of the Fellowship organizations. Each representative now has tools to begin implementing the strategy in their own districts. The meeting cost of \$3,670 almost entirely borne by districts, church conferees.

4. The Committee met again on July 27 to consider recommendations for goal refinement. A newly refined Masterplan is attached in this report.

5. A new member will be appointed to the committee. Tom Julien. It is recommended that there be a member from each region, and that Ed I be retained as a consultant. Accordingly, Charles Plaster will leave the committee in 1991. Jerry Young will leave in 1992.

9. Report on the progress in developing the forums for discussion of the Baptism-Church Membership and related issues as directed by last year's conference, Fellowship Council
10. Report on Fellowship Council activities, and the time and place of the 1991 and future conferences, Charles Ashman, Fellowship Coordinator
11. Additional Reports
12. Unfinished business
13. New business
14. Installation of the 1991 conference officers
15. Adjournment (sine die)

Ed Cashman reported for the Nominating Committee. The following were presented for nomination: Office of Moderator-Elect: James Dixon and David Plaster; Fellowship Council: Western Region - David Mitchel, John Snow, Glen Shirk; Central Region - Steve Peters, Terrance Taylor, John Mayes; Eastern Region - Steve Taylor, Ray Davis, Emory Young.

A motion prevailed to place these names in nomination. Additional nominations were made from the floor. Moderator-Elect - Charles Turner; Eastern Region - Jay Fretz, Jeff Thornley

A motion prevailed that the nominations cease. The election was then carried out.

The following appointments were announced by Charles Ashman in behalf of the Fellowship Council. Conference Secretary, Ken Koontz; Conference Treasurer, Steve Popenfoose, Conference Statistician, Sherwood Durkee.

A motion prevailed to ratify these appointments.

Charles Ashman gave the list of appointments of Conference Committees.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Moderators Address - Roger Peugh and two of his selection.

Parliamentary - Jesse Deloe ('91) Chm., Bob Belohlavek ('92), Greg Howell ('93);

Resolutions - Jim Poyner ('91), Curt Miller ('92), Brian Smith ('93).

Pastorless Churches / Available Men - Greg Howell

Auditing - Donald Eshelman

Membership / Credentials - Emory Young ('91) Chm.; Ray Davis ('91); Dan Thornton ('92); Robert MacMillan ('92); Paul Woodruff ('93); Ron Boehm ('92).

Social Concerns - (Terminus - 1993) Donald Shoemaker Chm., Russell Ogden, Bob Fetterhoff, John Teevan

Retirement Planning Committee - Larry Chamberlain Chm., Morgan Burgess, James Custer, Dewey Melton and Charles Turner.

MASTERPLAN

of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

Revised and approved by Fellowship Council
July 28, 1990

In the light of the needs of our world, the concerns within our churches, and the mandates of our Lord, the Strategy Committee recommends the following purpose statement, six objectives and goals for the 1990's. We believe the following dreams reflect the kind of Fellowship we desire in the year 2000 AD...a Fellowship that is alive with faith and pleasing to our Lord.

PURPOSE STATEMENT

The Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches exists to Encourage and Enable Member Churches in Equipping and Uniting the Saints Fulfilling the Great Commission.

Continuing Objectives of FGBC

To encourage personal fellowship with Jesus characterized by love and obedience to His Word.

To encourage personal evangelism and discipleship.

To disciple leaders for present and future ministries throughout the Fellowship.

To plant Grace Brethren Churches world-wide.

To develop clear communication throughout the Fellowship.

To strategize and implement vision throughout the Fellowship.

GOALS OF FGBC

To encourage personal fellowship with Jesus characterized by love and obedience to His Word.

To stimulate a renewed and creative emphasis on the systematic practice of prayer by: encouraging a "Day with God" in each church at least once a year, encouraging each district to conduct a District Prayer Retreat at least every three years.

To make a "Day with God" and Communion regular events at National Conference.

To encourage each pastor to make himself available on a monthly basis to another pastor for personal holiness, prayer and example to his flock.

To encourage spiritual revival in our churches.

To encourage every pastor to adopt the concept of Spiritual Unity.

To preach that encourages obedience to our Lord, and is in harmony with the State of Faith,

To model a standard of holy living for our people to follow,

To provide ministry opportunities that demonstrate courageous faith and sacrifice.

2. To encourage personal evangelism and discipleship.

A. Design a strategy that promotes evangelism and discipleship internationally in Grace Brethren Churches.

B. Encourage every pastor and missionary to formulate a personal strategy of evangelism and discipleship including goals and accountability.

3. To disciple leaders for present and future ministries throughout the Fellowship.

A. Design an integrated training process that develops and mobilizes leaders among our men, women, children and youth.

B. Encourage each district ministerium to identify the needs of its pastors and provide training help in maximizing their leadership.

4. To plant Grace Brethren Churches world-wide.

A. The 1993 Conference prayerfully assist the planting of a new Grace Brethren Church within the proximity of that year's conference site, and that every three years thereafter National Conference convene in a major city for the same purpose.

B. Agree on the identifying elements of a Grace Brethren Church in any culture world-wide.

C. Encourage each existing Grace Brethren Church world-wide to initiate a daughter church by the year 2000.

D. Provide simple models of church planting usable both here and abroad utilizing available resources and lay leadership.

5. To develop clear communication throughout the Fellowship.

A. Create a central information gathering and distribution center for the Fellowship.

B. Publish an easily revisable, pictorial Pastor's Prayer Directory.

C. Encourage greater communication, relationship and accountability between pastors, churches, and districts on the basis of natural geographic clusters.

D. Track our progress in fulfilling the goals of our Masterplan by developing a reporting system for churches, districts and organizations to share significant achievements and blessings.

6. To strategize and implement vision throughout the Fellowship.

A. The strategy committee continue its work of coordinating a Fellowship strategy.

a. The Strategy Advisory Group meet yearly with the leaders of national organizations for the purpose of implementation and coordination.

b. A yearly budget with suggestions for funding to be submitted by the committee.

c. Provide for lay participation in all decision-making bodies of the Fellowship.

B. Implement plans to establish an International Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches.

a. Identify the leadership of the international fellowship.

b. Establish a communication system to track church planting world-wide.

C. Organize an international conference by 1995 with representation from each country.

COVENANT OF SPIRITUAL UNITY

Spiritual unity is necessary for the blessings of God in the midst of our earthly spiritual conflict.

Areas of disagreement are inevitable; however, spiritual disunity must be dealt with and the principle of reconciliation be applied.

Gossip and destructive criticism need to be dealt with quickly.

When problems arise, they should be resolved with the person concerned and not with others.

Constructive criticism is welcomed, but must be directed to the individual concerned.

Manipulation of others to fulfill a personal desire is to be avoided.

Consideration, sensitivity, grace, love, and tolerance of personal differences must be shown to each other in the spirit of Matthew 18:15-17, Galatians 6:1-2 and I Corinthians 13:1-8.

THE ELEMENTS OF A GRACE BRETHREN CHURCH

A Grace Brethren Church is a local assembly of believers in Jesus Christ who are affiliated with the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches, or its counterpart Fellowship in other nations, and are committed to:

1. One another as a spiritual family;
 2. The Statement of Faith as a summary of our biblical belief and practice;
 3. The practice of triune-immersion, baptism and three-fold communion;
 4. Oversight by an elder (or elders) who fulfill (s) scriptural qualifications; and
 5. The observance of regular worship services.
- The purpose of a local church is the worship of God, the edification and fellowship of believers, and the fulfillment of the Great Commission.

A motion prevailed to adopt this report.

MODERATOR'S ADDRESS COMMITTEE

John Davis presented the Moderator's Address Committee's report.

The committee wishes to express its deep appreciation to Moderator, Roger Peugh, for a well prepared, thoughtful and challenging address. His mandate to assess the fellowship noting its strengths and weaknesses was carried out with care and loving concern. Equally important and

very relevant to the future vitality of the fellowship were his very practical admonitions and suggestions.

His emphasis on what is right and biblically honorable about the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches was most welcome and very appropriate. Indeed, God has been at work in our midst in very substantive and measurable ways. Very vital to his assessment was a global perspective which reminded us that we are, in effect, an international fellowship.

But a physician who only praises the strong and vibrant parts of the body to the neglect of the bleeding parts will do little to restore complete health. Roger is to be commended for his forthright accurate and carefully researched analysis of where we're hurting and why. He dealt with four very tough issues gracefully and lovingly.

After proper attention was given to problem analysis, he suggested godly solutions based on I Cor. 13:13 which relate to faith, hope and love. Spiritual problems demand spiritual solution he insisted, and he was right on target.

Continued carnal strife without any disposition to resolution is of concern to God, each side in the conflict, those in the middle and the watching world, he noted. Biblical harmony and cooperation he viewed as great necessities if we ever intend to impact our world for Christ.

In the light of the above, we fully support his call to commit ourselves to the abiding biblical values of faith in our God, to holiness in conduct, to personal evangelism, to end exercise in evil suspicions, to look for God's work in others and to directly confront those for which we have concerns.

We further support and commend to every church in our fellowship the challenge to pray, evangelism and church planting.

His encouragement to broad involvement in the F.G.B.C. Strategy goals, the forums and annual meeting between national boards and district leaders we support and heartily recommend. We strongly suggest the fellowship move in the direction of expanding the current part-time position of Fellowship Coordinator to full-time.

Moderator Peugh has not only established exciting and God-honoring contact for this year's conference, but he has provided a spiritual agenda that will move our entire fellowship into the decade of the 1990's with power and a world-wide impact for our God.

A motion prevailed to adopt this report.

The Covenant of Spiritual Unity was read aloud by the Moderator. (See end of Strategy Report for the Covenant.)

A proposed change for the by-laws was read.

A motion prevailed that this be added to the agenda.

The proposed change was presented by Greg Howell.

BY-LAW AMENDMENTS FELLOWSHIP COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

1. ARTICLE VII Committees

Section Three: Nominating committee, pp. 18-19

6. Each cooperating district shall annually submit to the nominating committee the name of one member of a church within its district as a nominee for the Fellowship Council. These names shall be placed on the ballot. If a district fails to submit a name in timely fashion, the committee may add a nominee of its own choosing from that particular district.

2. ARTICLE V Fellowship Council

Section Four: Election, p. 12

1. Members of the Council shall be elected by vote of the delegates present and entitled to vote at the Conference from a ballot presented by the Nominating Committee.

2. Voting for nominees from each of the three regions shall be restricted to delegates from the churches in those regions.

3. Nominees elected to the council shall be the one from each region receiving the largest number of votes from the delegates representing those regions.

3. Section Five. Responsibilities

Add #13. Each elected member of the Council shall be responsible to communicate with one or more districts in his region as determined by the Council.

A motion prevailed that these by-law amendments be received.

A motion prevailed to adjourn.

SECOND SESSION,

Wednesday, August 1, 1990

Moderator Peugh called the second business session to order.

The moderator led in prayer.

The printed minutes of the first session were distributed and corrected.

A motion prevailed that the minutes from Tuesday be approved as corrected.

The membership committee gave a corrected report that totaled 359 lay delegates and 289 ministerial delegates for a total of 648 delegates.

The results of the election were given. Western Region representative elected was John Snow.

Further elections were needed for Moderator-elect between David Plaster and Charles

Turner; Central Region - Steve Peters and John Mayes; Eastern Region - Steve Taylor and Ray Davis. This election was then carried out.

A report was given by the Rules Committee concerning the proposed by-laws changes.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt these by-laws.

A motion prevailed to table this motion until a recommendation from the Indiana District could be discussed.

A motion from the Indiana district was made and seconded.

The motion was as follows:

1. That we expand the membership of the Fellowship Council to the number corresponding to one representative for each district.

2. That the district representatives be nominated and elected by the individual districts for a three year term, with one third of the total number of district representatives being elected each year.

3. That the following portions of the existing by-laws be repealed: Article V, section 2, and section 4; and Art. VII, section 3, #1-7.

4. That an equitable plan of transition be implemented by the Fellowship Council that will allow present Fellowship Council members to finish their terms while district-elected representatives join the Council.

After much discussion **a motion prevailed** to move the previous question.

The motion of the Indiana district was then voted on and defeated.

A motion prevailed to bring back the tabled motion to amend the by-laws.

After much discussion **a motion prevailed** to move the previous question.

The motion on the by-law change as recommended by the Fellowship Council was voted on and passed.

A motion prevailed to adjourn.

THIRD SESSION,

Thursday - August 2, 1990

Moderator Roger Peugh called the session to order and led in prayer.

A motion prevailed that the minutes of the second business session be approved as printed.

The Membership Committee gave a final report that gave the final total of delegates at 359 lay delegates and 289 ministerial delegates for a total of 648.

BRETHREN EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES REPORT

Ron Thompson introduced the Brethren Evangelistic Ministries report.

What an honor and privilege it is to serve the Lord . . . and you . . . working together in God's

harvest field, promoting evangelism throughout our great fellowship of churches. Brethren Evangelistic Ministries is really an extension of you. As the offspring of National Conference, we are especially appreciative of your prayers, criticisms and support. Our new slide-tape presentation, "Touch Your People Once Again", will better acquaint churches with our burden and ministry. Here are a handful of gleanings God has given us since our last conference:

* Edward A. Lewis, Executive Director of CE National in Winona Lake, IN, was recipient of the 1989 Robert B. Collitt Memorial Award for excellence in evangelism.

* A housewife in Ohio has ordered her checks with Scripture verses printed on them! It is one way she wants to share Christ in her own individual way!

* A teen group in Ohio has decided to write and distribute their own Gospel tract.

* A young man stands at the altar in a church in Pennsylvania and answers God's call to enter the Christian ministry!

* A junior-age girl in Virginia, after attending a CIA Band seminar, relates to her pastor that she wants to be a helper to him in the work of building God's Church.

* A church in California provides the means for a slide-tape production of the ministry of BEM, as well as needed computer equipment and a portable keyboard and public address system to enhance our road ministry!

* Open doors to a future international ministry in Mexico and Guatemala!

* A pastor in Pennsylvania reports a dynamic turnaround in the spirit of the church he shepherds!

Thank you again for allowing us to represent your evangelistic interests in the fellowship.

Respectively Submitted,

Ron E. Thompson, Executive Director

BRETHREN EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES FINANCIAL STATEMENT

January 1, 1989 to December 31, 1989

Checking	
Balance on hand	\$ 2,549.41
Received to 12-31	42,489.09
Transferred from Savings	6,600.00
	<u>51,638.50</u>
Disbursed to 12-31	51,689.41
Balance on hand	(50.91)
Savings	
Balance on hand 1-1	\$ 8,063.90
Deposited	333.01
	<u>8,396.91</u>
Withdrawn	6,600.00
Balance on hand 12-31	1,76.91
Total Cash on Hand	\$ 1,746.00

Income	
Churches General	\$26,753.81
Churches Thompson	3,168.00
Individuals General	1,850.00
Individuals Thompson	2,776.60
First Love Renewals	3,841.50
Districts	34.00
Interest	37.00
Misc.	0.00
Total Income	<u>39,000.92</u>

EXPENSES	
President's Support	\$18,341.00
President's Expenses	2,776.60
Insurance	2,240.00
Board Meetings	2,276.60
Herald & Annual	1,850.00
Promotion	2,823.20
First Love Renewals	11,341.50
Office Salaries	2,841.50
Phone	9.20
Office supplies, etc.	3,361.50
Collit Memorial	1,000.00
Misc.	69.20
Total Expenses	<u>47,920.30</u>

Balance on Hand 1-1-89	
Checking	2.50
Savings	8.00
Total Cash on Hand	<u>\$10.60</u>

Total Income	\$39,000.92
Total Expenses	47,920.30
	<u>(8,919.38)</u>

Balance on Hand	\$ 1,746.00
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A motion prevailed to accept this report.

Chuck Davis then presented the ballot for B.E.M. board. Laymen: Don Dollens, Elida, *Fred Sorrick, Allentown, Pennsylvania; Waken, Lakewood, California; *Warren Ze Winona Lake, Indiana. Ministers: *G Christie, Spokane, Washington; *Chuck I Ocala, Florida; George Traub, Roanoke, Vir Ratification of 1 year term replacing Don R Timothy George, Lebanon, Pennsylv * denotes incumbent.

A motion prevailed to receive this ballot place the names in nomination.

A motion prevailed that nominations for The election was carried out.

Don Shoemaker gave the following report for the Social Concerns Committee.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

The world of mid-1990 is a very different from when our conference last gathered the wisdom of Daniel could have foreseen world events between our gatherings. In moral sphere we are facing challenges we not thinking about one year ago. The re vigor and determination of the so-called "choice" movement is a strong example of challenges.

To help our fellowship of churches be a voice to our world, this conference established a Social Concerns Committee. In the past year your Social Concerns Committee has been active several ways.

Our first mailing to the churches was in November, 1989, and focused on how to start a Social Concerns Committee in your own church, with materials for a Sanctity of Life Sunday, on laws and court decisions relative to church discipline, on the phenomenon known as "deconstructionism" and on abortion and euthanasia.

Our second mailing was in May, 1990. It focused on church activism relative to "homosexual rights", on church policy regarding AIDS, on public attitudes and religious viewpoints toward abortion and on Operation Rescue.

Our committee members are frequently called on to offer guidance to our churches, pastors and laypeople on various social issues.

A goal of our committee is to see our fellowship churches as active in social concerns as is reasonable and appropriate. To achieve this, we intend to produce a manual on how to create and operate a social concerns ministry in the local church. We urge each church to consider beginning such a committee and developing the resources you will need. We wish to facilitate you in this all we can.

We also urge our churches to inform themselves and prepare to be active in such matters as (1) euthanasia and the "right to die", (2) homosexuality and the social goals of the gay rights movement, (3) the abortion issue and the renewed determination of the pro-abortion movement, (4) the threat of secularism and the erosion of religious liberty, and (5) the right and duty of Christians and Christian churches have to address social problems from the standpoint of Christian values and to act upon those values. Our expenses in the past year totalled \$836.83. As our ministry is renewed, we anticipate expenses up to \$1,000 in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted by the Social Concerns Committee,

Donald P. Shoemaker, Chairman

Russ Ogden

Bob Fetterhoff

John Teevan

motion prevailed to receive this report.

Decision results were given by the Moderator. Moderator-Elect (1990-1991) - David Plaster Fellowship Council.

Central Region— John Mayes

Eastern Region— Ray Davis

John Guiles gave the following report of the Resolutions Committee.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

The Resolution Committee, after examining the continuing resolutions now before Conference and after inviting recommendations to the committee from the pastors and the lay people of the Fellowship, and after corresponding with the chairmen of the district ministeriums asking for suggestions or resolutions that the districts may have adopted, presents no additional resolutions to Conference at this time.

We call on Conference to reaffirm its commitment to the continuing resolutions adopted in previous years. They are:

1985 Sanctity of Life

1987 Free exercise of religion as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution.

1988 Greater personal devotion to Jesus Christ, the Word of God and prayer, to fellowship and ministry, to evangelism, and to living in expectancy of His coming.

We urge each local church to review these continuing resolutions and to adopt them as part of its ministry if it has not already done so.

We recommend that these resolutions be published in the Herald magazine so that they will be available for the Brethren to review. We further recommend that each pastor set a goal to devote either a sermon or a series of sermons to these resolutions to explain their implications and applications to the life of each believer.

Respectfully Submitted,
The Resolutions Committee

Ron Guiles, Chairman

Jim Poyner

Kurt Miller

A motion prevailed to receive this report.

RETIREMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

Larry Chamberlain gave the following report for the Retirement Planning Committee.

We met on May 29. I was asked to continue as chairman.

1. Pension Investment Plan.

\$380,000 + with about 100 participants.

New additions: Worthington, Columbus, and Grace Brethren Home Missions.

An Aetna representative was present at the ministerium to review several plan enhancements.

2. Our Promise of Honor

\$ 61,702.35 Cash

77,043.97 receivable from FGBC

\$138,746.32 total cash and receivables.

Monthly checks issued - \$4,000 to nearly 40 participants, each accompanied with a personal letter of encouragement.

Materials will be made available to member churches in the FGBC for a one-time offering ap-

peal to continue an objective of fully-funding this obligation into the next several years. We encourage the enthusiastic participation of all of our member churches in promoting this annual appeal.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Chamberlain, Chairman
Morgan Burgess, Jim Custer, Charlie Turner,
Dewey Melton

A motion prevailed to receive this report.

Larry Chamberlain gave the chaplains ministries report.

Report from Morgan Burgess, Chairman of the GBHMC Chaplaincy Committee and Lee Jenkins, endorsing agent.

This past year has been one of uncertainty because of the events that have and are taking place in Europe and in particular in Russia and the Eastern Block countries. These events are cause for rejoicing because there have been reductions of military arms and military forces in Europe.

With the reduction of forces comes the diminishing need for service personnel and since the quota for chaplains is based on service population, this affects chaplains. Our Fellowship has been affected already in that we have been denied a request to bring a chaplain into the U.S. Air Force as a reserve chaplain and it will also undoubtedly affect some of our chaplains who have enough years for retirement. It will affect us also in our ability to replace any chaplain that does retire.

The chaplains that represent our Fellowship have been carrying out their ministry in an outstanding manner. This has been reflected by the reports of Commanding Officers and Command Chaplains received by the Endorsing agent. Presently there are:

* two chaplains that are in a teaching assignment, one at the Army Chaplains School and one at the Army War College.

* four chaplains are assigned to combat units, an air borne division, an infantry division, and a tactical air force base.

* three chaplains are assigned to training unity (one to a navy submarine school, one to a navy air training station, and one to a marine corp recruit training base).

* one chaplain is assigned to a navy base.

* four of our reserve chaplains serve in an active reserve unit.

During this reporting period three of our chaplains have been reassigned.

* Chaplain Ben Collins, USA, has been assigned to an infantry unit on the DMZ in Korea

* Chaplain Jim Dickson, USN, has been assigned to the Naval Air Station, Fallon, Nevada;

* Chaplain Dayne Nix, USN, has been assigned to the U.S. Marine Recruiting Depot, San Diego, California;

* and Chaplain Phil Spence, USA, has completed his Chaplain Indoctrination Course and is now assigned to a Military Police Battalion Ft. Bragg, North Carolina.

The Endorsing Agent, through the faithful reporting to the Eagle Commission, was able to visit all of the active duty chaplains and three of the reserve chaplains during this past year and continue to keep our expenses below our income levels.

This past June the Executive Director, Larry Chamberlain, was the guest of Chaplain Joe Schumacher, USA, at the War College, Carlisle Barracks, PA. The Executive Director spent several days attending classroom lectures, special presentations, and interacting with faculty and students attending the War College.

It is with encouragement that I send this report. Encouragement because our chaplains are not only skilled men in the scripture and by the Holy Spirit but they also possess zeal to be fit servants both to their calling and to their particular command.

Our chaplains in attendance with us this week were recognized and honored at the GBHMC Challenge Hour this afternoon.
Respectfully submitted,
Larry Chamberlain,
ex. dir., G.B.H.M.C.

A motion prevailed to receive this report.

Charles Ashman presented for the Council the following nominees for the Nominating Committee: Mike Brubaker, Ron Guiles, Larry Gegan, Wayne Hannah, Robert Kliever, Paul Mutch, Steve Taylor, Ed Trenner, Dan Thompson, Roy Wambold, Larry Wedertz

The name of Duane Jones was placed on nomination.

A motion prevailed that the nomination cease. The election was then carried out.

Steve Popenfoose gave the following conferees treasurer's report.

**THE FELLOWSHIP OF GRACE BRETHREN CHURCHES
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1990**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
CASH BALANCES, JULY 1, 1989			
Checking — First National Bank	\$ (22,176.05)	\$ 28,461.07	\$ 6,285.02
Savings — Grace Brethren Inv. Found.	9.06	-0-	9.06
Prior Period Adjustments	573.49	0.30	573.79
Total	<u>(21,593.50)</u>	<u>28,461.37</u>	<u>6,867.87</u>
CASH RECEIPTS:			
Credential Fees	72,873.90	48,582.60	121,456.50
Conference Expense Offerings	1,556.22		1,556.22
Designated Offerings:			
GBFM-Argentina		4,687.87	4,687.87
GBHMC-Fishtown		962.91	962.91
Grace Schools		925.77	925.77
CE National		1,747.07	1,747.07
Child Care	1,124.00		1,124.00
Meal Tickets for Boards		2,618.00	2,618.00
Other	3,560.26		3,560.26
Total Cash Receipts	<u>79,114.38</u>	<u>59,524.22</u>	<u>138,638.60</u>
CASH DISBURSEMENTS:			
Facilities/Equip. Rental	4,519.07		4,519.07
Child Care	7,055.73		7,055.73
Printing and Promotion	12,965.59		12,965.59
Music	2,059.33		2,059.33
Speaker Travel/Honoraria	1,618.85		1,618.85
Committees and Officers	22,583.55		22,583.55
Pension Investment Plan	12,488.48		12,488.48
Designated Offerings		8,323.62	8,323.62
Meal Tickets for Boards		2,618.00	2,618.00
Grace Brethren Annual	11,129.15		11,129.15
Other	689.39		689.39
Total Cash Expenditures	<u>75,109.14</u>	<u>10,941.62</u>	<u>86,050.76</u>
Surplus (Deficit)	4,005.24	48,582.60	52,587.84
CASH BALANCES, JUNE 30, 1990			
Checking-First National Bank	(1,928.10)		1,928.10
Savings-Grace Brethren Inv. Found.	(19,516.36)	77,043.97	57,527.61
Total	<u>\$(17,588.26)</u>	<u>\$77,043.97</u>	<u>\$59,455.71</u>

A motion prevailed to accept this report.

Sherwood Durkee gave the following statisticians report.

FGBC STATISTICAL REPORT 1989

PROFESSIONS OF FAITH	1989	1988
Regular Services	1,733	1,613
Other	2,307	2,448
TOTALS	4,040	4,061
Total Baptisms	2,511	2,427

MEETINGS: AVERAGE ATTENDANCES		
Sunday Morning Services	42,068	41,973
Sunday School	29,513	30,151
Sunday Evening Services	16,445	16,610
Midweek Services	14,438	14,558
Communion Services	19,864	19,902

MEMBERSHIP

Total Last Year	39,449*	40,566
Total Added This Year	2,979	3,049
Total Lost This Year	3,035	3,759
Net Gain or (Loss)	(56)***	(710)**
Total Membership		
at End of This Year	39,481	39,856
Trine-Immersed Members	35,437*	35,806*

AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS

Vacation Bible School	17,455	17,041
Women's Organizations	4,540	5,049
Men's Organizations	1,323	1,414
Coed Youth Ministries	4,474	3,982
Girls' Ministries	2,527	2,560
Boys' Ministries	1,997	1,932
Other	5,007	4,170

INCOME		
Total Gift Receipts		
for the Year	37,615,376	36,044,626
Total Non-Gift receipts		
for the year	5,791,836	4,993,484
Grand Total of All Income...	43,407,211	40,983,264
EXPENDITURES		
Brethren Foreign Missions ..	3,728,547	2,607,947
Brethren Home Missions	823,245	854,699
Grace Schools	408,532	420,346
District Missions	243,258	222,727
CE National	180,635	124,202
Brethren Evangel. Ministries	31,247	24,683
Brethren Missionary Herald ..	32,315	28,918
All Other		
Grace Brethren Ministries ..	50,729	546,348
All Non-Brethren Ministries ..	1,146,691	1,100,618
TOTAL	7,175,736	5,791,571
All Pastoral Staff Salaries ..	11,891,276	11,374,727*
All Other Local Expenditures	21,241,703	20,855,144
TOTAL	33,249,595	32,281,433**
Auxiliary Organizations	1,026,816	1,616,608
GRAND TOTAL		
OF ALL EXPENDITURES ..	40,604,479	39,400,824

CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOLS		
Number of Churches		
Operating Schools	43	41
Total Enrollment	8,823	10,573
Total Income	16,489,629*	14,005,202*
Faculty-Administrative		
Expense	12,680,382	10,686,434*
Other Expenses	4,412,131*	3,829,714*
TOTAL EXPENSES ..	17,100,504*	14,583,466**

Number of Churches Reporting

District	1989	1988
Allegheny	18	18
Arctic	8	7
East Central Florida	6	6
Florida Suncoast	7	6
Hawaii	4	4
Indiana	19	22
Iowa Midlands	13	13
Michigan	7	7
Mid-Atlantic	12	12
Mountain-Plains	6	6
Nor-Cal	6	8
North Central Ohio	29	28
Northeastern Ohio	17	16
North-Atlantic	29	29
Northwest	13	13
Southern Florida	6	6
Southern	8	6
Southern Cal & Arizona	36	34
Southern Ohio	22	22
Southwest	5	4
Virginia	15	15
Western Pennsylvania	20	20
TOTAL	306	302

Number of Churches Not Reporting

District	1989	1988
Allegheny	1	1
Arctic	2	
Iowa Midlands	1	

Nor-Cal	1
North Central Ohio	
Northern Atlantic	1
Southern	
Southern Cal & Arizona	4
South Florida	1
Southwest	1
Virginia	1
TOTAL	13

TOTAL CHURCHES .. 319

*Not all churches reported this item.
 **Some churches reported only total.
 ***Some churches did large roll revisions.

FOREIGN FIELD STATISTICS 12-31-89

	Number of	
Country	Churches	Membership
Argentina	17	500
Brazil	20	1,200
CAR	594	144,000
Chad	71	12,000
England	1	N/A
France	6	97
Germany	5	102
Japan	2	8
Mexico	14	426
Philippines	2	73
Spain	1	N/A
	733	158,406

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

Argentina900
Brazil	1,378
CAR	172,800
Chad	16,750
England20
France205
Germany315
Japan30
Mexico568
Philippines114
Spain13
	193,093

A motion prevailed to accept this report with one correction concerning the B.E.M. name as given in the report.

AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT

Don Eshelman gave the auditing comm report.

One mark of integrity of a responsible corporation is accurate financial accountability to its constituencies. The by-laws of our fellow have mandated that the Fellowship Council examine reports of those Boards that are under the oversight of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches.

I am pleased to report to this Fellowship Council and Conference that the following organizations have submitted their financial statements for this examination.

The Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches (Statement of Cash Receipts and Expenditures)
 Brethren Evangelistic Ministries (Audited Financial Statement)

I have examined the financial statements and reports for each of these organizations. The reports appear to be accurate and properly reflect the financial position of the organizations.

I recommend that these financial reports be accepted as presented.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald E. Eshelman

A motion prevailed to receive this report.

Howard Mayes gave the report on the committee on Pastorless Churches and Available Men.

REPORT OF THE COORDINATOR OF PASTORLESS CHURCHES & AVAILABLE MEN

Our activity involved in bringing available pastoral candidates into contact with Pastorless Churches continues to grow.

The present function of this office is to be a clearing house where resumes of available men are available by request to churches desiring them.

We are very grateful that of the 36 churches seeking our assistance last year, 15 found pastors from among the 35 candidates whose resumes we have made available. Currently we have resumes available for 20 Pastoral candidates and are involved in some way with 19 churches who are seeking a Pastor.

It has been a privilege to serve as the coordinator of this service for the past five years. Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Linda Penn has invested hundreds of hours in keeping up-to-date with the many churches and Pastoral candidates we have attempted to help during this time. Few weeks have gone by that I have been involved in trying to be an encouragement to churches or Pastors that have sought help.

I have asked the Fellowship Council to name a new coordinator to assume this work effective with the close of the 1990 conference.

The council has appointed Pastor Greg Howell to carry on this important ministry and consultations should be made with him at his address listed in the Brethren Annual.

Respectfully submitted,
Pastor Howard Mayes

A motion prevailed to accept this report.

Moderator Peugh gave the report on the development of the forums.

Number 9 on your Thursday agenda is the report on the progress in developing the forums. Discussion regarding baptism and church membership and related issues as directed by

last year's conference. As your moderator, I followed the directive of Fellowship Council in seeking to find a forum coordinator through the spring. We discussed and made the plan for the forums and dispersed this plan throughout the fellowship following the January Council meeting. Throughout the spring we sought in vain to find a brother who was ready to agree to be the forum coordinator. And the Fellowship Council met this past week and discussed at length the purpose of the original motion and the intent and our present status and I am pleased to announce to you that Brother Jim Custer has agreed to serve as coordinator of the forum. And I have asked him to come and give a brief report of the plans ahead.

James Custer reported: Mr. Moderator, I'm confused. I don't know how many times I heard that last year, but often enough to remind me that the issues before us are more complex than what we would like to admit. And I accept the appointment of the moderator, to be a coordinator—not a dictator. Coordinator means that I receive, I collect, I distribute information that you generate. And I suggest to you today that there are at least five very serious problems that are interlocked into that issue that we commonly call the baptismal-membership issue.

First of all, we're still struggling to find out how, independently, congregationally governed groups of people ought to network in the National Fellowship. We're sure not sure that we have all the answers about that yet.

A second thing is that we need a system of discipline. There may be among us some who do not hold the values of our distinctives. And there needs to be a biblical, balanced, proper, gracious way for those brothers and sisters to be confronted and instructed, and if not responsive, to be properly encouraged to seek active ministry in other fellowships. Now that system is not, at the moment, in tact.

Thirdly, we need to settle in on what is our biblical hermeneutic. What are the presuppositions that we carry into the interpretation of scripture as Brethren? Which are valid and which are maybe personally preferred? And which are really not to be expected from all of us. That becomes a pressing question.

The fourth besides the ones I've listed here is that we desperately need to network and learn how to communicate. In our present system we are becoming so efficient that the only place that you can get a hearing is on the conference business floor. I don't think it's anyone's intention at any conference to be disruptive, but I do believe that we need to learn to listen. It is easier to talk than it is to listen.

"The forums, therefore, were designed by the Fellowship Council. A structure was suggested

in last January's Fellowship meeting. That information was distributed throughout the Fellowship and there has been a variety of responses. I'm here to report to you today that the issue of the forum is anything, but dead. There are a number of very active involvements taking place. Some have indicated that they do not wish to participate; that they have arrived at all the truth there is to have on these subjects, and for them to participate—well they are not interested in participating. In a free society, you are free to do that. Others are very actively pursuing answers to these questions. So through the fall I'll be working with the committee on coordinating as best we can, those activities, collecting the fruit of that hard study, and then trying to follow through with a scheduled implementation of the rest of our forum discussion and come to those conclusions that are biblical and that are Brethren.

"Without apology I ask for your prayers and your enthusiastic participation. I move the acceptance of the report."

A motion prevailed to accept this report.

Charles Ashman gave a report as to the time and places for coming conferences.

1991 Columbus, Ohio, July 19-Aug.1 (inclusive dates).

1992 Winona Lake, Indiana, July 31-Aug. 6 (core dates).

1993 Place to be announced, July 30-Aug. 5 (core dates).

Jerry Young presented the following motion from the Fellowship Council.

A motion prevailed that the office of Fellowship Coordinator be organized as a full time paid position in order that it may receive expanded responsibilities. Research and development of the office will proceed as follows:

1990-91 - Concept development of the office by the Fellowship Council including funding requirements.

1991-92 - Presentation to conference for approval followed by the development of necessary documents.

1992-93 - Search and screen process for a full time coordinator.

1993-94 - Selection of the Fellowship Coordinator.

A motion was made and seconded to amend the report of the Strategy Committee to bring it in line with our constitution by inserting item 2 only into #3 of the Elements of a Gospel Brethren Church.

A motion prevailed to extend the meeting for 5 minutes for discussion.

A motion prevailed to refer this previous motion to the Strategy Committee for inclusion into the strategy.

A motion prevailed to adjourn (sine die).

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT
BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 1989

Assets:

General Fund—

Cash and Investments	\$ 551,039
Accounts Receivable	42,235
Advances and Prepaid	
Expenses	40,158
Equipment (less depreciation)	39,821
Land and Buildings	347,105
Other	172,691
Total	<u>1,193,049</u>

Restricted Fund—

Cash and Investments	330,040
Notes Receivable	0
Other	2,578
Total	<u>332,618</u>

Annuity Fund—

Cash and Investments	322,417
Notes Receivable	30,672
Accrued Interest	0
Total	<u>353,089</u>

Endowment Fund—

Investments	14,355
Total	<u>14,355</u>

TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS \$1,893,111

Liabilities and Fund

Balances:

General Fund—

Notes Payable	\$ 15,091
Missionary Outfit Funds	28,100
Other Liabilities	261,430
Total Liabilities	304,621
Fund Balance	888,428
Total	<u>1,193,049</u>

Restricted Fund—

Accounts Payable	787
Fund Balance — Relief	
Agency	2,855
Fund Balance — Field Projects	328,976
Total	<u>332,618</u>

Annuity Fund—

Annuity Payments Payable	2,225
Annuities in Force	196,271
Fund Balance	154,593
Total	<u>353,089</u>

Endowment Fund—

fund balance	14,355
Total	14,355
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	<u>\$1,893,111</u>

INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT

For the calendar year ending December 31, 1989
GENERAL FUND

Income:

Gifts—	
Operation Lifeline	\$ 354.3
Field	19.8
Support and Relocation	2,843.5
Estates	25.1
Total	<u>3,242.8</u>
Interest and Miscellaneous	18.9
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$3,261.8</u>

Expenses:

Administrative—	
General Office	\$ 68.3
Office Rent	31.2
Legal and Audit	3.
Office Personnel	219.7
Board and Office Travel	20.0
Candidate Expenses	1.0
Total	<u>344.2</u>

Promotional—

Publications	27.0
Publicity	66.0
Conferences and Deputation	84.0
Office Personnel	63.0
Total	<u>242.0</u>

Missionary and Field—

Residences	\$ 16.0
Missionary Personnel	1,587.0
Missionary Travel	9.0
Field needs	89.0
Total	<u>2,581.0</u>

Other—

Interest	1.0
Memberships and	
Contributions	2.0
Miscellaneous	3.0
Total	<u>6.0</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES \$3,271.8

The financial records of the GBFM for the year 1989
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Blain, PA—Sherman's Valley Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Dennis Huratiak.

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Dryhill, KY—Victory Mountain Grace Brethren Chapel. Pastor, Samuel Baer.

Escanaba, MI—Bay De Noc Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Gary Hable.

Greencastle, PA—Conococheague Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Alan Clingan.

Hartford, CT—Grace Brethren Church of Greater Hartford. Pastor, Kenneth Carozza.

Homer, AK—Kachemak Bay Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Frank Gardner.

Hurst (Dallas-Fort Worth), TX—Grace Fellowship Church.

Indianapolis, (Fishers), IN—Northeast Grace Brethren Church. Pastors, Allen Edgington and Ronald Smals.

Lakeland, FL—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, James Taylor.

London, OH—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Howard Immel.

McAllen, TX—McAllen Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Robert Soto.

Menifee Valley, CA—New Hope Community Church. Pastors, Chris Suitt and Mikal Smith.

Millersburg, OH—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Charles Thornton.

Mishawaka, IN—Mishawaka Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Scott Weaver.

Murrysville, PA—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Stephan Edmonds.

Naples, FL—Community Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Daniel Thompson.

North Pole, AK—North Pole Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Davis Harbour.

North Port, FL—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Lester Pifer.

Philadelphia, PA—Liberty Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Steve Makofka.

Richmond (Short Pump), VA.—Fellowship Grace Brethren Church, Pastor, David Kowalke

Rio Rancho, NM—La Mesa Grace Church. Pastor, Donald Bowlin.

Saratoga Springs, NY—Grace Brethren Church of Saratoga Springs. Pastor, Dale Jenks.

Maple Valley (Seattle), WA—Grace Bible Fellowship Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Robert Gentzel.

State College, PA—Happy Valley Community Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Larry Edwards.

Willoughby, OH—Lake County Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Joe Cosentir

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Combined Financial Statements of The Grace
 Brethren Home Missions Council, Incorporated and
 The Brethren Navajo Ministries, Incorporated

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION December 31, 1989

ASSETS:	
Current Assets	
Cash and cash investments	\$ 153,194
Gifts and other receipts transit	238,343
Cash and cash equivalents	391,537
Current portion of notes receivable	5,781
Current assets	44,152
Accounts receivable	56,528
Total Current Assets	\$ 497,998

Property and Equipment:	
Land	36,000
Buildings	369,697
Mission Real Estate	403,849
Autos & Trucks	204,932
Photo Equipment	25,220
Other Equipment	218,527
	<u>1,258,225</u>
Less Accumulated Depr.	(416,089)
	<u>\$ 842,136</u>

Investments & Other Assets:	
Notes Receivable	61,096
Contributed Property	2,700
Annuities Invested	590,016
Leasehold Interest, net	17,923
	<u>\$ 671,735</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$2,011,869

LIABILITIES:	
Current Liabilities:	
Notes Payable	\$ 475,805
Current portion of Long Term Debt	7,643
Accounts Payable	34,520
Accrued Annuity Installments	14,159
Payroll Withholdings	597
Deferred rental income	2,600
Total Current Liab.	\$ 535,324
Long Term debt, net of current portion	183,920
Annuities & Trusts	822,363
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$1,541,527
EQUITY	470,262
TOTAL LIAB. & EQUITY	\$2,011,869

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS: YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1989

Revenues:	
Offerings	\$1,220,573
Contributed assets	
Estates & Annuities	64,350
Rent	45,900
Interest	64,194
Other	16,316
Total Revenues	\$1,411,333
Operating Expenses:	
Direct Assistance	1,098,270
Administration	446,715
Promotion	137,183
Payments to Annuitants	69,764
Total Operating Expenses	\$1,751,932
Excess (deficit) of revenues over operating expenses	\$ (340,599)
Other Income (expense):	
Income from church dissolutions	398,597
Interest	(47,561)
Net expenses relating to prior periods	(10,052)
Total Other Income	\$ 340,984

Excess (deficit) of revenues	
over expenses	385
Equity, beginning of year	469,877
Equity, end of year	<u>\$ 470,262</u>

These reports and the supporting records are audited by the CPA firm Ashman, Targgart and Manion, PA. A copy of its report is available upon written request.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION May 31, 1990

ASSETS:

Cash and Cash Equivalent	\$4,221.2
Investments	3,312.3
Accrued Interest Receivable	115.2
Loans Receivable	13,317.4
Vehicles and Equipment (Net)	56.5
Other Assets	3
Total Assets	<u>\$21,023.2</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND

BALANCE:

Savings Accounts	\$18,796.5
Accrued Interest Payable	213.5
Other Liabilities	12.9
Total Liabilities	19,023.0
Fund Balance	<u>2,000.1</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$21,023.2</u>

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS For Year Ended May 31, 1990

OPERATING INCOME:

Interest on Loans	\$1,169.3
Interest on Investments	662.1
Total Operating Income	1,832.3

OPERATING EXPENSES:

Interest on Savings Accounts	\$1,274.0
Salaries and Services	130.0
Contributions	83.0
Data Processing	15.0
Other Administrative Expenses	144.0
Total Operating Expenses	<u>1,648.0</u>

Other Income and (Expenses) ... 146.0

NET INCOME ... **\$ 330.3**

Copies of the audited statements, also containing the Auditor's opinion, are available at our offices at 1401 Kings Highway, Box 587, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.

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Condensed Financial Report

Statement of Revenues,
Expenditures, and Transfers
For the Year Ended May 31, 1990

REVENUES:**Educational & General:**

Tuition & fees	\$4,759,176
Gifts	1,018,481
Endowment income	19,168
Other	135,639
Total educational and general	\$5,932,464

Auxiliary Enterprises:

Housing	\$ 836,158
Food service	762,239
Other	414,193

Total auxiliary enterprises \$2,012,590

Other sources \$ 114,652

TOTAL REVENUES ... \$8,059,706

EXPENDITURES:**Education & general:**

Instructional	\$2,339,270
Academic support	449,140
Student services	925,440
Institutional support	1,512,970
Operation of plant	639,400
Student aid	619,450
Transfers	158,580

Total educational and general \$6,644,280

Auxiliary enterprises:

Housing	\$ 689,020
Food service	590,310
Other	374,850

Total auxiliary enterprises \$1,654,170

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$8,298,450

SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) .. (\$ 238,750)

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

January 1, 1989 to December 31, 1989

ASSETS:

Current Assets	
Cash and Certs. of Deposit	\$ 127,309.25
Accounts Receivable	88,503.22
Refundable Payroll Tax	30.00
Inventory-Merchandise	706,636.50
Deposit	-0-
Contract Receivables	-0-
Prepaid Expenses	25,878.00
Total Current Assets	\$ 948,356.97
Investments	\$ 692,717.72
Non-Current Assets	
Land	\$ 5,000.00
Buildings	327,443.93
Furniture and Fixtures	198,568.32
Print Shop Equipment	265,691.34
Vehicles	30,087.95
Total	\$ 826,791.54
Loss—accumulated	
Depreciation	\$ 596,318.26
Net Property — Equip.	230,473.28
Other Assets	
Contract Receivables	-0-
Less Current Portion	-0-
Total Other Assets	-0-
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,871,547.97

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

Current liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 39,274.76
Employee Payroll Deductions	10.00
Notes Payable	96,200.00
Income Tax Payable	4,455.00
Accrued Interest	865.22
Sales Tax Payable	730.39
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 141,535.37
Long-Term Liabilities	
Notes Payable	-0-
Less Current	-0-
Total Long Term Liabilities	-0-
Other Liabilities	
Gift Annuities	\$10,000.00
Total Liabilities	\$ 151,535.37
Fund Balance	1,720,012.60
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$1,871,547.97

CONDENSED OPERATING STATEMENT

Income	
Merchandise Sales	\$1,296,978.24
Cooperating Boards	61,326.50
Rentals	3,110.00
Interest and miscellaneous	40,578.52
Sale Fixed Assets & Securities	27,021.99
Bequest	54,498.63
Finance Charges and Special Offerings	11,307.30
Total Business Income	\$1,494,821.18
Cost	
Purchases	\$ 653,100.32
Salaries	286,660.80
Operating expenses	399,854.91
Free Literature	5,218.93
Rental Expenses	4,493.45
Administrative Expense	28,852.59
Total Business Costs	\$1,378,181.00
Total Business Gain	116,640.18
Publication Offering	32,438.81
Expenses	25,392.71
Offering Net Gain	\$7,046.10
Total Net Income	\$123,686.28

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Theme for 1990-91

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WMC YEARLY GOALS, 1990-91 PERSONAL GOALS

1. Read and study the Bible regularly.
 2. Be a faithful prayer warrior.*
 3. Active in Evangelism.*
 4. Encourage increased interest in Scripture or aid in the establishment of Scripture study in your local church.
 5. Give regularly to WMC — time, talent and money as the Lord leads and prospers.*
 6. Support regular family devotion. Use of Daily Devotions is suggested.*
- *Refer to WMC Handbook.

LOCAL GOALS

1. Observe a special time of prayer on the 15th day of each month.*

2. Emphasize prayer for local youth and those who made decisions for full-time Christian service.

Support district rallies and projects.
Contribute to Major Offerings:
Please send all money to the WMC Financial Secretary using the proper offering slip from the Treasurer's sheet in the Program Packet. Make checks payable to - Grace Brethren National WMC.

September, October, November

HOME MISSIONS- Goal \$9,000

Project: Yakima Valley church; computer software- Home Missions Office; capital improvements- Dryhill, Kentucky. Send before December 10th.

THANK OFFERING- We suggest a minimum of \$1.50 a year per member. Send before December 10th.

Project: Brethren Evangelistic Ministries- \$1,400 for children's ministries; CE National- FAX machine for office; Herald News Service expenses

December, January, February

GRACE SCHOOLS- Goal \$8,000

Send before March 10th.

Project: Entrances to McClain Hall

NATIONAL SMM OFFERING

Sponsorship of Director of Girls' Ministries (SMM, CE National) Note: SMM is the heart of WMC. We suggest a minimum of \$3.00 a year per member. Send before March 10th.

March, April, May

FOREIGN MISSIONS- Goal \$9,000

Send before June 10th.

Project: Printing of Hungarian tracts- \$3,000; Vehicle for Portugal- \$6,000

MISSIONARIES OF THE YEAR

OFFERING may be given in the month of your birthday or at a special emphasis throughout the year toward the support of WMC Missionaries of the Year honoring their service. We suggest a minimum of \$1.50 per member. Send before June 10th.

MISSIONARIES OF THE YEAR for 1990 - 1991 are: Rosa Churchill - Mexico, Cathy Harrell - Chad, Becky Kiddoo -

England, Berta Kuns - C.A.R., Betty Nairn - Argentina

D. June, July, August

WMC OPERATING EXPENSES- Goal \$8,000

Send before September 10th. f

5. Encourage the reading of the following books, which may be purchased from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Box 544, Winona Lake, IN 46590. *Violets for Mr. B* by Margaret Jensen; *A Light In Darkness* by Barbara Reed; *They Found the Secret* by Erdman.

6. Use **Brethren** talent when available and support **Brethren** works, support SMM.*

7. Aid in expenses, if possible, of local president or representative to attend each district meeting and National WMC Conference.

8. Elect officers in April or May to assume their duties in September. The local Annual Reports compiled by the retiring local presidents must be in the hands of the district president by May 31. Seating of the delegates at National Conference is permissible only if an annual report is returned. Reports will not be accepted at National Conference.

9. **Keep membership cards current.*** The membership chairman is responsible for giving her card to any member transferring to another council and seeing that a new member receives and signs a membership card when she joins the local council. (These cards are available from the National Literature Secretary.)

10. **Refer often to the WMC Handbook.** This can be obtained from the National Literature Secretary, Box 711, Winona Lake, IN 46590.

DISTRICT OBJECTIVES

1. Honor those reading the entire Bible or tapes of the entire Bible within a year.

2. Recognize the SMM at a District WMC Program.

3. Use **Brethren** talent when available and support **Brethren** works.

4. Send District Newspaper to National President, National Editor, and District Editors.

5. Sponsor at least one project, said project to be cleared through the National First Vice President, to avoid duplication. The project may be kept within the district, but the National First Vice President should be advised for completion of her report. Send before March 10.
6. Send all district offerings for National Brethren works to the National WMC Financial Secretary-Treasurer.
7. Contribute an annual freewill offering, to be used as the committee in charge sees the need, toward furnishing and repair of the Brethren Foreign Missionary Residence at Winona Lake, Indiana. Send to the National WMC Financial Secretary-Treasurer.
8. Pay the District President's expenses to National Conference.
9. Give financial assistance, so that the District SMM Leader may attend National Conference.
10. Contribute annually to the National WMC Operation Expenses. Send to the National WMC Financial Secretary-Treasurer, by September 10.

FINANCIAL REPORT 1989-90

Balance on Hand — July 1, 1989 \$12,593.50

RECEIPTS:

Operation Account	\$15,832.33
Home Missions	9,022.94
Grace Schools	7,371.68
Foreign Missions	9,689.89
Thank Offering	5,784.43
Missionary of the Year	5,863.29
Missionary Residence	2,047.27
Home Missions Specials	2,563.54

Foreign Missions Specials	6,178.80
SMM—CE National	6,622.00
CE National Specials	2,014.00
Grace Schools Specials	2,310.00
Prepaid Income and Expense ..	2,738.00
50th Anniversary	18.00
Candidate School	293.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$76,349.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Operation Account	\$17,390.00
Home Missions	9,022.94
Grace Schools	7,371.68
Foreign Missions	7,689.89
Thank Offering	5,784.43
Missionary of the Year	7,000.00
Missionary Residence	1,457.00
Home Missions Specials	2,563.54
Foreign Missions Specials	6,178.80
SMM—CE National	6,622.00
CE National Specials	2,014.00
Grace Schools Specials	2,310.00
Prepaid Income and Expense ..	2,138.00
50th Anniversary	1,460.00

TOTAL

DISBURSEMENTS

Balance on Hand —

June 30, 1990

RECAPITULATION OF CASH ACCOUNT

Balance on Hand — June 30, 1990

Operation Account

Missionary of the Year Account

Missionary Residence Account ..

Prepaid Income & Expense

Account

Candidate School

TOTAL

Total Investment & Interest in the

GBIF not included in the above:

SMM

Motto—“*Serving My Master*”

Colors

The SMM colors are white and green. *White* reminds us to worship God and symbolizes the purity of Jesus. *Green* reminds us to serve God and to grow in Him.

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1990-91 SMM OFFERINGS AND GOAL OFFERINGS

*(Make checks payable to:
CE National)*

Operation SMM (Due November 10, 1990). Goal — \$2,000.

Foreign Missions (Due January 10, 1991). Goal — \$1,000. 1 computer printer, \$500 - Spain; 2 tape recorders, \$100 - Argentina; Literature fund, \$400 - C.A.R.

CE National (Due March 10, 1991). Goal—\$2,000. \$200 office doors; \$1,500 Video Camera; \$300 Landscaping.

Home Interest. (Due May 10, 1991). Goal - \$1,000. Children's church material, \$200 - McAllen, TX; Typewriter and slide projector, \$375 - State College, PA; NKJV pew Bibles, \$170 - Yakima Valley, WA; Slide projector, \$250 - Millersburg, OH.

LOCAL ORGANIZATION GOALS

For the Sisters

Each member carries her Bible to church and to SMM.

Each member invites one friend to attend an SMM meeting.

Each member demonstrates one way to honor her parents.

4. Each member prays weekly for a missionary.
5. An offering is given for the district SMM project and each national SMM offering.

Amigas

1. Each member has a consistent Bible reading program.
2. Each member learns one evangelistic tool.
3. Each member participates in a scripture memory and review program.
4. Each member prays weekly for foreign and home missions, CE and Grace Schools.
5. An offering is given for the district SMM project and each national SMM offering.

Lumiere

1. Each member has a consistent quiet time.
2. Each member shares the gospel with a non-believer.
3. Each member learns to share her personal testimony.
4. Each member can define TIME and Operation Barnabas.
5. An offering is given for the district SMM project and each national SMM offering.

Charis

1. Each member has a consistent quiet time and weekly application.
2. Each member learns follow-up training of a new believer.
3. Each member participates in an outreach ministry.
4. Each member is a prayer partner with a TIME worker.
5. An offering is given for the district SMM project and each national SMM offering.

DISTRICT ORGANIZATION GOALS

1. Each district choose a district project yearly.
2. The district should help to send the district leader to any national workshop dealing with girls' ministries or SMM.
3. The district leader should contact newly organized churches or churches without SMMs and help to organize their groups or give ideas and suggestions.

4. The district secretary should send a letter to the Director of SMM reporting interesting activities within the district program.

5. The district leader should send an updated list of women working as leaders in SMM to GBC Christian Education at the beginning of the fall

THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF GRACE BRETHREN MINISTERS

Pres. — Bernard Simmons

V. Pres. — John McIntosh

Recording Secretary — Mike Brubaker

Asst. Recording Secretary — Lee H. Dice

Executive Secretary — Ralph J. Colburn

TUESDAY, July 31, 1990

The meeting opened with the singing of "Grace Greater Than our Sins" and "Amazing Grace", led by Roger Myers, with Ron Thompson at the piano. President Wendell Kent led in opening prayer.

Announcements included the need for six ministers to serve as ushers, and for the workshop led by Tex Hudson of "Churches Alive" at 3:30 p.m. Wendell then had all the missionaries stand and introduce themselves, recognizing their presence in this 90th anniversary year of Grace Brethren Foreign Missions.

The 1947-49 Seminary Quartet, comprised of Ken Marken, Charles Ashman, Jack Churchill and Martin Garber sang "I'm On The Battlefield For My Lord" backed by 40 years of front-line experience!

Vice President Bernie Simmons presented President Wendell Kent for the President's Address, based on Acts 27:29, entitled: "Abandon Ship or Drop Anchor?" His message caused us to take a humorous look at ourselves, and a hard look at our priorities. He reminded us that our four anchors might well be: (1) God, who never fails. (2) the Bible, His eternal Word. (3) The Church, whom Christ loved, and gave Himself for; and (4) Prayer, for our Fellowship, ourselves, and our ministries; for a new daybreak in our personal and corporate experiences.

Copies of his message were available and quickly snatched up after the session.

Wendell reminded us of two former reports adopted by the Ministerium which were made available at these sessions also: "Ministerial Discipline" and "Ministerial

Ethics", the latter of which might need updating and revising, with specific details.

Ralph Colburn presented the membership report, and the financial report, each of which was properly received by motion.

A motion from the Executive Committee prevailed that the death gratuities be raised to \$2500 for ministers and their wives effective immediately.

Pastor Tim Boal presented a memorial for Pastor Charles Martin, who was ushered to the Lord's presence by a heart attack the day after Conference last year (August 1989).

Larry Chamberlain presented an update of the Ministerial Pension Plan, which now has over 100 participants and is growing well. He introduced Martin A. Brounstein, a representative of Aetna, by whom the plan is managed, who spoke of the strength and interest of the company, and of great benefits and lower costs to us in the retirement plan. They were available for questions after the session.

After several announcements, a motion prevailed that we adjourn.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 1990

The meeting opened at 10:50 with singing of "Blessed Assurance" and "How I Love Jesus", led by Roger Myers, with Ron Thompson at the piano. Wendell Kent led in prayer.

Bernie Simmons presided over the induction of 13 new men. The ministerial Chaplains present were also acknowledged and introduced.

Bernie Simmons presided over a past year's former "Pastors of the Year", Charles Ashman, James Dixon and Robert Colburn, getting their practical responses and wisdom in answer to several questions as:

(1) What are some of the blunders you men fall into by looking at heroes in ministry?

2) On management style, what and how do you delegate?

3) How do you handle discouragement and disappointment?

4) What have you learned since seminary that you wish they had taught you?

These questions led to other related ones and brought excellent, heart-warming counsel.

The business session opened with a motion to approve the minutes of yesterday's session as printed in the "Epistle." A second motion adopted the additions and corrections to the membership list. Both motions prevailed.

Dave Plaster presented the report of the nominating committee, ballots were distributed and opportunity was given for additional nominations. The results of the election are:

President: Bernie Simmons (by acclamation)

Vice President: John McIntosh

Recording Secretary: Mike Brubaker

Assistant Rec. Secy: Lee Dice

Executive Secretary: Ralph Colburn (re-elected in '88 for 3 year term)

Memorials were presented for Tom Sharp, one of our faithful missionaries who died cancer late last August, by his pastor, Bill Miller. And for Jake Kliever, beloved missionary who died last November at the age of 85, by his pastor Wesley Haller.

The floor was open for old or new business. A motion was introduced, so after a few announcements, a motion to adjourn prevailed.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 1990

The meeting opened with the singing of the Church's One Foundation" led by Bill Myers, with Ron Thompson at the piano. President Wendell Kent led in prayer. This was a joint session with the laymen. Ed Jackson introduced Mike Penn, who ministered to us in song.

Bernie Simmons led introductions of new members. Then a motion prevailed to approve the minutes as printed in the "Epistle." Another motion prevailed to approve the corrections to the membership list as printed in the "Epistle."

Ralph Colburn presented the "Pastor of the Year" award to H. Don Rough, for 27 years of distinguished ministry at the River

side Grace Brethren church of Johnstown, PA. Steady, significant growth has characterized his ministry there through local depression, a flood, a major building program, and a personal tragedy in the loss of a son. The board of his church nominated him for this honor, which includes a lovely plaque and a \$500 check. His wife, Dottie, joined him on the platform to receive the award.

After another song by Mike Penn, Ed Jackson introduced the speaker, an industrialist from Bucyrus, Ohio, Ray Kincaid, an active layman in the Christian & Missionary Alliance. He warmed our hearts and challenged us from Eph. 4:1-16.

The meeting concluded with a brief installation of new officers, and prayer by president-elect Bernie Simmons.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance, Farmers and Merchants Bank, 7/7/89 .. \$ 7,239.75

Receipts:

National dues \$36,281.50
District dues 45.00
Alamo Rebates 82.21

36,408.71

TOTAL \$43,648.46

Disbursements:

"Epistle" costs 1,485.30
Exec. Secy. Salary 2,100.00
Postage & phone 30.63
Nat'l Ministerium 1,224.15
Dist. dues refund 45.00
Nat'l dues ref. 295.00
NAC Scholarships 1,350.00
GBIF deposit 3,000.00
Chase Manh. dep. 30,000.00
Annual space 410.60

\$39,940.68

Balance, F & M Bank, 7/16/90 3,707.78

Balance, G.B.I.F., 7/7/89 ... \$47,617.29

No withdrawals.
Interest earned 3,336.31
Deposit, from F & M Bank
6/21/90 3,000.00

TOTAL \$53,953.60

Balance, Chase Manhattan Bank, 7/7/89	4,976.06
Interest to 6/12/90.....	419.46
Deposits during year	30,000.00
TOTAL.....	35,395.52
Death gratuities payments	9,900.00
TOTAL, 7/16/90	25,495.52

Total Funds Available, 7/16/90 83,156.90
(net gain over last year (\$58,833.10)
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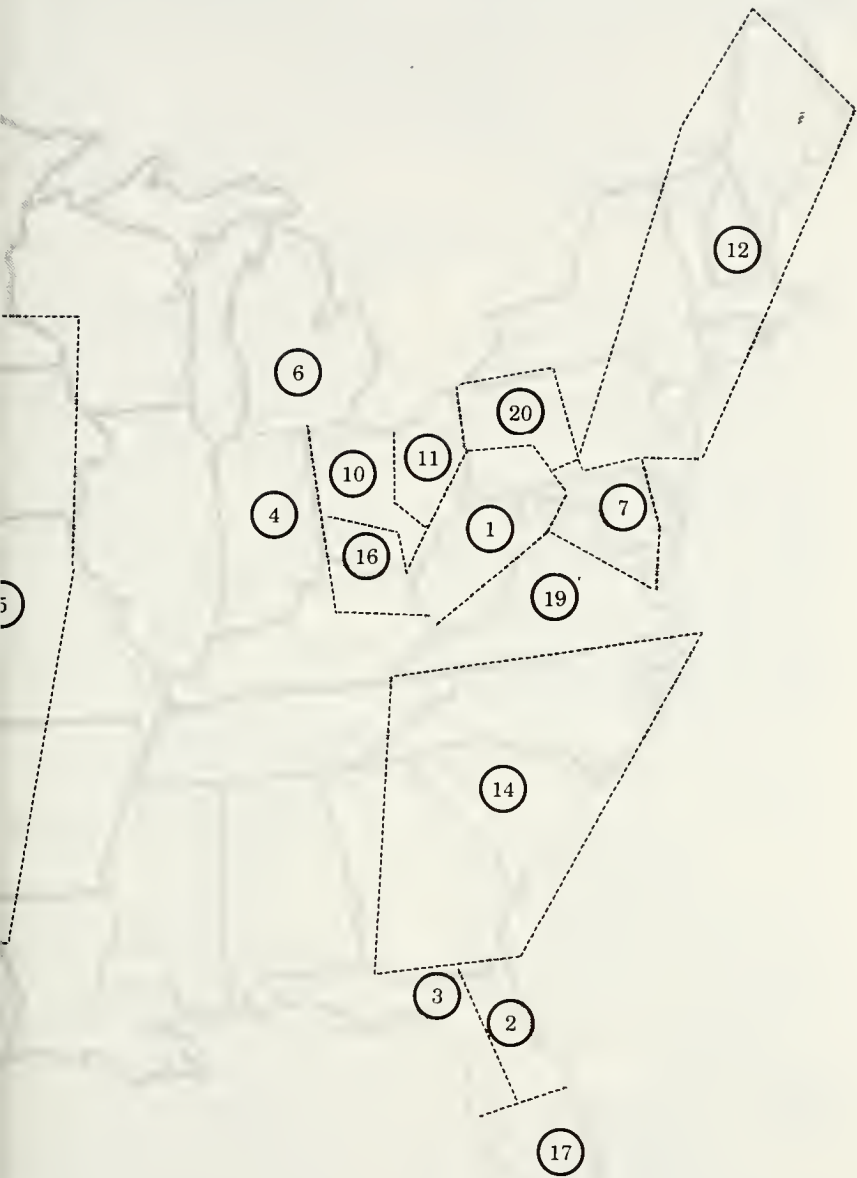


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Name of Campgrounds—Camp Albryoca

Location—Pennsylvania

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Church

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Church

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Fremont, OH—Grace Brethren Church

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Mt. Vernon

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Toledo, OH—Toledo Grace Brethren Church

NORTHEASTERN OHIO

Northeastern Ohio District Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

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Millersburg
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NORTHERN ATLANTIC

Northern Atlantic District Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

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Southern California-Arizona District Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

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Long Beach, CA—Iglesia Evangelica de los
Hermanos

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Name of Campgrounds—Camp Grace
Location—Bassinger, FL

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SOUTHERN OHIO

Southern Ohio District Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

Next conference: Brookville Grace Brethren
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Camden, OH—Camden Grace Brethren
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Church
Cincinnati, OH—Grace Brethren Church of
Greater Cincinnati
Clayhole, KY—Clayhole Grace Brethren
Church
Clayton, OH—Clayton Grace Brethren Church
Covington, OH—Friendship Grace Brethren
Church
Dayton, OH—Basore Road Grace Brethren
Church
Dayton, OH—Calvary Grace Brethren Church
Dayton, OH—First Grace Brethren Church
Dayton, OH—North Riverdale Grace Brethren
Church
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Brethren Church
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Church
Huber Heights, OH—Grace Community
Church
Kettering, OH—Calvary Brethren Church
Lexington, KY—Grace Brethren Church
Sinking Spring, OH—Grace Brethren Church
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Church
Vandalia, OH—Vandalia Grace Brethren
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SOUTHERN

Southern District Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

Next conference: Anderson, SC
May 17-18, 1991

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Anderson, SC—Anderson Grace Brethren
Church
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Brethren Church
Atlanta, GA—Marietta Grace Brethren
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Southwest District Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

Next conference: Grace Brethren Navajo
Ministries, May 3-4, 1991

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Counselor, NM—Cedar Hill Grace Brethren
Church
Counselor, NM—Day Mesa Grace Brethren
Church
Counselor, NM—Grace Brethren Navajo
Ministries
Rio Rancho, NM—La Mesa Grace Brethren
Church
Taos, NM—First Grace Brethren Church
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Church

VIRGINIA

Virginia Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

Next conference: Ghent Grace Brethren
Church, Roanoke, VA, April 5-6, 1991

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Covington, VA—Grace Brethren Church
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Richmond, VA—Grace Brethren Church
Riner, VA—Grace Brethren Church
Roanoke, VA—Clearbrook Grace Brethren
Church
Roanoke, VA—Garden City Grace Brethren
Church
Roanoke, VA—Ghent Grace Brethren Church
Roanoke, VA—Patterson Memorial Grace
Brethren Church
Roanoke, VA—Washington Heights Grace
Brethren Church
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Troutville, VA—Grace Bible Church
Virginia Beach, VA—Grace Brethren Church
Willis, VA—Grace Brethren Church

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

Western Pennsylvania District Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

Next conference: Riverside Grace Brethren
Church, Johnstown, PA, April 27, 1991

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Avis, PA—Tiadaghton Valley Grace Brethren
Church
Conemaugh, PA—Conemaugh Grace Brethren
Church
Duncansville, PA—Leamersville Grace
Brethren Church
Everett, PA—Community Grace Brethren
Church
Everett, PA—Everett Grace Brethren Church
Export, PA—Murrysville Grace Brethren
Church
Hollidaysburg, PA—Vicksburg Grace Brethren
Church
Hopewell, PA—Hopewell Grace Brethren
Church
Johnstown, PA—Geistown Grace Brethren
Church
Johnstown, PA—Johnstown Grace Brethren
Church
Johnstown, PA—Pike Grace Brethren Church
Johnstown, PA—Riverside Grace Brethren
Church
Johnstown, PA—Singer Hill Grace Brethren
Church
Kittanning, PA—Grace Brethren Church
West Kittanning
Kittanning, PA—North Buffalo Grace Brethren
Church
Martinsburg, PA—Martinsburg Grace
Brethren Church
Milroy, PA—Milroy Grace Brethren Church
State College, PA—State College Grace
Brethren Church

Directory of Grace Brethren Churches

Listing 328 churches in 33 states

sted by States; giving city, pastor's name, church name, membership as of January 1, 1990, address, and telephone number; and name, address and telephone number of recording secretary or clerk.

ALASKA

ANCHORAGE (Larry Smithwick)
Anchorage Grace Brethren Church (200)
Huffman and Pintail, 12407 Pintail St.,
99516 (Tel. 907/345-3741)
Mrs. Fran Dunham, 11221 Forest Dr.,
99516

ANCHORAGE (Brian L. Chronister)
Grace Community Church (98)
10900 O'Malley Center Dr. (Mailing
Address: P.O. Box 111505, 99511)
(Tel. 907/344-7780)
Cindy Leonard, 8431 Stacey Cir., 99507,
(Tel. 907/522-3969)

ANCHORAGE (E. John Gillis)
Greatland Grace Brethren Church (37)
Meeting temporarily at 1709 S. Bragaw
(Mailing address: 17645 Toakoana,
Eagle River, 99577)
(Tel. 907/694-5331)
Mary Herndon, 16240 Baugh Cir.,
99516 (Tel. 907/345-0462)

EAGLE RIVER
Grace Brethren Church (83)
P.O. Box 770430, 99577 (Mile 1.8 — S
Birchwood Loop)
(Tel. 907/688-4010)
Mrs. Jill Lester, 18618 S. Lowrie Loop
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HEMER (Frank Gardner)
Kachemak Bay Grace Brethren Church
(36)
P.O. Box 2749, 99603
(Tel. 907/235-8213)
Liz Hejl, P.O. Box 2089, 99603
(Tel. 907/235-6788)

KENAI (Chris Hay)
Kenai Grace Brethren Church (57)
206 McCullom Dr., 99611
(Tel. 907/283-4379)
Mrs. Rhea Stables (church address)

NORTH POLE (Davis Harbour)
North Pole Grace Brethren Church (23)
Mailing address: P.O. Box 56982,
99705, (Tel. 907/488-1789)
Andy Harbour, Church address and
telephone

SOLDOTNA (Daniel E. Thornton)
Peninsula Grace Brethren Church (143)
34640 Kalifornsky Beach Rd., 99669
(Tel. 907/262-6442)
Debi Stone, Box 2752, Kenai, 99611
(Tel. 907/776-5316)

ARIZONA

PHOENIX (Kevin Zuber)
Grace Brethren Church (88)
2940 W. Bethany Home Rd., (just west
of Interstate 17), 85017
(Tel. 602/242-1885)
Mrs. Sandra Hurt, 4220 W. Keim Dr.,
85019 (Tel. 602/841-4676)

TONALEA (John Trujillo)
Red Lake Community Grace Brethren
Church
Box 108, 86044

TUCSON (Kenneth A. Curtis)
Silverbell Grace Brethren Church (25)
1477 N. Silverbell Rd., 85745
(Tel. 602/792-1114)
Michelle Curtis, 1901 Campana de
Plata, (Tel. 602/792-1114)

CALIFORNIA

ALTA LOMA (Neil Cole)
Grace Brethren Church of Alta Loma
(90)
5719 Beryl St., 91701
(Tel. 714/980-0727)

AUBURN (Paul G. Hoffman)
Auburn Grace Brethren Church (136)
P.O. Box 6446, 95604-6446
(Tel. 916/823-8330)
Mrs. Diane Benedict, 10650 Atwood Rd.
(Tel. 916/885-8788)

BEAUMONT (Robert Klierer)
Cherry Valley Grace Brethren Church
(59) 10257 Beaumont, (Mailing
address: P.O. Box 655, 92223)
(Tel. 714/845-1821)
Mrs. Robert Wines, 11076 Sandra Dr.,
Cherry Valley, 92223

BELLFLOWER (Edwin E. Cashman)
Bellflower Brethren Church (688)
9405 E. Flower St., 90706
(Tel. 213/925-6561)
Connie Becker, 2724 Yearling, Lakewood
(Tel. 213/531-2459)

CHICO (Louie Ricci)
Grace Brethren Church of Chico (46)
1505 Arbutus Ave., 95926
(Tel. 916/342-8642)
Dorothy Yeater, 819 Nancy Ln.
(Tel. 916/342-6749)

CYPRESS (Charles Covington)
Grace Brethren Church of Cypress (35)
9512 Juanita, 90630
(Tel. 714/826-6750)
Mrs. Gloria Zuelch, 3063 Ladoga, Long
Beach, 90808 (Tel. 213/420-9357)

LAKWOOD (Juan L. Arregin)
Iglesia Cristiana de la Comunidad (52)
11859 E. 209th St., 90715
(Tel. 213/865-9522)

LA MIRADA (Jim Behrens)
Creek Park Community Church (161)
12200 Oxford Dr., 90638
(Tel. 213/947-5672)
Brenda Bashor, 11817 La Serna,
Whittier, 90604
(Tel. 213/947-0064)

LA VERNE (Roy Halberg)
Grace Brethren Church (176)
2600 White Ave., 91750
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Denise Locker

LONG BEACH (Thomas Hughes)
Community Grace Brethren Church
(111)
5885 Downey Ave., 90805
(Tel. 213/634-1056)
Sandy Brannon, 5106 Obispo Ave.,
Lakewood, 90712
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LONG BEACH (Louis Huesmann)
Grace Brethren Church (1,440)
3590 Elm Ave, 90807
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Lissa Cannon, church address

GRACE CAMBODIAN CHURCH
(Vek Huong Taing)
3590 Elm St., Long Beach, CA 90807
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Long Beach, CA 90803
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LONG BEACH (John K. Nagle)
Los Altos Grace Brethren Church (16-
6565 Stearns St., 90815
(Tel. 213/596-3358)

LOS ALAMITOS (Mick Ukleja)
Grace Church (862)
3021 Blume Dr., 90720
Jean Summers, 3619 Arbor Rd.,
Lakewood, 90712

LOS ANGELES (Frank J. Coburn)
Community Brethren Church (51)
5839 Whittier Blvd., 90022
(Tel. 213/721-5972)
Mrs. Dorothy Becker, 525 S. Russell
Ave., Monterey Park, 91754
(Tel. 818/573-1570)

MENIFEE VALLEY (Chris Suitt and
Mikel Smith, Co-pastors)
New Hope Community Church
P.O. Box 2066, Sun City, 92381
(Tel. 714/656-2729)

MODESTO (Joel Richards)
La Loma Grace Brethren Church (14-
1315 La Loma Ave., 95354
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Judy Williams, 1244 Grinnell St., 95301
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NORWALK (Robert Divine)
Grace Brethren Church
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(Tel. 213/863-7322)
Mrs. A. Adams, 14503 Crossdale Av
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ORANGE (Ed Trenner)
Grace Church of Orange (83)
2201 E. Fairhaven Ave., 92669
(Tel. 714/633-8867)

ORANGEVALE (Russell Williams)
Ambassadors Grace Brethren Church
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Address: 6213 Green Eyes Way, 95001
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PARAMOUNT (Phil Guerena)
Iglesia De Los Hermanos
Vivos en Cristo
15733 Orange Ave., 90723
(Tel. 213/634-5587)
Martha Valdelamar, 2007 Ward,
Compton, 90221
(Tel. 213/603-9391)

DLANDS (Mitchell D. Cariaga and Brian L. Roseborough)
Orange Grove Community Church
2064 Orange Tree Ln., 92374
(Tel. 714/798-8883)

ALTO (Roy L. Polman)
Grace Community Church (64)
690 W. Etiwanda Ave., 92376
(Tel. 714/875-0730)
Robin Fleming, 785 N. Arrowhead
(Tel. 714/874-9492)

PON (Glen W. Shirk)
Ripon Grace Brethren Church (200)
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Dorothy Schaffer, P.O. Box 506
(Tel. 209/599-6344)

ERSIDE (Brian Smith)
Grace Brethren Church (100)
P.O. Box 8532, 92515
(Tel. 714/359-8195)
Roger Feenstra, 3243 Winnebago St.,
92503 (Tel. 714/688-9821)

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Whitney and Eastern Aves.)
(Tel. 916/972-1106)

BERNARDINO (Ward Miller)
Grace Brethren Church (46)
25700 Pacific St., 92404
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Lonna Carel, church address

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Grace Brethren Church (97)
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(Tel. 619/277-5364)
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South Bay Community Church (27)
610 Camden Ave., 95124
(Tel. 408/269-1289)
Christopher Burke, 1411 Blackstone Ave.
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ANA (Francisco Javier Peraza)
Laranatha Grace Brethren Church
(Spanish-speaking) (39)
Meeting at 1704 W. First St., 92703
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MARIA (Ralph Schwartz)
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Andy Coleman, 4533 Eileen Ln.
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Grace Brethren Church (42)
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Grace Community Church of Seal Beach
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(464)
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Pasadena (63)
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TRACY (Robert MacMillan)
Grace Brethren Church (60)
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Westminster Grace Brethren Church
(192)
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Costa Mesa, 92626

WHITTIER (Richard Tbd)
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Whittier (353)
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COLORADO

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DELAWARE

NEWARK (J. Timothy Coyle)
Grace Brethren Church (33)
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Ron Bove, 6 Westfield Dr., 19711
(Tel. 302/737-0932)

FLORIDA

BASINGER (Larry Zimmerman)
Christian Brethren Church (30)
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Suntree (37)
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(Exit 73 on U.S. 95 to Wickham,
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Mrs. Glenn B. Perkins, 400 Kellogg
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Pleasant Grove Grace Brethren Church
(27)
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Millersburg, 7 miles northwest of
North English)
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Udell Grace Brethren Church (11)
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Grace Brethren Church (566)
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Morrill Grace Brethren Church (21)
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68355 (Tel. 402/245-3698)

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Chapel (50)
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Grace Bible Church of Lexington (10)
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MAINE

BRUNSWICK (Darrel Taylor)
Down East Grace Brethren Church (15)
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TEMPLE HILLS
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Washington (One church in six
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(Tel. 301/894-2722)
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MARYLAND

ACCIDENT (Paul Mohler, Interim)
Grace Brethren Church (38)
Bumble Bee Rd., 21520 (1 mile south of
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Mrs. Shirley Burns, Marsh Hill Rd.,
McHenry, 21541
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ALEXANDRIA (VA)
Grace Brethren Church (59)
1301 Commonwealth Ave., 22301
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115 Bryan Pl., 21740
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NEBRASKA

ER CITY (Michael Page)
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Springs (35)
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Church (20)
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Church (111)
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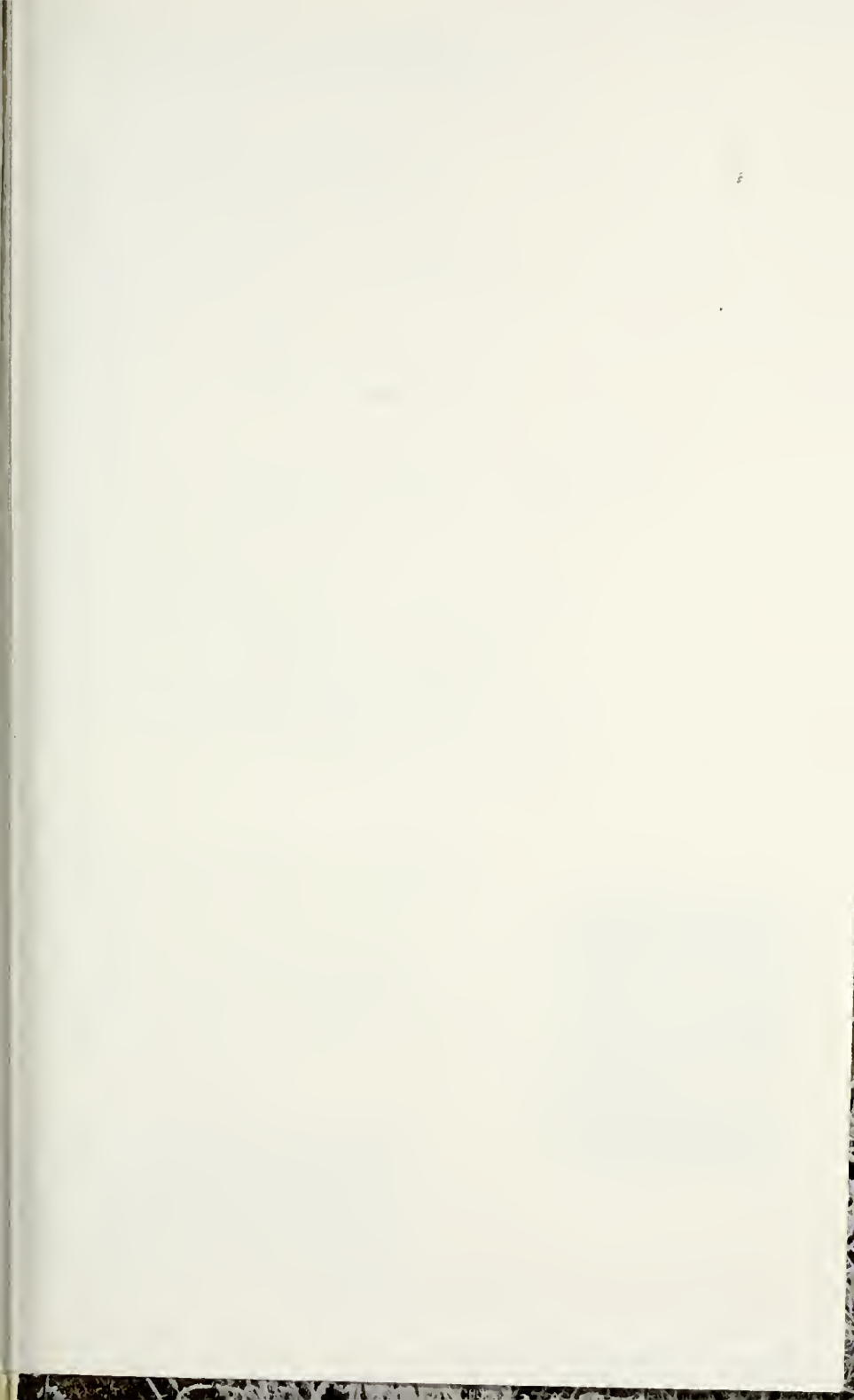
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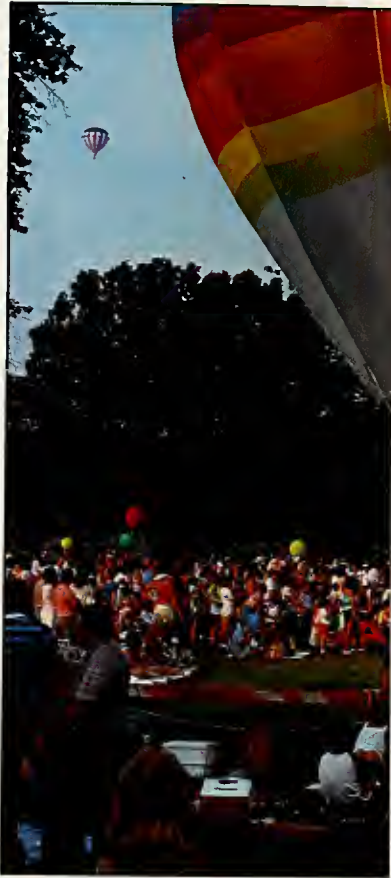
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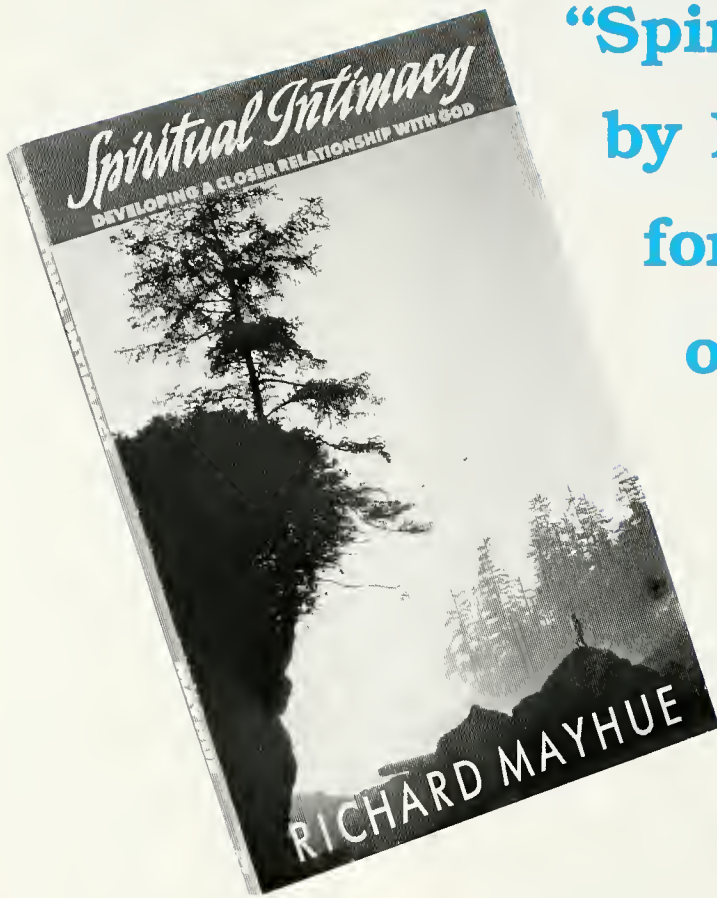
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Several weeks ago I sat through the TV special "The Big One". For two nights I waited to see if the specialist in Earthquake predictions would be right. She had become convinced that the "Big One" was going to hit Los Angeles. Some wanted to believe her and others were really skeptical. As the mayor of Los Angeles and the news media pondered what to do, I sat in suspense. It did happen and there were buildings dropping everywhere. People were screaming and I was glad to be in Indiana. To my relief, it was just a movie.

However, to keep things interesting, a Dr. Browning predicted an earthquake for the midwest right along the New Madrid fault. Now we in the midwest are used to being blown around or away by our specialty—the tornado. So to be safe from the earthquake some of the schools closed their doors and the TV people all headed for the fault to be there just in case it happened. Personally, I had great doubts about the Mississippi River falling into the gulf of Mexico and Winona Lake dropping into Lake Michigan. So it was a good time to go to Florida—better safe than sorry is not a bad way to look at things.

The big days of the earthquake prediction approached and from the Orlando area I went off to Universal Studio to do what? Of course—try the new earthquake presentation in which I would be caught underground in an 8.3 earthquake. There was a flaming gasoline truck, light poles falling and a flood of water roaring down the subway steps. Wow! From there I went to see King Kong destroy New York City—it made my day.

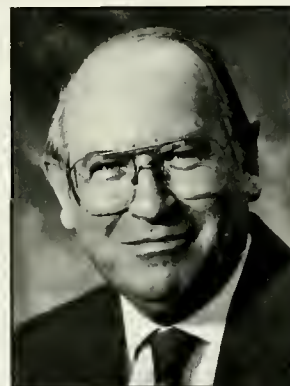
Meanwhile, back in the midwest, St. Louis, Cedar Rapids and Winona Lake made it through Dr. Browning's prediction and we are at least safe for another day. We should not take it all too lightly, though. There is really

a "Big One" coming one of these days—when I say big, I do mean *big*. Several years ago Iran had 50,000 deaths in one earthquake and there have been other big ones. Remember San Francisco at the turn of the century? In China decades ago, tens of thousands were killed. Mexico City is still fresh in mind. My biggest earthquake experience was a number of years ago in Long Beach—while reviewing a manuscript with Roy Roberts one rumbled through. Roy reacted with ease, reminding me that Californians stir their coffee with little earthquakes like that. However, Roy is in Pennsylvania now, so that may tell you something, too!

Back to the really "Big One": "He broke the sixth seal, and there was an earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth made of hair, and the whole moon became like blood; and the stars of the sky fell to the earth, as a fig tree casts its unripe figs when shaken by a great wind. And the sky split apart like a scroll when it is rolled up; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places" (Revelation 6:12-14 NASB). People pray to die and kings, commanders and slaves all are involved. There is no escape for them because the day of their wrath has come.

As I have been re-reading the book of Revelation in the light of today's newscasts and newspapers, it has taken on a new urgency. I am not saying this is the end, but it looks a lot like it. When the Christmas decorations go up, it looks a lot like Christmas. When the prophecy looks a lot like Revelation, it looks like the end . . . so you get ready for the next happenings. If you get ready for the end and it is not the end, you probably did not make any mistakes in just being ready—right?

When will the "Big One" come? No one really knows, but the really big one is certain. I know because God said so!



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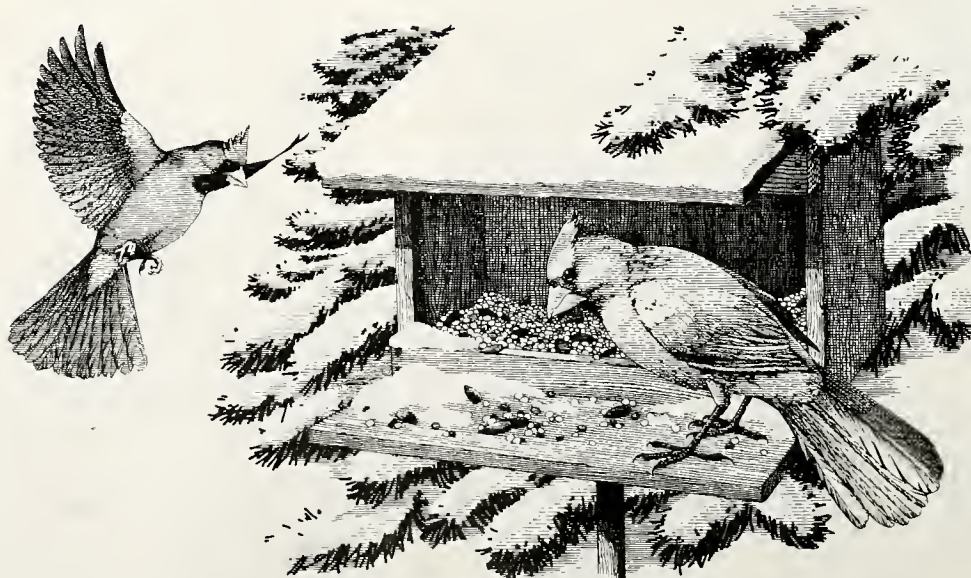
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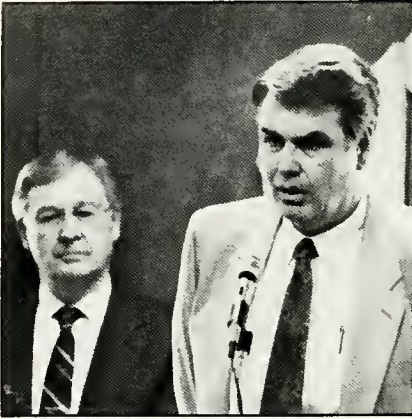
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ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR - Rev. Richard S. Jensen, Simi Valley, California, spoke briefly to the capacity crowd attending the President's Brunch. Prof. Don Ogden, Director of Alumni Affairs, served as master of ceremonies.



PARENTS OF THE YEAR - Ken and Joanne Taylor, shown here with their daughter Becky, a senior, were selected as the 1990 Parents of the Year. Becky's fiancé' Rod Wilson and the Taylor's youngest son, Matthew were also in attendance.



FIRST ANNUAL 5-K RUN - Rick Lyons, alumnus from Eastlake, Ohio, and Miriam Aellig, a freshman from Chaux De Fonds, Switzerland, were the over-all winners for the Homecoming 5-K Run.

Alumni from around the region and country descended on the Grace College campus October 19 and 20 for the college's homecoming festivities.

Homecoming Weekend began Friday evening with the Homecoming Banquet and Alpha Chi induction. At coronation ceremonies, senior Lizabeth Angelo, from Westboro, Wisconsin was crowned Homecoming Queen. Members of the Homecoming Court were Jennifer Certalic, a junior from Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Teresa Cooper, a senior from Vinton, Virginia; Laura Devan, a sophomore from Roanoke, Virginia; Heidi Johnson, a freshman from Ashland, Ohio; and Becky Taylor, a senior from Warsaw, Indiana.

Christian pianists Nielson & Young entertained the coronation crowd, which filled Rodeheaver Auditorium to capacity. Friday's activities ended with a reception in the newly refurbished auditorium in McClain Hall.

Homecoming activities continued Saturday, October 20, in the morning with a 5-K run and the annual President's Alumni/Parents Brunch. Afternoon and evening events included the Alumni Golf Scramble, alumni/varsity basketball, volleyball, and baseball scrimmages, a performance of the play, "A Mouse that Roared," by the college's Communications Department, open house in the



SONG OF THANKSGIVING - Featured duo pianists Ovid Young and Stephen Nielson were accompanied by the Festival Choir and Orchestra, composed of area alumni, faculty, staff and students, and conducted by Prof. Ardis Faber.

1990 HOMECOMING



CORONATION - Senior Liz Angelo was crowned 1990 Homecoming Queen. The members of the court were (from left, back row) Rod Wilson and Senior Attendant Becky Taylor, Paul Bowman and Queen Liz Angelo, Jon Deloe and Senior Attendant Teresa Cooper. (Front row from left) Jeff Wiesinger and Junior Attendant Jennifer Certalic, Scott Lyons and Sophomore Attendant Laura Devan, Freshman Attendant Heidi Johnson and Dave Jones.

Art Department, soccer game between Grace and Aquinas, Operation Barnabas Reunion, class reunion dinners, and a variety show.

Richard S. Jensen was named Alumnus of the Year. Jensen is a 1964 graduate and now serves as principal at Brethren School in Simi Valley, California. In addition to his B.A. degree from Grace College, Jensen holds his B.D. and MACSA degrees from Grace Theological Seminary.

Named Parents of the Year were Ken and Joanne Taylor. Ken is Professor of Sociology at the college, while Joanne is School Nurse and Director of the Student Health Center on campus.

The 1991 Homecoming Weekend is scheduled for October 11 and 12. Grace College alumni will receive information in the coming months about 1991 homecoming events.



HOMECOMING GAME - Fans at the Miller Athletic Field enjoyed the beautiful weather and the skillful playing of the soccer team as Grace defeated Aquinas 8-1.



ALUMNI/STUDENT BODY TALENT SHOW - The newly renovated McClain Auditorium provided the setting for the annual talent show featuring students, alumni, staff, and faculty.



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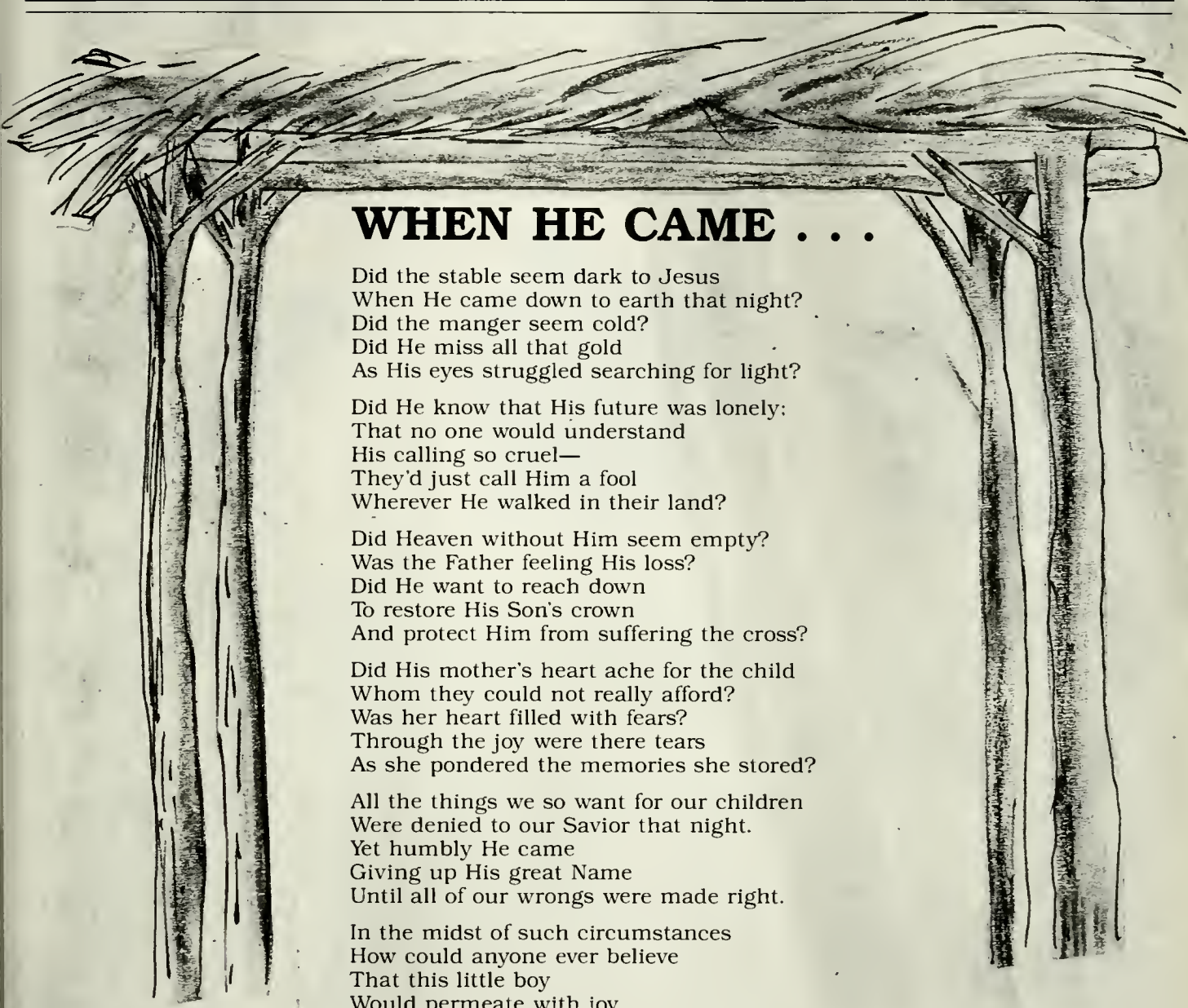
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Did Heaven without Him seem empty?
Was the Father feeling His loss?
Did He want to reach down
To restore His Son's crown
And protect Him from suffering the cross?

Did His mother's heart ache for the child
Whom they could not really afford?
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Through the joy were there tears
As she pondered the memories she stored?

All the things we so want for our children
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Yet humbly He came
Giving up His great Name
Until all of our wrongs were made right.

In the midst of such circumstances
How could anyone ever believe
That this little boy
Would permeate with joy
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PORTUGAL

Portugal opened its doors to legal Protestant activity after the revolution of 1974. The poorest country in western Europe, Portugal is also four times more densely populated than the United States.

In 1988, John and Jean Zielasko, former missionaries to Brazil and former General Director of GBFM, went to Portugal to lay the groundwork for the Portugal ministry. Portugal is the seventeenth field in which Grace Brethren missionaries have served. It is also the most recently entered field.

Tim and Julie Hawkins arrived in Portugal in September of this year and are informally learning Portuguese from a Baptist minister's wife, but more intensively at Coimbra.

The Portugal team will include Margaret Hull, missionary for 25 years to the Central African Republic; second-generation missionary Ken Burk and his wife, Kim; and Ralph and Martha Schwartz, who formerly served in Brazil.



FRANCE

During WWII American soldiers recognized the spiritual need in France. In 1951, Fred and Maurita Fogle joined other postwar missionaries and established the first Grace Brethren church-planting effort in Lyon, France. Teamwork was difficult, and the group of believers in Lyon dispersed. When Tom and Doris Julien arrived in 1958, the situation was bleak. Trying to bridge the gap between missionaries and the French people, God led the Juliens to the Chateau. In 1964 the Chateau de St. Albain was purchased for youth rallies, short-term mission experiences, and camps.

Churches are located in Lyon, Macon, and Chalon. The latter has celebrated its tenth anniversary. Dijon, LeCreusot, Montceau, and St. Albain are others where GBFM missionaries are located.

The Lyon Church was virtually non-existent. Since then it has been newly established as of March 11, 1990, and has grown from three to 60. In 1989 alone, the Lyon church saw 21 individuals come to know Christ as Savior.



MEXICO

In the fall of 1951 Walt and Alys Haag went to Mexico in the place of Jack Green who was prevented by illness from becoming GBFM's first missionary there. The Haags began their work in the border of Tijuana. They also travelled further into Mexico. In the 50s and 60s, the Edminstons, the Guerenas, and the Churchills joined the team in evangelistic ministry among university students in Mexico City and at the Brethren Bible Institute at the border.

Since 1951 the missionary team and national pastors have established 14 churches along the border, Irapuato, and Mexico City with an average attendance of 426. The Bible Institute currently has six full-time students. Twelve border churches have a strong summer camp program where families and young people are taught practical Christian living on a 25-acre campground in Tecate, New Mexico.

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ARGENTINA

Charles Yoder, his family, and Bertha Bell chose Rio Cuarto, Cordoba, as their home base when they arrived in Argentina in 1909. It was the largest town in the republic, had no gospel witness, and was centrally located among unevangelized towns nearby. National workers began assisting them in 1916, and the Clarence Sickel family joined them in 1919. For the next 30 years the ministry included using a Model T Ford truck, affectionately named the "Bible Coach," to travel from town to town; a Bible institute was started; and radio and bookstore ministries followed. During the 1960s and 70s the influence of the Charismatic movement caused a split among the Argentine churches. A time of slow rebuilding followed. More recently a new missionary team arrived in Buenos Aires.

Today, there are 16 Grace Brethren churches in Argentina with more than 500 members and the opportunities for planting more seem even brighter than before. The mission team is working in partnership with the Argentine churches, and by the year 2000 envisions four new church-planting teams in four new Argentine cities.



SPAIN

Spain is a country only 12 years old in its democracy and still holds 99 percent of its population as Roman Catholic. Evangelicals are even looked upon as a cult. King Juan Carlos allowed for more religious freedom, and Grace Brethren missionaries have planted a church in Valencia. Chosen for its many suburbs of 10-20,000 people each, Valencia offers an opportunity for the few evangelical churches to reach Spain.

In 1984, Bob and Marilyn Salazar pioneered the church planting effort in Spain. Since their early efforts and contacts, the Pouparts, who have followed, are continuing regular Sunday School and church services, Bible studies, and a Bible class for University students.

Missionaries to Spain testify to a slower paced life which gives great opportunity to make friends and lead Spaniards to Christ. Regular church attendance is between 15 and 20. At least two have come to know Christ. The Pouparts pray that God will continue to bring more fertile hearts across their path.



GERMANY

Roger and Nancy Peugh were commissioned by GBFM in 1969 to Germany, the birthplace of the Brethren movement. Their early years in Germany were ones of isolation and testing, but in 1971 they began a children's ministry which was vital in communicating with the German people. Home Bible studies and an evangelistic crusade led to the planting of the Stuttgart Grace Brethren Church in 1976.

The church's progress was marked by periods of tension and struggle, but 15 years later, the Stuttgart church was turned over to German leadership. In 1977 the Pappas family arrived bringing much needed encouragement to the Peughs. Since then seven other missionary families have arrived, and five more churches in other cities have been established. With the recent reunification of Germany, GBFM's future ministry in Germany looks promising.

Personal Reflections

I have been encouraged by many to open up a limited number of pages of the Herald magazine to the expression of opinions and beliefs regarding the baptism/membership issue in the Grace Brethren Church. No practical means of such an exchange has been available to persons following last year's national conference. A forum plan was adopted at the 1989 conference, but has not been implemented in a workable fashion to date. No exchanges which involve the names of other persons will be included. The use of the Herald magazine makes the information available to lay persons as well as to ministers. No editing will be done on any of the articles and it is understood that the material does not have the endorsement of the Herald, the Fellowship or the local church — it reflects the personal position of the individual author.

—Charles W. Turner, publisher

By James Belton
Missionary to Germany

Our Fellowship has been grappling with a very complex issue for the past few years. I would like to take a few moments of your time to give you a personal view of what I see happening in our Fellowship.

This letter is describing what I see happening in our Fellowship and in Christendom world-wide. Our eyes need to be open so we can view theological divergences with clear vision. As I was struggling with these trends a few years ago I found myself starting to agree with some of these false philosophies. However, through the help of the Spirit of God and Spirit-controlled men, I was driven to the Scriptures and eventually found these trends to be poisonous. This is what I found to be true then, and I see the same symptoms now:

We are dealing with a problem which has, to some extent or other, affected all of us, namely, a movement that has been given the name Neo-Evangelicalism. This movement is far more dangerous than most people realize. We are dealing with a mind set, not just a particular theological issue. We must first deal with this mind-set. If we don't do this first, we will be spinning our wheels and gaining little ground in our efforts to show these brothers that they are drifting from the truth. Our ultimate problem is not how we should receive members into our churches (this problem has become prominent among us especially since 1964). This is only a symptom of the problem.

The characteristics of the Neo-Evangelical movement as I learned them at Grace Seminary (1984-87) went something like this:

1. A desire for intellectual prestige and sophistication, along with a re-thinking of Christian doctrine with the view of modifying them for the benefit of the modern mind. A passion for communication and dialogue with non-evangelical leaders and thinkers in order to "share" theological insights, not just to present them. And the

elevation of *Love* (Grace) above *Doctrine* (Truth).

2. An emphasis upon Ecumenism among all born-again Christians, with a corresponding avoidance of doctrines upon which all Christians are not agreed. Not only an avoidance but, of course, an actual abandoning of doctrines on which all Christians are not agreed. It's reducing everything to a low common denominator: "we will not really have convictions on anything that all born-again Christians do not accept as minimal truths."

Now what is the basic philosophy of this dangerous trend of thinking?

1. The most effective way to proclaim the Gospel to the entire world in our generation is to unite all born-again Christians, both doctrinally and organizationally, because the world will remain unimpressed by a divided church. In other words, we must at all costs have organizational unity or nobody will listen to our message.

2. Since a united front before the world is of extreme importance to evangelism, it is sinful to form new denominations or fellowships of Christians for the sake of perpetuating certain distinct interpretations of doctrines or ordinances. After all, we will all spend eternity together in heaven; therefore it is sinful to divide the body of Christ on earth over any doctrinal or ecclesiastical issue. The mark of true orthodoxy is *Love* not doctrine. Therefore, if we truly love one another we will not allow doctrines or ordinances to divide us.

3. However, it must be recognized that denominations do exist today, and these cannot be abolished immediately. So, in order to restore to some extent the unity of the early church, we must not emphasize any doctrines that other Christians do not accept. Otherwise there might be friction and division in the body and the world will not be impressed by our Gospel witness. *To win the world for Christ we must bury our differences and proclaim the essential core of the gospel in a positive way.*

Now this philosophy has great advantages because it immediately eliminates the necessity of a careful study of God's Word.

However, the Great Commission has three parts, not just one. Neo-evangelical ecumenism sees just one part, namely, "make disciples of all nations." But Jesus commanded three things: (1) "Disciple" (evangelize), (2) "Baptize," and (3) "Teach them all things."

The greatest problem I think is this: Doctrine creates division. Jesus said that He did not come into the world to bring unity and peace, but division (Lk. 12:51). But why? Because truth will do that. There can be unity in darkness until the light comes (cf. Jn. 1:35). But for outward religious

unity to be maintained, doctrine, light, and truth must be either strictly enforced by God and His servants (Acts 2:42; 5:1-11) or they will be minimized somewhere along the line (Cf. Rev. 2:1-3:22).

I am not saying that one who has a Neo-Evangelical mind-set is not seeking the truth or searching the Scriptures at all. In fact I believe the opposite to be true. However, he will tend to filter everything through the Neo-Evangelical grid and therefore will see theological issues from a different perspective.

Now let's see if we can grasp the dangers of this attitude. We are told that *Love* (grace) is supremely important, even at the expense of *Truth* (doctrine). But when we look at the New Testament inductively verse by verse, we find just the opposite to be true. We discover, for example, that God never places *Love* above doctrine. He places *Love* as a Christian virtue, which, like *Hope* and *Faith*, has its own relative seal of importance. "And now abideth these three, faith, hope, love, but the greatest of these is love" (I Cor. 13:13). What is not in that list? Doctrine and truth! Doctrine and truth are in a different category. Without doctrine there can be no *Faith*, *Hope*, or *Love*. That's why First Corinthians 13 makes it crystal clear that *Love* rejoices in the truth (vs. 6). Why? Because without truth *Love* cannot exist. What is your faith based on? What are you going to hope for? Whom are you going to love?

Many believers have insisted that they "love" Jesus. However, anyone who says he loves Jesus and does not keep His commandments has uttered a falsehood. To see Jesus' answer, look at John 14:21-

He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

There is only one measuring stick for love . . . *Keep His Word!* So the model for spiritual love is what you have learned from God's Word and what you have believed about God's Word and how much you have obeyed God's Word.

The Apostle Peter said that he loved Jesus more than the other disciples did (cf. Matt. 26:33; Mk. 14:29). Jesus took careful measure of that statement, and watched him self-destruct. Then, later, Jesus asked Peter three times if he loved Him. Each time the criterion was the same: "Feed my sheep, . . . feed my sheep, . . . feed my sheep" (Jn. 21:15-17). *Love cannot and must not be elevated above God's truth.*

The following is a Biblical example to illustrate what I believe is happening today. Do you remember the story of Daniel's three friends?

Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, erected a large golden image. The image was dedicated. When the orchestra leader's baton fell, everybody was supposed to bow down and worship the image

(Dan. 3:1-7). The populace unanimously obeyed, with three noble exceptions - Daniel's three heroic Hebrew friends. Note carefully: These three friends did not become conspicuous until every body else bowed down. Then they stood out like sore thumbs. They got into real trouble. A red-hot furnace awaited them.

So it is today: Those who refuse to compromise stand out rather vividly. They are regarded by some as bitter, or as excessively critical, or as unloving, or as non-conformists and thus disruptive of the body of Christ.

Daniel's friends did nothing! They simply remained standing! The longer we remain standing the more conspicuous we will become. May God grant that the people of our Fellowship also will remain standing.

This is the underlying problem which has caused many other fine evangelical Christian organizations to drift into theological error. Other denominations and mission agencies struggle with issues like *Divorce and Remarriage* and *Inerrancy* (just to name a few). It is because the church has felt the need to infiltrate the world rather than remain *separate* from the world that we now have to do operative surgery to save her. It's like a man who has gangrene but refuses to believe it until it's too late. He finally has to have his leg amputated to save his life. If we do not come to grips with the basic mind-set of the Neo-Evangelical Movement, our Fellowship may die a slow death. Only radical surgery can save her.

I therefore believe that until we deal with this basic mind-set, the evidences that we convey will not be fully accepted or appreciated.

The 1964 decision of National Conference was a compromise made to accommodate two churches. What did that decision really accomplish? Answer: It postponed the immediate problem for some twenty-five years. Does our Lord honor compromise? If we are still uncertain whether this is the problem, then maybe we need to ask ourselves this question: Which doctrine or doctrines have to be attacked before we will take a stand? The Trinity? The Birgin Birth? The Blood Atonement? Christ's Bodily Resurrection? The Second Coming? Are these the only doctrines that we have which our Lord intended us to keep? In other words, how far are we willing to compromise before we as a Fellowship will take a stand? Where are we going to draw the line? Will we draw the line? Will we be able to draw the line? Do we as a Fellowship want to draw the line? The mind-set of Neo-Evangelicalism says no. Do we really believe that the entire Bible is our only rule for faith and practice?

As we use the expression "The Bible, the Whole Bible and nothing but the Bible," we are not saying that only we, the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches, have the truth. What we are saying is: This is what we believe to be true as we interpret

the Scriptures.

I have heard many times that we should not fight over "non-essential doctrines." Even as a child I can remember my Father and Mother teaching me things that I thought were non-essential. Oh sure, they taught me not to lie, cheat and steal. But they also taught me to make my bed and clean my room every morning. Were these things essential? For my parents they were! In fact they were overjoyed when they visited me at College and found that I continued to make my bed and keep my room neat and clean. As parents we teach our children things which they believe to be non-essential. However, we see the whole picture and realize it's for their own good. Do we as parents expect our children to be obedient in all things? Or are we disappointed only if they lie, cheat, and steal? Are we not overjoyed when we see our children following through later in life with those so-called non-essentials?

In an infinitely higher way, does our Lord expect us to obey Him completely? Or does He expect us to obey Him only in areas we consider "essential?" Does He not expect us also to obey Him in everything He commanded, including the ordinances? Or did He waste words on "non-essential

doctrines" that we really do not have to obey? Did He give them to us so we can argue over supposed "non-essentials" and thus divide the body of Christ and our Fellowship in our spare time?

Today it's Church Membership; tomorrow it may be the Charismatic Movement; or it may be Women Elders. Twenty years from now it may be Homosexuals in the Pulpit. If women elders are unbiblical today then they are unbiblical tomorrow. The same goes for other areas of truth. Why are we struggling today with something that our Fellowship had settled in its early years? I think the answer is obvious. It's the mind-set of Neo-Evangelicalism.

This is where we should focus our attention, rather than on the Membership Issue alone. The crucial questions are these: "What does the everlasting Word of the Lord have to say about any form of Biblical compromise?" And, "What does the Bible explicitly state to be the believer's solemn duty in the face of compromise?" Make no mistake about it, the issue is compromise, and if we can learn anything from church history it is this: *Once compromise starts, there is no end.*

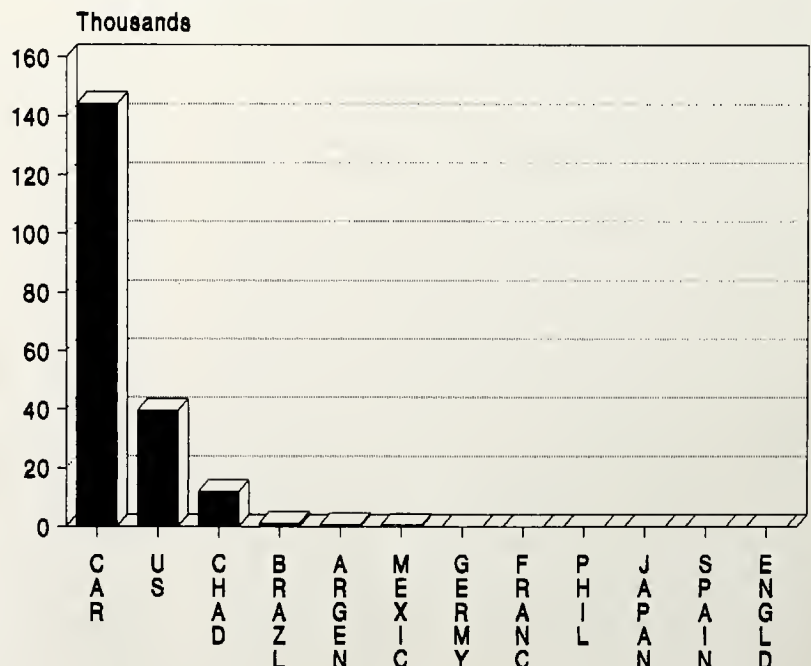
Where Are the Brethren?

Editor's note: This is first in a series of charts and information on where Grace Brethren are located and their numbers.

As we begin to think internationally, according to the statistical report for Dec. 31, 1989, here are the membership figures of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches in different countries of the world.

Central African Rep.	144,000
United States	39,481
Chad	12,000
Brazil	1,200
Argentina	500
Mexico	426
Germany	102
France	97
Philippines	73
England	20
Spain	13
Japan	8
Total	197,920

FELLOWSHIP OF GRACE BRETHREN CHURCHES
Membership by Geographic Location



The Power of a Consecrated Minority

by **Ron E. Thompson**

Several years ago while visiting in Mexico City I came to appreciate what it means to be part of a minority. Unable to speak a word of Spanish, and immersed in a culture far different from my own, I suddenly felt alone and helpless.

Jesus' disciples must have sensed some of that frustration when He announced He was returning to the Father, leaving them behind as sheep among wolves (Matt. 10:16). In a certain sense He committed the future evangelization of the human race to eleven ordinary men! The authority, power and anointing for such an undertaking He promised to supply (Acts 1:8) and did. The rest is history!

The principle for us is clear. A consecrated minority *can* make an impact on an entire nation. Joshua told the children of Israel as they were about to enter the Promised Land, "consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you" (Joshua 3:5). The people obeyed the Lord and possessed the land. It was the faithfulness of three godly men that effected a change in the national law of Babylon (Dan. 3:21ff) Every Bible student is familiar with the story of how Jehovah whittled down Gideon's army to a mere 300 in order to defeat the enemy (Judges 7:1-8). Who can forget the lone prophet, Elijah, as he squared off against 450 false prophets atop Mount Carmel and won the victory.

God can work through the famous and influential, but He also uses the unknowns. How like Him to choose the foolish, weak and lowly for His glory! An anonymous girl once set in motion a great act of God that resulted in the healing of her master, Namaan, commander of the king's army (II Kings 5:1-14). A nameless lad shared his lunch with the Lord and 5000 were fed (John 6:5-13). The faith of garden-variety Christians in Thessalonica had become known everywhere (I Thess. 1:8). Paul and Silas were once accused of turning the entire world upside down (Acts 17:1-6).

Christians have always been a minority. The Savior long ago reminded us that the gate is small and the road is narrow that leads to life, and only a few find it (Matt. 7:14). Compared to the masses of unregenerate humanity, the Christian is outnumbered and overwhelmed. But one with God is never really a minority! The One Who lives within us is greater than he that is in the world (I John 4:4). God is not limited to work in large or small situations. He only needs a consecrated minority.

The challenge before our Fellowship of Grace

Brethren Churches is to start our own minority group. Mobilize to evangelize! Such a noble watchword, however, is vain and useless rhetoric unless there is within each of us a fresh and humble consecration to God, a renewed spirit of brokenness and a genuine attitude of repentance. The Psalmist once prayed, "Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me . . . Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you" (Ps. 51:10,13). I believe God wants to use our fellowship of churches, which is itself a small part of the mainstream of evangelical Christianity, to impact our world for Christ. All His resources are available to us if we will but be obedient. Such is the power of a consecrated and dedicated minority.



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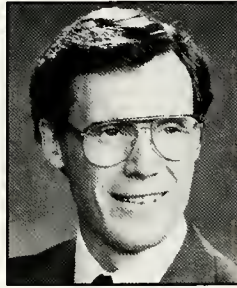
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Your call will connect you with the latest news in the Fellowship. The toll-free news will be updated regularly so that you can be informed about the most recent happenings with the Brethren.

A New Role for Regional Director

Dave Marksbury has been Director of Church-Planting and Development in the West for nearly five years. During all that time he has never lost his heart for pastoral ministries. He has conducted numerous seminars and workshops with pastors and church leaders to give them training and motivation for starting new churches.



Dave Marksbury

Dave confided last spring to Executive Director Larry Chamberlain that he was beginning to sense God's leading to do some church-planting himself. That urging of God's Spirit is now coming to fruition as Dave has developed a core group of five families who plan to launch the New Life Grace

Brethren Church in the western Orange County area of southern California.

The Bellflower, CA, Brethren Church, Pastor Ed Cashman, will be the mother church to this new group. Their goals include enlisting about seventy people in their small groups and starting public services on March 3, 1991, with a target of more than two hundred in attendance that first Sunday.

Rev. Marksbury will continue working with Home Missions on a part-time basis, beginning January 1. His good work in the Western States is greatly appreciated, and he has the wholehearted support of the administration of the Home Missions Council in this new church start. That's what we're all about—Churches Starting Churches.



Thanks for Your Prayers

Mr. Larry Chamberlain, Executive Director of Grace Brethren Home Missions, and its ancillary organizations, the Grace Brethren Investment Foundation, and Grace Brethren Navajo Ministries, is making good progress at home in his recovery from heart by-pass surgery.

Mr. Chamberlain was stricken on the Sunday after Thanksgiving. Tests revealed that he had not suffered a heart attack but that there was considerable arterial blockage in several places. Quadruple by-pass surgery was performed on November 29. Seven days later, he returned to his home to begin six to twelve weeks of recuperation.

The Chamberlain family is deeply appreciative of the prayers of their friends all around the world. In mid-December Larry wrote to the office staff:

"I'm not ready to get back to the office and the travel just yet, but each day brings greater healing, each day brings added strength. Throughout all of this very traumatic experience, I've not once asked God, 'Why?' Through it all, I've sensed His guidance and protection and His nearness. I'm a very thankful person, in fact."

The Home Missions family is grateful to God for this special holiday gift, the recovering health of our Director. Thanks for your continued prayers!



Larry Chamberlain, Executive Director

Home Missions adopts a Haitian Church

At the FGBC Conference in Richmond last July, delegates and guests were introduced to Pastor Wilfred Jean. He has been leading a congregation of Haitian believers who meet in the facilities of the Fort Lauderdale Grace Brethren Church in Florida.

Pastor Jean's congregation has requested the assistance of Home Missions in establishing their congregation and in reaching out to other areas of



Pastor Wilfred Jean's Ordination



Pastor Wilfred Jean at the Sebring, FL, Grace Brethren Church

south Florida to plant other Grace Brethren churches among the growing Haitian population.

As this news is being written, Pastor Jean is in Haiti with Tom Julien, Executive Director of Grace Brethren Foreign Missions, and Roy Snyder, retired missionary to the Central African Republic on an investigative tour. Roy worked with the church in Ft. Lauderdale last winter and joins the other two men in looking into the possibilities of GBFM entering into Haiti as a mission field.

With eyes toward his countrymen in both America and Haiti, Wilfred Jean is determined to see many of them evangelized and brought into a Grace Brethren Church. Congratulations to Pastor Jean who was recently ordained in the Ft. Lauderdale church. L'eglise Evangelique des Freres de Grace will come under Home Missions administrative oversight on January 1, 1991.

Meet Bill Snell, New Regional Director

Bill Snell is the new Director of Church Planting and Development for the eastern region, taking over the responsibilities of Ed Jackson. Bill comes to us after pastoring the Martinsburg, Pennsylvania, Grace Brethren Church for twenty-two years. Bill shares with us some of his goals and desires for Home Missions:

"It is my desire to work with the Home Missions team here at the office in an effective and supportive manner. As I learn the strategy and game plan, I want to do my part to make the team even more successful. My aim is also to work closely and cooperatively with District Mission Boards and

An Invitation

The Board of Directors of Grace Brethren Navajo Ministries cordially invites you to the Dedication Services for the Navtech Center on the campus of the Grace Christian Indian School in Counselor, New Mexico.

Monday, January 21, 1991, 5:00 p.m. Celebration Banquet to follow in the Gymnasium.

If you are able to attend, please make a reservation for dinner by phoning 505-568-4454 or writing GBNM, Counselor, NM 87018. Deadline: January 10, 1991.

This new vocational training and vehicle maintenance center was made possible by the generous contributions of Grace Brethren people, the dedicated volunteer labor of more than sixty Yokefellows under the direction of missionary Bob Clifton, and special projects of groups like the national WMC. We thank God for all who have been involved!



local churches in planting new churches.

Encouraging and challenging Home Mission pastors is high on my priority list. I will also be actively recruiting new team members (pastors) to join with us in the challenging venture of establishing new churches here in the needy country of the United States of America."



Bill Snell
Director of
Church-Planting
and Development

NEWS UPDATE

Steve Shipley, former associate pastor at the First Brethren Church of Buena Vista, VA, has accepted the call to be Senior Pastor at the Grace Brethren Church of Fort Myers, FL. He began his ministry there December 8, 1990.

The Northeast Grace Brethren Church, pastored by Al Edgington and Ron Smals, in Indianapolis, IN, received coverage in the local paper regarding their new work. They are presently seeking land and a piece of property has been offered to them. They are also seeking the leading of the Lord in the establishment of a Bible institute to train leaders and hope to be on line by early 1991.

1991 National Conference—Plans are going ahead for the Columbus, OH, conference. Tentative plans call for a church leadership seminar, starting on July 25 through 27. Sunday, July 28 through August 1 will be the group meetings and conference sessions. Jerry Young is the moderator and James Custer, the host pastor. Full details will be presented as they take on more permanent form.

The Community Grace Brethren Church of Union, OH, is sending out letters to the service men in Operation Desert Shield. The letters are sent from Jack Peters, Sr., Minister at Large, expressing concern and bearing a message of salvation and hope. Steve Peters is the pastor.

Trevor Craigen has been ministering this fall teaching senior students at the Black Forest Academy in Germany. He and his wife and Pastor Ranier Ehman of the Stuggart church have just completed a five-day trip to Hungary and Romania. Trevor presented a seminar on Biblical Counseling and preached to a congregation of about 60. Plans call for extended weekend trips to Romania in February, May, and September.

Mishawaka, IN. There was a fire at the home of Pastor and Mrs. Scott

Weaver of the Mishawaka Grace Brethren Church. The extent of the damage was about \$25,000 to \$30,000. The garage was extensively damaged and the clothing and curtains in the home all had to be cleaned as there was heavy smoke damage throughout the house. The church files and some of the file cabinet material were saved.

A new church has been started in Niles, MI. This is a daughter church of the New Troy Grace Brethren Church, New Troy, MI. The first service was held on November 11, 1990, at the Oak Manor Elementary School. Herman Hein is the pastor of this new church.

The Grace Community Church of Huber Heights, Dayton, OH, is seeking a full-time associate pastor to work in the area of youth and Christian education. Contact should be made through Howard Mayes, pastor.

The Fort Lauderdale, Grace Brethren Church of Fort Lauderdale, FL, is seeking a senior pastor. Contacts may be made to Larry Downs, Pastoral Search Committee, at 1800 NW 9th Ave., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311, or call 305/486-9269.

Marriage

Myers: Debbie Klinger and Tim Myers were united in holy wedlock on July 14, 1990, in the Echo Valley Grace Brethren Church, Pine Grove, PA. John Gregory, pastor of the Leamersville Grace Brethren Church, Duncansville, PA, officiated. Mike Wallace, pastor.

Deaths

The following persons were loosed away upwards, having been members of the Grace Brethren Church of Lanham, MD. Russell Ogden, pastor.

Erma M. Burns, July 12, 1989,

Dorothy L. Carroll, February 14, 1990,

Harry G. Pennington, December 26, 1989,

Edith R. Shipman, September 26, 1989,

Rhoda B. Simmons, July 29, 1990,

Elva M. Thompson, August 11, 1990.

Dilling, Mrs. Rose, 88. She was a member of the Leamersville Grace Brethren Church, Duncansville, PA. She was the mother of John and David Dilling, both of whom graduated from Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Indiana.

The Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, MD, pastored by Ray Davis, has hit national news. Kelly Whitting has undergone a bone marrow transplant and the church and community has gotten behind the needs of Kelly—spiritually and materially. Tom Brokaw received the news and aired it on "NBC Nightly News" November 28, 1990.

Robert Griffith, former pastor of the Vicksburg Grace Brethren Church of Hollidaysburg, PA, was installed as pastor of the Bethel Brethren Church, Berne IN, on December 2, 1990.

Dayton Cundiff has resigned from the pastorate in Albany, OR, and has moved to the Roanoke, VA, area.

WMC EXTRA SPECIAL

The Herald Bookstore purchased too many copies of the 1990-91 WMC study guides, *The Friendship of Women*. To clear these out and get them used, we are offering 200 copies at the closeout price of \$4.00 each (regular retail price is \$6.95.) First come, first served basis—phone your order to the Herald Bookstore on our toll-free number—1-800-348-2756.

Firl, Clarence, 89, October 11, 1990. He was a member of the Meyersdale Grace Brethren Church, Meyersdale, PA. Larry Gegner, pastor.

Franchino, Ted, 62, passed away on November 3, 1990, after a long bout with cancer. Memorial services were held at the Warsaw Community Grace Brethren Church, Warsaw, IN. Jeff Hof-fard, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Leesburg, IN, offered condolences to the family and encouragement to the many friends in attendance.

Please Pray for Us!



Ed and Polly Jackson

GRACE BRETHREN MEN INTERNATIONAL



The organization of Grace Brethren Men is incorporated and is a part of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches. The leadership of the organization rests upon a board of 28 men.

The purpose of the organization is to promote men's ministries in the local church, and to serve the Fellowship to the glory of the Lord. Presently there are three outreach ministries functioning. The one is G.B.B., which is men ministering to boys; the second is Yokefellow, (men in missions) which is men helping in building projects primarily on mission fields. The third is the Priscilla and Aquila concept, which is the recruitment of couples to assist in church-planting as part of a ministry team.

A WORD ABOUT THE JACKSONS

Ed and Polly are native Ohioans, being raised in Rittman, Ohio. Ed was an Ohio State Trooper when he felt the need to raise his family in a church where the Word was taught. They joined the Troy, Ohio Grace Brethren Church in 1954.

In 1962 Ed was promoted and sent to General Headquarters Staff in Columbus, Ohio. The Jacksons had a part in the starting of the Worthington Grace Brethren Church. In 1970, during the riots on campuses around the nation, the Lord spoke to Ed through the riots. He resigned his commission as a Lieutenant and became the Executive Director of the newly formed Grace Brethren Men, Inc. (formerly Grace Brethren Laymen's Organi-

zation). Ed directed this organization for 4 years, saw the Grace Brethren Boys formed, and then felt the call to the ministry and became the pastor at Kenai, Alaska Grace Brethren Church.

For the next ten years Ed and Polly pastored churches in Alaska, Florida and Ohio, and were used of the Lord to plant 6 new churches. Ed then became the Home Missions director for church-planting and development for the eastern and southern regions of the United States. Ed and Polly have now retired from Home Missions and have returned to Columbus, Ohio to again lead the men as their Executive Director. An office is maintained in the Worthington, Ohio GBC.

Yes Ed and Polly, I want to be a part of the Grace Brethren Men's team:

- I want to receive your Man to Man publication.
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