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The Gospel Herald-Looking Back

Eugene C. Perry





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uring a ministry of some three years on earth, Jesus was busy publishing "the gospel of the kingdom", providing proofs to authenticate that published and preparing disciples to perpetuate the process. He then commissioned them and those who followed to publish this news to all people for all time as long as the world would last.

Among the various means of doing this is the use of the printed page as used in publications such as the Gospel Herald. A previous publication, The Christian Monthly Review. succumbed to the depression in 1933. The Gospel Herald, fathered by 21year-old Robert Sinclair, was born in March 1936 in a 9 x 10 foot room in the home of his father in Wishart, Saskatchewan. Produced at first on a flatbed duplicator costing \$4, it graduated to a hand-fed press with hand-set type in 1939. J.C. Bailey became editor in 1938 and rescued the paper from financial failure by taking over the management and production in 1939.

Sinclair's introductory editorial gave spreading the gospel, strengthening Christians and encouraging each other as the reasons for the effort. He pledged to avoid untruths and unkindness. At first the "Published monthly in the interest of the Church of Christ" accompanied the masthead. In 1939 "for the promotion of New Testament Christianity" was added and "Church" was changed to "Churches". Some questioned the use of the capital letter; so, it was changed to "churches". This statement of purpose was reduced to "For the promotion of New Testament Christianity" in January 1943 and has been in use since then.

During much of its early history, the Gospel Herald was produced in a small print shop in Radville, Saskatchewan. In the early 50's the Bailey's youngest son, John, now Dr. John Bailey of Fort Worth, Texas, then a student in Radville Christian College (high school), was doing much of the production work. When he left for college in 1953, his father looked for new editors so that he could be free to "do more pioneering work". But he knew "too much of the good that has been done by this paper" to give it up unless it could "continue to be as useful as it is, perhaps more so".

He offered it to Eugene Perry, a full-time teacher at the newly-founded Great Lakes Christian College in Beamsville, Ontario. Perry hesitated because of the "fearful responsibility" and proposed that he and Roy Merritt, full-time preacher in Hamilton, be coeditors. Despite his doubts about this idea, Bailey consented to the transfer and wrote in October 1953, "To me the Gospel Herald has become a part of my life. I have said several times that it was almost like giving up one of the children."

The first issue from Beamsville was

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in November 1953, which means that it has now completed 42 years, over 500 monthly issues, from this location.

In his first editorial, Merritt wrote, "Our aim is to please God." When Merritt moved to Ottawa in 1958, the editorial work, which had alternated between them, was re-divided with Merritt responsible for the teaching content and Perry processing the news, publicity and advertising besides managing production, distribution and the growing bookstore, most of which was done in his home.

Space does not permit us to publish the long list of names of those whose cooperation has made this long service possible. Keith Thompson may well be the longest-serving, most faithful contributor. He has provided monthly Book Reviews, written many articles, acted as guest editor and served with Walter Hart as co-editor when both Merritt and Perry were serving overseas. Ralph Perry served as co-editor with Merritt from 1975-80. Wayne Turner, Merritt's son-in-law, has taken his place recently and is showing much promise. Effort has been made to make it a national paper by including news and writers from all areas of the country.

The editors, in trying to provide teaching and news of interest and help to young and old, seeker and Christian, male and female have undoubtedly tried to provide too much for too many in too small a paper. Contents have been varied, often depending on what has been voluntarily submitted. Early emphases included fundamental lessons on the church and the plan of salvation with considerable attention given to religious error. Much emphasis, and we think influence, has been exercised in the encouragement of evangelizing, church planting and foreign missions. More recently these emphases seem to be giving way to moral issues, church problems and Christian living.

One might speculate as to how much the Gospel Herald has been an influence on events and how much it represents a mirror of what has happened over the years. Whatever the case, this trend towards less emphasis on outreach and more attention to internal concerns is noted with concern. A Christianity lacking in the unselfish love that reaches out with concern for the lost will not thrive.

In the early years the financial situation of this journal tended to be very precarious. J.C. Bailey was a capable manager and by means of subscription income, sacrificial labour and perhaps some income from book sales and some personal gifts all bills were paid on time. It is doubtful that subscription and advertising income ever paid for production and circulation. For most of the 42 years in Beamsville, costs have been carefully kept down, and a book and church supplies service has supple-

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Pleasant Editorial Reminiscences

Roy Merritt

respond with pleasure to an invitation to provide an article for this sexagenary issue of the Gospel Herald. My own connection with the production of the paper began 43 years ago. I have before me a copy of an initial editorial which explains the purpose and the policy of the paper under its new editors—Eugene Perry and myself. In this brief editorial, I outlined our aim as follows:

"We intend to describe true New Testament Christianity; to discriminate between it and all substitutes; and to defend the divinely revealed order in religion. All this will be done in the spirit of love." Whether we have been suc-

cessful in fulfilling this aim is for others to judge. We point especially to the

last sentence of this statement of policy as a very important principle to which we have attempted to adhere over the many years of publication.

Now I have withdrawn from my responsibility as editor of the teaching material to serve as one of the associate editors. Brother Wayne Turner has taken up this position from which I resigned. He has been functioning in a very capable manner and has the confidence of those with whom he serves. It was time for a new voice in the editorials and a younger hand at the helm. I am able to contribute a little without the stress which any co-editor must face with deadlines and preparation of copy.

The mortality rate of religious journals is extremely high. They spring up quickly and then they falter and fail through lack of loyalty among their subscribers and writers. For the Herald to have survived for so many years is a result of the loyalty of many readers who have appreciated its influence in the Canadian church. It has not been without flaws, and its growth has not been phenomenal in terms of total subscriptions. But it seems that there must always be a bit of contrast between what we hope to do and what we are



(Ed. Note: Roy Merritt was co-editor of this magazine from 1953 until recently with only brief interruptions while serving in India. He continues as an associate editor. E.C.P.)

1953

We have sought to make the

Gospel Herald a positive paper...

able to accomplish. In the production of a gospel paper, as in so many other worthy endeavors, our expectations most often exceed our grasp. This is healthy if our expectations are reasonably high. William Carey was an early missionary and biblical translator in the great subcontinent of India. He stated his aim in but a few words: "Attempt great things for God. Expect great things from God." His religious position was not completely correct, but his faith in God was admirable.

The format and personnel of the paper have changed considerably during the years of its existence. The policy

stated in the 1953 editorial remains intact. We believe that it is both healthy and prac-

tical. Various brethren have sought to have us adopt some crusade in a left or right emphasis. No doubt some have thought the editors to be simple, stubborn dullards who were unable to accept new views no matter how valuable they might be. Others may have viewed us as cowards who were afraid to confront error head-on in a more militant stand for truth. Neither of these critical views is justified in the light of our stated policy. We simply felt that we did not want to become unnecessarily active in controversy which would be objectionable to many of our readers.

We have sought to make the Gospel Herald a positive paper which could grace any coffee table in homes across the country. Some journals are born to be controversial, some are swayed into that characteristic by the brotherhood pressures from left or right. The editors of the Gospel Herald have not viewed its role as one which would call for reaction to every new trend or to be at the forefront of every new controversy in the brotherhood. It is true that various issues have arisen from time to time which received some attention from our writers. We believe that in dealing with such issues truth has been presented

and error has been opposed without unnecessary name-calling and mudslinging. Usually the principle or the passage were examined without naming personalities involved. Others must be the judges as to how successfully we have followed our stated policy.

Our hopes and our prayers are that this sexagenarian journal may flourish for at least another 60 years as a herald of New Testament Christianity and an effective bearer of brotherhood news. We believe that if these goals are achieved in a loving manner, God will be glorified, and our brethren will be encouraged to seek greater levels of service. We solicit from our subscribers their loyalty and their prayers for a continued health and longevity in the years to come.

—Winnipeg, Manitoba

The Future of the Gospel Herald

Keith Thompson

(Editor's Note: Keith Thompson has been Book Review Editor, associate-editor and briefly coeditor serving faithfully for many years. E.C.P.)

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). The Gospel Herald has no desire to infringe on the work of the local church or the individual Christian. But since this paper is produced by Christians, it is an effort to serve the One who is truly "the same yesterday and forever". As such, we trust it will continue to be able to serve you, our Christian readers, and promote the work of our Lord's church.

Having existed for 60 years, we have sincere hopes for going on for another 60 years. Perhaps the paper can continue beyond that time. We trust that there will be brethren in the future who will hold to the same principles and ideals that have motivated those who have produced the Herald over the past 60 years. Many gospel papers have not continued for even 60 years. Some of these were in areas where they had many more members of the church than we have in. Canada. We can thank our loving Father for His wonderful grace that has enabled us to continue this far. We trust that He will give us and our successors strength to continue the work of Christian journalism until He comes.

-Newmarket, Ontario



Renewing Our Vision

Wayne Turner

ixty years! It's hard to imagine. The Gospel Herald has been serving the Canadian brotherhood since 1936. If you are under the age of 60, this means that you were not even born when Robert Sinclair began publishing this paper. Mackenzie King had just begun his third term as Prime Minister the previous year after defeating Richard Bennett. Bennett, who served as P.M. from 1930 to 1935, created three important institutions: the Canadian Radio Broadcasting Commission, the Bank of Canada and the Canadian Wheat Board. Today it is hard to imagine there was ever a time when these did not exist.

During the past 60 years, significant changes have taken place in the world. From the Great Depression, through World War II, the birth of the United Nations, Communism's rise in China and its fall in the U.S.S.R., and the electronic age of television, cellular phones, and personal computers, the Gospel Herald has continued to teach, inform and connect Christians across this country.

Belief in Jesus Christ, the inspiration and authority of the Bible as His word, and the restoration of non-denominational, New Testament Christianity in doctrine, practice, mission and unity, have been the Gospel Herald's guiding principles. Its editors have tried to uphold these values while seeking to avoid the "hobbyism" and divisiveness that could easily characterize such a publication. As it begins its 61st year with this special edition, it is appropriate to give thought to the role of a paper like this.

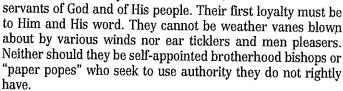
Throughout history, countless religious and philosophical systems have discovered the value and impact of the printed page. A message spoken to another person, even to a large audience, may soon be forgotten. It can die as soon as it reaches the ears of the hearer. However, a written message almost literally has a life of its own. It can be passed from hand to hand. It can be carelessly cast aside by one person, only to be discovered and read years later by someone else. The written word opens windows to the world, both present and past, as we read The Globe and Mail, the Code of Hammurabi or countless other writings.

It should not be surprising that God chose this medium to present His word to the world. As a result, we too can "hear" the words of the inspired prophets. We can "sit" with Jesus on the mount or at the Passover meal. We can "stand" at his trial and crucifixion. We can be present at the day of Pentecost, the stoning of Stephen, or with Paul on the Areopagus. We can be taught by Jesus himself, or by others inspired by the Holy Spirit.

From apostolic times, Christians have not only spoken about their faith, they have also written of it. Whether building faith, teaching, encouraging, admonishing or spreading heresy, the written word has played an integral role in the history of Christianity. It is here that we see the great potential for good or evil that the printed page possesses. Those who serve as editors have a great responsibility. Perhaps this is why Mark Twain once said, "I am not an editor... and shall

always try to do right and be good, so that God will not make me one."

Those who edit brotherhood journals should, in all humility, see themselves as



Perhaps the role of editor might best be described as a voice speaking to the collective and individual consciences of the brotherhood—someone who reminds us to think and study carefully and not just hop on any bandwagon that may come along—someone who informs, challenges, pokes and prods and sometimes may even annoy some in the process. An editor is one who speaks to the issues of the day, both to encourage and to warn—one who seeks to encourage the balance between life and doctrine, worship and service, right-eousness, holiness and compassion.

This has been the vision of those who have edited the Gospel Herald in the past. We are indebted to them for their faith, conviction, insight and courage. Much good has been done by their work. With the help of the associate editors and numerous writers, and the active participation and support of their readers, these editors have helped build and strengthen the fellowship between Christians across Canada.

As we begin our seventh decade of service, we ask for your prayers and continued support. We commit ourselves to upholding the vision and principles that have guided this paper throughout its history, that we may all grow together in unity, faith, knowledge and love.

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I Will Build My Church

J.C. Bailey

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the Saviour in Matthew 16:18. In this article we intend to ask and with the Scriptures answer certain questions.

God is a God of order, plan and design. In the working of nature, we see this amply demonstrated. "Let everything produce after its kind" was and is a fundamental law. By miracle he created the first oak tree but from that time forward the acorn produces the oak and the oak produces the acorn. The maple produces after its kind, and so with all nature. Man was given dominion (Genesis 1:26). He may produce different varieties within a class, but he cannot set aside God's law of reproduction.

David said, "The heavens declare the glory of God". So perfect is his system that man as he studies can foretell to the very minute when there will be an eclipse.

The God who thus controls the universe has a fixed purpose also in regard to the church. We ask the question and purpose to answer it from the New Testament. What is God's purpose in regard to the church?

We shall begin our study in Ephesians 2:11-21. We find under the Old law that there was a partition between the Jew and the Gentile. The Israelite was God's chosen people. The Gentiles were strangers, separate from Christ, without God and having no hope. In Christ Jesus we are made nigh by his blood. Christ broke down the partition (law of commandments) on the cross, and in one body he proposed to reconcile both (Jew and Gentile) to God. In Ephesians 1:22, 23 we learn that the body of Christ is the church. So God's law is that all men are to be reconciled to him in the body (church) of Christ. Denominations do not exist in the divine plan of God.

"Mark them that are causing divisions" (Romans 16:17). Christ died for the purpose of reconciling the world in one body (church). Many cixt

has set up human institutions. Are you a member of the body of Christ or a man-made body? Christ purchased the church with his blood. He did

not purchase a denomination. Jesus gave himself for the church (Ephesians 5:25). Christ is the head of the church as the husband is the head of the wife (Ephesians 5:23). The church is one body (not many bodies as some teach). There is no scripture that intimates that these various denominations are part of the body of Christ but quite the reverse is true. These denominational churches are independent bodies (not a part of the body). They are added to God's plan. Read God's condemnation in II John 9.

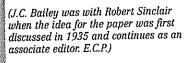
The apostles tell us further, the two shall become one flesh, and he said he speaks of Christ and the church

Are you trusting in God or man?

(Ephesians 5:31, 32). Are you trusting in God's law or do you think that God is going to sanction and endorse spiritual adultery by adding or joining many bodies to Christ? God forbid.

It is God's purpose that through the church the manifold wisdom of God is to be made known. Man regards this command (Ephesians 3:10, 11) with indifference. Are you trusting in God or man? Is it not time that all human dross was removed from our religion and we proclaim only the wisdom of God? Peter says (Peter 4:11), "If any man speaketh, speaking as the oracles of God..." When men speak only as the oracles of God, then all human institutions will cease to be and human societies will no longer encumber the work of Christ. The church will shine in all its beauty as the bride of Christ.

The next Scripture we wish to consider bears out much of what we have already adduced. Unto him



be the glory in the church and in Jesus Christ unto all generations forever and ever. Amen. Are we obeying God's law or are we fol-

lowing man? Are you hoping us God will set aside his law and accept your disobedience? Read Hebrews as 10:28, 29; Hebrews 2:1-4.

One more passage as to God's purpose in the church. It is the pillar and ground of the truth (1 Timothy 3:15). Pilate asked the question, "What is truth" but didn't wait for an answer. Jesus said in his prayer to his father, "Thy word is truth". The church, therefore, is the pillar and ground of the Word of God.

How did Christ build his church? What is the foundation? It was to be a rock. The foundation is Christ (1 Corinthians 3:11). The rock is Christ 1 Corinthians 3:10). On Pentecost this fact is proclaimed (Acts 2:36). We are added as living stones (1 Peter 2:5). Those who believe, repent, and are baptized are added to the body of Christ (see Acts 2:38, 41, 47). Acts 18:8 tells us that the Corinthians heard, believed, and were baptized. They thus are named the church of God (1 Corinthians 1:2). We are baptized into one body (1 Corinthian 1:13). He cleansed and sanctified (set apart) the church by the washing of water with the word (Ephesians 5:26).

Where are the records? The church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heavem (Hebrews 12:23). Are your name and mine written there?

Is my name written there
On the page white and fair?
In the book of thy kingdom
Is my name written there?

-Ogema, Saskatchewan

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H.A. Rogers Early Pioneer Preacher in Western Canada

Walter Straker

f you have never experienced one of those curling, twisting, rolling, blind-Ling Saskatchewan snow blizzards, you cannot imagine what they are like. Consequently, H.A. Rogers stopped his meeting in the Knoxville school in December 1917. He had given seven lessons. He stated, "During the first seven meetings, I doubt if I used the word 'baptism' once in either reading or speaking." Instead, what he endeavoured to do in this introductory week was to have the audience understand who was speaking in the Bible, to whom he was speaking and what he said. This type of teaching proved successful when he went from house to house visiting. At the Graham home, Mrs. Graham very quickly said, "I think I should be baptized". What she learned was how to divide the Word of God. Then she taught herself how to apply its teachings. The result was that 11 people were baptized during the next 26 meetings.

Brother Rogers had no trouble relating to people on a one-on-one basis. He stated, "In all my church work, I have ever tried to visit as much as possible, teaching from house to house. Even with strangers, I found little difficulty starting a conversation about the Bible. I am sure that I accomplished much good in this house to house work."

Hugh Agnew Rogers was born to John and Elizabeth Rogers on September 10, 1874 near Meaford, Ontario. His later interest in Sarah Melissa Smith resulted in his conversion, and she became his wife on January 11, 1893. He said, "It was so cold on our wedding day that I froze my ears." The preacher was evangelist Roberts, but it was brother William Richardson of the Meaford congregation who encouraged him to study and prepare himself for preaching.

On March 7, 1899 he and his bride and their new daughter, Eva Isabell, moved to Carman, Manitoba. Before long he helped establish a congregation in Almasippi, near Carman; he also encouraged the Carman congregation to have evening services. These additional services gave him more practice and experience in preaching the word. He states that, "While engaged in manual labour during the day, I burned the midnight oil with the Bible and Webster's dictionary as I tried to prepare myself for spreading the gospel of our Lord." Brother Rogers worked as a bee-keeper, farmer and preacher. During the 30 years that Rogers lived in Carman, three more children were born: Lavina, Alonzo and Ethel.

His first gospel meeting, as recorded in the little yellow book entitled How the Church Began and Grew in Saskatchewan (about 1953), was in 1916 at the Schnellar school near Bromhead, Saskatchewan. During that year, he held three meetings: one in March, another in June and the third in December, a total of 47 nights. The visible result was 12 immersions, one of whom was Miss Ruby Black, the school

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teacher. In 1917, he went to Regina to visit Ruby (who was now in Normal School) and preached a 24-day meeting that resulted in 14 members meeting. One of those was H.E. Forman, who later baptized 100 people during his lifetime.

Brother Rogers held three more school meetings in 1917 and 1918 in the Bromhead area: Lyndale, Knoxville and Mount Green. At Lyndale, Thomas Orr was one of the first converts. His son, Wilfred Orr, later preached the gospel for many years. Wilfred married Pearl Perry, the youngest daughter of Charles Perry, Eugene Perry's aunt. Thomas Orr's daughter, Nellie Orr, became the wife of Alonzo Rogers, and "was my son ever fortunate," said Rogers.

At Knoxville, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Johnson were converted. Their son, Carl, later spent several years in Mount Zion in India and is still active in Samoan mission work and serves a an elder in the Estevan, Saskatchewan congregation.

He held meetings in the Round Plain area in the winter of 1918-1919 without any visible converts, but several of those who attended were taught how to rightly divide the scriptures and what the true significance of baptism was. Charles Perry's family was home to brother Rogers. Later, under the preaching of brother D.A. Sinclair, his son, Gordon Sinclair, immersed Mr. and Mrs. Jack Spafford, Hazel Fee, Norman Straker and several others who became a part of the Perryville congregation. (D.A. Sinclair's 21-year-old son, Robert, established the Gospel Herald at Wishart, Saskatchewan in March of 1936.) With God's help, brother Rogers also established in 1919 a congregation which met for several years at Punnichy, Saskatchewan.

Rogers started a congregation in Macrorie, Saskatchewan and another in Weyburn, where he held a debate, the first of three: with the Latter Day Saints, the Jehovah's Witnesses and the Seventh Day Adventists. At Harptree, in 1920, Rogers baptized his sister, Ethel, and her husband, George Buckingham. As recorded by H.A. early in their study, "George made the old, oft repeated remark, 'We do not need to be baptized to be saved.' We continued our happy study until evening chore time when the same George said, 'I do not see how one can be saved without being baptized'." Later, however, 36 people were immersed. In 1921 H.A. started a congregation in Estevan. Over a two-year span, he preached 137 nights and had 21 immersions.

In 1926 in Radville, Saskatchewan, where his niece, Celia Buckingham

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REMINISCENCES

J.C. Bailey Remembers

(Editor's Note: Brother Bailey is getting on in years and limited by some physical infirmities. We appreciate these few remembrances from his pen. E.C.P.)



1980s

Then I took over the paper, I asked 12 men to give \$100/month if necessary to support the paper. To that they agreed, but we never called on anyone for one cent. The paper was maintained by subscriptions and the sale of religious books.

One of the great memories I have of the Gospel Herald is the fact that Harry Meakes said that he was converted by reading the Gospel Herald.

In the last years the Gospel Herald was with us in Radville, I would be away in meetings and my wife and son, John, would bring out the paper. In the last few weeks, I had a letter from Northern Orissa, India, telling of reading my article in a recent issue of the Gospel Herald.

We can take satisfaction in this, that the Gospel Herald has continued in existence much longer than any other publication in Canada.

The paper was printed at the Meaford Express from 1941-1944. I started printing the Gospel Herald at Radville with the help of Roy A. Farr. The paper was printed at Radville until the fall of 1953.

—Weyburn, Saskatchewan

John Bailey Remembers

The Gospel Herald is 60 years old. I can't remember her birth, but I do remember her



1950s

youth. When I was six years old, she came to live with us, and she was very much a part of our life for the next 12 years.

We were living in Meaford, Ontario, where my father was serving the

church, when I first remember the Gospel Herald. My father edited the paper, working mostly at the dining room table. The actual printing was done at the Meaford Express.

In 1944 our family moved to Radville, Saskatchewan, and the Gospel Herald moved with us. It was here that the Gospel Herald was housed in her own building for the first time. Many from Saskatchewan will remember helping with the construction. Roy A. Farr supervised the construction. The foundation and a special slab for the press were poured with hand-mixed concrete. The press, which had been purchased from the Canadian government, was moved to its special place, and the building was built around it.

Most of the typesetting was by hand, but some of the type was set in Regina and shipped to Radville where we printed the paper. Roy Farr was the one who taught us about printing. He was a man who could fix anything and make something work when no one else could. The old press was not running at a speed that anyone liked; so, he put a 1927 Chevrolet transmission on the press, and that gave us three forward speeds and one reverse. I ran it in high gear when my dad wasn't there. The rest of the time, we ran it in second.

Many students from Radville Christian College worked at the Gospel Herald during the school year. Some learned to set type, run the "snapper" press and fold and mail the paper. Wages were 25 cents an hour, and there was no shortage of students who wanted to work.

In 1950 we purchased an old line-otype from the South Saskatchewan Star. We loaded the antique machine on a horse-drawn stone boat and moved it to the Gospel Herald building. We tore out the front of the building and moved the machine in. The front wall was never quite the same after that.

"From 1951 to 1953 my father was often away for several weeks at a time holding Gospel Meetings. I set the type

and printed the paper in his absence. My mother and sisters (Marie Nixon and Mavis Stonefield) did most of the folding and mailing of the paper. My wages went up to 30 cents an hour when I started putting the paper out without my dad being there.

The personal blessings from the Gospel Herald are many. One was the great blessing of working closely with my dad and getting to know him better than I otherwise would have. And, the blessing of learning the printing trade allowed me to work my way through Abilene Christian College as a printer. I was one of the few students who came away from college with a lot more money than when I entered. I continued to use my trade while attending the

University of Kentucky College of Dentistry.

Fondest memories seem to be related to the greatest challenges. We are making memories right now. The challenges

facing the church in Canada are great. The need for the Gospel Herald has not diminished. Pray for this ministry, and support it with your subscriptions, book purchases and special contributions as you have opportunity.

-Bedford, Texas

Carl Johnson Remembers

Tongratulations on 60 years for the Gospel Herald. Emma and I have just donated the 1936 issues to the Western Christian College library. Emma obeyed the Gospel in 1936 and immediately subscribed to the Herald. I myself worked for D.A. Sinclair in 1936, and part of my work on their farm near Wishart, Saskatchewan was to help Robert Sinclair build the first office for the Gospel Herald. The Perryville members helped erect the log building, but I plastered it with a mixture of mud and straw. Prior to the log building, Robert's office was his mother's pantry which she had turned over to him. Its dimensions were about 4 ft. by 6 ft. There he worked night and day with a cake pan of a gelatin base for making his impressions, for these early issues of the Gospel Herald.

-Estevan, Saskatchewan

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Resolutions, Part 2

David Cornfield

'n last month's article I shared some ideas about making resolutions that Lare for life. Life resolutions have God at the core along with one's spouse and family. In an effort to assist us in honoring those resolutions that are too costly to set aside, it was suggested that we make our resolutions known to those who will be asked to pay the price. Too often people expect the support of their families when the family is not sure of the direction in which the person is heading. Let me take a minute to remind you that the greatest resolution that one ever makes is to be a living example for Christ.

I love Paul's statement, "I resolved to know nothing" found in 1 Corinthians 2:2. This is not the entire verse, but some of us live as if it is. Some of us refuse to look honestly at ourselves and the motives for our actions. Some of us choose to stress our ignorance instead of taking personal responsibility, somehow believing that we will not be held accountable. In part I probably love the statement "resolved to know nothing" because I think I can accomplish it.

Most certainly there are times when I feel as if I have no answers, and much of the time I am not even sure of the questions. On occasion in life it most certainly feels as if we know nothing, but this is not true. What I know is that there is a God, and I have resolved to live for Him. We get into trouble when we let ourselves forget about our commitment to God. What we need is to be reminded of the importance of honouring our commitment to live for God.

The full verse of 1 Corinthians 2:2 reads, "For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified". If I understand Paul's statement, he is declaring that his teaching, and ultimately his life would be solely dedicated to Christ. When it feels that you have no answers, you need to remember that you have

resolved to live life for Christ. Let me share with you a secret—my wife is not perfect. I will be the first to admit that she is closer to being perfect than I am, but perfection is out of reach for even her. During those not perfect moments in marriage that we all have, I find myself not knowing what to do. My immediate reaction, unfortunately, is a little sarcasm and trust me, that does not work. When we do not know the answer or what to say, let us step back and remember that the first and greatest resolution is to act like Christ.

During the early part of my marriage, I used to resort to whining to get my way. Not Christ-like. I also used to practice being angry. Not Christ-like. I used to even resort to the occasional insult. Not Christ-like. Amy, my wife, would probably add to this list, but you have read enough of my confessions for now. Plus, you may need to be reminded of the bad habits and traits that you have needed to overcome for your marriage to survive. When we know Christ, we understand that none of us are perfect. Knowing Christ allows us to have the patience to deal with the imperfections in our families and in ourselves.

Remembering and knowing Christ also helps the family in that we remember our obligation to show a living Christ to our children. Sometimes people believe that we cannot show our imperfections to children but I disagree. Your children are going to see that you have faults. Your children are going to be aware of the fact that not every day in your marriage is perfect. What children truly need is to see the effort and commitment needed to make one more Christ-like. Parents have goals. The greatest goal is to have a child leave the comfort of your family to start a family of his/her own with the knowledge that to know Christ and Him crucified and resurrected is a life-long commitment.

mented earned income. The actual ownership was turned over to a non-profit entity in the 50's. The Gospel Herald Foundation was registered with the government in 1971. This means that donation income can be receipted for income tax purposes.

Sinclair printed 180 copies of the first issue. For the third issue, 620 were sent out but only about 100 had paid the \$1 subscription. The times were tough and some paid .25 for 3 issues. Bailey began a circulation campaign in 1940 and was able by strenuous effort to increase the list from 470 to 1,000 by March 1941. He suggested a target of 2,000 by the next year and again in 1945. Although this number may have been reached momentarily, it was of short duration. The circulation has ranged between 1,300 and 1,600 over the last 42 years. The subscription price was increased to \$1.50 in 1953 and has gradually increased to \$12.00 which becomes effective with this issue.

The church directory, which started with 6 churches in the first issue had 16 a year later; 60 by 1953; 89 in 1960; 117 in 1970; and presently has 134. This service, useful to traveling brethren and those wishing to contact the churches, as with the other contents, serves as a historical record not found elsewhere.

We look back with some satisfaction at the services provided and influences exerted by this small paper over these 60 years and are honoured to have had a part in them. The Gospel Herald may not have been sensational, but it has been steady.

What of the future? Will the Lord use the Gospel Herald and enable it to continue to serve the Canadian brotherhood for another decade or perhaps several more? Hopefully a younger writer will present his 'vision' of the possibilities.

-Beamsville, Ontario



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Purpose of the Youth Page

his year the Gospel Herald is 60 years old. For many of those who, we hope, read the Youth Page, that seems like a long time. For other readers of the Gospel Herald, that seems only a few days. We congratulate those who have faithfully produced this journal over those 60 years and pray that the Gospel Herald will be a useful tool for the church for many years to come.

It has been my privilege to edit the Youth Page since 1977, and during that time I have heard from many readers who have found the page a blessing. I have also heard from those who have had questions about some article or who have made suggestions about how to improve it. Many have "taken pen in hand" and written articles which we have been able to share here. Some have come from young people and others from older folks. To all who have corresponded, we say, "Thank You". We are always happy to have questions, suggestions and articles that can be used and would encourage more of you to be in touch in these ways.

While looking over the Youth Pages from years past, the question, "What is the purpose of the Youth Page?" has crossed my mind several times. I would suggest that the purpose is to provide Bible-based, encouraging, challenging, uplifting material that will give support and help to each young person who desires to follow the Master in daily life. If this has been done, we thank God. If we have failed, we pray for His guidance and wisdom for the future that He may be glorified in future efforts.

Over the years, several themes have often been repeated. Concern has been expressed about the example of older Christians who should show the way. Another has been the need for young people themselves to be examples. Also,

there have been warnings about the influence of Satan to lead people away. Today, let us share some thoughts on these themes.

The desire of older Christians should be to give good direction, both in word and in life, to youth. Paul said, "Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ" (1 Corinthians 11:1). Every Christian needs to heed the example of Christ in day-to-day life. "To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps" (1 Peter 2:21). In this text Peter is talking of the need to submit to rulers and masters and pointing out how Jesus, when he was being tried and put to death, entrusted himself to God in submission. Jesus' life was one of complete submission to God's will for him. The Christian today must live the same way.

Older Christians need to be showing the way of Jesus as they live lives of submission to God and service to mankind. Jesus taught a great lesson in John 13 as he washed his disciples feet in that upper room. He said to his followers then and the same applies to His followers today, "I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you" (John 13:15). You who are young ought to see submission to God and service to mankind in the life lived before you by older Christians. Sadly, you do not always! May all of us who are older give more careful thought to the example we leave.

However, the fact that some older Christians have failed does not release you. While there are those who fail, there are many who do not. Seek their example to pattern your life after! Paul wrote, "Join with others in following my example brothers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you" (Philippians 3:17). You

can choose to try to excuse yourself and "pattern" yourself after those who are not what they ought to be or you can seek out those who will challenge your best as they live Christlike before you. Rejoice in those who help you by living as they should and convict those who do not by being the example of Jesus in your own life (1 Timothy 4:12).

Remember that Satan and his servants will try to turn you away from godliness. He does so through those Christians who do not live according to truth. He does so through temptations that seem good but are not in the end... as you well know by study of the Bible and the example of lives around you that are in ruin because of sin. A few years ago in the Herald we told of a man leading his pigs to the slaughter house. They followed along at his heels like sheep from the safety of their pen on the farm to the doors of the slaughterhouse. When asked about this the farmer revealed that he had some beans which he dropped along the way and the pigs, because they loved the taste of the beans, were led peacefully to their death. So it is with "the beans of Satan". From a human point of view they may taste good. . .but they lead to death, eternal separation from God.

To overcome the temptation of evil remember these two passages of scripture. "Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart" (2 Timothy 2:22), and "submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (James 4:7). Flee evil; resist the devil; walk with Jesus; and you will find joy, peace, and purpose today, and you will be a blessing!!

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Our Adopted Child

Linda Hammett

was only 3 years old when my parents became actively involved in the production of Gospel Herald. At that young age, I wasn't really fully aware of the impact this "adopted child" would have on me, on my parents, or on our family as a whole over the next 42 years.

My earliest remembrance of the paper is very vague. The first thing I do remember is both my mom and dad sitting at the dining room table, very precisely cutting columns of typed material and pasting them on a sheet in readiness for printing. They would proofread the typed articles and then meticulously make corrections.

At that time, I did not have an active part in the production of the paper. But it wasn't long until my sister, brother and I, beginning when we were five or six years old, were involved in the folding and stapling each month. I do remember that "Gospel Herald day" was not always welcome. It meant devoting almost a whole Saturday to the task, and we, as young children, had better things to do. However, when it was payday and we received our penny a paper for folding and stapling, it wasn't quite so bad after all. We would fold the papers and stack them in piles of 25, then reverse the next pile, so that we could easily keep track of how many we had done. Of course, we had to split the total evenly among the three of us. Stapling was more fun because we could sit down to do that. We first began in our unfinished basement working on a makeshift table consisting of boards laid across sawhorses. When it was hot in the summer, we would set up the table in the garage, where we didn't feel quite so closed in.

By the time we reached our teens, we were quite proficient at the job and would sometimes have races to see who could be the first to finish his/her third first. It was a happy day when a new

foot-operated stapler became part of the equipment used. We could really shoot the papers through quickly on that.

As we became older, we sometimes participated in the addressing as well. I remember the old addressing machine with the metal plates used to stamp each paper. It had a wheel with the letters of the alphabet as well as numbers and punctuation marks going around the wheel.

After inserting the metal plate into the slot, we would spin the wheel so that the arrow pointed to the appropriate character, and depress the lever. This would leave the imprint of that character on the plate. This was done each month for new subscriptions and those needing address changes in the addresses. The plates were arranged alphabetically in storage trays.

The actual addressing was a tedious and tiring job. The plates were inserted into a slot through which they would fall one at a time and slide along a trough until they reached the inked ribbon. A paper was laid on top of the ribbon and a lever 2.096, 1 slammed down, which would leave the address imprinted on the top of the paper. Many times the plates would go in crooked and would need to be removed, sometimes with great difficulty, and reinserted. I don't remember what our pay was for this job, but I do remember having aching arms and shoulders after working at this job for several hours. Originally, my mom was the one who did all of the addressing, marking of the

plates, and mailing.

Well, modern technology has really eliminated much of the tedious, backbreaking work that was once involved in the production of the Gospel Herald. The typesetting is now done on a computer, taking sometimes only 10 hours

or less to complete. The pages are sent by FAX to be proofread, corrections are easily made with no pasting or cutting. The pages are then printed and sent, camera-ready, to the printer, where the individual copies are folded and stapled by machines. When they are delivered to 4904 King Street, the only job left is the addressing. Address labels are now printed by computer and then stuck onto the papers. Then, they are folded and wrapped, bundled, sorted and tossed into the mail bags.

You are probably wondering why I chose to refer to the Gospel Herald as the "adopted child". Well, I guess it is because the paper has been a part of the family for as long as I can remember. There have been many times when I have resented her presence in our lives because she has interfered with our lives so much so that we had to plan vacations and other activities around deadline and mailing times. I guess there was almost a bit of "sibling rivalry" involved. As a kid, I resented having to spend my free time folding and stapling her each month. I even resented the fact that what would have been a family room in our house was, and is, taken up by the Gospel Herald Bookstore. I now sometimes am not happy when the third to the last Tuesday in the month rolls around because I know that I will be receiving copy to typeset, which will again inter-

fere with my personal time. I often now resent the fact that my parents are not able to enjoy their retirement years because, well, they just haven't retired because of the commitment they have to this paper.

But as I contemplated the influence this paper has had on me personally and on the church over the years, I am not quite so resentful. I believe that a great deal of good has been done in the Lord's church over the last 60 years through the pages of this publication. The news sections have also helped to connect brethren from west to east in the nation, helping us to realize that we are all part of one family. It has served as a history book, recording activities, births, deaths and events that have happened over the past 60 years. My involvement personally in the produc-

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The Power of Words

Brian Cox

Then I asked how it felt to be the object of a purposefully painful putdown a dark cloud came over the group. I could see it in each of their faces. For a few moments, no one spoke; everyone was remembering a time of hurt, a time when some one's words had hurt him; then a few began to share their stories of hurt and humiliation. Why was I trying to resurrect painful memories that are better left forgotten? I wanted everyone to remember what it felt like to be on the receiving end of a purposefully painful putdown. Perhaps if we remember what it feels like to be put down, we will be less inclined to put down someone else. When I asked the class how it felt to be on the receiving end of an encouraging compliment, the mood changed dramatically. The dark clouds parted to reveal blue sky and sunshine. There were smiles and quiet contemplation of the kind words and encouragement each had received. A few spoke up and shared stories of times of warmth and love. I could see from their faces that more had experienced purposefully painful putdowns than had experienced encouraging compliments. How sad!

My amazement for the power in our words grows each day. Our words have a fantastic potential for either good or evil, to heal or to harm, to inflict pain or to bring comfort. James says that one who has learned to control his tongue must be perfect in every way. Sooner or later we all will stumble in what we say. It may be by accident, or we might because of our own pain intend to hurt, but sooner or later we all put our foot in our mouth.

We assume that communication is easy after all, as young children we learned to talk. Our parents may have been thrilled by our first words, but by adulthood we have been talking for a while, we must be good at it. Talking is easy; communication is more difficult. Here is a good church example of how difficult communication can be. The event is announced in the bulletin for four weeks straight, it is included in the public announcements for the same period of time. Those excited about the

upcoming event will be talking it up after worship and over coffee during the week. Yet, you know as well as I do that when you tell someone that you missed them at the event and that everybody had a great time, they will respond by saying that they never heard about it. I realize that this is often an excuse offered by those who would not have attended anyway, but I believe that some honestly did not remember hearing about it. Have you ever given someone a compliment only to find that he took it not as a compliment but as a putdown? Have you ever heard your words repeated by another and sounding nothing like what you intended to say? If you have, then you can appreciate how difficult communication is.

Communication is not just our words but the tone in which we speak, the posture of our bodies (body language), and

Our words have a fantastic potential for either good or evil...

the history of our relationship with the one(s) to whom we are speaking.

The tone of my voice says a lot. If you know me well enough, you can tell when I'm nervous, emotional, angry, happy or really mad simply by the tone of my voice. If I give you an encouraging compliment in an angry voice, you are bound to suspect the sincerity of the compliment. However, if I disagree with you or perhaps correct you and do it in a loving tone, you might be more willing to accept it in a spirit of love. The tone of our voice can either work for us or against us. Try to become more familiar with and aware of the tone in which you speak and use your tone to help you communicate what is really in your heart.

There are a host of good books written on body language. Please do not discount this entire area until you have read a good book on the subject. Let me share with you some things that I have learned. Make eye contact. Making eye contact shows that you are truly interested in them; this holds true whether

you are speaking to one person, a small group, or even a large group. Making eye contact will also help you to discover whether you are truly communicating with them. Do not stand while others sit when one on one or in a small group. You will make them uncomfortable and will too often communicate authority when you are perhaps trying to communicate brotherhood. The best one-on-one communication takes place when both are seated and no more than a meter apart.

The history of a relationship may communicate more than the words we say, the tone in which we say them or our body language at the time. If a husband has spent 25 years criticizing everything his wife says, does, has done or will do, it is unlikely that one compliment will immediately turn things around. The history of their relationship is criticism; so, it is likely that she will take even a compliment as criticism. If he compliments the meal she has served, she may wonder why he doesn't like any of her other meals. If someone has used words to deceive us in the past, we tend to be suspect of everything that he says. If we are known as nitpickers, picking away at every little thing, even when we have a serious criticism that should be addressed, it probably won't be because of our history of nitpicking. The history of a relationship will effect the communication.

We can overcome our history! If you are a husband who criticizes, stop criticizing and start complimenting until your wife sees that this is not just a momentary superficial change but a real change of heart. If you have been a deceiver, be honest and keep it up; soon everyone will see that you, too, have made a change of heart. If you have been a nitpicker, stop nitpicking and start complimenting; make your change of heart obvious to all.

Remembering the pain we have felt when on the receiving end of a purposefully painful putdown will serve to keep us from passing them out. Remembering the warmth, love and encouragement we have felt when given a compliment will encourage us to pass them on to others.

Your tongue is a powerful tool; please use it wisely.

-Newmarket, Ontario

Developing a Quality Relationship with God (2)

Donald Perry

eveloping a quality relationship with God involves coming to know God better. Paul's prayer for the saints in Ephesus was: "That you may know Him better" (1:17). Jesus said to the Pharisees, "You do not know me or my Father" (John 8:19). He found their relationship to God dysfunctional. In his prayer in John 17 he said, "Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent" (v. 3).

In his letter James helps us to know God better. It is surprising to note how much James writes about God in a letter where he demands a lot of self-examination in our relationship to God. He helps us to do what Peter encouraged: "Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good" (1 Peter 2:2, 3).

God Capable of Relations

James knows God as one capable of a significant relationship with man. Abraham "was called God's friend", he writes (2:23). The famous Greek philosophers through careful reasoning came to the conclusion that the "uncreated creator" was so perfect that he could not have an ongoing relationship with an imperfect world of decay, suffering and sin. The theologians followed in this close rational approach. In spite of the scriptures which so strongly represent God as relating to his creation, especially to those he created in his own image, Augustine, Aquinas, Luther, Calvin and Knox emphasized the absolute knowledge of God and his supreme will to the extent that he could not have a dynamic, interactive relationship with his people. So the rationalism of the "enlightenment" led to deism (belief in a personal God who exerts no influence on men or on the world he has created). But faith in God's revelation in the Scriptures and in Christ Jesus leads to knowing God as a

loving Father who cares for his children, and as a friend who interacts with his friends.

God the Giver

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows" (James 1:17). God is the giver of wisdom; "If anyone lacks wisdom, he should ask God who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him" (1:5). James describes this wisdom from heaven as "first of all pure; then peace loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere" (3:17). This wisdom is so different from the earthly, unspiritual wisdom we so often witness around us and in us in this world.

"There is one Lawgiver and Judge," writes James (4:12). In this letter James writes of "the word of truth" (1:18), of the "perfect law that gives freedom" (1:25), and of "the royal law found in Scripture, 'Love your neighbor as yourself" (2:8). When Moses was reviewing the revealed laws of God to Israel, he said, "And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today" (Deuteronomy 4:8). The longest Psalm (119) of the Old Testament is in praise of the laws of God as light and life, truth and righteousness.

Perhaps we do not appreciate the significance of revealed truth by God the Lawgiver. We live in an age where everything seems to be relative. In our pluralistic society, everyone has the right to his own lifestyle. The highest order of what is right is what is "politically correct". Democracy and the people-polls seem to be the highest authority. As in the days of the judges, everyone does as he sees fit. Jesus said, "There is one who is good". He

addressed his God as "Holy Father" and "Righteous Father". To have a Father in heaven who is holy, righteous and 'good is great. If he gives his wisdom and his laws for our good, fulfilling them in Christ Jesus, that is greater.

Then James writes that "He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created" ((1:18). God is presented as the chooser and the giver. He gives the top position as his new creation in Christ. How wonderful to be his choice fruit. He loves us. He makes us his special people. Praise God!

God the Caring Father

God is declared, in James' letter, to be the Father. As a caring, righteous Father, he wants what is best for his children. "God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone" (1:13). James writes that "man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires" (1:20). There is a quality of "religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless" (1:27). As children of God we are expected to fairly represent our Father and his family. He is our Father who "gives generously to all without finding fault" (1:5). He wants for us to have wisdom and to do what is right. He will not allow us to be tempted above what we are able to bear (1 Corinthians 10:13). He wants to "give us more grace" and to "lift us up" (James 4: 6, 10) when we are humble before him.

God the Judge

James declares God to be the one Judge as well as the Lawgiver (4:12). Law without responsibility to keep the law and consequences for not keeping it appeals only to the best that is in us. But we are also subject to our "own evil desires", which "give birth to sin", which "gives birth to death" (1:14, 15). Parents may have values and rules, but if children are not judged and made responsible, the values and rules tend to go by the wayside. James writes, "The Judge is standing at the door" (5:9). And yet God is not a heavy-handed, arbitrary judge who wants to prove us wrong so that he can punish us.

"The Lord is full of compassion (continued on page 14)

lived, brother Rogers held a 32-night meeting with 28 immersions and 7 placing membership. While meeting in an old hall (with an average attendance of 150 adults), they used planks set on oil kegs for seats. "The accommodation was poor but I had to try to work the brains of the audience so fast that the listeners would not notice the hard seats without backrests. People do not notice hard seats if their minds are intensely engaged. The situation at Radville was a challenge with every fibre of my being." During this meeting brother Rogers baptized Lillian Torkelson, aged 15. Twenty years later, she was the first high school teacher in Radville Christian College in Radville (now Western Christian College in Dauphin, Manitoba. W.S.)

In 1929, after 30 years of living in Carman, the Rogers moved to Manson, Manitoba where he soon established a congregation. They moved to Creston, British Columbia in 1937 where they worked with the congregation and remained there until 1943 when Melissa, his wife of 50 years, passed away. Although this was a terrible blow to him, he said, "That is when I started doing evangelistic work full-time." (I met brother Rogers in 1945 when he held a meeting at Perryville. It was during this meeting that I realized that I was lost and needed a saviour.)

Brother Rogers did much of his gospel preaching using charts, mostly made with his stamping outfit on white sheets, in members' homes during meetings. He had about 80 of the charts. He said, "If you are going to be a success in preaching, you must train to be a visitor, sing as well as you can, use illustrations or charts, show the world that you believe what you preach, your clothes clean keep respectable, read debates, sermons and good books written by able preachers and, above all, be humble. . . . During my preaching years I earnestly endeavoured to follow the advice that I am now giving you."

Brother Rogers was very conscious of his health and would not eat white bread or dry processed cereal, ate half a dozen prunes every night before he

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Freed For Freedom, Studies in Galatians by Edward C. Wharton, 207 pages, \$7.99 U.S., 21st Century Christian, Nashville, TN.

We have previously reviewed other commentaries in this series being produced by the 21st Century Christian. They are relatively brief and written for the average Christian reader.

Ed Wharton has spent more than 30 years in training preachers at the Sunset International Bible Institute in Lubbock, Texas. Preachers like Wayford Smith and Bill Bunting were greatly blessed by his teaching. F. LaGard Smith describes this as one of the best-ever commentaries on Galatians.

This commentary will be of great assistance to preachers and other brethren. The especially effective method of outlining is greatly appreciated.

More Than A Conqueror, The Ups and Downs of a Christian Manic Depressive by Tom Kelton, Edited by Audrey Wright, 109 pages, soft cover, \$6.00 U.S., Gospel Tracts International, Fayetteville, AR.

This compelling book is dedicated to Audrey Wright of Toronto. As mentioned above, she edited it and also helped with the cost of publication. Dr. Kenneth Day, one of Tom's many doctors, describes the book as "a powerful message providing important information from one who has 'walked the walk' and is now 'talking the talk'."

Like many, I have seen the name Tom Kelton as the author of books and articles. I had no concept of what he has had to face in his daily life. The book is a revelation of the horrors of mental illness and how that through prayer and proper medication it can sometimes be conquered.

Tom Kelton was raised in a poor family in rural Arkansas. He attended Freed-Hardeman, Florida Christian and some state schools. He

did everything with great enthusiasm. Later he went to ACU and to Nigeria.

After suffering a mental breakdown, he spent much time in hospital and endured terrible treatment with no medication. He was locked up with the criminally insane in small, inadequate facilities. His life was like a roller coaster, being able to work for a while and then having to be hospitalized. All who are mentally healthy should read this book to see the trials and sufferings of those with mental problems.

Tom is now preaching in Pharr, Texas having overcome a lifetime of struggles. His book will be of great help to those who have similar problems or know those who do. It is also an inspiration to those who want to understand and help those with mental or other problems.

Everyday Parables, Learnings from Life by James Taylor, Wood Lake Books, Winfield, B.C. 128 pages, softcover, \$14.95. Reviewed by Peter Morphy.

This book is a compilation of many short, one-page analogies or parables attempting to relate modern physical possessions to reveal spiritual lessons. Of course, this type of teaching is what Jesus did throughout His ministry. Unfortunately, most urban dwellers understand very little about farming (seeds and weeds) or shepherding or fishing. James Taylor looks at common items we are familiar with and makes spiritual application. His stories range from potato peelers to pianos; coffee mugs to casters; garlic to guitar cases; shoe laces to sandpaper. Since Jesus was the master parable teller, we must not forsake the Words of Christ, but there are times when modern-day applications may help bring out a spiritual truth. Even if you don't use James' modern-day short parables, it may stimulate your thinking to creating your own applications for personal use or sharing with others.

went to bed, and exercised regularly.

In 1946, after moving back to Meaford, Ontario, brother Rogers married Dr. Lily Jackson, a chiropractor from Simcoe, Ontario. They lived in Hamilton near her practice and close to her twin sister, Minnie.

In 1951, because of ill health, he moved back west to Dauphin, Manitoba where he lived with his daughter, Ethel Johnson, and her husband, Pete. He passed away there on October 29, 1955

at 81 years of age. About brother Rogers, his daughter-in-law, Nellie, said, "Among preachers, he was one of the very best to preach to the non-member." Many more congregations would be in existence across Canada, if there had been a hundred men like H.A. Rogers. We as a church have been blessed immeasurably because of the difference that one person could and did make.

-Bramalea, Ontario

Discover Your Talents

Roy McDonald

What is your greatest talent in the service of the Lord?

Do you hesitate to answer? Perhaps you just don't know.

We all have a special talent, perhaps many talents, which can be used to bring glory to God. It's just a matter of identifying these before we can become effective members in the body of Christ. We are all ministers, and the onus is upon each one to find our respective ministries. The Lord will both open and close doors along this corridor of discovery.

Here are some methods we can use to spur the talents that so often lie dormant as we operate within a narrow comfort zone.

Preferences— Solomon wrote that it is good and proper for man "to find satisfaction in his toilsome labour under the sun during the few days of life God has given him—for this is his lot" (Ecclesiastes 5:18). We are not being selfish simply by involving ourselves in the areas we most enjoy. Anyone disinterested in work will become discouraged, disaffected and a 'turn off' to other people. By contrast, a satisfied person naturally draws people to himself, and herein lies opportunity to share.

Experimentation— We should try our various areas within a given field of interest. Not all benefits or liabilities are readily apparent. Again, Solomon tells us, "It is the glory of God to conceal a matter; to search out a matter is the glory of kings" (Proverbs 25:2). While many applications could be made from this verse, a basic principle remains—it is honourable to explore truth, including truths about ourselves and all that God has given us. Our experiments, successful or otherwise, equip us to help others with similar interests.

Aptitude— Whether by nature or nurture, each of us is particularly well-suited to some task. King Saul initially liked David due to David's great skill at playing a harp (1 Samuel 16:22, 23). David was also a competent shepherd, a brave warrior and a man approved by

God to be the next king of Israel. Regardless of these latter credits, it was David's musical aptitude that brought him into the king's service. If we have aptitudes for certain areas of service, let's use them! Today, aptitude testing is available for a nominal fee and could be an excellent investment.

Some would object that our preferences and aptitudes sometimes stand in opposition to each other, taking us in very different directions. This will probably be the case with all of us at some point in our lives. Such dissonance can be tempered by our higher call, to give God the glory in all circumstances, and an understanding of this old platitude, "The really happy man is one who can enjoy the scenery when on a detour". David was skillful with a harp but eventually became best-known as a great king of Israel. Our aptitudes, too, may be used as stepping stones to involvement in those areas we most prefer.

Advice—Brethren with a benevolent spirit need to be asked for their honest critique of our work. "Listen to advice and accept instruction, and in the end you will be wise" (Proverbs 19:20). As we become wrapped up in our chosen interests, we sometimes become blind to our rough edges, unable to see where talents can be refined. For instance, an excellent teacher of adults may need some advice about his use of elaborate graphs and reflective questions among preschoolers. Loving brethren will not squelch us but will make us more effective in the Lord's kingdom.

If you have been in a quandary about your niche in the church, consider the foregoing points, plan your work and work your plan. All the while, allow the Holy Spirit to govern your preferences, your experimentation, your aptitudes and the way you receive advice. You may be surprised by the changes to your original plans... "In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps" (Proverbs 16:9). There can be no doubt that you have been equipped for works of service. Have you identified your greatest talent in the service of the Lord?

(All scripture quotes are from the New International Version.)

-Edmonton, Alberta

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tion of the paper over the last many years has helped educate me in the printing process.

I would like to also commend my parents for the dedication that they have demonstrated to the Gospel Herald during the 42 years. Their example of sticking with a project and fulfilling a commitment have helped me to see the importance of completing a task and doing one's best at it. Unless you have had personal involvement in such an endeavour, I don't think you can fully understand or comprehend what all is involved, how many hours are spent before the actual product is in hand, and what a thankless job it can sometimes be.

My prayer is that interest and support will persist in the Gospel Herald so that the good that has been done for generations past will continue to influence generations to come. I believe that this gospel paper is part of our Christian heritage, and, with God's help, can be an even more useful tool in the spreading of God's word in this country as well as other countries to which it is sent.

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and mercy," James writes (5:11). He says, "Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom... Mercy triumphs over judgement" (5:13)!

"Your Will Be Done"

We need to come to know God as He who is in charge. We need to learn that "if it is the Lord's will, we will do this or that" (4:15). A generation or two ago, people were more often using the phrase, "If the Lord wills", when talking of plans. They used to write D.V. (Deo volente, i.e., God willing; by God's will). This sense of knowing that "God reigns" as expressed in many Psalms is reassuring and humbling. Jesus taught his disciples to pray, "Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." He himself prayed in the garden, "My Father, if it be possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." It is better that God reigns and that his will be done, than that I reign and my will be done. "Praise the Lord, for he is good!"

-Beamsville, Ontario



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ONTARIO

Ajax: Ladies class met on the first and third Mondays of January. Grace Porter taught the class on the 15th.

Beamsville: Steve Courson was in Phoenix and Art Ford in Hong Kong on behalf of the College. Don Smith was the speaker at the Youth Rally in Sundridge, January 26-28 and preached at Omagh on January 14. February 11 was "Bring a Friend Day".

Bramalea: Leonard Amanatey will hold a meeting March 12-17. Thursday and Sunday he will speak in English, and Friday and Saturday the lessons will be in Twi. Our Bible School classes are foster parents to Alina Rusu, our new foster child in Romania, whom we support through the Christian Relief Fund in Amarillo, Texas.

Brantford: On December 30, 1995 "Jack Alexander slipped peacefully through the door of eternity, just before Saturday, midnight. He was 86. Tack was husband to Doris and father to Susan Gamble". Rick Gamble continues to write very inspiring, thoughtprovoking articles each week. Rick and Sue Gamble will be speakers at the Bible Teachers' Workshop at GLCC on March 2.

Fenwick: Several Bible studies are in progress in various members' homes. Plans are being made to take the Word to the community, especially to a new subdivision.

The men treated their Valentines to a meal on February 9. Our young people have been busy--visiting GLCC, attending youth rallies, and joining with Niagara Falls young people for recreation.

Guelph: This church worshipped with the Kitchener congregation on January 28. Ed Whittington was scheduled to speak in February.

celebrated their 40th anniversary by holding a meeting on February 4-7. Guest speakers were Keith Thompson, Bob Davison and David Johnson. An area-wide song service was conducted on the afternoon of February 4. Drew and Jodi Hampshire have adopted a newborn girl, Jasmine Lyn. They are working in China.

Hamilton (West Hamilton): The congregation will be participating in the "Bibles for China" program. They collect loose change each day for 30 days and donate it for printing and distributing the Scriptures in China. Guy Stopard of Strathmore spoke on January 14. The budget has been increased from \$500 to \$600 per week.

Meaford: \$1,500 was sent to Camp Omagh for the dining hall project. Organized visitation is being planned for the next few months. Chad McDonald writes that a friend has encouraged him to make the decision to turn his life back to God. Chad returned to Great Lakes in January to finish his high school edu-

Newmarket: Cameron McLeod was appointed to serve as a deacon on January 14. A seminar entitled "Change and the Church" was held on February 23-24. The ladies are gathering supplies for the Slavic Evangelism ministry.

Niagara Falls: Thirty-five students from O.C.U. plan to spend their spring break helping with an evening V.B.S. March 17-20 using the theme: "Encounters With Christ". There will also be a morning ladies class using the video tape series by Jeanene Reese: "Woman to Woman: Encouragement for the Tough and Tender Times of Life". Darren Douglas is now an evangelistin-training, working along with Henry Boland and Jon Roach.

Sault Ste. Marie (Pinehill): A new study, "Walking in Holiness", will begin on Tuesdays for the ladies class. February 24 is Senior Day, with Wayford and Wilma Smith. The theme is "An Enduring Beauty Treatment".

Selkirk: Michael Toby writes, "It is more than a year since I arrived to start working full-time. . . Mrs. Weaver, mother of several and grandmother of many in the congregation, passed away . .On my arrival here, it seemed that we had a serious image problem in the community. . . This has begun to change Hamilton (Fennell Avenue): They | ... A number of us in the congregation

have sung at various community events . . .We have experienced growth over the past year. Some members of the community have started attending worship services regularly. . . Several members have relocated here. Several have returned to the fold. The future looks bright."

St. Catharines (Ontario St.): The ladies study group had a Ladies' Night Out on January 22.

Stratford: There were 13 or 14 who participated in a "Progressive Dinner" on January 20.

Sundridge: Over 100 teens from all over Ontario attended the youth rally held January 26-28.

Thessalon: On December 31, Morris and Goldie Whitehead celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary.

Tintern: Ben Mitchell accepted Jesus as Lord of his life and was baptized on January 21. Brian Cox resigned his duties as a deacon. Megan Smith has decided to take a year off school to attend Mission 1000 in the fall and do mission work in Papua New Guinea from January-June, 1997. The congregation supports a nine-year-old foster child, Denis Alexander Funs Carranza, in Honduras through the Christian Relief Fund. In December three barrels arrived to be filled with necessities to be sent to the brethren in Trinidad.

Toronto (Bayview): A secret sister luncheon was held at the building on January 7. "Encouragement Cards" are being used to encourage each other in the congregation. The ladies class has undertaken the sponsorship of a teenage girl in Northern Thailand to keep her in school.

Toronto (Strathmore): Peter Morphy of Hamilton West spoke on January 28 at both services. Leadership training classes began January 28 for eight consecutive Sunday evenings. Max Craddock spoke at Tintern on January 21, and the Strathmore young people presented a play entitled "The Gift of Friendship". Don and Mary Cameron left January 25 for a three-week vacation in Portugal. Janice Lalor expressed her desire to be a member.

Waterloo: Geoff Ellis and Wesley Jones have been invited to present the story of the Russian evangelical awakening at the Pepperdine Bible Lectures

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Moose Jaw: It is difficult to believe that another year has sped by. The days seem to come and go faster with each passing month. We pray that 1995 was a good year for each of you and that 1996 will be a year of service to our Lord Jesus Christ and to each other.

We continue with the teas for the seniors at Pioneers Village. Once a month, between 25 and 30 residents attend this special time, one which they have come to look forward to. On the last Sunday of each month, we have a time of fellowship following our evening service. This is always a great time of visiting and catching up on what everyone is doing.

We were once again approached by the Hunger in Moose Jaw School Lunch Program coordinator to see if we would be interested in making muffins and/or cookies once a month during the school year. These baked goods are distributed, free of charge, to children who come to school having had no breakfast. We will be looking after this job from September through June 1996. We also collect nonperishable food items for the Moose Jaw and District Food Bank on an on-going basis. Our total for 1995 was 1,026 pounds collected.

On Sunday, October 8, Adam Easson was baptized into Christ, and we welcome him as our new brother. We look forward to watching him grow in his love and dedication to the Lord. Our "Just What the Doctor Ordered (Or Should have)!" Coping With Stress Seminar, with Walter Hart of Dauphin, Manitoba, was held on October 21. This was an excellent seminar. We had approximately a dozen visitors from the community, and they seemed to feel that the day was very worthwhile. We would recommend Walter and this seminar to any congregation. We all have stress in our lives, and some stress is good; however, when it gets out of hand, it can

cause major problems, physically, mentally and spiritually. Walter brought out many passages of Scripture to help deal with stress and reassured us that we do not have to struggle on alone. God is with us, and through the church, he provides a worldwide family for us to lean on.

On Sunday morning, November 19, at 8:30 a.m., some of the men of the congregation cooked and served breakfast for the rest of the congregation. It was a delicious meal, and the fellowship prior to beginning our 10:00 classes made the day even more special.

On Saturday afternoon, December 3, Terri-Lynn and Amy Fowler planned and hosted a games afternoon for the children who attend our Sunday School program. There were 25 young people able to attend, and the afternoon was enjoyed by all. Our "older" young people were a great help with the games, etc., and Margaret Easson planned and instructed the craft project, which the children made and took home. The afternoon was a great success.

Our hearts were saddened on December 14 when our brother, Olaf Aasen, passed from this earth. Olaf had been in quite poor health for some time, and we know that he is in a better place; but his passing left a real void in the lives of his family and our congregation. Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 60 years, Evelyn, and their five children: Audrey, Delmar, Wendell, Darrell and Sandra, and their families. The funeral service was on December 18 and was conducted by Bruce Tetreau and Ron Hegdahl. Prior to Olaf's going into the Providence Place Senior Care home, if he was feeling good at all, he was at service Sunday morning. What an example to the rest of us, of his dedication and love for the Lord.

On January 6 Bernard and Ella Ziemer and Marion Barber hosted a fellowship evening at the Zeimer's home in Regina for the "Over 50 group". The evening was a great success with Bernard, Ella and Marion going to so much work in preparing a delicious supper and organizing such a great evening of fellowship.

Ron Hegdahl is a facilitator for the Moose Jaw Bereavement Organization, and this winter, among his many other duties, has started small group bereavement sessions on Thursday evenings at the building for anyone from the community and our congregation who

wishes to attend. Comments from those attending are that the sessions are excellent.

We had been asked if we would like to take part in holding services at the various Senior Care Homes in Moose Jaw in 1996, and there has been sufficient interest and volunteers that we will be getting involved in this program. They will be devotional-type sessions on a rotating basis with other churches in the community. Our first service will be at Providence Place on Friday, February 2 in the afternoon.

Saskatoon Men's Rally 1996

Eighty men gathered in Saskatoon for two days of fellowship, teaching, and inspiration January 26 and 27. The weekend began with a banquet Friday evening at which William McMillan was the first recipient of the J.Lidbury/H. MacLeod Faithfulness Award.

Mark Abshier, from Lawrence Kansas, was the featured speaker for the weekend. The theme was "Keeping Men On The Battlefield". During the two days we sang, listened to challenging lessons, had small group discussions, had a 90-minute prayer exercise, prayed for our elders, and talked about accountability groups. The rally ended with the men taking their shoes off, getting down on their knees, and committing themselves to be godly men. Men came from Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and North Dakota. The response was very positive, and men are already looking forward to next year. Next year's rally is January 31-February 1, and the featured speaker will be Mark Brazle of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

Minister Invited

Our 35-member congregation in a progressive Canadian city of some 46,000 souls is inviting the help of a minister to work with us. Salary and dates are negotiable.

White to: Crescent Heights Church of Christ 402 12th St. NE Medicine Hat, AB T1A 5V3



by Verna Hotchkiss and Marion Waugh c/o Edmonton Church of Christ 13015 - 116 Avenue Edmonton, AB T5M 3C9

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Salmon Arm: In December the annual progressive dinner and Christmas party was held at Cedar Heights with many visitors present.

We lost one of our dear members on January 12, 1996. In progressively poor health, Ellen Metcalfe made every effort to come to church services, ladies Bible class and any other activities she could manage. She dearly loved her church family, who in turn loved her.

Nanaimo: Ronni and Martin Pakosz were married on December 30 and honeymooned for one week in California. New Year's activities took place on the 31st with games and refreshments. Scott and April Blayney and their baby son, David, left on January 20 to spend a month with Scott's parents in Ontario.

Bible Talks are taking place every second Monday at the home of Walter and Barb Moss, and a weekly Ladies' Evening Bible class is to start on Tuesday evening, February 20, at the church building.

Our monthly congregational potluck lunch continues to take place on the first Sunday of each month and is always well attended.

On January 17 we rejoiced at the baptism of Marianne Vander Putten. Our prayers are with our new sister as she begins her walk with Christ.

Delta: We began the new year with an evening of skating ending with a devotional. Recently, we were blessed with the opportunity to go to the Ferndale Prison to teach a Bible class. Before the lesson, we had a time of singing. A group of 11 students and one sponsor from Cascade College is scheduled to be with us on January 21. They are a drama group who share the gospel through dramatic presentations. They are planning to do a performance

for us called "Catacombs".

Vancouver (Oak Ridge): Due to the weather, time of year and schedules of so many of our members, Sunday evening worship and Wednesday evening Bible study have been suspended until further notice. Oakridge is in a transition period, and new vehicles for Bible study and nurturing will replace some of our time-honored programs. The Saturday Prayer Breakfast will continue to be held on the second Saturday of each month here at the building. We believe that these changes will bring great strength to the congregation and future growth as well.

The B.C. Spring Fellowship will be held on April 5 here at the building with guest speaker Stanley Shipp from Missouri. The second meeting of the BCC leadership team was on January 30. This work is crucial to the growth of Oakridge and the strengthening of the body here; so, please keep BCC in your prayers.

Ming Paul Lee: Greetings! "Miss a meal for Hsadyai, Thailand--This self-supporting congregation, mostly young adults, is seeking our help. They had been renting a building and often had to move. They've now purchased a place for church meeting. There is an urgent need of \$15,000 to complete renovations and restorations to the building for church meetings. Please send your donation (cheque payable) to: Church of Christ (For Thailand), 1720 Meredith Road, Nanaimo, BC V9S 2M4.

This spring and summer Suwanna and Ming Paul (possibly our daughter, Suganya) want to share Jesus in Croatia and Bosnia. Many good things and fruitful work by Croatian and American Christians are happening. There's always a great need for workers. We will help to plant new churches and encourage young churches. We need your help in our fund raising for Bibles and printed materials and travel funds for this mission in Eastern Europe. Do pray for us. We appreciate whatever assistance you can give to make a difference. We Canadians have the opportunity to take the Light to Croatia. The doors are open, and they welcome us. We cannot do everything, but we can do something.

ALBERTA

Fort McMurray: This congregation is searching for an evangelist and will have the pleasure of interviewing and

getting to know brother Joseph Godbout on February 2-11. Our winter "beat the blues" schedule is well under way with bi-weekly men's breakfasts, the women's Friday night coffee and dessert outings and a Sunday evening singsong.

Edmonton: 1995 was, in many ways, a year in which God richly blessed the congregation here in Edmonton. Our Bible school attendance is at an all-time high with 125 children involved in classes from cradle roll through high school. We have a record number of young married couples in the congregation. Many of these couples are a part of our monthly Young Marrieds Group.

Our 17 small group studies have involved some new people, and we were blessed with 25 baptisms as a result of this work. Many members are stepping out in faith and are making great strides in their personal evangelism. We are thankful for the many visitors we have had attending the studies. For the first three weeks in January our attendance average was 278, with one Sunday being over 300.

The 3rd annual Ladies' Retreat was held January 26-28. The theme was "Oh, To Be Like Thee". Four ladies each presented a lesson to the group. The weekend was deemed a success as the sisters became more aware of how God is taking care of them and how they can encourage each other as Jesus did those around Him. Friendships were formed and made closer.

We are a year and a half away from our planned planting of a congregation in Grande Prairie. This year and next, at our Alberta Spring Fellowship, we will have a special giving on the Sunday morning that will all be used for the support of this work. Again, we have the opportunity to step out in faith in our generosity and support of the spreading of the gospel in Alberta.

Three of our interns will be graduating this spring. These men will travel to Texas to take part in the graduation ceremony at Sunset.

Alberta Spring Fellowship in April will feature Scott Laird and Eddie Parish (from Abilene) as our speakers. The theme will be "God's Teachings on the Family".

In September, we will hold a weekend seminar with brother Robert Olesby from the Waterview congregation in Richardson, Texas on the topic of "Small Group Studies".

Moncton Property Fund

The church in Moncton has met in five different locations, mostly in non-residential sections of town, since 1976 when it began. It is currently meeting in a school gymnasium that is costly and inconvenient, not being available on holiday weekends.

The church has a wonderful opportunity before it in the form of a house on a large lot in a residential area and adjoining a new development. It is already zoned for a church and a new area is being developed right beside it.

The present attendance of 25 to 30 can be accommodated for the time being in the residence after some rather minor alterations. Upstairs rooms are suitable for office and classrooms.

The cost for the property and renovations is \$80,000 of which \$40,000 can be mortgaged. The church has \$28,000 available. An additional \$12,000 is needed and individual and sister congregations are being invited to help. The arrangement should be completed by March 20.

Contributions or notifications of intent to help should be sent to Church of Christ, 1 Trites Road, Reverview (Moncton), NB E1B 2V5.

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in April. On January 14, the GLCC chorus presented a program of spiritual music.

Welland: "Our Kids For Christ is doing very well. We have averaged over 20 students per class. We have more of the eager learners attending this year. Some who came mostly for fun have discontinued.

"We are also encouraged that our Sunday morning attendance is up, and there is a good spirit in the congregation. We will be blessed in having visiting speakers to come and share with us over the next few weeks. Brother Joseph Godbout has been here and still to come are: Darrin Douglas, Niagara Falls; Art Ford, Beamsville; and Lewis Mutuma of Windsor.

Besides having the new roof on our building completed, we have also repaired the interior water-damaged areas and some of the ceiling lights. Our roof fund has reached \$11,438; of this amount Welland has given over \$2,000. Our appeal is still in effect for those who wish to help. We had hoped that our fund would reach \$20,000. This would still leave our small group with a sizable amount to take care of.

"We want all individuals and churches to know how very grateful we are for every donation that has been given. Thank you. May God richly bless you.

"Any further mail may be sent to Church of Christ, 72 Summit Avenue, Welland, ON L3C 4G6."

--Magnar Knutson

Windsor: "We are happy to report that two young ladies were baptized here

on January 14 by Al Meakes. They were Alayna Meakes and Kelly Quinn. Praise the Lord'." Several of the young people are singing with the Church of Christ Metropolitan Detroit Youth Chorus.

NEW YORK

North Buffalo: On December 31 the congregation hosted an area-wide fellowship following the evening service.

NOVA SCOTIA

Halifax: The church in Halifax has been joined by the Keith Brumley family. Keith and Margaret, with their two children, arrived at the end of 1995 from Arkansas where Keith had graduated from Harding University. The Halifax church is busy making plans as to how they can reach out to the Halifax Metro area effectively. They have been meeting as a group to discuss strategies and factors for reaching and keeping people for Christ. They are excited about how God can and will use each of them in the kingdom! They ask for our prayers for their plans and that God will give the increase as they "plant and water".

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Alfred Joseph Trusler

October 14, 1911-December 23, 1995

A.J. "Fred" Trusler was born in Meaford, the son of Alfred and Rose Ellis Trusler; grandson of Rachel Cox Ellis. He is predeceased by his older siblings, Ellis (d. 1975) and Florence (d. 1968), and in February 1995 by his wife, Dorothy Wesley (see the Gospel Herald April 1995).

Fred went to Toronto and started with Confederation Life in August 1929. He rose in the ranks of that company until he was a Vice-President and, at times, acting President. He was on the Board of the Ontario Housing Corporation; he also served on the Board of Great Lakes Christian College from 1969-1979, and in that capacity as Chair of a major fund-raising effort.

On September 3, 1939 he married Dorothy, in whom he found a loyal, supportive companion whose personality was a fine counterpoint to his own. After some years of marriage, they adopted two children, Tom and Nancy, and then had another by birth, Mark. As parents they were both devoted to their children and gave them strong ties to community, education and to the church.

Fred was a much-loved elder of the Bayview Avenue Church of Christ in Toronto, a part of the congregation from its inception when members of the Bathurst St. congregation moved to that location. He was treasurer of the Bayview church for about 30 years. At the funeral service in Meaford on December 28, Bob Baylis spoke warmly of their years of friendship at Bayview. Fred was an important father figure for several men in that congregation over the years, and by his very example made a significant contribution.

Recent years were difficult: the move back to Meaford, his own and Dorothy's deteriorating health, and particularly painful family difficulties. In spite of these things, he kept the faith and his sense of humour. The Meaford congregation looked after him with exemplary Christian kindness.

We will miss him, but we will remember him well.

Fred is survived by his children: Tom, Nancy (Brent Flanakin), and Mark; four grandchildren: Jason, Grant; Ashley, Kyle; and in a sense by those of us who thought so much of him. Internment was at Lakeview Cemetery, Meaford. --Claude Cox

Ellen Louise Johanna Metcalfe

November 18, 1924-January 12, 1996
After a valiant effort for life, Ellen
Louise Johanna Metcalfe (nee Karean)
passed away at Shuswap General Hospital in Salmon Arm, B.C. surrounded
by love from her family. Ellen had a
wonderful personality, was full of laughter and the joy of life. She had a unique
sense of humor and a quick wit. She
touched us all, and our time with her
was marvelous. Her quiet courage,
strength of spirit and creativity will long
be remembered.

She was a longtime and dedicated, loving member of the Salmon Arm church of Christ. There are many fond and loving memories for all the lives she touched. A beloved wife, mother, grandmother and friend, she is survived by 5 sons, 4 daughters, 16 grandchildren, 1 brother, and 1 sister. She was predeceased by a daughter in 1964 and a son in 1976.

The funeral service was held from Bowers Funeral Home on January 19 with Wendell Bailey officiating. A loving eulogy was given by her eldest son, Jim, on behalf of the family. A group of church members sang Ellen's favourite hymns. Internment followed in Mount Ida Cemetery, Salmon Arm.

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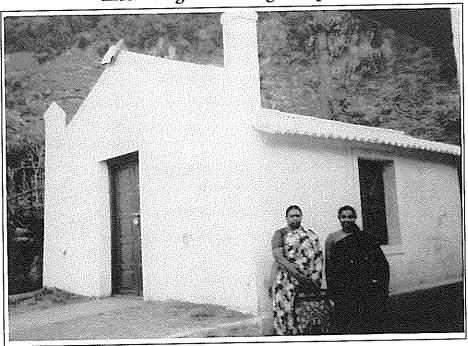
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MISSION NEWS India--Singara Building Completed



About two years ago, a picture and a short article appeared in the Gospel Herald asking for help to build a church building for a congregation in an India Tea estate.

Since the members of the church in the Singara Tea Estate are labourers and most of the time need to work seven days a week, it has taken them a long time to complete the building.

Pictured is the completed building with tea plants growing on a 60' mountain side slope in the background. This the members leveled out by hand for a

> International Bible Correspondence School

In 1995, we taught 7,000 individuals from Toronto using Bible correspondence courses. An average of 17,000 multiple choice answers were graded each month. Thousands more were taught from other cities in Canada and the U.S.A.

In addition to the multiple choice test answers, we graded discussion answers for the 125 students taking the Advanced Level. (There are 121 discussion questions for the Advanced Level study of the Gospels.) Also, there are 144 discussion questions for the Acts course. For the 150 students studying the Ephesian course, we graded 5,000 short answer questions and 80 discussion questions. The Bible Geography also has 25 places to locate on a map. place to put the building. In so doing, they uncovered a huge granite boulder which they broke up (also by hand) but secured enough free stone blocks from which to build part of the building. The preacher is V. Mohan, father of Tom Varghese. Tom is in his third year at Western Christian College. On the left is Tom's mother, Sinobia; beside her Tom's sister, Betty, standing in front of the finished project.

Thanks again to you who had a part in this, the Lord's work in India.

--Carl E. Johnson

The Hebrews course (developed by Ed Broadus) has 104 discussion questions.

We taught in 47 nations, five of which are closed to missionary activities.

Our efforts in 1995 were made possible through the most generous support of over 200 families and 30 congregations--people who know how important the Bible is for guiding lives.

For the complete Annual Report or additional information, please contact: Richard Kruse, Director, I.B.C. School, 873 Jane Street, P.O. Box 98590, Toronto, ON M6N 4C0.

--W. Straker

Belarus

"Good News Ministries/Bel-Can (Note from Ed Good News": Jermakowicz) Canadians have helped to distribute 1,126 Bibles/New Testaments to the people of Belarus. . . A pen-pal

The Sudbury Church of Christ

is seeking a full-time evangelist who is willing to assist in the work of the Lord's church in this area.

We are an established congregation of approximately 40 members in a surrounding area of 162,000 population.

Contract and salary are negotiable.

Please send references, enquiries and resumes to:

> Sudbury Church of Christ 2663 Bancroft Drive Sudbury, ON P3B 1TC Attention: P.S.C.

program has been launched with five young girls between the ages of 11 and 14 corresponding with the churches at Bramalea, Tintern and St. Thomas. One earlier group of about five was corresponding with the church at Guelph. . . Through the Sunday contributions in Elizovo, funds have been accumulated to go toward the purchase of children's vitamins for children who are undernourished. Vitamins and mineral supplements are one way of helping us to fulfill what Jesus said in Scripture in Matthew 25:31-40. . . The church in Elizovo, Belarus has slowly developed over time. I personally have baptized seven here in Belarus. . . We do meet every Sunday. . . There are about 20 "believers" altogether. . .and we continue meeting in our 4 x 5 metre living room. For encouragement, please put me on your church bulletin mailing list. I really would like to keep in touch." --W. Straker

> Needed Youth and Family Minister. . .

The Winnipeg church of Christ is searching for a

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We need a minister with good organization and people-connecting skills. We need someone with university or Bible college training and some church work experience.

We are a church with 200+ members, 4 elders, 13 deacons and a full-time minister in a city of 600,000. If you want to share in our vision, please send your resume and a statement of your ministry goals to:

Youth Minister Committee Church of Christ, 217 Osborn Street South Winnipeg MB D3L 124

Directory of Churches

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The information, unless otherwise specified, is in the following order: Place of meeting; times of Bible Class, Worship and mid-week gatherings; malling address if different from meeting place; (Post Office is at the beginning unless otherwise indicated); preacher; phone.

PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

ALLIANCE, Rec-Center: Sun. 10, 11; Ted Archbold, ev., Box 135, T0B 0A0; (403) 879-2232 (res.).

CALGARY (Northside): 803-2A Ave. N.E., T2E 1S1; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; recorded message; 276-8088; Wayne Bailey, 247-6337; Brian Guilbault, 264-9232.

CALCARY: 4030 Maryvale Dr. N.E., T2A 258; Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 6; Wed. 7; also various mid-week home Bible Study groups -- call the office (403) 272-2111; Cecil Bailey, ev., 569-2817; Larry Yurk, ev., 278-1469; Eric Nyrose, ev., 242-3164.

CAMROSE: 4901-42 St., T4V 1A1; Sun. 9:30, 10:30; Wed. 7; Will Hart, ev. (403) 672-1220.

EDMONTON: 13015-116 Ave., T5M3C9, 455-1049; FAX 454-9545; Sun. 9:30; Wed. 7:00; C. Eric Limb, Henri Bouchard, Herb Anderson, elders.

FORT MCMCRRAY: Beauregard Edu. Community Centre, Abasand; Sun. 10-12; Thurs. Bible Talk 7:30 in homes. Mon. ladies class 1:30-3:00 in homes (phone (403) 790-0109); Terry Mullins, Treas., 399 Thicket Dr., T9H 4H7; (403) 790-3537.

LETHBRIDGE: 2720 21st Ave. S., T1K 1H8; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:00; Mike Gray, ev. 328-0855.

MEDICINE HAT: Crescent Heights Church of Christ, 402 12th St. N.E., T1A 5V2; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; Ernest W. Andreas, ev., 528-3026 (res.); 527-7311 (off.).

RED DEER: 4519 53rd St., T4N 2E4; Sun. 11:15, 10, (evening--call for information); Wed. 7; Gerry Bibard, ev., 347-3986.

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

ABBOTSFORD: Michael Collins Studio (behind B.C. Tourist offices on McCallum Rd.); Sun. 10.11; Tues. 7:30 in homes; Central Valley Church of Christ, Rob Robinson, Sec.-Treas., 45215 Blue Jay Ave., Sardis, B.C. V2R 2V3; (604) 824-0322; church–Ray Fillion, 850-8670.

BCRNABY (Greater Vancouver): 7485 Salisbury Ave., V5E3A5; Sun. 10:05, 9 & 11; Midweek (groups meet in homes. Call for times & locations); Jeff Floyd, ev. 526-3895; Kirk Ruch, ev., 596-8453; (604) 522-7721 (off).

CAMPBELL RIVER: 226 Hilchey Road, V9W 1P4; (604) 923-5233.

CHILLIWACK: Senior Citizens Bldg. Br 24, corner of Cook and Victoria St.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7 at 9687 Windsor St. Mail P.O. Box 327, V2P 6V4, 24 hr. phone 792-4940; George Sillman, ev., Al McCutcheon, sec. 792-0046.

COWICHAN VALLEY (CROFTOM): 1288 Smith St.; Sun 11; Wed. 7; Box 45, VOR 1R0; Jack Ellis, 246-4189.

CRESTON: Corner of 5th Ave. and Cook St.; Sun. 10, 11; Box 2329, VOB 1G0; 428-7411 (off).

DELTA: Ladner Community Centre; Sun. 9:50; Wed. in homes 8:00; 205-1318 - 56th St. V4L 2A4 (off); 56th St., V4L 2A4; Jay Don Rodgers, ev., (604) 943-4341 (res.), 943-0515 (off).

KAMLOOPS: 629 Battle St. V2C 2M4; Sun. 11:15, 10; Mid-week studes in homes; (604) 374-3512 (off): Contact Rob Harper, 554-2421.

KELOWNA: 1317 Ethel St.; Sun. 10:45,Bible study 9:30 (except July & Aug.); Tues. 7; Box 2697, St. R. VIX 6A7; Charles McKnight, ev. (604) 765-8739; Wayne Muirhead (604) 861-4008; Ted Windmill, 763-8445.

KELOWNA (Rutland): #209-120 McIntosh Rd., V1X 7E8; Sun. 11. Call for directions/other services, Bill Forman, ev. (604) 765-3643.

LANGLEY: Meeting in homes; Sun. 10:30; Phone for location 534-0485; c/o L Eastwood, 20420-54 Avenue, Apt. 103, V3A 6N6.

NANAIMO: 1720 Meredith Rd., V9S 2M4; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:00; Grant Hannan, ev. 758-9412 (off.); Les Beamish, sec. 758-6929.

NORTH BEND: North Bend Community Hall; Sun. 10; SS 1, Boston Bar, BC V0K 1C0; 867-9420.

PENTICTON: Penticton Retirement Centre, 439 Winnipeg St.; Sun. 9, 10; Tues. 7:30; Box 24082, V2A 8L9; 496-4043.

PRINCE GEORGE: 933 Patricia Blvd., V2L 3V6; Sun. 10:30, 11; (604) 562-0502.

PRINCE RUPERT: 977 Prince Rupert Blvd; Sun. 4, 3; Thurs. 7; Dick Brant, Bob Turner, evs.; (604) 624-4449 (res.), 624-5834 (off.).

RICHMOND: Boy Scout Hall, No. 1 Road & Francis Road; Sun 10:30, 11; 3431 Bentinck Pl., V7C 4H3; Gary L. Marrs, ev. (604) 271-6197.

8ALMON ARM: Community Center, 2550 Trans Canada Hwy. N.E., Rm 1; Sun. 9:45, 10:45; Thurs. night in homes. Call 832-3828 or 2470 for info.; P.O. Box 51, VIE 4N2; Wendell Bailey, ev. (604) 832-2470; Office, Piccadilly Place Mall, 1151 10th St. SW, 832-3828; Chery Pimentel, sec., 832-0422; Shuswap Christian School, Bx. 789, VIE 4N9, 832-7994; Doug Kendig, adm. 835-8529 (res.)

SURREY (Greater Vancouver): 15042 92nd Ave., V3R 5V8; Sun. 10, 11; Tues. 7:30; Ron Beckett, ev., 594-1796; Ed Bryant, ev., (604) 585-8566.

VANCOCIVER (Oakridge): 6970 Oak St., V6P 3Z6; English services: Sun. 10, 10:40, 5 (Spanish Bible Class 10 and Fri. 6:30); Wed. 7:30; Stephen C. Haabrouck, ev. (604) 241-7544 (res); Spanish services: Sun. 5; Fri. 6:30; Milton Diaz, ev., 432-1749 (res.).

VERNON: 4107 Pleasant Valley Rd.; Sun. 10, 11; Box 541, VIT 6M5; 545-6892.

VICTORIA: 3460 Shelbourne St., V8P 4G5; Sun. 9:45, 10:45, 6; Wed. 6:30; Kelly Carter, ev. (604) 592-4914 (off), 727-0351 (res.).

PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

BRANDON: 943 7th St., R7A 3VI; Sun. 10, 11; (204) 728-0957; Charles Muller, sec. 726-4723.

CARMAN: Main Street S.; Sun. 10, 6; Wed. 7:30; c/o D.B. Laycock, Box 266, Miami, ROG 1H0; 435-2413; Don L. Killough, ev. 745-3786.

DACIPHIN: 220 Whitmore Ave. (Western Christian College); Sun. 7 p.m., 10 a.m.; Wed. 7; 378 River Ave. E., R7N 0H8; Hugh Gannon, ev. 638-8568 (res.), 638-6321(off); W. Hart, elder, 638-5283.

MANSON: Bldg. at Manson Village; Sun. 10, 2 p.m.; Box 2, R0M 1J0; Gilbert Jacobs, sec., 722-2148 or Lloyd Jacobs, 722-2278.

NEEPAWA: Arden Community Centre, 352 Arden, ROJ 0B0; Sun. 10, 11.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE: Contact Gerald Mccutcheon, 239-1817

WINNIPEG (Central): 217 Oabome St. S., R3L 1Z4; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; M.C. Johnson, sec., 45 Jubinville Bay, 254-8501; Wayne Tumer, ev. (204) 257-7926 (res); 475-6462 (off).

PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK

MONCTON: 1 Trites Rd., Riverview, E1B 2V5; Sun. 10; alternate Weds. 7:30; Tim Johnson, ev., (506) 386-2628 (res.) or 852-0919 (off.).

SAINT JOHN: Meeting in the home of FRED NELSON, 3 Charleston Court, Quispamsis, E2E 4W9; Sunday meetings flexible; Phone (506) 847-2802 or Tom Goud, 847-2199.

NEWFOUNDLAND

ST. ANTHONY: 22 Grenfell Cresc. A0K 4S0; Sun & Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Daren and Kim Simmons, 709-454-2012.

NEW YORK STATE

BUFFALO (Linwood): 481 Linwood Ave., 14209; Sun. 9:30, 10:45, 6; Training Class 5; Wed. 7; John Smiley, ev. (716) 882-5434.

NORTH BUFFALO: 350 Kenmore Ave.; Sun. 10,11,6:30; Wed. 7:30; Box 128, 14223; (716) 835-6010.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

YELLOWKNIFE: 516 Range Lake Rd., X1A 3A7; Sun. 10; Wed. 7:30; 873-3875. Elders: David Lidbury, Bamard Straker; Steve McMillan, ev.

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA

HALIFAX: 48 Convoy Ave., B3N2P8; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:30; (903) 443-9628 (off.); Keith Brumley, ev. (902) 445-4194 (res); Wayne Taylor, sec., (902) 876-7402.

KENTVILLE: Middle Dyke & Mee Rd.; Sun. 11, 10, 6; Wed. 7; c/o 895 Gracie Dr., B4N 4M2; Brian Gamett, ev. (902) 678-1168 (res.); 678-8881 (off.).

SHCIBENACADIE: Mill Village Church, 2 miles w. of Shubenacadie; Sun. 10:15, 11; Wed. 7; R.R. 1, BON 2H0; D. Hallett (902) 758-2133; J. Mackey, sec., (902) 758-2633; 758-3215 (off.).

SHIBENACADIE: Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; Shubenacadie & Area Church of Christ, R.R. 1, BON 2H0; Raymond Wiseman, ev. 758-3404; Frank Weir, 758-2905.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

AJAX (Serving Oshawa, Whitby, Pickering): 1 Cedar St.; Sun. 9:45, 11. 7; Wed. 7:30; Box 162, L1S 3C3; Ph. 683-2477 or A Langford, sec., 683-6735.

BARRIE: 345 Grove St. E. (at Cook), L4M 4T7; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:30; P.O. Box 460, L4M 4T7; 722-7155 (off.); Claude Cox, ev. (705) 737-2272.

BEAMSVILLE: 4900 John St., LOR 1B6; Sun. 9:15, 10:30, 6; Wed. 7:30; Don Smith, ev. (905) 563-7655 (off).

BRAMALEA: 750 Clark Blvd. (south of Hwy. 7 on Finchgate Boulevard), L6T 3Y2; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Thurs. 7:30; Walter Straker, ev. (905) 455-3263 (res.); 792-2297 (off).

BRANTFORD: 267 North Park St., N3R 4L2; Sun. 10, 11, 6:30; Wed. 7; contact Rick Gamble (519) 753-5353; 759-6630 (off).

BCIRKS FALLS: Seniors Building above library on Young St.; Sun. 6-7:15 p.m.; c/o Hubert Lawrence,

R.R. #2, POA 1C0; (705) 382-2026.

COLLINGWOOD: 494 Tenth St.; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7; c/o Frank Kneeshaw, 317 Hume Street.

L9Y 1W4, 445-3252; 444-0010 (office); Wayford Smith, ev. 444-2701.

CORNWALL: Tollgate Rd. E.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; Box 42, K6H 5R9.

FENWICK: Welland Ave.; Sun. 9:45, 11, 7; Wed. 7:30; P.O. Box 416, LOS 1C0; Walt Cromwell, ev., (905) 892-4557; 892-5661 (off.).

GORE BAY: W. Manitoulin church; (Cld Library); Sun. 10:30; Box 85, P0P 1H0; Contact John Robertson (705) 282-3499; Bill Baker (705) 282-2095.

GRAVENHCRST: 441 Bay Street, P1P 1H8; Sun. 11:00; (705) 687-3250.

GRIERSVILLE: RR 4, Meaford, 5 mi. south of Meaford on Grey County 7; Sun. 10; Keith Hewgill, Kimberley, ON NOC 1G0; Les Cramp, ev., Box 1642, Meaford, ON NOH 1YO.

GRIMSBY: 63 Casablanca Blvd., south of Q.E. exit, Sun. SS 11:05; Worship 9:45, 6; Wed. 7; Box 181, L3M 4G3; (905) 945-3058; George Mansfield, ev. 945-1070.

GCIELPH: Conestoga College, 460 Speedvale Ave., W; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:30 (phone for location); c/o 428 Cole Rd., N1G 3J8; David Azzoparde, sec. (519) 821-9179.

HAILEYBURY/NEW LISKEARD: Meeting in homes. Times flexible. Mike Tinney, Box 702, Haileybury, PQJ 1K0, 705-672-9241.

HAMILTON: 666A Fennell Ave. E. at 27th St.; L8V IV2 (Mt. Hamilton); Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:00; (905) 385-5775; John Dennis, sec., (905) 389-0717.

HAMILTON (Centre): 33 Highdiffe Ave., L9A 3L3; Sun. 10, 11; Steven Rudd, ev., (905) 575-8437.

HAMILTON (West): Mohawk College, Fennell Ave./West 5th St.; Sun. 10, 11, 6; midweek (call for times and locations); P.O. Box 78041 Westdiffe PO, L9C 7N5; Wayne Page (905) 648-5100; Peter Morphy, ev., 387-3699.

HEATHCOTE: Sun. 11; Larry Efford, R.R. 1, Kimberley, ON NOC 1GO.

HUNTSVILLE: Chaffey community Hall, Muskoka Rd. 3, one lon. N. of Hwy 60; Sun. 6:30 p.m.; Eugene Preston (705) 789-7630; David Preston, sec., R.R. #1, GR Box 174, P0A 1K0; 789-7697.

HUNTSVILLE: Hilltop Dr. off Hwy. 11BN; Sun. 9:45, 11, 7; Wed. 8; GR Box 108, Rte 3, P0A 1K0; Contact John H. Preston, sec., (705) 767-3237.

ICE LAKE (Manitoulin Island): 1½ mi. S. of Hwy. 540; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Mon. 7:30; Dean Hotchkiss, ev. (705) 282-2980; Peter Tallman, sec., R.R. #1, Mindemoya, POP 1S0, 377-4555.

KENORA: 101 Norman Dr.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; P.O. Box 2905, P9N 3X8; (807) 468-7523 (bldg); Randy Fiske, ev., 468-2192; Earle Rattai, 548-2245.

KINGSTON: 446 College St., K7L 4M7; Sun. 10, 11: Wed. 7; (613) 546-5409 (off.).

KITCHENER SOUTH: Kitchener City Hall, 200 King St. W.; Sun. 12, 11; John Spencer, sec., 396 Gatestone Bivd., N2T 2J0; (519) 746-2576.

LONDON: 1750 Huron St., N5V3A2; (519) 455-6730; Sun. 9:30, 11; Call for mid-week opportunities. Harold Byne, ev., 645-0575; FAX 645-6037..

MEAFORD: 113 Nelson St.W. N4L 1G3; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Wed. 7:30; Bill Swarz, ev., (519) 538-1750 (eff.)

NEWMARKET: 230 Davis Dr.; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6:30; Wed. 7; Upper Canada P.O. Box 21581, L3Y 8J1; Brian Cox, ev., 165 Britannia Ave., Bradford, L3Z 1A4; (905) 788-0366 (res.), 895-6502 (off.); Keith Thompson, ev., 348 Dixon Blvd. L3Y 5C4; (905) 853-0892 (res.).

NIACARA FALLS: 3901 Dorchester Rd. N. (turn E. on Thorold Stone Rd. from Q.E.); Sun. 10:30-12, 5:30; Wed. 7:30; Henry Boland, 5904 Alias St., L2J 1S8; (905) 356-0107 or 356-3412; Henry Boland, et al. (1997) 1997 (1997) 1998 (1997) 199

NORTH BAY: 73 Gertrude St. E.; Sun. 10, 11, 6:30; Wed. 7; Box 745, P1B 8J8; (705) 472-7040 (off.); Gary Hotchkiss, sec., 497-1813.

OMAGH: 1412 Britannia Road W. at 4th line, Milton, L9T 2X8; Sun. 10, 11; Thurs. 7:30 in homes; c/o Harold Ellis, Sec., R.R. #3, Campbeliville, L0P 1B0; (905) 878-7565; Steve May, ev. (905) 563-5043; *905) 875-2939 (off).

OTTAWA: 1515 Chomley Cres., K1G 0V9; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; Robert MacRury, ev., 733-2580 (off); 737-0701 (res.).

OWEN SOUND: 835 10th Ave. E., N4K 3H8; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Thurs. 7 in homes (phone for location); Felix Turner, ev. (519) 376-8259, 376-6702 (off.).

PETERBOROXIGH: The Otonabee Inn (Lift Lock Rm), 84 Lansdowne E.; Lord's Supper/Classes, 10-11, Preaching 11-12; Box 2081, K9J 7H5; Peter McPherson, ev.(705) 742-5349; Shaun Parks (705) 876-7104.

PINE ORCHARD: Sun. 10, 11; Bruce Brandon, sec. 852-5026, RR 2, Ubbridge, L9P 1R2.

PORT COLBORNIE: 700 Steele St., 1.3K 422; Sun. 10, 11, 6:30; Bible studies, call for days and times; David Lock, ev., 465 Davis St., 1.3K 127; (905) 834-0911 (res.); 834-5775 (off.). (Every 1st Sun. potluck followed by singing; communion at 6:30).

ST. CATHARINES: 439 Ontario St. N., L2N 4M9; Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 6; Wed. 7:30; Gordon Hams, ev., 937-8250 (res.), 935-9581 (off.).

ST. CATHARINES (Garden City): Ina Grafton Gage Home (Cedar Room), 413 Linwell Rd.; Sun. 9, 10,11; Wed. 7; 46 Tara Cresc., Thorold L2V 4M1; Roy Diestalkamp, ev. 227-8336.

ST. THOMAS: 60 S. Edgeware Rd. N5P 2H6; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; Brian Thompson, ev., (519) 633-2210 (off.), 633-2646 (res.).

SARNIA: 796 Errol Rd. E., N7V 2G7; Sun. 9:30, 10:45, 6:30; Wed. 7; Len Dennis, 542-3260; Aubrey Hibbard, 336-7140; Drew Chapados, ev., 332-8359.

SACLT STE. MARIE (Eastside): 99 Melville Rd., P6A 5J6; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7:30; (705) 946-1930.

SAULT STE. MARIE (Pinehill): 132 Cunningham Rd., P6B 1N4; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; Roger Lansdell, ev. 256-1977 (res.), 949-4988 (off.); R. Whitfield, sec., 949-7612.

SELKIRK: 1/2 km. N. of village; Sun. 11, 10; Wed. 7:30; Box 13, NOA 1PO.

SMITHVILLE: 246 Station St.; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; Art Garner, Box 144, LOR 2A0; (905) 957-7745; John Hains, ev., 957-1123.

SOUTH RIVER: Jaspar St. S.; off Ottawa St. W.; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7:30; Box 549, POA 1X0; Jim Nicholson, ev. (705) 384-5215, 386-2628, church bldg. 386-2551.

STONEY CREEK: 105 King St. E., L&G 1L1; (905) 664-1130 (off.); Sun. 9:45, 11; Sun. & Tues. evenings call for time and place; Harold Parker, ev., 945-8803 (res.); Robert Priestnall, sec.

STRATFORD: 478 Brunswick St., N5A 3N6; Sun. 9:45, 11:00; Wed. 7:00; (519) 273-5280; Kelvin Hoover, ev. 273-5381; Larry Hoover, ev. 271-9545.

SCIDBCRY: 2663 Bancroft Dr. P3B 1T7; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:00; Maurice Brown, ev., (705) 525-0996, 560-3964 (off.); Paul Valli, sec. 674-2352.

SCINDRIDGE: Hwy. 11 N.; Sun. 9:45, 11; Wed. 7; P.O. Box 927, POA 1ZO; (705) 3884-5214.

THESSALON: 8 Albert St. off Hwy. 17; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7:30; Eric White, RR 2, POR 1L0 (705) 842-6533; Murray Smith, ev., 842-2741.

THUNDER BAY: 501 Edward St. N. (at Redwood), P7C 4R1; (807) 577-2213; Sun. 9:45, 11 (10:30 summer); Wed. 7:00; JoAnne Toews, sec. (807) 577-4081 (res.).

TILLSONBURG: 1 mi. N. on Hwy. 19; Sun. 9:45, 11; Wed. 7:30; Box 331, N4G 4H8; 842-7118.

TIMMINS: W.E. Miller Public School, 200 Victoria Ave.; Sun. 9:30-12; Tues. 7-8; Box 1396, P4N 7N2; for more information call Larry Frost, sec./treas., (705) 268-4526.

TINTERN. Spring Creek Rd.; Sun. 11, 9:45, 6; Wed. 7:00; Oliver Tallman, Campdon, LOR 1G0; 563-7822.

TORONTO (Bayview Ave.): 1708 Bayview Ave., M4G 3C4 (1 block S. of Eglinton); Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:15; Chris McCormick, 25 Cumberland Lane, Apt. 803, Ajax, L1S 7K1; Darrell Buchanan, ev. (416) 489-7405 (off.).

TORONTO (Harding Ave.): 47 Harding Ave., M6M 3A3; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 8; Dick Forsyth, ev., Beamsville, 563-7874; Rupert Comrie, sec., 656-9309.

TORONTO (Metro East): 7 Elinor Ave. (meets at Wexford Presbyterian bldg., Lawrence Ave. E between Victoria Park and Warden); Sun 5, 6; Thura in homes. Melanie Wright, treas., 1093 Kingston Rd. #611, Scarborough M1N 4E2, 699-4116; R. Kruse, sec., 20 Bernice Cresc. M6N 1W6, 762-5668.

TCRONTO (Strathmore Blvd.): 346 Strathmore Blvd. M4C 1N3 (across from Coxwell subway station); Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Wed. 7; Marvin Johnson (416) 752-0325, Stephen Gill 265-2496, elders; Max Craddock 461-7406, Santiago Molina (Spanish) (416) 751-6879, Guy Stopard (416) 421-6444, evs.; FAX (416) 424-1850.

TRENTON: 20 4th Ave. in gym of Trenton Christian School; Sun. 10, 10:30; p.m. in homes at 6; mid-week in homes 6:30;P.O. Box 22049, Trenton Center, Trenton, ON K8V 6S3; M. McDonnell (613) 969-0741 or Steve Watson, 392-3299.

VANDELECE: E. off Hwy #10 (2 km S. of Markdale) along Artemesia Township sideroad 10 7 km; Sun. 10, 11; Ian Boyce, sec., R.R. #6, Markdale, NOC 1H0; (519) 986-2143.

WATERLOO: 62 Hickory St. W. (at Hazel), N2L 334; Sun. 9:30, 10:30; Wed. 7:30; Bob Sandiford,

sec., (519) 886-4162 (res.); Geoff Ellis, ev., 885-6330 (off.); 885-3702 (res.).

WELLAND: 72 Summit Ave., L3C 4G6; Sun. 11, 10; Wed. 6:30; S.F. Timmerman, ev., Box 193, Beamsville, L0R 1B0; 563-8765; Magnar Knutson, 65 Graystone Cresc., L3G 6G6; (416) 788-3248.

WINDSOR (West Side): 2255 Totten St., N9B 1X6 (E. of Huron Church Rd.); 254-6262 or 945-4851; Sun. 9:45, 11, 5:30; Wed. 7:30; Al Meakes, ev., 2911 Forest Glade Dr., N8R 1L4; (519) 735-7436.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

MONTREAL (French): 2500 Charland, H1Z 1C5; Sun. 10:30 (Fr. worship), 11:30 (French, English, Italian, Spanish classes); Wed. 7 (Fr. class); Silvio Caddeo, ev., 387-6163 (off.); 337-9344 (res.).

MONTREAL (English/French): 760-44th Ave., Lachine, H8T 2K8; Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 6:30; Wed. 7; 637-3931 (off.).

MONTREAL (Verdun): (Fr.) 3947 Verdun Ave. H4G 1L1; Sun. 11, 10; Wed. 7; Roger Saumur, ev. 765-8919.

PLESSISVILLE: Centre Communautaire, Audré Côté: (819) 362-8386 or Jocelin Côté, 362-6623 (French speaking).

QUEBEC CITY: 2980 Verteuil, Ste-Foy (corner Jean-Noel); Sun. 10:45, 9:30 (French); Wed. 19:30; C.P. 9041 Ste-Foy, G1V 4A8; (418) 651-3664; Jerrel Rowden, ev. (418) 658-0103 (res.), Jean Grenier, ev. 654-0526 (res.).

SHERBROOKE: 400 Galt St. W.; 775 Lois-Rid, J1L 2M7; Luc Fortin, ev., (819) 820-7249 (off.).

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

BENGOCIGH: E. side Hwy. 34; Sun. 10:30, 11:15; Norman Kemp, Box 134, SOC 0K0; (306) 268-

ESTEVAN: 1302 8th St., S4A 1H6; 634-3116; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7; Tim Pippus, ev., 634-8195,

GRAVELBOURG: 300 2nd Ave. E.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:30; Box 507, S0H 1X0; 648-3435; Bruce Tetreau, ev.

HORSE CREEK: Sun. 10:30 (May-Nov.); 11 (Dec.-Apr.); Lonnie Goodwin, Box 58, McCord, S0H 2T0; (305) 478-2516.

LLOYDMINSTER: 56 Ave. and 47 St., Box 88, S9V 0X9; Sun. 10, 11; (403) 875-4052 (off).

MOOSE JAW: 901 James St. S6H 3H5; Sun. 10, 11, 2; Wed. 7:30 (CST); Ron Hegdahl, ev. (306) 693-4064 (off.).

NORTH BATTLEFORD: 1462-110 St., S9A 2J2; Sun. 10-11; Wed. 7; Glen Davies, (306) 445-4231; Jelsing Bailey, 446-2630.

PERRYVILLE: 20 mi. s. Wynyard on Grid 640; Grid Rd., 7½ mi. W., 2 mi. S. of Wishart; 15 mi. NE of Punnichy, Sun. 11, 10; Box 158, Wishart, SOA 4R0; 835-2681.

PRINCE ALBERT: 264-23rd St. W., S6V 4L6; Sun. 10, 11; 763-3057 (off.); contact Bob Jenkins, 764-6187

RADVILLE: 714 Beckwell Ave., Sun. 9:30 (Winter: 817 Beckwell Ave.); Mrs. Clarice Mooney, sec., Box 94, SOC 2G0; (306) 869-2558.

REGINA: 1825 Rothwell St. S4N 2C3; (305) 757-1825; FAX 757-5727; Sun. 10; Ray McMillan. ev., 949-0969; Bernard Krogsgaard, 352-5621.

SASKATOON: 2240 Albert Ave., S7J 1K2; (306) 343-7922, FAX 1589; Sun. 10, 11, 5:30; Wed. 7; (Hours may vary; please phone to be certain); Robert Parker, 343-7884.

SWIFT CURRENT: 400 2nd Ave. S.E., S9H 3J6; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:30; Susan Gusikoski, sec., 773-1185. **WAWOTA**: Hwy. 48 W. of town; Sun. 9:30 a.m.; Mid-week call; Box 454, S0G 2S0; (306) 739-2103

(off); or contact G. Husband, 739-2915 or G. McMillan, 538-4654.

WEYBURN: 1115 First Ave. NE (Hwy. 13E), S4H 0N2; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7; (306) 842-6424.

WHITEWOOD: Legion Hall, 738 Lalonda St; Sun. 11; Midweek call; Box 82, Broadview, SOG 0K0; Contact Merle Nelson for more information; 735-2862.

CALENDAR

- 2... Bible Teachers' Workshop, Great Lakes Christian College
- 8-10... Homecoming, WCC

April

- 5... Training for Service, Toronto (see back)
- 5-7... College Rally, WCC
- 19-21... Youth Rally, GLCC, Beamsville
- 29-M3... "Christian Marriage & Family", WCC, Ron Pauls
- 29-M2... "World Evangelism" Seminar, GLCC with Philip Slate

May

4... College Graduation, WCC

34th
ANNUAL
TRAINING
FOR
SERVICE

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 1996

Time:

10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Registration - 9:30 a.m.

Location:

North Albion Collegiate 2580 Kipling Avenue Toronto

Bring your own lunch. Beverage supplied.

"Spectrum" from Michigan Christian College will sing following lunch.

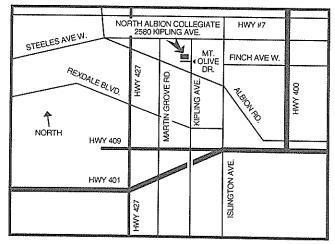
TOPICS:

- 1. The Supreme Evidence of God's Existence and Biblical Uniqueness
- 2. How Shall We Respond to Our Doubts?
 - 3. You Can Trust Your Bible

Dr. Don England

Professor of Chemistry Harding University Searcy, Arkansas

- Has been on staff at the university for 36 years
- Past chairman of the Department of Physical Science
- Elder at the College Church of Christ in Searcy
- Often preaches at area congregations
- Author of 3 books:
 - A Christian View of Origins
 - Faith and Evidence
 - God, Are You Really There? (video & book)



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ALSO...

on Saturday, April 6, 1996

You are invited to a special presentation:

Where Did Life Come From?

A lesson of special value for high school and up.

The singing group,
"Spectrum"
from
Michigan Christian
College
will start things off
at 7:00 p.m.

Don England will speak at 7:30 p.m.

There will be a question and answer period afterward.

Everyone is welcome.

This presentation will be held at Strathmore Boulevard Church of Christ

346 Strathmore Boulevard, Toronto