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# Compelling Faith In Christ's Resurrection

by Roy D. Merritt



**C**hallenger and Atlantis regularly rise into space. The international space platform receives new additions. A space probe lands on a distant asteroid. These are thrilling examples of scientific achievement.

Perhaps more significant is the recent sequencing of the human genome - the DNA of our "book of life." This biological breakthrough will enable doctors to treat illnesses like cancer, stroke and heart disease even before the symptoms appear. Truly this is a triumph in medical research.

One must admire and applaud advances in all peaceful scientific disciplines. At the same time there is danger that many will look to science as a sort of quasi-religion which makes the claims of faith irrelevant. But there is no conflict between true Christianity and true science. There never has been and there never will be.

## The Historic Empty Tomb

One area in which the Christian faith has been challenged is in the fact of the resurrection of Christ. Is it a fact as millions have believed or is it all a pious fraud? Truly, in this matter, we have been "unscientific" enough to insist on "walking by faith and not by sight." However we have been scientific enough to base our faith on testimony that is as strong as that for any fact of history.

The resurrection of Christ cannot be proved by mathematics, physics, chemistry or philosophy. It is an historical fact and as such must be confirmed like any other historical fact - by the testimony of witnesses. Fortunately, we are not left without ample testimony from the most reliable of witnesses. An examination of the alternatives presented to the story of these witnesses would show that a refusal to accept their accounts encounters difficulties of greater number and force than faith in the resurrection.

## Examining the Alternatives

In examining the alternatives, one is confronted with the claim that the disciples, in their love and desire, just "imagined" that they had seen the risen Lord. It is not explained how so many people could have been so mistaken. Besides to the twelve and to certain other close followers, He is said to have appeared to more than

500 at once, of whom most were said to be still living and testifying years later (1 Cor. 15:3-6).

The acceptance of this hypothesis would require ignoring the opportunities that the disciples had "about the space of forty days" (Acts 1:3). It would require the refusal of the testimony of men who were "eye witnesses of His majesty" (2 Peter 1:16). Some of these were privileged to have not only visible evidence but audible and tangible evidence as well.

The testimony of a reformed persecutor should bear considerable weight in the matter. Saul of Tarsus had indubitably questioned hundreds of Christians. He was a shrewd man who could weigh evidence fairly and without prejudice. Faith in his testimony is enhanced by our historical knowledge of his past.

## Could It Be that He Swooned?

Another explanation of Christ's resurrection, popular through the ages, has been the so-called "swoon hypothesis." This is the claim that Jesus just fainted or went into a coma but later was revived. Such a view, among other things, ignores the time on the cross, the gaping spear wound, the supervision of trained dealers in death - the seal and guard about the tomb and the need for an appearance in power to bolster the flagging courage of despondent disciples. A weak and staggering Jesus would not have been a proof for the resurrection but an obstacle to faith.

One of the first lying tales to be circulated was to the effect that the disciples stole the body from the tomb (Matt. 28:11-15). This is incredible in the face of their despair and even more so in the face of the powerful new courage they were showing just a few days later. It is impossible that they would give every possession, all their time, reputation, influence and even life itself to propagate an error which they did not believe. Physically and socially, they had everything to lose and absolutely nothing to gain. Men do not behave this way for a known lie.

## An Honest Man's Doubt

Near the end of John's gospel we have the account of an honest man's genuine doubt in this matter (John 20:24-29). He had been absent when the other disciples had seen their risen Lord. His skepticism

and subsequent faith is given for a world of doubting Thomas's. "I will not believe, except . . ." was changed to a spontaneous and passionate confession, "My Lord and my God?"

The experience of Thomas in honest doubt has been shared to some extent by millions. We cannot all look for an opportunity to feel the nail wounds and the tear left by a plunging spear. All of us can examine the clear testimony of men who did have the opportunity to investigate with eyes, ears and hands. Such testimony would be instantly accepted in other matters. Why not this one?

## His Blessing

Our Lord has left a special beatitude for those who have not shared the first-hand thrill of Thomas and others. Our hearts and not our fingers must weigh the evidence. To such comes the great words of commendation, "Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed."

Yes, this is an age when science searches and finds amazing answers to the secrets of the universe. Let us gladly accept and share with mankind any new revelation of God's power and planning in the physical world. At the same time let us not give way to the pressure to jettison testimony for test tubes and faith for fantasy.

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# In the World - Not of the World

Transcript of keynote lesson given at GLCC Lectureship 2000 by Michael Mazzalongo

I have been assigned the passage around which this year's Lectures are structured (1 Corinthians 5:9-13). In his preparation guide for Lectureship speakers, Dave Knutson provided a synopsis of the major problem that this passage addresses.

"In 1 Cor. 5:9-13, Paul is dealing with immorality in the church. He makes the observation that Christians would have to 'Go out of the world' in order to get away from all immoral people and (he) implies, of course, that such is not possible. There is, after all, no 'getting away' from the world. Monasticism is not the answer. Surrounded by the world, living in the world and participating fully in the human experience, how can we avoid becoming worldly?"

Dave has done a good job in setting this passage into the proper context of the epistle, and zeroed in on the key question posed by the theme of this lectureship, "How do we who live in the world manage to avoid becoming part of the world?"

The answer to this problem is provided by Paul in the final verses of the passage.

## 1. Confronting Wickedness

The problem being dealt with in the epistle is the problem of evil or wickedness--

- How do we avoid being tainted with it, seeing as we live in a world that is filled with every form of it?

The same passage that poses the question also answers the question. For those who live in the wicked world but desire to refrain from wickedness themselves, there is to be a direct confrontation with that wickedness.

- In today's terms, Paul would be saying- "The best defense is offense."

In Biblical terms there are three ways to confront and thus separate ourselves from the world and its immorality, evil, disbelief, wickedness-whatever you want to call it.

### 1. Confront the World in Judgment

"For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Do you not judge those who are within the church? But those who are outside, God judges" (vs. 12-13a).

We sometimes think that Paul is proposing some kind of passive stance. We think that he is advocating that we should ignore

the world's evil and injustice and create some kind of "Fortress Church of Christ." We think that the world can do what it does and so long as we are safely locked into our comfortable religious routines - we are safe or we have done all we need to do. After all, we are not of the world. God will judge them later. All we need to do is carry on with our brotherhood concerns and God will work it out in the end.

This attitude is why we have so little impact on the world at large; this is why we have not produced a single voice since Campbell who has had credibility on a national stage (let alone the world stage) of opinion.

This is why every other religious group around us continues to expand and grow while we dwindle - because we do not recognize the fact that part of not being of the world includes a denunciation of that world in no uncertain terms.

When Paul says, "God will judge," or "What do I have to do with judging outsiders?"

- He is not abandoning his duty to call on all men to receive Christ or be lost.

- He is not forsaking his call to preach against the "rulers, the powers, the world forces of this darkness." ..which have their root in the spiritual realm but their very concrete expression in the physical world.

- He is not backing away from calling on kings to repent and pagans to abandon their idols.

He is acknowledging the fact that his task is not to judge the world; his task is to warn the world that it will be judged by God.

In the last 20 years we have retreated so far into ourselves for fear of offending or seeming intolerant/judgmental, that we have tolerated just about anything without comment or complaint.

In Canada and the United States it is easy to avoid exposing the injustice, the immorality, the ungodliness of the world because we are rich.

- Great wealth seduces the church into ignoring the corruption around it because we secretly crave our place at the table.

The danger is that if we do not speak up to reveal the judgement of God when this is an unpopular message, during a time of prosperity, we will have no credibility to preach this same message at another time

when, because of national calamity and trouble, people will be more disposed to hearing it.

The first step in being of the world we live in is to act as its conscience.

- Just as our conscience is in our bodies but not of our bodies at times

- As Paul says in Romans 2:15, "... (the) conscience bearing witness..accusing..or defending.."

Bearing witness to the world that God will judge it, through Christ, is the act that continually separates us from it while we are in it.

We must confront the world by exposing its sure judgement:

- Through our public preaching and teaching

- Through our holy conduct

- Through our faithful service

- Through our loving attitude

- Through our warning of the consequences of sin and disbelief.

This will not only identify who we are in the world it will inoculate us against the world.

## 2. Confront the World in the Church

"Remove the wicked man from among yourselves." (vs. 13b)

We talk a lot about sin in the world but not about sin in the church and we do even less about it. Paul was encouraging these brethren in Corinth to take action against worldliness in the church.

There are many such admonitions in the New Testament.

- **Matthew 18:15** and following is the most familiar in dealing with one on one issues of sinfulness and personal offenses.

- In **Romans 16:17**, Paul instructs the church to expose and turn away from those who cause division and roadblocks to faith.

- We have already mentioned Paul's instructions on dealing with immoral conduct in the church at Corinth.

- **Galatians 6:1** provides instructions on the process of restoring a fallen brother to spiritual health and well-being.

- In **2 Thessalonians 3:6**, there is the command to withdraw from those who are disobedient to the teaching of Christ, to admonish such a one.

- **1 Timothy 5:1-20** provides Timothy with instructions on how to deal with  
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# EDITORIAL

## Conviction or Convenience

Wayne Turner



Richard Pratt tells the story of a university professor who wrote an examination question that asked the difference between ignorance and apathy. The professor had to give an A+ to the student who answered, "I don't know and I don't care." There are few human conditions that are as limiting and debilitating as apathy. It erodes and kills from within. Marcus Aurelius said "Shame on the soul, to falter on the road of life while the body still perseveres." Erich Fromm observed "...In the 19th century the problem was that God is dead; in the 20th century the problem is that man is dead..." In almost every recent election, we have heard about voter apathy. Robert Maynard Hutchins observed, "The death of democracy is not likely to be an assassination from ambush. It will be a slow extinction from apathy, indifference, and undernourishment." Perhaps the strongest statement about apathy comes from Helen Keller who said, "Science may have found a cure for most evils; but it has found no remedy for the worst of them all - the apathy of human beings."

The word "apathy" comes from Greek and means "without feeling." We use it to describe someone who lacks feeling or emotion, is uncaring, indifferent, unconcerned. In the book of Revelation, the church at Laodicea is described as lukewarm, neither hot nor cold. They were spiritually indifferent. Similarly, the church in Ephesus had left her first love, Pergamum tolerated false teachings, Thyatira tolerated immorality, Sardis was dead. That five of the seven churches were experiencing apathy in one way or another should make the danger very clear to us today. In our age of toleration, perhaps we need to listen to the observations of Frank Moore Colby who said, "Tolerance is composed of nine parts of apathy to one of brotherly love" and James Goldsmith who said, "the immediate neighbors of tolerance are apathy and weakness."

Spiritual apathy creeps upon us in the guise of tolerance, fatigue, or burnout. (Those of us who are baby boomers and approaching retirement may need to remember the words of Charles Francis Adams, Sr., who said, "...men seem to live for action as long as they can, and sink into apathy when they retire.") Or, we may be so safely nestled in our comfort zones that we function more on the basis of personal convenience than conviction or commitment. Thus, we can become like those Paul describes who hold the form of religion but deny the power of it (2 Timothy 3:5). That suggests a good portrayal of spiritual apathy - going through the motions, following the routines, speaking the platitudes, without conviction, commitment or feelings. A song that is popular among many young people, "Escape From Reason," by the O.C. Supertones, frankly addresses the issue: "What happened to our voice? What happened to our influence? Tell me who will listen to uneducated congregants and why should they, when all we have to say is bumper sticker doctrines, and cute catch phrases. Does this amaze us that no one will take us seriously? We talk big but then we sit in atrophy, apathy..."

Apathy seems to happen by degrees, the result of a gradual drift. It is like the old story of the frog in the kettle where the temperature of the water slowly rises. The frog has the ability to jump out of the water at any time, yet fails to do so until it is finally killed by the heat. Individual Christians and even whole congregations can gradually drift into apathy and inactivity. They can lose sight of their God-given mission, their interest in spiritual activities and their appetite for Bible study. They can allow the church to become more of a social institution, shaped by the whims of culture, rather than the cutting edge where God's word confronts and challenges the world.

Each one of us needs to examine ourself, as Paul says, to see whether we are truly of the faith. How much do we care about being God's people, carrying out His work in this world, living out our convictions to the fullest extent? Where do we stand? Let us pray that the answer is not "I don't know and I don't care!"

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## Reasonable Expectations

*Max Craddock*

In an article entitled "A Clear Purpose", on this page last month, consideration was given to the desire of Christian parents to raise their children properly. Two goals (helping children achieve a state of personal well-being and helping children become productive Christian members of society) were suggested as worthy ones. As we continue to consider ways of fulfilling these goals, the following are some of the things children have a right to expect in family relationships.

They have the right to feel wanted. Perhaps nothing can be more devastating to the child's feeling of self worth than to experience the feeling that he/she is not really wanted in the family. Children who are not planned for are often seen as a burden and a source of inconvenience to parents who have another agenda in mind. It is surely true that responsibility for children can and does require an investment of time and effort if the goals mentioned above are to be realized.

In 1 Samuel, we find the beautiful account of Hannah and her desire to have a child. She prayed to God asking for the blessing of a son that she would commit to the Lord. "And she made a vow, saying, 'O Lord Almighty, if you will only look upon our servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head'" (2:9). Would to God that every person who becomes a parent would have this kind of desire to have a child and would make and fulfill the commitment to "give the child to the Lord". Such a child would feel wanted and loved.

Where there is more than one child, children have the right to be loved and treated with impartiality. It is true that sometimes a child with a physical or mental illness may have to have more direct hands on care". However, other than that, every child deserves to receive impartial love and support. The "dad always loved

you more than me" viewpoint may come because the complaining child has been rebellious and received more attention of a "remedial disciplinary type" than was necessary for the other or it may come from the fact that a parent has been more supportive and taken

more interest in one child than another. This may be because one is more easily managed than the other or it often happens because one is more into the things the parent likes or enjoys. For example, a man has two sons. One is very athletic in nature and allows his father to relive his youth through his athletic endeavors. The other is a more academic type and likes to spend his free time reading a book rather than shooting hoops. Parents must make the effort to support and encourage both children to be the best they can be.

The Biblical story of Joseph shows the problem of loving one child more than the others. "Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made a richly ornamented robe for him. When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him" (Genesis 37:3, 4). This hatred went on to result in his brothers selling Joseph into slavery. God used this sale to his glory in the days to come and the beautiful story is told of the reuniting of the sons of Jacob in the future when Joseph was in control in Egypt. However, there was much heartache for the whole family - the sorrow of a father who thought his son was dead...the guilt of sons who caused their father's grief and the struggles of Joseph in captivity - before the happy ending. Sadly, many stories of partiality toward one child in a family do not have such happy endings.

Perhaps it should be noted that love toward children should not be expressed by giving them everything they may want and never restricting their activity. Parents

who want to be sure their children are not deprived of "all the things I missed as a child" and therefore give in to every "want" of the children make a big mistake. Such can result in selfish, self-centered individuals who feel that the world owes them. Consequently, they are unprepared for the challenges of living on their own in a world where their wants are not always provided for by others but where they must work to fulfill their needs and wants. To simply hand children everything they want is to do them a real disservice and may lead to really hard times for them in the future.

One other thought about love is that true love requires discipline, sacrifice and hard work. Sometimes, it is not easy or pleasant to have to restrict children's activities or to deny them something they desire. What parent, trying to administer loving discipline by placing some restriction on spending or activity, has not heard the refrain, "but everyone else has one or is doing it or is going"? The loving parent knows that this must be done in spite of these cries of "unfair", "unfair".

We will continue the study of what children have a right to expect next month. May God richly bless your family each day.

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## Pressing On Toward Your Goal

"Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:13-14)

The story is told of a king walking through a forest near his castle. As he walked, he couldn't help but notice circles drawn on various trees with an arrow exactly in the middle of each circle. As he continued he watched for the circles and to his amazement each and every circle had an arrow exactly in the middle of it. When the king returned from his walk, he instructed his ministers to go in search of the marksman. If this man wasn't one of his archers, he soon would be. The search was on and the forest, where the king had walked, was watched carefully. It wasn't long before the man responsible was discovered and brought before the king. The king said to the man, "I have archers who spend the entire day in practice and they would not be able to hit the exact centre of a circle each and every time. I want to know what your secret is. How are you able to hit the centre of the circle each and every time?" The man answered, "That's easy. I simply shoot an arrow into the woods and if it happens to hit a tree, I run up and draw a circle around it."

I fear that many of us go through life with few goals or purposes. If we happen to accomplish something, we quickly describe it as a goal that we had been working toward for a number of years.

In Philippians chapter 3, Paul writes of the goals he once had and of his accomplishments, -- considerable accomplishments for his day to be sure. Paul, though, had found something new. He had found Christ. When he drew a comparison, Paul wrote that his past accomplishments were garbage when compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ. Paul quickly threw aside all his past accomplishments by which he had thought he could earn God's favour and embraced the righteousness that comes, not from himself, but the righteousness that comes from God and comes through faith in Christ Jesus. Paul wanted to know Christ and

the power of his resurrection, the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like Christ in his death so that he might somehow attain the resurrection of the dead (Philippians 3:4-11)

Paul had one clear goal in his life and that was to get to heaven. We know that Paul certainly had other goals. He writes of them often but getting to heaven was the main goal of his life.

What is your main goal in life? I know that at a young age it is hard to think very far into the future. It is especially difficult to think of the end of our lives. We imagine that we have many years of life ahead of us. We may even believe that we have the right to many more years of life or that we have been promised a long life. Yet a brief look at the news quickly reminds us that many die at a young age. Thus, we can't wait until we are older to decide what our main goal is. We can't wait until we are older to get right with God. We can't wait until we are older to get religious because the simple truth is that we may not get older.

Having established our main goal, we can then establish lesser goals and purposes that would help us to accomplish that goal. If our goal is to one day be with Christ in heaven, then we know that our goals must involve spiritual development, church involvement and a life that gives glory to God. My purpose in this article is not to tell you what your goals should be, but to encourage you to seek to accomplish your goals as Paul did his. (Philippians 3:12-14)

1. Paul saw his life and spiritual growth as a journey. He had not already arrived at his destination. If we believe that we are already perfect, why would we seek to grow spiritually? Few will ever claim perfection but even fewer will ever openly admit faults or areas that they need to grow in. Others, while not claiming perfection, will believe that they are good enough and need to go no further. We will always have room for growth! We must honestly examine ourselves so that we might discover those areas where growth is needed.

2. Paul was pressing on. This indicates

that the journey through life is not always an easy one; it certainly is no walk in the park. Pressing on is what we do when we face difficulties and we will face difficulties. Jesus, in preparing his disciples for what lay ahead of them, said, "In this world you will have trouble" (John 16:33). We are not promised a life of ease and comfort but are promised the strength to get through each and every difficulty, trial and catastrophe that we might face. Jesus continued in John 16:33 to say, "But take heart I have overcome the world." We can overcome the world because the One that is in us is greater than the one that is in the world.

3. Take hold of that for which Christ Jesus has taken hold of you. Yes, I know that we are saved by faith through grace and not by works so that none of us can boast (Ephesians 2:8-9). However, I also know that we are God's workmanship and have been created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God has prepared for us to do (Ephesians 2:10). These works do not earn our salvation or qualify us for salvation, but if we really do have faith then that faith will move us to act (James 2:14-17). If we really love God and those created in his image, our love will move us to act (1 John 3:16-18).

4. Forgetting what is behind. This is not to lose all memory of past sins or accomplishments but to simply leave them in the past. Past sins have a way of dragging us down in the present and destroying our future. We have sought and received the forgiveness of those we harmed. We have sought and received the forgiveness of God. We have learned from our sins and we must now leave them in the past. Holding onto past accomplishments will not allow us to take the next step.

5. Straining toward what is ahead. Again, this is not the language of one taking a stroll in the park but of one working incredibly hard at winning the prize God has called us for. Straining involves moving forward with every bit of strength we can muster.

If we seek to accomplish our goals, as Paul did his, perhaps we will be able to comment on our life journey as Paul did on his. "For I am already being poured out as a drink offering and the time has come for my departure. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day - and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing" (2 Timothy 4:6-8).

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# Quitters Never Win

Tim Johnson

Claudette Bradshaw, Canada's federal Minister of Labour, is well respected in her hometown of Moncton, N.B. One could describe her as a person who won't give up. Coming from a humble background, she and her husband searched for a way to help poverty stricken families who generally don't have a good start in life. They founded Moncton Headstart, an organization dedicated to family education, a food and clothing bank, and a daycare facility - all for the disadvantaged. Over the years they improved the organization, despite many obstacles, including inadequate facilities and government cutbacks. Today their main plant is situated in an old school building on a busy intersection of the city where they have helped thousands of struggling families for decades. Without Bradshaw's care for the poor, and determination to help them, the organization would surely have closed long ago. After running successfully for Parliament in 1997, she was appointed a federal cabinet minister and also functions as Federal Coordinator on Homelessness. Her ideas for helping the poor have now been given a national mandate and she has approached this role with characteristic determination.

While people like this inspire us, there are even greater examples of steadfastness and endurance throughout the scriptures. Ancient Job stands forever as one of the least. James reminds us, "As an example, brethren, of suffering and patience, like the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Behold, we count those blessed who endured. You have heard of the endurance of Job and have seen the outcome of the Lord's dealings, that the Lord is full of compassion and is merciful" (James 1:10-11). We are encouraged over and over to be diligent, to be patient, and to endure throughout all of life's trials. "Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life, which the Lord has promised those who love Him" (James 1:12). It was said to the weak Hebrew Christians, "hold fast our confidence and the boast of our hope firm until the end" (Heb 3:6). It's clear that God does not want us to give up on Him, on the faith, or on ourselves. Quitters never win!

In every community in Canada where a congregation of the church exists, there are

many people who have left the faith - perhaps just as many as there are faithful. This is a cause of concern and sorrow for all church leaders. We all want to see the church grow and develop and somehow keep all of its members, but many people abandon the faith anyway. Why does this happen?

Perhaps an answer can be found in the frustrating story of Israel in post-Egyptian days. We're told in Hebrews 3:9, that they witnessed God's miraculous and providential works in the wilderness 40 years, yet still gave up. What great care God had for them! He sustained this large group of several million people for 4 decades in a blistering, barren desert. Scripture tells us He fed them daily, provided them with pure water from a rock (no problems with purity or harmful bacteria!), gave them clothes that wouldn't wear out, shoes that lasted the entire trip, and prevented any foot problems despite all that walking in rugged conditions. Why did they curse God and refuse to enter the promised land after all His care and encouragement? The Hebrew writer said they were guilty of unbelief (3:19), and they drifted from God and neglected Him (2:1-3). They had little faith and courage as they faced life's struggles.

Drifting, neglect, and unbelief! Too many people today are infected with these same troubles. We can become so busy with our jobs, sports activities, even television, that we neglect our souls and fail to attend assemblies. Soon we become weak and vulnerable and can easily give up the faith - it just gets in the way.

Discouragement is sometimes the cause. Life can gang up on us and we must struggle with loads of problems. We can become discouraged, negative, and ready to burn out. It's easy to let the faith go, as if it is just one more burden.

Some congregations fail to challenge their members, or have a spirit of stagnation, tempting members to leave for another nearby congregation. In many locations in Canada another congregation is not a luxury. If one leaves, there is nothing else to turn to.

Despite all the reasons why Christians give up on the faith and the church, quitters still don't win. Scripture clearly teaches that we must love our brethren: "The one who says he is in the light and yet hates his

brother is in the darkness until now. The one who loves his brother abides in the light and there is no cause for stumbling in him" (1 John 2:9-10). To abandon the brethren is to abandon God, and thus the quitter loses all.

Is not the loss of one's soul a horrible price to pay for any perceived benefit of abandoning the faith? "For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul?" (Mark 8:36). Some leave the faith to pursue unbridled material pursuits - and seem happy doing so. But in the end they can't take it beyond whatever amount of time they have left in this world. What then? The quitter loses!

Other religious groups may seem more exciting, more loving, more capable of caring for our children and our family's needs. Many a Christian has abandoned the Lord's church to enjoy the perks of a denominational group. But can "happiness" in another church make up for sound doctrine and a love of the truth? Are we not told to "retain the standard of sound words which you have heard from me, in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus"? (2 Tim 1:13). To abandon this is to abandon salvation itself. Again, the quitter does not win.

Giving up is always the easy thing to do. It is what the devil wants us to do. Yet we must fight! "Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called..." (1 Tim 6:12). The temptation to quit diminishes as you get stronger, more active in the life of the church, and the more you learn to love the brethren - faults and all. We don't abandon our family when they make mistakes or have bad days. Nor should we abandon the church when things don't go very well. As the Hebrew writer reminds us, "you have need of endurance" (Heb.10:36).

Christ refused to abandon what God wanted Him to do even when it took him through great frustration, screaming mobs, devastating humiliation, and the horrible pain of a slow death. Remember His steadfastness and we can learn not to give up during our own frustrations. "For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you may not grow weary and lose heart" (Heb 12:3).

As the old saying goes: Winners never quit, and quitters never win!

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POINTS BY PERRY:

## The Whole Will of God

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As a witness, one is asked to tell "the whole truth and nothing but the truth". As those who testify concerning God's will in the gospel of Christ, we must do the same.

From beginning to end, the Bible is replete with examples of God's extreme displeasure with those who have been careless in doing and teaching His will in its entirety. Those who have caused their fellows to know and do less than the WHOLE of His will have been severely condemned. What a terrible thing to be guilty of encouraging others to do less than God's WHOLE will.

To subtract from or add to God's message to man is a most serious offense (Deut.4:12; 12:32; Prov.30:6; Rev.22:18,19).

When Paul warned the elders of the Ephesian church concerning the "savage wolves" who would make spoil of their flock, he also predicted that some from among their group would be guilty of distorting the truth. He introduced these warnings and predictions by twice emphasizing that he had "not hesitated" ("he had shrank not" ASV) from preaching what, "would be helpful" (Acts 20:20) or "the whole will of God" (v.27). Because he had withheld nothing, he was able to declare that he was "innocent of the blood of all men" (v.26).

Just as the crew of an airplane has responsibility for the lives of the many people who have entrusted themselves to its care, so those who teach, preach and lead must realize their heavy responsibility. In both cases, one careless neglect could mean being guilty for lost lives. In the second case, it is the eternal lives of those who heed, that are at stake. Paul's statement implies that, had he failed to present the whole will of God, he could not have claimed such innocence. To fail is to be guilty of the blood (lives) of those mislead.

A very well known preacher has been known to admit that he does not preach on baptism because those with whom he works do not agree on the subject. His

teaching might not be acceptable to many of them. He is thus hesitating to declare the whole will of God. Are those who circulate their literature and preach their sermons encouraging people to come to God by accepting Jesus in their hearts and repeating a short prayer, sometimes called "the sinners prayer", presenting the whole will of god? Are those, who publish their "plan of salvation" deliberately refraining from including any of the many verses that show that baptism has a prominent place in God's plan of salvation, innocent of the blood of those they mislead?

A recent editorial in a widely circulated evangelical publication expressed optimism about the trend to improved relationships (partnering for evangelism) among denominations. We quote, "Barriers that once seemed insurmountable now seem trivial. Commonalities outweigh differences in light of the commission to go teach and disciple". The commission referred to actually reads, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you" (Mt.28:19,20).

One wonders, was baptism accidentally or deliberately omitted? The whole of the great commission must be taught and practiced, else we are failing to declare the whole of God's will. The part left out may seem trivial to some but there is plenty of evidence that it was far from trivial in the

preaching of those to whom Jesus originally addressed this command (commission).

When the Ethiopian eunuch came to believe in Jesus, he requested and received water baptism before "he went on his way rejoicing" (Acts 8:34-39).

Annianus instructed the believing, penitent Saul to be baptized without delay. Upon comparing six Standard Translations from the KJV to the NIV, we find them almost identical in the statement, "be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name" (Acts 22:16). Even Phillips translation and the Living Bible, individually translated paraphrases, have similar wording, giving the sense that, in being baptized, one is calling on the name of the Lord.

In contrast, two recent translations, attempts to present God's word in everyday English usage, have dared to change the sense by changing the expression "calling on the name" to "by praying". The TEV reads, "Be baptized, and have your sins washed away by praying to him" and the CEV, "Be baptized, and wash away your sins by praying to the Lord". Although baptism is not omitted, its significance in the conversion process is diminished. We cannot recommend these translations.

Those who teach others and those who translate must be concerned about presenting the WHOLE will of God, else they become guilty of the blood of those who are mislead. *ecp*

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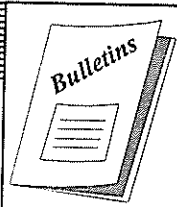
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## Correction

### The Lord Supplies

In the Spring-time, "He sends his word and melts them (the ice and snow): and stirs up his breezes and the waters flow" (Ps. 147:18). The Israelites "did not thirst when gushed out" Isa. 48:21). Just so the Lord supplies living water for believers and through them an endless supply flows out to others that they may believe. "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow within him" (John 7:37,38).

*"Endless" courtesy Nadine Hafner*

### Leading a Double Life

From the moment they were born, the two brothers were inseparable - literally. Chang and Eng Bunker were born the original Siamese Twins.

Born in 1811 on a houseboat in Siam (Thailand), the boys were joined at the breastbone by a fleshy mass as thick as an arm, which grew with exercise to a length of about 20 centimetres. Chang, on the right in photos, was the dominant, smarter twin and mild-mannered Eng usually gave in to his demands. When the two had their first serious fistfight at age six, their mother warned them they couldn't act like that and hope to survive.

In 1824, two traders saw the boys and arranged a western tour on which the twins entertained sympathetic audiences with somersaults and backflips. Just over five feet tall and weighing a total of 180 pounds, the two had synchronized pulses and breathing rates. Secretly tickling one could make the other react. In joint letters, which they signed Chang Eng, they used the pronouns "I" and "me".

When they came of age, the young men anted their performance contract and eventually settled in remote Wilkesboro, North Carolina where they grew tobacco. The 31-year-old twins then wed two sisters, Delaide and Sarah Yates, though a reluctant Sarah needed persuasion to marry Eng. Together, the couples had 21 children.

But when the wives began to bicker, the men divided their farm and set up separate houses. They took turns, living three days in each home. The "visiting" brother would keep quiet and act as if he wasn't there. But

there was no ignoring their differences. Eng loved all-night poker games but Chang never played. Chang drank, instead, but he couldn't hold his liquor. A few times, the brothers punched each other and Chang once pulled a knife on Eng.

Still, the two got past their problems and often went back to show business to support their large families, until 1870 when Chang had a stroke. For the rest of their lives, Eng helped carry his brother's paralyzed leg in a sling.

Four years later, Eng woke one morning to find Chang had died, probably from a blood clot in the brain. "Then I am going!", he gasped as he pulled his brother close, fell into a stupor and died soon after. An autopsy showed the twins shared a common liver.

In the church, we share a common heart with the brothers and sisters with whom we are inextricably joined from the moment of our new birth. "We are all parts of His one body and each of us has different work to do. And since we are all one body in Christ, we belong to each other, and each of us needs all the others". (Rom. 12:5)

Like Chang and Eng, we're radically different in our personalities and preferences, and that often leads to serious conflict. But our Father has warned us that fighting jeopardizes our very survival because, like it or not, we must rely on each other, especially when we're considered freaks by a world all too ready to exploit us. We are, indeed, our brother's keeper. It's the Christian version of leading a double life.

Despite our differences, we have the same inner workings of the Spirit; what affects one will affect all; and, without coordination and co-operation, movement forward is impossible. So is spiritual reproduction.

So when the quarreling starts - as it inevitably will - perhaps we can follow the example of Chang and Eng who took turns keeping their mouths shut and submitting to each other. Any time each party is ready to concede, rather than secede, we'll succeed.

We'll still have our problems. But when we finally realize how much we depend on one another, we'll be much more able and willing to support any part of our Body that's injured or immobilized.

Let's handle our differences with love

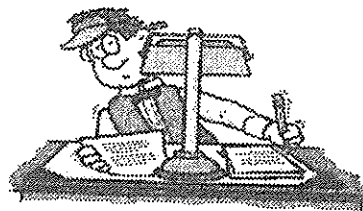
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## Living With the End in Sight

Life is full of surprises, but one thing that will not be a surprise is the end of life. When and how it happens may be a surprise, but the fact that each of us will pass from this life into eternity is an inevitability. Each day of our lives should be spent preparing for that time so that we will spend it with God in heaven.

If you were asked to write the sermon for your funeral, what would it say? Have you ever thought about what will be said at your funeral? Of course, we each would like the sentiments shared to reflect on the good things that we accomplished during our lives here on earth. What a tragic thing it would be if, at that time, the leader of the service was unable to come up with anything of worth to say about us!

If you were to write that sermon, the assignment is how to live your life so that those things can actually be said about you at your funeral. Many of us, including myself, don't like to think about death. It all seems so morbid and sad. But in reality, it will be the climax of our existence! Jesus is coming, and with each passing day, the time draws nearer and nearer. True, none of us know the exact time of His return, a fact which makes it so important to be ready now.

Just as we spend many hours preparing for a vacation or long trip, this final destination deserves much thought and planning as well. Several scriptures point to the fact that Jesus' return is near. "The end of all things is at hand; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober spirit for the purpose of prayer" (1 Peter 4:7) expresses the serious need for preparations. In Philippians 4:5, we are told how we should relate to the world during this time of preparation: "Let your forbearing spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near." Another instruction given to help us prepare is found in James 5:8, "You too be patient; strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand."

All of the above scriptures should give us the feeling that we need to live life with a sense of urgency. Too often we forget that we have a purpose in life and that it is to not only live so that God is reflected and glorified in our lives but to also bring others to his salvation. We think we have lots of time, but we all know of people who have passed from this life when they were young or unprepared. They, too, probably thought they had lots of time.

The Bible is full of instructions on how we should live in order to please God. We know that our deeds or actions do not earn us a place in heaven. However, we also know that God has set a certain standard for his children to follow in living a life for Him. What we say and do have a part to play in our eternal salvation. We should not live for ourselves but for God and others.

Love plays an important role in the life of a Christian. Colossians 3:14 tells us, "And beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity". We are all familiar with the many other passages that tell of the importance God has put on love. If we love others deeply, perhaps we won't be as likely to sin. In order to demonstrate God's love in all circumstances, we should always think before we act or react. Unfortunately, most of us act differently towards the ones we love. It is a puzzle to me why that is so, but I've heard many people say that it's true. Sad but true! We need to all work on letting our love control our actions and reactions. Love covers a multitude of sins, as the saying goes; we need to learn not to retaliate or keep a record of wrongs done or hold a grudge (I Corinthians 13:5). Love should change the way we view others (Galatians 6).

We are also to be hospitable. Hospitality isn't always easy. Time plays an important role here. We live in a busy, harried time when it's difficult for some

families to find time to share a meal together much less invite guests. And, if we are truly hospitable, we will welcome strangers and less fortunate people into our homes. This will mean that some of us need to step outside our areas of comfort. Sometimes our excuse for not being hospitable is that we can't afford it or our house isn't nice enough, etc. Hospitality, however, goes beyond that. If we focus on the reason for spending time with people and being hospitable, we should find little excuse for not doing it.

Finally, we must use the gifts that God has given us, in whatever way we can, to serve others and to serve Him. Whatever gift we have needs to be administered faithfully (Ephesians 4:11-12). God has given us these gifts and talents; he also gives us opportunities to use them. Many times we are blind to this fact and let opportunities pass us by. We need to pray for His guidance in recognizing situations where our gifts and talents can be used. Above all, we must remember to use our abilities for God and to His glory.

Living life isn't always easy. The older we get, the more complex life seems to become, at least that's the way it is in my life. If we are truly living with the end in sight, we must remember that in all things, God should be praised and glorified. We need to always keep in our minds that we are being seen and watched by others. Our actions and reactions could be the only means of pointing some people towards God. Will they be a positive reflection?

What will your eulogy say? May God help us to write a good life sermon!

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### ONTARIO

**Ajax:** "The congregation's prayer chain has been busy since the New Year with many needs and concerns. The books of Numbers and Deuteronomy have been studied lately. 'Key to the Kingdom' is being viewed by video once a month."

*Ed Jermakowicz*

**Beamsville:** Don Perry reports from Zambia that the boys have been involved in village work, bicycling several kilometres and assisted by national translators. At the Namwianga Mission church, after the Lord's Supper, Dianne Perry and the girls go out with the children for classes. They each had about 20 children in their class. Don has been preparing material to teach the Teachers' College classes on Hindu, Islamic and Jewish religions.

**Bramalea:** Joel Osborne and Jon Straker arrived in Brampton on February 13. Joel is substitute teaching and Jon and Joel will both spend quite a bit of time working with the congregation. The York College students arrived on March 8, in time for the mid-week service. Three of the young men spoke for us on Sunday, March 11, and the young ladies taught the junior classes on Sunday evening. A group from Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas, was to arrive on March 16. They, as did the York students, will work one day at the daily food bank in Toronto. They will be holding a vacation Bible school for the children around the Bramalea church building, on March 17, an area-wide singing on Thursday, March 22 at 7:30 p.m. and a Youth Rally for age 12 through college age on March 24 from 3-9 p.m. Rody Ostil, who was baptized a little over two years ago, had the privilege of baptizing his two grandsons, Jeremy and Jordan Dziewir. While back in Canada, living in Cobourg, he had been studying with his daughter and her two sons. Mylene, was baptized about a year ago. Rody and Nancy returned to Palauig, Zambales in the Philippines, on March 1. Guest speaker March was Allan Fraser from North Warren, MI. 'FriendSpeak' Program: March 24, Joel Osborne and Jon Straker plan to do a training from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.. Walter and Shirley Straker, along with Art Ford enjoyed the ACU lectures this year in Abilene, TX.

**Brantford:** Teens meet at the church building every Friday evening for fun and fellowship. Mich Arsenault was baptized on February 4.

**Grimsby:** The ladies prayer group is reading the book of Acts on Thursday mornings. The congregation went to Tintern for a devotional and singing with the visiting York college students on March 14..

**Meaford:** Randy Morrith reports that the congregation is very busy. A meeting to map out this year's activities and create an event calendar took place on the evening of January 21. On Saturday, February 3, a come and go tea was held at the Albert Place in honour of Emma Whitfield's ninetieth birthday which was February 5. In the Georgian Bay preacher exchange, Gordon Dennis from the Vandeleur congregation spoke here. Gabriel Patric was born Sunday, February 11 to Scott and Tereasa Mansfield. The annual Youth Rally took place February 23-25.

**Newmarket:** Recent speakers have been Everett Kent, Keith Thompson, Steve May and Geoffrey Ellis. Jordan Kent is planning a three-week mission trip to Peru later in March. Lucas Kent is teaching in Taiwan for a year.

**Peterborough:** Peter McPherson reports baptizing a man in a watering trough in his kitchen in early March.

**Sarnia:** The church mourns the passing of two members: Patrick (Carl) Russell, husband of Opal (daughter, Lillian) and Lewis Barnard in the month of December. Both men were "faithful unto death" and will be missed by all. The Sarnia church will embark on a "growth year" with special focus on our outreach programs. We will begin this year with the publication of a bi-monthly direct mailer, called "House to House, Heart to Heart" to be sent to community mail boxes and enhance this effort with our Spring gospel meeting to be held on April 22-24, featuring Michael Tackett of the "Key to the Kingdom" program.

**St. Catharines (Ontario St.):** On March 12, Steve Cordle was on Cable 18 Rise and Shine TV devotional. The congregation has been invited to the Community Care Centre with York College Students. A men's training class is scheduled to begin on March 11, following morning service.

**Stratford:** George Mansfield and many of their teens attended the Meaford Youth Rally.

**Sudbury:** "During the latter part of January, Dianne Fisher and Margaret Witkowski were baptized into Christ, and, we trust, added by the Lord to the family of God. It has been encouraging to see them regularly in attendance since that time.

We invite brethren everywhere to pray for the work in Sudbury.

**Sundridge:** "In September, Isaac James was born to Jim and Allison Whitfield, first grandson for Glen and Kathy Whitfield. Sean and Joanne Nolin were baptized. They have since moved from this area. Please keep them in your

prayers. Kathy Mashinter, daughter of Ken and Janet, was baptized in Beamsville where she is attending GLCC. In October, Luke Preston, son of Don and Midori, was baptized by his dad. He is attending McMaster University in Hamilton, ON. In November, we had Ray Miller here for a marriage and family week-end. Also, the GLCC Chorus was with us. In December, some much appreciated boxes were given out to people who were ill or alone. In January, Glen and Kathy Whitfield and Tom and Barb Bryson celebrated 25 years of marriage. Grant and Edith Preston celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. On the first weekend of February, this congregation hosted the annual Youth Rally. There were 189 visitors, including drivers, and our own made the number well over 200. The young people are planning to go to the Meaford Youth Rally at the end of February. *P.M. Frost*

**Thessalon:** We rejoice at the baptism of Loyal and Sarah Beggs, who put on their Lord in baptism, on March 1. The ladies have their class on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 with a very encouraging response so far. On February 25, the evening service was held at the Algoma Manor. A Ladies Day will be held at Thessalon on May 12. On March 11, a come and go tea was held for Vernon and Sue Bailey to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary.

**Thunder Bay:** The Sunday school classes plan to participate in the 30-hour junior famine and the youth event, on March 9, included a talk by Keith Adams.

**Tintern:** Members of the Zambian mission team from Tintern are Lee Whitfield, Terral McBay and Amanda Whitehead. Kids for Christ met February 23 for a big birthday party. Deena James was born again of water and the Spirit as she committed herself to Christ February 27.

**Toronto (Strathmore):** "The Marriage-proofing seminar with Geoff Ellis was an excellent experience for all who attended. The high place of marriage in God's view was outlined. There was good discussion on some of the problems people face in marriage and God's remedy was well presented. We are happy to report seven baptisms so far in 2001. In January, Edgar Morino and Doug Mirams; in February, David Tripp and Imelda Acierda; and in March, Drita Jorganxhi, Margaret Campbell and Emo Rentola. Key to the Kingdom continues to receive a good response from viewers. Across Canada we need to be working to follow up on those who call for the Bible course. These doors are being opened each week and with God's blessing, will see fruit for the Kingdom."

*Max Craddock.*

Money is being collected to forward to the brethren in El Salvador, to help those who lost their homes and possessions because of the

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# NEWS - FAR WEST -



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## BRITISH COLUMBIA

**Burnaby:** John McMillan, President of Western Christian College, spoke and showed slides to young people at a "Pizza Night" at the S. Burnaby building on March 20th.

There is a ladies' meeting at the home of Trudy Barnes once a month for prayer and chat sessions. The ladies have torn and rolled bandages from several sheets to send to Velma Forman for use in her medical clinic in Papua New Guinea. Velma says these are preferable to commercial bandages because they are washable and last longer. The ladies hope to get a parcel on its way this spring.

With a "Silent Auction/Rent-a-Youth" format, the young people raised money towards expenses for the "Got Faith" youth rally to be held at Camp Howdy in White Rock, April 20-22. Featured speaker will be Kevin Vance, youth minister from the the Regina, SK. congregation.

A "Night of Praise" at the S. Burnaby building brought together people from most of the lower mainland congregations for a hymn sing, visitation, and refreshments on March 10.

**Deep Cove:** Marcelle Grice is working toward a youth outreach to "wandering" teenagers who need shelter and guidance. She notes that they are "moving on the outside" to move their contacts "inside", hoping to build up a network of people who are zealous to share God's plan for living with others.

**Delta:** This year's B.C. to B.C. (Beaming Christ to British Columbia) lectureship will be held on Friday, April 13th at the Delta Christian School where the Delta congregation meets. Using the theme, "Renewing Our Vision", Steve McMillan and Darren Williamson will present challenges and exhortations to Christians from all over B.C. and the state of Washington from 9:30 until 4:00 pm. Transportation from and to the ferries, and billeting are provided.

Jay Don Rogers and his wife, Mary Lee, have their home up for sale in preparation for leaving in August to spend five years in the Ukraine. Jay Don has been asked to serve as Dean of the Ukrainian Bible School in Donetsk, a rapidly growing branch of the Sunset School of Preaching. At present, 70 young men are in training to become preachers and teachers. In the past five years, some 50 congregations, ranging in size from 15 members to over 300, have been started. Jay Don will be primarily supported by his home congregation in Washington, but needs some additional support.

**Maple Ridge:** After taking a World Bible School course and having a private study with Andy Aaron, Jason Creek and his sister, Kim were added to the Lord's church on February 28th.

**Oakridge:** Milton Diaz reports that people in his home country of El Salvador are living in fear as hundreds of aftershocks, from their gigantic earthquake, continue to be felt. A number of relief efforts continue to be carried out by Salvadorans living in the Greater Vancouver area, as well as by our congregation.

Classes for Chinese or other new immigrants wanting to learn Chinese are being conducted at the Oakridge building on Saturdays and are available to all interested, at no cost. The work is under the direction of Simon Hui of the Delta congregation.

News of the two tragedies in India: Aerial photography of the earthquake that hit north-western India in late January gave the appearance that atomic bombs had been dropped on the two cities of Bhuj and Anjar in the state of Gujarat. Registering 7.9 on the Richter Scale, the disaster struck on India's Republic Day when celebration parades were in progress. In one city, several hundred children were killed when buildings, on both sides of the street, collapsed on them as they marched. Some 1,016 villages were impacted, many completely destroyed, 35 million people were affected by the quake either with loss of life, property or both. For the past several years, in the state of Gujarat, believers in Christ have been beaten, stoned, stabbed and killed. As well, church buildings and schools have been burned or desecrated. The missionary team, headed by Ron and Karen Clayton, have been asked to oversee relief efforts, in the brotherhood, for the earthquake victims. They note that even the severe flooding in Andhra Pradesh last fall did not claim as many of our brethren's lives. There are still hundreds of people in this state whose belongings were swept away and who still have not received any help. Contributions marked "India Relief Fund" may be sent to either P.O. Drawer 1448, Hamilton, Alabama, 35570 or Central Church of Christ, 200 N. Wilhite, Cleburne, Texas, 73031.

A note from Velma Forman tells us that another container may be shipped from Nashville next year by Healing Hands International. As it will consist only of medical supplies, it will enter the country duty free. Any congregation, wishing to start collecting children's vitamins, anti-itch creams, insect repellents, gauze, rolled bandages or other useful items, may take advantage of this means of getting them to PNG. Two groups of students are going down this summer, one from Harding University in Searcy and one from San Leandro, California.

The City Church of Christ continues to sponsor the Spirit of Life Bible Institute, a satellite school of Sunset International Bible Institute. The courses are equivalent to those offered in Lubbock, Texas by the Sunset

School. There is no charge for tuition, but students must purchase their own textbooks and materials. Beginning April 9th, the course on Revelation by Richard Rogers is being offered at the Oakridge church building, as well as two classes on Acts on Wednesday and Thursday evenings and two classes on Hebrews, Sunday and Monday evenings. The school has a class on the "Life of Christ" being conducted in the Allen Jacob's home in Burnaby and the Central Valley congregation has finished "Levitical Sacrificial System" and is beginning "The Scheme of Redemption" course. City Church is also conducting a course on Acts in Sapporo, Japan.

The Sunset International Bible Institute will be conducting an administrator's workshop in Tacoma, Washington on April 23-24.

*Above reports from Barbara Lewis*

**Burnaby:** The Lord's work continues to be active in Burnaby. Kirk Ruch has been presenting sermons from Romans for the last two months. Under the guidance of Mike Parker, our youth minister, our young people's attendance has grown dramatically. We now average 22-24 on a Sunday night. There are social activities on Friday nights. They are planning to host a young people's rally on April 20-22. The theme of the rally is "Got Faith".

Two new congregations have been started lately in the Greater Vancouver area by people who previously attended our congregation. We have been fortunate to have new families move into the area and start worshipping with us. Sunday morning's children worship program has been very successful.

Approximately \$1,200 was sent to the church in San Salvador for relief of church members.

We now have six midweek home Bible Studies in various member homes.

Ming Paul Lee: Vlado Psenko and his wife Renata actively spread the gospel in Croatia. They have been given an apartment which needs some fixing and furniture. They are looking forward to using the apartment for Bible studies. If you would like to contribute to this contact Ming Paul Lee at 2635 Island Hwy, Nanoose Bay, B.C. Canada, V9P 9E5 [mingpaul@uniserve.com](mailto:mingpaul@uniserve.com) or [vladimir.psenko@zg.tel.hr](mailto:vladimir.psenko@zg.tel.hr)

*Above reported by Harvey Woods*

## ALBERTA

**Calgary (Maryvale):** Increasing attendance has caused the beginning of two Sunday morning services with classes between. See the new schedule in the Directory.

**Edmonton:** Owen Jokinen was baptized and added to the Lord's family on Sunday, February 25th. Owen came in contact with the church through the internet. After studying for some time with Marc Laplante, he made his decision to confess Jesus as his Lord. A ladies' retreat was held on the weekend of the 9th of February. This year's theme centered upon "Finding Your Place in the Body". Attendance was well over 70. Thank you to the ladies'

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# BOOK REVIEWS

Books to be reviewed in this column should be sent to **Keith Thompson**, Editor, 348 Dixon Blvd., Newmarket, ON L3Y 5C4 (Books may be ordered from the *Gospel Herald*)  
email: [bookreviews@gospelherald.org](mailto:bookreviews@gospelherald.org)



*The Knowing Jesus Study Bible. A One-Year Study of Jesus In Every Book of the Bible, Edward Hudson and Edward Dobson, General Editors, R. G. Mitchell Family Books, \$24.74 (U.S.) 1845 pages.*

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Jesus Christ to shine forth from the pages of Scripture. We have sought to point the reader to every passage, picture, type, illustration, quotation or prophecy that points to him from both the Old Testament and the New Testament".

There are 365 daily "Discoveries", full-page articles sprinkled throughout the text of the Bible. These articles give intriguing insights into the person and work of Jesus, related to the particular Scripture passage that they address. It would require more

space than we have to be could be of considerable and teachers in preparing However, we must caution read of the terms (like sacrament for b. points made are not totally in harme an Biblical teaching. This Bible also has other features such as "Jesus Focuses" (in text notes that relate the passage to Jesus), "Jesus and You" (relate the passage to the daily life of the reader), "Portraits" (brief sketches of individuals related in some way to Jesus) and many quotes from many different individuals. There is a chart of "Old Testament Prophecies Fulfilled in Christ", beautiful color insights that will uplift the reader. Plus, there is a concordance and full-colour maps. Used with discretion regarding teachings about baptism and some other topics, this could be a most useful addition to your library.

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fully members of all ages including elders.

• In **Titus 3:10** Paul advises Titus to deal sharply with false teachers.

• Even the apostle John provides a warning to members of the church in protecting themselves and their households from heretics in **2 John 10**.

I have made reference to all these scriptures in order to drive home two points:

**A.** The New Testament recognizes that there are all kinds of situations in the church that require discipline.

• These include personal conflicts, immoral behavior, false teaching, divisiveness, personal faithlessness, and the list goes on.

• Not every solution and response is the same. The way to deal with a false teacher is different than the way to deal with one who personally slanders you.

But there are times when discipline is needed and the Bible provides instruction for each different situation.

• The key is to identify the true and correct problem and use the proper New Testament teaching to apply discipline.

**B.** Once you have identified the need for discipline -- you must do it!

• A child will be spoiled without proper discipline and so will a church.

• As a parent, a large portion of my parenting duties involves the meting out of discipline that is fair and loving. It gets tiring at times. You wish they would just grow up. You might be tempted to slack off on the youngest child -- but good parents are active in discipline because they love their children. Why hasn't this concept transferred over to the church? The responsibility for this lack of discipline may lie with two groups:

• Our preachers who fail to preach and carefully teach on this subject.

• And our elderships who are afraid of disturbing the status quo in the local congregation.

If we cannot define our other-worldliness by our conduct in the church, what witness do we have for those who are in the darkness without Christ? If we cannot even denounce and correct those who have confessed Christ but live outside of Christ, what possible use are we to God in announcing His judgment upon the world?

Our only defense against the world gaining a foothold within the church is to vigorously confront it at every turn. It is a painful and difficult process but it is also

the manner in which the Spirit continually purifies the bride of Christ.

### 3. Confront the World in Yourself.

Paul does not talk about this in this passage but the idea runs throughout the book. The title for this series is quite in line with the true experience of each Christian.

• Yes, we live in this world and have to deal with all the issues of normal living that others face who are without Christ.

• We earn a living, we have babies, we amass goods, we enjoy pleasure and we feel the pain of burying our loved ones. These things are the substance of our outer experience in this world, but the experience of our "inner man", this is very different, very much NOT of this world.

Paul talks about this unique Christian experience, which is not of this world in chapter 7 of Romans where he actually explains what he only alludes to in 1 Corinthians.

In Romans 7, Paul gives us a glimpse into the daily battle that rages within him as he pursues the perfection of Christ while still trapped in the imperfect body of his flesh. He gives us a microcosmic view of the constant struggle to maintain the spiritual while still firmly held in the material world.

Some have entitled chapter 7 of Romans, - "Saved yet struggling"

• Yes, we are saved; yes, we are no longer judged by the system of Law - but we are still subject to the effects of sin that begins in our flesh.

• Yes, Christ is Lord; yes, the Holy Spirit leads us in our walk but the problem is that this regenerated spirit still lives within a sinful nature. Sin no longer dominates but it continually challenges the supremacy of the Spirit of Christ within us.

• Yes, we are not of the world but the world still affects us because we are in it for a time.

The answer to this dilemma is threefold:

**A** • Recognize that the struggle is normal and ongoing for every Christian.

• Do not be discouraged that there is sin around you and that at times it affects you, tempts you. Satan's most useful weapon is discouragement and seeing the enormity of the world and the smallness of our personal strength can lead some to be discouraged and quit.

**B** • Confront personal sin without hesitation.

• Paul says that it is a struggle because

there is an effort involved.

• The constant challenge of Satan to dominate and of the world to overwhelm must be met with the equally constant faith and reliance on Jesus Christ who saves us every day while we struggle with this world.

• Salvation was paid for long ago on the cross of Calvary, but it is renewed every day through our constant faith in Christ.

**C.** • Accept the fact that we really are in the world.

• The struggle to confront the world in ourselves is sometimes painful but easier to deal with once we understand and accept it for what it really is.

• The place for personal and community sinlessness is heaven. We are not there yet. We are still in the world and this is not always easy for a spiritual person to deal with.

There is a saying that goes something like this:

"When you have found your place in the world, it may mean that the world has found its place in you"

Confronting the world in judgment, confronting it when it crops up in the church, confronting it when it aspires to dominate your spirit personally -- this is the aggressive posture needed to remain separate from the world while we live and breathe in it.

### Summary

As I close out tonight I want to remind us as we struggle with this duality of experience, this in the world/of the world challenge, that we are not only talking about but actually living out each day.

Some practical things that may help:

#### 1. Remember that this is every Christian's struggle.

• Do not think Paul was unique when he cried out, "Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death?" **Romans 7:24**

• What he describes and agonizes over is the struggle of every Christian as we strive to serve Christ in the midst of a sinful world and with the burden of a weakened flesh.

• This is not an excuse for lukewarmness but it does help us to understand why even knowing and wanting to do our best for Christ does not always guarantee the results we desire.

#### 2. Remember that the struggle is really a sign of spiritual life.

• Do not be discouraged if what you see in Christ is not always what you accom-

plish in the world.

• The fact that you see that there is a difference; that you desire to be separate from the world and the fact that for you there is a tension between the two, these are proof that Christ is in you and leads you.

The unregenerate person, whether he is an unbeliever or claims some affiliation with Christ is always easy to spot because he has no struggle, he has found a way to be comfortable in this world.

### 3. Always remember that God will provide.

• Paul knew that God did and would

provide for his daily struggle through Jesus Christ. He says so in **Romans 7:25** when he answers his own question about who will save him from his dilemma:

"Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord."

• Paul had hope because through Christ he had help and encouragement to deal with the struggle in this life so he could aspire to the next.

• Jesus Christ judges the world, purifies the church and guarantees that one day the struggle will be over.

So, be happy therefore brethren, rejoice in the constant battle against the world because it is your witness to this world and to the world to come that you belong to Christ and His Kingdom forever more - Amen. God Bless You.

*(Michael Mazzalongo, served churches in California, Montreal and St. Catharines in Canada before moving to serve in Oklahoma for several years and has just begun with the Canyon View Church of Christ in San Diego, California)*

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earthquake. \$7,000.00 has been sent to buy food, clothing and to help with their homes. Jose Luis Ordonez Zambrano, a nine year old from Honduras is being supported through 'birthday and anniversary' donations. The older teens/young adults are meeting Friday evenings with an average of 12 in attendance.

A Bible Bowl, set for May 26, will feature three teams; young people up to teen, a teenage team and an adult team. This will take place at the Fennell Avenue congregation in Hamilton and the material will be the gospel of Matthew, using the NIV version. A Seniors' Dinner was held February 10.

Placing Membership: The Picchiottino family, Brad, Janet, Jared, Jordan and Taylor will be living in the area for a year and a half. Sister Agnes Young passed away at the Grove Park Home in Barrie on Friday, February 9. Santiago Molina spent February 11 teaching the Spanish group Bible study in Waterloo. The Ladies Bible class is studying the book of Ruth. Bring-a-Friend day is scheduled for April 1.

**Toronto (Rexdale):** A group of 19 has been meeting at 6452 Finch Avenue West since February 28, 2000 according to a bulletin item.

**Waterloo:** Daniel Larocque was recently baptized. Tammy McKnight, daughter of Bonnie McKnight, was baptized on Thursday, February 22. Dave Ellis and Brian McBay are planning to participate in a mission to Bolivia through Global Youth Network. Their annual skating party is scheduled for March 17. On March 31, the Widow's Fellowship Group met for a Progressive Dinner.

A Great Lakes Spanish Lectureship is scheduled for April 13-15 to include Spanish brethren from Ontario and the nearby US states. It will also be advertised to the local Spanish community. Dogoberto Martinez, a Harding University graduate from Texas will be the speaker.

A bilingual Youth rally, with participation of Spanish young people from Dallas, Texas is scheduled for July 5-8 on the topic, "New Age? The Way It Should Be!!!"

John Clayton of Does God Exist will speak

during October 26-28 with translation into Spanish provided.

Javier Carezma was the speaker for a campaign in Masaya, Nicaragua, January 21 - February 4, with attendances around 200, 20 visitors and four baptized.

A mission trip to El Salvador, July 23-31, will help the church in Izaleo with rebuilding and relief needed because of the earthquakes as well as contributing to an evangelistic campaign.

**Windsor (West Side):** Ministries are being set up for the new year with Ross Bone from Parkside spending a month of Wednesdays in April implementing some of these ideas. The congregation has a new web-site: [www.geocities.com/wsdecoc](http://www.geocities.com/wsdecoc).

### QUEBEC

**Montreal (Verdun):** Chris Blackwell informs us that he has resigned as the youth minister due to the demands of making a living.

### NEW BRUNSWICK

**Moncton:** Several mid-week services were cancelled due to bad weather. They enjoyed a six per cent growth rate in 2000. A surprise 25-year service party was held for Tim and Diane Johnson on February 23. Tim Johnson travelled to Mill Village, David Hallett's home, in Nova Scotia and was joined by Ray Fisher from Kentville. They met for lunch and mutual edification and encouragement of each other.

**Saint John:** This small congregation is awaiting the arrival of Kevin Smith and family this coming summer. Kevin has raised a good portion of his support and is sponsored by a congregation in Houston, TX.

### MICHIGAN

**Ann Arbor:** Edith Nonnenmacher passed away while visiting in Searcy, Arkansas. Her funeral was Tuesday, January 30. On February 28, Harold Whitlock turned 90. Martin and Ethel Johnson, with their children, Jimmy and Tony placed membership. The congregation raised over \$800 to buy food, clothing and toys for two families. Keith Gafner labours for the Lord in the area around Eldoret, Kenya, Africa. He also spent two years in Zambia and is now

in his eleventh year in Kenya. Leamon Mosley was baptized on February 4. Jimmy Johnson was baptized on Wednesday, February 14. Christi Robertson came forward, asking prayers of the congregation. The congregation hosted a Teacher Appreciation dinner Saturday, March 3.

### NEW YORK

**North Buffalo:** On March 4 they exchanged Prayer Sisters. The congregation has begun a new prayer group, meeting at 10:45 on Sunday mornings, to pray for specific needs during the week. Placing membership was Peggy Young. On Wednesday evenings the congregation is studying the book of Amos.

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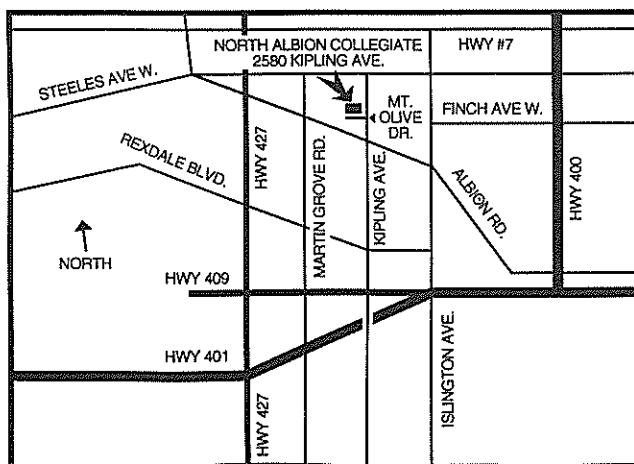
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Announcements & Singing:	1:45-2:15p.m.
Last Session:	2:45-3:45p.m.

# OBITUARIES

## Lawrence Andrew Pomber:

The elder son of Joe and June Pomber of Sault Ste Marie, Ontario, Lawrence Pomber was born on January 20, 1949 in the same hospital where he died, after a short life of almost 52 years. His mother predeceased Lawrence in 1997.

Lawrence married Megan Whitfield on April 30, 1988. Together, he and Megan had three children who were Lawrence's pride and joy, Andrew, now 11, Katy, 10, and Benji who is 7 years old.

Lawrence's life was snuffed out on Sunday, December 31, 2000 after a brief illness. Along with Megan, Andrew, Katy and Benji, Lawrence is mourned by his father, Joe, his brother, Bill, as well as his aunts and uncles. John and Diane Whitfield, and their extended family also mourn him.

When Lawrence and Megan lived in Beamsville and Niagara Falls, they attended the Beamsville church of Christ. They moved back to Northern Ontario in 1999 where Megan was employed and Lawrence took up the stay-at-home parent role caring for the children and home.

Art Ford, assisted by Hamish Currie, a local Catholic Priest conducted the funeral to remember Lawrence's life and attempt to bring comfort to his young family.

*Art Ford*

## Patrick Carl Russell (1925-2000)

Carl passed away on December 4, 2000, at the age of 75, at Victoria Hospital in London. He was baptized into Christ on August 3rd, 1999, by Brother Skip Francis. He was devoted to reading the Bible and, when he could not sleep, he could often be found reading the Bible. He found joy in discovering the Bible's mysteries. He once commented, "I never knew the Bible was so interesting". A real change came

over his life and he was faithful til the end.

Carl's loving nature and good sense of humour surrounded his family and friends. All who knew him will remember him in this way. His co-worker's found him hard-working and fair. He was always known as the one who got the job done.

Carl will be missed by his wife, Opal (Roussy), and children; Lillian, Susan, and Patrick, Jr., and will always have a special place in their hearts. He shared 53 years of marriage with his wife, Opal, who thanks God for being at Carl's side and that his suffering was not long. He was the grandfather of Carloyn Seabrook (Ferguson), Debra Seabrook, Patrick C. Russell III, Christina Russell, Jason Russell, and Julian Russell and the great-grandfather of Carman Alesander Russell, Madelyn Ferguson, and Cassidy Ferguson; Brother of Emery Russell, Eddy Russell, and sister Glenda Elslinger.

Carl served in the Royal Canadian Navy in World War II on the destroyer, "Haida", during the Murmansk Run, and was awarded a medal from the Russian Government. Carl worked in construction as a pipe-fitter the rest of his life and, upon retirement, became a Commissioner at the Ontario Provincial College in Alymer. Memorial service has taken place. After a memorial service cremation occurred on December 8, 2000.

*Opal Russell*

## In Loving Memory Susan Amelia Runnalls

February 21, 1912 - April 2, 2000

Susie Runnalls, a resident of the Centennial Manor, Little Current and formerly of Gore Bay and Barrie Island, died at the Manitoulin Health Centre, Little Current, on Monday, April 3, 2000 at the age of 88 years. She was born in Mills Township, daughter of the late John and Amelia Baker. Susie was a member of the Ice Lake Church of Christ. She had also been a member of the Women's Institute for over 60 years and was active in the 4H Club.

Her husband Stanley Runnalls predeceased in July 4, 1992. She was the loving mother and mother-in-law of Edna and Sid Wright of Kagawong; Edith and Evelyn and Grant Lewis

of Sault Ste. Marie; the proud grandmother of 11 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren and the dear sister and sister-in-law of Mary Runnalls (since deceased Sept. 24 2000), Carol Lane of Barrie Island, Ted and Edith Baker of Iron Bridge, Joe and Marie, Nellie and Lawrence Thompson of Brantford. She was predeceased by brother Charlie Baker, sister Jean Whitfield and sister Ascha.

A celebration of Susie's life was held in the Wm. G. Turner Chapel on April 5, 2000 with Diane Stachon. Donations were made to the Ice Lake Church of Christ, the Great Lakes Christian College, and Strawberry Point.

## In Loving Memory John Edmund Prior

April 20, 1915 - November 27, 2000

John Prior, a resident of Gore Bay, Ontario died at the Sudbury Regional Hospital, Memorial Site, on Monday, November 27, 2000 at the age of 85 years. He was born at Long Bay, son of the late Charles and Maude Prior. He was a member of the church of Christ at Ice Lake. John had worked at general repairs and as a labourer. He liked to repair old clocks and engines, and took it as a personal challenge to make things run that some might regard as unfixable. He enjoyed people and telling stories of events from years gone by. He will be sadly missed by his wife Ethel, family members, and the many people he knew in the community.

Besides Ethel he is survived by loving step children, Stan and Leona Baker and Bill and Diane Baker of Gore Bay; Jean Hastings of Port Colborne; Dorothy McKie of Elliot Lake; Betty Powell of Orillia; Carol and Fred Hansen of Toronto; Ella Baker of Ice Lake; and many grand and great grandchildren. Dear brother-in-law of Susan Prior of Gore Bay, he is also survived by many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by sister Frances Nesbitt, brother Ronald Prior, and stepson Ken Baker.

The funeral service was conducted in the Wm. G. Turner Chapel of the Culgin Funeral Home on Thursday, November 30th at 11:00 a.m. with Les Cramp officiating. Interment was in the Gordon Cemetery.

## Reporting from Zambia

The Zambia Mission Team, sponsored by the Beamsville Church of Christ, arrived safely at the Namwianga Christian Mission station in Zambia on schedule on January 25th. Although it is dry here and rain is much needed for the crops, we were almost prevented from landing in usaka due to a heavy thunder storm. All of our many of bags came rough with no duty to be paid. We were met by Roy and Kathi Merritt, and Bill and Wendy Ulrich with two vehicles to make the five to six hour trip to Kalomo and our home here at the mission station.

All seven of us, Dianne and I, Amanda Boland, Terral McBay, Amanda Whitehead, Lee Whitfield and Matt Whittington, are living with Bill and Wendy Ulrich in the guest house here at the mission station. We are getting into a routine of preparing food and eating together and using water for bathing when it is available and heated by the sun. It is hot here at the elevation and cooling breeze we are doing quite well.

The young people have bought five bicycles with which to get around while here. The bikes are imported from India and are not of the best quality. They will be left behind for use here. At this writing (January 31), they are off on their bikes to the blind colony to serve there for the day. This is a fairly long ride on dusty, sandy roads. They packed their lunch and carried it with them.

This team of young people are already getting into the work here. They helped getting books in their proper place in the college library one day. They rode their bikes to the Basic School to get acquainted there and to tutor children who are weak in math and reading skills. Lee spoke in college chapel yesterday. Today we went over to the secondary school chapel for the presentation of the soccer uniforms and balls which we brought with us. We met with Roy Merritt on Monday and discussed various opportunities for service. Besides tutoring students, some counselling opportunities with students was suggested. Roy suggested that some of the young men might want to go out on their bikes with some of the village preachers on Sunday. Some of us, including Dianne and I, are helping Kathi who takes in a number of children from the Basic School in the afternoons for tutoring in English and Math.

We are keeping well so far, taking our anti-malaria medicines, sleeping under mosquito nets and washing our hands often. We have been eating pretty well and getting along peacefully.

*Donald Perry*

And thanks everyone who helped make this trip possible. Your donations kept coming in right up to the time we left. At that time the total contributed was more than we had asked for. We thank God for your partnership in this endeavour. Pray for us. D.P.

# Celebrating

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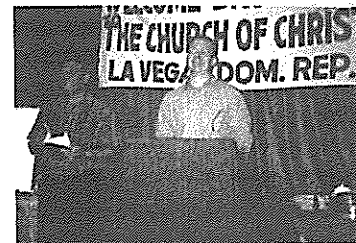
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planning committee and all those who were involved in making the weekend a success.

The teens enjoyed a full month of activities ranging from a night out bowling to a singing devotional at the Roy's. They also had opportunity to get together every weekend this month for a games night. Thank you to all the families who hosted the teen activities this month.

Plans are in the works for an "Acts" class to begin mid-March. This class is designed to equip the Christian with Biblical knowledge in winning lost souls to Christ. Also in the planning stage is our annual "Men's Retreat" scheduled for March 16th through the 18th.

*Reported by Shawn Redding*  
**MONTANA**

**Three Forks:** John Price began teaching a study of the spiritual disciplines to our mid-week Bible class.

The Three Forks ladies are busily planning for our Ladies Day, to be held at the church building on May 12. The speaker will be Margie Johnson from Libby, Montana.

Attendance at our evangelistic small group study continues to increase. This past week we had five non-Christian visitors in attendance. We are nearly finished with our series of les-

sons on "Life, Death and Everything in Between."

I have been writing an article on a spiritual topic for the local paper on a rotational basis with other ministers. I am about to start a weekly column titled "Questions about the Bible". I invite the paper's readers to write me their questions about the Bible. I will answer in the column and follow up with a personalized letter to each person and a Bible study correspondence course if they desire.

*Reported by David Ford*

**Zambia**

December/January saw the number of Northreach congregations up by six - - 36 new congregations since March 1999.

This terrific interest is scary! We need to reap this harvest while it is ripe, and the field is so big and rich we can't see the other side. Our outreach money is almost gone and our pickup is entering its 'high-maintenance' phase of life. We are in a fundraising drive to buy two new pickup trucks and to raise \$36,000. This will fund 36 more evangelistic and church follow-up trips over the next 12-15 months, Help!

Fully funded, and with the Lord on our side, Northreach can add 20, or even 30, new congrega-

tions before the end of this year."

Daniel Mweemba and Johnston Sikabbuba have travelled on foot, the past three months, to visit 22 churches in the Ngwezi area. We did not know about several of the congregations they found and visited and are excited to know they exist.

It is estimated that \$350 will be needed to reach and teach in the Chief Moomba area.

*Roy Merritt*

A recent meeting with about 100 participants in the Makoli area was on the theme, "Unity in the Lord's Churches". Four requested prayers.

*Z.W. Sikabbuba*

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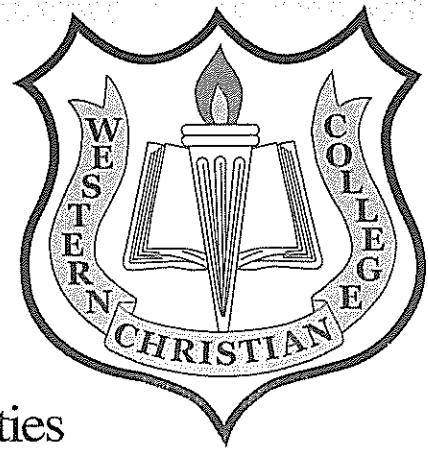
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