



For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance.

But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

"....the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever."

THE SILVER LINING

A LIGHT for BELIEVERS

HEARTACHES CAN BE STEPPING STONES

From words by Frederick Guth

In the evening hours, the family circle would gather in the large living room, in that massive stone house known as Baersitter Hof. We delighted in hearing father read the glowing reports, the great success of immigrants who preceded us.

The day of departure for the far away new world was at hand. In the morning, still dark, all of us were securely placed on the wagon. A final look at the old home and good-byes were said to servants, neighbors, friends. We embarked . . .

Early in the morning the word was given us—We are here; there is New York. The trip across the states to Morton was uneventful. The remaining impression was vastness and wide expanse of land. What a hope and prospect. In Morton we felt very much at home. Here we found relatives and friends. Here were Lamberts, Gerbers and Freidingers, who had preceded us some years before. Some thought the best opportunity was still farther west, in Harper county, Kansas. Open land was plentiful; there were already relatives, friends and a church of our mother's faith there.

In the winter of 1883, father and uncle made a trip. Favorably impressed, they bought land, our father purchasing 320 acres. This was more land than he could ever hope to have in the old country. We had our dreams of a prosperous and secure future.

The land was barren, no buildings or trees. Many evening hours were spent in planning a new house, a barn, the location of a well, orchard. Virgin soil was to be plowed, crops planted, and then harvest. (What awakening from such pleasant dreams was in store.) Prairie sod was plowed under, corn and other spring crops were planted, but hearts became faint. The south wind brought no rain, but on the contrary became hotter and dryer. Finally the year's failure became past history, a memory. Hope springs up ever anew in the hearts of those who are still in the prime of life and have the courage of the pioneer. Winter passed. Spring came and again, Surely this year will be good. We watched for the clouds. We saw them coming. They

were high and thin, and passed over. The dry hot winds came. The house caught fire and burned to the ground, including all the household furniture. There was no insurance. Thus became the second year worse than the first. Yet life will assert itself. Two more children were born, Elizabeth and Theodore. The responsibilities and care for us became greater . . . so again the determination to try again, with the Lord's help.

During this depressing period father, becoming less self-reliant, became a member of the church of our mother's faith. Thus, a new outlook on life did enter; having become poor in earthly goods, spiritual richness now compensated for all other failures and disappointments.

A new house was built on the ruins of the old. Winter passed. Spring came and again the urge to plow and plant. We all wanted a little more to eat. (We did not have much that winter. Corn bread and turnips had to serve as the staff of life.) Prayerfully, father and mother looked forward for a year of blessing and a bountiful harvest. The dry hot south winds came. The sun flared down day after day. What three years previous was the land of promise now became a desert of disappointments. A terrific wind and hail storm completely wrecked the barn. What meager crops survived were destroyed by the drought which followed. They would have left for other parts, but did not know where to go. The wherewith and the means to do so were lacking.

Time passed . . . the spring of another year came—also another child was born, who died in infancy. That added to the existing sadness, but it was now all interpreted as the Lord's will. He knows best and will provide in due time. Thus confident to go forward, they took fresh courage.

The fourth year turned out to be a true companion to the preceding, but there was an added exception. A man on horseback came racing from the northwest, sounding the alarm. The Indians are coming. Hurry! Save yourselves and go to Harper as fast as you can." Indians

—We were all afraid. Did we not hear so many terrible stories of those wild men who did kill, burn and destroy the white people? In the midst of the excitement father hastily harnessed a team to the wagon, piled on bedding and such provisions as we had. We raced to Harper, about nine miles distance. We could see others heeding the warning. Clouds of dust could be seen in all directions. The town of Harper had never seen before or since such an aggregation of bewildered people. The U.S. government assured us that it was a ruse, instigated by cattle thieves who rounded up what they wanted in the farmer's absence. We lost nothing, since we had little of value which those roaming pirates would want. The only milch cow we had, our father tied to the rear of the wagon. With the passing of this incident, peace of mind was again restored.

Winter came, and finally the fifth and last year. The burning down of our house for the second time was the final blow of our experiences in Kansas. What to do now and where to go remained unanswered for the time. We did live in the town of Harper for awhile, but that did not offer any means of a livelihood outside of charity. The shadow of a forlorn hope engulfed us. Time passed, and life will assert itself . . . Another child was born. Thus, a fresh courage and call to press on. This was a period of inactivity, like a ship in a stormy sea tossed hither and yon. We knew not at what haven or port we would arrive, so on the whole it was a time of waiting for another day of departure to other parts, where life could be sustained under more favorable circumstances.

Back to Illinois we went. There were 10 of us, not including our parents. Our lot, however, was to experience a new scourge. Hardly had we been settled, when three of us older ones were stricken with dreaded typhus fever. The house we lived in, which was located on Greenleaf and Fowler St. (Peoria) was very small. For drinking water we had an old cistern back of the house, no sanitary provisions such as plumbing and sewage. Our mother was still young at 34 years, but

very tired. Susan Schneider kindly suggested the adoption out of the first boy, Otto, to the Ramseys of Congerville. They were very happy to receive him as their own. For our mother, it was not easy to reconcile. To give up any one of us, especially the last, was like a dagger into a mother's affectionate heart. One consolation was that Congerville was not far away, and she could see the little fellow often. There were other questions in our minds. Were some of us also to go elsewhere? . . . And is the family falling apart? As the days came and went, we gradually became adjusted to our conditions. For our parents, it was a different matter. Mother's thoughts and affections were divided between Peoria and Congerville. Many were the trips she would make to the Ramseys to comfort and soothe a longing heart, always returning with tear-stained eyes and the message, "It is well with the child, Otto". This, then was the setting and the beginning of our life in Peoria.

Father worked at such day labor as he could get. (His background

and desire was to till the soil, plant and grow such crops as it would produce.) Peoria became to us what we all called home. The conditions of obtaining a living, although continually bordering on extreme poverty, was better than what we experienced in Kansas.

The lessons we learn with the passing of time serve as a guiding adviser, as we journey on in the undying hope that it will be better tomorrow. Our parents were born like us without choice into the material realm . . . but still in the image and likeness of God, the giver of all life, in whom they trusted as the Designer of a wise and purposeful plan for man.

In 1906 they once more wended their way west—this time to Oklahoma, where they were again associated with their own relatives. Our mother's own mother, mother Oesh, her brothers Joe and Chris, were living nearby, in Kansas. Uncle Louis Guth and their children were nearby. Many of their other early friends were there too, with whom they had so much in common.

This happy period was of short duration. Mother passed away in the spring of the following year, at the age of 55, having been the mother of 17 children, six of whom preceded her in death. Thus was her soul and weary body at rest. Our father passed away in 1915, and lies buried beside our mother.

In that little cemetery is also the resting place of so many of their own people who shared in common their disappointments, sadness, love and hope. There, their weary bodies rest, now indifferent to the dry, hot winds which pass over them, their souls waiting for the morning to break and the call of a new day, heralding that frontier where there will be no tears and no more pain. As for us, their descendants who are now scattered from coast to coast, may we become the heirs of the fruits and hopes of their dreams, that in the dim and far away unknown future they may have the satisfaction and, as a reward, the knowledge that their life and coming to America, although beclouded with many hardships, was not in vain.

SUFFERING FOR THE SAINT

Henry Souder Jr.

Suffering is a key course in the Master's education. Each lesson glows with glorious hope. There is joy, even in sorrow.

Priceless heritage. "And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together."

This education enriches and expands our enjoying power for always. There, we'll have a new body, perfect and deathless. He will give perfect knowledge (how much! we'll be able to judge perfectly angels and men.) The inner part is what needs building today.

God gives the best, for His purpose: "Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:" . . . Living words . . . in the fire, the furnace, God forges their impress in us to the likeness of His Son.

A foreign language unfolds. The student understands word, phrases, sentences. His knowledge grows. He speaks well, and understands . . . So

is the vast, unfathomable teaching of God: "we do all things, dearly beloved, for your edifying."—Building.

A vast program! Job's life was underscored with trial and trouble. When he had been such a good man, affliction came. His friends pointed accusing words at him. Downhearted and perplexed, he still held on. He humbled himself before God. Job's end was in radiance and beauty. He was showered with heavenly blessings.

Paul writes, "And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me." Such weakness makes us sit in the best place to hear the Teacher. The Creator of all the earth understands. He who is the beginning and the end is perfect. He gives so that all things work together for good.

"Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses

for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong."

See how real success really takes place? The very things that one would naturally say are against us, are doors. In His rooms are learned the deep things of God. What gracious words flow from His lips.

"For our light affliction, which is

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but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;" . . .

The man that moves in the face of odds and lives as God has planned achieves the A. The beam benefits struggling souls. The road leads home.

"While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal."

God blesses; He heals. Yet, there shall be days of sorrow. Intensifying the pain comes in looking at the needle. There is relief, and release, in looking at things eternal. The balm of that pain-free home breathes fragrance even in suffer-

ing. The inner man needs exercise.

When every power of our own seems to fail, His word stands.

"I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos . . ."

Patience, experience, hope. The crucible of the cross, the fellowship of His suffering is the way. Priceless is the privilege to be chosen to the confines of His own suffering. Glorious Revelation hope becomes vibrant, living, our life. Suffering is seclusion, drawing us away to view into open heaven!

SERVICEMEN IN VIET NAM AND OTHERS INTERESTED

Bros. Herman Kellenberger of El-

gin and Ben Maibach of Detroit are planning to be in Japan. Here's the schedule: Oct. 23, Tokyo; Oct. Country Church; Nov. 6, Tokyo. Servicemen interested can contact Willis Ehnle, Shioda Ichimiya-cho, Higashi-Yatsushiro-Gun, Yamaguchi-Ken Japan; or John Klaus, 1384 Kaneko-Machi Chofu-Shi, Tokyo—To Japan.

COURAGE

Such is my Confidence

Courage is the apron I wear for daily tasks. It is no clumsy armor plate to don at times of danger, but simply a readiness to work at any task, however difficult or distasteful, knowing that God will add His strength to my efforts.

A least brother in Viet Nam

ALABAMA

Elder Noah Bauman and other brothers of Rittman spent a week end in Alabama. We are thankful for the fellowship that we could enjoy together. During this visit there were further discussions made on the building of the Landersville church.

Mrs. Linda Cooley, daughter of Bro. and Sis. James Goode, Athens, submitted to surgery at Athens Hospital. Mrs. Dessie Letson, mother of Sis. Manley Hale, was hospitalized at Moulton.

Sis. Martha Evans now resides at the Moulton Rest Home.

The Landersville Youth Group enjoyed a singing at the Rest Home for the aged. This was a part of the regular youth meeting.

Singspiration meetings have been held at the homes of Bro. Richard Frost, Leo Nolan and Sis. Clara Heiniger.

Time schedule (all Central Standard Time). Athens: Sunday 9:30 am, Wed. 7:00 pm; Hillsboro: Sunday 10:00 am; Landersville: 7:00 pm (Summer)—6:00 pm (Winter) Friday 7:00 pm.

The Vacation Bible School of the Alabama church has been completed. Thanks be to Almighty God for the blessings that were showered upon us. Average nightly attendance was around 100 youth and 50 adults. Bros. Hale and Moore spoke with emphasis on the preparation of the soul for eternity. Through the presence and the power of the Holy Spirit, we were blessed and drawn closer to our Heavenly Father and our Saviour. Bros. Lester Huber

and Elmer Bucher visited during the Hillsboro and Landersville VBS. We are thankful they, as well as many others, provided assistance.

FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA Louise Akel

The holy kiss: "Blest Be The Tie That Binds". True believers meet. After baptism, the Holy Spirit enters the body. The Spirit does not distinguish between men and women. The kiss is spiritual, but while we are in the flesh it is required that men should greet men and women, women. Jesus was asked, **Whose wife shall she be in heaven? The answer was, Ye understand not; there will not be any marriages in heaven, but ye shall be as the angels.** If the act of greeting with a kiss is looked upon with disfavor, this spiritual blessing is left out.

Cutting hair: When I was almost ready to repent, I happened to read in the Bible a portion which read, **Does not nature itself teach that a woman's hair should be a covering?** I did not take the advice and had a permanent the same day. Soon after, when I repented, I was wishing my hair was longer and vowed never to cut it again. If we are not modest in dress and hair style, we will destroy what Jesus preached was so important. Humility! If Jesus dressed in fine clothes and had been very stylish, the poor, the weak and beggars would probably have avoided Him. He came in a meek and lowly estate to draw all mankind. I have entered houses where I felt uncomfortable because of its grandeur, and felt I could not

return the invitation because my house was poor and humble. The head covering, the long hair for women, and the holy kiss all blend in sweet humility. Truly the tie binds our hearts in Christian Love.

A few months ago the Everglades were parched so badly that the wildlife was dying in increasing numbers. Man with his vast knowledge and wisdom opened the flood-gates and allowed the water (held in reserve) to flow over the dry area. The following two months it rained every day for some period during the day, and they were faced with the problem of taking air-boats into the flooded area and diving into snake-infested waters to try to save the deer. It all goes to prove that when God says **It will be this way** man cannot turn it about to go that way.

AN KHE, VIET NAM

Neil Schmidgall

Is it not wonderful, the promise that God has made unto them that seek Him? Even in lonely places He stands at our side, and where even two or three assemble, He will gather also if he is prayerfully sought.

We were certainly blest last week end, the 20th, when Bro. John Hartman was permitted to come and spend the week end with us. He left Bong Son on Thursday, spent the night in Qui Nhon, and Friday came here to An Khe. He was real thankful he was protected on his journey to this place, where a few of us abide. He had to start back Sunday morning, as airplane connections are difficult to make.

We gathered Saturday evening in a small chapel and sang hymns. We listened to a tape Bro. Larry Endress had received from Bro. Herman Deitz of Bradford; it was of July 7 services. Bro. Noah Herman brought forth a very inspiring sermon that has food for our souls, even days after it was spoken and many miles from that place.

Friend Roger Hartter got in from the field, the 26th of August. He had been out almost a month. We cannot forget those who have to go out amid the dangers, and always pray for their safe return. We think of the hymn, "God Will Take Care Of You", and do find much comfort in His great promises, such as this hymn brings forth.

JAPAN

Yoshio Yamazaki

We had summer Sunday School here in Tokyo, from August 3—6. Not many children came, about 10 the average every day.

Sis. Nancy Roth of Fairbury came at Tokyo Airport on August 8, Monday afternoon. The Ehnle family, Sis. Hiroko Natori and I went to the airport and met her. She is a very quiet sister. After they visited the Klaus family and had supper with them, they went to the country church. Another sister, Marie Neihouser of Francesville, will be coming to Japan on September 5, Monday. Bro. Willis Ehnle and those sisters will be taking care of the school for American children, and teaching the English language to Japanese boys and girls at the country church.

Bro. John Klaus is trying to find the place where we can have meetings for Fuchu people and children's class, but can not find it yet.

Bro. Dale Zahner (of Rockville) came to Japan from Viet Nam and visited us in Tokyo and the country churches. Probably from now on we will have many brothers and friends from Vietnam, so we should try to welcome them all and give them good fellowship with the Lord together.

We had very fine fellowship meeting at Hanno, Saitama Prefecture, which is about two hours by train from our church in Tokyo. There is a very nice place and beautiful mountains, river and valley. About 30 people attended from our three churches. We discussed about real repentance, what is conversion and what is bearing fruit. Our brothers, sisters and friends who attended en-

joyed it very much, especially Sis. Nancy Roth, because it was first trip for her since she arrived here in Japan.

FT. SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

Bro. Randall Kellenberger

"Oh what is more delightful, And in what blessed state, when we our souls and bodies To God do consecrate? We live in blessed nearness To Thee, Lord, day by day, As if our eyes behold Thee; and joy attends our way."—So read the words from the beautiful hymn. We as Christians here must really try to take each day as God would give, and accept all as His good and holy will, for we know all that the Lord does is well done.

Truly the brothers and friends here or any other place, even though it may be on foreign soil, are partaking of a blessing in disguise. If we really look about us, we can find someone bearing a heavier cross. This reminds me of the meaningful words of that hymn, "The Cross." It tells of the beams of the cross . . .

"The longer beam is God's direction;
Across it lies thy will, perverse.
Thus brings the cross pain and affliction;
God's dispensation seems for worse.

If thus thou'lt overcome thy wishes
And let God's will prevail in thee,
Then thou wilt find peace in thy suffering,
And grace thy great reward will be.

Can we be too careful, or too humble?

We look forward to having company, and can fellowship in the love of our dear Lord and those of like mind. We encourage any to come and visit us, or feel free to drop us a few lines. If someone would come we'd appreciate a line, telling us so we can make arrangements. Letters can be addressed to Bros. Ernie Herman or Steve Gerst, at: 504 Elmhurst St., Apt. 6, San Antonio, Texas 78234.

Sisters Jan and Sharon Herman from Tremont came to visit their brother, Ernie. Bro. Ernie is now working at Brooke General Hospital, and will most likely be here until the first of the year.

Bro. and Sis. Phil and Anna Sauder from Cissna were here. We enjoyed Brother Phil's ministering very much.

Bro. and Sis. Perry and Clara Yackley, with their daughter Eleanor, from Taylor were here visiting their son, Bro. Leroy Yackley. Leroy now works as a corpman at Brooke General Hospital.

Bro. and Sis. Vernon and Verda Blunier and family of Eureka came down to visit their son Dale, who is now in his basic training. That same week end of August 19, Sam and Sis. Louise Martin of Princeville were here to visit their son, Sam, who is in medical training.

Bros. and Sis. Joe and Lila Rokey, Edward and Leola Lehman, with their families, from Sabetha, were down to visit their sons, friends Joe Rokey and Rudy Lehman. Rudy and Joe have received their orders for Europe, and will soon leave us. We pray God, our Father in heaven, will bless and watch over them. We have really enjoyed their fellowship and will surely miss them.

We feel truly blessed and feel closer to home and God when we can have company.

Bro. Terry Zimmerman of Fairbury has received his medical discharge. He left for home on August 30. We indeed will miss his presence. He has been a bright and shining light. Sometimes we can't understand why things do happen as they do, but must only trust it's the dear Lord's will, and willingly accept it.

Bro. Maurice Huber of Francesville is beginning his basic training, as also are friends Dale Blunier of Eureka, Arnold Aschleman of Roanoke, and Dave Klopfenstein of Latty. We are expecting Bro. Dan Kupferschmid of Rockville soon.

Bros. Bruce and Jerome Witzig of Gridley, Joe Beer of Milford, and Eugene Heinold of La Crosse have now finished their basic training and have gone home on a two-weeks' leave. They'll return September 11 and begin their medical training. Bro. Steve Kaiser from Milford and Don Grew from Bay City have recently returned from leave and are now in medical training. Steve was taken into our fold, as a new and precious lamb, on his leave home.

Yes, we have surely been richly blessed. God has so much love for us who are as nothing. Sometimes it's hard to grasp. Everything is so close here, and we are so thankful that an apartment has been provided, that we may gather to fellowship in the Lord.

We would extend our hearty

greetings to all, and end in saying, we surely need the prayers of those we love. May we each strive a little harder each day to become a little more Christ-like.

WEST BEND, IOWA

Anna Schmidt Mrs. A. Banwart

Twice many of us have enjoyed the added blessing of an extra evening service. Our sincere thanks to the visiting ministers, Bro. Herman Kellenberger of Elgin and Bro. Albert Wuthrich of Pulaski for stopping to visit us.

After spending sometime in the service, Robert Fehr, son of Bro. and Sis. Elmer and Matilda Fehr, has been able to again assemble with us in church. We all rejoice when one can safely be returned home on earth, but how much greater our joy when one can be safely returned to our heavenly home.

Arlo and Marilyn Grimm have been blessed with a new baby daughter, Susan Kae. She has two brothers to welcome her home.

The engagement of Sis. Marilyn Schneider, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Lawrence and Ella Schneider, to Alfred Lee Banwart, of Lamar, has been announced.

Sis. Ida, wife of Bro. Wm. Metzger is slowly improving at home, after being hospitalized for about a week. Our aged sister, Alfredia Schafer, is hospitalized, but has improved some. We are happy to have Bro. Joe Benninger, Lowell Fehr, Sis. Elizabeth Zaugg, and Sandy Banwart assemble with us again.

How great are the ways of the Lord that He heals not only the mortal body, but much more the broken soul that can turn to Him in repentance. What great joy it gives our congregation to have souls in all ages of life, who are now seeking their soul's salvation. Mixed with the joy is always the hope and prayer the Lord will not tire of calling—and our friends will not pass Him by when He invites them to come, too. Friends seeking their Saviour are; aged widows, Mrs. Lillian Fehr and Mrs. Emma Thomann; the younger souls are: Art, son of Sam and Sis. Tillie Mogler; Gloria, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Silas and Della Metzger; Delores, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Noah and Emma Gerber; and Martin Zaugg, son of Bro. and Sis. Oscar and Francis Zaugg. May the Lord help and encourage these dear souls, as well as all, so we may live as once we will wish to have lived.

REMINGTON, INDIANA

Anna M. Waibel and Sisters

We are very happy to have Clyde Waibel, Bro. Herman and Sis. Annas' son, home from serving in the army. He was very fortunate to remain in the states, mostly in Texas.

Sis. Eileen (Maurice) Getz is home from the hospital, after having surgery. Sis. Anna Bahler (Ervin) has been in hospital for observation.

Our congregation was blessed by the messages of Bro. Alpha Strahm from Bern. He and his family spent a few days here with his sister and family, the Harold Waibels.

Sis. Martha Farney of Cissna Park is recuperating, after a car accident at the home of her sister, Sis. Ida Nussbaum. We are very thankful the Lord spared her from even more serious injuries.

Prayer is the Christian's greatest resource, the gateway to God's presence. Its answer is the channel of God's grace, the source of power and the cure for anxiety. Prayer is communion with God.

Real prayer either frees us from the trouble we fear, or else it gives us strength, courage, faith and hope to meet the trouble when it comes.

Keep yourself in the love of God. We must do our part. We too often forget that we should help God in answering our prayers.

Jesus knew that the greatest burdens that men bear are of their own making. What load is there like that of a conscience burdened by guilt? Sin is the tap-root of restlessness. Fears, worries, hates break down physical life and fret the soul. Jesus alone has the solution. When we come to Him, we receive the healing balm of forgiveness, and our feet are set upon the path of peace. As we follow Jesus way we find in Him the strength to do the right thing and to conquer.

"Have Faith in God"

When though the dark close round,
The storms increase,
Though friends depart, all earthly
comforts cease, Hath He not
said, I give my children peace?
Believe His word.

"God's on the throne, Does all in
wisdom, Ne'er forgets His own. Be
filled with praise.
Be true, Be Sweet.

Let not the conflict make thee sour
or sad; Swerve not from battle.
Be faithful, loyal, glad—The
likeness of our Saviour may be
had.

Aim high. Press on!

WOLCOTT, INDIANA

Arles Kropf

A baby daughter, Lisa Marie, was born Aug. 11 to LeRoy and Frances Farney. This is a very special little girl, as she has six brothers who also welcome her.

Bro. Alpha Strahm of Bern was with us for evening services.

We are happy to report that three more of our young friends are seeking their salvation. They are James Reutter, son of Bro. Bob and Sis. Lena Lou; Darl Schieler, son of Bro. Bob and Sis. Marilyn, and Roger Schwab, nephew of Bro. Vernon and Sis. Arlene. Hearing of these boys' repentance reminded me of what a brother told me when I was talking to him about some of the problems of teaching Sunday School. He said he realizes that often the teachers wonder if what they are trying to teach does any good, but if we can see these children repent, that will be "pay day" for our efforts.

(Editor's note: And in hope looking forward to the best yet to come. True treasures are laid up.)

BAY CITY, MICHIGAN

Marlene Mosher

The engagement of Sis. Rhoda Wieland and Bro. Emery Minger, of Altadena has been announced. Rhoda is the daughter of Bro. Erwin and Sis. Nina Wieland, and Emery is the son of Bro. Wm. and Sis. Frieda Minger. We will miss Rhoda very much at Bay City. She is a very dear sister, and a very dear friend of mine. I am sure she will be loved just as much in Altadena. They are gaining and we are losing, but maybe it will be another link for our churches to become closer, even though they are separated by many miles.

Jon and Sis. Darleen Cheff have become parents of a baby son, Jon Robert.

A Golden Wedding anniversary was celebrated by Bro. John and Sis. Helen Lambert. They received many good wishes from a host of friends and relatives. They have five children; Louella Hogle, Elmer, Virgil, Dorothy La Cosse and Charles, and nine grandchildren. May the Lord bestow many blessings upon them.

The husband of Sis. Naomi (Wieland) Thomas, George, passed away. May the Lord grant her much grace to bear her grief.

We have received two souls into our congregation through holy baptism: Sis. Barbara Knochel, daughter of Bro. Robert and Sis. Marian Knochel, and Sis. Linda (Knochel) Andrejewski. She is the daughter of Harold and Sis. Doris Knochel. Bro. Ernest Graf was with us for this very happy and blessed occasion.

Ministering Bro. Bob Pohl and his family were with us for a very blessed evening.

The Kauffman reunion was held in Bay City over Labor Day week end.

We are overjoyed to be able to say we have another beloved friend that is repenting, Carolyn Knochel, daughter of Bro. Robert and Sis. Marian Knochel. We wish Carolyn the Lord's grace and blessings. We hope we have many more that will follow.

Sis. Elizabeth Ramseyer is not very well; she has taken a turn for the worse.

BERN, KANSAS

Mrs. Morris Edelman
Mrs. Leonard Baumgartner

During August the Sunday School had a vacation, and started a new year September 4. Newly-elected teachers are: Bros. Franklin Hertzell (superintendent), Joseph Rokey, Leonard Baumgartner, Harlan Stoller; Sisters Janette Strahm, Lola Luthi; substitutes: Bros. Melvin Rokey, Wilfred Strahm; Sisters Marie Grimm, Stella Moser.

The Bible Class and teachers were privileged to attend Camp Fellowship at Forrest Park in Topeka on August 13 and 14. Bro. Wendell Gudeman showed his slides of Haiti on Saturday evening and ministered to the young people on Sunday. There were 200 in attendance at this meeting. Surely all present received a blessing from the Lord.

The intermediate and smaller classes had their Sunday School picnics in August.

One Sunday evening we assembled in Sabetha, when Bro. Wendell Gudeman spoke. Another Sunday evening they gathered with us when Bro. Art Gudeman visited our communities. We thank both visiting ministers and ask them to come again.

We enjoyed having Alice Curtiss of Denver, Colorado, attend church with us this summer. She made her home with Sis. Emily Lortscher and the Bro. Ephraim Strahm family.

Hospital patients are Sis. Marie Leuthold, Sis. Frieda Strahm (with pneumonia), and ministering Bro. Harvey Grimm, who is in a Topeka hospital with back complications. Sis. Ella Hartter was ill with the flu and a heart involvement.

James Moser is home, after spending two weeks serving in the Reserves at Ft. Knox, Kentucky. Joseph Rokey Jr. and Rudy Lehman, both stationed at San Antonio, Texas, have received orders for Europe.

What The Bible Means To Me

Do you read the Bible? Do you understand His sacred truth? (Acts 8:31) If you have a knowledge of it, do you find comfort in it? (Rom. 15:4) Is your life in harmony with Christ's way? (Luke 11:23)

Following are conditions of servitude in which men live who are NOT walking in Christ's way.

a. Living a carnal life, heart and thoughts and affections centered upon earthly things. (Rom. 8:7)

b. A form of religion and yet feel separated from God. (Mark 7:6)

c. Morals and good citizenship only aim in life. (Matt. 23:26)

d. Sin and vice and degrading habits impelling life's course. (Isa. 59:2)

e. Hypocrisy in men causing to be an unbeliever. (II Pet. 2:2)

f. Philosophy and science disturbing the spiritual view. (Col. 2:8)

If you are standing in the servitude of the above facts, then you should desire Christ's way.

Do you have a longing to walk in Christ's way and find the pathway obscured? (John 12:36)

Christ's way is the sure way. (John 14:6)

Christ's way is the possible way. (Matt. 11:28-30)

Christ's way is to receive an inheritance to the kingdom of God. (Luke 22:28, 29)

Christ's way is the way of the cross. (Luke 9:23, 14:27)

Would you like to know Christ's way? Christ's way is not attained of men, neither acquired by theological training, nor by inheritance, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ to one who seeks for truth and is upright in heart. (Gal. 1:12)

EUREKA, ILLINOIS

Cathryn Wettstein - Salome Walter

Our guest ministers have been Bros. Paul Butikofer and Bert Butikofer from Elgin, Edwin Bahler from Remington. Visitors are always welcome at any time.

Ned Kempf, aged 81, passed away at the Methodist Hospital in Peoria Aug. 27, after being a patient for 19 days. His funeral was held August 30 at the church, with Bros. Joe Zimmerman and Leroy Huber conducting the services. Surviving are his wife Olive; a son, Ervin; three daughters, Mrs. Thurman Hinrichsen, Mrs. Edward Koehl, and Mrs. David Moser; two brothers and two sisters.

Loretta Kupferschmid, daughter of Bro. Wayne and Sis. Laura, was united in marriage with Allen Leman, son of Bro. Vernon and Sis. Viola, at the brides home, on Sept. 4. Bro. Leroy Huber performed the ceremony. The new couple will live in Champaign. May God bless their married life.

On Wednesday evening Aug. 17, our friend Georgia Cawley was given her chance to give her testimony before the congregation. Bro. Leroy Huber conducted the proving. On Sunday, she and a friend from Roanoke were baptized by Bro. Huber.

Bro. Vernon and Sis. Viola Leman are happy to be called "Grandpa and Grandma". Mr. and Mrs. Gene Leman have a baby girl, born August 18. Her name is Jill Christine. They live in Dennison, Iowa.

Sandra Mooberry and Ervin Knecht are announcing their engagement. He is the son of Bro. Fred and Sis. Emma Knecht.

Our Sunday School has begun again, after a month of vacation. Each class has moved to the next room, and we start out with a new group of four-year-olds. May God be ever present and help each teacher, so that these children may all learn something that will be a benefit to them as they grow older. Perhaps only a small seed will fall into their hearts, while they are still tender, and will some day spring forth and grow. It makes me think of the song in "Hymns of Zion", number 73.

FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

Joyce Huber

Sis. Nancy, daughter of John and Martha Roth, has accepted God's call for teaching American classes to the children of the Ehnles and

other children in Shioda, Japan. Nancy has been teaching in elementary grades at Wyanet the past 2 years. When she learned about the need of a teacher for these children, Nancy said she prayed about it, knowing that it would mean giving up some things, but an opportunity to do something for the Lord. After further reading in the Bible and prayerful consideration, the Lord spoke to her: "Why don't you do what God wants you to?" So Nancy was willing to accept the position, in answer to the Lord's calling; and we know that whatever is the Lord's will, the efforts will be blessed.

Harvey and Janice Schieler gave their testimonies and were baptized Aug. 7.

We praise God for three more turning to the Lord in repentance: Donna Schieler, and Bud and Sharon (Moser) Kelson. May God help them all to grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord.

Visiting ministers this month were Bros. Leroy Huber, Donald Sauder, Sam Kilgus, Clarence Kachelmuss, and Richard Schupbach.

Sis. Elizabeth Kilgus, age 86, passed away, after being taken to the hospital the same day. Her husband, Bro. Fred, preceded her in death. Surviving is a daughter, Mrs. Clara Bender.

Sis. Catherine Roth passed away, after being ill for 5 months. Surviving sister and brothers are: Sis. Anna and John, Fairbury; Bro. Sam, Morton; Joe, Peoria; Ben, Calif; and Bro. Harry, Ariz.

The engagement of Bro. Warren Hartman and Sis. Louise Menold of Peoria was recently announced.

Bro. Terry Zimmerman arrived home, after being discharged from the army.

MORTON, ILLINOIS

Rose Getz — Ruth Rapp

Sis. Miriam Fritz and Bro. Charles Sauder of Tremont were united in marriage August 7. Bro. Russell Rapp officiated. They will make their home in Elgin, Ill.

Our visiting ministers were Bros. Joe Aberle of Sabetha; Phil Sauder of Cissna Park; Dan Koch of Tremont; Dave Kieser of Princeville; LeRoy Huber of Eureka and Jack Broquard of Fairbury.

We had a blessed Sunday when Bro. and Sis. Robert Baum, Leanne Bertschi and Larry Oberlander were taken into the fold. Bros. Noah Schrock of Oakville, Silas

Leuthold of Princeville, Richard Schupbach of Phoenix and Eugene Bertschi of Roanoke served.

Funeral services were held August 27 for Sis. Amelia Kuntz Rein, age 69. Surviving are her husband, Bro. George; her son, Melvin, and a brother, John Kuntz of Burlington, Iowa. Bros. Russell Rapp and Noah Schrock officiated.

Funeral services were held August 31 for Sis. Rachel Belsley, age 76. She was a daughter of Bro. Jos. and Sis. Lydia Gerber Belsley. Her only immediate survivor is Bro. Jos. B. Belsley.

Announcement has been made of the forthcoming marriage of Sis. Kayleen Rumboldt, daughter of Sis. Beulah Rumboldt, and Bro. Ronald Heiniger, son of the Arthur Heiners.

Bro. Otto Berchtold is a patient in the Methodist Hospital in Peoria, as also is Sis. Clara (Mrs. Sam) Grimm. Sis. Marie (Mrs. Levi) Schock had major surgery at the St. Francis Hospital in Peoria.

We welcome Bro. and Sis. Robert L. Fischer of Oregon, who have moved to Morton. Their new address is 317 E. Fernwood.

OAKVILLE, IOWA

Martha Steiner

Friends Fred and Joyce Weyrick are the parents of a baby boy, Christopher Lee. He has one brother.

Bro. Adolphus (Doss) and Sis. Bertha Lee Massner are the parents of a baby girl, Marlys Lee. She has a brother David. Little Marlys is staying in the hospital until she grows a little more.

Friends John and Joan (Heiniger) Gerst were honored at a wedding reception at the home of the bride's parents on Sunday, September 4. They will make their home in Burlington. Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Heiniger and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Gerst.

Friend Billie Heiniger has been announced for proving and baptism. Her husband, Larry is the son of Bro. Harvey and Sis. Leola Heiniger of this congregation. We rejoice for each one who can find the way to salvation while the day of grace is yet here.

Bro. Elmer Bucher from Francesville spent the day in Oakville on Sunday, August 7. We appreciate those brothers who lend themselves in the preaching of God's word.

Our new Sunday School teachers are as follows: Bro. Edwin Banwart

superintendent, Bros. Hartzell Schmidgall, Conrad Gerst, Robert Lanz and Myron (Sonny) Schulz. Helpers are Bros. Al Wiegand, Mark Grimm, John Steiner, Eric Massner and Bob Frank.

VALPARAISO, INDIANA

Mrs. W. A. Jacob

Mrs. Harry Bucher

What is Prayer?

Prayer is asking a God who replies; Prayer is seeking for help 'bove the skies.

Prayer is knocking till Christ opens the door;

Prayer is believing in the faith, nothing more.

Faith unlocks the door;

God answers prayers . . .

I know not by what methods rare,
But I know God answers prayer.
I know not when he sends the word,
That tells us fervent prayer is heard.

I know it cometh soon or late;
Therefore we need to pray and wait.
I know not if the blessing sought
Will come in just the guise I thought.

I leave my prayers with Him alone,
Whose will is wiser than my own.

Friends Edward and Caroline Lester have their first child, a son, Edward Charles, born Aug. 10. This is the first grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. Dillar Ames Sr.

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Ruth Ricketts—Anna Marie Baer

Sis. Elizabeth Kieser is carrying around a cast, since breaking a bone in her foot going down a step in her home. She is able to get around with the aid of crutches.

Elizabeth Ann Riley, daughter of Kenneth and Marian Riley, and John Wieland, son of Walter and Margaret Wieland, were married August 14. On August 21, William Streitmatter, son of Bro. Harold and Sis. Anna Streitmatter, and Diana Baer, daughter of Alfred and Katherine Baer, were united in marriage by Bro. Silas Leuthold. We wish both young couples the Lord's blessings and will be very happy to have them continue to worship with us.

Annette Joy was welcomed August 23 into the home of Bro. Floren and Sis. Twylla (Stoller) Streitmatter and little brother Wayne.

At 4:30, the morning of August 26, Sis. Mary Begner talked to her

daughter-in-law, where she had made her home for the past nine months. A little while later she was found to be asleep in the Lord. She was a dear soul, and although she found her Lord in her later years, was very concerned that she would reach a safe end and set a good example for those who cared for her. Our local ministers were in charge of services, held August 29. She was laid to rest beside her husband, in the church cemetery.

Bro. Emil Lauber is recovering from recent surgery and hopes to be released from the hospital soon.

Sunday School has been resumed, after a few week's vacation. We were very pleased to see so many young folks with us, and hope they will all find it worth while to assemble with us each Sunday, for there is no better place to spend a Sunday morning.

Bro. Silas Leuthold has received so many cards and well wishes, and had so many prayers uttered for his behalf. He wishes to express his sincere thanks to all. It is truly gratifying to know so many people are concerned for one, and he feels God surely answered prayer, for he feels so well.

Many of our young people are returning to school, and we are especially concerned for those who will be leaving their homes to attend college. There are so many things taught that we hope our young people will not forget the simple teachings they have learned at home. I once heard a story of a young man who left home. Upon leaving, his parents reminded him of their family worship, and said that they would be praying for him every night at the time they had family worship. The young man went his way. After some time, some other young men tried to entice him to go with them to undesirable places. At first the boy started to go, as he didn't want them to think he was different. On the way he heard the town clock strike the hour, and he knew his parents were having family worship. He stopped and told the boys he was going back, as he couldn't go with them. We can be thankful he listened to his parents and had the grace to follow their instructions. May we all listen and follow what we have been taught.

I often think of another instance told me when a very young child, concerning prayer. A good many years ago lived a family who was

very poor, but very devoted, believing sincerely in prayer. One day there was nothing to put on the table to eat, and the children wondered why it was any use for them to sit at the empty table and pray. All bowed their heads as father asked the blessing. There was a tap on the door and when it was opened, there stood the neighbor with a basket with food for them. Doesn't that increase one's faith and belief in prayer?

AKRON, OHIO Florence Graf

Bro. Charles Novotny reports that the collection of clothing for World Relief cause was quite successful. He and Bro. Alex Bako took the clothing to Kidron, Ohio for further distribution.

Bro. Joe Schrock, Congerville, visited us and left us with many good teachings. He cautioned we should beware of falling away from the true faith. The chapter of Jude is a good warning to all of us.

The annual Sunday School picnic was held on August 20 at Camp Mingo in Metropolitan Park.

Several Girard young people and Bro. Lorentz and Sis. Caroline Emch from Girard joined us for a day of fellowship.

Paul Ritzman, son of Bro. Forrest and Sis. Marie Ritzman, is presently serving with the Army Reserves on active duty at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina. We wish Paul the Lord's guidance and protection each day.

Rudy Graf and Jean Hoffman of Wadsworth were married recently. Rudy has concluded a thirty-day leave with his parents, Bro. Rudolph and Sis. Betty Graf. Rudy and Jean have gone to Norfolk, Virginia where he will undergo further training with the Seabees. We wish them both God's blessings in their future life together.

BLUFFTON, INDIANA Delutha Moser—Carolyn Gerber

Bro. Gary Schladenhauffen, son of Bro. and Sis. Everett Schladenhauffen, has left for active duty with the U.S. Army.

Shut-ins: Sisters Helen (Alvin) Gerber and Emma Isch; Bros. Sam Maller and Carl Kipfer.

Births: Sept. 2 a son, Chris Allen to Bro. Keith and Sis. Nancy Honegger; Aug. 15 a daughter, Joan to Bro. and Sis. Doyle Frauhtiger; Aug. 6 a son, Greg Edward to Bro. and Sis. Herman Baumgartner.

Weddings: On Sept. 4, Sis.

Sharon Schwartz was united in holy matrimony to Bro. Dick Meister. Parents of couple are Bro. and Sis. Ervin Schwartz and Bro. and Sis. Lester Meister (of Ft. Wayne).

God, give them length of days to live together
Upon this earth; and lend them grace, we pray,
To keep in dignity and peace and splendor
This bright new house that they have built today.

Friends Betty J. Steffen and David E. Smeltzer were united in marriage during the past month. Parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. Clarence Steffen and Mrs. Betty Smeltzer.

Rejoice! Another dear soul was added to the precious fold last month—Carol Maller, daughter of Bro. Melvin and Sis. Berniece Maller.

A Value of a Smile

It cost nothing, but creates much.
It enriches those who receive, without improverishing those who give.
It happens in a flash, and the memory of it sometimes last forever.
None are so rich they can get along without it, and none so poor but are richer for its benefits.
It creates happiness in the home, fosters good will in a business, and is the countersign of friends.
It is rest to the weary, light to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, antidote for trouble . . .

BRADFORD, ILLINOIS Mrs. Loris Kieser

Our only visiting minister has been Bro. Dave Kieser of Princeville. We are grateful to him for coming.

Our congregation has been blessed with three new arrivals:

A daughter was born to Bro. Ed and Sis. Verla Ehnle. Three brothers and one sister welcomed little Rita Kay.

A son was born to Bro. Walt and Sis. Iola Feucht. Timothy Alan has four sisters and one brother.

Their first child, a daughter, was born to Bro. Don and Sis. Delores Duckworth. Sis. Delores has reentered the hospital and is very ill. Denise Kay is doing fine. We pray that this young mother can be re-

stored to health, if it can be the will of God.

Peace

Peace came to me one day—after much praying—as I was at work in a large office. Over 150 people worked in this same room. All of a sudden, I seemed all alone in that room, and when I realized what I was doing—I was singing aloud—I Have the Peace that passeth understanding down in my heart. I trust I can always retain peace, that one day I might enter that Heavenly home.

MORRIS, MINNESOTA

Mrs. Herman Schaefer
Mrs. Otto Schaefer

Sis. Shirley Koehl, daughter of C. O. Koehl was united in marriage to Bro. Dennis Kellenberger of Lester. Bro. Leo Moser officiated. We wish them God's richest blessings.

Two of our dear friends have turned from the world and have given their hearts to Jesus. They are Sharon and Carolyn Sauder. We believe that even the very angels in heaven are rejoicing with us. We want to wish them God's grace and blessing.

Our dear loved sister in faith, Sophie Luthi passed away at the age of 91. She leaves to mourn, two daughters and two sons: Sisters Anna Fehr, Emma Feuchtenberger, George Luthi and Alfred Luthi; and many grandchildren. Sophie has been a child of God for many years, and was a very good light to all of us. She will certainly be missed.

We tarry in this blest and tranquil union,
And thus united speak the farewell word.

Ye loved ones now, the parting hour is nearing;
The farewell greeting sounds in one accord.

Our hearts are yet in close communion beating;
In Jesus' name we bid the farewell greeting.

These words were sung in our congregation for two dear families. Bro. and Sis. Lou Messner and family have moved to Phoenix, and Bro. and Sis. Albert Koehl and family to Morton. We will certainly miss them, and hope they will visit us often.

Bro. and Sis. Wayne Schmidgall have heard from their son Neil; he is serving in Viet Nam. Bro. and Sis. Alvin Nohl's son, Alvin Jr. is

serving in Viet Nam. Please take it upon yourself to write to these boys. You owe it to them.

Visiting Morris were Elder Bro. Herman Kellenberger, Elgin, and Bro. Noah Gerber, West Bend.

CROGHAN—NAUMBURG, N. Y.

Mrs. Lawrence Farney
Mrs. David Schamback

We rejoice to announce that we have in our midst those who have found peace with their Maker and are awaiting baptism.

Hospitalized at present is Bro. Erban Farney. Altho still critically ill, he shows slight improvement. On Saturday, Sept. 3, Bro. Erban and Sis. Irene (Schleider) were to have observed their Golden Wedding anniversary with an Open House for relatives and friends at their home. The event, arranged by their children, was cancelled when he became ill on Tuesday of that week. Bro. Erban and Sis. Irene were married Sept. 6, 1916 and have four children and six grandchildren. Altho he has been in ill health for the past year, he has been able to attend church services regularly.

We have enjoyed the fellowship of many visitors. Among them were Bros. Edmund Kloter and Joseph Schrock. We enjoyed Bro. Schrock's pictures and comments on the Holy Land, as well as the messages the brothers brought to us. The resurrection and the fulfillment of the prophecies were emphasized.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Louise Steffen
Katie Kachelmuss

A guest minister in our midst was Bro. Gus Scheitlin; we were glad to welcome him, after a long absence in our church. We received many good teachings, one which was so impressive. Bro. Gus said that he remembers the olden days when we had no electricity, but had to use oil lamps. These lamps had to be kept cleaned and filled so that they would give a clear light, but this task was not put off until night. It was usually done the first thing in the morning, and had to be done everyday . . . So it is with gathering oil and keeping clear and bright our spiritual lamps, one should not wait until night comes, when it will be too late and the lamps will go out. May we all take a lesson from this and be ready when the Bridegroom comes.

Ezra Eisenmann was hospitalized with an infection in his foot, but is

home again and getting along satisfactorily. Bro. Charles Huber was hospitalized for surgery and is at home and able to assemble with us again.

Sis. Emma Gudeman is in the hospital and very ill. May God be with her and all the sick and ailing, make their lot bearable, ease the pain and suffering, and give them grace to keep the faith in Him, the kind and loving Father of all who put their trust in Him.

We recently selected Bro. Paul Weiss as a new Sunday School teacher to take the place of Bro. Tom Leman, who has fulfilled his term. We wish Bro. Paul God's grace and help in his new duties.

FORREST, ILLINOIS

Martha Stoller — Nancy Honegger

"Budded on earth to blossom in Heaven" can well be spoken of little Scott Zimmerman, age 7. He passed away at the Fairbury Hospital on Aug. 21, after an illness of 7 weeks. Many hearts went out in sympathy to his parents, Bro. Allen and Sis. Carolyn.

We too, as plants, are nurtured by all things in life, whether fair or stormy. When the scorching testings come, a believer sends his roots of faith deeper in the springs of salvation. It was evident that Bro. Al and Sis. Carolyn could here find the strength to carry on in their time of sorrow.

Scott also leaves three sisters, Shelley, Cinda and Holly, and one brother, Kent . . . also his grandparents, Bro. Louis and Sis. Louise Zimmerman, and Bro. Eli and Sis. Bertha Leman, Morton. Bro. Art Gudeman conducted the funeral services.

Larry and Cynthia Kaisner have given their hearts to the Lord in repentance. We trust they will find much joy in their new walk of life.

We hope the families who have recently moved to our community can feel the welcome we would like to extend to them. Bro. James (Nick) and Sis. Jean Ricketts, formerly from Topeka, Kansas, are now here. Bro. Nick has employment with General Telephone Co. out of Pontiac.

Bro. Earl and Sis. Esther Gerber, with their five children, Wayne, Kathy, Alan, Sandra and Patricia, are also here. Bro. Earl is employed at Honegger Farms.

Bro. Bill Kupferschmid and Sis. Alma Jean Schmidgall, who were hospital patients, have returned to

their homes. Sis. Luella Sohn is a medical patient at the Fairbury Hospital. Sis. Lizzie Geyer is also hospitalized, following a light stroke. We are thankful that it appears that she will make a complete recovery.

Richard Kupferschmid, son of Bro. Bill and Sis. Nettie, has been inducted into the armed services and is presently stationed at Ft. Sam.

Bro. Don and Sis. Velda Hish have a new baby boy, Trent Morgan.

Our annual subscription renewal for the Silver Lining has been announced. Bro. John and Sis. Beverly Eisenmann are in charge of all addresses and donations. They inform us we have approximately 100 names on the mailing list from this congregation.

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

Annabelle Bahr—Marie Zaugg

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Carter are parents of a baby daughter, Sheryl Jean, born Aug. 14 at Wichita. Mrs. Carter is the former Carol Sinn, whose parents are George and Sophia Sinn from here.

Our youth group and several sponsors spent the week-end of Aug. 13-14 at Forest Camp Park, Topeka. Bro. Wendell Gudeman, Francesville, showed where our World Relief Funds are going and what they are doing. It made one feel very thankful to be living where we are. Bro. Wendell reminded us that it is by the grace of God we are such a fortunate people to have had God-fearing parents and live in a land of plenty. Do we really appreciate our blessings?

We were blessed with the visits of ministering Bros. Eli Somerhalder, Burlington, and Lester Braker, Lamar. We thank them for coming and hope they will visit us again.

Our young people going to college are Don and Lon Banwart and Charles Sinn to Ft. Scott Junior College, Tom Sinn to Kansas University at Lawrence, Betty Sinn to K—State at Manhattan, and Joyce Sinn to Emporia State Teachers College.

Bro. Will Sinn has returned home from the Santa Fe hospital at Topeka, and he says he is getting along just fine.

"Prayer is the sincere desire of the soul, unuttered (God knows our very thoughts) or expressed (he hears our every word).

This has been given me by Bro.

Jake Pfister:

There's a holy high vocation
Needing workers everywhere;
Tis the highest form of service,
Tis the ministry of prayer.

In these days of tribulation
Wickedness pervades the air,
And the battles we engage in
Must be won through fervent
prayer.

There's no weapon half so mighty
As the intercessors bear:
Not a broader field of service
Than the ministry of prayer.

Are you longing for revivals
In the good old-fashioned methods?
We must use old fashioned ways
Which have always been to pray.

Do you long to meet the Saviour
And your loved ones in the air?
You may hasten Christ's returning
By effectual fervent prayer.

FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA
Mrs. Herman (Chris) Wuethrich
Mrs. Edison Gutwein

There is always something to be thankful for, and among the many things, we have our hospital shut-ins back with us Bro. Richard Streitmatter, Sis. Helen Eshleman, Sis. Valera Culp and Bro. Ronnie Anliker.

What a joy it is to have so many young folks get together for our annual Sunday School picnic. It is held at our town park, and parents and grandparents, too, are invited to partake of our food for soul as well as body.

A baby son brought much joy to Bro. Fredrick and Sis. Madeline Gutwein, and Suzanne his sister—age 2.

Another family blessed with a son are Earl and Liz Anliker. Baby Douglas has a brother David—6 years and a sister Debbie—4 years.

We appreciate the efforts of our elder brothers to spend an evening and have services with us, such as Bro. Noah Schrock did Sunday evening.

The evening before our dear Sis. Marie Neihouser departed for her teaching duties in Japan, we had a fellowship hour after our regular mid-week services. It was hard for us to see her leave, but trust the Lord will protect her until she can again be with us. Mail will be as welcome to her as it is to our servicemen: Miss Marie A. Neihouser,

422 Shioda, Ichimiya-Cho, Higashi Yatsushiro-Gun, Yamanashi-Ken Japan.

GIRARD, OHIO

Jesse C. Emch

Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile. Psalm 32:1, 2

Friend Margeret Tochtenhagen was hospitalized for 12 days for special treatment. Bro. Ernest Hafely is in the St. Elizabeth hospital, Youngstown, O., and Bro. Carl L. Emch is in Youngstown Hospital, North Side. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

Friend Jim Emch, son of Bro. and Sis. Harold Emch has returned home, after spending a year in England as an exchange student. We are all glad to see his smiling face again.

During the month of August we had visitors from Akron, Rittman, Toledo, Bluffton, Congerville, Forrest, and Waukegan.

Visiting ministers were Bro. Joe Schrock, Congerville, on Aug. 14, and Bro. Joe Ramsier of Rittman. I feel quite sure all present were blessed beyond measure, as we could listen to the God-inspired messages. May God bless them for ministering to us. We welcome all to visit us again.

On Sunday Aug. 14, supper was served in the church dining room and following, Bro. Joe Schrock showed the pictures of their trip to the Holy Land. Many were present to see them and expressed great appreciation for this privilege.

Step by step the work pertaining to our new church building is being completed. On Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of this week, several members and friends took part in seeding the ground around the building.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Mrs. Rudy Bahr

Mrs. Eldon Metzger

I failed to report that Bro. Martin Beyer completed his year's course at the Flint Hills Vocational Tech. School.

Bro. Martin and friend Ralph Rodgers took their army physicals.

Certainly God answered our prayers—Bro. Loren Strahm was hospitalized at Emporia and then went to Wichita, preparing for surgery. They found surgery was

not necessary at this time; he was treated, and returned home shortly afterwards. Sunday he was back with us in church.

We want to thank Bro. Wendell Gudeman for his stirring message and for the effort he and his family made to show us World Relief activities. As Bro. Sam Anliker expressed, after the pictures were shown, "None of us has reason to complain." On our ride home and getting ready for bed, our grade school children were disturbed at seeing the poverty and illness of the children, as they discussed and asked questions. Various times they've heard, "Don't waste your food—there are some children in the world who are starving"—now, after seeing, there is meaning to the admonition. Our 6th grader said, "I felt ashamed when they told how neatly they write and how respectful the school children are."

Many of my Sunday School class viewed the pictures, and they have mentioned something about them . . . and how thankful we are not to have witch doctors, etc. Here we are with our automatic washers and dryers, feeling they are a necessity; and here they are, many with not even clean water to drink—let alone wash with! Makes one wonder—how come and why—yet right here in prosperous America there are sections and places of poverty and need. Are we giving just the crumbs we don't want . . . building elaborate houses, driving fancy cars, wearing fine clothes? May the good Lord direct us, that we may build a lasting treasure that will "impress" God—instead of the "Joneses."

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Gloria Bachtold

Summer school and post session have come to an end. As we look back on those days, we can't help but ask God to bless those dear servants who helped us forget our studies and problems, by taking their precious time to minister each Thursday night.

On August 4, the last session of Bible Class for summer school was conducted by Bro. Nathan Steffen from Elgin. He read from Colossians I and reminded us that if we stay close to God, Satan cannot conquer us. He likened this closeness with God to a wheel. The spokes are the children of God, and the axle is God Almighty. If we remain close to God as do the spokes to the cen-

ter of the wheel, we can easily commune with God. He taught us that faithfulness begins with the small things in life.

On August 18 Bible Study was not conducted. The following Thursday evening, August 25, Bro. Robert Grimm from Congerville ministered with us. He opened to St. Matthew 9, and pointed out that with faith we can overcome any obstacles which confront us. Our duty is to believe the word, because God said it is the truth. We shall believe only what God teaches us in His precious word.

The last session of Post, on September 1, was conducted by Bro. Schrock. He spoke on several topics, such as marriage, and places in the word where it refers to Christ as being the Son of God.

May God bless all these servants for their efforts. On September 15 our first Bible Study will be held for Fall Term. We are looking forward to seeing all our fellow students again.

The following was written by a girl at college. Instead of returning to her home for the week end, she remained at school to study for tests that were coming up the following week. The apartment was empty; her two roommates had gone home. It was Sunday night. She felt depressed, so she decided to call home. After talking to her loved ones, she sat down and wrote this to herself. It shows her deep feelings at the time and reveals how God is so important in her life.

"There have been times that I could see myself happily spending my life alone in an apartment in some nice city. Right now I pray it will never happen. I'm afraid I would go out of my mind. I can't stand this empty feeling of helplessness. No one to turn to. Everyone is so far away from my reach.

I called home, but finally ran out of things to say. I didn't want to cut off this simple voice communication with those whom I love and know love me. So I hesitated—wanting to "hang on", if only for a few seconds longer, just knowing that blessed breath is still at the other end of the line so many miles away, and yet so close. Then a click. All is quiet and cold and empty again. I'm left to myself to search and pray and trust that someone will hear me. My only anchor and comfort is my faith in believing—knowing—the Lord has me close within His grasp.

First, I must dial His number—the Bible—and if the connection are as He requires, He will answer me through the line—in His precious Book. There is an answer to loneliness. Perhaps it only takes a firm trust in the Lord, only believing I'm **not** alone. Just as I can still hear the warm, friendly voice from home, I can hear the sweet, comforting voice from my precious Saviour, who is now in my precious abode to be.

Oh that everyone could get "connected" up with this mighty Receiver. Tears of loneliness turn to tears of joy. "BE NOT DISMAYED WHATE'ER BETIDE, GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU."

Susan Kupferschmid

LAMONT, KANSAS

Glen Anliker — Mrs. Bernie Emch

Our spiritual lives were again uplifted when Bros. Wendell Gudeman, Francesville and Arthur Gudeman, La Crosse, visited and spoke the word of God to us.

Bro. Wendell showed the slide's of Haiti. When we see the conditions that exist there, it most certainly makes us thankful for what we have.

Bro. Arthur gave instructions and encouragement to our children. I believe he made them feel they are wanted in the church and are a part of us. Along with many other teachings he left, an outstanding one was about prayer.

When we pray and God does not fulfill our wishes—Then God's answer could be "No". Maybe it wouldn't always be good for us to have what we prayed for.

Sis. Clara Ott is again able to assemble with us, for which we are thankful.

I would like to correct my last month's writing. I stated that Mrs. Felter Young passed away at the Golden Age rest home. She passed away at the Burlington County Hospital, where she had been a patient 4 days. She was in the Golden Age Rest home 44 months.

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA.

Mrs. Gus Weltz
Miss Della Witschey

The weather has a tinge of fall, leaves are beginning to turn colors, and it looks as tho' we may have an early fall. We have had many good rains and the terrific heat of the summer has passed.

The services at the country church are being well attended. The

work at the Monroe church is progressing nicely. Within a short time they will be holding services in their very much improved building. We have been in it and admired it from every point; it is really very beautiful.

Those attending services at the country church on August 7 included Frances, Freda, Esther and Irene Kipfer from Bluffton. On August 21, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Steffen and son Earl of Fairbury, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Furrer and children Julia and Sammy from Wolcott; Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Emch of Girard.

Miss Pam Emch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Emch, left on Labor Day for Lima, O., where she will be employed.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Thomas of Niles, O., Mr. and Mrs. Ray Williams from Akron, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Riggenbach of Paden City were among many who attended the Limestone Homecoming on September 4.

James Wade of Cleveland spent the Labor Day week-end here with his family and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Wade.

Michael Edward Barth, a great-grandson of Mrs. Emma Barth, has finished his training. He left on Labor Day for a three-year duty with the Air Force, Frankfurt Germany to be his first stop, and then on to France.

John Robert Bland, a grandson of Mrs. Elizabeth Riggenbach Isinghood is in the Navy and will leave within a short time for Viet Nam.

A family dinner was held on Saturday, August 27 for Mrs. J. W. (Bill) Emch, for her 80th birthday. Her two granddaughters, Becky and Pam surprised her with an open house, following the dinner. She was very happy for both occasions.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Witschey and daughter Sally of Charleston, W. Va., visited on Labor Day with his father, D. S. Witschey and family.

Mrs. Elizabeth Witschey Hawkins underwent surgery in Wheeling the last of August and has been able to be returned to her home.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Williams of Akron spent the Labor Day week-end with relatives.

PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Emily Tanner

Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

We're thankful to God that Jackie Koehl, daughter of Bro. Jack and Sis. Laura Koehl could repent. An-

nouncement was made for proving and baptism in the near future.

Dedication of the new Apostolic Christian Home was held Sunday August 30, with quite a few in attendance. Our ministers had the service.

Bro. Richard Schupbach from Phoenix and Bro. Noah Herman from Tucson were in our assembly. We thank the Lord for the many teachings and blessed evening services we could experience.

Nancy Lindo and James Thomas, son of Bro. Alfred and Sis. Anna Thomas, were united in marriage August 6. They are living in Peoria.

United in marriage August 7 were Sis. Laretta Haerr, daughter of Rudie and Sis. Lena Haerr of Taylor, and Bro. Bruce Schafer, son of Bro. Amos and Sis. Marie Schaffer. After a trip to Alaska, they plan to live in Chicago.

The engagement and approaching marriage of Sis. Louise Menold and Bro. Warren Hartman of Fairbury was announced.

Announcement has been made of the engagement and approaching marriage of Judith Kay Musselman, daughter of Bro. Howard and Sis. Ella Musselman, to John C. Fisher Jr., whose parents live in Midland, Texas.

A son, Nathan Matthew, was born to Bro. Curtis and Sis. June Zuercher August 25. A son, Mark Alan, was born August 30 to Rodger and Kathy Leman. Maternal grandparents are Bro. Walter and Sis. Ruth Knepp.

A son, Dale Lynn, was born to our friends Leon and Eunice Kaisner on August 31. Leon and Eunice have turned their hearts to the Lord in repentance.

We welcome to our assembly Bro. Harry and Sis. Loretta Eisenmann and their children, Michelle, Patricia and John. They moved here from the Burlington congregation.

Hilda Fischer had the misfortune of having two toes cut off in a power mower accident. Half of another toe was mutilated and had to be amputated. She is home now and recuperating nicely.

Sis. Wilhelmine Baurer broke her wrist in a fall. We're glad she is able to assemble with us again.

Prayer, Peace and Hope, My Personal Experience

My first most meaningful prayer was the Sunday night when conviction of my sinful life and my unsaved soul disturbed me. I realized the

time to do something was now. I wanted so much to repent, but didn't know how to go about it. Only prayer with God can reveal how to make a beginning in this most important step in your life. My parents stepped out of the house and I was alone. When they came home, perhaps after an hour or so, they found me on my knees. My Dad opened the Bible to Colossians 3 and asked me to read it. What a wonderful message. That same night my parents took me to see Bro. Carl Rassi, who was serving as our elder. How thankful we can be for God-fearing parents and for faithful brothers who are willing to serve God and to whom we can make confession of all our sins and feel the burden lifted somewhat. There was a constant prayer in my heart and lips to "Please show me the way" and for forgiveness. Peace came into my heart while I was on my knees praying.

Isn't it a wonderful plan of salvation, that sinners can seek the Lord in repentance and that our sin debt was paid by the shed blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ? We can never thank Him enough for this. In everyday life, I fail and come short so often, but the Lord is still gracious and forgives, if we ask Him to. A most important phase to remember in prayer is, May Thy will and not mine be done. My hope is to remain in God's grace, ask for His guidance each day, always thanking Him for all His wondrous love and compassion He showered on me. When the day comes that He calls His children home, my earnest prayer is that He will find me worthy to enter the door of that eternal home in heaven.

TREMONT, ILLINOIS

Josephine Schaefer

Visiting ministers who served us recently were Bros. Silas Leuthold, Princeville; Noah Schrock, Oakville, Noah Gerber, West Bend; Bob Grimm, Goodfield; Noah Herman, Tucson; Ed Hohulin, Goodfield; and George Wagenbach, Princeville. We thank them for their messages and pray that God will ever give them grace to continue to proclaim the word boldly, for as the hymn writer says, "Though man might reject His word, The truth remains forever."

We are grateful that the hospital confinements of Sis. Lila Moser and Jeanise Martin, daughter of Bro. Richard and Sis. Aldene, were brief.

They have again been able to assemble with us.

On August 7, Bro. Charles Sauder and Sis. Miriam Fritz were joined together in holy matrimony in Morton.

Charlotte Wagenbach was married to Bill Metzger of Lester, at the home of her parents, Bro. Simon and Sis. Louise, on August 21.

The marriage of Sis. Mary Sauder and Bro. Ted Staker of Morton was solemnized on August 28.

Louise Michel was married to Gerald Martin of Princeville on Sept. 4.

We wish for all these newly-married couples the blessings of God as, together, they walk the path of life.

Bro. Ray and Sis. Barbara Moser are the parents of a new son, Paul Eugene, born August 25. Tim August was born on August 28 to Bro. Elmer and Sis. Darlene Kaeb. How fortunate were these little ones to have born into God-fearing homes. Surely God will hearken to the prayers of loved ones for these children, and the blessings of God will follow.

God truly answers prayers. Do any of us really doubt this? Surely none do who have felt the peace of God cleanse their guilt and sin-laden heart, who can testify of the mercy of God, and have found Him a source of help in every need.

Does Satan come to you, in this day when men have little faith, and cause you to doubt that God really hears your prayers? Perhaps you may have prayed, but it seems that your prayers were not answered.

Sometimes the answer to our prayers is "No", for sometimes we ask for that which would not be good or which would be against the will of God. Sometimes He wishes to teach us patience. We must wait, sometimes even a very long time for the answer.

The Bible contains many instances of answered prayer—when it was God's will to grant what was asked of Him. In Isaiah 38, we read that when Hezekiah was sick unto death; he pleaded with the Lord that he might live. God hearkened unto his prayer, and 15 years were added to his life.

There are many, many other instances of answered prayer. Perhaps one of the most stirring is found in Acts, Chapter 12. Peter was in prison, "sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison." God, moved by the un-

ceasing prayers of the church, sent His angel to Peter. While the guards slept, the chains fell from his hands and he walked out of the prison.

We can see that God can and will answer prayer, but sometimes God wants us to help Him answer our prayers. While looking through some articles from the Silver Lining which were published almost twenty years ago, I came across an article written by Bro. Fred Grimm, which very aptly illustrates this point. He writes:

"The story is told of a small boy who had often heard his father, a rich farmer, pray for the poor, but he never saw his father giving anything to help them. One day after the father had again earnestly prayed for the poor, the small son said, 'Father, I wish I had your corn crib.' 'Why?' asked the father. 'I'd help the Lord answer your prayer,' answered the child."

Let us, as the Bible directs, "Pray without ceasing", for if God so desires, He can and will provide a way that our prayers can be answered.

WINTHROP, MINNESOTA

Delores Messerli

Carol Ann Messner

We rejoice with the Howk family. Welcome home, Kenneth. He returned from a tour of duty in Viet Nam. Our prayers were answered.

Bro. Herman and Sis. Della Kellenberger and Bro. Henry and Sis. Sarah Kellenberger spent an evening with us. Many gathered for fellowship at Bro. Leo Messners. They are formerly of here, and related to many of us.

Bro. Noah and Sis. Laura Miller and family of Minneapolis spent a week end here. They attended the wedding of their son, Tom, to Margaret Trebelhorn of Winthrop. On Sunday, Bro. Noah ministered to our congregation. Our yoke is easy when we do what the Lord wills, but hard to bear when we do not follow His way. We redeemed ones have hope eternal of heaven, no matter what our lot on earth may be.

SABETHA, KANSAS

Mrs. Joe Steiner

The engagement of Sis. Carol Metzger to Bro. Douglas Moser of Rockville was announced Aug. 7.

On August 13, nearly 200 of our youth and their sponsors from the Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma churches gathered at Camp Forest Park in Topeka for their annual Youth Fellowship.

On Saturday evening, Bro. Wendell Gudeman from Francesville showed pictures of Haiti and reminded us all of how fortunate we are to live in a land of plenty. Bro. Wendell also had the Sunday afternoon service at the Camp, which was well received. We enjoyed having Bro. Wendell and his family with us for this occasion, and appreciate their willingness to come and serve us.

Those of us from the Bern and Sabetha congregations who could not attend Youth Fellowship also were privileged to hear Bro. Wendell, as services were held Sunday evening, August 14, at Sabetha.

On Aug. 21, we were again privileged to have Bro. Arthur Gudeman of La Crosse as our guest minister. He and his wife were accompanied by Bro. Jim and Sis. Marlene Ramseyer and children from Bay City. Bro. Jim and Sis. Marlene had visited us many times while stationed at Ft. Riley. We thank them all for their visit, especially Bro. Art for ministering unto us.

LESTER, IOWA

Emelie Knobloch

Among the ill: Sis. Emma Leuthold has been hospitalized for a broken hip. She had surgery, but already has been in a chair a little while. Bro. Jacob Metzger is improving from his back injury, but is still hospitalized. Bro. Edwin Knobloch was a surgical patient. Bro. Robert Metzger suffered painful injuries to his index finger, injuring it in a mower. Bro. Ted Gerber has been able to attend services again. Fred Traub was taken to a home at Sioux Falls, S. Dakota. It is believed he suffered a stroke. We wish all the ill God's blessings, so they may endure the lot they are called to bear.

Births: To Bro. and Sis. Dale Metzger July 28, a son, Kurt Dale; to Bro. and Sis. Alfred Knobloch Aug. 31, a daughter, Carla May; to Bro. and Sis. Eli Metzger Sept. 1, a son, Joseph Dean.

Kieth Metzger has been discharged from the service. Lonnie Feucht and Leroy Kellenberger were home on furlough.

Our Sunday School resumed, with the beginning of the school year. Bros. Franklin Moser, Dennis Warner and David Tuelbel were called to fill the vacancies, due to the passing of Bro. Kenneth Moser and the rotation of Bros. August Knobloch and Raymond Feucht. It was decid-

ed upon rotation for the sisters, to Sis. Donna Moser takes over the duties of Sis. Paulina Knobloch. Bro. Wilbert Knobloch is superintendent for the coming year. We had very good attendance the first Sunday, with many visitors (who attended the Metzger reunion on Saturday). We hope the children will enjoy the teachings and receive blessings in another year.

MANSFIELD, OHIO

Aaron A. Sauder

Life's journey finished, tired and worn
Beaten from battle and strife—
Still so much work left undone,
But the Master called: and I slipped away—

My sons.

Fleeting years all past, threescore and ten
With borrowed time all spent—
Still so many victories for Christ not won,
But the Master called and I slipped away—

My sons.

Oh what joy, what peace, what rest is mine.
Oh what sleep divine.
Oh the victory I have won just since
The Master called, and I slipped away—

My sons.

Have faith, take hope and pray,
look up, until with eye
So clear and soul so free,
With a heart so peaceful you too will hear
The Master call, and slip away—

My sons.

The above poem, written by his son Edwin, was read at the funeral of Bro. Ben Dotterer on August 22. "The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away." Psalm 90:10. Bro. Ben Dotterer lived beyond the fourscore years; he had reached the age of 81 on March 11. On the afternoon of August 19, he told his wife he didn't feel well, and went to his room to lie down. Just a few short hours later, the Master called and Bro. Ben slipped away. He will be greatly missed, but his friendliness to all and the many acts of love and thoughtfulness, which he was al-

ways doing in his quiet way, will be remembered by us all—family, friends, neighbors and congregation. Our sympathy is extended to his wife, Sis. Elizabeth Bucher Dotterer; sons, Bro. LaVern, Bro. Edwin, and Arthur; eight grandchildren; sisters, Martha Laukhuf and Caroline Dotterer; and brother, Isaac Dotterer.

We also extend our love and heartfelt sympathy to Sis. Sue Sauder (Mrs. Kenneth), whose father was killed in an airplane crash on August 16; and to Henry Enderle, whose brother died unexpectedly on August 21.

Jesus knows thy sorrow,
Knows thine every care;
Knows thy deep contrition,
Hears thy feeblest prayer.
Do not fear to trust Him;
Tell Him all thy grief.
Cast on Him thy burden;
He will bring relief.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Witschi are the parents of their third child, a son born August 9.

"O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good . . ." Psalm 118:1 We are indeed thankful that our son, Bro. Charles Sauder is convalescing satisfactorily at his home, after undergoing back surgery. Both Charles and his wife Marcella wish to express their thanks, for all the prayers which were offered and the many cards and other tokens of love received during and since his stay in the hospital.

Joe and Esther Sabo were hosts to the soldiers' reunion, held in Mansfield the week end of August 28. We enjoyed visiting with the former servicemen and their families, who worshipped with us that Sunday, and appreciated the messages brought to us by Ministering Brothers Elmer Witzig of Gridley, Edwin Alt of Cissna Park and Norman Stoller of Ft. Wayne.

We have been richly blessed this past month, when the following ministers visited and proclaimed God's word: Bros. Ben Hartzler, Francis Rother, Sam Aeschliman, Rudolph Graf, Noah Bauman, Theo. Beer and Forest Ritzman.

BREMEN, INDIANA

Mrs. Robert Hueni

Bro. Robert Klopfenstein has been very ill the past two weeks. He is somewhat improved now, but still very much in need of your prayers. He is in St. Joseph Hospital, Mish-

awaka, Indiana.

Bro. Robert and Sis. Marie's son, Don Klopfenstein, has been discharged from the Navy, after serving several years. He and his wife, Judy, are now living in Indianapolis, where he is pursuing schooling in the dental field. Judy is teaching school. We're looking forward to seeing them more often now.

Bro. Dan Germann has left the hospital and is living with his sons in the Bremen area.

The following poem was written after a trip out West last summer and certainly expresses the author's faith, and expectations of heaven.

Handicraft Divine

All the heavens tell His glory;
Stars uncounted in the sky
Shine throughout unnumbered ages,
Stand as symbols grand on high;
Suns and moons and stars and planets
Hang suspended far in space,
Some at distances astounding.
God alone each course can trace.

All the splendor of the forests
And the vastness of the sea,
And the grandeur of the mountains
All proclaim His Majesty;
Every flower, each so varied
In its exquisite design,
In its color and its fragrance
Shows a handicraft divine.

These are but the silent symbols
Of the splendor of that land
Which awaits all those that love Him
And who follow His command.
Grandeur such awaits in heaven,
All according to His word,
That no eye has ever witnessed
And no ear has ever heard.
Bertha Annis

CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

Mary Young - Margaret Rudin

Hospitalized were Mark Alt, son of Bro. and Sis. Ed Alt; Cora Kaufman; and Sis. Helen Lackey. They all had surgery. May the Lord comfort and heal according to His will. Remember those who are ill in your prayers.

Visiting ministers the past month were Bros. Fredrick Knapp and Irwin Lehman and their company. We are always so thankful for the inspiring messages.

We could again feel the mercy and the love of God, when Sam Drayer could give testimony and

was baptized the following Sunday, Aug. 14. We are thankful the Lord calls the youth, middle-aged and even in threescore and ten. May God give grace to witness for Him.

Bro. Charles and Sis. Wilma Walder are parents of a boy, born Sept. 7.

ELGIN, IOWA

Mrs. George Butikofer

Even though according to our calendar fall does not begin until the last of this month, even now we behold hints of autumn; the coloring of the maple leaves, the appearance of the blooms on our hydrangea shrub and the plaintive song of the bluebirds, as they find members of their family preparatory to the southward journey. We have been blessed with a bountiful harvest of hay and grains, so have much for which to be thankful.

Karla, daughter of Sis. Elizabeth Moore is hospitalized at the Methodist Hospital at Rochester, Minn. because of a hip joint injury. We hope she will be home real soon.

Sis. Celia Butikofer, who suffered a broken leg some time ago, is getting along very well; fact is, she was able to attend church services last Sunday, inasmuch as she now has a walking cast.

Sis. Bertha Pulfer spent a few days in the hospital as a medical patient, but is now recuperating nicely, and was able to assemble with us. We are happy for her improvement.

Bro. Albert Butikofer and his bride, Sis. LaVerne, have returned from their trip to Rockville, Bay City and a few other points. They will now reside on the old Butikofer homestead. His mother and sister, Sisters Marie and Ruth are moving to a new home in Elgin. We wish the newlyweds the best. May Jesus ever be their silent guest and God the head of their home.

Bro. Earl Banwart from West Bend, very graciously read and expounded the Scripture to our congregation the Sunday when Bros. Bert and Paul attended their brother's wedding at Eureka, Aug. 7. We appreciated Earl's presence.

George Schupbachs, who have had two sons in the service of our country, left Tuesday evening for California. They are taking Johnny out there. He will soon be going overseas, while his brother Bob's term is now terminating. It so coincides that the Schupbachs will be able to bring him home with them

from California. Bob has served overseas as a marine. Johnny has had a thirty-day leave at home. It was a real treat to have him in our Sunday School and church assembly again. May God ever keep him from harm.

We were blessed with company from Eureka, Oakville and Quincy. Bro. Wm. Cottrell was one of the group. He expounded the good word to us. We appreciated having him with us. Truly the word is as a compass.

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Mary Eisenmann — Marge Gerber

Recently the children and I were singing a little song called "Farewell to Summer"—The past few days have certainly reminded us how fast summer time is fading away, and of how soon fall will be here. Is this not true also in our spiritual life? It seems there are many who are swiftly fading from this life into eternity. We know not when that time will be for us.

Does God answer prayer? Just last Sunday we were reminded of the faith of our forefathers, as found in Hebrews chapter 11. This chapter and especially the first verse, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" was the answer to my prayers when I was considering my marriage proposal. I opened "The Book" with a prayer on my lips that my answer could be found, and God revealed that it took faith to accept what He had in store for me.

I can still remember my Grandfather Pfleiderer telling of "how important it is to always remember and hold fast to the time when you receive peace"—Surely, I will never forget how the dark clouds that hung over me were lifted and a great brightness came. This happened one afternoon as I carried a glass of water down the hall of the hospital where I was in nurse's training to a dear sister-in-faith. Surely one is often taken back to that time, when Satan comes to try and tempt us. Here again was the answer to my prayers, as to whether I should continue in my chosen work to become a nurse.

What can be more wonderful and consoling than the HOPE of a home in heaven with our Heavenly Father, when this life on earth is over!

We are thankful to the brethren from Bremen, who were in charge of the monthly singing. May the

Lord ever bless those who come and take part.

Funeral services were held for Sis. Carrie Keidel on Thursday afternoon, August 25. She passed away on Monday morning at the Lutheran Hospital, where she had been a patient 5 weeks. Bro. Sam Aeschliman was in charge of the services, assisted by our local ministers. We sympathize with her husband, Alf, of 5724 Winter St., and others of her family who mourn her passing.

Our congregation was again saddened when death came so suddenly, of a heart attack, to Clarence Eisenmann, 918 Loree. Funeral services were held on Saturday morning, August 27, by our local ministers. His wife, Helen, survives along with a host of other relatives and friends.

For The Little Time We're Here

There's a matter I've often given thought,
Deep and rather sincere,
Can't we treat each other more kindly
For the little time we're here?

How can we waste one single hour
On malice, envy or hate,
When even a day or an hour from now
To amend it may be too late?

Life is at best but a shadow
Across the face of the sun.
How can we then spare time to make
Sorrow for anyone?

On the sloping hills past the city's gates
Lies many a one, I fear,
Whose lives might have been vastly different
For a little kindness here.

We surely wish to thank Bro. Andrew Virkler of Bay City for his inspiring messages brought to us on August 28. We invite him and his family to come and visit us again, whenever the way is open.

Bro. Richard Meister and Sis. Sharon Schwartz of Bluffton, were united in marriage by Bro. Sam Aeschliman at Bluffton on Sunday, September 4. May the words spoken ever be remembered by them, as they walk this life together. Their address is as follows: Houser's Mobile Home Park & Sales, Lot 58, 3939 North Clinton, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Bro. Dan Blume recently moved to the Lawton Nursing Home. His

address there is Lawton Nursing Home, 1649 Spy Run, Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

We wish to extend a hearty welcome to two families who have moved to our community: Bro. Lyle and Sis. Stoller and their two sons moved their trailer from Taylor to Moeller Road Mobile Home Ct., 6008 Moeller Rd., Lot 99, Ft. Wayne, Ind. 46806. Bro. Stanley and Sis. Connie Clauss and their daughters, Marilyn and Jennifer, moved from Chicago to their home at 221 W. Creighton, Ft. Wayne. May the Heavenly Father ever bless them in their new work and their presence in our little church.

GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS

Marian Wiegand—Edith Tanner

We have two new baby girls in our congregation. They are Jana Lynn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Hunzicker, born August 2, and Elizabeth Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rokey, born August 27.

Bruce Hohulin, son of Bro. Lawrence and Sis. Laura Hohulin, has been sent overseas and is now stationed with the armed forces near Nurnberg, Germany.

Among the many teachings given to us by visiting ministers, Bros. Uriel Gehring and Noah Herman, were these gems for thought:

"After our life is over, regardless of the wealth accumulated while here, we will occupy the same amount of space—a mere plot of ground 4' x 9'."

"The same sun that hardens the clay will also melt the ice."

"The Bible has 66 books, written by 36 authors and was written over a period of 1600 years."

Our thanks to Fred Grimm for his article, "Why read the Bible." We can surely feel that the day of grace is still with us . . . But for how long? I hope none of you readers missed this most informative message, inspired by God.

JUNCTION, OHIO

Mrs. Alvin Manz — Mrs. Ben Manz

"Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.—St. John 6:54. These words were read to us by our elder, Bro. George Sinn, in services preceding communion recently. We were cautioned to search our own hearts, lest we partake of the Lord's Supper unworthily. We should judge ourselves each day and re-

pent of our mistakes, for this brings us true happiness in the Lord. He also reminded us that **coming** to the Lord, by His death on the cross, any one who asks in faith believing, can have eternal life and the promise in verse 54, a gift from God, the Father, through His Son. We surely enjoyed hearing Bro. George, and appreciate his love. Truly it was a blessed day with much food for the soul.

LA CROSSE, INDIANA

Joanie Heiniger

Our Sis. Mary Rinkenberger and Bro. Byron Schrock were united in Holy matrimony this past Sunday. When they arrive home from their honeymoon, their home will be in Champaign, Illinois. We had visitors from many churches at the wedding, including Bros. Joe, Noah and Jesse Schrock.

Our Friends Carol and Melvin Heinold, are parents of a baby boy. They named him Perry Wayne.

PORTLAND, OREGON

Mrs. Edward Unsicker

We miss Marlise Miller, who has gone to Altadena for awhile, but we hope she'll be back soon. Bro. Joe and Harriet Reber and son, Ben, have gone to California. Even though we miss them so much, we praise God that, whether here or there, we can "Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;" Col. 4:2. How wonderful that He is never weary with our continual coming, but rather gives more grace in proportion to our needs.

The first Sunday of August it was announced that our son, Tom, has found peace with God and desires baptism. Praise God from whom all blessings flow, the most priceless of which is salvation in our precious Saviour, Jesus. We can only stand in humble awe when we see God's mighty Spirit deal with our young people in these days of unbelief and mad rush for pleasure. We are so helpless, but how we praise the Lord that He is "able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think . . ." Eph. 3:20.

Young believers in high school and college, accept the apostle, Peter's counsel to "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ". The apostle Paul said, "Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may ap-

pear to all." Surely **this** is a time when every one of us must **stand up for Jesus**, "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit", Eph. 6:18, and meditating in His law (Word) day and night. Psalm 1:2

RITTMAN, OHIO

Ella Mae Trent

A philosopher once described earth as a prison, man as a prisoner, God as a judge, and God's judgment as a trial in which man has no foreknowledge of the extent of his guilt and the severity of his sentence. Through the comparison the writer reflects pessimism, a weariness with life, an unconverted state, and a fear of the future. It is true that man does not always know the extent of his guilt nor can recall all the actions he has committed which are offensive and sinful before God. However, through the reading and hearing of the word, a convicted person will acknowledge that he is guilty, and will beg God for mercy and forgiveness for sins known or unknown. Our court system records every offence, and keeps the record for a lifetime. One is able to commit the most vile offence as an unconverted person and still have the past erased into the sea of God's forgetfulness. Although the scriptures do not define the exact penalties for the commission of particular sins, the word does reveal the type of punishment any unconverted person can expect. The Christian lives with a hope in his heart that the promises for a faithful servant will come into fulfillment.

Richard Marty, son of Bro. John & Sis. Pearl departed for Viet Nam. Bob Blough, son of Bro. Willard and Sis. Anna entered the service. We would wish both God's protection.

A daughter, Melanie Sue, was born to Galen and Cheryl Indermuhle; Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Vera Indermuhle welcomed a daughter, Diane Kay.

Hospitalized were Bro. Joe and Sis. Emma Maibach and Sis. Linda Zollinger, for surgery. Also hospitalized were Bro. Noah Bauman, Dale Steiner, Terry Blough, Sis. Ida Winkler, Bro. Herman Ingold, and Bro. Charles Marty.

We welcome Bro. Dave and Sis. Mary Malitch into our fellowship.

William Patterson was announced to our congregation as having peace. We look forward to accepting him into our brotherhood.

ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT**Carlton J. Lanz**

Guests from various churches, numbering approximately 200 (including children) were present here on Sunday August 14, to celebrate a soldier brethren reunion of those who had served at Ft. Sam Houston earlier. The fellowship, so precious to us, was warm and sincere. Handshaking and the renewing of friendships and acquaintances could be observed and felt everywhere. And in the auditorium with so many fine strong voices of the visiting song leaders, and all assembled, participating—the singing of the beautiful hymns was magnificent. Dinner was served in the church dining room both on Saturday and Sunday—about 500 on Sunday. All present, we believe, thoroughly enjoyed the day and, as a final suggestion, the parting hymn, "Beloved Brethren, Fare Ye Well" was sung at a standing ovation to our departing visitors.

Sis. Lena Trueb died at the Rockville General Hospital on August 17, a patient of two weeks. Born in Zurich, she had lived there nearly all her life, coming to this country only seven years ago. She is survived by two brothers, Jacob of Rockville and Gottfried of Switzerland; five sisters, Sis. Hanna, Hermine, Louise (Schneider), Bertha (Keller) of Rockville, and Mrs. Herman Stahlof of Zurich. She was 70. Services were conducted by Bro. John Bahler, assisted by Bro. Ernest Luginbuhl, offering prayer. Burial was at Ellington.

Bros. Edward Lanz of Oakville and Edmund Kloter of Fairbury spent a few days here with relatives and friends, both serving us nicely in words of admonitions, warnings and comfort. This was Bro. Ed. Lanz' first visit since being named to the ministry. The families of both brothers accompanied them here.

Bro. Douglas Moser, spending his summer vacation here with his parents, has returned to U. of I. to continue his courses of studies. Bro. John Isch, here for the past two months in medical training, has returned to his home in Bluffton. These two months seemed to have passed so swiftly. We think of a hymn, where it reads "Meeting kindred-minded souls is reviving, humbling and enlivening." This is so true!

Bro. Ben Hartzler of Rittman, in his messages to our congregation

on Sunday spoke of the evil times and the great deception that could so easily undermine the Christian's faith.

SARDIS, OHIO**Mrs. Ruth Headley**

This summer has been a very encouraging and blessed one for our small congregation. There has been much progress made on the remodeling and renovation of our church building. It is now nearly finished, and we are looking forward to assembling in it to the Lord's praise and honor. The entire building was refinished, and a lobby entrance was added to the front.

Doris Indermuhle has felt the need of God and the church, and she will be taken into the brotherhood sometime in the near future.

Friends John and Paula Figel are the parents of a son. We wish for them and Andy God's richest blessings. They are stationed with the Army in Ft. Hood, Texas.

Leaving for college this month will be Bill Brake, Ken Indermuhle and Doris Indermuhle. They will all be at Kent State University.

Many of the volunteer laborers have stayed with us for week ends also. It is our hope that each will be blessed for his efforts.

TOLEDO, OHIO**Mary Ann Weigele**

Otto and Emma Baer of Uberlingen, Germany have been visiting their children in Toledo most of the summer, and now are returning home. On their return they are stopping to visit the Auberle family in Rockville. We have enjoyed getting to know them and hope they have a safe trip home.

Beverly and Frank Grant have a new son, David Franklin, born Aug. 28. His sister, Julie Lynn welcomes him.

Ministering brother Edwin Ringger and several others from Gridley visited us on Aug. 28. Many blessings were received from the messages he brought.

One of our sisters was telling me of her experience, and I would like to share it with you. "When a loved one became seriously ill, I couldn't even pray that she get better, but only that **Thy will be done, Lord.** I had the faith to believe that He would give the needed strength to meet whatever was ahead. A short time later the Lord called this loved one home. The comfort, strength, grace and peace from above was far

greater than I ever expected possible." This is just another example that, if we but trust in Him, will always provide.

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA, ILL.**Ben Blunier**

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer. How wonderful that God, the Father stands ever ready to welcome and answer our prayers, with Jesus at his right hand interceding for us. Do we exercise this divine privilege enough, or are we often unnecessarily burdened with everyday worries and anxieties. May we learn more each day to take our burden to the Lord and leave it there.

Bros. Russell Rapp, Morton, and Leroy Hartman, Peoria, ministered to us this month. We thank them for their messages. Truly the word of God is food and drink for our souls. How spiritually refreshed and strengthened we feel after a Sunday in church.

Attendance has been good at services all summer, probably averaging about fifty. Now we look forward to much larger attendance again as the new school year begins, and hope that every friend will assemble with us at our bi-monthly Sunday services and semi-weekly Bible Classes. The pressures of college life are great. The firm foundation of God's word, church services, fellowship, are much needed.

Sunday services are at University YMCA at 10:00 a.m. and noon, the first and third Sundays each month. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Bible Classes at the Illini Union Building every two weeks, beginning September 21, October 5, 19, etc.

Princeville and Remington are scheduled to provide ministers (Sundays) in October; Chicago and Burlington in November.

CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS**Lorna Schrock — Jeanette Knapp**

We are grateful for the visits of several ministering brothers, during the past month. They are Bro. Mike Weyeneth, Peoria; Bro. Dave Kieser, Princeville; Bro. Loren Stoller, Latty; and Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss, Forrest.

Several in our congregation were hospitalized recently. Mrs. Clarence Miller; Steve Knapp, son of Bro. Jerry and Sis. Nancy; Jack Miller, son of Bro. Walt and Sis. Erma; and Sis. Doris Knapp, daughter of Bro. Ben and Sis. Elsie, all spent some time in the hospital

and are now at their homes again. Jake Miller is still in Methodist Hospital, receiving physical therapy. Mardell Grusy, 11-year-old daughter of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Minnie, has rheumatic fever. Although she can continue going to school, her activities have been restricted.

Duane Miller, son of Elmer and Ruth Miller is home on leave, waiting for orders to go to Viet Nam. He has been stationed at McCord Air Force Base in Washington for several months. Our prayers go with him as he prepares to leave.

United in marriage on Sept. 4 in La Crosse were Bro. Byron Schrock and Sis. Mary Rinkenberger. His parents are Bro. Joe and Sis. Esther Schrock. The marriage ceremony was performed by Bro. Noah Schrock. We with them a happy and blessed future together. They will be at home at 716 S. Broadway, Urbana, Ill. where Byron will be completing his studies at the University of Illinois.

We were asked to write something about prayer, peace and hope. A song came to my mind entitled "Jesus Whispers Peace."

There is a name to me so dear,
Like sweetest music to my ear;
For when my heart is troubled,
Filled with fear,
Jesus whispers peace.

When grief seems more than I can bear,
My soul weighed down with heavy care,
And I am sorely tempted to despair,
Jesus whispers peace.

LEO, INDIANA

Mrs. Elias Souder

Our dear friends, Edward and Connie Frautschi have been announced to give their testimony, and if the Lord is willing, to be baptized and taken into the church. This week they plan on going to Lafayette, Indiana to Purdue University, where Edward will finish his senior year.

Quite a number of our young people from Sunday School visited the Toledo church and Sunday School on the 4th of Sept. An enjoyable time was reported.

Sept. 4 being the first Sunday of the month, the two rest homes at Leander were visited.

Marie and David Bertsch marked their 25th Wedding Anniversary last month. Many relatives and friends called to give them their best

wishes.

Dr. Leon Stoller, son of Caroline and Harry Stoller, is our first servicemen recently. He is expected to be moved to Ohio soon.

Word has been received that Mrs. Sharon Schlatter Hepler is improved from her illness and back to work, nursing at the U. of Michigan Medical Center.

Cora Levy remains very ill at a Ft. Wayne Nursing home.

John Bollier Sr. is also very ill at the Parkview Hospital in Ft. Wayne.

Dean Stoller spent several days at the same hospital with a virus.

Elias Souder was taken to the Lutheran Hospital in Ft. Wayne and is being treated for a virus infection.

September has been selected as an annual time for the Leo people to pay the Silver Lining dues. Bro. Lynn Klopfenstein is in charge of this collection.

ALTO, MICHIGAN

Loretta and Myrna Steffen

A daughter, Jeanine was born on July 29 to Arlan and Darlene Overholt. She is welcomed home by two sisters.

Bro. Ben Maibach spoke of God's word to us. We are thankful for visitors and the wonderful fellowship which is ours in this precious faith.

The Mansfield Sunday School Class spent the week end of the 21st with us.

Prayer, Peace and Hope

"Have thine own way, Lord,
Have Thine own way!
Thou art the Potter;
I am the clay.
Mould me and make me
After Thy will,
While I am waiting,
Yielded and still.

Have Thine own way, Lord,
Have Thine own way!
Search me and try me,
Master, today.
Whiter than snow, Lord,
Wash me just now,
As in Thy presence
Humbly I bow.

Have Thine own way, Lord,
Have Thine own way!
Wounded and weary,
Help me, I pray!
Power — all power
Surely is thine!

Touch me and heal me,
Saviour divine!

Have Thine own way, Lord,
Have Thine own way!
Hold o'er my being
Absolute sway!
Fill with Thy Spirit
Till all shall see
Christ only, always,
Living in me!

The doctor told us that our baby boy was very sick and possibly would not live. When we went into the hospital nursery, we knew the doctor meant what he said.

Our darling Sammy was laying in a coma; his breath was rasping, he was having spasms and being fed through the veins. We ached to watch him, and ached at the thought of losing him.

When we knelt by our bedside in prayer, we knew not what to pray . . . But mercifully the Lord has promised to hear even our sighs and groanings.

With grace from Him we prayed, "Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way." we knew the Lord answers all prayers. What, in years to come, would we pray if we had tried to persuade the Lord to change His plan? Now we knew that what ever would happen would be His will.

Sammy died that morning. Only parents whose children are in Jesus arms could understand the loss we felt.

Yes, we grieved. My little sister said, "If Sammy is happy in heaven—then why are you crying?" The only answer we could give was that we were sorry we couldn't be there, too.

We couldn't wish him back to earth again, where war, sin and sadness would confront him . . .

But we pray for grace to be found faithful, that we may meet when our journey on earth is over.

On the way home from the funeral, a wonderful peace and calm and almost happiness came over us. In the sky we saw that all the clouds have silver linings.

Yes, have Thine own way, Lord,
Have Thine own way! we pray.

BURLINGTON, IOWA

Dorothy Taeger—Verna Woodward

How sweet the privilege of prayer! In our conversations with the Heavenly Father, we can tell Him of all our problems, our temptations, our failures and our wishes

and desires. In answer to our fervent prayers, God can speak peace to our souls. Through prayer our faith is made stronger, so that we can hold fast to the marvelous hope, that after our life here on earth is ended we will inherit a home in heaven. The dearest thing that we possess here cannot be compared to the reward that shall be ours, if we remain true and faithful till we reach the end of our journey.

We counted it a great privilege to have had Bro. Arthur Gudeman with us on Sunday, August 14. He shared with us so bountifully the gift of God's word, revealed through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Quite a number of the Oakville congregation worshipped with us at the evening service.

Our congregation bade a fond farewell to Bro. Harry and Sis. Loretta Eisenmann and their family, who left Burlington to go to Peoria, where Bro. Harry has accepted employment. We wish them God's richest blessings in their new home.

It was necessary for us to choose a new trustee to replace Bro. Harry. Bro. Lloyd Massner was elected to serve the remaining two years of Bro. Harry's term.

The annual picnic for our Sunday School was held Sunday, August 28.

Little Matthew Pohl, son of Bob and Sis. Joyce, was hospitalized with pneumonia. We are happy to say that he has recovered nicely.

GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

Lydia and Eunice Kammerer

Bro. Henry Kilgus from Forrest assisted Bro. Gramm with the proving and baptism of Susan Stoller, on the 20th and 21st of August.

Wednesday evening Aug. 31, Bro. Kilgus and Bro. Joshua Broquard came to assist Bro. Gramm in serving Holy Communion. We were happy to see Sis. Judy Witzig, who who is in a cast due to an automobile accident, able to take Communion with us.

Announcement has been made of the engagement and approaching marriage of Bro. Ray Meiss, from Gridley, and Sis. Kathryn Rother of Morton. Ray is the son of Sis. Lena and the late Bro. Peter Meiss, and Kathryn is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Tony Rother.

Our visiting ministers the past month were Bro. John Yergler from Bluffton, Bro. Henry Wackerle, Bay City, and Bro. Ernest Graf, Akron.

Bros. Jerome and Bruce Witzig, who have been on leave from Ft. Sam Houston, have returned to report for duty. We wish them, as well as all the brothers and friends in the service, God's grace and help to carry on.

Sis. Ernestine Kauffman, who was hospitalized for some time, has been able to be in our midst again.

Sis. Naomi Grusy was a hospital patient for a few days.

Lula Schlipf, who underwent surgery at Mennonite Hospital, is recovering nicely. We hope before too long she will be able to be up and out again.

Carol, the four-year-old daughter of Robert and Sis. Marilyn Hany, was hospitalized for several days with an intestinal malfunction. Carol has had surgery for this previously, and we sincerely hope she will not have to go through that ordeal again.

Friend Ella Cargill and her daughter Dixie suffered injuries in an auto accident near Detroit and are hospitalized in that city. Elma Lou Schlipf, who accompanied them on the trip, fortunately escaped with cuts and bruises, and returned to her home by plane the following day. Elma is the daughter of Bro. Emil and Sis. Ella Schlipf.

We held our first practice of the season for our once-a-month Sing-spirations. The singings are held the third Sunday of each month, with a visiting group from other congregations to sing for us on these occasions. We welcome anyone who wishes to join us in singing or listening. It is an evening well spent. Those in charge of the Sing-spirations this year are: Bro. Paul and Sis. Wilma Zehr and Bro. Alph and Sis. Carolyn Stoller. Bro. Arthur Gramm is the choir director.

Bro. George and Sis. Louise Gramm, accompanied by Bro. Joe and Sis. Salome Schlipf, spent Sunday the 11th of September in Ft. Sam Houston, where Bro. Gramm held services for the brothers and friends who are stationed there.

Sunday School classes opened on Sunday, Sept. 4. Bro. Edward Gramm is our new superintendent. He reports the enrollment as follows: Bible Class—54, Sunday School—127, Cradle Roll—36; Total—217.

LAMAR, MISSOURI

Marie Marti

"And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this

is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me." I Cor. 11:24. In accordance with this, our congregation was privileged on Aug. 4 to again partake of holy communion. We were blessed to have Elder Bro. Sam Anliker here for the occasion. It always renews our faith and causes us to feel more humble. It lifts our spirits and gives us a more fervent desire to walk more closely to God.

Bro. Wendell Gudeman visited us and presented pictures, showing people and places which are being helped by our contributions to World Relief.

Sis. Marie Stewart has been hospitalized, for medical attention. We pray that God will be near her, and that she will soon be feeling better.

MILFORD, INDIANA

Marguerite Hoerr

The sympathy of our entire congregation is extended to Sis. Emma Krauter whose son, James M. Clayton, passed away quite suddenly at the age of 39 years. Jim had been in regular attendance at our church services recently, and we miss him. Bros. Theo. Beer and Walter Stofen conducted his services. He survived by a daughter, Mona Carol Brown, who resides in Warsaw, Indiana.

An impressive ceremony united in marriage Judy Beer and Bob Kitson, on August 21 at the home of the bride's parents, Bro. Maurice and Sis. Betty Beer. Bro. Theo. Beer officiated. Bob teaches math and science at our high school, and they are making their home in nearby Ligonier.

It was pleasant to have Bro. Joe Beer home for a short while. He was on furlough from Ft. Sam Houston. He was driven back to camp by his folks, giving them an opportunity to spend more time together.

Youth Fellowship Day was held August 28 at nearby Camp Mack. The weather was bright, clear and warm, making the outside Sunday School and worship services very enjoyable. We implore God's blessings on this day, asking that our young people can continue to get together in such big numbers, meeting each other and still enjoy spending the day giving honor to Him in their services.

Bro. Glenn and Sis. Kate P... enjoyed celebrating their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary recently, and Bro. and Sis. Andy and Bertha Beer their sixty-first! We

ask God's continued blessings on both of these couples, that they might enjoy many more years together.

Bro. Elmer Hartter received some painful injuries recently, when he fell from a tree while trying to retrieve a toy for a little neighbor child. He was hospitalized briefly but is home again, resting and giving a badly broken arm time to knit. Sis. Flossie was permitted to bring him home on September 6, which made it possible for them to spend their thirty-fifth anniversary together. We wish them many more years together, spent in happiness and good health.

The family of Bro. Ezra and Sis. Louella Beer are making plans to honor them on their golden wedding anniversary with an open house for their many friends and relatives, on September 17. We are all looking forward to personally giving them our good wishes for continued blessings. Their life has been blessed together, as all of their children have turned their lives over to the Lord, and also some of their grandchildren. We would wish the same for all the rest of their grandchildren and great-grandchildren, for we know this is what they desire above all.

ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

Sara Aeschleman

Bro. Ben and Sis. Helen Fehr are the parents of a new son, little Matthew, who was born Aug. 10.

Bro. Bob and Sis. Jean Luginbuhl have a new son, Andy Lee, who was born Aug. 12.

Visiting ministers in our new church were Bro. Henry Wackerle from Bay City, Bros. LeRoy Huber and Walter Anliker from Eureka.

Sis. Joann Bertschi was taken into the fold on Aug. 21. We sincerely welcome her into the sheepfold. May our dear Lord and Saviour bless her further on this new pathway of life.

Thank You!

We would like to thank everyone for all love, cards, deeds and thoughtfulness extended by our friends, neighbors, and brethren during the long illness and loss of our beloved husband and father. They will remain with us as a precious memory. Our heartfelt thanks. May God reward and bless everyone. The family of Bro. Carl Sauder.

The Lord liveth and hath brought it to pass! Sunday Aug. 28 we as-

sembled in God's holy house on the prairie for the first time since June 19, 1964, when fire from heaven ignited a flame that completely destroyed our church house. The Lord had withdrawn His protecting hand from His church house, but not to the destruction of His spiritual house. Though sorrow and grief filled our hearts, another heavenly spark ignited the hearts and minds of members, children, friends and neighbors. Out of the ashes of destruction, through the flame of Jesus love has arisen a new church house, more beautiful, more glorious than before. Through the dark and misty days, days of soul-searching, pondering, wondering, God has instilled in our hearts a deeper gratitude, and increasing thankfulness for all His benefits daily showered upon us. God has forged a golden chain of eternal love, linking heart to heart more firmly, more wonderfully than we were before. Blessed be the Lord our God that hath given us priceless gifts! May we so walk in all His ways, by His grace keeping His commandments with a perfect heart: that all the people of the earth may know that the Lord is God and that there is none else.

On Sunday Sept. 18, we plan to have the entire Eureka congregation assemble with us, as a small memorial of thankfulness and appreciation for all the gracious love and kindness they have bestowed upon us. Preferring us and our children above themselves, they have with patience and charity served us, and administered to all our needs in assembly with them, Sunday after Sunday since the time of our loss. Our hearts are humbled by the true brotherly love and undeserved favor they have had for all of us. We pray that God will bless them richly with spiritual gifts and benefits, that will not only be for this life, but for eternity. May we never forget the debt of gratitude we owe our loved ones in Eureka.

Plans are now being made for a local or community open house on Sunday Oct. 16, out-of-town open house on Sunday Oct. 23, and dedication Sun. Oct. 30.

Written by— a brother-in-faith

TAYLOR MISSOURI

Mrs. Eli Sutter Mrs. Bill Heimer

Eleanor, daughter of Bro. Perry and Sis. Clara Yackley has been awarded a Fellowship and is attending N.E. Mo. Teachers' College at Kirksville, Mo. She is working for

her Master's Degree.

Bro. Stan Heimer, son of Sis. Naomi Heimer is attending Hannibal-La Grange College at Hannibal, Mo. for his sophomore year.

Sis. Sue Cottrell, daughter of Bro. William and Sis. Ruth Cottrell; Edra Gerst, daughter of Bro. Leslie and Sis. Sarah Gerst, Oakville; and Lois Doorneweerd, daughter of Sis. Karoline Doorneweerd of Lester have begun their nurse's training at Blessing Hospital, Quincy, Ill. Cheryl Hodel, daughter of Henry and Sis. Loida Hodel began her training in Practical Nursing at the same hospital.

We appreciate having Bro. Phil Sauder, Cissna Park, and Bro. Bob Grimm, Goodfield, visit us this month.

Bro. William and Sis. Ruth Cottrell took their son, Bro. Bill to St. Louis on Aug. 22, where he took the plane to California and on to Viet Nam, where he arrived about the 27th of August at Qui Nhon. He is attached to the ambulance platoon, and has gone with convoys to An Khe and Pleiku, where he hopes to see some of the brothers in faith who are stationed near An Khe.

We pray for the safety of those that are so far from home, and pray the Lord will supply all their needs for soul and body.

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA

La Verne Roth — Kathryn Miller

Bro. Ronald and Sis. Lois Allenbach and children returned home, after spending a year in Corvallis, Oregon where Bro. Ronald attended college. He is teaching in Kiowa, Kansas.

Bro. Larry and Sis. Millicent Frieden are parents of a son, Lindy John, born August 25.

We had the pleasure of having four visiting ministers this past month. August 11, Bro. Phil Sauder, accompanied by his wife, Sis. Anna, of Cissna Park, with Bro. and Sis. Levi Sauder, of Tremont. They were enroute to San Antonio. August 21, Bro. Richard and Sis. Barbara Schupbach and daughter from Phoenix. Sept. 4, Bro. Roy and Sis. Minnie Farney of Phoenix and Bro. Wayne and Sis. Pearl Miller and family of Ft. Scott. Bros. Roy, Richard and Wayne, were formerly from this congregation.

August 17 a meeting was held to discuss and make plans for World Relief work. Sis. Dorothy Brown was elected chairman and Sis. Alice Tanner secretary and treasurer.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA**Mrs. Joe Beer — Mrs. Ervin Rokey**

We have a rather large group of young people starting their college education. In this age, many people are realizing the fact that to attain a higher status in this world, one must continue learning. Although of course this is very important, we must not lose sight of the real reason we are put here on this earth, to work out our soul's salvation.

We pray that all of you that gain additional education will also gain the knowledge that, "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding." Proverbs 9:10.

Those that are going to college in the Valley are: Patsy Messner Phoenix College; Gary Messner, Phoenix College; Allan Roth, Phoenix College; Marsha Lemons, Glendale Community; Caroline Dotterer, Glendale Community; Steve Roth, Glendale Community; Loren Schrenk, Arizona State University.

Jerome Rockey has left our community to go to Woodbury College in Los Angeles, California. David Stevig is continuing his education in Chicago at Northwestern Medical School.

We will miss Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Mary Jo Schmidgall and their four children. They are moving to Winthrop. We wish them God's blessings in their new home.

Also leaving us are Sis. Marilyn Dotterer, who has accepted a teaching position in Alhambra, California, and Steve Lemons, who has accepted a position in Washington D.C. with the CIA.

We welcome a new family into our church, Bro. and Sis. Lou Messner and their children, who have moved here from Minnesota.

Hospital patients this month were Sis. Ora Schrenk (surgical) and Janet Klaus (medical).

Our congregation is happy to report that Caroline Dotterer, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Joe Dotterer, has answered the call of the Lord to repent. May God bless her in this most important step.

LATTY, OHIO**Mrs. Ray Sinn Mrs. Gale Stoller**

"Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice."

We have rejoicing in our congregation, as four more souls have found grace unto repentance: Raymond and Emma Stoller and Roy and Beulah Stoller. We wish them

much grace and strength as they travel the pathway to heaven.

But you will not mind the roughness nor the steepness of the way,
Nor the chill, unrested morning, nor the seariness of the day;
And you will not take a turning to the left or the right,
But go straight ahead, nor tremble at the cunning of the night,
For the road leads home.

In the hospital this past month was Mrs. Keith Stoller.

Mrs. Priscilla Riggenbach, 69, widow of Silas J. Riggenbach, died at home on Monday, August 29. Services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday in Crowell Den Herder Funeral Home, with George Sinn and Loren Stoller officiating.

We were blest with the ministry of Bro. Henry Beer of Milford at our Wednesday evening service Aug. 24.

Mr. and Mrs. George Keysor are the parents of a daughter, Laura Marie. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rager are the parents of a son, Eric David.

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. (Proverbs 22:6)

WICHITA, KANSAS**Mrs. Jackie Farney****Mrs. Ethel Smith**

On the evening of August 12, Patti Bowers was united in marriage with Gary Miskimon. Patti is the daughter of Bro. Milton and Sis. Lillian Bowers. We wish the young couple God's blessings on their marriage and life together.

Victor Thomas Wullschleger was born August 18 to Sis. Augusta and Bro. Arthur Wullschleger. Little "Vic" is welcomed home by six brothers and six sisters.

This month the thoughts were on prayer, peace and hope. As I read the letter, I was reminded of my own experience of receiving the peace of God in my heart. During my repentance, there came a time when I thought I had accounted for all my past deeds of wrongdoing. There was still one deed in the back of my mind that I didn't think would have to be accounted for. I tried to dismiss it, but I realized I had not received peace and probably would not until that deed had been corrected. As I was driving home after the mission had been accomplished, I suddenly burst into singing the following verse. "You ask

me why I'm happy, well I'll just tell you why, I'm glad—my sins are gone. And when I meet the scoffers who ask me where they are, I say—my sins are gone. They're underneath the blood of the cross of Calvary, as far removed as darkness is from dawn. In the sea of God's forgetfulness—that's good enough for me. Praise God! My sins are gone. I had never experienced such a wonderful, peaceful happiness. It seems I couldn't sing enough times to satisfy my joy. In our times of trials and tribulations, if we will look back to the time we received the peace and hope of God in our hearts, surely it will give us strength and grace to continue faithfully to the end.

Send the Silver Lining to some college student. Opportunities to invest? Why not try this. Use a complete array of investment opportunities in good things.

Gospel Hymns Revised 1-6. The schedule is revised. The printing completion, according to conversation Sept. 13, may be Sept. 20, 21. The work goes to another place for folding, trimming, binding. The time told was a week to 10 days for this.

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UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY August Mueller

We are glad to have Bro. Harry Frauhiger with us for about 4 months, until his term is completed. This is Saturday night. Another week is behind us, but the love and mercy of the Lord is still with us. We give thanks unto God.

We can not find a better place than the house of God. Everytime I enter the house I feel like Peter when he said, Master it is good to be here. Just to meet the members and

friends is a blessing. There is peace, contentment and sweet rest which cannot be found anywhere in this world.

Bro. and Sis. Ed Aeschleman were called home to Roanoke for the funeral of Bro. Carl Sauder, Sis. Nancy's father. He was laid to rest on Aug. 5. We should not feel too bad when one enters into rest. To live for the Lord pays the highest interest we can get anywhere. I will look up to the hills from whence my help cometh.

It is a blessing to read how the Lord keeps His promises. After Moses His servant died, He told Joshua, Moses my servant is dead. You have to take over now, but be not afraid; fear not. I am with you every day. I read one chapter in Joshua, and I found that the Lord kept His promise. Five kings conspired. When the Lord gives you something, nobody can take it away. Joshua went to war against these five kings and he smote them: They fled, and what did the Lord do? He dropped great stones from heaven. Joshua needeth more light, so he told the sun to stand still and to the moon in the valley Ajalon. They did. Joshua had light for two days, without night. The Lord never did this before or after. Many wonderful chapters are written in the Old Testament, where we can find how the Lord helped all that put their hope and trust in Him. Often He performed miracles.

Sunday the 21st . . . we had visitors from Rockville, Bro. Ernest Lugenbuhl and his wife. Bro. Ernest supplied us with food for our inner man. How wonderful that the Lord has messengers that are ready day and night to proclaim His word and do His will.

This morning I read about Jesus. He called that young man back to life. He had compassion upon his mother. He knew everything. He knew what time to be there, without anybody telling Him. He knew that He could do something to His Fathers' glory, and that the people there would believe on Him. We also were dead in sin and unrighteousness. We were on the way to eternal destruction, until Jesus came along and had compassion on us. He awakened us out of the slumber of sin and told us to arise. Then we were able to talk and to walk. We could see; we could hear and could believe on Him. The name of the Lord forever be praised.

Friendliness is a gift of God.

Death comes to everyone. Word just came to me over the phone that Sis. Sophie Keller passed away this afternoon at the high age of 94 years and 10 months. Sis. Sophie traveled a long road. She carried her cross. This afternoon she came to the end of the road; she entered into eternal rest. She laid down her cross at the feet of Jesus, and now no longer remembers all the suffering and pain that she endured while she was here on earth. **At home tis well;** there shall the pilgrim tarry, When tired and worn by sorrow grief and pain. In heav'n, when the hard race of earthly life is run, the long-borne load no more he'll carry.

Sis. Sophie was a hard worker all her life. I knew her since 1904; she was a member at that time. Her husband, Lebrecht passed on many years ago. They had eight children, six girls and 2 boys; five girls and one son passed on. The only survivors are one daughter, Sis. Minnie and her husband Arthur Cook, and one son William. She also has a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

All the tears that Mother Keller, as we called her, shed in this life—and they were many—will be wiped away by God, the Father. She has nothing to fear; her name is written in the book of life. Sis. Keller lost six out of her eight children. The first one was a girl 4 years old; the others were all married except one, Sis. Emilie. The oldest one, Sis. Albertina, who is at rest also, was married to John Rumpf, now residing in Rockville. Elder Bro. John Bahler and Bro. Ernest Gerber conducted the funeral service. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

**MY EXPERIENCES IN A
COMMUNIST PRISON IN
YUGOSLAVIA**

Bro. Heinrich Mueller

[Continued from Last Month]

During questioning, the German officers were treated terribly. They tied their hands and feet with wire, hung them up and beat them, forced them to confess that they had killed as many as 110 people even though that was not true. Then the verdict was for them to

be put to death. The German officers and soldiers who made no confession were beaten to death. Next to me was one who was condemned to die, although by this time the German government had already protested that from here on no one shall be put to death.

With me in my room was a general and six other men. The one next to me said, "Henry, when I heard the crying of those that were beaten, I promised myself that I would not cry, but when they tied me with wire and beat me, I cried out like a calf." This man was my German company officer and school teacher, with a family of three children. He begged and said he would be willing to sign anything, that he should write whatever is pleasing to him . . . But the man beat him again and told him he should confess, so he did and said he had killed 105. Then he was convicted to be put to death.

We were allowed by the police to celebrate the last two Christmas days until eleven o'clock at night. The generals and officers all received many gifts from their government. They were glad for them, and shared them with other poor and needy ones.

I took the opportunity of asking one of them if I would dare tell him something. "Oh yes," he said, "speak calmly and I shall listen." I then went on to say, "The true God has every heart in His hand and guides them like streams of water, and these streams of love over which you now so greatly rejoice have their beginning under the altar of God, and even floweth here amongst us behind the locked doors." I talked to them along this line, for which they were so glad. They stretched out both of their hands and expressed their hearty appreciation.

Here again I could see the difference between the unrestricted freedom and the place of suffering and sorrow. It seemed to be the place for those generals and King Peter's men. Before this, in their high and glorious standing and freedom, they probably could not have understood a poor and needy

servant of God. It was joyfully appreciated. One of the king's men said, "I do like the Psalms of David."

My heart's wish and desire is this, that we already in this time of freedom may think of the hour of darkness . . . So that the true God may accomplish that which can be useful even in time of distress, which is often necessary to make it possible for the LORD to talk to His children and to those who wish to follow into everlasting life. May it be possible for His Father hand to prepare us all for the life everlasting.

Also wish to tell you this, so that you can see how, through your free gifts of money, needy ones were helped, even as far as saving a life. The doctor of the former King Alexander was an invalid, could not walk. A prisoner, a strong young man, always had to haul him to the washroom and otherwise cared for him as if he were his father. This young man, because of having been so terribly beaten and mistreated, became stricken with tuberculosis. This former doctor of King Alexander told the young man that if he could get the right medicine for him he could get well again. So this young man told me about it. I at once wrote to the brothers in Switzerland, and they immediately bought some of this very expensive medicine, costing almost two hundred thousand shilling, and shipped it here. I gave it to the doctor. He could hardly believe it that there were still such good people living in this world—people that were so good to even help a stranger, saving his life.

I told him, my brothers and sisters have done this. He then said, "You have made an offering to God, who will some day repay you all in heavenly value." The young man took care of the doctor for some time after that—later was transferred. Sometime later I met the young man driving an ambulance. He was all well again, and he joyfully said, "Mr. Mueller, I am well again."