



Then shall the King say
unto them on his right
hand, Come, ye blessed of
my Father, inherit the
kingdom prepared for you
from the foundation of the
world:

For I was an hungred,

and ye gave me meat: I was
thirsty, and ye gave me
drink: I was a stranger,
and ye took me in:

Naked, and ye clothed
me: I was sick, and ye vis-
ited me: I was in prison,
and ye came unto me.

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

THE SILVER LINING

A LIGHT for BELIEVERS

Some sources say more people have died as martyrs for Christ during a recent 20 years than any other similar period in church history.

THE LITTLE DEACON OF BARYSEVO

One of the most unusual new arrivals at Barysevo Children's Home in 1964 was a young boy, age thirteen.

In many of the state-controlled homes, and strongly observed at Barysevo, was a system of youth rule. Inmates fell into two groups, the slaves and the lieutenants. Above them, and with dictatorial powers over both groups, was the king, usually one of the older boys who was tough enough to fight his way to the top.

Though there were some boys at Barysevo considerably older than I, still I had defeated all challengers and established myself as king. I was there because my parents were dead, and, for some time, I thought it was true of all the inmates of Barysevo, that they were also orphans. I soon found, to my great astonishment, that almost one-third of the children in our home at Barysevo had been taken from their parents for life and arbitrarily placed there.

I learned the answer. Some of the children were there because their mothers were prostitutes; some because their fathers were drunkards; others, because their parents were Believers in God. All such parents, including the Believers, whose only "crime" was that they sought to raise their children in a Christian atmosphere, were declared by the State unfit to care for their children and were stripped of their parental rights. The children of parents like these were declared no longer legally theirs and were sent to innumerable homes scattered throughout the Soviet Union.

This particular 13-year-old had parents, but he was very different from the rest of us. He was bright, sharp, intelligent, and forever-studying. He was at the lower end of our "caste" system, a slave, and content to remain there, following the directions of his boss lieutenants. As much as possible, he remained to himself. Whenever he did talk to the other children, it was always about God.

When I heard this, I was fascinated. No one at Barysevo, or any-

where else I had ever been, had ever talked about God before. It was like a new world to me.

Once somebody drew a cartoon of the little Believer on the wall, making him look like a priest with a halo around his head . . . One of the other kids came along and penciled under the picture, THE DEACON. The name stuck.

Once I shouted out to the little fellow, "Hey, Deacon, come here." For him to be called by the king of the home was really something, and he came running. We talked a bit, and then I asked, "What's this I hear about you going around talking about God? Is it true?" ". . . yes" he stammered nervously.

"Are you a Believer?" I had never seen a Believer up close before. To me, it was like asking if somebody were from Mars or the moon. I had heard something about Believers before, even rumors that my own mother had been one . . . But I had never seen anyone I could know for sure was an actual Christian.

I sensed the Little Deacon's fear and put my arm around his shoulder. He began to talk about God. I sat fascinated and dumbfounded, as I listened to this fast-talking "creature from another world."

He never talked about his family. Once, when some of the other boys asked him about his parents, he just ran off. Later we found him in the dormitory, lying on his bunk, face down, his head covered by a pillow, sobbing his heart out.

His mother and father were Believers in God, and lived only 17 miles away. Because of their religious activity and because they raised him as a Believer, they had been brought before a judge, declared unfit parents, and stripped of their parental rights for life. The Little Deacon had been declared legally without parents and made a ward of the State.

I knew why the Little Deacon was often so sad and why he would run to his room, and sob his heart out, whenever anyone asked him about his parents. The only time he

was truly happy was when he was telling one of us about God.

He was persecuted severely by the "aunts" and "uncles," the directors of the home, who tormented him at every opportunity in an effort to shake his faith. At the slightest provocation, they would shout at him, and mistreat him.

Especially did Uncle Nichy, one of the chief directors of the home, take his wrath out on him. Frequently he would come storming in, shouting angrily: "Where is the Deacon? I've got some Vitamin R for him."

Deacon would slip off his bunk, walk over quietly and bravely to take his medicine. Uncle Nichy would grab him roughly by the coat and drag him out to where he would give him a brutal dose of Vitamin R. To an outsider, "Vitamin R" sounds innocent enough, but all of us in the home shuddered at the very mention of it.

The Russian belt buckle is no small lightweight piece of plastic, but a big heavy chunk of metal. In Russian the word "buckle" begins with "R." A dose of Vitamin R meant a terrible beating with a belt, with the large metal buckle on the hitting end. In the hands of a giant man, like Uncle Nichy, it became something to be desperately feared. I had my doses of Vitamin R, and I felt like every bone in my body was broken. I bore the lumps and bruises for weeks.

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My heart went out to the Little Deacon, and I really felt for him every time Uncle Nichy announced he was in for another dose of Vitamin R. I fully expected that one of those times the frail little fellow would never come back from his brutal treatment.

Even at school, the Little Dea-

con was not free from persecution. Though he studied hard and his grades were the very best, the teachers would mock him for his belief in God. Their job was to teach Darwinism, Marxism and Leninism, and anyone who wouldn't swallow it without question had to be broken.

There were thousands of Barysevo-type Children's Homes across Russia.

Deacon was about as brave a little kid as I have ever known. Many times I found him in the dormitory with his head buried in his pillow, sobbing pitifully, and praying for God to help.

BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN

Report on trip to Eastern Europe

Three brothers, Pierre Neihouser, Alex Bako and Edwin Haas left New York for Budapest, Hungary, on the first leg of a trip that was to cover four countries lying behind the Iron Curtain.

We covered Hungary first, visiting many towns that had churches. The brethren have complete freedom to worship. They still have the problem, as does Yugoslavia, of the young brothers being imprisoned for refusing to bear arms. This results in a four-year sentence, which is generally commuted to 40 months. Hungary had 19 in prison and Yugoslavia three. One of the three is a family man with five children. There are 74 churches in Hungary, with about 3312 members. They have 17 elders, 220 ministers, and small numbers of believers in scattered villages without a church. At a meeting with eight elders present, they told us that they had no need as far as poor relief goes, as they can provide that.

Yugoslavia was next. They have over 250 churches, with about 9500 members, and freedom of worship. The elders stated they were very thankful for our concern, but they had no need. In all the countries we did not see any poverty in that people were starving . . . granted, they are poor.

Next we visited Rumania, where persecution is very evident. There are 59 churches, with 1800 members, but they are forbidden to worship. The church is underground. When they are caught assembling, even in the home, they are heavily fined and the third time imprisoned. It is forbidden to discuss religion, even with one's own children. The Communists have many ways to gather information, and the people are all fear-

ful of the Eye. The school teacher may ask the innocent children if any of them know about the Bible. If one should raise his hand in the affirmative, the parents are swiftly arrested. All the religious denominations are putting pressure on the government to allow churches to be reopened. The Apostolic Christian Church has also petitioned the government. This entails payment of about \$9000.00 lei, which was paid, and the answer should be forthcoming by June or July of this year. In pre-communist time, the church had over 10,000 members. If permission should be granted for assembly, the expense would be heavy, in that the existing churches are in a poor state of repair.

In Czechoslovakia there is also heavy persecution, and in so doing they have almost extinguished the church, there being less than 300 members. They are mostly old. I also attended the church at Vienna, Austria, and that country has five churches with about 300 members. I believe the three of us can categorically state that the **Zion's Harp** singing is the most beautiful we have ever heard. We had very many wonderful experiences in listening to the testimonies, trials, and persecutions that the brethren went through.

The trip to Russia, taken by a Hungarian brother. He showed us his slides. With his fluent mastery of the Russian language, the border guards didn't molest him going or returning. He smuggled out a **Zion's Harp** that had been handwritten (the staves, notes and words). He thought that one of our projects could be printing one or two thousand copies. There are about 1000 believers in Russia. They are not allowed to assemble

in churches, but they can assemble in their homes. They are not allowed to have Bibles in their home services. The preaching brother memorizes a portion of scripture and has his sermon from that. The **Zion's Harp** cannot be purchased, and it takes months to make one by hand.

The trip was quite an experience, enlightening, humbling, and also a joy in seeing the faith that the people exhibit. They deserve to be remembered in prayer.

What can you do?

A young African Christian was moaning and tossing with a high fever. An ice pack was absolutely essential. None was available in the tropic heat. Sekunzi, the mother of the boy asked, "Cannot the great God send ice for my dear son if we pray?" She reminded, the Lord delights to do what appears to be the impossible for His children, yes, great and mighty things. "But ICE!" She paid no attention, but said in a tone of faith, "Shall we ask Him?" Down on their knees they went. He began to pray, but made only very general requests. The mother said, "Lord, if ice is necessary for my son's healing, You can send it. I do believe!" The prayer ended. Suddenly frozen balls of water as big as walnuts began falling into the doorway of the thatched hut. They saw hailstones collecting on the ground. Sekunzi exclaimed with joy, "Didn't the great God answer in His own wonderful way!"

Pray. God can open prison doors and deliver. He can strengthen in His grace the weakest follower. An iron curtain is no problem to His will. Call out earnestly to Him with whom nothing is impossible. Your prayers ascend to Him, who helps

a "little deacon," and many a saintly soul!

Correction: In the Maywood article, page 3, second column, 25th line down, read **aunt** instead of sister. Sis. Mary Ammann was Bro. Ben Ammann's aunt.

The **Zion's Harp** hymnbooks, postpaid, \$2.50 gold edge, \$2.25 white edge. Contact Ray Gerber, RR 4, Bluffton In 46714, or Sam Aeschliman, RR 3, Bluffton In 46714.

College is in someone's plan? Let's do all we can to help these students. We have our Father, and we have power! We have the word, standing triumphant against any and all storms.

Time is fleeting; the good we do we will be meeting. Send the Silver Lining to a college student. A little money is a wise investment when eternal issues are at stake. A church could see so friends and members who are students receive the Silver Lining. Let's do it.

the editor

BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL

Kayleen Heiniger
Eunice Schupbach

Be still and know that I am God,
That I who made and gave thee life
Will lead thy faltering steps aright,
That I who sees each sparrow's
fall,

Will hear and heed thy earnest call.
I am God.

Be still and know that I am God,
When aching burdens crush thy
heart,
Then know I form thee for thy part
And purpose in the plan I hold.
Trust in God.

Be still and know that I am God,
Who made the atom's tiny span
And set it moving to My plan,
That I who guide the stars above
Will guide and keep thee in My love.
Be thou still.

How true we find these words, especially in time of sorrow and grief! Tragedy has touched the lives of several members of our congregation . . . the loss of a mother, Sis. Margaret Zimmerman; the passing of a brother, Gary Kupferschmid; the accidental death of

a sister-in-law, Sis. Miriam Klaus, and the unexpected loss of a nephew, Norman Funk. The angel of death came so quickly and without warning in all of these cases. In a moment of time it was all over. We who are left to mourn these losses must look to the Lord and keep trusting that what He does is for the best.

We are so happy to share with you the good news that Cara Nussbaum, daughter of Bro. Alden and Sis. Tillie, has given her heart to the Lord, and has chosen to serve Him. We wish her God's blessings.

Work continues on our new house of worship . . . the foundation is in, part of the plumbing and heating has been installed. We are all watching with great anticipation, as God blesses the progress of this work.

Surgical patients at the Menonite Hospital were Timothy Stoller, son of Bro. Lyle and Sis. Lois, and Bro. Chuck Kieser. We are glad to report that they are both recovering nicely.

The Ron Heiniger family has moved to their new home, which they purchased at No. 4 Ethel Parkway. We wish them much happiness at this new location.

We thank the following ministers who shared God's word with us: Russell Rapp, Morton; Earl Kilgus, Remington; Jim Hoerr, Peoria; Dan Koch, Tremont; Ed Ringger, Gridley; Art Bauer, Bradford.

FRANCESVILLE

Mrs. Herman (Chris) Wuethrich
Mrs. Otto Wuethrich

Good news—our church building must be made larger. In 1942 some was added on, then in 1953, and now a larger dining area and some other changes.

Bro. Rod Hubers (Eugene) gave us an added soul, by the birth of their new son Travis Eugene. He has two brothers and a sister.

It was a desire in our hearts to partake of the Lord's Supper. We were happy to have Bro. Ben Maibach with us, and he told us how sad it would be if our hearts would be heavy.

Our news correspondent, Bro. Ed Souder, told us this month: ". . . how about you and your life? Dig for the gold in your own mine—it's there!" We are having golden experiences here, as 14 precious

souls are repenting, following a sad swimming accident of one of their dear school friends, William Seaney. This tragedy brings back the memories of the accident of Bro. Adam Schlatter, of the Leo church, who died from an injury of throwing a stick in a tree to get an apple down. He was our loving Sunday School teacher, who touched the hearts of many. My life was one of them, and Dec. 14, 1930 there were 14 of us baptized. These are golden memories . . . We were baptized in a river about one-half mile from the church. I don't remember as being cold, as had such a warm and happy feeling in our heart. We then went to my grandmother's home, next to the church, to change to dry clothes, then also returning there after the prayer of laying on of hands, to partake of earthly food.

Closing Prayer: That every loved one can have the promise of a beautiful Heavenly Home in their future, forever and ever.

TOLEDO

Lydia Meister

"O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever."

Our gardens, lawns and fields were dry and limp from days of hot sunshine, then came a precious all-day rain. Not a hard heavy down-pour, but rain so soft and gentle, yet steady. One breathed thanks to our Lord and joy came with the breath of cooler air, and to see the earth take on renewed life. How like this rain is our Father's mercy, so gentle, so all embracing and tender . . . one's heart is uplifted in the midst of all the agony and sordid trials of the world. May we all ever continue to live under His bounteous mercy.

Our Toledo group enjoyed the Youth Fellowship Day at Mansfield. They tho't the talks on Prayer by the elders spiritually instructive, the singing lovely. It is good for our youth to meet under the guidance of our elders, and we hope, God willing, it can continue.

Bible School will be opened Aug. 6 and continues though Aug. 10.

We were happy to have Bro. Henry Dotterer of Rittman with us Sunday, July 29, a blessed way to spend the last Sunday of the month. He brought us in close communion with our Lord and gave us serious

thought on our duties to follow our Lord through obedience to our elders, who are the shepherds sent by God to direct us.

It was good to have Eileen and Art Beery with us again. Their baby daughter is a welcome newcomer to our nursery.

ALTADENA Judy Cremer

"If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."—Jesus. July is the month when we recall more vividly our nation's heritage, independence and freedom. Though we are blessed with the freedoms our nation offers, the only true freedom is found in surrendering our sinful lives to the Lord. When His forgiving grace cleanses a soul, only then is this person free indeed!

We were richly blessed with the inspiring sermons from our visiting ministers, Corbin Bahler, Rockville, and Ernest Gerber, Forrest.

Maywood and Altadena churches got together for a supper and service. It is so important to have fellowship with our brothers and sisters. The word tells us, ". . . And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another . . ."

Our dear Sis. Bertha Stoller was called home by the Saviour. We extend sympathy to her relatives and all those near to her. The funeral was held in Illinois.

Bro. Joe and Sis. Viola Traub moved to Arizona and will be greatly missed. They have been in Altadena since its beginning. We wish them many blessings in their new home and church.

We're so thankful for our many visitors. It's such a joy to meet new brothers and sisters, and to see familiar faces again. I guess this is why vacations are such a blessing . . .

GIRARD Kathryn Emch

Our congregation has enjoyed a visit from Bro. Ernest Graf and those of his family, so that our family could spend a Sunday with my parents in Milford. Again, Bro. Joe Ramsier and a large group from Rittman assembled in Girard so we were free to attend the Youth

Fellowship Day in Mansfield. Our special and personal thanks to these brothers.

Thanks, too, to Bro. Gary Maibach, his family and parents for their visit. It was a pleasure to have children in the church again.

Bro. Ben Schlatter and Bro. Eli Manz spent a Sunday with us to tell us of the proposed children's home. We truly enjoyed their fellowship.

SILVERTON Judith Knecht

We were thankful to have with us Ministering Bros. Corbin Bahler (Rockville), and Robert Grimm (Goodfield) and their families during the month of July. Many timely teachings and warnings were brought forth, and we wish to thank both for their labors. May the Lord bless them.

We are thankful to report our dear Sis. Mildred Dietrich is home and able to be with her family.

We were saddened to hear of the death of Delores Jean (Kaufman) Bertsch, who had a fatal fall and passed away on July 15. We wish to express our heartfelt sympathy to her husband, Robert Bertsch, and their five children, Becky, 16, Noah, 14, David, 12, Elizabeth, 11, and Ruth, 9. . . . to Delores' three sisters, Janice Montoya, Salem; Carolyn Simmons, Silverton; and Shirley Eggiman, Portland, and to her brother, John Kaufman, Phoenix.

TUCSON Mrs. Loren Knapp

Although vacation is here and will be gone for a short time, we've been fortunate to have the fellowship of quite a few visitors.

Friend Grace Haller is now home from the hospital, but regaining strength slowly.

Bro. Glen Funk of Gridley has come to make his home in Tucson. We certainly welcome him. His new address is 3122 Terra Alta Blvd., Apt. O, Tucson 85716. Other new faces in our midst include Allen and Dorothy Litwiller and daughter Arletta and Martha Bachman, all formerly of Eureka. They are living at 754 So. Marvin St., Tucson.

Sis. Rita Bertschi has moved to 3665 N. 1st., Safari Apts. Apt. 1, Tucson 85716, and Bro. Donald and Sis. Gloria Bauer and children are

now living in their new home at 8225 E. Wrightstown Terrace Court, Tucson 85710.

Mike Stickling, son of Sis. Mildred, returned this week from a tour of duty in the National Guard Reserve. We're all happy to have him in our midst again.

The Sunday School class had a farewell dinner for Peggy Griffith, granddaughter of Bro. Jay Bertsch, who left for her new home in Georgia with her parents Mr. and Mrs. William Griffith. We wish them all blessings in their new home, but will surely miss them.

ALTO Joyleen Blough

We have had many visitors. Among them was Ministering Bro. Robert Walters of Congerville. He reminded us how important it is to keep looking heavenward. Take the Bible every morning. Read to understand. Then think about what you read during idle moments, while waiting, telephoning, riding in the car, etc. These moments will take you through the day much easier. Look spiritually. Look heavenward.

A baby girl, Nancy Elizabeth, was born to Larry and Becky Wingeier. The happy grandparents are Bro. Dave and Sis. Bertha Wingeier. May the Lord give them grace in the rearing of their family.

Sis. Joan Schrenk and Sis. Marguerite Blough were hospitalized.

AKRON Katherine Ries

"For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

We were blessed many times over through the services of visiting ministers: Elder Bros. John Bahler, Rockville; Theo. Beer, Milford; and Bros. Robert Beyer, Naumberg; Joe Ramsier, Rittman; Roy Luginbuhl, Rockville; Ben Hartzler, Gary Maibach, Rittman; Harold Emch, Girard; Kenneth Dietz, Bradford; and Norbert Steiner, Croghan. We are grateful for their visits and the inspiring messages they brought, and most humbly ask for the Lord's blessings upon them.

We miss our dear ones who have been hospitalized: Bro. Paul Gangel (Sis. Margaret), 2908 Wilbanks

Dr., Barberton O 44203; Sis. Barbara (Gasser) Graf (major surgery), 429 Rosalind Ave, Wadsworth O. 44281; and Sis. Carolyn (Palitto) Miller, 3315 Pikeview Dr, Norton O. 44203. All are reported satisfactory and should be home as you read this report.

BLUFFTON

Melanie Gerber Donna Drayer

We were privileged to have Dessie Scott Children's Home visit in our homes for one week. Many close ties were made among the children, and we welcome them back in the future. It is our prayer that the staff of the children's home be blessed for their love and effort.

On July 7, Bro. Aaron and Sis. Irene Reinhard's lawn was the scene of a wedding, uniting their son, Don, to Sharon Leak. The couple will be making their home in the East.

Nancy Fiechter and Bruce Bedwell spoke their wedding vows in our fellowship hall on July 14. Nancy's parents are Herman and Sis. Phyllis Fiechter. On the following day, July 15, Sis. Pat Reinhard became the wife of Bro. Leon Gerber. Parents of the couple are Bro. Alphie and Sis. Lucille Reinhard and Bro. Floyd and Sis. Gladys Gerber.

As the congregation was singing the beautiful words, "Come children join in singing", the Milford Sunday School and our own scholars were coming into the assembly to join us in worshiping the Lord. We enjoyed having the Milford Sunday School with us on the 21st and 22nd.

On Tuesday, July 10, we laid aside our earthly cares and labors to gather in the House of God, to hear a message brought to us by Bro. Robert Beyer of the Naumberg congregation. The following evening, again we were privileged to gather, and our guest minister was Bro. Akito Inoue of Tamahata, Japan. Bros. Earl Kilgus and Ken Schneider, both of Remington, brought us many good teachings on their visit to our congregation.

After several years of failing health, our dear Bro. Levi Schwartz has gone to meet his Maker. We sympathize with his wife, Sis. Ida, who has faithfully served him in his later years. Four daughters and four sons survive.

They are Sis. Martha (Lloyd) Gerber, Sis. Lula (Harry) Baumgartner, Sis. Alice (Russell) Steffen, Sis. Ada (Harry) Gerber, Bros. Ervin, Ralph, and Edward and Harry. Bro. Levi also had four stepchildren, Delores Stoller, Sis. Marjorie (Jim) Gerber, Sis. Melvane (Russell) Stoller and Kenneth Zimmerman. Sis. Rose (Eli) Gerber is a remaining sister . . . **Thank You:** The Levi Schwartz family would like to express their appreciation to all who remembered them during the illness of their husband, father, and brother . . . Sis. Ida and family, Bro. Eli and Sis. Rose Gerber.

Our shut-ins are Sisters Sophia Gerber, Marcene (David) Gilliom, and Leah Rauch and Bro. Calvin Rauch.

CONGERVILLE

Linda Knapp — Arlene Banwart

Usually far from home and loved ones, servicemen often find themselves lonely. (Written by one of our brothers) As a serviceman myself, I know how true this is. The individual has the opportunity to seek the Lord for help. We know if we will but call upon the Lord, He will help us as His word says, "Blessed be God . . . Who comforteth us in all our tribulations". Also a letter from a friend or loved one helps to relieve one's loneliness. I find myself reading a letter two or three times when I really feel low, and it has been awhile since I have received any mail. Unfortunately since not all seek the Lord's help, it is up to others to bring joy to a serviceman. Just a few words lets him know that someone is thinking of him and thus makes his loneliness depart for a period of time. I hope this will encourage you to write someone you know.

Many teachings were brought to us by Bros. Gene Lehman (Wolcott), Wendell Gudeman (Francerville), Merle Bucher and Art Gudeman (La Crosse), and our own ministers. Thank you.

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus . . ." He "humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." The word humility means lowly, close to the ground.

We must work in our spiritual life like our fields and gardens, for if we don't work in it, we won't

have anything to harvest. We cultivate our ground to keep the weeds from overtaking the plants, so we can get a bountiful crop; so we must work in our hearts to keep all the evil out, to be prepared for those mansions above.

As one of the visiting ministers entered our church, he saw three little boys and heard one happily say, "I get to go to Sunday School today." Later he found out that the boy was only three years old, yet someone showed him God's love. The greatest thing we can do for our children is teach them of the love of God. Don't get carried away with things of this life.

Another brother told of one of the richest experiences in his life, when he visited in a home where they had a handicapped child. She was 44½ years old, their only child, and couldn't walk, talk, or cry. The mother would get her up in the morning and feed, bathe and dress her. God doesn't find us all worthy to take care of an "angel" like this. The brother told the mother, "I hope you'll be in heaven so your little girl can say, **Thank you, mother.**" Then he received a letter from the mother saying, "I'm trying." Serve God faithfully; our reward will be in the hereafter.

We welcome Lon Steffen as a Bro. in Faith (baptized July 22 in Chicago). He is the son of Bro. and Sis. Ed Steffen Jr. Their daughter, Yvonne, became one in marriage on July 7 to Michael Kamp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kamp, Eureka. They will reside in Peoria.

We enjoyed greeting our sisters from Japan, Eiko Nozawa and Hiroko Utsuki. Thank you for visiting our congregation.

Sis. Esther Schrock is feeling fine since returning home. She extends the following; "I'd like to thank all those who sent me cards and letters and for your prayers while I was in Phoenix for treatment on my leg ulcer. I especially appreciated the phone calls and visits of those of the Phoenix congregation."

I talked to a dear soul in our congregation, and said, you look so nice in your pretty blue dress today. She replied "Thank you, I can't tell what it looks like, but it does make me feel good to know it looks nice." She can't see, and also has both legs amputated. One teenager commented about her

happiness, It's truly the Lord working in her life. It gives us courage to see someone like this always in such a wonderful spirit.

CROGHAN-NAUMBURG

Alice Virkler Eleanor Herzig

We enjoyed the visit and instruction of our Ministering Bro. Alfred Bahler on Wednesday evening. What a blessing to have loved ones visit us and share the word of God with us.

Their first child, a son Travis Merrell, was welcomed on July 22 by Bruce and Patty (Hirschy) Petzoldt. His grandparents are Donald and Sis. Rita Petzoldt and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hirschy. Travis also has two sets of great-grandparents, Bro. Theodore and Sis. Amelia Belle Virkler, and a great-great grandmother, Tina Farney.

Sis. Sarah Virkler has had to return to the hospital and has been a patient for several weeks. Bro. James Farney was a hospital patient several weeks and has been able to return to his home, as did Sis. Barbara Bachman, who was a patient a few days for tests. Bro. Lawrence Farney is hospitalized and expects to undergo surgery within the next week. Betty Schneider (Emerson) is a surgical patient. We are thankful that Bro. Leon Virkler has been able to return home from the hospital and is able to assemble with us.

The annual business meetings were held at both churches, where we elected and re-elected our officers for the coming year.

We welcome Sis. Luanne Beyer, wife of Bro. Peter, into our congregations in New York. Congratulations to Peter and Luanne, and we wish them God's blessings in their new life together.

The month of August is the time for collection for the Silver Lining in the Croghan church.

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Will and Sis. Hazel Schneider, at the death of Bro. Will's brother, Herman Schneider.

MANSFIELD

Aaron A. Sauder

Jesus Christ, the Only Way was the theme for our first Youth Fellowship Day, which was held on July 22. All our Ohio and the Detroit churches were invited to participate. Elder Bros. Rudy Graf,

Ben Maibach and Loren Stoller, as well as a number of visiting ministers were with us to share in this most blessed day, which we trust was entirely to the praise and glory of our Great God. Age and youth alike thanked the Lord with worshipful hearts throughout the day, and concluded the evening services by joining voices in the familiar hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love." Our prayer would be that the seeds which were sown that day would ripen into a great harvest for the Master.

Sisters Elizabeth Dotterer (Ben), Kate Blumenschein, and Darlene Enderle (Larry) are all hospital patients.

"... I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send ... Then said I, Here am I; send me." When the need for a teacher in Japan was made known, Sis. Linda Morrison answered the Lord with a willing reply, and has now arrived safely in Japan, where she expects to serve for two years. We are all missing Linda in our fellowship, especially the little ones miss their teacher in Sunday School, but we commit her to the love of our Lord, knowing He will be with her and keep her.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Edna Somerhalder
Wilma Young

Tenderly Jesus embraces the lambs as His treasure.

Youth, thou shalt furnish the Shepherd His favorite pleasure.

Blessing and glee Showers the Father on thee,
Prize of His flock, without measure.

An enjoyable week-end was spent with young members from the Kansas churches, Lamar, and a group from Illinois. On Saturday evening, a barbecue was followed by singing hymns ... later watermelon. After attending church on Sunday, a potluck dinner was held at the Madison Community Hall, which included the Lamont and Gridley congregations. We welcome visitors to our small congregation.

Bro. Andy Young Sr. attended church as usual Sunday ... he became ill ... was necessary to take him to the hospital during the

noon hour. After four days of observation and treatment, he remains about the same.

Bro. Joseph Somerhalder is happy to be home, after nine weeks of hospitalization. He's in a body cast, so must spend several more weeks in bed ... goes to Topeka for a check-up Sept. 1 ... **Thank you:** Sincere appreciation for prayers, cards, gifts and visits while I was in the hospital. Joseph Somerhalder.

Sis. Janice and Dale Isch are parents of their first son, Darren Lynn born Aug. 2. Sis. Wilma and Junior Young are grandparents. He has a sister, Tammy to welcome him home. Early in the summer we experienced hot, dry weather. We are grateful recent rains find our lawns lush and green, crops growing nicely.

REMINGTON

Anna M. Waibel

A Christian said, when on the verge of losing his temper, he prayed in his heart, **Thy patience, Lord.** ... When lonely, **Thy companionship, Lord** ... When afraid, **Thy serenity, Lord** ... When critical of others, **Thy love, Lord** ... all resources of grace are available to the believer, but he must claim them!

What God gives take by Faith.

We are always grateful for all our visiting ministers: Merrill Laukhauf, Latty; Edmund Kloter, Fairbury; Alfred Bahler, Wolcott; Albert Wuthrich, Iowa; Herman Kellenberger, Elgin.

The Jake Bahler reunion was held here and was well attended.

Thankful ... Roger (Bro. Al and Sis. Evelyn) Knochel is repenting.

Many are traveling this time of year ... always thankful when every one returns safely. There seem to be so many tragic accidents all about us. May it be a warning to all to be ready now!

We've had lots of rain, but grateful no severe storms or damage of any kind.

SHIODA

Willis R. Ehnlé

On July 4 as I boarded the train to go to Tokyo, I noticed Miss Nishimura right at my elbows to board the train with me. She is an elementary school teacher who sometimes attends our church

services. Miss Nishimura had told me that she sometime desired to tell me of a strange experience she had, so after boarding the train, while standing and holding on to a strap in the crowded train, I began asking questions. A strange story emerged.

About two years ago, Miss Nishimura was employed at an elementary school in Kofu. One day, she said, the spirits of eight nurses who were killed in that building during the war entered her body and spoke to her through her own mouth. Among other things they told her, "Buddha, Mohammed and Christ, as well as other religious leaders are all in Paradise along with all good people but bad people are not in Paradise."

I cautioned her not to believe those spirits, as salvation is found only in Jesus Christ, the Son of the true and living God. I thought of the Scriptures which tell of unclean spirits speaking through the mouth of a person, such as Mark 1:23 and 24: "And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? . . ."

Saul committed a terrible sin by consulting the witch of Endor. Revelation 21:8 lists sorcerers among those who are to have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone. We do well to call upon the name of the Lord Jesus to protect us from evil, and from evil spirits, especially if we should come into contact with someone who practices the occult, that which has to do with Satanic forces.

On July 26, 27 and 28 we had a three-day fellowship meeting near a lake by Mt. Fuji. At our meetings and services we especially considered the end-times. Things are certainly happening rapidly, money problems and a break-down in honesty.

Sis. Linda Morrison has arrived safely in Japan to be our elementary teacher. Talk about being thankful!

Some of our loved ones from Japan are visiting in the States. We welcome visitors to Japan. Let us be of one mind and help each other. I John 3:16: "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought

to lay down our lives for the brethren." One would think that we should lay down our lives for Christ, since He is the one who died for us. Evidentially, to lay down our lives for the brethren, or for our own group of believers, is the same as doing it for Christ. Jesus said, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, ye have done it unto me.

WOLCOTT

Arles Kropf Marjean Lehman

We're thankful Bro. Larry Blume is again able to enjoy good health, after recovering from a leg injury sustained in a farm accident.

Sis. Emma Kropf has gone to make her home at Fairview Haven in Fairbury. She would enjoy visits and mail from her friends.

We appreciated Bro. Ken Schneider's visit to our church on July 29, as he helped labor in the ministry.

Sing, all ye who are persuaded
By the power of His call!
O be glad, for you are aided
By His hand through dangers all.

Not a sparrow ever falleth
Lest it be that God alloweth,
So rejoice exceedingly
For His kingdom yours shall be.

BERN

Esther & Stella Moser

Kevin Jay arrived July 8, to join four little brothers in the Virgil and Doris Meyer home. Sis. Pearl Meyer is their grandmother.

Our visiting ministers were, Bros. Jim Hoerr, Peoria; Carl Hartman, Gene Marti, Sabetha; Al Langhofer, Wichita. Thank you, brothers; we enjoy visitors.

Our friend, Sam Hanni is a surgical patient.

My brother, Edward Moser, age 59, passed away on July 9, just 8 months from the time he first knew he had cancer. In the last weeks of life he found grace to turn to the Lord, and we have the hope and consolation that he died in peace. The thought comes to mind, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

When the Lord closes one door, another one is opened. Bro. Reuben and Sis. Stella Moser's son, James, was married to Anne Bucher, Bern, on July 28. They will make their

home near Bern, on the Moser farm where James has been farming. We wish them much happiness, along with the Lord's blessing.

Also hospitalized: Elwin Strahm (Bro. Alvin - Sis. Mildred), with a knee injury due to a motorcycle mishap. Sis. Lucy Hartter missed a step and also has a knee injury, will be unable to use it for some time. Lucy has been helping in the home of her daughter (Coffeyville) the past three months, and was getting ready to return home.

BURLINGTON, IOWA

Edna Pohl Elaine Eisenmann

Harriet Mogler (daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ervin Moglers) and Kaye Banwart (daughter of Bro. and Sis. Alvin Banwarts), both of West Bend, have completed their nurse's training and have left our community. We enjoyed their stay here and will miss them, but hope they will visit us often.

We are happy to have Dale, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norval Knapp, Fairbury meet with us. He has recently accepted a position with the ADM Grain Co. (here) and is living in Burlington.

We have enjoyed several visitors due to vacationing, and welcome anyone who is in the area to attend our services.

We have also missed quite a few of our friends and members from time to time who have had the opportunity to take their summer trips. May God be our companion as we go on our respective journeys.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Louise Steffen Katie Kachelmuss

Sisters Hiroko Utsuki and Eiko Nozawa were with us. They attended a Sunday School session, also visited some of our shut-ins with a group of our young people. We all enjoyed their visit. Also from afar, Bro. Joseph Lauber's brother and wife, Arnold and Elsie Lauber from Switzerland were in our midst, and we also enjoyed their visit.

Bro. Earl Banwart of West Bend ministered unto us on a visit here, before leaving on a trip to Europe. Bro. Walter Steffen of Milford also brought the message of salvation to us. May God encourage all His servants to go on with the labor of love in His vintage for the

saving of souls, while the door of grace is still open.

Our Vacation Bible School was well attended, and we are grateful to Bros. Earl Zeltwanger, Joseph Schrock, Ben Fehr and Edwin Bahler for their participation in this project. May God bless them for their efforts.

Amy, little daughter of Bro. Walter and Sis. Mary Gasser (973 Stephen, Elgin Ill 60120) was in our midst after surgery. She was hardly able, but she wanted to come so badly that they abided by her wishes and brought her to church. We must ask, "Do we always have such a desire to assemble together?"

ELGIN, IOWA

Eleanor Butikofer

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth His handywork."

The flower gardens are showing forth their beauty. Taking a panoramic view of the floral section of our garden, we see in the background rows of giant zinnas in gold, pink, scarlet and white, then a partial row of blue bachelor buttons, and next are the varied-colored larkspurs. The lavender-colored petunias, flanked with two rows of red, pink and white geraniums come next. Now a row of red and white petunias is seen, with a row of blue ageratums, foliage plants edging them, along with some red and gold celosis and canas, interspered here and there.

We were blessed with a week-end visit from Bro. Noah Gerber. His expounding of the scripture was appreciated. May we not only hear, but do what our dear Lord expects Christians to show forth, fighting the good fight of faith, laying hold on eternal life, whereunto we are called.

This coming Sunday, the wedding of Sis. Janet Fisher and Bro. Floyd Frieden is to take place at Eureka. May God ever bless them. They will be at home in Elgin, Iowa. We certainly welcome Sis. Janet into our midst.

If you should visit the Bro. Albert and Sis. LaVerne Butikofer home, you would see much activity, for there are five little folks to bless them. They are Tommy, Betty, Sandy, James and Eugene.

The last named was born June 12.

Sis. Anna Schupbach continues to suffer with arthritis, especially in her knees. She, however, is cheerful and is able to attend church services most of the time, for which we are thankful. Some of her relatives from California are planning to visit her in the near future. Anna loves flowers and still has a nice border of them.

FT. LAUDERDALE

Kathy Sutter Henry H. Schwartz

One can live sweetly, patiently, lovingly, purely till the sun goes down. This reminded me of the counsel I often heard from my father, "Live one day at a time". That simple statement carries a wealth of instruction for Christian living. You might not be able to bear your burden for a lifetime, but you can bear it today. You can bear your grief just for today. You can rise above fear for a day. You can guard your tongue for a day. You can be kind, and thoughtful and considerate for a day. You can be happy for a day, and spread happiness round. You can be loving for a day. If things look too big, it's because you are living beyond today. We read in the good word, Rejoice in the day that the Lord hath made, and be glad in it. Knowing that the Lord promises grace for today, be glad, and remember that with God, tomorrow will be another today.

We were blessed to have Bro. Al Schneider from Rockville with us. We enjoyed the fellowship we had with him and his family, and are grateful for the words of life he brought us. May the Lord bless him for his service to us.

FORT WAYNE

Pam Steffen Eleanor Stieglitz

A young photographer added clouds to his newly-developed scenic pictures. When asked why these clouds were added, he replied that without clouds his pictures lacked depth. Our lives also need depth. Every day can't be sunny. Troubles, trials, sickness, and failure are all clouds that can strengthen us in our faith with God.

God's healing power in sickness was shown to Sis. Frieda Stavenik, Bro. Kent Miller, and Sis. Marty Moser. Frieda recently underwent open heart surgery at Mayo Clinic. She is now at home

and improving nicely. However, her activities are limited for some-time. Kent, who underwent surgery on his knee, is convalescing at home. Sis. Marty had also been released from the hospital.

We are glad to have Wade Stoller (son of Bro. Gene and Sis. Minerva) home, after finishing a radar course at the Naval Air Station at Millington, Tennessee. He will continue his studies in advanced radar training in Georgia.

Bro. Gene and Sis. Minerva Stoller announced the engagement of their son, Roger, to Robin Benn of Yucca Valley, California. We wish them God's blessings for their October wedding and their life ahead.

Ursula Carl of Friedrichdorf, Germany, will be a house guest of Eleanor Stieglitz until October. She's in America on a working assignment, acquired through the National Carl Schurz Association.

IOWA CITY

Joan Mogler

Should I restrain the Spirit's course, for fear of man so feeble? We could feel the Spirit working in Bros. Ed Lanz of Oakville and Bert Butikofer of Elgin, as they spoke to us. We can be thankful that ministers of the Gospel speak only what is given to them by the Spirit. If the entire body of Christ is prayerful, surely God will fill the ministering brother with His spirit and power.

Our ministers must openly proclaim God's word, but each of us in our own lives must let our lights shine. We should not be afraid to walk down the path that God leads us, and follow the commands He teaches us. Should praise of man be more to me than God's most blessed favor? Whether we be a member speaking God's word, or a silent member of the body, each of us must be sure to follow God's command and direction.

We are sorry that Sis. Karla Moore of Elgin, Iowa is leaving our area. We have enjoyed seeing her smiling face at our gatherings the last few months. We wish her God's blessings as she moves to Peoria, and trust she will find it worthwhile to come back to visit us.

Moving? Drop a card. Tell both old and new address.

LAMAR
Mrs. Raymond Braker
Mrs. Art Banwart

Picture in your mind a little white church (the Lamar church), serenely sitting the quiet country, surrounded by fields and pastures. The graceful elms to the east, which provide a measure of shade, are swaying in the gentle summer breeze. A mocking bird, lustily singing its praises to the Lord, can be heard through the open windows. It is a beautiful Sunday morning, and the worshippers are assembling for services. Several out-of-state cars and a camper bus have arrived at the church, along with those from the Lamar area. A visiting minister was expected (Bro. William Gude-man, Elgin, Ill.) . . . But others were not, so it was a very pleasant surprise to see visitors from Illinois, Iowa, and Ohio. Not only were we blest by the word and fellowship, but also in the singing, with Bro. Edwin Banwart (Oakville) as guest leader. How we did rejoice to meet our visitors from so many different places and to feel the common bond of Christ's love in our hearts.

On another Sunday, Bro. Everett Hari, (Bloomington-Normal) . . . Oh what a blessing it was both Sundays to have the Gospel expounded to us in such rich measure and to fellowship together.

One Sunday we were blest when several young brothers, sisters and converts from the Oakville and Ft. Scott churches assembled with us. It does our hearts good to meet these young believers whom Christ has chosen for his own, and to hear them take part in the services and the singing.

Two young men from our congregation chose July 30 as their wedding date. Ted Frieden (son of Bro. Virgil and Sis. Bernice) and Debra Peters exchanged their wedding vows at the home of the bride's parents. William Stefan (son of Bro. Willy and Sis. Hilda) and Barbara Walker of Golden City, Mo., drove to Madison, Kans., where they were united in marriage by Bro. Sam Anliker. We wish both couples much happiness and God's blessings.

We are thankful that Oscar Banwart could be dismissed from the hospital and has been assembling with us again. Brief stays in the

hospital were necessary for Bro. Dan Braker and Sis. Anna Marti. They are both able to attend church services.

When the heart is heavy, and we suffer from depression or disappointment, how thankful we should be that we still have work and prayer left to comfort us. Occupation forcibly diverts the mind; prayer sweetly soothes the soul.

MINNEAPOLIS

Kathryn Olson — Karen Metzger

Thy word, O Lord, draws us together,
 In mutual fellowship to stand.
 It kindles in our hearts forever
 The flames of faith and love's
 sweet band.

Bro. Noah Miller and his wife of here and Bro. Leroy Messner and his wife of Winthrop visited Regina, Canada, July 21. Bro. Noah suggested it would be nice if more brothers and sisters would visit them, as they long for fellowship.

Sunday, July 14 Bro. Leroy Messner from Winthrop preached to us the word of God. We thank him for his efforts.

Keith Miller, son of Bro. Donald and Bernadine, was hospitalized for a few days, as he was hit on the ear, playing baseball. He is still under observation.

MORRIS

Ann Meiss — Esther Schaefer

This **Book** unfolds Jehovah's mind;
 This **Voice** salutes in accents kind.
 This **Friend** will all our needs supply;
 This **Fountain** sends out streams of joy.
 This **Mine** affords us endless wealth.
 This **Good Physician** gives us health.
 This **Sun** renews and warms the soul;
 This **Sword** both wounds and makes us whole.
 This **Letter** shows our sins forgiven;
 This **Guide** conducts us safe to heaven.
 This **Charter** has been sealed with blood;
 This **Volume** is the word of God.

Among our many visitors were

Ministering Bros. Earl Zeltwanger, Clarence Kachelmuss, Joe Stoller and Nathan Stoller. We thank all the brothers for the encouragement and exhortations. What a blessing it is to know it is still the same true Spirit speaking to us through all the brothers who so kindly lend themselves to minister to us.

Graveside services were held for Debra Lin, who was born prematurely to Bro. Jerel and Sis. Linda Schmidgall. We sympathize with Jerel and Linda in the loss of this, their first child.

Two more dear friends have turned to the Lord in repentance: Joyce Durkee, daughter of Lloyd and Dorothy (Moser) Durkee, and Davis Wulf, son of Bro. Leonard and Sis. Violet.

Bro. Leonard Wulf spent some time in the hospital, first in Morris, then in Minneapolis, with a broken leg . . . We are thankful he is again able to assemble with us

George Luthi is at home, after a long stay in the hospital. Although he is quite feeble, he was able to attend morning services . . . **Thank You**—We would like to thank everyone for their cards, letters, and flowers, for the many prayers and visits while I was in the Morris and Willmor hospitals. It helped make my long stay more pleasant. A special thank you to the ones who came to the Morris Hospital and sang those beautiful hymns. The George Luthi Family.

NEW MARTINSVILLE

Mrs. Gus Weltz
Miss Della Witschey

Mrs. Minnie Lasure of Canton, O., passed away on June 3. She was born and raised on Limestone Ridge, a daughter of the late Jacob and Viola Hassig. She is survived by her husband, several sons, one brother, and three sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Riggenbach have returned from a several weeks' stay in New York; while there, he was hospitalized for extensive surgery, but is recovering nicely. Their daughter, Bonnie has also returned from a 17-day tour of Japan, Hong Kong and Thailand; she was accompanied by three other ladies of this area.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wade and son of Cleveland visited for a week here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs.

C. O. Wade. Four other grandchildren were also their guests.

The annual Witschey reunion will be held here at Bruce Park on Sunday, Aug. 26.

Miss Mabel Barth has returned to Denver, after spending a month with relatives and friends. She and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Roy Barth visited with friends in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Airman and Mrs. Tim Murdock spent 12 days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Murdock, leaving on July 30 for Altus, Oklahoma, where he will be stationed for several months.

Mr. and Mrs. William Murdock Jr. and a little daughter Beth of Huntington, W. Va., spent a week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Murdock Sr. . . Mr. & Mrs. R. D. Williams and daughter, Mrs. Don Brandle and grandson, Greg Williams of Akron, are visiting with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Williams in Bradenton, Florida.

Mrs. L. W. Witschey and daughter, Thelma, and son Paul of Moundsville, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Durig were Sunday guests of Miss Della Witschey on July 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brothers of Mt. Vernon, O., were Sunday guests of the Gus Weltz family on July 29.

Mr. and Mrs. William Witschey and family and his mother, Mrs. Harold Witschey, are attending the National Grocers' Convention in Denver. They will also visit with relatives in San Leandro, California.

PRINCEVILLE

Ruth Ricketts

Turn your face towards the sun, and the shadows will fall behind you.

"The LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone: I will make him an help meet for him." On July 8, Shirley Seidel and David Bauman were united in marriage by Bro. Ed Hohulin of Goodfield at the Apostolic Christian Fellowship Hall near Peoria. Shirley is the daughter of Bro. Richard and Sis. Marie Seidel of our congregation, and David is the son of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Mildred Bauman of Goodfield.

On July 22, Sis. Connie Menold

and Bro. David Hoerr III were united in marriage by Bro. Dave Kieser. Many friends and relatives witnessed the ceremony. Connie is the daughter of Bro. Leonard and Sis. Marie Menold, and David is the son of David II and Sis. Hattie Hoerr of Peoria. We wish the Lord's blessings on these two marriages.

We were thankful to have Bro. Nathan Stoller and Bro. James Ringger of Bradford minister to us on this Sunday. May the Lord bless them for their timely teachings.

On July 26, a little son was born to Bro. Floran and Sis. Twylla Streitmatter. Kent William was welcomed home by Wayne, Annette, Crystal, and Kathie. His grandparents are Bro. Harold and Sis. Anna Streitmatter and Bro. LeRoy and Sis. Clara Huber, and great-grandmother, Sis. Frieda Streitmatter.

Bro. George Wagenbach is receiving treatment in the Proctor Hospital in Peoria following a stroke, and is slowly recovering. Dave Musselmann is showing improvement, following a severe heart attack. He is in the hospital. Sis. Lena Stichling came home, after being in the hospital two months, and is slowly gaining her strength. Sis. Martha Hemmer is able to be about again, after treatments in the hospital. Bro. Chris Martin is slowly regaining strength at his home. Sis. Ida Huber hasn't been feeling well lately and spends most of the time in bed. Will is able to be about, although he too is slowing up.

Following services Wednesday evening, Bro. Dave Kieser spoke a few words to us telling of the love of God. It has been quite some time since Lizzie and Emil Stahl have been able to worship with us. Lizzie has been quite sick and has been confined to a wheel-chair for several months. Recently they asked for Bro. Dave and Bro. Silas to come to their home, as they wished to make a change in their lives and become children of God. Some 25 years ago they had an experience with God and had peace in their hearts, but just stood still. Now they have asked to be baptized, for which we are all most happy for them. If nothing comes in the way, this will be done at their home Sunday, August 5. How

thankful we are that they can make this experience, and trust their Lord will give them the grace to remain in the shelter of His wings.

God can read each falling tear.
He sees the heart that's needing cheer.

He knows the path that's hard and drear.

Don't give up, for He is near.

RITTMAN

Florence Hartzler

"Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" . . . These words were spoken by our Lord, and we are to obey. Seven dear souls obeyed and are now born again. We rejoice with Dave and Dottie Ramsier, Steve and Karen Ramsier, Mark and Sue Steiner, and Arliss Walder, as they were united to the fold and are now lambs of the flock. The week-end was a joy to us, as Bro. John Bahler and Bro. Rudy Graf assisted Bro. Joe Ramsier with this work. We want to thank them for their love shown to us through the word of God, as the word was spoken that day. We were reminded to build of gold, silver, and stone, not straw, hay, or stubble, so that when the fire comes, we will not be consumed, but that our spiritual house will stand. Also present were Bros. Bob Walder and Aaron Steffen. The waters are still troubled, as four more dear friends have surrendered their hearts to the Lord. Oh, it makes us so glad to see these loved ones come to the Lord while they still can, for some day they will not be able to, and then what a sad time will be! Dan and Diane Gasser, Marlene Dotterer, Elaine Rufener have answered the call of the Lord. God bless them!

Our dear Bro. Ben Ramsier passed away at age 83. We will miss this pillar of the church, as many of us looked to him as an example of the life we should live. Our sympathy is extended to his family: his wife, Sis. Elizabeth; daughters; Sis. Arlene and Sis. Eleanor, and Gladys of the home, Sis. Norma Saylor—Rittman; sons: Bro. Jim, Bro. Bob of Sterling, Bro. Kenneth, and Harlan of Rittman, Bro. Wallace, Mansfield; one sister also survives, Sis. Bertha Bauman. The word tells us we should not grieve for those who have hope of

everlasting life (as others do).

There is joy in the home of Bro. Denny and Sis. Kay Nieman as their first child was born, a son, Douglas William. Grandparents are Bro. Charles and Sis. Delphine Nieman, and Sis. Mildred Endress of Princeville. Kay was glad to have her mother here to help care for little Doug. . . . A daughter, Lori Michelle, was born to Irene and Larry Bratcher. Maternal grandparents are Ted and Sis. Rhea Beery . . . First-time grand-parents are Dale and Ellen Hess, as Brandon Scott was born to their son, Dan, and wife, Pat. . . . A daughter was born to Art and Ilene Beery, and has been named Bonita Sue. Her brothers, Michael and Dwaine are sure glad for a little sister. Grandparents are Howard and Sis. Lucille Beery. "Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD"

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth" . . . Isn't it wonderful that we can look to God for help in time of trouble or in sickness! Bro. Noah Bauman has not been feeling well, and is not able to attend church. Sis. Lucille Beery has been in the hospital for a couple weeks, and Ed Gasser is also hospitalized.

Stan Beery and Karen Bauman were united in marriage by Bro. Joe Ramsier on Friday evening, July 20. Parents are Bro. Melvin and Sis. Elizabeth Beery, and Richard and Gladys Bauman. Joyce and Jim Thompson are living on a farm near Orrville, following their wedding. Joyce's parents are Bro. Art and Sis. Janet Maibach. We hope these dear ones will make the Lord welcome in their homes they are starting together.

The Sunday School classes enjoyed a very blessed day at Mansfield, where Youth Day was held on July 22. We certainly want to thank God, for without His blessing all efforts would have been in vain. It is a privilege, to be able to worship God in song . . . **sing praises unto his name; for it is pleasant.** Surely, it was pleasant to listen to the different Sunday Schools raise their voices in harmony.

Are these the beginning of sorrows which the word tells us we will have to endure before he comes to claim his own? Such tragedy we

have heard recently, all over the world. How many have lost their lives in various ways. We must have our life put in order, for who knows when the Lord will say to you or to me, "It is enough!" Take heed lest that day catch you un-awares!

There is a service God-inspired,
a zeal that tireless grows,
Where self is crucified with Christ,
and joy unceasing flows.
There is a being right with God,
that yields to His commands,
Unswerving, true fidelity.
A loyalty that stands.

We enjoyed having Bro. Kenneth Dietz of Bradford visit us for mid-week services. We want to thank him for his love shown to us in bringing us the word of life so bountiful. In the 25th chapter of Matthew, he read how the coming of Lord shall be. Bro. Kenny told us it does not matter so much when the time is, but the important thing is that we shall be ready at any time.

TAYLOR

Marie Butikofer Eleanor Yackley
Most of the footprints in the
sands of time have been made by
workshoes.

The Bible tells us that first must come faith, then the result will be works, which has been proven recently. A large group of brethren came from many of our churches to help with the clean-up job for those who suffered destruction from the flood. When the water receded, it looked nearly hopeless, but with the many willing hands, the outlook soon was more hopeful. Neighbors and friends were also helped, and how they appreciated the unexpected help! Meals were served in our church basement. May God bless every one who took time to leave their work and come to help. God promised that even a cup of cold water would not go unrewarded.

Most of the flooded land has now been planted with beans. With a favorable fall, the farmers may still get part of a crop. Everyone still finds much for which to be thankful. Our God does all things well.

It was interesting to hear of the plans for the Home for Neglected Children. Several of the committee

members were here to explain the plan. One soul is worth more than all the world; if even one child grows up and finds his salvation, the effort will have been worthwhile.

Our annual Sunday School picnic brought together many friends and relatives, with the entire church and Sunday School. We enjoyed the songs by the four-year-olds through the Bible Class. May God bless the efforts of our teachers. We pray that the good seeds sown in those tender hearts may some day bring forth fruits.

Amy Hoerr, daughter, of Bro. Robert and Sis. Emma Dee, had to spend some time in the hospital because of an ear infection. She is home and doing fine. Her brother, Ted, had surgery and is recovering satisfactorily.

Our Father tests us often
With suffering and with sorrows;
He tests us not to punish us
But to help us meet tomorrow,
For growing trees are strengthened
When they withstand the storm,
And the sharp cut of the chisel
Gives the marble grace and form.
God never hurts us needlessly,
And He never wastes our pain,
For every loss He sends to us
Is followed by rich gain.

UNION CITY Karen Martin

Life left to God
Will bring a greater yield
Of golden harvest and of ripened
field
Than all the weary plannings of
thy soul
Can force to be, or strength of will
control;
Oh trust a Power that must bring
good from all,
And leave thy life to God!

It was a rewarding Sunday to have Bro. Orville Ringger from Bluffton in our midst. He reminded us that those things we do to make life here on earth more comfortable are but temporary, and those things we do for God are lasting and eternal.

Bro. Phillip and Sis. Janice Weber are the happy parents of a new daughter, Sylvia Joy. We rejoice with them, along with their son, Mark Phillip.

We will miss the fellowship of

Sis. Kay and Steve Weidman and daughters, Jenny and Jill, who have moved to Morton. Steve has accepted employment there, and though we hate to see them leave we have wonderful memories of them.

Anyone visiting the East should take the opportunity of seeing Longwood Gardens in Delaware. There among the flowers and trees and acres of woodland, one can surely find rest and enjoy God's creative beauty. This time of year the roses are abundant and perfect, bush after bush of scarlets, pinks, corals, yellows, lavenders and whites in colorful array!

WEST BEND

Mrs. Melvin Fehr
Mrs. A. Banwart

The untiring efforts of our ministers is appreciated, even though we often neglect to express our appreciation . . . However, recently we were reminded that the thanks is due to the Lord. May we praise the Lord for teaching us in His holy ways, as He did when Bros. Ed Bahler of Remington, Herman Kellenberger of Elgin (Il.), Elmer Schmidt of Winthrop, and Walter Anliker of Eureka visited us the past month. An extra blessing was again enjoyed by our Clearview Manor sisters and friends, when Bro. Walter held services for them.

We are happy to report that Byron, son of Leonard and Helen Anliker, is improving from surgery, and Sis. Kathy (Wayne) Fehr is assembling with us again.

Steve Bruellman, son of Bro. Eugene and Sis. Evie, and Rosemary Hanson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hanson, have announced their engagement. May the Lord be with them.

WINTHROP

Delores Messerli
Carol Messner

Elder Bro. Herman and Sis. Della Kellenberger visited in our congregation. They are uncle and aunt to many of us here. He explained the merits of the A. C. Children's home and the blessings of giving to help this worthy cause, following evening services.

We welcome a new family, Bro. Ernest and Sis. Marcelle Dapper and children to our congregation, from Maywood. Marcelle is the daughter of Bro. Fred Messners of

here. They will operate a grocery and dry goods store in the Gibbon area. May Maywood's loss be our gain.

Sis. Esther (George) Messner is hospitalized.

BREMEN

Pauline Laidig

Take Time to be Holy . . . This was the timely advice given us by one of our ministers. He reminded us how easy it is to become negligent, especially during the summer season when so much time is spent out-of-doors and on vacations. Diligence or neglect will show up in our walk. Visiting Bro. Walter Rager pointed out, "A sermon lived is often more effective than one spoken."

We rejoice that Tom Conrad and Steve Carothers have given their lives to the Lord, and are looking forward to giving their testimonies and being baptized. Tom is the son of Bro. Freeman and Sis. Mary, and Steve's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Carothers.

It is an inspiration in times like these to see young folks sincerely and happily walking in the ways of the Lord. This was so evident when we were privileged to have a group from Gridley Ill. spend a Sunday with us. We were inspired by Ministering Bros. Ed Ringger and Elmer Witzig to be filled with the Spirit of the Lord, so our faith will be a living testimony shown in our works. We can please the Lord by using our talents. We were also blessed by the messages in song which were rendered by a group of brothers. There will be blessings to follow just in memory of this day, and we thank them all for making the effort to come, and we do welcome them back anytime.

Sometimes it grieves our hearts when we see long-standing homes given up because the aged are no longer able to carry on, or have passed away, but with pleasure we look forward to the establishing of new homes by the young, such as the one Bro. John Schini is bringing his bride, Sis. Jan (Hunziker) to. Bro. Dan and Sis. Viola are moving to Bremen, and John and Jan will represent the third generation to live on the Schini farm. We will be glad to see more of Bro. Al and Sis. Virginia and their family, as they come and go in sharing the

joys and trials with their daughter and son-in-law in the coming years.

Bro. Silas and Sis. Pauline Laidig have attained a new son-in-law, as their daughter, Karen, was married to Darrel Sommers, son of the Wayne Sommers of New Paris. Karen and Darrel are making their home in rural New Paris. We pray God's nearness will be felt in both of these new homes.

We are happy their have been no new illnesses or accidents to report. We do sympathize with those who have experienced losses of loved ones. May God give them strength and grace to accept these heart-aches and trials.

DETROIT

Bonnie Popp

To reach the port of Heaven we must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it, But we must sail, and not drift nor lie at anchor.

The Christian feels that Heaven is the only true home . . . But what a commission we are given while sojourning here below. To see Christ face to face is our wish most glorious—and yet we should be mindful daily of our duties here on earth. We should be ready to be used at any moment. Let us not get so caught up in our earthly tasks of work or school, that we forget to pray to be emptied of self and fit for the Master's use.

We are the only Bible
The careless world will read.
We are the sinner's gospel;
We are the scoffer's creed.
We are the Lord's last message,
Given in deed and word.
What if the type is crooked?
What if the print is blurred?

What if our hands are busy
With work other than His?
What if our feet are walking
Where sin's allurements is?
What if our tongues are speaking
Of things His lips would spurn?
How can we hope to help Him
And hasten His return?

Announcement was made of the engagement of Sis. Evelyn Polk (daughter of Bro. Homer and Sis. Alice Polk) to Bro. Rodney Wieland of Bay City. We trust the Lord will be with them, as they

have put His will first in their lives.

Hospitalized were Bro. Dan Knochel, Bill Stewart and little Ryan Manz.

Never be afraid of giving up your best, and God will give you His better.

FAIRBURY Joyce Huber

We rejoice greatly that Robert and Colleen Kaisner have turned to the Lord Jesus for their Saviour. Robert is the son of Bro. and Sis. Merle Kaisner. Our hearts are saddened by the tragic accident of their daughter and her family, Bro. and Sis. Gary Kupferschmid.

There is rejoicing also for Connie Bahler turning to Jesus. Connie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Bahler.

Sis. Joann Zehr has been given the responsibility of teaching a class in Sunday School.

Bro. Elmer Bucher gave us inspiring messages when he and several others from Francesville visited here.

Bro. Akito and Sis. Marie Inoue of Japan visited us a Sunday.

Bro. Akito ministered to us.

Mrs. Ben Nussbaum (Lydia Munz) reached the age of fourscore and ten and could celebrate her 80th birthday.

Beverly Kaeb, daughter of Bro. and Sis. David Kaeb, has accepted and will be studying at Bauder Fashion College of Miami.

Funeral services were held for William Maier, 75. Surviving are his wife, Edna (Wenger); three brothers, Bro. Sam, Bro. Chester, Alvin; a sister, Sis. Martha Maier.

Hospitalized were: Sis. Sarah Steffen, Sis. Lydia Wiedman, Sis. Ada Hartman, Bro. Lloyd Zimmerman, Sis. Hermina Zimmerman, Bro. Earl Steffen, Sis. Mary Koehl and Bro. Earl Roth.

Sis. Annie & Sis. Doris Widmer, & George & Thelma Saathoff have moved from Fairbury, but hopefully some of them will still gather with us.

Bro. and Sis. Earl Steffen were blessed with a new baby boy, Sam Earl. Other children are Sarah and Jonathan. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Sam Steffen.

Changing address? Tell your reporter. Remember to send zip number!

HOME FOR HANDICAPPED Elmer J. Bucher

There has been a lull in the accepting of residents at the home, while we are making an all-out effort to see how many there are among our own people who will be needing a place for their loved one in the not to distant future. Anyone who feels they will be needing the facilities, either now or later, should contact the home as soon as possible. We need your help in this matter, so we can plan for the future.

When asked how he likes it at home, Dean Stoller from Leo said, "I love every minute of it."

The Bible study that is held there by volunteers has been a real source of inspiration and encouragement to the residents . . . Also the Friday evening services seem to be greatly appreciated.

We continue to covet your prayerful and financial support as we seek to carry out our responsibility toward the handicapped, who we believe God has placed here for a specific purpose, even though it may be unknown to us.

The following is taken from the colored brochure describing the home:

The Gift of Understanding

Oh please—

Turn not your face or hide me in the dark.

Shed not a quiet tear or lower your eyes in shame.

I am flesh and blood with heart and soul.

I need your love and understanding, too.

Accept me as He put me here . . .

—A child to love, no more, no less.

LATTY

Connie Stoller LeAnn Laukhuf

God is in every tomorrow;

Therefore I live today,
Certain of finding at sunrise

Guidance and strength for the way,

Power for each moment of weakness,

Hope for each moment of pain,
Comfort for every sorrow,

Sunshine and joy after rain.

We are happy to report that Liz Dunham has decided to follow the Lord's calling in repentance. She

is the daughter of Bro. Charles and Sis. Laura. May God grant grace and strength for her walk with Him.

Visiting ministers were Bros. Eugene Fetter (Toledo), Henry Dotterer (Rittman), and Ernie Graf (Akron).

Sis. Katie and Henry Breitwieser and Sis. Mary Gerber (Jesse) have returned safely from a 5½ week visit to Europe.

Latty Young Group enjoyed their visits to Bluffton and Junction. The fellowship we share is a blessing.

Our congregation was privileged to hear the testimony of our friend, Ruth Klopfenstein (Bro. Alvin and Sis. Ellen). The angels in Heaven rejoice with one sinner who repents, but we hope for many more. Many visitors were here to share this happy time with us.

Hospital patients were Sis. Dolly Laukhuf and Bro. Emil Stoller.

LESTER

Alice Metzger — Donna Metzger

God has directed several visiting ministers into our midst. The messages they brought were sent by God and delivered by His Servants. We have been reminded to be content, to set our hearts on spiritual gain rather than earthly. Our true affections should be on things above. Bro. Edwin Bahler informed us on the findings of the committee for the children's home. Elder Bro. Sam Anliker was here to assist our Elder Bro. Leo Moser in the provings and baptisms of four precious souls. It was a real blessing to hear how deeply they love God and want to be among His children. Taken into the fold were Darlene and Julie Wulf, children of Bro. Bill and Sis. Leona; Jeryl Mogler, daughter of Bro. Phil and Sis. Lydia; and Becky Leuthold, daughter of Bro. Paul and Sis. Betty Jean. How we love welcoming these dear souls into the fold. Other recent visitors were Bros. Joe Aberle, Simon Wagenbach, Corbin Bahler, Elmer Schmidt, and Vernon Leman. It is comforting to know that all over this great land of ours there are here and there men who preach the truth in sincerity and humble hearts.

May God comfort the sick and those in hospital beds. We have had several who have had to spend

some time in this way. Andy Leuthold was in for arthritis treatment. Rick Moser, son of Bro. Frank and Sis. Verna, was in for treatment of an ulcer. Little Jeff Knobloch, son of Bro. Bill and Sis. Ellie, had ear surgery. Sis. Karoline Doorneweerd underwent an appendectomy. Gary Popkes, son of Eleanor, had a tonsillectomy. Verlyn Kellenberger had throat surgery.

Jim and Linda Moser are the parents of their first baby, a little boy, Stuart James. Bro. Jake Metzger is the grandfather, and Fred and Sis. Carrie are the great-grandparents.

Sis. Marjean Metzger graduated from LPN training in Sioux Falls. She will remain in Sioux Falls and be working at McKennan Hospital.

Glen Metzger has received his discharge, after serving six years in the Air National Guard.

PEORIA

Mrs. R. J. Miller

Diane and Sharon Feucht, daughters of Bro. Walter and Sis. Iola Feucht, were seriously injured in a one-car accident on Rt. 88, Aug. 5. Also hospitalized were Steve Hopwood and a Morton girl, while two other girls from Morton were killed. We sympathize with everyone who is in anguish and suffering because of this terrible tragedy.

Both of the dear sisters who were suffering so at my last writing are now laid to rest. Sis. Elizabeth Hartman passed away July 11, and her funeral was July 14. Sis. Florence Hier died July 23.

Our church was blessed with visits from several ministering brothers; Bro. Edwin Bahler of Remington, Bro. Walter Rehklau of Toledo, Elder Bro. Noah Schrock of Oakville, and Bro. Eli Somerhalder of Burlington. Each sermon taught us, inspired and encouraged, and even gently chastised us. We are thankful to God for their messages, as well as for the many wonderful words of love brought to us regularly by our own faithful Peoria ministers.

Bro. David Hoerr, son of Dave and Sis. Harriet, was married to Sis. Connie Menold in Princeville July 22.

We welcome Ruth Yoder as a new resident of our A. C. Home.

We miss Bro. Bob and Sis. Lynn Blunier and their children since they moved to Eureka.

Sis. Emma Wilhelm, Connie Kaufman, and Mike Herman were hospitalized.

Tom and Florence (Hoerr) Barkley are parents of a baby girl, born July 21. They named her Mary Elizabeth. They are living in Brazil.

Sis. Loretta Eisenmann, wife of Bro. Harry, and her sister and four brothers were reunited July 31 for the first time in twenty years. God heard her prayers and blessed her efforts to find them, and get them all together. They were separated when their mother died when they were children. They had a wonderful visit in Burlington, Iowa.

ROANOKE

Doris Mangold

Erma Moser

Our trials, though they seem severe, are oft in kindness sent; They fit us for God's service here, and are for blessing meant.

We welcome Bro. Bob and Sis. Lyn Blunier and their children, who have moved here from the Peoria congregation. We are sorry to have two families leave our congregation, Bro. Gene and Sis. Margaret Fehr have moved to Phoenix, and Bro. Richard and Sis. Dorothy Fischer have moved to Champaign. May God be with them in their home.

We felt richly blessed to have Bob Meyer minister unto us on Sunday afternoon, July 8.

United in marriage July 21 were Kathy Nichols and John Diggle. Parents of the couple are Bro. John and Sis. Sara, and Mr. and Mrs. Nichols of Northbrook, Illinois. We wish them the blessings of the Lord in their life together.

Hospitalized: Sis. Helen Leman (Bill), who had surgery, and Bro. Ben P. Martin, who had open heart surgery at Mayo's. He is reported to be recovering satisfactorily. Sis. Helen has returned home. Sis. Ann Heilingenstein, who has had a long stay in the hospital, is again at home.

Stan DesCarpentrie, son of Sis. Lois, was attacked by a dog while riding his bike and sustained a broken arm.

Thank You: We wish to thank

all our dear friends and neighbors of the Roanoke congregation for the kindness and hospitality shown us while living there . . . Also for the farewell singing and gift. We enjoyed it very much. Gene and Margaret Fehr.

PORTLAND

Art and Betty Metz

"So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how. For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear. But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come."

As in the parable, harvest-time is at hand, as indicated by golden fields of grain and many varieties of ripening fruits and vegetables. May we also be able to discern the signs pertaining to the final harvest.

Many timely teachings were brought forth as visiting minister, Bro. Bob Grimm and family of Goodfield were with us on Sun., July 29. We wish to thank all those who have visited us.

We sympathize with the Robert Bertsch family at the loss of wife and mother, Delores Kaufman Bertsch. We trust that the Great Physician can heal the broken hearted.

We rejoice in having Sis Pearl Miller back with us, after spending several weeks in Illinois, visiting Bro. Perry and Sis. Carol Miller Klopfenstein and baby daughter, Elizabeth Anna. Elizabeth is Bro. Robert and Sis. Pearl's first grandchild.

TREMONT

Lydia Rassi Mary Jane Leuthold

Two dear sisters-in-faith have laid their armor down and gone to their eternal rest.

Sis. Lena Moser Woerner, 73, passed away on July 26 at Mennonite Hospital, Bloomington. She is survived by her husband, Bro. George; three sons, Fred C. of Pe-kin, George M. and Kenneth J., both of Tremont; two daughters, Mrs. Ronald (Joanne) Stoller, Ft. Wayne, and Sis. Mary Ellen (Carl) Sinn of rural Tremont; one foster son, Robert Quick of Memphis,

Tenn.; two sisters, Sis. Hannah (Arnold) Siebenthal, Deer Creek, and Mrs. Walter (Ruth) Lockenvitz, St. Petersburg, Florida; and a brother, Bro. John P. Moser, Tremont.

Funeral services were held for Sis. Lena Knapp, 66, who passed away Aug. 2 at Hopedale Medical Complex. She is survived by a son, Herbert, of Tremont; a sister, Mrs. Pauline Schaefer of Tremont; one brother, Herman of Pekin, and a half-brother, George of Peoria. Sis. Lena had entrusted us with a thank you note several weeks ago. She wanted to thank everyone for being so good to her while she was in the hospital. It was really appreciated.

We thank Bro. Cleo Rinkenberg-er, Pulaski, for his visit July 15: How good it is to be refreshed in our Saviour's precious teachings.

Hospital patients were Gary Moser, son of Bro. Ray and Sis. Barbara; Bro. Dale Sauder; and Sis. Hannah Pflederer. We're thankful they are home again.

WICHITA

Glennis Allenbach

We are always glad to share our blessings with brothers and sisters from near and far.

The new addition to our church is progressing nicely. The interior trim is taking shape. We are so thankful that the Lord has seemed to bless this and has generously provided those to help in both labor and donations.

The additional space for Sunday School will be so nice, especially not having to use the present Sunday school area for serving from the kitchen.

Bro. John and Sis. Marie Riedel moved here in 1911, and in 1916 Bro. Alfred and Sis. Bertha Lambert and family moved from the Burlington Oklahoma congregation.

These two families started the Christian fellowship that led to our present church. In 1921 they were joined by Bro. John and Sis. Rose Schrock and family. During the next few years, many friends and members moved here to work, and Bro. Alfred Lambert became the one they depended on to provide ways of fellowship, by reading the word, singing and prayer. He passed away in 1924, and our present church was built in 1938.

We had no minister at first, so had to depend on visiting ministers. Bro. Ernest Gleichman of Harper, Kansas was our first elder. Bro. Robert Young was made our first minister in 1940, and was soon joined by Bro. John Barth and Bro. Clarence Yackley.

In 1952, Bro. George Lambert was made minister, in 1963 joined by Bro. Al Langhofer, and in 1970 by Bro. Max Reimschisel.

We hope to finish our church addition in 1973, so we have a span of 35 years from our first building to the present, and 57 years from the actual beginning of fellowship between the two families.

Think how different it would seem if we had no church in which to worship, as did those in the beginning. We should count our blessings!

We were blessed this past month to have visiting minister, Bro. Sam Huber from Sabetha. The Bible says there will be gifts of prophecy. The Lord has given Bro. Sam this, in that he has special understanding of prophecy, along with a hunger to search the scriptures on prophecy and a way of presenting it so all can understand his God-inspired messages. In today's language we might say, "It makes sense."

The Lord again blessed us with a visit from Shantwan Meshram of India. He impressed us with his humble sincerity. I especially remember what he said about being thankful. He said he thanked the Lord for both good and hard times. He thanked God if he had only the barest of necessities, or if he was given plenty. It would be wonderful if we all could always remember to do this.

BAY CITY

Carolyn Schamback

"Out of the mouths of babes" . . . One of the little boys in our Sunday School retold his version of the story of the ten virgins: "Ten ladies went on a trip, and some ran out of gas and some made it . . .!" Maybe not exactly accurate, but he gets the meaning across! We were reminded again that we must be sure we have enough spiritual "gas" to make it to our destination, by our own dear ministers, and by visiting ministers, Marvin Schmidgall of Eureka and Maurice Frank of Leo.

Hospitalized: Sis. Florence Wiland, now home and recovering, and Sis. Mildred Wieland (Bro. Howard).

Bro. Jim and Sis. Sandy Schwartz have a second son, Mark Edward, to keep little Bobbie company, a sweet little addition!

Bro. Rod Wieland's engagement to Sis. Evelyn Polk of Detroit was announced; Bro. Rod's parents are Bro. Homer and Sis. Alice. Rod has been living near Detroit; we wish them much grace and happiness.

EUREKA

Cathryn Wettstein

Salome Schumacher

The evening of July 14, Bro. Ed Frank helped Bro. Leroy Huber prove Donna (Martin) Carr and Karen Hodel. Donna's folks are Bro. and Sis. Lester and Ruth Martin; Karen's folks are Bro. and Sis. Harold and Mildred Hodel. The next day they were baptized and now are lambs of His precious flock.

Visitors were Bros. Ed Frank, LaCrosse; Joe Braker, Morton; Eugene Bertschi, Roanoke; Henry Beer, Milford; Ed Hohulin, Goodfield.

We have many among the ill who were in hospitals. Sis. Tillie Wittmer (Bro. John's wife) was a medical patient in Proctor Hospital. Sis. Jane Anliker was a medical patient in Eureka Hospital. Bro. Walter Anliker was a patient at the Mayo Clinic for tests. Bro. Roy Blunier is out of the hospital, but isn't feeling well. Bro. Mike Schmidgall was in the hospital for surgery on his hand; his folks are Fred and Betty.

David Schumacher had surgery, but is at home; his folks are Bro. Robert and Sis. Charlene. Bro. Ralph Fehr underwent surgery, but is now home. Sis. Martha Grusy is a medical patient in Methodist Hospital; she is Bro. Alf's wife. Sis. Bena Fehr fell and fractured her one knee cap and is a patient in Eureka Hospital. Teri Jo, baby daughter of Bro. and Sis. Lewis and Arletta Martin, was in the hospital a few days.

Correction: The baby girl born to Ron and Betty Colclassure arrived May 18, not April 18.

Tragedy in the way of a fatal accident has saddened many hearts in our church and community. Sis. Miriam (Romersberger) Klaus, age

54, was very suddenly taken out of this life in a car accident near Morton, July 29. Her husband, Bro. Joe Klaus, was seriously injured and is a patient in St. Francis Hospital, Peoria. Also surviving are a son, J Michael, who lives in Sweden; two daughters—Diane Marie, Flagstaff, Arizona; Sis. Rosemary Lynn at home. She also leaves to mourn her loss five brothers and three sisters. Her funeral was Aug. 2, with Bro. Eugene Bertschi in charge. Burial was in Mackinaw Dells Cemetery. May God comfort the dear family.

ATHENS

Irene Haggermaker

"But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I am a child: For thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak."

John Wagler reminded us that the love of Jesus is as powerful today as He was then. Elder Bro. Dave Bertsch said, Do like Zachaeus. Come down out of the tree, and meet the Lord. Bro. Lynn Klopfenstein was our song leader. We always rejoice with him in song.

We were also blessed with such beautiful singing on July 22 by the Gospel Heirs of Francesville . . . was sorry Bro. Wally Bucher could not be with them.

Bro. Henry and Sis. Annis Perry wish to thank everyone for their cards and gifts of love on their 50th anniversary.

Bro. Bill Klopfenstein was here on July 15 to explain about the children's home, of which we all think is just great. We pray for God's blessing on this and for each one of the brothers who are working so hard to help get it all started.

"I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me."

BRADFORD

Rebecca Endress

This is the month for vacations. Sunday gatherings are smaller than usual; sometimes the traveller's places are filled by visitors. A vacation isn't always restful, but is refreshing to our minds, and we come back home with a new outlook. We took a short week-end trip. I really enjoyed the company of our little three-year-old.

Perhaps we all need even more to take spiritual vacations—not once a year, but often to put our work aside and take time through the day to refresh our souls. This in itself would banish many of the problems we face every day. Jesus tells us "take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares."

We had two especially enjoyable Sundays when visiting ministers were among us. Paul Butikofer and Dale Moore were here from Elgin, Iowa; Henry Grimm, Morton, and Frederick Knapp, Congerville, also spent a day with us.

Judy Endress, daughter of Sis. Lois, in engaged to Steve Pettit of Wyoming. We offer them both our best wishes.

CHICAGO

Mrs. Perry Klopfenstein

Time continues to take its toll at a remarkable rate. The old die, babies are born, and one generation succeeds another. Our lifetime passes away, as a flower withers and fades. Thus it behooves us to use our time wisely in doing good and serving our fellow man . . . for we know it is only the treasure we lay up in heaven that will endure.

We rejoice with our new brother, Lonnie Steffen, that he has chosen the better part in life. July 22 he made his covenant with his Lord in the baptismal waters. Bro. Leroy Huber from Eureka was present and assisted Bro. Al Fisher. Also Ministering Bro. Fred Knapp was here from Congerville.

Again the wonderful Creator of life has brought about the miracle of birth. Bro. Greg and Sis. Carla Rassi became the new parents of a baby girl, Rachel Anne, on July 24.

We were privileged to have Bro. Dave Kieser with us to preach the message of the Gospel, Sunday, July 29.

Bro. Al Fisher read a heart-warming letter to our congregation from our dear Bro. Sam Slagel. Sam expressed his appreciation for the loving concern and many prayers which were given by his fellow believers in his behalf while he was hospitalized for surgery. He is now recovering at home, and we hope it

will not be long before he is able to assemble with us again . . . as the hymnwriter expressed, "We need the prayers of those we love."

CISSNA PARK

Margaret Rudin Grace Bauer

We should keep heading for that promised land; we have no promise for tomorrow. **Heaven and earth will pass away, but My word will stay.** Let us prepare ourselves. We are very thankful the waters are troubled, and we have several souls that have turned to the Lord in repentance. We pray that many more will come when man still can work for the Lord, and not have to go empty-handed.

This is vacation-time and we have enjoyed our visitors: Sisters, Eiko Nozawa, Hiroko Utsuki . . . (Shioda and Tsutsujiga—Oka) Bro. Akito and Sis. Marie Inoue, and Bro. Toru Saegusa from Tamahata church. We thank Bro. Inoue for his inspiring message. Sunday School was dismissed, and the children enjoyed it too. When services were over, our Japanese brethren and all the sisters that had taught school over there sang two songs for us in Japanese.

We also enjoyed our friend, Helene Bach from Aux Mines, France, who was visiting her cousin, Sis. Marguerite Bauer and other relatives.

The soldier's reunion from Ft. Sam was held here Aug 4 and 5. It was well attended from many churches. Paul Gasser and James Ramseyer were the guest ministers. We thank them for coming and bringing us the message.

Sis. Carrie Knapp, age 82, passed away July 11 at Carle Hospital in Urbana. Funeral services were held July 14. Survivors are five step-daughters: Sis. Leona Walder, Bertha Honegger, Lillian Hasselbung, Evelyn Bucher and Allie Tagen; four step-sons, Lester, Dan, Harry and Bro. Francis; four sisters, Sisters Martin, Anna Kantz and Bertha McDonald and Leah Seymour. Sis. Carrie has cared for many sick people, bound up the wounds and eased the pain for many. She had worked in the doctor's office before her marriage. We will miss her friendly smile. Our sympathy is extended to the family.

Announcement was made of the engagement of Sis. Gloria Stock,

daughter of Bro. Lester and Sis. Arlene Stock, to Bro. Wayne Laubscher, son of Bro. Ben and Sis. Marie Laubscher. We wish them God's blessing.

Our sick: Bro. Willard Rudin is happy to be home; he is slowly recuperating. Bros. John Lackey, Wm. Wyss and our friends, Henrietta (Mrs. Ben) Waldbuser and David Kupferschmid were all hospital medical patients. Sis. Lillian Kaufman was laid up with an ulcer on her leg. Sis. Sylvia (Mrs. Lynn) Knapp had major surgery. Keith Knapp, son of Bro. Ralph and Sis. Verena, had the misfortune of breaking his ankle. He is now at home and has his leg in a cast.

Note of Thanks . . . I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for the many get well wishes, inspirational cards, prayers and visits while I was in the hospital and since I have returned home.

Though in health and in enjoyment
We to our good Lord's employment
Willingly our strength did yield,
Yet we deem it no privation,
When through pain and tribulation
Our faith unto God is sealed.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it
unto one of the least of these my
brethren, ye have done it unto me."
Gratefully, Ezra J. Feller.

FT SCOTT

Ida Sinn

Elder Bro. Noah Schrock, accompanied by Dr. Shantwan from India, and Bro. Robert Schultz visited us last Wed. evening. We gathered at the church to hear Dr. Shantwan speak about the mission for orphans and the work of Christians in India.

The same evening, Bro. Nick Knobloch was also with us and brought stories of the orphans and needy in our own country. Each man is doing much to help the same. May God's blessing rest on their work.

Bro. George Lambert also visited us the past month.

Sis. Carrie Massner was in the hospital for major surgery. She is now at home and recovering nicely.

Glenda Banwart and Alan Miner were united in marriage. Both will continue their studies at John Brown University in Arkansas.

GARDEN GROVE

Don Clark

"When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul." This is the teachings of the Lord. It seems many are seeking after knowledge in these days. Many are attending the colleges and schools of higher learning. . . . But what man does not realize is that if he has not the knowledge of the Lord, and if he clings to the knowledge of man he can never find wisdom.

Greetings from all at Garden Grove.

A blessed event in this month: a son, Eric was born to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Smith, the grandparents being Sis. Verle and Bro. William Funk and Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Smith of Garden Grove.

GOODFIELD

Elna Grimm

Wilma Young

Best things are the simplest things—home, love and work to do, flowers in the garden, and bread from generous fields. Having them, give thanks with joy; we need no more. How true this is; having just returned from a long vacation, I find these words have deeper meaning. This land of ours is beautiful to see . . . Kind faces light the path along the way, but none quite warm the heart like those at home, and surely our hearts burn within us when we hear news from home.

While we were gone, little Brad Wiegand, son of Bro. and Sis. Steve and Mary Ellen accidentally caught his foot in a lawn mower, losing three toes on one foot. We are very glad to report that he is getting along just fine now.

Mike Hinrichsen, son of Bro. and Sis. Hans and Arlene, is engaged to Ellen Hodel, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Bob and Lorene of Roanoke. They plan to be married the first of December.

David Bauman, son of Bro. and Sis. Elmer and Mildred, was married to Shirley Seidel, daughter of the Richard Seidels of Princeville on Sunday, July 8.

A baby girl, Ketra Lee, was born to Roy and Sis. Corrine Roth of Goodfield, on July 18. A baby boy, Ronald Glenn, was born to Bro. and Sis. Glenn and Bev Joos on July 24.

Bro. and Sis. Tom and Carol Ho-

hulin have adopted a baby boy. His name is Adam Thomas, and he was born on July 24. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Ed and Elsie Hohulin, Goodfield, and Elmer and Sis. Verna Roth, Champaign. Mrs. Dan Roth of Fairbury is the great-grandmother.

Our friend, Dan Drayer, R. R. Deer Creek died on July 19 after a very lengthy illness. His wife, Clara, survives. His funeral was Sunday, July 22 at the Goodfield Apostolic Christian Church. Bro. Joe Zimmerman, Morton, assisted Bro. Ed Hohulin with services.

Other visiting ministers were Bro. Fred Knapp, Congerville, and Bro. Dave Wiegand, Urbana.

GRIDLEY, ILL.

Dixie Ringger

We are happy to share with you our joyous news of five souls having turned their hearts to Jesus. The five are Dale Gramm (Bro. Ed), Deanna Marti (Bro. Allen and Sis. Delores), Linda Meiss (Bro. Floyd and Sis. Marge), Keri Ringger (Bro. Alvin and Sis. Dorothy), and Lynn Stoller (Bro. Clarence and Sis. Lucile).

The announcement of the engagement of Sis. Christine Meiss to Bro. Dave Zeller of Morton was made known to us. May their life together be blessed.

Our community was saddened by the death of 14-year-old Alan Grusy, who died as a result of injuries sustained when he dived into the shallow end of the Gridley Swimming Pool. His parents were Frank and Irma Grusy, and he was a grandson of Bro. Emil Grusy. Alan made a wonderful confession of repentance and peace with God the day before he died . . . should remind us all that God does not only want the old, but the young to be a part of His Heavenly host.

Those who were in the hospital but now home: Sisters Lorene Stoller, Emma Ringger, Betty Schmidtgall, Bros. Clarence Stoller and Phil Moser.

LA CROSSE

Gwen Bucher Lorene Moser

Our Sunday School picnic was held on July 29 at the Kouts School grounds. It was very well attended, and a goodly percentage of the students were awarded perfect attendance gifts. Our new teachers for the fall are Sis. Mary

Ann Feller and Bro. Steve Bucher. Bro. Ed Wittmer had surgery and has returned home . . . also friend David Heiniger and Sis. Rita Furrer. We are happy to report they are doing nicely. Friend Albert Sinn is hospitalized.

LEO

Mrs. Elias Souder

Our visiting ministers were Arnold Gerst from the Chicago congregation and Lavoyd Moore from Athens. Both were very much appreciated.

Time passes on, and we again have come to the time of the year for Camp Mack's meeting . . . then soon, many will be going back to school.

Phil and Thelma Schlatter have a new little granddaughter, born to Sharon and Fritz Hepler. Two little brothers were waiting for her.

We have had quite a few sick people. Bro. Joseph Conrad had eye surgery, did very well, and is home again. Joe just passed his 97th birthday. Sis. Marilyn Kipfer, wife of Ephraim, spent quite a few days in the hospital for surgery. However, she is better and soon expects to be home. Sis. Minnie Bertsch is very ill at the Parkview Hospital in Ft. Wayne. Just a few weeks ago she passed her 79th birthday.

It was very interesting to have Jack Krantz from the Morton congregation tell us about the children's home.

We paid our monthly visit to the three Rest Homes in Butler, also a group had a service at the Ft. Wayne Rescue Mission.

MILFORD

Sue Schieler — Sandee Price

As a master florist would tend with care a beautiful garden, so Christ tends the lives of His children. It is His choice to plant, transplant, or to pluck. He sent a little blossom, Marc Andrew on July 6 to bloom with Becky and Dick Pilath . . . Sis. Emma Graff, He chose for His bouquet, and we are sure her radiant hue is more beautiful there than ever before.

Bro. Robert Beer visited us, and our Adult Sunday School visited Bluffton Sunday School.

Our shepherd's wife, Sis. Naomi Beer is home again and doing well, for which we thank the Lord. We trust the healing touch of the Mas-

ter for Sis. Georgia Rassi and Nancy Hunsburger too.

We welcome Sis. Ginny Beer, after an extended stay in the Lord's work in South America.

Sis. Mim and Bro. Lewis Speicher celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary, visiting their son Bro. Tom and his wife, Sis. Tammy, in Germany.

There's been times when giving and loving brought pain, and I said to myself that I'd never let it happen again . . . but I found out that loving was well worth the risk, and that even in losing you win.

As we tend the garden of our hearts, may we seed with love and reap a harvest of miracles!

PULASKI

Nancy Musselman
Ernestine Wuthrich

We enjoyed having Bro. Harvey Heiniger of Oakville and Bro. Norbert Steiner of Croghan spend a Sunday with us and share God's word.

Jane and Janet Schaer were announced as having peace and are awaiting baptism.

Bro. Joel Wuthrich, Donna Teubel and Daryl Wiegand all had the misfortune of receiving injuries. We are happy to say they are recovering satisfactory.

Thank you: We wish to express our humble thanks for the many prayers, cards, gifts and letters sent to us at the time of our dear little son's accident, from our many relatives and friends in the Illinois congregations and also those we learned to know since moving here. Your words of encouragement meant so much to us in our trying hours and helped us to accept what ever might be the Lord's will. We also wish to thank our dear families who so faithfully stood by in prayers, visits and in so many ways helped us. This meant so much to us. God through the love of the brethren has helped us to bear this cross.

Bro. Richard and Sis. Wilma Teubel

The Days of Our Years

Some days the sun is shining;
Some days the raindrops fall,
But God's eternal goodness
And love are in it all.

He knows that in life's pattern
Of dark and light design,
It takes the darker colors
To make the others shine . . .

But in life's finished pattern
Of colors dull and gay,
We'll see God's plan was perfect,
Complete in every way.

TOKYO

Yoshio Yamazaki

It was very beautiful morning, and even near our Tokyo Church here some wild birds were singing. Surely we really realize that God created such a beautiful world.

We had "Shuyokai", special fellowship meeting near Mt. Fuji from July 26-July 28, and about 30 people attended that meeting. It was very blessed time, and we really enjoyed it. We learned about what should we do such a busy world at the end of time. Jesus says, "Take heed that no man deceive you." No one knows when the end of this world will come, even His begotten Son, Jesus Christ himself, then how we can say anything!

Our Tokyo Church Sunday School is really great now, but "It's great" means not great number of children as you know, but I have a young girl in my class, who is 12 years old, very concerned about her future and own salvation. One time when I was talking about Jesus and His cross and He died for her sins, then she cried, said with tears, "Oh! Jesus is poor. Even God's Son betrayed from disciples and all people in the world!" and cried and cried. She told me that she is adopted girl when she was 5 years old, and no one celebrates or congratulates on entrance to new school. I really sympathize and tried to encourage her by Scripture. She seems me very happy and thanks to God. She is still coming to Sunday School now and reads Bible every day, even she couldn't understand. Isn't that wonderful! Please pray for such a pure and young soul in the world.

Take heed that no man deceive you! "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak!"

Moving? Drop a card. Tell both old and new address

MORTON

**Mrs. Keith Stevig
Mrs. Harry Kaiser**

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;"

Four dear souls have repented and given their testimony for their Lord and were baptized. They were Helen Schuon, daughter of Bro. Karl and Sis. Elsa Schuon; Marie Herman, daughter of Bro. Clarence and Sis. Emma Herman; Marcia Kaiser, daughter of Bro. Harry and Sis. LaVerne Kaiser; and Kay Knobloch, daughter of Bro. Robert and Sis. Marvel Knobloch. We wish them God's richest blessings.

Rebecca Jane was born July 13 to the parents, Bro. Jim and Sis. Joanne Fischer. She is welcomed home by a sister, Diane, and a brother, Allen. Grandparents are Sis. Lydia Fischer of Eureka and Sis. Mary Baurer of Tremont.

Bro. Greg and Sis. Carla Rassi are parents of a new baby daughter, Rachel Ann, born July 24. She is their first child. Grandparents are Bro. Eli and Sis. Pearl Rassi and Bro. Carl and Sis. Rose Vierling, all of Morton.

On July 20, a baby girl, Lora Jean, was born to Bro. Brent and Sis. Donna Pflederer. She was welcomed home by a sister, Erika. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Pflederer of Morton and Bro. Richard and Sis. Mardell Bowald of Eureka.

Sis. Florence (Muselman) Hier, 53, passed away Monday July 23. Surviving are her husband, Theodore; her mother, Sis. Ella Muselman of Morton; a son, Stephen of Peoria; two sisters, Sis. Grace (Elmer) Ziegler and Sis. Alice (Maurice) Schaefer, both of Morton; and four brothers, Harold of Albuquerque N.M., Clarence of Independence Mo., Willis of Indianapolis, and Jesse of Morton.

Bro. Otto Baum, 68, passed away Friday, Aug. 3. He was stricken by an apparent heart attack. He is survived by his wife, Sis. Mary; four sons, Melvin, Bro. Robert, Ken all of Morton, and Wayne of Peoria; two daughters, Sis. Eileen (Howard) Maurer of Fairbury and Mrs. Dennis (Barbara) Mohr of Morton.

Kathy Lou Staker, 16, died Sun-

day, Aug. 5, at Peoria. She is the daughter of Bro. Sam and Sis. Charetta Schurter Staker. Surviving are her parents; two sisters, Mrs. Joseph (Judy) Corrigan of Peoria and Miss Janet Staker at home; one brother, Bro. Ted Staker of Manito; and her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Conrad Schurter of Congerville.

Janice Kay Knapp, 17, died Sunday, Aug. 5 at Peoria. She is the daughter of Bro. Chris and Sis. Emma Braker Knapp. Surviving are her parents; one brother, Gene Knapp of Morton; one sister, Sis. Jane Knapp, at home; and her paternal grandfather, Bro. William Knapp of Deer Creek.

Douglas Kaiser and Cindy Leiby were united in marriage on June 29 in Peoria. Parents are Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Mavis Kaiser of Morton and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leiby of Chillicothe . . . Barbara Rapp and Marvin Van Etten Jr. were united in marriage on July 14. Parents are Henry Jr. and Sis. Bernice Rapp and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Van Etten Sr., all of Morton.

Sally Ricketts and David Clark were united in marriage July 14. Parents of the bride and groom are Bro. Levi and Sis. Margaret Ricketts of Morton and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Clark of Pekin.

On July 29, the wedding was solemnized in the church for Sis. Janet Hunziker and Bro. John Schini. Parents are Bro. Al and Sis. Virginia Hunzicker of Morton and Bro. Dan and Sis. Viola Schini of Bremen.

Our friends, Ginger Frank and Dennis Hermann, were married at the Fellowship Hall in Peoria on Aug. 5. Parents are Bro. Robert and Sis. Dorothy Frank and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hermann, all of Morton.

On July 8, the engagement was told of Sis. Carla Kaiser and Bro. Mark Peters. Parents are Bro. Lester and Sis. Irene Kaiser and Clarence and Geraldine Peters, all of Morton . . .

Oct. 7 has been chosen as the wedding date for Bro. Dave Zeller and Sis. Christine Meiss. They are the children of Henry and Sis. Norma Zeller of Morton, and Bro. Elmer and Sis. Hulda Meiss of Gridley.

On July 29, the engagement was announced of Bro. Steve Thannert

and Sis. Debbie Koehl. Their parents are Bro. Eric and Sis. Mildred Koehl and Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Thannert, all of Morton.

We were privileged to have many visiting ministers. They included Art Gudeman of La Crosse, Leo Funk of Pulaski, Harvey Grimm of Bern, Marvin Stieglitz of Leo, Earl Zeltwanger and Verdon Feldman of Bremen, Richard Schupbach of Phoenix, and Bro. Dave Kieser of Princeville. We thank them for their labors of love.

Those sick in hospitals and convalescing at home are: Sisters Freida Zieler, Lucille Schmidgall, Dolly (Pauline) Schick, Louise Ackerman, and Bro. J. B. Getz . . . Ed Dorkus, Charlie Schwenk, and Sandy Schick.

Note of Thanks: I wish to thank all my friends and relatives for the cards, gifts, and prayers that were offered in my behalf while in the hospital. Sis. Lucille Schmidgall.

VALPARAISO

Camille and Wm. Feller

We began this month with our annual Sunday School picnic at Bro. Roy Freidens. We enjoyed the fellowship of one another, especially the little children. One can see the work of the Lord through the smile of these dear ones.

We were humbled to have in our midst on July 22 the ministering elder, Bro. Ezra Feller, his wife Sis. Ollie and many brethren-in-faith. To listen to the wisdom, knowledge, and past experiences of older brethren-in-faith is truly rewarding and a learning experience in the spirit.

The Lord, on July 25, sent from Japan Ministering Bro. Akito and Sis. Marie Inoue and Bro. Toru. Our small flock was truly blessed, for we had one of the largest gatherings we ever witnessed. Bro. Akito ministered on **Unity in Love** and the rich blessings God hath bestowed upon us in this land. The brother sermoned on the fellowship we have of kindred minds through the faith in Him, our Lord Jesus Christ, made possible through His grace. It 'tis really a privilege we have to gather from far and near and join our hearts in prayer.

O how lovely 'tis to be
With our Lord in unity,

And united voices raise
Him to bring our songs of praise.

Our Sis. Eunice Feller has been released from the hospital and is doing well. She thanks everyone for their prayerful support.

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA Janice Frieden

There is a story of an old man and a young man before a vast audience of people. A special program was being presented. As a part of the program, each was to repeat from memory the words of the 23rd Psalm. The young man, trained in the best speech technique and drama, gave, in the language of the ancient silver-tongued orator, the words of the Psalm. "The Lord is my shepherd . . ." When he had finished, the audience clapped their hands and cheered, asking him for an encore, so that they might hear again his wonderful voice.

Then the old gentleman, leaning heavily on his cane, stepped to the front of the same platform, and in a feeble, shaking voice, repeated the same words. "The Lord is my shepherd . . ." When he was seated, no sound came from the listeners. Folks seemed to pray. In the silence, the young man stood to make the following statement:

"Friends," he said. "I wish to make an explanation. You asked me to come back and repeat the Psalm, but you remained silent when my friend here was seated. The difference? I shall tell you. I know the Psalm, but he knows the Shepherd!"

Oh how blessed it is to know the Shepherd and be able to talk to Him and to sing praises to His Holy name, as we did July 1, when we gathered at the church for a wonderful evening of fellowship.

We were especially happy when two Ministering Bros. joined us for Sunday services. Sam Huber of Sabetha was with us on July 8, and Richard Schupbach of Phoenix joined us on July 22. Sometimes I wonder if we ever take the time to say a prayer of thanks to God for our elders and ministers of the word. We should, for it is by God's grace that they understand the truths of the word and are able to teach them to us.

Another of our dear sisters-in-

faith was taken from this life, after spending the last several years in the Kiowa Manor. Sis. Ollie Frieden passed away on July 13. Funeral services were held in the church on July 15, with Bros. Ronald Nelson and Eli Somerhalder presiding. Our deepest sympathy is extended to her family.

We would also like to extend our deepest sympathy to Sis. Emma (Klaus) Somerhalder and family, at the passing of her sister, Sis. Miriam Klaus of Eureka. May God be ever near in this time of sorrow.

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA Howie and Dianne Leman

Sunday, August 4 was a very blessed day for all of us in the Champaign-Urbana congregation, as we witnessed the testimony and baptism of our Terry Wettstein. This is the fifth baptism in our little church. Bros. Roy Sauder (Peoria) and Ed Hohulin (Goodfield) conducted the service. In addition to Terry, we now have Paul and Virginia Bodine as members of our congregation. They were both converted in the Apostolic Church (Nazarene), and since they are now living in our area, they decided to transfer their membership to our church. We welcome them as our brother and sister in the Lord.

Visiting ministers have been Joe Schrock, Ed Hohulin, Jim Hoerr, and Nathan Stoller. We always appreciate the efforts of these ministers as they bring us the word of God.

Bro. Virgil Metzger, our Sunday School superintendent, has been transferred from Mattoon Kraft plant to the Champaign plant. This will eliminate the many hours of driving he had to spend traveling to and from Champaign-Urbana church. We are happy for him, and wish him God's blessings in his new home.

Only two more weeks and school will begin. We are anxious to greet all our old and new students. Our little church will again grow.

SABETHA

Mrs. Joe Steiner

Sis. Emma Habeger Giesel, 91, died Friday, July 20 at the A. C. Home, where she had been a resident since 1963. She was preceded in death by her husband, in 1959;

a son, George in 1964; and two sisters. Survivors include five daughters, Sis. Hulda Moser, Sabetha; Sis. Viola Traub, formerly of Calif.; Esther Koch, Ruby Sommer, both of Elgin, Ill., and Connie Dawes of Altadena; two sons, John Giesel, Rock Rapids Iowa, and Jesse Giesel, Bern; three sisters, Sisters Sara Streit, Lydia Belsley and Louise Ackerman, all of Morton. Funeral services were held July 23 in Sabetha, with Bros. Carl Hartman and Eugene Marti officiating. Burial was in the Sabetha Cemetery.

We enjoyed having Bro. Noah Schrock pay us a visit and bring us the word of life on a Thursday. With him was Dr. Shantwan of India. The next evening at our Fellowship Hall, Dr. Shantwan showed his slides and told of their life in India. I was unable to be there, but I heard it was very interesting.

My husband, Bro. Joe Steiner, had the misfortune to fracture his left ankle. He was in Stormont-Vail Hospital in Topeka several days, when he had a pin inserted. He is home again, wearing a cast and using crutches. We are thankful it isn't any worse and hope it can soon be healed. Also hospitalized here in the Sabetha Hospital were Sis. Mary Aberle and Sis. Mary Maurer.

Our Sunday School has recessed for the month of August. It will again resume the first part of September.

INDIANAPOLIS

Eric and Ginny Zeller

Help me, dear Lord, to be content
With the gifts You've given me,
And help me not to envy those
Who seem more used by Thee.

I would be so yielded, Lord,
That You can use me, too,
In any way here on earth
That is most pleasing to You.

I'm willing to be least, dear Lord,
In Your kingdom here below.
Just fill be so with Your joyous
love,
That others may see Your glow.

How many people can be so blessed, as to experience the first service given in the first church built in their community. This was

our experience the Sunday of July 1. The building was not complete, but the sanctuary was finished so that we were able to assemble both morning and afternoon. What so many laborers and contributors had been working for was finally used to sing praises to God and worship the Lord. There has been no date set for dedication; however, we are expecting it to be in late fall.

We had five visiting ministers with us this month: Art Gudeman, Loren Stoller, Wendell Gerber, Bob Meyer, and Elmer Witzig.

All of our love and congratulations go to Ardie and Lee Ann Bucher, for the birth of their baby boy, Anthony Scott, Friday, July 13. Anthony's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hohulin and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bucher.

PHOENIX

Mrs. Allan Freed

Vacation-time is here, and many of us have been on vacation; some have returned safely, and some are still visiting in various places. Those of us who were granted a safe journey feel very thankful, especially when we hear of the many accidents that have happened lately. On behalf of the Phoenix congregation, we extend our deepest sympathy to those whose lives have been touched by such tragedies in recent weeks.

God has marked each sorrowing day

And numbered every secret tear,
And Heaven's long age of bliss
shall pay

For all His children suffer here.

Ministering Bro. Bob Pohl and family from Burlington, Iowa, were visitors. Dr. Shantawan of India was also here, showed slides of his country, and explained the conditions there.

Our congregation has grown quite a bit lately, and we welcome those who have moved here. Bro. Joe and Sis. Viola Traub moved from the Los Angeles area. Their new address is 10032 Hawthorn Drive, Sun City Ariz. 85351. Convert Donna Steffen came here from Fairbury and is living with her brother and sister-in-law, Dale and Angie Steffen. Bro. Eugene and Sis. Marge Fehr and family came here from Roanoke. Their

children are Sis. Debra, Terry, and Leonard Jay. Terry will return to Roanoke for his Senior year in high school. Their address is 3022 E. Turney Ave., Phoenix 85016. Sis. Betsy Belslev, from Eureka, and Sis. Molly Hinrichsen from Goodfield are employed as RN's at County Hospital. Their address after the first of September will be 2017 W. Claremont, Phoenix 85015.

Sis. Emma Moser, who suffered a broken hip in May, has gone to be with her daughter and son-in-law, Bro. Alfred and Sis. Marie Feucht in Lester, until she is able to get around better.

Our Sunday School has been dismissed for vacation during the month of August.

We are happy to report that those who were on the sick list last month are all improving. Elder Bro. Roy Farney wishes to express his thanks for the messages of love and encouragement, and especially for the many prayers offered in his behalf, since he had surgery.

OAKVILLE

Martha Steiner

We welcome two new sisters in faith, Sis. Evelvn Schrock (Bro. John and Sis. Ruth Marti Schrock) and Sis. Jerilyn Wagenbach (John and Sis. Marilyn Graf Wagenbach). Elder Bro. Eugene Marti from Sabetha helped our Elder Bro. Schrock, and brought us God's holy word on Sunday.

We enjoyed also the visits of Bro. Corbin Bahler (Rockville) and Bro. Robert Grimm (Goodfield).

Bro. Don and Sis. Becky Carpenter have a new little daughter, Diane Marie, born July 16. She has a sister and a brother. Maternal grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Ursel Grimm Barth.

Our annual Sunday School election resulted in the selection of Bros. Jack Larson and Ervin Marti and Sis. Billie Heiniger, to help in this work next year.

Sis. Lydia Kuntz went to her eternal rest on July 8, at the age of 73. She had been residing in the Mediapolis Nursing Home. Her husband, John preceded her in death. Lydia had four sons: Bro. George, Mediapolis; Clarence and William, Oakville; and Harvey, Waukegan Illinois; two daughters,

Louise Carter, Burlington, and Emily Morgan, Peoria; and two brothers, George and Charles Rein of Morton.

FORREST

Juanita Schneider
Eleanor Honegger

We can't buy peace,
Or an extra day,
A single star,
Or the sun's warm ray.
We can't buy trust;
We can't buy love.
All these are gifts
From God above.

We here at Forrest are in great humbleness over our joy and sorrow. Four of our dear young friends are turning to the Lord in repentance; Trudy Zimmerman, Dana and Devon Nussbaum and James Koehl. We truly wish them God's guidance in this new way of life. As one by one they are coming to live for Jesus, also one by one they are called from this life, but what a comfort to know when they are ready to meet their God . . .

On Saturday evening, July 21, our dear young Bro. Gary Kupferschmid, 22, was taken so suddenly from us in a two-car accident. His wife, Sis. Becky, remains in the intensive care in St. Francis Hospital in Peoria and is still unconscious. Their three little sons, Chad, Corbin and Daton were all hospitalized at Fairbury Hospital, but now have been released. Daton has a fractured bone below the knee and broken arm, requiring casts. Corbin has severe lacerations . . . Gary was the son of Bro. William and Sis. Nettie Kupferschmid. He was born Aug. 10, 1950. A daughter, Kristie, preceded him in death. Bro. Art Gudeman was here to conduct the services. We extend our sympathy to the Kupferschmid and Kaisner families. May they feel the comfort of the heavenly father.

On Sat. evening Aug. 14, our friend Sharon Adams of Oxon Hill, Maryland, daughter of Elder Bro. Perry and Sis. Dorothy Zimmerman, gave her testimony, and was then baptized on Sunday. May God ever be her constant guide, and her faith grow on the solid rock of Jesus.

Our love shall not diminish nor fade nor wax away; Bind us till

life we finish and in the grave we lay. Sis. Kathy Gerber and Bro. Jerry Leman were united in marriage on July 22. They are children of Bro. and Sis. Earl Gerber and Bro. and Sis. Sidney Leman.

We were richly blessed with many spiritual teachings, when Merle Kaisner, Josh Broquard, Art Gudeman, Don Sauder, Edwin Bahler and Gene Lehman, Carl Kipfer brought forth the word of God. Dear ones, each day God is calling for loved ones to come, as he warned the people when Noah was building the ark. Then the last day was here, and the door went shut. Now while the word of God is fulfilling itself, come before the door goes shut for you.

Bro. Sam Zimmerman, also Sis. Esther Gerber were patients at Fairbury Hospital. Bro. John Kyburz, Sis. Anita Sohn and Jon Ricketts are patients at Fairbury Hospital. Anita's leg didn't heal as it should have, and it required more surgery. Jon Ricketts has been relieved of his body cast, which he has had since January. He will spend a few days in the hospital for therapy. Lorelei Broquard, little daughter of Bro. and Sis. Wayne, had her tonsils removed at a Bloomington Hospital.

Troubles are often the tools by which God fashions us for better things.

One night I heard a little prayer
Beside a little bed:
"Please bless my doll . . . and
Muvver,
And Daddy, too," she said;
"An' let me be as dood as them,
An' keep me fru this night,
Amen." And then an "angel's"
form
Crept 'neath the covers white.

A tousled little curly head
Close by the pillows lay,
Two little feet at last found rest
From hours of happy play;
Two smiling eyes were quickly
closed,
And a dimpled little face
Was drifting off to dreamland,
In the Sandman's close embrace.

"An' let me be as dood as them,"
Kept ringing in my heart,
An' bless my Daddy, too." "Twas
that

Which tore my soul apart.
Then stealing softly to her side;
That she might never know,
As tears dropped on the counter-
pane

I turned the light down low,
And kneeling by that little crib,
Where lay my treasure fair,
Confessing all my weaknesses,
I softly breathed this prayer:

O God! Make me as guiltless
As this little child of mine,
That I may be more worthy of
A blessing, so divine . . .
Help me to be a father
As a father ought to be
That I may by example
Make her more and more like Thee.

Wichita

Wouldn't this world be better
If the folks we meet would say
I know something good about you,
And treat us the very same
way?

Wouldn't it be fine and dandy
If each handclasp warm and true
Carried with it this assurance,
I know something good about
you?

Wouldn't life be a lot more happy,
If the good that's in us all
Were the only things about us
That folks bothered to recall?

Wouldn't it be nice to practice
That fine way of thinking to:
You know something good about
me,
And I know something good
about you.

Elgin Ill.

Bless the labor of Thy servants;
Give upon their tongue Thy word,
And extend to those Thy mercy
Who today Thy word have heard.

Pulaski

Let our lives be our Thanksgiving,
To our Father up above;
Let us worship Him with kindness.
Let us praise Him with our love!

Let us honor Him with virtue;
Let good deeds become our prayer.

Let our lives be our Thanksgiving
For the bounty we share.

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well-loved friend, for gracious hospitality is a test of brotherly love.

Blessed is she who mends stockings, toys and broken hearts; her understanding is a balm to humanity.

Blessed is she whom children love, for the love of a child is more to be valued than fortune or fame.

Blessed is she who sings at her work, for music lightens the heavy load and brightens the dull chore.

Blessed is she who dusts away doubt and fear, and sweeps the cobwebs of confusion, for her faith will triumph over adversity.

Blessed is she who serves smiles with every meal, for her buoyancy of spirit is an aid to mental and physical digestion.

Blessed is she who preserves the sanctity of the Christian home, for hers is a sacred trust that crowns her with dignity.

Burlington

A PARENT'S PRAYER

My God, make my home a home founded on unselfish love and sacrifice.

Grant me prudence, persever-

ance and humility in the performance of all my duties.

Increase my patience, and assist me in guiding each of your children and mine with love, wisdom and understanding.

Give me courage to say **No** to them when I should, regardless of their pleading and temporary sadness.

And may my conduct and speech, O God, inspire and encourage them in their steps toward you, So that one day all of my family may be united in your eternal home. Amen.

EVENING RED, GLORIOUS ALL THE WAY

Henry Souder Jr.

The awakening early morning. Birds sweetly trill their notes of dawn. Evening. Quiet is the cemetery. The rays of the late sun are beautiful, in a golden way. The sleepers are silent. It means sleeping-place, this word **cemetery**, from the Greek. The body sleeps, but not the spirit . . . Every day mile after mile, the Believer looks down the ridge to beautiful glory.

There is a graphic picture in holy writings. It tells of life, home and joy everlasting.

"And the **LORD** God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; . . ." That breath gave man tremendous scope. **Made in the likeness of God. In His own image.** Being breath from God, it must go on. God is from everlasting to everlasting. Indestructible. Being from Him, apart from Him man is lonely, unhappy, restless. But breathed from Him and apart from the body, like Him it neither slumbers nor sleeps . . . "and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it."

"In my Father's house are many mansions . . ." It is the present tense. That way **now**. Places to live in, that is mansions, are not necessarily separate buildings. It is in **His** house. Vast, beautiful, and

filled with happy, dear, familiar faces!

Spiritually, we become more and more in tune with the heavenly climate, less and less at home with earth's hazy day. Heaven's happiness is ours, and its fellowship and friendship, its kindness. The cross daily cancels the shallow. We rise in the skies. Paul writes: "We are confident, **I** say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord." It's a glorious fact, the entrance to Home.

On earth, each city has a look of its own. It is famous or known for skyscrapers . . . a huge arch . . . desert . . . many things. There is the heavenly city, the Jerusalem above. This city is famous, gloriously wonderful, for God and Jesus are there! It has the distinction above all distinctions. It is the beauty above all that is beautiful. God, who has such kindly dealings, wondrous acts, and sweet, loving character, is really at home . . . And Jesus, it's going to be good to see Him, and to be with Him!

Isn't God beautiful, we shall marvel. This sight will be far and above any other loveliness we have ever, ever seen. Joy will well up. Rapturous emotion will stir. Immense satisfaction will be ours.

This is our God.

There will be Jesus. We've really come to know Him very well, perhaps more than we realize. To see Him who wrote Calvary with His own blood will be a moment of glorious happiness. We will hear Him speak. It will be the way He speaks to us now. It will be a sweet voice. We'll recognize it, and love it. Its familiar sound will be sweet music, forever and ever.

Though we tarry here a little, we hasten along the sunset. The earth constantly turns. Even for one with a long life, it only turns a limited number of times. How well to let someone else be warmed by our love. We are taught to love the fierce enemy. Drawn on by Him whose love is so great, one could become our friend, and walk with us down the sunset path.

Life is more than wishes. It is the dreams of God that become reality. His miracles are powerful and wonderful. Living in His word, then we may claim the word **made real** in our life: "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

The birds twitter their morning song. Our body may be slumbering. Beautiful reality will never die . . . "to be with Christ; which is far better . . ."

Sunset Red. Look. **All The Way!**