



"Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few;"

Matthew 9:37

"Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."

Matthew 9:38

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Happy Autumn Days

"And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with wine and oil."

Joel 2:24



"And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed."

Joel 2:26

Harvest Time

"While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease."

Genesis 8:22

MISSION -- WORLD RELIEF -- WORKS PROJECTS

**AMMAR A.C. CUIDAD
JUAREZ, MEXICO
Bro. Gerald Fiechter
Bluffton, IN**

I. GRANJAS DE CHAPULTEPEC

A. The construction work at this site has been completed and it is operational. Chito and Lydia Aguilar are the main ones in the function of AMMAR, A.C.

B. We have been sending monthly operational expenses for utilities, food and administration since January 1989.

C. The programs at Granjas de Chapultepec include:

1. Sunday school for children and adults, Bible study programs and church services.

2. Lunch programs for children - hot lunches are provided for 100 - 150 children two times a week (Tuesday and Thursday).

3. The medical clinic. Currently these services are being provided by Je. Jesus Enrique Romanillo Leyva, a young Christian doctor from Juarez. Dr. Enrique has become very interested in the medical arm of the AMMAR mission. He has an office in Juarez and also works in a clinic in El Paso. Before becoming acquainted with Chito, he was working on the streets in Granjas and other colonias to provide free medical services to the

poor who could not afford a doctor. He has contacts with other doctors that are interested in volunteering their time if there were sufficient facilities and medicine available. He is currently seeing patients on Saturday from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Granjas location. There is a critical need for medicines, other medical supplies and equipment and volunteers. We believe that this is an area where we could provide much needed support. They have supplied a list of items that are needed. Classes are also being conducted on personal hygiene and preventative medicine. AMMAR's desire is to have some type of mobile unit to reach the areas that do not have any medical facility and in the future to build a clinic. A team, including a doctor and several nurses from our congregations, is planning to spend a week with them in October. Sisters Sharlene Kieser and Lynn Fischer were there for a short time recently to plan for this work team. They have a daily schedule to work with the local doctors in seeing and treating the patients and helping to set up an organized record system.

II. KILOMETRO #20

A. AMMAR owns property about 12 miles south of Granjas de Chapultepec (the current project that was

built). The name of the property is Kilometro #20 and is in a colonia similar to Granjas but less developed. Chito has been working in this area for almost 2 years and the program here would be an extension of his present work. He is presently holding Bible studies and Sunday school classes in a rented building, for which we financed the roof. They are now using it rent free. The children (plus some adults) are being fed one meal a week in this location.

B. This new community center for the Kilometro #20 location was approved at the April 7 World Relief meeting in Detroit, MI. The foundations have been dug and, the Lord willing, by the end of September a block wall will be laid on the perimeter lines.

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AT GATEWAY WOODS

There is an immediate opening at Gateway Woods (Apostolic Christian Children's Home) for a sister to serve full-time as Coordinator of the Transitional Living Program. This recently developed program attempts to meet the numerous needs of young people who are moving from the Children's Home to independent living.

The Coordinator will live in an off-campus house (in Fort Wayne) with 2 - 4 young women (ages 17 - 19) and provide guidance and training with independent living skills, as well as emotional support. In addition, the Coordinator will work with youth still at the Children's Home main campus, to help prepare them for independent living.

If you have experience working with teens, please pray about applying for this position. It's an exciting and challenging opportunity to work with teens and Christian staff members.

Compensation includes salary and living expenses, plus fringe benefits. For more information, call or write one of the brothers listed below.

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Writings based
on God's Word

Light From The Word

"The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple" (Ps. 119:130).

CONSISTENT PATTERNS IN PRAYER

"What a Friend we have in Jesus
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
Oh what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer"

Prayer represents a direct line, through Christ, from man to God. Even though God knows our needs before we pray (Matt. 6:8), His ear is inclined to our pleadings (1 Pet. 3:12). We are taught that the "effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (Jam. 5:16).

Through prayer man can bring his praises and petitions to the throne of a merciful God, and can be assured if he prays in faith believing, that God will hear and answer his prayers (Phil. 4:6). As the song writer continued, "In His arms He'll take and shield thee, thou wilt find a solace there."

Via prayer the believer finds comfort, guidance, relief, and strength for the inner man. In a time of great need the Saviour entered a garden, "And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground" (Luke 22:44). What a shining example of zeal for the believer!

"Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you" (Jam. 4:8). As the child of God enters his closet (or a quiet place), falls on bended knees and bows his head, clasps his hands and humbles his heart, he establishes an altar of sincerity and faith. This becomes a beautiful "garden of prayer," wherein he can thrive and find spiritual strength and direction. Indeed, the Apostle Paul exhorted to "pray without ceasing" (1 Thes. 5:17) and to be "instant in prayer" (Rom. 12:12).

Prayer is not only a source of power, but it is a giver of spiritual direction. There is ever-present need for the wisdom of God in dealing

with the many issues of life, both great and small. Spontaneous prayer as well as disciplined patterns of prayer are essential aspects of maintaining viable communication with the Heavenly Father.

While a practical formula for consistent prayer may vary from one individual to another, there are several general characteristics that will help a sincere soul become more stable and consistent in his prayer life:

1. Separation from the world: A soul must come away from the noise and tumult of the world. He must cease from harboring affection for worldly things (Rom. 12:2), realizing that "the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things" can choke the Word, and thence our spiritual resolve (Mark 4:19).

2. Self-surrender: One must humbly throw himself into the hands of God, and rely on His promise to hear and answer prayer. Humility will allow grace to fill the heart, and when the believer finds he can "reach" God, his prayer will grow in fervor.

3. Discipline: A soul should discipline his prayer patterns so he can pray at regular times during the day such as when arising in the morning, at meals, before retiring for the day, and at other special, convenient times (Psa. 92:1-2).

4. Waiting on the Lord: Seeking quick answers will inhibit effective prayer. Also, life's hectic pace often hinders concentration. It helps to kneel down and close one's eyes and ponder awhile God's presence with no immediate verbal expressions. Often as we struggle to pray, "...the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us" (Rom. 8:26). As we become calm and settled, away from earthly cares, we can often begin praying with an attitude of repose and patience (Is. 40:31).

5. Thankfulness: "...in everything by prayer and supplica-

tion with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God" (Phi. 4:6). It always helps to begin by thanking God for our many blessings. A joyful attitude then graces our hearts, and this allows for more effective praise to God.

6. Dedication and commitment: We must remember our covenant to be true and faithful. Consistency in prayer is a vital part of our fidelity to God. "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully" (2 Cor. 9:6). This applies to prayer also.

While God hears all our prayers and knows the "thoughts and intents of the heart" (Heb. 4:12), it is beneficial, when possible, to pray in a kneeling position. This is symbolic of fallible man bowing in submission before an all-powerful Lord and Creator. Solomon kneeled at the dedication of the temple (1 Kings 8:54), Daniel knelt in prayer in his time of distress (Dan. 6:10), and Jesus knelt while praying in the Garden of Gethsemane (Luke 22:41). The Apostle Paul said, "I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Eph. 3:14).

Perhaps the most important attitude of prayer is to sincerely seek God's will to be done, and the grace to accept whatever that may be. This requires true humility and trust. In addition, we should focus on the needs of others, which are often much greater than our own. This is in accord with the pattern of the Lord Jesus, who daily intercedes on our behalf.

A final suggestion in establishing a consistent prayer life is to show confidence toward God and to claim His promises. We are to "...come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need" (Heb. 4:16). We must believe that God is "...a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him" (Heb. 11:6).

**ADDRESS CHANGE
Apostolic Christian
Mission Fund & Bible Fund**

Effective September 1, 1989, Bro. Eugene Marti will assume full responsibility as secretary/treasurer of the Apostolic Christian Mission Fund and Bible Fund.

There is still some confusion about where to send funds when obtaining Bibles distributed by our brotherhood and warehoused in Leo, IN, under the direction of Elder Bro. David

Bertsch. Orders only for Bibles (not payment) are to be forwarded to Elder Bro. David Bertsch, 11520 Grabill Road, Grabill, IN 46741.

Please be advised that any donations to the Mission Fund or any of its activities and all donations and payment for Bibles are to be sent to the attention of Bro. Eugene Marti, Apostolic Christian Mission Fund, P.O. Box 23356, Overland Park, KS 66223-0356.

Please do not forward any checks

to my attention in Detroit, but any questions or recommendations to the Mission Committee for their consideration can be forwarded either to Bro. Eugene or myself, as I for the interim at least will continue as chairman of the Mission Committee.

May God bless and keep you.

Most sincerely,

Your needy servant,
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--NOTICE --

Repair and Distribution of Worn Bibles, Bible Story Books, Hymns of Zion, Tabernacle or Gospel Hymn Books

In 1984 we read in the Guideposts concerning the unfilled need for 10,000 Bibles. We wrote to the organization and started sending some repaired and some new Bibles. Since that time, we have sent over 500 Bibles, much Sunday school materials and song books.

During this past year, Sisters Becky Knapp (Dave) and Jane Huetter (Curtis) from Goodfield, IL, have been helping in this work.

If our churches or individual members have Bibles, Bible story books, Hymns of Zion, Tabernacle or Gospel Hymns that are worn and in need of repair, please let us know or send them to us. We tape and repair the books and obtain names and addresses of people in foreign countries who want and need them, package and mail them in large canvas mailing bags. It costs 55¢ a pound to send books or \$1.10 for printed material of less than 30 pages. On a recent shipment to Africa, the cost to send a Bible was 72¢.

If you have any questions or wish to send material for repair, please call or write:

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Sixth Year -- August 1988 thru July 1989 -- 25,509

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August 1989 --	2210	2210
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NOTE: Sets of Braille Bibles are available to give to the blind and KJV, Old and New Testaments, on cassette tapes for those who can no longer read the large print. Also, pocket testaments with Psalms and Proverbs are available.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN HOME FOR THE AGED EUREKA, IL

There is a need for a night nurse at the Apostolic Christian Home for the Aged. If you are an R.N. or an L.P.N. and willing to work part-time or full-time, please contact Sis. Jane Stoller, Director of Nursing, at (309) 467-2311, or write to Sis. Jane at 610 W. Cruger, Eureka, IL 61530.

GATEWAY WOODS Apostolic Christian Children's Home Sue Grusy

As you may have noticed from the above heading, the Children's Home has an exciting new name, Gateway Woods. Several reasons are behind this change. First is our goal of creating a family environment where a child can identify with a family and not feel the stigma associated with being in a "children's home" institution. Also, we needed a name that could grow with the Home as we expand our programs to include such services as family counseling, transitional living for older teens and foster houses.

After months of prayerful consideration, Gateway Woods was selected from the nearly 100 names submitted as a short Christian-oriented name consistent with the purpose and setting of the Home.

"Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, and I will praise the Lord: . . ." Psalms 118:19 & 20. ". . . Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, . . ." Matthew 7:14.

The Psalms reference indicates that our Home is a Christian environment that serves as an open portal through which Jesus and His righteousness are learned. The reference in Matthew identified the "gate" of salvation by faith and the "way" of the obedient walk of the Christian.

"Woods" was added to reflect the natural location of our rural location. "Apostolic Christian Children's Home" will continue to be used as a subtitle.

Our ministry here at ACCH/Gateway Woods is one that is totally dependant upon God leading souls to serve Him through this outreach. We rejoice that our heavenly Father has again provided for our staffing needs. Sis. Rhonda Stoller (Latty, OH) will be joining us as our full-time secretary. Meanwhile, Sis. Cindy Baurer will be taking on expanded responsibilities as she assumes the position of Administrative Assistant. We look forward to the arrival of Sis. Liz Martin (Tucson, AZ) who will replace Sis. Maxine Sauder as houseparent in the all-girls West House.

After many months of prayer, we are thankful to have houseparents for the East House. God has led Bro. Jeff Thames to exchange his position as "boys' counselor" for the challenging job of houseparenting. His wife, Sis. Brenda, and their three children, are obeying God's call to become houseparents. They will be a welcome addition to our campus, and we pray that God will abundantly bless each of these dear souls as they enter this new phase of service for Christ.

We look forward to seeing who God will use to fill the vacant positions of T.L.P. Coordinator (please see ad in this issue), and Counselor. Please pray with us.

Our kids are busily into their school year and enjoying the many activities that autumn brings. The beautiful weather has provided many opportunities for outdoor sports, cook-outs, and enjoyable walks through the woods. It's such a wonderful time of year for experiencing God's handiwork!

Our staff enjoyed serving the pancake breakfast at the Grabill Country Fair each morning September 7, 8 and 9. We were able to earn some money for the Children's Home, as well as gain exposure to the community. We always appreciate the

opportunity to share our faith and the vision of our ministry.

On September 8, my husband, John, and I were blessed with the arrival of our first child, Jeremy Albert Grusy. Our hearts are filled with thankfulness that God has been so gracious to entrust us with his precious soul. We pray for God's wisdom in raising him, that his life can be of service to Christ.

As we experience parenthood, we are amazed at how deeply we love Jeremy, and how fervently we pray for him. And I am now keenly aware of the void that must exist in the lives of the children who are deprived of that love. Each of us on staff pray that God can use us to help fill that void in the lives of the children He sends to our "Home."

"BROKEN PIECES"

"All across this nation, homes are falling
And daily the number increases
But the ones who suffer most aren't
the mothers and the fathers
The children are the broken pieces.

The children are the broken pieces.
When a home falls apart
The children are the broken pieces
Who's going to mend their tender hearts?"

S. Chapman

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED

After a hot, dry summer in our area, we are so very thankful for the recent abundant showers. The grass, trees and late summer flowers seem to be taking a long drink and are displaying their deep, fall colors before going dormant for the winter. Nature has a way of reminding us that God, the Creator of all things is always in control.

Most of our residents have participated in a variety of activities in the past few weeks, some of which were: A tour of Journal Star, August 15; The Community Church Ice Cream Social, August 18; Overnight camping at Little Galilee, Clinton, IL, August 22 - 23; A Farm Show, August 25; The Wheel of Time Museum, Peoria, IL, August 31; A group was

invited to spend the weekend with the Remington, IN, congregation, September 8 - 9; Camping at Racoon Lakes, September 15 - 17; Morton Pumpkin Festival Parade, September 16; and a wiener roast at the Blunier Barn, September 22. In addition there are many opportunities provided by families and friends of our residents for them to be a part of wholesome community activities.

If you visit a friend at Oakwood Estate or A.C.H.H. you may see folks in restaurant uniforms getting ready for work. In recent months, four folks secured various positions at restaurants in our community. Sis. Jackie Barton is working as a salad bar attendant at the Golden Corral in Morton. Bro. Doug Clauss makes hamburgers at Burger King in Morton and Sis. Rhonda Gerst makes milk shakes and creates ice cream desserts at Steak-N-Shake in Pekin. At Hardee's in Morton you would find Anita Schoun either as a gracious hostess bussing tables or in the back preparing salads.

All four are working part-time under a Supported Employment Program supervised by the Placement Service at Tazewell County Resource Center in Tremont where they were former employees. Through a grant from the state government, a job coach is provided for each person for the period of time necessary for the employee to learn the job. This is an incentive to employers to hire people with disabilities. Throughout the nation employers are finding this program a benefit to their business since on-the-job training is provided. Also, the participants in the program are proving to be dependable and valuable employees.

In addition to these people, we have three folks who have been employed part-time at A.C.H.H. for quite some time before the state grant was started. Sis. Maretta Rokey is a clerical assistant in the office, Billie Tatum works as a kitchen assistant in the dining room, and Sis. Anne Eberhard is an assistant in the laundry department. Sis. Marlene Esslinger has been employed in the community for several years as a dishwasher at the Pepper Mill restaurant. As job responsibilities bring moments of anxiety, all of these folks would appreciate your prayerful support.

Well, what about the other people at our facilities? As a matter of fact, 88 residents attend work training programs or developmental training programs in several community training centers. Every morning Monday through Friday is a busy time around here as folks get ready to leave! Those who have chosen not to, or are unable to participate, attend our Day Program here at A.C.H.H. This includes about 22 residents and 7 part-time people and services are provided Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. The staff involved includes a supervisor Program Coordinator, a Day Program Instructor, two full-time program aides, and two part-time aides. These people help teach and train individual residents that are home during all of or part of these week days. Individual and group instruction is provided in the areas of functional academics, activities of daily living (such as self care, shopping, cooking, etc.), socialization, leisure and recreation. Speech, occupational and physical therapies are also incorporated into the schedule and activities. Learning experiences are all planned and take each individual's interest level into account, yet are designed to increase the individual's independence and functional abilities. Some classes you may see are: newspaper class, reading circle, music class, math/money management, exercise, vocabulary class, cooking class, fine arts class and educational class. As always, we appreciate your prayerful support in all this.

The latest addition to our family occurred on September 6. Jon Wilhelm moved here from his grandparents home in Delavan, IL. Jon is 21 years old and his birthday is March 26. As most of us have experienced, change is not always easy; but Jon is doing quite well and we hope he will soon feel at home here.

Our November birthday people are: Susie McGinley (1), Ken Clauss (2), Keith Weyeneth and Rhonda Pullen (4), Kathy Knapp (5), Tom Manley (8), Bernice Heiniger (11), Jane Aberle (14) and Janet Worner (17). At Oakwood, birthdays will be celebrated by Lucy Endress (13), Alan Unsicker (15) and Marian Funk (20).

Have A Great Day In The Lord!

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL OF ATHENS, AL

Julie Bauer

Another school year is underway, and I thank God for each little precious soul He has entrusted to us. As I am writing this, they are crowding around, asking "What are you doing, Miss Julie?" Curiosity and great interest is written all over their little faces. They are so eager to please and want to be 'just like us.' That's a big responsibility! Many of them have no other Christian example to follow. Every day we are made more aware of the troubled relationships some of these kids deal with at home, and it becomes even more important for us to show them the kind of life Jesus wants us to live.

Our theme for September is "God made me special." We also had "pajama day" this month, where all the kids wore pj's to school! This, of course, was great fun. We're looking forward to a great year. If any of you are traveling through Alabama, feel free to stop and visit the school at any time. We welcome all visitors.

ALABAMA, ATHENS

Pamela Moore

 It seems we're moving so quickly into fall, leaving the hot summer behind and enjoying the cooler weather that fall brings. God has so much to offer us, if we're willing to be content in whatever state we're in!

The last Sunday of August, we enjoyed a picnic in Athens Park. It was a nice change to have our August church potluck outside.

Labor Day Weekend, the Athens church enjoyed the company of 13 families from Bluffton, IN. A very special part of the weekend was a singing held at Bro. George Kelley's Sunday afternoon. Bro. George and his family always appreciate the singing and fellowship.

We thank Bro. Doyle Frauhiger (Bluffton North, IN) for sharing in the ministry with us at Athens this past month.

Little Kendra Coulter has again been in the hospital this past month, and we continue to ask for your prayers for Kendra and her family. Alfred Perry is also in the hospital at this time, and Mark Hargrove, son-in-law to Bro. Carl and Sis. Shirley

Haggenmaker. Our thoughts and prayers are with them.

ARIZONA, PHOENIX

Ron and Ev Hoerr

 What a joy a believer in God enjoys! The gospel according to St. John explains how very easy to the light and enter in the door of believer in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Elder Bro. Richard Schupbach shared the conference tapes with us on recent Wednesday evenings. The messages were from St. John 14. How refreshing to be reminded of God's way.

"Things we once loved we hate,
 Things we once hated we love."

Sis. Lindy Schambach and Bro. Alan Knochel exchanged wedding vows September 17. Elder Bro. Richard Schupbach pronounced the promises "until death do us part". May God direct them as they blend their lives together. Bro. Edward and Sis. Jenny Schambach (Elgin, IL) and Bro. Ted and Sis. Madeline Knochel (Phoenix) are their parents. The reception was held at the Ramada Inn.

Bro. Shawn Maurer and Sis. Shelly Lawson were married August 27 in our Minneapolis, MN, church. Their parents are Bro. Howard and Sis. Eileen Maurer (Phoenix) and Bro. Ken and Sis. Sharon Lawson (Minneapolis, MN). May God be ever present as they establish their home in Phoenix. A wedding reception was held September 10 in their honor. Sis. Shelly, we welcome you with love.

Cindy Gerber and Bryan Blankespoor married August 18 at Lester, IA. Cindy's grandmother, Rose Mosher, was able to go for the occasion too. Cindy's parents are Bro. John and Sis. Donna Gerber (Phoenix).

May our three newly-married couples keep II Timothy 3:14 a goal.

We miss Bro. Todd Baum (Bro. Robert and Sis. Christine) and wish him God's blessings as he is currently in Morton, IL.

We welcome Bro. Steve, Sis. Kelly, Alyse and Abbey Freed back home from their sojourn in California.

Phoenix Sunday school did enjoy a great time of Christian fellowship

with their hosts, San Diego Sunday school. We are most appreciative to everyone for their efforts in honoring our Lord and Saviour.

Our church family extends sympathy to Sis. Gladys Fisher and family on son, Rod's, death. Visitation was August 21 and burial was in the church cemetery.

August 28, we heard of Sis. Cathy Emch's (Bro. Jerry) mother, Helen Bengsten, dying. Her services were in Phoenix. We, as a church, extend our sympathy.

May both these dear families find much comfort in I Corinthians 15:50-58 and I Thessalonians 4:13-18.

Bro. Loren Knapp (Tucson) and Bro. Ken Lawson (Minneapolis, MN) brought us inspiring messages in September. We are grateful you came.

Our prayer request list is worthy of your attention for we need the prayers of those we love. Bros. Harry Roth and Al Frautschi are hospitalized, Sisters Esther Harmon and Martha De Mille are both house confined yet. Bro. George Schuster, Bro. Dan and Sis. Doris Kokanovich and Sis. Emma Sanders are grateful for their good days. Sammy Kaufman (Bro. Keith and Sis. Carol) had pneumonia.

Joe and Wanda Guerra have opened their hearts and home to an eight-year-old daughter, Laura. May the love of Jesus, help blend a great family love they will enjoy forever.

God will take care of you, ask Him!

ARIZONA, TUCSON

Lisa Knapp

Candace Marie Bauer made her entrance into the world August 28. She has joined the family of Bro. Brad and Sis. Sandy Bauer and is welcomed home by Mindy and Daniel. Maternal grandparents are Bro. Willis and Sis. Gloria Hunziker (Peoria, IL) and paternal grandparents are Bro. Don and Sis. Gloria Bauer (Tucson). The Tucson church happily welcomes Candace and we ask the Lord's blessings on this family.

We would like to announce the marriage of Daryle Hari to June Gavin. Daryle brings Janeen, Darla and Corinne to this marriage and June brings a son, Bill. We welcome June

and Bill to our fellowship and wish the best for this new family.

Our Sunday school recently traveled to San Diego for a weekend of activities. We are thankful for our safe trip and the blessed fellowship. May the Lord bless each effort.

We have resumed our monthly fellowship suppers, Bible study and Sunday school after a summer break.

Our building project is progressing on schedule. We are anticipating completion of the new addition and the beginning of the remodeling phase. We appreciate your prayerful support.

CALIFORNIA, ALTADENA

Lisa Steiner

We rejoice with Bro. Mike Dreeste (Bro. Richard and Sis. Millie) and Sis. Kathy Kieser (Bro. David and Sis. Shirley, Bradford, IL) at the news of their engagement. A November wedding is planned.

Labor Day weekend was a time during which both our young group and junior Bible class were away on trips. The young group was invited to Tucson, AZ, where we enjoyed good fellowship and singing.

The following is an account of the Sunday school weekend in San Diego, submitted by Shayna Aberle, age 12, and Rebecca Luginbuhl, age 11:

"The San Diego church invited the Junior Bible Classes from Phoenix, Tucson and Altadena for Labor Day weekend. When we got there Saturday, we went to a picnic area by the mountains and there was a six-mile hike up the mountain. The view from the top was nice. On the way down, we encountered a rattlesnake. After the picnic we went to Bro. Peter and Sis. Marian Petrovic's. There was a discussion on self-esteem. It was a fun weekend. It was good to be with other kids and get to know them better. The discussion was very profitable for everyone. From the Junior Bible Class in Altadena, we would like to extend our appreciation to all the people who helped to make this a super weekend."

Belatedly, we extend our sympathy to the family of David Huber, who passed away June 5, in Pacific Grove, CA. He leaves his wife, Mildred Hille

Hecker; two sons, Gerald and James; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO

Nella Varga

"Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."

St. Matthew 7:13 - 14

We are so thankful for having yet another convert in our church! Standing up for Jesus and making repentance in her life is Dayena Varga. She joins her brother, Steven Varga in turning her back to the ways of the world. We encourage you, Dayena and Steven, to make God first in your life. Keep His commandments, live a dedicated and full Christian life for Him and He will reward you with an eternal life with Him in heaven! Count the cost. We rejoice with the whole family and I know mother and father's prayers are being heard and answered (Steve and Joanne Varga).

The following pledge for Christian living has power and much value:

All that I am, all that I possess,
All of which I am capable, every act,
Every word, every thought, every
emotion,
Every plan, every hope and desire --
All are Christ's and shall be His
forever.

Come what will, honor or reproach,
Joy or sorrow, life or death: I am the
Lords,
And with all my powers of mind and
soul and body,
With my whole being, will I serve
Him,
Earnestly and joyfully, always with
out end.

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love,
joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness,
goodness . . ."

Galatians 5:22

Joy - (joi) n. 1. A strong feeling of happiness; gladness; delight. 2. A state of contentment or satisfaction.

COLORADO, DENVER **Marlene Leman**

Our reunion of former and present Denverites was held Labor Day Weekend. While the crowd was considerably smaller than we had hoped, we enjoyed a blessed weekend of fellowship and renewed friendships. It had been just about 10 years since the elders had given the approval to canvas the churches and determine who all lived in the Denver area. In that time there have been 13 converts, seven of which were baptized here; 19 brothers and/or sisters have had their engagements announced here; there have been four weddings in our church and four weddings of friends; 14 babies have been born; and we have had one funeral. We have seen many move out here and many move away again. Presently we have 34 members and 13 Sunday school students. God has been so good!

We are thankful to God for sending Bro. Dean Steffen (Elgin, IL) and his dear wife to spend Labor Day Weekend with us. It is so encouraging to hear young brothers speak the Word in the same sincerity and truth as we've heard for years. May God bless you, Bro. Dean, and may He inspire you to an even greater faithfulness.

We welcome little Natalie Erin McLaughlin into our midst. She was born September 11 to Bro. Greg and Sis. Lavonne. Happy grandparents are Bro. Jerry and Sis. Marge Fischer (Roanoke, IL) and Larry and Alice McLaughlin (Denver). May God grant these new parents much grace and understanding that they may bring her up in a loving, God-fearing home.

Our Sunday school students, 6th grade and over, spent an enjoyable weekend with the Kansas Sunday schools at Fort Scott, KS. Our thanks go to the brethren who labored so in hosting this gathering. Our thanks go also to our Sunday school teachers who give of their time to teach and encourage our children.

CONNECTICUT, ROCKVILLE **Martha Hany**

We welcome Sis. Terry Luginbuhl (Bro. Marvin and Sis. Rose, Rittman, OH). Sis. Terry has found employment here and we wish her God's continued guidance and direction.

"Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way and lead me in the way everlasting." Psalms 139:23, 24

Another dear soul, Timmy Lanz, in his youth has remembered the teachings and promises of Christ and in his distress turned to Him in repentance. Tim is the son of Bro. Ed and Sis. Marilyn (Philadelphia, PA) and we rejoice with them that God in His mercy has heard Tim's prayer and we wish him much grace and perseverance during his conversion.

Bro. David Wiegand (Champaign, IL) was recently with us visiting his son, Bro. Ben and Sis. Michelle, and we thank him for allowing himself to be used as an instrument of the Lord in bringing us the Word.

Sisters Rose Zahner and LaVina Kloter have been hospitalized and are now home again. Also, Sis. Ruth (Hany) Kostuk has been home for several weeks under a doctor's care and, hopefully, will be able to return to work in the not too distant future. We remember in our prayers with love all those who are physically distressed at home, perhaps under a physician's care, as well as those confined in nursing homes.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, WASHINGTON **Catherine Klopfenstein**

Visiting ministers in September were Bro. Bruce Leman (Roanoke, IL) and Bro. Ken Hoerr (Peoria, IL). In addition, we had visitors from Gridley, IL. The efforts and support of all are sincerely appreciated.

Many visiting ministers will bring other guests with them. We do not have a regular song leader here in Washington and suggest to visiting ministers that if you plan to bring guests with you, if possible, bring a song leader.

Attendance has been down noticeably since the summer tourist season is over. We trust, and anticipate, though that attendance will increase again after the harvest season is finished in the Midwest. We cordially invite anyone travelling to Florida or other southern points for a winter vacation, to stop on the way

and visit our little assembly here in Washington D.C.

Services are held the first and third Sunday of each month beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Westpark Hotel, located on U.S. Route 7, about 1 mile west of I-495. For information or assistance, call Ralph or Catherine Klopfenstein, 703-979-3476.

FLORIDA, FT. LAUDERDALE **Terri Huber**

Bro. Ron and Sis. Liz Jones have been entrusted with a daughter to love, protect, teach and raise in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Adriana Alaine has two big brothers to look out for her, Lee and Tristan, who are very pleased with this latest addition to the family.

We were ministered unto by Bro. Ed Alt (Cissna Park, IL) last month. We are full of thanks on every Lord's Day when the Word of God is spoken over pulpits across the country.

Bro. Roger Sauder reported to the congregation on the collections, disbursements and activities of World Relief. What a blessing to be able to give out of our abundance to the work of the Lord!

As I write, a hurricane many miles away is being monitored by weather forecasters and National Safety personnel. They will be able to tell us later in the week whether Hurricane Hugo is headed for south Florida. While it is admirable to take certain precautions when one lives near the coast and is warned of an approaching storm, it is also a good time to reaffirm God's sovereignty. We are stewards, not owners, of the material goods that we possess. What a great relief not to be burdened with the fear of "losing everything we own" during a hurricane!

"For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out."

I Timothy 6:7

FLORIDA, NORTH FT. MYERS **Kay Eisenmann**

Our visiting minister during September was Bro. Doug Sabo (Sarasota, FL).

Bro. Dave and I made a blessed journey to Burlington, IA, to be at our

granddaughter's, Sis. Rachel Massner (Bro. Dennis and Sis. Gail), testimony and what a beautiful day it was. It is so encouraging to see our youth turn their lives over into God's plan and live for Him. We, of course, only wish there were more. Surely this is an answered prayer.

As our life goes on, I see it more and more like a journey. So when we plan a trip, we sit down and count the cost. We get a map to make sure we stay on the right highway, and can miss all the bad roads we can. Always trying to remember, the easy way is not always the right way. And like all journeys, there is a beginning and an end.

So the Book of Life, The Bible, is the only map that will keep us on the right road. Jesus paid the price and He will see that we have a blessed time on this journey, for there is much in this world that is right and still beautiful to see, that God has made. The Bible is not full of all "You Can't" and when you know the end results how can there be any choice?

As a businessman knew that the bank he was banking in was going to go under, he surely wouldn't put all he had into it. And we all know that this life's journey is all too soon over and only what we put into doing God's will, will not only give us untold joy, but prepare us for that never-ending journey into eternity. Let us all ask ourselves, what road are we on? And where do we want to spend eternity?

We also were in Sarasota for our grandson's, Dami (Bro. Dave and Sis. Sue Eisenmann), wedding. We want to wish him and Tina God's richest blessings in their new life together.

We also want to give a special thank you to Bro. Roland and Sis. Viola Keller for their many years of taking wonderful care of our church. We know it takes many loving hours to have it looking so good.

Dathan is enjoying going to school all day, another answered prayer!

FLORIDA, SARASOTA Suellen Ott

Our congregation rejoices with Damien Eisenmann and Tina Minahan as they have been united as one. The parents are Bro. Dave and

Sis. Sue Eisenmann and John and Joyce Minahan (all of Sarasota).

Look to this day in faith and know God is with

You, constant and true . . .

Look to this day in hope, for the beauty of life

Now waiting for you . . .

Look to this day in love, when two lives are made

Into one life that's new . . .

Look to this day and rejoice!

We also have those in our church family who have celebrated 40 years together as husband and wife. Sis. Beth Alt had a surprise anniversary celebration for her parents, Bro. Ed and Sis. Marge Alt (Cissna Park, IL).

As God has given you 40 years together as one, may you see the joy He has given you, and know that He can multiply that in the years to come.

We wish to thank our dear visiting ministers for sharing God's Word with us. They are Bro. Ed Alt (Cissna Park, IL), Bro. Earl Kilgus (Forrest, IL) and Elder Bro. Ben Maibach (Detroit, MI).

A weekend of fellowship and fun was enjoyed at Lakewood Retreat by the Sunday school children and their families. It was a blessed weekend sharing together and being surrounded by God's splendid beauty.

GEORGIA, ATLANTA John Brewer

Cool weather has settled in the area for the start of the fall season . . . The Lord has blessed us with an abundance of rain and communities in the Georgia farming areas are starting their harvesting and their fall festivals. Hopefully all our lights are shining and our spirits showing for the spiritual harvest Christ has ordered for us to take part of. Remember, we are the ambassadors of heaven that represent God and all His glory . . .

Our prayers are with Chris Camp (Sis. Peg) as he prepares for surgery in Minnesota. His sister has diabetes and Chris is donating part of his pancreas and grafting it on to his sister's pancreas. This is in order for his sister to stay alive. Our prayers are with Chris, his sister and their

whole family, that they may both have successful and quick recoveries.

Our visiting ministers this past month were Bros. Glenn Price (Sarasota, FL) and Harold Schmidgall (Gridley, IL). We appreciate the time they and their wives took to minister the Word of God to us.

As winter approaches, we look forward to the visitors on their way to Florida or visiting the Atlanta area. The various brothers and sisters who have visited us are always a joy. It brings out the unity we have in Christ and the precious love He has given us.

Services are held every weekend at 10:30 a.m. at the Ramada Renaissance. The hotel is located by the airport off I-85 on the Riverdale Road exit. For more information, call either Bro. Linn Stoller (404) 631-4554, Bro. Don Sellers (404) 923-0721 or myself (404) 254-1664.

ILLINOIS, BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL De Anderson - Marcia Bauer

Lord Jesus, Thou see-est I patiently wait,

Come now, and within me a new heart create;

To those who have sought thee, thou never saidst No --

Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Hymns of Zion #210

Having sought the Lord to create her heart anew, we rejoice with Retta Steffen (Bro. Herb and Sis. Georgia) as she is seeking her soul's salvation.

Once again, we are thankful for those who visit with us to share the Word. Our visiting ministers this month were Elder Bro. Robert Beyer (Naumburg, NY) and Bro. Steve Ringer (Bluffton North, IN).

Sunday, September 10, was a blessed occasion for our church as we were hosts to the area students and their parents. After worshipping together, an afternoon picnic was enjoyed by all.

We heartily welcome the newcomers relocating to our city from far and near. Coming to us from Tokyo, Japan, are Bro. Hisato and Sis. Kathie Inoue and their daughters, Rebekah, Heidi and Tami. Bro. Larry Gramm

comes to us from the Gridley, IL, congregation.

ILLINOIS, BRADFORD

Karen Ringger

Our area was very dry this past summer, and in much need of rain. God certainly answered our prayers the latter part of August and first part of September with lots of moisture. May we every thank Him for supplying our every need.

On September 3 our church was filled with many young members that were in our area over the weekend. The singing was so beautiful, with all those young voices, praising our Lord.

The Bradford church is very thankful to have Sis. Kathy Jo Kieser back in our midst, after being in Japan for four years! We were looking forward to her being among us and worshipping together, but God has other plans for her, for on September 10, Sis. Kathy and Bro. Mike Dreste (Altadena, CA) announced their engagement. Bro. David and Sis. Shirley Kieser and Bro. Richard and Sis. Mildred Dreste (Washington) are their parents. We wish them God's blessings as they plan their November 12 wedding.

It is always so nice to have an unexpected visit from our Elder Bro. Joe Stoller (Princeville). We certainly thank him for coming and sharing the Word with us.

"Ring the bells of heaven, there is joy today." We rejoice that Steve Ehnle (Bro. Ed and Sis. Verla) had heeded God's call and is working out his soul's salvation. May we remember Steve and all our converts in our daily prayers.

ILLINOIS, CHAMPAIGN

LaRae Dill

Our church was blessed with visits from a number of ministers. Those assembling with us were Bros. John Reinhard (Bluffton, IN), Willis Wiegand and Wes Knapp (Goodfield, IL), Tom Troxel (LaCrosse, IN), Elder Bro. Charles Hemmer (Peoria, IL) and our own Elder Bro. Bob Grimm (Goodfield, IL).

September brings the start of the new Sunday school year after a month's vacation in August. We're thankful to see our Sunday school

expanding, with 26 students now enrolled. Our prayers are with our five Sunday school teachers, Sisters Margie Heintz, Marcia Koch and Pam Furrer and Bros. Ron Walder and Brian Waibel.

A large number of college students as well as "home folks" gathered September 6 at Illini Grove for the annual fall picnic. Even though the day's rain left both wood and ground too wet for a fire, we all enjoyed the grilled hot dogs, potluck meals and fellowship.

ILLINOIS, CHICAGO

Kathy Schlatter

This morning as I came into work, I got a tiny pebble in my shoe. It kept moving around, irritating me with its ever-so-sharp edges. I was struck by the Lord's message to me personally. The pebble is the keen pressures of the world, small actually, compared to the focus of my work here on earth. Yet it can rob me of the pleasure of serving Him, it can make walking with Him seem burdensome, it can attack on what seems to be all sides. I am so fortunate that all I have to do is stop a moment and let it go, refocusing on Him. As David said, "The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom will trust . . . I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies." Psalms 18:2, 3

We know our visitors must always make an extra effort. We thank them for that and encourage them to come again. Particularly we know our ministers put themselves forth in the Lord. May He grant grace and strength to all our visitors, especially Elder Bro. Nate Steffen (Elgin), Bros. Byron Stoller (Gridley) and Art Bauer (Princeville, IN).

We have been truly blessed in this month as a church family. We were privileged to welcome one as a brother into the fold. We celebrated a couple's 50 faithful years together in the Lord. We have a number of new faces among us, young people, mothers, children, a new baby.

Phil Snare shared himself with us, his thoughts, his search, his needs, his experiences in Christ in conversation with Elder Bros. Nate Steffen and Dale Eisenmann Saturday night,

August 26. We rejoiced as he made his covenant with God in the waters of baptism on Sunday. Together, with him and his parents, we shared a meal afterwards. Lord willing, we look forward to years of fellowship with our new Bro. Phil. We pray that the Lord will be his constant companion, that his Christian walk here will be most fruitful.

Bro. John and Sis. Pauline Schrenk have enriched our Chicago congregation for 50 years now. Though Sunday school teaching, being a trustee, ushering, recording of tapes, serving as World Relief representative, and working on the kitchen committee, John and Pauline have formally served the church. But they have given so much besides. Their home was often opened to us; their arms and hearts have always been open. Their three daughters, Sis. Nancy Schambach, Sis. Carol Troxel and Bonnie Reeb, and their sons-in-law and grandchildren had a reception for them Saturday, August 26, in the multipurpose room of Elgin Resthaven, serving a meal for many afterwards. Bro. John and Sis. Pauline expressed their thanks to the Lord for what He has done. Truly we love and appreciate them so, for the love of the Lord has been reflected in their lives.

Our congregation has increased as a result of newcomers worshipping with us. Sis. Eloise Howell, Andrew and Arienne, live in Richton Park. Sis. Thursa Thompson (Sabetha, KS) is living in Oak Park while she fulfills an internship in rehabilitation for the blind at Hines V.A. Hospital in Maywood. From Roanoke, IL, Sis. Carol and Sis. Laura Braker have come. Sis. Carol is working at Elgin Hospital. Sis. Laura has the position of being a nanny. Aaron Steffen, originally from Bloomington, IL, is attending Joliet Jr. College. We are thankful that the Lord has sent all of these loved ones to our area, whether for a short or longer time. We trust that we will see the Lord in them and pray that each would find this part of the Way made easier by our love as their church family.

We have another baby boy in the baby room. The Lord knew that Jerry and Sis. Debbie Grieco were extra special parents for boys and that Jerry, Jon and Nicholas would be supportive and loving big brothers. There-

fore he sent Daniel Louis to join them September 2. Grandparents are Bro. Bill and Sis. Lucille Romersberger (Gridley) and Louis and Phyllis Grieco (Chicago area). May their beautiful son be blessed at home being with mom and dad and his brothers and in his church home with us as well.

The grapes have taught me another lesson. When I went out with my clippers the first time, bunch after bunch were young but darkly ripe. I was able to get a large harvest, though in places I was deterred by the bees and yellow jackets drawn by the sweet juice. I thought at the time how marvelous, for the Lord has provided the sun, the soil nutrients, the rain, all. We were reaping what the Lord alone had given. We, the reapers, had caused none of the harvest. Within the week I was back to get the rest of the harvest, I thought. To my shock there were very few individual grapes and virtually no bunches to be picked. Many grapes were mere shells now. I was not bothered at all by dangerous insects. All were gone. The Lord brought to mind spiritual comparisons. We, the laborers, need to be available when the grapes (souls) are, and we must not be too afraid of Satan's distractions (bees and yellow jackets), for there is a time to harvest and there is a time when it is too late.

ILLINOIS, CISSNA PARK Mary Knapp - Karol Stock

We have been privileged to listen to the tapes of the brotherhood conference on Wednesday evenings this month. Can we ever be thankful enough for the love and words of exhortation given by our elder brothers? May they always feel our love and support in return.

We rejoice with several couples in our congregation who have been blessed with new babies. Bro. Steve and Sis. Kathy Walder welcomed a son, Reid Austin, August 22. Reid's grandparents are Bro. Melvin and Sis. Irma Walder (Champaign, IL) and Eileen Kaufmann (Cissna Park).

Bro. Rod and Sis. Beth Steffen and their children, Chalise, Gretchen, Brett and Justin welcomed another boy, Quinn Austin, into their family September 9. Grandparents are Bro. Gus and Sis. Martha Feucht (Lester,

IA) and Bro. Jerry and Sis. Allene Steffen (Goodfield, IL).

Bro. Les and Sis. Patti Marti and Levi also welcomed a boy, Lincoln Asher, to their family September 7. Grandparents are Bro. Les and Sis. Dorothy Walder (Hoopeston, IL) and Sis. Delores Marti (Gridley, IL). May God bless each one with wisdom and understanding to direct these precious little souls in His ways.

September 3 was a happy day as Bro. Leon Kaeb and Sis. LeAnn Kaisner were joined in marriage in Fairbury. His parents are Bro. Elmer and Sis. Mary Lou Kaeb (Cissna Park) and her parents are Bro. Merle and Sis. Gladys Kaisner (Fairbury). We wish them well as they establish their home in Remington, IN.

We certainly extend a warm welcome to Sis. Marge Steffen (Congerville). She recently moved here to accept a teaching position in Danville.

Visiting ministers this past month were Elder Bro. Dale Eisenmann (Chicago), Bros. Kevin Knapp (Bloomington), Mike Rinkenberger (Congerville) and Todd Feller (LaCrosse, IN).

Hospital patients this month were Sis. Louella Jacob, Sis. Marie Kaufmann (Bro. Bob) and Sis. Gladys Winger (Bro. George). Sis. Patti Marti (Bro. Les) was also a surgical patient. May God bless each one with renewed health and strength.

ILLINOIS, CONGERVILLE Deb Dietrich - Sandy Knapp

We are going to miss Bro. Myron, Sis. Lori and Katelyn Rumbold in our congregation. They have moved to Menomonie, WI. We trust that they are following the Lord's will and we know they will be a blessing to the Minneapolis church.

A small, precious bundle of joy was born to Mark and Terri Schrock. Brian Andrew was welcomed home by his brother, Bradley. His grandparents are Bill and Amy Cotton and Bro. Allen and sis. Carol Schrock.

We were encouraged and very thankful for the warnings we received upon hearing the brotherhood conference tapes. May we always strive to remain far removed from the world and resist its temptations.

Giving us warning and guidance

were visiting ministers, Bro. Doug Grimm (Sabetha, KS) and Bro. Ed Alt (Cissna Park). May each of us do our part in ministering to the world through our way of life.

We are thankful to God that Sis. Marilyn McClure and her daughter, Amanda, were spared serious injury from their car accident. They are home recovering after a short hospital stay.

ILLINOIS, ELGIN Elizabeth Schambach Betty Bachtold

Our special thanks to many dear brethren who labored in our behalf this past month. May God bless each one. Among these are Elder Bros. Akito Inoue (Tokyo, Japan), Sam Anliker (Lamont, KS), Dale Eisenmann (Chicago, IL), Bros. Doug Schock (Pulaski, IA), Dale Wulf (Lester, IA), Dean Messner (Winthrop, MN), Mike Leman (Denver, CO), Marvin Schmidgall (Eureka, IL), Willis Wiegand (Goodfield, IL), Walt Steffen (Milford, IN), Elmer Schrenk (Alto, MI), Harvey Heiniger and John Rowell (Burlington, IA) and Carroll Gerber (Bluffton North, IN).

At this time of writing, we are privileged to listen to the tapes of the brotherhood conference. "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me." St. John 14:1.

Bro. Bill Gudeman presented each of our seventh grade students with a Bible. May God bless His Word that it could be fruitful.

Sandy Darlington, daughter of John and Ella Martin (Marengo) has felt the need of a Saviour and has surrender her heart in submission to His will. May God share His needed grace and faith. At present, she resides in Waco, TX, with her husband, Jerry, and son, Joseph. We look forward to hearing her testimony soon, Lord willing.

We wish God's blessings upon the recent marriage of Brenda Klopfenstein and Richard Reilly. Parents of the couple are Bro. Dick and Sis. Judy Klopfenstein and Robert and Pat Reilly (Oak Forest, IL).

On September 17, Sis. Lindy Schambach (formerly of Elgin) and Bro. Alan Knochel were united in marriage in Phoenix, AZ. Their parents are Bro. Edward and Sis. Jenny Schambach (Elgin, IL) and Bro. Ted and Sis.

Madeline Knochel (Phoenix, AZ). May God bless them with faithfulness to each other lifelong.

Jenean Schambach (Bro. Tom and Sis. Connie) spent several days in the hospital recently and we're thankful she is restored to health again.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all for their prayers, beautiful cards and gifts of love during my hospital stay and recovery. May God bless you all.

Sis. Jeanette Schmidt

ILLINOIS, EUREKA

Kathy Leman

On August 9 we were privileged to hear the testimony of Matt Roche (Bro. Merle and Sis. Bev). The following day we welcomed Bro. Matt into the brotherhood of our Lord and Saviour. We thank Elder Bro. Nathan Steffen (Elgin, IL) for helping Bro. Walter in this blessed undertaking. We also thank Bros. Bill Dotterer (Phoenix, AZ) and Dale Frank (Oakville, IA) for being with us and ministering the Word.

Other visiting ministers this past month were Elder Bros. Art Bahler (Fairbury), Don Sauder (Roanoke) and Dan Koch (Tremont) and Bros. Hartzell Kaisner (Detroit, MI), Curt Frank (LaCrosse, IN) and Clarence Kachelmuss (Forrest). We thank them and ask God to add the blessing.

We heard the engagement announcement of Bro. Gary Getz (Bro. Allan and Sis. Nathalia) and Sis. Gail Wagenbach (Bro. Lawrence and Sis. Elaine, Princeville). May God bless them as they plan for their lives together here on earth.

We have many of our loved ones who have suffered afflictions of this mortal flesh. Some are still hospitalized at this time for which we pray that God will heal and bless as He sees is best, and thankful for those who have been able to return to their homes. They are Bros. Lewis Blunier (Sis. Clara Lou), Bob Wettstein (Sis. Verna), Leroy Stoller and Jim Wettstein and Sisters Boni Blunier (Bro. Sam D.), Evelina Sinn and Amy Stoller.

We welcome Bro. Ervin and Sis. Sandy Knecht and family to our congregation. They were assembling with the Lamar, MO, congregation. May they soon feel back "home" with us.

We have devoted four Wednesday evenings to listen to the conference tapes. What a blessing to hear each elder speak of his love and concern for the welfare of our church. "Let not your heart be troubled . . ." St. John 14:1.

Sunday evening, September 10, we gathered together to support and witness the ordination of Bro. Walter Anliker as elder. Truly this was a solemn and heart-stirring time for our congregation. May God richly bless Elder Bro. Walter and his wife, Sis. Claribel, in this very important undertaking, and may we strive to do our part to be obedient to our Lord's ways and commandments so we all may reach heaven's portals.

Bro. Gary and Sis. Elna Wettstein, Cynthia, Samuel, Edward, Christina, Curtis and Keith welcomed Andrew Michael into their hearts and home. Andrew's grandparents are Bro. Elmer and Sis. Mildred Bauman (Goodfield) and Bro. Art and Sis. Donna Wettstein. May God bless this dear family circle.

Our Eureka congregation was especially blessed to be able to host the meeting of various World Relief committees of our church. Our Apostolic Christian Mission Committee met Thursday afternoon, August 24. That evening at 7:00, various sub-committees of World Relief and Work Projects began their meetings and continued all day Friday. Friday evening, an open meeting was held in the Roanoke fellowship hall to update all interested parties of the various phases of the World Relief work. Our four counsel elders, Bros. Wendell Gudeman, Nathan Steffen, Roy Grimm and John Klotzle, all spoke about the work, and slides were shown by Bros. James Hoerr and Gerald Fiechter. Bro. Jim showed slides showing us the progress on the new church at Budapest, Hungary, along with pictures of other churches in that country. Bro. Gerald showed us the work that is being done in Juarez, Mexico. Bro. Roy Leman then spoke about World Relief work in our local area.

Saturday, August 26, the entire World Relief Committee, along with most of the members of the Work Project Committee, held their meeting.

The Eureka church wishes to thank all who came to take part and to fellowship with us over these meetings.

Those of us who work with World Relief here, also wish to thank our trustees and their wives, along with all the other dear brothers and sisters who helped to serve meals and in other capacities.

ILLINOIS, FAIRBURY Jean Bachtold - Crystal Fehr

"This union of our hearts
shall stand through grace in
Jesus;

We walk the path of life
while cheer and trust increases.

Where God in truth abides,
where two join hand and heart,

We find a three-fold cord,
not lightly rent apart."

"The Union of Hearts"
Zion's Harp

September 3 was a beautiful wedding day for Sis. LeAnn Kaisner and Bro. Leon Kaeb (Cissna Park). Their parents are Bro. Merle and Sis. Marge Kaisner and Bro. Elmer and Sis. Mary Lou Kaeb. We wish the new couple God's blessings as they begin this special journey in their lives.

Also on September 3, the announcement was made of the engagement of Bro. Ryan Steidinger and Sis. Lori Fehr. An October 29 wedding is being planned. We wish them God's guidance as they plan to spend their lives together. Their parents are Bro. Donald and Sis. Alice Steidinger and Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Linda Fehr.

Sis. Linda Oberlander and her family have moved and settled in the Lafayette, IN, area.

Bro. John and Sis. Judy Dohman and their family have moved and will be attending the Gridley church. Both families will be missed, but we know they will feel God's presence in their new congregations.

We were blessed to have many visiting ministers among us: Elder Bro. Perry Zimmerman (Forrest), Bros. Kenny Weerts (Cissna Park), Kenneth Schneider and Dan Stoller (Remington, IN) and Jim Leman and Bill Hodel (Roanoke, IL). We appreciate those who took time to bring to us God's teachings.

We extend sympathy to Bro. Walt and Sis. Rosie Edelman and Sis.

Rosalie and Sis. Ella Marie Edelman on the passing of their father, Levi Edelman, Sr. May God's Holy Spirit comfort them.

Our ministering Bro. Merle Kaisner had heart surgery and is recuperating at home. Sis. Betty Wiegand was a surgical patient. Bro. Anthony Fehr had surgery following a fall while working on a roof. May we prayerfully and patiently wait upon the Lord to restore each one back to good health.

THERE'S A REASON

For every pain that we must bear,
For every burden, every care,
There's a reason.

For every grief that bows the head,
For every teardrop that is shed,
There's a reason.

For every hurt, for every plight,
For every lonely pain-racked night,
There's a reason.

But if we trust God as we should,
It all will work out for the good.
Author Unknown

We were privileged to hear the conclusions of the general conference on tapes. May each one of us strive to walk closer to the One who died for us. It was very inspiring to hear each elder.

ILLINOIS, FORREST Sherri Kelson Sandra Schneider

We tarry in this blest and tranquil
union,
And thus united speak the farewell
word.
Ye loved ones, now the parting
hour is nearing,
The farewell greeting sounds in one
accord.
Our hearts are yet in close
communion beating;
In Jesus' name we bid the farewell
greeting.

Zion's Harp #114

We sang this hymn together as we said farewell to Bro. Brian Ricketts (Bro. Nick and Sis. Jean). Bro. Brian has moved to Silverton, OR, to be

employed. We will miss him and hope he can come home often.

Bro. Wayne and Sis. Nancy Zimmerman rejoice in the birth of their new son, Tyler Wayne. Todd, Tory and Tiffany are enjoying their little brother. Grandparents are Bro. Donald and Sis. Ione Broquard (Fairbury) and Elder Bro. Perry and Sis. Dorothy Zimmerman.

Warren and Sis. Cindy Edelman are happy to welcome Abby Lyn into their home. Her grandparents are Vernon and Ruth Edelman and Helen Walter.

With the joys of raising these precious souls comes the responsibility of teaching them about God and His plan for mankind. We trust God will bless the efforts of these parents in training their children.

We appreciate the opportunity to hear the tapes of the brotherhood conference. May we all take heed to the wise counsel we have received, believing it comes from the heart of God and not just the lips of man.

Bro. Leland (Sis. Marge) Kuntz, Joe Nussbaum (Bro. Terry and Sis. Deb), Sis. Leona Wallace, Mary (Dan) Bradley, Scott Schmidgall (Bro. John and Sis. Janet) and Pam (Dennis) Zimmerman have needed to spend time in the hospital. Our thoughts and prayers are with each one. May they feel God's strength and healing hand.

Bro. Perry and Sis. Louise Honegger wish to sincerely thank their families and all their relatives and friends that remembered Sis. Louise through prayer, visits, cards and gifts when she was in the hospital. Also, thank you for all the food and meals brought in after she was home. Words can't express how much they appreciated everything. May God bless each one.

Bro. Leland and Sis. Marge Kuntz want to thank everyone for their prayers, calls, visits and gifts received while Bro. Leland was in the hospital and since he returned home. Everything was sincerely appreciated. May God bless each one.

ILLINOIS, GOODFIELD Trish Gerber

Bro. Brian Rieke (Rick and Fonda) and Sis. Lisa Grimm (Elder Bro. Bob

and Sis. Elna) were united in holy matrimony September 3. It was so encouraging for each of us to see the work of God and His plan for Brian and Lisa. We were reminded again of the blessings God gives if we totally let Him lead us. May God continue to bless them as they live their lives together in Him.

We appreciate our visiting ministers and their wives. Thanks to Bro. Tom Leman (Denver, CO), Elder Bro. Roy Grimm (Taylor, MO) Bro. Harold Gramm (Morris, MN) and Bro. Arnold Gerst (Taylor, MO).

May God comfort and heal if it be His will, Bro. Larry Bauman who as hospitalized this month. Also in the hospital were Sis. Eloise Diggelman (Bro. Ernie) and Aaron Hohulin (Bro. Bruce and Sis. Charlene).

Coral Marie is the name Lorraine Kieser gave to her baby who was born July 3. Coral's grandparents are Bro. Alfred and Sis. Marie Kieser.

Bro. Ben and Sis. Kris Bauman rejoice at the birth of Luke David. Luke's birthday is July 28 and his happy grandparents are Bro. Larry and Sis. Betty Bauman and Bro. Tom and Sis. Marlene Leman (Denver, CO).

Our children are back in Sunday school after a break over the summer. We pray for God's guidance and hand of love as the teachers share His wonderful message. May the Word fall on eager ears and may each one of our precious children some day turn their lives over to the Lord.

ILLINOIS, GRIDLEY Perry A. Klopfenstein

The fall is a beautiful time of the year. Not only is it a time of harvest, but a time when the colorful hues of gold and tan reflect gorgeously over the landscape.

Spiritually, the Lord defined the "harvest" as plentiful. He said, "the fields are white already unto harvest." Because the laborers are few may we, as believers, be diligent in the harvest for eternity. May our prayers coincide with the hymn writer in "The Golden Harvest":

"Seeds of goodness we are sowing
In the hearts of men today.
Bless it, Lord, that it may prosper,
And bear fruit for harvest day."

Our new Sunday school term began August 27. In an effort to cultivate a stronger appreciation for music and for our sacred church hymns, a theme song has been chosen for each month. For September, it was "O For A Thousand Tongues." Years ago, a friend of the author expressed he was so thankful for salvation that if he had a thousand tongues, he would use them all to praise God. This moved the author to pen that beautiful hymn.

On August 25, our dear Sis. Mary Klopfenstein Martin, 91, passed from this earthly life. She had submitted to hip surgery several weeks previously, and was simply unable to recover. She was ready, however, to meet her Maker, having made preparation 72 years earlier in 1917 when she was one of 36 converts, Gridley's largest in-gathering.

She is survived by her sister, Minerva Stahl (Gridley); three stepsons, Bro. Ray Martin (Eureka), Bro. Orville and Bro. Earl Martin (both of Roanoke); two stepdaughters, Sis. Gladys Binkele (Peoria) and Sis. Martha Stoller (Gridley) and a host of step-grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

In 1962 she became the wife of Bro. Frank Martin. He preceded her in death in 1967. Noteworthy to her life was her devotion to the elderly. Although holding a full-time job in Gridley's business district, she lovingly cared for her widowed mother for several years. She was also very generous to her many nieces and nephews. When her mother passed away, she cared for elderly persons in her home. The sparkle in her eye and her willing smile will be missed in our church.

On August 30, our visiting ministers were Elder Bros. Robert Beyer (Naumburg, NY) and Don Sauder (Roanoke). On September 17, Bro. John Reinhard (Bluffton, IN) and Bro. Steve Ringger (Bluffton North, IN), ministered to our congregation.

Thank You: The family of Mary Klopfenstein Martin wishes to thank everyone for their love and expressions of sympathy during the passing of their dear loved one. They were greatly appreciated.

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ILLINOIS, ILLINOIS STATE UNIV.

Our semester started August 21 with about 60 students with Apostolic Christian backgrounds attending the university. A Welcome Back Picnic was held September 10 where freshmen and sophomores met their "adopted parents", Bloomington families who become "parents away from home" for the year. Around 180 parents and students attended the picnic.

The weekly Thursday night Bible studies have resumed. We are thankful for the ministering brothers who have taken time to spend an evening teaching us more about our God: Kevin Knapp (Bloomington), Ken Hoerr (Peoria), Jim Plattner (Princeville) and Jaye Rinkenberger (Goodfield). We anticipate a year blessed by our God.

ILLINOIS, MORTON Phyllis Farney Cheryl Wuthrich

Christian friendship can be an important ingredient in building a closer walk with God. Friends have a duty to each other as described in Hebrews 10:24, 25. We are to consider how we may inspire each other to love and to do good works. We are to assemble together and exhort (admonish, encourage, warn and urge) one another, especially as we see the day approaching. Often a friend can be the one we confess our faults to as it instructs in James 5:16. Always our love one for another should be evident. "By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." John 13:35.

"Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend." Proverbs 7:17. August 27 was "Invite A Guest" Day for our Morton congregation and as we fellowshiped we all had an opportunity to grow and learn from one another. Everyone was encouraged to invite someone to share the day in church with us and then attend an all-church potluck and singing. Our visiting ministers for that day were Bros. Wes Knapp (Goodfield, IL), Dennis Kaufman (Bloomington, IL) and Fred Knapp (Congerville, IL).

Other visiting ministers during the month were Bros. Mark Bahr (Detroit, MI), Tom Hoffman (Roanoke,

IL), Elmer Witzig and Elder Bro. Edwin Ringger (both of Gridley, IL). Once again we benefited from the fellowship of these ministers and their families. We wish to thank them all for making the effort to come to be with us.

We are rejoicing with Sis. Cindy Witzig (Bro. Harold and Sis. Dorothy) and Bro. Luis Gomez (Washington), who made his home with Bro. Marshall and Sis. Jan Heinold, as their engagement was announced. Let us remember to pray for them during their engagement period that they may grow in Godly love and in friendship one for another.

Sis. Lydia Muselman was called home September 12 at the age of 94. She was the last survivor of 8 brothers and 4 sisters and will be missed by her many nieces, nephews and friends.

In the days to come, let us search the Scriptures and prayerfully consider how we might become a better Christian friend to those around us.

ILLINOIS, PRINCEVILLE Marjean Lehman

". . . Speak thou the things which become sound doctrine."

Titus 2:1

May God bless the ministers for visiting our congregation recently as they taught us out of the Book of Life. They were Elder Bro. Robert Beyer (Naumburg, NY), Bro. Clifford Grimm (West Bend, IA), Bro. Harvey Grimm (Bern, KS), Bro. Steve Gutwein (Francesville, IN) and Bro. Jim Knobloch (Elgin, IA).

"When pure and upright hearts by flames of love ignited,
Are by the bond of faith more firmly yet united,
The light of hope beams forth in radiance far and nigh,
Invites us to partake the blessings from on high."

"The Union of Hearts"

On August 20, the engagement of Bro. Kevin Wagenbach to Sis. Sara Feuchtenberber (Morris, MN) was announced. Parents are Bro. Lawrence and Sis. Elaine Wagenbach and Bro. Wally and Sis. Diane Feuchtenberger (Morris, MN). May God bless

them in their plans to walk life's pathway together.

On September 10, the engagement of Sis. Gail Wagenbach was announced to Bro. Gary Getz (Eureka). We wish them the blessings of God to lead and guide them in their future plans.

"If ye love me, keep my commandments."

John 14:15

Our congregation has had the privilege of listening to the tapes of the brotherhood conference. The tapes were shared with us on Wednesday evenings. May it be a blessing to each of our hearts and inspire us to a closer walk with the Lord.

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

John 14:27

Our congregation expresses our sympathy to the family of Sis. Katherine Schafer. Also, we extend sympathy to the family of Bro. Ben Stickling. May God bless and comfort those who have recently parted with a loved one.

Thank You Note:

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to all who remembered us with cards, gifts, food, visits and prayers since the accident. Everything was very much appreciated. May God bless each one of you.

David and Crystal Streitmatter

"Cast thy bread upon the water: for thou shalt find it after many days."

Ecclesiastes 11:1

ILLINOIS, ROANOKE

Patsy Kaeb - Sandy Leman

We are enjoying the beautiful fall season here in Central Illinois. We are thankful for a bountiful harvest and the blessings God has so richly provided. May we also evaluate our spiritual lives to see if we are bringing forth fruit pleasing to Him.

We were fortunate to have many visitors who ministered to us this past month. They include Bro. Mike Leman (Denver, CO), Bro. Art Bau-

rer (Princeville, IL), Bro. Roy Lugnbuhl (Fort Lauderdale, FL), Bro. Robert Miller (Portland, OR), Bro. Ed Aeschleman (Philadelphia, PA), Bro. Ben Manz (Junction, OH), Bro. Marvin Stieglitz (Leo, IN), Elder Bro. Robert Beyer (Naumburg, NY) and Bro. Harold Schmidgall (Gridley, IL). We appreciate these brothers giving their time and talents, and we ask God's blessings on them and their families.

On August 25, we laid to rest our dear sister, Sis. Lydia Schafer. She was a wonderful example of love and faithfulness. Our hearts go out to her sisters, Sis. Frieda Schafer and Emma Frank (Morton). May the Lord comfort them in their loss.

Hospital patients this month were Sis. Cindy Leman, Sis. Velda Schlipf, Sis. Pat Sauder and Sis. Wilma Sauder (Bro. Don). We pray for God's healing strength as they recover.

Bro. Frank and Sis. Kathy Sauder (Tokyo, Japan) are the happy parents of another son, Steven Donald. Steven was born August 17. His older brother is Jonathon, and his grandparents are Bro. Don and Sis. Wilma Sauder and Bro. John and Sis. Lois Klotzle (Altadena, CA).

Mark and Ina Sauder (Eureka) are new parents. Their son, Jeremy Mark, was born August 25. Grandparents are Bro. Jack and Sis. Marlis Sauder (Roanoke) and Bro. August and Sis. Inez Mogler (Eureka).

Bro. Rich and Sis. Julie Lindberg now have five sons. Their newest, Caleb Daniel, was born August 18. Caleb's older brothers are Matthew, Mark, Jacob and Joshua. Grandparents are Bro. Jerry and Sis. Jane Schumacher and Ron and Jeanette Lindberg.

We rejoice with Bro. Herb Leman and Sis. Lori Wyss, who were joined in marriage September 10. Herb's parents are Bro. Jim and Sis. Myra Leman (Roanoke) and Bro. Carl and Sis. Lydiann Wyss (Washington). We ask God's blessings on Bro. Herb and Sis. Lori as they establish their home.

ILLINOIS, TREMONT

Carolyn Bolliger Marsha Koch

We would like to thank Bro. Bob Pflederer for sending forth God's precious and Holy Word. May he be rewarded.

Bro. Dean Bolliger (Ben and Rose) and Sis. Trudy Sauder (Bro. Merle and Sis. Nancy) were united in marriage September 10. May they have many blessed years together.

On August 27, we welcome our new brother-in-faith, Bro. David Sauder (Bro. Dale and Sis. JoAnn). May God grant him grace and strength to overcome and keep this first love.

Fred and Ruth Endress are happy grandparents of Abigail Lynn born August 31 to Mike and Kris Endress. May God bless this new addition.

It is nice to have Joy Staker assembling with us again after her recent surgery.

We certainly wish to thank all the elder brothers for again meeting and seeking out God's counsel and guidance at the recent conference. May each one of us follow and obey, knowing they have been inspired by God.

ILLINOIS, WASHINGTON

Carol Schick

Sunday school, as well as public school, is in full swing and everyone at Washington is getting back into their routines. We pray for God's guidance for all the teachers who help to mold the young minds of our children.

Bro. Gary and Sis. Linda Folkerts were blessed with a healthy baby girl which they will call Rachel Jean. Besides her parents, Rachel has a sister, Amy, and four grandparents to shower her with love. The grandparents are Bro. Robert and Sis. Helen Wiegand and Ronald and Dorothy Folkerts.

The marriage of Sis. Lori Wyss (Bro. Carl and Sis. Lydiann) and Bro. Herb Leman (Bro. James and Sis. Myra Leman) took place September 10. May God bless their union and shower them with grace to grow together in His love.

The engagement of Bro. Luis Gomez (Enrique Gomez, Mexico) and Sis. Cindy Witzig (Bro. Harold and Sis. Dorothy, Morton) was announced in August. Bro. Luis came from Mexico to stay with Bro. Marshall and Sis. Jan Heinold while he attended Illinois State University. While staying there he accepted the Lord, was baptized in the Washington congregation, went on to finish college and is now teaching near Joliet. We wish

them God's blessings during this happy time in their lives.

Visiting ministers this past month have been Elder Bro. Joe Stoller (Princeville), Bros. Ben Wysong (Sabetha, KS), Roger Aberle (Sabetha, KS) Chuck Sauder (Tremont), Jim Ramseyer (Bay City, MI), Hartzell Kaisner (Detroit, MI) and Doug Waggenbach (San Diego, CA). We truly appreciate each one and thank them for sharing and giving of themselves so willingly.

October is the month we see witches and ghouls in the store fronts and in the front windows of many homes. Lest we are tempted to get caught up in the festivities, let us go to God's Word and read Deuteronomy 18:10-12 where it tells us all these things are an abomination to the Lord.

October is Silver Lining month for Washington.

INDIANA, BLUFFTON Jean Moser - Shari Fiechter

"Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God."

Ephesians 2:19

It was truly a blessed weekend, September 16 and 17, when we heard the testimonies of four dear friends and witnessed their baptisms. We welcome into the fold Sis. Tonya Purdy (Dan and Shirley), Sis. Jayla Frauhiger (Bro. Charles and Sis. Marie), Bro. Wayne Snodgrass (Becky) and Bro. Dan Moser (Bro. Glen and Sis. Dina Fae). Assisting Elder Bro. Ed Schwartz on this special occasion were Elder Bros. Jesse Beer (Milford) and Phil Stettner (Bluffton North) and Bro. Robert Meyer (Bluffton North). Other visiting ministers this month were Bro. Lynn Stieglitz (Leo), Bro. Sam Schlatter and Bro. Ben Manz (Junction, OH) and Bro. Doyle Frauhiger (Bluffton North). We thank all our visitors for worshipping with us. How precious is the fellowship that we enjoy.

On September 11, Bro. Gary and Sis. Stacy Fiechter were blessed with a second son, Matthew Thomas. He is welcomed by his brother, Luke, and grandparents, Herman and Sis. Phyl-

lis Fiechter, John Cook and Marcia Jackson.

Our congratulations to grandparents, Bro. Bill and Sis. Diana Tonner, on the arrival of their first granddaughter, Heather Ann, born September 13 to Bro. Steve and Sis. Tonya Price (Milford). Paternal grandparents are Bro. Tom and Sis. Becky Price (Milford).

Little Trent Alan, weighing 1 lb. 6 oz., arrived prematurely September 14. His parents are Bro. Todd and Sis. Teresa Earney. All are doing fine at this writing. We pray that if it is God's will, little Trent will grow to be a strong and healthy child. Grandparents are Bro. Gerald and Sis. Eunice Fiechter and Charles and Patricia Earney (Fort Madison, IA).

Among the hospital patients this month were Sis. Marjorie Ringger and Greg Isch (Bro. Hubert and Sis. Judy). We pray that God's healing hand and watchful eye will be upon them.

Todd Landrum and Ann Barlow exchanged wedding vows September 9. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Thoustal (Huntington), Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Barlow (Wilmington, DE), Robert Landrum (Warren) and Sis. Coleen Landrum.

September 10 was the day chosen to be the wedding day of Bro. Marvin Reinhard and Sis. Kim Moser (Bluffton North). Parents of the couple are Bro. Roy and Sis. Virgene Reinhard and Bro. Dwight and Sis. Pat Moser. We wish each of these couples God's richest blessings.

On September 3, nursery classes began for the four-year-old children. We certainly pray for our teachers that they might plant seeds of goodness in these tender hearts.

As we are patiently waiting for the fields to ripen and ready for harvest, it makes us more aware that God is also awaiting the harvest. Let us all labor for the Lord so we can come rejoicing and bring in the golden grain on that final harvest day.

Bluffton will collect for the Silver Lining in November.

INDIANA, BLUFFTON NORTH Lois Drayer Debbie Aeschliman

We are thankful for Elder Bro. Ed Schwartz (Bluffton) and Bro. Uriel

Gehring who came to share in the joy with Bro. Marvin Reinhard (Bro. Roy and Sis. Virgene, Bluffton) and Sis. Kim (Bro. Dwight and Sis. Pat) on their wedding, September 10. We wish Bro. Marvin and Sis. Kim much joy in their married life together.

Bro. Mark Wright has been in the hospital this past month. We wish him a speedy recovery. Daniel Shorb, age 5 1/2, son of Bro. Brett and Sis. Cindy, had a kidney transplant September 14 at Riley Hospital in Indianapolis. We hope he will be up playing and running soon. Bro. Jerry Drayer (Sis. Lois) was in the hospital this past month after an accident with a weed wacker. We pray that God will watch over him as he recuperates at home.

We wish to extend sympathy to Bro. Charles Gerber (Sis. Marilyn), Sis. Luella Schladenhauffen (Bro. Everett) and Sis. Nancy Honeggar (Bro. Keith) in the loss of their mother, Sis. Katie Gerber, who died August 20 at the age of 92.

As an update on the Christian Care Retirement Center, a great deal of progress has been made during the summer months. Two independent duplex units are near completion with residents moving in soon. Construction work will begin on two additional duplex units this fall. If the progress continues on the Health Care Facility as it has been, the first residents should be moving into it sometime in October.

As we look outdoors and see the leaves start to turn color and the farmers are harvesting their crops, we know that autumn has arrived. This poem seems to be a true reflection of autumn.

SIGNS OF AUTUMN

Golden pumpkins, shocks of corn,
Smoky eyes and frosty morn;
Ripened apples bending down,
Milkweed pods of silken down;
How fair to see the forest trees
Arrayed so bright with gorgeous
leaves;

Chrysanthemums in grand display,
And bittersweet along the way --
All of these and more make
autumn.

Bro. Henry Beer

Reminder: November is the month

for Bluffton North's collection of dues. The rate is \$7.00. Please pay one of your reporters.

INDIANA, FRANCESVILLE
Lynne Wuethrich

Our congregation had the joy of hearing the testimony and witnessing the baptism of Bro. Jeff and Sis. Sue Neihouser. The entire weekend was so very special. Listening to how the Lord works in individuals lives is so uplifting. Bro. Jeff and Sis. Sue are from Houston, TX, and they attend the Dallas, TX, congregation. Bro. Andre and Sis. Lois Neihouser (Francesville) and Bro. Bill, Jr. and Sis. Betty Feltwanger (Dallas, TX) are Bro. Jeff and Sis. Sue's parents.

That same weekend we were privileged to have many visiting ministers help in sharing the ministry. They are as follows: Elder Bro. Akito Inoue (Tokyo, Japan), Elder Bro. Ron Nelson (Kiowa, KS), Elder Bro. Richard Schupbach (Phoenix, AZ), Elder Bro. Sam Anliker (Lamont, KS), Bro. Harold Gramm (Morris, MN), Bro. Floyd Schmidgall (Morris, MN), Bro. Elmer Schmidt (Winthrop, MN), Bro. Leland Plattner (Zapata, TX) and Bro. Ken Wuethrich (Indianapolis, IN).

Our friend, Chris Nuest (Bro. Larry and Sis. Jane), feels he is at peace with God and Elder Bro. Wendell announced this to our congregation. We rejoice with Chris and we, along with Chris, are looking forward to his baptism weekend.

Bro. Jeff and Sis. Gina Tanner are first-time parents as a son, Jacob Eugene, was born to them August 21. Jacob's grandparents are Bro. James and Sis. Sharon Denton (Francesville) and Ralph and Carol Tanner (Medaryville). May God bless this family.

September 10 was a happy day for Bro. Gene and Sis. Sherri Huber as they were united in holy matrimony. Bro. Gene and Sis. Linda Beer (Milford) are the grateful parents. We rejoice with them.

We've had two engagements this month. Jessica Denton (Bro. James and Sis. Sharon) is engaged to John Murray (Howard and Shirley Murray, Webster, IN). A June wedding is being planned.

Tiffany Baer and Stephan Vogt are making plans to be married in May. Parents are Bro. Don and Sis.

Pam Vogt (Francesville) and Mr. and Mrs. Jerrie Baer (Monticello, IN). We wish these two couples God's blessings of His nearness.

Several were in the hospital this month. They are Sis. Vicki Anliker (Bro. Ron), Bro. Bob Clauss (Sis. Mildred) and Bro. Sid Leman (Sis. Fern). As they recover, may our heavenly Father be near them.

Additional visiting ministers this month have been Bro. Don Gudeman (LaCrosse, IN), Bro. Kenneth Dietz (Bradford, IL), Bro. Gene Leman (Wolcott, IN) and Elder Bro. John Klotzle (Altadena, CA).

INDIANA, INDIANAPOLIS
Miriam Gudeman - Kathy Freed

We're getting a taste of fall here in Indy. The weather seems to be getting cooler, and the leaves are starting to turn colors. There's frost on the ground in the mornings, and yellow buses filled with kids pass by on their way to school. There are changes going on all around us, yet isn't it wonderful to know that our heavenly Father never changes? "I the Lord do not change . . ." Malachi 3:6.

Kristin Bucher (daughter of Bro. Ardie and Sis. Leann) and Bro. Bruce Schafer were hospitalized this past month. We are glad to see their health restored and to have them back with us.

Our Sunday school picnic was held September 24 at the Broad Ripple Park. It was such a beautiful day filled with blessings of fun and fellowship.

Our visiting ministers this past month were Elder Bro. Alfred Bahler (Wolcott) and Bro. Wendell Gerber (Bluffton North). We greatly appreciate their time and effort in sharing God's Word with us.

We enjoyed having the Francesville men's group with us and hearing them lift their voices in praise. It was such a blessing. A special thanks go to them and their families. May God richly bless their lives and use their talents to further His work.

INDIANA, LACROSSE
Mary Lynn Massner

When I see the woodland flaming
 In a brilliant red and gold;

I can only stand and marvel
 At the splendor I behold.

Only could the Master Painter
 Clothe a tree in such array;
 Seems I get a glimpse of heaven
 Every sunny autumn day.

Daniel D. Rodes

As I looked out the window the other day and noticed some of the trees changing colors already, it made me truly look forward to the beauty we'll be seeing when the leaves are in full color. The beautiful splendor of autumn leaves is just a glimpse of the wonder we'll be experiencing in heaven. ". . . Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." I Corinthians 2:9.

We've been privileged to have several visiting ministers in the last few weeks. Our congregation would like to express appreciation to Bro. Bill Schlatter (Junction, OH), Bro. Larry Wenninger (Latty, OH) and Bro. Dan Stoller (Remington, IN). Also, Bro. Greg Gramm (Phoenix, AZ) and Bro. Robert Miller (Portland, OR), whom I left out in the last issue.

INDIANA, LEO
Thelma Schlatter

". . . be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear."

I Peter 3:15

The story is told of the old lady, a staunch member of her church, who was visited by a friend. In the course of their conversation, the visitor noticed the old lady was quite vague about what she had believed; so the visitor inquired as to her belief. She replied, "I believe just what my church believes." The second question was about what the church believes, and the answer was, "My church believes just what I believe." These answers were really not enlightening, so the next question was, "Then what do you and the church believe?" Her reply was, "We both believe the same thing." Don't smile, for sadly enough, this may too often be true. If we are asked about our faith, are we inclined

to explain about the church or are we always ready to give an answer to the hope within us. Do we readily witness how we found peace and deep joy through repentance and faith in our precious Lord and Saviour.

David Fischer repented and believed. Upon his testimony of peace and faith, he received the rite of baptism. These services were conducted by Elder Bros. Loren Stoller (Latty, OH) and David Bertsch.

Other happy news is the birth of Jeremy Albert to Bro. John and Sis. Sue Grusy, who will enjoy their new role as parents.

The conference topics have recently been shared with the congregation. Many beautiful teachings and promises of our Lord and Saviour, from John 14, lovingly were shared by our elder brethren.

Bits of This and That:

LAMENT OF A LOST FRIEND

"My friend, I stand in judgement
now
And feel that you're to blame
somehow --
On earth I knew you day by day,
But you refused to point the way.

You taught me many things, that's
true;
I called you friend and trusted you,
But I learned now that it's too late--
You could have kept me from this
fate.

You knew the Lord in all His glory,
But you did not tell me the story --
And now on coming to the end,
I can no longer call you friend."

(Author Unknown)

Wanted: A Pair of Shoes

"Nothing fancy. Any kind will do. The main requirement is that they be motivated by a heart of love -- love so strong that it causes feet to walk to a distant apartment or the house next door to tell the people who live there about the love of God. Search your closet to see if you have a pair of shoes that might be willing to get involved in the ministry of telling others about Jesus Christ."

"No matter how pious you look, if you aren't concerned that people are going to hell, you aren't."

"Many who plan to seek God at the eleventh hour die at 10:30."

"School is a building with four walls -- with tomorrow inside." (Lon Watters)

For a smile: "Don't think people judge your generosity by the amount of advice you give away."

INDIANA, MILFORD

**Sue Schieler
Marguerite Hoerr**

Chad Beer, son of Bro. Lee and Sis. Sandy, spent some time in the hospital recently, as the result of a viral infection. Thankfully, he's recovered and is back with his classmates in school and Sunday school.

Sis. Sherri Beer and Bro. Gene Huber, having found faith to promise their lives to each other, were united in marriage September 10. Elder Bros. Jesse Beer and Wendell Gudeman conducted the ceremony. Sherri is the daughter of Bro. Bob and Sis. Linda of our congregation. Gene's parents are Bro. Gene and Sis. Barbara (Francesville). We wish her and Gene a full measure of happiness as they establish their first home.

Heather Ann is the name chosen for the little daughter of Sis. Tonya and Bro. Steve Price. She is their first child. May God envelop this little family in His loving care. Happy first-time grandparents are Bro. Tom and Becky Price.

Bro. Noah and June Clauss have sold their homes on nearby Waubee Lake and in Lake Worth, FL, and have recently moved to Greencroft Apartments in Goshen. Their new address is 1801 Greencroft Blvd. #227, Goshen, IN 46526.

We were blessed to have the Detroit, MI, choir, led by Bro. Phil Bahr, favor us with a visit September 16 and 17. A plus to their visit was having ministering Bro. Randy Gasser and his family, accompany them. Their inspired musical selections were pure balm to our souls. It was a weekend of warm fellowship and rich blessings.

Silver Lining dues for the Milford congregation were collected in August. If you have not had the opportunity to renew your subscription, you may send the amount (\$7.00) to my home address, Route 1, Box 169,

Milford, IN 46542. I will forward it, the week following this publication.

INDIANA, REMINGTON

Beth Virkler

We often view the word "September" with mental images of classrooms, pencils, paper, school bags ... learning. But then when we pause to think, we remind ourselves that we are absorbing and learning from every experience that enters our daily life every day of the year. Likewise, the message of this poem reminds us that we are influencing every soul that we meet consciously or subconsciously.

SOULS THAT TOUCH

I am everyone I have ever met;
There are no chance acquaintances.
Those that were kind
Taught me empathy.
Those who were patient
Let me see that
Being first was not important.
Those that loved me
Even in my frailties
Showed me an enormous gift
That would carry me
Through difficult times.
Those that were intolerant of me
Proved that someday
Others would fill this void.
And those who stood
For deep hatred
Portrayed a side of life
I was glad not to be
A member of.
I am everyone
I have ever met.
What am I teaching you?

Nancy Beery

On September 16, Kevin Waibel (Bro. Gene and Sis. Diane) took Andrea Patzschke (Wayne and Sharon, Remington) to be his wife. They will make their home at Route 1, Remington.

Also making Remington their first home is Bro. Leon and Sis. Leann Kaeb who were married in September. Their parents are Bro. Elmer and Sis. Mary Lou Kaeb (Cissna Park, IL) and Bro. Merle and Sis. Gladys Kaisner (Fairbury, IL). Their address and phone number are Route 1, Box 45, Remington, IN, (219) 261-2152.

Bro. Neal Widmer (Wolcott, IN)

helped share the ministry September 3 when one of our local ministers was alone. Having another congregation a few miles away to share our burdens and blessings with is a privilege.

Sis. Louise Waibel (Parkview Haven, Francesville) is currently in the hospital.

INDIANA, SOUTH BEND

Sue Beebe

It has been said that "the great tragedy of life is not unanswered prayer, but unoffered prayer." (F. B. Meyer) For "the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." James 5:16. We have many opportunities daily to pray for others.

We are thankful that God has answered our prayers and has allowed our dear brother, John Schuch, to feel well enough to assemble with us again.

God has also answered the prayers offered for Bro. Marty Langhofer, who was hospitalized recently with an infection. Bro. Marty is now home and doing well.

In need of our prayers is Sis. Helen Martin who is experiencing bodily afflictions.

We thank Bro. Ken Hoerr (Peoria, IL) for bringing the Word of Life to us September 3.

Our heartfelt thanks to all for the prayers offered for my father, David Kupferschmid, during his illness and also for your cards and other expressions of sympathy following his death. We were touched by your love.

Bro. Robert & Sis. Sue
Beebe & family

INDIANA, VALPARAISO Beth Heinold - Anjie Heinold

"The grass withereth, the flowers fade: but the word of our God shall stand for ever."

Isaiah 40:8

We express our deepest love and sympathy to the Michael Thomas family as they have experienced the loss of a dear loved one. On August 26, Rolland Dennis, Sr., Sis. Claudia Thomas' father passed away. Our prayers are with them at this difficult time.

We are thankful to have had Bro.

Tom Schambach (Elgin, IL) visit our congregation to share God's Word with us. Elder Bro. Dale Eisenmann (Chicago, IL) also visited our congregation this month. We really enjoy the special fellowship we have with our brothers and sisters in the Lord. May God bless them for their endeavors.

INDIANA, WOLCOTT

Lorna Knapp - Lynell Blume

Our congregation was blessed to have three visiting ministers this month. Serving us were Elder Bro. Corbin Bahler (Rockville, CT), Elder Bro. John Klotzle (Altadena, CA) and Bro. Rick Plattner (Peoria, IL). We thank these brothers for encouraging our hearts and ask God's blessing upon them.

"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

James 1:27

Elder Bro. Wendell Gudeman exhorted us on this verse at a recent Bible study. Truly each one of us has much work to do if our religion is to be pure before God. We thank Bro. Wendell for his willingness to be used.

Two dear ones have recently submitted to surgery. Sis. Jean Kyburz is recovering from knee surgery and Bob Radcliffe from eye surgery. We hope they will feel our prayers, and may God continue to touch them with His healing hand and grant them much grace and patience in days ahead.

We welcome Sis. Linda Oberlander and her family back from Fairbury, IL. They were originally from here. God can truly bless us when we follow His guidance and perfect will for our lives.

We were privileged to gather several evenings and listen to the brotherhood conference tapes. May our elders always feel our full support, and may each of us be inspired to a closer walk with Him.

IOWA, BURLINGTON
Deyona Massner - Karen Schulz
We are pleased that Dan and

RuthAnn Schrock have moved to our area. Their parents are Bro. Bob and Sis. Edith Schrock and Bro. Mike and Sis. Elizabeth Schmacher. We welcome them and are looking forward to them worshipping with us in Burlington.

My Lord, an offering do I bring;
My heart I give to Thee
I gladly give this heart of mine,
Which thou dost ask of me.

Zion's Harp #163

August 20 was a very blessed day as we welcomed a new sister, Sis. Rachel Massner (Bro. Dennis and Sis. Gail) into the fold. We wish her the grace and peace of God each day of her life. Elder Bro. Sam Huber (Sabetha, KS) and Bro. Dave Eisenmann (North Fort Myers, FL) was with us for this occasion.

Bro. Dale Frank (Oakville) also ministered to us on a Sunday afternoon this past month. May the Lord bless each of our ministering brothers whether they be visitors or local brethren.

IOWA, ELGIN Gloria Frieden

We rejoice with George and Mildred Schupbach who recently celebrated sharing 50 years of married life. May God continue to bless them in the years ahead.

Again we are enjoying the conference tapes. May we ever have a growing appreciation for our elder body as they feed and care for their flocks, but most of all for our heavenly Shepherd, who knows all our needs and desires before we ask and hears and answers prayer.

As we view, again, the leaves changing color to beautiful golds, red and orange, we marvel at God's handiwork. For many of us it puts us in a traveling mood so we can see more of this beauty. We here at Elgin want to welcome any of you to visit us here in "the capital of the Switzerland of Iowa."

IOWA, IOWA CITY Janette Schulz

Greetings to all! Our congregation is busily adjusting to the changes fall brings -- new school and work schedules, new roommates, new

Sunday school teachers, etc. After the enjoyable but sometimes hectic events of summer, it's nice to settle into a routine.

IS YOUR LAMP BURNING?

Say, is your lamp burning, my brother?

I pray you look quickly and see;
For if it were burning, then surely
Some beam would fall brightly on me.

There are many and many around you,

Who follow wherever you go,
If you thought that they walk'd in
the shadow,
Your lamp would burn brighter, I know.

Upon the dark mountains they stumble,
They are bruised on the rocks and they lie

With white, pleading faces turn'd upward,
To the clouds and the pitiful sky.
There is many a lamp that is lighted --

We behold them anear and afar;
But not many among them, my brother,
Shine steadily on like a star.

If once all the lamps that are lighted
Should steadily blaze in a line,
Wide over the land and the ocean,
What a girdle of glory would shine!
How all the dark places would brighten!

How the mists would roll up and away!
How the earth would laugh out in her gladness,
To hail the millennial day!

Say, is your lamp burning, my brother?

I pray you look quickly and see;
For if it were burning, then surely
Some beam would fall brightly on me!

Gospel Hymns #217

We were recently reminded of both the privilege and the responsibility of our being lights in the dark world around us. May we always keep our eyes on the Source of our Light, and keep our wicks trimmed, our chim-

neys clean, and our lamps filled with oil.

With summer travels, our gatherings would have been quite "slim" many Sundays had it not been for our many visitors, including ministering Bros. Kent Mogler (Minneapolis, MN), Jon Schmidgall (Oakville, IA), Bill Gerst (Alto, MI) and Bruce Leman (Roanoke, IL). May God bless all who put forth the effort to assemble with us.

IOWA, LESTER

Kathy Metzger - Mary Knobloch

"And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for Him," Genesis 2:18. The engagement of Bro. Clarence Dietrich (Silverton, OR) to Sis. Betty Knobloch was recently made known. May God richly bless them as they make plans for their life together.

On September 2, Vernon Knobloch and Chalea Teunissen were united in marriage. May then enjoy many blessings and joys as they begin their life together. Their parents are Bro. Art and Sis. Elgeva Knobloch and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Teunissen.

A special blessing was received in the home of Carl and Deb Leuthold. A son, Aric John, was born to them August 29. Paternal grandparents are Bro. Art and Sis. Emily Leuthold. May God grant them in bringing up their precious children.

Oftentimes our loved ones must suffer physical afflictions and pain. Hospitalized for medical reasons were Lou Moser, Andy Leuthold and Sis. Linda Moser. May God continue to provide for each one's needs and may He grant comfort and grace to the dear families who so unselfishly and lovingly care for their loved ones.

IOWA, OAKVILLE

Debbie Wagenbach

"Ring the bells of heaven! there is joy today . . ." (Gospel Hymns #622) With much joy in our hearts, we welcome Bros. Tom and Ron Lanz (Elder Bro. Ed and Sis. Joan), Sisters Dana Massner (Bro. Doss and Sis. Bertha Lee), Gayla Metzger (Bro. Galen and Sis. Mary Jo) and Tricia Pflum (Bro. Lyle and Sis. Marian) into the fold of our precious brother-

hood. We pray that God will provide for their daily needs as they look to Him for strength and grace each day. We had many visitors for this blessed weekend. Among them were Elder Bros. Jess Beer (Milford, IN) and Wayne Fehr (West Bend, IA). Bro. Duane Metzger (West Bend, IA) was also in Oakville for the weekend. We so much appreciate the wise words of our ministering brothers and trust that God will bless them.

The Sunday after Labor Day our Sunday school classes resumed. We who are Sunday school teachers solicit the prayers of each brother and sister that we may teach the children, in our weakness, the truth in its pure simplicity.

On September 10, our Wagenbach family held our annual reunion in Oakville. How much we cherish and enjoy one another's fellowship and kindly admonitions as a big family, and yet what more of a precious family we have in the family of God. When we think of being brothers and sisters to our Lord Jesus Christ, we can only humbly thank God for our high calling. "I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God . . ."

IOWA, PULASKI Teresa Schock - Ginny Wuthrich

Harvest time is here again. We can only marvel at the seasons of God's nature, and how they move so timely and swiftly. The fall season seems to be the one most enjoyed by many.

Though our area was in drought condition through the summer, there are still spotty areas of average yields. Even those hit the hardest, if our thoughts wend heavenward, can find many things to be thankful for.

Visiting ministers last month were Bros. Robert Miller (Portland, OR), Walt Anliker (Eureka, IL) and Glen Funk (Garden Grove, IA). We thank them for their labors in the Lord on our behalf.

We welcome Albert and Julie Wulf and Rachel Metzger (all of Lester). We look forward to having them assemble with us. Julie and Rachel are attending college in our area. We wish them God's helping hand and pray that they feel His presence among us.

IOWA, WEST BEND**Phyllis Banwart - Mary Gerber**

We were spiritually fed the past month by several visiting ministers and certainly appreciate their lending themselves in our behalf. They were Elder Bro. Walt Anliker (Eureka, IL), Bros. Gary Anliker (Elgin, IL), Clarence Kachelmuss (Forrest, IL), Ken Schneider (Remington, IN) and Randy Kellenberger (Kansas City, MO).

We are thankful to have had the opportunity to listen to the conference tapes in the past few weeks. Let us use this opportunity to help strengthen our faith and draw us closer to the Lord. Praying that our elder brothers will continue to guide us toward our heavenly goal.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Sis. Clara Bruellman and her family as she has recently been hospitalized. We trust God will provide and help her to bear her cross in the days that lie before her.

JAPAN, SHIODA
Renee Baurer

"To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven. A time to be born and a time to die . . ."

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2

God's timing for the birth of Steven Donald Sauder (Bro. Frank and Sis. Kathy) was August 17. We're thankful that he is healthy and are thrilled to have him a part of our church. It was special to have his grandmother, Sis. Lois Klotzle (Altadena, CA), here to welcome him home.

The kindergarten children also thought it was special to have their grandparents visit them at kindergarten September 14. They told their grandparents the story of creation in the form of a skit. Evolution of man is taught in many schools in Japan, so most people do not question its truth. We believe that God is our Creator and we're thankful to be able to share this truth with the grandparents.

Bro. Akito and Sis. Marie Inoue and family arrived home safely from their trip to America. It has been good to fellowship with them once

again. We appreciated Bro. Akito ministering to us September 3.

JAPAN, TOKYO**Frank and Kathy Sauder**

"For I long to see you . . . that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me." Romans 1:11-12. We were thankful for the strengthening visits of our guests from America this summer. Sis. Vicki Ramseyer (Bay City, MI) attended one of our monthly ladies' meetings for neighborhood women, and Bro. Phil and Jill Baurer (Princeville, IL) worshipped together with us. The bond of mutual faith in Christ certainly is encouraging.

Another special visitor this summer was Sis. Lois Klotzle (Altadena, CA), who came to Japan to help welcome her new grandson, Steven Donald Sauder, born August 17. Steven's other grandparents welcoming him into the family are Bro. John Klotzle and Bro. Don and Sis. Wilma Sauder (Roanoke, IL). Older brother, Jonathan, is also happy for a little brother to hold, kiss and squeeze. We, as Steven's parents, trust God for the wisdom and grace to raise him to love and fear the Lord.

We welcome Elder Bro. Akito and Sis. Marie Inoue and family back to Japan after visiting the U.S. to attend the brotherhood conference and to spend time with family and friends. Elder Bro. Willis Ehnle and his wife, Sis. Lois, travelled to Tokyo once in August to minister in their absence, and also once in September. Their efforts are appreciated.

"He hath made every thing beautiful in his time . . ." Ecclesiastes 3:11. The Lord has shown evidence of His perfect work in the lives of His children in leading Bro. Mike Drete (Altadena, CA) and Sis. Kathy Kieser (Bradford, IL) to become one in Him. Kathy left Japan this summer after being with us four years. When their engagement was made known to us recently, we could see part of what the Lord has been working in His leading in Kathy's life. May God bless this special couple and help them to always glorify Him.

Bro. Andy Klaus has been a welcome addition to our congregation this summer. Now, we thank the Lord that He has opened the doors for Bro.

Andy to stay on in Japan for a year to participate in a special Japanese study program.

KANSAS, BERN
Lori Baumgartner
Kathy Strahm

We rejoice with the angels in heaven! We are again this month able to report of souls in our congregation who have turned to God in repentance. We've experienced a wonderful period of showers in the past few weeks; a blessing of abundant rain, so welcome to our dry area. But more uplifting and encouraging, and indeed needful for the soul, is this "shower of blessing" we feel as these dear ones come to assemble with us now, having made this most important decision in their lives. Bro. Allen and Sis. Glenda Rokey rejoice as their son, Dwight, has made this beginning. Also, Allen Edelman, son of Bro. Fred and Sis. JoAnn; Victor, Christopher, Terry and Dayton Menold, sons of Bro. James and Sis. Louise; Bradley Strahm, son of Bro. Alpha and Sis. Mamie Strahm; Jim Meyer, son of Bro. Robert and Sis. Janet; Jay Baumgartner, son of Bro. Leonard and Sis. Nancy; Duane and Holly Meyer, son of Bro. Leroy and Sis. Helen Meyer, and daughter of Bro. Leonard and Sis. Nancy Baumgartner; and Steve and Kay Meyer, son of Bro. Eli and Sis. Lois Meyer (Sabetha, KS), and daughter of Bro. Alvin and Sis. Phyllis Banwart (West Bend, IA). We also share the joy of Bro. Frank and Sis. Ruth Hertzler in that their daughter, Christy Schweitzer (Brian, Sabetha) has found the necessary grace to begin this walk of life.

Another little blessing we have is the addition of Tanya Linn Rokey to our Bern Sunday school and church. Bro. Allen and Sis. Glenda Rokey have happy smiles as they've adopted Tanya into their family of boys, Bro. Todd, Brian and Dwight.

We wish blessings of the Lord for Doug and Lana Parton as they were united in marriage August 26 at the fellowship center with a reception following. Bro. Morris and Sis. Marjorie Edelman, and Ronnie Parton and Sue Parton are their parents.

It has been encouraging and edifying to assemble the past two Friday

evenings, along with the Sabetha brethren, to hear the tapes of the brotherhood conference; as we trust it will be to listen the remaining two sessions on upcoming Friday evenings. We appreciate the elder brothers who are so willing to give so much of their time and talents to stand on the walls of Zion and sound the warning. May God bless them in their every endeavor.

Sunday school has resumed after having recessed for the month of August. As each brother or sister begins a new Sunday school year teaching with a different group of young souls, may it be that the teachings from God's Holy Word can make lasting impressions in their hearts. The students from 6th grade through high school had a weekend gathering at Fort Scott September 16 and 17 of all our Kansas Sunday schools. Our thanks to those at Fort Scott for their efforts and hospitality.

KANSAS, FORT SCOTT
Karen Sinn

The Fort Scott church was the host to the Youth Fellowship Weekend, September 16 & 17. Children, teachers, and parents from all the Kansas churches: Lamar and Kansas city, MO; Garden Grove, IA; and Denver, CO, attended. Ministering Bros. Ted Witzig (Morton, IL) and Curt Rassi (Tremont, IL) spoke to the children Saturday evening and again on Sunday. Also, visiting that weekend was Bro. Max Reimschisel (Wichita, KS). We thank them for their labors in our behalf.

Hospitalized this month were Jeanette Tice (Steve and Sis. Gayle Robb) who was seriously injured in a motorcycle accident and Rebecca Sinn (Bro. Charles and Sis. Karen) who experienced a severe asthma attack. We are thankful the Lord was merciful and spared their lives.

KANSAS, GRIDLEY
Vola Young - Judy Kraft

During illness or loss of loved ones we truly sense our powerlessness to control the situation. We acknowledge as mortal flesh we have no great powers to deliver ourselves or loved ones from a crisis situation. Hoping in God. Now that's completely differ-

ent! We can find meaning and purpose to our lives, for through Christ's suffering in our stead, we have hope for that promise of eternal life. So we look to God Almighty, our Creator, the One who loves and cares for His people. The One who has the power to give, to take, to provide strength and comfort, no matter the situation.

We're thankful for the recovery of Bro. Roy Wernli, who recently was hospitalized for cardiac problems that required surgical intervention.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to those who suffer loss of loved ones. Bro. Roy Wernli and family mourn over the death of Dale Hummel. Barbara was his wife (daughter of Bro. Roy and Betty Wernli).

Bro. Albert Edelman and family also have experienced loss of a loved one. Levi Edelman (Fairbury, IL) will be sadly missed by his family and friends. Bro. Albert was a son of Levi's.

Thank you, visiting brethren, for the timely teachings. Visiting ministers were Bro. Al Lanhofer (Wichita, KS) and Bro. Duane Kilgus (Fairbury, IL).

The Gridley-Lamont congregations had the opportunity to enjoy the tapes from the general conference on three successive Thursday evenings.

KANSAS,
KANSAS STATE UNIV.
Camille Strahm

As we returned to our campus this fall, we were saddened to realize that several faces are missing from our small group here. Sis. Kim (Meyer) Baumgartner (Bro. Robert and Sis. Janet Meyer, Bern) graduated in May with a degree in Elementary Education. She was married to Bro. Jeff Baumgartner this summer and they have made their home near Bern. Also finishing their degrees this past spring and summer were Marvin Anliker (Bro. Glen and Sis. Lorean, Lamont) and his new bride, Gina. Both of them earned bachelors degrees in Agricultural Economics.

We also miss Bro. Lee and Sis. Natalie Martin (Sabetha) who will be studying in Germany this year. Even though miles will separate us, we can still feel near to them through our heavenly Father. We wish them God's richest blessings as well as His strength and guidance as they serve

Him away from the shelter of our churches here. Sis. Natalie received her degree in May and Bro. Lee will be completing his degree while in Germany.

Sara Strahm (Bro. Wilfred and Sis. Verona, Bern) has also left Kansas State to pursue her degree in nursing at a college in Topeka.

We are thankful for the time that each of them spent here and pray that God will continue to be near them in their new circumstances.

Although no one could ever fill the shoes of those who have moved away, we are consoled with the addition of several new students to our fellowship. We welcome Tami Kellenberger (Bro. Jay and Sis. Marilyn, Sabetha), Stacy Hartter (Bro. Steve and Sis. Lois), Diane Menold (Bro. James and Sis. Louise) and Bro. Adrian Strahm (Bro. Wayne and Sis. Claudia, Bern) and Sis. Sheri Braker (Bro. Don and Sis. Eileen, Kansas City). It is so refreshing to have these new faces here at Kansas State.

We especially rejoice with three souls who are seeking the Father in repentance -- Diane Menold, Michelle Braker (Bro. Don and Sis. Eileen, Kansas City) and Brad Strahm (Bro. Alpha and Sis. Mamie, Bern). There is no real joy on this earth besides serving the Lord and we are so thankful that He has filled us with His love and joy. May we all strive to shine as lights for Him as we seek an education on this secular campus.

Our annual fall picnic was held during the first week of classes, at a park near Manhattan. We were overjoyed at the large crowd of family and friends who traveled many miles to eat and to fellowship with us. We thank all of them for their love and support.

Brothers who come to minister God's Word to us are always appreciated. Bros. John Lehman and Alpha Strahm (Bern) were with us September 13. As we cannot possibly repay their work of love, we pray that the Lord, who will rectify the balances, will provide their reward.

KANSAS, KIOWA
Janice Bahr - Darcy Kisling
Proverbs 31:10-31. This scripture lists the traits of a virtuous woman,

and we celebrated the 90th birthday of just such a sister this past month. Sis. Sophia Kucher is a light and inspiration to every one who knows her, and her Christian example and love for those around her is evident in everything she does. If God so wills, may Sis. Sophia enjoy many more happy birthdays.

Our thoughts and our prayers are with our numerous loved ones who are suffering health problems and are often unable to be in our midst. This includes Sis. Dorothy Brown, who was hospitalized this month, and though now at home, is facing a series of treatment in the future. Sis. Matilda Schubach was also a hospital patient, but we are thankful she is now home again. May God be ever near to Sis. Dorothy, Sis. Matilda and to all of our loved ones in their trials.

Recently my mother received a letter from a dear friend of hers, and the following poem was enclosed. It held such a great amount of meaning to those of us who are converted Christians that I decided to share it in the hope that, like myself, it might help more of us to realize just how much our walk of life might affect someone else in their walk. And, in realizing this, we might be more careful, and more prayerful in the life we choose to lead during the years God allows us to sojourn on this earth, so that we won't someday have to pay a terrible price for the influence we have had on another soul.

INFLUENCE

"Twas a sheep, not a lamp, that
strayed away,
In the parable Jesus told --
A grown-up sheep that had gone
astray
From the ninety and nine in the
fold.

Out in the meadows, out in the
cold,
"Twas a sheep the good shepherd
sought,
And back in the flock, safe into the
fold,

"Twas a sheep the good shepherd
brought.

And why for the sheep should we
earnestly long,
And as earnestly hope and pray?

Because there is danger, if they go
wrong,
They will lead the young lambs
astray.

For the lambs will follow the sheep,
you know,
Wherever the sheep may stray:
If the sheep go wrong, it will not be
long
"Til the lambs are as wrong as they.

And so with the sheep we earnestly
plead,
For the sake of the lambs today:
If the lambs are lost, what a
terrible cost
Some sheep will have to pay!

Author Unknown

KANSAS, LAMONT

Mary Isch

We thank Bro. Duane Kilgus and his family for visiting us and sharing God's Word with us.

Justin Isch (Bro. Ron and Sis. Jane) was a surgical patient this month. he had an appendectomy. We are happy to report he is home and doing fine.

Lamont and Gridley congregations assembled together three times to hear the tapes from the conference.

KANSAS, SABETHA

Beth Harter - Sharon Strahm

We appreciated Bro. Harvey Grimm (Bern) and Elder Bro. John Lehman (Bern) as our visiting ministers this month and thank them for sharing God's Word. We have been assembling alternately with the Bern congregation on Friday evenings to listen to the tapes of the recent brotherhood conference.

Bro. Rod and Sis. Joleen Edelman have been blessed with a baby daughter named Molly Ellen. She is welcomed home by Brett, Scott, Amy and Jacob. May God be their help and guide in raising their precious little family. Grandparents are Cliff and Sis. Barb Edelman and Bro. Verner and Sis. Betty (Schmidt) Wirtz (West Bend, IA).

The family of Bro. Charles and Sis. Esther Terry were here September 10 to help them celebrate the special occasion of their 50th anni-

versary. May God continue to bless their lives.

Hospital patients this month have been Bro. Ben Aberle (medical) and Sis. Esther Grimm (surgical). We pray they can feel His nearness.

On September 3, our Sis. Lydia Wenger (Levi) was called Home at the age of 84 years. We are thankful she could be relieved of her earthly afflictions, and we extend our heartfelt sympathy to her sister, Sis. Tillie (Lou) Wenger and nieces and nephews.

We rejoice as the angels in heaven when we hear more dear souls have heeded the tender, loving call of God. May He continue to grant grace to Julie (Marc) Wenger, Darin Grimm (Bro. Gerald and Sis. Ruby), Kristy (Brian) Schweitzer and Wayne Wenger (Bro. Harvey and Sis. Arleta) so they can each build a firm foundation.

KANSAS, WICHITA

Emma Miller

Elder Bros. Ed Ringger and Ed Lanz served holy communion to our congregation the second weekend in September. Our gratitude goes out to these brothers and their wives as we realize the many hours they spent on the road so our spiritual needs could be met.

Our Sunday school enrollment has been increased by the attendance of three fine young gentlemen. Jeremy and Curtis Simon, grandsons of Sis. Ann and Bro. Howard Warner and Craig, son of Sis. Pam and Bro. Jim Jackson are a welcome part of our congregation.

Our area has been experiencing record breaking rainfall. It is hard to remember that last spring we were thinking we'd never again complain about rain if it would just start raining.

KENTUCKY, LEXINGTON Lester and Glendoris Huber

"As it was in the days of Noah. . ."
". . . so shall it be in the days of the Son of Man (or the return of Christ)."
All flesh had corrupted his way . . . and the earth was filled with violence. Jesus likened the day of His return to the days preceding the flood

and warned his followers to "Watch therefore." In these times, it is obvious on every hand, violence everywhere and "wickedness in high places". Ephesians 6:12. Wickedness has infiltrated governments and leaderships of nations. The laws and landmarks our forefathers have set up are broken down to conform to the lawless demands of wickedness. The political, spiritual, and economical pillars of our forefathers have crumbled, and unless we who look for something better beyond the horizon of this life "watch and pray", we shall also be overcome by the promoter of this wickedness. But ahoy shipmate and friend, there is a haven and refuge in the "Ark of Christ", our Saviour. Have you entered in the door? As in Noah's Ark there was only one door, so in these perilous times there is only one door to safety and that is to come to Christ. Repent of your sins, confess to God and your fellow man your sinnership, your share and part in this wickedness, and receive God's provision of His Son as the penalty for your sins and guilt. If you want peace for your soul and faith for times like these, be "totally committed" to Christ as Saviour and Lord. He will bear you up in His Ark of Safety over the troubled waters below which are drowning countless numbers in their perdition and sin.

In times like these, you need a Saviour,
In times like these, you need an anchor;
Be very sure, Be very sure
Your anchor hold and grips the Solid Rock.

Chorus:
This Rock is Jesus, Yes, He's the One,
This Rock is Jesus, The only One;

Gospel Hymns #231, vs. 1

We appreciate having Bros. Nelson Beer (Milford, IN), William Hodel (Roanoke, IL) and Chris Huber (Francisville, IN) for our visiting ministers in the last two months. May God bless them and their families for their faithfulness in sharing God's Word. We appreciate all visitors who come from time to time and we are thankful to the Lord for the blessing of Christian fellowship.

MICHIGAN, ALTO Denise Oesch - Michelle Oesch

"And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an helpmeet for him."
Genesis 2:18

It has been a month for joyous happenings! On August 19, Romona Gerst (Bro. Bill and Sis. Judy) was married to Garth Snyder. Our prayers for the Lord's guidance and blessings go with them as they start their life together.

BEHOLD THE CHILD

Dear son, dear what will be, sweet triumph of hope over fatigue, who looks a little like his father and a little like his mother and a lot like a miracle. Happy is the woman who holds her child to the light and says it was worth it. It was worth it, Lord. Thank you!

Toby Devens Schwartz

Bro. Marvin and Sis. Liz Blough were blessed with another little bundle from heaven. Isaac Lloyd came into the world August 22. His brothers, Christopher and Ernie, and sister, Cindy, welcomed him home.

We were reminded recently of the tremendous responsibility we have as parent to show our children how to live. They are looking to us and learning from us how to handle their emotions and how to treat other people. Most of all, they are looking at our relationship with the Lord and how much of our life we give to Him. It is very humbling to raise children because we in turn, have so much to learn from them; for it is through their innocence that we learn how to have a closer walk with Jesus. "Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven." Matthew 18:4.

We have so much to be thankful for in these precious blessings of our children.

These brothers and sisters were recently elected to be Sunday school teachers: Kurt Heimer (Sis. Sue), Donna Oesch (Bro. Fred) and Julie Blough (Bro. Tim). Voted in as subs were: Wes Daniels (Sis. Sue), Renee Steffen and Michelle Oesch (Bro. Tom).

Sis. Judy Gerst (Bro. Bill) was also elected to serve on the kitchen committee. May the Lord be there with them as they so humbly serve Him.

It was our privilege to have Elder Bro. Akito Inoue (Tokyo, Japan) with us recently on a Wednesday evening to minister the Word. We are truly thankful to have our precious faith ministered in such a faraway country and to know that no matter what language it is spoken in, the word of life never changes.

Other visiting ministers this past month were Elder Bro. Ben Maibach (Detroit), Bro. Joe Gerst (Iowa City, IA), Bro. Ron Palitto (Akron, OH) and Bro. Edwin Bahler (Remington, IN). May God's blessings be with each as they continue to be God's willing servants.

Our prayers are with Sis. Loretta Steffen (Bro. Aaron) as she recovers from surgery.

"For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds ..."

Jeremiah 30:17

Reminder: October is the month for the Alto Silver Lining collection. (\$7.00)

MICHIGAN, BAY CITY

Pam Schlatter

Twice in the past month, we were privileged to gather with our Sunday school classes to spend memorable times. On August 26, we held our annual Sunday school picnic. Two weeks later, Bay City hosted a weekend with the Alto and Detroit, MI, and Toledo, OH, Sunday schools visiting us. We thank all our visitors for coming and offer a special thanks to visiting minister Bro. Ron Palitto (Akron, OH) for joining us the latter weekend.

Lisa Waibel (Bro. Bill and Sis. Carol) has recently been announced as having peace. We rejoice with her and pray for her to demonstrate to those about her the peace that comes in serving Christ.

Congratulations to Bro. Jay and Sis. Carola Schlatter on the birth of Andreas Joy. Andreas is also welcomed by a brother, Nickolas, and grandparents, Bro. Waldimir and Sis. Margaret Fortenbacher (Kitchener,

Ontario) and Bro. Bob and Sis. Betty Schlatter (Bay City).

We were saddened to hear of the death of Jacque Groeschen. Our sympathy is expressed to Bro. Henry Meylan's family in the loss of their loved one.

The Bay City congregation has been enjoying the tapes of the annual conference. May each soul be moved to greater commitment and service.

Bro. Bill and Sis. Carol Warbel and family were the recent victims of an auto accident. Bro. Bill is at the time, still hospitalized, while the rest of the family members are home and returning to their routines. We pray for their health and a faith to understand that God doesn't act without purpose.

MICHIGAN, DETROIT

Sue Gasser

The Word asks us to seek the Lord in the days of our youth. Jason Allen (Bro. Pat and Sis. Jeanne) has chosen to heed that directive and we rejoice with him. We pray he will feel God's grace and our support as he begins his Christian walk.

Lydia Fortenbacher (Bro. Walter and Sis. Margaret, Kitchener, Ontario) has experienced that perfect peace that God places in a converted heart. We look forward to her testimony and baptism, October 29.

The Detroit choir traveled to Milford, IN, September 16 and 17. We are all very appreciative of the love, fellowship and hospitality shared with us. Thank you and God bless you!

We enjoyed a visit from Bro. Jim Ramsier (Bay City, MI). Thank you for sharing His Word with us.

We had several hospital patients this month: Kristen Hitz (Bro. Tom and Sis. Cindy), Dee Oliver, Bro. Joe Szilagyi, and Bro. Willard Bahr (Sabetha, KS) who chose to have surgery in the Detroit area near his two sons, Bros. Mark and Phil and their families. All are home from the hospital at this time and we pray you can all feel God's strength and healing. Our prayers are also with Sis. Mary Pentek and with Sis. Perseda Wieland, who has been on bedrest for several weeks due to a back injury she got as a result of a fall.

Toledo, OH, will host services at

Apostolic Christian Woodhaven on Tuesday evening, November 7, at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Naumburg, NY, will host services in Kitchener, Ontario, November 19. For directions or additional information, please call Bro. Walter Fortenbacher at (519) 699-4133.

We want to belatedly thank Elder Bro. Eugene Marti (Lamar, MO) for spending a weekend with us. He exhorted and encouraged us through the Word and then in an evening Bible study, shared some insight on "The Family". God bless you for your message to us and your willingness to serve.

MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS Carol Strassheim

On August 27, Sis. Shelly Lawson (Bro. Ken and Sis. Sharon) was united in marriage to Bro. Shawn Maurer (Bro. Howard and Sis. Eileen, Phoenix, AZ). We wish them God's blessings as they walk hand in hand together united.

We enjoyed many visiting ministers this month: Bro. Harold Gramm (Morris), Bro. Alpha Moser (Morris), Elder Bro. Harold Messner (Winthrop), Elder Bro. Joe Braker (Morton, IL) and Bro. Elmer Schmidt (Winthrop). We thank them for sharing God's Word with us.

We rejoice that Dave Stewart has turned to the Lord in repentance and has found peace with God. We pray for God's abiding nearness as the Holy Spirit works in his life.

Sis. Vera Schmidt has undergone back surgery again, but is home from the hospital and recuperating. We are thankful for God's healing and for His caring for Sis. Vera. We pray that she can soon be well enough to worship with us again.

With joy we welcome to our congregation Bro. Myron and Sis. Lori Rumbold and Katlyn (Congerville, IL). Dan and Lola Deragisch, Christa, Carissa, Tera and Brent (Lester, IA), Sis. Melody Knoblock (Lester, IA), Brad Luthi (Morton, IL) and Sarah Getz (Morton, IL). We will miss Bro. Tim Lawson as he has moved to the Phoenix area for a job.

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MINNESOTA, MORRIS Christa Sauder - Ruth Nohl

Visiting ministers have been: Elder Bro. Leo Moser (Lester, IA), Elder Bro. Sam Hueber (Sabetha, KS), Elder Bro. Bob Grimm (Goodfield, IL), Bro. Dennis Warner (Lester, IA) and Bro. Kent Mogler (Minneapolis, MN). We do appreciate them being with us and may God bless them for their efforts.

Those who have been medical patients in the hospital have been Emil Schaefer, Jackie Nohl (Kenneth) and Sis. Kathy Nohl (Bro. Art and Sis. Sandra). God knows each of their needs and hears every prayer.

Mike and Cindy Moser became first-time parents of Nicholas Michael, born September 11. The happy grandparents are Bro. Dave and Sis. Noreen Moser.

A son, Randy Dean, joined Roger and Mary Evink's family August 30. Randy is welcomed home by two brothers and a sister. Grandparents are Bro. Richard and Corrine Schmidgall.

Bro. Ernest and Sis. Tillie Kellenberger have moved to Sabetha, Kansas. We will miss them here in Morris but, we wish them the Lord's richest blessings and grace in their new apartment.

Sis. Jennifer Kellenberger (Sis. Diane) has left our congregation and has found employment in the Philadelphia, PA, area. We will miss her but may God lead, guide and direct her in her new home and job.

MINNESOTA, WINTHROP Ella Mae Schmidt - Georgia Messner

We were privileged to have Bro. Dan Miller (Minneapolis) and Bro. Duane Metzger (West Bend, IA) minister to us the Sunday of our annual pork chop supper. A blessed time of fellowship was enjoyed by all.

We can see the changing season creep upon us almost daily as the trees start to change their colors. The years of our life creep upon us also, let us remember to be true and faithful each and every day of those years.

We are listening to the conference tapes and are so thankful for the care and concern of our dear elders.

MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY Don Wales

This summer, we have been blessed many times as visitors have stopped to visit our congregation on their vacation travels. It is a new excitement each week to pull into the church parking lot and take a quick glance at the parked cars' licenses to see where we may have visitors from. We always know that once we are inside the building that there will be the heartfelt warm greetings and expressions of love that unite our hearts in one accord through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

This last month, we were again blessed with a visit from Bro. Wayne Miller (Fort Scott, KS). We thank Bro. Wayne for unselfishly lending himself to God's work in our midst.

We rejoice in the news that our friend, Michelle Braker, daughter of Bro. Don and Sis. Eileen Braker, has heeded God's call to repentance and chosen to walk the straight and narrow way to salvation. We know that as Michelle follows her new path, she will be supported and encouraged by the prayers of thousands of believers who hear or read of her quest for everlasting life.

When we are blessed with a new convert starting the march to Zion. Our attention seems to naturally shift towards that soul and of course our prayers are with the new convert. We must however not neglect to pay attention to a pray for all our other friends some perhaps very close to the converts who may be just a prayer or word of encouragement away from starting their own walk with the Saviour. We know that our friends are watching ever so closely and we know that many desire salvation. May God grant us the wisdom to be proper reflections of His light so that those who wait just outside the fold will be drawn in to his saving grace.

MISSOURI, LAMAR

Becky Marti - Carol Braker

What joy it brought to our hearts to hear that our dear friend, Kristi Luthi (Bro. Ray and Sis. Marilyn) has felt God's calling and is repenting. It does each of us good to look back to our days of repentance and remember how God forgave us and replaced our fears and conviction with that

blessed peace. We wish Kristi God's grace and strength as she begins a new way of life.

We appreciate the efforts of our visiting brethren: Elder Bro. Gene Marti (Kansas City) and Bro. Everett Hari (Bloomington, IL) were with us for a blessed Sunday.

Soon the leaves will be turning to their glorious colors, which is another part of God's beautiful creation. We welcome any of you who wish to travel during this special season.

MISSOURI, ST. LOUIS

Kathy Knapp

Our visiting ministers this month were Bros. Everett Hari (Bloomington, IL), Kenny Knapp (Taylor, MO) and Jon Schmidgall (Oakville, IA). We are thankful for their efforts of love.

We rejoice with Bro. Norman and Sis. Kathy Knapp in the birth of their son, Kirk Andrew. Grandparents are Bro. Eldon and Sis. Ida Mae Roche and Bro. Bob and Sis. Jean Knapp (Eureka, IL). May God bless the new addition to their family.

Services in St. Louis are held every Sunday at 10:15 a.m., at the Ben Franklin Motel. We appreciate having visitors and extend a warm welcome to all.

MISSOURI, TAYLOR

Loida Hodel - Lori Marquart

"Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

John 4:35

"If we could see beyond today as God can see; If all the clouds should roll away, the shadows flee; O'er present griefs we would not fret, each sorrow we would soon forget; For many joys are waiting yet for you and me." (Anonymous) Hospital patients since our last writing were: William Baxter (father of Sis. Pam Kiefaber), accident; Dave Foote (Sis. Louanne), medical; Bro. Allen Massner (Sis. Rosie) and Bro. Jeff Gramm (Sis. Louanne), surgical; Benji Knapp (Bro. Ralph and Sis. Linda), accident. Bro. William Cottrell (Sis. Ruth) is confined to his home. May these dear

ones know that God's love protects them and His light is there for them no matter how long and dark the night. May God restore full or reasonable health, according to His will.

Visiting ministers were Bros. Howard Plattner (Wichita, KS) and Lenard Meyer (Chicago, IL), Bro. Wesley Knapp (Goodfield, IL) and Bro. Frederick Knapp (Congerville, IL). May God bless the messages and we thank them for their services in the Lord.

A new little son for Bro. Jim and Sis. Kris (Miles) Sutter, Zachary Eli. Three little brothers, Brian, Jimmy and Shane, and grandparents, Bro. James and Sis. Lois Sutter, welcome this little sunbeam.

"Nothing is more meaningful than life within a family -- where days are fuller, love is deeper and memories richer." Bro. Gerald and Sis. Marjorie (Wenneker) Sutter observed their 40th wedding anniversary Sunday, September 17, with a reception hosted by their family. They are parents of Sis. Marcia Sutter, Bro. Steve, Bro. Richard, Bro. Dan, Tim (Taylor) and Sis. Peggy Hoerr (Peoria). Thirteen grandchildren helped make the day complete.

Give us -- enough difficulty to keep us humble, enough challenge to keep us alert, enough hurt to keep us tender, enough love to keep us warm and enough success to keep us sure.

"Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened."

Isaiah 59:1

NEW YORK, CROGHAN - NAUMBURG

Alice Virkler

On Sunday, September 3, Bro. Dave Graf (Akron, OH) was our visiting minister. We thank him and his traveling companions and the many others who were with us for the weekend. We enjoyed a covered dish meal together and a song service in the evening. May God richly bless each one who ministers God's true Word to us.

On August 27, Tim and Marion Nortz welcomed their first child into their lives. Heather Lynn will also be loved by her grandparents, Jack and Barb Nortz, and Lewis and Ruth Whitney (Phoenix, AZ). Her great-

grandparents are Roy and Sis. Edna Sturtze.

On September 3, Tom and Holly Farney welcomed their second son. Thomas' new playmate will be Kelly Andrew. Their grandparents are Bro. Niles and Sis. Polly Farney and Neil and Frances Kirch.

May each of these families look to God for guidance as they embark on the important path of parenthood with their young children.

Sis. Amelia Belle Virkler was a hospital patient a few days and Marilyn Schamback is recovering well from her knee surgery.

OHIO, AKRON Joyce Gasser

In returning to Jerusalem from the Babylon captivity, the first inhabitants to dwell in their possessions were the Israelites, the priests, Levites, and Nethinims. I Chronicles 9:2. This is the first mention of Nethinims, and as we trace back to their ancestors, we see the significance they are in the first group. In Genesis 34, Jacob went to dwell near the Hivites; and Shechem, the Hivite, which means a snake, defiled Jacob's daughter. This angered Jacob's sons and they deceived the Hivites by entering a circumcision covenant with them, and then breaking it and slaying them. As we sow, we reap, for years later when Joshua came to take the promised land, the descendants of the Hivites, now called Gibeonites, which means deceivers, came to deceive Jacob's descendants in saying they came from a long way, their bread is moldy, and wanted to enter a covenant. Israel was not to have a covenant with the inhabitants, but they were deceived. When they realized the deception, they made the Gibeonites carry water and wood from the tabernacle. This made the Gibeonites spend time at the tabernacle every day, making them become more like God, and they became the Nethinims, which means: "Devoted men of God." It's wonderful that God's Word changed people from the Hivites, meaning a snake, and Gibeonites, meaning deceivers, to Nethinims, meaning devoted people of God. We're thankful for the example that we, too, can spend more time in God's Word, that we also

could become more devoted people to God.

We rejoice that we have two new converts: Heidi Graf, daughter of Bro. Art and Sis. Audrey Graf, and Vicki Palitto, daughter of Bro. Ron and Sis. Lynell Palitto. The Lord loves them and will give grace as they seek Him.

Andy Leidal reached four score years old, as he had his 80th birthday in September.

Bro. Carl Gasser had a knee replacement. Sis. Alma Curie was hospitalized. Both are back home recovering.

Donita Marti (Gridley) has accepted a position as school counselor at Berea, and we welcome her in our area.

Sis. Laurie Schock has been on a post-doctoral fellowship at Akron University. We are sad to see her leave us, as she will be moving to Philadelphia, PA, where she has accepted a position.

We were blessed to have Elder Bro. John Klotzle visit us and minister to us.

OHIO, COLUMBUS John Grimm

The way of the wicked is an abomination unto the Lord: but He loveth him that followeth after righteousness.

Proverbs 15:9

We are thankful for our visiting ministers. They were Bro. Ed Aeschleman (Philadelphia, PA), Bro. Homer Reineck (Toledo, OH), and Bro. Wendell Gerber (Bluffton North, IN). May God bless them and their loved ones.

OHIO, JUNCTION Laurie Schlatter

"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 visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me."

Matthew 25:35, 36

Elder Bro. Corbin Bahler (Rockville, CT) recently ministered unto

our congregation. How we appreciate these brethren who bring the Word unto us all.

Bro. Dennis and Sis. Laurie Schlatter welcome home Tara Michele. Big brother, Travis, will certainly enjoy a new playmate. Tara's grandparents are Sis. Juliet Schlatter, and Bro. Darl and Sis. Iva Stoller (Latty).

OHIO, LATTY Marlene Reinhard Rhonda Stoller

Hospitalized this month was Sis. Rhonda Stoller (Bro. Jud and Sis. Ruby). We thank God for His outstretched healing hand and that Sis. Rhonda is recovering nicely.

OUT IN THE FIELDS WITH GOD

The little cares that fretted me,
I lost them yesterday,
Among the fields above the sea,
Among the winds at play,
Among the lowing of the herds,
The rustling of the trees,
Among the singing of the birds,
The humming of the bees

The foolish fears of what might
pass
I cast them all away
Among the clover-scented grass
Among the new-mown hay,
Among the rustling of the corn
Where drowsy poppies nod,
Where ill thoughts die and good are
born-
Out in the fields with God!
Author Unknown

OHIO, MANSFIELD Linda Morrison

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."

Ephesians 2:8, 9

We rejoiced in the faith of our Sis. Melinda Matuch and our new brothers, Bro. Tim Beer (Bro. Joel and Sis. Sue) and Bro. Don (Fay) Sauder. Elder Bros. Joe Ramsier (Rittman), Lavoyd Moore (Athens, AL) and Andy Stoller (Smithville) assisted Elder Bro. Ken Sauder with the testimonies and baptisms. We were reminded that

not all men have faith, but all men have a soul. May we pray for those who continue to have excuses not to serve God. There is no reason not to serve the Lord but there are lots of excuses.

There are people not saved and salvation is free. How Can That Be?

Those needing our prayers during hospitalization were Sis. Christine (Bro. LaVern) Dotterer, Ben Oesch and Steve (Lori) Sauder. We are thankful they are again able to assemble with us.

OHIO, RITTMAN

Diane Gasser - Lois Stoller

Haste and seek your soul's salvation;
Heed the word of God today!
Haste to flee His condemnation;
Seek the straight and narrow way.
Evil are the worldly pleasures,
Leading to eternal fire;
Seek the everlasting treasure.
Ere the day of grace expire.

Zion's Harp #52

We are thankful that Novko Atanasov and Vickie Pelfrey (Bro. Bill and Sis. Noma Saylor) are seeking their soul's salvation. May God grant them much grace and richly bless them as they seek to walk the straight and narrow way which leads to heaven above.

Leah Ruth is the name of the new daughter born to Bro. Walt and Sis. Lynda Beery. Welcoming her home are Laurie, Michelle, Hannah and Chad. Happy grandparents are Bro. Melvin and Sis. Elizabeth Beery and Elder Bro. Eugene and Sis. Eleanor Pamer (Akron, OH).

Recently engaged are Jeff Lanz (Bro. Ralph and Sis. Diane) and Darlene Reminder (Mr. and Mrs. James Reminder). May God direct them in the plans they make for their future together.

Kurt Steiner (Bro. Dave and Sis. Carole) and Robin Felton (Mr. and Mrs. Roger Felton) were joined in marriage August 19.

Sept. 16 was the wedding date of Janeen Hilty (Sam and Judy) and James Berger, Jr. (Mr. and Mrs. Jim Berger).

May both of these couples feel God's nearness and experience His blessings upon their marriages.

We experienced a blessed week-end August 26 and 27, when five dear souls gave their testimonies of faith of what God had done for them and then were baptized to arise to a new life in Him. Our new sisters and brothers-in-faith are: Mary Emch (Bro. Dave and Sis. Eileen), Pam Christian (Bro. Ron and Sis. Joann), Jon Widmer (Bro. Bob and Sis. Joann), Eric Steiner (Bro. Dave and Sis. Carole) and Mike Atanasov. We are thankful to Elder Bros. Eugene Pamer (Akron, OH) and Andy Stoller (Smithville, OH) for assisting Elder Bro. Joe Ramsier during this weekend.

Also ministering to us this past month were visiting ministers, Bro. Ken Indermuhle (Sardis, OH) and Bro. Earl Gerber (Forrest, IL). May God reward them for their services of love.

Hospitalized this past month were Bro. Carl Gasser, Sis. Ellen Weber (Bro. Ralph), Sis. Esther Saylor, Sis. Marian Klotzle, Sis. Sandy Zollinger, Bob Zollinger (Bro. Rudy and Sis. Brenda) and Bro. Ron Christian (Sis. Joann). May our heavenly Father bestow His healing powers on each one as He sees best.

On Sunday, September 17, a carry-in supper and singing were held at the fellowship hall as we bid a fond farewell to Bro. Harold and Sis. Kathryn Emch (Girard, OH). After many years of faithfully ministering and giving of themselves at the Girard church, they are now moving to the Milford, IN, area. We wish them God's rich blessings and may they find peace and happiness in their new home.

We have been listening to the conference tapes on Wednesday evenings. May we all be inspired to walk a closer and more faithful walk with the Lord.

OHIO, SARDIS

Paula Figel

As harvest season is upon us once again, we look forward to a bountiful harvest. The Lord surely has blessed us in this area but we all know, the spiritual harvest is of far greater importance. We are thankful that Andrew Figel has yielded his heart to our heavenly Father who has beckoned him. We wish Andrew much grace and guidance from above to

build a firm foundation on Christ, the solid Rock. Andrew is the son of Bro. John and Sis. Paula.

This past month we heard wonderful words of life from our visiting ministers. Bro. Gary Maibach (Smithville, OH). and our dear Elder Bro. Eugene Pamer (Akron, OH). May God bless each one.

OHIO, SMITHVILLE

Stephanie Luginbuhl
Kim Stoller

"And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people."

Matthew 9:35

We are thankful that Jesus is still healing the sick and afflicted today. Those hospital this past month are Bro. Dean Marty (Sis. Martha Lou), Sis. Shelly Rigenback (Bro. Glen and Sis. Lou) and Jeff Criss (Becky). May God continue to heal and restore.

We are also thankful that, even though Christ cannot be among us to teach us. He has provided faithful ministers who preach to us the gospel of the kingdom. May God bless Bro. Bill Brake (Sardis, OH) for his visit and instruction in God's Word.

OHIO, TOLEDO

Frances Laidig
Josephine Rehklau

We were happy to hear of the engagement of Bro. Paul Rywalski (Peter and Virginia) to Sis. Teresa Stoller (Bro. Justus and Sis. Ruby of Latty, OH). May they enjoy the rich blessings of the Lord on their union in Him.

THE UNION OF HEARTS

When pure and upright hearts,
By flames of love ignited,
Are by the bond of faith
More firmly yet united,
The light of hope beams forth
In radiance far and nigh,
Invites us to partake
The blessings from on high.

Zion's Harp #79, vs. 1

Our annual Sunday school picnic was held on the beautiful day of Sunday, September 17. We enjoyed having as our guests the Junction Sunday school and members of their congregation. Bro Don Manz accompanied them and brought to us the message from the "Sermon on the Mount". It was also a pleasure to have with us our other visiting guests.

OREGON, PORTLAND

**Jane Rocke
Brenda Knobloch**

Several of our congregation enjoyed a short surprise visit with Sis. Golda Ditch (Medford, OR, recently. Sis. Golda lives 6 hours from church, and is not always able to assemble often with us. We enjoyed surprising her as she had a several hour layover at the Portland Airport after returning from a visit to the Midwest. We appreciate her fellowship very much, as she appreciates those who are able to visit her in southern Oregon.

September has been a month of warm, clear weather and Oregonians appreciate that very much knowing a wet winter will soon be here! Fourteen from Silverton and Portland of various ages climbed from Multnomah Falls to Larch Mountain on Labor Day. It was a beautiful climb and all enjoyed the handiwork of God as we "labored" to the top! One cannot help but stand in awe at God's creation . . . we are so insignificant on this earth.

We are so grateful for the visitors that summer has brought us, and we want to extend special thanks to those who have ministered to us. We truly treasure the heritage of our faith that is shared across the many miles. Special thanks to Bro. Bob Meyer (Bluffton North, IN) and Bros. Ed Knecht and Art Metz (Silverton, OR).

Thought For Today: A holy life will produce the deepest impression. Lighthouses blow no horns; they only shine.

OREGON, SILVERTON

Rosa Lee Kuenzi

The engagement of our own minister, Bro. Clarence Dietrich to Sis. Betty "Bess" Knobloch (Lester, IA) was announced the first Sunday in September. The couple plans an

October 29 wedding. We wish them God's richest blessings and look forward to welcoming Sis. Betty to Oregon.

It was so good to see Verna Boliger (Elmer) back in church again. Verna has been missing many weeks while recovering from major surgery on her knee.

Our sympathy is extended to the Eldon Alt family. After almost six weeks of struggle following a stroke, Eldon "Beavle" Alt died September 16. We pray that God's strength will hold up his family, wife, Bernice; daughter, Julie Miller; son, Peter; and three grandchildren. There are also five brothers and three sisters remaining and many friends in the community.

PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA

Franz Soni

"And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life; he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst."

John 6:35

Communion services were held August 6, and we were reminded of the sacrifice our heavenly Father made in sending his son, Jesus, to die on the cross for our sins. Elder Bros. Eugene Pamer (Akron, OH), Robert Beyer (Naumberg/Croghan, NY) and Corbin Bahler (Rockville, CT) served us the Lord's Supper. The Union City, NJ, congregation joined us on that special day. A church supper was served after communion and our small gathering shared that special fellowship that we as brothers and sisters-in-Christ share.

Bros. Lee Bahler, (Rockville, CT) and Roy Luhinbuhl (Fort Lauderdale, FL) also delivered us God's Word this past month. We appreciate the brothers who visit us and minister to us. May God bless them for being such willing servants.

SILVER THREADS

PACK AWAY YOUR TROUBLES

Face your day with a happy heart
And end it with a song --

You'll find the hours in between
Can't go far from wrong.

A smile is more contagious
Than a dreary frown,
And nicer to remember
When the sun goes down.

Don't miss out on happiness
By looking toward the ground --
But keep looking skyward,
That's where the rainbow's
found.

Just pack away your troubles
For some other day
And before you know it,
They'll have slipped away.
Catherine Janssen Irwin

Sermon . . .

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down. But he was preoccupied, like we are so many times.

He said to his son, "I have to get up and run." So he jumped up and ran back to the cabin and looked both ways to make sure there were no big boats just on their way going through. As he grabbed the lever to let the bridge come down, he looked out the window and noticed his son had slipped off the catwalk and his foot was caught in the big gears down there.

He knew that on that passenger train coming through, there would be four hundred people on board. He thought he would run out with a rope to reach down and pull out his son, but he thought, "I haven't got time."

He heard the whistle again and he knew that if he pulled the lever then, the bridge would just have time to get down. He took his head and crowded it to his chest, put his arms over it and tried to block out every noise and the screams. He grabbed the lever and pulled it. Down went the bridge.

Just when the bridge was connected, the first wheels of the engine came zipping across about seventy miles an hour. He looked out and saw the engineer who was laying back in his chair and gave a salute to the guy. Then when the passenger cars were going by, he saw a businessman was reading the paper. In the window, he saw a lady putting on make-up. He saw a little boy eating ice cream and

on back the line, a little girl was hugging her teddy bear. In the caboose, the conductor had his gold pocket watch and was checking the time.

He said, "Don't you know . . . I just sacrificed my son for you? Don't you know that?" But Jesus did that for us!

I don't think there is anyone of us here that can fully comprehend it -- when God actually turned His head, and the sins of the whole entire world were cast on Him. I tell you, I am so thankful that Christ did not let the human come out of Him.

Jesus made those men . . . He created those men that tortured Him and spit in His face. He created them! In a snap of a finger, He could have called legions of angels and annihilated them. Instead, He died for them! It is a price so enormous! I think that is why eternity is so long, so we can have that long to understand it and to thank Him. That was the price!

It says here, "Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage. But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise: And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them." Matthew 22:4-6.

Today it is easy for us and we have so many things to do. Sometimes, when we get up in the morning and pray, before we get done praying, the telephone is ringing. We are in a society that is supposed to make everything easy, but is it easy?

Sometimes we spoil our grandchildren, and we look at our children and say, "I hope they understand and realize the seriousness of it." "What scares me, is that I know that when I was younger, I didn't realize the seriousness of it very much.

I have found out that the more we fear God and the more we believe Him and trust Him, the more He reveals Himself. It is so exciting. It is so exciting! The Lord is so real! Sometimes we put Him in a box and we think that He can't do this or He can't do that.

When I am flying in an airplane and look down, I see the cars look like ants and the buildings in the cities

look so small. Then I think of God that His viewpoint is so much higher. When He views the whole earth, here we are little human beings and sometimes we walk around puffed up. He could just go puff . . . just like that. We don't seem to realize that, do we? I wonder sometimes why He tolerates it.

Here it says that He sent some but they made light of it. "The remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them." Matthew 22:6. They think they will get away with it. Do we ever get away with it? No, we don't.

There is a day of reckoning for everybody. We will all stand before the judgment seat.

"But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then saith he to his servants, the wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy. Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage." Matthew 22:7-9. Sometimes, I think we are so fortunate and so blessed that it becomes a hindrance to us. We would probably be more fortunate if we didn't have it so nice.

I recently heard of a business man who went on one of these work teams. He saw two black men who were living in their country. They had torn shirts, no shoes, scarred legs, skinny as a rail, and short pants on.

He took a picture of them and asked the missionary, "Are all the people here that poor?" The missionary said, "What do you mean . . . those men?" He said, "Yes, I can't believe how poor they are." The missionary said, "Well, they are Christians." He said, "They are still poor."

The missionary said, "Well, I don't know. They don't think they are. We were going to build this church over here in town and between those two men, they owned an oxen. They came to the church and said they wanted to give something for the church, but they didn't really have any money, so they took their oxen and sold it for whatever it would bring. They brought the money to the people who were building the church and said, "This is to help build the church. We are so thankful that we are going to have a place to worship the God that we love

and the Lord Jesus."

Then the missionary said, "The next spring, those men took their plow and pulled it themselves because they didn't have their oxen." They pulled the plow themselves! They said they were just thankful they had an oxen to give. That is thankfulness!

"So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests. And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless." Matthew 22:10-12.

If any body has an illusion that thinks he can slide something by the Lord, no way. I don't know how this man got in there. Evidently he thought he looked enough like them that he could get by with it.

But the king said, "How did you get in here?" "And he was speechless." Matthew 22: 12. That tells me that we know where we are at all times, don't we? We know we are not "pulling wool" over God's eyes.

We know that He can see through us like an open book. We can hide nothing from the Living God.

"Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are chosen." Matthew 22: 13, 14. That verse is enough to scare anybody. I believe it! Look around today!

"For many are called, but few are chosen." Matthew 22:14. Why? They don't want to be burdened with it. They have this illusion that we are going to be here a long time and judgment will never come.

Every time I see that "weeping and gnashing of teeth," I think of this man that we talked about in Sunday School this morning. He was in an intensive care ward and in a bed beside someone I would go to see. He had his legs propped up and the blood oozed out of them and every time I went in there, he would ask for one thing. He said, "Kill me! Kill me!" He would have that much pain. But I never saw him gnash his teeth.

I kept thinking of this verse. I thought about how terrible hell is. It is a place where you beg to die. You just beg to die! Sometimes people today, through satanic things, commit suicide and they think that it is all over. Oh, what a terrible surprise when they wake up on the other side! It is just the beginning of the torment forever and forever.

He begged and pleaded, "Kill me! Kill me! Kill me!" There was a scissor that hung above his head where it would be easy for the nurse to get to. She would come, take it off and cut off more gauze and wrap it around. He kept trying to reach for it, but he couldn't grab it.

Just think! It is forever and forever and forever and forever and forever and forever and forever!!

I have been living close to a Christian man in the last six months who has gone through a terrible time in his life. Sometimes he just cries! Things have befallen him, and I pray daily for him. He is the first one in my prayer in the morning, "Lord, give that man strength so he don't try to get out of this life."

I tell you that there are some people who really hurt today. When I look in his eyes, and I am telling you brothers, sisters and friends, I see hurt that I have never seen before in my life. Sometimes I grab him and we cry together. Then he well say, "Thanks. Now I can go the rest of the day." There are struggles. Satan is real and I cannot believe sometimes how hard he tries to destroy us and get us down. It is real.

"For many are called, but few are chosen." Then the next verse says, "Then went the Pharisees, and took counsel how they might entangle him in his talk." Matthew 22:14, 15. It is so sad. The Pharisees listened to all this and heard Him and knew it but they turned around and walked out and said, "How are we going to catch this man?" There is that kind of people. They hear it and know it but they don't care. They don't believe it. Sometimes, we do not believe enough either.

I have repeated this before, but it helps me. We have got to believe. If we really want to grasp it and get hold of the Word, we have to believe it to the point that we will truly just trust God.

An example is that there was a tight rope stretched across a canyon and a man took a balancing bar on his shoulder and a wheelbarrow and away he went. Two thousand feet below and he went right across that canyon! He turned around and came right back.

As soon as he got back, he saw a young man in the crowd there and said to him, "I will give you a thousand dollars if you will get in the wheelbarrow and let me take you across." The man said, "I won't do it." He said, "Why not? Don't you think I can?" He said, "Yes, I think you can because I just saw you, but I don't trust you."

I think that is the same way we are with the Lord. We know He can do it, but we don't really want to trust Him to the point of going and getting in the wheelbarrow. But we have to trust to that extent or it won't work!

Sometimes the Lord just shows us little things in life. I think He has His way of getting our attention. I run a bulldozer and I have a trailer and a truck. I remember about two years ago, I had everything loaded and was going quite a distance to do some digging. Normally I always pull my truck with a dozer that has a transfer pump so I can transfer fuel out. When I got down the road way too far to turn around, I thought, "I've got the wrong truck, and I haven't got fuel. What am I going to do?"

It was in December and all the way out until I thought of that, I was thinking, "Here we are coming into winter and we've got to keep those men busy." I was just getting myself worked up. Winter was closing in early and it was starting to rain. I was just depending on Doyle here . . . "Doyle, what are you going to do about this?"

When I got out on the job, I thought, "I haven't got enough money to buy fuel for the day and I don't know anyone in this town where I'm working to get credit when they don't know me."

There was just a little tiny old shack out there in the corner of the lot. As a matter of fact, the man had told me it was out in nowhere and he had said, "The only way you are going to know you are there, you will see an old shack that is ready to fall down. When you see that, you will know you

are in the right place. Just look over there and see those stakes, and you dig right there."

I looked around, checked the fuel and I didn't have much. I thought to myself, "Lord, in that little building over there, Lord, could you provide me a can to get some fuel out of my truck? I know, Lord, I am asking you too much, but I would appreciate it." I walked over and opened that little building, the doors were creaking, but over there in the corner was the prettiest and cleanest can you ever did see in your life. I couldn't hardly believe it!

I said, "Lord, now all I need is a siphon hose. Lord, I know I am getting pretty brave today, but could you get me a siphon hose yet?" I walked out of the building and laying right behind the building was a nice siphon hose.

I thought, "I think the Lord is kind of smiling right now and He is saying, 'Doyle, I can get you a can and a siphon hose in the middle of nowhere and you are worrying about tomorrow. Cut it out. Leave it up to Me.'" I tell you every time I start to fret and worry about something, I think about that siphon hose and can out in the middle of nowhere.

He provides! Why should He provide that? Really, why should He care about me getting fuel one day? Why should He care about that? Because He loves us. Because He wants me to know that we can depend on Him. That is why He says that even the hairs on our head are counted.

A last thought would be for our children and our grandchildren. Let's really pray for them. Today they are bombarded so much with things on television and trash that comes into the house. It just should not be. They are picking these things up and I pray that they will make the right decision.

There is a verse in Jeremiah in the twenty-second chapter, the twenty-ninth verse that is one of the most emotional-filled verses in the Bible. I think today that if we could see the Lord Jesus, this is the verse He would say to us. It says:

"O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the Lord." Jeremiah 22:29.

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"Trust and Believe God"

Genesis 48 and Matthew 22:1-22

Many times, Jesus talked in parables because He knew He could relate the heavenly message with an earthly story. He said, "The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son, And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come." Matthew 22:2, 3.

Today, the Lord again is preparing for the wedding and the Bridegroom, Jesus. The invitation goes out throughout all the lands, throughout all the world. How many are interested in the invitation? It is so sad today that so few people have an interest in what the Bible says.

As a matter of fact, we have been privileged to be born in families and in a church where we hear this. We get to taking it for granted and we don't appreciate it enough. It comes so easy that it is trampled on and we find excuses. Today, we are very good at finding excuses and rationalizing. It is so easy to do.

The most important . . . the most important thing in our lives is that we were created for the purpose to get right with God. Yet, we seem to take it so lightly.

In the first reading here, when Israel picked up his grandsons and blessed them, couldn't you almost feel for Israel? I was down in the class this morning and when I saw those young people, I saw a roomful of responsibility. It just makes you breathe hard when you think of what decisions they are going to make. They are so observant of everything around them.

We try to teach our children what we want them to learn. But then sometimes they can read between the lines. Then whether we know it or

not, they are making a decision in the back of their mind that maybe we will never know about. I am sometimes amazed at what the little girls and boys come up with.

I'll never forget one evening several months ago when I made a phone call to a Bluffton brother that sold buildings, who wanted some work done. I called him and his six-year-old son answered the phone. He answered it real stately for a six year old and I said, "Is your Dad there?" I didn't tell him who I was. He said, "One moment, please."

When that little six-year-old heard my voice, immediately his little brain went into gear and he put something together with my voice. He said, "Dad, telephone." then he said, "Dad, I'll bet that man wants a big building because it was a big voice!" I thought, "Isn't that something . . . six-years-old?" He thought something with a voice and it made me think of my own grandchildren. What we say and how we say it, it is important . . . important for their souls!

Today, we read here of the weeping and gnashing of teeth and we even talked this morning about how terrible hell is. For the most part, they seem to know, but then they are going to be watching us. Then they are going to make a decision. So we have a responsibility.

I don't consider myself so old. I am forty-six, but when I look at the young people today and I see all the things they have to think about, I am glad I am as old as I am because I know it was hard enough for me to break away from the world. The Lord had to come and kind of pound on me for awhile. We don't have to do what the Lord says, but we will wish we would have.

Here He said, "And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come. Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all the things are ready: come unto the marriage." Matthew 22:3, 4.

The Lord has made all the provisions. Everything has been set. He sent His Son, Jesus . . . He died on the cross . . . shed His blood . . . rose from the grave, and we take that lightly too, don't we?

It is hard. I wish we could just go to the cross and think about it, see it, visualize it and know the price He paid. When we can bring it to our level, we bring it a little closer to our own hearts.

For something we can understand in our present day, there was this young man, John, who lost everything he had in the depression. He had his wife and young son left, but couldn't find employment. He finally did find a job on the Mississippi River to raise and lower the truss bridge for the train to go across. He finally found work letting that go up and down.

One day, his son asked him if he could go to work with him, and he told him he could. He had the bridge up. The little boy brought their lunch along and they went out on the little platform and ate their lunch, having a good time watching the sea gulls and watching the little boats run around. It was a father and son having a good time when all of a sudden, kind of unexpected, he heard the train whistle. Had he been there without his son, he would have been in the cabin and already had the bridge

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