



"Lo, CHILDREN are a heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward."

Psalms 127:3

"Even a CHILD is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right."

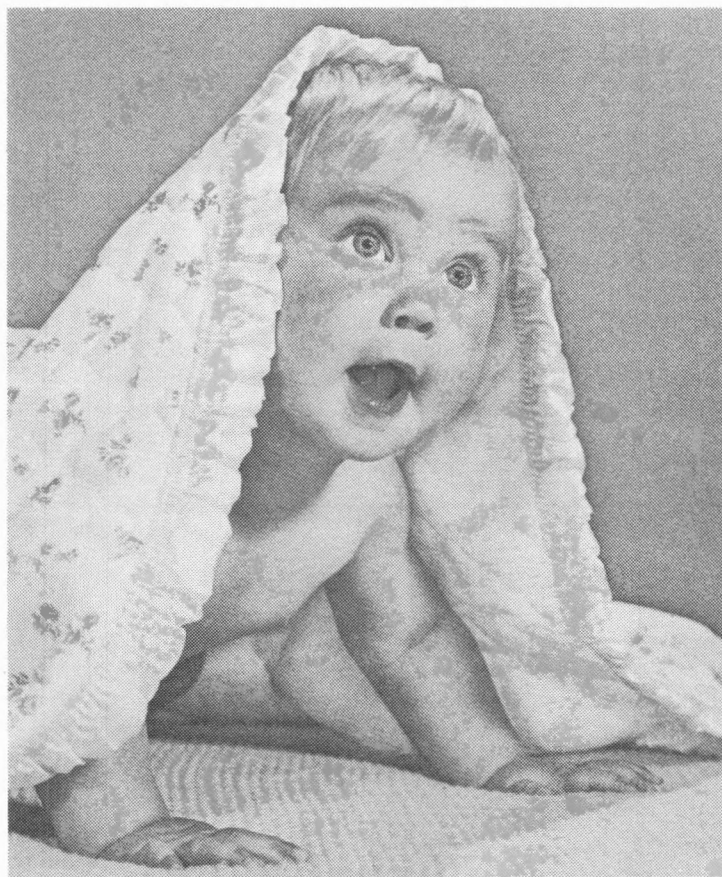
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"... Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God."

Mark 10:14

# MISSION -- WORLD RELIEF -- WORKS PROJECTS

## REPORT ON TRIP TO EASTERN EUROPE

(Continued from August Issue of Silver Lining)

**RUSSIA:** We did not travel to Russia but we visited with two of the elders in Budapest. In Russia, our brethren live in the Ukraine area. They have gone through many hardships but they feel this has helped them grow in the Spirit. They have recently had many converts and their membership is approaching 500. They had 70 repenting who were mostly young people. Groups of 30 and 17 had recently been baptized. They have two Houses of Prayer which are private homes that have been remodeled to accommodate 150 persons. They have had up to 300 assemble for provings and baptisms. There are nine additional assemblies in homes. Military service is much like Yugoslavia which is much more lenient than in the past. The good behavior of the young brothers was noted by the authorities and this seemed to impress them.

The Russians also expressed thanks for American help and one elder, Peter Karcsa, told us, "Many thanks to the Americans -- we cannot repay you -- may the Lord do this. We have seen that prayers have a mighty power behind them".

**CLOSING THOUGHTS AND REFLECTIONS.** The language barrier was a problem but we were very fortunate to have excellent interpreters. We appreciated so much the services of Andy Hunyady and his brother, George. Also Eva Szabo from Ersekgsanad, Hungary, who traveled

with us to Romania and Yugoslavia. While in Budapest, Gizella Heffa and Sarah Toth also were very helpful as well as others.

For some of us the highlight of the trip was the visit to Romania. Singing hymns after supper in elder Virtaci's home until midnight was a tremendous experience even though we were very tired. We sang in three different languages but the melody was all the same. This was most impressive and we now know that music is surely a universal language.

The meeting with the Romanian elders was humbling. They appreciate so much the freedom they now have to worship. We have had this all of our life but do we really appreciate it?

We will be making reports to the World Relief and Mission Committees in the near future to help coordinate our assistance to the brethren in Eastern Europe. Your financial support as well as your prayer support is very much appreciated.

### EUROPEAN BOARD ACTIVITIES

#### Bro. Gary Ifft - Board Member

At the December, 1989, meeting of the World Relief Committee in Bloomington, IL, the European Board was established to coordinate activities of the World Relief Committee, Missionary Committee, and Work

Projects Committee taking place in Europe, especially among our brethren there.

Members of this committee are Elder Bro. Wendell Gudeman (Francisville, IN, counselling elder); Bro. Leon Graf (Akron, OH, chairman); Elder Bro. Ben Maibach (Detroit, MI); Bro. Andy Hunyady (Columbus, OH); Bro. Bill Baumgartner (Bluffton, IN) and Bro. Gary Ifft (Bloomington, IL).

Recapped below are some of the recent happenings among our brethren in eastern Europe. We hope that publishing these reports to the Apostolic Christian Church brotherhood will help increase the awareness of the concerns, the needs, and the successes of our brethren over there. Although the topics do not always fit into neat categories by country we

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## ON-GOING NEED FOR HOUSEPARENTS AT GATEWAY WOODS

At Gateway Woods - Apostolic Christian Children's Home, we periodically have openings for couples to serve as houseparents for troubled children. Often when these openings occur, we maintain for extended periods understaffed as we wait and pray for couples to respond to the Spirit and to the needs of these kids. It is our hope that a list of qualified couples could be developed in order that these positions could be filled quickly with minimum disruption to children's lives.

Houseparenting is challenging, rewarding, spiritually stimulating, and reasonably compensated with salary and benefits. If you or someone you know is interested in the residential child care field, we encourage you to explore the possibilities further by contacting Bro. Tim Sauder at P. O. Box 151, Leo, IN 46765, (219) 627-2159 or 627-2606, or Elder Bro. David Bertsch (219) 627-2923.



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).

## BIBLICAL ASPECTS OF OBEDIENCE

The doctrine of obedience remains as one of the most significant foundational principles of the Christian faith. A most fundamental aspect of our relationship to God centers on our obedience to His ways. To exclude obedience from faith is to deny a true faith.

During conversion we become crucified with Christ (Gal. 2:20), which means we surrender our will. We voluntarily resolve to live in obedience. The Lord said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 4:5). The Apostle John wrote, "He that saith he abideth in him, ought himself also so to walk, as he walked" (1 John 2:6). The Lord Jesus "became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him" (Heb. 5:9).

Unconditional obedience involves following God's commands without always knowing the specific purpose He has in mind. This clearly reflects the Bible's standard of obedience. Abraham exemplified this when he answered God's call to leave his home country: "he went out, not knowing whither he went" (Heb. 11:8). Later, he obeyed God's command to offer up his beloved son Isaac as a burnt offering (Gen. 22:1-14). Although Abraham is usually referred to as the father of faith, he could as well be referred to as the father of obedience. Foremost is the example of the obedience by the Lord Jesus, who willingly gave His life and shed His blood for our atonement. Although He could have summoned ten thousand angels to lift Him out of His suffering, He instead prayed to the Father, "Not my will, but thine, be done" (Luke 22:42). He was willing to suffer rebuke, humiliation and death to obey God's wish. Jesus taught that if we obey His will, eventually we will know that it is the truth and is of God (John 7:17).

Anyone who sincerely seeks to live a life of obedience will encounter conflict. Self-will and rebellion are Satan's ageless weapons to over-

throw submission and obedience. Deceptive influences of modern society promote self-assertion and self-exaltation. Like a magnet, the cry of individualism seeks to draw a believer out of a humble and content state of biblical obedience. When a child of God falls prey to this deception, his love grows cool and he begins to withdraw from the mainstream of the fellowship. When a group of believers becomes collectively weakened by patterns of individualism, the entire church suffers. The result is a dim and divided witness to the world.

We must strongly resist the popular forces of self-centeredness which seek to undermine our love and unity. God wants His people to be perfectly joined together and to follow the same spiritual judgments (1 Cor. 1:10). When we find we can no longer do this, we have exalted ourselves above the church. The end of the church age is typified in the condition of the Laodiceans, who were so self-sufficient that they said we "have need of nothing" (Rev. 3:17). Jesus replied, "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent" (Rev. 3:19).

Satan also seeks to offer a compromise between human reasoning and godly obedience. However, true obedience implies a complete trust in God, without conditions. Naaman, the Syrian, learned that he had to move beyond human reasoning to simple obedience in order to be healed (2 Kings 5:1-14). Suffering from leprosy, he sought healing from the prophet Elisha. Told to bathe himself seven times in the muddy waters of the Jordan, Naaman turned away in a rage, feeling the advice made no sense. When he abandoned his human reasoning and obeyed, he was healed.

The Lord has consistently promised blessings to the obedient. Regarding Israel he said, "Oh that there were such a heart in them that they would fear me, and keep all my

commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever!" (Deut. 5:29). The promise is repeated at the very end of the Bible. "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city" (Rev. 22:14).

Obedience to God and His Word covers a very wide scope. Believers are to submit "one to another in the fear of God" (Eph. 5:21). They are to please their "neighbor for his good to edification" (Rom. 15:2). They are responsible to obey those who are over them in the Lord (Heb. 13:7,17) and to submit to the Spirit-directed exhortations of church leadership (Acts 15).

Believers are obligated to obey the authority of government, so long as no biblical teachings are violated. "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers . . . the powers that be are ordained of God" (Rom. 13:1).

Obedience is one of the hallmarks of a godly family. "Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord" (Col. 3:20). "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord" (Eph. 5:22). These commandments clearly do not imply dominance, for parents are warned not to provoke their children to wrath (Eph. 6:4) and husbands are taught to love their wives as Christ loved the church and gave His life for it (Eph. 5:25).

Obedience is not a burden, it is a great privilege. It results in much inner joy and contentment. Jesus said, "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love" (John 15:10). When we submit to the Word and the subordinate authorities which God has ordained (particularly Christ's body, the church), we will find a pathway which leads to love and peace and righteousness, rather than the fear, and turmoil and sin of this world.

have attempted to organize these notes in that manner.

#### SOVIET UNION

A package of Russian Bibles and children's story books was sent to Elder Bro. Peter Karcsa (Soviet Union) several months ago. It never arrived. With the tremendous increase in interest in Christianity in the Soviet Union, there is an increased demand for Christian literature. Perhaps they were taken along the way by someone in whose heart the Lord is now working.

In spite of this setback we continue to work toward being able to supply our Soviet brethren with the Bibles and children's books that they want and need.

The Russian believers desire their Bibles to be in either the Ukrainian or Romanian language -- not Russian. A brother and sister traveling to Eastern Europe took with them more than fifty Ukrainian children's Bible story books and delivered them to Elder Bro. Janos Papp (Budapest). It appears that sending future shipments of Bibles/children's story books to the brethren in Budapest for subsequent distribution within the Soviet Union is the preferred method.

#### ROMANIA

Two elder brothers from Romania, Albert Szabo and Alexandru Virtaci, were able to travel to America and attend the annual conference

of the American elders and also to attend the national World Relief Committee meetings. This was an experience that could only have been dreamed of a year ago. These dear elder brethren were able to bring us up to the minute on conditions within their country. They also many times over expressed the gratitude of the brothers and sisters in Romania for our help in many areas.

A development which has been very exciting, but which has not yet been finalized, is the possibility of the Romanian government giving back to our church in Romania some of their buildings which were confiscated many years ago. These buildings have been used for several different purposes other than church, and many have fallen into disrepair. When title actually passes back to our brethren, they will surely need some help in bringing these buildings up to a condition where they can again be used for assembling as a congregation.

We have been trying to find a Romanian version of the Children's Bible Story Book for use by the brethren in Romania. Several sources have been checked, and when the right books are found, we intend to ship them to the churches in Romania.

The Romanian brethren have a desire for large print Bibles, especially for use on the pulpit. We in the U.S. would be very glad to accommodate them; however, they have not yet found a satisfactory example. The

Romanian elders were able to give us some direction on the type of Bible they need, but it appears that it will take some time to acquire this type of Bible. In the meantime, we intend to begin sending normal-sized-print Bibles to Romania with the food packages, as described below.

The Romanian Zion's Harp is in need of a better translation and should be rewritten. No one outside of Romania has been found who is qualified to do this work, so it appears that it needs to be done by Romanians within Romania.

We need to publicize better the capability of our church to get Bibles and song books into Romania and the Soviet Union. There are Missionary Committee funds already allocated for this purpose, especially Zion's Harp, which are a priority item.

Turning to food packaging, we continue to work through Christian Aid Ministries (CAM) to get food boxes into Romania. They are establishing three distribution points within Romania, one near Arad, which is in the vicinity of many of our brethren.

However, there is a great desire to once again package and ship parcels from Bluffton. As this is written, it is hoped that our own food packaging can begin in September.

The recommendation is, that after our packaging starts up again, that we place two months' worth of food packages, clothes, medicine, and Bibles into a sea container. CAM can then help us arrange transportation from Bluffton to Arad, Romania. The materials would be given directly to our brethren for distribution within Romania. We may have an opportunity to help or brethren acquire some trailers to pull behind their four-wheel drive vehicles to carry out this distribution.

In the meantime, CAM is checking on the possibility of expediting the current shipments from Holland to Romania with less red tape and faster distribution inside the country.

There are currently over 350 names on the list for food packages in Romania. We are researching additional lists for more names that could possibly be added.

Several brothers met with David Troyer of CAM recently to discuss the food-packaging project. CAM is more

### APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH WORK PROJECT Shadyside, Ohio

On June 15, 1990, a flash flood (the result of unusually heavy rainfall in a localized area) struck several small streams in the Shadyside, OH, area. Twenty-six persons lost their lives. Many narrowly escaped. 187 homes were affected. 72 dwellings were completely destroyed.

The Works Projects Committee has approved at this time projects to rebuild two homes. One of these is ready to start as of the first of September.

Shadyside, Ohio, is approximately 10 miles south of Wheeling, WV, 40 miles north of Sardis, OH, and approximately 120 miles southeast of Akron, OH.

Anyone interested in helping to reconstruct a home and possibly some lives, may contact Bro. Albert Gasser (Rittman, OH), phone (216) 925-3956. All types of construction skills as well as unskilled laborers are needed.

than willing to help us out in any way possible. They also met with Mahlon Gingerich of Iron Curtain Ministries, an Amish organization which has been wonderfully supportive of sending food parcels to our brethren in Romania.

Some families in Romania could use some of our used clothing. There is also a need for quilts and comforters. The sea container from Bluffton could be used to ship these items.

Bro. Heinrich Schmidt of West Germany is receiving \$500 per month from the World Relief Committee for medicine for Romania.

#### YUGOSLAVIA

Bro. Leon is sending funds every other month to Yugoslavia for the aid

of the brethren there. This amount includes aid to brethren who are former prisoners and their families.

While in Yugoslavia in June, Bro. Andy inquired about the continuing need for aid from the World Relief Committee, and Elder Bro. Rudolf Metzger of Yugoslavia confirmed the fact that the needs still are great.

Bro. Andy had a list of five young brothers who had been released from prison and qualified for aid from our Prisoner Aid Fund. Their needs had been confirmed by several of the Yugoslavian elders.

#### HUNGARY

Funds are sent every other month to help 55 to 60 persons in Hungary

that are in need.

The response of our brethren in America to the need for funds to help build the Budapest Church was overwhelming. Approximately \$500,000 was given to the Budapest congregation for this purpose. Pictures of their new church show that it is a very impressive building which will be used to the honor and worship of God.

Money continues to come in. These funds may be allocated to another church building being built in Hungary.

#### EAST GERMANY

Bro. Arno Markert, the last living brother in East Germany, died June 8. We believe our church in East Germany now consists of four sisters. Bro. Arno's daughter still writes about the conditions of the church in this country which is, at this time, going through a dramatic re-linking with West Germany to again form the nation of Germany. Bro. Leon sends about \$300 every other month.

#### CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Four individuals are being helped by our aid. It appears that there is not much need for aid beyond what is currently being provided.

#### WEST GERMANY/ SWITZERLAND

Bro. Ben Maibach has sent out a request to some of the larger and older churches in the U.S. asking if there are any of the German Zion's Harps available. Some of the congre-

## -- NOTICE --

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

Our work in sending Bibles, hymnals and Bible story books overseas has increased. Since 1984, we have sent over 5,000 books. At the World Relief meeting in Leo, November 1989, a plea was made that someone would start in this work in the Eastern States. We're thankful Bro. Phil and Sis. Gloria Grant (Latty, OH) volunteered.

You may get your books to either of us or Wing or Bluffton World Relief Centers. We have far more requests for Bibles and Bible story books and Sunday school material, than hymnals.

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

Jerry and Arlene Banwart  
Box 132, 307 West First St.  
Congerville, IL 61729  
Phone (309) 448-2416

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Antwerp, OH 45813  
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### APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN BIBLE DISTRIBUTION

#### Bibles Distributed By Our Churches

First Year -- August 1983 thru July 1984 -- 13,890  
Second Year -- August 1984 thru July 1985 -- 10,812  
Third Year -- August 1985 thru July 1986 -- 18,247  
Fourth Year -- August 1986 thru July 1987 -- 23,048  
Fifth Year -- August 1987 thru July 1988 -- 25,969  
Sixth Year -- August 1988 thru July 1989 -- 25,509  
Seventh Year -- August 1989 thru July 1990 -- 25,501

#### Bibles Distributed -- Seventh Year

	MONTH	TO DATE
August 1990 --	3024	3024

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.

### GATEWAY WOODS

*Apostolic Christian Children's Home*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

1990  
CHILDREN'S HOME  
AUCTION AND SALE

SATURDAY,  
AUGUST 10, 1991

gations in these German-speaking countries have a need for these Zion's Harps, which are out of print. The response thus far has been very gratifying. Any German songbooks that could be collected in America and sent to them would be greatly appreciated.

If anyone has questions or a desire for more information on any of the work described above, please contact any of the committee members listed.

The dispersion of funds is reviewed regularly by the World Relief and Eastern European Committee, subject to changing needs in these countries. Anyone wanting additional information can contact Bro. Leon Graf (216-666-1390) or Bro. Gary Ifft (309-728-2649).

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### WORKS PROJECTS

#### The Fellowship Center At Lafayette, IN

The committee representing the five churches has been meeting and the work has begun on the new fellowship center. During August, September and October, there will be opportunity to assist in this program. All interested volunteer helpers should contact Bro. Edwin Bahler, project coordinator, from Remington, IN, phone 219-261-2759.

### ANGER AND FORGIVENESS

#### Elder Bro. Willis Ehnle

If someone treats us in an undesirable manner, we don't like it. We may become crest-fallen and dejected. We wonder why we were spoken to in that manner, why we were treated in that way. Along with the feeling of being crushed there is usually some anger, not always expressed but very much there.

There is also a feeling that the person who has wronged us, owes us an apology; in fact, owes us a debt. Forgiveness cancels that debt.

Our Lord Jesus Christ taught us that we should forgive other 70 times 7 times, if necessary. Matthew 18: 21, 22 "Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, until seven times; but until seventy times seven."

My first impression of this teaching is that someone would need to be in very bad condition to repeat the same offense 490 times, after which, each time, we would need to forgive him. However, our Lord Jesus Christ may have had something else in mind and that something else is what we want to consider in this article.

To forgive and forget is a common teaching. It means that once we forgive we should no longer hold a grudge

or have bitterness toward that person. To actually forget completely is something beyond us unless there is something wrong with our minds. The brain is like a computer in that it stores information for recall. If we have a forgiving attitude we don't dwell on the unpleasant information which has been fed into the brain, but rather, we concentrate on the tasks immediately before us and other, more pleasant things. Through no fault of our own, a healthy brain retains unpleasant experiences which have caused us deep anguish, even though they may not be recalled or thought about very often.

Sometimes, when we have been wronged, we just keep recalling it, and it may be a source of bitterness and even ill health for ourselves. We might possibly recall it as many as 490 times. One explanation of what the Lord Jesus Christ taught is that each time an offense is recalled it should be forgiven. We should think, "He owes me nothing. He has no debt to me because I have forgiven him and I forgive him anew. Every time I think of it I forgive him."

After we recall the matter 490 times and forgive the person each time, it has become a habit and we continue to forgive forever.

The anger we feel toward someone who has dealt us an injustice may cause us to recall the incident. Every time we recall it, let's forgive. This is what our Lord Jesus Christ taught.

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## BIBLES NEEDED NOW

In November of 1989 we began our work in sending used Bibles to foreign countries where the Word of God is very scarce. We have received used and worn Bibles and Bible Story Books in the past, but not near enough. After making the needed repairs, we then package and send them by surface mail to Africa and the Philippines.

The response so far has been somewhat discouraging. If we consider the number of churches we have in our faith and all of the homes and families involved, there surely has to be a lot of used or worn Bibles that could be donated to this work. Right now we need over three hundred Bibles and have less than twenty.

We have been getting letters from individuals from these countries very often. Sometimes three a day which say, "Please send us a Bible." We have already bought "new" Bibles from the Leo, IN, Bible Distribution Center. But that is far more expensive than donated ones.

Hopefully, all of us will take this seriously and help send the Word of God to these needy people. We look forward to hearing from anyone in helping in this work. We do want to thank everyone that has already helped in some way.

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### "THE GREATEST OF THESE IS CHARITY"

#### Bro. Garth Steffen - Portland, OR

While traveling in the European Alps this summer with our 7 brothers and sisters, most of their spouses, and a few of their children to visit the birth places of our grandparents, we were thrilled with spectacular scenic wonders of God's creation. Majestic mountain ranges whose peaks were covered with snow, slow moving glaciers, water falls leaning out over sheer cliffs spilling their water into the valleys below, beautiful lakes that are known as "sees" in Europe, etc. However beautiful this all was, it paled in comparison to the love of the European brethren and friends whom we met along the way. At first we were strangers from America, but

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN WORLD RELIEF WORKS PROJECTS HAITI

November '90 - February '91

*"... As Ye therefore have opportunity, let Us do Good unto all men."  
Galatians 6:10*

*"... And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works."  
Hebrews 10:24*

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

#### What do I do if I am interested in going on this mission?

Contact the World Relief representative from your local church or one of the brothers listed as the project representative for your area.

You will receive an information packet which includes:

- 1) maps, 2) background information on Haiti, 3) a calendar, 4) healthcare form, 5) list of items to take with you, 6) commonly used words in English/Creole, 7) gift suggestions, 8) volunteer form, 9) liability release form.

### GEOGRAPHY

Area: 27,750 sq. km. (10,714 sq. mi.); about the size of Maryland.

Cities: Capital - Port-au-Prince (pop. over 1 million). Other Cities: Cap-Haitien (pop. 50,000).

Terrain: Mountainous.

Climate: Warm, semi-arid.

### INSIGHTS INTO HAITI

Economy: "Poorest nation in Western Hemisphere, plagued with overpopulation, soil erosion, illiteracy and disease."

- Operation World

Land Used for Agriculture: 31% (some people farm only to raise their own food).

(Charity . . . continued)  
quickly the language barriers fell aside as our spirits blended in the love that comes alone from God.

My wife and I first tasted of this Christian charity with Sis. Irene Baer in Oppergruppenbach, Germany, who lives with her believing Sis. Julia. Irene was converted in Portland over 30 years ago and lived for several years in the northwest. Both received us with a special kindness.

A few days later we met our brother and sister-in-law, Elder Bro. Nathan Steffen and Sis. Marilyn and drove to Adolsfurt where Elder Bro. Hans Heer received us warmly. Not knowing we hadn't eaten yet, his wife Dena and daughter Edith hastily prepared us a meal in the Biblical example of Abraham who entertained the 3 strangers who abruptly appeared near his tent in Hebron. We had sweet fellowship with the Heers and were enriched in our short stay in their home.

On Sunday, June 24, our other family members joined us in Berne, Switzerland. The brethren there showered upon us not a little kindness but made room for us in their homes, helped us to church, and provided a special meal for us all in the Church on the Gibbel where Elder Bro. Herman Gambly serves. He and his wife Hauni received us so graciously. We were given a walking tour of downtown Berne by Elder Bro. Herman Marti and ministering Brother Paul Bauman. Among the points of interest we were shown the building where our grandfather Bro. Edward Grimm preached 70 years ago this summer. He and Brother Robert Bahler who also ministered the Word were selected to bring a monetary gift from the American churches to the impoverished brethren in Europe after World War I.

Continuing our travels, we drove east with the intention of some of us being in Hallein, Austria, the next Sunday and then on to Budapest, Hungary. But God had other plans; for my wife, Sis. Connie and I were to remain in and around Salzburg for another 11 days. While in Hohen Salzburg Castle, Connie experienced a compound fracture of her right femur where she had a tumor removed nearly a year ago. Fortunately, there was an orthopaedic hospital a few miles away where she was treated and success-

### HAITI SCHOOL BUILDING WORK SCHEDULE

PROJECT NUMBER	DATE*	WORLD RELIEF AREA	AREA COORDINATORS
1	11/30 - 12/8, '90	#7 E. IL	Jim Walter R#2, Box 3 Chatsworth, IL 60921 (815) 635-3158
2	12/7 - 12/15, '90	#5 Bluffton & Indianapolis	Carl Hackenjoes Monroe, IN 46772 (219) 692-6311
3	1/04 - 1/12, '91	#8 Western IL	Mike Finley Box 176 Carlock, IL 61725 (309) 376-7301
4	1/11 - 1/19, '91	#9 & #10 KS, MO, MN, IA, TX, CA	R. Schmidgall 955 Lyon Street Hancock, MN 58244 (612) 392-5241
5	1/18 - 1/26, '91	#4 & #6 N. IN, MI, W. OH	Phil Isabel Route 2 Remington, IN 47977 (219) 261-3541
6	2/01 - 2/09, '91	#1, #2 & #3 CT, E. OH, AL, CA, FL	Craig Emch 11856 Miller Road Sterling, OH 44276 (216) 939-4591
7	2/15 - 2/23, '91	#11 & #12 CA, AR, OR CO	Glen Hackenjoes 10564 Haverly El Monte, CA 91731 (818) 442-4957

For additional information — Call Bro. Harold Witzig (309-266-6263)

fully operated on a few days later. It was during this unexpected stay the loving interest and care of the brethren manifested itself so wonderfully. I was given transportation, invited into the believer's homes, given meals, had our wash done, and was invited to stay in the church at Hallein where a small room was furnished. I thought of the Shunemite woman who provided a room, bed, and a table for the prophet Elisha so many years ago as he traveled near her home, and I felt so fortunate to be the recipient of such thoughtfulness. Connie likewise was treated with equal kindness as sisters from Hallein and Salzburg came to visit her in the hospital bringing beautiful bouquets of flowers. Some couldn't speak English, and one dear sister patted my wife's hand, pointed to Connie's heart and then to her own and then smilingly pointed up to Heaven. Her hospital stay was in a 6 bed ward with 5 other women and the young mother next to her asked "How is it that you being a stranger in Austria have more visitors than I who have lived here all my life?"

"I don't know them, but they are the people of our church who are like our churches in America" Connie answered.

"How beautiful" was the woman's reply.

Experiencing difficulty on booking a flight home, we were informed by our American travel agency that no refund could be granted on our return tickets we had to cancel and new tickets for home would run over \$3,000. for my wife and I. Upon learning of our dilemma, a young brother, Frederick Haas, volunteered in English to help us.

"For you I do it. It is no problem." He then proceeded to take off work a day and a half and drove to Munich with our return tickets and was successful in having them applied to another airline which had openings a few days later at a fraction of the cost we had expected to pay.

To further aid us in our departure, the brother who recorded the "Long Book" songs, Josef Farkash drove us several hundreds of miles to Mannheim and then the next day to Frankfurt where we boarded our plane for home. At Mannheim we stayed overnight at the apartment of Sis. Christine Schwindt, the widowed aunt

of Bro. Josef. It was then we learned of her great service in world relief work. Last year she sent 380 boxes of clothing to the poor brethren in Romania. Many of the town people know of her efforts in this field and bring her much clothing that is practically new. On occasion deutch marks are slipped into the clothing to help her in shipping expenses. She was truly an inspiration to us, and just over a week before we were treated to a slide presentation in Hallein of the Swiss, German, and Austrian churches collecting clothes, goods, etc. for the churches in Romania. Thirty large vans were used to transport the gifts to 15 churches earlier this spring. The brethren assembled at the place of business of Bro. Philipp Haas who provided some of the vehicles for the project. He has a large wood specialty factory employing many workers, and upon a job completion he gives a Bible to the owners. In other ways, he finds opportunities to distribute many Bibles a year.

Space doesn't permit us to mention all the deeds of the dear brothers and sisters who so freely and lovingly gave of their time and substance to make our stay a memorable and unforgettable experience in spite of the pain and discomfort Connie underwent with her injury and subsequent surgery.

When the Son of Man comes in His glory and invites into His Kingdom His faithful saints, He shall recount their deeds on earth, ". . . 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 . . . I was sick, and ye visited me . . . Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." (Matthew 25) And so when life's little work is done and eternity dawns for the dear brothers and sisters we have written about, an entrance shall be ministered unto them abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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**GATEWAY WOODS  
 CHILDREN'S HOME**  
 Susan Getz

We are very blessed on August 18 to have our Annual Sale. Our total exceeded \$130,000 which was well

above our goal. Many people helped to make our day a success; from those who donated items, to those who bought items, to those who volunteered their time before and after. It's a miracle that happens right before our eyes as so many come from so far and do so much to make the Sale a success.

Many times our adolescents come to us in a hole so deep they have a hard time seeing their way out. This is because of the abuse, neglect, rejection, etc. they have already been exposed to in their early lives. It takes a long chain with many links to reach them. Houseparents, assistants, and counselors are those who are down in the hole with them trying to touch and lift their lives. But further up is all the support, love, and prayers we feel from you. Ultimately God is holding the chain and uses people to help our adolescents see a way out of their past. Each of you play an important part in leading lives to be an honor to God.

It's always with mixed emotions when we say goodbye to those who move on, we will miss them but are thankful they are reunited with their families. David and Lisa left the Thames house and Danny left the Stoller family this month to return to their homes. We would like to welcome Denys and Larry to the West House and Cathy to the East House. The staff always finds the heart muscle can grow to love some more.

We have been well blessed with weekly volunteers this summer. Many thanks to recent volunteers; Greg Schumacher (Washington, IL), Denise Duckworth, Mark Steitmatter (Bloomington, IL), Tom Waldbeser, Larry Gramm, Marvin Wieland, Martin Hodel (Chicago, IL), Joyce and Jana Kaiser (Tremont, and Kristine Price (Sarasota, FL) for their help during the month of August. It has been commented that the Home has never been in such tip-top maintenance shape for a long time. Special thanks to Doug Sauder (Fort Lauderdale, FL) and Ben Masten (Francisville, IN) for spending the summer with us. We all miss you! God bless you for your selfless service!

We are thankful Bro. Ted Witzig (Morton, IL) spoke to our teenagers and staff about Satanism. He had many interesting and informative



stories that kept everyone's attention. Thank you Ted, for your love and time on our behalf.

At the end of each summer we plan an "Honor's Trip" for the teenagers who have proven themselves responsible during the summer months in their summer jobs and behavior. Jacki, Stephanie, Missy, Kristy, and Valarie went to Cedar Point, OH, with Sue Grusy and Liz Martin. John Stoller also took Danny, Rich, and Kevin to Cedar Point a week later. Each child is expected to pay for half of the expenses. We will be looking for volunteers next summer who could take a trip with some of our most responsible and well-behaved adolescents or provide funding for such a trip.

Our school schedule has started and we are all looking forward to the quiet days on campus as well as the enthusiasm that the children return home from school with including stories about friends and their day at school.

We rejoice with Bro. Tim Sauder (our administrator) and his wife, Sis. Jenny, on the arrival of their new son, Mike, Erica, and Kirsten were anxiously awaiting this arrival.

We had a number of lost and found items left from the Sale: Raincoats, a baseball jacket and a sweater. If you can claim any of these items, please call the office, (219-627-2159). Mark your calendar for the next sale date, August 10, 1991. Any effort to schedule other major events around this date will be greatly appreciated.

### GATEWAY WOODS AUCTION

#### Dear buyers and sellers:

You both are to be highly credited with a very successful sale. The 1990 board of directors wish to thank each of you for supporting us again. Our sale total of \$130,000 was above our expectations.

Benefit auctions are delicate situations. It is difficult to watch an item bring much less than expected; it also takes grace to see (and buy) an item that brings many times its value. Both situations occur and we must all go to the benefit day prepared in heart and mind.

I have noticed that many of you have responded favorably to our computerized booklet and sale order.

I have also noticed that when a local church makes an item, many times it also sends competition bidders to take that item back home.

May God bless you for your generosity in giving and making a total of \$130,000 in one day. As this is my last year on the board, I beg you to continue to support Gateway Woods Children's Home through the auction and otherwise.

Sincerely,  
Bob Indermuhl  
Board President

### APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED

This seems to be the month for fairs and camping. A number of our residents enjoyed a day at the Tazewell County 4-H Fair the first of August. The farm animals were a big attraction. Next week they are looking forward to the State Fair in Springfield. There was "Camp for a Day" at Sommer Park last Wednesday, and a big overnight camping trip to East Bay is planned for the last week in August.

Our lives and situations certainly seem to be subject to change! Much of it is exciting and challenging. Six of our men from Oakwood are planning on moving soon to a house on Hazelwood in Morton. They are: Mike Bodke, Doug Claus, Ed Getz, Frank Kyburz, Harold Miller and Alan Unsicker. It is our wish and prayer that God will be the seventh member of their home.

Then six of our men from ACHH hope to replace them at Oakwood. We are happy for them that they can go on to more independent living, but will miss them here at ACHH.

There is an old fashioned threshing show later this month at Raccoon Lakes, Glasford, that many of our residents are looking forward to. And a real highlight of the year was an overnight trip to Six Flags for 24, with a stay at the Holidome near St. Louis.

Yes - we do keep busy here! Besides all the other activities and trips, there are regular shopping sprees and dining out that many look forward to.

Our October birthdays are: ACHH: Lois Baumgartner (4), Carol Fahrni (4), Kent Knobloch (14), Bryan Tiezzi

(30) and Oakwood Estate: Anita Schuon (13).

### ALABAMA, ATHENS

#### Pamela Moore

We always appreciate Sis. Deb Blunier's (Eureka, IL) visits each summer, and this summer we enjoyed a special treat. Deb brought slides of Israel, from her recent trip there. The presentation seemed to make the Bible come alive, as we saw actual slides of the many locations talked about in the Bible. Of great interest to me was the beautiful Valley of Armageddon. "And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon." Revelation 16:16. The beauty of it makes it difficult to believe the many battles fought there.

The weekend of July 29, we enjoyed a busload of visitors from many different areas. Included on the bus were visitors from Congerville and Bradford, IL, Leo, Wolcott, Milford, Remington, South Bend and Bluffton, IN, Junction and Latty, OH, and Altadena, CA. We got together for a singing at the fellowship hall Saturday evening, and once again for church on Sunday. We were very thankful to have Bro. Vernon Wettstein (Congerville, IL) preach the Word of God to us Sunday.

This month we've had many visitors. Other than those already mentioned, we had visitors from Nashville, TN, Goodfield, Princeville and Roanoke, IL, Shioda, Japan, Alto, MI, and Fort Myers, FL. We love to have visitors fellowship with us.

August 4, we spent a Saturday evening at Bro. Buddy and Sis. Claranne Lynn's home. Bro. Buddy has recently had back surgery due to a fall while working and has been unable to come to church. So, we carried a potluck supper to their home and had a singing with them. We miss Bro. Buddy and Sis. Claranne in church and hope they can soon rejoin us.

### ARIZONA, TUCSON

#### Lisa Knapp

We are sad to say goodbye to our friend Darla Hari who is leaving us to attend college in Indiana. We will really miss Darla as we know her family will. We look forward to her

visits and pray the Lord will guide her footsteps.

Our deacon, Bro. Noah Herman, is hospitalized in Illinois at this writing but hoping to be released soon. Our prayers are with him and we are hopeful that he can make a safe trip back to us if the Lord so wills.

### CALIFORNIA, ALTADENA

#### Lisa Steiner

Bro. Jeff and Sis. Shirley Luthi are parents of a baby girl, Alyson Leigh, born July 30. Welcoming her home are Danny, age 4, and Lydian, age 2.

Elder Bro. John and Sis. Lois Klotzle are grandparents of Maria May, born to Bro. Greg and Sis. MaryBeth Lehman (Wolcott, IN). Maria suffered complications at birth, but with the Lord's blessings, she appears to be on her way to a healthy future.

We wish to extend our sympathies to our dear friend Marie Feuchtenberger at the death of her close friend, Jake Dahlke. We wish her a measure of God's strength, courage and guidance.

Our friend Christine Lewis has chosen to continue her Christian walk among our congregation. She and her children have added so richly to our fellowship. Likewise, we wish them God's blessings.

We are thankful that God has allowed progress to be made on our building project. The brothers have been meeting regularly and have now found a suitable architect and contractor.

### CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO

#### LaNae Meyer - Cindy Schmidt

The Lord has given us another beautiful month to live for Him. We have so many reasons to praise Him for His goodness and mercy.

We have enjoyed praising God with our visitors who have traveled many miles to worship with us. We have some wonderful memories of times spent together in our homes or around a camp fire watching a sunset over the water. We have been encouraged through the Holy Spirit by ministering brothers throughout the land. A special thanks to Bro. Richard Aberle (Altadena, CA), Bro. Lenard Meyer

(Chicago, IL), Bro. Ferenc Orcsik (Bees, Hungary) and Bro. Greg Gramm (Phoenix, AZ). Our Elder Bro. John Klotzle (Altadena, CA) is always appreciated in our assembly and we want to thank him for his labors.

Bro. Alex and Sis. Sherise Varga have experienced the miracle of birth with their third girl, Chelsea Rachelle. Chelsea is welcomed home by her sisters, Sherise and Brittany.

We would like to notify everyone of our new worship service schedule that will be effective September 2, 1990. It is as follows:

1. Pulpit service: Sunday 10:30 a.m., 12:45 p.m.

2. Midweek services are being changed to Wednesday

3. Pulpit service: Wednesday 7:30 p.m. with every 4th Wednesday starting at 7:00 p.m. for our monthly Bible study.

We none know what tomorrow holds, but we know Who holds the key. May we all be encouraged in these troubled times to concentrate on the will of our Lord. Let the people praise thee, O God . . . O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Psalm 67:3-4.

### COLORADO, DENVER

#### Marlene Leman

July 20 was the wedding day of Kathie Carpenter (Bro. Don and Sis. Becky) and Ryan Foley. We wish them God's blessings as they begin their life together. They are living in Fort Worth, Texas.

Sis. Katherine Ries had cataract surgery. She is getting along real well, for which we are very thankful. We pray God will continue to be with her.

Bro. Jon Schmidgall (Oakville, IA) visited us on a Wednesday evening. Our gatherings are usually very small Wednesday evenings, but, how nice to have such a spiritual boost midweek. We thank him for allowing God to use him for our benefit.

Since those living in Colorado Springs have difficulty in coming up to Aurora for services, we have, on a trial basis, begun holding services on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. We hold them at the

Myron Stratton home (where Sis. Katherine Ries lives) at 6:00 p.m. We pray that God will direct and bless this endeavor.

We welcome Kim Stevens (Bro. Richard and Sis. Kathe Hasty) and children to our congregation. We trust she will feel at home here and feel the love of God through the brothers and sisters.

### CONNECTICUT, ROCKVILLE, Martha Luginbuhl

The Lord again has given His counsel and His will as many of us had the privilege of hearing at the brotherhood conference August 10. We are thankful for elder brethren who, inspired by the Holy Spirit, spoke on topics extremely important to those whose sincere desire is to remain a separated and holy people during these confusing and increasingly sinful times in which we must live.

Several of us were able to attend the funeral of Bro. Dale Dapper, 62, August 1, in Princeville, IL. Our sympathy and prayers are for Sis. Ruth (Ludwig), originally from Rockville, as we know there will be a season of loneliness and adjustment in the loss of her helpmate of 27 years.

Over the weekend of July 28, the work of the Lord was so vividly revealed through the testimonies and baptisms of Michelle Behling (Richard and Lorraine), Sue Quellet (Andre and Annette) and Tim Schneider (Bro. Wilbur and Sis. Marge). Each related their experience of how, after searching and prayer, by the grace of God, they recognized their sinful nature from birth and the need of a conversion. We thank Elder Bro. Dave Wiegand (Champaign, IL) for giving of himself in assisting Elder Bro. Corbin.

Visiting ministers were Bros. Don Gudeman (LaCrosse, IN), Michael Rinkenberger (Congerville, IL) and Richard Aberle (Altadena, CA). We very much appreciate and thank ministering brethren who take time out to visit us as each has an individual and unique gift from God to bring forth God's will as revealed through the Word.

Even though our minds and goal are directed towards that heavenly home, our bodies are prone to dis-

eases and accidents common to all men and our prayers are for those recently hospitalized; namely, Sisters Fannie Lanz, Lydia Luginbuhl, Barb Hangartner, Muriel Fellows, Joanne Lanz (Bro. Luginbuhl (Fort Lauderdale, FL), Michael Zahner and Marie Garrow. Sickness brings to each of us the realization of how temporary this body is notwithstanding the perfectness of when God created man and saw it was good. Also, our prayers are for those confined to their homes and in nursing homes -- that even in weakness they may have the patience to wait for that better home.

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### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, WASHINGTON

#### Catherine Klopfenstein

Last month we reported that the Spirit was stirring in the hearts of some of our dear friends. This month we are happy to report that three have answered the Lord's calling and have confessed their faith and have turned to Him in repentance. They are Matthew Mangold (South Bend, IN) and Ed and Ginny Stoll (Ed from Corpus Christi, TX, and Ginny from Lester, IA). We rejoice at this good news and please pray with us that there will be more. This is especially significant for a very small assembly such as ours here in Washington, D.C. Praise the Lord.

Visiting ministers during August were Bro. Victor Baumann with his wife, Brenda (Smithville, OH) and Bro. Homer Reinich with his wife, Dorothy (Toledo, OH). Their services are deeply appreciated.

Additional visitors were here from Roanoke and Princeville, IL, Oakville, IA, Rittman and Smithville, OH, Philadelphia, PA, and Atlanta, GA. Visitors are always appreciated.

Cheryl Belsley - Amzalone and her two children, Amanda and Lauren, were here visiting her parents, Ken and Roberta Belsley, and favored us with a visit to our assembly.

Bro. Doug and Sis. Rebecca German and family (Smithville, OH), who had earlier played a very active and important role in our assembly, also visited us during August. We're also pleased to report that on August 5, our total attendance was 40, the highest number we have ever had, al-

though there had previously been 39, several times. On August 19, we had attendance of 38.

Services are held the first and third Sundays of each month at 10:30 a.m. eastern time, at the Westpark Hotel (Best Western) located on U.S. Route 7, about 1 mile west of I-495. For information or assistance, please call Ralph Klopfenstein at 703-979-3476.

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### FLORIDA, FT. LAUDERDALE

#### Terri Huber

This was a month of the old and the new! We had a potluck supper to commemorate the 80th birthday of Bro. Richard Bounassi. We are glad for the lessons we can learn from our elderly members.

On July 26, Sheryl Cay was born to Bro. Ryan and Sis. Terri Huber. "Big" brother Allen smothers her with hugs and kisses. Grandparents are Bro. Bob and Sis. Doris Huber and Bro. Kaywin and Sis. Karen Martin (Detroit, MI).

Welcomed back for a visit were prior residents Bro. Ken and Sis. Sharon Lawson (Minneapolis, MN). We appreciated hearing Bro. Ken minister to us on Sunday.

It has been a pleasure to have Bro. Curt Anliker in town for the summer. His work has ended and he's moving back up north. We've enjoyed getting to know Curt, and encourage him (and other old friends) to come back and visit as often as possible!

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### FLORIDA, NORTH FT. MYERS

#### Dorothy Beer - Jeanette Yergler

During the summer months, we have been having Bible study instead of church services on Wednesday evenings. We are grateful to our ministers who are teaching us from the book of Matthew.

We thank the Lord for the "Showers of Blessings"! The rains that we have been getting are much needed, for our water table is below normal. Not only are we thankful for the rains, but for His abundant blessings we receive each day.

Bro. Ronald Schamback (Elgin, IL) shared God's Word with us this month. We thank him and his dear wife and children for their visit.

### FLORIDA, SARASOTA

#### Suellen Ott

The summer has quickly passed and the time for the children to return to school is approaching. We have enjoyed the host of families that made Sarasota a stopping point for their summer travel plans.

We are grateful to have Bro. Doug Sabo back with us after his trip north for the annual brotherhood conference. We must remember Bro. Glenn and Bro. Doug as they so willingly minister the Word to us during the summer months when we do not have the many visiting ministers.

We continue to uplift our dear Sis. Lydia Vonia as she is still quite ill and covets our prayers.

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### GEORGIA, ATLANTA

#### Peggy Camp

Visiting ministers this past month were Bro. Harvey Heiniger (Burlington, IA) and Bro. Randy Gasser (Detroit, MI). We certainly appreciate their effort in bringing us God's Word.

We had many visitors this summer and we thank those who took the time while on vacation to worship with us. The support and presence of brethren and friends from other congregations is so encouraging to us in Atlanta.

Services are held every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. at the Ramada Renaissance Hotel. The hotel is located off I-85 at the Riverdale Road Exit. Please contact Bro. Linn Stoller (404-631-4554) or Bro. John Brewer (404-378-5918) for further information.

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### ILLINOIS

#### BLOOMINGTON - NORMAL

#### Carolyn Fischer - Marcia Bauer

On July 17, Denny and Pam Zimmerman were blessed with a new addition to their family, Hannah Grace Louise. Welcoming her home are Jacob and Alexander. Grandparents are Dick and Betty Lawrence (Fairbury) and Bro. Glen and Sis. Mildred Zimmerman (Forrest).

Sis. Bonnie Kaufmann (Bro. Dennis) has been hospitalized this month. We pray that God will strengthen her each day and grant a speedy recovery.

Our visiting ministers this month

were Bros. Wesley Knapp (Goodfield, IL), Tom Leman (Denver, CO) and Elder Bro. Robert Beyer (Naumburg, NY). We thank them for sharing God's Word with us.

Praise God for His mercy and grace which He deeply blesses us with each day. We have so many things to be thankful for.

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**ILLINOIS, BRADFORD**  
**Karen Ringger**

"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."

Zion's Harp #79

Bro. Kurt Kieser (Bro. Verle and Sis. Vonnie) and Sis. Janet Gudeman (Bro. Ralph and Sis. Carolyn) of Congerville were united in holy matrimony August 5. Then on August 12, Sis. Rachel Knobloch (Bro. Jack and Sis. Nancy) and Bro. Glen Steiner (Bro. Joe and Sis. Marcella) of Tremont, said their wedding vows. We pray God will bestow His richest blessings on these two couples as they look to Him for guidance and direction.

Visiting ministers this past month were Elder Bros. Joe Stoller (Princetonville), Willis Ehnle (Shioda, Japan), Roy Grimm (Taylor, MO), also Bros. Rex Frieden (Lamar, MO), Dwayne Dill (Champaign), Glen Dill (Tremont), Dale Moore (Elgin, IA) and Don Manz (Junction, OH). We always appreciate these dear brothers that come and lend themselves.

Our dear Sis. Emma Knobloch (Bro. Clarence) has spent a few days in the hospital this past month, but is again at home. We hope she will continue to improve so she can again worship with us.

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**ILLINOIS, CHAMPAIGN**  
**LaRae Dill**

Sunday, July 29, was our annual Sunday school picnic. The day was hot, but fun, and fellowship abounded. Our Sunday school students enjoyed water balloons, bubble blowing, races, and homemade ice cream. Sis. Pam

Furrer and Bro. Brian Waibel have complete their terms as Sunday school teachers. We thank them for their years of service.

Sis. Susan Fehr has moved to Bloomington, IL, where she will be working on her Master's degree at Illinois State University. Susan has been a teacher in the Danville School District for the last several years and assembled here in Champaign. Paul Aeschleman (originally from Philadelphia, PA), has completed his Master's degree in Agronomy and Soil Microbiology and has accepted a position in Chicago, IL. We enjoyed and will miss the fellowship of both Paul and Sis. Susan.

Leigh Simpson, daughter of Bro. Bob and Sis. Wilma, has moved to West Lafayette, IN, where she is working towards an MBA at Purdue University. Bro. Darwin and Sis. Laurie Steidinger, after recently settling here, have made the decision to move to Vincennes, IN. Our prayers and God's blessings go with them as they seek the Lord's will for their lives.

We're happy to have Sis. Stephanie Schieler as part of our congregation once again. Steph lived here several years before moving to Peoria, IL. She is now employed at Carle Clinic (Urbana). Welcome Steph.

It's good to have Bro. Keith and Sis. Jodi Schieler here following the completion of Keith's internship in Lincoln, IL. We appreciate their fellowship.

We are enjoying the fellowship of two student couples who are making their first home in Champaign-Urbana following their summer weddings. Congratulations to Bro. Glen and Sis. Rachel (Knobloch) Steiner, and Eric and Nancy (Weiss) Schieler.

Our Champaign congregation was blessed to host the World Relief and Work Projects Committee Meeting Saturday, August 11. Church services were held Friday evening, August 10, with a number of visiting elders and ministers in attendance: Elder Bros. Corbin Bahler (Rockville, CT), Bob Grimm (Goodfield, IL) and Ed Schwartz (Bluffton, IN), and Bros. Ed Aeschleman (Philadelphia, PA), Arnie Gerst (Taylor, MO), Wayne Grimm (West Bend, IA), Jim Hoerr (Peoria, IL), Andy Hunyady (Columbus, OH) and Hartzell Kaisner (De-

troit, MI). We also enjoyed hosting two Romanian elders, Bros. Albert Szabo and Alex Virtaci. We really enjoyed the fellowship and thank those who shared the Word with us.

We always enjoy the visits of ministers to our congregation. Those visiting in the past month were Bros. Gary Anliker (Elgin, IL), Robert Beebe (South Bend, IN), Doug Grimm (Sabetha, KS) and Wayne Grimm (West Bend, IA).

The New Student Welcome was held Sunday, August 19. Twenty-eight new students have moved to Champaign to attend the University of Illinois of Parkland College. A picnic Sunday afternoon permitted us to meet the new students and their families. We pray God will direct the life of each student as they make decisions regarding future careers, but most of all, their future as God's child.

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**ILLINOIS, CHICAGO**  
**Kathy Schlatter**

Whitewater rafting is exciting -- and potentially dangerous. On a family vacation to Colorado, we tried it. What an experience! After we signed away our rights and paid for the trip, our guide gave us a multitude of warnings about what to do in case the raft tipped and we got caught underneath it and told other stimulating disaster stories. We were sobered by all of this, but once we got onto the Arkansas River, we were just delighted. Our guide taught us to paddle, had us practice, and informed us about God's creation surrounding us. When we got into the rapids area, he gave us clear instructions on which direction to paddle when. We thoroughly enjoyed our entire trip as we followed his directives and worked as a team. Without our experienced guide, we would have had many problems and even catastrophes. Knowing when, where and how to paddle made all the difference. Similarly, in our spiritual lives, we need a guide, for in our lives on earth we also drift into times of acute danger. Christ asks us to turn ourselves over to Him, but He has paid our price. He has given us a book of instructions which not only clearly warns us but also promises joys if we "shoot the rapids" of life successfully (by His guidance). Always in our raft we have the Holy Spirit, the most

wise guide, to let us know how and where to paddle -- at the right times, and working as a church body helps our travel. Wednesday evening I asked a young convert about starting back to school. She said, "I don't have the strength for that yet." Fair enough, I thought, for the Spirit will give us the ways and the means within the right time to continue paddling on through life. And it is exciting!

May our visitors be blessed for all the ways their visits have blessed us! Particularly we pray for rich blessings for our visiting ministers, Elder Bro. John Lehman, (Bern, KS); Bros. Charles Sinn (Fort Scott) and Howard Plattner (Wichita, KS); and Bros. Curt Frank (LaCrosse, IN) and Bill Waibel (Bay City, MI).

For our newly-wedded couples, we pray the Lord's grace and joys of love upon their Christian homes. Bro. Dave and Sis. Becky Cargill Kiefer were married in Elgin, July 29, and Bro. Craig and Sis. Raelynn Stahl Plattner were married in our assembly August 19. We rejoice in their unions, in the continued guidance of God for His people. As they work and go to school and begin their lives together within our fellowship, we offer them our deep love and support.

Sis. Dana Trumbower (Leo, IN), daughter of Don and Nancy (Philadelphia, PA), and Bro. Kurt Pflederer, son of Bro. Chris and Sis. Ruth (Tremont, IL), are engaged to be married, another example of the Lord's gracious guiding hand. We delight in His work and entrust this precious couple to Him as they patiently await their coming marriage in His name.

Bro. Ross Meyer has gone to Hungary, employed in teaching English there, as Bro. Clark Baurer returns to our congregation from his position in France. Our prayers are with them both, for there are adjustments in coming back from -- as well as going into -- other nations. Yet our Lord will protect His own in whatever place as long as they are in His will. We are prayerful and appreciative of both brothers.

Bro. John Schrenk has been hospitalized. We truly are concerned for him and miss his assembly with us. May the Lord grant him quick recovery as we send him our love and prayers.

To Bro. Lloyd Hartman who lost

his helpmate, Toni, we extend all sympathy and desire that the Lord may comfort him beyond even what we may know to petition Him for. May he be enveloped in the love of God and the support of the brethren.

I've had some minor physical problems. Once was a rash on my wrist, the other stomach irritation. I attempted to ignore them both, so they only got worse. Certainly neither one went away! Gradually I learned to keep away from the irritants, be they the watch band or food. Then the healing process could begin. New cells replaced old. Those areas were tender for longer than I thought they should be -- but what did I expect? God's way takes time, but it's perfect. Sin is the most corrosive irritant of mankind. Unlike the physical irritants, it must be eradicated and will always cause chafing, discontent and worse whenever it enters one's life. Some try psychiatrists to assuage the guilt of sin; others try to cover up its irritation through other means -- danger, sports, substance abuse, even good works and service. Praise God that He has provided His Son's shed blood to take away our sins. Nevertheless, once we take advantage of His plan and repent, we must become converted, living for Him, new creatures. God's way takes time, a lifetime, but it's the only way to be disease-free and enter heaven.

#### ILLINOIS, CISSNA PARK

##### Karol Stock - Bev Knapp

We have again been blessed with the opportunity to hear the testimony of a dear soul. Bro. Doug Young was baptized July 22. We welcome him with open arms and pray he will feel God's presence in his new walk of life. We appreciate our Elder Bro. Art Bahler (Fairbury) along with Elder Bro. Bob Walder (Congerville) who shared their time and talents with us that weekend.

Sis. Clara Vogel has been ill and we wish her God's nearness as the afflictions of the flesh are troubling her.

On July 27 and 28, we enjoyed many visitors as the Snowbirds, a group of brothers and sisters who winter in Sarasota, FL, worshipped with us. Among them were Bro. Edwin

Bahler (Remington, IN) and Bro. Homer Reineck (Toledo, OH). We thank them for lending themselves in God's service.

August 7-10 were special days for our congregation as we were privileged to host the annual brotherhood conference. Even as the Holy Ghost provided guidance and wisdom to the leaders of the early church, so was it the guiding Spirit during the annual conference this year. Not long ago, I was visiting with someone not of our faith and explained the way our church and elders function. He was so impressed and marvelled at the wisdom of the decision making process used by our elders.

There is much safety in a multitude of counselors and with the Spirit working in all their lives and hearts we have a privilege and benefit not experienced by many other denominations. Let us uphold and encourage our brothers to continue to keep this precious faith as we have found it. We thank our God for these many blessings and we thank our elder brothers for so tirelessly laboring in our behalf.

As we had many visitors during the week, we were privileged to hear the gospel through a number of ministering brothers: Bros. Ken Indermuhl (Sardis, OH), Leland Plattner (Zapata, TX), Tom Luginbuhl (Altadena, CA), Wally Ramsier (Mansfield, OH), Paul Gasser (Akron, OH) and Elder Bro. Lavoyd Moore (Athens, AL).

It was such a blessing to get to spend so much time in church and to work together in His behalf.

#### ILLINOIS, CONGERVILLE

##### Deb Dietrich - Becky Ott

"Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth." St. Luke 15:10

We are thankful that God continues to touch young hearts, calling them unto repentance. We wish much grace and strength to Kevin Schrock (Bro. Ken and Sis. Janet) as he endeavors to walk life's pathway serving God.

"Our love shall not diminish, nor

fade nor wax away . . ." On August 5, we witnessed the wedding vows of Sis. Janet Gudeman (Bro. Ralph and Sis. Carolyn) and Bro. Kurt Kieser (Bro. Verle and Sis. Vonnie Bradford). We wish this couple God's blessings and nearness as they strive towards heaven as one in the Lord. We are also grateful to the ministers who worshipped with us that day: Elder Bro. Joe Stoller (Princeville) and Bros. Nathan Stoller (Bradford), Marvin Leman (Bradford) and Jaye Rinkenberger (Goodfield).

Hospitalized this month was Sis. Ester Miller (Bro. Merion). We wish God's healing hand upon her. We are also thankful that little Kelsey Leman (Bro. Ed and Sis. Gail) was finally able to come home from the hospital. She is welcomed home by her sister, Kary.

God has again provided us with many visiting ministers who proclaimed to us His Word. Visiting us last month were Elder Bros. Wayne Fehr (West Bend, IA) and Art Nohl (Morris, MN) and Bros. Willis Wiegand (Goodfield), Kevin Ryan (Rockville, CT), Mark Barr (Detroit, MI), Jim Knobloch (Elgin, IA), Tim Zimmerman (Gridley, KS) and Tom Leman (Denver, CO).

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**ILLINOIS, ELGIN**  
**Elizabeth Schambach**  
**Betty Bachtold**

Sacred vows were spoken July 29 by Sis. Becky Cargill and Bro. David Kiefer (Chicago) as they became one in the Lord. Their parents are Bro. Jerry and Sis. Kay Cargill and Robert and Delores Kiefer (Oakville, IA). Bro. Paul and Sis. Joyce Weiss and Bro. Harvey and Sis. Jan Schieler (Fairbury, IL) also rejoice as their children, Nancy and Eric, were united in marriage August 11. We join in with their many friends to wish these two couples life-long happiness and many blessings.

Kelly Schmidt, who has been attending services with us for some time, has chosen to seek her Lord in repentance. May God bless her with much grace.

Sis. Bertha Lauber is rejoicing over the birth of newborn great-grandsons, Aaron Jacob and Ryne David, born July 21 to Dan and Ruth Ann Schrock (Mt. Pleasant, IA). Bro. Mike

and Sis. Elizabeth Schumacher (formerly of Elgin) are the grandparents.

We want to share sympathy with Bro. Ernie and Sis. Marcele Dapper in the sudden passing of his brother, Dale (Philadelphia, PA).

We have loved ones who are patiently enduring bodily afflictions and are in need of prayer. Ed Schifferer, Sis. Emma Viellieber and Bro. Richard Klopfenstein were our hospital patients.

We have been blessed with many dear servants who shared the Word. May God bless you and your families. These include: Elder Bro. Dale Eisenmann (Chicago, IL), Bros. Marvin Schmidgall (Eureka, IL), Nathan Stoller (Bradford, IL), Russell Wuthrich and Doug Schock (Pulaski, IA), John Steiner (Oakville, IA), Kevin Knapp (Bloomington-Normal, IL), Greg Rassi (Chicago, IL), Clarence Dietrich and Arthur Metz (Silverton, OR), Leroy Messner (Winthrop, MN) and Alpha Strahm (Bern, KS).

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**ILLINOIS, EUREKA**  
**Kathy Leman**

Bro. Steve and Sis. Lori Knapp welcomed Gabriel Brett into their hearts and home July 18. Gabriel has three brothers, Tyler, Chance, and Colin, to welcome him home. Grandparents are Bro. Roy and Sis. Wanda Leman (Eureka) and Bro. Jerry and Sis. Nancy Knapp (Congerville). May God bless this little family.

On July 22, we heard the engagement announcement of Sis. Michelle Knecht (Bro. Ervin and Sis. Sandy) and Bro. Keith Knepp (Bro. Gary and Sis. Nancy), all of Eureka. May God bless them as they make plans for their wedding the life here on earth together.

Bro. Bob Stoller (Lamar, MO) was our visiting minister who was willing to minister the Word unto us.

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**ILLINOIS, FAIRBURY**  
**Jean Bachtold - Crystal Fehr**

Again we received a blessing from the teachings left us this month by our visiting ministers, Elder Bro. Corbin Bahler (Rockville, CT), Bro. Paul Gasser (Akron, OH) and Bro. Bill Emch (Lamont, KS). We appreciate their love and willingness to serve us.

Eric Schieler and Nancy Weiss took their wedding vows August 11. Parents of the couple are Bro. Paul and Sis. Joyce Weiss (Elgin, IL) and Bro. Harvey and Sis. Janice Schieler. May God bless them as they walk hand in hand down life's pathway.

Little Adam Wyatt is the new son of Jeff and Betty Metoz, born July 22. Adam has a brother, Jordan, to help take care of him. Grandparents are Bro. Bud and Sis. Sharon Kelson and Richard and Joan Shoup.

God blessed the home of Bro. Nathan and Sis. Marsha Fehr with a baby girl. She is Kaylee Marie, and was born August 2. Kaylee has Kyann, Brett and Austin to welcome her home. Thankful grandparents are Bro. Lloyd and Myrna Moser and Bro. Wayne and Sis. Norma Fehr.

God took home Sis. Anna Armbruster July 17. Sis. Anna lived a full life to the age of 99 and for the past several years she lived at Fairview Haven. Surviving are many nieces and nephews.

On August 16, Edward Edelman was laid to rest. We extend sympathy to his brothers, Bro. Walt and Robert, and his sisters, Sis. Kathryn Fehr, Sis. Rosalie and Sis. Ella Marie Edelman. We sympathize with our loved ones. May all find comfort in the words, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." (Psalm 46:1)

Bro. Ben Steffen has been hospitalized this past month. May the healing power be the will of our Father in heaven.

Build a little fence of trust

Around today:

Fill the space with loving work

And there in stay.

Look not through sheltering oars

Upon tomorrow;

God will help thee bear what comes

Of joy or sorrow.

Mary Butts

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**ILLINOIS, FORREST**  
**Sherri Kelson**  
**Sandra Schneider**

"But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts."

1 Thessalonians 2:4

We are thankful that we have yet today ministers who will minister to us even as this verse says. They are not preaching to the itching of man's ears but as God through His Holy Spirit, directs their hearts. We are thankful to Elder Bro. Alfred Bahler (Wolcott, IN) and Bros. Carroll Gerber (Bluffton North, IN), Art Metz (Silverton, OR) and Earl Kilgus (Remington, IN) for spending various Sundays with us and being used in the Lord's service. And Friday, August 10, the evening of the brotherhood conference was another blessed time as we gathered for services along with the Fairbury congregation and many visitors. There were many visiting ministers gathered with us and we would have enjoyed hearing each one. A special thanks to Elder Bro. Harold Messner and Bro. Leroy Messner, both of Winthrop, MN, and Bros. Don Miller (Minneapolis, MN) and Kevin Ryan (Rockville, CT) for occupying the pulpit that evening and serving us so faithfully. Then on Sunday August 12, Bros. Ev Gerber (Rockville, CT), Pat Zaugg (West Bend, IA) and Elmer Schmidt (Winthrop, MN) brought the Word to us and we appreciate their labors of love. It has been a month in which we could enjoy many visitors and we thank God for this wonderful fellowship we can share.

Hannah Grace Louise Zimmerman was born July 17. She joins her parents, Dennis and Pam, and brothers, Jacob and Alex. Grandparents are Dick and Betty Lawrence (Fairbury) and Bro. Glen and Sis. Mildred Zimmerman.

Clint Steidinger (Bro. Ray and Sis. Shelly) was in the hospital for a short time for tests. We are glad that things turned out well for Clint. Garrett Kupferschmid (Bro. Alf and Sis. Wanda) had surgery on his knee and is back home again. Our prayers are with Ed Plattner and his wife, Sis. Mary Ann, as he is in the hospital. May they feel God's nearness during this time.

Terri Friedman and Phil Kidd have announced their engagement. Roger and Linda Kidd (LaSalle) and Henry and Sis. Marge Friedman are their parents.

December 22 is the date planned for Gregg Honegger and Michelle Miller's wedding. Their parents are

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Miller (Forrest) and Bro. Wayne and Sis. Eleanor Honegger.

August 11 was the wedding day of Tess Broquard (Bro. Wayne and Sis. Roberta) and Thomas Crawford (Jim and Sandy, Pekin). They will be living in San Jose, CA, where Thomas is working.

We wish these three couples happiness as they take this important step in their lives.

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**ILLINOIS, GOODFIELD**  
**Trish Gerber**

**A GLIMPSE OF HEAVEN**

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

Thanks to Bro. Arnold Gerst (Taylor, MO) for sharing God's Word with us.

The family of Sis. Hilda Leman wishes to thank all who have done so much for her over the years and especially during her last confinement and at her death. We also appreciated the flowers and gifts sent and for the nice message the ministers shared. Hilda was totally committed to the Goodfield church and community. We also thank the ladies who helped prepare and serve the meal at the church.

Sincerely,  
 Her Brother & Sisters

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**ILLINOIS, GRIDLEY**  
**Perry A. Klopfenstein**

We are thankful to God that our dear ministering Bro. Elmer Witzig was treated very successfully for a heart ailment in early August.

He indicated that prior to the treatment a verse from a "Zion's Harp" song, "Trust In God," kept ringing through his mind, especially the phrase, "If for death or life I'm fitted, Thy commands I'll never shun." The verse ends thusly, "Though the bur-

den oft be grievous, Thou dost comfort and relieve us; Guided by They hand alone, Thine and not my will be done." (Zion's Harp, page 93).

Bro. Elmer told the physician that he trusted totally in God, and that he would accept whatever God's will turned out to be. The physician said he agreed with that attitude. God was with them both. Bro. Elmer has been a faithful minister in our Gridley church for more than 41 years, having been instated on March 13, 1949.

On Monday afternoon, August 13, Ollie Rich, 91, was baptized at the Heritage Manor Nursing Home in El Paso. Thanks be to God for His mercy. Over the years, she attended church services as a friend of the truth, but never took life's most important step. At least, she came and sat under the sound of the Gospel --- and one of the last chapters of her life has been a bright one!

Bro. Robert Miller (Portland, OR), was a visiting minister in Gridley August 12. He and his wife, Sis. Pearl, were in Illinois for the annual conference in Cissna Park, and we appreciated their visit.

Bro. Elmer Schlipf was hospitalized in early August, but is now home again and feeling much better.

As of this writing (August 20), the winds of potential war are hovering over our nation. In accordance with the request of President Bush, we are praying that peace can prevail!

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**ILLINOIS,**  
**ILLINOIS STATE UNIV.**  
**Kelly Meece**

As the summer comes to a close, we look forward to the beginning of a new school year as well as new friendships. The ISU group is very thankful for the brothers who so willingly brought us God's Word this summer. Ministering unto us were Bros. Don Wagenbach (Washington), Wes Knapp (Goodfield), Bruce Leman (Roanoke), Ken Eisenmann (Cissna Park), and Jim Vierling (Eureka).

We also wish to thank Bro. Byron Stoller (Gridley) for his help and encouragement to the ISU group. May he be richly blessed for his efforts.

Although these college years are spent in academic study, we know

that we must keep up in our "spiritual studies" as well.

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding."

Proverbs 9:10

For those students who will be attending ISU for the first time this fall, we hope your college years will be spiritually rewarding.

ISU Bible studies will be held every Thursday night in Shroeder Hall, Room 130, beginning at 7:30. Everyone is welcome to join with us in worshipping our Lord and Savior.

### ILLINOIS, MORTON

**Phyllis Farney  
Cheryl Wuthrich**

Living in Morton, the Pumpkin Capitol of the World, we are well aware of the tremendous quantities of pumpkins grown in the area. As we see the acres of pumpkins lying in the fields, ripe and waiting to be harvested, it makes us think of the harvest mentioned in the Bible. "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest." Luke 10:2. If there were not enough laborers to gather in the pumpkins when they were ripe and ready, they would decay and leave a terrible stench throughout the countryside. The Word tells us that there are souls in the world white, ready to be harvested. But the laborers are few and therefore many souls may be left to die and decay instead of being garnered into the fold. Are each of us doing our part to "labor" in the field God has assigned to us?

We rejoice that the harvest is continuing and that persons are still coming to the Lord. We heard the testimony and witnessed the baptism of Sis. Gladys Warner and Sis. Sheri Daniel July 25. It was a special evening as they are grandmother and granddaughter. On August 18 and 19 we heard the testimony of Wendy (Belsely) Kupferschmid and witnessed her baptism. With joy we greet them all as our precious sisters.

The Lord continues to call souls into all eternity. Emma Schmidgall's funeral was August 6. May God

comfort her sister, Marie Hoerr, and her friends. Sis. Hilda Roth's funeral was August 9. May our heavenly Father enfold her husband, Bro. Sam; her daughter, Helen Koch; and her granddaughters and her friends and companions at Restmor.

We are thankful that the Lord's laborers are willing to visit us and minister His Word to our congregation. We wish to thank Elder Bro. Richard Schupbach (Phoenix, AZ), Bro. Brian Webb (Fort Lauderdale, FL) and Elder Bro. Don Sauder (Roanoke, IL) for being with us this month.

Congratulations to Bro. Bill and Sis. Jane Martin, Mr. and Mrs. D. Gilman, and Mr. and Mrs. R. Dyer on the birth of their granddaughter, Kayleigh Anne. Her parents are Bill and Sally Martin (Dyess Air Force Base in Texas) and her "big brother" is William. Her great-grandmothers are Sis. Clara Bach, Mrs. K. Deebank and Mrs. C. Herman.

### ILLINOIS, PEORIA

**Jim David**

The Peoria congregation was saddened by the passing of Bro. Al Domnick (Sis. Veva) and Sis. Sophie Hybarger. We deeply appreciate the many years of service which Bro. Al and Sis. Sophie gave to our church, and we extend our sympathy and prayers to their families.

The general conference was held August 10 at Cissna Park, IL, with the elders and ministering brethren meeting throughout the week to discuss many important matters pertinent to our faith. These brethren certainly felt our prayers. Even though not everyone is called to the ministry, and not everyone can attend the conference, one thing we can all do is pray for the spiritual leaders of our congregations. Theirs is often a difficult job; now that this year's conference is over, let us continue to keep them in our prayers.

Visiting ministers to Peoria this past month were: Elder Bro. Richard Schupbach and Bro. Bill Dotterer (Phoenix, AR), Bro. Noah Herman (Tucson, AR), Bro. Tom Leman (Denver, CO), Elder Bro. Don Sauder and Bro. Tom Hoffman (Roanoke, IL), Bro. Clifford Grimm (West Bend, IA) and

Elder Bro. Robert Byer (Naumburg, NY).

We have had several in the hospital this month: Sis. Mary Lawless, Sis. Ellen Siebenthal, Sis. Martha Schneider, Sis. Ida Huber, Marie Heller, and Ed Gillott (grandson of Sis. Eva Gillott), who was injured in a motorcycle accident. Any hospital stay can be a trying experience, and we pray for these patients and their families.

A recent Christian publication, speaking of the book of Micah, stated, "There are several famous passages which are familiar to the average Christian." Are we content to be "average" Christians? Think about this for a moment: "average" is as close to the bottom as it is to the top! God did not call us to be "average." Our Savior Jesus Christ Himself instructs us to "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." (Matthew 5:48) Even though we will not attain perfection in our lives here on earth, let us never be satisfied with being merely "average." Rather, let us ever strive for that perfection of our heavenly Father.

### ILLINOIS, PRINCEVILLE

**Martha Jane Siebenthal**

Our visiting ministers this month were Elder Bros. Don Sauder (Roanoke), John Klotzle (Altadena, CA), Corbin Bahler (Rockville, CT), Willis Ehnle (Shioda, Japan), Bros. Steve Gutwein (Francesville, IN), Clarence Dietrich (Silverton, OR), Wallace Ramsier (Mansfield, OH), Rex Frieden (Lamar, MO), Don Manz (Junction, OH) and Tom Hoffman (Roanoke). We were thankful some of these brothers could be here for the funeral service of Bro. Dale Dapper since it was the day after the conference. May God bless each one for their labors of love and who are willing to preach God's truth.

We are thankful that more souls are willing to answer the call to repentance. Hope Steiner (Bro. Harold and Sis. Karen), Jodi Knobloch (Bro. Al and Sis. Vicki Hartzler), Kristina Stoller (Bro. William and Sis. Kathleen), Luann Martin (Bro. Sam and Sis. Mary) and Denny Streitmatter (Bro. William and Sis. Diane). We pray each one will put their hand in



God's hand and trust Him to lead their lives.

Mark Feucht (Bro. Earl and Sis. Margaret) and Paula Stahl (Norman and Pat Stahl) were married July 28. We are thankful to have them worship with us and we wish them God's blessings as they start their life together.

We wish to extend sincere sympathy to Sis. Julie Dapper in the loss of her brother, Bro. Dale Dapper (Philadelphia, PA). Funeral services were held here at Princeville August 11 and burial was in the church cemetery. May God comfort his wife, Sis. Ruth; his brothers, John (Hawaii) and Bro. Ernest (Elgin); his sisters, Sis. Christine Locher and Lavina Muehlauser (California) and Sis. Julie. We pray that God will comfort and console in the days ahead.

May God bless Bro. Loris and Martha Kieser and daughters, Sis. Lori, Sis. Lisa (Bradford) in their new home as they now assemble with us in Princeville.

We are thankful our minister, Bro. Art, and Sis. Joy Baurer had an enjoyable and safe trip while in Europe visiting their son, Bro. Clark.

On our sick list this month are little Andrew Ehnle, age 3, (Bro. Phil and Sis. Barbara) and Brett Herrmann, age 6, (Bro. Marvin and Sis. Lavonne), both tonsillectomy. We are glad to report Katherine Baer (surgery) is home after being in the hospital for a number of weeks. We are also glad that Sis. Lucille Knobloch (Bro. Ed) is able to be in her home after being in the hospital and nursing home. May God grant our loves ones a speedy recovery.

"Love of all gifts is the greatest" (Zion's Harp #37). Congratulations to our dear retired Elder Bro. David Kieser and his dear wife, Sis. Ruth, on their 50th wedding anniversary. A singing and reception was hosted August 17, by their children, Bro. Verle (Sis. Vonnie) Bradford, Sis. Karen Steiner (Bro. Harold) and Sis. Pat Meister (Bro. Skip, Peoria). May the Lord continue with them as he has blessed them in the past. May they enjoy a measure of good health and more years together. A "Special Thanks" for all you did for our beloved faith and church. God Bless You!

My nephew, Rany Siebental (Bro.

Eugene and Sis. Kay), is now calling home "The Apostolic Christian Home of the Handicapped" as of July 31. May the Lord grant His help to all in making this adjustment.

"Prayer is the key of the morning and the bolt of the night."

Thank You! We want to thank our families, relatives and friends for the love gifts and many cards in remembrance of our fiftieth wedding anniversary. God bless you one and all.

Reuben and Nathalie Feucht

A sincere thanks for all the prayers, the beautiful flowers, plants, the gift of love, visits and cards while I was at the nursing home. May God bless you all.

Lucille Knobloch

#### ILLINOIS, ROANOKE

##### Cathy Hohulin - Sandy Leman

September is a busy month for most people in our area, as we look out over the fields of farmland and see them "white already to harvest." The beginning of autumn is a time when we can watch the changes taking place in nature and be reminded of the many times Jesus used earthly examples to teach us spiritual truths. As we see the green leaves die and miraculously become vibrant with color, we pray that many more souls will die unto sin and receive a more vibrant, joyful life while the fields are yet ripe unto harvest. For we know the day will come when the Lord will gather His wheat into the garner, but will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

We rejoice with our Bro. Jim and Sis. Myra Leman in the marriage of their son, Bro. Mike, to Sis. Lisa Metz (Silverton, OR) June 24. Lisa is the daughter of Bro. Art and Sis. Betty Metz.

Bro. Ray and Sis. Carol Luginbuhl have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jill, to Ed Gralak, son of Mrs. Betty Gralak. Jill and Ed both reside in Texas, but plan to marry in Roanoke October 6.

We certainly appreciate visiting ministers who selflessly gave of their time and effort in service to our congregation this past month. We thank Bro. Ken Wuethrich (Indianapolis, IN),

Bro. Kent Heimer (Taylor, MO), Bro. Robert Miller (Portland, OR), and Bro. Ed Aeschleman (Philadelphia, PA).

We had several hospital patients this month. We extend prayers of healing to Sis. Helen Knapp, Sis. Angela Rassi, Fred Fischer, Bro. Dick Bowald, Sis. Jane Martin, and little Jacie Fehr, daughter of Bro. Dan and Sis. Diane.

The family of Maurice Knapp would like to express their heartfelt thanks to relatives and friends for the love and many acts of kindness shown us during the great loss of our loved one. May God bless each of you.

#### ILLINOIS, TREMONT

##### Carolyn Bolliger Marsha Koch

It seems to have been a month of weddings for the young people of our congregation. On July 22, our Bro. Dale Steiner (Bro. Dan, Jr. and Sis. Shirley) and Sis. Pam Gramm (Bro. Don and Sis. Rosella, Gridley, IL), were united in marriage.

Sis. Susan Frank (Bro. Marvin and Sis. Miriam) and Bro. Dale Glueck (Bro. Karl and Sis. Velda), both of Tremont chose July 29 as their wedding day.

Married on August 12 were Bro. Glenn Steiner (Bro. Joe and Sis. Marcella) and Sis. Rachel Knobloch (Bro. Jack and Sis. Nancy, Bradford).

Bro. Jeff Steiner (Bro. Richard and Sis. Ann) and Sis. Jill Koehl (Bro. Harvey and Sis. Wilda, Morris, MN), were married August 19.

May God bless these young couples as they begin their new lives together.

Planning a September wedding are Sis. Joan Steiner (Bro. Joe and Sis. Marcella) and Bro. Joe Fehr (West Bend, IA). His parents are Bro. Bob and Sis. Barbara Fehr (Champaign, IL).

Also made known was the engagement of Bro. Kurt Pflederer, son of Bro. Chris and Sis. Ruth Pflederer (Tremont) and Sis. Dana Trumbower (Leo, IN). Her parents are Don and Nancy Trumbower (Philadelphia, PA).

May God also richly bless these two young couples as they plan their future together.

We are happy to welcome two new young sisters into God's fold. They are Sis. Luci Koch (Bro. Elmon and Sis. Janice) and Sis. Kimberly Sauder (Bro. Richard and Sis. Evelyn). We were privileged to have Elder Bro. Jesse Beer (Milford, IN) and Elder Bro. Joe Braker (Morton) with us for this joyous occasion.

We wish to thank Elder Bro. Bob Grimm (Goodfield) and Bro. Greg Rassi (Chicago) for also visiting us this month. We appreciate the willingness of all our visiting ministers in giving us of their time and effort.

We are thankful Elder Bro. Dan Koch was able to assemble with us again. We pray the Lord will continue to heal and restore good health to him once again.

Our hospital patients this month have been Bro. Dan Steiner, Jr. (Sis. Shirley), Bro. Gene Koch (Sis. Annie) and Bill Hopkins (Maizie). These have all been surgical patients. We thank the dear Lord all are home and pray He will continue to heal them.

We rejoice with Bro. Don and Sis. Sandy Kaiser on the birth of their new baby son, Trent Michael, August 16. Happy grandparents are Bro. Melvin and Sis. Marlene Kaiser and Don and Lila Dunlap, all of Tremont.

Bro. Gene and Sis. Annie Koch wish to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, gifts, hospital visits and food brought in since Bro. Gene has returned home from the hospital. It was all appreciated very much.

Sis. Charlotte Steiner (Bro. Dan, Sr.) also wishes to express her appreciation to everyone for prayers, cards, gifts, visits and gifts of food during her recent hospital stay and her convalescence at home.

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### ILLINOIS, WASHINGTON Carol Schick

Summer has come and gone already and it is hard to believe that it is time for another change of season. I think our lives are quite similar in that the youthful years (summer) are fleeting and the elderly years (winter) sometimes seem to drag on forever. Time is one thing man can not slow down, alter, or stop so we must be mindful to use each minute wisely whether we are in the summer or winter years because the Word tells

us we will be asked to give an account of our time.

We wish to extend warm heartfelt thanks to the following ministers who visited our congregation the past month and lent themselves to us so willingly. They are Bros. Ed Bahler (Remington, IN), Marvin Schmidgall (Eureka) and Hartzell Kaisner (Detroit, MI). May each one of you be blessed abundantly by our Father in heaven.

May God's healing hand be upon Sis. Clara Speck and Sis. Edna Simon as they recover from recent surgery. May the Great Healer grant them health as He sees fit.

Sunday school resumes again this week after a brief vacation. It is always exciting to see how anxious the children are to return to their new class. Our prayers are with the Sunday school teachers as they prepare for another year.

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### INDIANA, BLUFFTON

#### Shari Fiechter - Gwen Kipfer

Our big congregation often times experiences joy and sorrow all in the same day. Recently we had a couple rejoicing because it was their wedding day and another family at the funeral home mourning the loss of their loved one.

"Shared joy is double joy,  
Shared sorrow is half a sorrow."

Author Unknown

Our hearts share the sorrow faced by three families in our congregation. Bro. Homer Gehring received his eternal reward July 30. Bro. Homer's life was blessed with many years as he was 93 years old. He will be missed by his dear wife, Sis. Ida, and his children, LaVera (Ervin) Krummen, DeWayne (Helen), Sis. Betty (Bro. Chester) Baumgartner and Bro. Clar-en Gehring (Sis. Joyce). Bro. Homer was also blessed with many grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

On August 2, God looked down and gave the death angel permission to bring little Byron Aschliman to heaven. Byron was only 3½ years old and his sweet smile and winning personality will be remembered and missed by all of us that knew him. We are thankful that God spared the

lives of Byron's father, Bro. Derryl, and his little brother, Taylor, as all three were involved in the tragic auto accident that took Byron's life. Byron is missed so very much by his mommy and daddy, Bro. Derryl and Sis. Peggy; siblings, Elizabeth, Tiffany and Taylor; grandparents, Bro. Les and Sis. Rosemary Gerber and Bro. Millard and Sis. Alice Aschliman; aunts, uncles, cousins and little friends.

On August 18, our dear Bro. Carl Kipfer was beckoned home by our heavenly Father at the age of 78. Bro. Carl ministered to our congregation for 18 years before retiring from the pulpit due to failing eyesight. Bro. Carl was always an encouraging person to talk with and never seemed discouraged by any circumstance. We will smile and probably even chuckle when the memory of Bro. Carl comes to mind. What a legacy he left behind! Though we rejoice with Bro. Carl and smile at the thought of him, we grieve with his loving wife, Sis. Nova, and his children, Bro. Ron (Sis. Linda), Beverly Hodel (Al, Palm Beach Gardens, FL), Sis. Joleen Sinn (Dave, Mansfield, OH) and stepson, Walt Steffen (Meg, Fort Wayne, IN). Sis. Esther and Sis. Frieda Kipfer and Bro. Martin (Sis. Marguerite) will miss their brother also. He was a wonderful grandpa and he had a way of making all young children feel special. We have confidence the Almighty Father will wrap His loving arms around those that are hurting.

Our hospital list always seems so long and we realize that varied prayers have been offered and answered in different ways. Spending time in the hospital have been Matt Yergler (son of Bro. Kim and Sis. Sue), Bro. John Reinhard (Sis. Pam), Taylor Aschliman (2 year old son of Bro. Derryl and Sis. Peggy), Bro. Oscar Bertsch (Sis. Sylvia), Bro. Ervin Isch (Sis. Anna), Sis. Berniece (Bro. Melvin) Maller and Trent Earney (12 month old son of Bro. Todd and Sis. Teresa). We rejoice that little Trent (who weighed only 1 lb., 6 oz. at birth) is doing pretty well at this time. It has been a difficult year as he gets sick quite easily, but his future continues to look brighter with each passing month.

We share the joy being experienced by five young people who have heeded God's call. They are Marvin

Isch, Marci Gilliom, Jaime Schwartz, Kara Heyerly and Melissa Hess. We rejoice with them as they work out their soul's salvation and pray they will find and hold fast to the peace that passes all understanding.

Five precious souls gave testimony of God's gentle calling, conviction of sin, and finally the blissful submission of repentance and conversion of July 28 and 29. We welcome Bro. Cris and Sis. Kelley Stucky (children of Bro. Steve and Sis. Carol), Sis. Becky Pertel (Cathy Pertel), Bro. Stacey Stucky (Bro. Rick and Sis. Cathy) and Sis. Tonia Schwartz (Elder Bro. Ed and Sis. Jeni). Elder Bro. Phil Stettner and Bro. Bob Meyer (Bluffton North, IN) came to share in this joyous work and bring the message of salvation to our congregation.

Four other visiting brothers brought God's Word to us this month. We thank Bros. Earl Ringger (Gridley, IL), Uriel Gehring (Leo, IN), Ben Manz (Junction, OH) and Homer Reineck (Toledo, OH). Please come again!

We shared the joy with two couples that made lifelong commitments to each other in the month of August. Bro. Larry Bertsch (Bro. Leonard and Sis. Wava) and Sis. Laura Moser (Bro. Glen and Sos. Dina Fae) were united as one through Jesus Christ August 5. Laura's little Sunday school students (all girls) were privileged to sit up front to witness this blessed marriage. Bro. Kip Gerber (Bro. Mike and Sis. Cheryl) and Sis. Jill Ringger (Bro. Kent and Sis. Jan) began this glorious adventure called marriage August 12.

Sis. Sara Kipfer (Bro. Ned and Sis. Dixie) and Bro. Chris Frahiger (Bro. Les and Sis. Ann) have felt the Spirit's direction and have made plans for a January wedding. We all give thanks for God's direction in their lives. We wish these special couples God's richest blessings!

Kayla Charlene is the precious bundle from heaven given to Bro. Troy and Sis. Brenda Kipfer. Little Kayla was born July 12 and is also dearly loved by grandparents, Bro. John and Sis. Sue Kipfer and Howard and Judy Hess.

Bro. Wayne and Becky Snodgrass welcomed Rachel Darlene into their family circle July 25. Jacob is no longer the baby in the family! Bro.

Dan and Sis. Delores Reinhard (Detroit, MI), Darlene DeVault (Wathena, KS) and Walter Snodgrass Sr. (Lamont, OK) are Rachel's grandparents.

Bro. Rick and Sis. Deb Fiechter are thankful for their second daughter, Heather Lynn, born August 1. Leah is happy to have a sister. Happy grandparents are Bro. Tom and Sis. Marilyn Baumgartner and Bro. Melvin and Sis. Doris Fiechter.

Bro. Brian and Sis. Joy Tonner are experiencing the joy of parenthood as Alyssa Rae arrived August 3. Alyssa's pleased grandparents are Bro. Howard and Sis. Joyce Baumgartner (Bluffton North, IN) and Bro. Gary and Sis. Diane Tonner.

We also rejoice with grandparents Bro. Harold and Sis. Violet Meyer as they were doubly blessed with grandbabies. Chase Michael Heinold was born to Bro. Mike and Sis. Beth Hienold (Valparaiso, IN), and Alyssa Marie Meyer was born to Bro. Denny and Sis. Kathy (Bluffton North, IN). Bro. Bob and Sis. Evie Gerber have a new grandson in Wolcott, IN, as Bro. Bob and Sis. Luann Gerber have been blessed with Brett Jacob's arrival. A baby is God's opinion that the world should continue!

#### INDIANA, BLUFFTON NORTH Lois Drayer - Deb Aeschliman

We warmly thank Bro. Bill Dotterer and his family for assembling with us recently and bringing forth the Word of God. We appreciate his willingness to serve.

August 19 was the wedding date for Bro. Grant Frauhiger (Bro. Doyle and Sis. Jane) and Sis. Maura Stettner (Elder Bro. Phil and Sis. Maureen). We rejoice with Bro. Grant and Sis. Maura and wish them God's blessings and much happiness.

There is joy in our congregation as we have another dear soul who has turned to the Lord in repentance. Our new convert is Tonya Troxel (Rob).

"Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord..." Psalm 127:3. We wish to extend congratulations to Bro. Howard and Sis. Joyce Baumgartner in the birth of their new granddaughter, Alyssa Rae, born August 3 to Bro. Brian and Sis. Joy Tonner (Bluffton). Paternal grandparents are Bro. Gary

and Sis. Diann Tonner (Bluffton). Likewise, we extend congratulations to Bro. Ken and Sis. Roberta Steffen in the birth of granddaughter, Camille Christen, born to Bro. Jeff and Sis. Robin Steffen (St. Louis, MO) August 5. Bro. Tom and Sis. Jan Moser welcome another little grandson, Matthew David, born August 5, to Troy and Lindy Moser, and we congratulate them also.

Our prayers are with loved ones who have spent time in the hospital, Bro. Bert Aeschliman (Sis. Karen), Bro. Al Ringger (Sis. Colleen), Bro. Lonnie Bertsch (Sis. Becky) and Sis. Mary Baumgartner.

Like the springtime after winter  
And the sunshine after rain,  
Like the harvest after planting  
When fall drifts 'round again,  
Like the dawning after darkness  
When the last bright star has fled,  
After shut-in days have ended,  
There'll be brighter days ahead!

Jon Gilbert

#### INDIANA, FRANCESVILLE Jacki Huber

One of the unique blessings enjoyed by those of the Apostolic Christian faith is the opportunity to assemble with those who are "one in faith and doctrine", both across the nation and across the sea. We've been blessed by the presence of Elder Bros. Alexandru Virtaci and Albert Szabo from Romania who spent the week-end of August 11 and 12 with us. Also, ministering Bros. Victor Beer (North Fort Myers, FL) and Arthur Metz (Silverton, OR) shared God's Word with us Wednesday evening, August 8. We felt the presence of the Holy Spirit as they preached the Word.

Three families have had the joy of welcoming new additions! Bruce and Colleen Westfall (Stuttgart, West Germany) welcome a daughter, Taylor McKenzie, into their home. Taylor was born July 13 and has one older sister, Whitney. Grandparents are Bill and Alma Long (Monon, IN) and Bro. Karl Westfall.

Tyler Dean is the newest addition to Dean and Leona Speece's family. He was born August 5 and has two older sisters, Krystle and Olivia. Bro. Irvin and Sis. Lois Yaggie, and Skip

and Jill Speece (Johnston, IA) are the grandparents.

On August 11, a precious baby boy, Jared Randal, was born to Bro. Randy and Sis. Stefanie Wuethrich. Jared's grandparents are Bro. Robert and Sis. Christine Baum (Phoenix, AZ) and Bro. Richard and Sis. Nola Wuethrich. May God bless these families!

Our prayers are with Marilyn Gutwein (Bro. Harvey) as she is undergoing treatments at this time.

We're thankful that Julie Huber (Bro. John and Sis. Bev) is recovering nicely after undergoing surgery.

### INDIANA, INDIANAPOLIS

#### Miriam Gudeman

We would like to extend a warm appreciation to our visiting ministers this past month. They were Bro. Neal Widmer (Wolcott), Bro. Karl Westfall (Francesville) and Bro. Thomas Hoffman (Roanoke, IL). May God bless them and their families.

Congratulations to Bro. Bill Bradford as he now serves on the Board of Directors for Gateway Woods (Leo), and to Bro. Dan Guingrich, acting as Indy's representative. A special thanks to our Indy participants in the Gateway Woods Auction this year. Keep up the good work! It's for a great cause!

We want to welcome Greg and Lisa Stieglitz (Leo) who have now made Indy their home after their recent marriage. We wish them well. We also welcome our newest college student, Sis. Heidi Lehman (daughter of Bro. John and Sis. Pam, Milford) who is starting at Butler this year. May God be with them as they begin a new chapter in their lives.

### INDIANA, LACROSSE

#### Mary Lynn Massner

#### REPENT YE

Turn your face, take timely warning,  
To Him who alone can save!  
Now His loving face is shining;  
Soon comes judgement and the grave.  
Still He offers you salvation  
But the time of grace is short.

Will you heed the invitation?

Come, and harden not your heart.

Zion's Harp #52

With everything that is happening in the Middle East, we truly urge our unconverted friends to answer the call of the Lord. So many unusual and even frightening events are unfolding in the world, that force us to take a good look at "the signs of the times." In LaCrosse we are overjoyed that two young souls have heard the call and are giving their hearts to Jesus. We wish Glen Gudeman (Bro. Don and Sis. Mary) and Luke Frank (Bro. Bill and Sis. Jo) the Lord's nearness and grace during their repentance.

Love of all gifts is the greatest! We celebrated the union of Bro. Bill Feller (Bro. Lynn and Sis. Mary Ann) to Sis. Stacey Shieler (Bro. Will and Sis. Sue) in Milford, IN, August 19. These two were joined as husband and wife on a beautiful sunny day. We pray for the Lord's blessings on this young couple as they walk the path of life hand in hand with each other and the Lord. May they build a true build a true Christian home, and be a light and example in this world of troubled marriages.

Once again our elders have gathered for their annual conference. We in LaCrosse have started listening to the tapes and feel a great thankfulness for our church and the closeness we try to keep with all the congregation throughout the world. The Lord has blessed us with a wonderful faith and a great heritage to pass down to our children.

We enjoyed the services of visiting ministers, Bro. Kevin Ryan (Rockville, CT) and Bro. Duane Farney (Croghan, NY) this past month. Our special thanks to them for giving their time to us.

Our Sis. Emma Pfeifer was hospitalized this past month. She made a wonderful recovery and is assembling with us once again.

### INDIANA, LEO

#### Thelma Schlatter

"The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree . . ."

Psalm 92:12

It's enlightening to think about comparisons (of which the above is one of many) to clarify Scriptural truths.

The palm tree of Scripture is the date palm. It grows to the height of 50 to 100 ft. It does not grow wild, but has to be planted and carefully tended when young. It's different from other trees in that it grows from within. Its trunk is straight, tall and unbroken, terminating in a crown of emerald-green plumes. It is a beautiful and useful tree.

Because the Palm tree grows from within, its living tissue is in a column in the center of the trunk. The bark can be removed; it can be scarred and cut, but still the palm grows up and toward the sky for the bark is only the support and protection for the inner life of the palm. The quantity and quality of its fruit are determined by the success of the growth of its inner life. Likewise, our Christian growth is within. Our "outer man" is like the bark of the palm -- we can be mistreated, scarred by various circumstances, but if our inner self is healthy, nothing can retard our inner growth. Isn't that enough to make you rejoice!

The palm has 360 uses: food, timber, rope, cloth, baskets, mats, couches, brooms, shades, etc. Even the seeds are ground and fed to camels. The tree's roots extend far and deep into the earth taking advantage of hidden moisture. It thrives even in dry and sandy soil.

What a comparison! We, who call ourselves children of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, need to drive our roots down deep into the source of Living Water for sustenance through our every day, glad or sad. In comparison to the palm, we ought to be willing to be used in many different ways. Have you ever heard, if one wasn't assigned a desired task, the remark "Well, I'll just sit back"? Not so with the palm tree. It is used for food but also for mats.

This bit of information was a glad surprise -- the palm bears its best fruit in old age; the fruit is sweetest when the palm is eighty years old. What do you think about that? When an apple tree gets old, the apples get smaller and smaller until it's worthless. Not so with the palm. The older it gets, the better and sweeter the fruit. It should be that way with us,

too. The farther we travel on our Christian journey, the sweeter we should get. "The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree," which suggests so much, whether it's the orderly and regular aspect of the tree, its fruitfulness, the perpetual greenness of its foliage, or the height at which the foliage grows as far as possible from earth and as near as possible to heaven! (Some of the above was taken from Bible dictionary and some parts from a leaflet which listed author unknown.)

Gregory Stieglitz and Lisa Hege were married August 11. Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hege (Woodburn) and Bro. Oliver and Sis. Emma Jean Stieglitz. The young couple is wished God's guidance and blessing.

Also made known was the engagement of Bro. Kurt Pflederer, son of Bro. Chris and Sis. Ruth Pflederer (Tremont, IL) and Sis. Dana Trumbower (Leo). Her parents are Don and Nancy Trumbower (Philadelphia, PA).

Sis. Milly Schlatter is home after a lengthy hospital stay. She and her loving care-givers are wished His blessed nearness through convalescence time.

When young people decide as a hymn title goes: "Give of Your Best To the Master", the strength of youth, it is joyous news. This is the intent of Jenny and Sheri, daughters of Bro. John and Sis. Linda Klopfenstein, and Mike, son of Bro. Lynn and Sis. Chris Klopfenstein.

Visiting ministers proclaiming the Good News were Elder Bro. Willis Ehle (Shioda, Japan) and Bro. Wally Ramsier (Mansfield, OH).

So many came prior to and the day of the auction to work, to donate, to buy generously, to encourage, and to support in prayer those who are serving Him faithfully in the "Work of Faith and Labor of Love" at Gateway Woods."

Service is love in work clothes. (at Gatewoods entrance)

The smallest good deed is better than the grandest intention.

When we take responsibility upon our shoulders, there is no room for CHIPS.

For a smile: The definition of "Junk" -- Something you save for years and then throw away just before you need it!

## INDIANA, MILFORD

### Given Steffen - Paula Haab

It makes our hearts rejoice to have had so many visitors come worship with us. The visiting ministers that so amply fed us spiritually were Bros. Ron Kipfer (Bluffton), Lester Huber (Lexington, KY), Bob Beebe and Wayne Lehman (South Bend), Bob Meyer and Wendell Gerber (Bluffton North), Tom Troxel (LaCrosse), Elder Bros. Roy Grimm (Taylor, MO) and Bob Grimm (Goodfield).

On Sunday, August 19, our church was filled with friends and brethren who came to witness the marriage of Sis. Stacy Schieler from our congregation and Bro. Bill Feller (LaCrosse). Parents of the couple are Bro. Will and Sis. Sue and Bro. Lynn and Sis. Mary Ann. May God be ever near them as they establish their home. It renews our faith to see God still filling hearts with enough love for one another to become man and wife. It was beautiful inside and outside that day and it truly was good for us to have been there.

Sis. Anne Troup was hospitalized a short time and hopefully soon will be able to be back in church. Sis. Aldine Remischel was able to leave the nursing home and once again go live with her daughter.

There seems to be much talk about school starting again and getting a good education. We pray that the emphasis will be put on what the Scriptures say; train up a child in the way he should go, and the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge. (Proverbs 22:6 & 1:7)

Bro. Walter Steffen had funeral services for Minnie (Clauss) Wuthrich in the funeral home here August 16. Three sons preceded her in death. Two daughter, three sisters, and four brothers survive. Among them are Bros. Joe and Dan (Francesville) and Noah Clauss (Goshen). Isn't it precious to know we have the Holy Spirit to comfort us in times like these? May the family feel His presence.

## INDIANA, REMINGTON

### Amelia Schini

"I will be glad and rejoice in thee; I will sing praise to thy name, O Thou most High."

Psalm 9:2

Isn't this the way we feel when we've had blessed times with many visitors bringing God's Word to us? We do, and want to, appreciate our own ministers but it seems natural that a visitor is able to stir up a revival in our heart.

On Sunday, July 29, Bros. Nelson Beer and Willard Schieler (Milford, IN) and retired minister, Bro. Vernon Leman (Eureka, IL) were our guests. We enjoyed a church supper at our fellowship hall at 4:00 p.m.

Then on Friday night, after the close of the brotherhood conference, Elder Bro. Andy Virkler (Bay City, MI) and Bros. Ron Palitto (Akron, OH), Glen Riegenbach (Smithville, OH) and Bill Dotterer (Phoenix, AZ) brought us God's Word. This time the services were at Wolcott as it is our custom to have services together alternately.

Sunday, August 12, Bro. Gene Lehman brought Elder Bro. John Klotzle over from Wolcott for our afternoon service. Their visit was a blessing to all.

On Wednesday evening, Bro. Alpha Strahm (Bern, KS) shared our pulpit with Elder Bro. John Klotzle. We thank all these brothers for their loving visits and encouraging messages.

On Monday evening, August 13, we gathered to hear the first of the tapes from the conference. Isn't modern technology wonderful? We can sit and hear the different brothers speak, can recognize their voices and feel they are in our midst. We appreciate their loving concern and warnings. May God bless all our elders and ministers with health and strength as well as the inspiration of the Spirit for our needs.

Even as we have had spiritual blessings, we have had material showers of blessings. We've had unusual amount of rain, the crops look thrifty and promising. However, I have to remember what my grandmother used to say: Until the grain is in the bin we can't be sure of it.

As I bring this to a close, I'm thinking that in less than a week, those yellow buses will be making their daily rounds to transport the precious children to school.

HAVE A GREAT DAY!

### INDIANA, SOUTH BEND Anna Marie Stoller

"Being perplexed, I say,  
'Lord, make it right!  
Night is as day to Thee,  
Darkness as light.  
I am afraid to touch  
Things that involve so much;  
My trembling hand may shake,  
My skill-less hand may break:  
Thine can make no mistake.'

"Being in doubt I say,  
'Lord, make it plain;  
Which is the true, safe way?  
Which would be gain?  
I am not wise to know,  
Nor sure of foot to go;  
What is so clear to Thee,  
Lord, make it clear to me!"

(Author unknown)

"How comforting to drop the  
tangles of life into God's hands and  
leave them there." (Streams in the  
Desert)

Entering God's worship place on  
Sunday or Wednesday night, we  
expect, and find, loving instruction  
and teaching to handle the mysteries  
of life. Bro. Randy Kellenberger  
(Kansas City, MO), Bro. Ken Hoerr  
(Peoria, IL), Bro. Michael Rieker  
(Peoria, IL) and our Elder Bro. Jesse  
Beer (Milford) were visiting minis-  
ters of the Word this past month. One  
of these servants reminded us of the  
"Love of God". "Could we with ink the  
ocean fill (imagine the oceans of the  
world), and were the skies of parch-  
ment made (parchment filling the  
sky as we look upward); Were every  
stalk on earth a quill (look at the  
fields full of grain and imagine them  
as pens), and every man (5 billion of  
them) a scribe by trade." Then think  
of this, "to write the love of God above  
would drain the ocean dry; nor could  
the scroll contain the whole tho'  
stretched from sky to sky." How  
measureless and strong is God's love.

Ed Stuart mourns the loss of his  
dad, and Sis. Pauline Laidig sorrows  
with the passing of her sister-in-law.  
Our prayers are with these loved  
ones who feel the vacancies.

The past two weeks we have been  
blessed with many visitors after the  
annual church conference. God again  
has granted grace and wisdom to our  
loving elder brethren to lead us to the

heavenly pastures. We all benefit from  
the uplift and encouragement of this  
annual conference, and as each one  
who attended the meeting at Cissna  
Park, IL, returns home, they spread  
the encouragement as rays of warm  
sunshine. We thank God for this, and  
continue to pray for and support our  
faithful elders.

Matthew Mangold, son of Sis.  
Renee and Mike Mangold, has taken  
employment in the Washington, D.C.  
area. Thanks be to God that we have  
a small congregation there, that Matt  
has been attending, that Matt has  
answered the call of the Lord and is  
repenting. We are praying that he  
will soon know the joy and fullness of  
peace with God the Creator.

### INDIANA, VALPARAISO

#### Cindy Susdorf - Marie Heinold

Greetings brothers and sisters  
across the lands! It seems these  
summer months have passed by very  
quickly. By the time you're all read-  
ing this, our children will be back in  
school again.

We are thankful that Bro. Roy  
Frieden is feeling much better and is  
back with us again after recovering  
from hepatitis.

Bro. Mike and Sis. Beth Heinold  
have been blessed with their first  
baby, Chase Michael, a beautiful  
healthy baby from the Lord. Grand-  
parents are Bro. Vic and Sis. Sheryl  
Heinold and Bro. and Sis. Harold  
Meyer (Bluffton, IN).

Recently, Bro. Andy Moser was  
preaching to us about how we should  
live every moment for the Lord as if it  
were our last. Lo and behold, one of  
our dear sisters became ill during the  
closing prayer. As of this writing, Sis.  
Eunice Feller (Bro. Willis) is in the  
hospital awaiting surgery. We thank  
God that she will be all right and that  
if her life might have been taken she  
would have been ready to meet the  
Master. There are many in our own  
families who would not have been  
ready for that situation. We continu-  
ally keep praying that they may see  
the light before it is too late for their  
souls to enter into heaven.

We are thankful that Bro. Carl  
Wyss (Washington, IL) and our dear  
Elder Bro. Dale Eisenmann (Chicago,  
IL) could be with us in this last month  
and share God's Word with us. We

pray the Lord will bless them richly  
for their labors of love. Let's all move  
forward and fight the good fight of  
faith.

### INDIANA, WOLCOTT

#### Lynell Blume - Lorna Knapp

Our Elder Bro. Alfred Bahler  
conducted our Bible Study July 25  
entitled "Spirituality". We appreci-  
ate his kind words of instruction and  
encouragement.

"Behold, how good and how pleas-  
ant it is for brethren to dwell together  
in unity!" Psalm 133:1. Our thoughts  
and prayers were with our elder and  
ministering brothers as they met at  
Cissna Park, IL, for the annual broth-  
erhood conference. We pray they could  
feel the presence of the Holy Spirit in  
their midst as they discussed the  
concerns of our precious faith. May  
we all strive to make their duties  
easier by walking more faithfully and  
obediently.

As a result of the conference we  
were blessed by the visits of several  
ministers. We sincerely thank Elder  
Bro. Andy Virkler (Bay City, MI),  
Elder Bro. John Klotzle (Altadena,  
CA), Bro. Ron Palitto (Akron, OH),  
Bro. Glenn Riggnebach (Smithville,  
OH), Bro. Bill Dotterer (Phoenix, AZ),  
Bro. Vernon Wettstein (Congerville,  
IL), and Bro. Alpha Strahm (Bern,  
KS) for their time spent with us. May  
the Lord bless and inspire them as  
they labor in His service.

Our congregation has been blessed  
with three new babies. Our hearts  
are uplifted as we look upon these  
"little miracles" of God's creation and  
are awed by their innocence and  
dependency on others. Bro. Bob and  
Sis. Luann Gerber happily welcomed  
Brett Jacob into their hearts and home  
August 7. Bobbi, Bethany and Brit-  
tany are willing helpers with their  
new baby brother. Brett's grandpar-  
ents are Elder Bro. Alfred and Sis.  
Frances Bahler and Bro. Bob and Sis.  
Evelyn Gerber (Bluffton, IN).

Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Pat Kyburz  
and Bro. Vernon and Sis. Jan Furrer  
are happy grandparents of Mindy  
Elaine, born August 9 to Bro. Bruce  
and Sis. Pam Furrer. Katie is also  
happy for a new baby sister.

On August 19, Maria Mae was  
born to Bro. Greg and Sis. Mary Beth  
Lehman. She is welcomed by big sis-

ter, Kimberly, and grandparents, Elder Bro. John and Sis. Lois Klotzle (Altadena, CA) and Bro. Gene and Sis. Verna Lehman. Little Maria required surgery soon after birth and is hospitalized at this time. Many prayers are being offered in their behalf and we know God hears and answers prayers. If we put our trust and faith in Him, then He can provide the grace and strength that we need.

We warmly welcome Kevin and Peg (Wettstein) Balducci and their son, Shane, as they have moved to our area from Congerville, IL. We hope they will have the desire to worship with us, too!

We are thankful to have Bob and Irene Radcliffe assembling with us again. Due to health reasons, they had not been able to fellowship with us for quite some time.

Once again, the summer has passed so quickly and the children are back in school. May they remember the teachings they received at home and in Sunday school and may our heavenly Father watch over each one and keep them from harm and evil.

### IOWA, BURLINGTON

#### Carolyn Wulf - Deyona Massner

We appreciate the ministering brothers who were willing to share God's Word with us this past month. They were Bro. Bill Gerst (Alto, MI), Bro. Roy Enhle (Bradford, IL) and Bro. Leroy Messner (Winthrop, MN).

Bro. Mike and Sis. Elizabeth Schumacher are the happy grandparents of twin boys, Aaron Jacob and Ryne David, born July 21 to Dan and Ruth Schrock. Grandparents Bro. Bob and Sis. Edith Schrock (Oakville) are rejoicing also.

As the children enter into another year of school, it is our prayer that the Lord will guard and protect them from the evils and snares of the world. May we continue to do our part to preserve this precious faith.

### IOWA, ELGIN Gloria Frieden

As we have enjoyed the beauty of the summer green, soon we can also enjoy another beauty as the leaves turn shades of red, orange and yel-

low. May we ever praise and thank our Creator who gives us so many bonuses along our way. As He finds pleasure in giving us so many blessings and things to enjoy, may we also find pleasure in serving Him.

Our prayers are with Bros. Tim Butikofer and John Schupbach who were recently elected Sunday school teachers for the Bible and Jr. Bible classes. May they feel God's guidance and blessings as they serve Him, in reaching out to these youth who are on the threshold of adulthood.

"Where no counsel is the people fall: but in the multitude of counselors there is safety."

Proverbs 11:14

Again with many cares and concerns for our precious faith our elders and ministers have gathered together for the annual brotherhood conference. May we truly appreciate the love and concern our shepherds have for their flocks.

The following is a poem handed to me by our Elder Bro. Paul Butikofer. It has much food for thought, so we will share it.

### "T'WAS A SHEEP, NOT A LAMB

"Twas a sheep, not a lamb, 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 on the hillside, out in the cold.  
'Twas a sheep the Good Shepherd  
sought;  
And back to the flock, safe in 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 lambs astray.  
For the lambs will follow the sheep,  
you know,

Wherever the sheep may stray;  
When the sheep go wrong, it will  
not be long

Till the lambs are as wrong as they.  
And so with the sheep earnestly  
plead,

For the sake of the lambs today;  
If the lambs are lost, what terrible  
cost

Some sheep will have to pay!

Selected

Our thanks to Elder Bro. Harold Messner (Winthrop, MN) for his visit and for ministering God's Word to us.

### IOWA, IOWA CITY Janette Schulz

Greetings to all! A special thank you to all of our visitors this month, including Bro. Dan Stoller (Rockville, CT). We're thankful he and Sis. Diane still keep Iowa City in their thoughts and prayers even though it has been years since they assembled here.

We bid farewell and wishes for God's blessings to Bro. Kevin Banwart as he follows God's direction to move to Silverton, OR. May he continue to keep Iowa City in his prayers also.

Several of us were privileged to attend the brotherhood conference in Cissna Park, IL, this month. What an encouragement to feel the united concern of the elder brothers as they watch for our souls! Although we live in perilous times, we can draw much comfort and strength from knowing we are not out fighting the battle alone. May God continue to grant our church leadership the wisdom and courage needed to guide our ship safely to the harbor. May each of us do our part by being willing hearers and doers of the Holy Word and their Spirit-inspired directives.

Call and cry, ye watchmen, boldly;  
Call aloud and spare them not!  
Jesus wants a faithful witness;  
Teachers not confessing Jesus  
Have stern judgment as their lot.  
Call and cry, ye watchmen, boldly;  
Call aloud and spare them not.

Truly stones could not help crying  
If the watchmen's call would cease,  
And the very rocks about us,  
Every one a crying witness  
Could no longer hold their peace.  
Truly stones could not help crying  
If the watchman's call would cease!

Therefore rise, all ye, His servants;  
For Elijah's spirit pray!  
If as Lord ye would address Him,

Faithfully ye must confess Him,  
And His holy will obey!  
Therefore rise, all ye, His servants;  
For Elijah's spirit pray!

Zion's Harp #112

### IOWA, LESTER

#### Kathy Metzger - Mary Knobloch

Our congregation has again been blessed by brethren that are willing to serve us the Word of Life. Those who shared many teachings with us were Bro. Alphai Moser (Morris, MN); Bro. Lenard Meyer (Chicago, IL); Elder Bro. Charles Hemmer (Peoria, IL); Bro. Nathan Stoller (Bradford, IL); Bro. William Hodel (Roanoke, IL); Bro. Marvin Stieglitz (Leo, IN); Bro. Bert Butikofer (Elgin); Bro. Kent Mogler (Minneapolis, MN) and Bro. Arthur Metz (Silverton, OR).

A Fort Sam reunion was hosted by several couples here and it was a blessing to meet new brothers and sisters-in-Christ and to renew old acquaintances. The fellowship we enjoy here on earth is just a foretaste of greater eternal joys awaiting those who remain true to their God.

Another home has been touched by God's love. A son, Kirk Michael, was born July 28 to Lyle and Loris Metzger. May God bless their family and home!

John DeHaan, Michael Leuthold (Bro. Bob, Sis. Cindy), Bro. Lawrence Wulf and Stephen Snyders (Sis. Peggy and Lyle) have been hospitalized. We pray for God's healing power upon those who are physically afflicted.

Our prayers are with all the students who resume classes these next few weeks. As they prepare for school and their future, may they keep in mind the great need for preparation for their eternal life!

### IOWA, OAKVILLE

#### Debbi Wagenbach Melody Steiner

"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." Isaiah 53:5. It is with much joy and thankfulness to God that we see several souls turning their back on the ways of the world and following in the footsteps of the Saviour. May each one of our con-

verts seek out Christ in sincerity and let Him be the chief cornerstone in their lives.

"Blessed by God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort where with we ourselves are comforted of God." II Corinthians 1:3-4 Surely we know God can and will comfort those who have suffered tragedy, even as we have so recently experienced in our own congregation and family circle. On July 22, a tragic accident claimed the life of our dear friend, Kenny Anliker. We know that God has a reason for all things and we must always trust that His timing and ways are sure. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Bro. Dan and Sis. Delores, Kenny's mother and father, and his immediate family, Scott, Jill, Jennifer and Royce. We know that they have felt God's comfort and though the days ahead may be rather difficult at times, we know that God is faithful and will stand beside them.

August 12 marked a new beginning in the lives of four dear souls. Sis. Mary Wagenbach (John and Sis. Marilyn) became the God-given wife of Bro. Tom Lanz (Elder Bro. Ed and Sis. Joan) and Sis. Joni Lanz (Elder Bro. Ed and Sis. Joan) became a helpmate and lifelong companion to Bro. Troy Massner (Bro. Virg and Sis. Barbara). May our new couples always look to God to provide their needs and we wish upon them God's richest blessings. "Thus united and in concord let us walk the path of life . . ." Zion's Harp #237. Several from Oakville attended the wedding of Bro. David Kiefer and Sis. Becky Cargill in Elgin, IL. May God ever bless this couple as they begin their journey through life as husband and wife.

"The Lord again has given His counsel and His will . . ." Zion's Harp #138. Bro. Jay Luthi (Lamont, KS), Bro. Max Reimschisel (Wichita, KS) and Bro. Danny Stoller (Rockville, CT) have recently brought forth the Lord's teachings over our Oakville pulpit. May God bless them for their faithful service.

What a blessed privilege it was to once again attend the brotherhood conference in Cissna Park, IL. It is

with a deep gratitude to God we have once again hear the kindly admonitions and encouragements of our dear elder brothers. Let us stand fast in our calling and where there are changes to be made let us, through God's direction, conform our lives more closely to His will, that we ourselves would never be an offense or a stumbling block to some dear soul who is searching for the truth.

### IOWA, PULASKI

#### Teresa Schock - Carol Wettstein

Summer is almost over and our children will soon be back in school. We trust God will watch over them as they face each obstacle in life.

Our thanks to Bro. Rex Frieden (Lamar, MO) and Bro. Curt Frank (LaCrosse, IN) for sharing God's Word with us.

We extend our sympathy to Sis. Mary Wiegand (Bro. Dave) in the passing of her father, Bro. Alvin Domnick (Peoria, IL). It is comforting to know that if we stay true and faithful we can meet our loved ones again someday.

We wish much happiness for Brian Knapp and Karlan Licht who were united in marriage July 28. Parents of the couple are Bro. Harold and Sis. Mary Jane Knapp and Marvin and Carol Licht (Cambridge, IL).

Bro. Albert Wuthrich wishes to thank everyone who remembered him with cards and gifts for his 90th birthday.

### IOWA, WEST BEND

#### Phyllis Banwart - Mary Gerber

We have been richly blessed this past month with many visitors. Among them have been our dear brothers who have let themselves be used in the ministering of God's Word. Elder Bro. Gene Marti (Kansas City, MO), Bros. Alphai Strahm (Bern, KS), Curt Frank (LaCrosse, IN), Dale Moore (Elgin, IA), Ted Witzig (Morton, IL), Joe Gerst (Iowa City) and Wayne Banwart (Champaign, IL) have been in our midst.

Our thoughts and prayers have been with the following hospital patients, Sis. Leah Traub, Bro. Bert Thomann, Sis. Edna Banwart (Bro. Earl), Josephine Thomann, Bro. Fred Wirtz (Sis. Hulda), Bro. Walter Ban-



wart (Sis. Esther), Marie Fisher, Sis. Lilly Mogler (Bro. Nate) and Sis. Ella Banwart. May we continue to remember Bro. Fred and Sis. Lilly who remain hospitalized. Bro. Bert now resides in the Rolfe Care Center.

On July 22, we heard of the engagement of Sis. Joan Steiner (Bro. Joe and Sis. Marcella, Tremont, IL) to Bro. Joe Fehr (Bro. Robert and Sis. Barb, Champaign, IL) formerly of our West Bend congregation. We wish them God's blessings.

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**JAPAN, SHIODA**  
**Terri Gramm**

I'm grateful to have returned to Japan safely after visiting family and friends in the States. It was a real treat for me to be able to attend my sister Pam's wedding. God usually works things out for good. He definitely "does exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think" (Ephesians 3:20).

My parents, Bro. Don and Sis. Rosie Gramm (Gridley, IL), also were privileged to visit here in Japan. In August, we spent two busy weeks together visiting friends and touring. They were thankful for the experience and I enjoyed having them here.

Gracious thanks are extended to Bro. Frank Sauder for ministering to us every Sunday in August. May God reward him abundantly.

Please remember the church and the seeking souls in your prayers. Our Lord does work miracles!

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**JAPAN, TOKYO**  
**Frank and Kathy Sauder**

This past month our little congregation said farewell to Bro. Andy Klaus and Mrs. Yukita and her daughter, Shiori, who have moved to America.

Bro. Andy returned to Champaign, IL, where he will continue his studies at the University of Illinois. He came to Japan last year to study Japanese. We will miss his fellowship and song leading. Our prayers go with him and Lord willing, we hope to see him back in Japan after he graduates.

Mrs. Yukita and her daughter, Shiori, have faithfully attended our church's worship service and other activities over the past several years.

Her husband has been transferred to Lexington, KY, so they have moved to America to join him. We pray that she will feel at home at our Lexington Church, but most of all we pray that she will find her salvation in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

This past month, the Tokyo church sponsored our annual two day fellowship meeting near the Mt. Fuji area. We want to thank the brothers and sisters who worked with the Sunday school students, and the brothers who led the adult meetings. One of the items that was discussed was how we individually and collectively as a group can reach out to the friends and unbelievers. Even though we may not have a special talent like the disciples Peter, James, and John, we can be like Andrew who quietly led people to Christ as he did with his brother, Peter, and the boy with five fish and two loaves of bread.

"He (Andrew) first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, we have found the Messiah, which is being interpreted, the Christ. And he brought him to Jesus." (John 1:41-42) Let us do likewise!

We were thankful to be able to meet Sis. Terri Gramm's parents, Bro. Don and Sis. Rosie (Gridley, IL). We know that for parents it is not easy to have their children living in a foreign country. May God's blessing rest upon them for sharing their daughter with us in Japan to further the work for His kingdom.

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**KANSAS, BERN**  
**Kathy Strahm**  
**Lori Baumgartner**

**NOW IT IS DONE**

"Now it is accomplished! I'm no longer mine;  
Lord I will forever and always be Thine;  
For Thou hast created and purchased me too  
Baptized with Thy Spirit Thou makest me new."

Zion's Harp #209

We rejoice in that two more souls have been added to our fold, Bro. Myron Menold (Bro. James and Sis. Louise) and Bro. Alan Edelman (Bro.

Fred and Sis. JoAnn). We were able to hear their testimonies and witness their baptisms the weekend of July 28 and 29.

Our visiting ministers this past month were Bro. Gene Metzger (Lester, IA) and Elder Bro. Sam Huber (Sabetha, KS). We appreciated their services on our behalf.

Hospitalized this past month was Sis. Marie Grimm (Bro. Harvey) who underwent gall bladder surgery. We are thankful to see that she has recuperated so quickly. Recently, Bro. Ed Lehman (Sis. Leola) spent almost a week in the hospital because of injuries sustained in a fall. We pray that the Lord will provide healing according to His will.

We express our sympathy to Bro. Martin and Sis. Arlene Esslinger and their family upon hearing of the death of Arlene's father, Bro. Sam Mogler (West Bend, IA). He passed from this life August 13.

The summer months often bring about many family get-togethers and reunions. We always enjoy fellowshiping with our family members, becoming reacquainted with those we seldom see and reminiscing over those who have gone before us.

The following poem which was written for a recent family reunion was submitted for publication.

We come today to celebrate,  
Our link to times gone by;  
To loved ones we have not yet met  
Who wait on spirits high.

Not one of us has heard their voice  
Nor even seen their face.  
Their courageous trip across the  
sea  
Has brought us to this place.

The world of Jacob and Lena  
Has changed in all but name;  
The family values shared by them,  
We strive to keep the same.

Love and truth and honesty  
Are often lost today,  
But sometimes through the clouds  
of gloom  
There shines a hopeful ray.

Descendants of the Wittmer clan  
Around us you will find;  
A common bond of heritage  
Create the ties that bind.

May our earthly years prove  
bountiful  
A life fulfilled, or fate;  
With Jake and Lena greeting us  
When at the heaven's gate.

D.W.

Submitted: Ella Hartter, Bern

All God's children look forward to that "great family reunion" -- the one that will take place in heaven some day for those who are ready.

Sis. Esther Moser who is suffering from cancer is now a resident of the Apostolic Christian Nursing Home. She faithfully served many years as a Silver Lining reporter for our congregation. May she feel the Lord's nearness each day and find comfort in knowing that "this too will pass away."

#### "THIS TOO WILL PASS AWAY"

If I can endure for this minute  
Whatever is happening to me,  
No matter how heavy my heart is  
Or how "dark" the moment may  
be --

If I can remain calm and quiet  
With all my world crashing about  
me,

Secure in the knowledge God loves  
me  
When everyone else seems to doubt  
me--

If I can but keep on believing  
What I know in my heart to be  
true,  
That "darkness will fade with the  
morning"

And that this will pass away, too--  
Then nothing in life can defeat me  
For as long as this knowledge  
remains

I can suffer whatever is happening  
For I know God will break "all the  
chains"

That are binding me tight in "the  
darkness"

And trying to fill me with fear--  
For there is no night without  
dawning

And I know that "my morning" is  
near.

Helen Steiner Rice

#### KANSAS, FORT SCOTT Teresa Bahr

We recently partook of holy communion with Elder Bro. John Lehman

(Bern, KS) assisting our Elder Bro. Raymond Banwart.

Ryan Eugene was born June 19 to Roger and Chris Kraft. Delighted big sister is Rachel Elizabeth, and grandparents are Bro. Harold and Sis. Wanda Kraft.

Several family members from Fort Scott attended the wedding of Bro. Jeff Fischer and Sis. Gloria Streitmatter in Sarasota, FL, on June 17.

Bro. Jerry Bahr underwent emergency surgery June 28 and we are thankful that he has made a full recovery.

"All people smile in the same language"

Wings of Silver, pg. 26

#### KANSAS, KIOWA Darcy Kisling - Janice Bahr

"Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine."

1 Timothy 5:17

Elder Bro. Ron Nelson attended the elders conference this month in Cissna Park, IL. Our prayers were with them as they conducted the important matters of the church.

At the Life Care Rest Home this month, our church gathered to have the service. One special resident there, Sis. Bea Diel was having her 92nd birthday.

Sis. Matilda Schupbach was hospitalized with pneumonia this month. She is now at home and feeling much better. May the Lord continue to bless her with good health.

#### KANSAS, SABETHA Beth Hartter - Sharon Strahm

Our thoughts and prayers have been with our dear elder brethren as they assembled for the annual brotherhood conference. We were sorry our Elder Bro. Sam Huber was not able to attend as he has been hospitalized with back problems. We pray for him.

Also, Don Strahm has been in our prayers as he has had surgery and is confined to bed as he recovers at home.

We have had the privilege of visit-

ing ministers. Our heartfelt thank you to Bros. Virgil Metzger (Chicago, IL), Richard Aberle (Altadena, CA) and Bill Dotterer (Phoenix, AZ) for bringing us the Word of Life.

Our congregation rejoices as three more beloved friends are repenting and seeking their soul's salvation. They are Ken Beyer (Bro. Martin and Sis. Karen), Regina Edelman (Clemens and Sis. Marge) and Carla Hartter (Bro. Roger and Sis. Ilene). May they continue to prayerfully seek God's guidance. We will miss Regina as she will be attending school in Kansas City and assembling with them.

We want to welcome Bro. Lee and Sis. Natalie Martin safely home from Germany where they've spent the past year. We wish them God's nearness as they move to Wisconsin and he continues his education there.

Welcome home to Sis. Julie Edelman also. She fulfilled her commitment in Connecticut and has now taken employment here.

#### KANSAS, WICHITA Emma Miller

Bro. Glen Funk (Garden Grove, IA, congregation) ministered to us July 29. He reminded us that only Jesus can fulfill the following quote: "Come unto me and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28 It is always a blessing to have Bro. Glen, Sis. Sally, and their family worship with us.

Bro. Milton and Sis. Lillian Bowers were doubly blessed as grandparents July 24. Their daughter, Lois, and her husband, Charles Hallberg, are the parents of Charles Gustav and Christian Garrett. Three daughters complete this happy family group.

#### KENTUCKY, LEXINGTON Lester and Glendoris Huber

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"

Psalms 133:1

Our recent experience at our annual conference was the highlight of our year, nothing relates to the above verse more beautifully. And how it challenges our faith to fan the sparks of hope for a revival in these

perilous, momentous times, toward the foundations of the faith of our fathers.

May we each one bear the "Burden for the Word of the Lord" that the flame of revival for "the Old Paths" Jeremiah 6:16, will not only kindle new light in our lamps but oil in our vessels when Jesus comes. Matthew 25:1-13. Perhaps never has there been a time "so Great" since the day of Christ, to heed the "charge" of Paul and the changeless message in a changing society to preach the Word, etc., and do the "Work of an Evangelist". II Timothy 4:1-5.

We express our heartfelt thanks again to our ministering brethren, their wives and families who came in this past month to share God's living Word with us. They were Bro. Michael Rieker (Peoria, IL) and Bro. Earl Beery (Rittman, OH). May God bless them for their faithfulness. Also we appreciate all the visitors that came and worshipped with us as they were traveling through and on vacation with their families.

School days are here again and our children and young folks are back in the classrooms. Let us remember to pray for them and for their teachers.

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#### MICHIGAN, ALTO

Denise Oesch - Michelle Oesch

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven; a time to be born and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to morn, and a time to dance; a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; a time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace."

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

These writings have always held a special place in my heart for it was this passage my own dear Dad chose

as the story that best describes the season, the changes of life.

For now the seasons of the weather are changing into fall. Crops are harvested; children go back to school. We, as parents, will let go one more time as they learn knowledge to walk and grow without us. But as least we, as parents, can find hope that we planted the very best seeds of knowledge and most of all our love and blessings to grow.

I feel God leads us much the same way we do with our children. With the same special plantings and hope as Christians that His love will continue to grow-teach. I know I learn each and every day of His unbound and forgiving love.

So to everything there is a season and a reason to it all. Maybe we will learn it today, maybe tomorrow. But may we never close our hearts.

We thank the dear brothers who came to Alto this month and shared themselves with us. Bros. Carl Wiess (Washington, IL), Randy Kellenberger (Kansas City, MO), Neil Ramseyer (Bay City), Bro. Tom Schrenk (Athens, AL) and their families.

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#### MICHIGAN, BAY CITY

Peggy Waibel

It's time once again for alarm clocks to ring, lunches to be packed, pencils to be sharpened and minds to be filled with new knowledge. Students, as well as teachers, are starting back to school and our prayers go with them. For the teachers, we pray for wisdom, strength and courage, to face each new problem and challenge.

Our young group will also be going in different directions as Sisters Janel Ramseyer, Christi Steffen, Jan Kober and Heidi Broquard, as well as Bros. John Jackson, Nate Wieland, Brent Steffen, Kent Andrzejewski and Andre Broquard, return to college. Our thoughts, love and prayers are with each one. For some it will be a new experience, for others it will be a continuation of what has already been started. In either case, it's not easy, and we pray that each one will take God along, when they go to their classes, because "with God all things are possible."

"Never mistake knowledge for wisdom. One helps you make a living; the other helps you make a life."

Elementary and high schools also open this month. We pray for each teen who walks into the high school buildings, for they will encounter the wickedness of the world. We pray for each little child, who will enter the doors of the Elementary schools, that they will be taught the truth.

May God, in all of His power, wisdom and love, guide each one of us as we continue our walk on the pathway of life.

Visiting us this month was Bro. Ken Schneider (Remington, IN). Thank you Bro. Ken, for giving of yourself, so that we could hear the Word spoken once again. May God bless you richly.

Sis. Irma Bragieli was hospitalized this month because of heart problems. We thank God for His mercy and healing touch, as Sis. Irma continues to recover.

May God be with all of you in the coming month.

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#### MICHIGAN, DETROIT

Sue Gasser

We rejoice with Hajwalka Pallag as she has found peace with God and man. We're so thankful God is still calling and granting grace to all who ask and seek.

We want to welcome Bro. Ken Martin home from Arizona, and Sis. Minnie Freidinger back to Detroit from her home in Bay City. We also welcome Bro. Doug Reinhard to Detroit from the Toledo, OH, area where he was going to school.

We thank Bro. Doyle Frauhiger (Bluffton North, IN) for serving us in the ministry. We also thank Bro. Jim Ramseyer (Bay City, MI) for conducting the service at Woodhaven August 7. God bless you both for your labors on our behalf.

Our prayers are with Bro. Dan and Sis. Delores Reinhard in the passing of her brother, Bro. Roger Sauder (Elgin, IL). We pray God's nearness will be a comfort and strength to you. Our prayers are also with Bro. Pat and Sis. Jeanne Allen as Bro. Pat's father continues to struggle for life. God bless you with strength and courage.

All are welcome to attend services at Woodhaven, October 2 at 7:00. They will be hosted by our Livonia congregation.

**MINNESOTA, MORRIS****Debra Joos - Christa Sauder**

The weekend of July 28 - 29 held many blessings for all of us as Morris hosted the Fort Sam reunion. Many visiting ministers were with us that weekend; Bros. Tom Schambach (Elgin, IA), Charlie Sinn (Fort Scott, KS), Dave Graf (Akron, OH), Jon Zeller (Morton, IL), Darrell Stoller (Bern, KS), Tim Zimmerman (Gridley, KS), Bill Dotterer (Phoenix, AZ) and Gary Brown (Forrest, IL).

Also visiting us this past month were ministering brothers: Dave Wulf (Lester, IA), Jaye Rinkenberger (Goodfield, IL), Elder Bro. Leo Moser (Lester, IA), Bro. Glen Hackenjos (Altadena, CA), Bro. Russell Wuthrich (Pulaski, IA), Bro. Carl Wyss (Washington, IL), Elder Bro. Wayne Fehr (West Bend, IA) and Bro. Art Metz (Silverton, OR).

Many prayers have been uttered on behalf of Bro. Harv Joos who had surgery in Rochester and for Sis. June Schmidgall who had surgery. Bro. John Schaefer is also battling bodily afflictions.

Sometimes we come to life's  
crossroads

And view what we think is the end,  
But God has a much wider vision  
And He knows that it's only a  
bend --

The road will go on and get  
smoother

And after we've stopped for a rest,  
The path that lies hidden behind us  
Is often the part that is best,  
So rest and relax and grow  
stronger,

Let go and let God share your load,  
And have faith in a brighter  
tomorrow --

You've just come to a bend in the  
road.

Helen Steiner Rice

We are so thankful that Kenny Nohl and his daughter, Karla, and Bro. Wally Feuchtenberger were spared serious injury when their pickups were involved in an accident. Karla was hospitalized overnight.

Our congregation was blessed with several new little additions. Gary and Sis. Dorene Moser, Jason and Nicole welcomed baby Heidi into their family August 3. Bro. Eddie and Sis. Lois Koehl and Bro. Alpai and Sis. Pearl

Moser are Heidi's grandparents.

On August 8, Ashley Marie was born to Bro. Gary and Sis. Sandy Fehr. She joins Amy, Mitchell and Amanda at home. Her grandparents are Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Diane Fehr.

Bro. Jerry and Sis. Linda Wulf, along with Rhonda, Robyn and Rachel, are excited about little Rita Mae, who came into their hearts and homes August 14. Grandparents are Bro. Leonard and Sis. Vi Wulf.

Taylor Ray was born August 13 to Ray and Tracy Nohl. His sister, Jessica, is happy to have a little brother. Bro. N. E. and Sis. Shirley Nohl are grandparents.

Alan and Renae Schreck are parents of a daughter, Kelsey Lee, born July 4. Grandma and grandpa to Kelsey are Bro. Dave and Sis. Norene Moser.

Tanya Schock (Bro. Rich and Sis. Jan) is seeking the Lord in repentance. We trust that she will feel God's nearness and grace in her conversion.

**MINNESOTA, WINTHROP****Georgia Messner - Kim Messner**

On July 29, Elder Bro. Paul Butikofer (Elgin, IA) assisted Elder Bro. Harold Messner in the testimony of Paul Messner (Bro. Don and Sis. Viola, Peoria, IL). We want to welcome Bro. Paul into God's family. We rejoice with Bro. Paul and his wife, Jan.

We were pleasingly surprised when the phone rang and we were told that ministering Bro. Glen Hackenjos and his wife (Altadena, CA) were coming to our area and we would have a Thursday evening church. We certainly appreciate his effort and want to thank him.

Sis. Patti Dapper has found employment in our area. She was raised here, but with attending college and employment, has been gone for some time. It is a blessing to have her assembling with us again.

Sis. JoAnn Messner (Bro. Leroy), Bro. Marvin Messner (Sis. Gerri) and Bro. Joe Messner (Sis. Kim) have had surgery and are on the road to recovery. Bro. Mike Messner (Sis. Joyce) was burned quite badly but is recovering well. We are thankful for God's healing hand.

Kim Moser (Bro. Todd) needs our prayers as she is scheduled for sur-

gery in the near future. We want to remember her family, also.

We want to thank our summer visitors for worshipping with us. And extend a welcome to anyone that will be in the area.

**MISSOURI, LAMAR****Janel Kellenberger  
Becky Marti**

The Lord has blessed us in the past month with two visiting ministers. We would like to thank Bros. Jay Luthi (Lamont, KS) and Loren Schrenk (St. Louis, MO) and their families.

Brock Friedon, son of Tim and Brenda Friedon, was hospitalized this past month. We wish to express our sympathy to Marilyn Hohulin and family for the recent death of her grandmother, Hattie Leonard (Fort Scott, KS).

We have been blessed with visitors this past month and wish to thank them for sharing their time with us.

**MISSOURI, ST. LOUIS****Mark Leman**

We are rejoicing with Bro. Jeff and Sis. Robin Steffen this month in the birth of their daughter, Camille Christen. Camille was born August 5. May God's love and protection surround Camille as she begins life's journey.

Visiting ministers this month were Bros. Arnie Gerst (Taylor, MO) and Dan Stoller (Remington, IN).

**MISSOURI, TAYLOR****Louanne Grimm**

We finished up our Wednesday evening Bible studies with Bro. Ken Hoerr (Peoria, IL) speaking on the "Value of the Family" and Bro. John Leman (Bern, KS) on the topic of "Peace" -- how refreshing to go back to the basics. We really appreciate each brother who took the time to come and share God's Word with us.

Also sharing with us this month were visiting Bros. Gary Bucher (Valparaiso, IN) and Kenny Dietz (Bradford, IL).

Our thoughts and prayers were with the brethren as they assembled for the brotherhood conference in

Cissna Park, IL. We pray that God's Spirit of peace, love and unity was extended to the elder brothers and that it may be conveyed to the body of believers in kind admonition with receptive hearts.

Bro. William Cottrell has been in the hospital and his health is rapidly deteriorating. Sis. Ruth has stood so faithfully by his side over the last few years and we pray that our loving Father in heaven will comfort them during this time.

We've been busy getting livestock ready for the fair and a thought came to mind . . . we spend a lot of time preparing an animal to stand before a judge for just a few minutes -- do we spend as much or more time in our own preparation when that final day comes to stand before our Judge? God will be one of two things to us at that time. Either we will gratefully bow before Him as our blessed Redeemer or we will tremble as we have to stand before Him to be judged. Let's keep ourselves "groomed" for that day is fast approaching.

As school gets back in session we hope and pray that our children and college students are grounded in Jesus as they go back into the world and its influences. We pray they have the confidence of the Lord's teachings in their hearts so the evil one's subtle ways will not lure them away.

I suppose I'm speaking for myself as well because I'm leaving the security of the Taylor community to attend ISU in Bloomington, IL. I sincerely appreciate my brothers and sisters' prayers of love and support in the months since Jeff's death -- Thanks, I love you all!

Packing up the dreams God planted  
in the fertile soil of youth  
I can't believe the hopes He's  
granted

But it means another chapter in my  
life is through.

I'll keep you close as always and  
it won't even seem I've gone  
Because my heart in big and small  
ways  
will keep the love that keeps us  
strong.

Friends are friends forever  
if the Lord's the Lord of them  
And friends will not say never  
Because the welcome will not end.

Though it's hard to let go  
In the Father's hands we know --  
That a lifetime is not too long to  
live . . .  
as Friends.

(revised)

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**NEW YORK,  
CROGHAN/NAUMBURG  
Alice Virkler**

The true Word of God has been brought to us by several visiting ministers during the past month. We are thankful to God that there are those willing to preach the truth and may we always be attentive and willing to listen and follow the truth. Our thanks go to these brothers and their families for taking the time to be with us: Bro. Mike Rinckenberger (Congerville, IL), Gerry Isch (Philadelphia, PA), Don Gudeman (LaCrosse, IN) and Bob Stoller (Lamar, MO).

Ethel Karcher was a hospital patient a few days. Sis. Lovina Farney has been able to return to her home following hospitalization for a broken pelvis.

Our annual business meeting was held July 30. May God richly bless those who have completed their terms of office and may He be with Bro. Clyde Virkler.

Sis. Celia Virkler and Sis. Rachel Snyder who will be our new Sunday school teachers.

Our Sunday school children and families enjoyed the annual Sunday school picnic held at Happy Hollow. We enjoy being with the children at these events. May the children not only remember these times of fellowship together, but may they always remember the true Word which is taught to them each Sunday.

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**OHIO, AKRON  
Joyce Gasser**

Petra. It is Esau's territory, 250 miles south of Ammon, Jordon, ". . . the land of Seir, the country of Edom." Genesis 32:3. Petra means a city carved out of rock, and Esau's descendants, known as the Edomites, the Amalekites, and the Idumaeans, carved their temples, homes, and stores out of high rock. We entered the city by a mile-long horseback ride with 200

feet high rock on both sides of a narrow passageway, in part not much wider than one horse to walk through. Petra is known as the Rose Red City because of its red sand and rock; for when Esau was born, he "came out red" (Genesis 25:25), and he sold his birthright for "red pottage" (Genesis 25:30). "Esau despised his birthright" (Genesis 25:34). He did not love or claim the promises of God. Some of his descendants were the Amalekite that helped Saul kill himself; in Esther it was Haman who tried to kill the Jews; and the Herods of the New Testament who had the male children killed, had John the Baptist beheaded, had James beheaded, put Peter in prison, and before whom Paul testified. After that we hear nothing of Esau's descendants. Jacob loved the birthright, and his seed multiplied and were blessed, and from whom came Jesus to bless us. We love our "birthright"; in being born again, we have the right to claim all the promises of God. (I Corinthians 1:20).

With praise to the Lord, new converts are: Gyongyi Bako (daughter of Bro. and Sis. Sandor Bako) and twins, Amy and Tammy Bako (daughters of Eugene and Sis. Dianna Bako). Jesus loves them and will give grace for their needs.

Sis. Ruth Taylor had out-patient surgery, and Tom Graf was hospitalized and back to work. Sis. Janet Graf was hospitalized and we pray for her recovery.

Sis. Marie Ritzman wishes to thank everyone for remembering her kindly during her hospitalization and recovery.

We enjoyed visiting ministers, Bros. Ken Indermuhle, Kevin Ryan, Paul Eisenman, John Steiner, Al Schneider, Earl Beery, Glenn Rigenbach and Gary Maibach, and Elder Bro. John Klotzle.

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**OHIO, COLUMBUS  
John Grimm**

We appreciate the visiting ministers we had this past month. They were Bro. Wally Ramsier (Mansfield, OH) and Bro. Gary Maibach (Smithville, OH). May God richly bless them and their families. Also, we were honored to have two Romanian elders visit us as part of their visit to the United States.

**OHIO, GIRARD****Kathryn Emch**

We keep in touch with our loved ones in Girard and now report to you that we attended our dear friend Clara Deislinger's funeral July 14. In just 33 months, five brothers and sisters have left the family circle. Esther now lives alone in their large family home. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to Esther, Ida Wahlen and Carl Deislinger.

**OHIO, JUNCTION****Laurie Schlatter**

Bro. Jerry and Sis. Pauline Carnahan welcome Katie Elizabeth into their home. Jason, Nathan, Liza and Luke are happy for a new little sister.

We rejoice with Elder Bro. Bill and Sis. Emily Schlatter as their son, Warren, was welcomed into the fold as a brother-in-faith. We wish Bro. Warren much grace and love as he begins this wonderful new way of life. Elder Bros. Loren Stoller and Ray Sinn (Latty) and ministering Bros. Marshall Heinold (Washington, IL), Larry Wenninger (Latty) and Eugene Fetter (Toledo) joined our congregation on this special weekend.

**OHIO, LATTY****Kathy Sinn - Rhonda Stoller****ALL IS FORGIVEN COME HOME**

I gathered my treasures  
And followed the road  
With glamorous visions in mind  
I left some hearts aching  
Who'd loved me so strong  
I had new pleasures to find  
Treasures were wasted  
And pleasures I tasted  
Were bitter to me at the end  
When solace I sought  
I woke up and thought  
I heard a sweet voice on the wind.

All is forgiven, come home  
All is forgiven, come home  
Your Father's anxiously waiting  
And watching the road  
All is forgiven, come home.

If you are someone  
Who wandered away  
Leaving more love than you found  
Greener pastures calling

Have caused you to stray  
Along the road leading down  
There is someone  
Whose love is forever  
The essence of mercy and grace  
Sweetly a small voice  
Is speaking within  
Listen and you'll hear him say.

Come home, come home  
Ye who are weary come home  
You're Father's anxiously waiting  
And watching the road  
All is forgiven, come home  
All is forgiven, come home.  
Joel Hemphill

Sara Stoller (Bro. Bill and Sis. Barb) has accepted God's forgiveness and has turned her heart toward home. The hearts and prayers of each of the brothers and sisters are rejoicing with you. Just keep looking up, never back.

What a great joy to welcome Sis. Lola Laukhuf and Sis. Heidi Hackenjos (Bro. Myron and Sis. Lorine) into God's family. The weekend of their baptism was a true blessing for the entire congregation.

"He said suffer the little children for such is the kingdom of heaven. Oh you know He loves the little ones. So mothers and fathers, let's follow the Savior, and cherish the treasure we have in our daughters and sons." (M. Sykes) Bro. Leon and Sis. Debbie Klopfenstein are cherishing their third son, Carl. Brett, Philip and little Ann are excited to have a new baby in their home. May God help Bro. Leon and Sis. Debbie raise each of their children to glorify and praise the name of Jesus.

God's healing hand of love has once again been faithful to families in our congregation. Bro. Dave Stoller (Sis. Irene) and Sis. Ann Plummer (Bro. Rex) have recently spent time in the hospital. What an encouragement for all of us to see so many prayers lifting the both of you up and then to see God answer those prayers. We love you both.

Our prayers and heartfelt love is expressed to those in the church who have recently lost loved ones. It is painful to lose those we care so deeply for, yet when that individual is ready to face God, we simply rejoice for their victory. "Does Jesus care when I've said goodbye to the dearest on

earth to me, When my sad heart aches till it nearly breaks, Does Jesus know does He see, Oh yes He cares, I know He cares, His heart is touched by my grief."

As always, we are so thankful and have been blessed by the visiting ministers God has sent to us. Each minister touches on God's Word in a different way. God has richly blessed many with the gift of ministry.

With many mixed emotions, we bid farewell to our dear friend, Gary Jerep. Gary's career is taking him to the West Coast. We will miss you Gary, but trust and hold the peace that God will be with you. Please keep in touch and never doubt our love and prayers are with you always. We do love you.

**OHIO, MANSFIELD****Linda Morrison**

"Aunt Linda, what is solid rock?" This question came from my little friend as we drove along with the Christian radio station playing on the radio. I tried to explain to her that Jesus is the Solid Rock on Whom we build our lives because He never changes and He is always there when we need Him. Then I asked her why she asked. "Well, they said solid rock on the radio. I've heard of hard rock and light rock, but never solid rock." Do we have work to do right in our own communities?

Laura Marie was born July 26 to Kevin and Sis. Tina Washington. Anthony and Justin are happy to have a little sister. Bro. Bernie and Sis. Bev Washington are the prayerful grandparents.

Youth Day was held Sunday, July 29. Elder Bro. Ray Sinn (Latty) and Bro. Dwight Stoller (Latty) encouraged the young people to be open to the Lord's guidance. "... but I thy servant fear the Lord from my youth." I Kings 18:12.

We are thankful Joannie Beer (Bro. Joel and Sis. Sue) was not seriously hurt in a car accident. We rejoice with Sis. Barb (Dan) Tucker as she recovers from hand surgery.

We give thanks to our heavenly Father that brothers came to minister to us as they traveled from the brotherhood conference. Bro. Keith Ryan (Rockville, CT), Bro. Marvin Schmidgall (Eureka, IL) and Bro. Doug

Sabo (Sarasota, FL) were with us Sunday. Elder Bro. Willis Ehnle (Shioda, Japan) and Bro. Paul Gasser (Akron) were with us Wednesday. May God continue to bless them and their families as they are used in His service.

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### OHIO, RITTMAN

**Diane Gasser - Lois Maibach**

Thus united and in concord  
Let us walk the path of life;  
Hand in hand, O may love bind us  
For each other's welfare strive.

Zion's Harp #237

Bro. Glenn Maibach (Bro. Alpha and Sis. Helen) and Sis. Lois Stoller (Bro. Fred and Sis. Joyce) were joined in holy matrimony August 12. May God richly bless their marriage.

Our congregation was blessed with Words of Life from the following visiting ministers this past month; Elder Bro. Bill Schlatter (Junction, OH), Bros. Kevin Ryan (Rockville, CT), Dean Messner (Winthrop, MN), Bob Stoller (Lamar, MO), John Steiner (Oakville, IA), Duane Farney (Croghan-Naumburg, NY) and Ken Indermuhle (Sardis, OH). We appreciate each one and trust God to bless them for their willingness to serve us in the ministry of His Word.

We extend our sympathy to Bro. Ben Stavenik (Sis. Dorothy) and Sis. Hope Gasser (Bro. Ron) in the death of their brother and uncle, Stephen Stuart (Elkhart, IN).

We sympathize with the family of Bro. Frank Nussbaum who passed from this life of cares to go on to his heavenly home August 16. He is survived by his wife, Marie; son, John; two grandchildren and four sisters, Sis. Laura Queen, Sis. Helen Kerstetter, Sis. Myrle Rufener and Blanche Garver. May God comfort all who sorrow over the loss of their loved ones.

Those needing hospitalization this past month were Bro. Raymond Marty (Sis. Grace), Bro. Joe Ramsier (Sis. Elizabeth), Twila Robinson (Joe), Brian Stoller (Bro. Harlan and Sis. Jean), Bro. David Maletich, Sr. (Sis. Mary) and Wayne Gasser. May our heavenly Father grant healing to those who suffer bodily affliction.

A new little son, Ryan David, was

born to David and Joan Wilging. His older sister and brother are Trish and Nicolas. Happy grandparents are Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Wilma Ramsier and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilging.

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### OHIO, SARDIS

**Paula Figel**

The fall season again marks the time of year for many of our young people across the land to be returning to school from the youngest preschooler to the college student. Sardis is no exception to this, and so we wish to commit these dear children to the Lord's keeping as they go forth in an evil world, trusting that the years spent in attempting to rear them in the fear and admonition of the Lord cannot be easily set aside.

Fall is a beautiful time in our Monroe County Hills. The trees will soon be radiant with color and our Lord's handiwork will be evident in our valleys and hills. This year would be a good time to visit in Sardis. We appreciate company and would enjoy your fellowship.

We were privileged to have Bro. Marvin Schmidgall (Eureka, IL) to provide us God's Word. Bro. Marvin spoke of the reasons for being in church, one of which if need be, convicted of heart and mind. This conviction can then lead us to repentance and conversion. We pray for our converts as well as our unconverted that God can work in their hearts each one. We want to thank Bro. Marvin and Sis. Dorothy for sharing their time with us.

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### OHIO, SMITHVILLE

**Stephanie Luginbuhl  
Kim Stoller**

**TARRY NOT!**

"Flourishing youth, Thou our hope and our fond expectation, Hark to the voice that is calling in kind invitation. That hand obey Which oft has pointed the way To the dear Saviour's salvation!"

Zion's Harp #168

We rejoice with the angels in heaven as three young souls have heeded God's call to repentance. The precious converts are Jason Riggen-

bach (Bro. Don and Sis. Gail), Steve Dotterer (Bro. Keith and Sis. Linda) and David Maibach (Bro. Gary and Sis. Mary Ann).

It is hard to believe the summer is over and school has begun. We pray for the children and young adults as they start another year of education.

Our prayers are with Sis. Bonnie Maibach (Bro. Dean) as she recovers from foot surgery.

"Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you:" II Thessalonians 3:1. We are always thankful for visiting ministers who so faithfully teach us from God's precious Word. May God bless Bro. Doug Harmon (Toledo, OH), Bro. John Steiner (Oakville, IA), Bro. Bill Waibel (Bay City, MI), Bro. Don Gudeman (LaCrosse, IN) and Bro. Pete Baltic (Mansfield, OH) for their labors.

We will miss Sis. Shelly Riggenbach (Bro. Glenn and Sis. Lou) as she moves to Leo, IN, to work at the Children's Home.

We welcome Bro. Andy Figel (Sardis, OH) to our congregation. He plans to continue his education in our area.

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### OHIO, TOLEDO

**Josephine Rehklau  
Frances Laidig**

"But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

St. Matthew 19:14

We extend a thank you to all those who took part in making the Ohio fellowship weekend in Mansfield a blessed event for our young folks. When we are young, we do not always realize the importance of the special things being done for us. But as we grow older, many of these things leave a lasting impression and help guide our lives in the proper direction.

Chad Sanclant (David and Sis. Connie) will be attending the Miami University at Oxford, OH. Our best go with him.

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To Your Reporter

### OREGON, PORTLAND Anne Rumbold

We were privileged to go to Silverton July 24 and witness the marriage of Sis. Lisa Metz (daughter of Bro. Art and Sis. Betty) to Bro. Mike Leman (son of Bro. Jim and Sis. Myra, Roanoke, IL). Elder Bro. Art and Sis. Sandy Nohl (Morris, MN) came for the occasion as well as many relatives and friends. We wish them God's blessings as they start their life together.

It is vacation time and we have many visitors in the northwest. Sunday, July 15, Bro. Bob and Sis. Pearl Miller hosted the youth group. They took a drive to Multomah Falls, then had dinner at their home and an evening of singing and fellowship.

We are happy to report Bro. Garth and Sis. Connie Steffen have returned from their visit to Europe. While there, Sis. Connie suffered a broken leg which delayed their return. We pray for a speedy recovery.

We will miss Sis. Elizabeth Klopfenstein (Bro. Perry and Carol) as she has returned to Gridley, IL, to go to school.

It is the time of year when our elders and ministers meet for a brotherhood conference. We are so thankful we live in a land where we have freedom of worship! May this be a time of encouragement and strengthening of our precious faith. The faith of our fathers.

Blessed joy to trust in Thee,  
Lord of all creation,  
For in Thee we build our faith  
Thou, our firm foundation.  
Lord in faith we look to Thee,  
'Til the blest eternity  
Leads to full salvation.

Zion's Harp #144, vs. 5

### OREGON, SILVERTON Rosa Lee Kuenzi

It seems our "farewells and welcomes" come in groups again this fall. After nearly four years in Oregon, Dale Kraft (Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Nadine) has decided to return to his hometown of Gridley, KS. We wish him well and hope he will always have a corner in his "good-memories-bank" for his many friends in Oregon.

We welcome Bro. Keith and Sis. Carol Kaufman and 4-year-old Phil-

lip and 2-year-old Samuel. They arrived this week from Phoenix, AZ. They already found an apartment near Salem and hope to move in this week. We are happy to have them in our community and congregation and hope it will soon feel like home to them all. As Bro. Keith's roots go way back in Oregon and he lived here until he was started into high school, he will hopefully make the adjustments of the relocation with ease.

Also newly moved to our area this week is Bro. Kevin Banwart (Bro. Alvin and Sis. Phyllis, West Bend, IA). We understand Bro. Kevin has taken employment in accounting at Pratum Co-op Warehouse. We hope and pray that all these dear ones will feel a warm welcome here in Silverton and that the Lord will bless their lives as they seek His direction in the changes and opportunities that life affords.

### PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA Franz Soni

Safe in the arms of Jesus,  
Safe on his gentle breast,  
There by his love o'er shaded,  
Sweetly my soul shall rest.  
Hark! 'tis the voice of angels,  
Borne in a song to me,  
Over the fields of glory,  
Over the Jasper sea.  
Safe in the arms of Jesus,  
Safe on his gentle breast,  
There by his love o'er shaded,  
Sweetly my soul shall rest.

Hymns of Zion #218

We were deeply saddened by the sudden death of Bro. Dale Dapper (Sis. Ruth) who died of a heart attack on his way to church Sunday, August 5. It is so difficult losing such a dear brother-in-faith, but it is so comforting knowing that Bro. Dale is safely resting on our Saviour's breast. Our prayers go out to Sis. Ruth and Bro. Dale's family during this difficult time and may they feel God's nearness during this time of sorrow. Memorial services were held in New Holland, PA, August 8 and the funeral and services were held at Princeville, IL, August 11.

On July 22, we hosted a bus load of brethren from Illinois who stopped

to worship with us while touring this area. What a joy it is to be able to fellowship and worship with those of like mind and faith.

We miss Bro. David (Sis. Gail) Gasser who is on sabbatical from the University of Pennsylvania and is doing research work in St. Louis, MO. Bro. David will be attending the St. Louis church during his absence.

"And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left."

Isaiah 30:21

We rejoice with Rebecca Clough (John and Sis. Kathy) who has found a need to walk in the way of the Lord. May she feel His love as she walks in her new life.

### TEXAS, DALLAS/HOUSTON Brad and Cindy Eisenmann

We appreciate the willingness of all the ministering brothers who have served the Dallas congregation. Visiting ministers in August were Bro. Kenny Knapp, accompanied by his wife, Sis. Phillis (Taylor, MO) and Bro. Kenny Eisenmann, accompanied by his wife, Sis. Sharon, and two of their children (Cissna Park, IL).

Our prayers are with Sis. Betty Zeltwanger who has spent time in the hospital recently.

Services are held on the first and third Sunday of each month at the Holiday Inn (Desoto, TX). Bro. Howard and Sis. Delores Rapp are the local area contact for Dallas at (214) 867-4074. Visitors are always welcome.

We are especially appreciative for the support given by the elder brothers at the recent conference to initiate a third service each month to be held in the Houston area. Several of the brethren and friends who attend the Dallas services live in the Houston vicinity and will be well served by church services here. An initial minister rotation has been set up from September through February for the last Sunday of each month. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn - Southwest Freeway (exit southbound U.S. 59 at Wilcrest



Drive). We would encourage anyone travelling in the area or anyone aware of friends or relatives living in the Houston area to contact Bro. Brad and Sis. Cindy Eisenmann at (713) 265-2216. We welcome anyone who might be interested to worship with us.

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**TEXAS, ZAPATA**  
**Viola Perdelwitz**

Some of our travels this summer were through Iowa, Colorado, Canada and Alaska. We saw corn fields, wheat fields, mountains, waterfalls, wild flowers, glaciers, rivers, lakes, the ocean and much more. The cloud formation in the skies were always changing. We saw people of many nationalities.

The Bible says, "The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein." Psalms 24:1.

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**NOTE:** This Welcome booklet is available at the Apostolic Christian Publishing Co. at Eureka, IL, telephone 309-467-3611, for giving to visitors to your church or as an invitation to visit.

**APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
**WELCOME**

An Introductory Description of the Church's Origins, Doctrine, Lifestyle and Major Objectives

*"For other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ."*

*I Corinthians 3:11*

**WELCOME**  
**TO OUR CHURCH**

Thank you for attending the Apostolic Christian Church and/or asking questions about it. We hope this booklet will help you better understand the church and its distinctions, as they are intended to express many aspects of God's Word and His redemptive plan for mankind.

As you read this brief explanation of the church, please realize that you are always welcome to visit our churches, and to make inquiry about

any aspect of the church, and God's wonderful Plan of Salvation. A *Statement of Faith* and other written materials are available if you wish to look further into these matters of faith.

Additional information is available from our local ministry or by writing to the Apostolic Christian Publishing Co., West Cruger Road, Eureka, IL 61530.

Again . . . thanks so much for your inquiry and may God richly bless you!

**FORWARD**

This booklet is intended to give a brief description of the Apostolic Christian Church. It tells of the church's origins, presents a short summary of its doctrine, gives its understanding of God's marvelous plan of salvation, and explains certain aspects of its worship.

Often, as various people come in contact with the Apostolic Christian Church, they become interested in many aspects of its beliefs and practices. The church, by diligently applying New Testament standards to everyday life and worship and also by practicing a deep reverence toward God, draws questions concerning its literal interpretation of Scriptures.

It is hoped that those who read this booklet will have many of their questions answered. However, all who are interested are encouraged to attend an Apostolic Christian assembly and learn by observation and hearing what is the true heartbeat of this body of Christians.

Salvation through Jesus Christ is man's greatest treasure. The Apostolic Christian Church seeks to do its utmost to help explain this marvelous gift from God, and prays diligently that others also will turn to God in true repentance, experience peace with God and man, and the gift of eternal life.

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**DESCRIPTION**

The Apostolic Christian Church believes in and promotes the doctrines of the gospel found in the Bible. It seeks to follow the standards set forth in the Holy Scriptures.

The church consists of approxi-

mately eighty congregations in twenty states. This includes two small churches in Canada and two in Japan. The total number of members is approximately 11,000. Children and unbaptized adults (called "friends of the truth") constitute another 9,000. Thus, about 20,000 persons attend the Apostolic Christian Church.

The church conducts worship services on many college campuses in several states in order to teach the Holy Scriptures to persons attending universities.

The church is also engaged in many activities to benefit mankind. These pursuits are all done in the name of Christ. An organization called World Relief personally collects both finances and material aid for distribution to persons in need on a worldwide basis. It also makes distributions through a variety of approved organizations.

A national Missionary Committee has been established to follow through on opportunities to spread God's Word. An organization called Work Projects exists to help administer charitable efforts, whereby individual brethren join work teams on special projects to aid the needy and oppressed.

Thousands of Scriptures are distributed annually through Apostolic Christian Bible distribution. In recent years efforts to spread God's Word in this manner have increased sharply. Annual disbursements have quadrupled in the recent past.

The church operates ten nursing homes for the elderly in five states. Included in this work are nearly two hundred apartment units for elderly persons not requiring specialized care. Also, the church operates a beautiful and modern Home for the Handicapped in Morton, IL, and a spacious and pleasant Children's Home in Leo, IN. These facilities provide physical, emotional, and spiritual support for handicapped persons and needy children. Also, a preschool program is operated at Athens, AL.

While the church is engaged in a multitude of charitable activities to help the poor and needy, its most accurate description rests in its devotion to the Word of God and its ongoing commitment to the glorious cause of Christ. Its major intent is to preach, teach, and live the gospel of Christ so that others also will hear and re-

spond affirmatively to this message of salvation — and someday, by God's marvelous grace, enter into the portal of heaven.

## II ORIGIN

The church was founded in the early 1830's by Samuel Froehlich, a young seminary student in Switzerland, who had experienced a Biblical conversion. Feeling led of God, he began preaching the simple truths of the Bible. Ultimately, some 110 congregations were formed in thirty-five years in several European countries. Froehlich's intent was to organize a church based on a literal interpretation of God's Word. He emphasized the verse, ". . . teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." (Matt. 28:20). The church, while recognizing Froehlich's work, gives God the glory for all these accomplishments.

Froehlich was a scholarly and energetic preacher who, against great odds and many disappointments, powerfully conveyed the message of salvation. He was also skillful in persuasion, especially in personal visits, and in this way drew many to the Bible's pattern of repentance. His attitudes and Biblical understandings were shaped, in part, by the radical reformers of the sixteenth century known as Anabaptists whose doctrinal motto was "Sola Scriptura." This meant that Scriptures alone constituted the only true foundation for doctrine and life — and they were to be followed. The church has continued over the years to follow diligently New Testament teachings, and to regard the entire Word as infallible and inerrant.

The Anabaptists were the first reformers of sixteenth century Europe to teach and practice adult baptism or "believer's baptism" as opposed to infant baptism. Froehlich, too, instituted the practice of adult baptism in his churches. In Europe, the church was known as Evangelical Baptist. It later became known as Apostolic Christian in America. This name was chosen because the church follows the teachings of Christ and the Apostles.

The Apostolic Christian Church found a presence in America in 1847,

when a church was organized in Lewis County, NY. The site was in the Croghan-Naumburg area. Another church was formed a year later at Sardis, OH, in that state's southeastern area.

From this beginning in America the church grew, primarily in the fertile farming areas of the midwest. As immigrants came from Europe (mostly from the Froehlich churches) and new converts were added in the United States, the church flourished. Early ministers, groomed and inspired by Froehlich in Europe, were zealous in preaching the Word in America.

From the 1920's on, most of the new churches formed in America were founded in metropolitan areas. This was because many of the church's offspring sought occupational opportunities in areas other than farming. Thus, today the Apostolic Christian Church consists of a blend of city and rural churches. While most of the larger churches still exist in rural towns and villages (there are a few exceptions), it is interesting to note the presence today of Apostolic Christian churches in large cities — such as Washington, D.C., Los Angeles, Chicago, Denver, Portland, Sarasota, Fort Lauderdale, Detroit, Phoenix, Kansas City, Philadelphia and Indianapolis.

## III DOCTRINE

The doctrine of the church is based on a literal interpretation of the Bible which is recognized as God-inspired, infallible, and inerrant. New Testament teachings are carefully followed and counsel and advice are sought from examples found in the Old Testament.

It is believed that salvation is obtained by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. True faith embodies the component of obedience which instructs a soul to do as the Lord Jesus emphatically taught, "Repent; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." (Matt. 4:17) The Biblical pattern of repentance is observed which includes godly sorrow (II Cor. 7:10) for a past sinful life, confession of sins (Matt. 3:6, Acts 19:18), restitution for past wrongs (Matt. 5:23, 24), and becoming dead to sin (I Pet. 2:24). The wonderful and matchless grace of God is given to

those who are humble in heart (James 4:6), along with peace and forgiveness from God.

Following a conversion, a growth in Christian graces, and manifesting the fruit of the Spirit, the new convert then gives a testimony of his or her faith and conversion experience to the congregation. This is followed by water baptism by immersion (Matt. 3:13-17). Baptism symbolizes the burial of the old sinful nature into the death of Christ, and the subsequent rising of a soul out of the baptismal waters as a new creature in Christ Jesus (Rom. 6:3, 4). This is followed by the laying on of hands whereby a church elder prays over the new member as the official confirmation of the presence of the Holy Spirit in the believer's heart (Acts 8:17-19).

The new member is thus formally united with the church, which is Christ's body. He is expected to fully embrace the doctrinal and lifestyle standards of the church which are based on God's Word.

A life of peace and joy follows as one pursues the pathways of Biblical holiness and sanctification. Despite trials, and potential sorrow and temptation, God's grace is sufficient for humble hearts to receive happiness and contentment (I Tim. 6:6) in the expectation of heaven — if they are true and faithful until life's end. Self-denial (Matt. 16:24), separation from sin and unfruitful works (II Cor. 6:14-18), and nonconformity to worldliness (Rom. 12:2) are integral parts of the Christian walk of life.

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## Sermon . . .

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the Lord and Saviour who was there to see it and we believe He sees it today if we are willing to do alms; if we are willing to labor for the Lord in a small way as this poor widow. She possibly had no other way that she could do anything for the Lord, had no means to minister unto His people and she cast in her two mites, the last she had and the Lord saw it; it did not escape His attention. Beloved, it is a comfort unto us that we likewise can do for the Lord. Even the weakest and smallest of the children of God have an opportunity to cast in their two mites. It does not mean necessarily to cast into the contribution box,

but I believe in humble prayer in supporting to good work, in supporting the brethren that are called upon to sound the good Word and to labor in the vineyard, to pray for them fervently and also to support them. Oh, that each and every one can do so and the brethren likewise. If we all then stand together and stand for the good, God will bless it.

It has often occurred to me, this instance of which we have heard, the Saviour standing in the temple at the treasury. Later, then the disciples called his attention how this temple was built with the beautiful stones and all the gold. They which came to see it also admired it. We find He did not even comment upon it, did not say, "It indeed is a wonderful building." But he told them the day was coming that not one stone would remain upon another; He did not comment upon the building. He saw the sad condition of the house of Israel. The people of Israel did not accept Him as a Redeemer and Messiah which was promised. He told them that even that temple which they held high in their estimation should be destroyed and not one stone be left upon another. It often has been strengthening to me that the Saviour was not moved at things of that kind.

In another instance where He invited or told souls to follow Him, they found reasons to excuse themselves. We find that one young man spoke to Him, "I wish to be excused." He said his father died and he wished to bury him and Jesus said, "Let the dead bury the dead; come and follow me." And likewise we find in every instance where they found reason to excuse themselves. We find one bought a piece of land and he wished to see it. Another had bought some oxen and he wished to prove them. And we find that a third said he had taken himself a wife and wish the Lord excuse him. Now we might in our short-sightedness say that some of these excuses might have been worth weighing; that if a man's father died the Lord would surely be willing to excuse him. But the soul's salvation is the first thing we should take into consideration and we should not allow a single thing in this world to prevent us from following the Lord. Oh, it is definite and clear that if we allow

ourselves to be held back, whatever it may be, that it will not be subject to the kingdom of heaven. We find the Lord said, and we find it in the Word that those who wish to excuse themselves, they are not and they shall not taste of the wedding supper that is prepared. Oh, beloved, that proves to us that God will not trifle with the invitation He will set forth. Therefore, all that hear the invitation that is extended from the Lord and laid to their hearts, they should not seek to excuse themselves. Those who have an opportunity to hear the invitations of the Lord should be as we can read of Zaccheus, that sinner, did not consider himself worthy. He climbed into that tree in the hope he might get a glimpse of the Lord and Saviour. He would have been satisfied if he could have only seen the Lord and Saviour. He climbed into that tree as the Saviour passed by. We find that the Saviour saw him and said, "Zaccheus, make haste and come down; for today I must abide in thy house." Beloved, what a blessing; what a difference there is between the one that wishes to partake of the blessings and the other that wishes to excuse himself. We have heard here of the prophecies of the Lord and Saviour of the temple and of the teachings. We have heard how that the Lord and Saviour mentioned and prophesied of the destruction of Jerusalem. I believe many of you have read of the record how that Jerusalem was destroyed and especially the temple. It was fulfilled to the very letter as the Lord and Saviour prophesied. Later we find in the second chapter that he pointed to the end of times, but that is not yet fulfilled. We believe according to the scripture that it is surely near at hand. He said here how nation shall rise against nation, and great perplexity upon the earth and tribulations, etc. We have heard here, "Men's hearts failing them for fear and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth; for the powers of heaven shall be shaken." I have often thought in this perplexed time in which we are living, the men that are in authority in different lands are striving to plan universal peace, or striving for something, but their hearts fail them. They know, I believe, in their own hearts it is impossible to bring about the peace they are talk-

ing about. I definitely and clearly points to the fulfillment of the Scripture.

Beloved, let us turn our hearts unto wisdom. Let us do then as the Saviour said in this parable, "When we see the buds swell, when the tree sends forth its twigs and the buds, we surely then know that Spring is at hand." Let us not be of the foolish as the Lord and Saviour at one place had to tell His hearers. He told them that they could tell what weather they should have. In this time when the winds are from the west, we say that it is fair weather, and when it is from the south, we say we are going to have rain. Things that are contained in the Word of God and prophecies are contained therein, let us not be likewise but let us profit by this Word knowing as we can see here. "Behold the fig tree, and all the trees: When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your ownelves that summer is now nigh at hand." "Verily I say unto you, this generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled." It often creates a great concern in our hearts and it is our fervent prayer that God might be with us and shield and protect us that the things we have heard here, this terrible time of sore tribulation which is before us; we find that there was never a time of tribulation like it, even from the beginning of the earth.

It says here, "Ye shall be betrayed both by parents and brethren, and kinfolks and friends: and some of you shall they cause to be put to death." Daughters shall stand up and cause their mothers to be put to death, and sons their fathers, and fathers their sons. Can we imagine it, now in this time, how the hearts of loved ones, the fathers and mothers go out for their own that have been called away, and the Scripture reads that a day and a time is coming when children shall betray their parents and shall cause them to be put to death.

The time is coming when the super deceiver, the man of sin, that son of perdition shall make his appearance and this great deception shall come to pass.

Let us possess our souls in patience and set our trust and confidence in God, He has promised that if we remain with Him that He will remain with us.

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St. Luke 21

Beloved brothers, sisters and friends, in the concluding words of this chapter we have read there is a comfort that perhaps we have not all appreciated enough. We have heard here how it says, "And in the day time he was teaching in the temple; and at night he went out and abode in the mount that is called the Mount of Olives."

Beloved, we must believe that the Lord and Saviour resorted unto the Mount of Olives for a reason. He was with the people in the temple, as we have heard, in the day time and taught them and even in this case on the following morning again returned unto the temple. But in the night the Saviour resorted unto the Mount of Olives. We find in another instance where He would seek to go by Himself and even spend an entire night in prayer with God. Beloved, have we ever thought of it, the Son of God, He that was endowed with the Spirit of God, sent forth by God Himself, He that was with God and shared in His majesty from the beginning of time and came here below to carry out this plan of redemption and salvation and yet found reason to isolate Himself and alone go unto the Mount of Olives and pray to His Father.

Beloved, how many of us have done that very thing? I believe that many of us, and perhaps all that have come to the Lord, have gone by ourselves behind locked doors, closeted ourselves in and prayed unto the Lord. But have we done as our Lord and Saviour, spent an entire night in prayer? Oh, beloved, it is a teaching unto us that in all our cares and trials and every burden that we must bear,

that we could do as our Lord and Saviour.

He did not do in vain as we would. He wished to invite and tell them to take up their cross and to follow Him, to follow Him in every respect, and we have also even embarked upon the narrow way. And, therefore, if we also feel so heavily burdened and our hearts are filled with cares, and trials come over us we can then likewise, can we not? We find that the Saviour in the morning again was able to teach. The angels came to minister unto Him and He was strengthened. God likewise will send His ministering angels unto us if we pray fervently. It has often been a comfort unto me in the reading in the book of Daniel. We can find there that Daniel was in distress with the condition of the children of Israel and he took it upon him to pray fervently. He prayed and he pleaded with God that God might not lay the charge and the sin upon Israel. He pleaded that God might forgive, and he tried to make reconciliation.

We find that that Angel, Gabriel, came unto Daniel and said that even the beginning of the prayer there satisfied God. He said this unto him even before Daniel had an opportunity to empty his heart in prayer. The angel was commissioned and sent unto this Daniel and said to him that God would accept his prayer. Beloved, can we appreciate the value of a fervent prayer?

Therefore, beloved, may God grant us also that needed grace that we faint not in prayer but that we might always pray and would also watch over our prayer. And beloved, if we

then watch over our prayer then God will be able to shield and protect us and will be able to keep us. We have heard in the beginning of this chapter how that the Saviour upon being in the temple and standing near the treasury saw the rich man casting in their gifts. He also saw the poor widow there. Nothing escaped the attention of the Lord and Saviour. He beheld there what they were doing. Saw the rich were casting in much of their abundance, and He saw the poor widow cast in her two mites and it was all that she had.

She was willing and wanted to do it from the depth of her heart to bring an offering unto God. She wished to do alms unto the Lord that the Lord would see it. Oh, we believe that was her aim and the Lord saw it. We can find the giving of alms certainly will not go on unnoticed and unappreciated on the part of God. We can find in the case of Cornelius, he was not of the children of Israel but was of that Italian band, and was not of the commonwealth of Israel, and yet we find he was a devout man. He feared God, tried to serve Him to the best of his knowledge and ability and tried to do much alms.

When the angel came unto him he told him, "Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God." And God remembered his alms as they were equal to his prayer. Beloved, that points out unto us that our faith should not be dead but that our faith should have works. We believe that this poor widow wished to show unto her God her faith was not dead. She wished to do something for

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