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## NAZARENE BIBLE COLLEGE FACES A NEW CHALLENGE

*by General Superintendent Charles H. Strickland*

**T**he restoration of the Statue of Liberty in New York harbor, celebrated on July 4, gave to all Americans a new awareness of the great values of freedom and liberty we have enjoyed as a nation. It also focused our attention on the stream of modern immigrants who are seeking a new home in America in these times. They are pouring into this country from Europe, Cambodia, Viet Nam, Haiti, the Philippines, Korea, Mexico, and many other areas. They have swelled the population of our cities, and thousands are becoming American citizens.

These people have presented an awesome challenge to the church. The Church of the Nazarene is experiencing a new dimension of evangelism with these new people. Church Extension Ministries, working under the Church Growth Division, is encouraging new churches and church missions among these groups. The "Thrust to the Cities" project presently in operation in Chicago has already established nine new churches—all ethnic congregations. Local churches are having multilingual services. Advisory boards are planning with district superintendents to meet this challenge. These efforts are rapidly becoming the growing edge of the church.

This new development is a challenge to education in

the training of ethnic preachers and teachers. The majority of these people do not have the resources to pay for a college education. Others do not have the qualifications for entrance into our liberal arts colleges. The church has had to turn to Nazarene Bible College as the unique agency to provide biblical training to these ethnic leaders called into divine service. Under the umbrella of Nazarene Bible College and with the approval of the accrediting agency, extension classes have now been established in cooperation with District Boards of Ministerial Studies to provide training for these new workers. In Los Angeles and New York classes are in progress, and 16 applications are pending in other cities. Reports indicate the present classes are successful, and already several have graduated and entered into the stream of ethnic pastorates. Two educational tracks will be followed: one a certificate course qualifying for ordination; another to qualify the student to enter our liberal arts colleges for further training.

To meet this new challenge the administration of Nazarene Bible College has required additional faculty and staff. This makes it necessary for all of us within the church to continue our full support of this institution that has without doubt "come to the kingdom for such a time as this" (Esther 4:14). □



# Established to Serve

by R. T. BOLERJACK



Dave Anderson

NBC campus

**T**he first North American Bible College was started by A. B. Simpson in Nyack, N.Y., in 1882. Its purpose was to evangelize the neglected peoples of the world with the neglected resources of the church. The second Bible college was begun by D. L. Moody in 1886. Its purpose was to educate and maintain Christian workers who would teach the gospel in Chicago and its suburbs. Bible colleges have succeeded because they addressed an unmet need.

Most of the colleges that were established in the early days of the settling of the United States were founded to serve the needs of the Church in its effort to train, evangelize, and establish people in the Christian faith. I believe the same basic purpose existed for the establishing of the eight Nazarene colleges in the U.S.A. along with the Bible college and the seminary. A need existed in the Church, a ground swell of concern developed to serve that need, and the result was the birth of an institution of higher education—designed to serve the needs of the Church. We must remember this fact!

A need has existed the last few years to evangelize the masses of ethnic people in the U.S.A., especially in the great urban centers where ethnic people have immigrated by the tens of thousands. The church has not been as successful in reaching these ethnic people for Christ as she should have been. One primary reason for this is the lack of trained leadership. This represents an important need of the church today: the training of ethnic people to lead and work among their own culture and to reach this large segment of our society with the gospel of Christ and for the Church.

The organizational structure of the Church of the Nazarene provides for each district to establish a Board of Ministerial Studies. It is the responsibility of this board to supervise the licensed minister in com-

pleting the educational requirements for ordination. Where there are clusters of ethnic persons living, these District Boards of Ministerial Studies independently have attempted to develop some type of educational program for ethnic persons who feel called to some form of ministry. Some districts have encouraged the Directed Study Method, which is the least desirable in its value to the student. Other districts have organized occasional small-group studies. These programs have been fragmented at best.

There has been a growing call from the district leadership for Nazarene Bible College to develop a program of study similar to that of the college, but where the learning process could be completed in the context of the ethnic community. It was felt that the credibility of the program, the quality of instruction and contextualized practical training, all related to the accredited Bible college, would make a positive contribution to the evangelization of ethnic persons and the development of ethnic leaders in the church.

In an effort to respond to a real need for pastors and other church leaders from among ethnic peoples in the U.S.A., and with a commitment to serve the church, Nazarene Bible College has created a program of developing Ethnic Extension Training Centers across the U.S.A. in cooperation with Church Extension Ministries. The NBC program is a response to the general church request to NBC to train ethnic persons for ministry.

The president of NBC, Dr. Jerry D. Lambert, created a new administrative office for the purpose of providing leadership and accountability for this new extension program. I was asked to shift from academic dean to assistant to the president for Ethnic Extension Training Center development, and began this office June 1, 1985.

There are now six district training centers that have a relationship with NBC as official extension training centers, with an enrollment of 200 students. □

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### AN AMEN

AMEN! to J. Weldon McClung, Jr.'s, article August 1, 1986, "Nazarenes and the Movies."

To those who would argue that we see the same things on TV as are shown in the movies the answer is obvious. Turn off the TV!

*C. Dale German  
Queensland, Australia*

### CAUTION URGED

The August 1 issue of the *Herald* had an article, "Nazarenes and the Movies," which was good in the years before TV. Now perhaps 100 watch TV to one that goes to the movie house.

Now right in our homes are the "good" and the "bad" movies along with alcohol pictured as the "drink of

champions," not to say anything about pornography, cuss words, and crime that seem to be pictured more and more frequently.

Should not we Nazarenes exercise more care about what we or our children watch on TV?

*John Martin  
Lake Hamilton, Florida*

### ANTI-MOVIES

I enjoyed your timely article on Nazarenes and the movies. Also, a very interesting point was made about vows to comply with rules being taken lightly.

The Bible and the *Manual* provide a moral and ethical compass in the midst of relativism. In other words, they show us the black and white in a very gray world.

In a time when most movies are

rated PG, because of sex, language, or violence, it is important to look to the Bible for truth. Paul says in Philippians 4:8, "Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." After considering many scriptures like this it seems our church has taken a positive stand for the right in condemning a source of entertainment where people voyeuristically enjoy the sin of others.

*Tim Chandler  
Prineville, Oregon*

### ON MANUAL AND MOVIES

When I read "Nazarenes and the Movies" (August 1) I was concerned that the *Manual* is being misused.

*(Continued on page 18)*





NBC cafeteria

# Career Changes Welcome Here

by JERRY D. LAMBERT

Get a job and stay with it expresses the good old work ethic that used to keep people working all their lives at jobs they did not like very well. If they suffered occupational frustrations, they simply turned to their family or hobbies to help them through. But now a generation of persons in their 30s and 40s keep switching jobs in search of fulfillment and purpose. Starting over happens so frequently now that career guidance has mushroomed into a booming business whose experts predict the next generation will change vocations as many as five times in their working lives. The rationale for career hopping speaks of chasing challenges so life can count for something. Often money has little to do with these decisions.

From the beginning, serious Christian disciples made hard choices about the way they earned their living. Something about association with Jesus made it easy to

give up fishing, tax collecting, and tentmaking. Thus it should not surprise us if present-day followers of the Lord ask Him probing questions about their jobs and professions. Such job-change possibilities have always been frightening and still are.

But for reasons known only to Him and in ways known only to them, the Father sometimes calls adults to ministerial service when they are well beyond their teens or 20s. Often such a summons creates immediate concerns about training. In the providence of God, nearly 20 years ago, Nazarene Bible College opened its doors to equip these adults for Kingdom usefulness. And its work continues with vigor.

Adults may sense a divine nudge in the middle of a successful career just as they reach for the next promotion or another raise. Then the conscientious disciple wonders if his present job is the way God really wants his life to be spent. A usual response to this inner quest motivates people to try another phase of local church ministry or to give more generously to some worthy project. Sometimes that is all God wants. The Father will make it plain.

Job failures sometimes provide the first stirring of a call to ministry for adults. Paul, the apostle, believed God used weakness to confound the mighty and foolishness to confuse the wise. It still happens through some unexplainable events. But if an occupational failure is really a whisper from God, it will become more intense. God never plays guessing games with us.

A renewal of a divine call received during grade school or high school may come during adulthood. Fleeting impressions created by a devoted relative or a zealous Sunday School teacher or pastor need to be seen for what they were. But the memory of an authentic holy moment of divine call from your yesterdays may be brought to your mind by the Spirit of God. This suspicion of a sense of call needs to be tested in every possible way; a genuine word from God about your future can stand tough scrutiny.

New converts comprise the fourth group whom God may call. A growing number of adult students at Nazarene Bible College are the firstfruits of the evangelism of our local churches. Their fresh memory of what God has done for them motivates them to want to serve Him well. Since these folks knew nothing about the need for ministry before they came to Christ, it was spiritually impossible for them to be called earlier.

Retirees may also be called to special service. Who can calculate what God can do through 5 or 10 good years of a person's life just after they retire? Some of these people should come to Colorado Springs for training and then go out to revolutionize some of our smaller churches. But, of course, the Father's permission must be sought before the decision can be made.

No human being has the ability to call another person to Christian service. Nor should we try. But adults need to know that God sometimes calls people just like them. At every age God uses openness and obedience. Should God direct a career switch that includes a call to ministry, Nazarene Bible College is an adult preparation place planned just for you. A cafeteria of ministerial training options is ready and waiting. □

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Camerique

# God Answers Your Prayers for Harvest Hands

by NEIL B. WISEMAN

**P**ray to the one in charge of the harvesting, and ask him to recruit more workers for his harvest fields” (Matthew 9:38, TLB)—that is Jesus’ explicit command. Having just completed a preaching tour through many cities and villages, our Lord attracted sinful, depressed, sick people to the life-changing power of His gospel. Though the gratifying response warmed His heart, He pitied them because they were like shepherdless sheep with no one to lead them into the deeper things He planned for them. So our Lord puts it on the line—abundant harvests demand more harvest hands.

Everywhere contemporary harvests are springing up. As migrants move to the cities from first, second, and third world areas, they hunger for what the gospel can do for them. The forces of righteousness move pornography out of our grocery stores and disturb drug, alcohol, tobacco, and abortion merchants. Nazarenes keep increasing their burden for the world, so they give more and pray more. Our college youth search for new ways to invest their lives in the cause of Christ. Enthusiasm expands for planting new churches. The church’s “Thrust to the Cities” captures our imagination and our money as we try to take Jesus to Chicago, Mexico City, Los Angeles, and New York. And an increasing number of folks share their faith on the job and with their neighbors. With such spectacular opportunities, it seems God has surrounded the Church of the Nazarene with a gigantic, ripening harvest field.

But Jesus taught us that increasing harvests always require more workers. To answer that need, Jesus instructed us to ask the Father for more helpers. Those of us who serve Christ and the Church on the Nazarene Bible College team have the joy of personally knowing the people God uses to answer your prayer for more laborers. Frequently those prayers for harvest hands are answered in unexpected ways.

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Just a few years ago, God saved Jim from a very fast life through the ministry of the Maranatha Church near New York City. He graduated this year and began his first pastoral assignment in Alaska this past summer. In God’s plan this harvest hand came to Colorado Springs from New York on his way to Alaska.

A while ago God began answering one of your prayers at a Marine military base in North Carolina. A nearby Nazarene church in that coastal town, pastored by a Nazarene Bible College graduate, provided rich soil for Brad and Rolf’s spiritual growth. These two Marines grew in grace and answered a call to ministry by coming to NBC. A part of your answer came when Brad preached this year’s senior sermon. Another part of that prayer is being worked out as Rolf continues his ministerial preparation at Mid-America Nazarene College and then Nazarene Theological Seminary.

Another request to God for harvest hands was answered when God reclaimed a missionary’s son who grew up in Guyana. Tough and determined, John tried everything the devil had to offer and found the enemy’s promises to be lies. When he came to Christ, he turned all his enthusiasm into the things of God. After graduation, just before he left town, he brought me a picture of his family as a prayer reminder for his ministry. You will be proud to know he gladly accepted a difficult assignment in a midwestern state. His labor for Christ will revitalize that church because he believes he is there by divine appointment.

NBC graduates are some of God’s answers to your prayers for more workers. Space and time keep me from telling the story of many others. In August, NBC opened its 20th year of training folks for ministry. Regrettably, each year has produced some glaring examples of ministerial failures. But the successes are great because you prayed for God to call folks into the ministry.

These new students who began school just a few weeks ago have their own testimonies of grace to tell.



To answer your prayers, God went to farms, classrooms, gas stations, coal mines, factories, and construction sites to extend His call. As they finish their ministerial training and begin to serve Christ and His Church, you will be thrilled that following the Lord's command gave you a part in this important work of bringing in the harvest.

But even now a growing harvest ripens. More harvest personnel will be needed. That means more intercession. That requires an inquiry to a potential laborer, "Do you think God may be calling you?" That means an evangelistic urgency is needed in your local church so the spiritual climate encourages wholehearted obedience to the will of God by all of the people. That means making it your urgent work to ask the Father for more workers.

To train harvest hands, God has blessed the Church

of the Nazarene with area liberal arts colleges, two graduate theological seminaries, theological colleges in world areas, Bible colleges on mission fields, and Nazarene Bible College at Colorado Springs. These church-owned schools possess campuses, buildings, libraries, and faculties that make you swell with praise to God. But every one of these schools need more potential laborers for the ripening harvest. The future of the church, and the capabilities of our educational institutions need your continued prayer commitment.

On the basis of His past faithfulness, God will answer your prayers by reaching into unexpected places in unique ways to convince folks that they are needed to help bring in this abundant crop. Their names and addresses are already well known to Him. Though I am not sure why God wants your prayers for this effort, He does. And He answers too! □

## NAZARENE ROOTS



Rev. E. C. DeJernett family. DeJernett founded the Peniel community on the outskirts of Greenville, Tex., near the turn of the century.

movement. Spiritually, it ranked in significance with the prayer meeting as a shaper of the distinctive piety that characterized the holiness movement. Socially, it played a key role in the transition from a holiness *movement* to holiness *churches*. The *Pentecostal Herald*, published in Wilmore, Ky., devoted an entire issue to the great holiness camp meetings around the country, including this account of the founding of the Greenville, Tex., camp meeting, written by Mrs. E. C. DeJernett:

"Greenville camp was founded the year 1896. E. C. DeJernett located from his conference and moved to Greenville in 1895. He began to look for a suitable place to establish a holiness camp ground. The Lord directed him to this place in a few days, but the land had been in possession of a certain party for forty years, who would not sell it at any price. In a few weeks, this person got off the train, met an uncle of mine, told him he was in trouble and had to sell this hundred acres of land. Uncle bought it. Soon as Bro. DeJernett heard of it, he went to see Uncle and told him he wanted fifty acres, but did not have any money to pay on it. They made the trade, gave the notes, then went to asking the heavenly Father to



The campground in the 30s, with an open-air tabernacle

## THE GREENVILLE CAMP MEETING AND THE ROOTS OF INSTITUTIONAL LIFE

The holiness camp meeting was a vital force within the 19th century holiness

open up the way for it to be paid, realizing that the silver and gold are His and the cattle upon a thousand hills.

"August, 1896, the first camp-meeting was held under a tent, led by H. C. Morrison, Pardo, Thurmond, and others. 75 souls were the result of that meeting. Holiness had never been preached in these parts before. A number are yet true that were sanctified then. The second year Bro. Morrison and Mrs. Snell were the leaders. Among other workers in succeeding years were: Rev. E. F. Walker, Aura Smith, Bud Robinson, R. L. Averill, R. M. Guy, and E. A. Ferguson.

"The meeting grows better every year. The last two years have been the best. God knows the souls that have been saved. We have a large shed, which cost something near a thousand dollars. It will seat seventeen hundred people. One large eating house, four camp houses and large cistern."

Near the camp meeting grounds there soon was added a school, which became Texas Holiness University (renamed Peniel University), a periodical (*The Texas Holiness Advocate*; later *Pentecostal Advocate*), an orphanage and rescue home, and a thriving colony of holiness people—most of them soon to become Nazarenes.

(Sources: *Pentecostal Herald*, July 31, 1907; Timothy L. Smith, *Called unto Holiness*; photos from the R. T. Williams Collection.) □

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# The Larger Picture

by CARL B. CLENDENEN

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**A** young man said recently, "Before coming to this class on church planting, I had never stopped to think where or how all of the established churches began."

Thousands of churches dot the countryside and grace the cities of the United States and Canada. Their existence has often been taken for granted by people who attend them. Colleges and seminaries have prepared pastors to serve existing congregations, but have done little to prepare workers for the establishment of new ones.

How did more than 330,000 churches in America begin? When were they started, and under what conditions? Who had the vision to evangelize the lost and congregationalize them? Nazarenes should ask the same questions relative to the 5,122 Churches of the Nazarene in the United States and Canada.

Have you ever tried to put a jigsaw puzzle together? They are much easier to complete when you can see the larger picture. The borders take form and soon the blue sky takes shape. Then the earth and the trees, and finally the people in the picture begin to fall into place. And so it is in Christ's Church. When we understand what God's plan is, and believers envision what the Church should be and do by God's grace, then the pieces will come together for us.

The Church is not an afterthought in the mind of God. He planned and provided for it in the giving of His Son. Jesus prophesied and promised that He would build His Church and the gates of hell would not stop it. Jesus instructed His followers about their mission and promised the Holy Spirit to empower them for the assignment. Christ loved the Church and gave himself for it; the Christian is to love the church—and the churches, those that we now have and those to be planted.

Christ's last words to His disciples reveal the central task of His Church. The Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20) is spoken by the One who has authority. He gives authority to His followers, and empowers them with the Holy Spirit, to "Go and make disciples."

Nazarenes believe this to be Christ's mandate in 1986. They also believe the Holy Spirit's empowerment to be the privilege of every Christian today. The power to witness, to proclaim the good news of the gospel, is the possession of each Spirit-filled believer. As in New Testament times (Acts 2:49), the Lord is ready today to add to the Church those that are being saved. According to Acts, the newly converted were gathered into new congregations where they were baptized and disciplined.

This is God's larger picture. It is easy in the busyness of the church's activities to forget the larger picture. Jesus said that no one needs to perish; no one needs to be lost. The church's primary mission, then, is accomplished when the gospel is preached in the power of the Holy Spirit; people are converted, baptized, and disciplined; and new churches are established.

In many of the communities and nearby areas where our churches minister, as many as 70% of the population are still unclaimed for Christ. Every one of our established churches stands as a reminder that some



have paid a dear price to raise new altars and plant new pulpits, in order that centers of holy evangelism could be established in the countryside and cities of the United States and Canada. From them new churches must be planted through similar devotion and faith.

When the Church of the Nazarene was evangelizing the lost in new and growing communities and new churches were being established, the denomination was growing and prospering. Those denominations today that place a high priority on rapid and intentional church planting are growing. The converse is also true. Those denominations that are not multiplying new congregations are declining.

The young man in my church planting class who had not given much thought to who might have "planted" the established churches expressed his appreciation for being exposed to courses at Nazarene Bible College that were equipping him for ministries of evangelism, church growth, and church planting.

Since the late 1970s there has been a fresh wind blowing across the Church of the Nazarene, resulting in a new vision for the establishment of new and growing congregations. Laypeople, ministers, and students have been and are being exposed to New Testament principles for evangelizing the lost and gathering them into new churches. Conferences and seminars have been conducted in several areas of the United States and Canada, and now students in our colleges and seminary are receiving excellent training to equip them to "grow" Christ's Church.

Nazarene Bible College is continuing to carry out the vision of her founders, people whose hearts were aflame with passion for the lost. Already the denomination has felt the impact of the hundreds of men and women who have had the privilege of sitting in the classrooms and learning from firsthand experience

what it means to be called to extend and expand His Church. Today, every ministerial student who graduates from Nazarene Bible College must complete several courses that will equip him for effective ministry in the 1980s and beyond the year 2000. Resource persons actively involved in these areas are brought to the campus, so that students and faculty are kept abreast of the latest developments, both inside and outside the denomination, in church growth and church planting.

Nazarene Bible College, in cooperation with Church Extension Ministries, Kansas City, provided a learning experience during the summer of 1986 in which 151 persons gathered to receive training for the establishment of new, growing Churches of the Nazarene. The Church Planting Institute of the Rockies was conducted on the campus of Nazarene Bible College. People from 21 districts and 9 denominations were trained in biblical principles and practical methods. The resource persons came directly from the field of action with fresh insights and experiences in church planting. Representatives of seven ethnic groups studied principles for reaching the masses of ethnic people who are populating the cities of the United States and Canada. The next Church Planting Institute of the Rockies is scheduled for June 29—July 2, 1987, on the campus of Nazarene Bible College.

In the meantime, let us return to the young man's statement, that he "had given little thought to where or how the churches in which he worshiped were started." Today's Nazarenes have drawn deeply from the holy reservoir of evangelism by those who preceded them. Now it is time that the reservoir be kept full by persons who are willing to pour their lives back into it, so that those who follow can draw from it and find life in Christ, and the joy of service in His name. □

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## **ETHNIC MINISTERIAL TRAINING: EXPANDED VISION FOR NAZARENE BIBLE COLLEGE**

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by MICHAEL ESTEP

**N**azarene Bible College is involved in an exciting new dimension: an expanded vision for ethnic ministerial training to meet the growing need for church planters in the various ethnic groups in the United States and Canada.

"That the World May Know" is a theme with reality in the United States and Canada as members of various ethnic groups continue to migrate to these two countries. Of the 1,500 projected churches to be established by 1995, 182 are targeted as ethnic church starts by the district superintendents in the U.S. and Canada. One hundred thirty-eight of these ethnic targets are on Anglo districts in the U.S. and Canada.

An overview of the church starts follows: 44 Black, 41 Hispanic, 17 Haitian, 9 Korean, 7 Cambodian, 4 Armenian, 4 Chinese, 2 Arab, 2 Filipino, 2 Vietnamese, 1 Belgian, 1 Finnish, 1 Indo-Pakistani, 1 Japanese, 1 Native American, 1 Samoan.

On the four Latin American districts in the U.S., 43 new Hispanic church targets have been selected. The two Native American districts are projecting 11 new church starts.

Where will we get the personnel to meet these church planting needs? Nazarene Bible College will provide many of these new church planters.

How? Through their extension training centers being established throughout the United States.

New works will be a reality as we continue to search for ways to provide training in a wide variety of formats to all who are called to "Let the World Know." □

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1986 graduating class of Armenian Bible College, Pasadena, Calif.



Rev. Jerry Appleby praying prayer of commitment for graduating student of Armenian Bible College. Dr. Yeghia Babikian (2nd from r.) is president. The service was held in the Pasadena Bresee Avenue Church.

# FROM GOSPEL RECIPIENTS TO GOSPEL CARRIERS

by YEGHIA BABIKIAN

Armenian roots are deeply embedded in biblical geography and history. God planted the Garden of Eden within the vicinity of Armenia. Later He guided Noah's ark to rest on Mount Ararat, the highest peak in Armenia.

In the first century, the gospel reached Armenia by the immediate disciples of the apostles Bartholomew and Thaddeus. During the second century, Christianity was widespread in Armenia, but it was not until 236-330 that Armenians officially adopted Christianity as their state religion, under the leadership of St. Gregory the Illuminator.

To preserve and perpetuate Christianity in Armenia, the leaders of the nation felt it was absolutely necessary to translate the Bible into Armenian, but they did not yet have an alphabet. After much prayer, fasting, and arduous studies, St. Mesrob Mahdotz created an indigenous alphabet and they immediately translated the Bible into Armenian, 401-404.

Unfortunately, the conversion of Armenians to Christianity created severe repercussions with their neighbors, particularly with Zoroastrian Persians. They thought the political balance of the region

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might shift toward the pro-Christian Byzantines; therefore the Persian king, Hazgerd II (439-457), tried to force the Armenians to denounce Christianity and adopt Zoroastrianism. Severe hostility and persecution broke out, and finally Hazgerd issued the following declaration to Armenians:

If you voluntarily accept our law, you shall receive gifts and honors from the King; otherwise, we will build shrines in your villages for the worship of fire, and we will appoint magi as your country's lawgivers. Should any rebel, he shall be put to death, and his wife and children shall be exiled.

The Armenian political and religious leaders categorically rejected the fire worship, and they answered the king in a long explanatory letter that ended thus:

From this faith nobody can shake us; neither angels, nor men; neither sword, fire, water, nor any bitter tortures. We commit all our properties into your hands; our bodies also are at your disposal. Do as you wish. If you choose to leave us in the free exercise of our faith, we shall not exchange you with any other lord on earth; neither however, we shall own in heaven any other Lord but Jesus Christ, besides whom there is no other God. We submit our necks to your sword.

King Hazgerd cunningly enticed the Armenian princess and the ecclesiasts to come to his capital, Cte-

siphon, under the pretext of consultation. When they arrived, he chained all of them and threw them into the dungeon. The Armenian leaders, disappointed and hopeless, superficially accepted the Persian religion and returned home with plenty of presents. Persian priests and soldiers accompanied them to enforce their religion. However, when the caravan entered Armenia, the Armenian people revolted and threatened to kill them all. The Armenian leaders quietly explained that they had only pretended to have become Zoroastrians. Then the people and their leaders attacked the Persians, killed some of the priests, and routed the army.

Hearing of this incident, the Persian king attacked with a great force of about 220,000 men, flanked by armored elephants and strong cavalry. The Armenians could hardly muster 66,000 men and cavalry. They were led by their Commander-in-chief, Vartan Mamikonian.

The confrontation took place at the battlefield of Avarayr in 451. The Commander-in-chief shouted his famous war cry: "For the sake of our Fatherland and religion, attack!" and he surged forward, sabre in hand. His soldiers followed him and one of the bloodiest hand-to-hand battles of Armenian history took place.

Armenians have paid the full price to preserve Christianity in their land down through the centuries. The plan of Muslim Turks to



annihilate the entire Armenian nation from the surface of the earth was the greatest threat in Armenian history. They massacred 1½ million Armenians on the 24th of April, 1915, and deported the rest to the four corners of the world.

Today, 3½ million Armenians are under the Russian regime in Soviet Armenia. About 1 million in the United States fully enjoy the blessings of this land of freedom and opportunity, and another 2½ million are scattered all over the world.

Unfortunately, the loss of their homeland, the struggle for survival in foreign countries, and the secularism of the age have almost completely depleted the spirituality of Armenians. The first Christian nation in human history has almost entirely lost its historical faith and spiritual vigor. Several churches have already been closed and others are on the verge of closure. Many Armenian communities around the world do not have ministers.

The Armenian Almanac (published by Vassilian, 1985) lists the Armenian Evangelical churches in the United States with their respective dates of foundation, as follows: 1971, 1979, 1933, 1926, 1897, 1901, 1981, 1916, 1892, 1949, 1908, 1917, 1912, 1896, and 1889! There are 10 other churches listed with no foundation dates (most likely because old records have not been preserved). It must also be noted that at the time of the organization of most of these churches, the Armenian population in the United States was probably less than 30% of what it is now.

It is disappointing to observe the current direction of the first Christian nation toward further dilution of their Christian heritage, fewer Spirit-filled ministers, less planting of churches, and less missionary endeavor. We must reverse this trend!

The Armenian people around the world do need a spiritual revival, a new Holy Spirit anointed sanctification experience, more Spirit-filled ministers and gospel carriers.

On September 14, 1982, a small hand-size cloud appeared on the horizon. It was the Armenian Bible College located in Pasadena, Calif. It has been growing steadily since its opening. Today the enrollment is 43 students.

The founders of the college were men of vision. It was their desire to prepare ministers, to kindle the spirit of revival, to carry the gospel of Jesus Christ, and to plant new churches.

The founders of the college were men of faith. They began the college without having any students, teachers, classrooms, or books. They founded the college without the financial assurance of any person, church, or organization. They simply obeyed the earnest call of Jesus Christ: "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:37-38). They simply believed that the Lord would meet the educational expenses of those He was calling to the ministry.

The Lord is faithful. He has met the financial needs of the Ar-

menian Bible College month by month through the love offerings of His people. He has met the academic needs of the college through the accreditation umbrella of the Nazarene Bible College. And June 1, 1986, the college completed its first four-year academic cycle and produced three graduates. The highlight of the commencement program was the keynote address of Dr. R. T. Bolerjack, assistant to the president of Nazarene Bible College and coordinator of Ethnic Extension Training Centers for NBC.

We do need this hand-size cloud to grow. We do need showers of spiritual blessings on Armenian communities around the world. We do need the prayers of our brothers and sisters in Christ for the transformation of the first gospel recipients into GOSPEL CARRIERS to all Armenian and other communities around the world. □



## SHOWING THE LORD'S DEATH

(1 Corinthians 11:26)

*This too-pale, purple image of Christ's blood  
Stands in this thimble-glass too steadily.  
It will not fall as Christ's blood fell so free;  
It will not turn this "earth" to reeking mud.  
The death-dew that dropped down on Calvary  
Made dust a horror—drenched the hands of men  
With guilt—bloodguilt that plunged beyond Man's ken—  
Invading realms that only God can see.  
That blood was freighted with the death of me—  
For I too let the life of Christ through sin;  
And my least vice did its foul most to pin  
The Lord of Life to that death-dealing tree.*

*Yet this sweet emblem speaks of life—not death—  
Life through that selfsame blood that spelled my doom  
While I stood outside heaven's anteroom.  
But now—within the Entry-Way—God's breath  
Breathes through this sign that as Christ overcame  
Dark Death, so I, through Christ, shall do the same.*

—WILLIAM DAVID GEBBY  
Indianapolis, Indiana

# "Thus Far Has the Lord Helped Us"

by JOSE C. RODRIGUEZ

Groundwork for the Instituto Teologico Nazareno was laid on January 3, 1982, when classes were formally offered for the first time on the third floor of the First Church of the Nazarene in Los Angeles, Calif. 1982 through 1985 were years of toil and dedication on the part of Professor Marco Garcia and the Los Angeles District under the capable leadership of Dr. Paul Benefiel. Under the administration of Prof. Garcia, a good faculty was selected, the curriculum was formed, and the student body was stabilized.

In December 1983 machinery was set in motion to make the "Escuela Biblica Nazarena" an official extension of Nazarene Bible College in Colorado Springs.

All the initial groundwork was under the able leadership of Marco Garcia. May his dream of seeing the Escuela become a fully accredited extension of NBC be realized.

We started the fall quarter of 1985 with 49 students. In the winter quarter we had 47 students and in the spring quarter 56 students, as follows:

- 16 students in the program of associate of arts in biblical studies
- 12 students in the ministerial course
- 28 students in the lay ministries program

We have 17 students from Los Angeles District; 31 from the Western Latin American District; and 4 from the Southern California District. Also 4 of our students come from other denominations.

During the school year we have had 70 new students, who are excited and showing more dedication with each passing quarter. This school year, 1985-86, we have offered 17 courses with a total of 816 credit hours.

The Instituto Teologico Nazareno is privileged to have a capable faculty. Dr. Orlando Perdomo comes to us as a highly trained professor with much pastoral experience and a very warm heart. He is well liked and appreciated by all.

Prof. Marco Garcia is very capable, and he is in the process of finishing his Ph.D. work at Fuller Theological Seminary.

Mrs. Lidia Perdomo, our music teacher, is an experienced pianist and teacher.

Zonnia Panameno is a capable secretary and serves as director of admissions and student finances.

Silvia M. Mena is our librarian and assistant to the president for academic matters. She comes to ITN with excellent references and experience, having worked for two years in the library at Nazarene Bible College. Both Zonnia and Silvia are bilingual secretaries.

The laypersons of the Los Angeles District have raised \$5,468 for our library. As a result, we have a beautiful carpeted library, with 21 oak bookcases and a checkout counter. We have 4,000 volumes and are con-



President Jose C. Rodriguez of ITN and class



Mr. Jose Martin (standing, r.) recording a class session



Dr. Martha Rosales (seated, l.) in the library

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tinuously adding new books. All of our resources at Instituto Teologico Nazareno are dedicated to one end, the preparation of Hispanic ministers and lay workers for our church.

The student body is a beautiful Hispanic kaleidoscope. We have students from the U.S., Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Peru, Colombia, Cuba, etc. This Latin mosaic stirs the emotions and prompts one to do his best work. "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few" (Matthew 9:37, NIV).

Let me introduce you to two very interesting students. The first is Jose Martin. Brother Jose is an interesting person, faithful Roman Catholic, and a grandfather in his 60s. In his search for the truth, he was able to get hold of a Bible, and through the providence of God he heard of Instituto Teologico Nazareno. He is usually the first one to arrive. He comes in with his Bible in one hand and his tape recorder in the other. He has recorded everything that I have said in my classes. The course on the doctrine of holiness was especially interesting and challenging to him.

He has said, "Pastor, you cannot imagine the joy that I feel when I read God's Word, for I am seeing and understanding things that before were unknown to me." His wife has asked him, "What is happening to you? You are not the same person anymore." His response was, "I am studying God's Word, and it is changing my heart."

Brother Jose Martin is a leader in the "Renewal Movement" in the Roman Catholic church, especially among Hispanics. He has played the cassettes of our classes to his local priest and other leaders in his church. This summer he will be going to Costa Rica and plans to evangelize the people with whom he will

be working. I urge you to pray earnestly for Jose Martin.

Let me mention one more student, Martha Rosales, M.D. She completed her medical training in Mexico. Following her internship she came to the United States, where she experienced her greatest trial and sadness. Her husband suddenly passed away, and she was left lonely and friendless in the Los Angeles area. Through the providence and love of God, she came in contact with one of our Hispanic churches in Los Angeles. Sister Guadalupe Castillo, a dedicated Christian lady, invited her to attend the Hispanic Belvedere Church of the Nazarene. Dr. Rosales accepted the invitation, and it was not long before she found the Lord as her Savior and Sanctifier. The presence of the Lord took away her sadness and she found new joy and hope in Christ.

She heard of Instituto Teologico Nazareno and enrolled. The first course she took was the doctrine of holiness. This was not only a learning experience for her but also a source of spiritual strength and comfort. Dr. Martha Rosales is an A student. She is eager to learn more about the Word of God, Christian theology, and our church. She also has a call from God to the mission field. She is willing to go where the Lord leads and has already applied to World Mission. Please pray for her as she continues her studies here in the institute and waits on the Lord for direction concerning the future.

Our most urgent need at this time is for a full-time professor. We also need money for scholarships, lectureships, and evangelism. Last, but not least, we need a special fund for students' financial needs. These we trust God to provide. □

## Because You Gave... CARSON'S IN HEAVEN

by PARK D. BURKHART

Last month I received a card from Evangelism Ministries at our Kansas City headquarters, informing me that a Mr. Carson Walker resides in Florida every winter and would be arriving in Fort Lauderdale. The Moving Nazarenes' notice told me he had cancer and requested that I call on him.

On December 26, I went to see him in the hospital. After some conversation, I asked him if he had ever accepted Christ as his Savior.

"No," he said, "I guess I just never had time."

"Well, I guess you have time now, don't you, Mr. Walker?"

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# "Because YOU GAVE..."

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A few moments later I was privileged to lead him in the sinner's prayer of repentance and confession.

I visited him daily, and he continued to testify of the Lord's presence to me and to others. On Sunday, January 6, his sister-in-law visited him. "I am at peace," he told her. Less than 18 hours later he died.

How close Mr. Walker came to dying without Christ! If Rev. Jerry Clark of Clyde, Ohio, had not sent his Uncle Carson's name to the Evangelism Ministries office, I would have had no way of knowing he was in my city. And if I had not called on him, he would not now be with Jesus.

I wonder how many souls have gone into eternity as unrepentant sinners because no one sent a Moving Nazarene notice to the headquarters office—or because the pastor didn't follow up with a call when the referral came.

Because of a Moving Nazarene service supported by our General Budget dollars, and because God helped me to be obedient in response, another soul is in heaven. □

# The Plan to Di

by B. EDGAR JOHNSON

**O**n the stationery of the Gray Company, a Washington-based public relations enterprise, is a six-page proposal to John M. Harrington, executive vice president of the Council for Periodical Distributors Association. Key words in this whole proposal are: "A way must be found of discrediting the organizations and individuals who have begun to seriously disrupt the legitimate business activities of publishers . . . This effort must be spearheaded by the broad new coalition of industry and non-industry forces created to deal with the more immediate and pressing problem of the Commission on Pornography."

The distributors are further advised by Gray's senior vice president, Mr. Stephen Johnson, that the "cost of this effort could range from \$600,000 to \$900,000 during the first year."

"Themes" recommended for use are:

1. "There is no factual or scientific basis for the exaggerated and unfounded allegations that sexually-oriented content in contemporary media is in any way a cause of violent and criminal behaviour";

2. "It makes no sense to expend the energy of community groups, law enforcement agencies or the courts in pursuit of such allegations. In fact, it is socially harmful to direct our energies in such channels, because it diverts our attention from real economical and social problems";

3. "The campaign to infringe on all our rights . . . is being orchestrated by a group of religious extremists . . ."

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4. "If this campaign against one segment of publishing is successful . . . extremist pressure groups will step up their efforts to impose their narrow moral and social agenda on the majority";

5. "One need not admire, agree with, purchase or read certain publications to support their constitutional right to be published, distributed, and sold . . . and the right of other people to purchase and read them."

How can, or should, a Christian citizen respond to this plan to discredit those who oppose obscenity and pornography, the Justice Department Pornography Commissions, and their report and recommendations?

A concerned Christian can write and call the president of the United States and the attorney general and encourage them to support the recommendations of the Commission on Pornography that call for relief

## *Even So, Come, Lord Jesus*

*Aaron's rod has begun to bud and blossom  
And from the dust of the atomic blast  
The green fig tree lifts up her fruit and fragrance  
And temporal things seem forever past.*

*The eastern clouds ride in like silver galleons,  
Their broad prows are fresh-scrubbed and sapphire-dipped;  
Their flags are fat with zephyrs, purged and perfumed,  
Out of the mouth of The Apocalypse.*

*The lions and lambs have lain down together  
And the habitations where dragons lay  
Now bloom with trumpet-reeds and bugle-grasses  
And things that hurt and harm are passed away.*

*The cannon's throat is paralyzed and speechless,  
Archangels' hands have closed wars' ragged books.  
Warmongers sing where they once spilled red vengeance  
And their swords have now become pruning hooks.*

*Armageddon has bled its festering carnage  
Lucifer's armies stumble through the mist—  
The Lord God omnipotent reigns—and behold:  
Redemption's chalice glows like amethyst!*

*The stabled escorts are aroused and saddled,  
The Royal Christ mounts up and starts to ride:  
The graves burst wide, the dead shout, "Hallelujah,"  
They rise to meet Him—Christ has claimed His Bride!*

—CHARLES HASTINGS SMITH  
Bethany, Oklahoma



# scredit

from the utter paralysis of government in response to the pornography plague.

The record shows that in the last three years of the past administration (one lenient toward pornography), 66 indictments were brought in federal courts. In the first six years of the present administration, there have been 34! There was not a single indictment brought against the producers of "adult" pornography in 1983. Only 7 of the 93 U.S. attorneys have devoted any effort to the prosecution of obscenity, which is not protected under the constitution just as libel and slander are not protected.

A concerned Christian can become a part of a local citizens group who, like the interfaith religious leaders who met in New York July 25, are "in unanimous agreement that hard core and child pornography, which is not protected by the constitution, is an evil which must be eliminated." □

## CALL AND WRITE...

President Ronald Reagan  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W.  
Washington, DC 20500  
202-456-1414

Attorney General Edwin Meese  
Justice Department  
Constitution Ave. & 10th St. N.W.  
Washington, DC 20530  
202-633-2001

If Attorney General Meese's phone is busy when you call, try contacting these high-ranking Justice Department staff members:

Lowell Jensen, Deputy Attorney General  
202-633-2101

Kenneth Cribb, Counselor to the Attorney General  
202-633-3892

Stephen Trott, Assistant Attorney General  
202-633-2601

William Tyson, Director of the Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys  
202-633-2121

Brad Reynolds, Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights  
202-633-2151

You can also write these officials at the same Justice Department address for Attorney General Meese.

## Book Brief

### MY WALK ACROSS THE CHURCH 30 Years on the Assembly Line



GEORGE W. RICE,  
*author*

George Rice is known across the church as the Nazarene Publishing House "bookman," but many may be surprised to learn that he wears so many other hats that they have almost worn the hair off his head. He has been pastor, interim pastor, hospital chaplain, rockhound, author, developer of manufactured chapels, scholarship fund administrator, representative for wills and gifts, soul winner, and fond

grandparent. George has just retired from his 30 years with the publishing house. His autobiographical book tells of some of his experiences.

There are chapters on the experiences of a publishing house representative, including some humorous incidents, and some things that have happened during district assemblies. There are also chapters on God's guidance, both in times of difficult decisions and in times of personal distress. Dr. Rice is a very person-centered individual, deeply committed to winning others to Christ. This shines through as a major emphasis of the book. You will weep with rejoicing at different people he has been able to reach for the Lord.

The book will also be an inspiration to anyone who is forced to make a mid-life career change. When you can accept this as God's will, you can move forward with confidence and enthusiasm.

You will enjoy this well-written, personal look into the life and experiences of one of the men who travel thousands of miles every year to bring the best and latest Christian literature and music to our district assemblies, camp meetings, and preachers' meetings. □

—Alpin P. Bowes

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# the editor's STANDPOINT

## BOLDNESS CHANGES HISTORY

The glory of Christopher Columbus, said Victor Hugo, “lies not in having arrived, but in having weighed anchor.”

The outstanding virtue of Columbus was boldness. He ventured into uncharted seas while the less courageous sailed close to shore. He spurned the warnings of those intimidated by rumors of fatal tides and ocean monsters, declaring, “*Mare totum navigabile*”—all seas are navigable.

His boldness in pursuing dreams was costly. Old before his time, at 53 he was afflicted with gout, arthritis, and recurring fevers. Biographer Gianni Granzotto says, “These ailments were the legacy of his adventures: the Indies, the long ocean voyages, the swamps on land and the storms at sea. Not to mention the storms in his mind and heart.”

But cost was more than offset by reward. Columbus discovered America (though he died still believing he had reached Asia) and changed geography and history forever. In the wake of his caravels a stream of immigrants would flow, creating new civilizations. The im-

pact on Christianity alone is staggering. Granzotto reminds us that over half of the world’s Christians live in the Americas, “and Columbus’ arrival in the New World was the single most decisive factor in bringing this about.”

Unhappily, there is a shadowed side to the intrepid discoverer’s feats. He “set in motion the corrupting process of slavery” that tarnished the New World and still affects its life aversely.

As Columbus Day approaches, without venerating unduly one who was a better sailor than he was a Christian, we can remind ourselves anew that boldness changes history. In the church as in the world, the future is shaped by those with courage enough to challenge what their ancestors laid down as axiomatic, and to dare where others are content merely to dream.

To the pioneers of human thought and action we owe a measureless debt. That debt is not discharged by pouring cement into their tracks, but by making tracks of our own. □

## AN EXCELLENT LAYMAN

Last year Joseph C. Ward, a faithful layman of Princeton, Ind., was summoned to heaven at age 72. His death left the church poorer in everything but memories.

Mr. Ward was a member of the Princeton church for 51 years, and for 36 of those years he had a record of perfect attendance in Sunday School.

For 20 years “Brother Joe” was Sunday School superintendent and Board of Christian Life chairman. He also served 30 years as treasurer of the church and 20 years as a trustee. In earlier years he was youth president and church secretary.

Above all, he had compassion for the lost and spent 30 years in visitation evangelism. The full extent of his influence for Christ will be revealed only at the Judgment.

Joe Ward was a veteran of World War II. In civilian life he was a rural mail carrier, retiring in 1975 after 17 years with the postal service.

His wife, Vivian, testifies of him that he kept a promise

to serve God to the best of his ability to the very end of his earthly sojourn. That is high praise from the one who knew him best. He is missed greatly, but his memory inspires others to carry on, with similar devotion, the work he so loyally advanced.

Laymen’s Sunday, October 5, is a fitting time for us to honor the memories of our deceased veterans by renewing our allegiance to the Christ and the church for whom they lived, toiled, and sacrificed.

As present lay leaders participate in special ways in the services on Laymen’s Sunday, let us also remember with deep appreciation those, now with the Lord, whose devoted lives made possible the history so far written. Without them, and without those who now carry on our mission, the Church of the Nazarene would not exist. We do not have a church or a college anywhere in the world that was not made possible by the prayers, labors, and gifts of godly laypersons.

Thank God for excellent laypersons! May God grant to them excellent pastors. □



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## UNTARNISHED

Doris and I were driving across Kansas, en route to the burial of a precious friend. In Kansas many of the miles through which you pass are exactly like the miles through which you have passed. The sameness of the immense stretch of wheat fields was relieved for a moment by a neatly lettered sign that read, "The Golden Rule has never tarnished."

The Golden Rule, should any reader not know, is the name given to a principle of conduct enunciated by our Lord in His "Sermon on the Mount." The words of Jesus, translated into English, read like this: "Whatever you wish that men would do to you, do so to them; for this is the law and the prophets" (Matthew 7:12, RSV).

"The law and the prophets" was a summary phrase for the entire Old Testament. The kind of behavior demanded by the Old Testament distills into this principle—treat others as you want to be treated. By this summary statement Jesus extends the principle into the New Testament and throughout all subsequent history.

The rule is easy to state, hard to keep. The heart of humanity is by nature depraved and selfish. Behavior is generally geared to taking advantage of others, exploiting them to secure one's own desires.

What we cannot do naturally, however, is supernaturally achieved. God's power in man's life makes possible such integrity of character and behavior. Christ was the perfect Exemplar of His golden rule, and He enables those who walk with Him to express it in their lives.

The rule is untarnished, as vital to right and happy living today as ever before. Most of our miseries have resulted from the rejection of this rule.

As I drove, I thought about the friend at whose graveside I would speak. Mack Anderson kept the Golden Rule untarnished in his relationships with others. He was as kind and unselfish as any friend I've known. He treated others as he wished to be treated—whether they responded in kind or not. I pray that God will help me to live likewise. □

## CANNIBALISM

"If you bite and devour one another," Paul warned the Galatians, "take heed that you are not consumed by one another" (5:15, RSV). Church members can be cannibals!

When I was a teenager, my dad decided to start a chicken farm—the worst mistake he ever made. Each morning at five o'clock I rolled out of bed to feed, water, and otherwise tend to thousands of chickens—before I could have my own breakfast. That still seems to me like a horrible inversion of values.

I learned that when a chicken is wounded and bleeds, the other chickens do not rally around clucking sympathy. Instead, they peck at the injury until the victim is killed. We had to burn sickly looking yellow light bulbs in the chicken houses. This disguised the color of blood and prevented the birds from destroying one another.

Telling this at a laymen's retreat in Louisiana, I suddenly realized that yellow light bulbs were burning overhead in the tabernacle. We all chuckled about that,

but the bitterness and bickering that exists in some of our churches is no laughing matter.

Bitter spirits and cutting words can destroy the spiritual life of a church. As Budd Schulberg has said, "You can't eat your friends and have them too."

Paul prefaces his warning with the injunction, "Through love be servants of one another." He follows the warning with the admonition, "Walk by the Spirit and do not gratify the desires of the flesh." We will serve each other in love or devour each other in anger. Serving love results from walking by the Spirit. He is our source of power for loving and serving one another.

James declares that "no human being can tame the tongue" (3:8, RSV). Tongues sharp enough to open cans have wrought great mischief in churches. God can tame the tongue, and He does so by cleansing the heart from sin and filling it with love. The answer to contentions in the church is not an uneasy truce but a radical cleansing, enabling us to be Christians and not cannibals. □

Since we are a people under grace, I hope to see articles with that in mind.

We should be talking about how the movie industry is undercutting morality, weakening consciences, gnawing away at our society's values (much more our holiness values); by subtly influencing us to accept things we otherwise wouldn't through dramatizing, glamorizing, or making us laugh at the evil it supports. We could also talk about the dilemma pastors and new members are put in as they must "obey the rules" while established members feel free to attend movies without penalty. Finally, attending movies finances an industry that in general promotes wrong.

I don't think the writers of the *Manual* intended their words to be used as a law book unto itself, but as a book to help us Nazarenes grow in grace personally, in relationship to others, and as witnesses to grace in the society around us.

Isn't that why they wrote in the first place: Avoid evil and supporting things that promote evil?

C. A. Williams  
Kansas City, Missouri

#### LONELY ROAD

Thank you for sharing the article, "Doctor, How Do You Heal a Broken Heart?" by Dr. Paul D. Rothwell (June 15 issue). I'd like to express appreciation to the lady who really knew a question to ask—one that troubles many, many people.

Since my husband's death two years ago, I've struggled through various stages of grief and adjustments, relying on loved ones, friends, my church, the Word, good hymns, and prayer. Most of all, I'm learning to more fully trust our Savior who walked the lonely road before us.

May the couples of today take time to read such articles as Dr. Paul Rothwell's and face the reality that some day one of them will be single again.

Let's strive harder, in His name, to

touch, lift, and love this "broken-hearted" world.

Barbara H. Taylor  
Quincy, Massachusetts

#### KEEPING LABORERS

In response to Dr. Eugene L. Stowe's editorial "Keeping Laborers in the Harvest," July 5 issue:

Indeed, the church has unnecessarily lost many good preachers and pastors. One reason is that many Christians, including some district superintendents, have chosen to simply hide in the closet while allowing some squint-eyed board member and his "yo yos" with no vision to literally run off the pastor.

It's sad to see churches, once spiritually alive, become stalemated and isolated, while at the same time engaged in the practice of calling pastors and after a time casting them aside like an old shoe.

It's high time for Christians everywhere to pray for and back their pastor and to become soul winners for Christ.

Charles C. Davidson  
Brandon, Florida

## GRANNY WENT TO GLORY

by DON BALLARD

God must have been in the planning of the pastor and Church School Board when they decided on a "Grandmother's Day" at the McComb, Miss., First Church of the Nazarene. Each Sunday School member was to invite and attempt to bring a grandmother on this special day set aside in her honor.

For some, this would not be difficult, but grandmothers of many of the older folks were no longer living. In this case they were to find someone who would be a "grandmother for a day" in the Sunday School. The pastor fell into this bracket, for his grandparents were deceased. However, as the leader, he must find one to "stand" for him on this special day.

After knocking on several doors in a housing project near the church, a door opened and there she stood—a perfect example, a little lady of 91 years, who weighed about 91 pounds. And so lonely! Her husband had been killed by lightning 50 years before. Would she be my grandmother for one day in our Sunday School, I asked her. A white Bible would be her reward if she would. She readily consented if transportation was provided.

The day Granny Walker attended our church will long be remembered by the congregation. At her age

and with her sweet personality, she was loved by everyone. Her desire now was to attend all services and this was arranged. Shortly after "Grandmother's Day," during a Sunday night evangelistic service, when the invitation was given, Granny became a seeker at the altar. She expressed a desire to be saved. Many no doubt supposed that a woman her age had been converted years before, but not so. That night, Granny Walker made a reservation in heaven. When she confessed her sins and believed on Christ, the recording angel wrote her name in the Book of Life.

At age 96 she went to be with the Lord. Death came early one morning, about 2 A.M. I remember the call, "Come quickly, pastor, Granny is dying." Upon my arrival, her little hands pointed toward heaven. She said, "Brother Ballard, look into the streets, they are so bright and Jesus has come for me." Granny had looked into heaven that night. The Lord then took her by the hand and escorted her through the valley of death. Eternal life began for Granny as I held her hand. No longer would she be alone.

From "Grandmother's Day" in Sunday School, Granny Walker went to glory. Surely, the Holy Spirit was in our planning for a Special Day in grandmother's honor. □

DON BALLARD is a Nazarene elder who resides in Memphis, Tennessee.

**"By ALL MEANS...  
Save Some"**



# IN THE NEWS

## PEOPLE AND PLACES



**Dr. Evelyn Ramsey**, a medical doctor at the Nazarene Hospital in Kudjip, Western Highlands Province, Papua New Guinea, also recently made her mark in publishing. The church released her from some medical work so she could complete an 880-page biblical concordance in Tok Pisin (Pidgin). It will help all the people to study the Bible.

This new *kondodans* restricts itself to words from the New Testament, the Psalms, and a few of the historical books of the Old Testament. Even so, it contains over 50,000 entries. Dr. Ramsey worked with the Bible Society of Papua New Guinea to include the minor revisions of the New Testament and Psalms, which they had previously translated.

Also, the Institute of Languages at Ukarumpa (Summer Institute of Linguistics—SIL) put all of the words of the New Testament and the Psalms on their computer. This organized the words and eased the work of production. It required a typist 12 straight months of keyboarding on the Compu-graphic typesetter.

Christian Books Melanesia published the volume. They expect to distribute some 250,000 pieces of Christian literature in PNG this year.

Fr. Frank Mihalic, the foremost authority on Pidgin spelling and grammar, says this work "will assure Dr. Ramsey a special niche in Tok Pisin literature for a century to come." □

### BOARD OF PENSIONS IMPROVES NAZARENE SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT PROGRAM

The Board of Pensions and Benefits USA has authorized significant changes in the Nazarene Supplemental Retirement Program. This program consisting of three plans—the Tax-Sheltered Annuity (TSA), the Individual Retirement Account (IRA), and the Keogh Plan (HR-10)—is available to

all church and church agency employees, including ministers, lay employees, and evangelists.

In the past meetings with church boards and church agency employers, concern had been expressed that the TSA (403b) Plan did not assure the employer that contributions made by the employer on behalf of the employee would be maintained in the account for the purchase of a retirement benefit. Yet many TSA participants viewed the ability to withdraw funds, if needed before retirement, as a distinct advantage, although income tax penalties may be assessed.

Now the Nazarene Supplemental Retirement Program (TSA Plan) has been improved to provide for both concerns. The employee as well as the employer will have a choice of two optional contribution accounts: "Option A—Employee Contribution Account" and/or "Option B—Employer Contribution Account."

Contributions to the "Option A—Employee Contribution Account" continue to have the same withdrawal

privileges as have been provided by the contract to this date. All past contributions will be considered as contributions to the "Option A—Employee Contribution Account."

Contributions to the "Option B—Employer Contribution Account" will have a restricted status and will not be available for withdrawal from the account prior to age 62 except in the event of death or disability. These funds will be used to purchase a guaranteed fixed retirement benefit on behalf of the employee.

Since "Option B" funds are not subject to premature withdrawal, they receive a higher interest return than "Option A" funds. This is and generally will be an additional 0.5%. For example, if the interest rate for the "Option A—Employee Contribution Account" is 10%, then the "Option B—Employer Contribution Account" would receive a 10.5% annual effective interest rate. Both types of accounts have the same five-year cell method of interest rate guarantees.

All TSA participants will be receiving by mail detailed information regarding the two optional accounts as well as a "Change in TSA Contributions Form."

Any questions about these improvements or the Nazarene Supplemental Retirement Program may be directed to Dr. Dean Wessels, administrator, Board of Pensions and Benefits USA, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131 □



## PRAYER PARTNERS

More than 10,000 persons have signed up with the Board of General Superintendents as prayer partners. We urgently need your prayer support. We want to see an outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

In September the Board of General Superintendents meet for a week-long planning conference. There are weighty decisions to be made that affect our effort to fulfill the Great Commission. Please put each general superintendent on a high priority for prayer during September.

Pray also for our Headquarters and Publishing House workers. We have 579 dedicated people laboring in Kansas City on behalf of the world membership. We have asked

each department head to bring every plan, goal, and program under the authority of the Great Commission and to eliminate those things that do not directly contribute to fulfillment of the Great Commission. When programs are cut, some personnel must also be terminated. This is not easy, and personnel who are affected also need the prayers of our people.

We are praising God for an exciting district assembly season. There is a positive, optimistic note throughout the church. We acknowledge no one needs your prayers more than the men whom you have elected to head the church. Will you pray for us during September and October? □

**FIRST PIONEER AREA  
FULFILLS GOAL OF REACHING  
UNDERREACHED POPULACE**

The Northern Michigan Pioneer Area was the precursor of the pioneer area concept developed and recently introduced into the denomination by Dr. Bill Sullivan, director of Church Growth Division. Since then 11 other pioneer areas have emerged.

"The pioneer area follows the concept of divide-and-grow that we have followed with our Sunday Schools," said Michigan District Superintendent C. Neil Strait. "It requires a leap of faith when we take that route."

That leap of faith has produced six new church plantings in Northern Michigan, two of which are organized churches. Kalkaska, the most recent, became a fully organized church on

May 11. The average attendance in the six new works is around 25 people.

Also encouraging is the notable improvement in finances among the existing churches that became part of the new Northern Michigan Pioneer Area.

Pioneer Area Leader Milton Hoose said "Up here, people are a comparatively scarce commodity. It is a stable area, but nominal Christianity is an established norm among longtime residents. Limited industry and career opportunities mean fewer young families."

The absence of any major city in the sparsely populated, economically depressed area that comprises upper Michigan makes growth less spontaneous. Traverse City, with a population of less than 20,000, is the largest town. Clearly, the Northern Michigan Pio-

neer Area is as widely separated in opportunity as in miles when compared with the pioneer areas of Central Florida District.

"Our dedicated, hardworking pastoral families have been recruited from the seminary or the Bible colleges," says Rev. Hoose. "And one of our pastors is a Native American from the Nazarene Indian Bible College." This beautiful, forested land with its extreme winters has its appeal, particularly if one is a hunting or fishing enthusiast.

Two of the church planting pastors are bivocational. Those supported from pioneer area funds have the blessing of working wives. Rev. Hoose requires that the pastors who receive support give full-time to the ministry.

Except for one that meets in a home, the newly planted churches meet in rented churches or other buildings.

According to Rev. Hoose the key to getting things started in the area was the church growth and personal evangelism seminars sponsored by Dr. Bill Sullivan and Church Growth Division.

At the Michigan District Assembly, July 9, 1986, a 452-22 vote gave the Northern Michigan Pioneer Area district status, making it the first pioneer area in the U.S.A. to become a district. Milton Hoose is the district superintendent.

Michigan District Superintendent C. Neil Strait said, "I think one of the strengths of the pioneer area is that it takes the district closer to the people who are involved. Our district campground is 400 miles from some of our churches, and some of the laypeople from the Northern Michigan area have never been to district assembly or campmeeting." The pioneer area gave them "opportunity to get together on their own turf and be a part of the process." □

**WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH  
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March 1985, when the new Space Coast Area was instituted, it grew in one month to an average of 11 people. Now, a year later, the 17 new church plants average 633 worshipers each week. A year ago their offerings totaled \$265 a month. A year later they average more than \$20,000 a month.

Tom Pound, pioneer area leader, acclaims not only the dedication but also the record of these men and what God is doing through them on the Space Coast Pioneer Area.

"These church planters, every last one of them, have paid their budgets in full, and some have unbelievably overpaid," he says.

"The first 12 months we raised more than \$100,000, but it's pretty obvious

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Pictured (l. to r.) Rev. Tom Pound, Space Coast Pioneer Area leader; Dr. J. V. Morsch, Central Florida district superintendent; and Rev. Nathan Price, Haitian Pioneer Area leader, discuss exciting growth in the two pioneer areas.

the next 12 months will see \$200,000, probably \$300,000 with God's help.

"A lot of fellows jump away from this kind of responsibility like the plague, but these pastors are willing to assume the kind of responsibility connected with the call God has placed on their lives.

"We've got one young man, Ken Smith, who was operating a crane in a large city north of us because he couldn't get a church. He was saved six or seven years ago, and he tried from one end of the country to the other to get a church. When he called and talked to me, I told him to come down and get started. He did, and in three months he was averaging over 70 people in his services. Just this last month a lady gave him four acres of land worth around \$100,000 on which to build a church—really nice property. She wasn't a Christian at the time, but I just got a call that that lady was saved yesterday in the Sunday service.

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by profession of faith. As a matter of fact, this pastor doesn't have one transfer member from any of the Nazarene churches, and he averages 121 people.

"The system we work under is that they sign a contract and report weekly on how many calls they make, how many Bible studies or worship services they hold, how many gospel presentations they make, how many were baptized, those kinds of things. They are also contracted to show two new tithing units at the end of each four months. Each time they do we decrease their salary one-sixth and let the local mission church pick up that support. Six times the scale is reduced until at

the end of two years they are self-supporting.

"Most of our church plants are meeting in borrowed or rented facilities—college campuses, public school buildings, and such places. We're not helping them with buildings or property, but we're not greatly concerned with that. We're concerned with getting people saved, baptized, and out testifying about what God has done and is doing in their lives. If the pastors are working with bankers, they can meet in the bank; or with teachers, they can meet in the schools. . . . God has put some families back together and some lives back together, and peo-



On Memorial Day weekend 210 single adults met at the New Life Ranch, located in northeast Oklahoma, for the annual Midwest SoloCon. Bill and Terri Cobb were the special workers. Director Nadine Sadler reports that registrations are already coming in for next year, when Reuben Welch will be the special speaker.



ple around this area are noticing that. That's our greatest drawing card.

"Our first church planter has bought a building—a lovely building. That's another unbelievable miracle that God has worked out. Another is in the process of buying land.

"We have a young man here whose offerings are up over \$3,000 a month, and he just started last July after he was graduated from NTS. He came down here to spy out the land, and I told him to go out and find an area just so it was at least four miles from any other pastor's territory.

"We haven't had any problem getting pastors to come down here to start new churches. Actually I can get a lot more pastors than there is money to handle them. We've had probably 60 or 70 calls from all over the U.S. I have one pastor here from Jamaica.

"In these last 12 months, out of our pioneer area, we actually have had seven young men called to preach. In fact, one of them just got saved in June and already has gone with his wife to Nazarene Bible College to prepare for the ministry. These men are all between 20 and 30 years of age.

"In the growing church God always

provides and always calls pastors, missionaries, teachers, and leaders. He provides finances also. . . . It's not necessarily from the large churches, it's from growing churches that God calls people and provides.

"At this point we have a parent/child relationship with Central Florida District. We're leaning on them pretty heavily to help meet the budget until we can become fully self-supporting as a district. Dr. Morsch and Central Florida have been kind, helpful, supporting, and very, very gracious. I feel that by this time next year, we will reach the requirements for district status.

"We've already incorporated and elected our Advisory Board Council and our district treasurer. We're working our program, but at the same time we are cooperating with the Central Florida District.

"Technically some of these church planters have actually become self-supporting already, and with the enthusiasm in the district—well, God has been very good to us.

"As a matter of fact, at our recent Central Florida Assembly they raised \$144,715 (in addition to their \$250,000 budget) for the two pioneer areas. Dr.

Morsch asked the pioneer area people to come to the front and they marched up the aisles singing 'Amazing Grace'—all those new converts who had never been to a district assembly before. They filled the choir loft, they filled up the space around the altar, and then they filled the aisles. There was shouting and praising the Lord. It was electric. Before Dr. Morsch got a chance to pray, people started pledging money to keep this boat afloat. One lady stood up and publicly pledged to give one-half of her monthly Social Security check for a year. That kind of sacrifice is contagious. Two pastors' children pledged their allowances for a year. In a short time seven cars had been donated and \$144,715 was pledged.

"We don't expect everything to move ahead without any problems, but we're in the people reaching people business. At the end of this month we'll have 23 churches on our pioneer area. We have 23 men totally dedicated to making this thing work for God, and the district solidly behind us."

As this release was being prepared, news came to the Division of Church Growth that a third pioneer area, the Sun Coast Pioneer Area, was instituted at the assembly of the Central Florida District, July 1. □

### MANLEY, SHOEMAKER ANNOUNCED AS RESOURCE PERSONNEL AT NYC '87



Dr. Stephen Manley has been scheduled as the evening speaker at Nazarene Youth Congress July 7-14, 1987 in Washington, D.C. Sponsored by NYI and NYI Ministries, Nazarene Youth Congress will bring together at least 4,000 Nazarene teens for a week of intensive training, personal and spiritual growth, and worship.

Manley is known throughout the Church of the Nazarene as a dynamic speaker and communicator. He was the main evening speaker at World Youth Congress in Oaxtepec, Mexico, in 1983.



Rev. Norm Shoemaker will also be part of the resource staff at NYC. Shoemaker's responsibilities will include the training of small-group leaders, leading workshops for adult sponsors and leaders who are attending and the commissioning service on the final evening of the event. His book *Discipleship Is More than a Twelve-Letter Word*, will be the main study text for participants at NYC.

Shoemaker currently pastors Lompoc, Calif., Trinity Church. □



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# OUR COLLEGES AND SEMINARIES



## WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE OUR COLLEGE KIDS DOING?

"So what did you do at college this year," asked hundreds of Nazarene moms and dads from the tip of Florida to the Arctic Circle. Most of the responses probably sounded like, "Aw, you know, the usual stuff—I learned how to stay up late and cram for exams, I dated some losers, and I gained 10 pounds eating sundaes and pizza late at night."

This story is written to let you know that your college kids sometimes fail to tell you about some of the more significant things they do during the college year—partly because they forget and partly because (although it sometimes doesn't show) most young people are modest about the charitable things they do for their fellow human beings.

From June 10 to 24, I was privileged to join two faculty advisors and 22 students from Nazarene colleges in the United States and Canada on a life-changing trip to Guatemala to build and paint dorms at the Children's Refugee Center. Located on the old campus of the Bible Institute in the town of San Miguel Chicaj, this center was established to provide care for some of the 30,000 orphans who wander the streets of Guatemala. Their parents were the victims of civil strife in that country.

The students I traveled with were members of the Nazarene Student Leadership Conference (NSLC), a group of elected Nazarene student government leaders who meet together annually to talk about issues of concern to them and their fellow students and to coordinate campus projects.

While in Guatemala the students mixed concrete, laid blocks, poured



Rev. Danilo R. Solis G., who serves as a member of the General Board representing Mexico, Central America Region, pastors Coban Central Church in Alta Verapaz. He is shown here with his wife and their daughters.



The NSLC students and advisers sing in Spanish at the Kekchi Indian Church in Coban.



Three generations of Kekchi Indians worship at our Kekchi Indian Church of the Nazarene in Coban.

floors, painted walls, shared testimonies, taught children, and even provided an all-American lunch of hot dogs, potato chips and soda pop for the youngsters at the center. While there they constructed 80 percent of one dorm and completely painted two others.


Each of these students spent about \$600 of his own money for plane fare and other associated costs and donated two weeks of their summer vacation to be involved in the Guatemalan project.

They represented the efforts of many students on their college campuses who are actively involved in giving of their time and raising money to support compassionate ministries projects in their local areas as well as around the world.

Dr. Steve Weber, Compassionate Ministries coordinator for the denomination, attended the spring conference of the NSLC at Eastern Nazarene College. He then filed a report on the ways in which students on the various Nazarene campuses have been involved in compassionate ministries. Here is a portion of the projects mentioned in his report to which your young people gave their time and money during the 1985-86 school year:

**CNC**—Raised \$400 for the Guatemala Children's Refugee Center; provided nursing home and prison ministries; established a tutoring program for elementary students; and raised money for a hunger fund.

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Members of the crew prepare to finish pouring the floor of one of the dorms. They are standing in front of one that had already been completed.

than \$1,000 for victims of the mudslide in Colombia in an all-school fast; held a used clothing drive; participated in an urban renewal project in Boston; engaged in various hospital and nursing home ministries; renovated a shelter for the homeless in Quincy, Mass.; and raised \$500 for the Guatemala Children's Refugee Center.

**MANC**—Sent a Work and Witness Team to Honduras; raised money for United Way; and provided assistance to the Rescue Mission of Kansas City.

**MVNC**—Raised more than \$800 for a feeding project in Mozambique; raised money for and sponsored children at the Guatemala Children's Refugee Center; and participated in various inner-city ministries.



Dr. Mark R. Moore visits with Rev. Vitalino King Paz, pastor of the San Juan Church in Alta Verapaz, the largest Church of the Nazarene in Guatemala.

**NBC**—Sponsored a coffeehouse; collected and distributed food for a Colorado Springs inner-city mission; ministered to 10 area nursing homes and at area jails; and raised \$1,200 for a church in Scotland.

**NNC**—Sponsored a child at the Guatemala Children's Refugee Center; participated in prison ministries; sent a Work and Witness Team of 15 students to Barbados; organized a community project that provided Christmas gifts to 300 persons in local nursing homes; and provided ministries to unwed mothers.

**NTS**—Sponsored a food drive; raised money for the Guatemala Children's Refugee Center and for dorms in South Africa.

**ONC**—Sent a Work and Witness Team to Haiti; sponsored a clothing drive, a food drive, and a walk for world hunger; served in inner-city ministry to Chicago; and developed a program for business students to assist in starting a business to help jobless workers in a high unemployment area.

**PLNC**—Sent an urban ministry team to Haight Ashbury in San Francisco and to Arizona to work and counsel at an Indian reservation; collected food, clothes, and money for an orphanage in Mexico where they also built a church; and sponsored drama teams, a coffeehouse ministry, and a ministry to the homeless.

**SNU**—Participated in inner-city missions; held a clothing drive, a blood drive, a hunger walk, and a softball marathon to raise money for hunger responses; and provided assistance to C. R. Smith and his inner-city organization in Orlando, Fla.

**TNC**—Sent out student teams to teach Vacation Bible Schools, provided jail ministries, and inner-city elemen-



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The students' hearty appetites were satisfied with traditional meals of black beans, rice, guacamole, and tortillas. Standing (l. to r.): John Evett (SNU), Doug Flemming (MVNC), and Dan Meador (ONC); seated: Debbie Flippo (NTS), Robert North (ONC), Laura Grossi (NNC), and Mike Davidson (NNC).



tary school ministries; sponsored a canned food drive, and a city-wide hunger walk; raised money for the Guatemala Children's Refugee Center; and initiated a substance abuse program.

As you can see, Nazarene students are doing much more than eating, studying, and dating. They are involved in hands-on, towel and basin serving—something that is much on the minds of many of our young people if the Compassionate Ministries Conference held at Nazarene Theological Seminary last fall is any indicator.

That conference attracted more than 500 persons (most of them students from Nazarene colleges) and prompted General Superintendent William M. Greathouse to say that "we are witnessing in the Church of the Nazarene a rebirth of social concern and compassion as an authentic expression of Christian holiness."



Two of the more than 80 children who currently live in the Nazarene Guatemala Children's Refugee Center. The children (mostly Kekchi Indians) are introduced to Christ and are taught Spanish and a trade.

Nazarene colleges have officially adopted the Guatemala Children's Refugee Center work as a collective project for the next few years. During this time they will continue to raise money, sponsor children, and send teams to Guatemala to build enough dorms to house between 150-180 of the orphans. At the same time they will continue to be involved in other local projects aimed at making life more tolerable for the less fortunate in social and spiritual ways. In a day of increasing secularism and self-centeredness, students in Nazarene colleges are focusing on the attitude of servanthood that marked the life of Christ and traditionally has been a trademark of our denomination.

So next time your young people return home from college and you ask them what they've been learning, if they say, "the usual stuff," try to understand that "the usual stuff" to Nazarene collegians most likely includes some very admirable activities. □

—Mark R. Moore, Education Services secretary



Nazarenes at the NAIA national competition in Kansas City this spring included (back row, l. to r.) Jeff Boyett; Morris Stocks (TNC assistant coach); TNC coach Alan Smith and wife Carolyn; Pelle Narkestam; and Dr. Mark R. Moore, Education Services secretary; (front row) Nachele Robert and coach Linda Grim of NNC; Olof Lundin (who was undefeated in the regular 1986 season); Ulf Dahlstrom; Magnus Berglund; and Richard Knowlen.

### TNC/NNC TENNIS TEAMS AT NAIA NATIONALS

The Trevecca men's tennis team claimed the National Intercollegiate Athletic Association (NAIA) District 24 Men's Tennis Championship this spring. That win advanced the team to the National NAIA competition in Kansas City, May 19-23, where TNC scored six team points.

The women's tennis team of Northwest Nazarene College also won their district competition and participated in the NAIA national competition.

TNC men's tennis coach Alan Smith was named Tennessee College Athletic

Conference Coach of the Year in balloting by fellow coaches. He led the team to a national ranking of 18—the first time the team has broken into the elite top 20. □

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### COLLEGE DEANS DISCUSS YOUTH CONCERNS

Deans of students from the 10 North American Nazarene colleges met in Kansas City June 26-28 to discuss ways in which the colleges can be better equipped to deal with the variety of problems their students face in today's world. The administrators met with re-



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Deans of students meet with headquarters personnel in Kansas City to discuss substance abuse and other problems faced by college students.

source persons from Christian Life and Sunday School, Publications International, the Christian Action Committee, Media Services, and Youth Ministries. The sessions were sponsored by Education Services.

The deans were particularly concerned about drug and alcohol abuse and growing secularization among students, but they also discussed other problems (such as pornography, suicide, sexual intimacy outside marriage, homosexuality, development of self-esteem, etc.) that may face college students as they move from high school into the college scene.

"It's a scary thing for us as we try to help kids patch up their lives, but we're

having to do that," said Tom Barnard of Eastern Nazarene College.

The deans talked of how they often have to deal with young people who bring a moral or emotional problem to college that has been developing for years.

"I think there is a realization among us and others that college is often too late to deal with some problems that should have been cared for earlier," said Kenneth Hills of Point Loma Nazarene College.

The deans talked with resource persons from headquarters about materials that may be available to inform their students and help them as they seek to develop sound Christian guide-

lines for developing mature convictions.

All the deans took resource materials back to their campuses aimed at helping them to better assist their students with problems.

"I'm eager to take these resources we have gained at this meeting back to our campus and try them," said Jerry Hull of Northwest Nazarene College. "I think we'll do a better job of helping students this year than we did last year."

The deans tried to establish a strategy that will include development of theological, biblical, and practical reasons for total abstinence from alcohol and will further research and compile materials that will be helpful to college students.

Dr. Moore discussed the work of the deans with the general Planning and Budget Council June 30. The council commended the deans for their work and asked them to report their findings when they have completed their research. □

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## MANC STUDENT SURVIVES AVALANCHE

Kurt Petellin, a 21-year-old senior at Mid-America Nazarene College, is one of two climbers rescued after an avalanche on Mount Baker in Washington State, Sunday, August 3. Two other climbers lost their lives in the incident. Their bodies remain buried under the ice and snow. A rescue attempt was called off after a day and a half, due to warm temperatures that threatened more avalanches.

The accident occurred at the 8,000 foot level. Kurt was swept 100 feet down the face and then about 70 feet down a crevasse where he was shivering from the first stages of hypothermia when found. He suffered a dislocated shoulder, bruises, sprained ankles, a twisted knee, and torn muscles in his right leg.

The other survivor, Thomas Waller, 19, was hospitalized in serious condition with a collapsed lung. Mr. Petellin was treated and released.

Waller and Petellin were dug out by members of a Canadian rescue team who were nearby on a recreational climb. They were dug free in about two hours and taken to a hospital about 60 miles away in Bellingham, Wash.

The third climber is Steve Raschick, 21. The other person lost was a guide for a mountaineering service in Bellingham.

Mr. Petellin played defensive tackle for MANC where he is a resident assistant. He said he and his two buddies from high school had no previous experience climbing on glaciers. They spent Friday and Saturday learning



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how to climb on ice before leaving a base camp at about 4,000 feet early Sunday morning. All three were from Enumclaw, Wash., where they attended the Church of the Nazarene.

"I am just happy to be alive," said the Mid-America student. "I believe the only reason I am here is because God has plans for me to do something else."

Kurt is a chemistry major with a minor in missions. □

## NBC ADDS TO STAFF

Dr. Jerry Lambert, president of Nazarene Bible College, has announced two new staff additions for the fall 1986: Rev. Earl Wheeler as dean of Student Life, and Dr. William Bray, college registrar and director of the Intern Program.

Rev. Wheeler holds the M.Div. degree from Nazarene Theological Seminary and has pastored churches on the Colorado and Washington Pacific districts. His most recent ministerial assignment has been on the staff of Salem, Oreg., First Church. Previously, he also served four years as a missionary to Jamaica. He and his wife, Faith, have three sons: David, Mark, and Bryan.

Dr. Bray, a graduate of Mid-America Nazarene College and NTS, has pastored on the Dallas and the Northwest Oklahoma districts. Most recently, he pastored Stillwater, Okla., First Church. He holds the D.Min. degree from Phillips in family Christian education. He and his wife, Judy, have a daughter, Krista, and a son, Brandon. □

## NAZARENE HEALTH AND HOSPITALIZATION PROGRAM GROWS

Five districts have joined the Nazarene Health and Hospitalization Program (NHHP) since January 1, 1986, reports Dr. Dean Wessels, director of Pensions and Benefits Services USA. These districts are Akron, Southeast Oklahoma, Northwestern Illinois, Washington (Maryland section), and Arizona.

Based upon a self-insured concept, NHHP is a denominational medical reimbursement plan. It is designed for United States districts and church agencies and is intended to protect pastors, church-employed laymen, and their families.

Dr. Wessels states that because of its structure, NHHP allows for more purchasing power than could otherwise be accomplished. "This fact," he says, "allows each participating district or agency the opportunity to realize an approximate 15 to 20 percent savings on the cost of medical coverage."

Currently 41 districts and 2 church agencies participate in NHHP. □

# FOR THE RECORD

## MOVING MINISTERS

PHIL BALDWIN to Royal City (Wash.) First  
DONALD BANCEL from Tacoma (Wash.) Lakewood to Post Falls, Idaho  
MICHAEL D. BEARDEN from Pine Mountain (Meansville, Ga.) to Shelbyville (Tenn.) First  
DAVID BECKER from Palouse, Wash., to Oakes (N. Dak.) First  
WILLIAM H. BLAND from Arkansas City, Kans., to Hastings (Nebr.) First



At the Central Ohio district assembly, Dr. William M. Greathouse, general superintendent, ordained Josephus Allen Foster, Richard Clarence Humphrey, Philip Knisley, Clifford Wayne Lafferty, James Edward Leitzman, Jr., Paul Arden Pugh, and Malcolm Roy Schoener; and recognized the credentials of Dennis E. Brown. District Superintendent J. Wilmer Lambert was reelected for a three-year term. He reported 650 new Nazarenes received into membership. The total district membership is 11,445, a net gain of 259. The total missionary giving for General Budget and Approved Specials was \$652,034, making the district a 10.3 percent district for World Evangelism. Twenty-five churches qualified for the Evangelistic Honor Roll. The Great Commission Fellowship Award was given to 10 churches. Pictured (l. to r.) are the winners of the Great Commission Leader's Award: Category I—Rev. Martin Gentzler, Pickerington; Category II—Rev. Lowell P. Ford; Category III—Rev. Ken Carney, Ironton First; with Dr. J. Wilmer Lambert, district superintendent.



The traveling trophy for the highest gain by profession of faith was presented to Rev. San Cheap, pastor of the Columbus Cambodian West Church with a total of 83. Pictured (l. to r.) are Rev. San Cheap and Dr. J. Wilmer Lambert.



The Hawaii Pacific District elected a couple, Raymond and Elizabeth Withenshaw, as Laypersons of the Year at their recent assembly. The Withenshaws are charter members of the Kona church. They are pictured with Rev. Jerry Ferguson (l.), their pastor.

MARK W. BROWN, student, St. Louis, Mo., to Owego (N.Y.) First  
JACK CALHOUN from student, ONC, to Lake Odessa, Mich.  
GARY COBB from Grandview, Wash., to Pleasant View (Wash.) First  
C. S. COWLES from Spokane (Wash.) First to Northwest Nazarene College, education  
J. SIDNEY COX from Goldendale, Wash., to Lewiston (Idaho) First  
CLOYCE CUNNINGHAM from Moses Lake, Wash., to Naches (Wash.) First  
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 J. PHILLIP FULLER from student, NTS, Kansas City, to Payne (Ohio) First



Dr. Charles H. Strickland, general superintendent, presided at the *Michigan district assembly* as it enthusiastically voted to organize the pioneer area into the Northern Michigan District. Pictured (r.) is Michigan District Superintendent C. Neil Strait transferring 30 churches and 4 missions to the newly elected Northern Michigan district superintendent, Milton E. Hoose. There were 503 new Nazarenes added to the Michigan District in 1985-86. The district gave 10.6%; \$536,115 on General Budget (90.2%) and \$152,407 on World Mission Specials, for a total of \$688,522. Great Commission Fellowship Award churches were: Category I—Cherry Grove, Eaton Rapids, Gaylord, Greenville, Holland, Kalamazoo South Side, Sault Ste. Marie, Spring Arbor, Temple, West Branch, and Williamston. Category II—Durand, Battle Creek West Michigan Avenue, Grand Rapids Clyde Park. Category III—Lansing South. Great Commission Leader's Awards were presented to: Category I—James E. Young, Cherry Grove; Category II—Richard G. Forsythe, Durand; Category III—Harold M. DeMott, Lansing South. General Superintendent Charles H. Strickland ordained Martin J. Bausman, Doran R. Bittner, Bradley R. Dyrness, Edward C. Koteskey, Gary D. Reiss, B. Michael Sapp, and Jack L. Schmitt.



A new church was organized at Kalkaska, which is now on the Northern Michigan District. Pictured are Michigan District Superintendent C. Neil Strait (at microphone); Rev. David L. McCool (l.), church planter; and Alan C. Campbell (r.), pastor at Traverse City, church sponsor.

JOHN HAHN from Royal City (Wash.) to Kamiah (Idaho) First  
 RONALD HALVERSON from Creswell, Oreg., to Goldendale (Wash.) First

JOSEPH L. HAWK from student, NTS, Kansas City, to Lansing (Mich.) First  
 TERRY IRISH from Spokane (Wash.) Crestline to Baker (Oreg.) First



At the *Colorado district assembly*, District Superintendent Jim Diehl was re-elected to a four-year term. He reported two new churches organized, Colorado Springs Korean and Colorado Springs New Horizons. Dr. Eugene L. Stowe, general superintendent, ordained Curtis James Blair, Fred John Grenier, David John Price, and David Bryan Showalter. Pictured (l. to r.) are Dr. Eugene L. Stowe, the Great Commission Award Leaders, Robert Wirtmiller, Gary Abke, and Wales E. Langford; and District Superintendent Jim Diehl.



Shown at the assembly are the pastors who received the Great Commission Fellowship Awards (l. to r.): Jim Diehl, district superintendent; and pastors Robert Annon, Bob Green, David DeBord, Don Nelson, Dan Cole, Larry Rap, Marvin Carlson, Duane Brush, Glenn Smith, and Lester Trusty; and General Superintendent Stowe.



Pastors receiving the Great Commission Award at the *Chicago Central district assembly*, pictured (l. to r.) are Mike Stipp of Schaumburg, Category I; Woodie Stevens of Mundelein, Category II; Larry Hindmand of Chicago Oak Lawn, Category II; Tim Crump of Braidwood, Category I; Don Williams of Danville Cedar Grove, Category I; Bill Burton of Danville Southside, Category III; Rodney Miller of Potomac, Category I; Dan Westveer of Chicago Heights, Category III; Debora White of Sheldon, Category I; and Richard Young of Chicago First, Category III; with Dr. Bill Sullivan, Church Growth Division director. Also shown (standing, back l. at podium) is District Superintendent E. Keith Bottles, and (seated, first r.) General Superintendent Eugene L. Stowe. The superintendent's Award of Excellence went to Rev. Michael Stipp of Schaumburg. Dr. Stowe ordained Revs. Thomas Beers, Tim Kilby, Griffith Marks, and Jaren Rowell elders; and David Wine deacon.





**Rev. Rudy Sauter and his wife, Lois, were honored by the Nebraska District upon their retirement after more than 15 years of successful ministry at the Crawford, Nebr., church. Superintendent Dwight Neuenschwander (l.) is shown presenting them with a plaque expressing appreciation. The Sauters are making their home in Bethany, Okla.**

RAY LANE to Spokane (Wash.) Crestline  
 LARRY W. LEONARD from GA, Kansas City, to  
 Hutchinson (Kans.) First  
 EDNA L. MABREY from NIBC, Albuquerque,  
 N.Mex., to Mount Pleasant (Mich.) Faith  
 JOHN R. MAURER from Lansing (Mich.) South to  
 Lansing (Mich.) First  
 JOHN E. MAYES from Regent, N.Dak. to NTS, Kan-  
 sas City  
 WILLIAM E. NAILL, SR., from Madison (Fla.) First to  
 Fayetteville (Tenn.) First  
 STEPHEN OGLEVIE from Pilot Rock, Oreg., to Ru-  
 pert (Idaho) First  
 JONATHAN PRIVETT, student, to Pierce (Idaho) First  
 STEVEN C. REUSCH from Phillipsburg, Kans., to  
 Pleasant Hill, Kans.  
 DAVID R. RODES from Ventura, Calif., to Grandview,  
 Wash.  
 RAY SCHERMERHORN from Confluence, Pa., to  
 Poughkeepsie (N.Y.) First  
 JAY E. SCHLENKER from Grove City, Ohio, to Ames  
 (Iowa) First  
 DOYLE C. SMITH from D.S., East Tennessee, to  
 evangelism  
 LENNIE SPOONER from Lewiston, Idaho, to Kal-  
 ispell (Mont.) First  
 DAN SWAN from Pierce, Idaho, to St. Maries, Idaho  
 L. ALAN THOMPSON from Harrisonville, Mo., to  
 Olathe (Kans.) College Church  
 DAVID A. WARREN from Fort Smith (Ark.) Northside  
 to Oakley, Kans.  
 ROBERT E. WATSON from Princeton, Ind., to Bryan  
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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 26, **Dodge City, Kans., First Church** will celebrate its 75th anniversary. Former ministers, members, and friends are invited to be a part of this great day of remembrance and resolve. For further information write or phone: Pastor Stan Meek, First Church of the Nazarene, Ave. A at Cedar, Dodge City, KS 67801; 316-225-5835.

**Evansville, Ind., First Church** will celebrate its 75th anniversary Sunday, November 16. Former pastors, members, and friends are invited to attend. Those who cannot attend are encouraged to send letters of greeting. For more information, contact Pastor Garland Wallace at 8100 Newburgh Rd., Evansville, IN 47715, or telephone 812-479-9571.

**Tampa, Fla., First Church** will celebrate its 60th anniversary October 19. Special services commemorating the organization of the church are planned. All friends and former members of the church are invited. For more information contact Pastor R. L. Sumner at 5902 N. Himes Ave., Tampa, FL 33614.

The **Hutchinson, Kans., Bethany Church** will celebrate its 50th anniversary October 10-12. The church was originally begun as the "Lord's Chapel" in 1932 and on October 11, 1936, was organized as a Church of the Nazarene with 17 charter members. Membership now stands at 492. All former members and friends are invited to share in the celebration. For further information, contact Pastor Ronald D. Croseley, 408 Kent Rd., Hutchinson, KS 67501, or phone 316-662-1581.

The **Nashville Radnor Church** will celebrate its 39th anniversary with a homecoming October 12. Special singing will be featured in the worship service, as well as in the afternoon service. All former pastors, missionaries, and friends are invited to at-

tend. For further information, please contact Mrs. Louise Holt, 506 Radnor St., Nashville, TN 37211; or phone 615-832-2146.

Announcements should reach us three months prior to the date of the event announced.

### VITAL STATISTICS

#### MINISTER DIES

Rev. John D. Rhame, 75, retired minister, died July 9, at his home after a five-month illness with cancer. Born October 11, 1910, in Bishopville, S.C., he left college to become a professional entertainer. He traveled, playing in nightclubs with his last engagement in Gladewater, Tex., where he found the Lord, January 1933, in a Nazarene church.

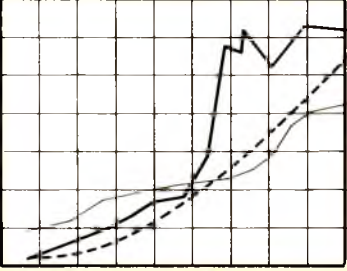
He was especially inspired by Dr. J. W. Goodwin, general superintendent, for whom he had the music during a four-week campaign. This led to his call to the ministry.

During his evangelistic career, he met Laura Chambers of Port Elizabeth and was married at the North-east Maryland Camp. Together they held revival over the denomination for 10 years.

He organized and built the Sebring, Fla., church, beginning a career of pastoring in New York, Tennessee, Alabama, Texas, Missouri, and Arizona for over 31 years.


In May 1986 he and his wife, Laura, were awarded the Distinguished Service Award for a combined total of 80 years of ministry.

He is survived by his wife and two children, Carolyn Keeley of Cape Girardeau, Mo., and Paul Rhame of DeSoto, Mo., and six grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted at Cape Girardeau, Mo., First Church, with Rev. Jack Hamilton and Rev. Chester Kneir, officiating, assisted by Rev. R. C. Stevens.



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## RETIRED NPH EMPLOYEE DIES



Elgin W. Purdy, 65, died May 29 in Kansas City, Mo. Survivors include his wife, LaDonna; daughter Diane Wallace, Mexico, N.Y.; sons Darrel, Monterey, Calif.; David, Kansas City; six grandchildren; and his mother, Margaret Purdy.

He was a layout artist for the Nazarene Publishing House for 32 years. Funeral service was June 2 at Kansas City First Church.

## LONGTIME NAZARENE LAYMAN DIES

Thomas L. Marks, 82, formerly of Anderson, Ind., died June 21, at Riverview Hospital in Noblesville, Ind., of cardiac arrest.

He was a member of the Nazarene Church for over 60 years, having served as Sunday School superintendent for 31 years, and 13 years as church secretary at Anderson First Church. He was caretaker at Northeastern Indiana District campgrounds in Marion, and served on the district camp board for 15 years. He was a trustee of Olivet Nazarene College, a delegate to the Nazarene General Assembly on six occasions, and helped to organize Noblesville First Church in 1932.

Surviving are his wife, Dolly Wainscott Marks; one son, James Davis of Anderson; one daughter, Ann Beckley of Elwood; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

## DEATHS

VIOLA TILLEY (TAYLOR) ARMSTRONG, 64, May 19, Sutton, Ont. Survivors: husband Bill; son Paul; daughter Mary-Lou; three grandchildren; and five brothers.

HELEN E. BERGER, 71, July 23, Tacoma, Wash. Survivors: daughters Betty Mae Slaw, Mary Ellen Lord, Rosemary Berger, Helen M. Berger; sons John Stone, William L., and Samuel; and one sister.

FRANK E. FALK, 80, Aug. 6, Altus, Okla. Interment: Wellington, Tex. Survivors: wife Ruby (Whittenberg); daughter Patsy Duckworth.

REV. INA R. FINK, 94, June 15, Eustis, Fla. No immediate family survivors. Her entire ministry was in Ohio.

REV. CHESTER L. FREDRICKSON, 65, July 5, Marseilles, Ill. Survivors: wife Frances; daughters Mrs. Gary (Stephana) Berg, Mrs. David (Dorcas) Kipp, Mrs. Richard (Candance) Wyatt; sons Kendall and Trigvee; nine grandchildren; two brothers; and a twin sister. Ministry: North Dakota, Minnesota, and Illinois.

WINIFRED GIBSON GOODWIN, 72, Jan. 25, Manchester, Ga. Survivors: husband Rev. Ralph Goodwin; sons Ralph, Jr., Wayne and Mark; daughters Carol and Miriam, numerous grandchildren; one brother and two sisters.

BETHEL C. HARRISON, 84, Aug. 5, Tacoma, Wash. Survivor: brother Floyd Hawkins.

TOM E. NORMAN, 85, June 29, York, S.C. Sur-

## SHOWERS OF BLESSING'S



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**STUDENTS REGAIN RIGHT TO BIBLE MEETINGS.** The U.S. Supreme Court has reinstated a lower court ruling that allows public high school students to meet for Bible study and prayer during scheduled school activity periods.

Petros, a Williamsport, Pa., high school student group, has been at the center of the controversy since 1981, when the local school board refused to let the group meet because of the religious content of its discussions. □

**BIBLE MAY REFER TO CHERNOBYL ACCIDENT.** Soviet citizens are doing more Bible reading than usual in the wake of a nuclear power plant disaster at Chernobyl in the Ukraine. The discovery of a possible prophetic mention of Chernobyl in the biblical Book of Revelation has spread across the Soviet Union, becoming part of the lore associated with the disaster.

Of current interest to Soviets is a passage found in Revelation 8:10-11. That passage says, "And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters; and the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter."

The Ukrainian word for wormwood, a bitter wild herb used medicinally in rural Russia, is *chernobyl*. □

**AMULETS BEARING OLDEST-KNOWN BIBLICAL INSCRIPTIONS FOUND.** The oldest biblical inscriptions ever found have been deciphered by Israeli archaeologists. The inscriptions are on 2,600-year-old silver "charms" unearthed seven years ago, according to the Israeli Museum.

According to archaeologist Gabriel Barkay, the inscriptions he discovered in a Jerusalem burial cave predate the Dead Sea Scrolls by about 400 years. The silver charms date from the 7th century B.C., when descendants of King David ruled the Jerusalem area.

The texts are scratched on two pieces of silver that were rolled like scrolls and probably worn as amulets. They bear the priestly blessing found in the Book of Numbers. One charm has a full 15-word version, while a smaller piece has a 10-word abridged version that combined two verses.

The writing on the amulets is a form that disappeared after the Jews were expelled from Jerusalem in 586 B.C. by the Babylonians. □



vivors: wife Mary; daughters Mrs. Homer (Janet) Benefield and Mrs. William (Betty) Love; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

SAMANTHA J. SMITH, 86, July 26, Fontana, Calif. Interment: Bloomington, Calif. Survivors: husband Everett; sons Duane and Dale; one grandchild; and two great-grandchildren.

LILLIAN MAE STEVENS, 79, Mar. 30, Castro Valley, Calif. Interment: Hayward, Calif. Survivors: daughters Deloris Matter, Ruth Wolfe, and Karlene Williams; son Charles; 15 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

#### BIRTHS

to REV. LEON AND BARBARA BLAISE, North Tonawanda, N.Y., a boy, Jeremy Edward, June 17  
to DAVE AND CARISA (ADAMS) BLOWERS, Nampa, Idaho, a boy, Nathan Ray, June 10  
to CAPTAIN JOHN MARVIN AND JEANINE (ROSTALLON) BRASHER, Fort Benning, Ga., a girl, Amy Elizabeth, Mar. 29  
to MIKE AND DARLENE (BLOWERS) BROOKS, Bethany Okla., a girl, Emily Kay, May 7  
to REV. DAVE AND CINDY (WOODBRIDGE)

CROFFORD, Kalamazoo, Mich., a boy, Benjamin Daniel, July 24

to REV. TOM AND SYLVIA (SHANNON) EVANS, San Benito, Tex., a girl, Krystal Dawn, July 20  
to RODNEY AND GLORIA (JARMON) FECHNER, Katy, Tex., a boy, Matthew Daniel, Jan. 10  
to PAUL AND MARILYN (JACKSON) FRANCO, Crofton, Md., a boy, Timothy Andrew, May 27  
to BRAD AND KAREN (MILLER) MERCER, Dallas, Tex., a boy, William Wesley, June 18  
to DAVID AND GREGG (PARKER) PETERS, York, S.C., a boy, James David, July 5  
to DEAN AND LORI (THOMPSON) PRINCE, Nampa, Idaho, a girl, Ashley Danielle, Aug. 1  
to RANDY AND MARSHA (WANKEL) STOKER, Robeline, La., a boy, Kelvin Zane, Aug. 4

#### ANNIVERSARIES

REV. AND MRS. JAMES C. LEONARD of Johnstown, Ohio, recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. They were honored with a dinner at the Buxton Inn, Granville, Ohio.

The Leonards were married Aug. 5, 1926, in Marion, Ohio. They pastored churches on the Central

Ohio District and also served as evangelists. They had three children, James (deceased), William, and Dorothy Dennis, seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

#### CORRECTION

The announcement of the 50th wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. Harry B. Hall, which appeared in our June 1, 1986 issue, should have included Sharpville, Pa., among the places where they pastored. We regret the omission, but this information was not supplied to us in the announcement.

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We welcome questions on biblical and doctrinal matters. The editor is not able to send replies to questions not selected for publication. Address: ANSWER CORNER, *Herald of Holiness*, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131.

**A friend of mine, raised in church, married a man from another church background. Now they do not go to church anywhere, and she tells him that you can worship at home and don't need to attend church.**

**I think they should find a true church near their home and attend there. The Bible warns against neglecting to assemble together. Won't this cause them to backslide?**

Those who can attend church should attend church. We need to be identified with the Body of Christ, and private worship is no substitute for corporate worship. The members need the body and the body needs the members (1 Corinthians 12; Hebrews 10:23-25). Yes, they will backslide, if they have not already done so.

We not only need corporate worship, we need to be involved in the mission of the church, and contributing to its fellowship. If everyone adopted your friend's attitude, the church would disappear and darkness cover the earth.

It is unnatural and unspiritual for Christians not to desire participation in the church.

**In the past, when our church board met, only board members were present. Lately, other members of the church are sitting in on the board meetings. Does the general church have an official position on this matter?**

Ordinarily, only board members care to attend board meetings. The board should, if necessary, establish a policy on this matter. Any board could, with visitors present, vote to go into "executive session," which means nonboard members would be excluded.

The *Manual* does not mention attendance restrictions, and I'm not aware of any general

church position on the matter. It is a local matter and should be decided locally.

**Recently in the adult Sunday School class in our church a list was placed on the bulletin board of things that would hinder our walk with the Lord. One of the items listed was voting Democrat. Has our church become so political as to tell people how to vote? If it has, I'll be looking for a new church. I'm a lifelong Nazarene.**

Whoa! Don't leave us, brother. Don't make the mistake of confusing your Sunday School class with the entire denomination.

The Church of the Nazarene does not attempt to dictate the politics of its members. Within our church in the U.S. are Democrats, Republicans, Independents, all of the above, none of the above—you name it.

We do not all see alike or vote alike on political issues. We do not endorse candidates or parties. The secret ballot is an American strength. How you vote is your business.

**Many times on Sunday, which I call the Lord's Day, people will refer to that day as the Sabbath. I sometimes tell them that it is not the Sabbath; Sabbath means seventh. Sunday is the first day of the week, or the Lord's Day. Some then say that Sunday is the new Sabbath. I then say no more to avoid an argument, but I would like very much to hear your thoughts on this.**

I agree that the first day of the week is the Lord's Day.

Sabbath, however, does not mean seventh. It means rest, and Israel rested on the seventh day.

The first day is a fitting one for celebrating in worship our Lord's resurrection, and in His death and resurrection sin was atoned for and death was conquered, creating the possibility of our spiritual rest.

For this reason some have termed it the Christian's Sabbath or the new sabbath. I prefer the designation "Lord's Day."

# THREE FOR Christmas



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Rev. and Mrs. Bob Williams, pastor of the Carnegie, Okla., church for 32 years, were honored at a reception June 22. Approximately 300 friends, relatives, and acquaintances came to wish them well in their retirement. That Sunday was proclaimed "Bob Williams Appreciation Day" by the community with a Mayor's Proclamation signed by Mayor Utah Jones. Under the Williamses' leadership, the old church was remodeled and expanded several times. But as the congregation continued to grow, it became necessary to relocate and a new sanctuary and an educational unit were built. The church was dedicated debt-free May 1.



Rev. Al Shaw (l.), New Boston, Ohio, First Church, presents the E. P. Ellyson Award to Dody Huffman, director of the Continuing Lay Training Program. This is the highest award in the CLT Program. It represents the completion of 60 units of study in Teacher Enrichment or Administration—the equivalent of at least 360 contact hours of training. Last year, under the former CST Program, New Boston had seven teachers certified.

#### DEACON'S TAX STATUS DEPENDS ON INDIVIDUAL SITUATION

The 1985 General Assembly created a new order of Christian ministry in the Church of the Nazarene identified

as deacon. Dr. Dean Wessels, director of Pensions and Benefits Services USA, reminds that an important tax question must be decided for any local church hiring a deacon: "Although the deacon is an ordained minister in the Church of the Nazarene, is he or she considered to be a minister for income tax purposes?"

The answer to this question is based on a key issue—whether or not the deacon can perform "substantially all the religious functions within the scope of the tenants and practices of the religious denomination" (Revenue Ruling 78-301).

The report of the Commission on the God-Called Ministry and the accompanying *Manual* provisions adopted by the General Assembly appear to give authority to the deacon to perform all the religious functions of the church, but the functions must be performed under the specific authority of the pastor or supervising elder.

Legal counsel has observed: "On a conceptual basis, there is a close question as to whether the performance of functions under such authority would be the performance of substantially all of the religious functions of the church. If a particular deacon in fact performs substantially all the religious functions performed by an elder, then that particular deacon would have a much stronger case for claiming exclusion treatment [exclusion from income tax withholdings and FICA and the ability to exclude a housing allowance from income tax] . . . The determination of whether exclusion treatment is or is not available ultimately depends upon the particular facts as to a particular deacon."

It is practical for both the local church and the individual deacon that the tax status be consistent throughout each tenure with a particular local congregation. If treatment as a minister for income tax purposes is desired, it is recommended that the supervising elder sign a written agreement with the deacon clearly authorizing him or her to exercise all religious functions of the church while under the supervision of that elder.

When such documentation is present, the deacon's case may be evidenced and strengthened with the IRS. However, recognition by the IRS as a minister for tax purposes will depend ultimately on the particular facts of a particular deacon's situation, and those facts may change from assignment to assignment.

Additional questions regarding the deacon's tax status or benefits may be directed to Dr. Dean Wessels, director, Pensions and Benefits Services USA, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131. □



#### YOUR PENSIONS AND BENEFITS FUND IN ACTION

Pensions and Benefits Fund dollars make possible the "Basic" Pension Program for over 2,700 retired Nazarene ministers and widows or widowers of ministers. The following letter and excerpts from other letters received recently illustrate the impact your faithful giving into this Fund has on the lives of individuals.

Dear Mr. Wessels,

*Enclosed is a copy of Mother's memorial service to notify you of her death. We have appreciated the faithfulness of the church in providing pension checks each month. Many of them went into the Hunger Fund. Mother had a heart of compassion.*

\* \* \*

*—The "13th month" bonus check came yesterday, and how grateful I am to you, the church, and the dear Lord for it. June is the month of the year that is the hardest for me financially . . .*

*Thank you again for your thoughtfulness of us "oldsters." It strengthens our security for our future.*

*—I received the extra check for retired ministers, and I want to say a big thanks to our great Church for the way they are taking care of . . . retired ministers! I love our great Church of the Nazarene, what it believes and teaches. . . I just wanted to let you know how I feel.*

*—Thank you for the "Extra." We are indeed grateful.*

*Our needs are being supplied even if we have to put out over \$200 per month for drugs alone. My wife has Parkinson's in the advanced stage.*

The "Basic" Pension Program, as well as related services, are made possible through the Pensions and Benefits Fund received from local churches on participating U.S. and Canadian districts.

Service operations are also aided by gifts, donations, gift annuities, wills, and legacies. No General Budget monies are received for the funding of pension programs and services. Your church's payment of its Fund amount is essential to keep your Pensions and Benefits Fund in action.

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

With the unanimous approval of the Board of General Superintendents and in consultation with the Advisory Council of the East Tennessee District, I have appointed Dr. Thomas Cox (present superintendent of North Arkansas District) as superintendent of the East Tennessee District, effective September 1, 1986.

—Eugene L. Stowe  
General Superintendent

## COX MOVES TO EAST TENNESSEE



Dr. Thomas Cox, North Arkansas district superintendent, has been appointed superintendent of the East Tennessee District by Dr. Eugene L. Stowe. He fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Rev. Doyle Smith. He assumed his new responsibilities September 1.

Dr. Cox is a graduate of Trevecca Nazarene College. He received the honorary doctor of divinity degree from Southern Nazarene University this past spring. He pastored for more than 16 years before being appointed superintendent of the North Arkansas District by Dr. Charles H. Strickland in March 1975. He was ordained in 1960 on the Tennessee District.

He and his wife, Wyoma, have four children, Pamela Bell, Tamela Tarter, Bobby, and Jeff. □

—NN

## THOMPSON ELECTED VIRGINIA DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

Rev. Charles L. Thompson, 50, pastor of Richmond, Va., Southside Church, was elected and has accepted the call as superintendent of the Virginia District, according to Dr. Charles H. Strickland, general superintendent. He was elected on the first ballot by the Virginia district assembly, August 13.

Rev. Thompson began his tenure at Richmond, Va., Southside in December 1969. Prior to this he pastored churches in Victoria, Va., and Greensboro and Kannapolis, N.C.

Ordained in 1961, Rev. Thompson attended Southern Pilgrim Bible College. He and his wife, Mary, have three children, Susan, Kathy, and Jeffrey.

He succeeds Dr. Reeford Chaney, who retired from the post at this as-

# THANKSGIVING OFFERING

The goal of \$9 million has been established by the Board of General Superintendents for the Thanksgiving Offering, 1986. In Canada, the offering is received October 12, and in the United States it is received November 23 and is an expression of our earnest desire to fulfill the Great Commission.

The Board of General Superintendents is calling on Nazarenes everywhere to lift a generous offering in support of our missionary enterprise around the world. As a board we are doing everything possible to bring every plan of the general church under the authority of the Great Commission. We are growing rapidly around the world. We have "growing pains" as our international church expands rapidly.

We need first of all your heart interest and prayers.

RAYMOND W. HURN, Secretary  
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sembly. Dr. Chaney served as superintendent of the Virginia District beginning in 1977. Prior to this he was superintendent of the Alabama District for 13 years. Dr. Chaney and his wife, Barbara, are retiring on the Virginia District. Their new address is 4070 Monza Dr., Richmond, VA 23234.

—NN □

children, Susan Malloy, Larry Sanders, and Cheryl O'Bannon. □

—NN

## SIVEWRIGHT ELECTED NYI MINISTRIES DIRECTOR



Rev. Gary Sivewright, 39, has been elected NYI Ministries director in the Christian Life and Sunday School Division, according to Rev. Phil Riley, CL/SS Division director. He was elected to the post by the Board of General Superintendents following his nomination by Rev. Riley and Dr. Raymond W. Hurn, responsible general superintendent for the CL/SS Division. The nomination was approved by the General NYI Council and the CL/SS Department of the General Board.

Rev. Sivewright has served on the youth staff at headquarters for almost seven years. He was recently appointed program coordinator for NYI Ministries, where he became responsible for the editing of TOTAL II. Prior to this, he served as senior editor of *Bread* magazine and *Teens Today*. He has also served as youth minister at Bethany, Okla., First Church and Shawnee, Kans., church.

A graduate of Southern Nazarene University and Nazarene Theological Seminary, Rev. Sivewright and his wife, Carol, have two sons, Chad and Jason.

He is the author of a commentary on Ephesians 4, *Walking by Faith in Jesus Alone—Together*, and a book of teen devotionals called *Following*. He has written articles for various magazines and is a popular speaker at camps, conventions, revivals, and retreats.

Rev. Sivewright replaces Rev. Larry Leonard, who resigned the post to accept the pastorate of Hutchinson, Kans., First Church. Karen DeSollar, who has served as assistant editor for NYI Ministries, has been appointed editor of *Bread* and *Teens Today*. □

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—Jerald D. Johnson  
General Superintendent

## SANDERS APPOINTED TO NORTH ARKANSAS

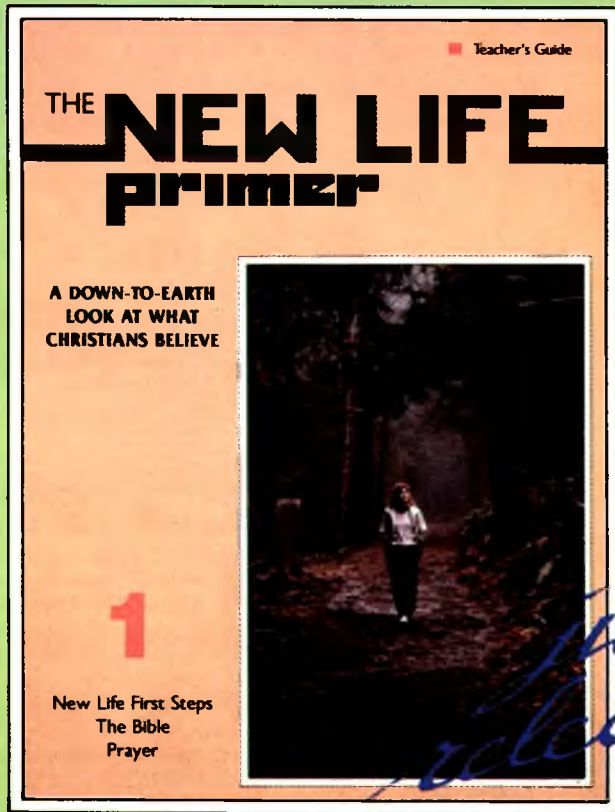


Rev. Eugene Sanders, 57, has been appointed superintendent of the North Arkansas District by Dr. Jerald D. Johnson. He replaces Dr. Thomas Cox, who was appointed East Tennessee district superintendent.

A native of Hot Springs, Ark., Rev. Sanders attended Capital City Business College in Little Rock and holds the Th.B. from Olivet Nazarene College. He was ordained in 1959 on the Chicago Central District. He has pastored the Houston Spring Branch Church since 1981. Prior to this he pastored Lubbock, Tex., First; Tulsa Central; Corpus Christi, Tex., Trinity; and was associate pastor at Oklahoma City First and Kankakee, Ill., First. Rev. Sanders was elected to the General Board at the 21st General Assembly.

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