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Editorial

REFLECTION AND RESOLUTION

God's Missionary Church is not yet one hundred years old. As far as denominations go, our 1935 birthday makes our church young. And yet, at this momentous year 2000, it is time to reflect and resolve.


We reflect on years of stability. Our sixty five years of ministry has certainly not been without misunderstanding and occasional division. Yet, the record is clear: God's Missionary Church has never suffered a split or been part of a 'come-out' movement. The leadership of George Straub, Truman Wise and Paul Miller, combined with present leadership have given a steady hand to the affairs of state.

We reflect on years of service. In local congregations, through our Bible college and around the world in missionary evangelism have spread members of God's Missionary Church for the proclamation of the Gospel. In Castro's Cuba, in Mongolian orphanages, behind the wall of poverty in Haiti, in the heathen culture of Africa and Taiwan and beyond, members of God's Missionary Church have served well.

We reflect on years of spirituality. The doctrine remains pure. The convictions remain clear. The Wesleyan Methodist heritage is alive at the turn of a millennium. Though constant barbs and sneers have made the conservative holiness movement a defensive collection of organizations, God's Missionary Church stands as a bright oasis of conservatism with a cause. The vision of humble Pennsylvania dutchmen has contributed to a denomination leading the way for evangelism, outreach and piety.

We reflect. It is not wrong to reflect. It is good to look back and say "To God be the Glory Great Things He Has Done!"

But if we only reflect, we have lost the battle before it begins. If we only look back and only remember and only recall, we have ceased to exist as a church. We must also RESOLVE!

At this dawning age, we resolve to see the Kingdom of God advanced. We resolve to see the world brought to the knowledge of the Savior. We resolve to lift our heads high and march into the battle under the banner of the KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. He transcends millenniums. He tells time by eternity's. If the church shall stay under His banner, the outcome of the battle is sure. The Old Ship of Zion sails on. Defeat is not in the vocabulary! 

-James D. Plank, Editor



News

Sullivans Celebrate Fifty Years

William and Mae Sullivan, missionaries to Mexico, celebrate fifty years of marriage on December 3, 1999. The Sullivans were missionaries with God's Missionary Church in Cuba. William and Mae met at West Virginia Training School in Point Pleasant, West Virginia. After being accepted by God's Missionary Church to serve in Cuba, they were married and began their work there. The young mother gave birth to twins in Cuba, but being born premature, they passed away. The Sullivans went on to have nine more children: Paul, Marjorie, David, Roger, Pat, Sharon, Geraldine, Carl, Sam, Linda, Donald, Tim & Rachel. You may send cards of congratulations to: William & Mae Sullivan, Route 2, Box 42, Lyford, TX 78569. -Submitted by Sharon Page



Earl C. Motter Promoted to Glory

Earl Clifford Motter was born May 29, 1916 in New Berlin, Pennsylvania. He departed this life November 4, 1999 at his residence in Hartleton, PA. Mr. Motter was the son of the late Edward and Dora Krause Motter. He and his wife, the former Martha Hain, celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary on June 19, 1999. Mr. Motter was last employed by the Richard Kratzer Construction Company at Mifflinburg, PA and was formerly employed by the Swab Wagon Company at Elizabethtown. He enjoyed woodworking. He was a veteran of the Second World War, having served in the US Army. He was a member of the Mountain Road God's Missionary Church in Penns Creek, Pennsylvania. In addition to his wife he is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Reverend Truman Motter and his wife Betty of Hartleton, PA, and one daughter, Ruth Clark of Lewisburg, PA. Also surviving are two brothers, Oscar Motter of Beaver Springs, PA, and Harry Motter of



Lewisburg, PA, three sisters, Mary Hackenburg and Anna Mae Rebuck, both of White Springs, PA, and, Isabelle Weaver of Watsonstown, PA. He is also survived by four grandchildren, Beth Walter, Crystal Stahl, Tamara Guyer, and Jeffrey Clark. He is survived by eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Thomas Motter and Francis Motter and one sister, Gladys Boney. The funeral was conducted by his pastor, Rev. Alan K. Walter, and by Rev. Daryl Kuhns, at the Mountain Road God's Missionary Church in Penns Creek, Pennsylvania, on November 9, 1999. He was laid to rest in the God's Missionary Church Cemetery in Pillow, PA.

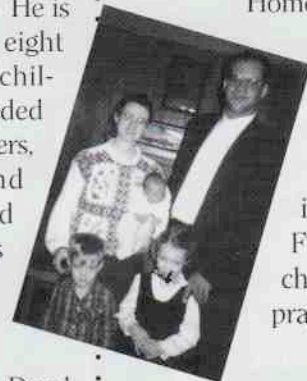
Correction

We did congratulate the Stephen Davis Family of Milesburg on the birth of a son. We did not give you the correct name. The name of the new arrival is CADE DONAVAN DAVIS. Congratulations again to this fine parsonage family!

New Arrival!

The God's Missionary Church of Fishersville, Virginia welcomes the newest member, David Nathaniel Fisher, born October 15, 1999. Pastor and Mrs. John Mark Fisher are rejoicing at this new 'fisher of men'! It will be some time before David Fisher can assist in the Home Missionary effort there.

Please keep the Fisher family and the Fishersville church in your prayers.



Florida District Camp Meeting

The annual Florida District Camp Meeting will be conducted 21-31, 2000 at the grounds in Sun City, Florida. The Victory Trio and others will minister at this annual 'feast of good things.' Florida District Superintendent Rev. James R. Cooper may be contacted at 904-775-9786 for more information.



1999 Camp Meeting Crowd at Tabernacle

The Presence



"In attempting to prescribe the modes in which the Presence shall act, we fetter His operations, and as a result we reap barrenness and drought."

by Paul Hosier

Facing the new century, with its challenge to hold high the banner of holiness, in a world growing increasingly pagan, our church has a great need of the Presence.

We can say like Moses of old when ordered to go forward, "If thy Presence go not with me, carry us not up hence."

At the dedication of Solomon's temple we read, "Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the Lord filled the house, and the priest could not enter into the house of the Lord, because the glory of the Lord had filled the Lord's house." What made it a great hour? The temple? No. The people? No. The priest? No. The glory, the Presence did! The results of the Presence coming upon the scene was, the people bowed themselves with their faces to the ground, worshiping and praising God.

See Eilijah, on Mount Carmel, surrounded by unbelievers. With a faith strong in the Presence he prayed. The Presence came. The Baalites were confounded. The people, convicted and convinced by the Presence, cried out, "The Lord, he is god."

It was the Presence at Pentecost that caused the unbelieving world to stop, look and listen. It will be the Presence with us in the new century that stops the mad rush of our world. Nothing short of this will avail.

The Presence must be honored, invited, welcomed, for He will not force Himself upon any person or congregation.

In The Life and Times of Hedding, Lorenzo

Dow relates of Mr. Mitchell, "When he began to exhort a trembling began among the unconverted. First one, then another, fell from their seats and began to cry for mercy. The influence spread till the cry became general; and for eleven hours there was no cessation of the loud cries and supplications of that smitten assembly... The most abandoned, profligate, wicked men, the caviling, skeptical deist, the blaspheming atheist, the brawling universalist, were alike humbled at the foot of the cross, and by the power of divine grace were at length renewed and clothed in their right mind."

Whitefield's *Journal* of 1842 says, "After I had begun, the Spirit of the Lord gave me freedom, till at length it came down like a mighty rushing wind and carried all before it. Immediately the whole congregation was alarmed. Shrieking, crying, weeping, and wailing were to be heard in every corner, men's hearts failing them for fear."

What was the cause of such meetings? The Presence was upon them.

Mr. Watson in *The Life of Wesley* says, "He (Mr. Wesley) unquestionably believed in special effusions of the influence of the Holy Spirit upon congregations and individuals, producing powerful emotions of mind, expressed in some instances of bodily affections."

President Edwards says this in regard to "The Great Awakening," "Wherever these appear, the (physical signs of God moving upon the

heart), there is always the greatest and deepest work."

Bangs in his *History of the Methodist Church* says, "As these abated, the work of conviction and conversion usually abated too."

In the words of another Methodist of the old stamp, let me say, "It is the divine, spiritual influence which is the cause of these things for

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which we plead; and if such experiences follow as incidental results insofar as they are purely involuntary, and the work of the Spirit, let them come!"

It has been said, "Our God is a God of order and not of confusion." True indeed. Yet in attempting to prescribe the modes in which the Presence shall act, we fetter his operations, and as a result we reap barrenness and drought. This is true in the individual life, and also in a denomination.

S. H. Pratt says, "Order, indeed!

What is order, if following the impulses of the Holy Spirit is not? Does God's Spirit need to be taught politeness by the cold, impassive frigidities of modern conventionalism? Is an 'Amen,' or a 'Hallelujah,' or a smile or a tear such an unpardonable violation of religious decorum that it must be banished from our sanctuaries forever? We may try the ostracism, but, remember, God's Spirit will go with the exiled expressions of His influence... while His work is that of God, He will work like a God, untrammelled by the notions of men! the church, from history, has a valuable lesson for us on this point."

What does the new century hold for us? Untold accomplishments in the advancement of the Kingdom of God, if we keep His Presence with us. ■

-Rev. Paul Hosier is an ordained minister of God's Missionary Church. He currently serves as a general evangelist.



College News

Penn View Paves Campus

Student Parking, Circle Drive,
Lower Campus, Cafeteria Parking,
Dormitory Parking



ABOVE:
Crews paving student
parking area
LEFT:
Lower campus in area
of cafeteria.



Dream Comes True

From the earliest days at Penn View Bible Institute, the college campus resembled 'dust city' or 'mud city' depending on the weather. Many have dreamed to see a remedy for this problem. Various alternatives have been explored across the years, but no project was completed due to the overwhelming financial cost that made paving unattainable.



For the past few years, the college has undergone an extensive construction project. This academic year, the first floor of the new men's dormitory was occupied. With the use of this facility, a major concern was the mud, dust and stones that would be tracked on to the beautiful floor covering that was generously donated. Due to these concerns, prices were pursued to have the campus paved. As the prices were received, again the project seemed impossible.



The board discussed the matter thoroughly and came to a decision to pursue the project by faith. Larry Kratz, a professional surveyor and friend of the college, began working on ways to create additional parking. With the expertise of he and his staff, the lower campus was redesigned to include 180 parking spaces. The student parking on upper campus was enlarged so as to accommodate nearly 40 vehicles.



Friends of Penn View began pledging finances for the project, and the contractor was notified to begin paving. In fact, the response was so overwhelming that the entire campus was slated for paving and by the third week of November the pavement project was completed, just three weeks before the asphalt plant was closed for the winter. The entire parking areas were then lined and continued work is being done on sidewalks in the area of the cafeteria building.



At the time of this report, all but \$7,000.00 has been raised for the project. We praise the Lord for His blessings! A long standing dream has come true! ■

Photographs From Top:

- View from upper campus including student parking.
- View at new men's dormitory.
- View across lower campus behind tabernacle.
- View at front of cafeteria.
- View behind cafeteria building.

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Mission News

School Walls Go Up in Leogone

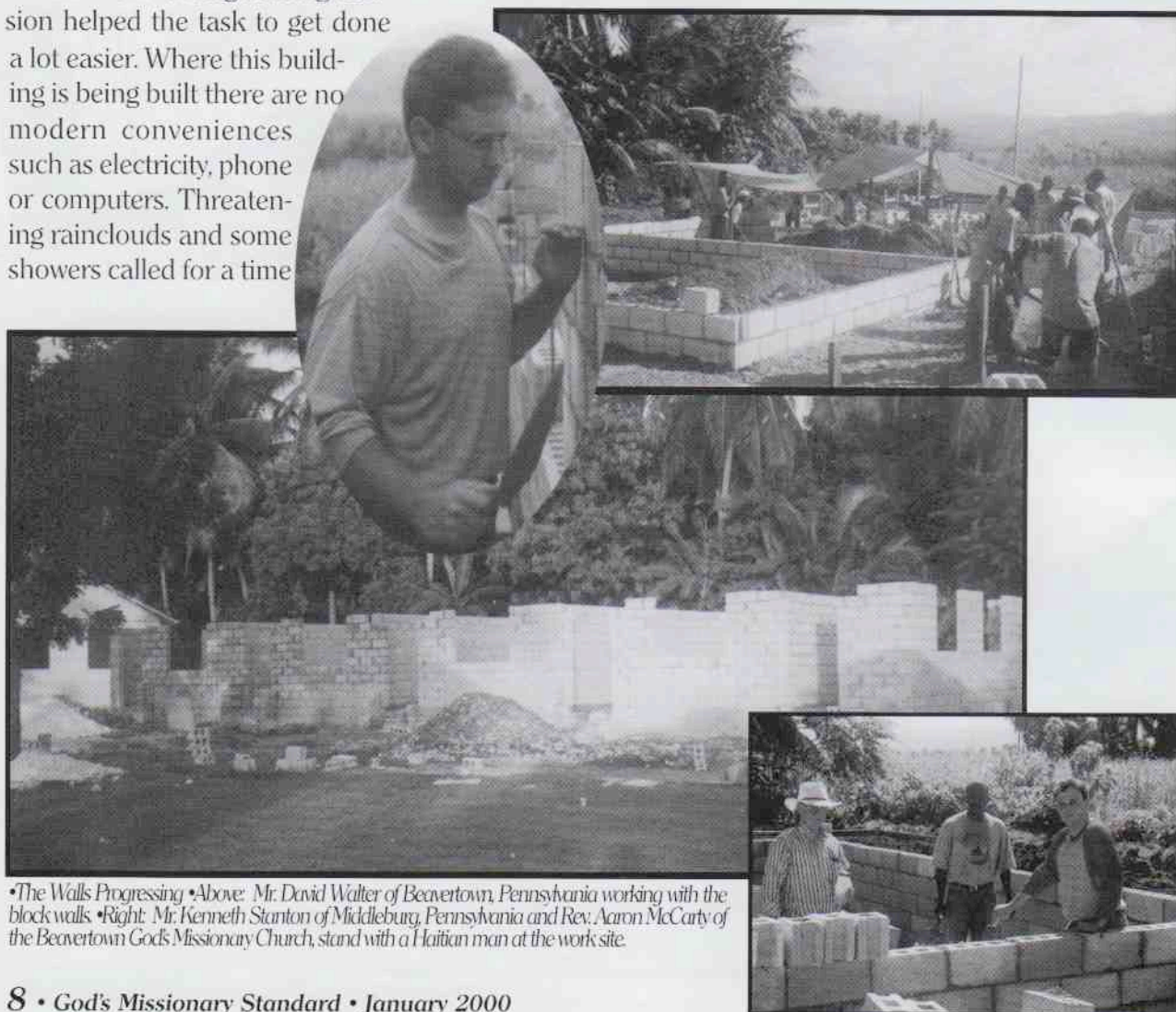
Two work teams have successfully labored on the new school building in Leogone, Haiti.

On October 18, Rev. Brian Bright, pastor of the Felton GMC along with two men from his church; Ron Black and George Hedges as well as Sis. Bright and the children paid their own way to Haiti to pour the footers and lay out the new school building. Borrowing gasoline run cement mixers from a neighboring mission helped the task to get done a lot easier. Where this building is being built there are no modern conveniences such as electricity, phone or computers. Threatening rainclouds and some showers called for a time

of prayer. God caused the rain to stop and the work went on. This work team returned to the US on October 26. All went well. We want to say a big thank you to Bro. & Sis. Bright and their co-workers for the hard work done for the Lord and Haiti.

Nine days later Work Team #2 arrived safely. Rev. Aaron McCarty, assistant pastor of the Beavertown GMC along with six men and one

lady from his church made up this team. They were: Ken Stanton, Scott Stanton, Jason Stanton, David Walter, Boyd Day, Gary Beachel and wife Virginia. The church graciously provided the airfare for their people. This team's responsibilities were to lay the blocks for the footer, pour the floors, and build the walls for the 25' X 75' school building. The building will house four more




•The Walls Progressing •Above: Mr. David Walter of Beavertown, Pennsylvania working with the block walls. •Right: Mr. Kenneth Stanton of Middleburg, Pennsylvania and Rev. Aaron McCarty of the Beavertown God's Missionary Church, stand with a Haitian man at the work site.

On the Front Lines

classrooms, also a principal's office and a supply room.

A big answer to prayer came when God turned Hurricane Lloyd and no rain fell where the building project was in progress. All around received rain. We serve a Great God! Praise His Name!

After a week of hard labor under the hot Haitian sun the walls were completed. This group of men is to be commended for their hard, steady work. Three of the men who are welders volunteered to stay four additional days and weld the trusses, windows and doors. Unknown to all of us a tragedy awaited the Stantons upon their arrival home. In the night hours preceding their take-off from Haiti Bro. Stanton's home caught fire and burned down. He came home to a great loss. We are trusting Romans 8:28 to prove true through all of this. Fortunately his wife and son were not injured in the blaze.

Future work teams plan to complete the building in 2000. 

FELTON, DELAWARE REPORT

The Home Missionary Department is encouraged at new people attending the God's Missionary Church in Felton, Delaware. This church, under the direction of Rev. Brian Bright has been started from 'scratch.' At a recent visit by Home Missionary Superintendent Rev. John F. White, it was reported that a new family from New England had been attending and a lady recently had been saved. "We left the Felton church greatly encouraged with our heart warmed," Rev. White reported.

350 LBS. of DONATED ITEMS TRANSPORTED TO HAITI

The Beavertown Work Team carried seven suitcases of donated items into Haiti. This included children's clothing, shoes, medicine, medical supplies, car parts, and a donated accordion. Upon their arrival three airport personnel "happened" to be in the airport who knew our missionaries. They helped the group through without the hassle of inspections and duty. Another approx. 300 lbs. is awaiting future work teams to transport it in to the benefit of the poor Haitian families.

FT. MYERS REVIVAL

It has been reported that sixteen men were converted in a recent revival at the Fort Myers Rescue Mission in Fort Myers, Florida. Richard McClure, a mission worker, reports this to be the largest number who have been saved since his working at the mission. *-Ropeholders*

TAIWAN EARTHQUAKE

GMC Missionaries Bradley and Anita Halter working with FEA Missions, report on the recent earthquake in that nation. "The earthquake of September 21 was centered in Puli, a town which is famous as the geographical center of Taiwan. It is the least-evangelized county in Taiwan and is a stronghold of idolatry. This stronghold of idolatry has been shaken... Christian workers report an unusual openness to the Gospel as never before seen in Puli. Pray that this stronghold will not only be shaken but cast down. *-Ropeholders*

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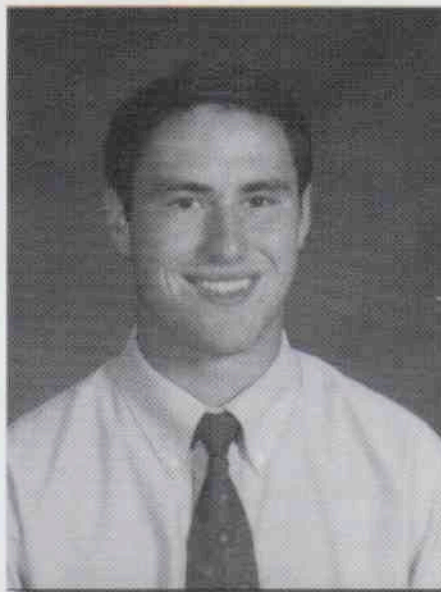
RADIO PROGRAMS

Heritage & Hope • Beavertown, PA
Wheels 106.1 • Sunday 8:00 AM
Rev. James Plank

Missionary Echos • Lebanon, PA
WLBR - 1270 AM • Sunday 1:15 PM
WADV - 940 AM • Sunday 8:30 AM
Rev. Barry Arnold

Voice in the Valley • Penns Valley, PA
WLYZ - 1050 AM • Sunday 8:45 AM
Rev. Gabriel Morley

MISSIONARY CRUSADERS YOUTH SPOTLIGHT



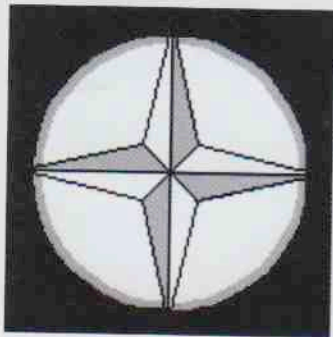
CHAD W. MOWERY

Chad Wendall Mowery is from the Mountain Road God's Missionary Church in Penns Creek, Pennsylvania. He is the son of Titus & Juliana Mowery of Middleburg, PA. At age twenty-one, Chad is the oldest of four children in the Mowery household. Chad is active in the church, serving on the Youth Board as Treasurer, and helping in any way he can in the church ministries. He has a radiant testimony, a passion for souls, and a deep devotion to God. Although he does not have a specific call of God to missions, Chad looks forward to graduating this Spring from Penn View Bible Institute with an Advanced Diploma in Missions. Over the past two summers he served missionary internships in Cottonwood, Arizona at the Montezuma Indian School and in Peru, South America with the Joseph Stence Family. On June 24, 2000, he will marry his fiancé Joni Ickes. They plan to reside in the area and continue to serve God in the local church as they follow God's leading in their lives. We are proud of you Chad! You are to be commended for your diligence in study and for your life of devotion to God! ■

-Submitted by Pastor Alan K. Walter

Central Zone Rally Report

The November Youth Rally was conducted at the Shamokin God's Missionary Church with David Wise of Coopersburg congregation giving his testimony of how God led him to the life of Holiness. What a thrill to hear God's faithfulness to him. The service concluded with victories around an altar of prayer. Berwick took home the first place attendance banner with Shamokin keeping the second place banner. ■



Travel Notes

From the General Superintendent

•I started the month of November in Marshall, Michigan holding a revival meeting at the Fredonia Holiness Church. Pastor Betty Malone and people certainly made us feel welcome on our first trip into this part of Michigan. Rachel and I enjoyed our stay with the Richard Fifer's. The Lord helped in the meeting and we made new friends as well as fellowshiping with acquaintances from yesteryear, including Sis. Malone, the Doug Damon family and the surprise visit of Grace Pamp for several of the services. We left, having enjoyed the presence of God and the fellowship of His people.

•Mon. 4th: Returned the 500 miles to Middleburg, Pennsylvania from Marshall, Michigan. Went to the Mountain Road God's Missionary Church to attend the viewing of Earl Motter.

•Wed. 10th: Traveled to Fishersville, Virginia with Home Missionary Superintendent Rev. John White. My wife and I enjoyed the trip with Bro. & Sis. White and the service was inspiring as Bro. White preached to a good group of friendly people. Pastor Fisher and family work hard in this fine Home Missions church and God is helping them. It was a special treat to get to see the newest member of the Fishersville congregation, David Nathaniel Fisher.

•Sun. 14th A.M.: Visited the Millmont revival meeting with the Rev. & Mrs. Walter Bradshaw singing and preaching. This morning service witnessed an unusual moving of the Lord and after a short exhortation by the evangelist, seekers after holiness were at the altar with good result, reminding us that "Faithful is He that calleth you who also will do it." Praise the Lord! P.M. I traveled to York to the New Life Holiness Church pastored by Rev. Paul Martin to attend the final night of their revival with Rev.

& Mrs. Marshall Smart. God greatly anointed Bro. Smart and at the invitation seekers were at the altar and praying through to victory in Jesus.

•Tues. 16th: Went to Rebersburg to attend the opening service of a Western Zone sponsored Symposium on Personal Evangelism with Rev. Jeff Leonard doing the speaking. God helped Bro. Leonard to challenge us with the need in our day of going door-to-door and person-to-person in effort to win the lost to Jesus.

•Wed. 17th: Attended the closing session of the Prayer Conference held at Penn View with Rev. Stephen Manley exhorting us to pray for those in leadership and support one another in prayer. A needed message for our day.

•Thurs. 18th: Traveled to the Bellefonte God's Missionary Church to attend the afternoon session on Personal Evangelism. Again, I enjoyed the ministry of Rev. Jeff Leonard. In this service the Glory of the Lord came and the saints responded with testimony, shouting (in the pew and in the aisle), weeping and rejoicing in a wonderful time of God's presence.

•Fri. & Sat. 19th, 20th: We went to Eastern Shore of Maryland to take in two services of the Delmar revival meeting with the Victory Trio. Pastor & Mrs. Eric Watts graciously provided wife and I with an upper room in the parsonage for our stay. Both services were well attended and God was very real in the atmosphere of Revival. We enjoyed the warm fellowship of the Delmar people, the Watt's Family and the Victory Trio. If you see Sis. Penny ask her about her "pets" (they mean a lot to her).


•Sun. 21st A.M. Journeyed north to Felton, Delaware to be with

Rev. Brian Bright and the Felton church family. It was a beautiful Lord's Day morning on Eastern Shore and we received a warm welcome at the little country church. Bro. Bright conducted the service well with his family providing special singing before I brought the message. It was inspiring to meet new people recently moved into the area as well as recent converts. God is helping in this church. Bro. Bright's entire Family and some of these church people, recently went to Haiti to work on the new school building and prepare the way for the Beavertown group. Our thanks go to this Home Missions Church for your work on behalf of Foreign Missions! Wife and I enjoyed a delicious meal in the Bright's lovely home before leaving in the afternoon to return to Pennsylvania. P.M. Arrived a little late, but in time to hear the report of the work group recently returned from the school building project in Haiti. I wish to say "thank you," to all who participated and to the Beavertown God's Missionary Church for sponsoring this fine group. It has been a special day for us to be with the Bright family and the Beavertown crew, to get a first hand report of the Haiti project.

•Thanksgiving Day 25th: My wife and I were privileged to have our family together for this day of thankfulness. My parents, Harold and Hazel Plank came down from Westfield, Pennsylvania. Rachel's parents, Harold and Eileen Will came up from Grafton, West Virginia. Our sons and daughter's-in-law came in. Jim & Marie at Beavertown, Jon & Alicia from GBS, Cincinnati, Ohio, and Andrew at home. Also, our grandson Jamison made his appearance and entertained everyone. Rachel's sister Mary Jane DeWolfe and two of her sons, Sam, with his wife Sirina, and baby Samuel, and Joe, with his

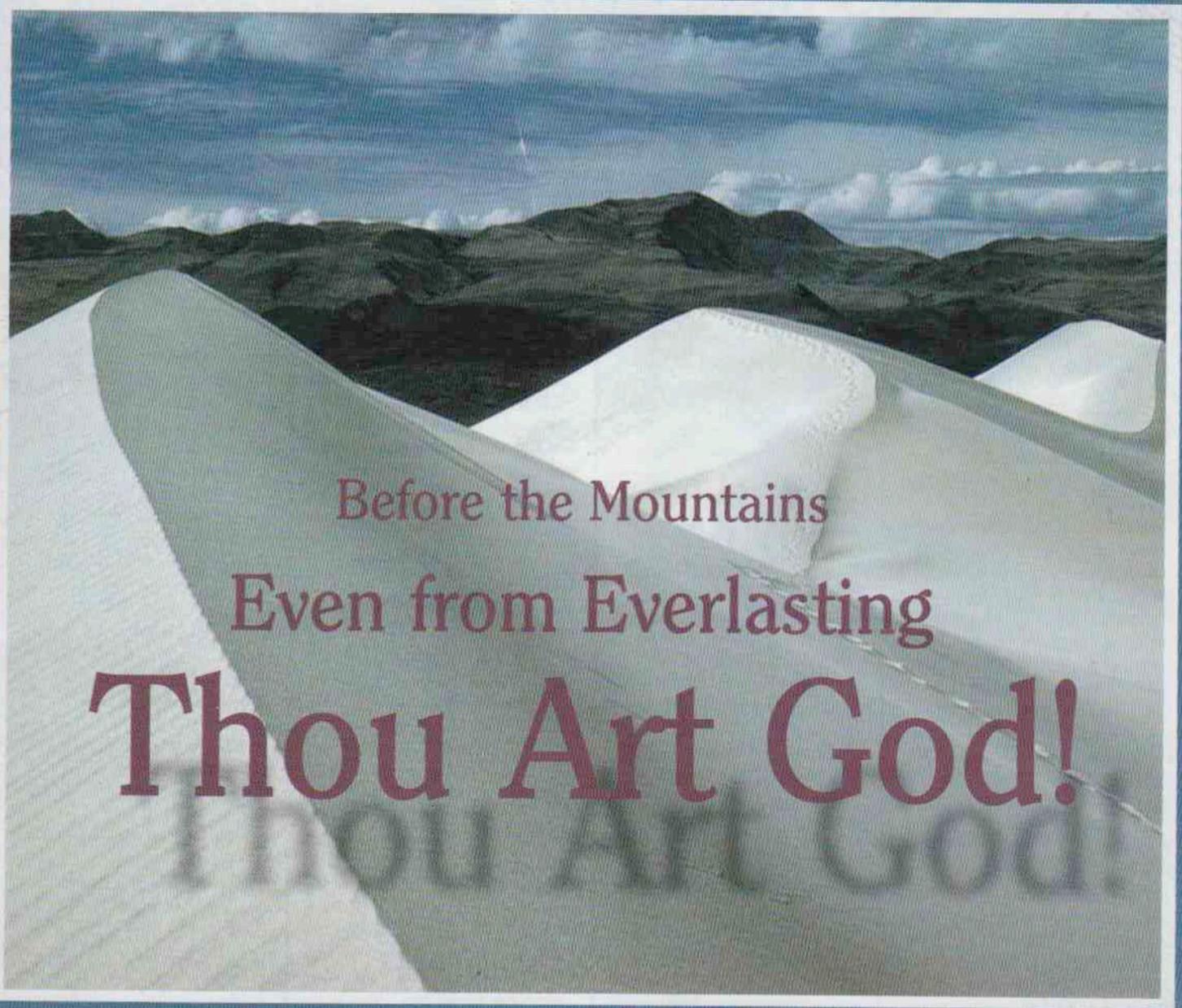
wife Diana. Our Thanksgiving meal was at the Beavertown parsonage and John and Martha and Grandpa and Grandma Zechman in attendance. So we had a wonderful time of appreciating the blessing of the Lord on our behalf with family and friends.

•Sun. 28th: A.M. Attended Sunday School at the Sunbury God's Missionary Church and preached in the service that followed. We enjoyed the excellent service and the opportunity to be with friends. Bro. Jacob Martin and Family are doing a great job shepherding this flock. P.M. Took the opportunity to attend Beavertown and hear my father-in-law preach. Rev. Harold Will has a unique ministry and I enjoy hearing him especially since he allowed me to marry his daughter a few years ago.

•And this concludes my travels for the month of November, excluding various board meetings I have conducted. A very blessed New Year to the entire Conference Family! May God's Missionary Church be a vibrant force for God at the entrance to this new date in history! 



Rev. Harry F. Plank is General Superintendent of God's Missionary Church. He resides in Middleburg, PA.



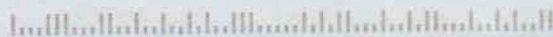
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Thou Art God!

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