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Editor's Thoughts

CHRISTMAS CARDS

I knocked on her apartment door. This was the most squalid living quarters in town, high above the storefront and streets below... high above the busy hustle and bustle of the Christmas season. We were well into the holiday and there were a few simple well-worn decorations adorning her humble place. We talked about the season a bit, we exchanged pleasant words... and then I noticed her Christmas cards. With pride they were posted for all to see... all three of them. We were well into the season and I remembered how many cards we had received by then. As I glanced at the three cards sent to her by thoughtful friends I remembered comments and complaints I had heard about how many cards a person sent and how much they cost and how very expensive the postage was. I invited her to church that Sunday to attend Christmas services. She thought she might come. I left thinking about how thankful I am to be part of the family of God. Because of Jesus I have so many friends. Because of Jesus I will receive an abundance of cards and well-wishes for the season. And when I think of her three cards, I don't complain about the number of cards I have to send anymore. 



-James D. Plank, Editor

Church News

Births

•Rev. & Mrs. Matthew Ellison, GMC pastor in Galax, Virginia, are pleased to announce the birth of a son, Justin Matthew, on October 16, 2002.

•The Steamburg church is pleased to announce the birth of a daughter, Valerie Dianne, to Rev. & Mrs. Brandon Crouse, on October 21, 2002.

•The Beavertown church is pleased to announce the birth of a daughter, Kimberly June, born to Wayne & Malinda Anderson, on September 12, 2002.

•The Beavertown church is pleased to announce the birth of a son, Tucker Jonathan, born to Joseph & Alissa Snook, on October 14, 2002.



Church Honors Parsonage Queen

The Penns Creek congregation surprised their pastor's wife, Anita Walter Sunday evening, October 27, with a very touching appreciation program. Rev. Walter began the service as usual, then said, "We're going to change gears to honor someone." While the congregation read Proverbs 31:10-31 responsively, helpers placed a decorative chair on the platform and a table with a photo history of Anita, in front of the altar. Relatives had provided the pictures, which Laura Fellencer professionally mounted on a display board. Sister Walter first started to grasp what was happening when she glimpsed a picture. Her husband said, "Sweetheart, this is for you," and led his crying companion forward.

Cindy Redmond read the poem "The Minister's Wife," then Lucille King shared a long poem, "Queen of the Parsonage," of her own composition. Bonita McKenzie draped a ribbon reading "Queen of the Parsonage," on Sister Walter, and had her sit on the "throne" while Sister King crowned her queen. The "Queen Mother," Sister Duttrey spoke of Anita's formative years including



her haircut by Adrian and her romance with Alan! Darlys Walter added further comments. Sharon Black led the people in forming acrostics on paper emphasizing Sister Walter's characteristics such as patience, loyalty, and compassion. Andrew and Alan Walter, accompanied by Alanna McIntire, sang to Anita, "Blessed By You," written by Alanna for the occasion.

Esther Keister presented the "Parsonage Queen" a dozen red roses, beautifully prepared by Bortner's Greenhouse, along with a gift certificate to Country Cupboard Restaurant, and a nice card filled with signatures. Upon instruction, Sister Walter then gave another rose to Audrey

Mason, the former, long-term "Queen of the Parsonage." Meanwhile, Barry Mason at the piano, Cindy Redmond at the organ, and Mark Redmond on the saxophone played "Does Jesus Care," one of Anita's favorites. Many members of the congregation expressed brief accolades, followed by Pastor Walter's moving talk, "My Wife's Life." The service closed with the congregation marching by the Parsonage Queen, to greet her, expressing deep love and appreciation for her nine years of labor at Penns Creek.

-Submitted by Howard McKenzie

Engagement

Rev. Christopher Fleck and Rebecca Audrey have announced their engagement. Rebecca, a native of New York, received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Hobe Sound Bible College and her Masters from Potsdam State University. She is currently teaching at LaSalle School for Boys in Albany. Christopher is a graduate of God's Bible School. He spent four years in Honduras with Evangelistic Faith Missions and is presently working for Pilgrim Tract Society in Randleman, NC. Rev. Fleck is a licensed minister with God's Missionary Church.

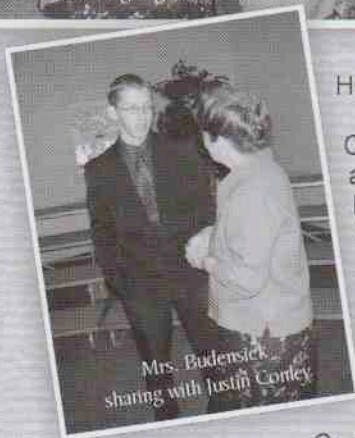
Happy Birthday!

Happy birthday to the oldest member of God's Missionary Church! Teresa Kennedy, a long time member of the New Columbia church, turned 103 years old on September 14, 2002. She is has a keen mind and a ready testimony. Those who visit her find her an inspiration.

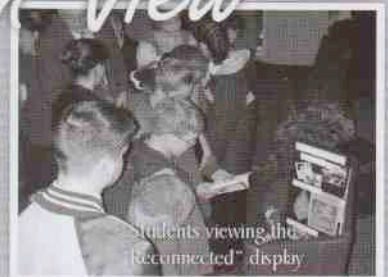
Reconnecting... at Penn View



Book signing for Carol M. Hinkel



Mrs. Budensiek sharing with Justin Conley



Students viewing the "Reconnected" display

Each year, November is known as "National Adoption Awareness Month." Thus, it was so appropriate to have Mrs. Joy Budensiek -- former Missions Director of Hobe Sound Bible College, Hobe Sound, FL-- as a guest chapel speaker at Penn View Bible Institute this past November. In the past few years, Mrs. Budensiek has been trying to reconnect with her family roots. You see, she was an adopted baby. Her story begins in Newfoundland, Canada, and stretches all the way down to Hobe Sound, FL.

Currently, she is involved in sharing her "reconnection" story to Christian groups and community organizations. Her "pro-life" message is strong. She published her story in a book: *"Reconnecting to My Belly Button"* [her title idea...not her husband's! :o)]. Because of the impact of her message, her Penn View chapel presentation was sent to Dr. James Dobson of *Focus on the Family* for promo and broadcast considerations.

In the chapel service, she shared her "pro-life" story and the ecstasy and agony of trying to locate her birth mother. Her story "connected" with many students. Visiting this special chapel was the Director of the local *Pregnancy Care Center of the Susquehanna Valley*, Debbie Lamos.

While in the Penn View area, Mrs. Budensiek was interviewed by Matthew James at WPGM / WBGM-FM in Danville, PA, for *The Community Forum*. This interview was aired twice on November 10.

Mrs. Budensiek is no stranger to Penn View. She first taught in Penn View Christian Academy in the early 70's. She then met John and they both taught for a few years at PVCA following their marriage. In August of 1977, they then relocated to Hobe Sound, FL. Mrs. Budensiek's visit to the Penn View campus was a time of her reconnecting to the extended Penn View family. She indicated her campus visit was a highlight at this period of her life.

To contact Mrs. Budensiek for a copy of her book or to schedule her for a service:
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Missions News

Dominican Update



GMC Missionaries, Doug and Kim Hoffman, working under Evangelical Bible Mission in the Dominican Republic report that God has been answering prayer for them. A local barber has been gloriously saved and is doing well. He testified in a recent service that before he was saved, he never had enough to eat. Since he has given his heart to Jesus, he has enough to eat plus extra! The Hoffman's request prayer for their daughter Regina, who has an eye difficulty. They thank the family of God for prayers and involvement in their ministry.

Sweitzer's in Guatemala

The Michael Sweitzer family, under appointment with God's Missionary Church in Guatemala, are in Antigua, Guatemala involved in language studies. They live in an apartment near to the school. They have great financial burdens as the cost of living is quite high. Support for the Sweitzer family may be sent to God's Missionary Church - P.O. Box 264 - Mifflinburg, PA 17844.

Ukraine Update

Jeff & Beth Asbell, members of God's Missionary Church serving Carolina Missionary Organization in Ukraine, are serving in their third year of missionary work. In three years they have been involved with building projects, children's work, youth ministries and the planting of a new church. They are praising the Lord for finances raised for the purchase of a van and a computer system for the printing and publication of books, tracts and Sunday school literature. In a recent newsletter, the Asbell's report victory and praise to God for all that He has done!

Increased Government Pressure in Beijing

The month of November was a planned crackdown on house churches in the area of Beijing. Reports are that the leaders of these churches will be subject to fines ranging from \$2500.00 to \$12500.00 US dollars. These are the highest fines imposed in China against house Christians. Rev. & Mrs. John Knight, members of God's Missionary Church, directing the efforts of Far East Mission in China, Hong Kong, Mongolia and Tibet carry an immense burden for the millions of people groups in these lands. Their ongoing evangelistic efforts in these regions must be continually bathed with the prayers of God's people.

One Million Tracts Distributed

Four tract teams went into Mexico City since June. The last of these passed the momentous milestone of the millionth tract placed in the hands of Mexico City residents. Tim Springer, who was promoted to glory during this past year, led the first teams into Mexico City in 1997. It was deemed appropriate that his wife, Lynn, should pass out the millionth tract. This she did on Thursday, July 18. Many people, including several teams from God's Missionary Churches were involved in this giant undertaking. His Word will not return void! John Dykes and Philip Burch and their families are yet involved with this worthy effort. Continue to pray for their advancement into the Mexico City region.

HARVEST PRAYER CALL

Convicted of our negligence in obeying the specific command of the Lord of the harvest that He would send forth laborers into His harvest, MISSION HELPS and ROPE-HOLDERS Holiness Missionary Prayer Band are calling for volunteers to unite in a year-long prayer campaign in obedience to this command.

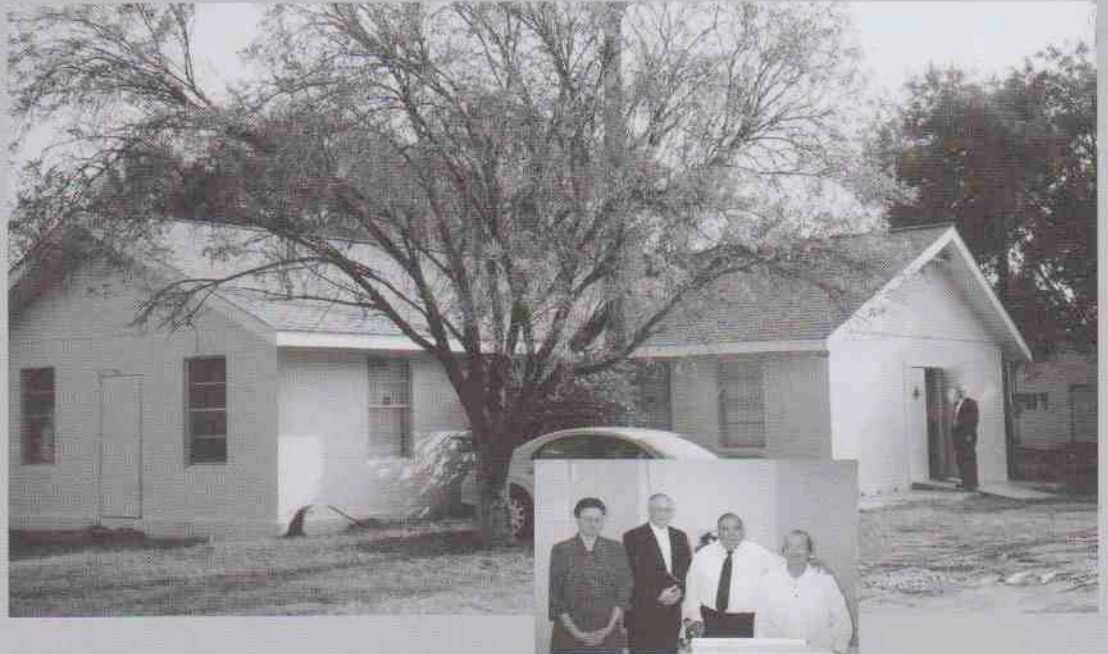
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Missions News

Miami Mission

Jose & Priscilla Cancio are experiencing challenges and triumphs in their new appointment to the God's Missionary Church in Miami, Florida. Of course the church is in the United States, but it is very much a mission setting. Known as the Miami Cuban Refugee Mission, it was established for the purpose of ministering to South Florida's large population of Cuban refugees. Jose is a convert of the mission and has returned to carry on the legacy of the Shuey's and their successful missions efforts spanning many years. The Cancio's are doing a tremendous job. Victories have been won around the altar and improvements are being made to the facilities. Pray much for their protection and encouragement as they adjust to city life!



Conference President Visits Tex-Mex Border

Rev. & Mrs. Harry Plank visited the God's Missionary Church in Donna, Texas recently. They found a growing congregation faithfully pastored by Rev. & Mrs. Gonzalo Palacios. The conference president was encouraged by the service and was happy to have the assistance of Rev. Palacios' son, Latur, for interpreting. This God's Missionary Church on the Tex-Mex border is unique in that all services are conducted in Spanish. The potential for this work is unlimited. Pray much for pastor and people in this ongoing endeavor.

Taiwan Report

Bradley & Anita Halter, members of God's Missionary Church serving with FEA Ministries in Taiwan, are still searching for a house to live in. Pray that God will direct them to the right location! They ask for prayer for their family as they lead busy and stressful lives. They report that God is helping them in the church work. Send the Halter's a greeting by e-mail at halter@ms26.hinet.net



BEYOND THE BULGE

by Philip Burch



The Battle of the Bulge was one of the most decisive battles of World War II. In it Hitler launched his last great offensive in which he was all but successful. He used his last and best tanks, and commissioned one of his most trusted and skilled officers, Col. Otto Skorzeny, to plan and oversee a strategic part of that attack. Though the entire battle was a complex operation, the plan was to break through the Allies lines with captured American jeeps and English-speaking commandos who would greatly aid the German army as it followed. Though the bulk of the offensive was thwarted, a few commandos, disguised in American uniforms, were successful in breaking through. After carrying out a few minor devious missions, their gas ran so low that they were forced to flag down an American army vehicle to ask for fuel. Having learned English in Great Britain, they made the mistake of asking for petrol instead of gasoline. As a result they were immediately detected and captured.

Ironically and unbeknown to them, their greatest success was realized when rumors spread that English-speaking enemy troops, dressed in American uniform, had broken through the lines and were now among them. Now every one was suspect and no one was trusted. Troops, convoys, and even officers were detained for questioning-sometimes for hours-- while *priceless time was lost*. On the Allies' side was massive confusion which threatened to destroy all unity and cost them ultimate defeat.

Though the Battle of the Bulge occurred over half a century ago, it offers valuable lessons that are relevant for us today. The old "*divide-and-conquer*" tactic is being employed even at this very moment, and it is used with no less success than it has enjoyed throughout history. If our enemy can not win through brute force he will employ our help by setting us against our brother. That goal he might not easily achieve unless he can cause us to suspect our brother of insincerity, duplicity, or hypocrisy.

To be quite honest, our common enemy has been all too successful at this goal. Too many of us, for whatever reason, have begun to see our brother as a potential traitor. Now we spend both ours and his precious time in profitless interrogations to verify his integrity while at the same time, in his mind, *ours is in question*.

Jesus foresaw this danger when He gave us the parable of the wheat and the tares. He foresaw that we could end up trudging through massive fields of wheat trying to identify and purge out the tares. In the process, we would both purge some, and trample underfoot what little would be left of the precious wheat. Instead Jesus said, "*Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.*"

Jesus knew that our effort and ability to always distinguish between the true and the false was futile. He knew that such an endeavor would do more harm than good. No, I do not think that He was teaching that we should allow to continue as one of us he who is obviously the product of bad seed. There are plenty of Scriptures to back that conclusion. What He did teach was that we would not always know the difference and in attempting to make that judgment, we would end up, in many cases, plucking up the wheat and leaving the tares.

What a sense of relief has flooded my mind and soul to discover that it is not my responsibility to clean the field! I am convinced that the same relief can be yours as well if you will "*bow out*" of this job to which you have not been assigned.

Had the Allies not given up their "*witch hunt*," the final outcome of that battle and even that war could have been quite different. We are today in a warfare between good and evil, and for many it is a matter of heaven or hell. Time is too short and the price of souls too great to spend our time wrangling over details that do not fall within our job description, and by this ultimately lose the battle for souls.

As it was in the great Battle of the Bulge, so it is in this spiritual battle for souls. Though on some fronts we are making advances, on others the enemy's offensive is bulging the lines. Furthermore, beyond that bulge the enemy is already at work draining our strength, breaking down our oneness and rendering us defenseless at a time when unity is most crucial. One of the objectives of Paul's letter to the Corinthians was that Satan should not get an advantage of us: "*for we are not ignorant of his devices.*"



Philip Burch is a missionary in Salamanca, Mexico, where he and his wife, Collette --along with their daughters, Brenda and Alicia-- work with a newly planted church. Their eldest daughter, Shari, is a missions student at Penn View Bible Institute.

Christmas in Bethany

J. B. Chapman

But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her. Matthew 5:48

JUST TODAY I SAW THE ARTIST'S representation of that quiet home in Bethany where the persecuted Prophet from Galilee used to find friends and rest. The picture shows Mary kneeling at the Master's feet in earnest inquiry and peaceful adoration, while Martha stands on the edge of the scene cumbered with a tray of choice viands for the approaching feast.

As I looked at this picture I remembered that the world has ever given Martha and her kind the first and fullest approval. In fact,

Martha had followed the instincts of gender and race in glorifying her service by ministering to the necessities and pleasures of the body and social nature. If Jesus had been like the average caller at the Bethany home, He would have commended Martha and ordered her sister to join her in serving. What matters that Martha was secular in her appraisals, casual in her devotion, restless in her faith, and uncertain in her affections? In fact, what matters anything so long as the cereals and fruits for the coming feast were carefully selected and daintily served? Why ask about faith and love and patience and other components of inner religion so long as appearance and works are pleasing and abundant? But Jesus Christ has always had the habit of disagreeing with the "once born" man and to Him Martha's anxiety and troubled cumbersome service were deserving of reproof, while Mary's choice of the "one thing needful" was commended and the promise made that it "shall not be taken away from



her." Martha came, like Cain of old, to appease her Lord with a faultless service in necessary things and thus to merit His approval; Mary came to Him saying, "Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling;" Martha came on the cold legalistic basis, Mary came with the warmth of deep and true devotion, Martha made the presence of Jesus the occasion for exalting her service and the very faultlessness and preeminence of her service beclouded and belittled the Christ, Mary was so enamored by the presence of the Master that service was belittled through the exalting of Him.

Martha had pride in her home and its appointments and longed to have the Master well served, though the service must be confined to necessities and comforts. She would serve good food in the conventional manner and the guest would go away to think of her hospitality and efficiency. When Mary would do something for her Lord she offered not the common things of the utilitarian to whom religion, secular prosperity and bodily comforts are all the same, but she brought to the King a box of ointment so precious that it would have been presented to no other. But though this ointment possessed a value equivalent to a whole year's wage for the laborer, and although it would have been an extreme luxury if placed on the head of Herod or Caesar, still Mary accounted it as fitted only for the feet of her lord. And lest the excess should divert attention from the ONE who was being anointed, Mary fore-went all costs and underwrote all condescension by wiping His feet with her hair.

When Martha's service was ended you thought of her and her service, when Mary's service was over you thought of nothing but her Lord. With Martha it was

"other things and Jesus," with Mary it was "Jesus only." Poor Martha! Her joy was fleeting for it depended upon things which have perished with the using. Blessed Mary! She chose, not service as service, not gifts, but Christ and this "good part" lasts through every barren Christmas and every year of disappointment.

And the world and the Church are still full of Marthas and Marys. Men commend Martha, but Christ still glories in Mary. Christmas is here and the season will be marked with much giving and with many kind words and deeds; and when it is all over Martha and her works will be highly exalted through association with the Christ whose birth we celebrate, but Mary and her deeds will serve only to glorify the Christ and through her and them He will be better known and better worshiped.

**"Of men
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The intelligent, hungry, dying world still calls out solicitously, "Sirs we would see Jesus." Of men and deeds and names we have a plenty, show us Christ!

Of service and ever human accomplishment we have much, tell us of Jesus! We have had the sordid intellectual, guesswork, speculative, legalistic, utilitarian, juiceless, joyless religion in abundance, give us the peace of mind that comes from sitting at the REAL PROPHET'S feet, the satisfaction of soul that is found in the banqueting house of love divine bestowed; yea, give us the joy of grace which has reached the stage of "ointment poured forth." Give us Mary's "good part" in the personal acquaintanceship of the personal Christ. Then if Christmas is short of gifts, if our earthly friends "forget," we shall not mind; for we shall have the Giver and Christmas will have its full meaning for us.

Bethlehem or Jerusalem?

"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem there came wise men from the East to Jerusalem." Matt. 2:1.

These men had come a long way and no doubt encountered many difficulties to find Jesus. And now, on the last few miles of their journey, they got their eyes off the star and stopped too soon. Think what a difference it could have made in many homes of Judea had they not stopped at Jerusalem. Hundreds of babes were killed as a result of their interview with Herod!

Jerusalem was so close to Bethlehem, only five miles, and it would seem much more logical that the King of kings should be born there in the central city of Palestine – it was the city of the temple and the throne of David. But they had to go farther – down to the small, humble town of Bethlehem.

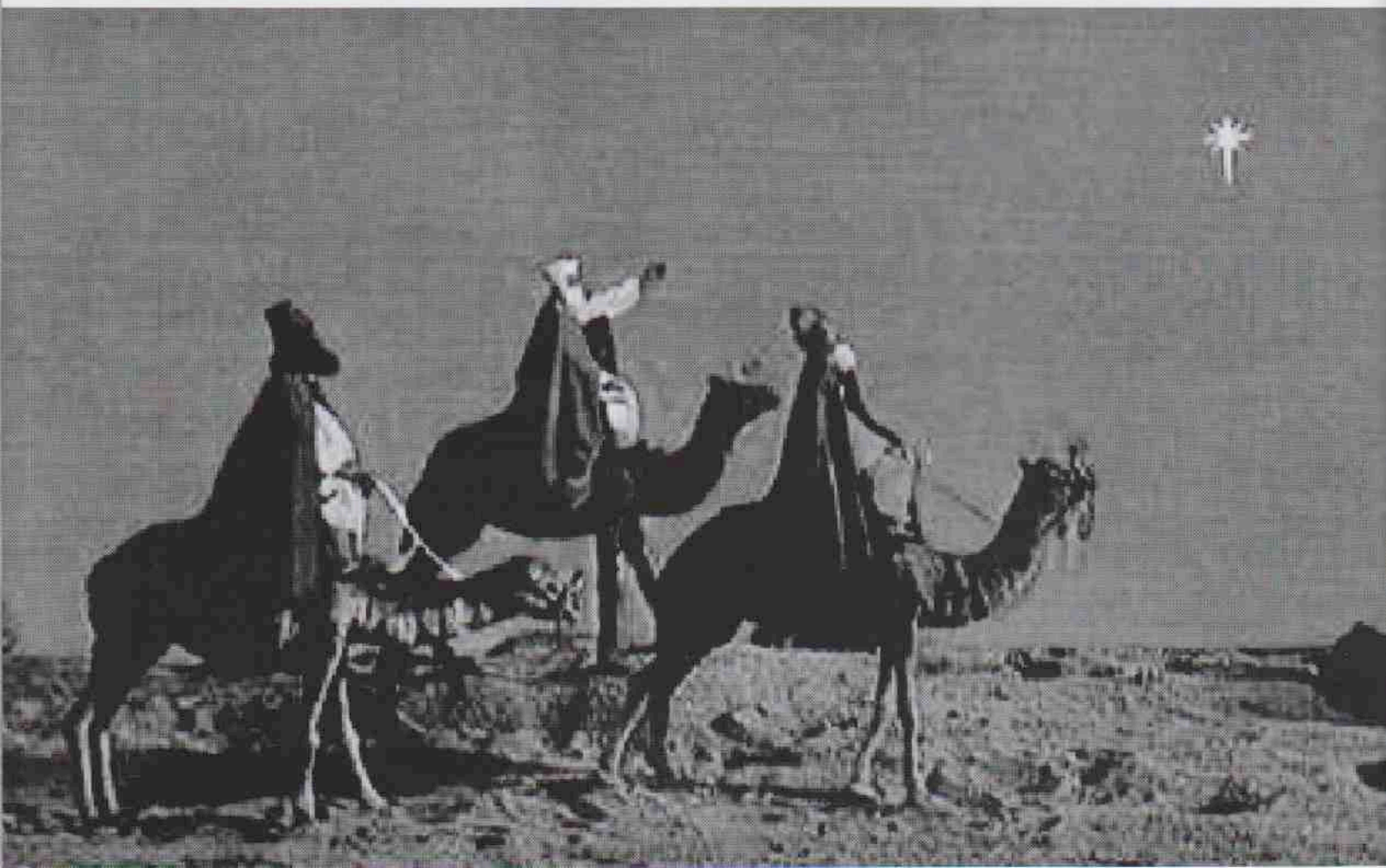
And so it is today. When the devil sees that people have come a long way and really want to find God, he will do his best to bring up "Jeruselems" in their lives. "Surely this is it!" cries the natural man at the inspiration of the devil. "I have found the city of the kings!" True, Jerusalem was the place where Christ made His triumphal entry; it was near the place where He ascended and where the

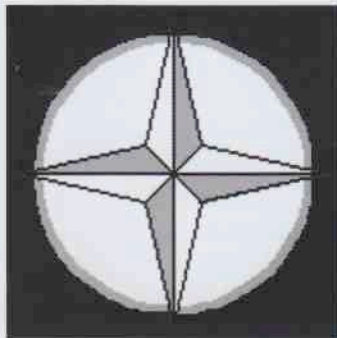
Holy Ghost was given; but man cannot take a short cut to such victories. He must first follow Christ to the humility of Bethlehem before he can accompany Christ to His glory. Today's "Jerusalem" is filled with people who want to be religious, but are not willing to walk the last five miles.

Bethlehem is the first step, but we cannot stay there! Many people find Christ and make a good start, but they are content to stay around Bethlehem. They're afraid to launch out and follow Christ through the years of unselfish service to mankind. "Lord, I love you, but I just can't follow you to help the outcast! And I don't have time to feed the multitudes. I know that they are hungry and I have the Bread of Life, but I'm just too busy with my own affairs and religious duties to give it to them. And please, dear Jesus, don't ask me to give the Living Water to the Samaritan woman – that's so far away from home. Just allow me to stay at Bethlehem and worship the manger."

Yes, they'll stay and worship an empty manger, a dead symbol, but the living Christ has left them behind.

-by Linda Lee Gouge (Selected)





Travel Notes

From the Conference President

A monthly column highlighting events in the life of the Conference President

Christmas greetings! Below is a partial report of our activities in recent days:

•Sunday, Sept. 22: Rachel and I made our first visit to the Cumberland church. A nice little country church at the edge of this quiet Ohio village. I preached to a congregation of approximately 22 people in the morning and evening. We enjoyed the presence of the Lord in the services and enjoyed meeting new friends. Thank you to "Grandma" Kittle, who provided us with wonderful meals!

•Wed. 25: We attended a session of the School of the Prophets held at Union Bible College in Westfield, IN. Rev. James Tilton spoke with anointing in this session, on soul winning.

•Thurs. 26: We attended the morning session of School of the Prophets at UBC with Rev. Duane Quesenberry doing the speaking. He did an excellent job.

•Sun. 29: We attended the morning service of revival at the Salunga church and appreciated the message given by evangelist Robert Thornton. We enjoyed a great meal and fellowship in the parsonage. Rev. Troy Shaffer is doing a good job at Salunga.

•Wed. Oct. 2: I traveled to Allentown and met Rev. & Mrs. Keith Bunch and received a good report on how God is helping at the Coopersburg church. I then went to St Luke's Hospital in Bethlehem to visit Floyd Allen who has been a family friend since I pastored the Coopersburg church. He has been very seriously ill. I had a good visit with Floyd and Alice. I trust God's best for them.

•Sat. 5: We attended the annual Harvest Home service at Penn View. The George I. Straub Tabernacle was decorated beautifully for harvest. The Barry Mason family was featured. The Masons along with their children and grand children presented us with a variety of songs, instrumentals and

told interesting stories of yesteryear. Also, we were honored with the singing of a "past tense" P.V.B.I. trio, consisting of Kim Deaton, Victoria Reese and Greg Wolfe with Hanna ShROUT at the piano.

•Sun. 6: We arrive early at the Lebanon church for their annual Harvest Home service only to discover, to my chagrin, that the service had been changed to next week! Perhaps due to my "old age" I had not noted the change in my trusty day-timer and thus the error. Pastor Barry Arnold was mortified when he saw me until we realized the error. To avoid answering so many questions, my wife and I left and went on to the Camp Hill church. We arrived in time for part of Sunday School and were able to hear Pastor Fred Bennett preach a good message. At least two congregations had a good laugh at my expense this morning. With the evening now open, we attended the Beavertown church and enjoyed hearing our son preach an excellent message on "the glory".

•Tues., Wed. and Fri. 8,9,11: We attended revival services at Penn View with Rev. Joe Smith evangelist. These services were good and as always, God was moving among the students.

•Sun. 13: I preached this morning at the Harvest Home service at the Shamokin church for Pastor Terry Zimmerman. This was a good service and the people had a beautiful display to show their appreciation for their pastor. Rachel and I enjoyed a delicious meal with the Zimmerman's. This evening we returned to Lebanon for their Harvest Home service. Many remarks were made concerning the snafu of last week, but the humble pie was good for harvest home. The service was enjoyable as always. The display and generosity of these good people is inspiring.

•Mon. 14: I conducted a General Board meeting in the conference room.

•Wed. 16: Our daughter in law, Marie took us to the Harrisburg airport en route to Donna, Texas. My parents accompanied us on this trip. We

landed at the Dallas/ Fort Worth airport where my uncle Herb Francis picked us up. This was an interesting first flight for my parents. We encountered storms, delays and a missed flight in Philadelphia, but we arrived safely almost 5 hours late. My parents loved it!

•Sat. 19: Rachel and I arrived in Donna, TX which is near the border of Mexico. We stayed on the grounds of the former Latin Bible school and were met by Rev. & Mrs. John Dykes who gave a short tour into the country of Mexico. We enjoy the fellowship of the Dykes before returning to our room and preparing for the evening service at the God's Missionary Church in Donna. We enjoyed the good service with this lovely little congregation and with Pastor and Mrs. Gonzalo Palacio. The people are very friendly and made us welcome. This seems to be the only holiness Spanish speaking church in the area of a mostly Mexican population.

•Sun. 20: I preached at the Donna church again both services today. We appreciated Auturo, son of Pastor & Mrs. Palacio, leaving his own church services early from a nearby town, to come and do the interpreting for me the entire week end. The hospitality of the Tex-Mex people is wonderful and they treated us to lots of delicious Mexican food! We also enjoyed a nice visit from Donna Newton, a former Spring Garden parishioner. (See photographs of this trip on Page Six)

•Mon. 21: We traveled to the Houston area for a short visit with my cousin, David Houghtaling and wife Sharon.

•Tues. 22: Rachel and I along with my parents, traveled east of Dallas to the Audie Murphy Museum for a very special and somewhat difficult reunion. We had arranged to meet for the first time Rick Jones and his wife Kim. Upon arriving found them along with James Helton and James Farmer. The uniqueness of this meeting is that the three men are Viet Nam vets who served with my brother Jim. They were all three with him on Jan. 12, 1970 when he was killed in battle. Rick was wounded in the same

battle and was sent home at that time. All three of these men had something to share about my brother. It was a difficult time for them as well as us, but we all agreed it was good. Helton and Farmer had never met one another until this day, since they were in the Viet Nam war, so it was special to them also. We appreciated Rick Jones making contact with our family this past year for the first time ever.

•Thurs. 24: We returned to good ole Pennsylvania and had a smooth flight.

•Sun. 27: We attended the Harvest Home service at the Milmont church for Pastor Clough and family. Rev. & Mrs. Wesley Sanford sang and he did an excellent job of preaching. The congregation had a lovely presentation of food items for their pastor.

•Sun.: 2:30: We attended the dedication of the remodeled sanctuary of the Richfield Evangelical Methodist Church with Pastor Aaron McCarty conducting and his brother and former pastor Roy McCarty participating.

•Mon. 28: The Pension Board met in the conference room with chairman Rev. Andrew Cooley conducting.

•Tues. - Sun. Oct. 29 - Nov. 3: I was in Cooperstown, PA preaching Revival with Pastor Andrew Cooley. I enjoyed being with these good people. The Lord helped with some seeking and getting definite spiritual help.



Rev. Harry F. Plank is Conference President of God's Missionary Church. He resides in Middleburg, Pennsylvania.



*Best Wishes
This Christmas!*

Harry & Rachel Plank
on behalf of God's Missionary Church



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