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# UPDATE ON TEE

Grace Holland

*"I realized what God had done--he had used us to answer our own prayer"*

Years ago as young missionaries we were concerned about the lack of literature available to Christians in Zambia and Zimbabwe. There were only some tracts, scripture leaflets and a few small books in the vernacular languages. Nurture or Bible study books were almost non-existent, and we believed these were necessary if the church was to grow strong. I put the need for Christian literature on my prayer list and prayed regularly for it for a number of years.

We were also concerned about Bible training for local leaders. Many of them could not leave home responsibilities to attend a residence school. After several tries we settled on Theological Education by Extension (TEE) as the most practical non-formal method of training. We traveled a 200 mile weekly circuit leading seminars to discuss and apply lessons the pastors were to have studied during the week.

The biggest problem was that no suitable home study materials existed even in English, much less in Tonga or Ndebele. We set out to write some.

As people heard of our lessons and asked to use them, we began organizing workshops to

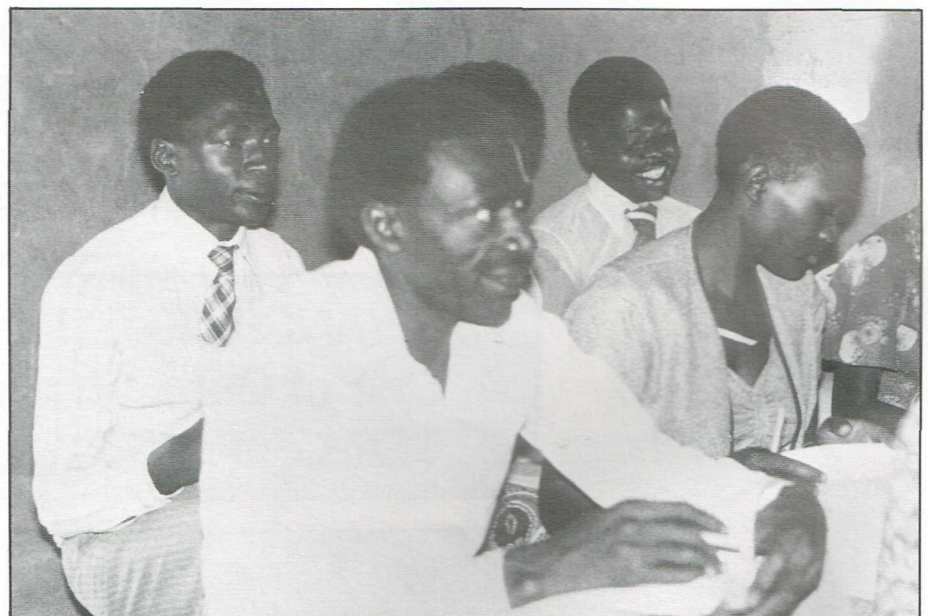
involve people in writing a whole curriculum of Bible study books. It wasn't until we were several years into the project that it occurred to me what God had done--he had used us to answer our own prayer for Bible study books in a way we had never dreamed of!

We were very ambitious at first. We brought people together for a five-week workshop and expected to finish with six or seven programmed books ready to be tested in TEE centers. As it turned out many of the people who came

had never done any writing before.

The work went slowly. It soon became apparent that the books would need editing to make them usable by people with comparatively few years of schooling and to make them fit together. I stumbled into the job, little realizing that fourteen years later I would still be at it.

We chose a well-balanced curriculum to work with, one approved by the Association of Evangelicals of Africa and Madagascar. It had thirty basic courses and about ten electives.





Writing teams made up of nationals and missionaries chose subjects to work on. Since most of these people had other church assignments, they worked on the books as they had time, testing them as they went to be sure the books taught.

One by one books began to be finished. I smoothed out the language and some of the teaching techniques, tested them again, and sent them off to the publisher. They came on the market to be used in English where practical, but also to be translated into the many languages of Africa.

The job has been difficult. Sometimes it would have been easier to write the books myself. I have had to finish some of them when the teams bogged down, or writers went on to other work before completing their task.

But the wisdom of involving writers from all over Africa has become apparent as problems, insights, illustrations and solutions from many different tribal settings have added their richness to the texts.

The response has been gratifying. The publishing house has granted permission for translation into 110 different languages. A number of requests have come from outside Africa, since Bible teachers have found it fairly easy to adapt the lessons for other third world cultures. These include Eskimo, Indonesian, Mexican, Philippino and American Indian.

Thirty-one books have been finished so far: seven Bible survey books, twelve Bible book studies, five courses for training church leaders, and seven practical Christian living books. Sometimes it gets tiresome looking at the wall,

pounding the typewriter and figuring out how to say things ever more simply and clearly, but glimpses now and then of what the books are doing spur me on.

The TEE centers in Zambia range from little ones in thatch-roof churches to good-sized ones in town centers. The Brethren in Christ have fifteen such centers in Zambia supervised by Mary Olive Lady. The class of twelve in Choma includes a bookroom manager, a Christian businessman, a youth leader, a women's leader and several pastors. Reports of discussion times are exciting.

Recently a letter came from a brother of another church in Kenya. He said in part:

Not many people in my church know the word of God. I, too, do not know the word of God well, since I have not been to Bible school. The lessons in TEE I have been taking have greatly helped me to become a better pastor. Also, the TEE courses have helped the whole church to become spiritually strong, so that we have been able to stand against false teachings from outside.

Someone has estimated that more than 50,000 students use TEE books from this series. Some may study only one book, but we know that others have finished every book published and eagerly await each new one.

The end of the project should be in sight in a few more years. It will be worth the miles of typing if some of God's people have been taught in turn to teach his word to others.

*Grace, with her husband Fred Holland, live at the Sikalongo Bible Institute. Grace is con-*

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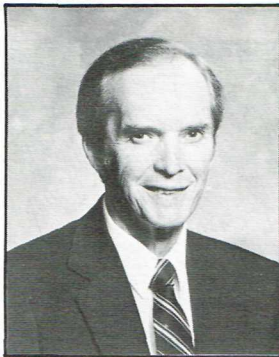
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With this issue I am taking over from Phil Byers as Editor of *Therefore*. Phil is now attending Asbury Seminary. We wish him well as he discovers God's future, and we miss him as we learn how much he did here by doing it ourselves.  
*Daryl Climenhaga*

*tinuing her work of editing the TEE textbooks.*

*At the request of the Editor she wrote this article to help us understand some of what that work has involved.*





# It's Simply Good Business

*Paul Hostetler*

I recently read through six pages of materials on the benefits a cooperative plan for raising and distributing funds has brought to another evangelical denomination for 60 years. The various writers enthusiastically reported a high level of success and the saving of thousands of dollars and man-hours.

Some gleanings are shared below, adapted to fit our situation, with the hope that you also will be encouraged to give your hearty support to Cooperative Ministries--"All of us giving to all of our ministries." COOPERATIVE MINISTRIES

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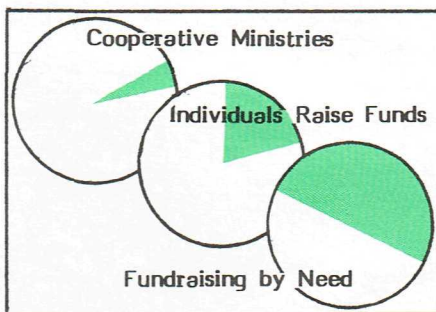


# A Word From the Executive Director

When you support the ministries of the Brethren in Christ Church through **Cooperative Ministries**, the cost of raising and distributing the ministry dollars is less than five percent.

When **full-time church workers themselves** raise their own support, studies show that raising and handling funds takes at least twenty percent of their time.

If **each congregation** distributed its money directly to all the persons and needs helped through Cooperative Ministries, the cost of administration and mailing would usually come to fifty percent of total contributions.



Both the thoughts above and the accompanying charts are adapted from articles in the April 1985 issue of *THE COMPANION*. Used by permission.

Paul Hostetler is the Associate Director of Commission on Stewardship and Finance.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

|                               |                          |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1985 budget                   | 1984 budget*             |
| \$1,457,556                   | \$1,879,834              |
| Giving as of October 31, 1985 |                          |
|                               | 1985      1984           |
| Direct CAN                    | 28,696    32,412         |
| USA                           | 154,524   177,730        |
| Co.Min. CAN                   | 63,004    108,826        |
| USA                           | 432,211   671,903        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                  | <b>678,435   990,871</b> |

\*Based on 6 mo. BFM budget and 6 mo. BWM budget.

No doubt about it. Brethren in Christ Missions has a financial need. Elsewhere in this issue you will learn that we received 40.49% of our annual budget during the first nine months of the year. And that is after our 1985 budget was reduced by 15% by the Board of Administration (BOA) this past June.

Some people have asked us why we are getting a smaller percentage of our budget this year compared to last year, when Cooperative Ministries reports that giving is up in 1985.

This has happened because BOA developed a system of priority payments for 1985. The administrators in North America (bishops, executive directors, etc.) receive their full salaries first, and then the remaining amount is apportioned among the ministries. As a result, when giving is below budget, agencies such as Board for World Missions receive a smaller proportion of the total monies received.

You will also read in this issue an important article by Paul Hostetler. Paul explains the economic efficiencies of giving to Cooperative Ministries. Brethren in Christ Missions receives most of our financial support through Cooperative Ministries.

In the midst of this financial uncertainty we have been getting inquiries about missions service overseas in record numbers. Both young people and the more mature are asking

what they can do. It is exciting to dream about what God will do through people willing to go to the uttermost parts of the earth.

During this time of experiencing tension about limited funds I have been reading a helpful book by Jack Taylor, God's Miraculous Plan of Economy. May I share few of his thoughts with you?

I dare you to find a miracle (in the Bible) that did not begin with a problem. If we could ever see that we would have an entirely different attitude toward our problems. Problems are those situations engineered of God to bring us face to face with our deficiencies--so that we might view His sufficiency as our only alternative.

We should realize from our reading of the Bible that we should learn to love our problems. Every problem is an opportunity to trust the Lord and to watch Him step into circumstances to reveal His glory.

In my better moments I view this shortfall of 1985 receipts as an opportunity to trust God more. I believe God chooses to work through his people. I believe there are many people fully committed to the Lord Jesus Christ and to his plan for worldwide evangelism. It will be an exciting experience to see how God uses his people to supply just the right amount of finances during these days remaining in 1985.

Don Zook



# Looking Back on The Char

Penny Hogan

"It was a very intense experience," said Tim Fretz of his 3 1/2 years as an agronomist in Bangladesh with MCC. "I felt anger, frustration, happiness, a sense of challenge." I had asked him to evaluate his experiences.

"A year ago my answer would have been different," he said. "When I was there I saw the problems. You have to realize that you're not going to solve all the problems. It's a matter of deciding where you're going to work, and focusing on that area."

Tim's work in Bangladesh focused on research into better food production. Tim, a member of the Falls View Brethren in Christ Church, left Canada with a degree in agriculture and a farm upbringing.

Growing rice, however, is a very different challenge from managing a dairy herd. Tim found that his job in Bangladesh involved a mountain of paperwork, and that he was not expected to actually get his hands dirty. Instead he acted in an advisory role, speaking to farmers' meetings, keeping records of trial results, bringing together evaluations from farmers.

Tim worked in an area called "The Char," a coastal region with high salt levels in the soil. Much of it is newly-claimed farm land. The pattern of agriculture has been to grow one rice crop during the rainy sea-



son. The land lies fallow the rest of the year when lower water-levels make the ground too saline to grow rice. Since most of the land is sharecropped, with 50% of the harvest going to a landowner, one crop a year is not enough to sustain a family. The farmer sinks surely into greater debt.

This is the situation for which the MCC team in The Char is trying to find solutions. "We're there to help the farmer on the lower end of the scale," according to Tim. They are working at increasing rice production, finding other crops that will grow successfully in saline soil, and trying different methods of coping with the salinity.

The search for alternate food crops involves many vegetables. The Falls View people became used to getting reports from Tim on the health of his bean crops and the flavor of his corn. The team also tried grains other than rice, such as wheat and barley.

Success is measured in many ways, not just agriculturally. New strains of rice, for example, must meet a local preference for "fat" grains in order to be acceptable to farmers.

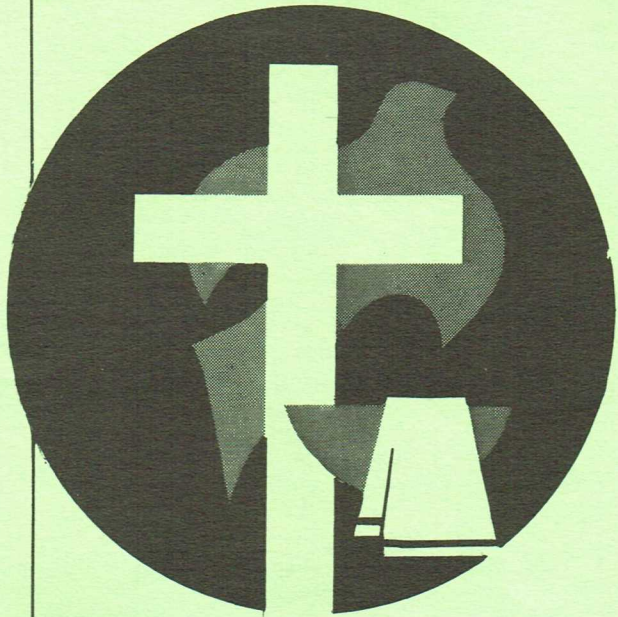
In 15 years of MCC involvement in The Char, workers have become aware of other problems that compete with food production problems. Ad-

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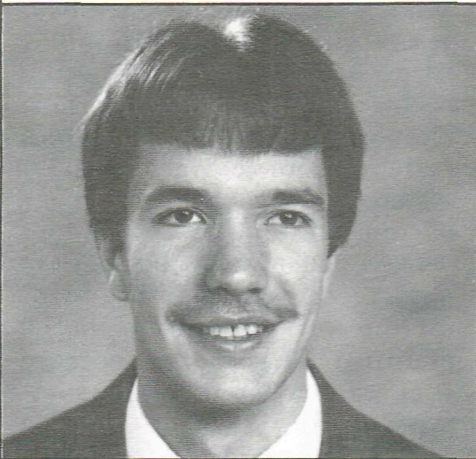
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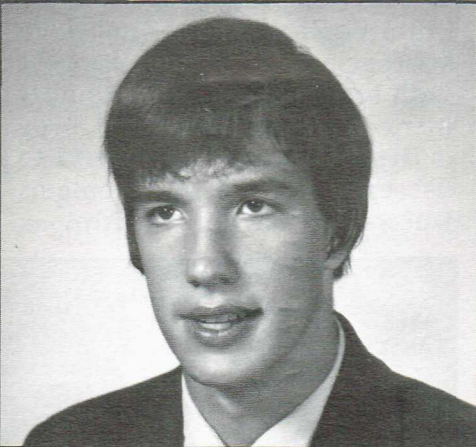
**Mike Kisha** (Johnstown, PA) is assigned to Choma, Zambia where he will serve as Financial Auditor for the Brethren in Christ Church in Zambia. Mike's term began in November and runs to June 1986. Mike graduated from Messiah College last May and worked at the Missions Office in Mount Joy as Controller from May to November.



**Glenna Hoar** (Grantham, PA) began a one-year VS term at the Missions office in Mount Joy at the end of October 1985. For the past year Glenna has served on board the MV Doulos, a ship sponsored by Operation Mobilization in ports on the coast of Europe. She had been with OM for two and a half years. Glenna is a member of the Grantham congregation.



**Cindy Robinson** (Elliottsburg, PA) has been assigned to Choma Secondary School in Zambia as of December 1985. Cindy is a member of the Saville congregation. She graduated last May from Messiah College with a B.A. in Biology and will teach science at the Secondary school. Cindy is giving a one-year term in Africa.



**Mark Kisha** (Johnstown, PA) is doing a term of Voluntary Service at the Mount Joy Missions Office. Mark graduated from Messiah College in May 1985 and began his VS term last August. Mark, with his brother Mike, attended the Cumberland Valley congregation while he was at Messiah.



**Beula Sheaffer** (Harrisburg, PA) begins a year of service in Zambia in January 1986. She is assigned as tutor to the missionary children at Macha. For the past three years Beula has attended the Harrisburg congregation; before that she attended the Shenks Church. Beula will be on leave from



**Michael and Kathy Folkerth**, with their children, Brian and Rachel, are at Macha Hospital. Their picture was not available last month when they were profiled.

her position as a sixth grade teacher in the Harrisburg City Schools.



# ONE YEAR AGO

## Notes from India, the UK, and Venezuela

To give some substance to the word from Don Zook and to the statements about money that appear elsewhere in this issue, I have put together some excerpts from the 1984 Annual Reports sent from Brethren in Christ Churches around the world.

*I hope that you are able to grasp some of the excitement I feel when I read what the Lord is doing among his people in every place.*

The editor

### India--Madhipura Hospital

It was a privilege for us to receive Rev. and Mrs. W. Hoke, Rev. Louis Cober and Rev. Anderson from BIC Missions who were with us during October and November 1984. We were all blessed by their encouraging ministry in our midst.

We were also happy to have with us Rev. Lamuel, Director of MCSFI, and his wife during the first week of April 1984. We were greatly benefited by his messages and it was a spiritual encouragement for each one of us. We had a great time of fellowship with the OM folks in the month of June 1984. They spent about two weeks with us in their follow-up ministry of "Go '83." We immensely enjoyed having them with us and their lively ministry in our midst.

### Medical Relief

It was a matter of great satisfaction for all of us to be of some help during the flash flood in Saharsa district in the

month of September '84 where thousands of people lost their houses and many deaths were reported. Our medical team along with the Indian Red Cross Society visited the affected areas with free medical aid for almost a week. . . .

### Spiritual Ministry

We had the opportunity to share the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ through our daily OPD Book Stall. Many have shown a great interest in knowing more about the Lord Jesus, and it is gathered that there are some students who are unable to come out openly due to fear in the family and society. . . .

We also had the opportunity to share the good news during a big Hindu festival in Singheshwar about nine kilometers from here. Many of our staff were involved in this ministry and distributed a huge number of tracts. They also sold a number of gospel packets as well as Bibles . . . .

When we look back over the year, we praise God for all his wonderful help in many difficult situations which he led us through . . . . I would greatly value your prayerful consideration for the coming days that we may be given required wisdom to work for him . . . . Heshren Rahmi

### United Kingdom (International Brethren in Christ Fellowship)

The 1984 goals were: (1) Nurturing of the new converts, (2) Outreach, and (3) The equip-

ping and mobilizing the members for active involvement in the life of the fellowship. From the 1983 members in our Bible study two (Jabulani Moyo and Mthabisi Moyo) request to be baptized by the BIC. . . .

Our main services and Sunday School continued to be held every other week with an average attendance of 26 people during 1984 and 21 for 1983. The above figures are not a reflection of our satisfaction except to say they encourage us to press on. . . .

The London group has always envisaged that the future focus (of the work) should be church planting. Thus it was reported that the BWM (USA) has approved the church planting project to begin late 1985. Both the Zambia and Zimbabwe boards indicated their support with some measure of commitment to the project. . . .

The Lord has been good to us regardless of the problems we were confronted with . . . .





Today we see London as a place where there are needy souls, and the fellowship members need to invest their time, money and energy to win the lost for Christ. More workers are needed, for we believe it is harvest time. . . .

#### **Faith Projections for 1985**

- that in September we start meeting every Sunday for our worship services.

- that through our offerings and tithes we raise locally not less than £1,600 for the work of the Lord.

- that we continue with the outreach to win the souls for Christ.

#### **Long-range Goals and Our Vision**

- that we be able to win the natives of this country to the Lord . . . .

*Elias McMoyo*

#### **Venezuela**

During the first week of January we conducted a Vacation Bible School with an average attendance of 15 children. . . . Many of these same children attended the Sunday School in our apartment that began in March. After several months . . . . a "decision Sun-



day" was planned. Approximately 10 children who were present on that day indicated their decision to receive Christ as their Saviour.

Home Bible Studies have continued . . . . A family who attend regularly on Thursday evenings . . . . began in June and have been faithful in attendance ever since. . . . The other Bible study that continues is in an area called "23 de enero" with the Borjes family (and neighbors who drop in from time to time).

A successful outreach ministry that was conducted for four months (March-June) was the sale of Christian books and Bibles in a local shopping center (Cento Uslar). This exposition of Christian literature stimulated considerable interest. An average of 20 books and Bibles was sold each Friday for the four month period.

. . . . There were many other activities throughout 1984 that were part of our work and ministry. Gordon taught a seminary course on the book of Job at the Evangelical Seminary of Caracas. Susan continued English classes with Benji and Charity from January to July. This was in addition to their regular school program in Spanish at Centro Educativo Montalban. . . .

Prison visitation was another facet of the work. Two American and several Venezuelan prisoners were visited in two different prisons. Several of these men have expressed faith in Christ. Encouragement, prayer and Bible reading were a regular part of the prison visits. . . .

In summary, we believe that healthy solid progress was achieved in 1984. The Lord

has blessed us with a group of interested people, some who are showing positive interest. The future looks promising. We want to be faithful!

*Gordon and Susie Gilmore*

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ditional programs have been developed to deal with these difficulties. These include job creation programs, a rural savings program (co-op credit unions), and appropriate technology research.

Most recently women's concerns have received attention. Since women in a Moslem country are not supposed to move around freely or work outside the home, unmarried or widowed women can be in desperate situations.

Married women who need to help support their families also benefit from the program. The focus is on the home with such suggestions as raising a few chickens or a goat for extra income and a healthier diet.

MCCers in Bangladesh have been practicing the advice of James Two: "Suppose there are brothers or sisters who need clothes and don't have enough to eat. What good is there in your saying to them, 'God bless you! Keep warm and eat well!' if you don't give them the necessities of life?"

This can be a difficult and frustrating task. It is hard to find enough workers for Third World assignments. Tim found that when his term was up, there was no agronomist to replace him. He extended his stay several months until a replacement was found. The need for workers in agriculture, as in other areas of overseas MCC ministries, is acute.

Looking back on The Char  
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# Tentmaking In The 80's

Greg Rider

"I feel the Lord is calling me to missions, but I'm not sure where or with what agency. The idea of being a tentmaker really appeals to me." This represents a typical comment for many people considering missions today. As 20th century life becomes more streamlined and technological, missions has expanded to meet its needs.

While we have remained true and steadfast in proclaiming Christ's message, we have adapted our methods and programs. As a result Brethren in Christ Missions seeks to send more tentmakers into the harvest.

Tentmakers follow the example of Paul. They support themselves financially in another culture in order to make God known. They dedicate themselves to do their best as teachers, businessmen, nurses or farmers, and to perform their jobs as a response to Christ's command to go to all the earth.

Many opportunities exist today for tentmakers. Countries on every continent seek English teachers. Often such countries pay a high salary since the need is great for teachers

of English as a second language (TESL).

In addition many developing countries have great needs in the fields of community development, medicine and business. They are inviting qualified individuals to work within their borders.

Many young people today are eager to serve as missionaries. Recently almost 19,000 college students from around the world gathered at Urbana '84, the largest missions convention ever held in the USA.

After examining the Scriptures and missions information for a week, 15,000 of these delegates dedicated themselves to missions involvement. Even if only a small portion of them end up in overseas service, the work of missions will be greatly expanded and quickened.

There are several other reasons for the Brethren in Christ to consider tentmaking. There is the dimension of the task before us: three billion people around the world have **never** heard any part of the gospel. To have one missionary couple for every 10,000 of these un-

reached people would require 250,000 new missionaries, four times the present number serving overseas.

At the present growth rate of missions personnel it would take 300 years to have that many missionaries. We cannot wait 300 years to complete the task. Rather we need to take stock of the present situation in missions and seek to reach the lost in diverse and creative ways.

Further, many countries are closing their doors to traditional mission work. We want to continue supporting missionaries in countries open to church planting and evangelism. We also want to enter the 60% of the world which is closed to them and open to tentmakers. These countries welcome skilled workers in construction, farming, education, business, engineering and many others.

Another reason for us to consider tentmaking is the cost involved in the task before us. It costs between \$10,000 and \$40,000 to support a missionary couple. This money we will continue to invest wisely. On the other hand the cost to send a tentmaker is minimal, averaging less than \$500. The church can increase its sending by encouraging tentmaking.

Looking at this capsulized view of tentmaking should convince us of its validity and necessity. Do you have job skills that could be used overseas or cross-culturally for God's kingdom? Do you know someone qualified as a potential tentmaker whom you could encourage and pray for? God

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I am interested in being a tentmaker. Please send me more information. My job skills are in the area of \_\_\_\_\_.



**Spanish-speaking teachers and English-speaking teachers** are needed immediately in Bogota, Colombia. Schools in Colombia are looking for certified American teachers to teach English in English, and for certified science teachers to teach in Spanish. Some schools in Colombia run with the calendar year and others with the American school year.

**Nurses** are urgently needed at Macha Hospital in Zambia for 1986. General nursing positions are open as well as positions for personnel with specialties in public health, midwifery and teaching student nurses.

**High school teachers** could share Jesus with students, co-workers and neighbors while working in international schools in Nicaragua, Colombia and Venezuela. At the same time they would be strengthening the ministries of the local church. **Math and science teachers** will find missions opportunities at Macha and Matopo secondary schools in Zambia and Zimbabwe respectively. The greatest need is for people who will commit themselves to a three-year term.



**Positions available in Brethren in Christ Ministries**

**Registered nurses** are also needed in Zimbabwe. There are also service opportunities for **Laboratory Technicians** who are willing to help the church and the country together.

**Well-qualified Christian professionals** can enter countries for which missionary visas are not available. International Placement Service opportunities are abundant around the world for committed Christians with specialized training for specific positions in developing countries. Colombia is one country where it is difficult to obtain missionary visas. **Teachers of English** as a second language, however, as well as other qualified persons are welcome in Bogota, Colombia.

**Skilled persons** in selected professions will find positions available in secular, salaried jobs in Bangkok, Thailand. Several such persons will form a nucleus for evangelism, discipleship and fellowship.

**Church planting** is the thrust of Brethren in Christ Missions in the urban centers of Bogota, Colombia and London, England. There is an urgent need for qualified church planters to begin an in-country training program by September 1986. If you are spiritually mature, male or female, single or married, experienced in sharing your faith and willing to serve cross-culturally, Brethren in Christ Missions is interested in having you as a member of a church planting team.

**Elementary teachers**, consider using your skills to teach the children of missionaries. Tutors are needed in Zimbabwe in January 1986 and in Zambia in 1987.

**Interested?** Consider serving with Brethren in Christ Missions. Contact Roy Sider at 2519 Stevensville Road, Stevensville, Ontario L0S 1S0

calls all of us to his global work. Is he calling you to consider missions service as a tent-maker?

If you answer yes to any of these questions, I encourage you to complete the form below, send it to Missions office and start seeking specific steps towards your involvement in missions service!

*Greg Rider works with Com-Services Incorporated in Lancaster, PA. He has recently finished a one-year VS term at the Mount Joy Missions Office.*

**Char**, continued from page 9

Tim recounts many personal rewards. He found that he developed an awareness of cultural patterns that he could not have otherwise.

He discovered, for example, an Eastern manner of worship, a quietness which even charismatic Christians in Bangladesh practice. And Bengalis stress the importance of personal relationships over almost anything, even getting a job done. Hospitality and the social graces are highly developed.

Exposure to differing cultural patterns has given Tim a new outlook on his own culture. He has also gained new career plans: he would like to spend a year in theological study, with a view to possible future service with MCC.

*Penny Hogan is the Secretary for the Canadian Board for Brotherhood Concerns. She lives in Niagara Falls, teaches school, and belongs to the Falls View congregation.*



# SPOTLIGHT

## on the congregation

How do missions committees help their congregations gain a good awareness of worldwide missions activity? How do congregations keep in touch with their missionaries, or with Brethren in Christ missions in general?

**Marsh Creek** held a "Missions' Sale" on June 1, 1985. The pastor's wife wrote in their church newsletter, "None of us will forget the beautiful coffee table that Larry Fisher made out of an old farm wagon wheel and the lovely pillows and crib quilt by Ida Boone. Then the twenty-seven quilts by Gladys Strouse, Dorothy Weader, Olive Herr and Frances Mansell. ...

And now the big moment ... it's one p.m. and the **church quilt** comes to the auction block. It has been one and a half years since the quilt was started. The pictures of 35 churches from within a radius of 15 miles from our church were taken, and then transferred to a twelve inch quilt pattern." The quilt brought \$2,125, and the total sale raised \$4,500. \$3,000 went to the parsonage fund and \$1,500 to Cooperative Ministries.

The **Saville** congregation used November 1984 to present a month of missions. Each Sunday morning the congregation heard a short missions talk, which all led up to a special

Thanksgiving meal with a strong missions emphasis.

After everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship, they considered different aspects of missions. The highlight of the meal was a world cake: the Junior High group made the flags of seven countries and decorated the cake with them. The evening closed with a film on hidden peoples, "Mountain of Light."

**Speedwell Heights** used some of the same ideas as Saville. The congregation celebrated a missions month finishing with an international meal. Both also made picture albums to send to their missionaries.

Speedwell Heights also held a special 'Christmas in July' for their missionary couple. Children in grades one through six collected food and toiletry items not readily available overseas, packaged them up in July and mailed them to their couple.

Other ideas abound. A congregation can talk to a missionary in Japan for 10 minutes on a Sunday morning or Wednesday evening for just over \$10. People can become pen pals to missionaries or their children. We can find many ways to learn more about our missionaries and their work. Let's do it.

Daryl Climenhaga



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