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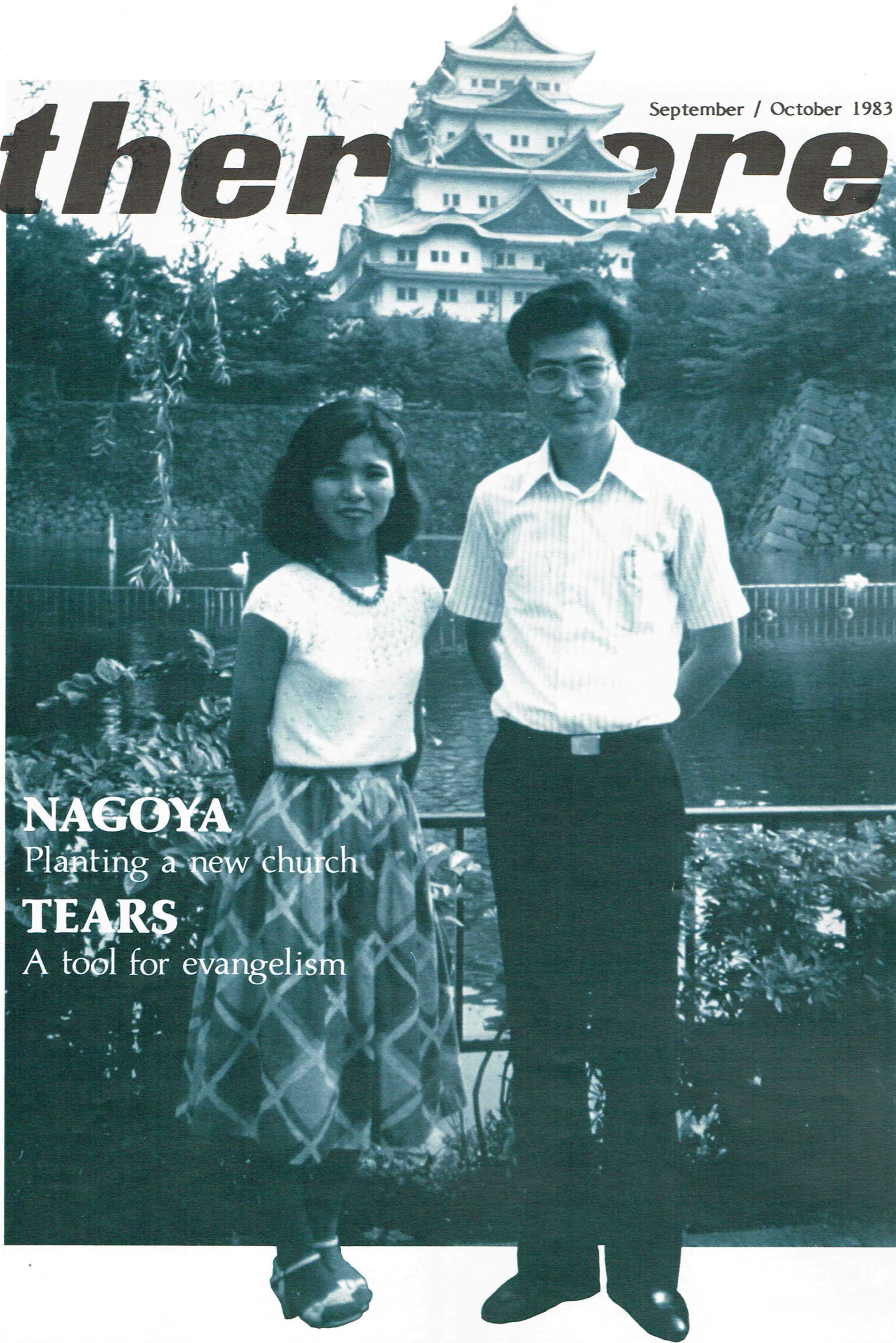
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Planting a new church

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A tool for evangelism



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by *Miriam K. Stern*

I'm not sure how they do it, but according to Psalms 126:5,6, tears produce fruit. Let me share a story.

Our friend Jim Ford worked with criminals on death row in the maximum prison in the town of Kabwe, Zambia.

Tomasi, one of the inmates convicted of murder, was sentenced to death on the gallows. Jim visited Tomasi often, speaking to him about the need of knowing Jesus as his Savior. Tomasi blatantly scorned him, saying he wanted nothing to do with the white man's God.

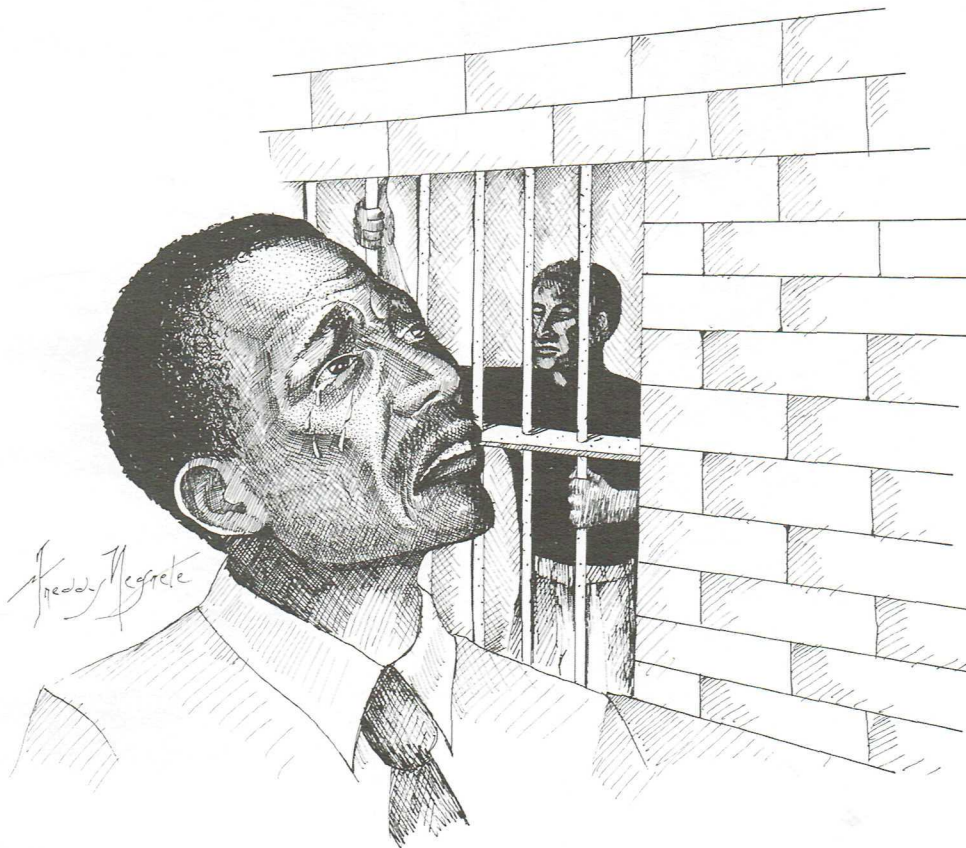
A young Zambian teacher, Sichombo, was also interested in prison ministries and asked Jim if he might accompany him on these visits. He came to know Tomasi but received the same re-buffs time after time.

The day was set for execution. The time: 5 a.m. Jim had given up on Tomasi. Sichombo however felt an urge to go very early on that fateful morning and try *just one more time*.

As he entered the cold bare cell, heavy in spirit, an uncontrollable wave of compassion came over Sichombo. Falling to his knees beside Tomasi, the floodgates opened and tears poured forth in torrents. Words were not necessary nor was he capable of saying any.

A miracle happened. Tomasi, soon to die, also began to weep. After all his years of hardness, he was now crying like a baby, interjecting admission of wrong and pleas for forgiveness. With no time to waste, he asked to

# MIRACLE OF TEARS



have all the wardens and fellow prisoners quickly assembled so he could say some last words.

Standing there, a suddenly changed man, he confessed that he had been wrong all the time . . . that Jesus Christ is truly the only one who can save us from our sinful life. He encouraged the others to also accept Christ.

After asking them all to forgive him, he opened his shirt and asked Jim and

Sichombo to spit on his chest to signify their acceptance of him. They did so.

The hour had come. Tomasi walked out on the scaffold, the hood dropped over his head and the plank was pulled from under him. Tomasi was with the Lord. Jim waited for the body and buried it--a last token of acceptance.

If tears can make such a difference, let us pray that God would give us tears for a lost world.

## Please Pray

### *Zimbabwe/India*

The Great Physician is moved by the disease, illness and injuries of the people of India and Zimbabwe. Pray that the Holy Spirit will call a doctor (Zimbabwe and India) and nurses (Zimbabwe) willing to serve as the Lord's instruments of compassion and healing.

### *Worldwide opportunities*

Opportunities are open around the globe for qualified, committed professionals. Pray for self-supporting missionaries to enter to open doors through the International Placement Service, 2519 Stevensville Road, Stevensville, Ontario LOS 1S0.

### *Teachers needed overseas*

Math and Science teachers will find positions open now in BIC church schools in Zimbabwe. In Zambia and Venezuela, missionary children will need teachers in 1984. Will you pray for the Spirit's call and teachers' response?

### *Latin America*

Great possibilities await the Brethren in Christ in Venezuela and Colombia. Pray that God would send couples with God-sized love for people and God-sized visions for establishing His kingdom in these countries. There are now openings for couples to begin language study in preparation for church-planting. Bible college or seminary training is required.

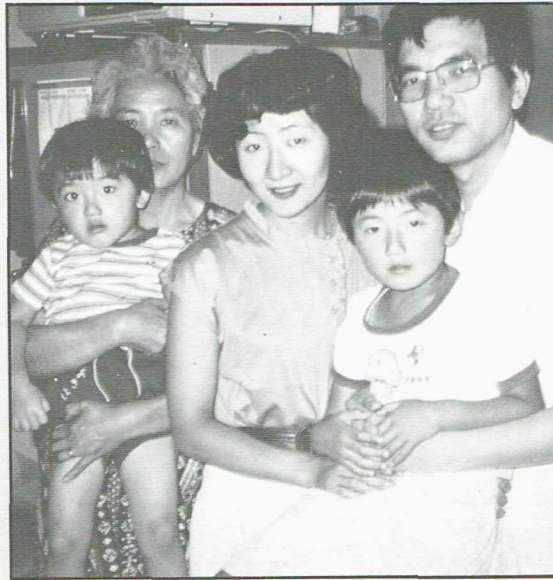
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# NAGOYA

PLANTING A NEW CHURCH • BY KAREN DEYHLE

The development where we live is called Kami No Kura. Translated literally, it means: "God's storehouse"; interesting, isn't it? We are the first foreigners to live in this area. It was a hot August day when we moved in. I remember standing on our balcony in the evenings of those days and looking out over the rooftops. In the quiet I reflected over our disruptions and changes and how it seemed so right to be here now. As my eyes scanned the community, I asked God, "Who will we get to know here? Who will teach us new things about Japan? Who will be interested in what we have to share? With whom will we laugh and cry? Who is living in my sight right now that will become a Christian within the next few years? I had the assurance in my heart that there were many friends out there just ready to be part of our lives. We had all the high expectations of new missionaries and we were happy to be settled in and ready to go.

We (Dan and Karen Dehyle) are here to plant a church in Nagoya, working side by side with John and Lucille Graybill and Mr. and Mrs. Sugata. The work in Nagoya is very young. It was begun in June



1982 when the Graybills moved to the area to begin working with the Sugatas who had moved there previously. The decision to plant a church in Nagoya was the result of considerable praying, planning and investigation.

The Brethren in Christ have had missionaries in Japan for 30 years, beginning in 1953. The work began in Yamaguchi and later in Tokyo. There are now several churches in each of these areas, but they are divided by a great distance and function largely independently of each other. When John and Lucille Graybill returned to Japan in July 1981, it was with the understanding that they would be instrumental in opening a third area for establishing a cluster of Brethren in Christ congregations. The new church area

would not only extend the gospel, but it was hoped it could serve to unite the older BIC congregations and serve as a convenient meeting point.

One of the most important criteria for choosing a new location is that there must be a Brethren in Christ family in that city, one willing to work with the missionary to plant the church. Teamwork is considered essential these days--no more Lone Rangers.

Thus, Nagoya was chosen over nearby Osaka because of the eager invitation from Mr. and Mrs. Sugata. This young couple came from one of our Yamaguchi churches and now live in Nagoya. They have a strong vision for a Nagoya BIC church. Mr. Sugata has a full-time job and is thus a lay-leader.

Even before final decisions were made, the Graybills and Sugatas, in faith, began meeting together to pray and brainstorm about the new church. Approval was given at the December meeting of the Board for Missions. The Sugata-Graybill team decided that the location was to be Midori, a section of Nagoya which has few churches and is experiencing new residential growth. This means younger families who have moved a-

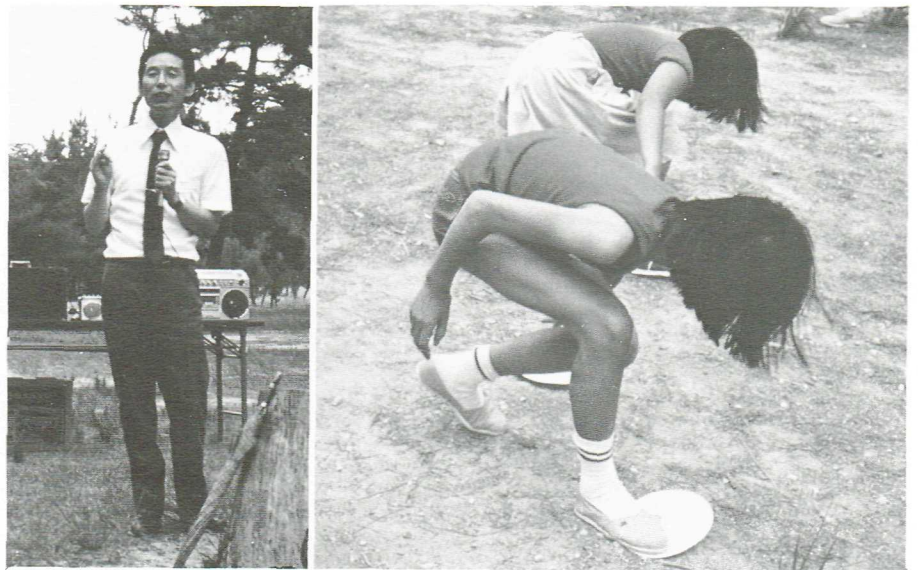
way from their traditional family bonds. Other factors indicated that this area would be less resistant to the gospel. It seemed the best choice.

Dan and I joined the Nagoya team in August of 1982 after learning that, due to a problem with immigration rules, we could not go to Yamaguchi as had been planned. God's direction in this move was evident in the provision of a house. We had one day to find a place to live. On that day, a broker showed us an ideal house for our family and work. We held our breath as she quoted the price--low enough; checked the availability--open right away; and asked the owner if he would rent to foreigners--no problem!

The vision and enthusiasm of the Sugatas is inspiring. They even rented an apartment in the area of the church outreach so they can be more active. In their busy schedules, they give an amazing amount of time to the church. Once the Graybills had moved in, they and the Sugatas began immediately to make the community aware of their presence. Within a few days after moving, they visited 24 of their closest neighbors and distributed New Testaments, all of which were received.

The team designed and printed 5,000 pamphlets to be distributed in the Midori area. Four young people from the Tokyo churches came for four days to help distribute the pamphlets. Two thousand homes were contacted.

The people have been very receptive to us and we enjoy their friendships. Although only a few will come to formal Sunday worship services,



Scenes from the Fathers' Day picnic: Mr. Tsuno gives a testimony. Children take part in games.

many more are interested in evening meetings, Bible studies and special programs and parties like our Christmas party. One lady became a Christian just before Christmas and several others are in various stages of beginning their Christian walk. Our biggest frustration is the difficulty we have in getting men involved.

The few new Christians that have joined us are very act-

ive in recruiting their friends to come to Bible studies, cooking classes, Christian movies and special meetings. The Fathers' Day picnic is one example.

Because our worship service attendance is very small, we try to plan special occasions that would interest a wider spectrum of people. We chose the Fathers' Day theme of June to plan a Sunday picnic. It was exciting to

work with the young Christians of our church in the planning of this event and to see their eagerness to help bring the gospel to others.

The picnic began with a shared meal, then featured special music and a testimony; it ended with games and ice cream. The 85 people in attendance at the picnic is a dramatic contrast to our usual service attendance of 10 to 12. It is obvious that we must try non-traditional approaches to reach more people. For some of the men it was the first time they had come to anything connected with a church. Most of these were husbands and fathers of those involved in church-sponsored activities. We were delighted by the attendance of some families whom we never expected to come.

It is important for the Japanese to see that Christians have good times too. Many Japanese have told us that they think that when one becomes a Christian he must adopt a whole list of thou-shalt-nots and live a boring life. Some think of it as a religion for women only. We hope that some of what our group offers will create interest rather than turn people off.

The Sugata-Graybill-Deyhle team is working together to build a church here in Nagoya. Only God knows what the future holds for us. We are trusting Him to direct us in the future as He has in the past.

Pray for increased spiritual interest among the Japanese--especially the men.

## IN MEMORY OF JULIO GONZALEZ

It grieves us when any brother in the Lord leaves this world, for we can no longer enjoy his fellowship. Julio Gonzalez, pastor of the Nazareno Brethren in Christ Church in Cuba, passed away on August 1, 1983. He was the husband of Juana Garcia, pastor of the Cuatro Caminos church. Julio died of a disease common to the elderly people of Cuba. The disease kills brain cells leaving the victim dependent on others.

The team of Juana and Julio has played a very important part in the maturing and growth of the Cuban church. When Brethren in Christ missionaries were forced to leave Cuba in 1960, only one church was in existence, pastored by Juana. When Enrique Palacios visited them last year, he discovered that another church had been established at Nazareno, this one pastored by Julio.

Enrique Palacios made another visit in early June, 1983. He reports some very encouraging growth in the church there. During his 1982 visit, Enrique had provided teaching in methods of winning others to



Christ without violating the laws of the country. The Cuban brothers have done a marvelous job of implementing this instruction. In the past year, 36 new believers have entered the church.

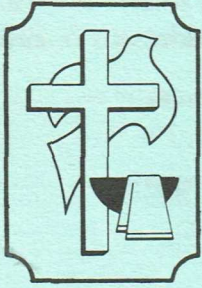
Jose Rodriguez has been named an associate pastor. His leadership will be invaluable in the absence of Julio Gonzalez.

God has seen fit to take our brother Julio from us and bring him into His eternal fellowship. Let's praise God for the great work Julio has accomplished with the church in Cuba. And let's pray that God would continue to bless the ministry that he was instrumental in establishing.

### PLEASE PRAY

Personnel are urgently needed at several Brethren in Christ institutions. A couple to serve in Secretary/Office Management, maintenance and hosting is needed at Kenbrook Camp. At Upland

Manor, a single girl/woman is needed to assist in the kitchen and with activities with elderly residents. The newly developing congregation at Northridge is in need of a youth leader (self-supporting).



Brethren in Christ Missions

# Personnel Directory

Names and addresses of Brethren in Christ serving the Lord around the world.

September/December 1983

## BRETHREN IN CHRIST PEOPLE AND PLACES SLEUTH

Use this directory to complete the sleuth. Find 16 first or last names of missionaries and 15 names of cities or countries. Words may be horizontal, vertical, diagonal forward or backward.

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Below, upside down, is the list of names and places if you need them.

Nix	Book	Smith	Ndola	Harare	Bulawayo
Eleanor	Patty	Arlene	Managua	Caracas	Kitwe
Moyo	Shenk	Hock	London	Tokyo	Delhi
Zook	Mary	Gordon	Cuba	Choma	Lusaka
		Miller	Mount Joy	Quebec	Colombia
		Biser			

**PEOPLE**

**PLACES**

completed sleuth is on the back of directory

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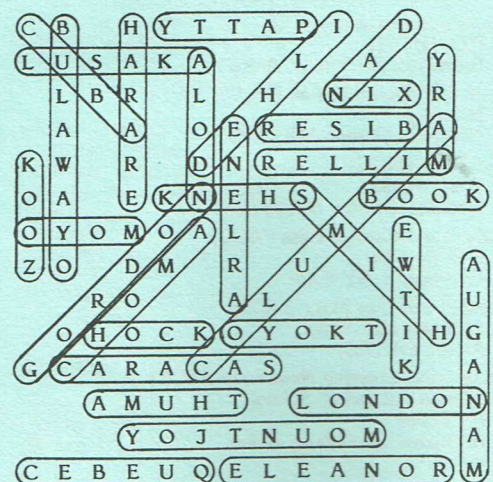
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 Perry Engle      Cathy Light      Rod Musser      Lori Cutting      Tammy Oberlin      Patti Showalter      Paul Hensel

Seven young people will begin Earning-VS assignments in Bronx, N.Y., in September and October. **Kent Byer** moves there from the Mount Joy office. **Perry Engle** has served as youth pastor with the Chino, Calif., congregation for the last two years. **Diane Gartner** is a 1983 graduate of Messiah College from Parlin, N.J. **Cathy Light**, from Palmyra, Pa., congregation is a 1980 graduate of Messiah. **Alisa Mellinger** (Lancaster, Pa.) is a 1983 graduate of Lancaster General Hospital Nursing School. **Rod Musser**, a 1983 graduate of Messiah, is a member of Upland, Calif., congregation. **Brenda Shultz**, a 1983 graduate, is from Bloomsburg, Pa.

Five new Earning-VSers are joining the unit at Life Line Mission. **Lori Cutting**, a member of the Chino, Calif., congregation, is a 1983 graduate of Chaffey Community College. **Sandra Good** (Reamstown, Pa.) is a member of the Ephrata, United Zion Church and a 1983 graduate of Cocalico H.S. **Tammy Oberlin**, a member of the Cedar Grove, Pa., congregation was most recently employed as a bank teller. **Dan Rosenberger**, a member of the Dallas Center, Iowa, congregation, was most recently employed as a package handler. **Patti Showalter** (Reinholds, Pa.) is a 1983 graduate of Cocalico H.S.

Joining the staff at Mount Joy are two new VSers. **Kathleen Heisey** (Rexville, N.Y.) is a 1983 graduate of Whitesville Central H.S. and a member of the Jemison Valley congregation. **Paul Hensel** has been pastoring the Clarence Center, N.Y., congregation for the past three years.



**Ira and Miriam (Pete and Mim) Stern** returned to Zambia July 20 on a new assignment. They will be working with national missionaries in church planting and leadership training in several cities of the Copperbelt where there are presently no BIC congregations. The Copperbelt is an area about 200 miles north of Lusaka.



**John and Joyce Ettenger Dufendach** began 4 months of service in July at Macha Hospital. John, a medical doctor, and Joyce, a nurse, will be replacing John and Esther Spurrier during their furlough.



**Mary Bricker** is returning to Zambia in October after 3 years at Eastern Mennonite College where she earned her BSN. Mary served at Mach from 1976-80. She will now be teaching at the nursing school at Macha.

# Field Updates

## Community Health Program Expands

--Purnea, North Bihar, India

With the increase of Village Health Workers from 9 to 14, 16 villages with a total population of near 20,000 are now covered by the program. Of the 14 VHWs, 5 are BIC Bible women who are able to advise on health as they visit villages to teach the Word of God.

The villagers are showing increasing confidence in the VHWs and are turning to them for advice when previously they might have gone to the nearest doctor. The VHWs are finding great satisfaction in the increased use of their skills.

- Dr. Patricia F. Wakeham

## Youth Group Gives Facelift

Many of the buildings of the Timber Bay Children's Home have a fresh new look thanks to the youth group of the Manor Brethren in Christ church (Mountville, PA). Twenty-five youth and seven advisors travelled 2500 miles to spend a week in Christian service at the home. They painted buildings and fences, built a sidewalk, leveled off some ground, mowed grass and did many other odd jobs that gave the Home a face-lift. The young people also shared in recreational and devotional times with the staff and children. It was a good week of sharing and working together in Christian love. Thanks

so much for all your hard work. It will be remembered for many years.

- Cheryl Bert

## Bible Studies at BICIF

Two Bible studies were started in March at the BIC International Fellowship. At one study, three adults meet each Tuesday evening at the Fellowship House studying Christian living. The other group meets alternate Sunday afternoons when our usual services are not held. This group is comprised of three adults and eight children. They are studying the Gospel of John. Pray for our spiritual growth in these meetings and that more people may be interested in joining.

The Come Together Meeting is a new activity that has been introduced at the BICIF. Dinner is served to all who attend. The first meeting was attended by 36 people some of whom were meeting with us for the first time.

- Fadzai Moyo

## English Seminar Strengthens Contacts

In May, an English seminar was held in Nagato and Shimonoseki. Pete and Laura Shaida and Marlin Zook were resource persons. The purpose was to strengthen our contacts with our English students and an additional opportunity for witness. We praise the Lord for good attendance and the responses we have seen. Those who attended were enthusiastic and some have expressed interest in learning more about the Bible and Christianity.

Praise the Lord for an encouraging increase in the Sunday worship service attendance. Five or six non-Christians from the neighborhood have been attending on a fairly regular basis and several others attend when their schedules allow. Several of these are also attending weekly Bible studies. Contacts through English and cooking classes are also steadily increasing. Pray that we



# CHALLENGE ACCEPTED

Within a month after graduation, 146 fledgling teachers embarked on their new careers in primary schools all across Zambia. These young professionals were the most recent graduates of David Livingstone Teacher Training College.

Already, just two months later, we, the teachers at DLTTC, were receiving letters from some of our students telling about their new positions. The government can send them to any place where teachers are needed. They are all assured of a job, but working conditions vary from place to place. Some of our students are placed in schools with good facilities. Others are sent to isolated areas where buildings are poor and transportation primitive. But far worse than the absence of conveniences is the

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by *Lois Jean Sider*

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absence of a witness for Christ.

One of my former students wrote from the school where he was teaching. It is on a small island in Lake Bangweulu. To get there, he spent two days and nights in a hired canoe with paddlers. The mail runner comes only once a month. The school building is without roof, doors or windows. He says that the people go directly from attending the local church to beer drinking and fighting. But he has permission to start a Sunday School for the children and hopes to begin soon.

Another recent graduate wrote describing his experience. He too was placed in an area where there are very few Christians. He has found

one other Christian teacher and they are studying the Bible together. This man also started a Sunday School for the children.

Both of these young men completed a year of Sunday School training here at the college. It is encouraging to see them now starting their own Sunday Schools in spite of difficult circumstances where they are teaching.

Many of our graduates are teaching where conditions are good and they realize how fortunate they are. However, those who find themselves in isolated places are prepared to accept the challenge as these two young men have. They are able to develop their own characters as well as help people in their communities. As their former teacher, I feel that they deserve our loyal prayer support.

might be an effective witness both to those already involved in church activities as well as to other friends and neighbors.

- *Ray Hock*

## Ten Find Christ Through Wordless Book

On a Friday evening, 13 high school students came for a Bible study. I used the "Wordless Book" as a method for witnessing and gave each one a pin with hearts the colors of the Wordless Book. Later, one girl told me with

joy that she had used her pin with her Sunday School class and 10 children had come to know the Lord.

- *Phyllis Engle*

## Navajo News

Ben and Eunice Stoner and family have returned to Navajoland after nearly a year of rest and study at Fuller School of World Mission. Pray for them as they seek God's guidance in starting a satellite mission work in the Kirkland, NM area.

- *Larry Bomberger*

The Sunday School at the Mission church is growing! Growth has come as a result of the other ministries of the Mission. A lady in the Bible study for parents of young children has found it important to bring her three children to church. A man studying in a TEE class along with his wife felt a need to find a church home where he could "put his roots down." So, he comes and brings his six children, some of their cousins and other relatives.

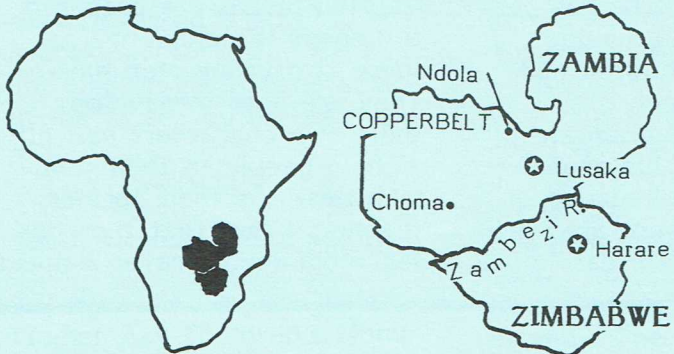
- *Phyllis Witter*

# KIDS ONLY

Read the story below, then fill in the crossword from the clues on page 11.

Jelita is a girl of the Tonga tribe living near Choma, Zambia on the continent of Africa. Her father grows much maize (corn) on his farm which supplies the family with their basic food. Jelita's mother pounds the dried maize kernels into meal from which she makes stiff cornmeal mush called *nsima*. Jelita rolls the nsima into a ball about the size of a walnut and eats it with relish made of greens or meat. Ants are great pests to both crops and buildings in many parts of Africa. This causes Jelita's father extra work.

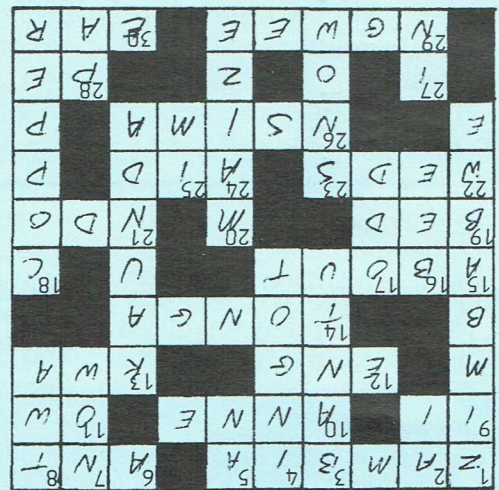
When asked if he would like to live in the city, Jelita's father answered, "Pe pe\* (no no), the country is the place for me."



Jelita's cousin Mulenga lives to the north in the Copperbelt about 400 miles away. Mulenga's father works in the copper mines preparing copper bars (ingots) for export. He is paid in *kwacha* and *ngwee*, the money of Zambia. The kwacha is similar to the dollar and ngwee are similar to cents. It is written like this: K25.10 or, if just ngwee, 45n.

When asked if he liked living in the city, Mulenga's father replied, "Ii\*\* (yes), there are many interesting things to do here."

Zambia is one of the *bantu* nations. Bantu is the name of a group of people that live south of the Nile River and north of the country of South Africa. Dr. Kenneth Kaunda has been the president of Zambia since 1964. Zimbabwe is another bantu nation located just south of Zambia.



\* pe pe is pronounced 'pay pay'  
 \*\* ii is pronounced 'eeee' with a sort of upward curve in the voice

These words may have been new to you: Zimbabwe, Zambia, Kaunda, Tonga, nsima, ingot, kwacha, ngwee, ii, pe pe and maize. Can you say what each is without looking at the story again?

ACROSS

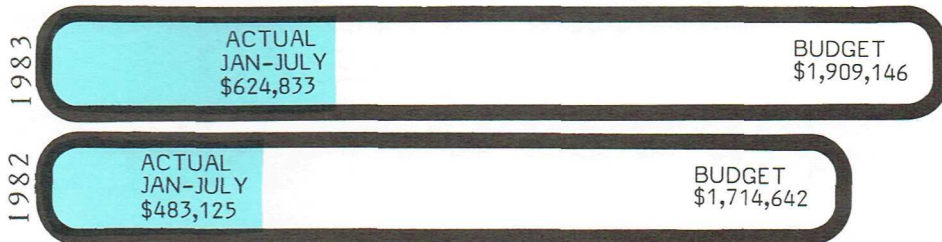
- 1 Country north of Zambezi River
- 6 Pest in Zambia
- 9 Tonga for "yes"
- 10 Girl's name
- 11 Exclamation of pain
- 12 Britain (abbr.)
- 13 Zambia's paper money  
    \_\_ \_ cha
- 14 Tribe and language of southern Zambia
- 16 Concerning
- 19 Sleeping place
- 21 Copperbelt city: \_\_ \_ la
- 22 Young couple: newly \_\_ \_
- 24 Help
- 26 Stiff corn meal mush
- 28 Tonga for "no"
- 29 Zambian coins
- 30 Body part that hears

DOWN

- 1 Country south of Zambezi River
- 2 City Joshua burned (Josh 8:28)
- 3 African people from the Nile River to South Africa
- 4 Copper bar
- 5 Indefinite article
- 7 At present
- 8 International airline
- 13 President of Zambia
- 16 Honey maker
- 17 Different, weird
- 18 Mineral of Zambia
- 20 Corn in Zambia
- 23 Never seen in Zambia
- 25 Pronoun, contraction
- 27 Not out
- 28 Ma's partner

Pray for the children of Zambia who have not yet accepted Jesus into their hearts. Pray for Christian school teachers who are leading Bible Clubs for children.

## BUDGET OUTLOOK



**Donald R. Zook**  
*Executive Secretary*

The graphs above tell the story. What do they mean? First, the good news. Receipts for the first seven months of 1983 are \$141,708 more than they were during the first seven months of 1982. This is a resounding 29.33% increase over a year ago. We have much for which to be grateful. God has been good. Congregational treasurers and those who have been giving direct to the Missions office have been sending more funds earlier in the year than previously. We have not had to pay interest on borrowed money in 1983 as we did in 1982.

But the pessimist, looking at the same graphs can point out that the year is more than half gone. And the \$624,833 received so far is only 32.7% of the 1983 program budget. Based on this, there probably will be an end-of-the-year "appeal" to close the gap between mission program needs and contributions received.

So, 1983 so far has been a good year--or a bad year--depending upon your point of view. Personally, I am grateful to God and His people for what has been accomplished. And I also am looking eagerly forward to see how the Lord will supply the remainder. My prediction is that He will call some of us to new levels of joyful and cheerful stewardship.

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editorial

# the WORLD'S GREATEST NEED

by Phil Byers

"Joanne, what do you see to be a need in our world today that Voluntary Service helps to meet?" This question was posed to Joanne Gruber, one of four current and former VSers who formed a panel discussing the purpose and benefits of Voluntary Service. The panel was part of the Missions Day program at Roxbury Holiness Camp. Joanne, participating in the V.S. Training Unit at the Paxton Street Home, expressed her concern for the youth of our world. Sherri Jackson and Mike Holland, former VSers at the Bronx unit, responded to the same question.

Sherri acknowledged her concerns for world peace and the end of world hunger. "But," she added, "we will always have war and hunger. The most pressing need, I think, is to share Jesus with everyone while we can."

Mike Holland was the last to answer the question. "I agree with Sherri that we must evangelize the world. However, you may be surprised, but I think there is a bigger need than that. That is for God's chosen people to get excited and find out what God is all about."

I too was on the panel and had been given the opportunity to share a favorite verse. I shared from 1 Peter 2:9, unknowingly a perfect introduction to Mike's concluding remarks.

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. (NIV)

I had chosen that verse because of the impact of the previous night's message about sanctification. Would you expect less from a Holiness camp? The speaker, John Hawbaker, reminded me of the importance of being set apart for the service of God.

Old Testament history tells us of the sanctity of the items in the tabernacle which were used for ceremonial purposes. These plates, ladles, bowls and pitchers were to be used only by the priests and only for religious ceremonies. They were not to be used for any other purpose. God's law concerning these ceremonial items is his illustration to modern man that we are to be sanctified--set apart--for his purpose and his purpose alone.

Peter, in the verses following the one from which I had shared, goes on to say that we, as God's holy people, are to live such good lives among the pagans that they may see our good deeds and glorify God (2:12).

Mike Holland said, "When we know what God is about, we don't have a problem with witnessing to our neighbor or feeding the hungry, because we will know God as the source of power. Just as in Acts, people would be getting saved because they would see something exciting happening and would want to find out what it is."

Peter admonishes us to prepare our minds for action, be self-controlled; set our hope fully on the grace to be given us when Jesus Christ is revealed. Just as He who called us is holy, we are to be holy in all we do; for it is written, "Be holy, because I am holy" (1:13). Holiness--being set apart for God--comes only from setting our minds fully upon Jesus Christ. It will result in sincere love for the people of the world (1:22). And our holy lives will cause others to glorify God.

What is the world's greatest need? In Peter's words, it is to "be holy"; in Mike's words, to "get excited and find out what God is all about." The rest will follow.

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