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# "These things we write that your joy may be full" (I John 1:4).

... that your joy may be full **MINISTRY REVIEW**—

Reports from missionaries, church planters and pastors suggest that our joy may be full because God is blessing the efforts of His faithful North American Baptist Conference servants around the world. God is at work through the ministries of North American Baptist Conference. Here are some examples for praise and continued prayer.



### 1987 CHURCH PLANTING

Eight new churches have been planted: Hope Fellowship, Kansas City, MO; South Austin Fellowship Baptist Church, Austin, TX; Christ Community Baptist Church, Puyallup, WA; Valley Baptist Church, Tracy, CA; Antelope Springs Baptist Church, Antelope, CA; Pacific Bible Church, Laguna Niguel, CA; Cedar Hill Project Metro-Dallas, TX; Fontana Project Metro-Los Angeles, CA.

### 1987 CHURCH GROWTH

God has blessed in this department in a variety of ways.

Reverend David Samf began his ministry as Director of the Church Growth Department.

Twenty-six basic church growth seminars were conducted.

New Day has conducted more than 30 crusades.

Twenty-five crusades were conducted in N.A.B. Conference churches by Ron Susek.

WMF raised funds to assist in building missionary children's school facility at Ndu, Cameroon.

WMF raised funds to assist in various significant missionary ministries.



### 1987 WORLD MISSIONS

Much has been accomplished through global missionary ministries.

Eleven missionaries were appointed to serve overseas.

A new preaching point began near Torres, Brazil, by Ken and Jerilyn Bayer.

Doug and Sharon Woyke began a church planting ministry in Japan.

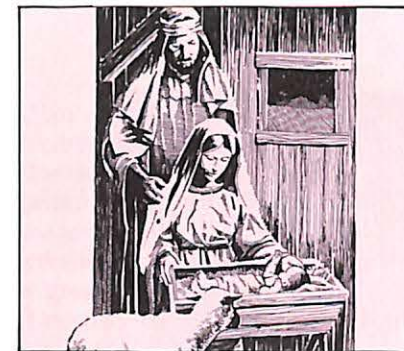
A youth in missions program began. More than one hundred men and women attended seminary in Cameroon and Nigeria in preparation for Christian service.



... that your faith may be full **GIVING REVIEW**

To fund the ministries God has assigned to the North American Baptist Conference, as of November 15, 1987, \$2,878,862 has been received. To fully fund all mission and church growth ministries an additional \$1,786,138 is urgently needed to meet 1987 missions and ministry commitments. **It is possible that the 1987 budget can be met and exceeded as we unite in our effort to reach people for Christ.**

**THAT YOUR JOY MAY BE FULL** ... join your North American Baptist Conference family in prayer and consider sending a financial gift so that ministry commitments will be fulfilled. An envelope is provided in the center of this magazine for your convenience.



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# Christmas Is a Jewish Holiday

by Roy Schwarcz

This quote came from an article in the *Chicago Tribune* last year on how Jewish people cope with Christmas: "The Christmas season for Jews is a little like having your next-door neighbor hold a noisy party to which you're not invited." How prepared are we to invite a Jewish person to the greatest of all birthday celebrations?

What is Christmas all about? Is it a Jewish holiday? Christmas is about a birth, a birth that changed the calendars of the world. The birth of One who is called King of the Jews.

This King of the Jews did not come without advance notice to God's chosen people. In fact, there were more than 300 different glimpses in the Jewish Scriptures that foretold details concerning this event and the joy that would accompany it.

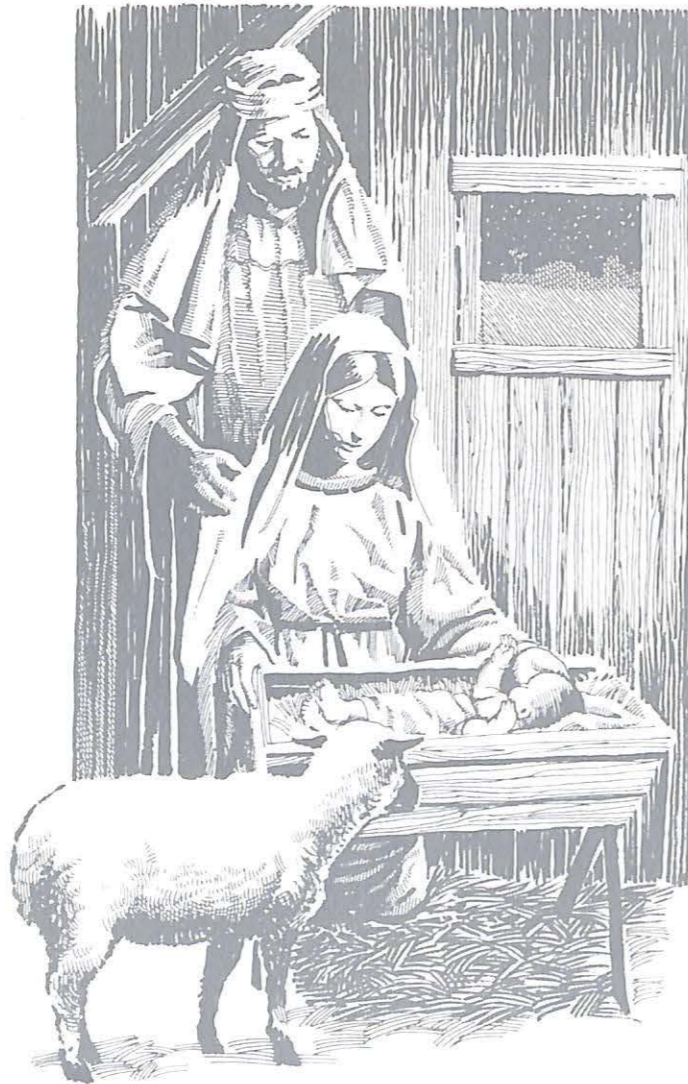
In Micah 5:2, we are told where this King of the Jews would be born. In fact, Herod was informed of this verse when the kings of the east came to him inquiring of the birth of the "King of the Jews" (Matthew 2). Herod then sought to find and kill this usurper to his throne.

One of the most significant verses concerning this Child's birth is to be found in the prophecy of Isaiah in chapter nine. Verse one refers to the judgment that came upon Israel, the 10 Northern Tribes, when they were brought into captivity. We are told that a time shall come when Galilee of the Gentiles will be a glorious area. This area had a bad reputation. Nathanael echoes this attitude in his day when Philip comes to him and says, "We have found Him, of whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth . . ." to which he responds, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" (John 1:45-45). Isaiah said that indeed there would

be a "good thing" that would come out of Galilee, where Nazareth was located.

A reference is then made to darkness (Isaiah 9:2). In fact, this is the same Hebrew word that is used in Psalm 107:10-16. This darkness is a spiritual darkness that man experiences when he continues to live his life apart from the Light of God. Isaiah said a time would occur when Israel will come to see and understand the Light of God.

This Light of God would cause Israel to rejoice (verse 3), like the rejoicing over the harvest or the rejoicing over the spoils of victory, like the day Egypt was forced to pay Israel for her forced labor when departing Egypt. In fact, this is what verse four alludes to in "breaking the yoke of their burden, and the staff on their shoulders." This is a clear reference to a slave having his yoke of burden removed. This is a great cause for rejoicing. The oppressor of



Midian refers to the times of Gideon described in Judges 6-8.

The description in verse five is an allusion to the end of the battle of Armageddon described in Ezekiel 39 when the Lord gives Israel rest. After that great battle, we learn that God will destroy the enemies of Israel to usher in the millennial kingdom.

In this passage of Isaiah 9, the prophet saw glimpses of both the first and second advents of the Messiah. The rabbis saw this, too, and were perplexed. They resolved this with the teaching that there were two Messiahs: Messiah ben Joseph and Messiah ben David. Messiah ben Joseph would come first and, like Joseph, the favorite son of Jacob, be betrayed by his brethren. Messiah ben David is the King who would bring Israel to its ultimate destiny. But sadly, Israel has not recognized that Messiah ben Joseph has come and that His birth was so clearly foretold in verse 6.

The prophet declares that the One who will bring all these blessings to Israel will not be a famous statesman or a mighty warrior, but rather a "child would be born to us." This doesn't mean that He will accomplish this as a child, but that in some significant way, He will appear on the scene as a child. He will be born in a human way just as any of us.

This Child will be "given" by God to Israel. A unique child is to be born. In fact, this Child is said to have the government upon His shoulders, but this government was not a government of this world. It is the government of the promised new covenant described in Jeremiah 31:31-33.

When He came, Jesus clearly said, "My kingdom is not of this world." This Child who was born brought with Him a different kingdom and government to Israel. To be a part of

this Child's Kingdom, one must be born into it (John 3:1-6). When we are born of the Spirit, we enter the Kingdom, and we recognize and experience the reality of the four titles of this promised Child.

Names indicate the nature of a person, and so it is with God. When God commissioned Moses and sent him to the children of Israel, Moses asked God in Exodus 3 who he should say sent him to them. "And God said to Moses, 'I am who I am'; and He said, 'Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

So the names of this Child are significant. "Wonderful Counselor" is an allusion to this Child's ability to plan and formulate a plan of action. He is going to do a great work according to the prophet, the greatest work ever attempted, but He has an adequate plan to bring it about. In fact, this term in Hebrew could also be translated Marvel of a counselor. The plan that He has is a marvel. In fact, these plans date back into the eternities.

"Mighty-God" tells us that this Child has the capacity to carry out to the full all that His marvelous plans call for. He has the full power of God at His command. He is in fact God. Isaiah uses this same term again in 10:21, which is unmistakably a reference to God. "A remnant will return, the remnant of Jacob, to the mighty God."

The term "Eternal Father" could be better translated "Father-forever." The emphasis is not the fact of this Child's eternal existence, but on His being everlastingly a father. This is an allusion to the compassion this Child born unto us will have. Psalm 103:13 states, "Just as a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him. For He Himself knows our frame; He is mindful that we are but dust."

"Prince of Peace"—After all the Child's work is done, and He has gathered His redeemed people to Himself, He rules as "Prince." Those whom He rules are men of peace and filled with His peace. Verse seven declares that what will begin as something small will grow and grow until it is all encompassing. He will sit on the throne of David and be as the Rabbis understood "Messiah ben David." This is accomplished and described by Zechariah in chapters 12-14.

Christmas is a Jewish holiday. A time for great joy, for the birth of the promised Child. "And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Spirit was upon Him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. And he came in the Spirit into the Temple; and when the parents brought the child Jesus to carry out for Him the custom of the Law, then he took Him into his arms, and blessed God, and said, 'Now Lord, Thou dost let Thy bond-servant depart, in peace, according to Thy word; For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples. A light of revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel'" (Luke 2:25-32).

Christmas is a holiday. How are you sharing it with your friends and neighbors? □

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# A Vision for Evangelism

by Luis Palau

At the end of World War II, Robert Woodruff declared, "In my generation, it is my desire that everyone in the world have a taste of Coca-Cola." Talk about vision!

Today Coca Cola is sold from the deserts of Africa to the interior of China. Why? Because Woodruff motivated his colleagues to reach their generation for Coke.

How big is your vision? Have you ever dreamed about what God could do through you to help win the world in our generation to Jesus Christ? After all, the only generation that can reach our generation, Oswald Smith has said, is our own generation.

## Enlarging our Vision

Even though the Lord Jesus Christ limited His own public ministry to Palestine, He came, lived and died for the whole world. After His resurrection, He commissioned His disciples to "make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19). He sent them first to Jerusalem, then to all Judea and Samaria, and ultimately to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8).

The early church was hesitant to dream about how God would fulfill Christ's last commands. The apostle Paul challenged their complacency by devoting his life after his conversion to traveling and proclaiming Christ.

Paul explained his vision for evangelism in Romans 15. First he could report, "From Jerusalem all the way to Illyricum, I have fully proclaimed the gospel of Christ" (Romans 15:19). Even his enemies admitted Paul had



saturated entire provinces with the Gospel (Acts 19:26) and had turned the world upside down (Acts 17:6).

Paul was not content to saturate one small area with the Gospel at the expense of the rest of the world. He had a strategy for reaching the entire Roman Empire. "But now that there is no more place for me to work in these regions (Jerusalem to Illyricum), and since I have been longing for many years to see you, I plan to do so when I go to Spain" (Romans 15:23-24).

Paul continued to explain his itinerary in this chapter. In his mind, he visualized every major city he would stop at on his way to Rome. He longed to eventually win the people of this influential capital city to Christ—just as I long to see key cities around the world hear the voice of God. But beyond Rome, Paul ultimately wanted to reach the entire known world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The apostle used strategic thinking to carry out his ministry. He didn't consider it carnal or beneath his dignity to plan strategically.

Even though Paul had a definite strategy to win his generation to Christ, he wasn't bound to it. He remained sensitive to the Spirit's leading. You remember how the Spirit compelled him to go to Macedonia, for instance, even though he had other plans (Acts 16).

This is an exciting concept to me. On the one hand, God intends for us to use logical, strategic planning in fulfilling the Great Commission. On the other hand, if we are sensitive to the promptings of the Spirit, God can redirect our plans when necessary. One doesn't cancel out the need for the other.

## Command to Witness

Like Paul, as Christians our vision should be "to win as many people as possible to Jesus Christ throughout the world." That is part of my Team's statement of vision and reason for

existence. Following the example of Paul, we actively and aggressively seek to evangelize the masses from city to city using every means possible.

Evangelism is not an option in the Christian life. Paul admitted, "When I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, for I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel!" (1 Corinthians 9:16). Whether by preaching or praying, traveling around the globe or speaking to those next door, we should all have a part in winning the world to Jesus Christ.

Sharing our faith isn't always easy, though. As a young man, I decided that I didn't have the gift of evangelism. It was obvious. No matter how zealously I preached, no one was coming to Christ. Nothing I did seemed to make a difference. I was inspired by the things I read and heard about Billy Graham's ministry, but I knew I didn't have whatever he had.

I gave God a deadline: "If I don't see any converts through my preaching by the end of the year, I'm quitting." Oh, I would still be an active Christian, but I would resign myself to simply teaching other believers.

The end of the year came and went. No converts. My mind was made up; I was through preaching. Now I was sure I didn't have the gift.

One Saturday morning about four days into the new year, the small church I attended held a home Bible study. I didn't feel like going, but I went anyway out of loyalty to the elders.

*"Dear God, I want that experience. I want to know what it is to win someone to Jesus Christ."*

The fellow who was supposed to give the Bible study never showed up. So the man of the house said, "Luis, you are going to have to say something." I was completely unprepared.

I had been reading a book, however, by Dr. Graham entitled *The Secret of Happiness*, which is based on the beatitudes. So I asked for a New Testament and read Matthew 5:1-12. Then I simply repeated whatever I remembered from Dr. Graham's book.

As I was commenting on the beatitude, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God," a lady suddenly stood up. She began to cry and said, "My heart is not pure. How can I see God? Somebody tell me how I can get a pure heart." How delightful it was to lead her to Jesus Christ!

I don't remember the woman's name, but I will never forget her words: "Somebody tell me how I can get a pure heart." Together we read in the Bible, "The blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from every sin" (1 John 1:7). Before the evening was

over, that woman found peace with God and went home with a pure heart overflowing with joy.

## The Greatest Thrill

When you win people to Jesus Christ, it's the greatest joy. Your graduation is exciting; your wedding day is exciting; your first baby is exciting; but the most thrilling thing you can ever do is win someone to Christ. And it's contagious. Once you do it, you don't want to stop.

I challenge you to pray: "Dear God, I want that experience. I want to know what it is to win someone to Jesus Christ."

Whatever our place in the body of Christ, let's enlarge our vision to invite others into God's kingdom. After all, God doesn't have a plan A, a plan B, and a plan C for evangelizing the world. He only has one plan—and that's you and me. □

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## Joy to the World!

by Gordon Bauslaugh

On a plaque marking Abraham Lincoln's birthplace near Hodgenville, Kentucky, is recorded this scrap of conversation:

"Any news down t' the village, Ezry?"

"Well, Squire McLain's gone t' Washington t' see Madison swore in, and ol' Spellman tells me this Bonaparte fella has captured most o' Spain. What's new out here, neighbor?"

"Nuthin', nuthin' a'tall, 'cept fer a new baby born t' Tom Lincoln's. Nuthin' ever happens out here."

Ever hear of a place called Puyallup, Washington? That's pronounced, Pū'ol'ūp, which is an Indian name meaning, "the friendly people."

"Well, what's new in Puyallup, neighbor?"

"Nuthin', nuthin' a'tall, 'cept fer a new church bein' born t' the North American Baptists. Nuthin' ever happens out here."

Here are just some of the blessings bestowed upon this new Church, called Christ Community Baptist, during the first few months of existence:

- A parent church, Calvary Baptist in Tacoma, Washington, with Pastor Irvin Gerlitz, who really care about church planting and regularly remember us in prayer.
- An Association, Pacific Northwest, that really has a vision for planting new churches.
- An area minister, the Rev. LeRoy Schauer, who has experienced firsthand, church extension from the pastor's point of view.
- Association pastors who keep their congregations informed about this—their extension church.
- A sister North American Baptist Church, Sunrise Baptist, Fair Oaks, California, whose young people passed out more than 3,000 pieces of literature, door-to-door before our first services in May.
- A strong, foundational nucleus of church planters who have said yes to church extension in Puyallup. They are committed to Bible study, prayer, building up one another, giving, and outreach.
- Door-to-door visitation, and visitation of newcomers in the community on a regular basis by pastor and lay people.
- A comfortable and functional daycare facility for a temporary place of worship on Sunday mornings, Sunday evenings, and for prayer on Wednesday evenings.
- Worship furnishings (chairs, piano, hymnbooks) provided by the Hazelwood Baptist Church closing.
- Monthly church potlucks scheduled for relationship building.
- Church "Statement of Beliefs" and "Constitution" drafted, discussed, and accepted by our Church people.
- Backyard Club with 38 children in attendance. Eight children accepted Christ as Savior. Two families began attending services soon after.
- Two community Bible studies begun with 16 (some non-Christ Community Baptist people) in attendance.
- In September, the Church began a family Sunday School format and Wednesday evening children's program.
- The Pacific Northwest Association called a Recognition Council to meet in September. The Council recommended to the Association that Christ Community Baptist be accepted into the Association.
- Presently, we are seeking God's direction concerning a permanent church site, realizing God's people are His real church.
- From a nucleus of 27 (six months ago), the Lord has given us more than 60 who now worship regularly at Christ Community Baptist.

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow!**

You see, some events, whether birthdays in Hodgenville, Kentucky, (or Bethlehem), spiritual rebirth in a person's life, or the beginning of a new church, may not create much earthly splash, but those of lasting importance will eventually get the notice they deserve... after all, don't we sing, "Joy to the World"? □



The Rev. Gordon Bauslaugh is the pastor of the new church being planted in Puyallup, Washington, Christ Community Baptist; accepting the opportunity to reach people in that area, he began his ministry there on March 1, 1987.



The children of Christ Community Baptist Church sing praises to God.

## news from our missionaries

### Mambilla Baptist Theological School Holds Ninth Graduation

MBU, NIGERIA. Graduation ceremonies for Mambilla Baptist Theological School in Nigeria were held August 1, 1987, in the Gembu First Baptist Church for the first class to complete the five-year program. Nine years ago the first graduation ceremonies were held for graduates of the first three-year program.

"What excitement! Choosing a theme verse and song, a valedictorian, uniforms, guest speaker, deciding which choir would be invited as well as what field of service to go into and which call to accept were decisions graduates had to make," says Missionary Minnie Kuhn, a teacher at the school.

The Mbu Church Choir led the processional, followed by the Board of Governors members, faculty, and then the 16 graduates. "How smart they looked," writes Minnie. "The fifth year students wore black suits and yellow shirts; the fourth year students, black suits with white shirts, and the women, the traditional African floral prints. More than 1,000 people tried to pack into the Church, but many had to stand outside.

Five invited choirs in colorful robes were present. "Believe it or not, even one uninvited choir came because one of the graduates was from their church and had accepted the call to be their pastor, so they wanted to be part of the celebration, too," reports Minnie.

"Many VIPs from Government Offices had been invited, and the church was newly painted for the occasion," says Minnie. "Excitement everywhere!"

The theme of the commencement exercises, "A Man of God," was taken from II Timothy 3:17: "A man of God is equipped for every good thing." Rev. P. Yangche challenged the graduates as men of God to flee from every corrupt mind, live an exemplary life, and use God's Word as the only basis of their ministry.

Of the eight five-year program graduates, one is continuing in Seminary training, four have accepted pastorates; one goes back to Bible teaching in the public schools, and two await calls.

Of the six four-year students, one is a girl who possibly will teach in the women's department at the Theological School; one has accepted a call to a church, four are awaiting a call; and two are very young and single, thus may have some difficulty being placed.

Pray for these young people as they join 50 other trained men who are serving in 140 churches of the Mambilla Baptist Convention and try to reach out to the many unreached villages.

Pray for the principal, of the Mambilla Baptist Theological



School, Rev. P. Sol, and other faculty as they teach this school year, especially being short-staffed.

Pray for missionaries Allan and Karen Effa serving in teaching and administration vacancies. Pray for Barbara Kieper as she ministers through 19 village health clinics and supervises two dispensaries. □

### Evangelism Tent Proves to be Blessing

FLORIANOPOLIS, SC, BRAZIL. The evangelism tent provided by the North American Baptist Conference has already proved to be a great blessing according to Missionaries Karen and Richard Kaiser. It is being used daily in outreach to the Kobrasol community.

"We offer courses in English, knitting, and guitar to the community. We also have a special program each Saturday (couples meeting, a film, children's service, or youth meeting). Saturday morning we have children's club and in the afternoon, sports," says Richard. "Tuesday night there is a group encounter for fellowship and prayer."

One Sunday afternoon in September the Kaisers led a "How to Lead a Home Bible Study" course at the tent with about ten participating. "The interest was very good," says Richard, "and we hope to have that in practice by the time you read this. People contacted through the tent ministry will be invited."



The Brazil Evangelism Tent's sides and front are adjustable. They can be all the way open, totally closed, or anywhere in-between. The missionaries express much appreciation for this tent that is being used for a variety of ministries in planting a new church. This tent is one of two provided through contributions of North American Baptist Conference churches.

Karen is teaching English classes two days a week and having a home Bible study with one of the ladies. This woman's two children are also taking English, and one is in the guitar classes. They both come to the children's club on Saturday mornings. "Pray with us for their salvation," requests Karen. "We know the Lord is preparing their hearts."

Another family who lives near the tent is the family of the Kaisers' son Mark's best school friend. "When we found out where they lived," says Karen, "it was obvious to us that the Lord had planned that friendship. It's been a natural open door to witness, and we're praying also for this family's salvation." □

## Mambilla Baptist Convention Opens Second Dispensary

GEMBU, NIGERIA. In April 1985, the Baptist Christians on the Mambilla Plateau, were challenged with several goals. One of

these was to open a dispensary/maternity in every one of our five fields. (This would be similar to our Associations in our N.A.B. Conference.) The dispensary at Mbamnga had already been opened.

The people in the Mayo Ndaga Field were the first to pick up the challenge. Under the guidance of the Field Executive; Mr. Zebulon Wanmi, medical director, and Missionary Nurse Barbara Kieper, they set to work. It was to be a community effort. Donations were solicited from everyone in the area.

"For the first time in our history, many Fulani leaders made very generous contributions towards something that was basically a Christian effort," reports Missionary Minnie Kuhn. "Mr. Wanmi was greatly responsible for its success."

On August 18, the culmination of this joint effort, more than 1,000 gathered for the dedication and opening service for this lovely new building—a maternity/dispensary. Greetings and well wishes were given. The Rev. A. Jandong, a former Field Pastor, led the prayer of dedication. After

this prayer, the many Muslims who were present asked to lead in prayer, also.

After the ribbon cutting by the Head of the Health Department for the Sardauna Local Government, three Muslim Mallams (priests) led in prayer. This was followed by a generous feast provided by the Christians in Mayo Ndaga Field.

Staff are on hand to meet the people's needs. Mr. Zephenia Beye, son of one of the Mambilla Baptist Convention pastors, had just finished training as a community health assistant. "Zephenia sacrificed being at his own graduation in order to be on hand for the opening," says Minnie. He is in charge of the new dispensary together with Miss Mina Kasu, a former worker under our Baptist mission at Warwar Hospital, and Mr. James Noah, the Village Health Worker from the Primary Health Care Program. The other staff member, Mr. Benj Noah, who is a secondary school graduate, will complete the staff.

"Besides generous donations by the Mambilla Baptist Convention, the Mambilla Baptist Mission, churches, individual Christians in Mambilla, and Muslims," reports Minnie; "we also received a very generous donation from the Hillcrest School for Missionary Children.



Pray for this ministry and outreach for Christ. This area still has very many unreached villages. In the past year, five new prayer places were opened. Pray that through this medical outreach many people will be won for Christ. □

## Evangelism Ministries Reach People For Christ

FLORIANOPOLIS, SC, BRAZIL. Ralph and Martha Nelson, along with Baptist seminary students, worked in four cities in team evangelism, recently. Forty-nine people made decisions during the meetings held in Tubarao, Imbituba, Itajai, and Sao Joao Batista. Martha continued Home Bible Studies in Sao Joao Batista, after the seminary students left town. Two more women and one couple accepted Christ in the homes.

"The town of Imbituba had suffered a bad storm before we arrived," says Ralph. "There were hailstones of one pound that ruined the tile roofs on practically 100 percent of the homes. The Seminary students helped repair roofs during their time there and made a big impact on the community."

While attending one of the evening meetings, a woman approached Ralph. "I didn't recognize her" says Ralph. "She said I had gone to her home and invited her family to meetings. They had been in the back yard washing tiles. She said she had wanted to talk to me at the time," says Ralph, "but her father was against this, so she kept quiet."

About a month later, this woman sought out the Brazilian missionary who lives there and accepted Christ as Savior. She is now preparing for baptism. "She thanked me for making the initial invitation," reports Ralph. "It occurred to me how important it is to make those contacts, sowing in the joy of the Lord. We may never know what effect it has or will have on an individual."

## compelled to serve

## No Age Limit to Ministry

by Maria Rogalski

"Give of your best to the Master, give of the strength of your youth," is a good principle to follow. But there is no age limit to ministry. When God's love fills our heart, and our mind is focused on Jesus, our Lord, ministry will be an inevitable result.

At 97, Mrs. Frida Streuber, is a living example that age does not have to stand in the way of ministry. Living in the high-rise Senior Citizen's complex of Meadowood Manor in Winnipeg, Mrs. Streuber still finds ample opportunity daily to do caring things for others, most of them much younger than herself.

Until recently, this amazing, gracious lady has pushed wheelchairs, giving incapacitated people rides down the halls of Meadowood Personal Care Home. Unfortunately, a bad case of arthritis in her right hand has now called a halt to that. Always cheerful, very optimistic, as well as tough with herself, Mrs. Streuber carries on a ministry of encouragement by simply being around and interacting with others.

Sensitive to the needs of others all her life (we have to start early on traits we want to show in old age), Mrs. Streuber performed a much needed ministry for a lady in the Home who was going blind. Every day for several years, Mrs. Streuber went into this woman's room to read the daily devotions for her in German. This lady has passed away, but many others can count on Mrs. Streuber's checking on how they are several times a day.

Very much "with it" and still very interested in everything happening in her church, Mrs. Streuber attends McDermont Avenue Baptist Church faithfully. Her pastor, Dr. John Hisel, complimented her at her 97th birthday party in May: "I appreciate her so much. Always sitting in her usual

spot, she has her eyes peeled on the pastor's lips, and is with him all the way, never dropping off to sleep like some half her age are sometimes prone to do."

Every weekday morning at 9 a.m., Mrs. Streuber goes to the Activity Room for "Morning Song," a devotional led by the Meadowood staff. Every Monday afternoon she faithfully attends German Bible study at the Home, and on Thursday afternoon the English Bible study.

Coming to Canada in 1914 before the start of World War I, Mrs. Streuber came to know the Lord at McDermont Avenue Baptist Church, was baptized by Rev. J. Leyboldt in 1924, and joined the Church. She taught Sunday school for 13 years, and was secretary of the Schwesternverein (Woman's Missionary Fellowship), of which she has been a faithful member for more than 63 years.

Helping others is something Mrs. Streuber has always done. When my husband's parents, John and Luise Rogalski, came to Canada in 1929 as a young couple, having no relatives or friends here, Mrs. Streuber and her late husband, Herman, who for many years served with the North American Baptist Conference Immigration and Colonization Society, took them under their wing and became like family to them. Mrs. Streuber also cared for the Rogalski children when another Rogalski baby was to be born.

In youth and in age, Mrs. Streuber is a true example of a godly woman. As the Bible says, "They shall still bring forth fruit in old age ... to show that the Lord is upright" (Psalm 92:14, 15).

Mrs. Maria Rogalski is a member of McDermont Avenue Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

## How to Maximize Your Year-End Giving

Those who desire to give realize that it takes more than desire; it also takes planning. And year end is an ideal time to plan...not only for how you can maximize your gifts this year but also to set out a giving program for next year.

Most of us realize that 1986 in the U.S.A. resulted in real tax reform...

...some of the deductions we are used to have been eliminated;

...some of the planning strategies that used to make sense are no longer available; and

...the maximum income tax rate is continuing to go down.

The biggest change affecting your charitable giving in the United States is the change in rate schedules. During 1987, there are five tax brackets: 11%, 15%, 28%, 35% and 38.5%. Beginning in 1988, there will be only two brackets: 15% and 28%. However, in certain situations, the new tax can be the equivalency of 33%. An important part of any financial plan is timing, and timing is probably more important this year than it will be next. This is because deductions for charitable gifts made this year should result in larger tax savings.

Let's take a look at some of the strategies that you can utilize in making year end gifts.

1) Because of the higher tax brackets this year, you may wish to pre-pay contributions which you were planning to make in 1988 in order to take advantage of a greater tax savings. Or you might simply wish to increase your 1987 giving. If you have pledges which are payable over several years, you might wish to pre-pay those pledges in 1987.

A \$1,000 contribution in 1987 could result in a maximum tax savings of \$385. But in 1988, the maximum savings would be only \$330.

2) If you have appreciated property that you plan to sell in the future, you might consider giving the property, either as an outright gift or in a special charitable trust, to avoid the capital gain tax that will be payable when you sell the property.

For example, you own securities, which are valued at \$5,000 for which you originally paid \$2,000. If you sell the securities, you will have a \$3,000 capital gain, resulting in a maximum tax of \$840. If instead of selling the securities, you use them to fulfill your charitable giving desires, you not only avoid the \$840 capital gain tax, but you can take a charitable deduction for the full \$5,000. In a maximum tax bracket, this will save you \$1,925 in income taxes.

3) If you own securities worth less now than what you paid for them, you should sell the securities and give the proceeds. This will allow you to take a capital loss on your income tax return, which you would forfeit if you gave the securities. You still receive an income tax charitable deduction for the full value of your gift.

4) If you will be in a higher tax bracket this year than next, either because of the rate change, or because you are expecting a reduction in income next year, it is possible for you to take an income tax deduction this year for gifts that you will make in future years.

This can be done through a specially designed charitable trust. You place money in a trust designed to pay income to a charitable organization. You determine the amount of income you desire for the charity to receive and the number of years. At the end of the trust period, the principal of the trust is returned to you.

If the trust is properly designed, you can take an income tax charitable deduction this year for the current value of your future gifts to the charitable organization.

For example, if you placed \$50,000 into a charitable trust designed to pay income of \$4,000 a year to a charitable organization for the next five years, you could take an income tax charitable deduction of \$15,721 this year. And at the end of five years, the property will be returned to you.

However, the trust must be properly designed so that the payments made to the charitable organization in future years will not be taxable to you.

5) Another way to create a tax deduction this year, for gifts which are actually made at some time in the future, is to transfer property to a charitable organization but to retain the benefit of the property for your lifetime or for a period of years.

If you guarantee today that the charitable organization will receive property at some time in the future, the government will allow you to take an income tax shelter in the form of a charitable deduction this year.

Your gift can be made with a personal residence in which you continue to live, or stocks, bonds, or mutual funds from which you continue to receive income.

In fact, it may be possible to increase your income, if the property that you transfer is either highly appreciated or produces a very low income. Because of special advantages available to the trust, it can sell the property avoiding capital gain tax and invest in a higher income-producing investment. This can result in a considerable benefit to you.

For example, you purchased securities for \$40,000, but they have appreciated to a current value of \$100,000. Your securities are currently paying a 3% dividend. If you sold the securities, you would pay a tax of \$16,800 (in an assumed 28% tax bracket). If in-

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## REGISTER TODAY FOR THE 42ND TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE OF NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES

The 42nd TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE, scheduled for July 26-31, 1988, including preconference activities on July 25 in Calgary, Alberta, is expected to draw from six to nine thousand delegates, members, and friends of North American Baptist Conference churches across Canada and the United States as well as representatives from our overseas missions fields. The main sessions will be held in the 17,000 seat Olympic Saddledome in Stampede Park.

In addition to challenging Bible studies and speeches, you will experience times of renewal, and be inspired as we "Come Together—Share the Vision" during this Conference. You'll have the opportunity to fellowship with other NABs in Calgary homes (Hospitality Night) and enjoy a Taste of Calgary at a Chuck Wagon Breakfast as well as a barbecue and rodeo.

Calgary is a cosmopolitan city of 600,000 serviced by an international airport and located near the majestic Canadian Rockies. You may want to combine vacation trips with the Conference, or take advantage of preconference tours.

### ■ Inspiring Speakers

The 42nd TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE will feature well-known speakers each evening as well as a Bible study speaker each morning.

In a fresh, enthusiastic style, **Dick Semaan** makes the Gospel relevant to his audience. One of America's most popular convention speakers on the subject of motivation, Mr. Semaan will be the keynote speaker on Tuesday evening.

Focusing on the need for a spiritual breakthrough to come to North America, Evangelist **Ron Susek** of Continental Crusades, Inc., speaks in crusades and conferences across North America. A member of a North American Baptist Conference church extension church, Rev. Susek speaks during the Wednesday evening church growth emphasis service.

International evangelist and author, **Luis Palau**, a dynamic, winsome, forceful personality, has spoken to seven million people in 43 different nations. Dr. Palau, who grew up in Argentina, will be the speaker during the missions emphasis on Friday evening.

**Anthony Campolo**, renowned Christian sociologist, will speak on Saturday evening during the youth emphasis service. Dr. Campolo is known for stimulating listeners to explore their life-styles and evaluate their family life, as well as for motivating listeners to live for the Lord.

Bringing the message at the closing Sunday morning worship service will be **Gordon Moyes** of



Australia. An author, lecturer, and TV host, Dr. Moyes is superintendent of Australia's largest Christian welfare service, Wesley Central Mission.

At the Sunday morning German service prior to the closing service, **Reinhold Kerstan**, associate director, Baptist World Alliance, will speak. He will also bring a B.W.A. report earlier in the week. A former N.A.B. Conference worker, Dr. Kerstan is well-known to many in our churches.

### ■ Special Programming

Special programming has been arranged for all ages from six months through adults during the Triennial Conference. The activities, Bible studies, and fellowship times are geared to each age group.

**NURSERY AND PRESCHOOL.** A variety of activities to keep preschoolers, ages six months to five years, happy while their parents attend the Conference sessions have been planned during the day and evening sessions.

**CHILDREN.** During the afternoons, children in grades one through six will visit an Alberta farmer, roam the pasture at Butterfield Farm, visit the Calgary Planetarium, the Calgary Zoo, and a 1903 town, Heritage Park. The morning program features missionaries, special speakers, and crafts. The theme is "Love Bears All Things."

**YOUNG TEENS.** Focusing on the theme, "Out of the Chutes," young teens will experience an explosion of life and energy as hundreds gather to celebrate life in Christ. A variety of activities include horseback riding, trips to an amusement park and the zoo, and a swim at the wave pool. Youth pastor Allen Kjesbo, a man who loves junior highs, will speak to the issues young teens face.

**YOUTH.** Youth entering grade 10 through college age will have the opportunity to experience the power of 1,300 youth joined together in prayer and in study of the life-changing Word of God taught by Dewey Bertolini, youth pastor and teacher from California. The youth will experience friendship of other youth, be thrilled by Christian contemporary music concerts, enjoy a barbecue, rodeo fair, and a live rodeo, and participate in a big-time Olympics. Youth will find Jesus Christ "Better than Gold" during this week.

**SINGLES.** Special events for single adults are scheduled so that singles can participate in the general sessions as well as special sessions for singles. Workshops especially for singles will speak to topics of their interest. An ice cream party, an evening in the park, bowling, swimming, and golfing are part of the program. Singles will have the opportunity of making many new friends.

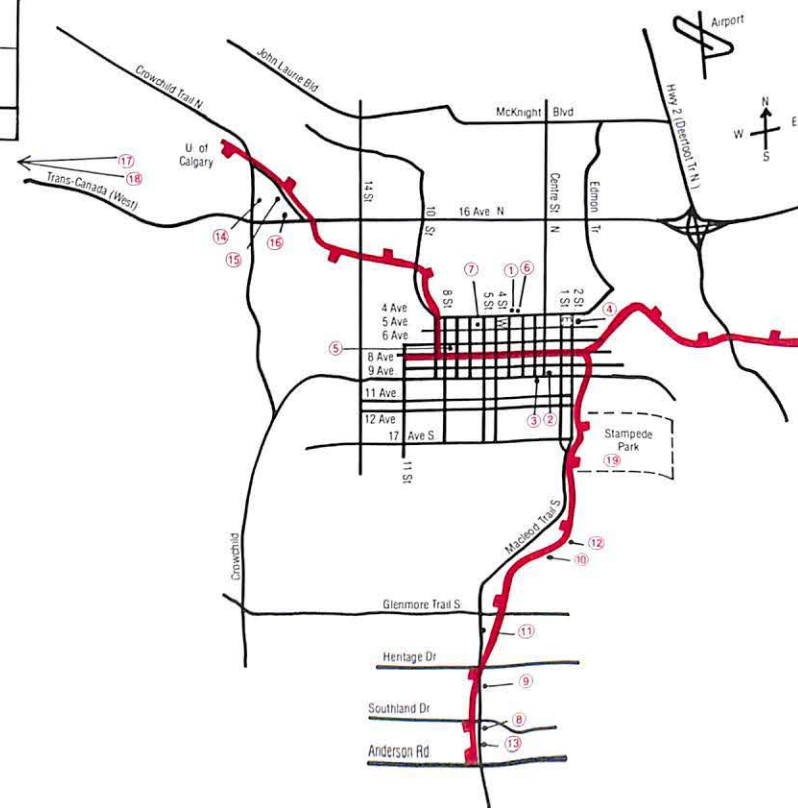
# HOUSING AND REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

## ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION

Number on Map	Name of Hotel*	Room Rates			Children	Parking	Pool	Distance to	
		single	double	triple				C-train	Saddledome
<b>DOWNTOWN (Calgary—Centre)</b>									
1	Westin Main building (Headquarters Hotel) Tower	\$78.00	\$78.00	\$88.00	Free under 18	Free when available	yes	3 blocks	1½ miles
		\$88.00	\$88.00	\$98.00	Free under 18	Free when available	yes	3 blocks	1½ miles
2	Skyline	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$90.00	Free under 18	Adjoining Parkade	yes	2 blocks	1 mile
3	Palliser	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	Free under 18	Parkade	yes	2 blocks	1 mile
4	Delta Bow Valley	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$80.00	Free under 18	Free	yes	3 blocks	1½ miles
5	Sandman Inn	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$61.00	Free under 18	Free	yes	Front door	1½ miles
6	International	1 BR Suite \$75.00	1 BR Suite \$75.00	2 BR Suite \$90.00	Free under 16	\$2.00 a day	yes	3 blocks	1½ miles
7	Prince Royal	Studio \$60.00	1 BR Suite \$65.00	2 BR Suite \$80.00 full kitchen no air cond.	Free	Free	yes	2 blocks	1½ miles
<b>MACLEOD TRAIL (Calgary—South)</b>									
8	Hospitality Inn— Tower Atrium	\$58.00	\$58.00	\$58.00	Free	Free	yes	3 blocks	6 miles
		\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	Free	Free	yes	3 blocks	6 miles
9	Carriage House	\$58.00	\$58.00	\$62.00	Free under 16	Free	yes	1 block	4 miles
10	Holiday Inn South	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	Free	Free	yes	adjacent	1½ miles
11	Travelodge South	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	Free	Free	yes	3 blocks	3 miles
12	Stampeder Inn	\$46.00	\$46.00	\$46.00	Free	Free	yes	1 block	1 mile
13	Relax Inn	\$33.95	\$33.95	\$33.95	Free	Free	yes	3 blocks	5 miles
<b>NORTHWEST—MOTEL VILLAGE</b>									
14	Village Park Inn	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	Free	Free	yes	2 blocks	3 miles
15	Sun Bow Inn	\$50.00	\$55.00	\$60.00	Free	Free	yes	Across Street	3 miles
16	Travelodge North	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	Free	Free	yes	2 blocks	3 miles
<b>CAMPGROUNDS</b>									
		No Hookup	Elec. & Water	Full Hookup					
17	KOA Campgrounds Trans-Can Hwy. West	\$13.00	\$15.00	\$16.50					
18	Sunalta Trailer Park Trans-Can Hwy. West	\$10.00	\$11.00	\$12.00					

\*All Hotel Rates subject to five percent tax.

### Map of Calgary



#### LEGEND

1. Westin Hotel
2. Skyline and Convention Centre
3. Palliser Hotel
4. Delta Bow Hotel
5. Sandman Inn
6. International Hotel
7. Prince Royal
8. Hospitality Inn South
9. Carriage House Inn
10. Holiday Inn South
11. Travelodge South
12. Stampeder Inn
13. Relax Inn South
14. Village Park Inn
15. Sun Bow Inn
16. Travelodge North
17. KOA Campgrounds
18. Sunalta Trailer Park
19. Conference Site  
(Saddledome and Roundup Centre)

C-Train Route  
C-Train Stations

## HOUSING APPLICATION FOR ADULTS

Mail this request to: Joyce Falkenberg, registrar  
N.A.B. Triennial '88  
Suite 300, 2905 - 12 Street N.E.  
Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2E 8J7  
Telephone (403) 291-9510

Check if Hotel/Motel accommodation is not needed.

Date of Arrival \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Departure \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

Hotels must be contacted 48 hours prior to cancellation in order to receive full refund.

#### Hotel/Motel Preference

1st Choice \_\_\_\_\_ Rate Requested \_\_\_\_\_  
2nd Choice \_\_\_\_\_ Rate Requested \_\_\_\_\_  
3rd Choice \_\_\_\_\_ Rate Requested \_\_\_\_\_

#### Type of Accommodation Requested

Total No. of Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Children \_\_\_\_\_ Ages \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ /  
No. of rooms \_\_\_\_\_ No. of beds \_\_\_\_\_ Maximum rate \_\_\_\_\_  
Cot needed  Crib needed  Other requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

#### The following is required only if you wish to guarantee your room now:

Major Credit Card Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Applications will be processed in order received. Hotel space and conference rates cannot be guaranteed after May 31, 1988.

MAIL CONFIRMATION TO: Phone: Area Code ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ (Residence)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: Area Code ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work)

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State/Prov. \_\_\_\_\_ Code \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete information (Indicate number of passengers):

Arriving by: Car \_\_\_\_\_ Train \_\_\_\_\_ Chartered Bus \_\_\_\_\_  
Bus \_\_\_\_\_ Plane \_\_\_\_\_

Flight Information:

Carrier \_\_\_\_\_ Flight No. \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival Time \_\_\_\_\_

#### PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH WITH THIS FORM

Applications must be received by May 31, 1988.

Inquiries relating specifically to accommodations should be made to:  
Housing Bureau, Calgary Tourist and Convention Bureau — Telephone (403) 263-8510.

## MEAL EVENTS—RESERVATIONS

Tickets for meal events must be paid for upon arrival at the Conference Registration Desk in **Canadian Funds**. Any changes in tickets ordered will be handled at the ticket exchange desk after you register. Meal prices include gratuity and taxes. Limited tickets: ticket requests will be processed in order received.

No. of tickets desired		No. of tickets desired	
_____	<b>Chuck Wagon Breakfast</b> (for everyone) Stampede Park 7:30 a.m., Wednesday, July 27 (\$2.00 each) \$ _____	_____	<b>Missions Breakfast</b> —Westin Hotel 7:30 a.m., Saturday, July 30 (\$7.95 each) \$ _____
_____	<b>N.A.B. College/DS Breakfast</b> —Westin Hotel 7:30 a.m., Thursday, July 28 (\$7.95 each) \$ _____	_____	<b>Prayer and Share Breakfast</b> —Palliser Hotel 7:30 a.m., Saturday, July 30 (\$7.95 each) \$ _____
_____	<b>Ministers' Wives' Luncheon</b> —Stampede Park 12:05 p.m., Thursday, July 28 (\$7.75 each) \$ _____	_____	<b>Women's (W.M.F.) Luncheon</b> —Convention Centre 12:30 p.m., Saturday, July 30 (\$13.50 each) \$ _____
_____	<b>Barbecue and Rodeo</b> (for everyone) Stampede Park 6:00 p.m., Thursday, July 28 _____ Adults \$16.95 _____ Children 12 & under \$12.95 _____ Children 2 & under free \$ _____	_____	<b>Men's Luncheon</b> —Westin Hotel 12:30 p.m., Saturday, July 30 (\$13.50 each) \$ _____
_____	<b>N.A.B. Seminary Breakfast</b> —Westin Hotel 7:30 a.m., Friday, July 29 (\$7.95 each) \$ _____	_____	<b>Ministers' Luncheon</b> —Palliser Hotel 12:30 p.m., Saturday, July 30 (\$13.50 each) \$ _____
_____	<b>Baptist World Alliance Luncheon</b> —Stampede Park 11:45 a.m., Friday, July 29 (\$12.00 each) \$ _____	_____	<b>Single Adults' Banquet</b> —Skyline Hotel 5:00 p.m., Saturday, July 30 (\$25.00 each) \$ _____
		_____	<b>Pension Fund Breakfast</b> —Westin Hotel 8:00 a.m., Sunday, July 31 (Complimentary for retired N.A.B. Conference Pension Fund members and retired N.A.B. Conference pastors and spouses.)

Currency Exchange booths will be on-site at registration location.

#### Instructions

Complete the housing application and pre-registration form and mail it directly to the N.A.B. Triennial '88 Office (Suite 300, 2905 - 12 Street N.E., Calgary, Alberta, CANADA, T2E 8J7) before May 31, 1988. Hotels will send confirmation directly to you. DO NOT SEND HOTEL PAYMENT WITH HOUSING APPLICATION. A DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED UPON YOUR RECEIPT OF CONFIRMATION FROM THE HOTEL. PLEASE READ THE HOTEL'S CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY. If you wish, you may include a major credit card number to guarantee your room. Hotels will not accept conference reservations directly, and reservations will not be accepted over the telephone. ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE IN WRITING THROUGH THE N.A.B. TRIENNIAL '88 OFFICE.

If accommodations of your first choice are not available at the time your request is received, you will be assigned the next available choice. Rooms will not be held without a deposit after May 31, 1988.



# PREREGISTRATION FORM

42nd Triennial Conference of North American Baptist Churches  
Calgary, Alberta

July 26-31, 1988

Preregistration Form

Preregistrations will be accepted until May 31, 1988.

YOUTH AND YOUTH SPONSORS, PLEASE USE YOUTH AND YOUTH SPONSOR PREREGISTRATION FORM INSERT.

Please mail to: Joyce Falkenberg, Registrar  
N.A.B. Triennial '88  
Suite 300, 2905 - 12 Street N.E.  
Calgary, Alberta, CANADA T2E 8J7

Name of Registrant(s). Please print clearly.

Title: (Circle) Mr. and Mrs. / Rev. and Mrs. / Mr. / Mrs. / Miss / Rev. / Other \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Initial \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov. \_\_\_\_\_ Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: Area Code ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Initial \_\_\_\_\_

Names of children attending Triennial Conference and grades they are entering. Please check.

FIRST NAME	GRADE CODE			FIRST NAME	GRADE CODE		
	6 mos -5 yr.	Grade 1-6	Grade 7-9		6 mos -5 yr.	Grade 1-6	Grade 7-9
_____	1	2	3	_____	1	2	3
_____	1	2	3	_____	1	2	3
_____	1	2	3	_____	1	2	3

Church \_\_\_\_\_ City and State/Prov. \_\_\_\_\_

Mode of Transportation: Auto  Chartered Bus  Bus  Train  Plane  Other

Please check if confined to a wheelchair

## PREREGISTRATION FEES

Preregistration fees are payable in Canadian or U.S. Funds. Make all cheques payable to North American Baptists, Inc. U.S. cheques will be accepted. Preregistration fees must be mailed with this form. No refunds will be given after July 8, 1988. If registering after May 31, 1988, each Adult Registration Fee is increased by \$10 (including on-site registration). All Special and Extra Event tickets, which are requested, must be paid for upon arrival. Any changes will be accommodated after paying for initial package ordered.

**Adult**  
No. attending \_\_\_\_\_  
Person(s) for entire conference \$20 Canadian (\$16 U.S.) per person for entire conference \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
One day fee per person \$10 Canadian (\$8 U.S.) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Please circle day: W Th F Sa  
1 2 3 4

**Children (entering grades 1-6)**  
No. attending \_\_\_\_\_  
Person(s) for entire conference \$20 Canadian (\$16 U.S.) per child \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
One day fee per child \$10 Canadian (\$8 U.S.) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Please circle day: W Th F Sa  
1 2 3 4

**Children's Special Afternoon Trips and T-shirts** to be paid upon arrival in Canadian Funds.  
Limited tickets—reserve in advance. List the number of tickets desired for afternoon trips.  
Wed. — \$ 4.50 Calgary Zoo  
Thur. — \$ 6.00 Butterfield Farm (grades 1-3)  
Thur. — \$ 6.00 Planetarium (grades 4-6)  
Fri. — \$ 6.00 Butterfield Farm (grades 4-6)  
Fri. — \$ 6.00 Planetarium (grades 1-3)  
Sat. — \$10.00 Heritage Park (includes lunch)  
T-shirts — \$ 6.00 each (youth sizes)  
Please indicate the number of T-shirts required.  
Small  Medium  Large

**Single Adults (not required to pay adult fee above)**  
No. attending \_\_\_\_\_  
Person(s) for entire conference \$65 Canadian (\$52 U.S.) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Includes: basic program (workshops)  
Tues. eve. — welcome social  
Wed. — Scavenger Hunt  
Thur. — Breakfast (Calgary Tower)  
Sat. 9:30 p.m. — wrap-up function  
One day fee per person \$30 Canadian (\$24 U.S.) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Please circle day: W Th F Sa  
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**Single Adults' Special Events** (includes transportation) to be paid upon arrival in Canadian Funds. Please list number of tickets desired.  
Wed. — \$6.00 Bowling—night  
Fri. — \$20.00 Banff (all day)  
Fri. — \$12.00 Concert with Youth—night  
Sat. — \$8.00 Wave pool (1:30-3:30 p.m.)

**Youth and Youth Sponsors**—Please use Youth and Youth Sponsor Preregistration Form (youth entering grades 10 through college).

**Young Teens (entering grades 7-9) (Housed with parents)**  
No. attending \_\_\_\_\_  
Person(s) for entire conference (T-shirt included) \$24 Canadian (\$20 U.S.) per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
One day fee per person (T-shirt included) \$10 Canadian (\$8 U.S.) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Please circle day: W Th F Sa  
1 2 3 4  
Number of T-shirts required (adult sizes)  
Small  Medium  Large  X-Large

**Nursery (6 months to age 5)**  
No. attending \_\_\_\_\_  
Person(s) for conference (Tue.-Sat.) \$24 Canadian (\$20 U.S.) per child \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Please state age(s) of nursery child(ren) as of July 26, 1988. \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Daily fees to be paid upon arrival in Canadian Funds.  
No. attending \_\_\_\_\_  
Tue. (\$ 2.00) evening only  
Wed. (\$ 8.00) all day  
Thur. (\$ 6.00) morning & afternoon  
Fri. (\$ 8.00) all day  
Sat. (\$10.50) all day incl. lunch

- Total Preregistration Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Total Youth Preregistration Fee (per attached form) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Total Preconference Activity Fee (per attached form) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- GRAND TOTAL SUBMITTED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**SPECIAL ACTIVITY**  
No participating (not for children)  
Hospitality Night—Wednesday, July 27, after evening service (no cost)

# YOUTH AND YOUTH SPONSOR PREREGISTRATION FORM

42nd Triennial Conference of North American Baptist Churches  
Calgary, Alberta  
July 26-31, 1988

## Preregistration Form

**Preregistration Fee:** Includes Basic Youth Program, Concerts, Barbecue, Rodeo, and golf shirt.  
\$70 Canadian Funds  
\$55 U.S. Funds

Name of Registrant. Please print clearly.

Title: (Circle) Mrs. / Mr. / Rev. / Miss / Other \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Initial \_\_\_\_\_

male  female

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov. \_\_\_\_\_ Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: Area Code ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_ City and State/Prov. \_\_\_\_\_

Please check Age Category: High School (Grades 10-12)  College  Sponsor

Mode of Transportation: Auto  Chartered Bus  Bus  Train  Plane  Other

Please check if confined to a wheelchair

Please check golf shirt size (adult sizes) S  M  L  XL

## Housing and Meals

\$155 for housing and meals is to be paid in Canadian Funds upon arrival, July 26, during registration hours. Housing and meals for the Youth will be at the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT) and at the University of Calgary.

Please check only one of the following:  Housing and meals are needed for entire week (\$155) (Wednesday through Saturday—breakfast, lunch, and supper)  
 Housing and meals will not be needed.

Choice of Roommate: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last name \_\_\_\_\_ First name \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Release Form will be sent out with your confirmation letter.

Enclosed is preregistration fee of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Canadian or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. (U.S. cheques will be accepted) (Enter the total on page 4, line 2.)

Mail to: Joyce Falkenberg, registrar  
N.A.B. Triennial '88  
Suite 300, 2905 - 12 Street N.E.  
Calgary, Alberta, CANADA T2E 8J7

## PREREGISTRATION FORM FOR PRECONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

**Preconference Activities**—payment to be made at time of preregistration

**Family Fun Run and Walk**—Monday, July 25, 3:00 p.m. at Glenmore Park

A 10 km run for the serious runner and 5 km walk or crawl for everyone else. Enjoy the great scenery of Glenmore Park with hot dogs and pop, great prizes, and superb fellowship.

**Music Festival**—Monday, July 25, 7:30 p.m. at the Centre for the Performing Arts

Hear the best in N.A.B. Conference talent in an evening devoted just to music in the recently opened downtown Jack Singer Concert Hall. Limited seating.

**Urban/Ethnic Workshop**—Tuesday, July 26, 1:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church

Workshop led by representatives of First Baptist Church explaining their Mustard Seed ministry, their efforts at downtown high-rise outreach, and their support of ethnic ministries.

----- Send in with Preregistration Form -----

Preconference Activities	
No. Participating	
_____ Family Fun Run and Walk Monday, July 25, 3:00 p.m. \$2 per person (under age 6 free)	\$ _____
_____ Music Festival—Monday, July 25 7:30 p.m. \$2 per person	\$ _____
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**I have taken inventory of my giving in 1987.**

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*"I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because He has considered me faithful, putting me into service. . ."*  
1 Timothy 1:12 (NASV).

**C**an God really use me? All of this talk about exercising my spiritual gifts and being a servant . . . what does it really mean? I suppose I convinced myself that I was a "good" Christian seeking to find the answers to these questions—going to church and "volunteering" to help when a job needed to be done. I soon realized, however, that I was neglecting to do one thing . . . listen to God.

Being a member of the New Day team has taught me what it truly means to listen to God. It is a vulnerable position to place one's self in, for one never knows what the Lord may ask you to do. He has considered each of us faithful, however, and desires to put us into His service. I am seeing this revealed daily in the lives of my fellow team members.

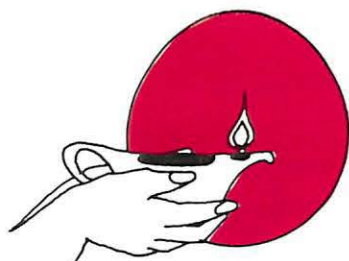
As we travel to churches, God uses each of us in a unique way to strengthen His people and glorify His name. Each member brings a special gift which God has been able to mold and shape into an exact fit with the others. With such unity, God is able to use us, and as we commit our-

selves to Him, He continuously reveals His grace and will for our lives.

On our 1987-88 tour, we have learned so much about God and what it means to be His people, as well as seeing Christ in different situations. In the fragile handshake of the homebound elderly . . . the bright smiles of the children during the puppet program . . . the encouraging word of the prison inmate, the Lord God is being shared.

Pray for us as we continue to serve our Lord and be used by Him. Ask Him to specifically send people into our path who need Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. Our desire, as a team, is for others to see Christ through us. As we delight in Him, his light will shine through.

We thank you for your prayers and support as we reach out to your churches. □  
Lynn Graf  
New Day



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## Women in Ministry at Any Age

by Beth Reif, Burlington, Iowa

When I was a little girl, with my dad gone, my mother could not keep us, so the three of us were put into an Orphan's Home in Davenport, Iowa. I was seven years old at the time. Right then and there I knew there was a God, for I had no one else to depend on. When I was twelve years old, my oldest sister married, and she took me back to Burlington, Iowa, where I lived with them for seven years. When they moved to New York, I decided to stay in Burlington as I had a job there. A family from our church took me in. They ran a chicken hatchery and a cattle-hauling truck line. In 1939, nearly 50 years ago, their hired man, Clinton Reif, and I were married.

After we had been married four years, Clinton was drafted. During the three years he was away, I went to beauty school, passed the exam, and began working as a hairdresser. In 1946, when he returned home, we purchased the Curly Inn Beauty Salon. Clinton also went to beauty school and passed his exam. We worked together at our salon for 30 years.

Both Clinton and I enjoy our large, productive garden; we also enjoy sharing our extra produce with our neighbors and friends. I also enjoy playing the piano, craft work, and traveling—this past August, Clinton and I took a trip

to Ireland, Wales, Scotland, and England.

Clinton and I enjoy serving the Lord at our church, the Oak Street Baptist Church in Burlington, Iowa, where we are members. I teach in the Primary Department and am active in our ladies Ruth Circle. On the state level, I am active in women's ministries, serving as Iowa Association WMF president. There are fifteen churches in our Association.

By February 1, both Clinton and I will be 72 years old. The Lord has been good to us in that we feel, and usually act, as if we were 60. We continue to serve people by fixing their hair, at times, in their own homes or in hospitals or nursing homes. At any age, there is always joy in serving others.



Clinton & Beth Reif

### "Give Us This Day, Our Daily Bread"

The first word, "give," was carefully chosen by Jesus to teach us that the Lord God is the sole source of supply for everything we need.

God supplies us through means He has provided. This can be through other people along with our own efforts. But above and beneath and beyond it all, must be the awareness and the confidence that He is the source. We don't, however, always live as though we know that. We often look at our employers as the source

of our supply, and we panic if we lose our job, simply because we have been looking so long at the intermediary, thinking of the intermediary as the source. If we find ourselves out of work, the Lord is simply changing the "delivery boy" of His blessings. The point is that God is the source, no matter who delivers. Knowing this guarantees that we will come to the Lord with the right perspective: We are the receivers; He is the source of infinite supply.

The second word is "us." It is interesting that the singular pronoun—I, me, my, mine—appears nowhere in this prayer. It's always plural. Jesus is saying, "Don't be concerned only for yourself. You share a common humanity."

The disciples heard him make this point more concisely when He said that the fulfillment of the law of God is to love Him with our whole heart and our neighbor as ourselves. And they were to come to know that "us" did not include only their wives and children, but rather the entire family of God, including the multitudes who did not have enough bread.

The next two words are significant, too. Jesus told us to pray and live for "this day." That causes me to wince because I find that most of my concerns are for tomorrow. We are a people who seem to be constantly working for tomorrow, standing on tiptoe peering over the horizon, trying to see what's coming.

This doesn't mean, of course, that we are not to plan for the future. It simply means we are not to be preoccupied with it. A compulsive concern about the days ahead may diminish the full enjoyment of today's walk with the Lord. With Him, I've found, it is one day at a time.

The tension becomes even greater when we see the day-to-day emphasis compounded in the Lord's Prayer: "Give us this day,

our daily bread." We're asking Him to give us no more than what we need for this day.

This is striking. God proved to the disciples His provision, one day at a time, for them. His name,

as we have seen, is Provider.

(submitted by Beth Reif, based on excerpts from the book, *The Living Lord's Prayer*, by Everett L. Fullam.)

## President's Corner

by Sara Pasiciel, WMF president, Steinbach, MB



**FRIDAY:** I don't know why I'm so often surprised by the Lord's presence and intervention in my life. Last September, I was on my way to Chicago for our W.M.F. executive meetings. I got bumped from one flight, then almost missed a connection the next day! But I arrived safely, and our meetings went very smoothly...a clear reminder of the prayers of many of the women in our Conference and of His promise to be with us—even go before us—when we are following His leading.

**TUESDAY:** Christmas in Canada—or in Cleveland or Colorado or Kyoto or Cameroon. Instead of

focusing on the differences I see in Christmases—in various parts of the country or of the world, differences between a Christian and a secular Christmas—should I not rejoice that it is still *Christmas*, that the very name of this holiday points to its true focus, the center of our celebration? My favorite Christmas story happened to us in Cameroon. After a day of drumming and singing, fufu and fish sauce, and a trip on a hot, dusty road to spend time with friends, our daughter, then four, said, "Christmas isn't so different in Africa after all—Jesus is here, too, isn't he?" Yes, He was, and, yes, He is. Have a merry and a blessed Christmas wherever you are!

## Our Blessing and Privilege

by LaVerna Mehlhaff, women's work director

As we near the conclusion of another wonderful year, we praise God for His protection, His love, and His provision for our needs.

As women, our privilege, during the month of December, is to give financially toward the building repair and insurance for the

"New Life Center," our urban/ethnic project in West New York, New Jersey. The pastor there is Rev. Jaime Maldonado. They are training people for a "street witnessing" ministry to English-speaking Cubans.

As we strive to be obedient to God's command to go into all the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ, it is exciting to be able to have a part in the outreach ministry to various ethnic groups on our continent.

## Two N.A.B. Women Elected to International Baptist Women's Leadership Posts



Mrs. Beatrice Nokuri

Mrs. Beatrice Nokuri, Cameroon, was elected to serve as president of the Baptist Women's Union at their annual meeting on August 31 in Zimbabwe. Mrs. Nokuri has served in leadership positions with Cameroon Baptist Women for many years.



Mrs. Dorene Walth

Mrs. Dorene Walth, Citrus Heights, California, was elected to the post of vice president of the North American Baptist Women's Union at their annual meeting held October 1-4 at Niagara Falls, New York. Dorene has served the NABWU in other capacities, the most recent being program chairman for the meeting in Niagara Falls. She has also served as president of the W.M.F.

## Redundant Ties

by Lyle E. Schaller

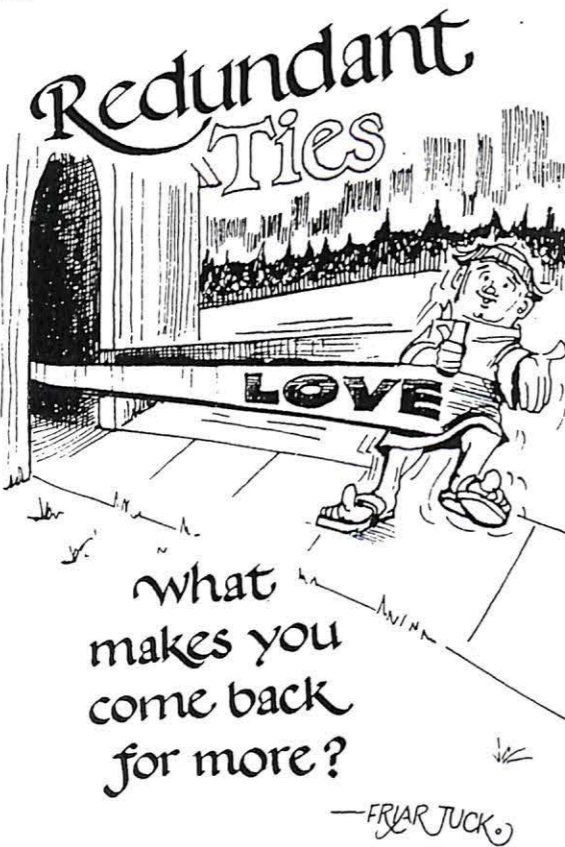
"There's no question in my mind but that a great many of our people felt a much stronger attachment to Pastor Nelson than they did to this congregation," declared Marty Brown, a member of the planning committee at Westwood Church. "He was the organizing pastor when this congregation was founded, and I think it is only natural to expect many of the new members would have been attracted more by his charming and magnetic personality than by a congregation which was just beginning to come into existence. We met in a school for our first three years, and so the first members certainly weren't attracted by our building!"

"That's true, I guess," conceded Pat Sampson, "but it seems to me that when people take vows of membership, those vows should mean something. When Pastor Nelson left after twelve years, we were a big, strong, vigorous congregation averaging close to 300 at worship on Sunday morning. Now, five years later, we're down to 150. I know some of our members had to move out of town because of their work, and we've had a few retirements and a couple of deaths, but that doesn't account for a drop from 300 to 150 in attendance in five years! I think we're dealing with the issue of commitment, and we need to figure out how to deepen our members' commitment."

At least three out of four of all Protestant congregations in North America that were established before 1965 once had a higher level of attendance at Sunday morning worship than report today. In at least five denominations, that proportion is nine out of ten. In many of these congregations, the drop in the reported membership figure has been far more modest than the decline in worship attendance. This has occurred during an era when the combined attendance of all non-Catholic Christian churches in the United States has been setting new records year after year.

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**What Happened?**  
Far and away the most common response to this pattern is to scapegoat the present pastor. In some congregations, this is part of an accurate diagnosis. The new minister may not possess the energy, the magnetic personality, the



creativity, the skills, the experience, the gifts in preaching and verbal skills, the organizational ability, or the teaching competence of the predecessor. The almost universal handicap of the new minister, when compared to the predecessor, is that with the possible exception of a spouse or child, no one has chosen to be a member of that congregation because of the presence of that brand new minister. A few inactive

members may return following the departure of the predecessor, but usually they are motivated more by the opportunity of making a fresh start with a new minister than by the personality or gifts of the newly arrived pastor.

By contrast, the departing minister usually bids farewell to a number of members who originally were attracted to that congregation by the personality and/or gifts of the departing pastor. The newly arrived minister inherits a congregation, none of whom joined that church because of the presence of that pastor. That makes it easy for some members to leave following the departure of the pastor. That, of course, is one of the arguments in support of long pastorates. A series of short pastorates often is a very effective means of reducing the size of a congregation.

To focus entirely on the personalities, gifts, skills, and competence of the clergy, however, usually produces an inadequate, excessively simplistic and misleading diagnosis of what happened. A bad diagnosis usually also leads to an overly simplistic prescription. The most common example of this is, "If only we could replace our present minister with a more dynamic pastor, our church would be sure to grow."

### A Critical Distinction

A better diagnosis can be found by looking first at the crucial distinction between why people choose to join a particular congregation and why, many years later, they are still members of that same congregation. When asked why they chose this particular congregation, recent adult new members usually (a) respond with one or two reasons or (b) offer a response that can be placed in the general category of "This church meets my religious needs or the religious needs of my family." Obviously, there are exceptions. "My wife was a member here before we were married and a condition

of the marriage contract was I would join this church." "This is the closest church of our denomination to where we live." "My boss is a member here, and when I moved here to take this job, he suggested we come here." "I'm the church secretary, and I was told when I took this job I would be expected to transfer my membership to this church." While a minority of recent new members do offer responses similar to these when asked why they chose this particular congregation, they are only a small minority. Most adult new members offer religious reasons for their choice.

By contrast, when longtime members are asked why they continue as members, a great many offer social reasons. "Where would I go? Since my husband's death, this congregation has become my family." "I helped build this church. See those ceiling tiles? I installed most of them." "I couldn't leave; I'm the treasurer." Some even go so far as to declare that even though their religious needs are not being met, they remain. "I don't get a thing out of the sermons the new minister preaches, but I stay because all my friends are here."

In summary, most people join a church for religious reasons, but they also may leave if their religious needs are not met. Many others stay for what are primarily social reasons. For some, it is easier to stay than to change. Inertia wins.

### What Does This Mean?

For most congregations, this means it is important to recognize that the attractions that brought new members into your church may not remain constant. Pastors do come and go. Programs do change. Mergers undercut denominational loyalties. Friends move away or die. As people continue along their individual faith journeys, the needs that brought them often are replaced by new religious needs. As a congregation grows older, it often changes the priorities in programming and in the allocation of resources. As people change and as the personality, programming, and priorities of the congregation evolve, it is easy for the congregation to go down one road while some members find a different path to be more attractive. Thousands of congregations in the 1950s attracted many new members with a very strong children's program. Today the children of those original members are leaving because the religious needs of their children are not being met in that congregation.

### What Are the Alternatives?

One response is to accept, and perhaps even to affirm, the tendency in today's world for many congregations to resemble a passing parade far more than they resemble a stable family that grows old together. This alternative accepts a high turnover rate as a natural and predictable fact of contemporary church life. In hundreds of very large and rapidly growing churches, the goal is to receive 120 to 150 new members for every 100 that leave. Annual losses usually are equivalent to 10 to 18 percent of the membership, but annual gains range from 12 to 30 percent of last year's reported membership figure.

The basic generalization that applies here is that the more theologically conservative the teachings of a congregation and/or the weaker (or nonexistent) the denominational ties, the easier it is for people to leave over any one divisive issue or action or point of discontent.

Perhaps the most obvious implication of that for many readers is that when denominational mergers weaken or undercut a previously strong denominational allegiance, that merger often is followed by a decrease in the membership of those congregations in which denominational allegiance had been a powerful cohesive force.

A second alternative, and the one preferred by the vast majority of members, is to retain the allegiance of all members for as long as possible. In these congregations, one may hear the plea, "Instead of trying to attract more new members, why don't we first reactivate all of our inactive members?" Or, "Rather than trying to attract more people to come in the front door, why don't we close that wide-open back door?"

### Responses

One response to that plea for stability is the never-ending effort to revise the program to meet the changing religious needs of an increasingly diverse collection of people. That requires more resources than most congregations believe they can mobilize.

A second response to the plea for stability is to encourage long pastorates, recognizing that every pastoral change probably will be a disruptive experience.

A third and very common response is to watch passively while the members grow older and the numbers grow smaller.

A fourth response is to build a highly redundant set of ties between each member and that congregation so when

one tie is severed that member retains a sense of belonging and loyalty. The goal is that each member will feel several mutually reinforcing ties to that congregation. This effort to build more redundant ties may include encouraging more people to become active members of a class or a prayer cell or a choir or a group, enhancing the recognition of the value of the denominational affiliation, broadening the base of leadership in the Sunday school, recognizing and undergirding the power of kinship ties, encouraging every person on the staff to expand his or her circle of friends, expanding the number of shared experiences that create those cohesive shared memories, giving all members a lapel pin symbolizing their membership in that congregation, increasing the number of circles in the women's organization, expanding the range and variety of social events, recognizing the potential of the Christian Day School as a unifying force, affirming each individual's attachment to that sacred place, increasing the number of elected officers, requiring participation of all new members in an extended orientation class, organizing new mutual support groups every year, making sure every member is visited at least once a year, using volunteer help to remodel the building, identifying a common enemy (the mortgage or the Devil or a fire or drugs, etc.), and rallying the people in opposition to that common enemy, organizing broad support for a new specific, attainable, measurable, and unifying goal every year, placing greater value on the importance of relevant preaching, recognizing and rewarding long tenure in an annual ceremony, affirming the power of an inspirational choir, increasing the opportunities for members to come and eat together, lifting up and reinforcing the significance of a common heritage such as nationality or race or language or ethnic background, being sure to thank every volunteer, recognizing that a central emphasis on missions can be a powerful unifying force, improving the system that encourages members to love and care for one another, lifting up and celebrating all congregational victories and increasing the opportunities for people to meet and make new friends from that passing parade of members.

Does your congregation believe in the value of redundant ties? If the answer is in the affirmative, how is that practiced? □

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## Compelled to Serve

### Szymanskis Speak at Alpena Church

ALPENA, MI. Jim and Karen Szymanski, newly appointed by the N.A.B. Conference as missionaries to Nigeria, Africa, showed slides and related their preparation for this ministry on the Mambilla Plateau during a Sunday evening service at Ripley Boulevard Baptist Church, Oct. 4, 1987. "Karen played the guitar, and they sang praises to God," reports Doris Turnbull. "The couple requested prayer and support for their work in serving the Lord."

### Warren Youth Raising Money for Youth Center and Missions

WARREN, MI. In October, 20 teenage members of Redeemer Baptist Church participated in "Operation STRIVE" (Students Turning Responsibility into Valuable Experience), reports Dr. Kenneth C. Fenner, pastor.

The project involved painting picnic tables and the fitness course at Halmich Park for the city of Warren. This community service project helped the youth to raise funds to remodel the Youth Center at the Church.

The youth solicited pledges from friends and family for the project. The first 25 percent of the proceeds collected will be given to a mission project. John Laeger, youth pastor, planned and had oversight of this community outreach endeavor.

### George Church Has Mission Emphases

GEORGE, IA. First Baptist Church enjoyed a full weekend of special services as they held their annual mission emphasis recently. Missionaries Richard, Beth, and Melody Rabenhorst, on furlough from Brazil, and a Brazilian student from the N.A.B. Seminary, Gerson Garros of Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, presented a program Saturday evening.

Dr. Rod Zimmerman brought the message in Sunday school and the worship services on Sunday. His wife and baby son were also present.

On Sunday evening, the Christian Hour Circle held their annual Family Night.

Rev. Byron Brodehl is pastor of the Church.—*Vera Arends*

### Swan River Church Celebrates 40 Years

SWAN RIVER, MB. Temple Baptist Church celebrated its 40th anniversary with a special service of worship, Oct. 18, 1987. The Rev. Siegfried Schuster, area minister, challenged the congregation with a message on recom-

mitting their lives to "Holding Forth the Word of Life."

Special events included a potluck supper, a summary of the church's history, special recognition of charter members, slide presentations, a poem, testimonies, special music, and greetings from individuals and groups. Neal Effa is pastor of the Church.—*Lynn Patzer*

### Rabbit Hill Church Observes 95th Anniversary

SOUTH EDMONTON, AB. Many former members and pastors along with friends gathered Sept. 25-27, 1987, to pay tribute to the oldest of the 52 N.A.B. Conference churches in Alberta, Rabbit Hill Baptist Church, which celebrated its 95th anniversary.

Rev. Peter Schroeder, a former pastor of the Church, spoke at the Friday night banquet. This occasion was also a salute to Miss Minnie Kuhn who completed 35 years of mission service in Nigeria and Cameroon, West Africa. The Church presented her with a watch.

On Sunday morning, another former pastor, Rev. Dale Dreger, spoke on "Today's Walk for Tomorrow's Church." Some 200 people participated in the Sunday afternoon open house. A men's quartet of former pastors of the Church, Reverends P. Shroeder, Ed Link, L. Krieser, and D. Follack, brought messages in song. An offering of \$1,200 was raised on Sunday for the support of Jim and Karen Szymanski.

"Pray for the continued ministry and witness of this church as they support two extension churches, Whitecourt and Devon, as well as faithfully supporting missions and a training centre for student pastors from N.A.B. College and Divinity School," requests Hazel Kuhn, reporter.

## Commissioned to Witness

### Eight Baptized at Tyndall Church

TYNDALL, SD. Pastor Bill Van Gerpen baptized eight young people recently at Tyndall Baptist Church.

### 14 Welcomed into Burlington Church

BURLINGTON, IA. Pastor Gregg Donaldson baptized five young people at Oak Street Fellowship Baptist Church, July 19, 1987. On Sunday morning, Sept. 6, 1987, fourteen persons, including five adults, were welcomed into the Church membership.—*Floraine Miller*

### Five Baptized at Meadowlark Church

EDMONTON, AB. "The baptism of three children and two adults brought rejoicing to the congregation of

Meadowlark Baptist Church, Oct. 18, 1987," reports Arnold Fulmore. A large congregation of members as well as visiting relatives and friends shared in the service. In addition, another adult was received into membership on her statement of faith.

### Four Baptized at Ridgewood Church

RIDGEWOOD, NY. Following a period of instruction, four young people were baptized at Ridgewood Baptist Church, Oct. 4, 1987. "The pastor of our Romanian brethren, Rev. Filip Dinca, whose congregation shares our facilities, baptized two of his own children as well as two children of our own members," reports Marion von Ahnen. At the communion service which followed, Rev. Dinca welcomed the new members into the church fellowship.

### Four Members Received into Cedar Falls Church

CEDAR FALLS, IA. Four new members were received into the Cedarloo Baptist Church on October 25. One of the four was baptized by the new pastor, the Rev. Ed Rafferty.

## Committed to Give

### Highland Baptist Increases Mission Giving

JUNCTION CITY, KS. "We at Highland Baptist Church have been enjoying God's blessing in our missions program," states Pastor Larry Kelley. "Three years ago we had no formal missions program, and we gave very little to missions. Then we formed a missions committee and a mission policy. We decided to fund our missions program through the Faith Promise Program. Our first mission conference had a goal of \$3,500, but the promise came in at \$7,500. The following year our goal was \$9,000, but the promise was \$10,000. This year our goal was \$11,000, but the promise was \$13,500."

Dr. Dennis Palmer and his wife Nancy were present at the Church's first two missions conferences. A highlight of this year's conference was the commissioning of a couple from the Church, Dwight and Laurel Richardson, as career missionaries to Pakistan. Dr. Walt Baker from Dallas Seminary spoke.

"We feel that for a small church we have made excellent progress. In addition, we just completed participating in a Luis Palau crusade in our area," reports Pastor Kelley.

### Strassburg Church Holds Harvest Mission Fest

MARION, KS. Strassburg Baptist Church held its 76th annual Harvest-Mission Fest, Oct. 18, 1987. "The Church rejoiced as they became better acquainted with Dr. and Mrs. Dennis Palmer and their three sons who will be Strassburg's missionaries to Cameroon, West Africa," reports Hannah Kruse. The day's offering was designated for their support.

The Durham and Marion congregations joined Strassburg for the evening service, and a full house enjoyed music by the combined choirs as they sang praises to the Lord preceding the messages by the Palmers.

## Called to Worship

### Special Musical Meetings Held at Burlington Church

BURLINGTON, IA. Oak Street Baptist Church held its ninth annual series of musical evenings for September and October. Open to the public, these evenings included Oak Street Talent Night: Clair Bohlen Family, Michael and Cindy Renner, "The Joy Belles" handbell choir; and Robbie Hiner.

The "New Day" music and drama teams under the direction of Loren Kopf closed the series, Oct. 21. "They are an excellent team with a great leader," reports Floraine Miller. "All who have been housing and preparing meals for them find them beautiful Christian young people. What a joy!"

### Abilene Church Has Special Services

ABILENE, KS. Ebenezer Baptist Church held special enrichment services designed to revive and strengthen believers' lives for more effective service to the Lord, Sept. 13-15, 1987. The Rev. Charles Norman, evangelist, and superintendent, Brown Memorial Home, Abilene, spoke. The first service was held in conjunction with the Church's annual Sunday school picnic.

The Church held its annual Harvest Mission festival, Oct. 18, 1987. The Rev. Albert Fadenrecht, retired N.A.B. Conference pastor living in Hillsboro, KS, spoke on "We the People—Saved to Serve." In the afternoon session, Miss Janet Hett, short-term missionary to Cameroon, West Africa, now studying for her R.N. degree in Wichita, KS, gave her personal testimony and a slide presentation. "She left the Church with a challenge: 'We can't all be missionaries, but we can pray and give in support of those who do go,'" reports Pearl Martiniz.

## biblical imperatives in action

### Alpena Church Focusing on Discipleship Training

ALPENA, MI. "Some 21 persons of Ripley Boulevard Baptist Church are presently involved in an exciting and challenging discipleship and training program, The '2:7' Series," reports Doris Turnbull. Based on Colossians 2:7, this Navigators' series includes Bible study and memorization, prayer, witnessing, and personal involvement. Previously trained in Gaylord, MI, by the Navigators' staff, Pastor Fred Sweet, his wife, Doris, and Associate Pastor Tim and Traci Powell are teachers. The two-hour course is held weekly in the pastors' homes. A second course will begin in January.

## Commanded to Care

### 150 Attend Family Camp in Saskatchewan

GOOD SPIRIT LAKE, SK. "One hundred fifty campers had a great time at Super Family Camp at the Saskatchewan Association Baptist Camp this summer," reports Linda Marie Petrie.

"Not only one, but two stunning appearances were made by 'Superman.' Needless to say, the crowd was startled as Rev. S. (Superman) Schuster, Saskatchewan area minister, not only cleared a railing but also bounded across the stage and faded into the distance in a flash. Pastor Schuster was also our special speaker.

Devotional times, music, food, sports, fellowship—everything was super. Varied ages, from babes to grandparents, made it a Super Family Camp for everyone."

### Weisenburger Recognized by McClusky Church for 40 Years of Service

MCCLUSKY, ND. McClusky Baptist Church honored Missionary Eleanor Weisenburger at a congregation dinner, Sept. 27, 1987, in recognition of her retirement after almost 40 years of missionary service in Cameroon, West Africa. Gifts of money were presented to her by the W.M.F., Naomi Mission Circle, and the Board of Deacons. Miss Weisenburger brought the message at the morning worship service prior to the dinner. The McClusky Church was one of her supporting churches. The Rev. Oscar Fritzsche is pastor of the Church.—Irene A. Froehlich

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## what's happening

Miss Lynn McNaughton was installed as the Christian Education Director/Music and Worship Coordinator for Meadowlark Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta, on Oct. 4, 1987. She received her Master of Divinity degree from North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, in May 1987.

Mr. Norman Poehlke was installed as youth pastor for Meadowlark Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta, on Oct. 4, 1987. He received his Master of Divinity degree from Regent College in Vancouver, British Columbia, in the spring of 1987. Poehlke formerly served as youth pastor at Ebenezer Baptist Church, Vancouver, British Columbia.

Mr. Paul Hoffman is the youth pastor at Hillview Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta.

Mr. Lyle Buyer is Pastor of Family Life Ministries and Worship Leadership at Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta.

Mr. Howard Lawrence is Pastor of Single Life Ministries and Discipleship Training at Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta.

Rev. Klaus B. Joujan is Youth Pastor at Grace Baptist Church, Kelowna, British Columbia.

The Rev. Donald Ganstrom is serving as Interim Pastor of Hollyview Baptist Church, Boring, Oregon.

The Rev. Vern Snyder is the Sunshine School Day Care Director at Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon.

Mr. Tom Jackson is the Youth Pastor at Sierra College Boulevard Baptist Church, Rocklin, California.

The Rev. Stephen D. Moore is Associate Pastor at Gold Country Baptist Church, Shingle Springs, California.

The Rev. John Berrier has left the pastorate of Elm Creek Baptist Church, Seguin, Texas.

Mr. Frank Hildebrandt was ordained to the Christian ministry by German Baptist Church, Hamilton, Ontario, on June 27, 1987. He serves as an associate pastor there.

Mr. Jacob Koch was ordained into the Christian ministry on Oct. 10, 1987, by the German Baptist Church, Hamilton, Ontario. He and his wife Lorie have been appointed as short-

term missionaries by the Board of Missions to serve in youth work for the Cameroon Baptist Convention, Republic of Cameroon, West Africa. They are scheduled to leave in December 1987 for Cameroon.

Mr. John Lippert was licensed to the gospel ministry on March 22, 1987, by Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas. He is attending Dallas Theological Seminary. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Lippert and grandson of Mrs. J. J. Lippert.

Emma Meier Schade received the 1987 Alumni Association Citation in recognition of her years (1938-1964) of teaching at Lewis and Clark College, Portland, Oregon. She was Professor of German and Chair of the Language Department. Mrs. Schade is a long-time member of Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, and is known to many in the North American Baptist Conference through her work on denominational committees.

The Rev. Douglas Bittle, pastor of Unity Baptist Church, Red Deer, Alberta, has accepted the call to plant a church in the Cedar Hill area of Texas. This is the fifth church plant in the past seven years sponsored by the Southern Association, and one of the four presently supported by the Association and the N.A.B. Conference Church Growth Department. Two of these churches are funded through Basic Mission and Mission Commitments (budget) and two through the special Church Planting Fund.

The Rev. Daniel O'Clair resigned as pastor of Eagle Rock Baptist Church, Idaho Falls, Idaho.

The Rev. Ralph Chandler became pastor of First Baptist Church, Sumner, Iowa, on November 1, 1987. He has served this church previously.

The Rev. Dan Fuchs is serving as interim pastor of Foster Avenue Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois, since October 26, 1987. Rev. Fuchs has been serving as part-time Minister of Visitation at this Church.

Chaplain Jerry K. Mathis was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant on September 16, 1987. He is an endorsed N.A.B. Conference chaplain serving in the Marines and stationed at Camp Pendleton, California. He requests prayer for peace in troubled regions of the world, especially the Persian Gulf and the Philippines.

## in memoriam

HENRY LUDWIG BIEBER (58), Branch, LA; born Jan. 11, 1929, to Edgar and Ruth Bieber, Bieber Community near Branch, LA; died Aug. 31, 1987; married Evelyn Welch in 1952; member, Mowata Baptist Church, Eunice, LA; survived by his wife Evelyn; four children: Lamar, Keith, Connie, and Stephanie, all of Branch, LA; one brother; and two sisters; Rev. Greg Penna, pastor, funeral service.

OLGA KETCHAM (80), St. Paul, MN; born March 17, 1907, to Julius and Mathilda (nee Markvwird) Reiter at Kapetulsche, Ukraine, Wolinske, Russia; died Oct. 5, 1987; at age 16, immigrated to St. Paul, MN; married Edmond Ketcham, Oct. 15, 1928; faithful member, Redeemer Baptist Church, St. Paul, MN; survived by one daughter, Delores Cylkowski, St. Paul, MN; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren; Rev. Rubin Herrmann, pastor, funeral service.

LENA POPKES ROOS (96), Aplington, IA; born June 1, 1891, to Lammert and Anna Snittjer Popkes in Germany; died Sept. 28, 1987; at age 7, immigrated to the U.S.A.; married Bert Roos, April 27, 1928, who predeceased her, March 3, 1941; member, choir member, Aplington (IA) Baptist Church; predeceased by one sister, Elsenia Popkes; three brothers: Herman, Ben, and F. Bert Popkes; survived by her sister-in-law Rena (Mrs. F. Bert Popkes); nieces and nephews; Rev. Donald Patet, pastor, funeral service.

## anniversary

Donald and Amelia Voegele celebrated 60 years of marriage, Oct. 18, 1987. They are members of First Baptist Church, Hebron, North Dakota.

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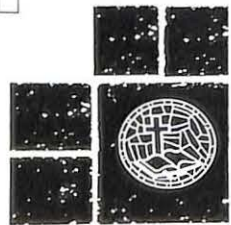
The house for the Principal of Mambilla Baptist Theological School is under construction. "With the help of volunteer, Rev. Peter Schroeder, who supervised the beginning construction, a new principal's house is being completed at the Mambilla Baptist Theological School," according to a report from the Mambilla Baptist Mission. This home has three bedrooms, a parlor, an office, and a separate kitchen (as is African style).

The house not only provides proper housing for the needs of the principal's family, but it also offers him encouragement from the churches of the North American Baptist Conference in his very important role of educating future pastors for the Mambilla Baptist Convention.

#### In Cameroon

The radio/evangelism building at Bamenda is also under construction. This building will provide improved and greatly needed facilities to prepare audio cassette tapes for distribution on the radio throughout Cameroon. These radio programs are listened to by hundreds of thousands of people weekly. People are being reached for Christ.

Thank you for your financial gifts and for your prayers. Your continued faithfulness in giving will assure that all of the Capital Funds projects will be fully funded and that the outreach of the Gospel message will be strengthened. □



## baptist world aid



### Funds Needed to Provide Bibles for Soviet Union

Ten thousand Bibles and 10,000 hymnals were delivered to Baptists in Moscow in June.

The Baptist World Alliance offered a gift of 100,000 Bibles to the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (AUCECB) in the Soviet Union in honor of the celebration of the millennium of the Orthodox Church in the country.

Application was made to the Minister of State of Religious Affairs in Moscow for an official permit to import these Bibles. The permit has now been given, and plans are underway to ship the Bibles to the Baptist headquarters in Moscow in 1988. The shipments will take place from January to April of next year.

This project has become a joint program of the Baptist World Alliance and the United Bible Societies. The total cost of producing and shipping 100,000 Bibles to Moscow will be \$500,000. A reduction in cost has been made possible as a result of the negotiations of the United Bible Societies with its printers. The cost that was formerly estimated to be \$10 per Bible is now \$5 per Bible.

The Baptist World Alliance and the United Bible Societies will each provide half the cost of this project. This means that Baptist World Aid is seeking \$250,000 to cover the Baptist World Alliance share. The money will be required to pay for the Bibles as they are produced.

Baptists are urged to contribute to this project and to send the funds to Baptist World Aid, North American Baptist Conference, 1 So. 210 Summit Ave., Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181, designated for Bibles for Soviet Union.

### President Wanted

North American Baptist College and North American Baptist Divinity School in Edmonton, Alberta, invite applications for the position of president. A deep commitment to Christian higher education and sympathy with the evangelical theological position of the North American Baptist Conference are required, as well as good communication skills and administrative ability. Possession of an earned doctorate is highly desirable.

Inquiries and resume should be sent to: The Presidential Search Committee, North American Baptist College and Divinity School, 11525 - 23rd Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta, T6J 4T3.

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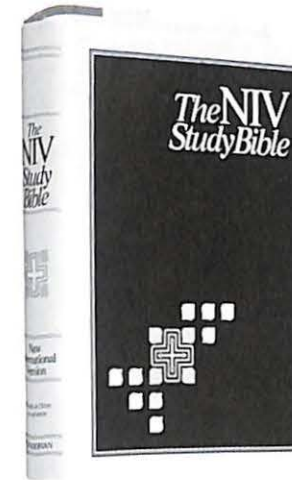
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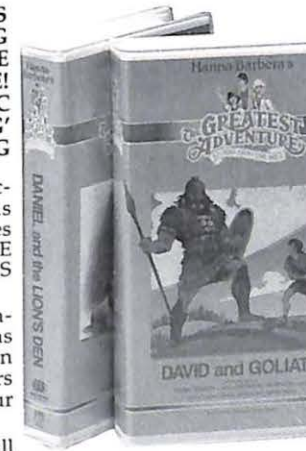
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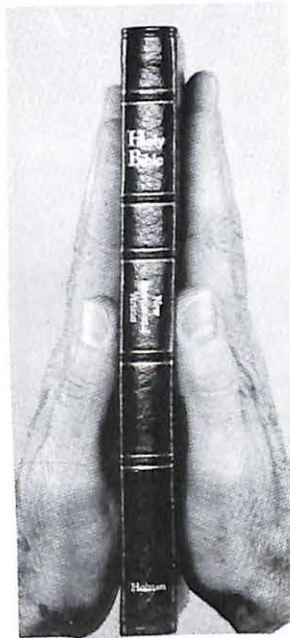
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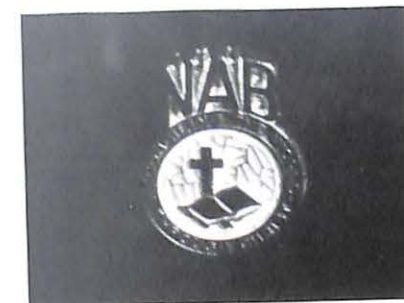
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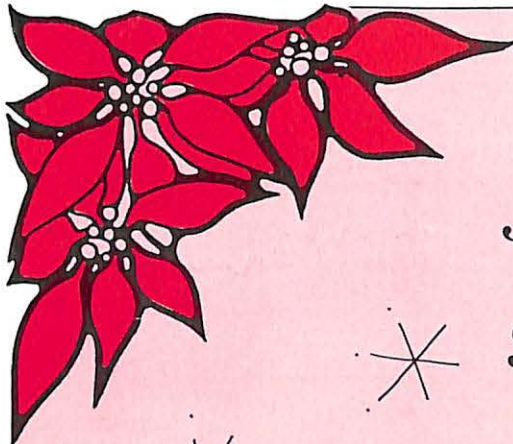


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