

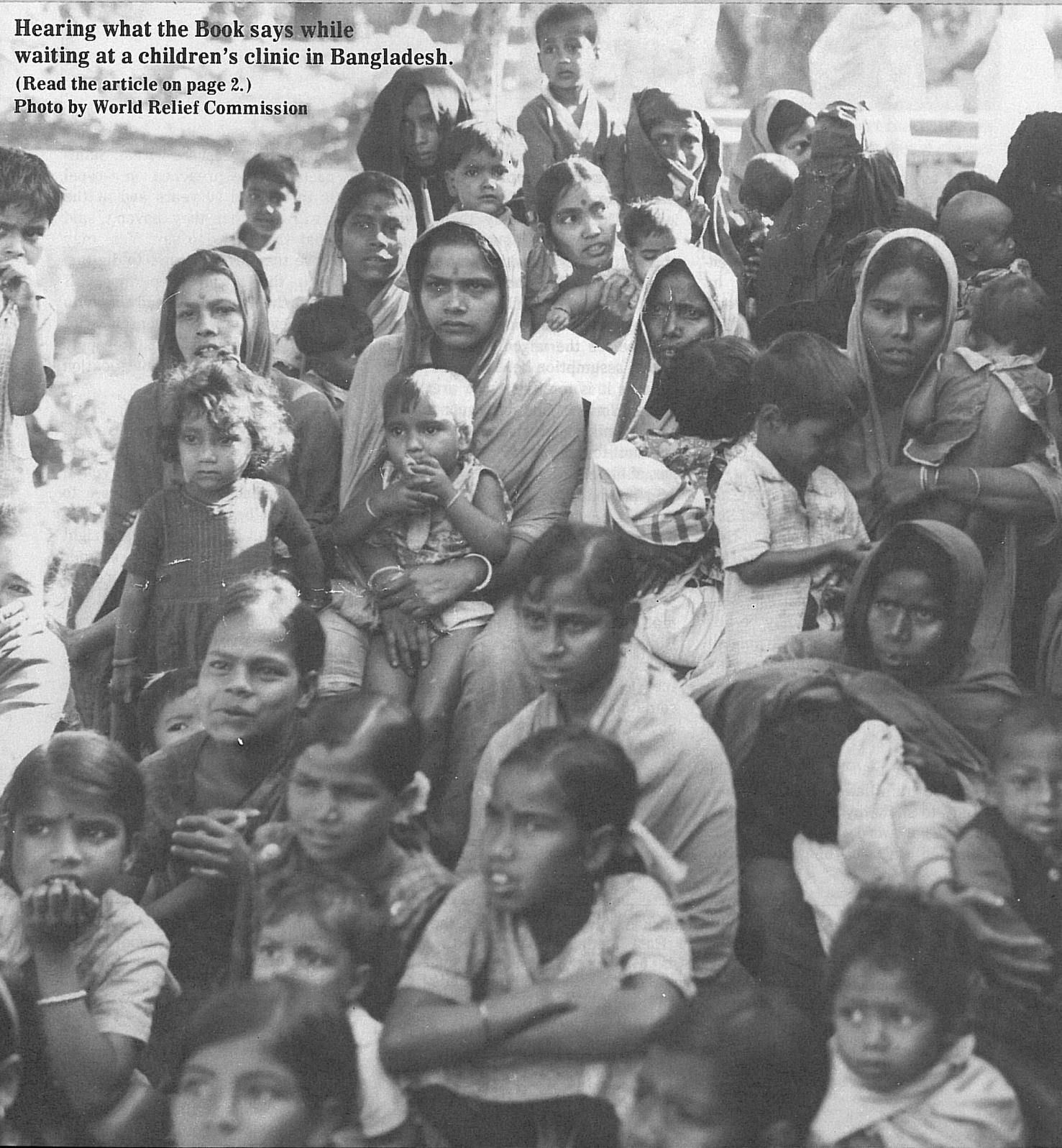
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The Lutheran Ambassador

Hearing what the Book says while
waiting at a children's clinic in Bangladesh.

(Read the article on page 2.)

Photo by World Relief Commission



MEDITATION MOMENTS

DO YOUR BEST

"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth" (II Timothy 2:15).

Here is a word for all who are engaged in Christian study and instruction in this fall season. Everywhere students are back in school. Before I left Norway, even as early as August 16 and 17, children were going to school again, their packs on their backs, a traditional sight in that country. Here in the U.S., our schools have re-opened, also at our Seminary and Bible School.

But I spoke of Christian study and instruction first. Here we think of Sunday Schools, weekday released-time classes, confirmation instruction, Saturday mission clubs, midweek Bible studies in our congregations, Seminary, Bible School. You may be able to add other teaching and learning situations. What a wide variety of avenues for knowing God's Word better. And nothing has been said of personal study apart from organized groups.

In an older translation of the Bible we were familiar with the words, "Study to show thyself approved unto God." That word "study" is a good one when we think of getting better

acquainted with God's Word. It is a word we want to impress upon those who come to Bible School and Seminary. Those who apply themselves, who "do their best," get the most out of the time they spend in these specialized schools. While the Lord has promised to give His children the words to speak when they are in times of trial before the ungodly, there is the strong assumption beneath that promise that it is for those who are living in the Word of God daily, constantly. The promises of Scripture for the lazy are not to be found, that is, promises of blessing and good.

In personal study and in organized congregational work there is a need for "doing one's best" and working at storing the Word of God in the heart, too. What a joy it is for a pastor to work with young people in confirmation classes and with adults in their Bible study situations who have done their homework and are prepared on the lesson at hand. Contrariwise, something has been lost for those who have made poor preparation or none at all. Teachers in other classes and group studies can make the same testimony.

The Word of God has vast riches for us. Men and women have spent lifetimes in its study, but have never

exhausted the treasures within. Saintly pastors have preached on Gospel texts for 40 and 50 years and at the end will say that they haven't said all that there was to say. Yes, may we have the earnest desire to dig further in this "deep, deep mine." If we read the Word, and study it, with a single-eyed purpose, conscious of our need of the Holy Spirit to apply that Word in our lives, sanctification will take care of itself.

Finally, a word is in order to all students, of secular subjects as well, to be diligent in the work of being a student. Don't waste those years, those experiences. There is much to know and at best we will grasp precious little. But it is Christian and right to know as much as we can, in order that we can better serve God and our fellow men. Students, do the best you can with your school years. Those of us who are beyond those years, even though we have learned much in the "school of hard knocks," too, may often wish that we had been more diligent in the halls of formal learning.

It is good if one has no need to be ashamed of how he does his job, whether it be as a paid handler of the Word of God or in any one of a thousand honorable occupations.

—Raynard Huglen

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"Now Tell Us What Your Book Says!"

by Lillian Hanson Graffam

The nomad chief was hostile and threatening to the missionaries who visited his remote African village with the Gospel. But the extended drought came, and so did the missionaries—this time with food and medicine along with their Bible.

Missionaries don't ordinarily have money to provide material aid, but these had received funds from the World Relief Commission (WRC), the relief arm of the National Association of Evangelicals.

And this material aid opened a tightly shut door. When Dr. Everett S. Graffam, WRC Executive Vice President, met the chief at a little airstrip, the chief greeted him with: "Our government didn't care that we were starving and our children were dying. Our religious leaders didn't either. But you did. You have saved our children's lives. **Now tell us what your Book says!**"

Not too many years ago most missionaries wouldn't become involved with relief because they felt their first calling was to "preach the Word," as indeed it is. But today many of them

are devastated by the magnitude of human suffering which engulfs so much of the world that they welcome ways of giving "food for the body" along with "food for the soul" (a WRC slogan). As in the above case, some of them go to the needy with a Bible in one hand and a bowl in the other. When a man is no longer hungry and his children are healthy because someone cared about them, he is more likely to listen to a missionary tell of God's love for mankind in sending the Savior, Jesus Christ. This is preaching the Gospel through relief—relief/evangelism.

WRC's outreach has two phases: Disaster relief and long-range rehabilitation. Through a disaster-relief network comprised of denominational and mission agency personnel already on the field, WRC can respond immediately to natural disasters.

For instance, in late June there was a very serious earthquake in Irian Jaya (Indonesia). Before it was in the newspapers, Dr. Graffam received a call from Mr. Charles Bennett, director of Mission Aviation Fel-

lowship (MAF), that he had received short wave information from Djakarta about the quake.

Mr. Bennett was authorized to use WRC funds already in hand to get a dozen planes into the air immediately to make an aerial survey of the damage and to provide emergency food distribution by MAF and local missionaries. An additional \$10,000 was dispatched to MAF so they could continue the relief work.

Sometimes WRC comes in with emergency assistance and stays for many years to help survivors help themselves. This is what happened in Korea where for 21 years WRC has been funding various projects until they are self-supporting.

In Korea, where missionary effort has been highly successful and the economy stable, WRC's involvement has paid rich dividends in the self-development of the people.

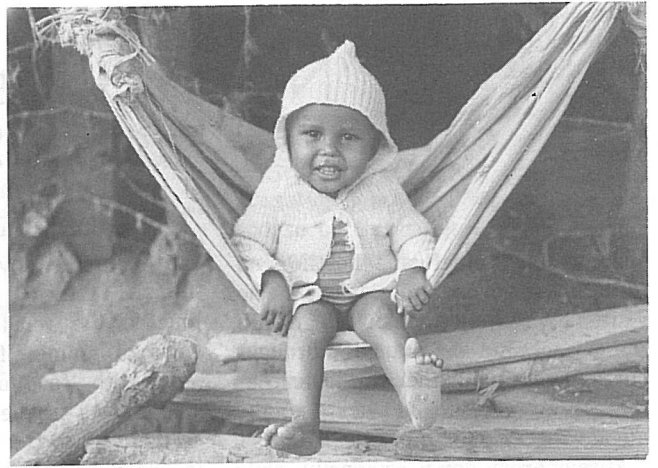
The largest development project was the reclamation of useless land at Honam. Through food-for-work and WRC's guidance, the industrious Koreans transformed thousands of



Chun Sung Leper Colony in Korea. Aid to leprosy victims has enabled them to become self-supporting.



Beans for supper! Food distribution by World Relief Commission in a flood-devastated area.



Safely watching reconstruction following a flood. WRC is especially concerned about children.

acres into adequate housing and successful food-production areas.

A spiritual bonus has been the establishing of 96 new churches in the Honam project. Relief/evangelism has been very effective in Korea.

WRC's long-range ministry includes ongoing aid to: (1) Children in orphanages, day care centers, hospitals and nutrition clinics; (2) Necessities of life for refugees, leprosy and TB victims; (3) Educational opportunities in both academics and vocations, enabling students to become self-supporting; (3) Food-for-work civic improvement projects such as land reclamation, digging wells, building roads, community centers, churches, homes; (4) Public health, teaching sanitation, giving inoculations, family planning.

WRC is no fly-by-night agency. It was formed in 1944 by NAE "to provide a medium for voluntary united action among evangelicals to assist needy people overseas, in the name of Christ."

And because WRC works exclusively through evangelical Christians (both missionaries and nationals), there is a high degree of integrity, efficiency and economy. About 90% of a donated dollar actually arrives overseas in the form of funds, food, equipment, material or personnel.

A Gospel witness is intrinsic in the outreach in a form suitable to the occasion. It may be through a preaching service, distribution of tracts or Scriptures, person-to-person witness, or Bi-

ble stories for children and classes for adults.

Christian relief has caused many who had closed hearts to open up and ask: "Now tell us what your Book says!"

Lillian H. Graffam, WRC staff writer, is the wife of Everett S. Graffam. WRC, serving in over 20 countries, is a non-profit, tax-exempt, U.S. registered voluntary relief agency with headquarters in Valley Forge, Pa. (Box 44, Zip 19481). Movie films may be obtained by churches on a free-will offering basis, showing how WRC operates in Bangladesh, Honduras, Africa.

MRS. CARL I. OSTBY

Funeral services for Mrs. Carl I. Ostby, widow of the pastor, were held at Green Lake Lutheran Church, Spicer, Minn., on July 30, with Student Pastor Larry Haagenson officiating. Rev. John P. Strand, AFLC president, was at the service and brought a greeting. Burial was in the church cemetery. Earlier, on July 28, a service was held at Calvary Lutheran Church, Everett, Wash., with Rev. Leslie Galland, officiating. He had been her pastor at Green Lake previously.

Pallbearers at the Everett service were Harald Stortro, Clarence Nelson, Harold Mickelsen, Alfred Brede-son, Erling Halvorson and Duane Forsberg.

Mrs. Ostby passed away at age 68 on July 24 at her home in Everett. She was born Christine Amundson on Sept. 11, 1907, at Tioga, N. Dak. She was united in marriage to Pastor Carl Ostby in 1926. They lived in Alberta, Saskatchewan, and northern Minnesota, while serving parishes in the Lutheran Free Church. In the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations, they served in the Dalton, Minnesota, and Pukwana, South Dakota, parishes. They then made their home in Spicer, Minn. More recently, she had lived on the West Coast. Pastor Ostby passed away in 1971.

She is survived by four sons, Kenneth and Ronald, Portland, Ore., Harold, Oswego, Ore., and LeRoy, Los Angeles, Calif.; ten grandchildren; three great grandchildren; four sisters, Alvide Christensen, Red Deer, Alta., Adelaide Paulton, Juneau, Alaska, Myrtle Rupp, Lynwood, Wash., and Doris Field, Culesac, Ida.; and three brothers, Alfred Amundson, Whittier, Calif., Ole Amundson, Woodburn, Ore., and Ernest Amundson, Newberg, Ore.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by two infant sons and a sister, Olga Berg.

Blessed be her memory.

(Ed. Note: We shall remember Mrs. Ostby for her kind and loving ways. A gracious helpmate in parsonage and parish, she will always be remembered by those with whom she and her husband lived and worked.)

EUROPE REVISITED

by Raynard Huglen, Editor

Part II

Hull and Newcastle

I was in Hull on the River Humber on July 30, staying over until the next day, having arrived from Halifax in Yorkshire where I had spent several days with friends.

In Hull (also known as Kingston-upon-Hull) I went out to some of the docks area, seeing possibly the area where Norwegian emigrants landed and then began their journey to Liverpool on the west coast of England and the U.S. and Canada. On the way to the docks I passed the giant column on which stands the statue of Wilberforce, the man responsible for the abolition of slavery in the British colonies in 1833. The column with statue is 102 feet high. In Newcastle I saw a monument of similar height honoring another man.

That evening it rained in Hull. Yorkshire did not suffer as badly from the drought which has plagued England this year and I cannot say that I saw much effect of it except that from the air one could notice that the countryside looked much browner than it ordinarily would.

After a large breakfast at my small hotel the next morning I left to catch the train to Newcastle. Arriving there about noon, I took lodging at the Northumbrian Hotel, a pleasant place with an attractive dining room. It is one of the hotels out from the city

loop which tour groups use.

A further word about English and Scottish hotels. Even though the British Isles were enduring one of the hottest and driest summers on record, the hotel beds had heavy woolen blankets on them which would be sufficient for winters of record-breaking cold. And English bathtubs, true of Norway, too, are deeper and narrower than ours.

On Sunday morning I walked a few blocks to the Clayton Road Methodist Church. It was a large structure, but the congregation that day was quite small, perhaps 40 persons. Beneath each pew there was a three or four-inch pipe for heating purposes. In all, there was a great deal of plumbing in that church. The minister called the announcements "notices" and spoke of the vestibule or entry as the "porch."

I looked at the church hymnal. It had 984 hymns in it. A newer supplement contained 104, of which approximately six were familiar to me. So the congregation had a great variety from which to select songs for a service.

It seemed to me that the church service, including the holy communion, showed Anglican or Church of England influence. In his sermon, the Rev. Colin Colclough spoke admiringly of the charismatic movement, although he

had some words of caution too. His text was I Cor. 12:4-7.

Oh yes, the high monument in Newcastle, mentioned earlier, is that of George Stephenson, English engineer, noted for his advancements in railroad locomotives and bridge building.

Arrival in Norway

The sky was heavily overcast as I boarded the Norwegian ship *Venus* at North Shields, up the River Tyne from Newcastle, for the 17-hour overnight journey to Stavanger, Norway. Over 90 per cent of the passengers were Norwegians who had been in England to relax and shop. Because the Norwegian *krone* (crown) compares so favorably with the English pound today, it is common for Norwegians to shop in England. One passenger with whom I chatted was an Englishman who works for the Mobil Oil Company in Norway in connection with the offshore oil developments.

I was a little uneasy about eating dinner at 7 p.m., but decided to splurge and eat in the ship's restaurant. I did not enjoy the meal, although all sorts of fine foods were available at the buffet table. It was the most expensive meal I had ever eaten, but a couple of hours later I had lost it all. In 1967 I had spent seven days on the Atlantic without getting seasick and so I was surprised



Karen and Philip, whom I met on the streets of Glasgow



The statue of Wilberforce in Hull



An outdoor market in Newcastle

to have the experience now. But while the sea was not "heavy," there was a definite roll to the sea the whole trip and that may have been the reason for my indisposition.

Needless to say, on a trip that short, much of the joy of the sea voyage was taken away from me. We arrived in Stavanger just before 9 a.m., Monday, August 2. I had breakfast at a second-floor cafe, common in Norway, and waited for the boat ride to Haugesund aboard the catamaran craft. A catamaran is a boat which has two pontoons with space between them. Seating perhaps 100 passengers, it is replacing the smaller hydrofoil boats, although both travel at roughly the same speed.



Moster Church, Norway's oldest

At Haugesund I was met by my second cousin, Olav Huglen, the lensmann or sheriff of Tysvaer Kommunn or county. He and his family have a fine new home overlooking Førdesfjord. He drove me over a good deal of country during my two days there. Perhaps of special interest was seeing where Cleng Peerson, the father of Norwegian emigration to the U.S., was born. His home stands about a half-mile away from there now. We stopped to greet a sister of R. L. Grinde of Estherville, Ia., also.

Then while in the Haugesund area it was a special privilege to be able to go out to Storstein, a few miles from the city, and visit three cousins of my father. I was out there twice to see the sisters Magnhild and Valborg and the brother Sverre. The girls are not so strong now and it is a question how long they can maintain the home together, but they will hold out as long as possible. They tape recorded greetings for me to bring back with me and also sang, in good voice, two verses of a song, together with their nephew Olav.

One day, near Olav's home, I went for a walk, but at times I almost feared for my life because there was much traffic and at times when two cars were to meet where I was there wasn't much room to stand. In addition, the cars were usually driven at good speed.

We saw a number of great oil tankers lying in sheltered bays while out driving. I was told that they are as long as three football fields. Apparently they are awaiting the expected production or greater production from the offshore wells. The ships are called "super tankers."

Visiting at Bømlo

On August 4, Olav took me to a station where I could catch a bus to Buavaag, from whence I could take a ferry to Langavaag, on the island of Bømlo. My paternal great grandmother came from Bømlo and I have relatives there named Hovland and Lodden. My third cousin, Johan Hovland, was standing on the kai or dock to meet me. Also there, with his automobile, was his son John Arne, home the day before from the sea after an absence of several months, and two of his small children. Johan was a fisherman for many years but has taken a job in a company which makes fishing nets and related products. His brother Aanen is a seaman on an oil tanker and wasn't home.

Johan's other son had been married the Saturday before and Aanen's oldest daughter would be married a little over a week after I left, so there were many preparations being made. I learned that it is not customary for Norwegian couples to go away on honeymoons. They stay right at home and if it is a Saturday wedding, will likely be back to work on Monday.

Johan and I were over to see Great Grandmother's house. No one lives there now on a permanent basis but it is used as a summer house. He also showed me the tiny house where the eight Hovland brothers were born. Seven of them emigrated to America, settling in the Plentywood, Mont., and Harvey, N. Dak., areas. Only his own father, Johannes, stayed in Norway. He had passed away since my previous visit, but I saw his widow. The house is now being preserved as a museum.



Olav Huglen and the stone marking the birthplace of Cleng Peerson

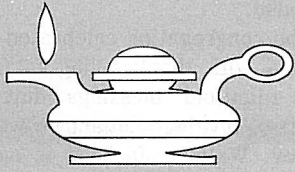
I was shown the new church in Bømlo, built in 1958, as well as the old one, over 300 years old. In the new one there was to be a funeral the next day. Already at least 26 floral arrangements were set up, on the altar rail, etc. They were small bouquets, for the most part, not the larger floral baskets we see here. But it is apparently very common for people to give flowers at funerals. Also, the Norwegians seem to practice the custom of placing flowers on the graves of loved ones more than we do here. They will do this on birthdays, anniversaries, etc.

I ate the evening meal or *kvelds* one day at the home of Tørres Lodden, my father's second cousin. He was an *emissaer* or evangelist for many years, but had to leave that work for health reasons. His daughter and son-in-law, the Andreas Saxeids, offered to drive me to Siggarvaag, where I could catch the ferry to Sagvaag on Stord. On a beautiful day, they took me there, going by way of the Moster Church, considered to be the oldest in Norway. Made of stone, it dates back to perhaps as early as 995, built in all likelihood by Olav Trygvasson. The church carries the appearance of great age and is not large.

On the Stord side of the ferry ride I was met by Halldis, daughter of a cousin. I had dinner or *middag* with her and her husband in their beautiful home. They took me into Leirvik to take care of some errands and we visited some other relatives out from town.

That evening they drove me to Jektavik where I was to catch the ferry to the island of Huglo, where my fa-

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SCHOOL NEWS

Ambassadors Conclude Tour

“And the Lord is the one who goes ahead of you; He will be with you. He will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear, or be dismayed” (Deut. 31:8).

We, the Ambassadors, returned to Minneapolis, to complete our summer tour, on Tuesday, Aug. 24th, with thankful and grateful hearts to our Lord. We wish to thank each concerned person who brought us before the Lord in prayer. It was always an encouragement to us to know that we were remembered in your prayers. The Lord heard our prayers and supplied all our needs and we continue to trust the Lord that He will give the increase where the seed was sown.



The Gospel Team in the Rockies. Mary Rolfe, chaperone, is in the second row, right.

We claim the promise of Isaiah 55:11: “So shall my Word be which goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.”

In our traveling, we visited about 70 congregations in 10 states, 5 Bible Camps, the Annual Conference, a number of nursing homes, and other elderly people. We met many wonderful people, and saw much of God's beautiful creation as we moved from place to place. Upon completion of our trip, the odometer on the van regis-

tered that we traveled approximately 13,700 miles this summer.

As of our last report, we had just been to Greenbush, Minn., for a Sunday morning service and were on our way to the Faith Haven Bible Camp at Battle Lake, Minn. We had the privilege of spending the entire week there, July 11-16, serving as counselors and also feasting upon the Word. That weekend we drove to Minneapolis to attend a wedding and also to sing at the Morgan Avenue Lutheran Church.

On the road again, we traveled to North Dakota and sang at Fargo, McLeod, and Abercrombie. We were in Abercrombie two evenings as we took part in their Youth Crusade along with Evangelist David Molstre.

The next few days took us into Minnesota, to Bemidji, Bagley, Thief River Falls and Fosston.

The following week, beginning on July 26, we entered North Dakota once again and from this point we continued to move westward. Our North Dakota stops included Grafton, Valley City, McVillage, Leeds, Minot and Tioga. Mary Rolf, the dean of women at Bible School, joined the team at Valley City and continued to travel with us to the end of our tour. At Minot we had the opportunity to fellowship with the folks from the newly-formed congregation there. Our concert that evening was held in an elementary school, as they do not have a church building of their own yet. We were in the Tioga parish on Sunday morning, Aug. 1. We gave our program in two of their churches, one of which was a live radio broadcast.

Sunday evening, we entered Montana and shared our program at the rural Brockton church.

There were no concerts scheduled for the next three days, but they were filled with traveling and a visit to Glacier National Park. As we saw a lot of beautiful creation, it thrilled us to

know that the Creator of all this is our heavenly Father and that we know Him personally.

We continued to drive west and from Aug. 5-10, we were in the state of Washington. Our first visit there was at Spokane. We then motored over and up to Ferndale. Sat., Aug. 7, we were in Everett. They were observing the 75th Anniversary of Calvary Lutheran and so we were able to take part in the confirmation reunion service that evening. Sunday morning we were in the Lake Stevens church for their two services and that evening we drove down to Kirkland for our third program of the day.

Monday we were in the Seattle area and it was an open day for us, so we took advantage of it. We drove into Seattle and visited various tourist attractions, such as the Space Needle, the Monorail, a ferryboat ride to the island of Winslow, Pike Street Market, and the Seattle Center.

Tuesday we drove down to Vancouver, Wash., and had a great time



Mrs. Orville Qualley, left, her daughter-in-law, second from right, and three of the Gospel Team girls, at Brockton, Mont.

sharing and fellowshiping with the folks there. The next morning we had the joy of attending their Vacation Bible School. That afternoon we drove down into Oregon and shared our program with the people of Eugene. The following day we drove along the Pacific Coast to Astoria, where we were that evening.

Leaving the West Coast behind us, we started back for Kalispell, Mont., on Friday, Aug. 13. On the 15th, we had two morning services and the evening service in the Kalispell parish.

Our next stops were in South Dakota, so we went by way of Yellow-

stone National Park and the Black Hills Region to get there. Faith, Pukwana, Webster and Ortlely were our stops in South Dakota, which were made Aug. 17-20, respectively.

On the 21st and 22nd of August, we were back in Minnesota, Saturday evening at Sacred Heart and Sunday morning at Granite Falls. That Sunday evening we went down to Radcliffe, Ia., and Monday, Aug. 23, we gave our last concert of our tour at Boscobel, Wis.

We got together once again on September 12, and sang for the opening services of Bible School and also had our home concert at the Rosedale Church in Minneapolis.

Our apologies for not mentioning Spicer, Minn., last time. We were there in June.

Our summer was a great experience for us and we are thankful that we were able to be used in this way.

We wish to thank each church that sponsored us, each family that opened their homes to us, and all who provided for us in various ways. Again, we thank you for your prayers.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

The Ambassadors

NEW YEAR BEGINS AT AFLBS

The 11th school year at Association Free Lutheran Bible School began on Sunday, Sept. 12, with a service in the chapel at 4 o'clock. Joining the students at that time were many parents, the faculty and other friends. Rev. Kenneth Moland, acting dean, brought a message based on Proverbs 3:1-12. The Ambassadors, last summer's Gospel team, sang several songs. Supper was served to all in the dining hall.

Registration and orientation were conducted on Monday. Pastor Moland met with the Juniors and Pastor Raymond Huglen with the Seniors. Mr. Anker Harbo is the registrar.

Statistics show that 134 students are registered, the highest total ever in the school's history, surpassing the 129 achieved in the winter quarter last year. Another new record is the num-

ber of seniors, 62. All but 9 students are on campus. Girls at AFLBS number 77, boys 57. All but two beds in the boys' dorm are occupied, closest to maximum ever.

Classes began on Tuesday morning when Pastor Amos Dyrud led the juniors in Missions I and Pastor Moland conducted a class for the Seniors in the Gospel of Luke. Mr. Don Rodvold, music director, started tryouts for the music groups immediately and was to announce his selections this week.

New on the faculty and staff this year are Rev. Richard Anderson, Minneapolis, part-time teacher; Miss Solveig Larson, part-time teacher and advisor for the yearbook; Miss Mavis Lindgren, librarian and secretary for the seminary; Miss Kathy Ostrand, cook; and Mrs. Gordon Grage, kitchen assistant. An additional cook is being sought.

Other holdover faculty members are Pastor Harold Hosch and Pastor Francis Monseth.

Homecoming 1976, the tenth one, will be held October 1-3. There will be special reunions of the first choir and the Norway choir then.

The first quarter of the school year will end on Nov. 24.

MORTGAGE BURNED AT EBEN JUNCTION

A mortgage-burning service was held on Sunday, July 4, at Eben Jct., Mich., to mark the final payment on all debt on the parsonage and church of Calvary Lutheran Congregation.

Several men of the congregation participated in the service by leading in devotions, reading the church history and taking part in the actual burning of the mortgage. Pastor Herbert L. Franz, Cloquet, Minn., a former pastor of the church, was the guest speaker and officiated at the ceremony.

Visiting pastors from the Upper Peninsula were Pastor Ernest Langness, Ishpeming, and Rev. Hans J. Tollefson, L'Anse, a former pastor of Calvary. Other visitors from Upper

Peninsula AFLC churches were present also.

The congregation celebrated the occasion with thanksgiving to God for His manifold blessings during the years of development and growth.

Rev. Wallace Jackson is currently serving Calvary Church.

BELIEVE AND SEE

Just keep on praying—
God will answer you,
And you will discover
What prayer can do.

Just keep on smiling—
Let the sunshine through,
And others will be finding
What a smile can do.

Just keep on believing—
Always trust Him, too,
And the Lord will show you
What He can do.

Just praise and thank Him
For answering you,
And keep on praising—
God loves those who do.

Let us always remember,
He will see us through,
Nothing is impossible
For Almighty God to do.

Mrs. Laura Norum
Amery, Wis.

WILLMAR NEWS NOTES

Please make this correction in the listing of the Lutheran Hour Broadcasts given in the July 27 issue. The program is aired over KWLM Willmar, Minn., at 4:30 p.m. on Sundays, not at 6:30 p.m.

The boys in Pastor Dennis Gray's Vacation Bible School class at Zion in Willmar went on an overnight fishing trip with Larry Nelson, Student Pastor Larry Haagenon and him. The class was privileged to use the Nelson cabin on Norway Lake, located near New London, Minn. Everyone proved to be a real good fisherman, the pastor reports.

editorials

WORLD RELIEF COMMISSION

Our feature article this time, on page 3, concerns the World Relief Commission, an arm of the National Association of Evangelicals. It is written by Mrs. Lillian Hanson Graffam, whose husband, Everett, addressed our annual conference last summer in Hancock, Michigan.

In the future, we shall be carrying occasional news releases and pictures concerning the work of the WRC. While the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations doesn't affiliate with the NAE, our annual conferences have commended the relief work done by the WRC and encouraged its support.

This is not to say that the AFLC looks upon this agency as the only relief organization worthy of support. Not at all. Others are very likely the recipients of individual and congregational assistance in our church. But none-

theless, here is one about which we have talked officially. And we have appreciated the definite commitment to couple relief effort with the evangelical Christian message.

We trust that our people are earnest in their desire to share in the needs of suffering people in the world. It is the expected thing, the Christian response. Christian offerings are several-sided, and one of these sides is that of helping the brother and sister who are in material need.

Prayerfully consider the work of the World Relief Commission as you plan your offerings to the Lord.

WELL DONE, AMBASSADORS

For the second time in the history of Association Free Lutheran Bible School, a group of young people has given a summer to travel throughout the Association promoting the cause of Christ and of our Bible School. The first group to do so consisted of eight young people in 1973. This year six people, the Ambassadors, have travelled about three months, visiting many of the parishes.

It isn't easy to be on the go week after week. As one who has had some experience in living out of a suitcase, we can say that moving from place to place is tiring, no matter how good the beds are, how delicious the food and how hospitable the receptions are, and they are that in Association congregations.

A real expression of thanks is due these six young people: Al and Karen, who have graduated from AFLBS, and Lorilee, Martha, Janell and Duane, who have returned to the campus for their second year. They have won many friends for the school and reassured those from before. And they have borne a winsome witness for the Lord Jesus.

God bless you, Ambassadors.

In Memoriam

Key: The name of the town is the address of the deceased. Following that is listed the name of the deceased, age, date of death and the church in which he or she held membership.

NORTH DAKOTA

Hatton
Merlyn Kleven, 36, May 26, Zoar
Theodore Sondreal, 82, June 6, Zoar
Ole Nordjore, 86, June 18, Zoar
Mrs. Helen Sondreal, 93, August 10, Zoar

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BUDGET RECEIPTS

February 1-August 31, 1976

	Total Budget	Current Budget	Received during Aug.	Total Budget Received	% of Current	% of Total
General Fund	\$ 82,600.00	\$ 48,183.31	\$ 2,432.37	\$ 28,393.21	60.	34.3
Schools	128,249.00	74,811.87	6,029.28	37,841.95	50.5	29.5
Home Missions	78,875.00	42,625.00	3,806.14	27,052.53	63.4	34.
Foreign Missions	82,800.00	48,300.00	5,997.99	30,816.73	63.8	37
Praise Fund	30,000.00	17,500.00	1,405.93	18,019.69	100.3	60
TOTAL	\$402,524.00	\$231,420.18	\$19,671.71	\$142,124.11	61.4	35.3
1975-76	\$304,090.00	\$227,385.74	\$10,858.51	\$116,687.47	51	38
Legacies to date: \$3,000.00						
Unpaid pledges for Dorm Fund: \$10,139.75						

Women For Christ

"AN OLD COUNTRY STORE" THEME OF LADIES MEETING

On July 1 the Maple Bay Lutheran Ladies Aid, Fertile, Minn., met under the theme "An Old Country Store." It was a day of Bicentennial celebration with many properly dressed for the occasion. Hosting ladies were Mrs. Jim Kargel, Mrs. Chester Broden, Mrs. Westley Floan and Mrs. Fred Cirks.

The program opened with the hymn "My Country, 'Tis of Thee." Devotions were given by Mrs. Harold Moland.

Mrs. Fred Johnson read from an old treasurer's book which had been first used in 1913. It was written in Norwegian. She picked out items here and there, such as: each lunch, 10¢; took in \$4.20 at a special dinner; \$40.90 received at an auction; expenses for the year, \$11.50; total income for the year, \$100.90. After this interesting presentation, Mrs. Byron Ness sang a solo, "The Old Country Church."

Mrs. Marlys Johnson led the Bible study on the life of Rahab from the WMF series for the year.

Mrs. Reuben Moland read "Our Bicentennial, What it Means to Me" and a poem entitled "200 Years."

"America, the Beautiful" was sung by Ona Broden, Mrs. Marlys Johnson, Mrs. Reuben Moland and Mrs. Aaron Ness.

Ona Broden read some snatches from the secretary's book, also from 1913, such as: hostesses were to serve only two kinds of bread and two kinds of cake; whole families always attended the Ladies Aids, many times arriving soaking wet from an unexpected shower as they rode in an open buggy, but no one minded and

their spirits weren't dampened.

The offering meditation was read by Mrs. Martin Thompson.

A special table had been arranged for several of the senior citizens of the community. They were also given special corsages.

The proprietor of the "Country Store" was Mrs. Fred Johnson, properly dressed as a man. The shelves were filled with home-made bread, cookies, garden produce, canned goods, soap, etc. The lighting system consisted of old kerosene lanterns.

It was a fun day for everyone. Even the cupcakes served for lunch were patriotic, decorated with waving American flags.

The congregation entered a float in the Mentor Bicentennial parade on July 10. It depicted an old-fashioned church, members in the pews and Ona Broden at the organ. "Acting minister" in the pulpit that evening was Reuben Moland. The motto on the float read "God's Word is Our Great Heritage." This float was also in the parade at the Fertile Fair on July 16, the only change being that our own Pastor (S. E.) Odegaard was in the pulpit. This float was drawn by an International tractor, model 35, owned and operated by Clarence Hansen. The float won first prize.

—Mrs. Ivan Nordheim

BETHANY CHURCH AWARDS HONOR

Mrs. Tollef Ivesdal, right, was presented with an Honorary Membership in the Women's Missionary Federation by the Ladies Aid of Bethany Lutheran Church, Edmore, N. Dak.,



recently. Shown presenting the pin in Mrs. Franklin Ingulsrud, president of the local WMF. Wesley Langaas is pastor of the congregation.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP GIVEN WASHINGTON WOMAN



Mrs. Judy Bunch, above, was awarded an Honorary Membership in the Women's Missionary Federation and a pin in appreciation of her faithfulness, at a recent meeting of the Elim WMF, Lake Stevens, Wash. Michael Brandt is pastor of the congregation.

PRAYER FROM DAVID

Mine is the prayer
That David prayed:
Lord, let this heart
In me be made

Clean that has been
Somewhat defiled,
Somehow untrue;
That has exiled

The fairest virtues
Now and then,
Giving it courage
Once again,

Banishing stain
And all discord,
Create in me
A clean heart, Lord.

Elaine V. Emans

NEWS of the Churches



CHURCH NEAR KENYON NAMED HISTORIC SITE

The Old Stone Church, first worship sanctuary of the Hauge Lutheran Congregation, Kenyon, Minn., was officially designated as an historic site on Sunday, June 27.

Pastor Allen Monson conducted the English service at 9:00 a.m. Pastor Clarence Hanson, grandson of the first pastor, Rev. Osten Hanson, delivered the message, using as his text Matthew 5:13, 14. Miss Miriam Stolee sang "Like A Lamb Who Needs A Shepherd."

The dedicatory service began with a trumpet solo, "Faith Of Our Fathers," by Gary Mork. Mrs. Mildred Lair, chairperson of the Bicentennial Commission and granddaughter of Hauge pioneers, presented the plaque designating the Old Stone Church as an historic site. Pastor Monson accepted the plaque on behalf of the

Hauge Congregation, using as his text Psalm 115:1—"Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory, for Thy mercy, and for Thy truth's sake." Ted Berkas, a great grandson of early members and a returning mission teacher from Madagascar, gave the dedicatory prayer.

The Norwegian service at 10:45 a.m. was conducted by Pastor Hanson. Mrs. Ruth Sathre sang "Jeg Maa Have Jesus Med Mig" ("I Must Have The Savior With Me"), accompanying herself on the zither harp.

Station KROC, Rochester, televised the Dedicatory and Norwegian services.

After a picnic dinner for former members and friends, slides were shown of all the former pastors and their families, the parsonage, and other scenes of the history of the Hauge Church. The congregation was organ-

ized in 1859 and meetings were held in the homes or the Epsom School House.

"Flyt ikke det gamle Landemærke, som dine Fædre have gjort" Salomos Ordsprog 22:28 ("Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set" Proverbs 22:28).



Mrs. Mildred Lair, left, presenting the plaque designating the church as an historic site. Pastor Monson is shown at the right.



The altar, altar rail and pulpit of the Old Stone Church



The Old Stone Church

CONGREGATION IN EVERETT NOTES ANNIVERSARY

The 75th anniversary of its founding was observed by Calvary Lutheran Church, Everett, Wash., in services on August 7 and 8. "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad" (Psalm 126:3) was the theme verse for the occasion.

At the confirmation reunion on Sat-

urday night, special music was provided by the Ambassadors Gospel Team of AFLBS, on tour on the West Coast at the time, and Mr. Stan Borson. Mr. Erling Halvorson read the roll call of confirmands of Calvary and Mr. Harlan Jensen gave a testimony. Rev. Michael Brandt, Lake Stevens, Wash., who has given pastoral service in vacancy, brought the evening's message.

The morning worship was conducted by the church's pastor, Rev. Leslie Galland. He also preached the sermon on the subject "Consecrate Yourself to God." His text was Romans 12:1, 2. His daughter Janeen played the flute solo, "The Lord's Prayer," Mrs. Jay Graham sang a solo and the church choir, under the direction of Mrs. Petra Lee, sang two songs, "The Lord is My Strength" and "To God Be the Glory." Miss Heidi Gruber was the organist.

In the anniversary service that after noon, Rev. Robert Rieth of Kirkland, Wash., preached the sermon on the theme "God's Challenge for the Future," on the theme verse. His wife played a marimba solo as the prelude and later as special music. Mr. Lloyd Lande sang the solo "The Living God." Greetings were read from former pastors: Olaf Helland, Jonas Helland, Arthur Reesnes, T. F. Dahle, Albert Hautamaki, Francis Monseth, Marvin Undesth and a former student pastor, John P. Strand, now president of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations. Rev. A. L. Hokonson, Silverton, Ore., brought his greeting in person.

The two-day festival at Calvary was one of rich blessing for the congregation and friends assembled. The congregation and pastor look forward to ever-increasing opportunities for service to God and community in the years ahead.

UNIQUE BAPTISMAL SERVICE HELD AT HATTON

A unique baptismal service was held at Zoar Lutheran Church, Hatton, N. Dak., on July 18, at the morning worship. Three baby boys, all first cousins, were baptized at that time.

The infants were Kasey Franklin, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Sanders, born March 9; Samuel Reed, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Thomsen, born April 12, and Waylan Kenneth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Holte, born June 29. The young couples served as sponsors for each others' babies. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Holte of rural Northwood, N. Dak.



The babies baptized in the service are pictured here with their parents, left to right, Kasey, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sanders; Waylan, Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Holte; and Samuel, Mr. and Mrs. David Thomsen.

The audience was favored with musical selections, "Tears Are Our Language" and "Remind Us," by four Holte sisters: Mrs. Sanders, Mrs. Thomsen, Mrs. C. Rodriguez and Miss Teniene Holte.

Officiant was Pastor Orville T. Olson, who began serving Zoar early this year.

—Corr.

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ther was born and raised. The island of Stord is experiencing a great building boom because of the oil activity on the west coast. Leirvik is the site of a platform-building operation for offshore drilling. People from all over the world have moved in to work on this and other jobs. Colossal! the long-time residents of the area call it.

As we drove on Stord and to Jekatavik, my mind was filled with thoughts from nine years ago. I noticed familiar places. At times, across the narrow channel, and where trees did not obstruct the view, I could see my destination, Huglo island.

PERSONALITIES

Mr. **Burton Rygh**, a layman from the Wannaska, Minn., area, has accepted a call to serve United Lutheran Church, Greenbush, Minn. He served in the Greenbush parish some years ago, before the local merger which united several congregations into one.

New address of Rev. **Richard W. Gunderson**, now back in the U.S. after missionary service in Bolivia, is 3710 E. 50th St., Minneapolis, Minn. 55417. Telephone: 612-722-3204.

Rev. **Trygve F. Dahle** has slides from his trip to Brazil last winter which he is willing to show to interested groups, for expenses only. Contact him at Box 95, Spicer, Minn., if interested.

Lay Pastor **Knute Jore** was installed as visitation pastor for Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Thief River Falls, Minn., on June 6, by the pastor, Eugene Enderlein. His address is 415 S. Arnold Ave., Apt. 49.

Address of Rev. **Elden Nelson**, first Home Mission director of the AFLC, is 4157 Gershwin Ave. N., St. Paul, Minn. 55109. He is also serving Victory in Christ Lutheran Church, St. Paul.

Rev. **Karl I. Stendal**, who formerly served the Greenbush, Minn., parish, is now living at 19155 Manchester, Minnetonka, Minn. 55343. He will teach a course in American Church History at Free Lutheran Seminary during the first semester of this school year.

Rev. and Mrs. **Ronald Knutson**, Drummond, Wis., announce the birth of their daughter **Mercia Joy** on August 31.

CONVICTION

But if, when a sinner is under conviction, you pour in the truth, put in the probe, break up the old foundations and sweep away his refuges of lies, and use the Word of God, like fire and like a hammer, you will find that they will come out with clear views, and strong faith, and firm principles, not doubting, halting, irresolute Christians, but such as follow the Lord wholly.

—Charles G. Finney

Why Be Deceptive?

(Excerpts from a letter by an American missionary in Brazil, sharing with a friend in the States the revealing results of a musical experiment.)

One of the mediums through which we minister to Brazilian youths is music. We have young people down here who love to sing and form choirs, quartets and trios just like in the United States. We have used these groups many times in visiting high schools and places where young people congregate and have tried through word and music to win them to the Lord Jesus Christ.

We followed for some time a pattern which had become a standard with all such groups—singing folk songs and a popular type of music to get the audience's ear. We felt that if we could get them to listen to us, then we would have a chance to tell them about the Lord. We felt, conversely, that if we started out by singing hymns they would immediately turn us off since that is not what the average unsaved teenager is looking for. But little by little I had misgivings about this whole philosophy. I felt that it was a sneaky way to reach them. Teenagers certainly are not dumb. They could see before the meeting was over that our real reason for being there was not to entertain them with good music but to "push a religion," as they would say. Presented in that way, it did not make our religion seem very honorable. So instead of accomplishing our goal, we were actually defeating it.

Another thing troubled me. I felt that indirectly we were teaching something that was definitely not Scriptural; which is, that there is a point of compatibility between the world and the Christian life. Galatians 6:14, James 4:4, I John 2:15-16, Romans 12:2, and many other verses clearly state that the world and Christ are poles apart. The only point of contact between the two is in total surrender at the foot of the cross. I realized that if we went about trying to communicate Christ's message using the world's methods and the world's type of music that we were saying to the young people that you can bring about a happy, peaceful

co-existence between Christ and the world. That idea, although not taught by us as such, is frequently being communicated indirectly and that idea, I believe, is diametrically opposed to the basic teachings of our blessed Lord and Saviour.

Somehow Satan has succeeded in getting us suckered out in an area that is innocent in first appearance, but devastating in its influence. The battle that the devil could not win in the pulpits he is winning through the choir. The powerful combination of obedience and self-denial is giving way to showmanship and entertainment. If Satan can get us to sing his songs, even if we put so-called Christian words to them, he's turning the battle tide to his favor.

In the beginning of 1973 we had a new group coming to work with us composed of four young men and four young women. I told them that we were going to embark on an experiment. I told them that we would sing only hymns, only songs that would be readily identified as sacred songs, with no appeal whatsoever to try to copy the popular singing groups and the world's heroes. The young people, understandably, were rather frightened. They thought that they would be hooted from the platform on their first song. However, I challenged them that if for the sake of Christ we were to be rejected, then at least we would be rejected in an honorable way. I also told them that if in our stand for the Lord Jesus Christ the world rejects us or persecutes us, this is not a reason for shame but of joy (I Peter 4:14, 16). On the other hand, I told them that I didn't think the people in the high schools would reject them. I felt that if we were open about it and told them that we were there to tell them about the Lord Jesus and made no effort to camouflage our real motives that we would be even more readily accepted.

After a day of Bible study and prayer together with the group, they finally agreed to go with me on this experiment for one year. The results were overwhelming. Not even I thought it would work so well. We sang in hundreds of high schools in which the vast majority (up to 90 or

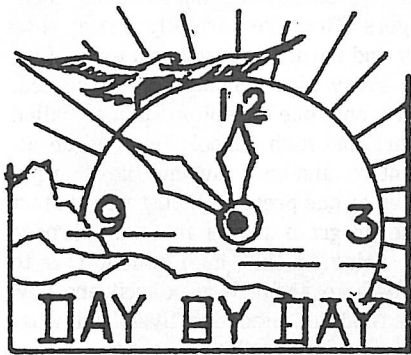
95 percent) were unconverted teenagers. They are normally just as rowdy and unruly as American teens. But, in every high school that we visited, with only one exception (in a so-called Christian high school), we had an attentive audience during the 45 minutes of our presentation. I would start the program saying that our purpose in being in that high school was to tell them about Jesus Christ and how He had affected our lives and what He could do in their lives. I said that the means of our communicating the message of Jesus Christ would be through song (and that I believed they would enjoy the songs) and through personal testimonies on the part of our singers and a short message from God's Word from myself. In other words, we told them frankly and straightforwardly what we were about—no deception.

We did rehearse a lot and put on the very finest music that we could, but we never tried to disguise it in the world's forms. We tried to keep our testimonies to the point without bending over backward in order to be entertaining. There is no doubt in my mind today—this is the right way to do it.

When the year was over, I asked the fellows and girls in our group what they thought of the experience. All of them wholeheartedly agreed that they would never go back to doing it any other way. God has given us a noble and exciting message to proclaim, and I believe we should be honest in presenting it. Why be sneaky about it? This doesn't mean that the whole world will accept the Gospel, but even from those who reject the message we will at least gain respect.

We are not batting 100 percent yet, but we are convinced that this is the way to go. There is only one way to live the Christian life—all the way.

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DARKNESS BRINGS THE STARS

by Lars Stalsbrotten

"But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in His law doth he meditate day and night" (Psalm 1:2).

The Book of Psalms starts with "Blessed" and ends with "Hallelujah." The Christian life begins and ends the same way. The secret of the blessing is the right relationship to the Word. A true Christian does not only hear and read the Word, but meditates upon it day and night.

There is not only day but also night in a Christian life.

When there are nice sunny days with prosperity, and a favorable wind blowing our way, we are often satisfied to just read the Word, or hear it. But then we are in danger. We do not see our real need. We need to meditate upon the Word day and night, in order to live this blessed life.

When the dark nights with sore trials, sickness, sorrow and difficulties of all kinds come, then we go to the Word. Now we are not satisfied with just reading the Word. We meditate and discover stars, beautiful stars, exceeding precious promises, that we have never seen in the daytime.

God is calling people, but so many fail to come to him in the daytime. They despise the riches of His goodness and forbearance and longsuffering, not knowing the goodness of God should lead them to repentance (Romans 2:4).

Then God, in His love and mercy, turns the lights off. It is night. Why is it so dark? you ask yourself. Ah, now I see. I wouldn't listen to His word, and now He is using other means to bring me to my senses. God be merciful to me, a sinner! Save me

for Christ's sake. The stars appear in the Word. Here is one: "And him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out (John 6:37). And here is another one: "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9). And many others.

This is the life that begins with "Blessed," and ends with an eternal "Hallelujah!"

Are you living this life?

Letter TO THE EDITOR

WHY THE STRESS ON LITURGY?

I am amazed to learn that much more liturgy is being advocated in the Association of Free Lutheran congregations.

Many of the Association people have been critical of the much liturgy used in the American Lutheran Church churches but now it seems, to the dismay of many, that AFLC congregations are gradually adding more and more liturgy to their order of service.

We had friends visit us recently. They recently got a new pastor. He met with the church board and soon after extra liturgy was added to their services. These friends are very discouraged. They left the ALC because of the excessive liturgy and maintain that they will leave the AFLC if this continues. Several other families in the same congregation also expect to leave. One of the board members stated later that he didn't know what he was voting for.

Why shouldn't a subject of this importance be brought before the entire congregation for voting upon instead of just the board and pastor deciding the matter.

Doesn't the AFLC care if it loses some of its members?

I would like to see other comments

on this in *The Lutheran Ambassador*.

Mrs. Lennie Bothum

Dalton, Minn.

(Ed. Note: The AFLC as such is not advocating any more liturgy. The liturgy used in a congregation is a congregational matter. We welcome response on this subject which Reader Bothum raises.)

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and pastor.

Born May 6, 1906, Bishop Moshi was a member of the large Chagga tribe in the northern part of the country. After studying in mission schools, he served as a teacher.

Eventually he received formal teacher training and was named headmaster of a primary school. After attending college, he became a professor at the Tanganyikan Teacher's College.

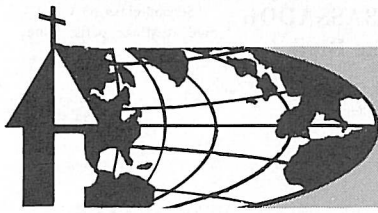
Although called by his congregation to be its pastor in 1941, the shortage of teachers in Tanganyika during World War II made it impossible for him to leave his college post. He was eventually ordained in 1950 and served five years as a pastor and teacher before being appointed assistant to the president of the Lutheran Church of Northern Tanganyika in 1955.

He was elected president of the church in 1958 and in 1960 the church designated him bishop. Widely respected in his church, Bishop Moshi was named bishop until his retirement after the church changed a provision in its constitution so that he could continue in office.

Known as a soft-spoken man with a resolute will and purpose, Bishop Moshi spoke about the independence and interdependence of the worldwide Christian family before those terms became cliches in mission circles. In a 1962 interview, he said that the relationship of Western and European churches to the African churches should be "no longer a relationship of parent to child, but brother to brother."

"No longer must we speak as church to mission, but as church to church," said the Tanzanian bishop.

Bishop Moshi and his wife were the parents of a large family.



CHURCH-WORLD NEWS

CONVENTION HEARD OSWALD HOFFMANN

ST. PAUL, Minn.—More than 1,200 delegates of the International Lutheran Laymen's League were welcomed here by Warren G. Spannaus, attorney general for the state, and Mayor George Latimer of St. Paul.

The 59th annual convention of the League began with a Lutheran Hour Rally in the Civic Auditorium attended by some 6,000 persons.

Speaking on the convention theme "Freedom in Christ," Dr. Oswald Hoffmann reminded his audience that Jesus Christ told the people of His day "If you continue in My Word . . . you will know the truth and the truth will make you free."

Dr. Hoffmann, speaker on The Lutheran Hour broadcast, said people today would like to believe that mere truth, secular or religious, will set them free.

"They would like to think," he said, "that the unremitting search for knowledge, which has made gigantic strides forward during the latter half of this 20th century, will eventually free people from their mistaken ideas, as well as the pride, prejudice and passion that have kept the world in chains and held it in a kind of slavery for, lo, these many centuries."

The widely-known radio preacher added that knowledge about the world would not set people free. "Those beautiful pictures that came this week from Mars are not going to set people free," he said, "no matter what speculations may be drawn from them regarding the origin or nature of our universe."

Dr. Hoffmann said the world's problems are the same today as always. "People are trying to elbow God out of the way" he explained.

He said the way to freedom was pointed out by Jesus Christ Who said, "If you continue in My Word, you have set out on the road to freedom."

"Continuing in Christ's words,

means full commitment," Dr. Hoffmann said. "... He wants you, all of you, and every part of you. That's truth and that truth makes you free."

The League, an auxiliary of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, also heard a report on the church from Dr. J. A. O. Preus, president of the synod.

CHRIST COLLEGE IRVINE TO OPEN SEPT 26

IRVINE: Christ College Irvine will open this fall as a new residential four year liberal arts college of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in Southern California. The opening services will be held Sunday, Sept. 26, at 4:00 p.m. at the college site on 1530 Concordia in Irvine when the Rev. Elmer Matthias of Anaheim, California, vice-chairman of the college's board of Control, will be the speaker.

The college's opening was recently reconfirmed by a July meeting of the synod's board for higher education and an early August meeting of representatives of synod's board of directors chaired by the Rev. Dr. Edwin Weber, first vice-president of the LC-MS. After reviewing the college's strong financial position, its student enrollment picture, its plans for accreditation, and the new hill-top campus overlooking the University of California, Irvine, Dr. Weber indicated that "the synod pledges its support to the success of Irvine."

The new Lutheran College at Irvine, California, replaces the church's former college at Oakland, California, which had been in existence from 1906 to 1973. Christ College had been in the planning stage since 1962 when the LC-MS in convention had voted to build a new college to serve the West. In 1965, 113 acres were purchased from the Irvine Company for the campus that may be serving as many as 3,000 students by the year 2000. Further national church conventions by the LC-MS in 1965, 1971, 1973, and 1975

confirmed that Christ College Irvine would be the church's major four-year college to serve the 13 western states.

The first building, called the "Living Learning Center," was completed in April, 1976. Already 9,000 library volumes have been shelved with more than 10,000 additional volumes expected in the next 60 days from other Lutheran colleges. A student body of 50 full-time and fifty part-time students is expected the opening day of classes Sept. 27. A full-time faculty of five full-time professors and fifteen part-time professors have arrived in Irvine for the opening of classes this month. The founding president of the college is Prof. Charles L. Manske, who formerly served as Lutheran university minister at the University of Southern California. Other full-time professors include Dr. Shang Ik Moon, acting academic dean (formerly Concordia Senior College, Fort Wayne), Dr. Robert Holst, acting dean of students (formerly Concordia, Fort Wayne), Prof. Dale Hartmann, director of library services (formerly Concordia Seminary, Springfield) and Professor Martin Schramm, Admissions Counselor (formerly Concordia College, Milwaukee).

Christ College Irvine becomes one of the 15 colleges and seminaries operated by the LC-MS in the USA.

BISHOP STEFANO MOSHI DIES AT 70; LEADER OF LUTHERANS IN TANZANIA

Nairobi, Kenya — (LC) — Bishop Stefano Reuben Moshi, 70, long-time head of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania, died here August 14 after a lengthy illness.

Bishop Moshi, well-known in international circles, was the first African Lutheran bishop, having formerly served as president of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanganyika (now Tanzania), and as evangelist, teacher

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Uppsala, Sweden—(LC)—Plans for the forthcoming Sixth Assembly of the Lutheran World Federation were reviewed here by the LWF Executive Committee meeting August 22-28.

The committee heard a report from the Assembly Committee which said that a total of more than 700 persons are expected to attend the meeting in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, next June 11-25.

The theme for the meeting is "In Christ: A New Community." A study book has been prepared in German and will soon be available in English, the LWF Executive Committee was told.

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