

WOMEN'S BOARD EMPHASIS ISSUE

In the *Sabbath Recorder* schedule for periodic emphasis of Seventh Day Baptist board work it is the Women's Board that has the opportunity of telling its story in June. The material for the emphasis issue on women's work is not available for this first-of-the-month issue. It is hoped that we can present that blue-ink special next week. It is edited by Mrs. Elmo Fitz Randolph of Boulder, Colo., president of the Women's Board.

Pastor's Conference

World Vision announced a pastors' Conference May 7 to 11 at Secunderabad, Andhra Pradesh, India, at which 1,200 Telugu speaking pastors were expected to be on hand. It will be remembered that most of the Seventh Day Baptist churches of India are in Andhra Pradesh, under the leadership of the Rev. B. John V. Rao. It is probable that some of those pastors were able to attend the stimulating pastor's conference.

Another pastors' conference under World Vision sponsorship was scheduled for May 20-25 at Rangoon, Burma. The Rev. John Thetgyi, who organized the first Burma pastors' conference in 1958 coordinated this one. Although missionaries have not been allowed in Burma since 1966 a team of leaders could be scheduled for a few days. The Seventh Day Baptist pastors in Burma probably could not make the trip to Rangoon for the occasion. It is also probable that Secretary L. Sawi Thanga was involved, though we have no word in regard to it.

—L. M. M.

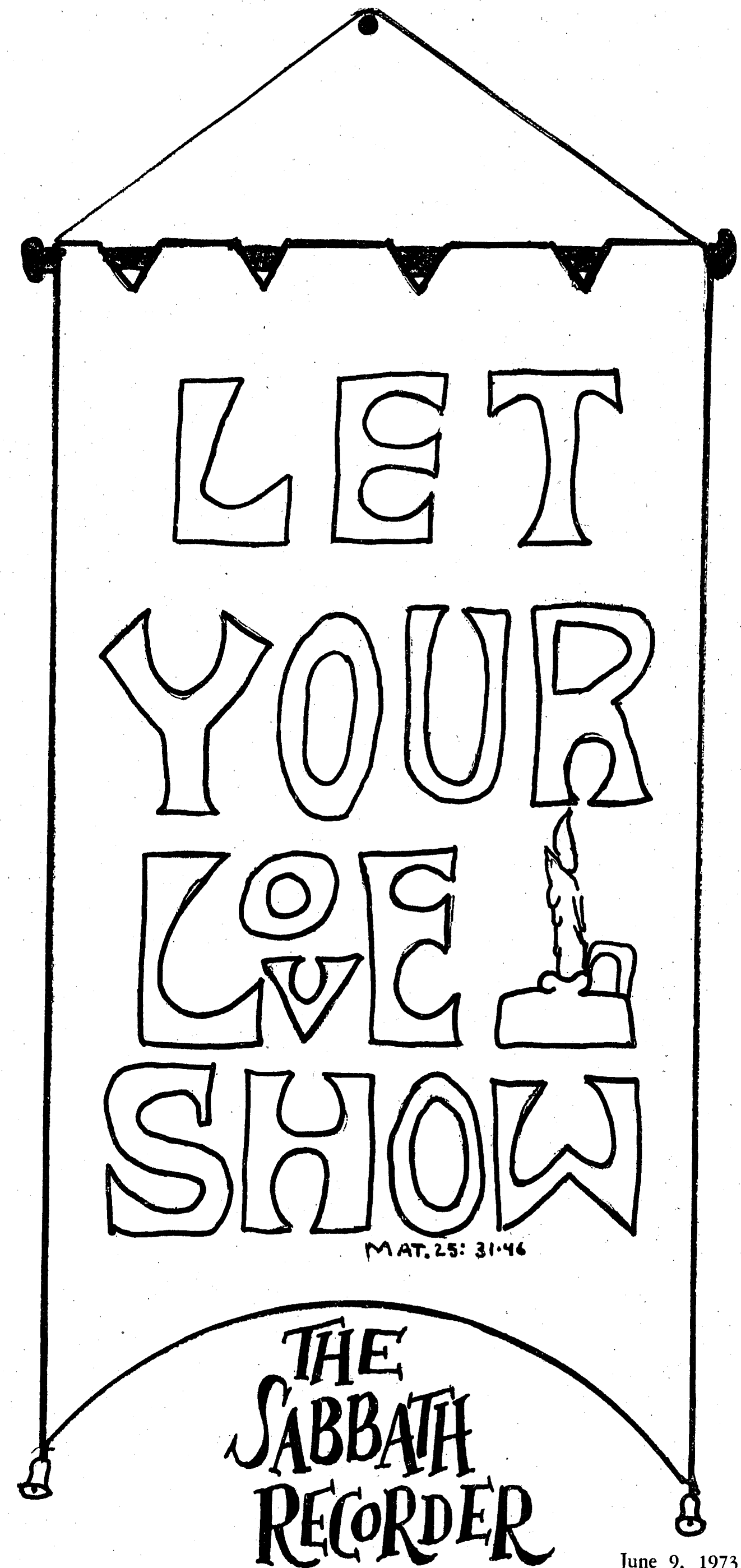
Computerized Bible Society

One session of the Advisory Council of the American Bible Society, May 7-10, was held in the Board Room of the twelve-story Bible house at 1865 Broadway in New York City. At the close of the session there was a tour of several floors of the relatively new \$5 million building. Visitors were impressed with the computer rooms that occupy most of one floor. The impressive thing is that the American Bible Society keeps these computers (mostly rented) operating twenty-four hours a day on three shifts taking care of communication and other functions that can be programmed in this way.

One of the main functions of the Bible Society is translation of the Scriptures. Very little of this work is done at headquarters, but in various countries of the world. Dr. Eugene Nida, the translations expert, answered questions about the use of computers in that area of the work. Translation is a highly personalized work and little of it can be done by machine. However, the various meanings of words in the original languages can be fed into a computer. Answers to certain questions can thus be arrived at more quickly.

During last year portions of the Scriptures appeared in nearly fifty more languages — an average of about one per week. Parts of the Bible, if not the whole Bible or New Testament, are now available in 1,500 languages or dialects, according to a large sign in the window of the Bible House. There are about 400 employees at the building that serves as the center of the greatest Bible work in the world.

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Madeline Fitz Randolph, president of
the Women's Board located in the Den-
ver-Boulder area, presents the material
in this emphasis issue to highlight the
work of Seventh Day Baptist women.

Let Your Love Show

By Elmo Fitz Randolph

Our debt is great to Christ who so
often, and with so great effect, has pre-
sented the good news to us as high drama.
And often we discover we are cast in
major roles — chiefly of our own choos-
ing.

Matthew 25:31-46 — The enthroned
Son of man, supported by angels, citing
humankind to the Father's blessing or
curse by the test of sensitivity and re-
sponse to needs — involves us personally
in a decisive judgment centered in the
question, "Is your love showing?"

Christ does not fanaticize or philoso-
phize about love's definition or meaning.
Love is a verb of action finding its mean-
ing in our attitudes and responses as we
are confronted by need. To love, by our
Lord's "way of life," is to be sensitive
to hunger, loneliness, sickness, imprison-
ment, and to give of ourselves through

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issue goes to Matt Randolph, high-school-age son
of Rev. and Mrs. Fitz Randolph.

caring in channels that are healing, re-
demptive, and saving.

The style and system of modern society
under which we live too often blocks or
anesthetizes our awareness to need around
us. How poignant is our remembrance
that Jesus, in His compassionate caring,
wept over Jerusalem.

Recently the head of the Boulder,
Colorado, Volunteer and Information
Center spoke to a group of church leaders
about people's needs in this city. Here are
a few of Boulder's human situations cry-
ing out for caring and help: Thirty-three
persons committed suicide last year (the
Crises Center sees fifteen to twenty in-
dividuals per month who have either
contemplated or tried to end their lives);
there are five thousand known alcoholics
in Boulder County with three times that
many suspected victims; eighteen hundred
youths were brought before our courts
during last year; three out of four mar-
riages in this county end in divorce—
leaving some 500 children per year with
only one parent to care for them; 12.9
percent of our population have income
below the established poverty level; our
community has over a thousand senior
citizens living on pensions for whom pres-
ent unstable economic conditions bring
increasing hardships. These examples are
indicative of a far broader spectrum of
real need.

How aware are you of the needs where
you live? Sensitive investigation of prob-
lems involving persons in your area
shock you with their scope and magni-
tude. Remember that Christ has the king
in His "Show Your Love" drama say,
"I tell you this: anything you did for one
of my brothers here, however humble,
you did for me."

George Small has written a poem that
speaks with simplicity and clarity to the
experience we too often share:

*"I read
In a book
That a man called
Christ
Went about doing good.*

*"It is very disconcerting to me
That I am so easily
Satisfied
With just
Going about."*

Our Boulder Volunteer and Informa-
tion Center executive, herself a commit-
ted and church-oriented Christian, testi-
fies that she cannot conceive of facing
the enormity of human need and suffer-
ing without the strength-giving presence
of Christ and His Church.

Thank God we have Jesus Christ —
and we are members one of another in
the Body that is His Church! It is He who
has shown us love in "setting captives
free; bringing good news to the humble;
binding up the brokenhearted; releasing
those in prison; and proclaiming a year
of the Lord's favor."

Driving behind a car on a city street
just today I read a sign in the rear window
that read, "I love Jesus." Those words
raised more questions for me than they
answered. They fell empty on my mind
because I did not see the driver's love in
action. May God, who is at once our
Father and our Righteous Judge, moti-
vate and empower us as functioning mem-
bers of Christ's Church to *show our love*.

Small Church Pastors Must Set Pace

Southern Baptist Convention President
Owen Cooper challenged more than 400
small church pastors and laymen to re-
member they are prophets of God and
pace setters in their communities.

"The pace of witness is going to be
no faster than you walk; the interest in
missions no more than your interest; and
the degree of missions and outreach no
more than you make it," Cooper said.

"Some churches may grow, some stabi-
lize and some may have to disorganize,"
he said. "I've had an idea of churches,
not merging but marrying. They could
go together, keep both pastors on the
payroll, but send one off as a missionary
and then switch six months later. The
people will probably get so excited about
supporting a full-time missionary that they
will want to support him permanently."

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Let Your Love Show: Be a Woman

By Barbara Wright

What a joy it is to be a woman! And by being a woman we have such an opportunity to show our love for God. It should be the easiest thing to do but many times we make it difficult for ourselves, especially in this topsy-turvy world where we hear of women's lib, political entanglement, the church's rightful place—and we could go on and on.

I admit I had become a little confused as to where I fit in as a woman. But I praise the Lord for answered prayer. Through study and searching the Scriptures I discovered the role He outlined for me. In my probing I came across a word which I had never really thought about before, "submission." The dictionary defines it as, "a yielding to the power or authority of another; obedience." This is only a part of womanhood but to me it is the core of showing obedience and love to God.

Paul had great concern for the women in the New Testament church. There was a need for some authoritative teaching and order. In First Timothy 2:12 he tells us not to usurp authority over the man. What a shame it is that we have to be reminded over and over the very thing God commanded from the beginning. We *must* believe the creation, for our place in God's plan comes right out of the Garden of Eden. In Genesis 1:26 God gave man dominion over all things. As we read further we realize that Adam did exercise his dominion by giving names to all the living creatures. And as a glorious climax he even gave us the name of "woman" (2:23). After the fall, God plainly spells out to us that: "thy desire shall be to thy husband and he shall rule over thee" (3:16).

Paul tells us again in Ephesians 5:22 that we wives are to submit ourselves unto our husbands. Does this mean completely? In complete obedience? To me it does, for he goes on to say "as unto the Lord."

Our attitude can make a difference in

what we feel submission means personally. It surely does not refer to sex only, nor that we are to be a slave or doormat, nor is it to be a burden to bear, nor is it something we can turn on and off.

We must remember that without Christ there can be no true submission. With His guidance we can obey these passages, and what rewards are waiting for us. In my own experience, I have noticed a deeper security in the home since I let go and let God through my husband handle things. Then a spiritual growth comes with much more understanding and desire. Best of all, there is a joy and peace within that is so unexplainable.

Going back to Ephesians, we notice that Paul speaks first to the wives and then to the husbands that they love their wives. What everyone wants and needs is to be loved and if we would submit unto our husband (which man wants and needs so that he can exercise his dominion as God intended) then we will have this wonderful reward.

God made us as woman, not man, two different creatures, physically, emotionally, mentally, each with definite roles. We have the privilege of having submission as one of ours. To think that He entrusted us with this responsibility! So, whether single, married, or widowed, we should take up this challenge and we could even change hearts, homes, and the world. What greater love can we show for God than by being obedient to His Word.

*Love ever gives —
Forgives — outlives —
And ever stands
With open hands.
And while it lives,
It gives.
For this is Love's prerogative—
To give, and give, and give.*

John Oxenham

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for June 16

MORE THAN LIP SERVICE

Lesson Scripture: Exodus 20:7; Matt. 6:1-6; Mark 7:5-8

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Give the Orphan His Rights

(Isaiah 1:10-17)

By Nancy Warner



Nancy and Garth Benjamin Warner

In October of 1972, Glen and I became aware of the great need in Vietnam concerning orphaned children. We had often spoken of adopting part of our family, and when we learned that at least 500,000 children were homeless in that country, we decided to look into it further.

Through a private adoption agency, we learned of an organization named Friends of Children of Vietnam. This group has been concerned about the care of Vietnamese orphans since the infamous "Tet offensive" of 1968, when the war reached the cities. FCVN has written the following:

"Uprooted by war, desperate and helpless, many families in Vietnam have been forced to abandon children in the tragically mistaken belief that these children will be better cared for. Infants left at orphanages and other institutions do not thrive under present conditions. The mortality rate for these children often runs as high as 80 percent. A woman who has devoted her life to the children of Vietnam has written:

"I say we are desperate and I mean it. I dare not think too much about all my babies who are dying in the orphanages before their papers are complete. Just last month I lost twelve of them. This is

just breaking my heart. To think they are dying of simple things like that. Heavens, for them in the nursery in Saigon I don't think one of the dozen would have died."

"Friends of Children of Vietnam was established to halt this appalling death rate among infants and children in Vietnam by providing food, medication, clothing, educational assistance as well as trained personnel. We are assisting orphanages in three areas of Vietnam: two nurseries in Saigon (primarily for children being adopted), an orphanage in Can Tho, and one among the Montagnards in very primitive conditions with no electricity and no running water."

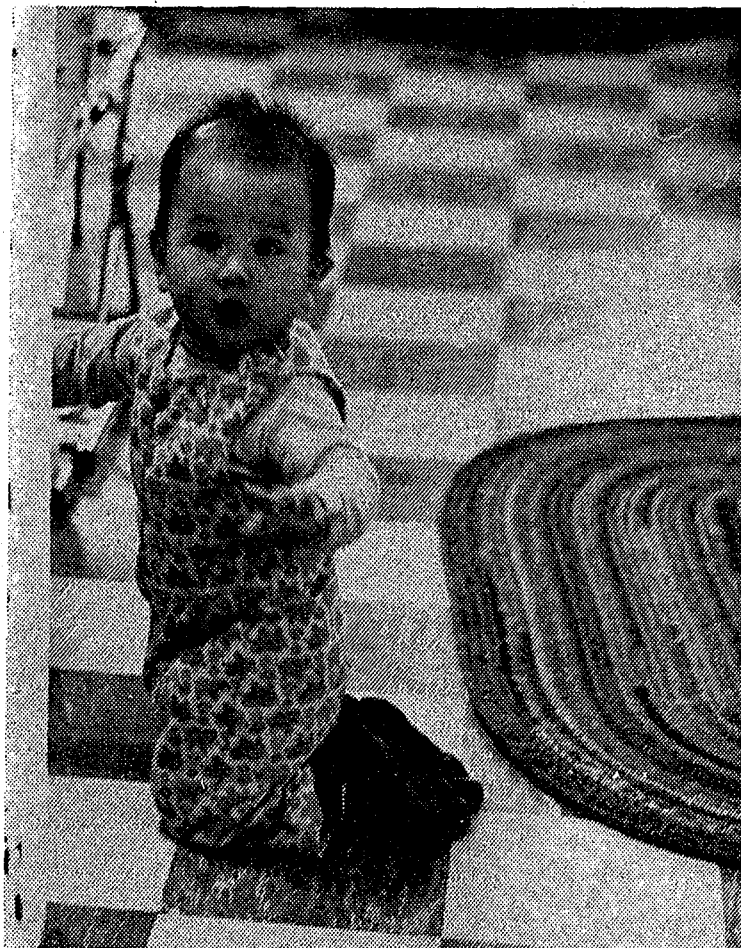
Following the standard state-required series of home studies, we prepared and mailed our thick dossier to a specified person and orphanage in Saigon. Throughout the meticulous preparation of the application, we reminded ourselves several times of the uncertainty of foreign adoptions. We were prepared for a male child under one year with no restrictions on race, handicaps, or diseases. There was a certain sense of "rightness" about the whole experience, yet until he was here, we could only wait in hopeful expectation.

We knew that if our application was approved we would probably receive a picture of our child in the mail. Then the further work with the U.S. Immigration Department could be started.

No picture ever arrived, but we did receive a "release certificate" sooner than we expected, which meant that a child had been selected for us. We cabled immediately that we would accept him and our anticipation truly began to grow. He was named Le Minh Hieu. By requirement, we already had chosen his American name. It was very exciting to realize that Garth Benjamin Warner was waiting right then, somewhere in South Vietnam to travel to live with us.

The children come in groups of not less than four, by air travel. We soon received information of Garth's arrival date, and on that night we were joined by friends at Stapleton Airport in Denver. When I received him into my arms after the thirty-hour flight, he began to cry,

frightened by another transfer to the arms of another stranger, but soon he was smiling. It was a deeply meaningful experience for us all, to say the least. He was a happy, healthy, five-month-old boy.



After much "ooing and aahing" by all gathered there to share in this joyous experience we brought Garth to his new home. His eyes were wide open as he took in all the bright neon lights on the way home. Once we got home, we sat down to play with him. My worries about any fears he might have were soon over. He laughed and cuddled, responded immediately to his father and slept well that night. That was the happy beginning. People ask, "Did you have any adjustment problems with him?" I can honestly say, "No." The human relations among us have been all that we would desire. The only thing that was difficult was when he would awake and cry with fright which we believe was related to the fear of being alone again. Once we held him, he was quiet and relieved. As for us, it is strange to reflect on the time when Garth wasn't with us. He is in our lives forever. It is as though he was always there just waiting to be with us physically. He is our child of joy.

Many things have been written by others concerning adoption. Adoption has been practiced since early man. Families have always taken in those who

have suffered in some way. To be able to adopt is a God-given privilege. I would like to share with you now a few thoughts of others.

One pamphlet regarding the adoptive process is *Let's Talk with Adoptive Parents* by Marian MacLeod. In it she stresses the importance of realizing God's help throughout this experience. She relates:

"I have heard a beautiful description of adoption. I don't recall who said it, but an adopted child was likened to a tender, young, and rare plant that was taken from the spot where it grew from seed and was transplanted to another spot, where loving care brought it to full blooming maturity.

"At the moment each child is born, its mother and father are parents in name only. Their first glimpse of the newborn brings awe, but detached exclamations. It is not until the baby is placed in the mother's arms and she feeds it for the first time, holds it and makes it comfortable, that she experiences the first warm stirrings of motherhood. A father presents himself before the plate glass window of the hospital nursery — but he neither merits the title of fatherhood nor knows what it means until he takes his child home, holds it in his arms, and cares for its needs.

"We adoptive parents know these things through experience. We know that parenthood is more than giving birth to a child. We, too, had that 'first sight' and then we reached out and took our child into our arms and hearts and earned our parenthood. The bond between adoptive parents and their children is strong and durable; this we adoptive parents know."

Fleur Conkling Heyliger expressed it this way:

*"Not flesh of my flesh,
nor bone of my bone,*

But still miraculously

My own.

Never forget

for a single minute;

*You didn't grow under my
heart,*

But in it."

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Let Your Love Show . . . in Your Church!

Read 2 Cor. 5:11-15

It is almost a ridiculous statement, we are taken aback — of course isn't the church the birthplace of love? Unfortunately, too many times we do not find love in the church, real warmth; real concern (with muscle) that "binds our hearts" together. The following article is reprinted by permission from the *Upper Room Disciplines* for the year 1973, and says it well:

"God loves community. While creating, He did not sit back to enjoy it all by Himself. Instead, He made man and shared creation with him. But God decided that man's community was not as complete as it should be, so He created woman to live in community with man. The whole idea of community has its source in the mind of God.

Literally, the word *community* means

"with services" or "with obligation." Community exists when there is a common sharing. This sharing may include physical possessions, but this can be only surface sharing. On the other hand, if there is a sharing of minds, then people are more "with it," and their community is of greater depth and has inner as well as outer qualities.

Paul tells what obligates the church to be a community. It is nothing less than the self-giving, total love of the Lord of the church, Jesus Christ. The motivation for community is that we are a "died-for" bunch of people. The death of Jesus brings us all together with a common obligation to Him. This obligation leads us to a shared ambition — living no longer for ourselves, but for Jesus.

Prayer; Lord, give Your church the experience and appearance of authentic community. Amen.

—Rodney A. Kvamme, pastor, First Lutheran Church, Havre, Montana.

State Church Still Continues in Sweden

There have been efforts in Sweden to move away from the state-church union by which the church is supported by the state. The situation creates a real difficulty for non-Lutheran churches. The proposals which would have brought equality to the churches was turned down by a working party of Lutheran bishops.

The provisions for separation, which seem to Americans quite basic include: equal rights for all denominations, citizen's choice for church membership, removal of official status for ministers, and church tax exemption for foreign-born residents not belonging to the state church. These were to have been implemented over a twenty-year period.

Day by day Garth brings us joy as he learns and develops. Just this week, we experienced the relief and happiness of his final adoption decree, making us his "legal" parents. We believe this whole experience has been by God's design, and that we are meant to be together.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Feel Better Faster

An instant heat/cold therapy system designed to take the place of the conventional ice pack and hot water bottle has been developed.

Called Temp Aid, it consists of an insulated plastic package, containing dry chemicals and a pouch of activating solvent, enclosed within a soft polyethylene outer cover. A light blow to the container, followed by a few seconds shaking, causes a chemical reaction which results in a controlled temperature on the outer surface of the pack.

Manufactured by Temp Aid, Inc., a subsidiary of Kay Laboratories, Inc., of San Diego, Calif., it comes in two versions — either hot or cold. Each lasts approximately one hour.

Presently marketed through hospitals and the dental professions, a company spokesman said that these disposable units will be available to consumers in drug outlets.

"No Exceptions"

Prepared and given by Mrs. Gary (Myrna) Cox on Youth Sabbath
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But this was only the beginning of the process of incarnation . . . it is still going on. The life of Jesus is still living through a complex corporate body called the Church.

The Church, therefore, when it lives in and by the Spirit, is to be nothing more nor less than the extension of the life of Jesus to the whole world in any age.

On the other hand, there is nothing more pathetic than a church which does not understand this fascinating program for the operating of the body of Christ and substitutes instead business methods, organizational procedures, and pressure politics as means to influence society.

We are reflecting this morning on the spiritual gifts that we receive from God. Paul says that the "gift of the Holy Spirit for ministry is given to every true Christian without exception," and also says, "to me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given." "Hence I remind you to rekindle that gift of God that is within you."

It is very significant that in each place where the gifts of the Spirit are described in Scripture, the emphasis is placed upon the fact that each Christian has at least one. That gift may be laying dormant, unused, and you may not know what it is, but it is there; for the Holy Spirit makes no exceptions to this basic equipping of each believer. It is vitally essential that we discover the gift of gifts which we possess, for the value of our life as a Christian will be determined by the degree to which we use that which God has provided us.

"There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;



Mrs. Myrna Cox

There are varieties of service, but the same Lord;

There are varieties of workings, but it is the same God who inspires them all in every one."

Notice there are three divisions of the subject of spiritual gifts. There are gifts, there are ministries, and there are workings.

A gift is a specific capacity or function.

A ministry is the sphere in which a gift is performed.

Then there are the workings — the degree of power by which the gift or ministry is manifested.

What are some of these gifts?

There are gifts for some to be
apostles
prophets
teachers
those who do miracles
those who have the gift of healing
those who can help others
those who can get others to work together
those who speak in tongues.

One of the most important facts to get clearly in mind in an attempt to understand spiritual gifts is to realize that a spiritual gift is not the same as a natural talent.

It is true that talents such as musical ability, artistic skills and athletic coordination are also gifts from God, but they are gifts on a physical or social level only, given to benefit mankind in its "natural life."

Spiritual gifts, on the other hand, are given for benefit in the realm of the spirit, the realm of an individual's relationship to God. The effect of the operation of a spiritual gift is to improve a person in his spirit's enjoyment of the life and love of God — to bless him.

Moreover since the spirit is the most fundamental part of man's being, from which all other relationships grow, it is clear that the exercise of spiritual gifts operates at the deepest level of human existence and strikes right at the root of all human problems.

Talents, however, deal more with the surfaces of life and though useful or entertaining, do not permanently change men as spiritual gifts can do.

Talents, obviously, are distributed to men and women quite apart from any reference to their spiritual condition. Non-Christians, as well as Christians, have talents and both can find many opportunities for useful expression of their talents in both religious and secular ways. *But only Christians* have spiritual gifts, for they are given only to those to whom the Spirit of Christ has come to dwell.

If these gifts are the doorway to a new world of fulfillment and challenge then we surely want to know what ours are, but how do we go about it? The answer is really very simple. We discover a spiritual gift just like we discover our natural talents.

How did you find out that you were musically talented? or artistically endowed? Or able to lead, to organize, or to paint? Probably it began first with some kind of a desire. You simply liked whatever it is you are talented to do, and found yourself drawn toward those who were already doing it. You enjoyed

watching those who were good at it, and came to appreciate something of the fine points of the activity. That is the way spiritual gifts make themselves known at first, too.

Somewhere the idea has found deep entrenchment in Christian circles that doing what God wants us to do is always unpleasant, that Christians must always make choices between doing what they want to do and being happy or doing what God wants them to do and being completely miserable. Nothing could be more removed from the truth.

Do we have a spiritual gift or don't we? Do others recognize this gift in us? When someone says to you, quite unsolicited, "We'd like you to take on this ministry. We think you have a gift for it," then you can be quite sure that you have that spiritual gift. It may well be that others will see it long before you do. In fact, one of the most helpful ways the members of Christ's body can minister to each other is to help one another discover his spiritual gifts. It is much better for others to tell you what gifts they see in you than for you to lay pretentious claims to gifts you might not actually have.

In our SCSC program we ask our young people to list what they think their talents or gifts are to aid us in assigning them particular projects. And while we make these assignments on a "natural talent" basis, we know that they will be making use of them for God's purpose.

We hear many of our congregation saying that they have no talents. They can't do anything very well. Just a couple of weeks ago, I called a woman in our congregation to ask if she would help with the newly formed Children's Church. Her answer to me was, "No, I used to have a talent for working with children but the Lord saw fit to take that talent away." I don't believe that, but if she really believes that then I would like to suggest to her that she do as Paul wrote in Second Timothy 1:6, "Hence I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you."

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Talents, however, deal more with the surfaces of life and though useful or entertaining, do not permanently change men as spiritual gifts can do.

Talents, obviously, are distributed to men and women quite apart from any reference to their spiritual condition. Non-Christians, as well as Christians, have talents and both can find many opportunities for useful expression of their talents in both religious and secular ways. *But only Christians* have spiritual gifts, for they are given only to those to whom the Spirit of Christ has come to dwell.

If these gifts are the doorway to a new world of fulfillment and challenge then we surely want to know what ours are, but how do we go about it? The answer is really very simple. We discover a spiritual gift just like we discover our natural talents.

How did you find out that you were musically talented? or artistically endowed? Or able to lead, to organize, or to paint? Probably it began first with some kind of a desire. You simply liked whatever it is you are talented to do, and found yourself drawn toward those who were already doing it. You enjoyed

watching those who were good at it, and came to appreciate something of the fine points of the activity. That is the way spiritual gifts make themselves known at first, too.

Somewhere the idea has found deep entrenchment in Christian circles that doing what God wants us to do is always unpleasant, that Christians must always make choices between doing what they want to do and being happy or doing what God wants them to do and being completely miserable. Nothing could be more removed from the truth.

Do we have a spiritual gift or don't we? Do others recognize this gift in us? When someone says to you, quite unsolicited, "We'd like you to take on this ministry. We think you have a gift for it," then you can be quite sure that you have that spiritual gift. It may well be that others will see it long before you do. In fact, one of the most helpful ways the members of Christ's body can minister to each other is to help one another discover his spiritual gifts. It is much better for others to tell you what gifts they see in you than for you to lay pretentious claims to gifts you might not actually have.

In our SCSC program we ask our young people to list what they think their talents or gifts are to aid us in assigning them particular projects. And while we make these assignments on a "natural talent" basis, we know that they will be making use of them for God's purpose.

We hear many of our congregation saying that they have no talents. They can't do anything very well. Just a couple of weeks ago, I called a woman in our congregation to ask if she would help with the newly formed Children's Church. Her answer to me was, "No, I used to have a talent for working with children but the Lord saw fit to take that talent away." I don't believe that, but if she really believes that then I would like to suggest to her that she do as Paul wrote in Second Timothy 1:6, "Hence I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you."

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This program is one of the most exciting areas of the Women's Board work. It is a very rewarding experience for those of us who have had the privilege of being involved. This is a growing program and, while we seem to have reached our growth potential as far as participants are concerned, we are just beginning to grow in other phases such as program, service, experience, and outreach. We have usually eighteen to twenty young people each summer and that is quite outstanding when one considers the size of our denomination.

This summer we are experimenting with some larger teams. This is a result of requests by the young people themselves. Object: to provide an opportunity for more young people to remain together, thus permitting them to have a greater influence on their projects as well as one another.

Five young people are going to Seattle, Washington; and five are going to Battle Creek, Michigan, who will be a mother church for a short term project with the Ohio Fellowship. Other projects will include Paint Rock, Ala.; Westerly, R. I.; Plainfield, N. J.; and the Southeastern Association. Young people participating are: Debra Barber, Westerly, R. I.; Mary Jane Campbell, Bridgeton, N. J.; Leon Clare, Alfred Station, N. Y.; Sandra Ellis, Stephentown, N. Y.; Janette Fetrow, Waterford, Conn.; Cindy Graffius, New Enterprise, Pa.; Larry Graffius, New Enterprise, Pa.; Janece Goodrich, North Loup, Nebr.; Duska Goodson, Salem, W. Va.; Suzie Monroe, Fouke, Ark.; Faith Oliver, New Auburn, Wis.; Deborah Pearson, Woodville, Ala.; Mary Pederson, New Auburn, Wis.; Donald Smith, Milton, Wis.; Patricia Thorngate, Pebble Beach, Calif.; Tom Thorngate, Arvada, Colo.; Ida Vaught, Edgerton, Wis.; Janice Williams, North Loup, Nebr.

We have been in close contact with all

project directors and are very appreciative of the fine programs they and their churches are developing.

We ask not only for your financial support (more contributions are needed for this summer's program) but also for your prayerful support. Pray for these young people, the project directors and the churches involved that this work together will be rewarding and meaningful and will be to the "glory of God." "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

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LET'S THINK IT OVER

Anti-Semitism Declining Here

Bertram H. Gold, executive vice-president of the American Jewish Committee, opening a discussion on Jewish security at the organization's 67th Annual Meeting at the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria, in New York in mid May, suggested that Jews in America have received a high degree of acceptance and that "overt anti-Semitism has become unfashionable." Furthermore, he continued, "classical anti-Semitism and organized bigotry as represented by those groups and movements whose essential purpose is to spread hatred of Jews is not an important factor in America today. These groups continue to atrophy. Diminished in numbers, shrinking in membership, barren of program, they have no significant impact on the American scene today."

However, he continued, "since the Six Day War of 1967, Third World advocates, doctrinaire Marxist-Leninists, Black Pan-Africanists, and the amorphous amalgam known as the New Left, violently anti-American and passionately anti-Zionist, have maintained a steady and furious drumbeat of harsh anti-Israel propaganda. By accident or design, and the intent is really immaterial, theirs is the anti-Semitism of today."

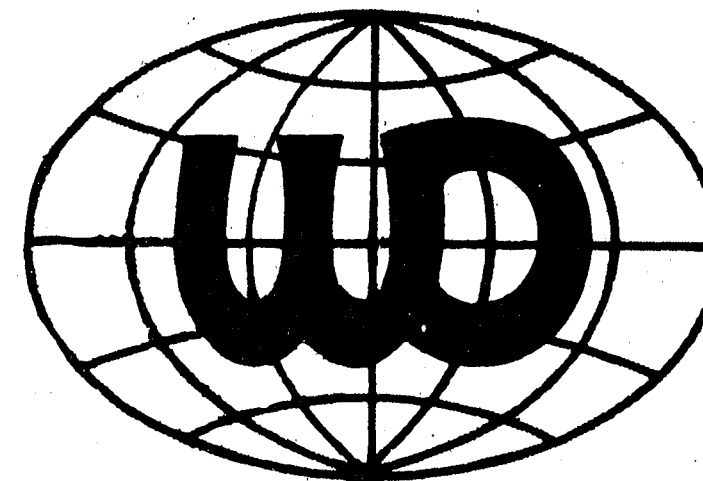
President of the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance, Mrs. R. L. Mathis (Marie), is reporting to us through a letter dated May 8.

Mrs. Mathis was in Asia to attend the five-year meeting of the Asian Baptist Women's Union in Singapore, April 23-27. We quote now from her letter:

"My first stop was in Seoul, Korea, to attend the twentieth anniversary meeting of the Women's Missionary Union of Korea. My last visit to Seoul was in 1959; and upon my arrival this time, I learned that the population had grown from one million to six million . . .

"I believe there is great hope for the future of women's work in Korea because of the quality of leadership there. I was impressed with the work of Mrs. Ho Sun Pang, whom many of you will remember, for she was in Tokyo. She was also present in the Singapore meeting. She is doing a tremendous job (recognized by her government) with a child care center and an important work with teen-agers coming from villages and towns in Korea into the capital city of Seoul. These girls are runaways, and Mrs. Pang has contacted literally hundreds of them as they come into the railway station. She takes them into the center which has been receiving help from the Baptists as well as from the government; and there she works with them in many ways, either finding places for them to work or persuading them to return to their homes. In this way she has saved many girls from going into houses of prostitution in that tremendous city. Many of these girls have been lead to the Lord through her ministry. She is only one who is typical of other very fine leaders who were present in the meeting in Seoul."

Mrs. Mathis goes on to account for more of her journey, visiting at Hong Kong Baptist College, speaking there in the college which enrolls about three thousand. She told of the Asian Baptist Women's Conference in Singapore, with 297 women from eighteen countries registered there. The theme of the conference was "The Greatest of These Is Love."



After the five day program there, Mrs. Mathis tells of leaving for Vietnam, and there holding meetings which had been arranged for previously in three cities. There are no women's organizations in the churches there at the present time. She emphasized that the greatest need there now is for national pastors. Of the five national pastors in the entire country, two of them died within a five week period.

Again we quote from the letter:

"As I flew out of Vietnam, I came away thinking of all that had occurred and all that I had seen; but especially was I thinking of the gentle, warm-hearted Vietnamese people who deserve to have their country rebuilt and the opportunity which seems a very possible one for literally hundreds of them to come to know the Lord. Peace terms have been agreed to, but will they be kept? From all that I saw and felt and heard, I realized that such agreements could be broken any day.

"If all to whom this letter is going could covenant together to pray for Vietnam, for hundreds of Christians who are there now in spite of the ten years of war, and for hope for their future, there is no telling what could take place for the Christian movement in that land.

"My final word in this letter is that you also pray for the missionaries who are there who are bearing up under a tremendous and almost unbearable load of work and stress and who need national pastors more than anything else."

Sincerely yours,
Marie Mathis

to do it on our own, it is impossible. Some day when we meet our Lord face to face we are going to have to account for ourselves. We are going to be without family, without husband or wife, mother or father, without friends as we know them now. I can almost hear a conversation with God going like this:

"Well, gee, God, I didn't think this day would come so soon. I suppose you want me to justify my life as a Christian. I hope you won't be too hard on me, God, because, well you know how it is. I really tried to love all those people but they didn't love me back. I did use my talent though. You must have been proud of me when I taught that Sabbath School class about five or six years ago, but I had to give it up because you know, God, I just couldn't keep up with church and all of my other obligations. I hope you will give me credit for coming to church nearly every week. I would have stayed for Sabbath School class more often but it just made for too long a day. Besides, I didn't really care for any of the teachers and I intended to do some studying on my own. I am now sorry that I didn't set aside some time each day to study, but it was hard to find five or ten minutes every day to spend with you . . . I must sound pretty foolish now asking to spend eternity with you God when all my earthly life I was too busy with my own desires. Is it too late, God?"

And how sad our Lord will probably look when He says to us, "You have called yourselves Christians, but you have never been mine."

This church and the people in it cannot save us. Only God can!

There are no exceptions. *None of us will be excused.* Every member of this body of Christ has at least one spiritual gift —

"Be honest in your estimate of yourselves, measuring your value by how much faith God has given you. Just as there are many parts to our bodies, so it is with Christ's body. We are all parts of it, and it takes every one of us to make it complete, for we each have different work to do. So we belong to each other, and each needs all the others."

What does your life mean to you? Do

you know what your gifts are?

"Make Christ your most constant companion . . . this is what it practically means for us. Be more under His influence than under any other influence. Ten minutes spent in His society every day or two minutes if it be face-to-face and heart-to-heart, will make the whole day different. And though the crowd is the object of Christianity, it is not its custodian. Deal with the Founder of this great Commonwealth Himself. Any man of honest purpose who will take the trouble to inquire at firsthand what Christianity really is, will find it a thing he cannot get away from."

After the resurrection Jesus told Peter, "Feed my sheep." This was to be Peter's ministry but Peter, being the curious human being most of us are, said to Christ, "But what will John do?" And the Lord said to him, "What is that to you? Follow me!"

Lord Jesus, as Thou wilt . . . If among thorns I go.

Still sometimes here and there let a few roses blow.

No! Thou on earth along the thorny path hast gone,

Then lead me after Thee, my Lord; Thy will be done.

Scripture texts used: 1 Corinthians 12; Romans 12; 1 Peter. 4.

Resource materials and quotes: "Body Life" by Ray C. Stedman; "The Greatest Thing in the World" by Henry Drummond.

Spiritual Bodies

What kind of body will we have at the resurrection? This is discussed in the comforting chapter, 1 Corinthians 15. Verse 44 says, "It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body." Dr. Stephen Reynolds of Faith Theological Seminary makes a helpful distinction in commenting on this verse: "Not a spirit without a body, of course, but a body of higher character. The natural body has the term 'soul' attached to it, while the spiritual body has qualities of the spirit."

Mentally Retarded Christians?

By Jean Jorgensen
Editor of the Women's Page

"Our lives are shaped by those who love us — by those who refuse to love us" (John Powell).

Every day we hear, talk about, see, or feel some sense of love. The core message of Christianity is love — unconditional, genuine love.

Last year I began working in an institution for the mentally retarded. I work with children aged nine to twenty who are moderately and severely retarded. These children have taught me so much about love. It seems they understand love so much more than the normal person and because this understanding is so strong, their need for it is greater and they are willing to share every ounce of their love freely. They are truly more Christian than I. This ability to understand love and to give it so freely, unconditionally, places them at the core of Christianity. Should we deny the mentally retarded a knowledge of Christ, of God, and of Christianity? Should they not be considered members of the Church Christ built — thus our home church?

Education for the retarded has come a long way in recent years. These people are being recognized as having a superabundance of love to share and the capacity to take a significant place in their families and community or residential institution. The retarded person cannot learn as much, nor does he learn as rapidly as the normal person. He finds it hard, if not impossible, to deal with abstractions. Things that he can see and handle have more meaning to him than abstract ideas. He is slow in comprehending, so directions must be given one at a time. He needs to be allowed to move at his own rate, since pressure to move more rapidly only confuses and frustrates him.

Brain damage can have an effect on the perceptual or motor areas of the body with obvious deficits in ability to see,

hear, speak, or coordinate motor activities. However, the mentally retarded are first of all persons. Too often some physical handicap or unattractive habit has caused people to avoid a retarded person, so that early in life he learns to think of himself as unwanted and unacceptable. This in turn makes it harder for him to be an appealing, likeable person, and so the vicious circle goes around and around. It is only in an atmosphere where he can feel worthy, be accepted as a person, and admired for what he can do, that he is free to develop and grow. Every person needs to know that God loves him, *as he is*, and that even though he does wrong, God's love is constant and surrounds him. Retarded persons are no different when it comes to knowing that God's love never fails.

Persons who function at the moderate and severe levels of retardation may never know more than primary concepts of God — as a big man who directs the affairs of men from some far-off location, such as the sky. They can know that God is the creator and source of all life. He made the trees and birds and butterflies and me. To attempt to deal with the Trinitarian doctrine is beyond their comprehension and is confusing, yet they understand Jesus as a special person whose life and teachings show us what God is like. They understand Jesus as their friend, a lifelong friend. They can learn to pray even if its no more than praise and thanksgiving to their best Friend. Much of the Bible is beyond their ability to understand yet they should be helped to appreciate a few stories and devotional passages that are meaningful to them. Music is the greatest medium for telling them of God's love (and your love). Music is happy; it's feeling; it says, "I love you — God loves you." It seems that most levels of retardation respond to music and can grasp the tie of music and love.

One Sunday in June, a boy named Helmut became a member of his congregation in Parma, Ohio. Other young people were baptized with Helmut, but he was special. He had not attended church membership classes with the others, but a special class for mentally retarded children. There he had learned to read

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and spell words like Jesus, good, love, Bible, and God, and to say what these words meant to him. He had learned what it meant to be a part of the family of faith, that he had a special place in this family, and that God loves him.

That Sunday in June Helmut stood before the congregation and presented his "Declaration of Faith." He used a flannel board and the words he had learned in class, and his teacher was there to guide him. Then he went forward with the church membership class and expressed his desire to be identified as a member of the congregation. When, after the service, the congregation greeted those who had been baptized, it was obvious the happiness and joy Helmut had experienced had transmitted itself to the congregation. In the words of his teacher, "He went home happily clutching his baptismal certificate, but our people went home carrying something in their hearts they will not soon forget."¹

Excellent materials for the education of the mentally retarded are available. Most states have an Association for Retarded Citizens and there is usually a Religious Services Committee. Many communities have interdenominational church school classes for the mentally retarded. The experience of love and acceptance in a church fellowship will help the retarded person to know that the church is the community of those who love God and try to make His love known by the way they live.

Try sharing love with a mentally retarded person. It will take a lot of patience and kindness; you can't be self-seeking or angry, and you will need to be truthful and straightforward; it will take

believing, hoping and putting up with a lot — but, love never fails. (Read 1 Cor. 13.)

Consider sponsoring a Vacation Church School or weekly Sabbath School class (interdenominational) in your church. What about using our church camps for camping sessions either with institutionalized retarded persons or those living in your community? These children can learn in a regular class setting or camping session, but an extra person, or persons, is needed to help them get involved in their own way. Such hard working efforts on your part will not build a new Seventh Day Baptist church nor add many members, but it will build a love in you that you never knew possible — Christ's love. "Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love."

¹ Weiser, Carol and Syverson, Arthur, "Church Membership for the Mentally Retarded," *The Bethany Guide*, Sept. 1972, Vol. 47, No. 1.)

Ray Knighton, president of MAP (Medical Assistance Program) reports that he had visited the dedicated doctor who heads the hospital work in earthquake devastated Managua where there is continuing need for medical supplies and food. He notes that MAP has rushed 95 tons of vaccines and foodstuffs to meet the urgent needs in Nicaragua and plans to spend between \$100,000 and \$150,000 to feed and treat the half-million needy people. It is stated that a \$25 donation enables MAP to send \$1,000 worth of medicines and supplies to disaster areas.



"The Family That Prays Together Stays Together"

Teaching the children to pray is one of the responsibilities of a father that can well be considered on Father's Day. As summer begins the family does well to pray about vacation activities in relation to the church. Let us pray with our children about recreation and the re-creation that can come through religious camps and Bible Conferences.