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## Who are Seventh Day Baptists?

If you've never read *The Sabbath Recorder* before, you might be wondering who Seventh Day Baptists are. Like other Baptists, we believe in:

- salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.
- the Bible as the inspired word of God. The Bible is our authority for our faith and daily conduct.
- baptism of believers, by immersion, witnessing to our acceptance of Christ as Savior and Lord.
- freedom of thought under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
- the congregational form of church government. Every church member has the right to participate in the decision-making process of the church.

### The seventh day

God commanded that the seventh day (Saturday) be kept holy. Jesus agreed by keeping it as a day of worship. We observe the seventh day of the week (Saturday) as God's Holy Day as an act of loving obedience—not as a means of salvation. Salvation is the free gift of God through Jesus Christ. It is the joy of the Sabbath that makes SDBs just a little bit different.

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## Robe of Achievement nominations

The SDB Women's Society is accepting nominations for the Robe of Achievement for 2003. Please consider a woman in your church who meets these criteria for nomination:

- Was/is active as a volunteer in some phase of denominational effort
- Has shown evidence of special service with her family and/or community
- Must be a committed Christian
- Must be an active member of a local Seventh Day Baptist church

A complete resumé must be submitted containing a life history, including her achievements and activities. Without a resumé in hand, the committee cannot make a competent choice among many nominees. If an individual has been nominated before, and you still want that person considered, please resubmit the name as well as the resumé.

Send all nominations to:

Robe Nominations  
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or apply on-line at  
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**Deadline:**

March 31, 2003

## Missionary Society Annual Meeting

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The annual meeting of the members of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society will be held at the Pawcatuck SDB Meeting House, 120 Main St., Westerly, R.I., on Sunday, March 16, 2003, at 2:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

To elect voting members, a Board of Managers, and officers to hold office until the next annual meeting and until their successors are elected.

To hear and act upon the reports of the Board of Managers and officers for the fiscal year January 1, 2002, to December 31, 2002.

To ratify the appointment of independent public accountants for the current fiscal year.

To consider and act upon such other matters as may properly come before said meeting or any adjournment thereof.

The Board of Managers has fixed the close of business on February 28, 2003, as the time at which members entitled to notice thereof and to vote at the meeting and any adjournment thereof shall be determined.

—Cindy L. Nadeau,  
secretary

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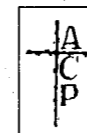


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# Malawi goes 'solar'

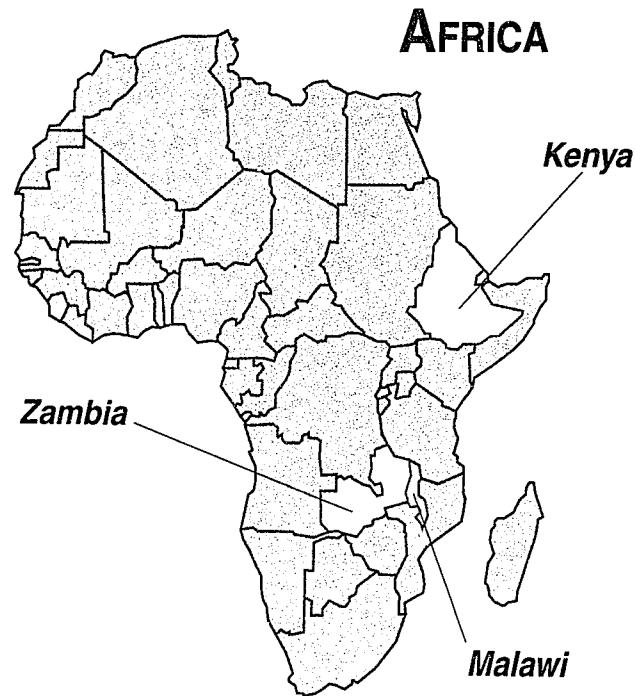
by Kirk Looper

On a recent trip to Africa, I visited Malawi for a brief time. This trip was important for two reasons: It allowed me to visit the Chipho and Makapwa Clinics, and I was able to help them locate and set up the computer system that they had purchased with donations.

Pastor L.G. Nantikwa and Canaan R.K. Phiri traveled with me on the clinic visits. We saw much of the work being done at Chipho and took pictures of their solar electric system.

This system—underwritten by a government grant and heavily subsidized by a foreign company—furnishes light to the clinic. The cost of the setup includes parts and labor. This project has been completed at the Chipho Clinic, but has not yet begun at Makapwa.

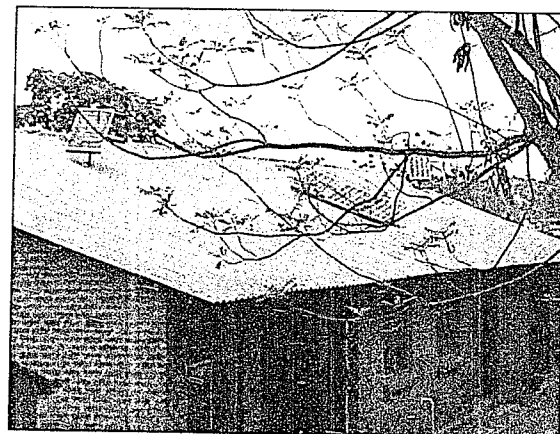
The solar electric system at Chipho was impressive. Most of the buildings had solar panels on their roofs, and the batteries for storing the electricity were inside the structures.



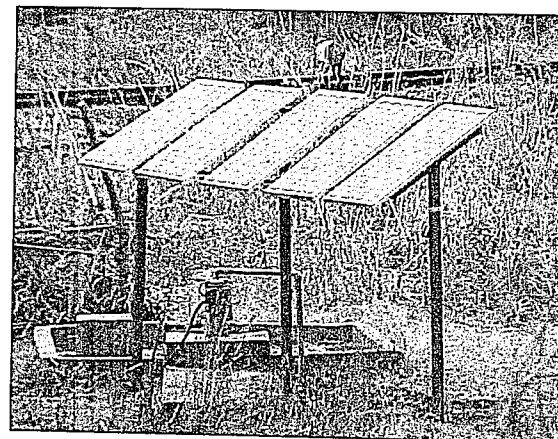
Every room in the clinic had at least one fixture that emitted a strong but low-voltage light, bright enough to do that room's particular task. My one objection was that they had placed the solar panels for the water pump beside the well instead of on

clinic property. This means that they will need to build a fence around the solar panels and well, or hire a guard to protect the panels from vandalism.

Also, the well that they capped for the clinic is actually one that was drilled for community use. Ideally,



Solar panels are placed on most of the buildings at the Chipho Clinic in Malawi.



These solar panels are located by the well. They run the pump for the water source.

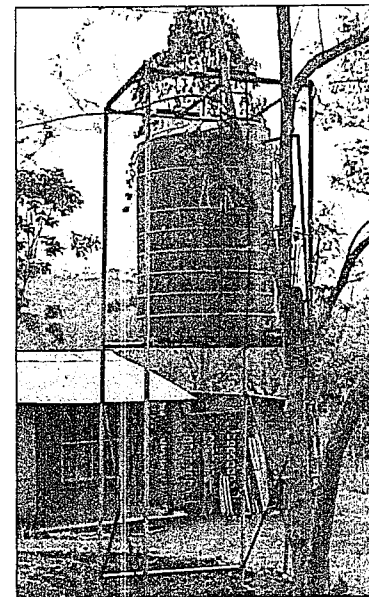
they need to drill a well on their own land and then set the solar panels beside it. That way, the panels would be in a protected area.

We took photos of the new Office Block that is being built at the Blantyre church. They still need to pour the floors and put on a roof, but they are already excited about its completion. This structure will allow them to store Conference equipment and supplies, as well as provide office space for the Conference's General Secretary and Treasurer.

While at Makapwa, we looked at the Bible College and talked with the principal. The Bible School remains

Meeting with the Conference's Executive Board was interesting and many plans were discussed, includ-

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This water tower provides the clinic with water.

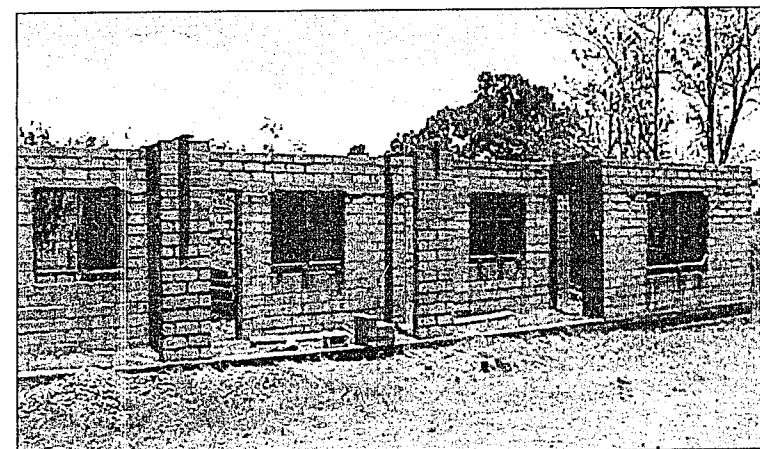
closed because they do not have the funds to run it. They have already received admission letters from four new applicants.

Funds are needed for students' travel expenses (plus a stipend for them to send home to their families), books, teachers' salaries, food, and utilities. Money is also needed for either solar electricity or fuel for the generator so that the students can study after dark. They would like to have study Bibles that could be kept at the schools.

ing the centenary celebration to be held at Makapwa this September. This commemoration is a couple of years late, but they felt that the political "atmosphere" is better now than it was in 2001.

Everyone is invited to show up for this special event, and they are looking forward to seeing many visitors. They extend a special invitation to all of the SDB missionaries who have served in Malawi over the years.

So, get your tickets and plan on attending! It should be an exciting time, and we look forward to hearing about the centenary meetings later this year. **SR**



The office block being constructed at the Naperi church in Blantyre. They need over \$2,000 to complete the structure.



# Big families, few jobs in Kenya

by Kirk Looper

The growth of the Seventh Day Baptist Conference in Kenya has been slow over the past decade. Just two years ago, Pastor Mose became the new Coordinator/General Secretary of the Conference. Starting with just one church in 1992, they now have five. Pastor Mose continues to work at increasing the number of SDB churches and groups.

While in Kenya, we visited each of their churches and spoke with the leaders about their needs and how we might help. These churches included Igego, Kiagware, Inani, Ekeranyo, and the original church in Keera.

We also visited a school complex with a section for deaf students and an academy for standard grades, 1 through 8. This complex is not an SDB organization, although two of Kenya's Seventh Day Baptist churches have schools connected with them. Those schools need books and other supplies, as well as a partial roof for one of the classrooms.

During our stay, the teachers were on strike in most of the schools, leaving the administrative staff to work with the students. This gave us a chance to visit with the administrators and some of the children.

The school buildings are in relatively good condition even though none of them are government-sponsored. It is pleasing and encouraging to see that the local people are able to do so much on their own.

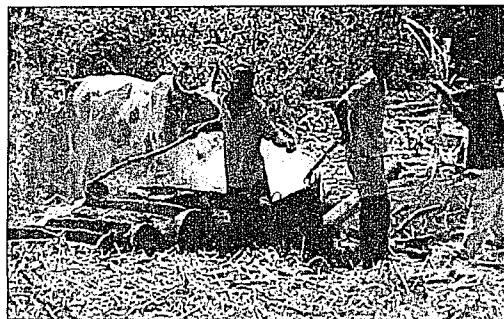
I was limited in the number of pictures I could take and the computer work that I could do. Pastor Mose does not have electricity in his house, so I had no way to recharge batteries. In spite of this drawback, I was able to take some photographs and show

one of Pastor Mose's daughters what could be done on the computer.

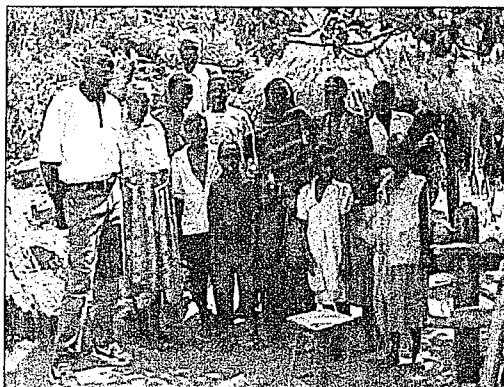
This daughter has started training to be a computer technician, but her parents fear that she will not find employment when she graduates. This seems to be a big problem in that part of Kenya, where apparently there aren't enough jobs for trained personnel.

The Moses' oldest daughter has already graduated but cannot find a job. Her husband, also a graduate, is working outside of his major field of study.

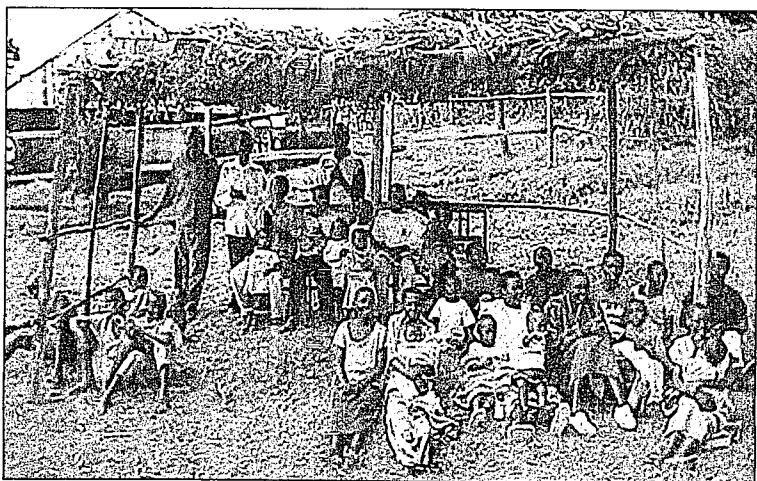
When you look at the number of tourists



Making sugar from a crop of sugar cane.



The Kiagware Bible Study. This church needs a meeting-house.



The Igego SDB Church is also in need of a building.

visiting Kenya, it is difficult to believe that few jobs are available. I was told that the funds brought into the country often go to sources outside of Kenya, either through foreign

investors or government officials.

To a degree, the SDB churches in Kenya have had a setback: two of their churches do not have buildings. They have plots on which to build

vidual donations. Eight of their nine children currently live with them, plus two of their three grandchildren.

Pastor Mose's wife cooks over an open fire in one of their buildings.

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meeting houses, but they do not have the necessary funds because of poor economic conditions.

Other churches need equipment and supplies to increase their outreach ability and to teach those already attending their services. Each church needs a public address system so that they can "speak" to the whole community. By broadcasting music, they can attract even more potential members. Since none of the churches have electricity, they need generators to run their sound systems.

General Secretary Mose and his wife live on a small acreage, growing mostly beans and tea along with garden crops. They also own a milk cow. Since Pastor Mose receives no financial support from the church or Conference, he relies solely upon indi-

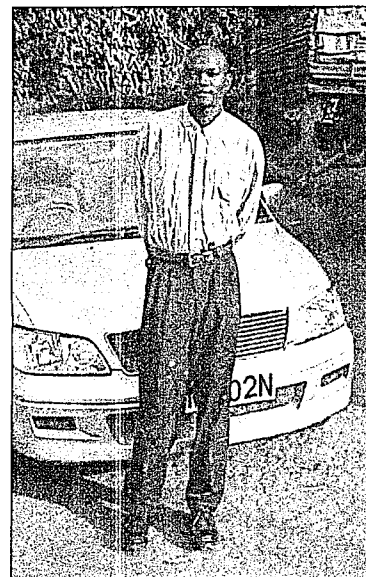
Another house is used as a bedroom for their sons. The daughters sleep in the same building where the cooking is done. The main building on their farm is used as a dining/meeting hall, and a bedroom for Mr. and Mrs. Mose. The couple looks forward to the time when they will be able to build a new home with enough rooms to house their entire family.

One of the couple's grandchildren—Davis Oyugoo Mose—was named after Dr. Ron Davis, an SDB doctor from America who visited Kenya in 1992.

Bernard, the Moses' oldest son, is preparing to become a pastor for the Keera church. He would like to attend a Bible College somewhere but does not have enough money for the schooling. Irene, the oldest daughter,

has a teaching degree but cannot find a job. Jackline, the next oldest, is preparing for work in the computer field. Once again, there is concern that she will not have a job after earning her degree.

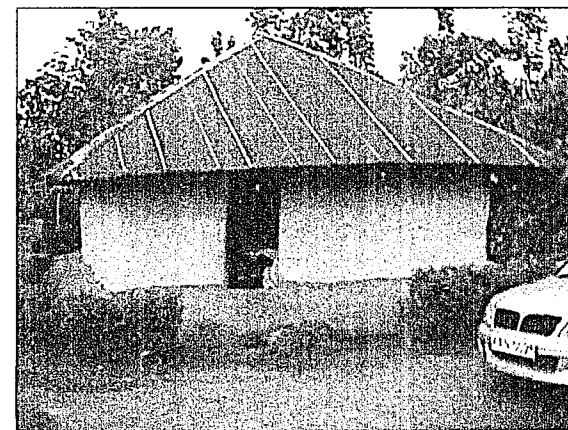
The entire Mose family covets your prayers. ✠



Bernard Mose, Pastor Mose's oldest son, is preparing for the pastorate.



Pastor Mose's son, Edwin, and grandson, David.



The main house where the Mose family lives.



# Basics needed in Zambia

by Kirk Looper

After several years of turmoil, Seventh Day Baptist churches in Zambia have started to regain much of the ground that they had lost.

One of the side effects of the disturbances was a split in the Seventh Day Baptist churches. Zambia now has two groups of SDB churches—the Fellowship, and the Conference.

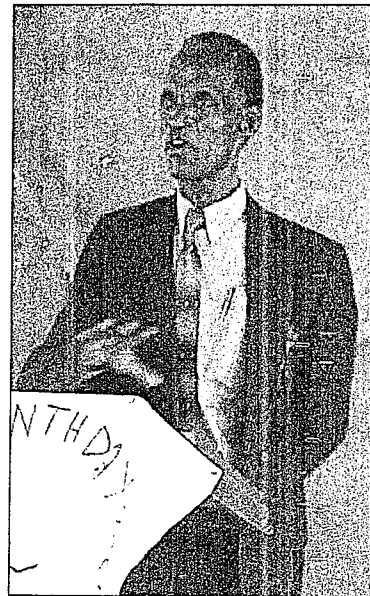
The Conference is the group with which the Missionary Society is affiliated. Last March, they had 11 churches. By October, that number had grown to 15. The work that was flourishing so much before the turmoil has now resumed.

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In one newspaper article, the European Union (EU) acknowledged that 13 million people in southern Africa are facing unprecedented famine. This is worsened by the epidemic of HIV/AIDS that is ravaging that portion of Africa.

The six countries that have been hit worst by the drought are Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Swaziland, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. The EU gave



Rev. Edwin Mukumbo, General Secretary of the Zambia Conference.

a grant of 30 million Euros to supply vulnerable populations with emergency food aid, health care for children under the age of 5, and clean water and sanitation.

About 2.4 million people in Zambia face starvation and need emergency food supplies at least until March. Relief funds have been made available to the SDB churches in some of these countries.

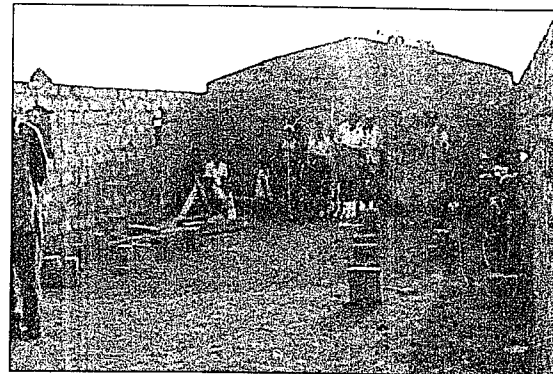
The Zambian government has rejected the genetically modified maize offered by the U.S. government relief aid. They fear that some type of

harm may accompany the use of these foods.

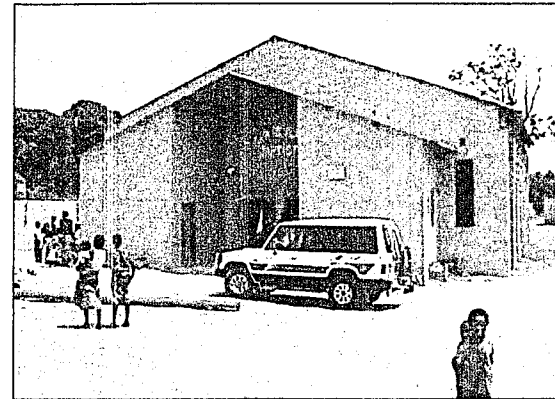
The construction of the meeting house/conference center at Buchi is progressing slowly. Funds have been tied up due to a misunderstanding at the bank. The structure is finished, but the walls surrounding the grounds, plumbing, and electrical system still need to be completed. It is hoped that this work will be done before March of next year. The availability of financial help is the determining factor.

For many years, it has been a dream of Rev. Mukumbo (the General Secretary of the Conference in Zambia) that a training school would open for members of his community. This has become a reality with the opening of the Faith Training School.

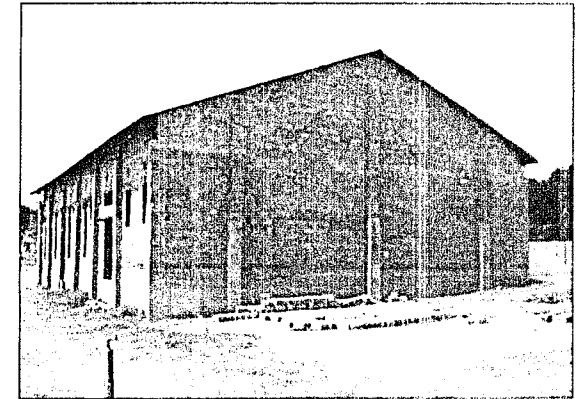
This school is set up to train youth to do work in the areas of carpentry and cement block manufacturing, as well as other marketable skills. Presently, they are helping to build the Buchi church meeting house. They are responsible for the blocks that are used for the fence and struc-



Inside of the Central Baptist Church in Solwazi.



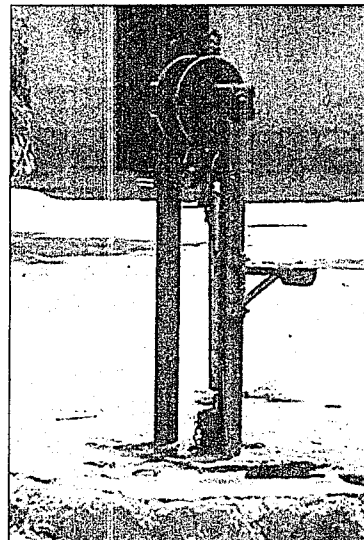
The front of the Buchi meetinghouse.



The backside. Bricks being dried are in the foreground.



The Buchi Choir led by Fray Mukumbo.



One of the wells drilled with funds donated from the U.S. and Canada.

tures. The accompanying photographs show the buildings at the school as well as the grounds.

One Sunday, we traveled to the area around Solwazi and visited eight churches—Kyamakubi, Kangwena, Inakamwale, Kamalenge, Lunga, Solwazi Central Baptist, Kibombome, and Kamyanga. Each greeted us and told us of their needs. Most stated that food was their main need, followed by water wells.

They also can use hammer mills, roofs for their churches, cement for floors, and help in increasing the strength of their buildings. Other needs include bicycles, windows, tables, chairs, desks, keyboards, uniforms for their students and women, and leadership/evangelism training.

It was very evident that these people are hungry and in great need of food. Their gardens were bare with no promise of rain. Their stockrooms, which I have seen full on previous visits, were completely empty. Many were sick and malnourished, and some have died.

Their previously-bored wells are of two types, shallow and deep. The shallow wells were dry, and the deep wells had water in them but were not very full. It is not known how long this water will last. They felt that if they could bore the shallow wells deeper, it might provide additional water.

People in the areas without wells are required to walk more than five miles for a meager supply of water. Some water is contaminated because cattle and other animals are allowed to drink and wade at its source.

We need to continually pray for the Zambians as they go through this difficult and trying time. **SR**



# Canadian Crusade

by Ron Elston

"The White Harvest" was the theme for Toronto's Crusade last September, and the Lord truly blessed the event.

The Missionary Society's National Extension Minister, Rev. Ron Elston,

tor Herlitz Condison of the Toronto church reports that he has now set up baptism and membership classes.

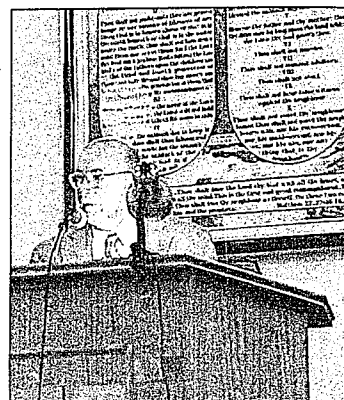
The Missionary Society as well as several other Boards will be promoting evangelism this year.

**The local SDB church had prepared for the Crusade for some time, so the meetings were well attended. It was exciting to see the lost receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.**

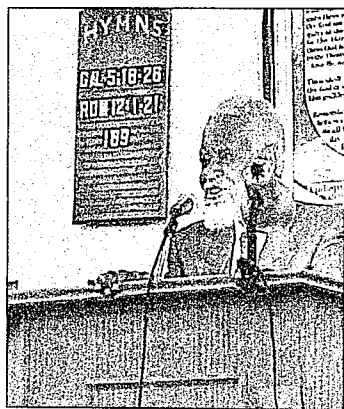
conducted the evangelistic services, accompanied by the Voices of Praise singing group. The Society's Executive Director, Kirk Looper, and his wife, Vivian, presented a Sabbath afternoon program on inductive Bible studies.

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Plans are formulating for additional Evangelistic Outreach utilizing Pastor Ron and the Voices of Praise. If your church is interested in this outreach and would like additional information, please contact the National Missions office at P.O. Box 105, Fairdealing, MO 63939; Phone (573) 857-2764. Or contact the Missionary Society Board office at 119 Main St., Westerly, RI 02891; Phone (401) 596-4326. **SR**



Pastor Ron Elston standing before the Toronto church's Ten Commandments.



Toronto's Pastor Herlitz Condison.



A young drummer keeps the beat during the Toronto Crusade.



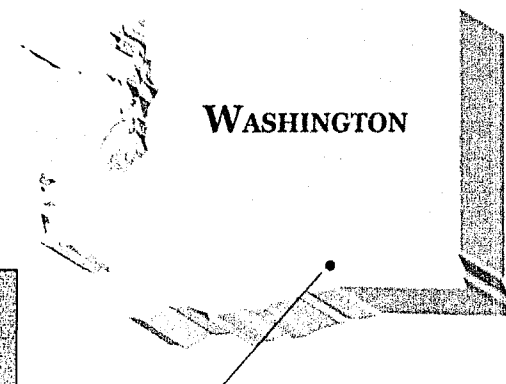
Even the youngsters joined in praising the Lord.

# Mid Columbia group sees growth

A new Seventh Day Baptist group, Mid Columbia, is meeting in the Kennewick, Wash., area, under the leadership of Marty Jackson. The group started meeting in Marty's home but soon outgrew the available space. After several months, they were able to locate a church building

that had adequate meeting facilities.

In a joint Missionary Society/Council on Ministry effort, Pastor Gabe Bejjani, Director of Pastoral Services, met with the new



Marty Jackson (right) receives his diploma from Ron Elston at the 2002 Church Planters School.

Kennewick

group to teach SDB Polity and to answer questions concerning new church startups. Marty reports that the new church sign is up, and that they have received phone calls.

Marty is a 2002 graduate of the National Missions Church Planters Basic Training School and is a building contractor in the Kennewick area. **SR**

# Church Planters School 2003

The National Missions Basic Training Church Planters School will meet May 26-31 at the Seventh Day Baptist Center in Janesville, Wis.

If you feel the call to Church Planting, please contact the National Missions office at PO Box 105, Fairdealing, MO 63939 or the Missionary Society Board office, 119 Main St., Westerly, RI 02891.

All applications must be in by March 31, 2003. **SR**



Church Planters class of 2002.

# It's happening now—in Brazil!

by Janet Thorngate

Forty Seventh Day Baptists from all over the world will fly to Curitiba, Brazil, next month, to attend the sixth session of the SDB World Federation. The week-long meetings (February 10-16) will include reports from each Conference and sharing of concerns, election of officers and other business of the Federation, worship with lots of music, Bible study, workshops, and seminars. Delegates will also have the opportunity to sightsee in Curitiba, the capital of Paraná, and visit area churches.

The official invitation letters state that the purposes of the sessions are the same as for the Federation:

- 1) to provide increased communication among Seventh Day Baptist groups around the world,
- 2) to promote projects of mutual interest which will benefit from international cooperation, and
- 3) to stimulate fellowship among Seventh Day Baptist Christians.

### How did it all start?

Gerben Zijlstra of the Netherlands and Everett Harris of the U.S. have been recognized as originators of the idea of a world organization of Seventh Day Baptist Conferences. Eleven groups became charter members in 1965: Australasia, Brazil, England, Germany, Guyana, Jamaica, Malawi, Mexico, Myanmar (Burma), Netherlands, and the United States. India (Andhra Pradesh) joined in 1969, Philippines in 1978, Nigeria in 1983, Poland in 1984, South Africa in 1986, and India (Kerala) in 1989.

### International projects

An annual Week of Prayer promotes unity of Christian spirit among all SDBs each January. The prayer booklet, written by someone from a different country each year, is translated into several languages. A Federation newsletter, "SDB World,"

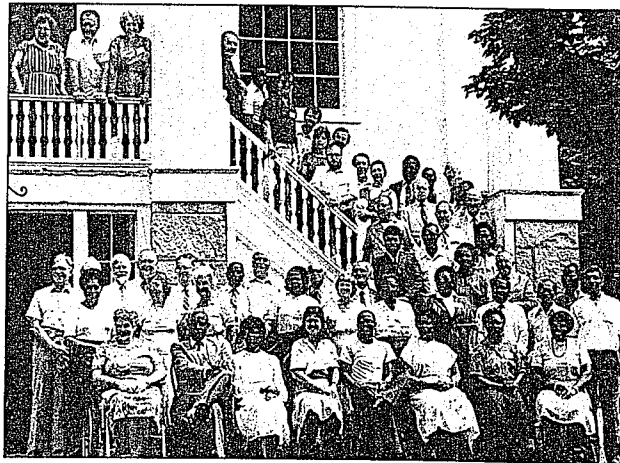
highlights Federation projects and news from member groups.

Projects supported by the Federation have included leadership education programs or publishing in specific countries, travel funding for evangelistic missions within or between countries, disaster relief through member groups, and sending of officers or "ambassadors" to encourage the growth of work in new locations. Money for projects comes only through voluntary contributions from member Conferences as they respond to a need.

### Earlier sessions

The first official meeting of the World Federation took place in 1971, hosted by the New England Yearly Meeting, the oldest known Association of SDB churches in the world. The second and third sessions were also held in the U.S.—1978 in Alfred, N.Y., and 1986 in Westerly, R.I. Many remember the dramatic parade of flags at that third session.

*Seventh Day Baptist World Federation delegates and observers in Westerly, R.I., USA, in 1986.*



In 1992, the Australasian Conference hosted the fourth session in Auckland, New Zealand. In 1997, the Jamaica Conference hosted the fifth and largest session so far, with over 70 delegates and observers. Delegates noted that four of their number had attended the founding CoWoCo (Council of World Conferences) in Salem, W.Va., in 1964: Jacob Tyrrell of Guyana, Leon Lawton of the U.S., and Naval Harley and Joe Samuels, then of Jamaica.

### You can be involved!

Three men specifically ask for your prayers and financial support:

*cont. on page 23*



*Drafting the constitution for the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation, 1964, Salem, W.Va., USA.*



Women's Society page by Laura Price  
www.sdbwboard.org

## Who will wear the Robe in 2003?

The purpose of the Robe of Achievement is to honor some woman each year during the Annual Meeting of the SDB Women's Society who has had an influence or contributed "beyond the limits of her own community and church."

Please see the inside front cover for the nomination criteria and application process. Remember, the deadline is March 31.

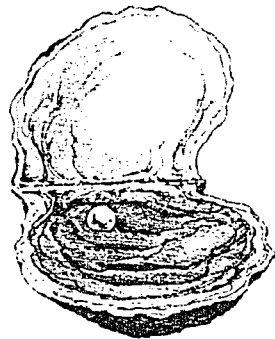
## Robe of Achievement recipients



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| 1964 | Doris Holston Fetherston                         | Frances Becker   |   |
| 1965 | Mabel West & Abbie Babcock Van Horn              | Marie Fassbender |   |
| 1966 | Helen Shaw Thorngate & Elizabeth Fisher Davis    | 1982             | Etta North O'Connor                             |
| 1967 | Evalois St. John                                 | 1983             | Dorothy Davis Parrott                           |
| 1968 | Rev. Elizabeth Fitz Randolph                     | 1984             | Helen Kenyon Coon Waite                         |
| 1969 | Marjorie Janette Burdick & Martha Gates Mills    | 1985             | Ethel Davis Dickinson; Lois Wells, posthumously |
| 1970 | Gladys Drake, Caroline Gray & Charlotte Whitford | 1986             | Madeline Watt Fitz Randolph                     |
| 1971 | Frankie Lowther Davis                            | 1987             | Xenia Lee Randolph Wheeler                      |
| 1972 | Florence Belle Bowden                            | 1988             | Audrey Babcock Fuller & Linda Bingham Hays      |
| 1973 | Anita Davis Harris                               | 1989             | Elsie Mae Randolph Lewis Bottoms                |
| 1974 | Sarah Becker                                     | 1990             | Geraldine Thorngate Van Dyke                    |
| 1975 | Anna Crofoot Harris                              | 1991             | Gertrude Dickinson Davis                        |
| 1976 | Janette Loofboro Rogers                          | 1992             | Myrna Davis Cox                                 |
| 1977 | Clara Lewis Beebe                                | 1993             | Dorothea Ellen Payne Shettel                    |
| 1978 | Agnes Kenyon Clarke Bond                         | 1994             | Mabel E. Cruzan                                 |
| 1979 | Bettie Butler Pearson                            | 1995             | Ethel Main Wheeler                              |
| 1980 | Iris Sholtz Maltby                               | 1996             | Luan Sutton Ellis                               |
| 1981 | Oma Pierce Seager                                | 1997             | Beth Severe Burdick                             |
|      |  | 1998             | Lorna Austin Graffius                           |
|      |  | 1999             | Jean Bonham Lewis                               |
|      |  | 2000             | Nellie Jo Brissey                               |
|      |  | 2001             | Floy Owen                                       |
|      |  | 2002             | Sylvia Lindo, posthumously                      |

### Special Award:

Elizabeth Schmid  
Anna Pfeiffer



Pearls from the Past by Don A. Sanford, historian

## Pit stops on the frontier

*evening preached at brother Ezra Babcock's. The next day being the Sabbath, preached to the church in this place, and enjoyed a refreshing season from the presence of the Lord. In the evening preached at Brother John Maxson's home.*

This past August, over 800 Seventh Day Baptists gathered in western New York State for the 200th anniversary of our General Conference. For many, it was a drive of a day or two. Even those from the West Coast could make it in one day by air.

As I traveled over much of this familiar territory, I reflected on what it was like for some of our spiritual ancestors to traverse the frontier, spreading the Gospel and witnessing for Christ.

Some of these migratory frontier posts were not as permanent as we would have liked, but they were "pit stops" in the race to spread the Gospel. Their importance has often been overlooked, but without them the work of extension might have stalled.

Consider the missionary work of Elder John Greene, who spent three months traveling 1,200 miles in the winter of 1821-22. The first quarterly publication of Seventh Day Baptists—the *Missionary Magazine*—appeared in 1821. In its fifth issue, it reported on portions of Greene's missionary tour through the western parts of New York, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. One of the first entries told of his visit to Scott, N.Y.:

*Dear Brother,*

*I take liberty to send you a Journal of the Tour I performed, agreeably to instructions received from the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Missions.*

*Dec. 7th—Went to Scott and attended a covenant meeting. At*

The church at Scott, which had been organized just the year before Greene's visit, became one of the most influential SDB churches in the 19th century. It was the early boyhood home of A.H. Lewis, our most prolific apostle of the Sabbath. George Babcock, our most prominent philanthropist, also had boyhood roots in Scott. James Bailey, considered the father of our denomination's Historical Committee, was ordained in Scott. Many of its inhabitants became church leaders in the South and West.

Greene spent the following week visiting lone Sabbathkeepers, some of whom moved on to other Sabbath colonies to the West. On Friday, the 14th, he arrived in Allegany County. Thus, he continued his journal:

*Dec. 15th—Went to Alfred and preached on the Sabbath. There were three baptized by Elder Satterlee. Tarried in this place five days and preached five times.*

*Dec. 20th—Went to Angelica, accompanied by Brother Daniel Pearce. Here I staid three days and preached four times, and enjoyed an agreeable season with this branch of the Alfred church.*

*Dec. 23rd—Went with Brother Abram C. Crandall to the town of Friendship, where are a number of Seventh Day people, destitute of public instruction. I preached in the evening to an attentive assembly composed of different sects.*

Although the stops in Allegany County could be considered pit stops, they became the nucleus for many migrations into the surrounding territory and the Midwest. Towards the end of the 18th century, more than a dozen churches in Allegany County in New York (and in Potter County in Pennsylvania), could trace their roots to these churches which were encouraged by traveling missionaries such as John Greene.

Even more significant were the churches in Wisconsin and beyond, whose roots go back to this area. Greene's next entry read:

*Dec. 24th—Resumed my journey, and on the 27th arrived at Col. Bailey's, North-East, Pa. Tarried one night, and on the 28th went to Fairview. Here, and in Coneaught, I found a number of distant relatives in a destitute situation, anxiously desiring assistance. I staid with them three days, preached three times, and had an agreeable season; in which time we had much conversation on the subject of the Sabbath. I hope my labor was not in vain.*

*Jan. 1st—Went from Coneaught to French Creek, accompanied by a Methodist Minister. Here is a small church of Seventh Day Baptists, which is in a rather low state; yet, I think, if suitable assistance was afforded, they might become a large church. They are much pleased with the institution of Missions, and manifested a willingness to help support them. I staid eight days, in which time I visited all the Brethren, and preached eight times; once in the Baptist meeting house, and once in the Presbyterian meeting house. The meetings were well*

*cont. on page 26*



### One year ago—January 2002

Kirk Looper shares about Muslims gaining ground in Nigeria, Africa; new construction projects in Rwanda, Africa; and the rebuilding being done in the Mexican Conference organization. New logo contest also announced for the Mexico Conference.

Details outlined for the new Church Growth Consulting Program.

The Emmanuel SDB Church of Louisville, Ky. (branch of Columbus, Ohio), launches their public services and dedicates their church building.

Women's Page editor Laura Price shares about her short-term missions trip to China. Information also shared about Heifer International.

Rev. L.B. Lee ordained in Colorado Springs, Colo. New Association of SDBs formed in Australia.

### Five years ago—January 1998

Russell Johnson uses farming analogies for his feature on harvesting in God's Kingdom.

A short-term missions trip to Romania nets long-term spiritual effects on a young SDB nurse, Heather Spaur.

Colorado Springs branch church hosts a community crusade.

World Federation delegates see firsthand the progress of the Maiden Hall Conference building in Jamaica.

Local news: coverage of the "Barnabas Weekend" in Blountville, Tenn.; the 80th anniversary of the White Cloud, Mich., church; and the North American Baptist Women's Union meets in San Diego, Calif.

### 10 years ago—January 1993

Missionary Society Executive Kirk Looper reports on his trip to Africa. Looper was accompanied by Rev. Leon Lawton and Dr. Ron Davis.

Ronald Elston, Regional Field Worker, looks at new outreach opportunities in Missouri, Oklahoma, and Wisconsin.

"Pearls" page remembers Rev. James L. Scott's missionary tour of America's Midwest.

Church members Valerie Heath and Linda Greene share testimonies of faith.

Christian Education page lists new teaching resources available.

# SR Almanac

*A look at where we have been  
from the pages of The Sabbath Recorder*

### 25 years ago—January 1978

Rev. David Pearson writes on the fruit of self-control. The Evangelical Press provides a review of religion in the news called, "1977—The Year of Full Disclosure."

The Camp Committee of the Board of Christian Education proposes the summer's Camper Exchange rotation.

A new church in Houston, Texas, officially organizes in November. The group grew out of the R.O.N. (Reach Out Now) program.

Local news: "Youth Emphasis Weekend" a success in Nortonville, Kan.; North Jersey SDB Church (in Basking Ridge) celebrates second anniversary; the Bell Church in Salemville, Pa., hosts Southeastern Association; new deacons ordained in Salem, W.Va.

### 50 years ago—January 1953

Conference President Elmo Fitz Randolph writes from the SDB Building in Plainfield, N.J., in the midst of a busy Commission meeting. He lists the talents and backgrounds of the members and adds, "The functions of your Commission, I submit, are in the hands of competent, dedicated Seventh Day Baptists."

Rev. Don Sanford's statement of Christian experience presented from his ordination service in October.

News of the sudden death of Rev. A. Clyde Ehret comes from Adams Center, N.Y.

"Sermonets" and short histories come from our churches in Fouke, Ark.; Riverside, Calif.; Old Stonefort, Ill.; and Edinburg, Texas.

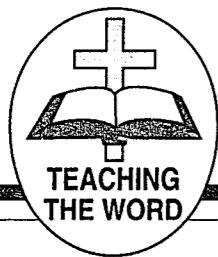
Rev. Clifford W.P. Hansen begins pastorate in Salem, W.Va.

### ...where are we headed?

#### Pray for—

- Kirk Looper's overseas trips
- God's hand in new outreach areas
- more workers for God's harvest
- upcoming World Federation meetings in Brazil
- our denominational leaders and workers
- former leaders who served us so well
- this new year and opportunity to serve





## Stewards of relationship

*I had the privilege of attending the Evangelical Development Ministry Institute in October 2002, and the pleasure of learning from those who have spent years thinking about ministry and stewardship. Dr. R. Scott Rodin, a former president of Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, shared his thoughts in a talk entitled, "A Theology of Asking and Giving." His thoughts provide most of the framework for the content of this article and next month's article.*

Scripture is clear: God is one. Scripture is clear: God works with humanity as Father, Son, and Spirit.

The witness of Scripture is reliable. Therefore, we claim that the perception of one God who exists eternally in three persons is a true reflection of the nature of God. God lives eternally in "self-sharing, other-regarding, community-forming" love.<sup>1</sup> Hence, we who are in the image of God are relational and communal creatures.

### Relationships on four levels

God created us to have rich, full relationships on at least four levels. Events in the Garden of Eden demonstrate these levels.

The first level is **with God**. Adam and Eve were able to walk and talk with God. The second level is **with the self**. Adam and Eve knew who they were and their purpose in life. Each was a person who fellowshiped with God and worked in the Garden.

The third level is **with other people**. The events surrounding Eve's creation make it clear that God intended a special relationship for Adam and Eve. The fourth level of relationship was **with creation itself**. God made resources available to Adam and instructed him to cultivate and keep the Garden.

At each level of relationship, Adam and Eve experienced full relationship.

### Sin brought loss

Then sin brought loss at all four levels. As soon as the fruit had been eaten, Adam recognized that relationship was broken. He could no longer walk and talk with God. Instead, he would hide from God. He could no longer know himself.

Stripped of the relationship with God and the job that God had given him, he was left without purpose. He would no longer have a full relationship with others—nakedness and enmity became barriers. Even at the level of the creation, relationship was broken. Animals that Adam named were now his enemies. Thorns choked plants that had once provided abundant food.

The fullness of God's planned reality for humanity was destroyed. At all levels, the relationships were broken.

### Jesus saves and restores

Jesus came to save and restore to us all four levels of relationship. While His work for relationships falls fully in the "already but not yet" category of our understanding, He did

bring healing. He did bring restoration. We can now, in Christ's blood, cry, "Abba, Father!"

God has and will restore our relationship with Him. The relationship with self is restored because we can once again know our purpose and place as God's children in God's Kingdom. We can love because God first loved us—a wonderful indication of the restoration of relationships with others. Jesus promised that people will know that we are His by the love we demonstrate for one another.

Even the relationship with creation has been and will be set right. One of God's early commands was to subdue and rule over the Earth. Jesus promised that a person with faith the size of a mustard seed could send a mountain into the sea. We stand as people to whom God has entrusted resources and to whom He has given the power to use those resources.

### No longer our relationships

Jesus redeemed and restored the relationships broken by sin. These relationships no longer belong to us; they are God's. He has entrusted them to us. So we are now stewards of these redeemed relationships.

We exercise stewardship as we relate to God, others, self, and creation. Let us be faithful stewards. **SR**

<sup>1</sup>Migliore, Daniel. *Faith Seeking Understanding*. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 1991, (p. 64).



It was a pleasure to visit with the leaders and a couple of churches that are members of the SDB Conference of India. The Conference is headquartered in Nellore, a town on the eastern coast of the lower peninsula, and its General Secretary is B. Kishor Kumar. I always feel welcome there, and the visit was great.

It was good to visit the Children's Home again after so many years, and I was pleased to see the changes that have been made. Funds donated in support of the Home are being put to good use, but more are needed.

The Home houses 30 children ranging in age from 4 to 7, with 14 of them girls. They all attend school (within walking distance), and the Home furnishes \$25 per student for additional tutoring.

The compound consists of a bathroom, a kitchen/dining room near the main building, and an office/study that stands off by itself. The main, multipurpose building houses the sleeping quarters, classroom, and visitor's lounge.

Sabbath services are held in a sleeping room or classroom. One woman who lives at the compound, Raja (or Rose), sews clothing for the Home. Her sewing machine is set up in the dining hall.

At times, electricity is cut off for extended periods, slowing or stopping activities at the Home. It would be wonderful if they could obtain a generator to provide continuous electricity, thus allowing their programs to run more smoothly and efficiently.

Even though the Home is relatively self-supporting, it appears that Mr. Kumar covers a good amount of the cost of running the Home. Plans to increase the income for the Home are being put into place with the addition of a citrus grove.

They have enough room to plant 750 trees on their land. When these trees start producing (in about three years), the Home will be more self-supporting and better off financially.

An irrigation well has been dug in the corner of this plot, providing 21,875 cubic feet of water for irrigation. This well is separate from the one used for drinking water. The Home would appreciate donations for the lemon crop project so it can be completed soon.

Many of the Conference churches need buildings so that the government will not discriminate against them. Many have thatched roofs and mud walls, and are older than the structures around them.

New buildings have been constructed on built-up land to allow for better drainage. This forces water to lower land, where the churches sit. The stagnant water in the yards isn't only messy—it's a health hazard.

The cost of each church building averages about \$6,000. This includes a floor area of 720 square feet, a permanent roof, and electrical work.

During the cyclone season, most buildings are damaged and require

expensive repairs. With this new type of construction, little damage would occur. General Secretary Kumar said that anyone donating funds to help erect a new church would have their name listed on a commemorative plaque.

They also request public address systems and small generators for their churches, at a cost of around \$500 each. This would enable them to broadcast their messages to the community. They could also use these items when traveling to nearby areas for evangelistic meetings. **SR**



Raja, the seamstress at the Children's Home in India.



Meal time at the Children's Home. The rice is served on leaves which are later thrown on the compost pile.



# the BEACON

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## “Today is.”

by Eowyn Driscoll

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“Time present and time past; are both perhaps present in time future.”—T.S. Elliot

By now, most of us have seen the *Lord of the Rings* movie. Whether we loved or hated it is not the point, because that’s not what this article is about.

This actually revolves around the book a little bit. So if you are one of the few people who have spent their entire lives avoiding LOTR books, just skip ahead a little, since this *Beacon* is not entirely full of Tolkienisms.

At one point in the *Fellowship of the Ring*, Sam and Frodo are with Galadriel, and she is offering them a chance to look into her very special magical mirror. Sam looks first and immediately wishes to run home to The Shire.

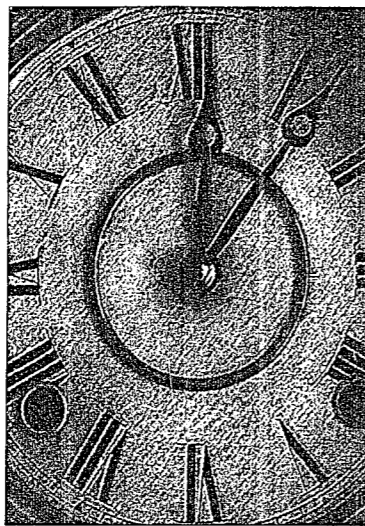
Galadriel reminds him that he did not wish to go home *before* he looked into the mirror, and adds, “Remember that the mirror shows many things, and not all have yet come to pass. Some never come to be, unless those that behold them turn aside from their path to prevent them. The mirror is a dangerous guide of deeds.”

Now that I’ve thoroughly confused you, let me show you the important piece of that quote: “Some never

come to be, unless those that behold them turn aside from their path to prevent them.”

It is only our present action, or inaction, which will affect us tomorrow.

The novel I am working on tomorrow might not actually be written; the novel I am working on today, will. I am in the class of 2003, but only if I remain in school. My web site will be up and running tonight,



**“The present is the point at which times touches eternity.”**

but only if I finish building it today. And so on.

In *The Screwtape Letters*, C.S. Lewis said, “...For the present is the point at which time touches eternity. Of the present moment, and of it only, do the humans have an experience analogous to the experience which our Enemy has of reality as a whole; in it alone, freedom and actuality are offered them... In a word, the future is the least like eternity. It is the most completely temporal part of time.”

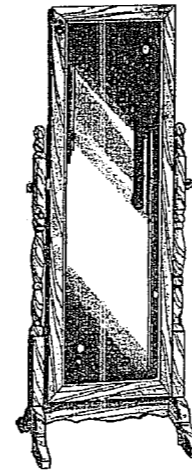
This writing hits the mark exactly to what our lives are. We think of the future as an obstinate concrete block—our schedules, our entertainment, our plans. It seems to give the future a solidification that tomorrow may not actually hold.

The future has always, and will always, have this quality of unquavering surety. But it is illusion and can be a trap if we lay aside present concerns to chase dreams of what might be. (“The mirror is a dangerous guide to deeds.”)

Today is. “This is the day that the Lord hath made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

Today is the day to speak softer, be nicer, study for the math exam you know nothing about, to find all of the wonderful things that God has given us. Only by acting in love, by going down the path that God has created for us, can our future be assured.

Today is. **SR**



## Reflections by Leanne Lippincott

“Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face.”—1 Cor. 13:12

## Bugged by an angel

“mission-work” idea as crazy (*Go forth, Leanne, and help save mankind*), my own words come back to me: “The bottom line is that God can use *all* of us to spread His Truth. Wasn’t I the one who wrote, “around the world or simply around the block”? Shouldn’t I believe in, and *do*, what I write? (*Help save mankind, one person at a time.*)

The United States needs missionaries, too. The slums and alleys of our deteriorating cities can be as dark as the jungles of Africa. Spiritual as well as physical hunger are universal wants. But there is hope: “Then Jesus declared, ‘I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry...’” (John 6:35, NIV).

Diseases of the soul and body recognize no national boundaries. Pain is pain, and God is the Great Physician. He can heal and restore all of us, regardless of our race or nationality.

So... I’m a homebody who dislikes traveling. But I can broaden my horizons by journeying outside of my comfort zone. And I can always return home to recharge and regroup.

When “Rev. Kev” (*SR* Editor Extraordinaire, Mr. Kevin Butler) told me that missions was the topic for this month’s *Recorder*, the butterflies in my stomach took flight. *Should I reveal my “secret”?*

In last January’s Reflections, I wrote that, “Like many others, I’m not gifted in the areas of outreach and missions.” But I explained that we timid souls can be missionaries in other ways—“It doesn’t matter whether we travel around the world or simply around the block.”

All of which leads me to admit something that I’ve never shared with anyone: For the past several years, I’ve been trying to ignore the gentle whispers of an angel sitting on my shoulder. “Leanne, God wants you to get involved in mission work.”

When I first heard that “voice,” my immediate reaction was anything but positive.

“Yeah, right. I’m a homebody who dislikes traveling, especially flying. So, sure, I’d *love* to fly to Africa where I can sleep on dirt floors and eat termites.” (Hmmm... that *would* be a good way to lose some excess fat.)

Understandably, culture shock—and the hardships and uncertainties that result—instills fear in Christians. In last month’s *SR*, Andrew Black wrote, “It’s common to hear people confess to being afraid that if they answer a call in ministry, God might send them to Africa as a missionary.”

Every time I try to dismiss this

I get airsick simply looking at a plane. But I can hop on a bus or drive a car. Instead of sleeping on dirt floors and eating termites, I can stretch out on a bunk bed and eat pizza. (Hmmm... that would be a good way to gain all of my fat back.)

Members of the Milton, Wis., SDB Youth Fellowship have undertaken a number of mission trips the past several years—traveling to an American Indian reservation in South Dakota; making several trips to Camp Reveal in Evansville, Ind., to minister to inner-city kids; even flying to Jamaica and ministering there. (Jerk chicken and plantain, anyone?)

The Milton YF is thinking of expanding its mission work and opening it up to adults. Hopefully, my hours here at the Center will be reduced by then. As a semi-retiree, I’ll have no more excuses, only golden opportunities. I’ll finally be able to tell that angel to “take wing” and find another shoulder to perch on.

Meanwhile, I suspect that “that angelic voice” will continue to whisper, and perhaps even occasionally shout. God willing, I’m looking forward to the day when I can shout back: “Alright, already! I hear you! Should I pack for South Dakota or Indiana?” **SR**



**God willing, I’m looking forward to the day when I can shout back at that angel: “Alright, already! I hear you!”**

# I am in Christ

The President's Page - January 2003

George Cruzan

As I have traveled to several churches, I have been asked how people in local churches can help in the work of the General Conference. Follow-up questions revealed that many people do not know how the Conference operates. Therefore, I want to give you my perspective and encourage you to participate.

The General Conference has several Boards, Councils, Agencies, and Committees. Some of these have paid employees, but all have many non-paid volunteers. I do not have space for a full treatise on Conference structure and activities, but in summary, the Boards and Councils have a supervisory body of volunteers from among the local church members of the Conference. These are elected either by the separate corporation (Board of Christian Education, Historical Society, and Missionary Society) at their own annual meeting, or at the annual August session of the General Conference (General Council, Council on Ministry, Tract and Communication Council, Memorial Fund, Women's Society).

In addition, other Committees of the General Conference are elected at the annual session, including Christian Social Action, Faith and Order, Support and Retirement, and delegates to the World Federation of SDBs. Lastly, the officers of the General Conference are elected each August.

Each year there is a Nominations Committee composed of two delegates from each Association, and up to six members appointed by the Conference president. Their job is to recommend persons for each of these positions at the business session in August.

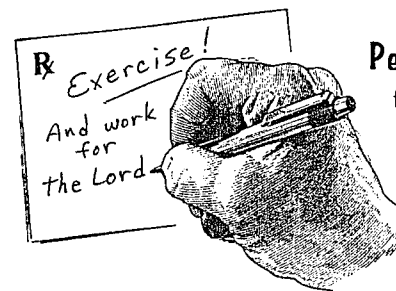
So how can YOU be involved?

- 1) Attend the General Conference session.
- 2) If you want to serve on one of these committees, let the Nominations Committee representatives from your Association know of your interest. (Although God is all-knowing of your talents, the Nominations Committee may not be and needs your help.)
- 3) If you know of others who could serve, suggest these to the Nominations Committee.
- 4) Volunteer to serve as one of your Association's Nominations Committee representatives.
- 5) Pray.
- 6) Financially support the work of the Conference. *SR*



## A Presidential Challenge

In the 2003 General Conference Budget, there is an item of \$25,000 to assist in leadership transition, as some personnel will be leaving soon. These funds are to come from gifts specifically designated for this purpose. I am looking for 100 persons to join me in giving an extra \$250 during 2003, designated for leadership transition. Will you help?



## Pete's Prescriptions

from Dr. Pete May,  
Executive Secretary

## Visits uncover needs and opportunities

When my wife, Nancy, joins me in making "ambassadorial visits" to SDB churches, it's always a joy-filled experience for us. These trips,

are added to or delayed. One church which asked for increased attendance received a positive response of tripling their numbers. No one knows

Spirit lead? Do you pray for other churches besides your own? It's important to support each other in prayer as Seventh Day Baptists strive to build an effective witness in our communities.

My "prescription" this month is for you to know the visions, hopes, and needs of your brothers and sisters in Christ. Pray and then join them in seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all that they try. There is great power in unselfish prayer for others. *SR*

**After each trip,  
we come home with  
a new prayer list.**

made at the behest of General Council, often have us flying in a variety of planes and driving through various states. (We can report that the highway patrol in Nebraska is very courteous, but that state's detours are a maze to be conquered!)

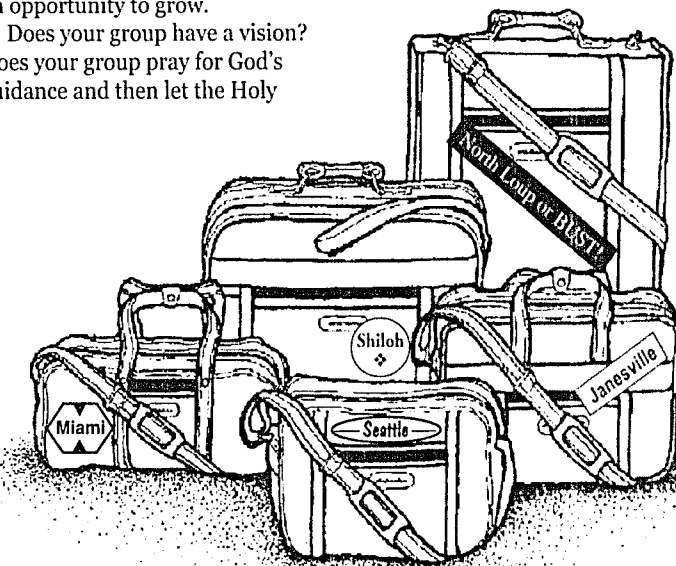
The people who make up our SDB churches are a unique mix. They are caring, careful, hopeful, and helpful witnesses for Jesus Christ, with different strengths and needs. After each trip, we come home with a new prayer list.

Sometimes we find churches that need a pastor, churches that need more people, churches that need a down payment on a building, churches that need wisdom on how to spend their building fund.

Since God answers prayers in His own way, some of our churches' requests are reversed, while others

how long this will last, but God responded and gave that church an opportunity to grow.

Does your group have a vision? Does your group pray for God's guidance and then let the Holy



## Faith Youth Fellowship raises money for Zambia by Ron Elston

Several years ago, I traveled with Kirk Looper to Africa to help teach SDB Polity. During our trip, we visited Rwanda, Zambia, and Malawi.

Each country had special needs. Rwanda needed roofs for their church buildings; Zambia needed transportation for their pastors, such as bicycles; and Malawi needed help with their Bible College.

When I returned home, I shared these concerns with my local church in Doniphan, Mo. Our congregation caught the vision, and we sent money to the Missionary Society to help finance church roofs in Rwanda. We also gave financial assistance to the Bible College in Malawi, and adopted a



YF Director Maxine Stuart (right) with members Brit-tany Elston, Kelly Roberts, and Alecia Roberts.

student pastor from Zambia, helping with his tuition and aiding his family.

Our Youth Fellowship also wanted to help in Zambia. They began a fund for bicycles to aid a pastor in Zambia who serves several churches. We felt blessed to see the youth so committed

to this project, which God honored. The youth raised the needed money, and that Zambian pastor now has his own transportation.

Our YF is small in numbers but dedicated to the Lord and abundantly blessed because of their commitment. They have now started a nursing home fund to assist elderly people who have no family.

I believe that if our church and small Youth Fellowship can contribute to worldwide missions, then other SDB churches and YF groups can make a difference, too. There are many needs out there, and you *can* make a difference. For a list of needs, contact the SDB Missionary Society. **SR**

## Fall Harvest Revival in Missouri

A weekend revival was held last fall at the Faith Seventh Day Baptist Church in Doniphan, Mo. Evangelist Rev. Tim Parsley from Mattoon, Ill., presented uplifting messages that

challenged the church to reach out to the lost with the Good News of the Gospel.

Pastor Tim is a member of the National Field Development Team

and a graduate of the National Missions Basic Training Church Planters School. He is available for meetings across the South-west. **SR**



Evangelist Tim Parsley led the revival meetings at the Faith SDB Church.



The Joyful Noise Praise Band of Doniphan, Mo.

## It's happening now, *cont. from page 12*

Rev. Gabriel Bejjani, Federation president; Rev. Leonildo Lebkuchen, chairman of the Brazil Host Committee; and Rev. Dale Thorngate, Federation executive secretary.

It costs \$300 to host each delegate for the two weeks in Brazil, with observers paying their own fees. Since several Conferences cannot send delegates because of costly airfares from Asia and Africa, the Federation hopes to finance the travel of at least one delegate from each of those Conferences. Thus contributions are being solicited to help with that cost so that regular giving may go towards funding international projects.

Please send contributions to the World Federation treasurer: Luan Ellis, 614 Pleasant Valley Rd., Alfred Station NY 14803 USA. Thank you.

### Who's going to Brazil?

The following are registered and currently applying for visas:

#### Delegates—

**Brazil:** Leonildo Lebkuchen, Salvador da Silva, Luciano de Moura, José Leitão

#### Central Africa:

Canaan R.K. Phiri

#### India (Andhra Pradesh):

B. Kishor Kumar

#### India (Kerala):

Sosamma Philip, Prince Thomas Skariah

#### Jamaica:

Prudence Robinson, Naval Harley, Allan Chambers

#### Netherlands:

Frits and Manola Nieuwstraten

#### Nigeria:

Lawrence Uchegbuonu

#### Philippines:

Al B. Paypa

#### South Africa:

James and Mirriam Siwani

#### USA & Canada:

Andrea Davis, Luan Ellis, Nathanael Lawton, Dale Thorngate, Joe Samuels, Gabriel Bejjani, Kirk Looper

#### Observers—

**Australia:** Dorothy d'Alpuget, Andrew Goulding, Marlo Siolo



World Federation officers at Jamaica Sessions, 1997.

#### Brazil:

Clodoaldo Felício, Jonas Sommer, Romeu Storck, Geni Loppes, Jorge de Lima

#### Philippines:

Bernardo and Myrna Agudera, Ruschel Salvaña

#### USA & Canada:

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## SR Reaction

*Opinions do not necessarily reflect the views of the SR or all SDBs. Letters may be edited according to space and editorial style.*

Dear Editor,

I was intrigued by the SR Reaction in the November 2002 issue, written by friends in Little Rock, Ark. Their letter made a passionate appeal to remember the resolve of earlier generations of Seventh Day Baptists, concluding: "Our heritage does matter. As SDBs seek to serve God, as those before us did, let us all keep 'looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith' (Hebrews 12:2) as we seek ways to preserve our distinctive beliefs and heritage."

I certainly agree with that sentiment and would encourage Seventh Day Baptists to become more familiar with our shared history and also our unique histories in the communities in which our churches have been established. For example, I live in the city of Plainfield,

N.J., and note with denominational pride that three of our public schools bear the distinctively Seventh Day Baptist names of Hubbard, Maxson, and Stillman.

The reason the schools bear these names is the important part played by an earlier generation of Seventh Day Baptists in pioneering free public education in New Jersey. Our spiritual (and, in some cases, biological) ancestors worked to meet the needs of their neighbors in this vital area.

Nowadays, when public schools in general are coming under attack and many evangelical Christians are calling for the creation of a more sectarian society, we would do well to remember our heritage and commit ourselves to living out our Christian faith in service

to those around us, even those whose beliefs are different from our own.

Rather than question whether another church has proper "respect" for Seventh Day Baptist beliefs, we should recognize that not every church will mirror our own local congregation in light of its unique heritage. We should be true to The One who has planted and nourished His Church in the many expressions in which that is found within our denomination.

Yes, an appreciation of our history as a people is crucial. I would suggest that we not only study our history but also celebrate the many ways in which our gracious God has led us as His people.

Sincerely,  
Pastor Jeanne Yurke  
Raritan Valley, NJ, SDB Church

## Births

**Aulita.**—A daughter, Christina Marie Aulita, was born to Mark and Debbie Aulita of Rensselaerville, NY, on May 30, 2002.

**Dixon.**—A daughter, Kiara Monique Dixon, was born to Oliver and Shelley Dixon of Miami, FL, on July 19, 2002.

**McKay.**—Twin daughters, Lucy and Kate McKay, were born to Brian and Kim McKay of Moriah, NY, on August 25, 2002.

**Greene.**—A son, Luke Daniel Greene, was born to Carl and Cindy Greene of Berlin, NY, on October 6, 2002.

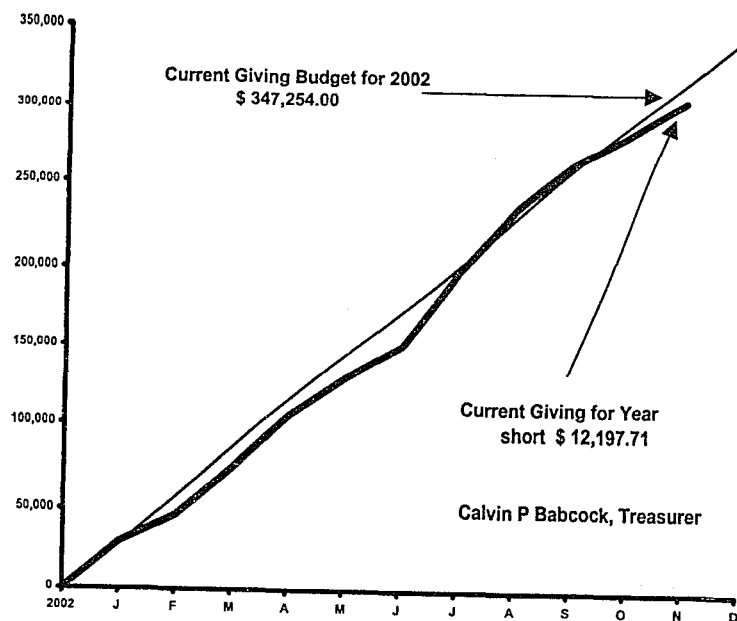
**Holmes.**—A daughter, Calista Grace Holmes, was born to Allen and Jaimee Holmes of Springfield, OH, on October 31, 2002.

Join the Colorado SDB women at the Women of Faith Conference in Denver July 25-26, 2003

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## Current Giving 2002



## New Members

**Atlanta, GA**  
*Luis Lovelace, pastor*  
Joined after testimony  
Marlene Campbell  
Daphne Ross  
Joined by letter  
Alrich Lynch

**Columbus, OH**  
*Robert Van Horn, pastor*  
Joined by letter  
Rowena Van Horn  
Joined after baptism  
Cheyenne Queen  
Joined after testimony  
Jessi Dumas  
Ron Queen  
Terri Queen

**Dallas/Ft. Worth, TX**  
*Earle Holston, pastor*  
Joined after testimony  
Fry E. Bolyn Sr.  
Betty Joe Bolyn  
Cornelius Carey Jr.

**Little Genesee, NY**  
*Gordon Lawton, pastor*  
Joined by letter  
Ruth A. Bottoms  
Brett Greene  
Thelma Nunamaker

## Marriage

**Kennedy - Modispaugh.**—Edward C. Kennedy IV and Tanya Shalon Modispaugh were united in marriage on October 31, 2002, at Camp Joy, Berea, WV. The bride's uncle, Rev. Donald E. Richards, officiated.

## Obituaries

**Richardson.**—William H. Richardson Jr., 79, a lifelong resident of Shiloh, N.J., died on June 14, 2002, at his home. He had been in failing health for several months.

He was born in Shiloh, the son of William H. Sr. and Elsie (Ayars) Richardson, and married the former Anna Mary Dickinson.

Bill was a direct descendant of John Hart, one of the original signers of the Declaration of Independence; and of John Bertram, an American botanist who founded the first botanical garden in America. He was also a descendant of the late Robert Ayars, the founder of Shiloh.

Bill graduated from Bridgeton (N.J.) High School in 1941. He and his wife owned and operated Richardson's General Store in Shiloh.

Bill was very active in the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Shiloh, where he served as chairman of the Cemetery Committee and assumed many responsible positions throughout the years.

He was also very civic minded and was involved in education throughout his life, holding many state as well as local offices. He was a past-president and member of the Shiloh School Board for over 45 years, where he took a personal interest in serving the needs of area youth. He was a member of the School Boards Association, and the Education Information and Resource Center, and was a founding board member of the Cumberland Regional High School, where he served as vice-president.

Bill was also a member of the Shiloh Grange 16, and State and National groups; the Shiloh Volunteer Fire Company; the Shiloh Rescue Squad (he was one of its original founders); the Red Men; the Cumberland County Fair Association; and the South Jersey Gas

Engine Club. His hobbies included making homemade ice cream and broom making.

In addition to his wife of 57 years, survivors include two daughters, Clara Mulford of Stow Creek Township (N.J.) and Miriam Richardson of Shiloh; and two grandsons. He was predeceased by a son, Robert, who died in 1991.

Memorial services were held on June 16, 2002. Burial was in the Shiloh church cemetery.

**Fetrow.**—Florence May (Briggs) Fetrow, 78, of Waterford, Conn., died on September 20, 2002, at the Nutmeg Pavilion Healthcare Center following an extended illness.

She was born on May 1, 1924, in Garwood, N.J., the daughter of Henry and Phebe (Brooks) Briggs. In 1928, her family moved to Waterford, where they became part of the West Strand Road community, affectionately know as "the lane." On that small street, Florence grew up with dozens of close relatives.

Florence graduated from Chapman Technical High School in 1942 and joined the war effort as a welder at the Electric Boat in Groton, Conn. Following the war, she attended the New London (Conn.) School of Hair-dressing.

On May 1, 1948, she married Francis Henry Fetrow. She lived nearly all of her life within a few miles of the family beach and the Waterford Seventh Day Baptist Church. She was an active deaconess at the church for many years, as well as a member of the church choir and Ladies Aid Society. She was also a member of the Waterford Historical Society.

Florence was employed as a homemaker/health aid worker for many years, providing care

and comfort to many in the area before retiring in 1989.

On most evenings, she could be found walking the shoreline of the Long Island Sound with her sister and other family members. She also loved to paint, and the ocean was a favorite subject that she aspired to paint in the tradition of her grandfather, Burtus A. Brooks.

In addition to her husband of 54 years, survivors include one son, James, of Waterford; three daughters, Judith Pappas of Noank, Conn., Janette Loofboro of Milton, Wis., and Jeanie Smith of Ashaway, R.I.; one sister, Emily Sisson of East Lyme, Conn.; 13 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by an infant son, Jeffrey; and by four brothers—Raymond, Henry, Paul, and Morris Briggs.

Funeral services were held on September 24, 2002, at the Waterford SDB Church, with her son-in-law, Pastor D. Scott Smith, officiating. Interment was in the West Neck Cemetery in Waterford.

## Death Notices

**Erna (Burdick) Van Horn**, 90, of Salem, W.Va., and Daytona Beach, Fla., died on December 1, 2002.

**Pastor Arpachshad Mose** of Kenya, Africa, was killed in an auto accident on November 15, 2002.

**Pastor Douglas Chapman** of the Millyard SDB Church, London, England, died the last week of November, 2002.

**Pit stops, cont. from page 14**

*attended, and I cannot but hope that my visit among them will be attended with a blessing.*

The next portion of Greene's tour, from January 9-15, was spent in the Woodbridge area in Pennsylvania. This had been a pit stop for the Shrewsbury, N.J., migration to Western Virginia. He then journeyed on to work among the churches in West Virginia, which in their own way were pit stops to the western migration through Ohio and Illinois.

On his return trip, he again visited the area of Crawford County where he had spent the early days of January. He wrote:

*Feb. 11th—Set out for Meadville, Pa., where I arrived on the 14th. My health much impaired in consequence of the fatigue of my journey. But by the kind attention I received at Brother*

*Phineas Dunham's, I soon recovered. I staid among these brethren five days and preached five times. Many of the Baptists in this place are exercised on the subject of the Sabbath, and some have resolved to turn, and I think the Lord is about to enlarge this little church.*

*Feb. 20th—Accompanied by Elder Isaac Davis, I went to Coneaught about twelve miles, where I was requested to speak upon the subject of the Sabbath. I staid here two days, preached twice, visited some families, and found a number tried about the Sabbath. I have reason to hope my labors were not in vain.*

In 1829, a church was established in Hayfield Township, with a nucleus from New Jersey emigrations. The church also went by the name Hickernell and Cussewago, depending

on its geographic meeting place within Crawford County. It was this church that formerly requested the formation of the Western Association in 1836.

It was while serving a Baptist Church in this area that Thomas B. Brown accepted the Sabbath and became pastor of the Cussewago SDB Church. He went on to be one of that century's most influential ministers in our denomination's mission, tract, and education movements.

Elder John Greene was but one of many who were sent out by the General Conference to establish churches and stations that served as "pit stops." Their important mission was to spread the Gospel—and the Sabbath—into new frontiers of faith. **SR**

*Quotes are from the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Magazine, Vol. 1, No. 5, August 1822, pp. 142-144.*

**Denominational Dateline**

**January 2003**

- 4-5 COM Annual Meeting, Riverside, Calif.—Gabriel Bejjani, Pete May
- 18-21 General Council and CLT meets in Daytona Beach, Fla.
- 25-26 SDB Memorial Fund Quarterly and Annual Meeting, Daytona Beach—Calvin Babcock
- 26 SDB Missionary Society Quarterly Meeting, Westerly, R.I.—Kirk Looper
- 26 BCE Executive Committee, Alfred Station, N.Y.—Andrew Camenga

**February**

- 10-16 SDB World Federation meets in Brazil, South America—Kevin Butler, Bejjani, Looper, May, Dale Thorngate

**March**

- 3 BJC Executive Committee meets in Washington, D.C.—Butler

- 15 BCE Workshop, Daytona Beach—Camenga
- 19-22 Pastors' Conference, Daytona Beach—Ron Elston, Bejjani, Butler, Camenga

**Dateline Key**

- BCE**— Board of Christian Education
- BJCPA**— Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs
- CLT**— Coordinating Leadership Team
- COM**— Council on Ministry
- COSAR**— Committee on Support and Retirement
- NET**— Natural Evangelism Training
- SCSC**— Summer Christian Service Corps
- TCC**— Tract and Communication Council
- T.I.M.E.**— Training in Ministry by Extension
- SR**— Sabbath Recorder

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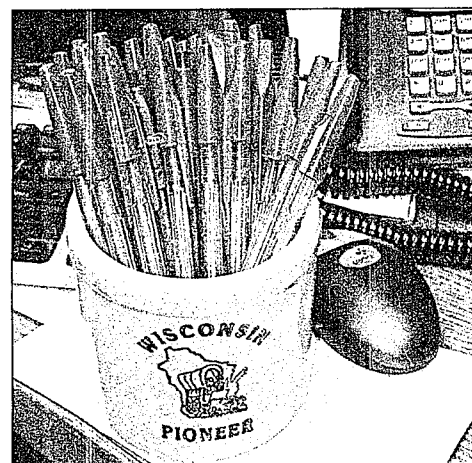
After humbly boasting about my 150th issue last month, I began to wonder if some of you might think that the *SR* is the only thing I do here at the Center. That would be a luxury!

We assign a job number for items that go through our department. These tasks run the gamut from big print jobs (like the *Recorder* or *Helping Hand*) and tracts, to Conference programs and booklets, down to re-doing letterhead and mailing stickers.

So, how many job numbers have come and gone in the last 14 years? At last count, we're working on the 928th, which works out to more than 65 print jobs/tasks per year.

Even though we might be somewhat proficient in working with computers, I still prefer to take notes and edit the material the "old-fashioned" way—with a trusty red pen. Since I'm into numbers for this Korner, I thought I'd share with you how many of those trusty red pens I've gone through during my tenure.

I can't remember what prompted me to save all 32 empties, but it's become quite a collection. (That's an



*The editor's tool of choice: a Pilot BP-S Medium red ballpoint, with a 5" hard shell and real-random access memory.*

average of over 2.29 pens per year. Each pen has been estimated to contain .76 miles worth of ink—honest, I called the company—so I've spilled over 24 miles of red ink. Why does this sound like the government?)

Adding to the print jobs, and my obsession with keeping empty pen cartridges, how could we forget the many meetings, travels, and church visits?

Let's see... an annual average of three TCC meetings, at least two General Council sessions, one *SR* Committee meeting, occasional Coordinating Leadership Team gatherings, and numerous church visits (many for the old MORE 2000 and Invitation to Conversation programs). I've attended church dedications, Association gatherings, Yearly Meetings, ordination services, and revivals. And you faithful General Conference attendees know how many scripts and presentations the Tract Council has done over the years.

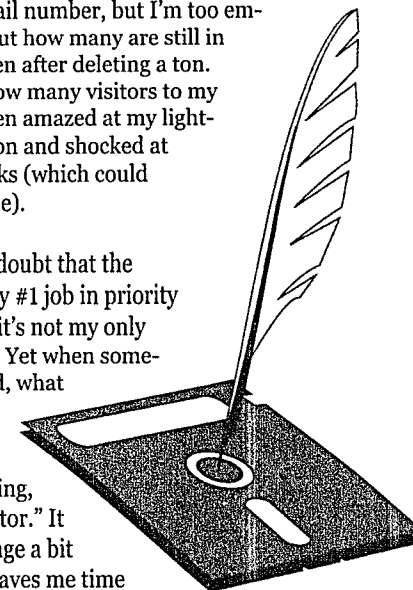
I wonder how many pieces of luggage I've gone through; none lost in transit, praise the Lord.

I wonder how many "freebie" office satchels I've carried in and out of 3120 Kennedy Road.

I wonder how many phones calls, letters, and e-mails have transpired. I guess I could share the e-mail number, but I'm too embarrassed about how many are still in my in-box, even after deleting a ton.

I wonder how many visitors to my office have been amazed at my lighthouse collection and shocked at my paper stacks (which could fill a lighthouse).

There's no doubt that the *Recorder* is my #1 job in priority and time, but it's not my only responsibility. Yet when someone asks, "And, what do you do?" I generally simplify the answer by saying, "Magazine editor." It makes me cringe a bit inside, but it saves me time to get on with my next task!





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From: Editor Kevin Butler

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GRACE AND PEACE,

*Kevin*



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