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Norvel and Helen Young

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Evans Calls for Spiritual Rebuilding

by Billie Silvey

"Money from Sacramento and Washington can't rebuild L.A. like God can rebuild L.A.," declared Jack Evans, president of Southwestern Christian College in Terrell, Texas, and speaker for this year's National Crusade for Christ.

Addressing some 7,500 people gathered for the opening session at the Los Angeles Convention Center Sunday morning, July 25, Evans pointed out that the world can't solve social problems. It leaves people thirsting again, but "the water Jesus gives becomes a well springing up into everlasting life."

"That We Might All Be One" was the overall theme of the crusade, which continued through Thursday Evening.

Over 5,000 Christians from 33 states converged on Los Angeles for the event, which is held every other year in a different U.S. city. More than 190 people have been baptized into Christ either during the crusade or in the days that have followed. More than 500 people have asked to be contacted about studying the Bible. The Los Angeles churches are organizing now to meet these requests over the next few months.

One hundred ten servers distributed the Lord's Supper to the opening crowd, which engaged in spirited singing. Referring to Issac, who redug the debris-clogged wells dug by his father Abraham to provide uncontaminated drinking water, Evans pointed out, "that is what we're doing in Los Angeles."

As Jesus taught the woman at the well, "spiritual water is essential to the spiritual wellbeing of our city." Evans used Jesus' example to call people back to the original well of scriptural teaching and unity.

Evans noted that Jesus approached the woman with a basic human need, for drinking water, but she saw only the difference in their races. "Any time we are so wrapped up with the idea that a person is of another race that we ignore our common need for Christ, there's something wrong with us," he said. "We'll walk the streets, tell gang leaders, pimps, and prostitutes where this pure water is," Evans continued.

In preparation for the Los Angeles Crusade, volunteers knocked on 70,500 doors to offer personal invitations and literature. During the crusade, two bus loads of volunteers took 2,000 food baskets to feed the homeless downtown. Groups were organized daily to evangelize various areas of the city.



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Background: 19th century Russian church made entirely of wood. Left: Norvel Young spoke to Russian audiences on "Why I Believe", Center: On their Russian tour, the Youngs visited a building once used by a Church of Christ in the 19th century. Right: As Helen Young spoke, Natasha was the able translator. Bottom: The Youngs were given flowers wherever they went.

Emily Lemley Joins Church Services Staff

Dr. Emily Young Lemley has been appointed to the position of associate director of church services at Pepperdine University. Although her duties will be somewhat different, Lemley replaces longtime Pepperdine ambassador Don Williams, who is now teaching and serving at Abilene Christian University in Texas.

Lemley earned both her bachelor's and her master's degrees in English from Pepperdine, then received the doctor of education degree from Texas Tech University, with emphasis in student development. She is the wife of Steven Lemley, former president of Lubbock Christian University, who now serves as Pepperdine's chief academic officer.

Dr. Lemley was an associate professor of English at LCU for four years prior to joining Pepperdine. She also served as a consultant and committee member on curriculum development and other university issues. For the past 16 years, she has served as the co-editor of *Power For*

Today, the most popular devotional guide among Churches of Christ, with a circulation of more than 48,000. In addition, she is a free-lance writer for *Christian Woman*, *21st Century Christian*, and other publications.

Lemley was prominent in community service in Lubbock, Texas, during her 15 years there, serving on various boards, often as president. She is a popular speaker, both in the United States and internationally, usually addressing spiritual or educational topics.

In the office of church services at Pepperdine, Lemley will be responsible, among other things, for encouraging early contact of prospective students from Churches of Christ with Pepperdine. "We want to make sure that junior high kids and even 5th or 6th graders know that Pepperdine is interested in them," said Jerry Rushford, director of church services. "We are very excited to have a person of Dr. Lemley's stature in our office. She will



be speaking to women's groups and doing a number of things that Don and I were never able to do." In addition to her other daily tasks, Lemley will be very active in the editing and writing of *Pacific Church News*.

Emily lives in Agoura Hills, California. She and her husband, Steven, have a son, David, who is a senior religion major at Pepperdine. Their daughter, Amy, is a sophomore at LCU, and son Mark is a sophomore at Oak Park High School in Agoura Hills.

Dennis Lowe Selected to Hold Pepperdine's New Chair of Family Life



Dr. Dennis Lowe has been appointed the first recipient of Pepperdine University's M. Norvel and Helen M. Young Chair of Family Life.

Associate professor of psychology at Pepperdine's Graduate School of Education and Psychology, Lowe will serve a three-year term as the Chair of Family Life, which is devoted to strengthening families.

"The idea behind the chair is equipping people in churches and in communities to teach others how to have healthy families," Lowe said. "We anticipate taking a very practical approach to improving family relationships."

Lowe has served at Pepperdine since 1983, when he joined the University as an assistant professor of psychology. Since then, he has directed the Marriage, Family, and Child Counseling Program at the graduate school as well as the master's program in clinical psychology with an emphasis in marriage and family therapy.

Lowe earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Pepperdine in 1975, a master's degree in community/clinical

psychology from Pepperdine in 1977 and a doctorate in marriage and family therapy from Florida State University in 1982. He is a licensed psychologist and a marriage and family counselor.

A resident of Malibu, California, Lowe and his wife, Emily Scott-Lowe, lead marriage enrichment and parenting seminars at churches throughout the country. They have two sons.

Funded in 1991 by a donation from George Evans, a life member of Pepperdine's Board of Regents, and by gifts from other University friends, the Chair is part of GSEP's marriage and family counseling and teaching program. It honors Pepperdine Chancellor Emeritus M. Norvel Young and his wife, Helen. Norvel Young has served Pepperdine as professor, president, and chancellor. Helen Young has written two books and frequently lectures on family issues.

To Russia with Love: The Mission Journal of Norvel and Helen Young

edited by Emily Lemley

Editor's note: *During the month of August, Norvel and Helen Young and their grandsons, Chris Young and David Lemley, visited four Russian cities to speak to groups of non-Christians about Jesus and to encourage the Christians who are there. Here are excerpts from their journal.*

Day 1: NATASHA! We could already tell that she would be a life-long friend. She was petite, bright, and energetic [see picture on front cover]. Our guide and translator, Natasha Golos, told us her story as she waited with us for hours in a customs line.

Now 43, Natasha received a degree in languages at the university and had an important job translating scientific documents from English into Russian. When she saw the ad for the "Let's Start Talking" program in her hometown of Minsk, Belarus, Natasha enrolled to improve her translating skills. But instead, she turned her life up-side-down. After reading the Bible in the program, she decided to become a Christian. She was baptized and immediately quit her job! She wanted to spend all of her time helping the church and the missionaries.

Naturally, her husband, an electrical engineer, was upset, since in the severe inflation he is making \$35 a month and they have three sons, 17, 9, and 8 years old. But Natasha was determined to give her whole energy to God. Her husband later became a Christian, and she was so proud that he was teaching their boys about God.

Natasha said "God led me to faith." Her language skills and her enthusiastic love have made such a difference in the work here: she translates evangelistic tracts, she negotiates visas and travel plans, and she interprets for the missionaries. Maurice and Marie Hall arranged for Natasha to help us on this trip; they assured us that we would "love Natasha." They were right.

Day 3: Chris and David stood at the bottom of the St. Petersburg subway escalators (these are the fastest escalators

we've ever seen) handing out flyers advertising our "Why I Believe" evening speech at the Cultural Center, a large sports center here. All 500 flyers were gone in minutes. If a person missed grabbing a flyer as she whizzed down, she usually ran back and asked for one.

Norvel spoke for 20 minutes (our interpreter was Mariana Smrcek who has taught Russian at Pepperdine) on the basics of our faith in Christ, then he opened for questions. We hadn't known what kind of audience to expect, but this was a group of sharp-looking professionals, and there were so many questions: "My family lived through the siege of Leningrad. How could God see that suffering and allow it to continue?" or "My relatives were murdered by Stalin. How can God be good and sit by while evil is done?" Almost every questioner had a long tragic story to tell. We answered simply that God wept at their sorrow just as he suffered when his son was crucified. We talked of his love and of his allowing people to have their own free will. At the conclusion, several in the audience brought bunches of fresh flowers to thank us for coming, and several stayed to talk more. Two of these were university professors who were curious about how Christian values could be part of a university setting. They have a hard time seeing religion as a personal faith—it is still connected, in their minds, to the state religion, Russian Orthodoxy, and its abuses of power and collaboration with communism. Some left wanting to think and study more about Christ.

Day 5: A very bright, attractive woman interviewed us for over an hour for the St. Petersburg radio station. She asked, "Why are you here on vacation instead of going to the beaches of Hawaii?" We replied, "We love the Russian people; we have been here eight times before, but this time your religious freedom allows us to speak freely. We brought medical supplies and we

came to share hope—Christ."

David Worley, president of the Institute for Christian Studies in Austin, Texas, and an experienced media executive, arranged this interview which aired in the afternoon. Worley has the respect of the media people here because he is working on a joint-venture FM radio station which will reach the five million people of St. Petersburg. It takes patience in working through the bureaucracy to make this business work. He is planning to air the World Christian Broadcasting program, "Search for Meaning," as well as Russian commercial programming.

Day 6: We stayed in an apartment with a grandmother, mother, and daughter who have become Christians. Their apartment overlooks the river Neva and the docked ship "Aurora" which fired the first shot of the Russian revolution. What dynamic and intelligent women these are: the grandmother, Sophie, is 80 and the widow of a Russian naval officer, and has cooked delicious meals—sausages and potato pancakes, for instance—everyday. But she had to go to the store three times during the day to see if the bread or other ingredients have arrived on the shelves. The store shelves were so sparse. The lines were long, and there was no fresh fruit or vegetables (we did see bananas for sale on the street yesterday. Natasha had never eaten a banana. She loved it).

Lydia Logievona is Sophie's daughter. Trained as a research scientist, Lydia is now the director of the World Broadcasting operation in St. Petersburg. She answers hundreds of letters each week from Russians who have heard about Christ on KNLS, the World Christian Broadcasting station in Alaska that covers all of Russia and most of China. Her daughter, Masha, is 23 and has graduated from the university with a degree in languages. She hopes to go on to graduate school soon.

Day 9: Until now, Chris and David have been lugging our six oversized, brown

duffel bags full of medical supplies. But today, Wes Jones, the American director of World Christian Broadcasting in St. Petersburg, and Lydia took all of these supplies to a hospital where some of their friends work. The doctors and nurses were thrilled to get these new supplies. They have spacious hospitals with some new equipment, but they often have empty cabinets where simple supplies should be. They need as much as we can provide.

tation, this indigenous movement brought Scripture and fellowship to untold numbers of Russian believers.

Day 12: We looked forward to seeing Moscow. We took an overnight train, \$12 for two compartments with beds, but we paid \$14 to have our luggage loaded on to the train!

Brad Cupp works here. He looked Russian after working with the church here for over a year. He spent his days in one-to-

in the U.S. There is no religious or ideological sanction to slow it down. With so much government control (and in spite of the Communist's emphasis on "equality"), the men often have little initiative or self-confidence; the women are left to work out the financial and family burdens. Many women stayed afterwards to talk to Helen about tragic family problems. They have such faith in the most difficult situations. We met very few whole families. One man, who is a new Christian, said, "I wish I had known about Christ earlier; I never would have gotten a divorce!"

After church we invited everyone to be our guests at the Moscow McDonald's for lunch. The burgers were cheaper than American ones, but in the Russian economy it is too high for most. One of the families commented on the fact that they could never afford to bring their whole family for hamburgers. The lines are not as long as they were when McDonald's opened here three years ago. A Canadian-Moscow joint-venture, McDonald's here uses all Russian products, but the taste was the same.

Day 14: Norvel met with the church leaders. They talked about the problems they face in developing mature Christians within the fellowship. They are not accustomed to "looking out for each other," or even to considering ways of being kind and loving within a large group. Their concern for the practical expressions of their faith is inspirational.

Day 15: We met a young man and two young women on their way to Bernaul, Siberia: Rob Brown who is returning for his second year, Melissa McGuire (what a surprise, since she is a third cousin of Norvel's), and Elizabeth Miller, who will teach in the university there. Siberia is one of the most fertile fields for sharing the gospel. There are no barriers to churches meeting in public schools or universities.

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(left to right)
Grandsons Chris
Young and David
Lemley stand with M.
Norvel and Helen
Young outside the hall
where the Youngs
spoke. The signs
advertise the meeting
and the speakers'
names.



Day 10: Wes Jones took us to a lovely building which had been used by an indigenous movement of the Churches of Christ in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Count Vasily Pashkov, a wealthy St. Petersburg citizen, heard the English preacher Lord Radstock in 1874. He was converted and began a spiritual revival among the Russian nobility. He poured his wealth into spreading the gospel to the masses, and, in 1884, he was exiled for fear of his zeal. One of the young men he had influenced, Ivan Prokhanov, took the lead in evangelism, and by 1928 there were several million Christians across Russia. Prokhanov published a monthly paper, *The Christian*, during some of these years. Its slogan was: "In essentials, unity; in secondary matters, freedom; in all things, love."

In spite of repression and fragmen-

one Bible studies with Russians who are hungry for the gospel. (Our congregation at Malibu has supported him and 15-20 other Pepperdine students who have spent some time working with this two-year-old congregation). There were four congregations in Moscow.

The first night we met with a group of young Christians packed into Brad's small apartment to study the book of James. They were intense, and they loved each other. Every chance to be together or to study the Bible was precious to them.

Day 13: On Sunday we met in School 19 which the Malibu church rents for services. Norvel preached on "Faith that Moves Mountains," and Helen taught women on "Faith Basics." There were so many single mothers and widows who struggle financially and emotionally. The Russian divorce rate is much higher than

A Map of the World on Their Heart

by Bill Henegar

Editor's Note: *The Churches of Christ* have deep roots in Northern California's Sonoma County. Members of the Restoration Movement began settling in this region in the early 1850s, just after the gold rush of '49, and the first congregation was organized in 1854. More than a dozen congregations were established in the county in the 19th century. A monthly periodical for California churches, *The Bible Expositor*, was published from Santa Rosa between 1871 and 1875, and a school in the city known as Christian College, though in existence only from 1872 to 1880, further strengthened the church.

A decade of division afflicted the Restoration Movement in the 1890s. By the close of the century, the progressives (who would come to be known as Disciples of Christ) were in control of most of the congregations in the county. The conservatives (who would come to be known as Churches of Christ) had a majority only in the church at Forestville, a village ten miles west of Santa Rosa. However, Santa Rosa was the leading city in the county, and it would not be long before the conservatives would make an attempt to plant a church in the county seat. The church they planted is now celebrating its 85th anniversary.

Every once in a while, we come upon someone or something that has influence or attainments far beyond what would be reasonably expected. Such is the case for the Church of Christ in Santa Rosa, California. Never more than about 300 members, throughout most of its existence the membership has ranged from 100 to 200. And yet, probably no other congregation among California Churches of Christ has made so great an impact on world missions as this one small body of Christians.

The Santa Rosa church traces its roots in this century back to 1908, when evangelist E. C. Love arrived in town, set up a tent at Fourth and E streets across

from the present library, and conducted a "gospel meeting." Ernest Love was a monumental force in the history of Restoration churches in California around the turn of the century. His tent campaign in Santa Rosa resulted in a handful of Christians meeting in the home of a faithful member, Dr. Sinclair. Later, the group met in a rented room on Third



Ernest C. Love's tent meetings were the impetus for the Santa Rosa church's beginnings in 1908.

Street and Exchange Avenue.

A student of David Lipscomb and a graduate of Nashville Bible School (now David Lipscomb University), Love stayed on in Santa Rosa to nurture the little congregation and to establish a Christian school in town. In 1917, as the first of the American doughboys were marching off to Europe in World War I, the Santa Rosa church moved into its own building at First and E streets. The next year, Love founded Pacific Christian Academy, which is still in operation after 75 years, utilizing Santa Rosa's newly acquired building. After a year in Santa Rosa, the school moved to its present location, 12 miles away in Graton.

Longtime member Eleanor Davis can still remember "Brother Love," who was her "idol," preaching for the small group of Christians around 1920 when she was a child. In fact, an enthusiastic little Eleanor jumped to her feet on one occasion and

THE PACIFIC CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
Santa Rosa, California



(Top) E. C. Love (far left) began Pacific Christian Academy in his home in Santa Rosa in 1918. In this photo, three children are visitors, and the rest are students.

(Bottom) The Santa Rosa church moved into its first building, located at First and E streets, in 1917.

helped the song director lead singing for Love—and the church good-naturedly followed along.

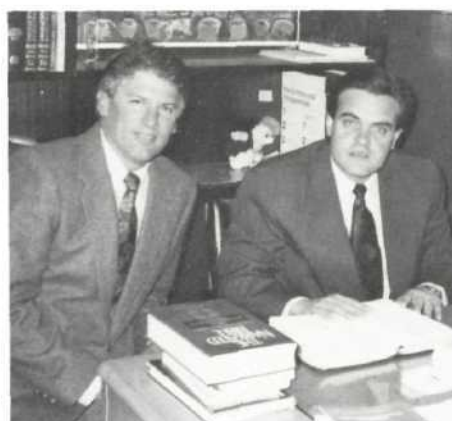
If it was Ernest Love who "planted," it was many other faithful Christians who "watered" the Santa Rosa church. O.W. Gardner, an outstanding Christian educator, was among those who were important leaders at Santa Rosa. Gardner was a co-teacher with the great David Lipscomb at Nashville Bible School. He worked with Pacific Christian Academy in Graton for several years.

Felix Owen was the key person in obtaining the property and later assisting in building a meeting place in 1917. He was also an able speaker and song leader. In 1924, he brought his good friend and mentor, J. N. Armstrong, to Santa Rosa for a gospel meeting, which was a tremendous



degree from Pepperdine, and this past April he received his master's in ministry, also from Pepperdine.

One of the many people who remember Santa Rosa fondly is Elmer Prout, missionary to Japan for 16 years and now the preacher for the Shafter, California, Church of Christ. Prout and his family moved to town in the late 1920s. Though



The present pulpit minister is Barney Cargile (right). Working with him is associate minister Randy Mason.

Mr. Prout, senior, wasn't a Christian, he liked the idea of his children attending a Christian school. So, when Elmer started school, it was at a new school housed in the Santa Rosa church building near his home.

As it happened, O. W. Gardner had left Pacific Christian Academy in Graton and started Santa Rosa Christian Academy, and young Elmer Prout entered the school not long thereafter. But Gardner soon became ill, and the school had to close. So Prout traveled to Graton to attend PCA, where he graduated from high school and was promptly drafted into the army in 1944.

"Great missionaries were always coming through the area and speaking at the Santa Rosa church or the academy," Prout says. "I remember when George Benson spoke at church on his way from mission work in China, just after China was closed by the

Communists. He was on his way to Searcy to become the president of Harding College. There was always a missionary coming to town."

It was because of the Brittell family, almost all of whom became missionaries, that Prout began attending the Santa Rosa church as a boy. So it was no surprise when Prout himself decided to travel overseas to preach the gospel. Naturally, the Santa Rosa church supported him when he left for Japan, not only with prayer, but also with travel expenses on an ongoing basis. These were the same people, he says, whose "willingness to encourage and use young people in the assemblies, enduring their youthful silliness," who were probably responsible for a dozen or more people becoming missionaries around the world.

In 1953, the church built a new structure on Sonoma Avenue. The majority of the congregation moved to that new location, but a number, mostly older members, stayed on at the old building at First and E streets. The attendance at the old location ranged from 25 to 40. Eight years later, however, when the city condemned the building in order to add shops to the downtown area, the remaining members joined with the rest of the group on Sonoma Avenue.

It was the preacher at that time, B. C. Ballard, who championed the move to Sonoma Avenue, and he continued as the minister at the new location for another year or so. W. G. Poplin became the minister in 1954. Harland Dilbeck was important in construction of the new building at Sonoma Avenue, and John Foutz, Ray Benson, and Jesse Bridges were also key to the accomplishment, as were many others.

In 1970, the "Meal Mobile" program was started, and it continues to this day. Several teams of people plan, prepare, and deliver meals to shut-ins in the area—

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(Top) O. W. Gardner began Santa Rosa Christian Academy in the late 1920s, utilizing the church's building.

(Bottom) The church eventually moved from First and E streets to Sonoma Avenue. The current building is now in its 40th year.

success. Armstrong was president and one of the founders of Harding College. Yet another important person in the early years was Mr. Kindig, who served as an elder and song leader.

It was during the 1920s and early 1930s that Ralph Wilburn preached for the church. Wilburn later became a professor at Pepperdine College. Elmore Evans followed Wilburn, and, in turn, was followed by Paul Tucker, one of Pepperdine College's first four graduates in 1938. A tradition seems to have developed that has linked the Santa Rosa church with Pepperdine University—carried forward through the years by professors like Wade Ruby, William Green, and Herman Wilson, and by alumni like Mel Pownall, Everett Alexander, Larry Winters, and others. Randy Mason, who now serves as the associate minister, earned his bachelor's

Kristin's Story

by Steve Kay

Two multicolored hearts with rainbows streaming from them, and below them the words: "Love and Hope." The hearts represent love and the rainbows the hope that things will one day be better and that storms don't last forever. This was the logo that Kristin designed to represent herself. To all who remember her, it is a fitting picture of a beautiful and inspiring little girl. She courageously fought against bone cancer for two years, bravely enduring seven surgeries (two humerus replacements, four lung and one sinus), multiple chemotherapies, countless tests and scans and all the side effects associated with them. There were times of tears and anger, but Kristin did what had to be done with a spirit that wouldn't quit. Cancer took her life, yes, but it did not conquer her. She beat it—because she lived and fought and then died in a way that gave glory to God.

It is so hard to accept that Kristin is dead because she was so full of life. She was never content to just let life happen, she worked at getting the most from it. She was always doing something—reading a book, writing a story or a play for herself and her sister, Brittany.

The staff at the Cancer Center where she was treated were amazed at how much Kristin was able to do during her treatments. She hated missing school because of her treatments, but was able to keep her studies up and even made the honor roll. The first treatments made her so sick that she couldn't do anything. But Kristin was determined to live life as normally as possible and would not give up, then as she grew to tolerate them she was able to do some fun activities.

One day she convinced the nurses to do a blood test early and then delay the treatment for a couple of hours so we could go to the Hollywood Walk of Fame and do some normal things. She would have chemo one day and then the next day we'd go to Magic Mountain and ride all the roller coasters. The nurses couldn't believe

it. Kristin would tell them, "After chemo, a roller coaster is nothing." Kristin was determined to get the most from the time she had. Ten days after her second lung surgery, in the space of two months, Kristin and Debbie went to the set of "Beverly Hills, 90210" and met one of the stars, Luke Perry. You couldn't even tell that she had been sick.



The Kay family: Steve and Debbie, with daughters Kristin (right) and Brittany.

Although at times her disease caused her great discomfort and pain, she never lost her sense of humor. It was an hour and a half drive to Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, and often Kristin would be sick in the back seat all the way there and back. Once we were listening to an "oldies" station and a familiar song came on. We changed the words and between heaves Kristin was laughing and singing, "It's my chemo, and I'll barf if I want to . . . You would barf too, if it happened to you." Another time an acquaintance asked if her wig was her hair; she replied, "It sure is, I paid \$89 for it." Kristin was famous for the practical jokes she would play on the doctors and nurses. If something squirted you when you pushed a button, or if play-snakes popped out when you opened a container, you could be sure Kristin was around. Kristin wrote in her diary of another trick she pulled: "You won't



believe what I did yesterday: I took my hat off and scared some Chinese guy. It was so, so, so funny. He just pointed at me with his mouth open. HA! HA! HEE! HEE!" As Tim Bennett noted at her funeral, "Kristin had a magnetic joy that drew people to her."

All of this shows the fighting spirit that Kristin had. During the two years of her treatment, she lost three close friends at the Cancer Center. She knew that death was a possibility, but she was determined that she was going to beat this terrible disease that had invaded her life. She didn't enjoy her treatments, but she cooperated and did what ever the doctors

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**Over 400 attend service
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**Kristin Kay
inspires us
to live fully**

Courage. It sometimes comes in a small package. At a time many people would fold into a state of depression, Kristin Ann Kay, 12, rose to amazing heights, reassuring loved ones everything was fine — this in the face of death from bone cancer. Kristin died July 24. She

**KRISTIN:
Brave, kind**

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ing. "It's my chemo and I'll barf if I want to," Kay said.

"She loved roller coasters. The day after chemo, we went to Magic Mountain and rode Viper. A nurse said, 'You went after what you just had,' and she (Kristin) said, 'You know, after chemo, a roller coaster's nothing.'"

While undergoing lung surgery, a chest tube was inserted in Kristin's lung to prevent it from collapsing. When doctors removed the tube it caused Kristin great pain — the type of pain she didn't want others to endure, her mother, Deborah Kay, said.

"She said, 'You're not doing it (removing the chest tube) ever again while I'm awake. Figure out something to help me,'" Mrs. Kay said.

The Pain Team at UCLA Medical Center — physicians dedicated to eliminating unnecessary patient pain — adhered to Kristin's advice, never again re-mov-ing patients' chest tubes without painkillers. Mrs. Kay

**Saying goodbye: Friend
Kristin gave to her. E
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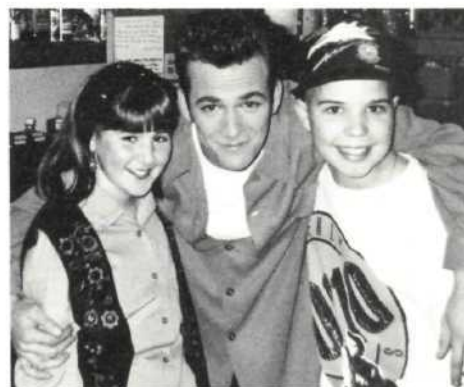
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relaxed in the peace of God.

It was in her last three days that her greatest characteristics, her loving spirit and her faith in God, really shone forth. Kristin was loved by everyone she came in contact with because she really loved everyone. Her nurses would vie for the opportunity to take care of her during her treatments. Kristin always made sure that she met and encouraged any new patients at the center. We had remarked once that we wished we had gotten this cancer instead of her, and Kristin replied that she wouldn't want any one else to have it.

In the weeks before her death, Kristin had become too weak to have visitors. She was using all her strength to stay alive. But in her last three days, she used her strength



Kristin (left) and a friend visited a television studio and met actor Luke Perry.

asked her to do, and even did more than they expected. Her orthopedic surgeon told her that there were certain motions she wouldn't be able to do because of the muscle she had lost. Nine months later she was so excited to prove him wrong. Her oncologist told us that because of her attitude and fighting spirit that he had been able to push her harder than any patient before.

Three days before she died, her condition had deteriorated to the point that she was on oxygen, and Kristin was very agitated about her blood test results. We hadn't told her yet that she only had a

few days left, and she was very upset that things were getting worse. Our home care nurse told her that she had to quit fighting, because she was very agitated. In a very strong voice, Kristin said, "I'm not quitting! I've always fought and I'll always fight." That afternoon she finally reached the point where we had to tell her that there was nothing left that the doctors could do for her, the cancer had just taken over her body. She was angry, frustrated, and afraid. She tried bargaining, and we cried together as she began to ask what it was going to be like to die. And then as we talked, there was an incredible peace that came over her. It was like a tremendous weight had been lifted from her, and she

to reach out to her family and friends. It was such a blessing to watch as her friends would come in to her room crying and Kristin would smile at them, give them a hug (thank you Lord for guiding us to doctors who were skilled enough to let her keep her arms), and tell them that she loved them and everything was going to be alright. In between visits, she chose the songs she wanted sung at her funeral, and we sang "Paradise Valley" and "Home of the Soul" several times together. She also divided up her stuffed animals and jewelry,

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PEPPERDINE PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

by Kathryn Watson

Terry Giboney, senior advancement officer, and **Susan Giboney**, visiting instructor in humanities and Associated Women for Pepperdine president, were the coordinators of a new ministry program at the Malibu Church of Christ, which was launched September 19. Both are teaching a parenting class at the Malibu church on Sundays for the fall quarter. They will also conduct a Marriage and Family Seminar at the Sunny Hills Church in Fullerton, November 13-14.

Randy Gill, associate professor of music, will be speaking at Harding University's High School Day in Searcy, Arkansas, November 11-12.

Bill Henegar, assistant vice president for creative services, taught a class and preached for the Victoria, B.C., Canada, Church of Christ, October 17, and taught an adult class at the Teachers' Workshop in Long Beach, October 23. He is also teaching an adult class for the fall quarter at the Simi Valley Church of Christ.

Richard Hughes, professor of religion, was a Pepperdine representative to the Lilly Fellows Project, which is designed to promote Christian higher education, at Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Indiana, October 8-10. He will speak at the Bible Study Seminar for the Alameda Church of Christ in Norman, Oklahoma, November 5-6. He will also preach for the Alameda church on November 7.

Kim Lambert, coordinator of student missions, served as a student advisor and class teacher at the World Missions Workshop at Freed-Hardeman College, October 21-24. She will also be the coordinator of the "Let's Start Talking" Leaders Workshop at Oklahoma Christian, October 29-31.

Campus Ministers **Scott Lambert** and **LaJuana Gill** co-directed the Annual Campus Ministry Fall Retreat at Camp St. Nicholas in Frazier Park, September 24-26. More than 230 students were in attendance at this event.

Emily Lemley, associate director of church services, taught a women's class at the Van Nuys Church of Christ, August 8, and spoke at the Ladies' Inspiration Day at the Lemon Grove Church of Christ, October 9. She will also be the main speaker at the Conejo Valley Church of Christ Women's Retreat in Thousand Oaks, October 29-30.

Provost **Steven Lemley** preached for the Culver Palms Church of Christ, August 15, and for the Van Nuys Church of Christ, August 22.

Stuart Love, professor of religion, and Dean of Students **D'Esta Love** were the featured speakers at the Sawyer Lectures Marriage Seminar at the Institute for Christian Studies in Austin, Texas, October 15-16. They taught a class at the University Church of Christ in Austin, October 17. D'Esta was also the main speaker at the Northern California Women's Retreat in Paradise, California, September 17-18.

Dennis Lowe, associate professor of psychology and M. Norvel and Helen M. Young Chair of Family Life, and **Emily Scott-Lowe**, counseling center coordinator, were presenters at the Parenting Seminar at the Culver Palms Church, October 23. Both will speak at the Making Marriages Work seminars at the Central Church of Christ in San Luis Obispo, October 30-31, and at the Central Church of Christ in Las Vegas, November 12-14.

Randy Lowry, director of the Institute for Dispute Resolution at the School of Law, conducted a seminar on "Managing Conflict in the Church" at the Michigan Christian College Lectureship, October 4-5. He will be the lead instructor for a similar, 4-day workshop sponsored by the Institute for Dispute Resolution and Abilene Christian University, to be held at Highland Oaks Church of Christ, Dallas, Texas, November 2-3 and December 7-8.

Rick Marrs, associate professor of religion, will be a presenter at the Northwest Expositor's Seminar in Portland, Oregon, October 28. He will teach four

weekends this fall in Pepperdine's off-campus master's program at the Metro Church of Christ in Gresham, Oregon.

Thomas Olbricht, chairman of the religion division, preached at the Church of Christ in Redondo Beach, September 26 and October 3. He is also teaching a class on Romans for the fall quarter at the Malibu Church of Christ.

Rick Rowland, associate professor of communication and adjunct professor of religion, taught a class with Seaver Dean **John Wilson** at the National Campus Ministries Seminar at Louisiana State University, August 1-4. Rick preached for the Culver Palms Church of Christ, September 5.

Jerry Rushford, associate professor of religion, preached for the Church of Christ in Rochester, Michigan, October 3, and was a keynote lecturer at the Michigan Christian College Bible Lectureship on October 5. He will preach in California for Churches of Christ at Santa Rosa, October 17; Culver Palms, October 31; and Buena Park, November 14. He will present a one-day seminar on "History of Hymns" at the Golf Course Road Church of Christ in Midland, Texas, December 5.

LaGard Smith, professor of law, taught a daily class and was the opening night keynote speaker for the International Bible College Annual Bible Lectureship in Florence, Alabama, September 22-25. He taught a class for the Harding University Bible Lectureship in Searcy, Arkansas, September 27. He also spoke for the Westgate Church of Christ in Beaumont, Texas, October 16-17.

Martha Thomas, visiting lecturer in humanities, was the speaker at the Lancaster/Palmdale Ladies' Retreat in Lancaster, October 1-3.

Norvel Young, chancellor emeritus, preached for the Malibu Church of Christ, September 19, and spoke at the Preachers and Elders Dinner at the Harding University Bible Lectureship in Searcy, Arkansas, September 27.

West Coast Christians See Relief Work in Croatia First Hand

by James and Connie Greer

"Is there food today?" an elderly refugee lady hesitatingly asked as she approached the doors of the church in Zagreb, Croatia. It was not the first time she had asked, always polite and patient.

"Yes, it arrived today," a relief worker replied with a smile.

"Oh, thank God!" she exclaimed, clapping her hands together. There was indeed cause for celebration, for the church had been without relief supplies for an entire month.

A container of "family packets" (boxes of food and toiletries) from Southern California was the first of several shipments, including one from the Pacific Northwest, which arrived in Zagreb in April and May. "Mir na Zemlji" (Peace on Earth), the relief ministry begun by the Zagreb congregation in early 1992, has helped hundreds of refugees—Muslims, Croats, and Serbs—displaced by the war in the former Yugoslavia. Relief supplies have been sent from congregations all over Western Europe and the U.S.

Last September, Manna International, at the request of the Zagreb congregation, sent our son, David Greer, to Croatia to assume some of the responsibilities of the relief work. In April we had the opportunity to visit David and observe his

work first hand. We made the trip both as interested parents and as representatives of the Camarillo, California, Church of Christ, which provides much of David's support for this ministry. Coincidentally, we arrived the same week as the relief goods from Southern California, so we had the privilege of unloading some of the same boxes that we had personally helped pack and load into the shipping container in the parking lot of the Hermosa Beach church. It was reassuring to see that everything had arrived safely and intact.

While there, we were able to participate in the relief work from start to finish. The Zagreb congregation's "Mir na Zemlji" is recognized by the refugees—and by the International Committee of the Red Cross which coordinates the various relief efforts in the city—as one of the best organized and most reliable relief programs. Both the distribution process and the quality of the family packets have received much praise. We were impressed with the caring and efficiency with which the work is carried out. Bibles and Christian materials that discuss coming to terms with suffering are offered to those who desire them, and many do. Many have also attended the meetings of the church, and some have responded to the Gospel message.

During our stay, we were invited to visit the cramped basement apartment where a Bosnian Serb refugee couple now lives with their son. We also saw a former workers' barracks into which are crowded hundreds of refugees with little running water or sanitary facilities. We saw Christians giving of their time and energy to help others, despite the fact that they themselves are needy. High unemployment (30-50%) and uncontrollable inflation have spared no one. Despite the constant discouragement of the war, the Lord's church is growing. Christians continue to preach the Word, teach, feed the hungry, and encourage the downtrodden, trusting their futures to the Lord.

One sad fallout of the war is the inability of Christians from the various areas of the former Yugoslavia to have the fellowship they previously enjoyed. In a recent phone conversation with our son David, he told us of a meeting of Christians from Zagreb and Belgrade, Serbia. Unable to travel freely between the now separate countries, the two groups arranged to meet just across the border in Hungary. Determined not to let the war drive a wedge between brethren, these Christians were willing to travel 10-12 hours to enjoy an afternoon of fellowship and prayer.

It is heartening to see the significant contributions that West Coast Christians have made to the relief ministry. Over and over again refugees thanked us, with great emotion, for our help and asked us to communicate their thanks to others who had cared enough to send aid. Although there is as yet no end in sight to this awful war, it is God's work that we are doing there, and we should not grow weary. For information about how you can help, please contact Manna International, P.O. Box 3507, Redwood City, CA 94064 (415/369-5373).



Pepperdine professor James Greer and his son, David, unloaded greatly needed relief supplies in Zagreb, Croatia.

Jacobs Named Vice President for Portland's Cascade College

Dr. Kevin E. Jacobs has been named executive vice president for Cascade College, Oklahoma Christian's Portland campus, announced Dr. J. Terry Johnson, president of Oklahoma Christian. Jacobs will direct the administrative functions.

Cascade College resulted from an agreement last April between the University and the board of directors of former Columbia Christian College [see story on back page].

Jacobs is a graduate of Oklahoma Christian with a bachelor's in accounting. He received his Doctor of Jurisprudence degree in 1986 from Vanderbilt University. His emphasis was estate and individual taxation. He taught business at Oklahoma Christian and became the vice president and general counsel for Oklahoma Christian's Investment Corporation in



1986. In 1990, Jacobs was named vice president and general counsel for the University.

Talking about his new role, Jacobs says that he wants to "keep Columbia's original spirit alive," while revitalizing the college with a new student body, which will be recruited during this next year, and with new financial stability and academic accreditation under Oklahoma Christian's

auspices.

President Johnson states, "We need leadership in Portland that is sold on the potential of what the program can do for young people there and for the church in that region. Kevin meets these qualifications."

Jacobs, who moved to Portland in August, reports his admiration for the "wonderful students who have stayed on to maintain the campus during this transition year and the strong churches in the Northwest that care so much about Christian education."

Kevin met his wife, Morrow Beth, at Oklahoma Christian where she was an elementary education graduate. She taught in Oklahoma and now is full time at home with their three children: Jami, 10; Jacey, 7; and Kaleb, 4. He has served as an associate minister, a youth minister, and a deacon at Churches of Christ in the Oklahoma City area.

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putting tags on them for us to give to her cousins and friends after she was gone.

Kristin had a tremendous faith in God. She struggled for a while with the fact that God's answer to our prayers wasn't what we expected. There was fear of the unknown, but on the day she died she told us that whatever God's plan was, it was okay. He was going to do what the doctors couldn't do. Everything they did had limited her. God was going to set her free and give her rest.

When she called us into her room that last night we didn't realize it would be our last hour with her. Brittany started to cry and hugged her. Kristin told her, "It's alright, Brittany, I'll always be in your heart. Just look for me, and you'll find me. I'm going to God." She was very weak, but every few minutes, she would open her eyes, smile, and tell us she loved us. Once, she looked around her room, and maybe beyond it, and said, "Things look weird."

Then just a little bit before she died, she looked at us and with no fear calmly said, "I'm dying now, I'm dying now." She was with us and aware of everything to the very last moment. She went peacefully, holding her mother's hand. With us one moment, a last peaceful breath, and then gone with the Lord. Our social worker from the Cancer Center said she went the way she lived, giving us a beautiful gift in the way she died.

It would be so easy to look only at what we have lost. But we cannot do that, because Kristin left us such a tremendous example of faith and acceptance. And there are just too many blessings that God brought our way during this entire ordeal. Without us knowing it, He guided us to the top doctors in the world for Kristin's type of cancer, who developed the chemotherapy and limb-salvage techniques that gave us two wonderful extra years with Kristin. Every day something good would come our way. All of it was God working to bless us through the church in Ventura county and around the world—and

through our friends and family. And Kristin's story continues to inspire people. Some have said that it is sad that we will miss seeing her grow up. That's not really true—we saw her grow up and mature into a lovely young woman as she faced this trial. What we lost was her childhood. The editor of our local paper wrote this of Kristin: "There are many people of inspiration, but they're usually world leaders, renowned thinkers or great humanitarians. It's rare when it's the kid next door." Or even your own kid, we would add.

Engraved on her headstone are the words, "Always in our hearts," and, "She taught us how to live, how to fight and finally how to die." She was only twelve but she accomplished more in those few years than a lot of people do with many more years. At her memorial service, Tim Kelley stated, "More than grief and sorrow, Kristin called us to more hope, faith, joy and rejoicing and we can see these moments through the eyes of faith." How true. But, Kristin, we still miss you!

Triple Event Planned for the Northwest

The 8th annual "Together With Love In Christ" (TLC) is scheduled for Portland and the surrounding areas on Sunday, October 31, beginning at 9:30 A.M. This event draws more than 1,600 participants from as far north as Longview, Washington, and as far south as Salem, Oregon. This year's speaker is **Ian Fair** from Abilene Christian University. His topic is "The Bond of Peace." The traditional afternoon "Celebration in Song" will be an important part of this TLC event.

Elders and Teens: On Saturday, October 29, a Teen Day of Inspiration is planned which will be a reunion for all the teens who have participated in the Tuesday evening summer program.

Saturday will also be the date for the annual elders workshop. **Dub Orr** and **Ian Fair** will lead the elders in study and idea sessions about leadership.

Preachers: On Thursday and Friday, October 28-29, of this same week, the *Leaven Journal* will sponsor the Northwest Expositor's Seminar at the Westside Church of Christ. Helping preachers to have fresh resources and practical sermon studies, the curriculum includes: **Dr. Jack Reese** from ACU on "Sermon Forms and Strategies;" **Dr. Tim Woodroof**, minister for the Westside Church of Christ, on "Preaching from Mark;" **Mark Love**, minister for the East County Church of Christ, on "Preaching I Corinthians;" and **Dr. Rick Marrs** from Pepperdine, on "Preaching the Ten Commandments."

co-sponsored by the Vancouver Church of Christ and the Portland Metro Church of Christ with their ministers **Kevin Woods** and **Greg Woods**, respectively, leading the planning.

DAYBREAK

Ron Crawford, minister for the sponsoring Campbell Church of Christ, reports that 450 teenagers attended the 21st annual Daybreak encampment held over Labor Day. The participants on the theme, "Invasion" from the book of Romans were **Wilson Parrish** from Pepperdine, **John Turner** from Mission Viejo, **Chris Goldman** from Livermore, and **Reg Cox** from ACU. Their presentations were interspersed with small group discussions and the inspirational finale was a variety show produced by a group of teens from an inner city shelter in San Francisco. The Campbell planning group of **Ron Crawford**, **Gordon** and **LorLee Krueger**, **Michael Davis**, and **Nick Berens** included a team of students.

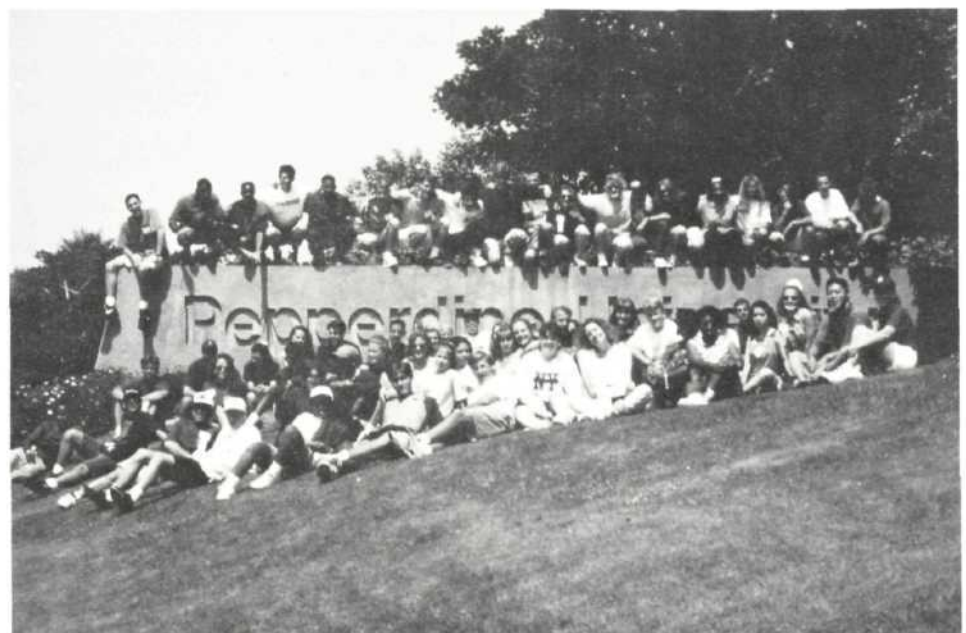
FAITH QUEST

"Faith Quest," the annual **Camp Yamhill** teen meeting, hosted over 350 teens for a inspirational Labor Day Weekend. The theme was "Dying to Live," and the main speakers were **John Paul Blankenship** from Lubbock Christian University and **Mark** and **Katie Turner** from Bakersfield, California. This camp is

Christian Leadership Conference at Pepperdine

The 3rd Annual Christian Leadership Conference was held June 11-13 on the Malibu campus of Pepperdine University. Approximately 100 high school juniors from the Churches of Christ attended this year's conference. Students came from throughout California as well as other states to study leadership and to hone their leadership skills. This year's theme was "Leadership, Trials, and Triumphs" taken from II Timothy 4:7.

"The goal of the conference is to encourage leadership in all aspects of life—at home, at church, at school, and in the community. We have found that students who focus on the concept of Biblical leadership at the three day conference tend to take on a new perspective about Christian leadership and become aware of the need that exists for strong leadership in



our society," states the conference founder, **Paul Long**, dean of admission and enrollment management at the University.

The date for the 4th Annual Christian Leadership Conference is June 10-12, 1994.

Please contact **Craig Means**, c/o Seaver College, Office of Admission, (310) 456-4392, for further information or to register any high school junior for the 1994 conference.

Giboney Named to Development Position

On September 1, Dr. Terry Giboney assumed the position of assistant vice chancellor for annual giving and alumni advancement. He will concentrate on scholarship funds for Church of Christ students and will work closely with Pepperdine's Church Leaders' Council and Alumni.

Dr. Giboney and his wife, Susan, have a history of commitment to Pepperdine. Both of them are alumni, and their three children have all graduated from Pepperdine. During Terry's 30-year career in public education, he participated in many volunteer capacities for Pepperdine, including serving for three years on the Board of Regents. He has been a part of the President's Council, the GSEP Advisory Council, the Century Club, the Church Leader's Council, and the Pepperdine Associates.

After graduating from Pepperdine, Terry and Susan worked as missionaries and



teachers in Japan's Ibaraki Christian College for three years. On their return, Terry worked in the public school system in La Habra. After receiving his doctorate from USC, he was director of personnel and then assistant superintendent for the Monrovia school district. Giboney was promoted to district superintendent of the Los Nietos school district in 1986, and served in that position for four years.

Giboney served for seven years as an elder for the Sunny Hills Church before moving to Malibu. He and Susan are now members of the Malibu Church.

Giboney became a full-time "Pepperdiner" three years ago as he came to head the office of Special Programs. He talks about the joy of working with Pepperdine people, and he concludes, "The three great loves of my life are my family, the church, and Pepperdine. Each one has blessed me so much."

Susan is a visiting lecturer in the Humanities Division and is currently in her second term as president of Associated Women for Pepperdine. Terry and Susan are often invited to present programs on marriage and family life. They have three children: Carrie (Giboney) Wall in Costa Mesa, Peggy (Giboney) Grande in Woodland Hills, and Paul, a medical student at Northwestern University. Terry and Susan are beginning their own scholarship fund so that their first grandson, Taylor John Grande, who was born in September, may attend Pepperdine.

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irrespective of whether the bedridden are Christians or not. Dick Ady preached for the church from 1976 to 1988. In addition to the food distribution programs, Ady commends the Sierra Children's Home Women's Auxilliary from the congregation, a group responsible for a great amount of good channeled toward orphans and others.

Ady himself has been greatly encouraged by the Santa Rosa church. It was while preaching there that he founded World English Institute. WEI is an organization patterned somewhat after World Bible School, but which teaches the English language to people in other nations, using the Bible. Many hundreds of people have come to know God through the program, which today has 55,000 students in 54 countries.

"It's a small church that has done big things," says Ady. He recounts the church's

support of Babu Potham in India, Behailu Abebe in Ethiopia, Jesse Duque in the Phillipines, and others. The congregation and individuals Christians continue to support WEI.

The present pulpit minister for the Sonoma Avenue Church is Barney Cargile. He grew up in the Northwest and preached for churches in that region, including Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and Roseburg, Oregon. Cargile has been working in Santa Rosa for about two years. The current elders are Bob Baker, Ken Rawles, and Pepperdine alumnus John Gash.

One wonders how a little group of Christians developed such vision—how one church could have such a vivid map of the world on its heart, such unselfish outreach, such love for strangers far across the seas. Part of the answer can be seen in those who have preached and worked in Santa Rosa. The Brittell family, members in the '20s, became missionaries to Zambia, Africa. Mel and Emily Pownall, who worked with the church from 1965 to

1970, were missionaries in Italy. Elmer Prout went to Japan. Ruth Gardner Whitfield labored in China. Dick Ady worked in Taiwan. Ken McGee was a missionary in Brazil. And the succession of great world preachers that passed through and spoke to young and old at Santa Rosa is truly legendary.

The Santa Rosa church has never been an influential church of 2,000 or 1,000 or even 500 members. But in its own way, from its base in a small city in northern California, it has reached around the world to preach the gospel on several continents—while it reached around town sharing the good news, feeding the bedridden and poor, teaching the children, and caring for the orphans.

With a history that stretches back into the mid-1800s and a continuous heritage that spans 85 years of the 20th century, Christians in Santa Rosa have embraced the worldwide mission of Jesus Christ for several generations—and are advancing his redemptive work into the next century.



All participants must be accompanied by a chaperone who stays with them on campus.

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Helen and Norvel

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Day 17: We arrived in Kiev, capital of the Ukraine (the former "bread-basket of Russia"). The Ukraine is very proud of its two years as an independent nation, but there is tension with Russia over oil and weapons. We sensed the beginning of tension between Communists and the Russian Orthodox Church with foreign missionaries. But nothing has been put into law which would slow the mission efforts.

Scott Broadway and Michael Robtoy, Lipscomb graduates, are working with a strong group of 40 to 50 Christians here. When we went to the Technical Institute where rooms had been rented for our services, we found a sign on the desk: "The Believers May Not Meet in this Room Tonight." When our group of 35 Christians saw the sign, there was no complaint or question. We all just walked outside to a freshly mowed park and stood in a circle for the service. We were so moved by their faith and courage as we all joined hands and closed with the song "A Common Love." The bond we have in Christ reaches

across all possible barriers.

Day 21: International Christian University of Vienna has a Kiev extension here with classes beginning in the fall. The State University of Economics has provided office space and classrooms. Directed by Dr. Anatoly Voychak and coordinated by Natalia Shamkalova, the extension will begin with 100 students. They have received 200 applications. They need books in English and professors who will give a semester of teaching to this great work.

Day 22: We arrived in Minsk, our last city. This was Natasha's hometown. Services were advertised for Norvel to speak in the Cultural Hall here. We stayed in Natasha and Nickolai's apartment. Nickolai cooked wonderful meals. They are a lovely Christian couple, and this is a place of warmth and love for this young church.

We were surprised at the numbers of missionaries in Russia. Perhaps over 100. Churches of Christ have not sat idly by. We have seen the open door and walked through it—quickly. The crying need here seems to be people who will nurture these baby churches. We met several retired men

and several couples who are here to do this: the Mabry Millers from York College, Mel Haney and Clay Whidden from ACU, Ike Hamilton from Harding, the Sumners from Ohio, the Farleys from Florida, and Charles Whittle from Massachusetts. Ike Hamilton wrote an article urging retired couples to come to Russia. He wrote, "I have much goods laid up for many days, but I have decided not to build bigger barns or to tour in my motor home. I will use my energy and resources to help these churches grow. I'm happier now than I've ever been!"

Moonean Farley has had great success with children. She said, "They are so thrilled to see crayons! I brought my Bible School material and had one of the members translate it into Russian and had it reprinted. I'm making do with what I brought." Vacation Bible schools are very popular here.

Day 24: Homeward bound: Back to Moscow, New York and Los Angeles. We were exhilarated by seeing God's power through faithful people in Russia. We want to go back next summer and work longer in one place. May God encourage many to go and many to send and all to pray.

Oklahoma Christian Opens New College to Replace Columbia Christian

After 37 years of operation, Columbia Christian College closed with its spring commencement. But an agreement to make possible the continuation of private, Christian higher education on the Portland campus was announced earlier this year by Oklahoma Christian University of Science and Arts.

With the closing of the college, the Columbia Christian Board of Directors voted April 16 to make its Portland campus available to Oklahoma Christian, which is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Universities.

According to the agreement, in the fall of 1994, Oklahoma Christian will open a branch campus in Portland. Conditioned on the approval of the appropriate accrediting agencies and other stipulations, classes for freshmen, sophomore, and junior level students would be offered in September 1994. Senior level classes would be available first in 1995-96.

Under the terms of the agreement, the Columbia Christian Board will continue to function to fulfill the financial responsibilities of supporting a Portland Campus.

To initiate the program, there are at least three areas that will have to be addressed: obtaining the necessary academic accreditation; sufficient student interest; and developing financial support for the program.

Cascade College, named for the majestic mountain range, will be located on the campus of the former Columbia Christian College.



Columbia Christian Chairman Sam Granburg said, "We will raise funds to pay off all existing obligations of Columbia Christian and assist in funding the new operation to be begun by Oklahoma Christian. We are deeply grateful that the 37 year legacy of Christian education in Portland and the Northwest will be continued."

The newly created branch campus would offer bachelor's degrees in business, Bible, education, and liberal arts. These have been the most popular programs among past students at Columbia Christian and will meet the needs of most of those planning to attend.

In 1991, Columbia Christian, facing financial difficulties, lost its accreditation and, therefore, its opportunity to provide federal financial aid programs to its

students. With decreasing enrollment, the Columbia Christian Board decided the college could not continue in its present form. Fact-finding visits were made by Oklahoma Christian administrators in February and March.

With the closing of Columbia Christian College, no classes will be offered on the Portland campus this fall, but some special events will be held. The Columbia Christian Schools (K-12), a separate legal entity under its own board of directors, will operate and continue to use some campus facilities.

Dr. J. Terry Johnson, president of Oklahoma Christian, said that a team has been formed to take the steps necessary to begin operation by the 1994-95 school year.

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