Pepperdine Students Prepare for Summer Missions

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A News Journal for Churches of Christ on the West Coast
Malibu Church Sends Out Mission Teams

by Mary Speaks

The Malibu Church of Christ has encouraged and supported hundreds of Pepperdine students to do summer missions since Pepperdine University first opened its Malibu campus in 1972. The SHARE program, developed in the '70s by the Malibu Church, has sent more than 200 students abroad to do mission work. And both the SHARE program and the more recent “Let’s Start Talking” program have seen the numbers of participating students increase in the last three years. Last year 29 students on six mission teams went to Mons, Belgium; Gosford and Sydney, Australia; Nigeria, West Africa; Lisbon, Portugal; and Moscow, Russia. At present, a team is at work with the Moscow Church of Christ, while others prepare for their summer mission efforts.

Pepperdine alumni Lee Kendall and Amy Wilson, along with Jill Foley, a California State Fullerton graduate and member of the Sunny Hills Church of Christ in California, traveled to Moscow in February of this year. They are working with the Church that was started by other Pepperdine alumni Jeff Cooper, Jason Hawes, and Ben Wall when they solidified two small, separate, house churches into one congregation in downtown Moscow last summer. Lee, Amy, and Jill will be joined by alumni Debbie Leonard and Daren Nicholson on April 25. Together this team will concentrate on nurturing and building the Moscow church body. In addition, they will give their continued attention to reaching non-Christians through Bible study and building relationships with those expressing interest in becoming Christians. Another of their significant emphases is to teach the Russians to evangelize their own people. This team will return home on August 22, with the exception of Daren Nicholson, who will remain until late fall.

There are two short-term “Let’s Start Talking” mission teams preparing to target Moscow this summer. The first team will be led by Scott and Kim Lambert. Scott is one of Pepperdine’s two full-time campus ministers and Kim is the “Let’s Start Talking” coordinator for the West Coast. Also on the team are Gina Loprieato, a recent Pepperdine graduate; students Dayna Collins, Kristy Spicer, and Paul Carolus; Pepperdine employee, Jeff Nicholson; and Jill Lewis, a member of the Sunny Hills Church of Christ and a Student at Fullerton College. This team will be in Russia May 7-June 23, and will be joined by four students from Oklahoma Christian University. Working directly with the Moscow church, the group will primarily teach conversational English through one-on-one Bible study.

The second team is composed of alumni Jeanna Stolle and Scott and Jamie Quatro; recent graduates Brad Cupp and Tom Nicholas; and student Vannessa Reynolds. This team, also working directly with the Moscow church, will follow-up on the work of the first team by continuing to strengthen the church and maintain contact with those reached through one-on-one Bible study. They will serve June 20-August 4.

Four other small teams are making plans to travel this summer as a part of the SHARE program. Recent Pepperdine graduate Kristen Jensen and student Ryan Neading plan to work with missionaries in Varna, Bulgaria, May 1-August 7. They will work with missionary Nat Cooper who is currently sponsored by the Westside Church of Christ in Bakersfield, California. Their area of concentration will be food distribution, English instruction (using the Bible as text) and other activities designed to further establish the Church in Varna.

Recent graduates Shannon Barnes, Ken Mersch, and Zoraya Oliver, and students Kristi Lewis, Kari Peterson, and David Kirmse will serve as counselors at a camp for children in San Felipe, Mexico, June 17-July 31. The camp facilities were begun and recently completed by the Malibu Church of Christ. Malibu Church youth group members Monica Young and Aaron Newton and York College student Kevin Lewis will also serve as counselors for the pre-teen camp. Leaders of the effort are Pepperdine business professor Grant Newton and his wife, Valda.

Senior biology student Sonia Lau will serve May 1-June 1 in Catacamas, Honduras. She will assist Doris Clark with general medical and nursing responsibilities.

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Helen Mattox Young, founder of Associated Women for Pepperdine, was selected 1992 California Mother of the Year by American Mothers Inc. in February.

Helen has been married for 52 years to Dr. M. Norvel Young, Pepperdine's chancellor emeritus and former president, and is the mother of four grown children who have pursued careers in the service professions.

"Mrs. Young is a lovely lady, who has done very well by her children, steering them in the right direction," said American Mothers board member Lu Dennis of Encino, California. According to Dennis, the organization is dedicated to strengthening the moral and spiritual foundations of the family and home.

The Youngs' children are Dr. Emily Young Lemley, a professor at Lubbock Christian University in Texas; Dr. Matt N. Young III, a pediatric burn specialist at Sherman Oaks Burn Center in Los Angeles; Dr. Marilyn Morrow Young, a psychotherapist practicing in Texas; and Sara Young Jackson, former director of Pepperdine's Volunteer Center in Malibu.

Mrs. Young believes the honor helps underscore the vital role of mothers. "This is one more effort to call attention to the role of mothers, which should not be neglected in our society," she said. "All mothers face different problems and challenges, and we all do the best we can."

"Helen Young is an author, lecturer, teacher, and editor," said Kanet Thomas, president of Associated Women for Pepperdine, which nominated Mrs. Young for the Mother of the Year honor. "She is a leader in educational, religious, philanthropic, and civic groups. But in no area does she excel more than in her role as mother," Thomas noted.

In addition to her work with AWP, an organization that provides scholarship funds for Christian students at Pepperdine, Mrs. Young has written books on Christian and family topics, including "Children Won't Wait" and "Time Management for Christian Women."

She and her husband recently were honored when an endowed Chair of Family Life was established in their name at Pepperdine's Graduate School of Education and Psychology. The Chair will augment the graduate school's marriage and family counseling and teaching program. Mrs. Young has taught classes at Pepperdine on the Bible as well as on marriage and family issues.

A life member of the University's Board of Regents, Mrs. Young earned her bachelor's degree at Pepperdine in 1939 and her master's degree at Peabody College of Vanderbilt University in Tennessee.

It was on Pepperdine's original campus in South-Central Los Angeles in 1938 that undergraduate Helen Mattox met her future husband, then a sociology and history professor.

Their marriage in 1939 began their partnership in service to others. Lifelong members of the Churches of Christ, the Youngs have served congregations in Tennessee, Texas, and Malibu. In 1957, Dr. Young was chosen as Pepperdine's third president, and during his 14 years in office, Mrs. Young was the University's official hostess. The couple have traveled to 55 countries to promote Christian and educational causes, and their home on the University's Malibu campus is open to visitors from around the world.

Mrs. Young has devoted her energies to several civic and educational concerns, including serving on the boards of the United Way Region 4, the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge's Los Angeles County Chapter, the Otis Art Institute, Excellence in Media, and the Women's Division of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce.

She will compete for the national Mother of the Year title in Los Angeles in late April.
Provost Bill Adrian preached for the Church of Christ in Hemet, January 19. Dan Anders, minister for the Malibu Church of Christ, preached for the Church of Christ in Pacific Beach, January 5.

Garry Bailey, instructor of communication, preached for the Westchester Church of Christ in Los Angeles, January 19.

David Baird, Howard White professor of history, preached for the Church of Christ in Redondo Beach, January 19.

Fred Barnes, director of counseling services, preached for the Lincoln Avenue Church of Christ in Riverside, February 2, and for the Church of Christ in Pomona, February 9.

Executive Vice President Andrew Benton preached for the Culver-Palms Church of Christ in Los Angeles, January 5, and for the Church of Christ in Palm Desert, January 19.

Professor of Law Hal Bigham preached for Churches of Christ in Upland, January 5; in Glendale, January 12; in Victorville, January 26; and in Laguna Hills, February 2.

Calvin Bowers, professor of communication, preached for Churches of Christ at Baker Street in Bakersfield, January 19; at Normandie in Los Angeles, February 2; and Hollywood, March 29. He spoke at a special event of the Compton Avenue Church of Christ in Los Angeles, February 29. He will conduct a seminar on the family at the Southside Church of Christ in Austin, Texas, April 26-30.

Larry Bumgardner, assistant vice president for communications and grants, preached for the Church of Christ in Corona, January 12, and for the Church of Christ in San Clemente, January 19.

Jim Bury, visiting professor of religion, preached for the Church of Christ in Buena Park, January 12, and for the Ball Road Church of Christ in Anaheim, January 19.


Rick Cupp, visiting associate professor of law, preached for the Allied Gardens Church of Christ in San Diego, January 5.

President David Davenport preached for the Crenshaw Church of Christ in Los Angeles, January 12; the El Cajon Boulevard Church of Christ in San Diego, January 19; and the Northwest Church of Christ in Phoenix, Arizona, February 19. He was the keynote speaker for the annual banquet of the San Diego Christian Foundation, March 6, and preached and taught class for the Culver-Palms Church of Christ in Los Angeles, March 29. He will preach for the Long Beach Church of Christ May 24.

Professor of Psychology Jennings Davis continues to preach for the Church of Christ in Sierra Madre.

Steve Davis, professor of natural science, preached for the Church of Christ in Moorpark, January 5.

Rich Dawson, director of international student services, preached for the Church of Christ in Ventura, January 12.

Douglas Dean, professor of natural science, preached for the Mona Boulevard Church of Christ in Compton, January 12, and for the Church of Christ in Fillmore, January 26.

David Dowdey, professor of communication, preached for the Glenoaks Church of Christ in San Fernando, January 5, and for the Church of Christ in Alhambra, January 12.

Gary Elliott, senior development officer, preached for Churches of Christ in Ojai, January 5; La Mesa, January 12; Whittier, January 19; and at Sunny Hills in Fullerton, January 26.

John Free, adjunct professor of religion, preached for the Church of Christ in Hesperia, January 12.

Terry Giboney, assistant vice president for special programs, preached for the Palm Avenue Church of Christ in Fresno, January 19, and for the Northside Church of Christ in Santa Ana, February 2. He and his wife, Susan, conducted a parenting workshop for the Church of Christ in Escondido, March 27-29, and a marriage seminar for the Church of Christ in Pacific Grove, April 11-12. They will conduct a parenting workshop on May 2 for the Church of Christ in Costa Mesa.

Campus Minister LaJuana Gill spoke at the West Coast Campus Ministry Seminar held January 17-19 in Santa Barbara.

Randy Gill, associate professor of fine arts, preached for the Santa Clarita Church of Christ in Newhall, January 26.

Professor of Psychology James Greer preached for the Church of Christ in Santa Barbara, January 12.

Gary Hanson, general counsel, preached for the Church of Christ in Oakhurst, January 5.

Professor of Psychology Clarence Hibbs preached for the Church of Christ in Oxnard, January 12.

Ron Highfield, assistant professor of religion, preached for the Church of Christ in Woodland Hills, January 5 and for the Church of Christ in Simi Valley, January 19. He will preach for the Church of Christ in San Luis Obispo, May 10.

Richard Hughes, professor of religion, preached for the Church of Christ in Costa Mesa, January 26. He preached for the Church of Christ in Woodland Hills, February 23, and is teaching a Bible class for them which began March 1 and will continue through May 10.

Woody Hughes, associate dean of the Graduate School of Education and Psychology, preached for Churches of Christ in Temple City, January 5; Indio, January 12; and Barstow, January 19. He preached for Churches of Christ in Palmdale, February 2; Van Nuys, February 16 and 23; and in Montebello, March 15.

Bernard James, professor of law, preached for the Vaughn Street Church of Christ in San Fernando, January 26.

David Johnson, associate professor of business, preached for the Church of Christ in Cypress, January 26, and preached and taught class for the Church of Christ in Lancaster, March 29.

Terrence Kite, associate professor of natural science, preached for Churches of Christ in Van Nuys, January 5; at Foster Road in Santa Maria, January 12; in San Luis Obispo, January 26; and in Hermosa Beach, February 23.

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Curtis Williams became the pulpit minister for the Victor Valley Church of Christ in Victorville, California, in October 1991.

Williams graduated from the Institute of Practical Ministry associated with the Highland Oaks Church of Christ in Dallas, Texas, in 1991. He worked with young singles during his internship with Highland Oaks.

A native of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, Williams attended Harding University where he earned a bachelor's degree in biochemistry (1987). He attended the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine before deciding to enter the ministry. As a part of the Institute of Practical Ministry program, he received a master's degree in ministry from Oklahoma Christian University in 1991.

Williams recently began work on a master of divinity degree at Pepperdine University.


He previously served on the staff of the Southern Hills Church of Christ in Abilene, Texas, from January—August, 1991. Prior to that, he and his wife, Sherri, served for seven years (1983-1990) as missionaries with the Church of Christ in La Paz, Bolivia. They were supported by the Southern Hills Church.

Hines received a bachelor's degree (1979) from Oklahoma Christian University and a master's degree in missions (1983) from Abilene Christian University.

He has had articles published in IMAGE magazine and the Christian Chronicle.

Ken and Sherri (Fields) have three children: Kelli, 9; Amy, 4; and Bradley, 2.

On March 1, 1992, Craig Brown began work as the full-time pulpit minister for the Church of Christ in Vancouver, Washington.

Brown most recently served as youth minister for the 750-member Eastside Church of Christ in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He also worked for five years as chaplain for the Colorado Springs Police Department.

Brown received a B.A. and two M.A. degrees from Pepperdine University. He also received his California State School Counselor's Certificate and has since done course work at Denver Theological Seminary and Fuller Theological Seminary. He is currently working on a Doctor of Ministry through Abilene Christian University.

He was youth and education minister for the Hollywood, California Church of Christ from 1975 to 1979 and taught at the San Fernando Valley Christian School and the Costa Christian School, both in California. He and his wife, Mara, worked as houseparents for the Cornhusker Christian Children's Home in Nebraska from 1982 to 1984.

Craig and Mara have two sons, Joel, 5, and Mark, 3.

Carter Lambert recently assumed responsibilities as superintendent of Campbell Christian Schools. Prior to coming to Campbell, he served as director of alumni relations for Harding University.

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Western Campus News

by Rick Rowland

Twenty-five Years of Campus Ministry in Santa Barbara

The 25th Anniversary Celebration of Campus Advance for Christ (CAC), that has served the UCSB and Santa Barbara Community College students since 1966, took place October 5 and 6, 1991. The Silver Anniversary affair, hosted by the Turnpike Road Church of Christ, included addresses and presentations by past and present campus ministers Rick Rowland, Rich Dawson, Ron Smith, and Don Crawford. Announced during the event was the “kick off” of the $100,000 Rick Rowland Campus Ministry Endowment Fund to help stabilize financial needs for CAC. Smith also announced that the profits from Rowland’s new book, Campus Ministries: A Historical Study of Churches of Christ Campus Ministries and Selected College Ministries from 1706 to 1990, will be placed in the new endowment fund.

Bakersfield Campus Work Very Successful in First Two Years

In only the second year of the Westside Church of Christ’s Campus Advance program at California State University, Bakersfield, college campus minister Andy Miller led student mission teams to Malaysia and Singapore. Their work last summer resulted in 66 persons being baptized into Christ.

Miller, a convert through the campus ministry program of the Collegetale Church of Christ during his undergraduate years at Troy State University in Alabama, served as campus minister at Kansas State University before coming to Bakersfield. Miller built the new program through emphasizing unity among college members of the Westside Church of Christ. The ministry experienced a tremendous amount of initial growth and remains strong through Bible classes, devotionals, retreats, fellowship meals, holiday get-togethers, day trips, informal gatherings, and group support of the annual West Coast Campus Ministry Seminar. Twelve students have already responded to the gospel since Miller’s arrival in 1990. The CAC program is a recognized campus organization at CSUB.

New Campus Minister at University of Alberta

The campus ministry effort sponsored by the Edmonton, Alberta, Church of Christ in Canada, has become a legal campus club called Campus Advance for Christ at the University of Alberta. The new campus minister, Randy Schilling, formerly served as campus minister at UC, Davis. University facilities are now available for CAC meetings, Bible studies, and for sponsoring speakers on campus.

Scholarships Offered to Boise State University Students

In an effort to re-establish and rebuild the campus ministry at Boise State University, the Church of Christ in Boise recently offered ten $1,000 scholarships to Christian students wishing to attend BSU and actively work in the campus ministry program. Six scholarships were awarded in the fall of 1991. The college group has experienced steady growth over the past year. For more information contact Howard R. Jones at (208) 342-2182.

Carter Lambert

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in Searcy, Arkansas.

Lambert received a B.A. in English (1982) and an M.Ed. (1984) from Harding University and is a doctoral candidate in educational administration at Texas A&M University. While at Texas A&M, he served as president of the society of educational administrators and assisted two university task forces.

He served as minister of education and youth at the Pleasant Valley Church of Christ in Little Rock, Arkansas, from 1985 to 1987. He taught grades K-12 at Columbia Christian Schools in Portland, Oregon, from 1982 to 1983 and from 1984 to 1985. He was a founding member of the board for the National Conference on Youth Ministries.

He is married to the former Rebecca Shackelford, and they have two children, Andrew, age 6, and Matthew, age 2.

Great Northwest Evangelism Workshop, July 1-4

The theme for the 1992 Great Northwest Evangelism Workshop (GNEW) is “O Worship The King: Living the Life of Praise.” Again this year, GNEW will take place on the Pacific Lutheran University campus in Tacoma, Washington. In addition to more than 75 classes and lectures, GNEW will feature special workshops for singles and teachers, as well as programs especially for children and teens.

On Thursday evening, a special emphasis will be placed on missions. Lyle Jarvis, Bill McDonough, and Don Yelton will host a film presentation on mission efforts in eastern Europe and Russia.

Rubel Shelly of Nashville, Tennessee, will open the annual event and Marvin Phillips of Tulsa, Oklahoma, will give the closing keynote address.

For registration information and other specific details, contact director Dale Smith at (206) 537-5181 or coordinator Rowena Hanson at (206) 848-2632.

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Recent graduate Toni Marie Molina will work with missionaries Dan and Traci Harrod in Kitale, Kenya, East Africa, April 27-June 7. She will lead Bible studies, work with women’s groups, and help with the orphanage in Kitale. She plans to return to Africa on a long-term basis after her marriage to Pepperdine alumnus Keith Labnow, a former missionary in Africa.

These students and alumni are a great asset to the University and the Malibu Church of Christ. Their dedication to serving in the Lord’s Kingdom and strengthening His people is of eternal value. Pepperdine and the Malibu Church are grateful for these young hearts and minds who have given themselves to the work of the Lord. All of the mission team members solicit your prayers for the people they will teach, for the churches they desire to strengthen, and for themselves, that they would each clearly hear their Father’s voice and be strengthened in their own walk as they serve.
Pepperdine Students Honored by Peers for Helping Injured Motorist

by Colleen Cason

Senior Paul Giboney received the January 13 "Wave of the Week" award from his fellow Pepperdine students for assisting a seriously injured motorist in early January.

The Wave of the Week honor is awarded by Pepperdine’s Student Government Association to recognize students, faculty or staff who serve the University or the community in an exemplary way.

A pre-medical student, Giboney was driving along a desolate stretch of Interstate 10 in New Mexico, returning to campus from a medical missionary conference in Dallas. In the pre-dawn darkness, his headlights landed on a man hanging out of the wreckage of a pickup truck.

Giboney stopped the car and rushed to aid the man. At first, he thought the victim was dead, but he heard a faint choking. He cleared the man's breathing passage. Because the victim was hanging upside down and bleeding from the head, Giboney, who had served as a medical missionary in Africa last summer, decided to break the first rule of accident first aid and move him.

While he worked on the victim's breathing and tried to stop his bleeding, Giboney's three passengers, also Pepperdine students, flagged down a trucker who called for emergency assistance on his citizens band radio. Robert Clark, his sister, Kendra, and Dayna Collins, stood in the cold darkness directing traffic around the wreck. They also cleared debris from the roadway. Although only the pickup was involved in the accident, it flipped over at least once, scattering its contents across traffic lanes.

It took police 35 minutes to respond, and paramedics arrived on the scene after 45 minutes. In the meantime, Giboney was able to stabilize the victim, stop his bleeding and keep him calm.

"Once paramedics arrived, we just faded into the background," Giboney said. He and his friends learned only that the victim's first name is Dean, that he lives in Arizona, and that he suffered a dislocated shoulder in addition to head injuries. At the time, he was expected to survive.

"This shows Paul's kindness and caring about others," said Rick Carr, student government president. "He has the combination of a compassionate spirit and a cool head that will make him a great physician," added Carr, who presented the award to Giboney in front of the entire student body.

Giboney, who is interviewing for admission to medical school, is reluctant to accept praise. "The Lord saved him. I just got a little blood on me; that's all."

L to R—Robert Clark, Kendra Clark, Paul Giboney, Dayna Collins

Grand Canyon Family Encampment, July 12-15

The 1992 Grand Canyon Family Encampment is scheduled for July 12-15 at the Coconino County Fairgrounds Flagstaff, Arizona.

The theme for the Family Encampment is "Vivid Portraits In Acts." The book of Acts mentions 95 different people from 32 countries, 54 cities, and 9 Mediterranean islands. Acts is therefore the story of people who struggled to spread the good news of Jesus Christ to a pagan world. Fifteen theme speeches will focus attention on the men and women of Acts whose lives serve as vivid portraits of faith and commitment.

Willard Tate will begin the encampment on Sunday morning with the topic, "The Jerusalem Christians, a Vivid Portrait of a Joyful Church" (Acts 2). Ken Hoover will conclude the encampment on Wednesday night with the theme, "Paul, a Vivid Portrait of Commitment" (Acts 28).

Other speakers on the program include, Tom Milholland, Norvel and Helen Young, Charles Hodge, Don Humphrey, Bill Humble, Charles Milner, Ron Bryant, Mike Scott, Norman Gipson, Tom Riley, John Dale, Furman Kearley, and Jimmy Jividen.

Classes for all ages will meet in the various meeting rooms of the fairgrounds. All theme speeches and special music programs will be under the "big top."

Those wishing to attend should reserve housing accommodations early. For RV and tent campsite reservations, contact Pat White at 2208 West Rovey Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85015, (602) 956-3430 or 242-3025. A hotel/motel accommodations guide for the Flagstaff area will be sent upon request.
The first time you see it your eyes brighten and a smile comes. It is a breath of fresh air. The grounds are clean, the lawn's manicured. The buildings are well-painted and colorful. Even the directional signs are inviting; they make you want to drive in for a closer look. In fact, the campus sits as if waiting to be inspected. And yet, the facility doesn't even belong to the ones who occupy it. It is leased—but cared for as if it were their own. Why? Because the occupants are in business for the Lord, and they believe the Lord wants our best. Those are some of a person's first impressions of Sonrise Christian School in Covina, California. The children are seen in classes and on the playground, and, unlike some situations, they appear happy and secure. Many of their book bags are hung in a designated area rather than in lockers, accessible to anyone—but never bothered. Children know that it's different here. It is a home away from home—the teachers want it to be an extension of the home—for the 65 pre-school children and the 647 in kindergarten through 8th grade. This is not a “magic kingdom,” of course, because it involves people. At the same time, it is certainly not a world where drugs, disrespect, and danger are the norm.

Even though many private schools in the greater Los Angeles area are declining in enrollment, Sonrise was already 93 percent enrolled for the next school year by the first of March. Five grades were full and had a waiting list for the September beginning of school.

School administrator Dr. Tim Burlingame downplays his role and says that “the teachers are the magic.” But his Christ-centered spirit and impetus are evident from the moment you step onto the campus, where three of his own sons were students throughout their early education.

Burlingame was the youth minister for the Baldwin Park Church of Christ when the school started in the church's buildings. At first, he taught science classes, then served as a part-time administrator before being chosen for his present position in 1975. He received a B.A. degree at Azusa Pacific University, an M.A. at Biola University, a teaching credential at Cal Poly, Pomona, and finally a Ph.D. in school administration from USC in 1989. Sonrise Christian School first opened its doors in September, 1969, as “San Gabriel Valley Christian School,” when a group of concerned parents wanted to provide a spiritual dimension not existing at other places. The school began with three grades and only 18 students.

They describe their beginning: “Those first few difficult years were characterized by a continuous struggle to survive financially. The financial situation often became so desperate that board members and friends of the school dug deep into their pockets to come up with the funds needed to pay the teachers. As the new school began to grow, it was confronted with problems that would have caused those less dedicated to give up. But it was those challenges that made Sonrise Christian School what it is today.”

The school grew, and classes were added through the eighth grade. For a while, it operated on two campuses, one in Baldwin Park and the other in Temple City. Then, the Lord made it possible for them to move to a large, vacated public school facility in 1981, and they experienced a growth explosion. The present campus in Covina has been a great blessing.

Academics have not suffered with their emphasis on spiritual training. The school recently completed a survey of all its graduates who are now in 11 different public and private high schools. The average of all the students' grade point averages was 3.4. The latest Stanford Achievement Test results for the present students show above average grade levels for every single grade in reading, math, and complete battery scores. Sonrise seventh graders were at a twelfth grade math level, with the eighth graders reading at a tenth grade level.

But even with such excellent academic results, Sonrise doesn't embrace a "prep school" approach to education, because it will never sacrifice its spiritual direction. It is governed by an independent board of directors from various Churches of Christ. The by-laws of the school specify that all teachers must be members of the Church.
of Christ. And the students begin each day with a chapel service of prayer and devotion to God. All students are involved in Bible classes as a part of the core courses.

The school has a well-balanced curriculum that emphasizes social, emotional, and physical, as well as spiritual and academic objectives. The girls' volleyball team was league co-champions, posting a 10-1 record, outscoring their opponents 325-184. The boys' football team completed a 9-0 undefeated season, outscoring their opponents by an average game score of 45-5.

Parents are pleased that there is a prescribed wardrobe from which the children may choose their dress. This policy contributes to a positive campus atmosphere and discourages emphasis on social status or gang emulation. When asked how they avoid children being sent there “to be reformed,” the administrators describe their thorough screening process, which identifies conduct and discipline problems. When asked what they say to people who feel that the campus is not the “real world,” they answer, “As long as you have kids, you have the real world. The truly ‘real’ lasts for eternity.”

“We do not want ‘schooling’ [pure academics] to get in the way of education,” says Burlingame. Sonrise has “planned famines” to help the needy, trips to Washington, DC, to observe governmental processes, oceanography trips to explore God’s world and back-packing trips to learn about themselves. On the back-packing exploration, for example, each person cooks, washes dishes, and even digs his or her own latrine. On one of the trips, there was a girl who, literally, had never boiled water!

Burlingame has never forgotten a Saturday “work-day” at the Baldwin Park church building many years ago. He and some others were working on a gate that wasn’t working properly. One man remarked, “It’s good enough for the church!” That kind of thinking has always bothered Tim, because his philosophy is: “Do things right!”

Director of Development Rick White says of Burlingame, “Every day he is thinking about every facet of the school. ‘What is the best way to move kids to lunch? What is a better way to have them meet their parents after school?’ He wants every child to be totally secure. He wants school to be their place. And he wants Sonrise to be a place of excellence. It is a Christian school—and the ‘Christian’ will never be hidden or secondary in any aspect of the school.”

When asked, “What is the key to this school?” Burlingame points to the largest word on the front of their advertising brochure—the word “CARE”—and says, “Where Christ reigns, little people will always be loved.” As he walked across campus one day, he saw a counselor hugging a little girl tightly. He went over and said to the counselor, “I really appreciate the way you are handling the little girl.”

It would be wonderful if some person or persons would help them purchase their present campus, or even some other facility. But the fact of the campus being their own or merely rented will never decide the heart of the school. Its direction will continue to be to love, to care, and to present Jesus to every student.

What a perfect name for this school—Sonrise! For, it is apparent that this is where children grow in the Son.
After almost 50 years in its old location on the corner of 10th Street and East Portland, the Eastside Church of Christ in Phoenix, Arizona, recently moved to new facilities on the corner of 20th Street and Missouri.

The Eastside church began in October of 1942, when the Westside Church of Christ in Phoenix purchased an unfinished building belonging to the Church of God. With J. D. Rothwell as minister, 120 members of the Westside church conducted the first service as the “Eastside Church of Christ” on May 11, 1943—Floyd J. Spivey preached that day.

Eastside, active from its beginning, worked together with the Westside, Tempe, and Chandler congregations to purchase property and help establish the work in Mesa, Arizona, in 1944. Mesa became a self-supporting congregation in only ten months. Eastside then purchased lots and constructed a building at Flagstaff, Arizona, and, along with the Preston Road Church of Christ in Dallas, Texas, supported Byron Taylor to work with the Flagstaff congregation.

Also in 1944, Eastside sent its preacher, J. D. Rothwell, to help in a tent meeting at Safford, Arizona, which resulted in the planting of a Church of Christ there. The next year, the church purchased lots on Central Street in Safford, and built a small building.

By 1949, the Eastside church conducted two morning services to accommodate overflowing crowds. To relieve the problem, the church purchased a lot at 12th Street and Indianola and built a building for the purpose of housing a new congregation. Approximately 100 Eastside members began the new work on June 4, 1950. The new work experienced continued growth and later moved to a location on Camelback Road.

Eastside also continued to grow, and, in 1952, built a new nursery, office, foyer, and enlarged the seating capacity of the auditorium to hold 120 more people. Six years later the church built an auditorium large enough to accommodate 900 people and converted the old auditorium into classrooms. In October 1970, the church constructed a large education building and fellowship hall.

Then in the mid '70s, inner-city decay, the movement of young families to the suburbs, and the passing of the faithful older generation of Eastside’s membership, began to take a toll. For the first time in its history, the Eastside congregation began to diminish in size. Although smaller in number, the church adapted to its surroundings and began offering classes and sermons in Spanish, in addition to English. A very effective benevolence ministry helped many poor inner-city families, and, working with the city of Phoenix, the congregation made it possible for inner-city youth to participate in the Police Activities League programs. They also provided counseling, training, and the opportunity to learn the necessary job and social skills required to become productive citizens.

As early as the mid '80s, however, the leaders of Eastside began serious discussions about the possibility of relocating to a new area of Phoenix. Opportunities to sell the old property and purchase very desirable facilities at a highly visible location in Northeast Phoenix came simultaneously in 1990. The Eastside leaders decided that God’s providence dictated a new beginning.

Eastside’s new facilities were originally built by a Presbyterian church that outgrew the building. The auditorium and classrooms are able to accommodate a congregation of approximately 500. Their membership stands at nearly 300 members.

In its history, the Eastside Church of Christ has been served by 23 elders. Current elders are Gus Walker, Thomas Patterson, Warren Martin, and Nick Kennedy.

Preachers who served Eastside are: J. D. Rothwell, Leroy Wiley, Jack Dunn, Mardell Lynch, J. E. Crenshaw, Avis Wiggins, Roy H. Lanier, Lyndell Cheeves, Charles Lemons, Delton Haun, and Jim Lane. Edwin White, the current preacher, has served the church since July 14, 1989.

Eastside Church of Christ, Phoenix, Arizona

6th Annual Red River Family Encampment
Red River, New Mexico
June 27-July 1
(More than 3,000 will be in attendance)
Theme: “You Can't Live Any Better Than You Can Love”
(I Corinthians 13)
For more information contact: Jerry Lawlis (719) 564-3873

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“Let the Little Children Come to Me...”

The Campbell Church of Christ announced their increased commitment to children with the hiring of Garry Bortz as their first full-time children’s minister in the fall of 1991. The elders and the congregation hope to invest in children by instilling in them a faith in Christ. They have devoted years to prayer for and the development of the vision of this ministry.

The Campbell church, desiring to be on the cutting edge of service to children, seeks to broaden the scope of children’s ministry far beyond good Bible classes. Through Bortz’s talents, they hope to involve the entire church body, and especially families, in building up and caring for the whole child. More than 200 children from birth through 5th grade, are currently involved in the church’s programs and classes that are organized and directed by Bortz.

Bortz has led the way in creative children’s programming in Churches of Christ with a strong emphasis on family, as well as inspiring children to grow in their personal relationship to Jesus Christ. A dynamic Bible class program is central to his approach and is supported by special programs including “spiritual health” fairs, intergenerational vacation Bible schools, unique reading programs for kids, and family travel kits with a spiritual flair.

At the 1,000-member Monterey Church of Christ in Lubbock, Texas, where he served for seven years, he helped build and lead a thriving Bible- and faith-centered children and adult ministry. Prior to that, he served as minister of education for seven years with the Johnson Park Church of Christ in Borger, Texas. Earlier, he was youth minister for the Green Lawn Church of Christ in Lubbock, Texas.

Bortz received a B.A. in Biblical languages from Lubbock Christian University. He currently serves on the board of the Christian Education Association and has conducted teacher training workshops and spoken for both adult and youth gatherings in ten states. He and his wife, Virginia, have worked extensively in bus ministry, and Garry co-authored two volumes of lessons and visual aids for bus ministry called, “A Present from Heaven.”

In addition to his primary responsibilities with the Campbell congregation, Garry and Virginia’s work in regard to Campbell Christian School involves considerable effort in reaching both the children and families of the school for Jesus Christ. Virginia is serving as a kindergarten teacher for the school, while Garry serves as a bridge from the school to the church family.

Yosemite Family Encampment, July 26-31

The theme for the Yosemite Family Encampment, held in the beautiful Yosemite National Park for the 52nd year, is “God’s Happy People.” Director Paul Methvin states, “often God’s children find their lives without Christian joy and real happiness. Since God created us to be happy, it seems reasonable to explore characteristics that guarantee happiness.”

Keynote speakers for the event include: David Davenport, Malibu, California; Stanley Lockhart, San Angelo, Texas; Jack Exum, Royston, Georgia; Edwin White, Phoenix, Arizona; Tex Williams, Austin, Texas; Gary Evans, Lubbock, Texas; Larry West, West Monroe, Louisiana; Harvey Stow,Anaheim, California; Melvin Weldon, San Leandro, California; Dan Jocoy, Trinity, Oregon; Rusty Bolton, Visalia, California; Jerry Lawlis, Pueblo, Colorado; Lewis Robinson, Carmichael, California; Larry Roberts, York, Nebraska; John Clayton, South Bend, Indiana; Terry Baker, Rancho Cordova, California; Les Earwood, Carlsbad, New Mexico; Darrel Davis, San Diego, California; Randy Lowry, Westlake Village, California; Jimmy Jividen, Abilene, Texas; and Norman Gipson, Lubbock, Texas.

Thirteen adult classes are scheduled, many of them taught by keynote speakers. Other daily activities include: ladies, singles, and college classes; special programs for high school and junior high students; and classes for children ages 3 years through 5th grade. The daily activities close with two campfire programs (one for the adults and one for the teens) including special quartets and singing groups.

This year, for the first time, the encampment will end at 12 noon, Friday. This well-known program attracts families from across the nation. The National Park provides family fun, river rafting, hiking, backpacking, sightseeing tours and horseback riding.

For more information, write or call Mrs. Florence Johnston, 2950 Routier Road, #19, Sacramento, California, 95827, (916) 361-7149.
When the Church was Young in Northern California (Part 1)

by Jerry Rushford

California during the gold rush was an El Dorado for fortune-hunters. But very soon, there was an increasing number of men and women who thought of making a living in California rather than of taking a fortune out of it. Consequently, these permanent settlers had a keen interest in the moral and cultural development of their new home in the golden west.

By 1854, these wage earners had all but replaced the fortune-hunters of 1849-50. Typical of this new breed of California immigrant was a pioneer teacher, lawyer, and preacher named John N. Pendegast, who, along with his wife and five children came to California in a wagon train in the summer of 1854. The Pendegast family was destined to have a significant impact on the moral and cultural development of their new home in the northern part of California.

J. N. Pendegast was born in South Carolina in 1812. His family moved to Virginia when he was a child, and there he received a good education and became a school teacher. Later he studied law and was admitted to the bar in Virginia. Around 1840, he moved to an area near Tompkinsville, Kentucky, and began teaching school. There he was converted to Christ by one of his pupils, Jane Welch, who became his wife in the following year. John was 29 years old at the time of their wedding, and Jane was just 17. Her family were pioneer members of the Church of Christ in nearby Gamaliel, Kentucky, which had been established by Barton Stone and Lewis Byram in the fall of 1805.

Almost immediately, J. N. Pendegast gave his talents to the ministry of Christ, and within a short time he was preaching for the church in Gamaliel. But when California was granted statehood in 1850, the restless Pendegast began to dream of moving to the far west. By the spring of 1854, plans were finalized, emotional good-byes tendered, and everything was in readiness for the arduous journey.

Leaving their “old Kentucky home” on March 15, the Pendegast family traveled without incident for more than three and a half months. But on the sixth day of July, they met with a serious accident near the “Devil’s Gate” on the Sweetwater River when Indians stampeded their ox teams. In the midst of the terror, Pendegast was thrown from his seat and run over by a stampeding wagon. His right arm was broken, his elbow crushed, and his hip painfully bruised. Of more pressing concern, he sustained a serious injury to his head. He lay on the Nebraska plains completely unconscious for several hours, until his family returned for him. When he regained consciousness, he was suffering excruciating pain. With neither surgical nor emergency aid, there was little he could do.

For two more months the wagon train struggled on, with Pendegast lying on two feather beds in the back of his wagon. Finally, the Sierras loomed ahead on the distant horizon, and the weary travelers knew that, for better or for worse, they would soon be Californians. But how would they provide for themselves? Would God abandon them in this foreign land?

Twelve years later, when he was the influential editor of a monthly periodical called The Christian Teacher, Pendegast penned an article entitled, “My First Sermon in California,” in which he described God’s providential care. Although now nearly 140 years old, the story is repeated here in full for the encouragement of a new generation of Christians who sometimes fail to see the hand of God in the ordinary events of everyday life. Pendegast wrote:

“...When we arrived at Truckee River, early in September, our finances were entirely exhausted, and our provisions were nearly all consumed. Things looked dark and gloomy. I was able to walk around, carrying my arm in a sling, but was utterly unable to do any manual labor. Our boys were too small to do anything profitable. Their hats and boots were worn out and thrown away. Their other clothing was in tatters. My wife and myself and two girls were not in much better plight. Our condition was indeed anything but enviable, and our prospects anything but flattering. Added to this, a part of our few remaining work cattle had given out on the desert, and we had not team sufficient to continue our journey.

There we were, in a land of strangers, without food, almost without clothing, utterly without money, and without friends who were able to assist us. Having struck camp on the bank of the Truckee to recruit our exhausted animals, we found quite a number of immigrants who had pitched their tents in the same locality. On the west bank of the river, just opposite our camp, there was a temporary village, consisting of some half dozen willow huts, occupied by traders from the settled parts of California.

Late on Saturday afternoon, I was reclining on the river bank, reflecting on our condition, and looking in every direction to see if I could discover a single rift in the cloud that darkened our horizon. While thus rapt in thought both anxious and gloomy, two gentlemen, well-mounted and well-dressed, rode across the river just below me, and turning their horses’ heads towards where I lay, approached me and halted. One of them handed me a note well written, containing a request signed by some thirteen persons, that I would preach for them on the next day. I begged to be excused, telling the gentlemen that both my physical and mental condition were such that I could not do justice either to myself or the cause. They still insisted, however, saying they were instructed to urge the matter. After much hesitancy I yielded to their request, so far as to give them a promise.

Next morning, I put my outer man in the best shape I could, and with fear and trembling crossed the river to meet my appointment. One of the traders had removed his goods out of his...
When the discourse was finished, a gentleman, one of the traders, arose and spoke to the audience, in substance as follows: 'I am informed,' said he, 'that the minister to whose very appropriate discourse we have just listened, is a poor man with a large family. Besides he has been very unfortunate on the Plains. It is customary, as you know, in California, to make contributions to preachers of the Gospel. I therefore take the liberty, without consulting the speaker, to ask the audience for a contribution; and I hope it will be liberal.' Having thus spoken, he passed around a hat, calling only, I think, on the traders, whose number did not exceed six or eight.

The amount of the contribution, if I rightly remember, was twenty-five dollars. The reader may imagine something of my feelings. I cannot describe them. I made an effort to return my thanks, but it was a failure. I was invited to remain and dine with one of the traders. I tried to excuse myself, but they would not take no for an answer. The dinner was excellent, at least in comparison with what I had long been accustomed to. I could not enjoy it. My heart was too full. I thought of my loved ones. I longed to be alone and to pour out my gratitude to God, while I might relieve my overburdened feelings by giving vent to a flood of tears.

Where these gentlemen got their information as to my being a preacher, or as to my misfortunes, I do not know. I never saw any of them before, nor, to my knowledge, have I seen them since.

As soon as I could decently take leave, I did so. On reaching camp, only a few rods distant, I asked my wife to take a walk with me. When we were all alone, I gave her a history of the meeting and showed her the money. The same thoughts were in both of our hearts. First we thought of God, and secondly of our poor hungry children. We felt that He who feeds the young ravens when they cry unto Him, could feed us and ours even in this distant land. We felt that He who clothes the lily of the valley with colors more rich than Kings may wear, could and would provide clothing for those whom He had given us. We both wept heartily but not bitterly. Our tears were tears of gratitude, and of sweet reliance on the promises of our ever merciful Father in heaven. We could appreciate, as we had never done before, the sentiment of that beautiful stanza of Watts:

'Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust Him for His grace;
Behind a frowning Providence
He hides a smiling face.'

A day or two after this wonderful experience, Pendegast moved his family down the Truckee River some forty miles to a place called the Big Meadows. There in the company of wild, reckless men who were consumed with drinking and gambling, the story was repeated. Pendegast was once again invited to preach the gospel of Christ. The largest shanty was cleared of its wares and lit with a dozen or more candles. A large crowd assembled and songs of praise penetrated the night as Pendegast stepped forward with his open Bible to proclaim the unsearchable riches of Jesus Christ. Later, when he reflected on the incongruity of preaching Christ in such godless surroundings, Pendegast wrote:

"It was a strange and novel scene in the midst of those wilds. The eagle that had built her eyrie upon the adjacent heights had never looked down upon the like before. The coyote that had for ages prowled amongst those hills and plains had never before heard such sounds. The limpid waters of the Truckee as they danced on their bright way had never before mingled their sweet, wild music with melodies such as those which then arose 'mid the stillness and darkness of that calm, starlit September night.'"

Meanwhile, some members of the Church of Christ had settled near Cache Creek in Yolo County, eighteen miles northwest of Sacramento. Included in this number were some friends and acquaintances of the Pendegast family they had known back in Kentucky. In the fall of 1854, Joshua Lawson preached a sermon at Cache Creek before "a huge crowd" on the Shellhammer Ranch. Around the same time, he received word that the Pendegast family had arrived in the California mining country. Lawson immediately wrote Pendegast and urged him to come to Cache Creek and preach in a protracted meeting.

Not only did Pendegast hold that meeting, but he and Lawson were successful in organizing a congregation of "about 27" charter members. In the spring of 1855, the Pendegast family made Cache Creek their permanent home. Four years later, the town's name was changed to Woodland, which it has retained to this day.

Under the visionary leadership of Lawson and Pendegast, the church in Woodland grew to become the largest and most influential congregation of the Church of Christ in the entire state between 1855 and 1880. Lawson was just reaching his 51st birthday when the 43-year-old Pendegast moved to Cache Creek. They became partners in the gospel. One record says: "They labored together throughout the Sacramento Valley."

The Church of Christ in Woodland became a radiating center in Yolo County and from it a number of churches sprang up, including Buckeye Flat, Knights Landing, Madison, Capay, Winters, and Sacramento. An official history of Yolo County says: "The Church of Christ is the spiritual organization upon which the people of early Woodland depended. It can safely be said that from the strength of this church the culture of Woodland and of Yolo County took shape."

In our next article we will focus on the multi-faceted ministry of J. N. Pendegast from 1855 until his death in 1879. Of special interest will be his part in the founding of Hesperian College in 1861.
Campus Minister Scott Lambert preached for the Church of Christ in Vista, January 5. He represented the Malibu Church of Christ and its mission efforts with the Moscow Church of Christ, in Nashville, Tennessee, at the Russia-Eurasia Evangelism Conference, March 16-18.

Dean of Students D'Esta Love spoke at women's day events for the Malibu Church of Christ, March 14; the Church of Christ in Wenatchee, Washington, March 28-29; and for the Tulare Church of Christ, April 25.

Stuart Love, professor of religion, continues to preach regularly for the Church of Christ in Sierra Madre.

Randy Lowry, director of the Institute for Dispute Resolution, preached for the Church of Christ in Malibu, January 5 and for the Church of Christ in La Habra, January 12.

Associate Professor of Religion Rick Marrs preached for Churches of Christ in East Vísalia, January 12; at Westside in Bakersfield, January 26; and in Exeter, February 9.

Jerry McBee, director of career development, preached for Churches of Christ in Diamond Bar, January 12, and Baldwin Park, January 19.

Gary Moore, director of educational centers, preached for the Church of Christ in Frazier Park, January 26.

Religion Division Chairperson Tom Olbricht preached for the Central Church of Christ in Bakersfield, January 12, and for the Church of Christ in Camarillo, January 19. He preached for the Church of Christ in Lompoc, February 9, and spoke at the Friend's of Pepperdine Breakfast, February 24, at the Abilene Christian University Lectureship. He preached three times for the Foodhills Church of Christ in Tujunga, March 1, and spoke at Harvard University March 21 for the northeastern seniority students and professors meeting. He preached for the Burlington, Massachusetts, Church of Christ, March 22.

Vice Chancellor Mike O'Neal preached and taught for the Claremont Church of Christ in San Diego, January 12, and also for the Church of Christ in Lancaster, January 26.

William Phillips, dean of international programs, preached for the Church of Christ in El Segundo, January 12.

Professor of Humanities Paul Randolph preached for the Church of Christ in Fillmore, January 12, and the Coastline Church of Christ in Harbor City, January 26.

Rick Rowland, associate professor of communication, spoke at the West Coast Campus Ministry Seminar held January 17-19 in Santa Barbara. He preached for the Church of Christ in Porterville, February 19, and he continues to preach regularly for the Hollywood Church of Christ.


Communication Division Chairperson Donald Shores preached for the Golden West Church of Christ in Huntington Beach, January 19.

Humanities Division Chairperson James Smythe preached for the Church of Christ in Torrance, January 19.

Assistant to the President Kanet Thomas spoke at the El Cajon Boulevard Church of Christ in San Diego to District 18 of the Associated Women for Pepperdine, April 4. She will be the guest of District 30 in Tucson, Arizona, May 9.

Professor of Communication Dwayne VanRheenen preached twice for the Northwest Church of Christ in Seattle, Washington, in February. He was a conference respondent at the Conference on Christianity, Communication, and Ethics held at Azusa Pacific University in Pomona, in March.


Don Williams, associate director of church services, preached recently for Churches of Christ in Ridgecrest, Palm Springs, Yucaipa, and at Newland Street in Garden Grove. He spoke for a teacher's appreciation day for the Church of Christ in Long Beach, February 23; for high school day at Columbia Christian College, in Portland, Oregon, March 13-14; at a youth rally in Casper, Wyoming, March 20-22; for college retreats in Santa Barbara, April 3-5, and Davis, April 10-12; and for the Spring Sing at Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas, April 17-19.

Professor of Communication John Williams preached for the Church of Christ in Hawthorne, January 19.

Tim Willis, assistant professor of religion, preached for the Church of Christ in Santa Paula, January 5 and for the Highland Church of Christ in Bakersfield, January 26.

John Wilson, academic dean of Seaver College, preached for the Magnolia Center Church of Christ in Riverside, January 26. He was the featured speaker at a Biblical archaeology seminar hosted by the Sand Diego School of Christian Studies, in San Diego, February 1, and he taught on the Abilene Christian University Lectureship, February 27. He will speak in Clairemont, at the Institute for the Study of Christianity and Antiquity, April 23.

Professor of Communication Morris Womack preached for the Church of Christ in Oak View, January 5 and for the Figueroa Church of Christ in Los Angeles, January 19.

Business Division Chairperson Jere Yates preached for the Kinneloa Canyon Church of Christ in Pasadena, February 2.

Helen Young taught a women's class for the Prestoncrest Church of Christ in Dallas, Texas, February 26. She spoke in Roseville, March 6-7 for a women's retreat, and in Oxnard, March 30 for a women's day.

Norvel Young, chancellor emeritus, preached for Churches of Christ in Escondido, January 5, and in Salinas, January 19. He preached and taught for the 20th Anniversary of the Prestoncrest Church of Christ in Dallas, Texas, February 26, and spoke for the 21st Century Christian Breakfast at the Abilene Christian University Lectureship, February 28.
A New Canadian Publication: Good News West

by Kelly Carter

Western Canadian Christians now have a periodical specifically tailored for them. The first issue of Good News West was released in February, 1992, and will be published six times per year.

Jim Hawkins, of Delta, British Columbia, an American preacher and counselor who has served Canadian churches since 1954, is editor of the new publication. He and other Christians in British Columbia are attempting to fill the need for Christian literature published in Canada for Canadian Christians.

Although the need for this kind of publication may not be readily perceived by American Christians, cultural, geographical, and religious realities make a publication like Good News West a valuable component of the efforts by Canadian churches to extend and strengthen the Kingdom of God.

Culturally, there is more than just an imaginary line on a map which separates Canadian readers from their American counterparts, a fact evidenced by a small number of Canadians reading literature published among Churches of Christ in the U.S. Good News West allows for a direct application of Scripture to the Canadian church context, a context which bears distinctives which in many ways are as uniquely Canadian as those which are uniquely American, uniquely Zambian, or uniquely Russian.

Periodicals published in the U.S., e.g., The Gospel Advocate, IMAGE, Leaven, or 21st Century Christian, are not being read by the average Canadian member of the Churches of Christ," says Jim Hawkins, "but this is not the fault of these fine publications; we wish they were being read. National and cultural differences are the key factors responsible. Canadian Christians are Christians first, but they are also Canadians. Consequently, there is a place for Canadian Christian literature."

Geography plays an important role. Churches of Christ in western Canada (British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba) number only about 60 churches, and this is an area which stretches from west to east about 2,200 kilometers (1,400 miles). Contact between like-minded Canadian brothers and sisters in Christ is greatly limited by the vastness of the country and the sparsity of churches. Good News West serves not only as a vehicle for teaching and sharing ideas, but as a link between a people thinly scattered across a great distance.

The spiritual climate of Canadian churches has also contributed to the founding of the journal. Just as in the U.S., many Canadian churches with roots in the Restoration Movement are feeling the need to reaffirm and reestablish their commitments to Biblical restoration. Good News West serves as a means whereby ideas can be expressed, Scripture studies published, and much encouragement offered among people whose desires to continue the ongoing process of restoration are sincere and widespread.

Prayers, subscriptions ($12, U.S. and $9.50, Canadian), financial contributions, and submissions of articles for publication in Good News West will be accepted from Christians who wish to add to the efforts of those working with Churches of Christ in Canada. Correspondence may be sent to Good News West 3460 Shelbourne St., Victoria, B.C., Canada V8P 4G5.

Pacific Church News encourages all Churches of Christ in the western states to take part in Manna International's Day of Prayer and Fasting June 7, 1992

Skip at least one meal that day and contribute to Manna the money saved. All contributions given will be used for development and relief in third world countries. For more information contact: Manna International, P. O. Box 3507, Redwood City, CA 94064, (415) 365-3663.

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