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Are Our I.L.D.A. Mission Projects Effective?

BRAZIL & PAX NATURA REPLY...

Editor's Note: The letters below were sent to Mr. Elmer D. Francisco, I.L.D.A. Treasurer, but they can be viewed as personal letters to every member of the I.L.D.A. who gave their support towards these worthwhile projects!

Porto Alegre, Brazil

Dear friend Elmer:

Well, this was a wonderful day in the life of our school when we received your letter telling that we will receive \$1,000 for our deaf school here in Brazil. We hope to get this in a short time and I will let you know immediately when we receive it. (It was received shortly after this letter was sent). Please thank all my good friends for this special gift that comes from heaven to us through you.

It is difficult to believe that you gave us so much. May God continue to bless you all so that you may continue to be a Blessing for many, many people, especially for us here in Brazil. Too bad you are so far away, so I cannot shake your hand and give you a kiss. But I can pray for you and all my friends asking our Lord to bless you so much.

We have this year 60 children at the school and many are waiting to get a place. But I'm happy to tell you (even with a little concern) that we started the Parent Infant Program with little babies. We were afraid to start it, but people moved from so far to our city just to bring their babies to us. Years ago our school started for the first time in Brazil to work with children age 3 and everyone were afraid and did not believe in our work. Now it is accepted in the whole country after we wrote to many and told them about our work. Now the babies just came.



Some of our deaf children at Concordia Seminary's Chapel. We have 67 children at the school.

Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Mr. Elmer Francisco
6861 East Nevada
Detroit, Michigan
48234
U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Elmer Francisco and I.L.D.A. Board:

Thank you for the opportunity to request a grant from ILDA and you should know most assuredly that your gift of \$500.00 last year was much appreciated and used to further our Rehabilitation program for the Deaf in this area.

Yes, we will gladly accept with thanks to God any grant you can make available to us. We want you to know that our greatest need at this time is in Education as part of our Rehabilitation program. We must "push" for upgrading and eventually a vocation for the Deaf.

Our prayers cover you as you busy yourselves in your work to the Glory of God.

In the Service of the Lord,
Rev. Robert A. Bauer
Pastor, Cross of Christ
Lutheran Church of the Deaf

Rev. Robert A. Bauer is the Executive Director of Pax Natura Ranch at Clyde, Alberta, Canada. As reported in last month's issue the Ranch had ground-breaking for the construction of a Ranch Workshop on March 16. The Lions of northeastern Alberta have adopted the building of this Workshop and the installation of machinery and equipment as its project. A grant of almost \$30,000 was received from the Lions International Foundation. The Editor

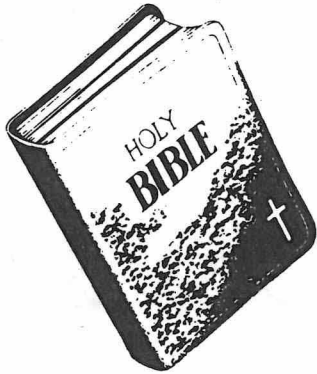


This is Beatriz Raymann, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Warth. She is leading little Fernando. The lady on the left is Fernando's mother.

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ALLGLORIA!
CHRIST IS RISEN!

DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE



Bible Reading
May 1980

- 1 Matthew 9:14-17
- 2 Isaiah 25:1-9
- 3 Hebrews 4:14-16

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 4 John 13:31-35
- 5 James 1:16-21
- 6 Isaiah 29:9-14
- 7 John 21:20-25
- 8 Judges 7:15-22
- 9 Hebrews 5:1-10
- 10 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 11 John 14:23-29
- 12 1 Kings 3:1-5
- 13 James 1:22-27
- 14 Matthew 7:7-12
- 15 Luke 24:44-53
- (The Ascension of our Lord)
- 16 2 Kings 2:9-15
- 17 Revelation 19:11-16

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 18 John 17:20-26
- 19 Genesis 5:21-24
- 20 Matthew 16:24-28
- 21 Romans 8:29-39
- 22 Ezekiel 36:25-27
- 23 Luke 9:51-56
- 24 Isaiah 32:14-20

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

- 25 John 15:26-27; 16:4b-11
- 26 Psalm 40:4-9
- 27 2 Corinthians 1:18-24
- 28 Joel 3:1-21
- 29 Isaiah 62:1-12
- 30 John 7:37-39
- 31 Matthew 10:1-15

The Lord added...

At Christ, Washington, DC:

Mr. and Mrs. E
Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Konkell
Sandra Huffmeyer
Debra Jung
(Sandra and Debra are students at
Gallaudet College.)

... to the Church (Acts 2:47)

"Behold, I have set before
you an open door, which
no one is able to shut."

(Rev. 3.8)



CHRIST IS RISEN!

CHRIST IS RISEN! That Easter greeting still gives joy to our souls. Death could not hold Jesus in the grave. He broke the bonds of death and came out of the grave alive and victorious. His disciples were filled with joy (after first doubting the story the women told them!) - a joy that has filled the hearts of Christ's people every since.

Now we look ahead to that day - 40 days later - when our Lord went back to His throne in heaven. Before He rose into the clouds, He told His disciples two important things:

"Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them My disciples."
(Matthew 28:19)

"You shall be witnesses for Me ..."
(Acts 1:8)

It may not be possible for you and me to go "everywhere" to carry out this command - though in a sense we do go to far places when we send mission workers to go for us. But we can be witnesses for Jesus - and indeed we are witnesses for Him - any place we happen to be.

Being a witness for Jesus can be a simple thing, as I learned again on a recent trip with my family. We were eating breakfast in a restaurant when a man came over to our table and said, "Thank you for showing that you are Christians." He had seen us bow our heads to pray before eating.

I remember that as a teenager I felt ashamed to pray in a public place like that. What if we had been too ashamed to pray that morning in the restaurant? We would have missed an opportunity to strengthen this man in his faith. A little thing for us ... a very important witness to this man.

How can you be a witness for the Savior today? How can you show that you love the Lord? What kind of opportunity will God give you to tell some person about the love of Jesus that led Him to the cross for our sin? What kind of chance will you have to the joyful Easter news - JESUS LIVES, NOW AND ALWAYS!



Not for one single day
Can I discern my way,
But this I surely know-
Who gives the day,
Will show the way,
So I securely go.

John Oxenham

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Thank you for your contribution!

Brazil and Pax Natura Reply to ILDA Mission Projects

(continued from front page)

Our daughter, Beatriz Raymann, has been an observer of a similar program such as we have at Central Institute for the Deaf in St. Louis, Mo. She was not more concerned at that time about the program since we did not think on going onto work with babies. But since then and up to that time we had worked only with children in the 8-9 year bracket.

It is difficult to do this kind of work with children when you have no literature to study and no one to get advice from. In our work with babies, we did not ask for such responsibility, so at first we only did it with the help of mothers in our recess time. So, it was obviously a great need for our daughter, Beatriz to go and study under Dr. Simon Martin at Central Institute for the Deaf who had started the deaf infant training program there. God has put this important task before us and now we know there are friends who are helping us out. It would have been difficult for me to have asked for your help in this pioneer work in Brazil, but even without our asking, you have generously sent us some support.

Our government here estimates that there are over 35,000 deaf people in this area. We have no congregations, churches, or pastors working with the deaf in the whole country. This is something we must remember and there is much work God has given us to do together here!

God bless you!
With all my love,
Naomi

Mrs. Naomi Warth founded in 1966, the Concordia Special School for the Deaf, in Porto Alegre, RS, Brazil, to serve our 1,300 congregations and missions there, and has taught in and guided the school. For her work with the Deaf she was awarded the John of Beverley Medal in 1977. For more information about the work of this remarkable woman see the July 1977 issue of THE DEAF LUTHERAN.

Beatriz Raymann writes . . .

Mr. Elmer Francisco
6861 East Nevada
Detroit, Michigan 48234 USA

Dear Friend:

I write to you with a heart full of joy and thankfulness! I was told that the ILDA sent me a gift of \$1,000 to be used for traveling expenses to the USA.

I cannot express my gratitude enough and I pray that the Lord Jesus will bless you and the donors very much, and you will continue to be a blessing by helping others, especially deaf people.

I would like to tell you a little bit about my projects and "dreams". When I was in St. Louis in 1973 with my husband, I attended classes at Central Institute for the Deaf from September to January. I knew that Jesus really wanted me to work for Him in this area. It was no doubt a marvelous experience and I learned very much. But it was a very short period. There one of the most impressive experiences I had was with the Parent Infant Program under the supervision of Dr. Audrey Simmons-Martin.

When my husband and I returned to Porto Alegre I started teaching at Concordia School for the Deaf. I feel great joy in my work and I thank the Lord everyday for it. I learned a lot with my mother, through experience and reading all the books and articles I could.

I always wanted to start a Program with the parents and babies, but honestly, I was afraid!

This year in April a young lady of about my age, came and brought her baby boy, 18 months old. He had been born premature under almost the same conditions as my second daughter, but with one big difference: the Lord gave me



Ground-breaking of a new school building in Brazil, Concordia School for the Deaf, Porto Alegre, Brazil.



Participants in the ground-breaking ceremony for Concordia School for the Deaf, Porto Alegre, Brazil. Left to right: Dr. Martine Warth; Rev. Hermann, editor of The Lutheran Witness; a deaf boy reading a message; and Beatriz Warth Raymann, representing the teachers of the school who are standing in the background.



a healthy child and her baby is deaf. I felt a lot with her and knew this was the time (to began my work with deaf babies) and no later!

But, of course, I still have many, many questions I would like to ask. There are so many things I don't know. And here in Brazil nobody is working in this direction. There is early intervention being done, but in a clinical, different way. And from my readings and what I could gather at Central Institute for the Deaf (in St. Louis, Mo.) the way to work with babies is a maternal, home-oriented program. I am working with 3 mothers and their babies. There are about 15 children under four, and 50 students from grade 1 to 5.

The best solution would be to take a regular one or two year course in one of your Universities. This would be almost impossible at this point in my life for two basic reasons: the first one is because my two daughters are very young (4 and 2 years old), and the other reason is that I am finishing College. Unfortunately, I had to interrupt my studies for some years because of health problems.

So all this gave me the idea of going to the USA for a short visit and try to get answers or suggestions to my immediate questions. Also I would try to collect resources to improve our work here.

And now that I know that friends are willing to help me and our School, gives me once again the assurance that the Lord Jesus sure has marvelous ways. Please accept my warmest thanks for this gift.

I was planning to go in the end of September and thought of visiting Central Institute for the Deaf in St. Louis, Gallaudet College in Washington, D.C., and Mill Neck Manor in New York. But I'm willing to change that if you suggest something different.

May the Lord bless you very much!

Beatriz C.W. Raymann



Minutes of the Feb. 21 - 23, 1980 ILDA Board Meeting in Des Moines, Iowa (continued from last issue)

LAW COMMITTEE: Charles Kotal asks that any changes made in Regional Constitutions be sent to him immediately in order to be reviewed and the old Constitutions be updated.

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE: ElRoy Treibel discussed his committee plans for making the I.L.D.A. self-supporting by 1982. Two ways could be by fund raising and by selling advertising space in *The Deaf Lutheran*. Rev. Zuhn contributed some of his own ideas that might help I.L.D.A. reach this goal.

D.L. Business Manager's Report: Mr. Russel Healey said that as of January 31, 1980 his treasury stands as follows:

\$5,365.88. He requested permission for purchasing:

1. A new IBM Selectric II typewriter with correcting ribbon costing \$960.00
2. A new stabilization processor costing approximately \$460.00.
3. A new high stool with rollers costing approximately \$150.00

These three pieces of equipment has been requested by editor Archie D. Marshall and are to come from funds provided by Lutheran Friends of The Deaf. (see June-July 1978 issue of *D.L.*) Rev. Dorr suggested that a good idea to relieve the work load of the editor was to "farm out" some of the typing chores that is required in each month's issue. The salaries of both the editor and the business manager are to be increased.

Mr. Healey is resigning his position effective Aug. 1, '80 in order to enter into the Lay Ministry Program in the fall. He will be attending Concordia College in Milwaukee.

Three standing committees were formed to: 1. Work with *The Deaf Lutheran*,
2. Study projects, &
3. Handle memberships and operations.

GUIDE LINES for the awarding of scholarships to students studying for the Deaf Ministry were adopted. Matching funds will be sought from several of our Lutheran organizations.

The theme for the 1980 convention was adopted; "Be Opened."

President Kindred was named to represent I.L.D.A. at the L.C./M.S. convention that will be held in St. Louis next year.

Three resolutions were adopted by the board. One was to solicit contributions from every deaf congregation in our deaf ministry towards helping I.L.D.A. become a self-supporting organization. The second resolution was to make it mandatory for board members to submit a written report of their regional activities, etc. one month before each board meeting.

The third resolution thanked Calvary congregation in Des Moines and Pastor & Mrs. Ring for their assistance and hospitality during this board meeting. (These three resolutions in their entirety will be printed in the next issue.)

The resignation of Russel Healey from his position as D.L. Business Manager was accepted.

D.L. editor Archie Marshall was granted permission to expend funds for new equipment purchases.

Salary increases for the editor and business manager were granted. The business manager's salary per month now is \$100.00 and the editor's \$175.00.

The board will meet July 6-9, 1981 at the Lutheran High School in Burbank, Calif. which is the same place where Ephphatha Conference is timed to meet.

Pres. Kindred and Mr. Crossen will design and maintain a booth at the NAD Centennial Convention in Cincinnati, O. this summer. This booth will promote the purposes of I.L.D.A.

The next I.L.D.A. board meeting will be held in Detroit, Mich. on October 23-25, 1980.

The editor of *D.L.* will be instructed to print more news concerning the regions and to see that congregational news get top priority over any other news.

Officers of the 1981 I.L.D.A. Convention in Los Angeles are as follows:

Harold Thuve, Chairman
Diane Foster, Secretary
Charles Kotal, Coordinator.

The books of the *D.L.* business manager were audited and found in good order.

Membership in the I.L.D.A. will be from convention to convention instead of expiring on the first of March of each year. With each new membership in I.L.D.A. an organizational pin (lapel) will be given.

Rev. Donald Zuhn was given authority by the I.L.D.A. Board of Directors to see that the contents of *The Deaf Lutheran* meets the needs of it's readers.

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O Lord, Thou knowest how busy I must be this day,
If I forget Thee, do not Thou forget me.

A First For The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod



A gathering devoted entirely to carrying out the Great Commission of our Lord: "Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them My disciples: baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you."

(Matthew 28:19-20)

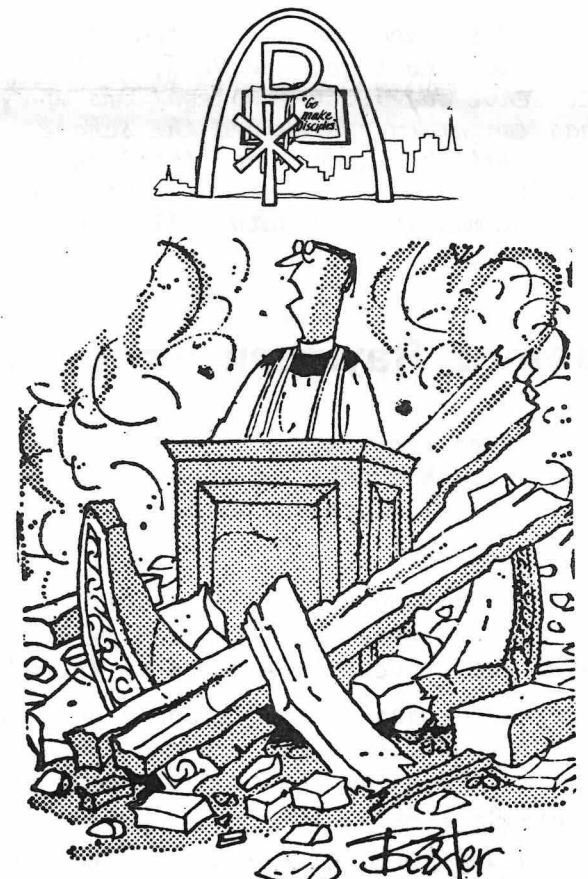
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"Discipling in the 80's"

November 6 - 9, 1980
St. Louis, Missouri

The goal is to bring together one or more representatives of every congregation of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod to encourage them to carry out more effectively Jesus's Great Commission.

Will your congregation be represented?



"I have been a little disappointed with the roof restoration appeal."

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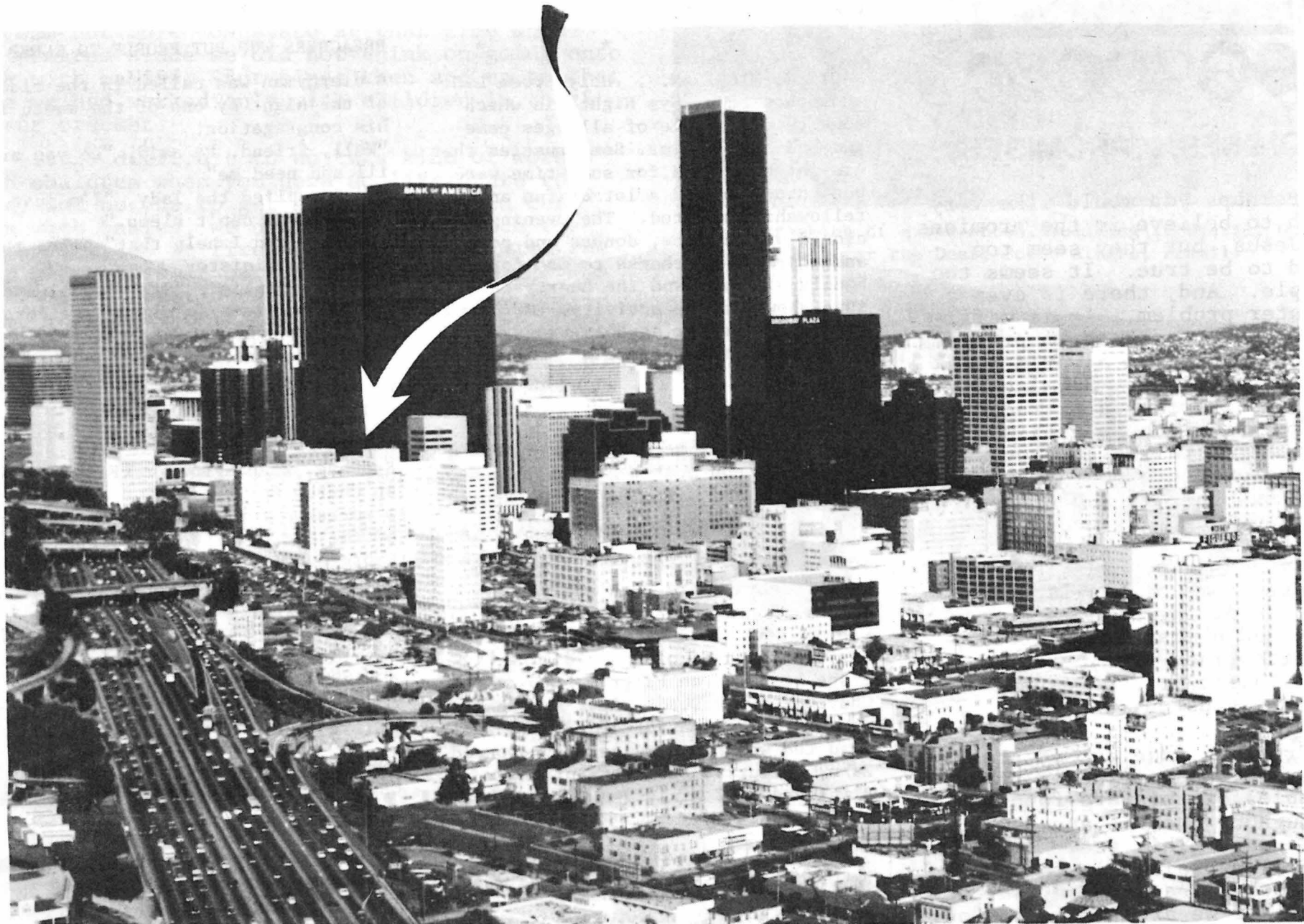
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Make Plans Now To Attend The 6th Biennial I.L.D.A. Convention in Beautiful, Exciting Los Angeles, California in the Summer of '81



Convention Headquarters: The Los Angeles HILTON

NEW DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES holds excitement for all visitors and charming ethnic communities -- Olvera Street, Little Tokyo, Chinatown -- plus shopping, restaurants and new hotels. A delightful mini-bus puts these within easy reach of all downtown hotels.

watch for more news in the next issue!

**Washington
for JESUS**

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More than a million persons from every state and nearly every Christian denomination will converge on Washington, D.C. on April 28 & 29 for two days of repentance and prayer in behalf of the nation.

The events, called "Washington for Jesus," will include a pastor's conference, a women's meeting, a 50,000 person youth rally in RFK Memorial Stadium, visits by state delegations to members of congress, a 100,000 person march of state delegations through downtown Washington, and a sun-up to sun-down program of repentance, fasting, and prayer for more than a million persons who will gather on the mall between the capitol and the Washington monument.

I outlining the purpose of the event, Rev. John Gimenez, chairman of the "Washington for Jesus" National Steering Committee, said, "Christian leaders share a common concern that the United States has gone off course spiritually and is consequently facing serious crises. We believe the spirit of II Chronicles 7:14 is a common ground on which all Christians can stand together and seek God in humility and repentance."

In the verse cited by Gimenez, God promises that, if His people will turn back to Him in humility, and pray and seek Him, He will hear their prayers and heal their land.

Program co-chairmen for the event are Dr. M.G. (Pat) Robertson, president and founder of the Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN), and Dr. William R. Bright, president and founder of Campus Crusade for Christ International, and interdenominational organization. Gimenez, Robertson, and Bright head a National Sponsoring Committee of more than 50 other pastors and American Christian leaders who represent most of the recognized branches of American Christendom.

The high point of the two-day schedule will be the gathering of Christian leaders, national government leaders, and a crowd which rally officials expect to grow to over a million persons on the mall. Plans call for a day-long agenda of prayer, music by Christian artists and a 1,000 voice choir, numerous short talks by many of the nation's most familiar Christian leaders.

"Washington for Jesus" planners point to the spiritual nature of the activities and em-

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PROMISES...PROMISES...

Perhaps you would like very much to believe in the promises of Jesus, but they seem too good to be true. It seems too simple. And, there is even a greater problem. It is difficult today to trust in promises. We are living in a world of broken promises. Promises of many politicians are frequently broken after the election. The current spiraling divorce rate is sad evidence that promises made even before God's altar are becoming less and less meaningful. Promises, agreements and peace treaties made between some of the largest nations of the world are disregarded almost immediately. Promises made even by some of our closest friends cannot always be trusted.

Promises made by God are always kept and are never broken. Examples of this are found throughout the old and New Testament. This truth is beautifully explained in the Bible, 2 Timothy, Chapter two, which says, "If we are faithless, God will remain faithful, for He cannot disown Himself."

The reason that most people do not experience the blessings available to them by faith lies in the fact that they do not trust God's promises.

God's blessings of forgiveness, peace of mind and assurance of life eternal are available as a free gift. They cannot be earned. They are neither forced upon anyone nor given at random to everyone. They are available to all and are given to everyone who receives them by faith.

Rev. Wallace R. Schulz
Associate Lutheran Hour Speaker



WASHINGTON, D.C. . . Ms. Donna Gadling and the Rev. Clarence Weaks were engaged on December 24, 1979. Donna is the director of the JOYFUL SIGN, and the representative for the Tom Skinner Associates of Gallaudet College. The Rev. C. Weaks is a pastor with the United Methodist Church in Annapolis. Their wedding date is May 17, 1980. God's blessings with you both during this time and afterwards.

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CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA. . . Word of God Lutheran Church for the Deaf is celebrating the 10th anniversary of the congregation and 5th year in their church building on April 27th. The Rev. Richard Thompson will be the guest preacher for a special service of praise and thanksgiving.

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SAGINAW, MICHIGAN. . . Holy Cross L.D.-Deaf hosted a "Gym Night" in which some twenty people of all ages came and had a good time. Some muscles that had not been used for some time were put into play and a lot of fun and fellowship resulted. The evening was closed with coffee, donuts and pop and a prayer of thanks to God for bodily vitality and the hearty fellowship shown in the activity. Mr. Mark Matzke, a teacher at Holy Cross school, coordinated the affair.

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A QUOTE:

"If you would have God hear you when you pray, you must hear Him when He speaks!" Thomas Benton Brooks

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. . . Pilgrim will celebrate its 20th anniversary on May 18th with a special worship service and banquet. Just think 20, yes twenty years of God's divine grace bestowed on Pilgrim Lutheran Church for the Deaf. Rev. Arnold Jonas, retired pastor of Pilgrim will lead the worship service. Rev. Donald Zuhn, Executive Secretary of the Blind and Deaf Ministry will speak at the banquet.

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\$99,000 GRANT FROM AAL ASSISTS GREAT COMMISSION CONVOCATION

St. Louis, Mo. Aid Association for Lutherans has granted \$99,000 for use in connection with the Missouri Synod's Great Commission Convocation to be held here Nov. 6-9, 1980.

The Synod's Board of Evangelism has requested the grant for prayer support material, training of District committees for follow-up, and for scholarships to enable each of the church's 6,100 congregations and 15 colleges and seminaries to send at least one participant to the convocation.

"Discipling in the '80's" is the theme for the convocation, the first of such a scope in Missouri Synod History. It will concentrate on study, inspiration and learning how to implement Christ's great commission to "make disciples of all nations."

In addition to the major addresses and Bible studies in general sessions, plans call for rallies and workshops which will feature 60 congregations with successful discipleship ministries. Special ministries will be addressed in 30 other workshops.

Congregations should do two things in advance of the convocation, said Dr. Erwin J. Kolb, executive secretary of the Synod Board of Evangelism. Kolb urged regular prayer for the planning and preparation of the convocation, and consideration of the representatives to be sent to the convocation.

Rev. August Hauptman has been an instructor in sign language for the past two years. His classes were held at Christ College, Irvine California. He has also been very inspiring in leading some of the students into the Deaf Ministry.

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PREACHERS WHO PUT PEOPLE TO SLEEP

A clergyman was called in the middle of the night by one of the women in his congregation. "Well, friend, he said, "so you are ill and need me" "No," replied the lady, "I'm just nervous and can't sleep." "But how can I help that" asked the surprised minister. The lady replied, "Sir, you always put me to sleep so nicely at church that I thought you might preach me a little sermon over the phone now."

-from The Bright Star Newsletter
Houston, Texas.

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Spokane, Washington. . . Faith Lutheran Church for the Deaf are sponsoring a workshop for the Lutheran churches of the Deaf in the Northwest Region. Representatives of deaf congregations in Oregon, Montana, Western Washington, Alberta, and British Columbia are expected to attend. Rev. William Ludwig, deaf himself, will be the workshop leader with his lay assistant, Dick French. Topic: Stewardship

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PORTLAND, OREGON. . . Hope Lutheran Church of the Deaf received a grant from Aid Association for Lutherans which enabled Rev. Petzoldt and his congregation to purchase new printing equipment. They all praised God for His blessings through the A.A.L.

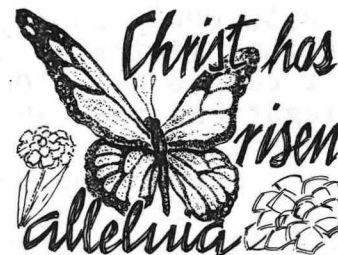
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CALLING A PASTOR - Rev. Donald Zuhn informs us that plans are to call a pastor for the deaf who will live in Duluth, Minnesota. He will then minister to the deaf of Northern Minn. from Duluth and will also minister to the deaf in parts of Wisconsin. Rev. Robert Corl, who has been ministering to the deaf in Wisconsin, will soon be retiring. Let us all continue to pray that the Lord will answer our needs in that area.

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ST. LOUIS, MO. . . Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf will begin a 6-week program of Christian Education on April 30th. This program will last for two hours. There are planned meetings on two Saturdays prior to the beginning of the program. The parents of deaf children are invited to meet at the Church, 101 N. Beaumont, at 10:00a.m. This gives everyone an opportunity to discuss the materials, the format of the classes, your goals of Christian Education for your child, etc.

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WASHINGTON FOR JESUS

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phasize that the activities are specifically non-political. "No specific legislation is being requested and no candidates are being promoted by 'Washington for Jesus'," said Gimenez. No political figures are scheduled on the program although all the nation's highest ranking government officials -- including the president -- have been invited and many are expected to attend.

The April 29 date was selected, a spokesman explained, because it is considered to be the day in 1607 when the first English settlers in the New World came ashore at what would become Cape Henry, Va., planted a cross in the beach, and prayed that the new land might arise with God's blessing and to His glory.

"We are going as Christians in a spirit of unity and love," Gimenez said. "We are going to the District of Columbia to meet with our representatives and openly pray for our nation, our leaders, and our government."

Logistical planners for "Washington for Jesus" are working closely with Washington, D.C. officials of the National Capital Parks Service on arrangements for parking, traffic management, etc., according to National Coordinator Ted Pantaleo.

"Washington for Jesus" leaders are using a plan developed by the National Capital Parks Service for handling an event involving a million participants, Pantaleo said. The plan was developed in 1979 in anticipation of Pope John Paul II's visit.

While most participants are expected to come by chartered bus from within a radius of several hundred miles of the capital, other groups have announced plans to come by chartered train and plane, some from as far away as Hawaii.

There have also been expressions of interest from Christians in other countries concerning the possibility of similar events they might sponsor in their own nations, Gimenez said.



"I Love You," said a tiny voice. I looked around. No one was there. Just a chain fence with a sign that said, HUMPTY DUMPTY NURSERY. Then I saw a little girl, almost hidden, in a bush. Her friendly, chocolate-covered smile looked out among the leaves. I felt warm inside...like a squeezed teddy bear.

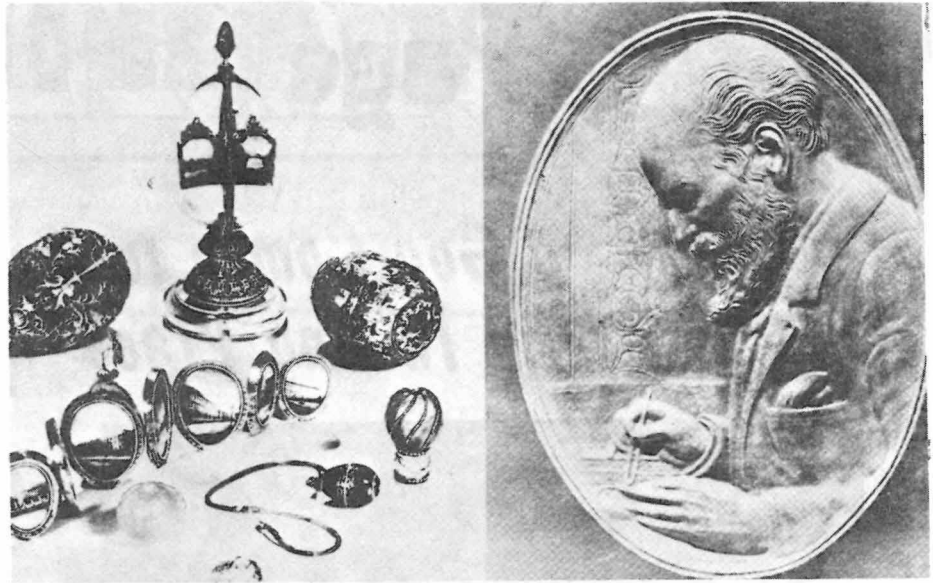
She loves me, eh?... But she doesn't know me. But wait. She wasn't judging me by my good or bad points; she was expressing herself.

God says, "I love you." But we don't believe it. How could He love us? He knows us. We forget that God's love isn't a judgement about us, but a revelation about Him.

-Adapted-
Family Life Today



The Easter Egg Maker



This true story of the Easter egg maker sounds like a make-believe story. Many years ago this man made these beautiful eggs for the king of a faraway country. Every Easter the man gave the king and his family beautiful Easter eggs made of metal and jewels. Inside some of the eggs he put small pictures.

The giving of colored eggs at Eastertime began long ago. Colored Easter eggs can help God's children remember that Jesus rose from the grave. Easter eggs say, "Be happy for the new life you have with Jesus. Be happy for the hope of living with Jesus again in heaven."

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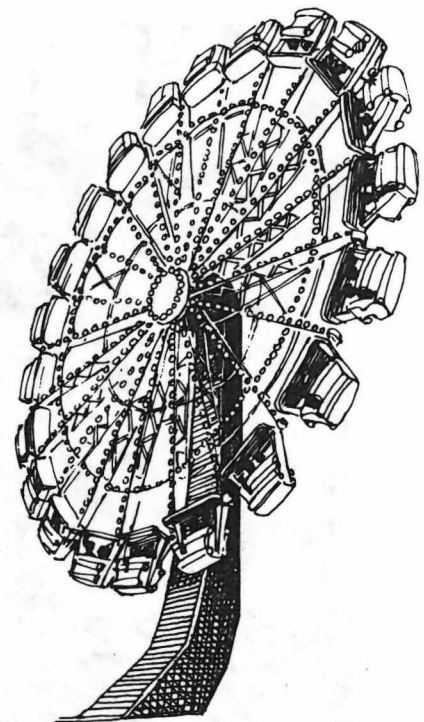
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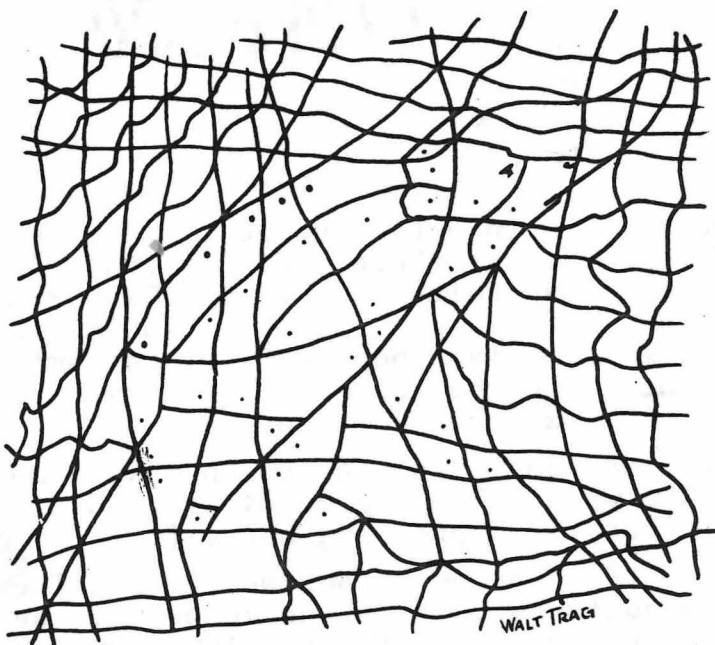
APRIL - A Month of Joy and Thanksgiving

White, the color symbol of joy, is on the altar all month. His people see God acting in the world around them every day. This month we thank Him for the following blessings, which we often fail to see or just take for granted.

1. Thank God for the gift of laughter.
2. Thank God for the joy of the Easter season and its hymns.
3. Thank God for the joy of wanting to know.
4. Thank God for April showers.
5. Thank God for the gift of books.
6. Thank God for loving me and for forgiving my sins.
7. Thank God for people who smile often.
8. Thank God for weekends and time spent as I wish.
9. Thank God for being able to go to church.
10. Thank God for a school building in which to study.
11. Thank God for my allowance.
12. Thank God for the beautiful birds.
13. Thank God for being able to help others.
14. Thank God for those who understand me.
15. Thank God for baseball and other sports.
16. Thank God for Sunday schools and teachers.
17. Thank God for the green grass.
18. Thank God for loving all the people in the world.
19. Thank God for brothers and sisters who teach me how to share.
20. Thank God for dogs and cats and other pets.
21. Thank God for people who need me to care about them.
22. Thank God for jobs at home that teach me how to work.
23. Thank God for making me able to praise Him in words, and songs and deeds.
24. Thank God for making each person different from everyone else.
25. Thank God for missionaries. April 25th is St. Mark the Evangelist's Day.
26. Thank God for making me a missionary, too.
27. Thank God for busy cities and also the quiet countryside.
28. Thank God for my parents.
29. Thank God for electricity.
30. Thank God for the freedom to worship Him.

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A Forest Friend



Color the spaces that have a dot. Use any color pencil or crayon or even use a pencil. When you do you will find a forest friend.



The superintendent, coming into the classroom of beginners and finding it noisy, rang the bell for silence. When the room was quiet, she asked, "what do we do when we come into the house of the Lord "

One four-year-old answered, "Open the door."



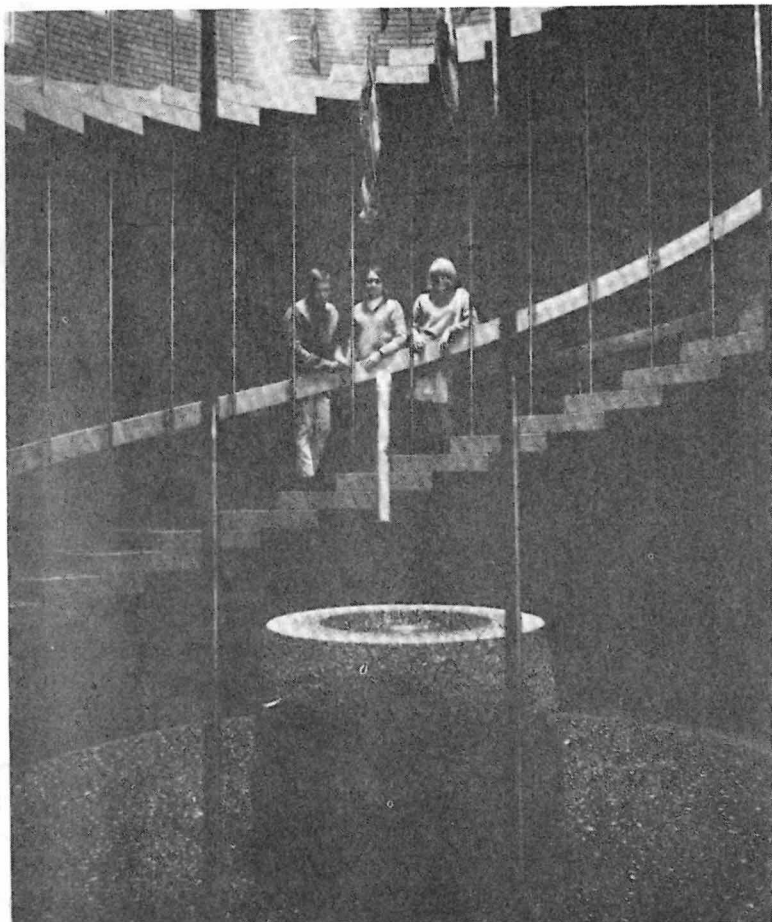
This man of Africa is being baptized in a river.

You remember the Bible story of the man from Ethiopia. The angel of the Lord sent Philip to tell the man about Jesus, the promised Savior. You remember how the man from Ethiopia asked Philip to baptize him and that Philip did baptize him in a river nearby.

God still sends His helpers to tell others about Jesus. Sometimes pastors and missionaries baptize people in a river. The river may be in a faraway place like Africa. There they often use a nearby river just as Philip did long ago.

Sometimes pastors baptize people in a church. Then the water is in a font like the one shown here. After the person is baptized in this church, he goes up the steps to the church altar. Now he can stand before God, because God has taken away his sins. He is now a child of God. He has the joy of belonging to God.

God comes to us in our baptism. It doesn't matter if we're baptized in a river or church. For God can come to us in any place.



This picture was taken in a church.