

NEWS *of* INTEREST

A word from our PRESIDENT

What Interest Ministries Is All About

Recently I was asked, "What does Interest Ministries really do?" Here's the bottom line.

Interest Ministries encourages and cares for those servants of the Lord who give their full time to ministry.

As I have traveled across North America over the past 40 years, I have been in more than 600 assemblies. I have talked with hundreds of commended workers and the one thing that keeps coming to the top of our conversations is the need for fellowship and encouragement.

There are lots of lonely workers who long for relationships with their peers. They would like to sit down with others who are in the same boat and share their successes and trials, and their joys and sorrows. They would like to hear how others are answering the questions they face, and they want to learn fresh approaches so they can be more effective for the Lord.

So here are the five things Interest Ministries focuses on:

1. **Networking full-time workers**
2. **Providing information for prayer and fellowship**
3. **Providing forums for discussion and prayer**
4. **Encouraging the spiritual growth and development of full-time workers**
5. **Assisting those workers who are needy or in crisis**

The great need we face at Interest Ministries is to find partners who also care about the Lord's servants, so we can work

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- Third largest Latino population in Los Angeles
- Children brought to Christ in high crime areas of New York

together to bring glory to the Lord Jesus. Would you partner with us? A gift to Interest Ministries can have a profound effect on the Lord's servants.

Kevin G. Dyer

Four ways your gifts will be used

- To provide challenging books and tapes to encourage needy full-time workers.
- Help provide funding for counseling, medical expenses or other needs of workers in crisis.
- Conduct seminars and retreats for workers to talk together about their concerns.
- Develop networks so workers can encourage and minister to one another.

Special Announcement

Kevin Dyer was elected to the board of directors of Interest Ministries at a meeting held February 15, 1997. Kevin has taken on the responsibility of reshaping the vision and will appreciate the prayers of the Lord's people as we go forward in the months ahead.

We appreciate the services of Dorothy Arnold, Doug Burnside and Jim Hislop who have resigned as of the above date. They have given many hours to the planning and direction of Interest Ministries.

Also, please visit our new web site. You can look up a commended worker or read a previous issue of the newsletter at <http://www.interest.org/>.

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WESTERN CANADA

A HOUSE OF PRAYER

My wife and I have been commissioned by Saanichton Bible Fellowship in Victoria, British Columbia, to a part-time ministry with Youth With a Mission. My major responsibility is leading in the formation of a House of Prayer. I have just been asked to lead a short prayer journey to the Middle East as part of my responsibility for this ministry. This is something new for me and I am finding quite a joy in meeting the challenges. Please keep both me and my family in your prayers in this endeavor.

*David Parker
Victoria, BC*

EASTERN CANADA

A CHANGE OF MINISTRY

After eight years as president of International Teams of Canada, Geoff Tunncliffe's role is changing. On December 10, 1996 he was elected to the position of Associate International Director (Partnerships and Strategic Alliances). He will serve the Global Mission Community through networking and facilitating international partnerships and will lend his expertise to the development of new national mission organizations emerging in the non-western world.

Geoff will have certain on-going responsibilities within International Teams Canada on a more limited basis, as well as being available for some specific assignments. He will continue to work from his office in Vancouver, British Columbia.

*International Teams Canada
Elmira, ON*

SORROW AND PEACE

In the six months since Claude died I have experienced such sorrow and such peace; loneliness and comfort; weakness and strength. I am kept busy with speaking engagements, teaching Bible studies, mentoring and discipling women both individually and in groups. I also teach part time at Grace Christian Academy.

We have a group of younger women whom we

are encouraging and training to reach out to other women. Through this we desire to see "Women enabling women to enable women" (Titus 2). My days are full and I feel fulfilled in the ministries the Lord has brought to me. I ask for prayer and wisdom for each day.

*Marion Loney
Peterborough, ON*

CHAPLAIN TO TRUCKERS

I continue to serve as a chaplain to truck drivers of the "Big Wheels," and conducting a free gospel television program. At the 5th Wheel Truck Stop near St. Catharines, an average of 300 trucks come through each day. This is cause for much thanksgiving and prayer.

*Clarence A. Low
St. Catharines, ON*

WESTERN U.S.A.

ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

In addition to my responsibilities as a full-time commended worker at the Evergreen Bible Chapel in Federal Way, Washington, I am now president of the Lakeside Bible Camp on Whidbey Island. This will add considerably to my workload so I would appreciate prayers.

*Dean and Sandra Mills
Federal Way, WA*

A SPIRITUAL BATTLE

A recent publication reported that 27% of the Latino population of the U.S.A. lives in the Los Angeles area, and that Los Angeles is the third largest Latino city in the world after Mexico City and Buenos Aires. What a mission field and what a challenge!

Our goals are to see souls saved, churches established and Christ glorified. The Lord is blessing, but for every soul won or helped spiritually, there is a battle to be waged.

Recently our men have been the target of Satanic attacks. Pray that the Lord would do a miracle in their lives and that they would be restored to their rightful place of worship and service.

One last prayer need is for someone with accounting skills who could put some time in with us each week to keep financial records in order.

*Richard and Nancye Yarrall
Long Beach, CA*

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COMMENDATIONS

NEW LISTINGS

Royal Farris

The elders and body of South Potomac Church, White Plains, Maryland, have commended Royal Farris to a pastoral ministry at this local church. We commend both the quality of Royal's character and his ministry.

Jane Smith

The believers at Ireland Street Chapel, Burlington, North Carolina, have commended Jane Smith to the work of the Lord at Pittsboro (NC) Christian Village. Jane is a registered nurse who cared for her aged parents for many years while at the same time serving the Lord and His people at the chapel as a leader in the ladies work. It is apparent to us that the Lord has called Jane to work at Pittsboro Christian Village and we add our commendation to this calling.

Allan Schau

The elders and body of South Potomac Church, White Plains, Maryland, have commended Allan Schau to the Lord's work in youth ministry through Young Life or in whatever manner the Lord may lead in the future. We commend both the quality of Allan's character and his ministry.

FOREIGN

Tom and Anne Stanczak

The Christians at Bethany Chapel, Wheaton, Illinois, have commended Tom and Anne Stanczak to the Lord's work in Poland. The Stanczaks anticipate working with another couple as a church planting team in Wroclaw, Poland. They hope to accomplish this through evangelistic Bible studies, English classes, hospitality and creative ministries with children. Their desire is to work with established assemblies in reaching out to university students and establishing a Polish Theological Journal. This initial commendation is for a period of three years.

STATUS CHANGE

Keith and Hilda Van Holst

Lakeshore Bible Chapel has discontinued the commendation of Keith and Hilda Van Holst with New Tribes Mission. The Van Holsts have left the fellowship and are seeking a new home church.

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FOREIGN

PERSECUTION FOLLOWS PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Evangelistic meetings have been held in many villages in India. At several of these three-night meetings, four to five thousand people have stood night after night, listening to the clear presentation of the love of Jesus Christ. Many have publicly stated their faith in Jesus Christ. In this predominantly Hindu nation, persecution and hardship often follow such a public testimony.

The number of Bible College students enrolled in our two-year school in Mavelikara, Kerala State, has doubled. After graduation these young men are placed in full-time work in the unreached areas of India. Pray for these young believers as they study the Word of God. They face hardships and persecution, but the Lord has proven His faithfulness in their lives. Pray also for the evangelists working to share Christ with the millions in spiritual darkness.

*G. V. Mathai
Cerritos, CA*

HOSPITAL SUPERINTENDENT NEEDED

The Women's Hospital in Andhra Pradesh, associated with Brethren assemblies, having a total bed capacity of 200 is looking for a medical superintendent. A couple is preferred, both medical doctors and one of them a gynecologist, to head the hospital. The present superintendent is retiring after 40 years. Attractive compensation and facilities commensurate with mission hospitals. Contact: Thomas Rajan, 7(4) John Armstrong Road, Richards Town, PO Box 563, Bangalore 560-005, India. Phone and fax 080-546-7067.

LANGUAGE COUSINS

As the Tai Dam Translation Committee finishes preparing portions of God's Word, many jobs still need to be done in order that the Word might reach the hearts of Tai Dam people scattered around the world. The Tai Dam language has many "cousins." Stretching across the broad band of southern Asia is a whole family of Tai languages. Languages of the same family share many similarities of vocabulary and grammatical structure. The experience of translators and other linguists working in one language, along with the tools of today's technology such as the computer, can greatly speed progress and improve the quality of translation in related languages.

For this reason I plan to make my first visit back to Asia since our move to Iowa in 1975. Lord willing, I will participate with a group of translators and others in a workshop to be held in Thailand. We will study similar features of the Tai languages and explore how to use translation being done in one language to help work being done in another.

*Jay and Dorothy Fippinger
Des Moines, IA*

NORTHEASTERN U.S.A.

IN A HIGH CRIME AREA

The work among boys and girls through the AWANA Clubs continues to bring many under the Word. Pray for safety on Wednesday evenings as four 15-passenger vans and several cars that go out to the troubled streets of Brooklyn and Queens, bringing precious children to be loved by adults who dedicate these evenings to share Christ with them.

We ask for prayer for safety because we carry more children than we can handle. Because we are located in a high crime area, maintaining and insuring these vehicles is a matter to be prayed for.

An empty building across the street from the chapel is being used to sell drugs. There have been shootings and fights, which creates danger for the children and God's people as the chapel sidewalk becomes a lookout stand for drug dealers. Pray for open hearts as we seek to reach out to those who are bound by the Devil.

Our boys won first place at the AWANA

Olympics in Long Island. On April 12 we travel to Pennsylvania for the finals. Pray for safety.

Sara teaches two home Bible studies each week; one in Spanish for the sisters of the chapel and the other in English for ladies in our new neighborhood. Many of these women are Roman Catholic.

*Henry and Sara Sanchez
Elmhurst, NY*

IN THE NATION'S CAPITOL

We are full-time workers in the Washington, DC, area and connected with the Washington Christian Assembly. I am president of the DC Bible Institute, and we have worked in the inner city here for 40 years. The Lord has blessed our efforts and met our needs.

The DC Bible Institute is a non-denominational school where we endeavor to train Christians in the Metropolitan area in Bible doctrines, teaching them to "rightly divide the Word of Truth," how to disciple others and how to witness in the work place and at home. We need the prayer and financial support of the people of God who share our burden.

*Samuel and Maud Jeremiah
Washington, DC*

SOUTHERN U.S.A.

OUTREACH CHALLENGES

We are working while waiting upon the Lord with great expectations. I am persuaded that God wants to do a new thing in His church through the church's members. Pray that we will not grow weary in the work here in McComb and Pike County.

The Outreach Ministries are a constant and pressing challenge. Operation Manhood, the Youth Intervention Project and the Food and Clothes Pantry have many growing needs. Networks Tutoring, which consists of helping youths and adults prepare for GED and ACT examinations, are ever demanding.

Some prayer requests include continued spiritual and numerical growth of the assembly.

*Nathan and Regina Johnson
Summit, MS*

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Bob Lindsted with Silas So Hong Kong, a Chinese believer who has been beaten and imprisoned many times for his faith.



Bob Lindsted with a missions team in China.

CENTRAL U.S.A.

YOUTH WORKER NEEDED

A growing suburban assembly of 400 is seeking someone to work with their youth on a full-time basis. The candidate should evidence in his life a shepherding gift directed toward young people and an ability to communicate God's Word in a way that is effective in reaching youth. Administrative abilities are necessary and he should be known as a hard worker with a heart for God, the lost and young people.

Send inquiries to: Search Committee, Lakeside Bible Chapel, 15050 Stadler Rd., Sterling Heights, MI 48313 or e-mail: rjelly@voyager.net.

TRUE WORDS

The Palabras Fieles (True Words, Inc) ministry is in the midst of shipping the 1997 issue. We have printed 500,000 copies, down 250,000 from last year. Contributions have decreased and we are concerned about the continuation of this ministry. The need has not diminished, as we receive letters continually from missionaries wanting us to increase their amounts. Carl Ostertag always said, "We could print a million more and still not have enough."

Impact the World, a ministry we are involved with in cooperation with Valley Park Chapel, continues to send gospel literature to India and Africa. Last year we were able to send approximately 3,500 one-pound packets.

We have also been working with a teen group in our local assembly. We have been very encouraged that many have developed a desire to serve the Lord and spread the Gospel. The Lord has used the death of one of the teens from the group who was killed in a car accident recently. Brett was a believer and is with the Lord. This has stirred the hearts of the teens and as a result we've seen a deeper devotion to the Lord.

*Tim and Liz McNeal
Wentzville, MO*

MULTIPLE BLESSINGS

Over the last year Bethany Chapel in Wheaton, Illinois, has had the joy of experiencing God's multiple blessings. Two of our "young" retired men, Russell Mixter and Otto Schoerner, celebrated their 90th birthdays at an all church gathering.

After being with us for a year and a half, we

have had the pleasure of commending Tom and Anne Stanczak for their anticipated service in Poland.

After several months of volunteer labor, we are ready to dedicate a new room for our youth ministries. And on top of this, Bethany has experienced significant growth. Numbers of new families and singles have been added to our numbers, as well as an increase in our student population from Wheaton College. This has prompted us to seriously consider how we can create more space in our sanctuary and classrooms.

Ministering to new folk, creating new ministries and expanding existing ones, the prudent use of resources and sharing the mind of Christ in all of this calls us to be prayerful and hopeful.

*Jack and Karen Mitchell
Wheaton, IL*

TO THE UTTERMOST PARTS

Last year was a busy and incredible year. A new assembly started here in Wichita and it has been encouraging to see new individuals and families start to meet with us. Between 140 and 160 attended a recent Family Bible Hour. Twelve obeyed the Lord in baptism and others are hoping to follow this spring.

We have just completed a Personal Evangelism conference with Jeff Tichelar. Five hundred Gospel booklets were sent to our neighborhood and we are beginning to see some response.

In November, 32 people, including 15 from the chapel, went to Romania to distribute Bibles, New Testaments and tracts. Working with Ron and Sue Bates, we were able to hand out over 3,000 pounds of humanitarian aid, including medicine, food, toys, shoes and warm clothing. As well, we brought a Braille computer printer that will allow them to print scriptures for the visually impaired. Romania continues to be wide open to the Gospel and we hope to go back again the first weekend in June.

We also hope to return to China in July, after Hong Kong goes back under Communist control. The main purpose will be the distribution of Bibles and literature.

The academy here has grown to over 500 students, plus the pre-school. It is encouraging to see young people growing spiritually and academically.

*Rob and Sharon Lindsted
Wichita, KS*



Clarence Low witnesses to truck drivers

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BAIR LAKE 40TH ANNIVERSARY

In honor of 40 years of Christian camping, Bair Lake Bible Camp is hosting a weekend retreat, May 2-4 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Contact Wayne Bomgaars, 12500 Prang, Jones, MI 49061; (616) 244-5193.

MEMORIAL DAY RALLY

70th Annual Memorial Day Rally, sponsored by Kenilworth (NJ) Gospel Chapel, May 26 at Springfield Athletic Field, Springfield, New Jersey. Speaker: Tom Taylor. Contact Don Dunkerton (908) 262-6131.

OPEN AIR EVANGELISM TRAINING

Basic and Advanced Training Seminars, sponsored by The Ezekiel Project, will be held in two locations: at the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, Illinois, June 2-13; and at Grace Chapel, Tenafly, New Jersey, July 21-August 1. Contact: The Ezekiel Project, P.O. Box 463123, Mt. Clemens, MI 48046-3123; (810) 954-9191.

CAMP LI-LO-LI

Summer camp begins with Family Camp, June 28-July 5. Pre-teen (ages 9-13), July 5-26; teen (ages 13-16), July 27-August 9, followed by Youth Camp. Specialty camps, (ages 11-16), August 17-23. Family Camp August 29-September 1. Contact Camp Li-Lo-Li, 8811 Sunfish Run Road, Randolph, NY 14772; (716) 945 4900.

SKYLAND BIBLE CONFERENCE

The 41st Skyland Bible Conference, June 28-July 4 at Lookout Mountain, Covenant College, Chattanooga, Tennessee. Speakers: Joe Reese and J. Philip Morgan. Activities for all ages. Registrars: John and Tina Taylor, P.O. Box 754, Jamestown, NC 27282; (910) 454-4927.

MID SOUTH LABOR DAY

Horton Haven Christian Camp, Chapel Hill, Tennessee, will host the Annual Labor Day Conference, August 29-September 1. Speaker: William MacDonald. The newest facility, a lodge, will accommodate 54 people in motel type accommodations. Call (615) 364-7656.

NEWS *of* INTEREST

WORKER *to worker*

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Generation X
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Reaching Generation X

Recently I sat down with about 65 other full-time workers to talk about how to reach Generation X.

Generation X, or Busters as they are sometimes called, are the 20-30 year-olds. There are 46 million of them in the U.S. That's about 18% of the population.

The people in Generation X are very different from other generations because they have been through many different experiences. They have been raised during a time when abortion is legal and divorce is rampant (44% of their parents are divorced). They have been raised on cable TV, MTV and video games. They understand the information explosion through the Internet. They are living at a time when AIDS is raging through their generation.

As a result, many Xers feel abandoned, betrayed and alone. Their trust in older people is very tentative because their educators said premarital sex was OK but they ended up with AIDS. The government betrayed them by not controlling spending and they know they will be left to pay a huge debt. They tend to be cynical and have feelings

- Abuse victim finds help
- Grand opening on Easter Sunday
- City mission celebrates 125th anniversary

of hopelessness for the future. They view the church with great suspicion, feeling it is separatist, segregated, controlling and irrelevant.

How do we reach out to these young men and women? As we discussed this subject together, several strategies emerged. To reach Busters we must:

1. Identify with them.
2. Tell them stories about God's love and power, but not preach at them
3. Involve them, not entertain them.
4. Give them time to process things and not pressure them.
5. Provide small groups of peers.

Young people who are a part of Generation X are wonderfully gifted men and women. Those of us who are older need to open our hearts and minds to accept the differences so we can reach out compassionately to this new generation.

Kevin G. Dyer

See the notice on the back page if you would like to learn more about Generation X.

WORLD *Window*

: Gary Walsh has been elected president of the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, effective June 1, for a four-year term. Walsh succeeds Brian C. Stiller who moves to Ontario Theological Seminary as president.

—FAITH TODAY

: The churches of America face no greater challenge as we approach the next century than overcoming biblical illiteracy. Many Americans cannot name the Ten Commandments or the reason for celebrating Easter.

—EMERGING TRENDS

The founder of New Era Philanthropy, John Bennett, Jr., facing an 82-count indictment for allegedly defrauding hundreds of Christian charitable and cultural groups, dropped his plea of innocence and pleaded no contest March 26 in federal court.

He will likely face a prison term of 10 to 30 years and a fine of \$250,000. The foundation collapsed in 1995 creating some \$135 million in losses for many Christian ministries, colleges and charitable organizations.

—WORLD, April 5, 1997

WESTERN CANADA

TRAVELING AND WITNESSING

Despite inclement wintry weather in March, there were well-attended ministry meetings in Quebec, Ontario and other assemblies. A middle-aged woman came into the meeting in Quebec and returned the following evening when she stayed behind to receive the assurance of salvation. She said she had not attended any religious services for two years.

During the past months I ministered the Word in 15 assemblies in eastern Canada and the States and dealt with 15 individuals concerned about salvation. Pray for the thousands of Gospel tracts given out while waiting for busses and airplanes.

*Mun and Adeline Hope
Aldergrove, BC*

MISSION TO CUBA

March 14 we embarked on another Overseas Council Mission to Cuba. Team member Joan Shannon was able to obtain leave from her teaching position to serve as our translator. She grew up in the Dominican Republic and is ideally suited to understand the nuances of the conversations.

Our mission was twofold: first to explore further ways to help multiple seminaries with the combined use of resources, such as visiting teachers and acquisition of textbooks; the second phase of the trip was in Placetas in the center of Cuba, with the faculty of Los Pinos Nuevos Seminary. There are 46 resident students, 23 in the pastoral program and 23 in the Christian Education program.

We minister to the poorest of the poor, in the world's terms, but many of them have better riches to share with us.

*Bill and Joy Armerding
Richmond, BC*

EASTERN CANADA

NEW PRESIDENT

Neil Ostrander has been named the president of International Teams of Canada. He was elected to the position February 15, replacing Geoff Tunnicliffe who is taking on

other responsibilities on an international level.

Neil Ostrander has been with International Teams since 1990 serving as vice president since 1993. Under his leadership, International Teams launched a new approach to short-term mission projects, focusing on mobilization at the local church level. Neil says, "My passion is to see many churches and individuals engaged in fulfilling the Great Commission..."

International Teams is a global organization composed of national mission organizations, including International Teams Canada. It has a vision to see churches across the world engaged in their global mission of compassionate evangelism. Today teams made up of people from 19 different nationalities serve in 25 countries. For more information contact International Teams of Canada, 1 Union St., Elmira, ON N3B 3J9; (519) 669-8844.

BACK TO CAMP

In September 1994 we made a two-year commitment to the youth work at Guelph (Ontario) Bible Chapel. When that ended in September 1996 and we were presented with a number of options. After two years away from camp work, it was our desire to get back into that area of service. Through different means, God confirmed that we had taken the right step when we decided to take the position of General Manager at Guelph Bible Conference Grounds. We see exciting potential and many opportunities waiting to be explored.

This is a city waiting to try new things. Young people are challenging the courts regarding various rights. Parents are looking for a safe place for their children to go during summer holidays. Pray that we will be sensitive to God's vision for us here.

*Richard and Carla Warnholtz
Guelph, ON*

OPEN FOR BUSINESS

In order for people to gain victory over the effects of life-controlling problems, the person must fully enter the pain and learn by experience that victory and healing is in chosen obedience and dependence on Christ. His Mansion Ministries Ontario (HMMO) is finally providing Christ-centered care for students in our completed house on our own property. Praise God that we have reached this milestone.

A student from Kitchener is slowly experienc-

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COMMENDATIONS

NEW LISTINGS

Steve and Karen Christensen

Alpine Chapel, Lake Zurich, Illinois, has enjoyed the ministry of Steve Christensen in music and worship. Steve became a Christian in high school. He and his family have attended Alpine for ten years. During that time he has served in several ministries in the areas of youth, buildings and grounds, and started with the original music team in 1990. His music and leadership gifts are an asset to this local congregation as it reaches out to non-Christians in southwest Lake County.

The elders have invited Steve to become a full-time member of Alpine's staff and endorse his ministry to us and to the broader community by commendation to the Lord's work.

Scott and Lynn Clever

The Christians at Devine Street Gospel Chapel, Sarnia, Ontario, have commended Scott and Lynn Clever to a pastoral ministry in the assembly. Scott, Lynn and their three children moved to Sarnia in August 1995 from Quebec. Scott's ministry as a pastor/teacher has been a help and encouragement to the Christians.

Jordan and Rachel Scheetz

The elders of Eastgate Bible Chapel, Portland, Oregon, have commended Jordan and Rachel Scheetz to serve in the ministry of Eastgate, working primarily with the youth. They have been in happy fellowship with us and we joyfully commit them to the grace of God.

CHANGE OF STATUS

Timothy and Yvonne Ayers

The elders have informed us that Timothy and Yvonne Ayers are no longer commended by Alpine Chapel in Lake Zurich, Illinois. Tim is now pursuing writing and business interests.

Ron and Linda Felton

Ron and Linda Felton were commended to the work of the Lord by the Germantown Christian Assembly in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1989. They have been living and

laboring in Hopewell, Virginia, for several years, seeking to establish a testimony for the Lord in that area. Ron now feels led of God to take up full-time employment and will continue to serve on a part-time basis as he is able. The assembly has withdrawn the commendation of the Feltons to full-time Christian service, but would solicit continued prayer on their behalf.

Richard and Carla Warnholtz

The Christians of Guelph (Ontario) Bible Chapel are pleased to change the commendation of Richard and Carla Warnholtz. The Warnholtzes were involved in full-time camp ministry as a couple at Parkside Ranch in Quebec from 1987 to 1994. From then until September 1996 Richard and Carla served in the Youth Ministry at Guelph Bible Chapel. Effective January 1, 1997, the assembly is pleased to commend the Warnholtzes to the work of General Manager of Guelph Bible Conference Centre. Pray for them as they take up their new responsibilities.

With the LORD

Tena Jorgensen

On January 28, Tena Jorgensen (95) of Pittsboro, North Carolina, went to be with the Lord from her home at Pittsboro Christian Village. Soren and Tena Jorgensen were active in children's work in Chicago, Illinois; Holland, Michigan and Greer, South Carolina for many years. Mr. Jorgensen predeceased Tena on April 14, 1996.

Mary Fairholm

On March 8, Mary Fairholm (85) of Westlock, Alberta, went to be with the Lord. For many years Mary had an outreach to children through Bible classes in country schools, Vacation Bible Schools, Bible camps and correspondence lessons. In 1972 she was married to Bill Fairholm who had led her to the Lord in 1932. He passed away in 1993.



Terry Williams

Terry Williams, former Vice President and COO of International Teams, has been appointed President/CEO of International Service Centers. Based in Wauconda, Illinois, International Service Centers provides assistance in developing countries and inner-city areas of the United States through micro business loans, educational resource centers, small business start-ups and job creation programs. Current projects include a Boston landscaping business providing jobs and vocational training for inner-city youth, a resource center for English teachers in the former Soviet Union and a laboratory in Vietnam that manufactures sterile water for medical use.

NORTHEASTERN U.S.A.

EASTER GRAND OPENING

We praise the Lord for what He has done at the Grand Opening of our assembly on Easter Sunday. Normally we have about 24 people (counting children), but on Easter Sunday we had 100. Many stayed afterward for coffee and bagels and we had many good conversations. Some came because they had stopped going to church long ago and felt it was time to start again. Some were just "church shopping," but we feel the Lord has answered our prayers.

The main Rochester newspaper caught wind of our "new church" and sent a photographer and reporter. The next day there was an excellent article and two photographs. The Lord essentially provided free advertisement through this.

The foundation state of the work is over now and there is much follow-up to be done, encouraging these visitors to continue on and get involved in small group studies. Pray that the Lord would win over these souls to salvation and restore many who have been wandering.

*Chuck and Mary Gianotti
Rochester, NY*

CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

The summer ministry at Pine Bush Bible Camp in New Jersey soared to new levels during 1996. Over 100 professions of faith were reported during the eight-week program. The coming season holds even more opportunities.

The dining room and kitchen are housed in an old barn with hand-hewn beams and stone foundation. The 100-year-old building deteriorates during the winter and many repairs have been made to ensure the safety of the structure. A recent evaluation by a professional engineer indicates that additional damage has occurred and it is not economically feasible to make the investment necessary to obtain a public assembly permit. For continued operation of camp a new kitchen and dining room will need to be built. The board of trustees is evaluating options for a new, multi-purpose, building.

THE GRAND OLD GOSPEL

The Grand Old Gospel Hour is now heard daily. Seven stations are the pilot group for this.

A new Bible Church in the Willow Grove area of Philadelphia has been our burden for some time and God seems to be opening the door for this. Church planting has been our most important ministry, but we need prayer. The young people in our fellowship are planning for a week of camp. They are renting a camp in the Poconos for July 17-24.

My health is much improved and I'm back to a full schedule. Prayers were answered.

*B. Sam and Joyce Hart
Lansdale, PA*

FOREIGN

TURKISH OUTREACH IN LONDON

One of our friends who has labored in Turkey for over nine years visited London and at a special "Men's Night" we organized in a local Turkish restaurant. We were thrilled when nine men showed up—it was the first time we had tried this and weren't sure what the result would be. For about an hour he shared on the manliness of Christ as, for example, He overcame the temptation that Satan put before Him. The eyes of each man were glued on our brother. Pray that these men will determine in their hearts to be men for Christ. Pray that the believers present will be stirred to take a clearer stand for Jesus, and that the unbelievers will be challenged to follow such a Savior.

*Roger and Yvonne Malstead
Kent, England*

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Curtis and Mavis Holmes

ing progress in his long struggle with the effects of abuse. Daily he sees in his life the consequences of broken trust and he is being challenged with the Truth and learning to rebuild trust and to walk closely with Jesus.

The number of requests for help indicate the need to increase our capacity. Over the past year there have been 30 requests, the majority from Ontario but from as far as both Canadian coasts and several U.S. states. We are looking for a single male support staff member to work with the students during work crew assignments and to help the resident assistant in the dorm. This position must be filled by mid May. We also need a single male Resident Assistant by October.

The board and staff are thankful for the many people who have supported the ministry.

*Rob and Sheri Wynja
Renfrew, ON*

WESTERN U.S.A.

PRISONERS STAND FIRM

It has been encouraging [in my prison ministry] to see three men with cancer holding on to the Lord with a lot of confidence and spiritual stamina. They have helped bolster my faith. One firmly maintains he is not afraid to die and has made peace with God. He is not bitter or angry but seems to be genuinely grateful to God for His goodness to him.

*Curtis and Mavis Holmes
Denver, CO*

A LASTING INVESTMENT

One of the greatest challenges facing Camp Elim continues to be the process of recruiting godly staff members. If people could hear the feedback we receive, we might just have more volunteers than we could use. God is impacting lives for eternity, and using our staff in powerful ways.

In the past the leadership has considered expanding our ministry to reach more adults, but we always come back to the same focus of our work—children. We are confident that we are fulfilling the purpose for which God gave us Camp Elim in the first place, and we believe He wants us to concentrate on bringing children into the Kingdom and on training youth to serve Him.

*Camp Elim
Woodland Park, CO*

CENTRAL U.S.A.

BOLIVIA MISSION

The dates for this year's Bolivia mission trip are June 14-30, for those who may be interested in joining the team. Last year we had team members from Oregon and Michigan and up to the Canadian border.

Pray for Margaret's health. Her memory loss is increasingly severe, affecting other areas as well. Pray for the establishing of a living bridge between our circle of churches here in the Twin Cities and the work in Bolivia. This means the sending of long-term missionaries from here.

*Homer and Margaret Payne
Minneapolis, MN*

A NEW MINISTRY

I have accepted the position of Director of InterVarsity Press in Downer's Grove, Illinois, and am challenged and excited about such a defined shift in my responsibilities. This has been a difficult choice because of the deep relationships we have developed here during the past 17 years and some wide-open doors of ministry for both of us. The biggest practical need is to sell our house and buy another. Our hope is to move sometime in late summer so I can be on site with IVP by the beginning of September.

May 10-17 I will be in Texas for a week of Bible teaching at an InterVarsity Chapter Camp for student leaders in the southwest. I would appreciate prayer for this time of intensive interaction with students and staff. I intend to continue some direct ministry with students and staff while at IVP as I want to help our student ministry grow through the effective use of IVP books. In addition, I will be involved in other national endeavors and partnerships in various aspects of InterVarsity's ministries.

*Bob and Alice Fryling
Madison, WI*

NEW APPOINTEES

International Teams, Prospect Heights, Illinois, has announced the appointment of Kirt Wiggins as Vice President and Tim Bates as Chief Financial Officer. Founded in 1960, International Teams has nearly 400 missionaries serving in 20 countries in the Americas, Europe, Eurasia, Southeast Asia and Australia.

*A prisoner with
cancer firmly
maintains he is not
afraid to die and
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CONFERENCES

OPEN AIR EVANGELISM TRAINING

Basic and Advanced Training Seminars, sponsored by The Ezekiel Project, will be held in two locations: at the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, Illinois, June 2-13; and at Grace Chapel, Tenafly, New Jersey, July 21-August 1. Contact: The Ezekiel Project, P.O. Box 463123, Mt. Clemens, MI 48046-3123; (810) 954-9191.

SKYLAND BIBLE CONFERENCE

The 41st Skyland Bible Conference, June 28-July 4 at Lookout Mountain, Covenant College, Chattanooga, Tennessee. Speakers: Joe Reese and J. Philip Morgan. Activities for all ages. Registrars: John and Tina Taylor, P.O. Box 754, Jamestown, NC 27282; (910) 454-4927.

CAMP LI-LO-LI

Summer camp begins with Family Camp, June 28-July 5 with Larry Pierce; Pre-teen (ages 9-13), July 5-26; teen (ages 13-16), July 27-August 9 with Uncle Dave Stiefler, followed by Youth Camp with Frank

Burgess on the book of Nehemiah. Special camps in horsemanship, archery, volleyball, art, etc. (ages 11-16), August 17-23. Family Camp August 29-September 1. Contact Cathie Whicomb, Camp Li-Lo-Li, 8811 Sunfish Run Road, Randolph, NY 14772; (716) 945-4900.

FAMILY BIBLE CONFERENCES

July 26-August 2, Tom Taylor and Prophetic Ministry by Rob Liudsted; August 9-16, Alan Parks and George Telfer, Christian Golfers and Family Conferences; August 16-23, converted Jew, Jerry Benjamin. For further information contact Guelph Bible Conference Centre, 485 Waterloo Ave., Guelph, ON N1H 3K4; (519) 824-2571.

MID SOUTH LABOR DAY

Horton Haven Christian Camp, Chapel Hill, Tennessee, will host the Annual Labor Day Conference, August 29-September 1. Speaker: William MacDonald. The newest facility, a lodge, will accommodate 54 people in motel type accommodations. Call (615) 364-7656.