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**Poland
firsthand**

Polish pastor talks with Americans



Stan Mooneyham introduces Pastor Paulik to Los Angeles reporters.

How to pray for Poland

“Brother Pawlik,” I said at the end of his long day of answering the questions of reporters, “I think readers of our magazine would like to know how best to pray for our Polish brothers and sisters. What should we say to God on your behalf?”

Had you heard his reply, your ears would still be ringing with the sound of his voice.

“Pray,” he said, “with the words of Psalm 29:11: ‘May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!’

“What we need,” he went on, “is strength to overcome the hardships and to solve our problems in peace. If there is civil war or confrontation, it will be tragedy not only for Poland, I think, but for Europe and maybe for the West.

“We need prayer for strength. For all kinds of strength—strength of our faith. Strength of our hope. Human strength to overcome the hardships. Strength from God to witness and to do His work.”

Through prayer all of us can help these members of God’s family find the strength they need and the peaceful solutions they seek. May the Lord *indeed* give strength to all His people in Poland today. May He bless not only their land but each of their trusting hearts with His peace. And may He help us, their brothers and sisters here, to add our faithful prayers to our gifts of food, medicine and goodwill.

David Olson

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FOR MY FRIENDS IN POLAND:

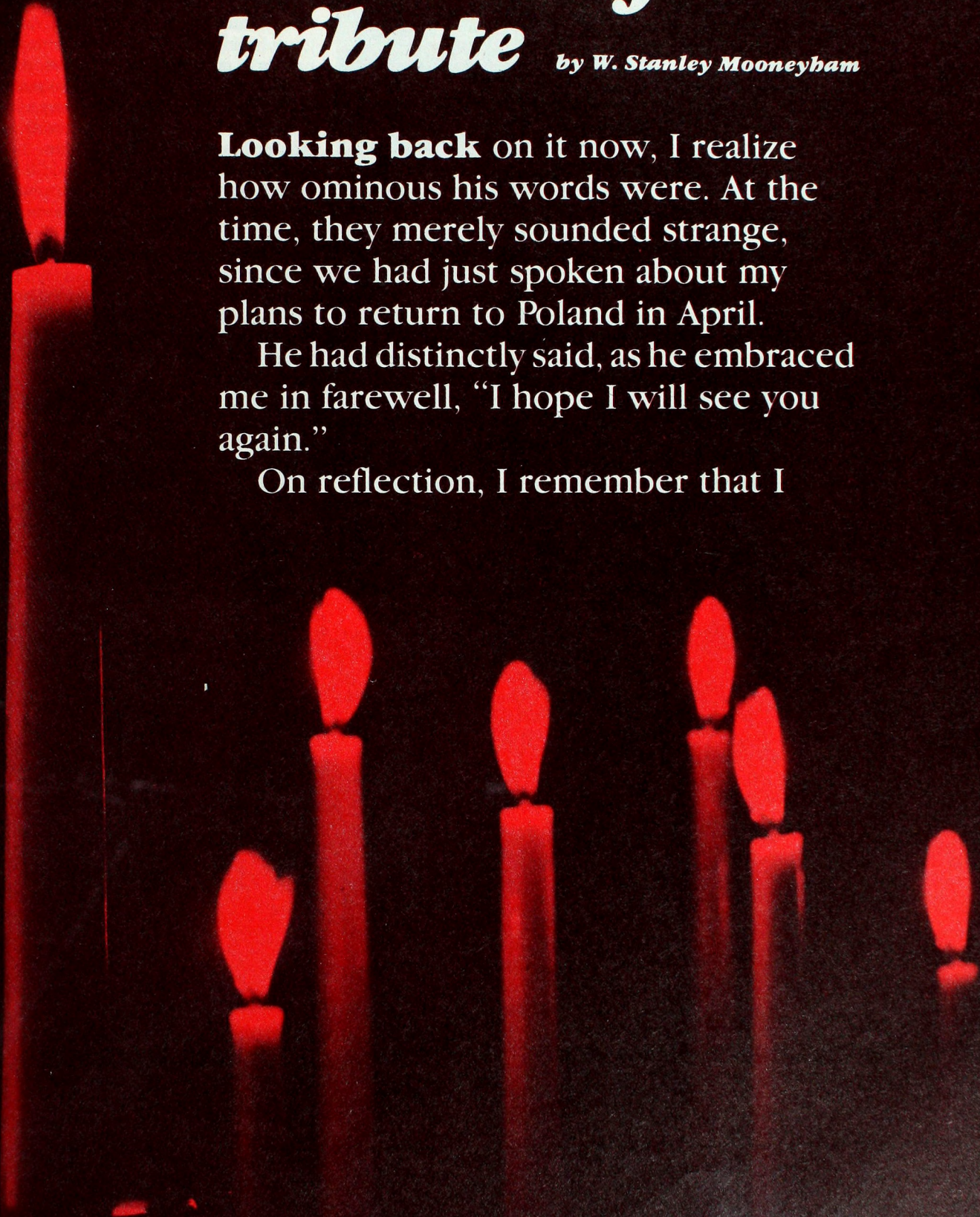
Candles of tribute

by W. Stanley Mooneyham

Looking back on it now, I realize how ominous his words were. At the time, they merely sounded strange, since we had just spoken about my plans to return to Poland in April.

He had distinctly said, as he embraced me in farewell, "I hope I will see you again."

On reflection, I remember that I



did sense in his voice a trace of sadness that I had mistaken for tiredness.

The place was Okęcie Airport, Warsaw, Poland. The time was November 23, 1981.

I was leaving Poland after ten days, and three longtime friends were at the airport to see me off. Two were leaders of the churches—one of them a bishop. The other was a senior government official with whom I had spent many pleasant hours during the seven years of our friendship. He was a Marxist and I a Christian. We had discussed our fundamental differences many times, but something strange had drawn us to each other during the very first meeting. Our friendship was genuine and deep. On more than one occasion, he had allowed me to pray with him.

It was he who had said at our parting, "I hope I will see you again."

I know now that he must have sensed an imminent crisis, for martial law was declared in Poland less than two weeks later, and the country slipped behind a curtain of isolation and darkness.

During Christmas week, I lit a candle in my window every night for Poland, as did many Americans. I think the candle burning held a special significance for me. Memories of ten glorious days with brothers and sisters throughout the country were still fresh in my mind.

Each night my candle was a tribute to one of my friends.

My November 1981 visit was my seventh or eighth time there. I had come at the invitation of the Evangelism Commission of the Polish Ecumenical Council. (This organization embraces all churches in the country except the predominant Roman Catholic Church, and it includes Polish Orthodox as well as Polish Catholic, Baptist, Methodist, Reformed and other

One man told me he put his car in line for 30 hours and then was able to buy only five gallons of gasoline.



Worship attendance in Poland is up in both Catholic and Protestant churches.

churches.) Their invitation to conduct evangelistic meetings in three areas of the country had arisen out of a World Vision pastors' conference in Warsaw last June. The theme had been on evangelism, and many people had expressed a desire to put into practice the emphasis of the conference.

Meetings were arranged for mid-November, in the mining and industrial area of Silesia, in the ancient city of Lodz, and in Warsaw. There were 15 evangelistic services and seminars in ten days, held in Lutheran, Roman Catholic, Baptist, Reformed and United Gospel churches.

One historic meeting was held for students at the medical university in Lodz. About 75 students came and listened for an hour to a sermon about Jesus Christ (based on Romans 1:16), then stayed for another hour to ask questions and talk about the Christian faith. What made the meeting historic, I was told, was that it was the first time since World War II that the gospel had been preached in a state university.

During Christmas week, I lit one of my candles as a tribute to the young man who organized that meeting—a 19-year-old second-year student named Andrew, a Roman Catholic. Rarely have I seen such a combination of intellect, personality, commitment and courage in one young man.

How I prayed for him that night!

Another night my candle burned for a family in the Katowice area. They have asked me not to use their name, because many Christians in Poland live with anxiety (as they did even before

martial law was imposed). Their simple home where we went for tea is a lighthouse for Jesus, and has been for decades.

The three grown children, none of whom is married and all of whom are in professional occupations, are the nucleus of an evangelistic team that travels throughout the country giving gospel musical concerts and inviting people to come to Jesus. Their mother, a saintly widow and an invalid, remains at home, engaging in intercessory prayer and friendship evangelism as troubled people seek her out for spiritual help.

One night my flickering tribute was to a young mother who was among hundreds of people who either received Jesus Christ as Savior or renewed their commitment to Him during the ten days. I had noticed her as she came forward at the close of a service in the Lutheran church at Swietochlowice. Her dark, piercing eyes, close-cropped black hair and ready smile caused her to stand out among the 75 or so people who came for prayer and counseling that night.

Later, during tea time in the church fellowship hall, she sought me out and told me her story. A teacher until her two young children came along, she had decided to stay at home and give private English lessons. During this



Winding line in Krakow shows that food is as difficult as ever to obtain.

time, she had met some Christians and had become a seeker after Truth. Her search had lasted for over a year, culminating at the altar that night.

But during this time, the Lord had used her search to speak to others. She had sold 20 Bibles, she said, to friends and students who had asked her if she could get them one. Her Christian friends would arrange to buy them from the Bible Society in Warsaw.

Among those asking for Bibles were three teachers who were members of the Communist Party. In September 1981, it had become permissible to use the Bible as a medium of instruction in high schools. The Ministry of Education had entered a standing order with the Bible Society for 300,000 Bibles a year to give to teachers and students, but the demand far exceeded the supply.

There is a language of the heart and spirit which transcends words.

So these teachers had sought out their own source in this young mother. It wasn't long until those teachers came back to her, she told me, saying, "Our students are asking questions about things in the Bible and we don't know how to answer them. Will you help us understand what these things mean?"

You can see why my candle had such special meaning that night, honoring this young woman whose life had been illuminated by the Light of the World and who was already letting her light shine.

Another of my candles was for Father Stanislaw, a Polish Catholic priest whose fellowship I had enjoyed during the pastors' conference and who later invited us to his home in Lodz. He and his wife and three children (priests in the Polish Catholic Church are permitted to marry) lived in a small upstairs apartment just behind the church. In spite of severe

food shortages all over the country, many times we were invited to homes like this to share what food was available. In every instance, I knew that the food was acquired only at great sacrifice in both money and time. Housewives had to wait for hours in bitter-cold weather to buy anything.

Father Stanislaw's friendship and hospitality were very touching. I learned the truth of a Polish proverb: "Sell everything you have, but don't fail to provide hospitality to a stranger." I didn't dare ask Father Stanislaw's wife where on earth she had managed to find veal cutlets. The question would have embarrassed her. I knew only that most of the time, cold sausage was all that was available.

The priest and I enjoyed sharing the same name; he called me *Staniswof*, the way it's pronounced in Polish. We spent a long evening discussing theology, especially the concept of confession. In his church, people are called openly to confession, as in Protestant churches, and the liturgy of the rite is a solemn recitation of specific transgressions, not just vague generalities. I told him with only



partial humor that I thought Protestants in my country would not want to admit their sinning in such detail, for we much preferred generic terms like "failures" and "shortcomings."

The evening closed with his daughter at the piano while the family sang to the guests an old Polish song: "May You Live a Hundred Years."

While lighting my candles, I certainly couldn't forget the young man who had taken ten days off his job to chauffeur us around the country. We had become very close, this 28-year-old construction worker and I. Although he spoke only a few words of English and I spoke even less Polish, we had no trouble communicating. There is a language of the heart and spirit which transcends words, and that is how young Andrzej and I got to know each other.

He invited us to his small apartment in Lodz, and there we met his wife and two young children over a simple dinner which probably had taken days to accumulate. Andrzej was a member of the Solidarity labor union, and he proudly wore the lapel pin which identified his feelings. Later, he took us by the construction project where he worked. He was as pleased as if he owned the building himself.

After being asked to be our driver, he had spent four months collecting enough gasoline for our trip. Automotive fuel is not only severely rationed, but in short supply. One man told me he put his car in line for 30 hours and then was able to buy only five gallons of gasoline. Andrzej had carefully saved enough of the precious liquid to take us the nearly 1500 miles of our journey.

He stayed with us right through the last service in Warsaw on Sunday night before driving back to his family in Lodz and resuming his job on Monday morning.

The night I lit a candle for Andrzej, it seemed to burn with a warmer glow. But I couldn't be sure. Maybe I was just looking at it with my heart instead of my eyes. □

BRAZILIANS HAVE A SAYING:

"Hope is the last thing to die."

by John Hatton

For most Brazilians, living means fighting to survive. The annual inflation rate is over 100 percent. Presently the unemployment rate is around ten percent and is still growing. The government is in the process of creating new jobs for the large number of unemployed and unqualified laborers—but this is only a temporary measure. Forty-four percent of the working population earns the minimum wage (\$87 a month—\$1044 a year) or less. Three-quarters of the population is considered poor or indigent. Ten percent of the people consume 46 percent of the national income. One-third of all children between six months and five years are said to be undernourished.

"Dona" Alaide has borne 21 children. Eleven of them died before or shortly after birth. She has never been to a doctor or taken medicine. Sometimes she feels weak and dizzy. But she's "working it out" and she has many plans for the future. You see, Brazilians have a saying: "Hope is the last thing to die."

Alaide Pereira de Oliveira and her husband, José Carlos de Oliveira, began their life together in a small city in the state of Minas Gerais, Brazil. Six years ago they moved to the capital of the state, Belo Horizonte. The name means "beautiful horizon," but the outskirts of the city are lined mostly with huts and shacks.

After working and living on someone else's property for two years, the Oliveiras were able to buy a piece of land on the opposite edge of town. For José Carlos this has meant getting up early and getting home late, because he continues to work at the same place as before: a scrap iron company. It also means that his income is still very low. Two of their daughters have recently begun to work and are now helping the family. Still, feeding and clothing ten children is no easy task.



Dona Alaide stands with eight of her children inside their small house.

Just a block away from their shack they have found a helping hand. Through the local Baptist church, two of their children—ages eight and nine—are learning to read, write and increase their knowledge in other areas. They are able to meet other children like themselves and play in a healthy environment at the church's childcare center. And they are hearing about God's Word and Christ's love.

The childcare center is still under construction but is already bubbling over with 76 happy little faces and loud voices. The church that hosts the center is very poor, so the construction is done by church members in their spare time. While the men lay the bricks, the women cook meals on the construction site.

The church also has other programs: a typewriting course, food and clothing

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distribution, occasional medical assistance, and a club where mothers discuss solutions to childcare problems. The mothers also make their children's school clothing using the church's two sewing machines.

Much of this work has been made possible because of contributions channeled through World Vision since 1976. In fact, 256 children in this

neighborhood have been sponsored over the years. Most have outgrown the childcare center and now attend public schools.

Dona Alaide says that because of the food and clothing given to them, they have been able to save enough money to buy some bricks and construction material to build a better house, thus fulfilling one of her greatest dreams. Her husband is building their new home in his spare time. They are already building a cesspool, because in the past their children have suffered from a lack of sanitary conditions. They hope that soon they will be able to have tap water instead of carrying buckets full of impure water over great distances.

Many people in Brazil have needs like those of Dona Alaide and her family. We who do World Vision work here are trying to enable them to win their fight for survival and develop their God-given potential so that hope—"the last thing to die"—does not give way to utter despair. □



Pastor José Simões de Almeida leads the Baptist church in helping local residents like the Oliveiras.

John Hatton is director of communications for World Vision/Brazil.



Carrying on the vision

More than a century of World Vision history is embodied in the combined careers of five persons who began their 26th year of World Vision service last fall or will do so this spring. To learn what has motivated these fascinating five, Konny Thompson interviewed each one and talked with some of their co-workers.



Harriet Wood, currently the assistant supervisor and chief problem solver in the partner relations department, first began working with World Vision in November 1956. At that time the headquarters, located in Portland, Oregon, was being moved to Eagle Rock, a district of Los Angeles. Harriet says she was "walking by blind faith" as she made the move to California with the World Vision office.

Because World Vision then consisted of a small (though rapidly growing) staff, everyone performed a variety of jobs. Harriet did sponsorship work by day and mail analysis by night, where she sorted incoming mail by hand. As the organization grew, she settled into one job in the analysis department.

Then in 1966, Harriet volunteered to go to Korea to fill in for a treasurer who was on a one-year home leave. This "temporary" assignment stretched into 12 years. She began managing the World Vision guest house in Seoul, serving as a hostess for visitors, and performing secretarial work for Marlin Nelson, then the director in Korea. And as if this wasn't enough to occupy her time, this energy-plus woman was also involved with a ministry to college students in Seoul.

However, as national staff in Korea grew, the need for Western personnel diminished. So Harriet returned to the States in 1978. Speaking of her time

overseas, Harriet says, "My life was so enriched in Korea. There's no other way I could have had such experiences meeting God's special people."

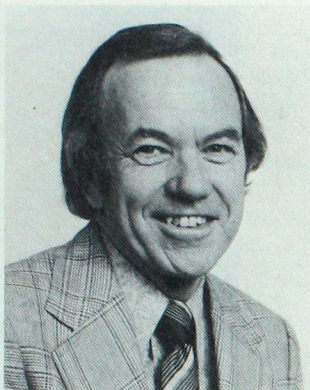
After returning to California, Harriet began working in partner relations under the supervision of Eva Paul, whom she now assists in supervision of the department. Harriet's diligence and loving attitude are apparent to all who work with her. Those in her department say she is "worth her weight in gold."

Harriet describes her work with World Vision as "fulfilling the biblical command of Christ to minister to the needs of people." When asked what was the motivating force behind her 25-year commitment, she thoughtfully answered, "The Lord led me to do this. Why would I look for something else? I believe in what World Vision is doing and I want to stick with it."

Harriet also leads an active life in her off-hours. She enjoys working in her vegetable garden, hiking in the local mountains with her adopted Korean son, Youn-seong Kim, and dabbling in writing. Her positive attitude shows in her motto: "Just to be willing to do whatever He wants me to do."

"The Lord led me to do this. Why would I look for something else?"

Construction of the Monrovia headquarters in 1964 was part of the constant change these 25-year veterans have seen at World Vision.



The Orient has been the home of Asia regional controller Roy Challberg for most of his 25 years with World Vision. While currently in charge of financial management for the field offices in 12 countries throughout Asia, Roy began in 1957 as a photographer. Often traveling with Bob Pierce, he photographed childcare and relief projects in Korea, Japan, Taiwan and the Philippines. From these trips he produced slide shows and 16-millimeter films for distribution in American churches.

His first four-and-a-half years with World Vision were spent both travel-

He loves "helping, hiring, training inexperienced people and watching them grow."

ing and being in charge of film maintenance and distribution. Then while on a photo trip to Asia in 1960, Mr. Challberg was deeply moved by what he described as "the grassroot needs." Upon returning to the States, he told Bob Pierce, "If you need a hand in Asia, put me on the list." Two years later he was sent to Korea.

Originally assigned to Korea as the assistant director for relief and training, Roy also became treasurer when the bookkeeper resigned. This photographer, administrator and financial expert has since served in a number of leadership positions throughout Asia, including the directorship of World Vision in Hong Kong, the Philippines, Taiwan and Burma.

Among his many contributions to the ministry of World Vision, one of the most significant has been in the

area of financial management. After being World Vision's treasurer in Korea, Roy's concern for the variety of accounting systems used throughout the organization led him to design the system now used worldwide.

Of Roy's many experiences during the past 25 years, he has most enjoyed the one-on-one training sessions with nationals in financial systems. He loves going into different countries and "helping, hiring, training inexperienced people and watching them grow." According to Roy, "Training has been the greatest challenge."

Roy and his wife, Bea, are thankful for their years in Asia. They have raised three sons overseas: the oldest, Mark, is a medical doctor living in the U.S.; Brad is living in Taiwan where he directs a school of Mandarin; and the youngest, Keith, graduated from Westmont College last June.

Currently living in Manila, Roy looks forward to continuing his ministry with World Vision. In his own words, "What has always motivated me is the end result in the lives of people. That's what's kept me here."

**FUTURE HOME OF
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Rosalyn Ross was a senior at Westmont College in Santa Barbara when God clearly called her to become a part of World Vision. Unsuccessful in her intense efforts to find a job in her field (psychology), she left her future in God's hands one day with the prayer: "I don't care where you want me, or what you want me to do, but you're going to have to send someone to me because I don't know what else to do." That day God answered. He sent someone to tell Rosie about World Vision. Upon graduation she began working as a secretary in the sponsor department.

Rosalyn now manages the partner relations department and is responsible for all administrative aspects of assigning children to sponsors and managing sponsor files. This immense task involves the sponsorship of over 180,000 children worldwide. Stating that her work "is not just a job," Rosie says her entire department becomes personally concerned with the lives of the children. "Realizing that we are making a difference in the lives of people—real people" is the fuel that keeps Rosalyn burning with such sensitivity and commitment.

Looking back over her 25 years with World Vision, Rosalyn recalls many wonderful memories as well as some

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disappointments. Perhaps the most difficult time for Rosie came with the fall of Indochina in 1975. Twenty thousand children were being sponsored in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia at the time, and under the Communist domination there was no way to maintain contact with them. The result was that 20,000 smiling faces had to be removed from the files and the sponsors reassigned to other children. Rosie remembers the event as a traumatic one for the entire department.

Among her lasting memories of the early days are the relationships she had with people—special people such as Bob Pierce, Harriet Wood and Florence West. The sense of working together as a family through the survival struggles of the young organization provided all "an opportunity for growth." According to Rosalyn, "In the past we didn't know where the money was coming from. But the Lord always provided. Talk about a faith ministry!"

Rosalyn has traveled many places in her sojourn with World Vision. These include Canada, where she helped expand the office, Latin America, the Philippines, Thailand and Hong Kong. Everywhere she's been she's made friends. She is known for her depth and sensitivity toward others. And of the World Vision family she says, "The caliber of people God sends us is marvelous."

In looking toward the future, Rosalyn Ross is certain of God's hand on World Vision and her role here. "I have never been able to doubt," she says, "that this is where I'm supposed to be. . . . The Lord put me here and I love it."



Marlin Nelson has spent his entire 25-year career in Korea. He first went there in September 1956 to study the language and help coordinate pastors' conferences. He served four years as the acting director of World Vision Korea when the director went on furlough, and in 1973 he was appointed director.

Marlin's home leave in 1975 provided him with the opportunity to complete his studies in missiology, and he returned to Korea a year later with a Ph.D. from Fuller Theological Seminary. Since the appointment of a national, Peter Lee, as director, Marlin has been working with ACTS (Asian Center for Theological Studies and Mission). ACTS is supported by World Vision, and Marlin has been "on loan" to them since his return in 1976. In addition to serving ACTS as an associate professor of missions, he is

the assistant director of the Asia Church Growth Institute, under the direction of Pastor Kyung-Chik Han, currently the chairman of the board of directors of World Vision in Korea.

Marlin and his wife Kay—a talented mother, nurse, bookkeeper and artist—have raised three children in Korea. Marlin feels that his family is one of God's greatest blessings. And his sense of humor has helped him through the many adjustments of living, working and raising a family in a different culture.

Reflecting on difficulties encountered over the years in Korea, Dr. Nelson could think of only one: "It's frustrating to see how human—how ordinary—we all are." Yet he was quick to add that he rejoices "to see what God can do with us in spite of our humanity."

Why has this motivated man worked with World Vision for a quarter of a century? His first response to this question reflected his ever-present sense of humor: "Because they haven't fired me yet." But his mood quickly turned more serious as he added, "I consider it a privilege to minister in Korea with World Vision. . . . As a member of this fine team . . . I am very challenged and very satisfied."

Looking forward to more years of service, he could only say, "I hope to be faithful to the Lord until death."

Why 25 years with World Vision? "Because they haven't fired me yet."



The accounting department was a one-person office when Florence West joined the World Vision staff. In March 1957, she answered God's call to leave her position with Youth for Christ in Illinois to move to California as World Vision's accountant.

As the organization began to grow, the accounting department had to add personnel. Florence was put in charge. In 1959 she became Controller—the title she still holds today.

As Controller, Florence was responsible for the accounting, payroll and purchasing services departments. Although she has held the same title for over 20 years, she has certainly not been doing the same job all that time. Her job has recently changed and she is now in charge of internal controls and auditing. Florence says her job is always new because it is always changing. In her own words, "There's so much growth . . . so much development. And so much outreach. . . . We're not just putting in time; we're working for eternity."

The constant changes that make her work challenging also cause some difficulties. Florence acknowledges that at times it is frustrating to work at a job where the needs grow faster than the ability to find people to fill them. Yet through the positives and negatives of growth and change, she is thankful for the opportunity to serve God in her position.

"We're not just putting in time; we're working for eternity."

Florence West sees World Vision as a living organism of God's people doing God's work. She calls it "God's package deal." This "package" is composed of people specifically called to His special ministry. God first called the founder, Bob Pierce, to respond to the vision of ministry. God continues to call leaders and workers to carry out the day-to-day tasks. And perhaps most important, God calls the donors, whose giving is what Florence calls a "silent stream of manna from God." She calls the donors "the nucleus of World Vision. Without them, there would be no ministry."

Florence West considers it a privilege to work with World Vision and "to be so close to the lifeline for needy people." She believes World Vision is following Christ's example of ministry and views the difficult times as opportunities to trust God and watch Him work in spite of our human limitations. In thinking back on the many ways she has seen God work at World Vision, Florence could only say, "I feel it is worth it all. To God be the glory." □

IN LOS ANGELES, CHICAGO, NEW YORK

A Polish pastor expresses gratitude

by Jim Jewell



Mooneybam and Pawlik in Los Angeles

Before the cameras of the news media he was informative, interesting, challenging—often eloquent. Yet his most moving words were reserved for the people who had helped. For the relief agencies that had assisted and for their supporters, he brought flowing words of heartfelt gratitude: “You should know that we recognize the

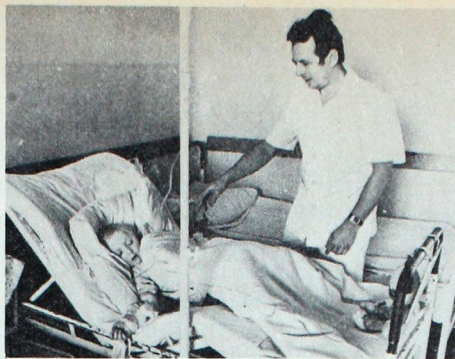
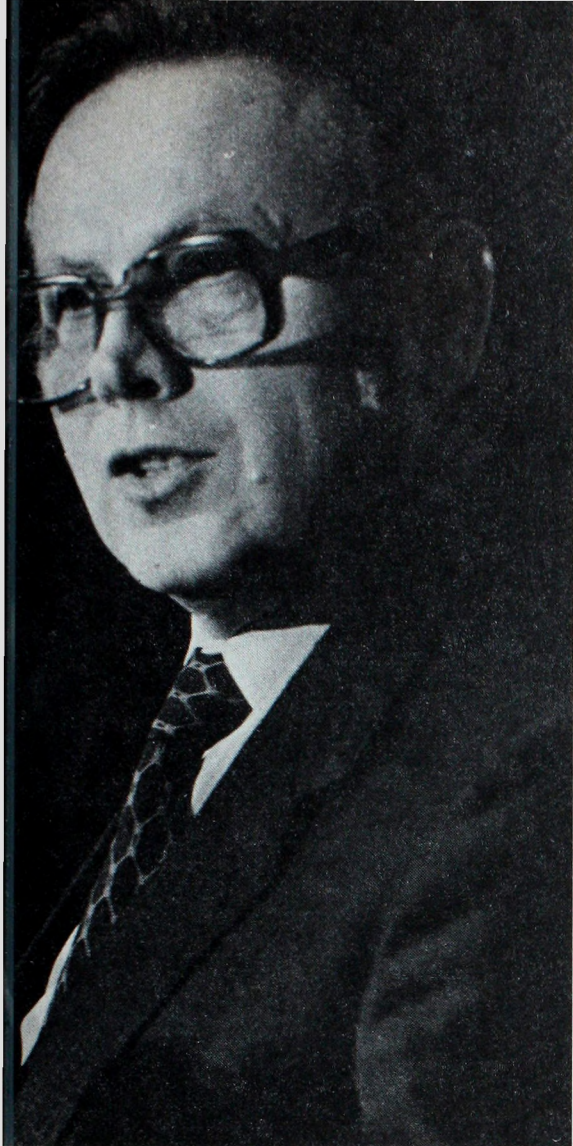
assistance not only as material aid but as part of the heart of the American people.”

The Rev. Zdzislaw Pawlik (pronounced Jishwaf Pavlik), general secretary of the Polish Ecumenical Council (PEC), left his pressing duties and national concerns in Poland to come to the West with thanks and pleas for continued assistance to his people.

Tall, straight, his face etched with lines drawn both by harsh experience and by compassion, Pawlik told workers at World Vision International and other relief agencies that gifts to the Polish people were a great encouragement. He said the aid had allowed the PEC to be a unifying force in Poland's church community. And he assured donors that all agreements with aid agencies have been honored.

“We recognize the assistance . . . as a part of the heart of the American people.”





At this children's hospital in Warsaw—and throughout Poland—medicines and medical equipment are in short supply.



Homeowner signals for help after the Vistula River overflowed 100 miles west of Warsaw. Some 35,000 people were evacuated.



Fence near a church in Vienna, Austria, serves as a bulletin board for Polish refugees needing information on whereabouts of friends, relatives, and rooms to rent.

There has been no diversion of aid for purposes other than intended.

In gatherings of supporters, Pawlik told of the experience of a woman in Poland, a mother of four, whose family was suffering from the shortages. She told relief officials, "I don't know how

to explain it, but I was in despair, ready to finish myself. Then I received a relief parcel with food supplies from someone who doesn't know me. I was strengthened; I felt there is a future for me. There are people thinking of me."

Pawlik told U.S. groups: "We have something to give you: gratitude and love. We are one family and we give our prayers to you." In fact, in the monasteries of the Polish Catholic Church, prayers are being said 24 hours a day for all who give. "Every hour people are praying for you," Pawlik said.

In his whirlwind trip across the United States, Pawlik had press conferences in Los Angeles, Chicago and New York. "The greatest needs are among children, the elderly and the expectant mothers," he repeated everywhere he went. "And the next six

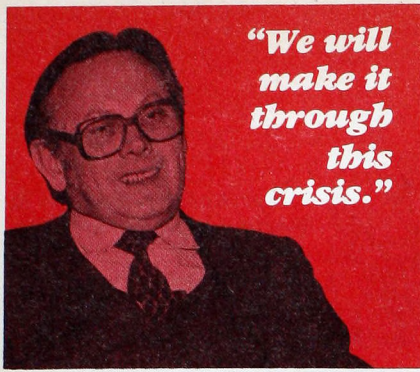
months, before the harvest, will be very bad. The situation is getting worse; we need all possible help.

"I am a representative of the Polish people," Pawlik told reporters. "I am one of the ordinary people; I know that they are suffering because of our current problems."

Pawlik spoke often of the effects of

"The greatest needs are among children, the elderly and the expectant mothers."





"We will make it through this crisis."

U.S. food sanctions on the Polish people. The poultry industry, he explained, was hard hit when the U.S. stopped sending corn. "The poultry production was nearly stopped because there was nothing to feed the chickens. As a result, the common people have one-third less meat, because poultry was one-third of the meat available on ration cards. People are now getting 4.4 pounds of meat a month instead of 6.6.

"I do not want to be a doomsayer," he continued, "but with continued sanctions I fear bread will soon be rationed, too, because available grain must now be used to keep the cattle alive."

Babies and children are a great concern of Pawlik and the PEC at this

Jim Jewell is director of public relations for World Vision. He accompanied Mr. Pawlik on his U.S. tour.

time. There is a shortage of baby food and other supplies needed for child care. As a new grandfather, Pawlik expressed a personal concern. "Many young couples have decided not to have children," he said, "because they feel there is no future for them in Poland."

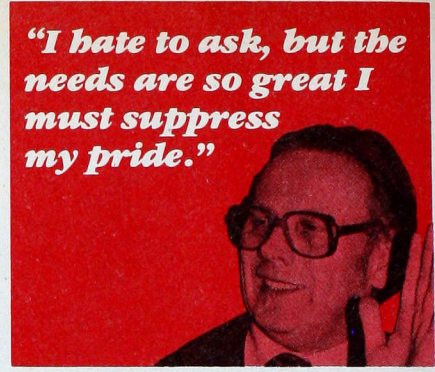
Although many Poles are depressed, not many have yielded to despair. Times of crisis seem to accentuate the Polish spirit and Polish humor, both deeply engrained in their society. (Polish humor, not Polish jokes! Pawlik emphasized.)

"Our cities were rubble following World War II," he pointed out, "and we have rebuilt them and returned to life. We will make it through this crisis."

In Los Angeles, Pawlik told news reporters that in their time of trouble the Poles have learned much about giving; they would like to help others upon recovery. "I only hope we will not have to send parcels here to Los Angeles," he chided.

When one reporter asked if there would be a quick recovery in Poland after martial law is lifted, Pawlik broke into his characteristic grin and said, "I am a clergyman and a Christian, so perhaps I should think that will be so, but I do not believe in that miracle."

Pawlik did bring good news on freedoms for the church in Poland. In January, the Roman Catholic Church was permitted to resume weekly radio broadcasts, and for the first time in Polish history, the non-Roman Catholic church has been allowed to air a



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weekly, hour-long program on Polish National Radio.

"It is said," Pawlik related in one of many anecdotes, "that the churches of the world will come to agreement only on the day of Final Judgment. In Poland, two days later." Yet the current crisis has brought the churches together in unprecedented cooperation, he explained. The Polish Ecumenical Council helps not only members of its own churches, but also members of the small Jewish community and the predominant Roman Catholic Church.

"I hate to ask," Pawlik said repeatedly, "but the needs are so great that I must suppress my pride. We need not only material assistance, but moral support and your prayers." □

Donors are enabling World Vision to send several truckloads of relief goods into Poland each month. On January 22, more than 80,000 pounds of food arrived for distribution to flood victims along the Vistula River (see photo on page 13). Other recipients of World Vision's aid include those in homes for children, the handicapped and aged.

To share in this ministry, please use the return envelope between pages 12 and 13.



Members and guests of World Vision's headquarters staff join Mr. Pawlik in praying for Poland.

Teen Missions International is looking for young persons (age 13-25) who want to spend their summer working on an overseas mission field. Fifty-three Teen Mission teams will be involved in building airfields, youth camps, orphanages, churches and schools. A two-week training camp in Florida will prepare them for the cross-cultural experience. Concluding the summer is a five-day debriefing that allows the participants to share their experiences and prepare for their return to American culture. Information about locations and costs is available from Teen Missions, Box 1056, Merritt Island, FL 32952.

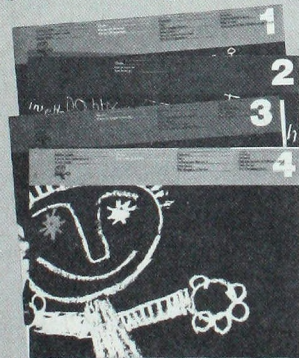
Summer Institute for Urban Ministries (SIUM) is an intensive program in which students can get exposure to multi-cultural city work. For information write SIUM at Simpson College, 801 Silver Ave., San Francisco, CA 94134 or call (415) 334-7400.

A Guide to Christian Colleges is now available from the Christian College Coalition. Designed for college-bound students, their parents, pastors, counselors and youth workers, the 129-page booklet gives detailed information on 63 accredited four-year Christian liberal arts colleges across the country. The *Guide* costs \$9.70 (postpaid) from the Christian College Coalition, 1776 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20036.

"Refugee Sponsorship Costs—and Pays" is the title of an article reprint now available, free, by writing World Relief Refugee Services, P.O. Box WRC, Nyack, NY 10960, or phoning, toll free, (800) 431-2808.

A Latin American Perspectives Seminar is scheduled for April 17-24, 1982, in Mexico City. Geared for church leaders, journalists and others committed to world missions, the seminar is sponsored by Latin American Mission to help North American churches gain a greater understanding of issues facing missions in the 80s. Topics include poverty, urbanization and foreign mission tensions. For information write W. Scott Nyborg, LAM, Box 341368, Coral Gables, FL 33114.

Jubilee Crafts has produced a graphic four-week study guide (featuring Golliwumpus



stories and various creative activities) to help kids and adults learn together about world hunger, its underlying causes, biblical solutions and practical things that Christians can do. For a copy, send \$5 to Jubilee Crafts, 300 W. Apsley St., Philadelphia, PA 19144.

Camp ministry leaders in eight countries can get help by joining Christian Camping International, Box 646, Wheaton, IL 60187.

Frontier Fellowship, a national evangelical prayer campaign, is asking one million Christians to help bring the gospel to unreached peoples by praying daily and by saving "loose change" for support in this outreach. Resource materials available from the fellowship include "Daily Walk through the World" prayer guides and various supplies. For information write Frontier Fellowship, Box 9, Pasadena, CA 91109.

The Haitian Mission, an organization working with Haitian refugees in southern Florida, is in need of a van, blankets and other supplies to support their ministry. For more information on how you can help, write Haitian Mission, 333 Hammondville Rd., Pompano Beach, FL 33060.

Today's Mission is an eye-opening new bimonthly magazine produced by and for college students and other young adults. To subscribe, send \$12 for one year (or \$22 for two years) to *Today's Mission*, Dept. W, 1772 N. Sierra Bonita Ave., Pasadena, CA 91104.

CORE (Church Outreach for Evangelism), a ministry of Language Institute for Evangelism, is looking for Christians to spend one year in Japan to share Christ and aid in national church

growth. Assigned to churches in Tokyo, CORE workers teach English and disciple Japanese young people. No previous teaching experience is required. For more information and an application, write Personnel Director, Language Institute for Evangelism, P.O. Box 200, Alhambra, CA 91802.

A radio program for children in the People's Republic of China is aired daily by the United Bible Societies, a fellowship of national Bible societies around the world. The 30-minute daily program, called "Hide and Seek," includes Bible readings, songs, puzzles, stories and English lessons.

JAARS (Jungle Aviation and Radio Service) is dedicated to helping Wycliffe Bible Translators in their work to bring God's Word to unreached peoples in their own language. JAARS flies an international fleet of 50 airplanes, operates over 400 two-way radios worldwide and uses computers in language analysis and translation. They also build and maintain buildings, machinery and vehicles for translators serving overseas.

Current information and fresh insights from a variety of viewpoints on world missions come in the quarterly *International Bulletin of Missionary Research*. Introductory one-year subscriptions are \$6 at Box 1308-E, Fort Lee, NJ 08024.

China dream come true

by Barbara Merrihew

Up until one sweltering day last August, I had only seen him in photographs. One shot I particularly treasured had been taken four years ago, when he was five. A solemn, slender child, he stood the smallest of a group of kindergarten children gathered hand-in-hand on the deck of a boat. The boat housed the Po Kwong Primary School and was anchored in Hong Kong's Kowloon Bay, a place as remote to me as the moon—until that August day.

He was Chinese. For me, China was a dream from the past. How or why, I didn't know, but all through childhood I had been fascinated by stories of that land on the other side of the world. In my imagination it became a part of my future; when I grew up, I would go to China.

There was nothing then to tell me that China would change radically and that something called the bamboo curtain would stand in the way of my dream. Or that I would change so that other interests and desires would take precedence. But change I did. I grew up, married, raised four children and watched as China became a threat to the United States.

Nevertheless, the fascination remained. So when I applied to sponsor a needy child through World Vision, I took it as a special blessing from God that the child chosen for me was Chinese.

His name was Lee, Yun Keung. I began to follow his growth and education through reports and letters. My sponsorship eased his family's

burden in providing for his health and schooling.

The idea of seeing Yun Keung in person came to mind only as a passing fancy. Then, one winter's day last year, a letter told me of a World Vision tour to the Orient. The tour, designed to give sponsors an opportunity to meet their children, was scheduled for August.

That's how I found myself in Hong Kong during its humid summer weather. But meeting Yun Keung had not been my only reason for making the trip.

My dream of visiting China had not altogether died, and I knew that since Hong Kong stood on the Chinese border, an opportunity was likely. Sure enough, the day we arrived, our Hong Kong guide announced that her company was conducting a tour into China on our one unscheduled day. Although more than half of our 42-member group wanted to go, only 20 tickets were available. I hurried to sign up—and got a reservation for the tour.

The next day, a World Vision

interpreter and one of Yun Keung's teachers brought him to meet me at the hotel. I was pleased to see how he had grown. He looked healthy and strong, no longer small for his age.

I learned that he was near the top of his class in Chinese writing. He also did well in math and science, but needed encouragement in learning English—something I knew I could help him with in future letters. I discovered other facts about him. The sixth of eight children, Yun Keung had five older brothers and two younger sisters. And he not only went to school on a boat, he lived on one. Though many of his fellow "water people" were fishermen, his father worked on land and his mother supplemented the family income by making flower arrangements at home. Yun Keung's favorite

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Boats serve as homes for many families in Hong Kong.

sport was swimming, the most easily available form of recreation.

Then the interpreter said that Yun Keung was curious about me, so I began to tell him about my family. And I tried to describe our home. As I spoke I wondered, *How much can this child amidst Hong Kong's crowded millions understand of life on the western Nebraska range—land half a continent from the ocean, where one can travel for miles without seeing another person or another town?*

Some things were more easily communicated than what my homeland was like—such as a mutual taste for ice cream; we both preferred chocolate. So we went to the hotel's coffee shop for refreshments, and then to a nearby

department store to shop for a favorite toy. Like boys almost everywhere, he enjoyed playing with toy cars and that was what he chose.

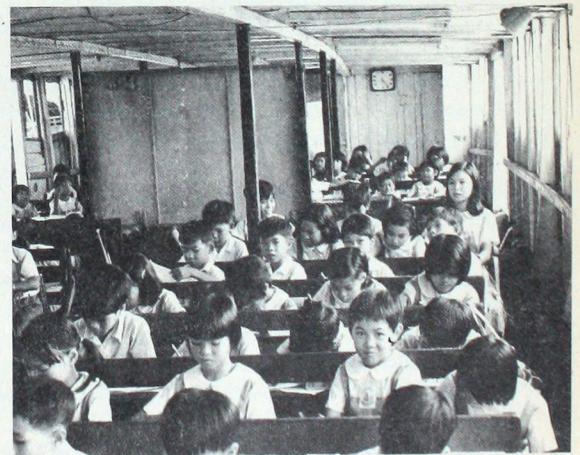
The afternoon passed quickly. Too soon, it was time for Yun Keung to leave. As we stood together in front of the hotel he said thank you and good-

Somehow my dream of visiting China no longer seemed important.

bye clearly in English. Shyly he allowed a hug. Then, walking between his teacher and the interpreter, Yun Keung disappeared into the crowds.

After meeting Yun Keung, I began to have second thoughts about taking that one-day tour into China. Finally, I decided to give my ticket to someone on the waiting list who had been very disappointed at not being able to go. Somehow my dream of visiting China no longer seemed important; it was a dream that had arisen from reading stories about Chinese children. But I had now become part of a true life story, together with a real Chinese child. It was enough. □

More than 290,000 children who have no parents or whose parents cannot adequately provide for them get help from sponsors through World Vision. Meanwhile, more children need such help. Eighteen dollars a month provides for a child's basic needs. To sponsor a child, please use the envelope between pages 12 and 13 of this magazine.



The floating Po Kwong Boat Primary School is where Yun Keung studies such things as Chinese, English, math and Bible.

Barbara Merrihew with her sponsored child, Lee, Yun Keung



*Ted W. Engstrom
Executive Director*

MONTHLY MEMO

For several months I have been presenting to you, in this column, the leaders of our major groups that support World Vision ministries. This final report comes from our new "Ministry and Support Group," headed by Mr. Bob Ainsworth, a retired Army officer and gifted spiritual leader. Bob writes of his responsibilities:

"For over 30 years World Vision has been engaged in a variety of activities associated with ministering to those who suffer from the bondage of poverty and spiritual darkness. This ministry has historically been focused on addressing the needs of children and the rural poor in Third World countries, and more recently on providing substantial assistance to refugees and other victims of war and national disasters overseas.



Ainsworth

But there has been a growing awareness of pockets of acute poverty right here in America. While the major thrust of our ministry continues to be directed overseas, our increasing involvement in ministering to deep needs in this country is a key responsibility of the newly organized Ministry and Support Group.

"Another major area of our responsibility is to serve as liaison between the international partnership of World Vision and the U.S. government. Since World Vision is a U.S.-based organization, it is important that our operations, both at home and abroad, be administered within acceptable parameters of both international and United States law and regulations. Our Group is also responsible for monitoring any U.S. government funds that may be given to World Vision for disaster relief or development assistance programs. While these grants currently amount to less than five percent of World Vision's total funding, they do require careful administration and supervision.

"A third area of responsibility is to provide backup support, including the recruitment and processing of short-term contract professionals (such as doctors and nurses) for service in remote refugee camps operated by World Vision International around the world. In addition, we are responsible for the processing of gifts-in-kind and the procuring of emergency food items and supplies.

"Finally, our Group monitors and reports on World Vision field ministries on behalf of our U.S. constituency. We all want to insure that our activities are in keeping with the highest standards of credibility and accountability. It is important that we inform our donors of the ways in which their monies are being responsibly used to help the desperately needy of the world, and to effectively proclaim the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ." □

Reader's right

Will the church read the signals?

Christ-inspired

Your January lead article brought some of my concerns about the church into sharper focus and encouraged me that something can be done. The "futures workshop" approach has enormous appeal as a Christ-inspired way to lead concerned Christian organizations into an awareness of missed opportunities and a knowledge of how to anticipate and solve future challenges. Change is not likely to stop; unless Christians are willing and able to use it constructively, they are apt to become increasingly isolated and ineffective.

*William Elwell
Lombard, Illinois*

Not change at all

Tom is so right. It is up to us, as the body of Christ, not to be caught off guard by these continuing changes. Let us see that actually it is not change at all, but rather a continuum of the way the world seeks its own ideas of increase.

*James Palmer
Thousand Oaks, California*

The present order

Tom Sine quoted Chris Sugden: "The present order must be changed into ever increasing conformity with that order which is God's will for it and that one day will supersede it." But "the present order" will meet a complete and abrupt end. It is the individual believer who is changed; the world will "wax worse and worse." Study on the future should include the Book of Revelation.

*Jennifer Ghiazza
Colorado Springs, Colorado*



Sorely needed

Mr. Sine's perception is sorely needed among evangelicals, especially in North America. We as Christians cannot afford to let change pass us by as it did in the 60s and 70s. It's time to make God's global intentions ours.

*Brian Croak
Spring Lake, New Jersey*

Where the rubber meets the road

Prison friend

After reading Chuck Colson's book *Life Sentence*, I felt the Lord wanted me to do something for prisoners. I prayed, "Lord, if You want me to do something, I will, but I don't know any prisoners so You will have to arrange it." The very next day your magazine came and in it you printed a letter from a prisoner. I asked my husband if we could send him a Christmas card and he said yes. I have corresponded with him ever since.

I thought you'd like to know what has happened as a result. First of all, Danny and I are brother and sister in the Lord! The night that he was going to take his life (with poison he had obtained), he cried out to God to help him. A heavy weight was lifted and a peace

Where does all this love come from?

The one word that sums up World Vision, many people say, is *love*. Love that brings hope to the hopeless. Love that comforts, heals, renews and transforms people.

Where does this love come from?

The Bible says that love's source is God. In fact, it says, "God is love."

God's love is revealed most fully in His greatest gift of love—His Son Jesus Christ sent to give His life that we might live abundantly and eternally.

So love begins with God. And there's something else: God has made it possible for His love to enter and transform each of our lives.

Perhaps you've sensed the fulfillment of giving and helping and loving others, yet you've never really

experienced God's all-forgiving love yourself. The answer is to open your life to God's greatest gift of love, Christ Jesus. Only in Him can we find forgiveness, peace and a new quality of life. It's when you entrust all that you are to Jesus Christ that living and loving take on whole new dimensions of joy and fulfillment.

If you'd like more information on how to experience this new life, World Vision will gladly send you a copy of the helpful booklet *Becoming a Christian*. No charge. Just send your request to WORLD VISION magazine, 919 W. Huntington Dr., Monrovia, CA 91016. □

came into his life. He has been a Christian now for three years. He went to prison in March 1976, sentenced for life with 12 years. Only by the mercy of God will he be released. Please pray for him. I know he can glorify God's holy name by sharing his story—the new life Jesus has given him. I have introduced prison ministry into my church. The need is desperate.

Karen Owen
Riceville, Iowa

And Thuy Trang makes six

It was when we read your August article "More Ways to Work with Refugees" that our family first realized that it's possible to provide a foster home for a refugee. We called the toll-free number and—to make a long story short—on November 25 our Vietnamese foster daughter arrived!

Although we already had five children at home, this sixth one has added more joy than we could have imagined. Eleven-year-old Thuy Trang is learning rapidly from the other five, and we've had no adjustment problems. Thanks for letting God use your magazine to speak to us!

Dan Bergstrom
Pacific Grove, California

Pilgrim's process

I agree with Stan Mooneyham that we must watch the *means* we use toward reaching our noble goals. Being "process-oriented" is what Jesus taught.

Lester L. Hall
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Your comments on any article in this issue are invited. Send them to Reader's Right, WORLD VISION magazine, 919 W. Huntington Dr., Monrovia, CA 91016. If published, your letter may be excerpted or condensed.

Is a simple will adequate today?

"Sure," you say. "With my small estate, a simple will is all that's needed."

This answer seems true, but did you know that 70 percent of American adults die without a will? And many of the 30 percent who do have a will do not have a satisfactory estate plan!

The planning that you need may be quite simple, yet it can offer you maximum benefits both now and during retirement or disability. Proper estate planning can provide excellent protection for smaller estates where tax and expense savings are important. It can also help you appropriately pass on your estate assets to your loved ones and to charitable organizations such as

your church and World Vision.

Even for those who already have had their estate planned, now may be a good time for review because the 1981 Economic Recovery Tax Act created different gift and estate tax laws.

World Vision would like to be of assistance to our partners who share in our ministry. We have representatives throughout the United States who can provide estate planning assistance at no cost or obligation. If we can help, please send your name, address and phone number with your request to Trust Services, World Vision, 919 W. Huntington Dr., Monrovia, CA 91016. Or call (213) 357-7979.

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People & projects

M'Lun teaches sewing to the local women. Her husband, Petgang, is overseeing the establishment of a farm and garden at the new Momonup training center.



World Vision staff flooded out

In late December, World Vision/Indonesia reported that flooding in Jakarta had affected 80,000 people. Twenty-three World Vision staff members were evacuated from their homes. The Indonesian government coordinated efforts to aid flood victims.

Afghan refugees aided

The Salvation Army's work among Afghan refugees in Pakistan has received a boost from World Vision donors. Urgently needed supplies provided by World Vision include quilts, pharmaceuticals, grain, cooking fuel and utensils.

Resettled Kenyans get a new start

Mzee Wangangi spends every day working his half-acre plot of land to produce a livelihood. But having lived in city slums for the past 30 years, he needs help getting started in his new village life. He is one of many poor people resettling in Kabati, Kenya, who have begun to benefit from the joint efforts of World Vision and the Kabati African Independent Pentecostal Church of Africa. A project now under way is helping people like Mzee learn to farm, enabling families to start small businesses, educating the children, and improving health conditions in the community. In all these activities, the Kabati church is also sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ.



What Mzee is working for right now is a decent house, a bed, some seeds and some fertilizer. "If I can get those," he says, "at least I can survive."

Promising work in Papua New Guinea

In the hot, wet climate of Papua New Guinea, World Vision has begun working with the Australian Churches of Christ Mission (ACCM) to help people plagued with malaria and malnutrition. Sixty percent of the children living in the low-lying river deltas of the Keram and Ramu Rivers are undernourished. Infant mortality is around 20 percent. World Vision and ACCM are establishing a training center at Momonup on the Keram River where Christian young people from local churches will come to learn about agriculture, animal husbandry, nutrition, preventive health care, Christian education, evangelism and other subjects. After training, these young people will move back to their villages and become "village motivators" to enable their people to realize their potential under God.

Ethiopia relief continues

Mission Aviation Fellowship pilots of World Vision's Twin Otter aircraft made a record ten flights in one day in December. On that day they delivered 41,800 pounds of food to drought-stricken people of southern Ethiopia. Recent World Vision aid has also included cotton cloth, blankets, children's clothing, soap, plates and cups.

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New board appointment

Dr. Emilio Nuñez, director of post-graduate studies for the Central American Theological Seminary in Guatemala City, has been named to the board of directors of World Vision International. Dr. Nuñez



is a well-known Christian leader in Central America, and an ordained minister of the Iglesias Evangelicas Centro America (Central American Evangelical Churches). He served as president of the seminary from 1966 to 1979, when he accepted his current position.

Born in El Salvador, he holds degrees from Southern Methodist University and Dallas Theological Seminary. Dr. Nuñez and his wife, Sara Amelia Nuñez, have four children.

"I hope to be of help to World Vision by expressing my own feelings about the needs of people in the developing world," said Dr. Nuñez of his appointment. "And I hope to help my people by trying to explain to others the problems confronting us in Latin America."



Philippines—Members of the Romanticos family rebuild after Typhoon Anding destroyed their house. Two typhoons hit South Luzon in late 1981, leaving at least 74,000 families homeless. With World Vision's aid, 1600 families were able to purchase new building materials.

Guatemalan pastors gather

A World Vision pastors' conference was held February 8-12 in Quezaltenango, Guatemala. Hundreds of pastors listened to Dr. Sam Kamaleson, a vice president of World Vision; Rev. Gerardo Avila, a Cuban now living in the U.S.; and Rev. Samuel Liebert of Argentina. The area where the conference was held has been the scene of political violence in recent months.

El Salvador aid

World Vision continues to help thousands of people caught in the middle of conflict between guerrillas and government troops in El Salvador. In 1981, contributions from World Vision donors were used to assist 129,871 Salvadorans with 531 tons of food.

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to work in an environment where your efforts will be directly related to saving lives and spreading the Good News? Consider these areas of service and send your resume to John Spencer, International Human Resources, 919 W. Huntington Dr., Monrovia, CA 91016

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Other openings in communications and finance.

Medical students in training

World Vision's Paul Jones reports that 33 medical students are now in training at the pediatric hospital in Phnom Penh, Kampuchea. A total of 180 Khmer students have been trained at the facility. During its first year of operation, the hospital treated 60,000 children.

Please pray for:

- **Zdzislaw Pawlik** and other Polish Christian leaders who are working feverishly to meet their people's emergency needs.
- **the poor** in Latin American cities who are struggling to survive.
- **accord** in the Christian community on the relationship between evangelism and social responsibility.

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World population growth dropped slightly during the last decade, says a new report by the U.S. Census Bureau. In 1981, China remained the most populated nation in the world with 1,042 million people; followed by India, 708 million; the Soviet Union, 286 million; and the U.S., 230 million. Other nations in the "top 10" for population are (in order): Indonesia, Brazil, Japan, Bangladesh, Pakistan and Nigeria.

Minimum food self-sufficiency will not be achieved in Kampuchea this year as previously hoped, according to the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). The setback is attributed to natural calamities in 1981, including a long drought and two large floods that destroyed crops. Timely relief efforts helped to minimize the damage. But the FAO says further relief is needed this year to stem human suffering.

A U.S. Peace Academy could reduce domestic and international violence, concluded a government commission. Such an academy, for which legislation is being introduced in Congress, would train people in conflict-resolution techniques.

Seventeen million children died in 1981 from malnutrition and preventable diseases, according to UNICEF. Seventy-five percent of the deaths were in Africa and South Asia. Fewer than ten percent of the children who died had been immunized against the main childhood diseases. Immunization would have cost only about \$5 a child. Vitamin A tablets could have stopped 500 children a day from going blind.



Refugee children in Sudan

Missionaries have sometimes "trampled over" nationals by mistaking efficiency for effectiveness, said John Mpaayei, national church leader from the Masai people in Kenya. In his speech to the Association of Evangelical Relief and Development Organizations, Mpaayei also praised foreign missionaries for having started the African church. Executives from 20 Christian relief agencies were meeting to discuss more effective ways of helping needy people overseas.

Africa's elderly must not be "dumped in 'old people's homes'" the way they are in industrialized societies, said a Ghanaian Catholic bishop at a recent pan-African conference on "Active Aging." Bishop Peter Sarpong said the aged must be allowed to enjoy their children and grandchildren. He suggested that churches establish small-scale industries in rural areas to induce young people to remain at home near their elderly relatives.

The U.S. Central Intelligence Agency has given renewed assurances that it will follow an internal regulation barring the use of missionaries or clergy for intelligence purposes. Mission agencies failed to get last year's Congress to enact legislation forbidding such practices. Senator Mark O. Hatfield (R.-Ore.) says he will introduce such legislation if there is "any loosening of the regulation" by the C.I.A.

All children in China between ages 7 and 14 will be asked to join the Communist Party's youth organization, Young Pioneers. In reporting on this, the *China Prayer Letter* says that one must be an atheist to join Young Pioneers. Christian parents and their children are under pressure because refusal to join means "losing one's future prospects."

Miami's Haitian Baptist churches are struggling to meet the physical and spiritual needs of Haitian refugees in the area, including those interned in camps by the federal government. Members of the First Baptist Church of Pompano Beach, led by Jacques Dumornay, hold regular services for the more than 500 refugees in the Khrome Avenue camp. On one Sunday evening, 200 of the refugees professed faith in Christ.

Pentecostals in Brazil have rapidly grown to 8.5 million, according to *Veja* magazine in São Paulo. The Pentecostal churches, most of them small, now number 26,000. Most adherents are migrants from rural areas who, upon arrival in the city, were attracted by the friendliness of local churches.

The World Evangelical Fellowship (WEF) has called on evangelical churches around the world to make 1983 "a year of church renewal." WEF's general secretary Wade T. Coggins says, "Renewed and revived local churches hold the key to world evangelization." The WEF call says churches' ministries should include "compassionate service to all mankind" and a "witness for justice in society."

National security depends as much on "world justice achieved with some kind of development" as it does on military defenses, said Theodore M. Hesburgh, retiring chairman of the Overseas Development Council. His successor, Robert S. McNamara, echoed that thought, saying economic stagnation in poorer countries leads to political disorder and revolution which no amount of U.S. military preparedness can prevent.

Freedom of "thought, conscience and religion" is affirmed as a basic human right in a new United Nations declaration. Individuals should be allowed, it says, to manifest their beliefs "in worship, observance, practice and teaching," subject only to considerations of "public safety, order, health or morals, or the fundamental rights and freedoms of others." The declaration asks nations to eliminate religious discrimination.



Please don't keep your hands off

Something in the American lifestyle tends to communicate our preference for a "hands off" policy. It's not only comedian Flip Wilson's Geraldine character who flares, "Don't you dare touch me!" I meet a lot of people who seem to belong to the untouchable caste.

Football and hockey we happily term "contact sports," probably because 250-pound bodies colliding head-on at full speed cannot be accused of gentleness. But the South American *abrazo*, the male-to-male bear hug, has never become popular north of the border, even between father and son. And lest you think it is only gruff Archie Bunker-types who strive to avoid touching, watch next Sunday when a latecomer edges into a pew ahead of you where others are already sitting. There may be ample space for all, but invariably the ones who were there first slide away from the newcomer. We may think we are being courteous, or that we are showing that we do not want to shut out anyone. But why wouldn't it make as much—or more—sense to edge *toward* the newcomer?

It looks suspiciously as if we are afraid to get too close. Or to allow anyone else to.

No doubt people, as well as birds and animals, need their psychic space. A bird will let you approach just so near; when you cross some invisible line that marks intrusion on his space, the bird will fly away. Wild animals react the same way. But we are so hygienic, even when we are trying to care. If we put a quarter in an outstretched hand, we drop it from a safe, sterile distance. We don't press it down with finger contact—we might catch something. But compassion can't be produced by remote control, and it won't survive very long untouched by human hands.

I am convinced that no one can truly help others from a "safe" distance. You cannot minister to someone whose condition you cannot relate to. I rediscovered that recently in an Egyptian garbage dump when I spent three days among the people who collect and recycle Cairo's refuse. Being with them—not only hearing about them—was important for them and for me. Real aid is never dispensed; it can only be shared. As Henri Nouwen, currently my favorite author, says in his book *The Wounded Healer*, "The great illusion of leadership is to think that we can be led out of the desert by someone who has never been there."

Though Jesus did not always heal with a touch, He did it frequently. Sometimes it was touch at risk, as with the leper who asked to be made clean. Jesus touched him. What a display of vulnerable love! Jesus no doubt could have cured the disease with only a word as He often did, which causes me to wonder if the touch He gave wasn't meant to heal the man's emotions and spirit. No one had touched him since the first spot of leprosy appeared on his body. He had to call out "Unclean!" as others approached so they could be forewarned. Then along came this Man whose touch restored his sense of value and self-worth.

Many other stories in the Gospels show that not only did

Jesus himself refuse to live by a "hands off" policy, but He allowed others to touch Him. In at least one instance, everyone who touched the fringe of His garment was made well (Matthew 14:36). And there was the woman who had endured a flow of blood for 12 years. Her anonymity protected by the crowd, she came up behind Jesus and "touched his garment" (Mark 5:25-29). Immediately the hemorrhage ceased. She found healing in her touch.

But something else significant also happened. When the woman was healed, Jesus knew that "virtue had gone out of him." The healing caused a loss of spiritual energy to the healer. It always does. (Which is one thing that troubles me about so-called faith healers who can touch scores of people in an hour and still bounce off the stage smiling.)

This cost in "virtue" or spiritual energy expended may be one reason why we try hard to keep everything hygienic, hands and hearts off; healing takes too much out of us. We cannot heal others without feeling their pain. Playwright Thornton Wilder has the angel rightly telling the paralytic man by the Pool of Bethesda, "In love's service, only the wounded can serve."

Psychiatrists who know how to empathize have discovered that a strange transfer of pain and symptoms can take place from patient to physician. Burdens cannot simply be cut loose; they must be lifted free by caring hands. In healing, whether of bodies or minds, one cannot do anything significant without a "hands on" attitude.

Though a certain professional detachment enables doctor or pastor or social worker to deal with suffering, it is tragic for both parties when the doctor cannot hurt, the pastor cannot weep or the social worker cannot feel. The hurting, the weeping, the feeling does at least part of the healing. Perhaps the larger part.

Where there is hurting—and that is everywhere—there is need for touching.

The wife of an associate of mine was visiting a nursing home with a group of carol singers. On the "disturbed" floor, she paused to take the hand of an elderly woman and hold it while she talked gently about Christmas, about the woman's neat appearance, about anything and everything. The woman could not talk, but with effort she slowly lifted her lips to the hand that held hers.

"She bit you!" the group leader said in dismay.

"No," my friend's wife replied, tears in her eyes. "She kissed me."

There *is* healing in a touch. Healing on both sides. Please don't keep your hands off.

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Meet My Friend John Louie

I met him in a remote mountain village in Haiti.

That little smile you see is rare. John Louie doesn't have much to smile about. Two other children in his family have already died from disease carried by contaminated water and poor sanitation.

Poverty is a way of life here. John Louie's mother makes about 80 cents a day. There has been no work at all for his father.

John Louie doesn't understand poverty. All he knows is that there is little to ease the hunger that gnaws at his insides day after day. His parents love him very much. But when your child is hungry, hurting and cold . . . sometimes love is not enough.

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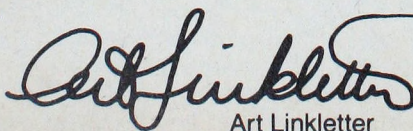
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