Accessions
MILTON, WIS.
By Letter:
Lester Hurley
Thelma (Mrs. Lester) Hurley

Births
Severance.—A daughter, Shawn Dianne, January 9, 1968, at Ord, Nebr., to C. Brice and Peggy Hawley Severance of North Loup, Nebr.

Obituaries
AYARS.—Mrs. Margaret H., daughter of Lewis and Margaret Hall Hummel and widow of Dr. Oscar S. Ayars, was born in Shiloh, April 6, 1885; and died at her home in Salem, N. J., Dec. 28, 1967, after a long illness.
Mrs. Ayars was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Shiloh.
Surviving are: a daughter, Mrs. William R. Smith, and a son, Everette, both of Salem; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.
Funeral services were held in Salem with her pastor, the Rev. Charles H. Bond, officiating.
Interment was in the Shiloh Cemetery.

He was married to Corabelle E. Crandall May 14, 1907, at Dodge Center, Minn. She died in 1963.
Mr. Crandall was a long time resident of Milton and was a member of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church. He was employed about ten years in the Dunn & Boss Department Store and farmed several years in the Otter Creek area. He had been employed about 40 years as an interior decorator with Shadel Company, Janesville, retiring in 1955.
He was preceded in death by two brothers, Henry and Will Crandall, and two sisters, Byrd Coon and Maude Hurley.
Surviving are: three daughters, Mrs. Paul (Geraldine Cleone) Van Horn of Milton, Mrs. Edmar (Wanda) Hansen of Milton Junction, and Mrs. Victor (Gwendolyn) Leipholtz of Milwaukee; nine grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.
The funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. A. Appel at Albrecht Funeral Home, Milton Junction, and interment was in the Milton Cemetery.

EVANS.—Phoebe E. Bassett, daughter of William H. and Myrta Bliss Bassett, was born at Alfred, N. Y., May 11, 1889, and died at the Rebecca Hospital of the Odd Fellows Home, Springfield, Ohio, Jan. 2, 1968.
Baptized April 25, 1902, she became a lifelong member of the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church. She was active in church and community life.
She was married to James R. Evans of Alfred Aug. 30, 1910. He preceded her in death in 1960. To this union were born one son and two daughters.
She is survived by her daughters, Carolyn (Mrs. Harold Alty) of Freeland, Mich., and Ruth (Mrs. Hugh Williams) of Springfield, Ohio; her son, William H. of Alfred; her two brothers, Leon of Alfred and Robert of Beaver Falls, Pa.; seven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and nephews and nieces.
A memorial service was conducted Jan. 5, 1968, at the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church by her associate pastor, Hurley S. Warren, and Pastor David S. Clarke. Burial was in the Alfred Rural Cemetery.

SKAGGS.—Rev. James L., son of Leroy Forest and Rosanna Pearce Skaggs, was born May 26, 1878, near Boaz, Mo., and died after an extended illness at Caravilla, Janesville, Wis., Jan. 1, 1968. Funeral services were conducted from the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church, Jan. 3, by Pastor Earl Crum. Burial was in Milton Cemetery.
A more extended obituary is included elsewhere in this issue.

The Nimbus satellite pictured above is designed to maintain contact with hard-to-reach portions of the world by the use of sensors on sea and land and even planned on migrating animals and birds. It will be a great asset in disseminating complete weather information since it will be in communication with the whole world. It is spoken of as "Eye on the Sparrow," quoting from the words of Jesus about our heavenly Father. What an illustration not only of the all-knowing God, but also of communicating the gospel to all the people of the world. He has given us many ways of spreading the gospel and His eye is constantly on us taking notice of what we are doing and where we are migrating in the tasks to which He has called us.
The Sabbath Recorder

In our ministry to the world we set forth

What We Have to Communicate

If the name Seventh Day Baptist sounds strange in your ears; if you might think it signifies just another minor distinction in a long list of Baptist groups; or if at first glance you confuse it with a mere ecclesiastical denomination because it is seventh day of the week, you may be glad for a brief setting forth of what we as a people have to communicate.

There is bound to be something sturdy and enduring about a group that started with adherence to personal, biblical convictions against the tide of unquestioned custom and practice. Baptists hold strongly to the view that every man should study and interpret the Bible for himself and that the local church should be self-determining. They started with one or two unpopular ideas: a congregational government and the insistence that baptism for anyone other than a believer is meaningless. We share these views, but we think there is much clearer biblical revelation on the Sabbath question than on these other requirements for church membership. We believe that we are better Baptists because we have gone further in taking the Bible as our rule of faith and practice. There is satisfaction and strength in following the example and practice of Christ and the New Testament church. Christ and Paul upheld the moral law in no uncertain terms; we cannot do other than this and be truly happy.

What then do we have to offer, to communicate? We have the gospel in all of its simplicity, purity, and glory. Nobody is ever made a Christian by being told about some other group that has something else to offer both to the believer on his heritage and to the new convert and to those who are in other denominations. We want all people to come to a saving knowledge of Christ and to experience the fullness of life that is possible to those who believe. We want all people to come to the church and to know that the church is the Body of Christ in the world. We believe that the church is something that is communicated exclusively by non-denominational evangelists or those in other denominations. We want all people to come to a saving knowledge of Christ and to experience the fullness of life that is possible to those who believe. We want all people to come to the church and to know that the church is the Body of Christ in the world. We believe that the church is something that is communicated exclusively by non-denominational evangelists or those in other denominations.
The first contact of the Smith family was made through a church census. The family consisted of a man, his wife, and twelve-year-old son, John. It was discovered that they had no church affiliation.

Workers involved in getting young people to the Daily Vacation Bible School visited the home in hopes that John would attend. He was going to a YMCA day camp at the time so didn't get to VBS. It was learned that the family was interested in boating and spent most of their weekends engaged in that in the summer months. Notification was made to visit them after the boating season.

A fler was left in the fall when a Bible club was started in a nearby home and again John was encouraged to attend. Three club meetings were held and John did not come. On Columbus Day there was a neighborhood baseball game in a vacant lot. The Bible Club leader stopped by and was asked to participate. This contact was used of the Lord in telling the group again of the Bible Club and its afternoon meeting. John and many others attended for the first time. The way of salvation was presented and John accepted Christ as Savior. He attended meetings regularly after this.

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Sabbath School is a period of time set aside each week for teaching Bible, prayer and witnessing. The Lord's right hand is that day, the results are due to His mighty hand. Every child should be caused to see Christ as a little child.

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One copy per family was given of Good News for Modern Man. A call was made to the home with the intent of explaining more fully John's decision. The parents were away at the time. John was encouraged to attend church and Sabbath School. He said he would read from his Bible and wanted to know, if Old Testament stories could be found in it. John did not attend church or Sabbath School for several months.

Another call was made at Christmas time and at that time his mother expressed an interest in attending a candlelight service. It was a great joy to see them attending as a family the Candlelight Service of the Ashaway Seventh Day Baptist Church. Mrs. Smith seems at this point to be receptive to the gospel. May the Lord lead as future contacts are made in this home.

Material on how to start a Bible club that will bring results like the case of John are readily available. Here are just a few suggestions.

- Enlist the prayers of at least two "Prayer Warriors," who will prayerfully decide upon the time and place. Usually the hour immediately after school has proved successful. Many young people are reached through meeting in a home rather than a church building. Pray for God's leading in the opening of homes.

- Use the young people as much as possible in distributing tracts, leading songs, etc. Make them feel it's their club.

Present:
- The Fact of Sin (Rom. 3:23)
- The Penalty of Sin (Rom 6:23)
- The Good News (Rom. 10:13)
- The Way of Salvation (Rom. 3:23)
- God's Right Hand (Heb. 1:7)
- Christ Paid It (John 3:16)
- The First Contact (John 14:12)

Offer the tracts to those in the group who know: (1) God loves them, (2) that they have sinned, (3) Christ died for them, (4) that they want to receive Christ, to raise their hands. Have them stay for a few minutes at the close of the club and ask them what they raised their hands for? Listen to see if they really understand. When you are satisfied that a real change has taken place, en-
courage them to go home and tell their parents what they have done.

III Soul Winning Through Camp Program

Karen had attended many summer camps and weekend retreats. About two years ago she attended a weekend retreat which proved to be the turning point in her life as to acceptance of Christ. Previous to this retreat specific prayer had been made for several months for Karen to come to know Christ as Savior.

Discussion groups were held. Basic material used in Karen's group was "Have You Heard of the Four Spiritual Laws?" as published by Campus Crusade for Christ. The Lord used the discussion following which centered around where would we be if we were taken from this life today. Real concern could plainly be seen. There was a break in the activities and of the approximate thirty campers in attendance, the Lord led Karen to the girl's dorm where a counselor had the privilege of kneeling with Karen and having her ask Christ into her heart.

The discussion leader had just presented the idea of leading a person in a prayer of acceptance. The counselor had always left it up to the individual to pray. The Lord doeth "wondrous things" (Ps. 86:10).

Karen then told her pastor about her decision as he had shown much concern as to her salvation. She was given a Bible. Correspondence was made every year a summer vacation strengthened Jane and the soul winner's friendship.

The death of Jane's father led the soul winner to attend the funeral (a trip of 800 miles) and proved to be the opportune time for Jane's acceptance of Christ.

Many items of reading material and much prayer helped the new believer to grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ.

Today Jane is an ardent soul winner herself and a great worker for Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship.

If you want to lead a friend to Christ, be specific in prayer for a certain friend. Show him the love of Christ at every opportunity. Share with him what Christ has done for you. Ask him if he has ever considered accepting Christ as his Savior. Look for an opportune time in his life to bring him to a decision for Christ.

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IV Winning a Friend to Christ

Acquaintance was made through business. Testimony of God's grace was given and the question was asked of Jane if she had accepted Christ. Jane was not ready.

Continued prayer was made for several years. Much love was shown Jane. She was given a Bible. Correspondence was used to keep in touch and a phone call made every year at New Year's. Summer vacations strengthened Jane and the soul winner's friendship.

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Communicating the Gospel by DISTRIBUTING THE PRINTED WORD

In the city of Plainfield, N. J., there is a man of Italian background, Noah Cappiello, who earns his living at night as an ice cream pasteurizer but who would say like the shoe cobbler, William Carey, "My business is serving the Lord." For several years he has spent much of his daytime hours doing street corner witnessing in New York City with special emphasis on witnessing to traditionally hard-to-reach Jewish business men.

Of late he has shifted the major part of his "business" to college campuses in the New York and New Jersey metropolitan area. Recently there was a write-up of his work in the Rutgers University Observer, the campus weekly. The writer spoke of his work as "a different kind of handout." He and his associate, George Hermann, hand out Bibles, Testaments and gospel tracts. With the financial backing of the American Bible Society, the American Tract Society, Modern Age, and the Prophecy New Testament Campaign, a total of 117,000 copies have been distributed to college campuses.

The efforts to communicate the gospel have cost quite a few thousand dollars paid out for Bibles and literature, besides the free grants. They have also involved something over $400 in travel costs — which seems to be a very conservative figure when there results that would seem to justify the expenditure in time and money? George Hermann and Noah Cappiello think so. In the work they are doing what they think the Lord wants them to do. The fact that they are not receiving any profits except spiritually and that they never sell anything nor receive contributions from the recipients gives them a good talking point. They can say, as they do, of the Bible, "Read it; believe it; obey it. It produces the results it says it will." Theys is a witness of what the Bible has done for them, not an argument about the Book.

The Discarded New Testament

Noah tells about one paper-back New Testament accepted by a Jewish student at Rutgers University. The student...
promptly threw Good News for Modern Man into an open trash can. Wasted effort, a copy of God's Word lost? It turned out otherwise. Another student spied this unread Scripture in the trash barrel. Did he know what it was? Perhaps not, but it had an interesting title. He took it to his dormitory room and began to read. By the time he got to Romans 10:9, 10 he was ready to heed the message: "If you declare with your lips, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For we believe in our hearts and are put right with God; we declare: 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart. He had a grandmother who was Jewish. Ready for an argument with the Bible distributor on the campus a Jewish girl suggested that they go to the church at 801 . . . . We put it off like a coat, much to our own shame and dismay, while the world is too prone to say, "Look! I am over here." Both are wrong. Is it possible that "never the twain shall meet?" The answer is simply yes!" He once had my church at 801 . . . . Where is the church? Where is the world? Christ said, "The kingdom of God is within you." I believe that it can be said within reasonable limits of interpretation that "the Church of Jesus Christ is within you." Therefore, the church is where the Holy Spirit dwells and the members of the body of Christ is; not necessarily within "four walls at 801 . . . ."

The names Winslow and Joy Hendrich are strange to most of you. Joy bears this testimony. "Whenever a person comes to our door, be he young, old or in between, we always witness to him of Christ's great love for us all. That person is our 'world,' If he is a born-again Christian, we find a happy fellowship together. But if we do not know the Lord Jesus Christ, we try to get him to let us have the time to tell him of Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life. He has a portion of the New Testament, like the Gospel according to John, and a tract which might give him further guidance toward the way of Christ. We invite him to accept the Lord, Jesus Christ, as his personal Savior, and to return to visit with us." Winslow and Joy are the directors of Child Evangelism Fellowship International for the state of Arkansas. They have been trained, as it were, right at the feet of the Lord Jesus Christ, just like his earliest disciples, for this type of work. So should all Christians be trained. Too often we hide behind the "skirts" of "I don't know how," "I'm afraid," "Let someone better qualified do it," etc. Where is the Christian's faith "to move mountains"? "I'm afraid to lose the church at the church at 801 . . . ."

Communicating the Gospel

OUTSIDE THE FOUR WALLS

By Kenneth B. Van Horn

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As Winslow and Joy testify, being prepared to communicate the Gospel is not limited to the four walls of a church. The message is not confined to the confines of a building; it is carried on the shoulders of those who believe and bear witness of the love of Christ for all. This love is spread through words, actions, and deeds that proclaim Christ's love for the world. In all that they do, they see Christ as their personal Savior and as the One who provides the opportunity for others to experience the joy of knowing Him. This is the testimony of Joy and Winslow, and it is a call to all Christians to be prepared to share the message of the Gospel with those around them.
Mr. Widener is a wonderful, born-again Christian who lives in Camden, Ark. She, too, is a member of our church in Little Rock. She is semi-invalid; never able to make the one hundred mile trip to come to church. But she sends her tithes and offerings regularly and contin­ually prays for her church, requesting prayers for her son and his family who are Christians but have not yet accepted the Sabbath of God. Her two grandchildren have felt the influence of their grandmother’s life on theirs. They, too, believe.

Miss Patricia Williams is a member of the Summer Christian Service Corps team, and I called on a family in DeWitt. What a challenge it was to take the church to them. A mother, father and five children have had no experience with Christ. The parents were politely indifferent, while the children listened eagerly as we told of the wonderful love of Christ working in and through the church. Oh, we need to go back, again and again, with the love of Christ on our lips and in our hearts, that they might receive the blessing of His presence in their hearts. If we had not walked the streets we would not have met this family or known of their deep spiritual needs. The “world” walks outside the four walls.

At Christmas time we met a family in North Little Rock, Ark., as we carried the White Christmas gift from the church to them, having learned of them through a member of the church. He does not read or write; his eleven year old son is in the third grade; there is an eight or nine months old baby. Although meeting the wife at the same time, we learned very little about her. He is a fruit and vegetable peddler, but seems unable really to meet the needs of his family, either physically or spiritually. We gave them a Bible, “Good News for Modern Man.” We hope that the son will be able to read it for them all. We must go back. There is our world. We need to minister to them spiritually which is the true task of the church either inside or outside the four walls.

A man accosted me on West Seventh Street asking for money for coffee or something else. He was carrying a Bible in his hand. He never offered to open it or show it to me, so I rather suspect he carries it as a “good luck charm.” I had seen him before, and I rather suspect I shall meet him again, because I feel that I must make it a point to meet him again. Perhaps we can get the book open to help him find his way and The Way. The church will have to meet him on West Seventh. Incidentally, his skin is very black.

If someone asks me again where my church is, I shall have to say, “It’s right here where I am standing,” and try to show how he can become a real, vital part of it. In no way must we seem to diminish the value of the “gathering together” in the fellowship of God within the four walls of an address, for this is the source of mutual strengthening and sharing of witness. But we must remember that of all things, the church is one thing we can take with us—wherever we go.

We found that we could communicate the Gospel through

A SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM

By Mynor G. Soper

“I didn’t know this camp was like this—religious—and so strict—or I’d never have come for fun here and I’m never coming back.”

Those were the remarks of a young man named John at what was nearly the climax of his rebellion last summer at Pacific Pines Camp. He and three other boys had come to camp as strangers to all of us and had nearly succeeded in turning the program into chaos. They refused to cooperate in any way and least of all by obeying camp rules. In trying to cope with the situation, the staff had nearly exhausted its patience and was now urging that the boys be sent home. In a last desperate effort, after having talked with the boys’ mothers on the phone, strong “applied psychology” was used and the boys were allowed to stay for the remainder of the camp.

The teachers in the class sessions continued to drive home the basics of Christian faith and practice. In the chapel programs there was an increasing build-up of what it really means to become a Christian and how. On Sabbath morning a regular worship service was conducted and instead of the sermon service was given for any of the young people who would like to receive Christ as their personal Lord and Savior and begin living the Christian life, to stand up and come to the front as a testimony of this decision. For just a moment none of them moved. Then very quietly but unhesitatingly John turned to me and said he wished he had never come to the camp, came forward to accept Christ. The decision was genuine. Gone was the bold defiance—but the determination still showed through; only this time the determination was that of the fact that it took all his courage to walk up and make a profession of Christ in front of that group of young people when they knew all about his rebellion and trouble-making through the years. We know for sure what caused the tide to turn—the persistent teaching and witness of the staff, the prayers that were frequently offered up, or the talk pro­grams that were claimed? But whatever, certainly John also played a part by making his decision, for there followed him to the front to make a public declaration of Christ a total of 15 more young people that Sabbath morning, including two more of John’s gang.

Someone will surely ask, “Were the decisions real and will they last?” To this we can only say that God alone knows for sure. However, I am firmly convinced that a number of those decisions, if not all, were made in sincerity. Many of those same young people will be back to camp other years when they will be challenged to deepen their dedication and follow through on their decisions. The Holy Spirit has begun a good work in those young lives and we commit them to Him to complete that work.

Coincidentally, perhaps, there were 16 young people to make decisions in each of the Intermediate and Junior Camp sessions of Pacific Pines Camp last season. A number of these were young people who do not attend our church. They were brought to or told about the camp by some of our own young people or by someone who had attended our camp previously, as was the case with John and his friends.

No better evangelistic tool is available to us as a people than our camping program. It allows us an opportunity to work more closely with our own young people, but to reach out beyond the circle of our own fellowship to young people who may have only one such opportunity to hear the claims of Christ before they get caught up in the often fatal whirl of total rebellion being expressed by so many in our society.


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ample and teaching of Christ is a new discovery which we invite people to make by private study of the Word.

We offer to the Christian world not only the Sabbath, but the Sabbath uncluttered with other regulations and practices of other religious bodies. The Baptist belief, practice, and government are quite simple. We offer a good bridge of fellowship, combining Sabbath and Baptist convictions. Many have rejoiced when they have found such a group. Often it brings families together. Others having heard that there is a solid church with a history of service and cooperation are anxious to move into a community that has a congregation or to build a fellowship group of their own.

While we are not happy that our American Conference is one of the smaller denominations or that many of our local churches are small as churches go, we can say something for membership in a group of this size. You are important; you are not lost among many. It is one great big family where each contributes his part and feels that he counts. Our missionary work, strong for our size, is close to us through ties of acquaintance and friendship. Neither are we isolationists. Our history is one of cooperation. We are ecumenically minded in the best sense of the term. Our community relations are good.

We make no claim to having perfect churches, but we follow a perfect Master. Christ as the Son of God and as the living, personal Savior, will be sufficient to help the young person cope with such changes and insinuations and to keep him from being engulfed in the egotistic movement of atheism. The sins of the multitude who are traveling that broad path to destruction.

We need not be ashamed or afraid of using our camping programs as a means to evangelize the young people for Christ, for only thus can they be saved and only thus can they experience sharing the message of the One whose purpose it is to save the world—not to destroy it.

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The Church in Your Home

By John D. Bevis

With God's help this can be a year of service for all. We are here to represent Christ, to present Him to others. At the beginning of the Christian Church God gave the Church chain-reaction principle. If one Christian would win another, and that other person would win another, and right on, link after link in a chain of personal work. (Have you broken the link?) Man has never found a better way to win others to Christ through personal communication with his fellowman. Church work is a larger piece of religion and we must all get busy and be about our Father's business and accept the challenge to carry the gospel to "every creature." There are many ways to communicate the gospel to others, and one method is personal evangelism for your own home. In the New Testament we have many examples of Paul and other apostles preaching and holding meetings in the homes of their people. These home meetings helped to lay the foundation of the Christian Church. This plan can be put into practice today and can be of great benefit to the church, stimulating growth.

Being many miles from the nearest church of our faith we have found great joy in opening our home to the work of Christ through fellowship meetings with other Christians. There are many ways to stimulate interest in home meetings. One way is to invite neighbors and friends in for Friday evening hymn singing. It is surprising how many people enjoy getting together in an informal atmosphere. Later Bible study and discussion can be added to the hymn singing. We have found that the best home service is one in which everyone is given an opportunity to take part. We have a leader who presents a subject with everyone taking part in the discussion. This gives an opportunity for questions and for everyone to feel a part of the service. Singing continues to play an important role in the service with group singing and specials. Many people come to the service with a special song they want the group to sing. We have discovered that music can be as much a part of the worship service as preaching. The children are not left out, but are told a special story and then given a paper to enjoy. We encourage our group in daily prayer and Bible reading through the use of the Conference sponsored plan of "Receiving the New Testament Message" this year. The response to this plan in our area has been good, with many taking part in it.

In these days of large churches where the individual seems to be lost in the crowd, many people long for the fellowship of a small group where they can have a part in worshiping their Lord. We have a beautiful promise given in Matthew 18:20:

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them.

As people begin to see at each meeting new faces who have been invited by someone in the group, and to see their reactions as we study together. At a recent meeting in our home we were pleased to discover that we had people present representing five different denominations, all enjoying Christian fellowship together.

We are told that the true calling of a Christian is not necessarily to do extraordinary things, but to do ordinary things in an extraordinary way. So if you find yourself far from your church why not start a fellowship in your home? With our people scattered over such a wide area, and many far from a church this would not only bring personal blessings, but also blessings upon the church as a whole for whom we are praying in our message and growth in the church.

Each year brings to us its share of duties, opportunities, and responsibilities. The spirit in which we approach the work and activities will vitally affect the results. Let us go forward with large confidence and high expectation. Let us be alert to every opportunity to do something helpful and possible to advance the gospel of Christ and the work of the church.
Communicating the Gospel through

THE MEDIUM OF RECREATION

By Leland E. Davis

In suburban areas I have discovered that youth can be reached for Christ through the medium of recreation. Youth who might never be reached with the usual methods of church work can be won to Christ in this way. The word soon spreads that there is volleyball every Friday evening during the summer on the church lawn. They come to play but also to get acquainted with the church.

I have also learned from personal experience that parents can be reached through their children. One teen who was saved this summer invited us to her home where we reached her mother, as well as her younger brother and sister, for Christ. With Christ in their hearts, members of this family now can make their home a truly Christian one.

A new convert should be encouraged: (1) Study the Bible daily in order to be born-again Christians. They can sing to shut-ins who may be discouraged. (2) Pray individually to the Lord as well as collectively with other believers. (3) Witness to others of his faith in Christ. (4) Make a public confession of his faith by coming forward at the close of the church service. (5) Faithfully attend church services and Bible classes.

Youth won to Christ can communicate their faith by providing special music during the church service, serving as ushers, helping in the nursery, and reading with a week-end meeting. They can sing to shut-ins who may be unsaved, read to them from the Gospels, and even pray for them. Others who have been saved can courageously carry their New Testament with them to school and show their unsaved friends the way to become born-again Christians. They can point to John's Gospel and have them read 3:3; 3:16; and 1:12,13. They can say, "I took Jesus as my Savior. Won't you take Him too?" If they have led others to Christ, they can show them the purpose of the church and the value of Christian fellowship. They can invite them to the youth fellowship and they will want to come. For communication to be effective it must be done by loving words from the Scriptures, clearly enunciated.

The lights of San Diego dropped away; the lights of other towns stretching up to the coast burst into sight. As our jet plane climbed to 20,000 feet, the high coast shed its usual protective cover that hides one town from another for the motorist. The captain announced that we would be flying about 15 miles off shore as we headed up the coast "and," he added, "it's a beautiful night for flying." How right he was! The lights of the towns below looked like so many gems set in some gigantic necklace hugging the necklace of our beloved United States.

It was the night after the Sabbath just before Christmas. The additional Christmas lights showed up from the air except to create an under-glow for the larger towns. This was common, and the biggest towns where the smaller gems do in a crown dominated by larger stones. The vast black satin expanse, which we named the ocean, met the equally black satin of the land so that one was indistinguishable from the other. All of life seemed to be clus­tering and the storms where the light held at bay the power of that im­penetrable darkness. Within fifteen minutes we were approaching that great sea of life which was Los Angeles and its suburbs! Over seven million people were represented by that jeweled cluster.

I couldn't help but think that there must have been millions among those millions, who were anxious to hear the message that we as Seventh Day Baptists had to share. But how to get them? Below there was the potential for many Seventh Day Baptist churches which could add their lights to a very dark world through a witness to Christ and the Sabbath. But how to take advantage of the potential and get some churches started was the question which kept coming to my mind.

I was returning to Los Angeles after having flown to San Diego for a Sabbath afternoon meeting with the San Diego Fellowship. The group is not large and there have been those who have advised me to give it up since I already had more than I could do in L. A. But some­how I just had not been able to quit be­lieving that a Seventh Day Baptist church not only was needed in San Diego, but was possible. Much of the strain of the first year and a half of my work in San Diego (when I had driven the 140 miles each way ever other week) had been relieved as Pastor Rex Burdick of Riverside had shared the vision and begun a once a month trek to meet with the fellowship.

I reflected upon whether or not it was worth it—the cost in time and money and effort that could be profitably used in the home church. But the home church, I countered, has many qualified laymen that can take care of any aspect of the work if they need to,—and anyway isn't that the whole point in this Great Com­mission? We have learned that what is, everybody actively engaged in doing whatever they can of what needs to be done, in order to make the witness strong? And how much better, if any one church is growing. Not fast—but steadily. Fur­thermore every church needs some mis­sion outside itself, some purpose other than just self-perpetuation. Every church should in some way be breathing life into new church bodies if they themselves are to be kept alive. They should be giving birth to offspring that would grow and mature and witness, and in turn give birth to other groups who would also join the cycle.

A Fellowship at Phoenix

Then I thought of Phoenix, Arizona. For over twenty years Arlie Davis and his wife have lived and prayed and wit­nessed in that town on behalf of the Lord Jesus Christ and His Sabbath. They were lonely and needed fellowship and the feeling of accomplishment. Since it seemed not to come for them in Phoenix, they were considering moving to Southern California to help in the work...
here—or perhaps San Diego or Los Angeles or Riverside.

About that time I received a letter from a doctor and his wife in Phoenix who had gotten the name and address of our church in Los Angeles from the yellow pages of the phone directory. They were interested in becoming Seventh Day Baptists and wanted to know if we had a church or anyone they could fellowship with in Phoenix. I put them in contact with the Rev. Arlie Davis. He took it from there, and a small but dynamic fellowship was formed. They have since done some advertising and have had several responses.

That has been over a year ago now and they still are not large but they are encouraged. The group has even voted Mr. Davis a small monthly donation (I hesitate to call it a salary for it is much too small for that) to encourage him and show their appreciation for his labors. Basically all who are involved are supporting themselves and making whatever contribution they can to get the fellowship growing. Again the effort is small—but there are some in our Los Angeles church who can remember that it has not been but about 25 years ago that we were nearly as small as the San Diego or Phoenix fellowships.

**Seattle Settlement**

My vision shifted! That great light in the distant north! Ah! That is Seattle. There, very recently, a fellowship has been established under the sponsorship of the Pacific Coast Association. Pastor Glen Warner and his wife Sherry were sent there to see what they could do after reports indicated there was sufficient interest on the part of several people to warrant an attempt to get a group together there. Pastor Warner and Sherry were dedicated at the fall association meeting to this specific task. Glen is officially the Pacific Coast Association field pastor and will be working in other areas some but his major thrust for the present is Seattle. Recently a letter from Glen tells of an attendance of 22 people at each meeting. These are comprised mostly of young families with children. Since that time another young family has moved from Riverside to join hands in helping to establish this witness for our Lord. More interest is being discovered each week. They now have assurance of a meeting place in a Baptist Church which allows them to use their facilities for a small rental. The group has elected a treasurer and is saving its money for the eventual purchase of a church property. Praise the Lord! It looks great!

I am confident that the Lord is going to make it possible for many new fellowships of Seventh Day Baptists to spring up all over the United States even as in other places in the world. More and more interest is being expressed in the Sabbath from all parts of the country. The time has come for us as a people to believe in outreach and evangelism and to set about the task of seeing to it that new groups are promoted. Some vision and maybe a little capital investment, and a lot of prayer and encouragement from you in the local church will provide the avenue through which God will bless these isolated nuclei and cause them to grow. The world needs Christ! The Sabbath is an important part of His will for His people. If you think you ca not personally evangelize—then get active in getting your church to promote new fellowships. That is evangelism, too!

That is my vision which became more vivid last month on my flight back to Los Angeles which lasted only 23 minutes. I share the vision with you because I believe it is no disgrace to start small or even to fail. The only disgrace is if we don't start at all. The captain was right—it was a beautiful night for flying. The vision from up there was unlimited!