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New Orleans Convention Resolution

RESOLUTION 1-01 TO COMPLETE THE TRANSFER OF DEAF WORK TO DISTRICTS

- WHEREAS, Our deaf brothers and sisters in Christ have organized the International Lutheran Deaf Association (ILDA) to foster their greater involvement and participation in Christ's mission of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod locally, nationally, and internationally (ILDA Constitution, Article III, paragraph I); and
- WHEREAS, The Districts now administer all mission programs and congregations in North America except those for the deaf, resulting in an unavoidable separation of deaf congregations from their sister churches; and
- WHEREAS, The Board of Directors upon recommendation of the Board for Missions has authorized and encouraged all Districts to assume the local administration of this ministry; and
- WHEREAS, This transfer of administration is in keeping with the sound principles of decisions relating to mission being made best at the point of in-

volvement; and

- WHEREAS, In recent years requests have been made by deaf congregations and fields for District administration so that local needs might be adequately met; therefore be it
- Resolved, That we commend and encourage the International Lutheran Deaf Association in its active involvement in the administration of the ministry to the deaf; and be it further
- Resolved, That we encourage Districts to assume the responsibility for administration of ministry to the deaf in close liaison and planning with the International Lutheran Deaf Association and its regions; and be it further
- <u>Resolved</u>, That the Board for Missions during the transitional period stand ready to offer financial support to the Districts on mutually agreeable terms; and be it finally
- <u>Resolved</u>, That we encourage all congregations of the Synod to be alert to the ministry to the deaf in their respective communities.

The first resolution passed by the convention in New Orleans at its second session on July 7, 1973, was the Resolution 1-01 on the transfer of Ministry to the Deaf to the districts. I would like to add a few comments. Please note the emphasis laid upon the International Lutheran Deaf Association (ILDA). It is mentioned in the first "whereas" and the first two "resolves."

"Proclaim, Don't Argue"--Japanese Missionary

Missionary Arbie Patschke writes from Japan: "I wish every member of the Missouri Synod could have an opportunity to look at the problems of the Missouri Synod from the context of Asia, Africa or South America--but especially from Asia, which has a smaller percentage of Christians than any other area of the world. I wish they could become, if only for a few weeks, a part of this 1% minority in Japan and experience how it feels and what it means to be confronted by and surrounded by a 99% non-Christian society and culture. Then in our 125th year we might rediscover that our reason for existence is not to argue about the Gospel but to proclaim it and live it as a witness in a dying world.

Take a few minutes to ...

Think about how you feel about this statement ...

Write a sentence which tells the church's reason for existence.

Pray for forgiveness for being so wrapped up in our own problems that we forget about a dying world, and for new energy to share this forgiving love of Christ with all men in all places. --Gallaudet Chaplain

Deaf Education In Russia

A Deaf man who graduated from Gallaudet and his wife, who live in Finland, wrote in the current (December-January) issue of the Gallaudet Alumni Newsletter about their trip to Moscow to learn of communication methods of the Deaf in Russia -- speech and dachtylology (fingerspelling). "This method is known also in the USA as the Rochester method, although it is used there only after years of (futile?) oral education," he writes.

"We visited several very interesting institutions for the Deaf...We saw on several occasions how dachtylology was applied to the education of two to four year old Deaf children...We were really surprised to see so little children spelling fluently whole sentences and obviously able to speak them...It was apparent that fingerspelling has resulted in remarkable results in the Soviet Union. Deaf children are said to have a vocabulary of 3,000 words even before school age, when in our country they average only 700 words after all schooling with the oral method."

Sign language use is allowed to some extent at least in upper classes.

"The children we met were happy & healthy. No doubt they were also luckier than many Deaf children in other countries who are taught with purely oral methods. It is fortunate that it is also dawning on the educators in other countries that the oral method is not enough!" he concludes (This article was brought to our attention by Bonnie Halvorsen Backer, and we thank her.) -- Flint, Michigan Newsletter.



The Synod commends ILDA and encourages it to become more active and involved in the affairs of administration of Ministry to the Deaf. It suggests establishing a close association with the districts and assisting the districts in planning the work.

While the districts are charged with "the responsibility for administration," they are expecting ILDA, especially the regional branches of ILDA, to work with the districts in the planning of our mission and ministry. I am sure the officers of ILDA and especially the regional officers (vicepresidents and regional advisors) will want to make special efforts to fulfill these responsibilities. The Board of ILDA will want to put this on top of their agenda at coming meetings. It is highly important that ILDA officers actively seek every way possible to cooperate with the districts and help the work progress, grow and succeed.

--Rev. H. W. Rohe

Ministers of -Reconciliation

The words above are talking about you and I, each and every one of us. God has made us all Ministers - that is servants and workers. We are ministers of Reconciliation that is helping to make people friends again. The words above are taken from 2 Corinthians 5:18 and 19 which say:

All this is done by God, who through Christ changed us from enemies into His friends, and gave us the task of making others His friends also. Our message is that God was making friends of all men through Christ. God did not keep (Please turn to Page 2--Col 2) Page 2

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Now, What Do I Do?

Yes, I am the new President of the International Lutheran Deaf Association. Let us discuss some of the things I might do, and some I better not do.

First, what is the ILDA? An organization of deaf Lutherans scattered all over the world. How many could that be? Who could that be? All races of people who have become Lutherans. That means the whites, the blacks, the yellow, the red, the brown. How many black members do we have? How many yellow? How many peoples of other nations are members of the ILDA? Give us, give them time; then, we will have them as happy, working ILDAians.

Secondly, what are we supposed to do? Join and worship together. Organize and raise the money to build and support churches for the deaf. Can the deaf do that? Well, they raise the money to buy their own homes, improve and keep them looking pretty. They can do the same thing with their church buildings. The problem is that there are so few deaf people; they have to work harder to have church buildings they can be proud of. They do not have to be BIG buildings--but, built with the money the deaf can raise.

Thirdly, we want to show the hearing ministers, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod officials that the deaf CAN do things and are not always the recipients of gifts from hearing people.

Yet, we do not want to discourage our hearing friends from working with us. They may wish to make wills or en-dorsements to further the work among the deaf. This is certainly a worthy ministry. They might want to help world missions to the deaf by supporting ILDA. We would welcome that, and we would spend the money wisely.

Fourthly, in all congregations, all members should take turns holding offices and not leave a faithful few to do all the work all the time. Others must show their talents, too. More than one person will be surprised at what some of the meek ones can do.

Now, I will stop having ideas and give you some that a committee came up with. The members on this committee are: Mr. R. Healey, chairman, Mr. G. Schlub, secretary, and Rev. H. W. Rohe, advisor.

Here are their ideas:

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10. Regional Workshops for Church officers, interpreters, and volunteer workers.

11. Young Married family life seminars.

- 12. Leisure (free) time and retirement seminars.
- 13. Religious culture and talent festivals for the deaf.
- 14. Scholarships for deserving students in Ministry to the Deaf, both deaf and hearing students in North America and Overseas.

Now, is that enough to keep everybody busy for some time? When do we start? First, we will have a Board meeting of the officers and decide how to divide up the work and where to start. We will have a Board meeting very soon and the officers will have to have their reports ready. Are you?

URIEL C. JONES, SR., President

Ministers of Reconciliation--

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an account of their sins against them, and he has given us the message of how he makes them his friends.

This wonderful message is what we share with each other also when we worship together on Sundays. We have our regular weekly Easters and we get together to rejoice with each other that we are friends again with God through the death and resurrection of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Each of us together shares this wonderful message. For some of us it is hard to talk with friends about Jesus. If that is true, then invite your friend to church, invite your friend to come and join with us as we grow in joy, peace, love and friendship with God our Father who loved us and daily gives us His Spirit to keep our faith growing more strong. You are God's friend.

--from Alpha Lutheran Newsletter, Rochester, N.Y.

Report on the ILDA **Convention in Kansas City**

(July 12-15, 1973)

- Concordia Lutheran School, Porto Allegre, Brazil. Director: Mrs. Naomi Warth.
- Lutheran School for the Deaf, Ambur, India. Director: 2. Rev. N. Ezekiel.
- Tokyo Center for the Deaf, Japan. Rev. Kojima and Rev. 3. Phillip Luttio.
- 4. Mission School for the Deaf, Brazil. Teachers: Mr. and Mrs. John Ames.
- 5. Mon Kok Lutheran School for the Deaf, British Hong Kong. Director: Rev. Louis Jasper.
- Seed Monies for New Starts: a) New Guinea; b) Korea; 6. c) Phillipines.
 - The needs of numbers 1 to 6 are:
 - a) Facilities and equipment.
 - b) Materials and visual aids.
 - Needy pupil tuition aid. C)
 - d) Vocational education equipment.
 - e) Teacher training and scholarships.
- 7. Titled slides and film strip projectors.
- 8. Seed money for Jr. ILDA.
- Church Officers Manual. 9.

By Donald Kissell

There was an ILDA Board of Directors meeting Wednesday morning at Hotel Muehlebach which was also ILDA headquarters This Hotel is one of the oldest and finest in K.C. It was built in 1898. As you all know, Marion Van Manen has been ILDA President for the last two years. Not just as President, but a hard working man as I understand from my talking with him and from my point of view by watching the ILDA Board of Directors meeting. They also met on Thursday. I had a nice chat with most people on the Board.

The ILDA Convention opened with the theme: "SHARING LOVE IN CHRIST." This is not for only convention time, but for the rest of our life. Mrs. Evelyn DeMeyers, Vice-President of the Great Lakes Region, sang "Beautiful Savior." Rev. Lange had the devotion and read St. John 6:37. Mrs. Thelma Dillenschneider of K.C. sang the "Star Spangled Banner" very gracefully, and she must have the music in her hands. She also moved about a little to make it have rhythm. (Please turn to Page 6)

Emmanuel Luth. Church Celebrates 75th Anniversary











The top picture shows all the people who attended and a view of the church. The next picture shows Rev. Martin Hewitt of St. Louis, interpreting for Rev. Robert Corl of Madison, the liturgist. The next picture is of Rev. Martin Kosche, Delavan, interpreting for the Rev. Karl Barth, President of the South Wisconsin District, who delivered the sermon for that day. The last picture shows the oldest member present, Gustav Boehmke, 81, holding the youngest, James Schliecher, 7 months old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Schliecher. -- Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Florida School Has Successful Vacation Bible School



Rev. Busby and Mrs. McColskey standing with students and staff seated. Mr. McColskey made the picture.



Watermelon eating time at the Jacksonville VBS. Beth Perry, one of our students, brought a few watermelons for our last day of VBS. Marie Dudeck is the lady standing in the middle. She is fingerspelling to Beth.

Deaf children of the St. Augustine area attended a Vacation Bible School jointly sponsored by the Rev. Walter Busby and Mr. L. H. McColskey. Mr. McColskey is minister to Baptist children at the state school for the deaf. There were about 15 students enrolled and a staff of 8. Most of the staff members were teachers from the school.

For the seventh time out of eight years, the ladies of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Jacksonville, Florida, have "put it all together" for a "Deaf VBS", as they call it. "Last year would have been our seventh in a row," commented Pastor Walter Busby, Missionary to the Deaf for the North Florida Field, "so we took a sabbatical leave. I had a scare, though, a couple of weeks prior to the opening date of this year's Vacation Bible School. I called Jacksonville, (Pastor Busby lives in St. Augustine, about 30 miles south of Jacksonville and home of the state school for deaf or blind children, the largest such school in the nation), to get in touch with Marie Dudeck, only to have her daughter tell me that her mother had just been admitted to the hospital."



Refreshments again with homemade cake provided by Mrs. Lucille Williams.



It is time to get all the news since last May. Many students see each other for the first time since school was out at the VBS.

hospital. But, praise the Lord, Marie was out in a couple of days and back on the phone, " he concluded.

Marie Dudeck is one of those busy persons you ask to do something if you want it done. She is her congregation's organist and choir director, was a delegate to the LWML Convention this past summer. With her husband, Jim, she is active in the Hollybrook ministry in Jacksonville, a low rent housing development built by the Florida-Georgia District of the LCMS and Lutheran Bible Translators representative for this area.

Marie, with Mrs. Marylena Lofton and Mrs. Irene Heidloft, both of Holy Cross, came down to St. Augustine for a number of years every week to assist Pastor Busby in teaching religious education classes at the deaf school.

"The Lord has certainly used Marie and the ladies of Holy Cross Lutheran Church. This year we were able to involve ladies from other Lutheran churches in the Jacksonville area. I pray that the Lord will continue to lead other ladies into our ministry."

For Pastor Busby that was indeed a scare. Marie Dudeck has been Pastor Busby's right and left arms in arranging things for the Jacksonville VBS ever since he has been serving the area. She not only makes contact with the students and parents, she arranges for transportation for the children of Jacksonville to get them to the church on time.

Jacksonville, Florida, is the world's largest city in land area. This means finding rides for children living in a widely scattered area. Marie not only does a lot of phoning, she gets out in her own car and visits homes where there is no phone listed. "You can imagine how I felt when Marie's daughter, Carla, said that her mother was in the

What Is Evangelism?

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Matthew 28:19.

This can be answered in many different ways. For example:

We can say that EVANGELISM is God working in us and through us to reach other people who do not believe. We can say that EVANGELISM is telling people about our Savior and asking them to believe in Jesus. We can say that EVANGELISM is convincing people to put their complete trust in God's Son who was born in Bethlehem.

More Fla. VBS Pix - -



Left to right: Carolyn Vereen, a freshman at the Florida School for the Deaf, Richard Collier and Brenda Pollard, former students. Richard graduated last May and is now working nights for a local bank. He asked if he could attend VBS. Brenda graduated several years ago and was on her vacation. She asked if she might attend. We were delighted!



Mrs. Emalie Kalal, former teacher at FSD and a Lutheran lady. She has been teaching VBS off and on for several years. Mrs. Kalal is "hearing" and married to a deaf man.

Yes, evangelism is APPLYING THE GOSPEL to the hearts of sinners.

WHAT DOES EVANGELISM DO?

It KEEPS all true believers in Christ.

It CALLS people who drift away to come back again.

It REACHES OUT to all people who are not saved from their sins.

It WINS many un-won people when they receive Christ and His



He didn't hit her. Just some "small talk" before Pastor Busby begins class.



Timmy Sessions made 100% on this quiz when the big kids missed several. He asked if he could sit alone and made all kinds of gleeful sounds as he got closer to the end because he knew he had a good paper.

Confidence is the feeling you sometimes have before you fully understand the situation. *

If it is the truth, what does it matter who says it. --Grit

And, when people say it is easier to watch church services on TV - YOU can remind them of Hebrews 10:25:

"Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing. Instead, let us encourage one another, all the more since you see that the Day of the Lord is coming near."

When people say, "Not now, maybe later" - YOU can warn them with Isaiah 55:6:

"Seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near."

And, when people say that they are not interested -YOU can be an evangelist and assure them that God IS interested in them, using the Good News in John 3:16:

forgiveness.

WHAT ARE EVANGELISM PROGRAMS FOR?

To "equip the saints." This means to motivate believers to respond by witnessing the truth of Christ.

Evangelism programs teach believers to tell other people about their personal relationship with Jesus. And what HE has done for them.

Do YOU really understand what God's Son has done for you?

Then TELL someone today! BE AN EVANGELIST!

YOU CAN BE AN EVANGELIST!

When people say that they read their Bible at home, so that they do not have to go to church - YOU can tell them what our Lord Jesus says in Luke 11:28:

"How happy are those who hear the word of God and obey it:"

"For God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not die but have eternal life."

SHARE JESUS WITH SOMEONE - TODAY!

HOW CHEAP IS GRACE?

When a man works an 8-hour day and receives for his efforts 8 hours pay, that is a wage.

When he competes with an opponent and receives a trophy for his superior performance, that is a prize.

When he receives something in recognition for his meritorious service or achievement, that is an award.

But when a man can earn no wage, can win no prize, and deserves no award--yet receives such a gift -- that is unmerited favor. That is undeserved kindness. That is GRACE!

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Grace is a gift. And the giver is God. God is the main actor in the drama of salvation. He is the subject. Men are always the objects of His saving initiative.

God touches our lives with His mission of mercy in Jesus. In Jesus' words and works He offers His healing powers of forgiveness and acceptance. In Jesus He sends the very finest expression of His love, the hallmark of His concern. He cares enough to send the very best.

In His suffering and death Jesus demonstrates a love which just won't stop. Christ on the cross is proof positive that God will quit at nothing in working out His master plan and salvation strategy. Christ in the tomb is the big indicator that all systems are go, that the countdown for God's great rescue mission is proceeding on schedule. And Christ risen to life again is God acting decisively in that relentless effort which makes us and keeps us His.

Grace costs! It is never cheap. Grace is costly because it cost God the life of His Son. What cost God so much can never be cheap among us.

Grace moves a man to make the supreme sacrifice, to take himself out of the center of the little orbit of his own existence and instead to revolve around the needs of his fellowman, assured that in serving his neighbor he serves the Christ. Grace calls a man to follow--to follow in the role of the Servant, who in washing the feet of His disciples urged them: "I have given you an example, that you should also do as I have done to you" (John 13:15). Through the Gospel in worship grace comes to those who follow Him, who though He was Lord of all humbled Himself to become the servant of all.

Grace is a gift, freely received and never achieved. Grace is not a wage. Not a prize. Not an award. Grace is undeserved kindness, the freedom to serve in words and actions as we have been served. That is <u>GRACE</u>!

--Borrowed

Report on the ILDA Convention

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Dr. Theodore Raedeke was our Keynote Speaker. He is from St. Louis, Mo. He gave a talk on Key "73". I think he is one of the men that started Key "73". He wants everyone to know about Christ. To touch every heart in the world we as Lutherans can't do the job. So that's why so many churches joined Key "73" project. We want as many people to be saved through faith in Christ as possible. Love gives no choice. Christ loved us first, and we have learned to love him. So "SHARING LOVE IN CHRIST" is the way for all Christians to show their love for one another.

The mayor of K.C., Mo., Charles Wheeler gave an address of welcome. He invited us to visit his office if we have time and many other places. He gave President Marion Van Manen the key to K.C., Mo. and everyone applauded.

Bob Baker, secretary gave the minutes of the last convention in Chicago. President Van Manen reported that ILDA will need someone to be Historian and Public Relations Director for ILDA. He also appointed three people to serve on the Resolutions Committee for the convention. Some Vice-Presidents from the regions gave their reports. The Treasurer's report was given by President Van Manen because Gary Schlub stayed home because his wife was expecting any time. He reported that the fund reached \$5,900 with a present balance of \$936.00.

A layman moved that all minutes be mailed to pastors and presidents of each church. Amendment added that it also be printed in the DEAF LUTHERAN. Motion and amendment was carried. I forgot to tell you that the wording of "The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod" or "The Board For Missions" was to be removed from the Constitution and By Laws, by the advise of Synod's Attorney. A layman moved that the Board of Directors write to Synod's Attorney and ask to find a legal way to have it written in the Constitution. Amendment that it be referred to the Law Committee. Both passed from the floor. I moved that ILDA have a Law Committee with the President-Elect as chairman with two more to be appointed by the President-Elect. Carried. The past two years the Board of Directors arranged the Convention, which cost ILDA lots of money. I moved that Host cities and its committee arrange everything and that the chairman be a laision officer to the ILDA Board, which must get approval or to report to them. Carried. I moved that all Board of Directors and the Executive Committee meetings be printed in the DEAF LUTHERAN. Passed. I made a motion about having delegates from each Region as per 100 communicant members represented by one delegate. This came

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to a debate, then was tabled for further study. I also moved that the Secretary be a deaf layman. All the other offices state that way. This was also debated until I decided to withdraw my motion. I moved that the word "young" in line 34 of the ILDA Constitution be removed because on line 49 it says all ages. That is broad enough. Carried. No more \$125.00 a year to ILDA. Hope to sell membership cards for \$2 a year to support ILDA treasury. ILDA unanimously supports "Total Communication" for the Deaf Schools in Michigan and New York. By Law and Constitution changes must be printed in DEAF LUTHERAN 90 days before Convention. Anyone running for office also must be printed 90 days before Convention. Executive Secretary, Rev. H. W. Rohe, had a long list of projects which ILDA should take up. I can't name them all and I don't have a paper or a list that I have read. I think all of them are very worthy projects if ILDA has the money. Maybe some of them will be taken up soon.

SATURDAY

Rev. Blakely gave the devotions. I moved that the Treasurer's Financial report be audited by 3 auditors from Convention to Convention; to be appointed by the President. Failed. The Constitution says from Jan. to Dec. by CPA. I understand that this has never been done. So you figure out the rest of the answer.

Uriel Jones moved that ILDA membership be raised from \$2 tp \$5 because ILDA needs money in its treasury. I will agree that ILDA needs money as I see it, but many people have not heard about ILDA membership, so this motion failed. I do hope if Calvary does get membership cards from ILDA, that our members will support this drive or project. ILDA will need our support to carry on its work.

Curtis Ketelson of Davenport moved for me as a write-in Secretary. I accepted.

NEW OFFICERS:

President- Uriel C. Jones, Sr. of St. Louis, Mo. (Editor of DEAF LUTHERAN)

Pres.-Elect- Elmer Francisco of Spokane, Washington Secretary- Archie Marshall of St. Louis, Mo.

Treasurer- Robert Case of Memphis, Tenn. (Former Iowan) Host for 1975 ILDA Convention - Washington, D.C. (World Federation of the Deaf meets that same year.) Host for 1977 ILDA Convention - Spokane, Wash. A motion was made that allows Host to bid 4 years in advance. Carried.

The Rock Gospel was wonderful. The Deaf were not deaf that night. The music was so good that I don't know how to express it. But I want to tell you that we were part of the cast, because everyone was welcomed to do the songs in sign language along with them. I sure wish we can have them here in Des Moines. I don't mind going to that Rock Gospel Concert again and again! There were about 383 at the Banquet and about 400 at the Rock Gospel Concert.

There were about 400 people for the church service with Lord's Supper. Rev. Frederking was awarded the John of Beverly Medal for his long work with the deaf. He said it was not his work, but God's work which was given to him.

A layman moved that ILDA join the COSD which will cost \$200.00 I amended that "if ILDA has the money". Both were carried.

Represented at the convention were 50 ministers to the Deaf, 47 Fields, 7 Regions, and 55 churches.

(Thank you, Don, for a fine report. We hope our readers will enjoy reading all about the ILDA Convention.)

--reprinted from Calvary Newsletter, Des Moines, Ia.

The Trouble With Being Nice

Christ says to us, "You are to be salt and light." "But, Lord," we reply, "if it's all the same to You, I'd rather be sugar and cream." Jesus, however, never suggested that our business was to be nice. Nor was Jesus himself always agreeable or pleasing. He called a spade a spade and often upset people.

In the first grade we used to make little drawings and show them to our friends for comment. I always told my friend that his was a very good picture, and he always returned the compliment. But one day I experimented. I said, "I don't like that picture very much." With great hurt and indignity my friend responded, "Well, then I don't like yours either."

Thus I grew up knowing a basic rule of human relations: "You scratch my back, and I'll scratch yours." The rule spread into my religious life. People said to me, "That's not

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nice; a Christian wouldn't do it."

Actually, running about "being nice" is com-pletely beside the point. "If you love only those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even tax collectors do that!" If we say agreeable things just to keep relationships pleasant, we've done nothing wrong. Nothing wrong and nothing right. Just plain nothing.

The second danger in running about trying to be nice is that it keeps us from really getting to know people. It's still true that only two persons are apt to tell us the truth about ourselves. There is the person who is so angry he doesn't care about the consequences. And there is the person who loves us enough to risk the consequences.

How difficult it is to be honest. How much easier to be nice than to be honest. But how will we ever get to know each other if we don't run the risk of honesty? And how will we ever cure the terrible loneliness if we don't get to know each other?

Obviously, this is easier said than done. But to have a friend, to be a friend, we must at times run the risk of speaking the truth as we see it and feel it.

The third danger is that the rat race of niceness becomes a frantic effort to find salvation -and one that is doomed to fail. Because we do not much like ourselves, we suspect that other people don't much like us either. But an instinctive logic suggests that if we are very, very nice, they might like us. And if they can like us, then maybe we can begin to like ourselves. And if they can like us and we can like ourselves, then perhaps, way down the line, maybe Part-Time Pastors God will love us. And here our hypocrisy sets in. I don't mean that deliberate, calculating hypocrisy which we all despise. I mean the sadder hypocrisy of playacting niceness in the desperate hope that people will like us.

There is, however, a better way. This better way begins with our willingness to trust in the grace and love of God. When we believe that God accepts us through Christ, we can be ourselves. We can live securely on an amazing fact of grace, that as God accepts us, so people can accept and love us even when we are not examples of mere "niceness."

When we truly live in the confidence of God's grace in Christ, we can give up trying to pretend We can stop trying to be merely "nice." We do not try to earn a good reputation by our actions but live in the confident freedom that God loves David H. Moylan us.

Concordia Tract Mission EVANGELISM

Can you win others to Christ with confidence? Yes, but first there may be a few things that you will have to learn, and maybe a few things that you will have to UNlearn. You can do it, WITH GOD'S HELP!

What does it mean to be a witness for Jesus? You can tell a person how You are saved, and then you can tell him how he can be saved.

A "fisherman of men" must also be wise, skillful, patient, and loving. God helps us to have a sincere concern for people so that we should be aware of another person's feelings. People know that they are sinners, (Romans 3:23), and that the result of sin is death (Romans 6: 23). You do not have to preach at them; relax, be friendly and then tell them simply that God loves sinners! (Romans 5:8) When you speak of your personal faith to another person, do it in private, and do it with humility. Meet your listener's needs. Just tell him: WE HAVE DELIVERANCE IN CHRIST! (John 3:36) When people came to Jesus, HE asked them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" Ask God for eyes to see, a heart that cares, and then ask your neighbor what you can do for him. Tell him that God knows all about him and still loves him! Only God's love can open the hearts of people. Tell him who JESUS CHRIST is, and what HE can do for everyone who believes. TRUST HIM. Jesus is always with you when you speak for Him. The Holy Spirit will work through your words.

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Daily Bible Reading Plan (American Bible Society)



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3Psalm 128	:1-6	20Revelat:	ion 12:7-12
4Psalm 144	:1-15		
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### **Test Your Bible Knowlede**

(1 to 10 asked previously)

- 11. Adam and the woman became aware that they were naked Genesis 3:6-8)
  - a after talking with the serpent, but before eating the forbidden fruit
  - b after talking with the Lord God
  - c just before talking with the serpent
  - d after eating the forbidden fruit, but before talking with the Lord God
- 12. When the Lord God made inquiry, the (Genesis 3:12-13)
  - a man blamed the woman
  - b woman blamed the man
  - c man blamed the serpent
  - d serpent claimed he had said not a word
- 13. "For dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return," said the Lord God to (Genesis 3:17, 19)
  - a Adam
  - b the woman
  - c Adam and the woman d the serpent
- 14. Adam called his wife Eve because (Genesis 3:20) a she came after God had caused a deep sleep to fall

# DEVOTIONAL IDEA



Then Leave It OPEN. Let Someone Else Share The Blessing of Your Daily Portion.

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CHILDREN'S PAGE



# Hello Young Friends:

You have all had a long summer vacation, so now, I have some questions for you. Some Bible questions and some General Knowledge questions. Try to think up your answers before you look at my answers at the bottom. Good Luck!

### GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

- 1. What are firedogs used for?
- 2. What do the English call an elevator?
- 3. How many members are there of the U.S. Senate?
- 4. What name is given to the imaginary line that is latitude zero?
- 5. What is generally accepted as the distinguishing characteristic of the Manx cat?
- 6. What useful vehicle has only one wheel

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"A smile costs nothing but gives much. It enriches those who receive without making poor those who give. It takes but a moment, but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever. None is so rich or mighty that he can get along without it, and none is so poor but that he can be made rich by it. A smile creates happiness in the home, fosters good will in business, and is the countersign of friendship. It brings rest to the weary, cheer to

000000000000000 the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and it is nature's best antidote for trouble. Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed, or stolen, for it is something that is of no value to anyone until it is given away. Some people are too tired to give you a smile. Give them one of yours, as no one needs a smile so much as he who has no more to give." --Author Unknown 000000 6. A wheelbarrow.

- . It has no tail.
- 4. The equator.
  - 3. One hundred.
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- l. Supporting logs in a fireplace; as andirons.

upon Adam she was the mother of all living b

### FOR THE FALL OF 1973

ROCK GOSPEL SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 22.....Fort Wayne, IND. SEPTEMBER 23..... MICH. SEPTEMBER 30.....Frederick, Maryland OCTOBER 27.....New York, N.Y. OCTOBER 28.....PHILADELPHIA, PENN. November 20.....Gallaudet College, Wash., D.C. c it was evening, when the Lord God questioned them d the word "eve" signifies in Hebrew, "woman"

- 15. When Adam and Eve were driven out of the Garden of Eden, they were wearing (Genesis 3:21) a coats of skins aprons of fig leaves b c sandals of snake skin
  - d nothing
- 16. Adam and Eve were expelled from the Garden of Eden to prevent them from (Genesis 3:22-23) a repeating their previous offense b eating of the tree of life c remaining under the influence of the serpent d believing they could disregard the Lord's edicts with impunity

Answers: 12a; 13a; 14b; 15a; 16b; 11d