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**WHERE ARE THE PILGRIMS TODAY?** by Pastor Len Smith

Many years ago I took a trip to Plymouth, Massachusetts. I had read many accounts about the Pilgrims coming to America. I viewed with interest a huge boulder that has come to be known as Plymouth Rock where the first Pilgrims allegedly came ashore. Of the approximately 102 Pilgrims who disembarked on the *Mayflower* in December 1620, only about 50 survived that first winter in the New World.

However, the Pilgrims had been travelers before they came to America. They had removed themselves from the control of the Church of England in 1603. In the USA today the Church of England is known as the Episcopal Church. In 1609 one group of Separatists, as the Pilgrims were also called, moved to the Netherlands to find the religious freedom they desired. Nevertheless, the Pilgrims were not entirely pleased with the economic and cultural atmosphere they discovered in Holland. Therefore, they moved back to England with a plan to sail to the New World. They left England forever on September 6, 1620.

Obviously, many of God's people in Biblical times also found themselves on the move. Abraham moved from Ur in what is today modern Iraq to the land that is still in dispute between the Jews and the Palestinians on the west side of the Jordan River. The Israelites often moved during their forty years of desert wanderings in the Sinai. When you study the life of Christ, you discover that although He was born in Bethlehem, His family had to flee to Egypt. Jesus was raised in Nazareth, but traveled with Mary and Joseph to Jerusalem when He was twelve. After His baptism at age thirty, he traveled throughout the Holy Land during His public ministry.

One of the two Biblical references that mentions the word *pilgrims* is found in 1 Peter 2:11-12. *Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles; that, whereas they speak against you as evil doers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.* As Christians make their journey to heaven they must be constantly aware of the spiritual warfare that surrounds them. Living a set apart lifestyle that has not been wounded by the effects of sin will help to attract others to the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The other reference is found in Hebrews 11:13 concerning the heroes of the faith. *These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.* We, like the heroes of the faith, can be spiritual pilgrims filled with God's hope. We can confess by our behavior and our speech that we are pilgrims with a purpose who stand on the solid rock of the promises of the Lord God Almighty.

Where are the Pilgrims today? As I journeyed up the hill from Plymouth Rock, I discovered a Congregationalist Church that is today a part of the United Church of Christ denomination. Undoubtedly some of the descendants of the Pilgrims attend that church. Next I walked past a house of worship that is part of the Unitarian-Universalist denomination. No doubt some Pilgrim blood flows through the veins of the members of that congregation as well. As I reached the crest of the hill, I found the site of the first house of worship that the Pilgrims built when they arrived in America. There is no longer a congregation there. You can only find a massive graveyard!

Your lineage cannot guarantee your spiritual success. However, your relationship with Jesus Christ can enable you to be a victorious pilgrim. Romans 6:23 informs us, *For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

## The most prolific Brethren author



Note: This is the fifth of five articles relating to the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Church of the Brethren.

On Friday, July 25, 1993, some folks from southern Ohio presented a musical based on the Cotton Patch Gospel at the Annual Conference in Indianapolis. The place was packed and rightfully so. However, about eight folks wandered down the hall to an insight session that featured a presentation by historian Donald F. Durnbaugh on "The Brethren in Many Languages."

He pointed out that 1993 was a good year to focus on the topic of Brethren-related publishing in many languages. Two hundred and fifty years before, Christopher Sauer had published his famous Germantown bible, the first in a European language to be printed on the American continent. His attempts to convince the U.S. Postal Service to issue a commemorative stamp failed, however, despite the fact that support came from a "wide-ranging variety of associations and societies, with petitions signed by several thousand persons" though he noted that "during the same period the postal authority covered itself with glory by issuing a stamp commemorating a paragon of virtue and good taste, none other than the late Elvis Presley."

One of the surprises in the lecture proved to be the name of the most prolific Brethren author. It was not, as some might have guessed, Vernard Eller or Anna Mow, but Govindji K. Satvedi (1887-1976). Satvedi was baptized Brethren in India in 1903, and was a pastor, evangelist, editor, and principal at the Bulsar Bible School. He also taught one year at Bethany Seminary.

Satvedi wrote at least twenty-five books, and there may be more. It is possible that one contemporary Brethren author has surpassed him in the years since, but that author is content that Satvedi retain the title of Most Prolific Brethren Author.

--Adapted from materials supplied by Everett Church of the Brethren

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**Recipe Card Corner** . . . featuring favorites from Broadfording's very own. We thank Joyce Sollenberger for sharing her apple cake recipe.

### Apple Cake

5 large sliced apples	3½ tsp. baking powder
2 tsp. cinnamon	1/3 cup apple juice
5 Tbsp. sugar	3 cup flour
2¼ cup sugar	2½ tsp. vanilla
1 cup oil	4 eggs

Sprinkle cinnamon and 5 Tbsp. sugar over apples. Set aside.

Mix all other ingredients until smooth.

Pour mixture into greased tube pan alternating batter and apples, ending with apples.

Bake 1¾ hours at 350°.

Walkers from our congregation will participate in the Clear Spring Area CROP Walk on Sunday, October 5.

Have you ever wondered what "CROP" stands for or how the organization began?

## CROP and the Friendship Trains

*Following World War II both the victors and vanquished of Europe were starving. Food and supplies were sent by the ton, but the need was still great. Brethren were among many groups who sought to alleviate the needs. In addition to Brethren Service workers in Europe and Seagoing Cowboys who shepherded Heifer Project animals across the ocean, a new organization named CROP — which stood for Christian Rural Overseas Program — took shape under the leadership of the Brethren Service Committee, and the Evangelical and Reformed World Service Commission.*

*CROP was inaugurated in 1947 and operated out of a donated dorm room at Bethany Seminary. So when the nationally known columnist and radio broadcaster Drew Pearson conceived of the idea of "Friendship Trains" to collect and transport food from across the nation to port cities in order to help Europe's hungry people, he turned to CROP for assistance in organizing.*

*It turned out to be a great match. The Friendship Trains picked up hundreds of carloads of foodstuffs to ship to Europe. Moreover their itineraries were deliberately designed to garner the most publicity and therefore the most public interest. The trains only traveled during the day so their journey could be covered by the newspapers. Arrivals would be announced in advance so they could be met by cheering crowds and preening politicians. In this way many thousands could take part in the relief effort.*

*Today CROP has become an interdenominational organization. It still involves the efforts of hundreds of thousands through the CROP walks and other programs which allow ordinary people to challenge themselves each year to do even more to fight want and hunger both overseas and close at hand.*

--Everett Church of the Brethren

# AUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT

A very special **THANK YOU** to everyone that helped make this year's auction such a great success! This annual event wouldn't be possible without each of us working together.

There are so many individuals to thank and we certainly don't want to overlook anyone .... So we express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to EACH OF YOU individually and collectively that generously donated items, your time, talents and resources.

We raised \$8,644.32 this year which includes \$726.75 from the food stand. Following is a summary of the income and expenses:

## INCOME:

Auction and Food Stand Sales	\$ 8,646.30	
Donations	120.00	
Sponsorship of Newspaper Advertising	<u>434.10</u>	\$ 9,200.40

## EXPENSES:

Newspaper Advertising	\$ 488.95	
Miscellaneous	<u>67.13</u>	\$ <u>556.08</u>

TOTAL NET PROCEEDS: \$ 8,644.32

Considering this year's tough economy, we are so grateful for the results. For comparison, the 2007 auction raised \$8,096.00 and in 2006 we raised \$6,788.03.

For those of you that were able to attend this year, we hope you enjoyed it. Spending the day with family, friends and visitors, enjoying the excitement of competitive bidding, great food and fellowship, it's certainly worth the time to raise \$8,644.32. For those of you that weren't able to attend, you were greatly missed!



**Mark your calendars!**  
**Next year's auction is scheduled for August 29, 2009.**

Tentative plans –

Doors open at 9:00 a.m. with special gospel music from 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.  
Silent auction from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with live bidding starting at 11:00 a.m.

A 2009 Auction Fund has been established to help with expenses such as advertising and other items. Contributions are appreciated. As part of this fund, a reminder that we have cars for sale that were Drew Carbaugh's. If anyone is interested in purchasing them, please see Connie Alder. (They would make nice stocking stuffers!) We will keep you posted on other items that may come up for sale.

The Auction Committee will begin meeting year round to share ideas and prepare for the next auction. Our first planning meeting for 2009 is scheduled for Thursday, October 23, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. Please consider joining us and being a part of this committee. We would greatly appreciate your help.

We welcome your comments and suggestions. Please see either Connie Alder or Frank Murray. You can also email Connie at [blue0317@innet.net](mailto:blue0317@innet.net).

God bless each of you.  
Connie Alder

## 2008 work camp participants receive letter of thanks

A work camp that was organized by Pastor Len for 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade youth of our church was held July 20-23. The group camped at Codorus State Park near Hanover, Pa., and worked 9:00-4:00 each day at the Brethren Service Center in New Windsor, Md.

Participants were Kyle Buckholtz, Kyrstin Colliflower, Shawn High, Christina Pyles, and Megan Wilcox. Adult advisors were Ashley Burger, Janet Burger, and Pastor Len.

The following letter was received from Loretta Wolf, Director of Material Resources at the Brethren Service Center:

*We want to take this opportunity to thank you for coming to the Brethren Service Center to share your time, talent and service in the processing program.*

*In 2007 we have processed 1,771,075 lbs. Thus far in 2008 we have processed 1,064,512 lbs. Without your help this could not be accomplished. It is the work of the volunteers like you that helps us meet needs around the world and accomplish the mission God has called us to "...for I was naked and you clothed me..."*

*Once again, much appreciation for your offering in action, and God's blessing to you for sharing. We look forward to your return.*

*Comments: You did a great job packing kits. We are sending kits to Tanzania, Republic of Georgia and Serbia this month. Thank you for helping to make these shipments possible. Hope to see you again.*

The Brethren Service Center has been helping people in need since 1944. It is housed on a 26 acre campus in historic New Windsor, Maryland.



# The Lord Bless You and Keep You



submitted by Carolyn Adams

Around this time every year I bring out a song that (fortunately or unfortunately) the choir can only sing at our Thanksgiving Eve service. That song is "The Lord Bless You and Keep You with the Sevenfold Amen". I like to do this as the benediction following our service and this is usually the only time that the choir stays on the loft for the entire service.

The Dead Sea Scrolls were our oldest copies of biblical text. But in 1979, Professor Judith Hadley was assisting an archaeologist in excavating a site in Jerusalem's Hinnom Valley. In a burial cave there, she saw something that resembled the metal cap of a pencil. This was a sensational find. There were two tiny amulets that dated back to the Hebrew monarchy seven centuries before Christ. These tiny amulets were so small and fragile that it took several years to clean them up and open them.

When scientists were finally able to unroll the scrolls, they found the world's oldest extant copy of a biblical text, the words of Numbers 6:24 - 26: **"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace."**

While the amulets date from the 7th century B.C., the original words are far older, coming 1,400 years before Christ. As the Israelites wandered in the wilderness, the Lord commanded the priests to bless the people with this three-fold blessing.

These lyrics have been set to music many times, but the most well-known version was by Peter Christian Lutkin in his classic tune BENEDICTION. Lutkin was born in Wisconsin in 1888 and devoted his life to church music and excelling on the organ. He helped start the American Guild of Organists and founded the School of Music at Northwestern Illinois. He died in 1931 and is buried in Rosehill Cemetery in Chicago.

Dwight L. Moody said of this blessing: "Here is a benediction that can give all the time without being impoverished. Every heart may utter it, every letter may conclude with it, every day may begin with it, every night may be sanctified by it. Here is blessing--keeping--shining--the uplifting upon our poor life of all heaven's glad morning. It is the Lord Himself who (gives us) this bar of music from heaven's infinite anthem."

Come to our annual Thanksgiving Eve service on November 26th and listen to this beautiful benediction. Truly we do want the Lord to bless us, keep us, and be gracious unto us.

## 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Heritage Sunday

Broadfording joined other congregations across the country on August 3, 2008 in commemorating the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Church of the Brethren. Pastor Len, portraying Alexander Mack (the first Brethren minister), spoke on the topic, "The Cost of Being a Disciple." Bev Mowen-Hann portrayed the missionary Anna Mow, and others dressed in old attire. All congregational hymns were taken from the 1901 Brethren Hymnal and the choir sang a hymn, "Count Well the Cost," written by Alexander Mack and published in 1720.

On a much larger scale, close to 1,000 people gathered in Schwarzenau, Germany, on August 3<sup>rd</sup> for the second day of international celebrations of the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Brethren movement. The observance was held in the village on the banks of the Eder River, where the first group of eight Brethren, led by Alexander Mack Sr., were baptized in 1708.



Pictured from left are Bev Mowen-Hann, Pastor Len Smith, Teresa Smith, Don Daley, and Betty Daley on Anniversary Heritage Sunday.

## Adult Field Trip to New Windsor planned for 11/08/08

The Christian Education Commission has asked Pastor Len to arrange a fall field trip for our adult Sunday School classes. On Saturday, November 8, 2008, we will carpool from the church at 7:30 a.m. to the Church of the Brethren Service Center at New Windsor, Maryland. We will be working at New Windsor's SERRV facility packaging and inspecting SERRV products. Most of our work will involve sitting at large tables. One or two people in each group may need to be on their feet.

The purchase of SERRV handcrafts helps to support low-income artisans around the globe. SERRV helps to create opportunities for people to purchase quality, handcrafted products. SERRV gives thousands of low-income craftspeople a chance to create meaningful work and support themselves by marketing their handcrafts in a direct and just manner.

Following a delicious free buffet lunch at the Brethren Service Center dining room, we will have a tour of the Brethren Service Center at 1:15 p.m. before we return to work at SERRV. We will conclude our work at SERRV at 4:00 p.m. and return to the church by 5:00 p.m.

Pastor Len hopes that at least 10 adults will sign up to attend this meaningful event. Please sign up no later than Wednesday, November 5. If you have further questions, please contact Pastor Len.

## Baby Kits and Emergency Clean-up Buckets Needed

As the crisis in Myanmar (Burma) grows into a longer-term relief operation, BDM international partner, Church World Service, will likely be called upon to provide significant material resources. CWS needs Baby Kits and Emergency Clean-up Buckets.

### Baby Kits

In areas of extreme poverty or following a natural disaster, Baby Kits help young mothers care for their newborn babies.

### Emergency Clean-up Buckets

These supplies enable people to begin the overwhelming job of cleaning up after a flood, hurricane, tornado, or other disaster here in the United States.

Assembling kits is a great project for any church or community group.

### To assemble a Baby Kit you will need:

- Six cloth diapers
- Two T-shirts or undershirts (no onesies)
- Two washcloths
- Two gowns or sleepers
- Two diaper pins
- One sweater or sweatshirt
- Two receiving blankets (one can be a hand-knitted or crocheted baby blanket)

**All items should be new.** Wrap items inside one of the receiving blankets and secure with both diaper pins.

### To assemble an Emergency Clean-up Bucket you will need:

- One five-gallon bucket with resealable lid
- Five scouring pads
- Seven sponges, assorted sizes
- One scrub brush
- Eighteen cleaning towels (reusable, like Easy Wipes®)
- One 50-78 oz. box dry laundry detergent
- One 12 oz. bottle of liquid concentrated household cleaner (like Lysol®)
- One 25 oz. bottle liquid disinfectant dish soap (like Dawn®)
- Fifty clothespins
- Clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.
- Five dust masks
- Two pairs latex gloves (like Playtex®)
- One pair work gloves
- 24-bag roll of heavy-duty trash bags (33-45 gallon)
- One 6-14 oz. bottle of insect repellent (drops or lotion, not aerosol)

**Please purchase all liquids in plastic bottles. Be sure to send only new, unopened materials.** Put all items in the plastic bucket, making sure they are packed securely to avoid damage during shipment, and seal lid with packing tape. Place each bucket in a separate box.

More information on CWS Kits and instructions for packing, shipping and funds processing are available at: <http://www.churchworldservice.org/kits/index.html>.

## Brethren meet for historic gathering

On July 13, 2008, the Church of the Brethren and the Brethren Church held Sunday morning worship together at the 300th Anniversary Conference held in Richmond, VA. Both denominations stem from the Brethren movement that began in 1708 in the village of Schwarzenau, Germany, where the eight founders of the movement were baptized in the Eder River.

The whole of Sunday was given to anniversary events. In the afternoon, participants had their choice of workshops under the theme "An Experience of Brethren Faith Journeys." An evening celebration of mission featured music and stories from the international mission work of the two denominations.

A Service Blitz and a food drive marked 300 years of Brethren faithfulness by sharing a witness of service and caring with the Richmond community.

Committees from both denominations worked jointly on the celebration.

## Conference snapshot

**Attendance:** 6,184 people registered including 864 delegates

**Blood Drive:** 247 units were collected

**Food Drive:** 3,655 pounds of food and \$613

**Service Blitz:** Brethren gave 925 service hours to Richmond

**Quilt Auction:** raised \$19,200 for hunger

--Excerpts from September 2008 Church of the Brethren *TAPESTRY*

# **2008 FRIENDSHIP DAYS/ REVIVAL SERVICES**

Sunday, October 26 – Wednesday, October 29  
Sunday morning service at 10:30  
Evening services at 7:00

*Guest speaker: **Rev. Roy Fahnestock***

Rev. Fahnestock is an ordained Church of the Brethren minister who serves as the co-pastor of the Blairs Mills Brethren in Christ Church. Roy's home is near St. Thomas, PA, and he is a member of the Dry Run Church of the Brethren where he served the Lord many years. Roy served 6 years on the District Board of the Southern Pennsylvania District Church of the Brethren. He also served as Vice-Chair of the District Board. He has been a delegate to Annual Conference, Moderator of the Ridge Church of the Brethren, and attended many church development meetings. He has held evangelistic meetings at a variety of congregations over the years. The themes Brother Fahnestock will speak about include revival, human need, sin's penalty, God's provision, and personal responsibility.

### Sermon Titles

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| Sun., Oct. 26 (A.M.) | <b>"I Come Seeking Fruit"</b><br>Luke 13:1-9      |
| Sun., Oct. 26 (P.M.) | <b>"Prisoner"</b><br>Matthew 6:21                 |
| Mon., Oct. 27        | <b>"The Second Death"</b><br>Revelation 20:13-14  |
| Tues., Oct. 28       | <b>"Tarry Until, Expect What?"</b><br>John 14:1-4 |
| Wed., Oct. 29        | <b>"Obedience"</b><br>John 2:2-5                  |

*Special music at all services*

**INVITE A DIFFERENT FRIEND EVERY DAY!**

## Meet our Sunday School teachers

Gregory Eugene Reese was born in Hagerstown on September 8, 1949, to Gene and Rheda Reese. The oldest of five children, Greg grew up on a dairy farm where he and his brother Stevie learned the meaning of hard work.

Greg graduated from South High in 1967 where he ran track and played football. He then went to Hagerstown Junior College for one year. After graduation from high school, Greg played two years of semi pro football for the Hagerstown Bears.

Note: This is a continuing series of articles.



Greg Reese is teacher of the Middle School Youth Class (grades 6-8).

Greg attended Hagerstown Church of the Brethren as a youth. He was baptized when he was 12 years old. As a young man he coached the church's basketball team and took the championship one year. He and his wife Sharon taught the high school Sunday school class at the Hagerstown Church and took the youth to the National Youth Conference back in the 1970's. Looking for a smaller friendlier church, Greg and Sharon joined the Broadfording Church of the Brethren in 1983. Greg taught Sunday school and has been active on the board for most of his life in the church. He has a special love for the youth and has attended two NYC's and several work camps with the youth.

Greg has three children, Michael, Bonnie, and Danny, along with eight grandchildren. Throughout his life Greg has felt the hand of God and has seen His awesome work. God blessed Greg with 13 years he thought he would never have, by giving him a pancreas and kidney transplant. This allowed him to see his daughter get married and to spend special time with his grandchildren. Though Greg doesn't know what the future holds, especially with his health, he knows God is in control and he can trust in Him.

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