

PROFILES

with JENNIFER BARR



Charlotte Marchment is a woman of conviction. She believes strongly the Lord has called her to preach in India and she is moving heaven and earth to fulfill her belief.

Despite restricted family finances (she and husband Leo are raising five children from 9-18) Charlotte has managed to interest enough sponsors to finance two missions to India for herself and feels they have changed her life and touched many of the Indians she visited.

As a registered Pentecostal minister affiliated with several churches, Charlotte received the call more than a year ago from an Indian minister in Vizak, India and her husband are supporting. The people of Vizak wanted her to visit them and share her preaching.

At the time, a member of a Missionary Pentecostal Church, Mrs. Marchment interested them in limited sponsorship. The remainder of the funds was donated by friends and local merchants.

With her fare assured, Charlotte made arrangements to spend the month of July 1978 in India and was so enthralled with the country and the people she managed to find sponsors for another mission this past March.

Warmth and love

Mrs. Marchment says she found India a place of extreme warmth and love. She had nothing but good experiences and speaks highly of the protection she received as a missionary under the auspices of both the Pentecostal and Baptist Churches in India.

"They were very understanding. They protected me like a flower and gave me the freedom to grow," she comments. "They enjoy Christianity in a way (in India) that it is not enjoyed here."

She found India a place of poverty but not depressing.

"They don't know about the things we call civilized. The middle class would live in a one or two room hut, cook over a fire, and wash clothes by beating them on a rock. The poor might live in a hut of palm fronds with a fire in the middle and no sanitation. But they are happy."

Yet Charlotte found the non-Christians weighed down by hopelessness in their poverty but not so with the Christians. "Christians are much more dedicated there than here."

Visited lepers

Visiting small churches, staying with the families of ministers, and getting to know the people were some very important by-products of Mrs. Marchment's trips. The two main areas of her mission were Karalla, off the southern tip of India, and Vizak, off the Bay of Bengal.

The purpose of the mission was to reinforce the work of the church in India and to bring God's Word as a visiting preacher. Mrs. Marchment says she doesn't pretend to feel she could change things in India but by underlining the work of the church (Christian church with a Pentecostal and Baptist slant) she says she is doing God's Will and answering her call.

She even visited leper colonies and had very



Charlotte Marchment.

rewarding experiences preaching, conversing with, and meeting the residents. She's brought back photos that would shock you and I. It's hard to appreciate, in our safe secure world, the ravages of the world's most feared disease.

Charlotte says she didn't have to go back in time or visit the Holy Land for a look at biblical times—it was all there for her in present day India.

As a woman she found herself accepted even in churches where women seemed in the background. But in most cases she found women active in church government and management. It is considered the mothers role in the home to be totally responsible for the religious upbringing of the children in India. So it is that Indian women are allotted a major role in the church. However, when she conducted women's meetings, preaching with the aid of an interpreter (as throughout the whole trip), she found the woman shy and reticent to come forth with questions or opinions.

The heat was intense—120 degrees F. in March of this year, sanitation and creature comfort very unlike those at home, yet Mrs. Marchment says the people bent over backwards to make her comfortable.

"They treated me so well. They found out what kind of food I liked, they were very concerned about my health," she remarks. "A backward country? They put us to shame."

Food for thought

Only two per cent of the population of India is Christian so the Christian Church has a large job to do if they wish to add membership. According to her the ministers are very dedicated shepherds who take their job seriously, visiting parishioners at least once a week.

Food provided a drawing card for visitors to meetings in some areas. Meals doled out to the needy at the end of each service brought many people to the church. It was the same in the leper colonies, Charlotte says. However, the church is growing, with small village meeting places springing up all over India.

It was to support this growth that Mrs. Marchment went to India and it's for this purpose she's like to go again. She hopes to go on another mission to the big cities of India within the next year if she can raise the funds and find sponsors.

Charlotte Marchment has a goal and is every bit as dedicated to that goal as the ministers in India she so admires. Mission work and bringing God's word, according to Pentecostal preaching to the people of India is the goal. Mrs. Marchment is determined to fulfill it.

Toronto firm moves to town

A Toronto property management and consulting firm is relocating its business from Willowdale to Acton, effective August 1.

Lindair Property Management and Consulting Services, owned by Mrs. Linda Derech is currently looking for a building in which to house the business. Mrs. Derech is currently working out of her Acton home, using a postal box.

A careful evaluation of the property management needs in the area west of Toronto indicated to Mrs. Derech, that a locally based firm would be valuable in a number of ways.

"We are more in tune with the market conditions and our overhead is not as high as a Toronto based firm. Since we now reside in the area as well, we would provide a per-

sonal, involved type of management," Mrs. Derech said.

The firm's experience in the past 11 years in Toronto allows the firm to offer professional high quality management for the long term investor. They will offer: efficient organizational skills with a keen eye on budgeting; unique problem solving techniques—the no lose solutions; a thorough knowledge of Government Legislation and Regulations for Condominium and Rental properties, including residential, commercial and industrial.

Lindair also offers expertise in purchasing and maintenance, con-

struction, financing, mortgaging and accounting, leasing and sales, development of systems and procedures, staff motivation, credit and collections, advertising and legal procedures.

Mrs. Derech told the Acton Free Press her firm is looking towards Guelph, Acton, Georgetown and Milton for customers. She explained that in a year or two she could be employing one or two people to help her out.

The firm's services are available either hourly, for short term consultations or on a contract basis for full management services.

Women's Place seek mortgage

Negotiations have started with Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation for a mortgage for the purchase of the former Milton Police Station for Halton Women's Place.

Women's Place finance committee chairperson Peggie Balking pointed this out at a recent board meeting.

The Corporation has over \$10,000 in a savings account, with donations still coming in.

Recent donations to Halton Women's Place were St. Catharines Bridge Club (Oakville), \$100, The Federation of Women Teachers Association of Ontario, \$100, The United Church of Canada, \$1,000, and the

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Jean Paul Cowan was getting the hang of things after a day horseback riding at ZRC ranch, north of Norval. The Recreation department's Sports Camp program went on the day trip to the country where they learned many of the things necessary for proper horse care as well as riding techniques.

Contaminated sludge is dumped

Unacceptable levels of sludge from three Halton sewage plants have been dumped on Halton fields for the past two years, a meeting of the Halton Region public works committee was told recently.

The sludge is coming from the Skyway plant in Burlington and the Acton and Oakville plants. Burlington and Oakville plants are producing sludge with unacceptable levels of zinc while the Acton plant was found to have unacceptable levels of copper and lead.

Heavy metal in some of the Halton sludge was deemed acceptable when most of it was dumped. New guidelines from the Ministry of Environment approved by the Ontario Cabinet two weeks ago make the levels of heavy metals in the three plants unacceptable.

The sludge is dumped on farmland but its effects on farmland is not known, according to Don Morrier, Halton Region manager of operations and maintenance.

However MOE district officer Alex Giffen said the soil across the province is constantly being monitored and there is little concern that the sludge's heavy metal content will have a detrimental effect in Halton.

However, as a result of the new legislation, Halton will have to find a way to reduce the heavy metal content or find an

alternate method for the disposal of sludge.

Morrier told the committee the region would have to combat the problem by either getting to the source, or industry, which is producing the heavy metal content or consider landfill or incineration as an alternative.

Giffen pointed out to the committee that sludge use in Halton is growing and the region's present 2,000 acres of land, which is used for sludge disposal, is inadequate under the Ministry's new standards.

The Ministry of the Environment got tough with the Region and warned that it would not approve any more sludge sites unless the Region agrees to take on the responsibility of supervising its hauling contracts.

"The Ministry is not prepared to allow the utilization of sludge on land in Halton unless there is more accountability," said MOE district officer Alex Giffen. "The Ministry will no longer actively

encourage the use of sludge on agricultural land in the Region. We cannot support the program. The program is failing."

In response to severe criticisms levelled by the Halton Conservation Authority at the MOE, Giffen said it was the Region's responsibility for finding suitable sites and supervising its contracts with the sludge haulers, not the MOE.

This appeared to puzzle the regional staff since most had assumed it was the Ministry's responsibility to find and inspect the sites along with doing the monitoring.

In an earlier report HRCA general manager Murray Stephen blasted the MOE for what he described as being their lackadaisical attitude, in dealing with a sludge runoff in Oakville and contamination of two creeks and their sludge disposal operations in Halton in general.

However, Giffen contended that at no time was the Ministry asked for assistance during the runoff incident "and we left it in the capable

hands of the Authority. Although describing the sludge disposal

system in Halton as being satisfactory, Giffen struck back at Stephen's report calling it irresponsible and inflammatory.



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