

Telling the good news

By Rev. Ella Taylor and Rev. Marg Taylor

Have you ever been bubbling over with something that's happened — that you just can't keep to yourself? Paul had had an experience which he just had to tell! It was on the road from Jerusalem to Damascus. He heard a voice saying, 'I am Jesus who you are persecuting.'

He believed, and was so overwhelmed by the love of God in Jesus, that he spent the rest of his life telling others.

But there was something else besides enthusiasm for the message which compelled Paul to speak.

Remember the story of the dream he had? A man from Macedonia was standing and calling to him, saying, 'Come over and help us.' We're told that Paul immediately tried to go to Macedonia. This feeling that he had to share with others the experience he had had was a real driving force in Paul's life — it sent him over most of the Mediterranean world, and eventually to prison in Rome.

And there was another factor — above all the excited compulsion to tell, the loving concern that others should have what he had — there was the command of Jesus expressed by the church in the words of Matthew 28:19, 'Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.' This command Paul felt compelled to obey — as he wrote, 'Woe is me if I preach not the gospel.'

So far we've been talking mostly about Paul — but he was only one of many in the early church who felt that same compulsion to tell about Jesus.

If we read Acts asking the question, 'How did the people who belonged to the church come into it, how did they become Christians?' — the answer comes out loud and clear



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— that it was because, at a particular place and time they had heard someone proclaiming that Jesus of Nazareth, the carpenter's son who lived, taught and worked miracles in Galilee, who was crucified by the Jews, was raised from the dead — that he was God's appointed one.

They had been told that if only they repented and believed in him they would have life — and they had believed!

The telling of the good news was not only by word of mouth, but also by actions — do you remember the song from 'My Fair Lady' in which Eliza sings to Freddie 'Don't talk of love — show me!' The early Christians didn't just talk of the gospel, they showed it. They demonstrated love by sharing their goods.

The tremendous power of the Gospel was also shown in the gift of healing, in special signs of God's caring for each individual human being and of his power to help. Peter and John healed the lame man at the Beautiful Gate of the Temple, — Ananias helped Paul to regain his sight.

And perhaps even more important were the instances in which particular individuals experienced forgiveness. This experience of forgiveness was the vital core of the good news. God gave himself in his Son to die on the cross that men and women might have life. In being forgiven by their fellow Christians and learning to forgive each other, they understood more deeply

than words alone would have enabled them to do the wonderful accepting forgiving love of God.

This is illustrated so well by the shortest of Paul's letters; to Philemon on behalf of the runaway slave. While returning the slave to his master, Paul asked Philemon to forgive him and treat him as a brother in future. Paul was certain he wasn't asking too much.

That forgiving spirit is still to be found in the Church today. There's a very small local church a long way from here which has very recently gone through a very painful and at the same time heart-warming time — they found that they did not have the money they thought they had in the bank and when they tried to check up it looked as though their treasurer had not been banking all the money received.

They searched hard for another explanation, but were eventually forced to acknowledge that the

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treasurer had been taking sums of church money for himself over the years. In the end admitted that he had started with just a few pounds which he'd intended to put back, but gradually one thing led to another and the sum embezzled grew larger. What were they to do? The man wanted to leave the church.

But the man had been a member since he was a child, he was part of their fellowship. So they persuaded him to remain. He's paying back a bit each week, although he'll never pay it all back — and the church, in spite of the hurt, and without minimizing his fault, is showing him that forgiving love which is at the heart of the gospel!

Not only Paul and the apostles, but every member of that early church, felt the com-

pulsion to share what they'd been given — many of them doing it in very small ways.

So to us today — Jesus says; "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations

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A good year for Mennonite sale

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Several carloads from Gormley attended the annual Mennonite Central Relief Sale at New Hamburg last week. There was a large crowd and prices were good. Quilts sold well, with the highest price \$1175 for the Tree of Life pattern. Heise Hill ladies donated 62 quilts which netted \$4195, with their highest one selling for \$325, the Sunflower pattern. We feel this is an excellent contribution for such a small group of women.

Heise Hill Church will be celebrating its Centennial on Sunday, June 19 with three special services. Watch for further details about this special event.

The Youth Fellowship of the Missionary Church raised \$630. from their Slave Days project, Wheels for Missions. They wish to thank all those who supported them with providing jobs for them to do.

The annual Sunday School picnic of the Missionary Church will be held at 6 p.m., June 10 in the church parking lot. Every one is cordially invited to attend.

The Christian Fellowship Bookstore in Oak Ridges is having a special sale through the month of June. This would be a good time for you to buy those Christian supplies.

100 Huntley St. programme will be aired for the first time on June 15 on Global TV. It is a parallel to the 700 Club programme, only it is Canadian.

Help beat arthritis

Arthritis Society volunteers hope to double the organization's fund raising efforts over the next five years.

Elizabeth Flood of Richmond Hill chaired a recent meeting aimed at developing plans for public education and fund-raising.

Field representative Mark Courtemanche said that only a minority of arthritis sufferers are receiving the best care which medicine can now provide.

Only with more people, more research and better communication can this situation be remedied.

Communities now provide almost \$2,000,000 each year for the training of arthritis specialists and for medical research. But \$4,000,000 is needed by 1981. The Society is convinced the disease can be conquered in the foreseeable future.

If you are interested in helping, call Elizabeth Flood at 883-2000.

Two fine Canadians

Mr. Justice Thomas Berger, commissioner of the Mackenzie Valley Pipeline inquiry, and Harry Somers, Canadian musician and composer, will receive honorary degrees from Atkinson College at this year's spring convocation. It will be held June 11 at 10:30 a.m.

Mr. Berger, a former politician and long a champion of the underdog (pollution, civil servant slander, native rights), was named to the B.C. Supreme Court in 1971.

Harry Somers is the second Canadian composer to receive the Order of Canada. He has written scores for CBC radio and television, and his play 'Louis Riel' was sent to the United States to celebrate that country's bi-centennial.

Come to the main York Campus, Ross Building. For further information, call 667-3441.

Strawberry Supper

Like strawberries? St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Maple will be holding its annual strawberry supper in the community hall Wednesday, June 15 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The \$4 admission charge (\$1.50 for those under twelve) includes fresh strawberries, a salad plate, and home-made pies and cakes.

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<p>UNITED</p> <p>RICHMOND HILL UNITED CHURCH Yonge and Centre Sts., 884-1301</p> <p>The Minister, The Rev. Robert Shorten Sunday, June 12, 1977 at 10:30 a.m. THEME: "THAT ALL MAY BE ONE." Presented by THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE Nursery and Kindergarten Care Available</p>	<p>Operation Lifestyle</p> <p>Install the fitness habit into your children. Get them involved in sports or activity. For a better lifestyle for all the family, try bicycling or skiing. The adults in the family will benefit too!</p>	<p>YOU'RE WHISTLING IN THE DARK...</p> <p>IF YOU THINK THAT HEART ATTACK AND STROKE HIT ONLY THE OTHER FELLOW'S FAMILY.</p> <p>Help your Heart... Help your Heart Fund</p> <p>Service at 10:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.</p>

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