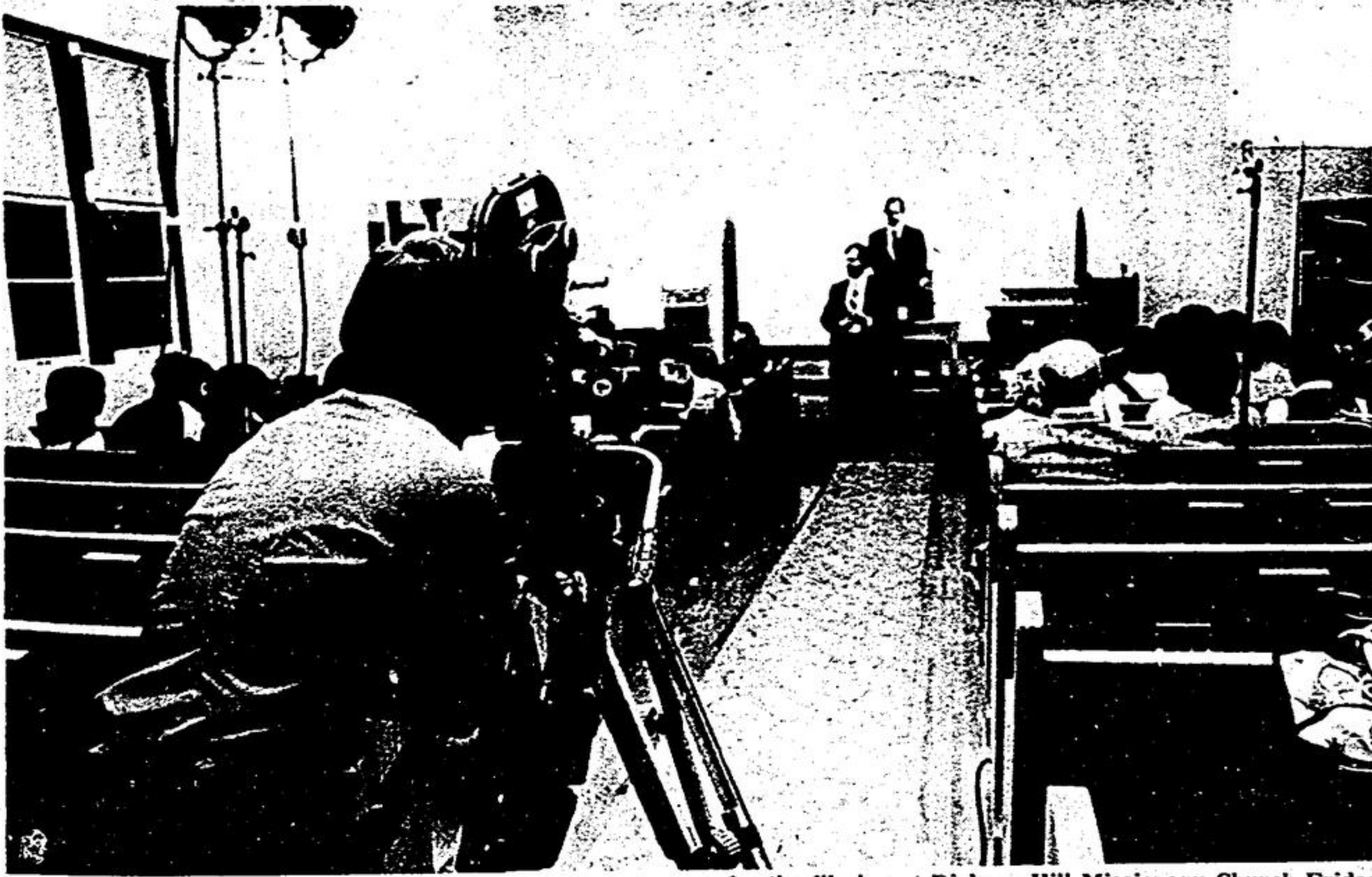


Movie shot at local church



The backs of many local Christians' heads will be prominently featured in a World Vision of Canada movie. Members of the Stouffville Youth Festival and other Christians from throughout the community were on hand

for the filming at Dickson Hill Missionary Church Friday night. The local people played the part of the congregation. The Dickson Hill Church, which closed in the spring, is now used every Sunday evening by the youth group.

DICKSON HILL — Local church people, members of the Stouffville Youth Fellowship and Dickson Hill Missionary Church will soon become a familiar sight to church congregations throughout Canada.

Last Friday night World Vision of Canada moved a film crew into the Dickson Hill Church, and using local church people as the congregation, filmed an address by Rev. William Campbell, World Vision Representative for

Churches and Missionary Boards. The church, which closed down in the spring, was used for the filming for that very reason. Graham Down, producer of the movie, told The Tribune that they were looking for a

country church to film in and since Dickson Hill was no longer in use it was no problem to arrange a time for the shooting.

It was through a mere coincidence that Mr. Down learned about the church. Howard Mills, director of the Stouffville Youth Festival, said his son and daughter, Donny and Marian Mills, met Mr. Down at a wedding and in talking to him they mentioned the church.

They mentioned to Mr. Down that after the Missionary Church closed for lack of congregation the Stouffville Youth Fellowship contracted with the Missionary Church to use the building

for their Sunday night meetings which formerly were held at the Stouffville Youth Centre.

"The church just suited them to a tee," commented Howard Mills.

The youth festival members were asked to come out and participate in the filming and invitations were extended to the congregations of other local churches. The rural church was about three-quarters full Friday evening.

The youth festival meets every Sunday night from 9:15 to 10:30 p.m. at the church

This coming Sunday the film *The Devil's Coach* will be shown.

Our churches

Reflect on Advent

By REV. JACOB SMALL.

Memorial Christian Church. Some years ago King George V and Queen Mary, while vacationing by the seaside, took a walk along the ocean front. When the Queen sprained her ankle, they were forced to seek assistance at a nearby cottage. In answer to their knock, a voice called out, "Who's there?"

"King George and Queen Mary" was the reply.

"You don't expect me to believe that, do you?" exclaimed the occupant. "See for yourself," said the king.

Opening the door, the man and his wife were astounded to see the king and queen. Immediately the cottagers invited the royal couple in and offered all the help and hospitality they could. For years they retold the story and always concluded by saying, "You know, we almost refused to let them in!"

This season of Advent preceding Christmas encourages us to think of that visit to planet earth by the King of kings, our Lord Jesus Christ, when He came to be born as a baby in Bethlehem's stable so long ago. Of course, His first Advent reminds us of the Bible promise of His second Advent at the end of this age. The doctrine of God becoming incarnate in the person of Jesus Christ has always been a part of historic Christianity from earliest times and believed by Christians in all denominations.

In the Memorial Christian Church, as a part of the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference, we believe and enjoy this precious truth along with many other important facts of the Christian faith. With a desire to continue to serve this community as it has done for well over a century, our congregation offers opportunities for worship, fellowship, and education

through the Sunday services, Sunday School, Children's Church, Crusaders (Teens), Jet Cadets (children grades 3, 4, 5, 6), ladies meetings, and adult fellowship. Discover, appreciate, and enjoy with us the fact that the King of kings has visited our world and made it possible for people like us to know purpose and meaning to life, a security which cannot be destroyed or inflated, a clear conscience, peace with God, and the assurance of eternal life in our Lord Jesus Christ.

At that first Advent of our King so long ago, Jesus "came to His own country, but His own people did not receive Him. Some, however, did receive Him and believed in Him; so He gave them the right to become God's children" (John 1:12). In this Advent season, as we anticipate Christmas and ultimately the Second Coming of the King, He is standing outside your life.

Ex gang leader finds God

The Stouffville Pentecostal Church was filled to its rafters last Saturday night to hear former New York gang leader Israel Narvez speak of his experiences.

Israel told his warm, moving story to approximately 250 people. The crowd was entirely unexpected and the organizers were required to scrounge up every last chair they could find in order to seat everyone.

The story Mr. Narvez told was one of rising from the depths of a New York City street gang, with its life of beatings, knifings and drugs, to a life of Christianity.

Israel was the leader of the powerful Mau Mau gang, and came to be known to the outside world through another former gang member, Nicky Cruz. Mr. Cruz' finding of Christ and his exploits were written about in the book *The Cross and the Switchblade*. Mr. Cruz, who now has a world-wide ministry, mentioned Israel in his book, which subsequently led Israel to the ministry.

Israel's story was aimed at the younger members of the crowd, and he still retains the street jargon and mannerisms to help him reach the kids.

Most of his listeners were amazed at how young Israel was when he first got involved with the gangs. He commented that his first experience with a gang was when he was 13 years old.

"I had to pay off my lunch money of 15 cents to some gang member," he said "so I told my brother and he gave me my first switchblade. I pulled the knife on the guy and, he left me alone.

Afterwards however, the other members surrounded Israel and he was fortunately saved by the gang leader of another group, who was of the same Puerto Rican background as Israel.

The leader then asked Israel to join his gang and with a little hesitation, he did.

His first "rumble" took place just a few days afterwards, and Israel recounted his experience of non-involvement.

"When the two groups met I could see a few guys falling and I knew this was no place for me. So I ran into a building and hid out until it was all over. Afterwards I took off home as fast as I could, all you could see was my dust."

Israel interspersed his talk with numerous humorous anecdotes that were well received. He has a disarming, comfortable style that put the audience at ease and built up a quick rapport with them.

Following his initial fight Israel became more and more involved with the violence, finding that he was actually enjoying it. He also started into the drug scene when he was 15 years old.

The Apache gang split up so Israel formed his own, named after a fierce African tribe, the Mau Mau.

"The gang started to grow quickly, so we started beating heads of other gangs. Pretty soon we became one of the strongest gangs in town, we had over 300 members," he commented.

The first turning point in his life came a short while later when he met with David Wilkerson, the well known minister who tried to help the gangs.

Israel's reaction to Mr. Wilkerson was one of derision. "This guy was really weird, talking about God and the Bible, nobody knew what he was up to. But even then he had an influence over the gang, myself included. It was strange, but we really did listen to him."

A few weeks later on July 4th Rev. Wilkerson got a number of gangs together and held what must have been a very unusual service. Despite warnings of a major

outbreak of violence, the service went off without a hitch.

It was at this service that Israel admitted that he let Jesus in his heart for the first time. "I started crying, I don't know why, but I did. Afterwards I talked to the minister and started to get involved with the Bible. It was there that I left my gang life behind for the first time."

However, Israel went back to his gang following what he thought was a betrayal from one minister.

Back with the gang he got into more trouble and violence, and was sentenced to five years in the state reformatory on a manslaughter charge.

After being released, Israel said he "hated everything and everybody. But that changed when I went home and saw my mother and knew I was destroying her life from that point on my life changed for the better."

A while later he met Nicki Cruz and they discussed Nicki's work as a minister. "I felt good," Israel said, "and I also felt the tug of Jesus for the second time in my life, I knew you couldn't run from the Lord."

"Listen," he says, "I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens his house..." (Rev. 3:20).



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