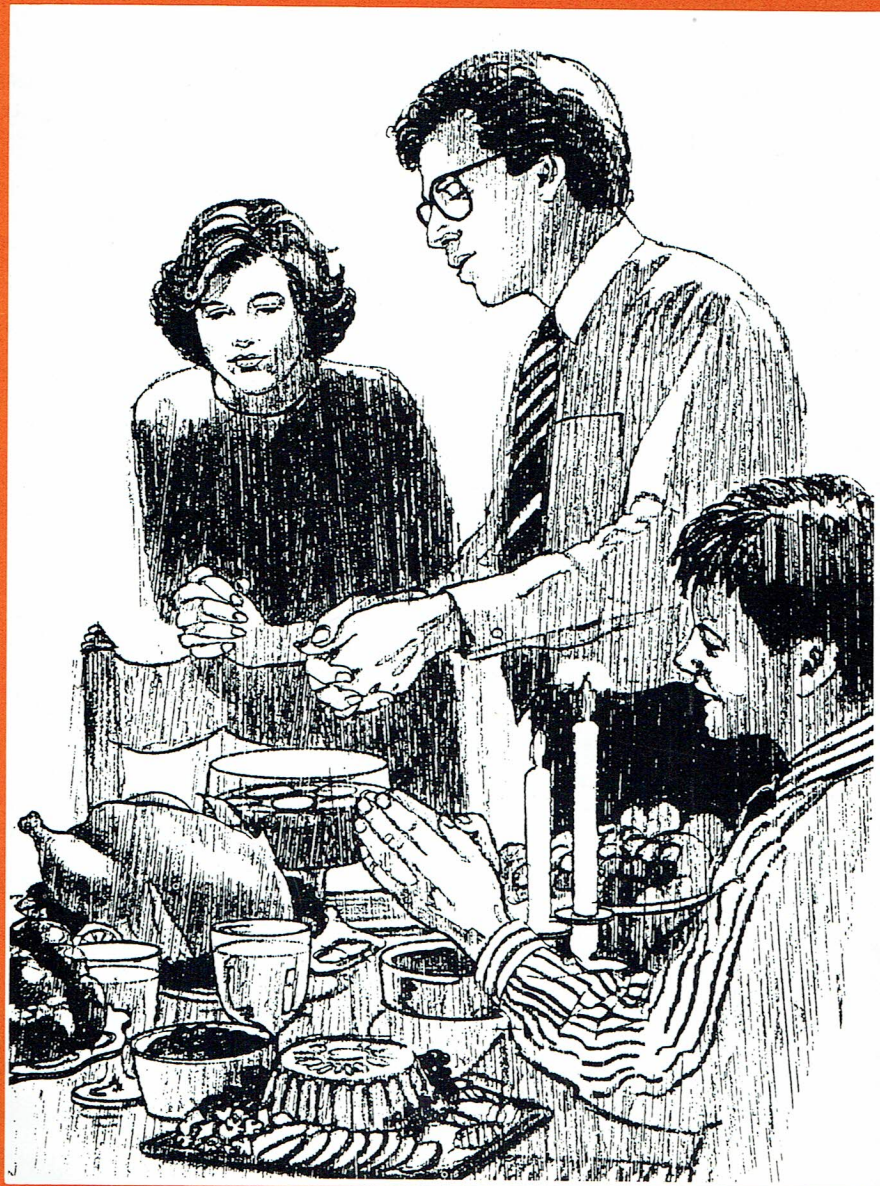


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The Sword of Caesar Cuts Both Ways

Many Christians decry the secularism of our culture — in government, in education, in the media, in society in general. They check off the evidence: prayer has been banned from school; religious displays have been removed from public property; Christian teachers are enjoined from witnessing in public schools. At the same time, non-Christian religions, witchcraft, and occult practices have gained acceptance and legitimacy.

In response many Christians are fighting back — working toward a Christian presence in the public arena. Some are advocating a constitutional amendment that would allow prayer in the schools; some are getting involved with local school boards, with legislatures, and with court battles. Some are organizing boycotts of advertisers that support violence on TV and radio. Others are busy writing government officials, urging them to enforce laws against indecency. A few go so far as to believe that Christians should take over the government and establish a rule of biblical law. (Undoubtedly, 7th dayers would be among the first to feel the wrath of such a “Christian” government.)

Decades ago, when they perceived themselves as a persecuted minority discriminated against by blue laws, Sabbathkeepers could clearly see the need for keeping government far removed from religious matters. But when those same Sabbathkeepers no longer see government as a threat to their religious freedom, they begin to view it as a potential ally in the fight for decency and morality.

Obviously, there is a battle in our society between evil and good. But to what extent can we and should we count on government as an ally? For decades many Christians decried the liberalism of the “Warren” Supreme Court. But now that the Court has taken a decidedly conservative tack, we may be in for some unwanted surprises. The same court that ruled against the use of peyote in a Native American ceremony can also rule against the use of fermented wine in a Christian ceremony — or against other freedoms we enjoy. I don’t see that as an imminent danger at all; but when we begin to think of government as an ally in our fight for Christian values, we better watch out! The same government that can get prayers back in schools can seek to prescribe the nature of those prayers.

Recently my son returned from six weeks of missionary work in Romania. He reported that one of the biggest concerns of the evangelical Christians there is the relationship between the Orthodox Church and the government. Similar church/state alliances exist all over Europe; yet church attendance on any given Sunday is only 5%, and Sabbathkeeping Christians don’t have anywhere near the freedoms we have in the U.S. When organized religion joins with government — watch out! Isn’t that the picture presented in Revelation: a beast (political power) teams up with a woman (religious power) to persecute saints? Could such an alliance happen here? Could it be brought about unwittingly by dedicated Christians seeking to promote Christian values through government offices?

We have the duty to stand up for the gospel and for righteousness, relying on the power of the word and the power of the spirit. We have the right to decry immorality and injustice — in every arena, including government. But when we are tempted to look to the power of government as an ally in promoting the kingdom of heaven, let us be very cautious. The sword of Caesar can cut both ways.

—Richard A. Wiedenheft

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the liberty of His Sabbath!**

And now abide
**FAITH,
HOPE, LOVE,**
these three, but the
greatest of these is
LOVE.

YMI Completes First Overseas Mission

by Curt Blank, Director
Youth Missions, International

Editor's note: The following article is based on letters written by the author during the five weeks he was in Kenya last summer leading the first Youth Missions International, overseas project. The four members of the team were Rhonda and Jennifer Oliva, Tony Nunez, and Jim Slawson. After spending a week in June training on the campus of Spring Vale Academy in Michigan, the team flew to Kenya via London. Their project was to help with construction of a health clinic for the Church of God (Seventh Day) in the Keore district.

Our first YMI project is a health clinic in Keore, the southwest district in Kenya. We've been keeping real busy during the week with the construction of the building. On Sabbaths and Sundays we've been meeting with brethren, speaking in churches throughout southwest Kenya, and meeting with the health committee. Many people for miles

around know about the clinic. The other day we met with a member of parliament and other "big shots" who thanked me very much for our help to the community and asked for further help. I told them it's the love of Jesus that brings us here and that we hope to have another project in Kenya in 1993.

As I am the only driver, I've been



YMI Director Curt Blank posing for the camera along with local brethren turned masons.

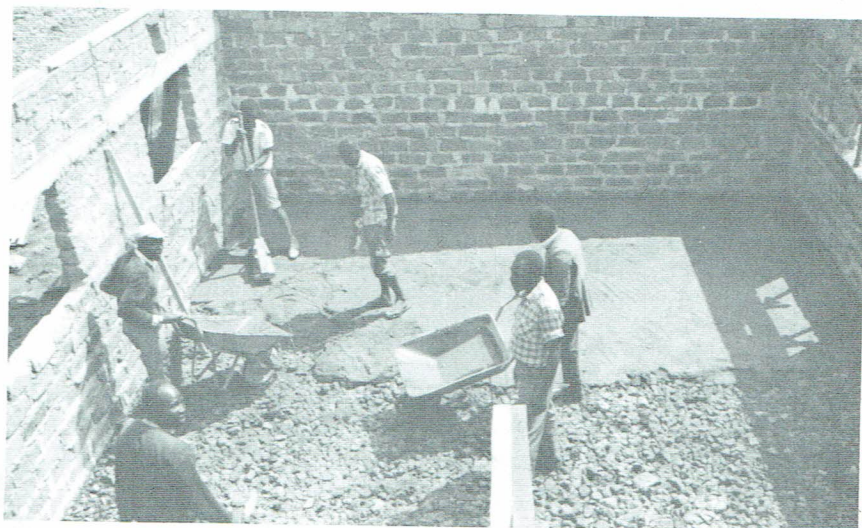


During their lunch break from school, the children carry rocks and bricks to the building.

busy bringing in supplies for us and building materials for the clinic. A couple of our team members drive but don't have international licenses; and none of the Kenyan brethren can drive. Sometimes we hire a big truck to bring in sand, cement, reinforcing rods, metal roofing, and some bricks.

Going to town for supplies is an all-day ordeal even though it is only 39 km. away - The roads are so bad.

Thank God the rainy season is over, and it hasn't rained! Otherwise the roads would be impossible and our work miserable. Sometimes big trucks get stuck coming here and have to be pushed out of the mud by many men. Some supplies are difficult if not impossible to get. I have to learn where to get what, who has the best prices, etc. Next time we'll bring lots of peanut butter, since none is



Pouring the concrete floor over the broken rocks and bricks.



The team members pose with some of the brethren inside their home in Nairobi.

available here. Sometimes jam is difficult to come by. Paper towels are unavailable, as are mantles for our U.S. made lanterns. Kerosene is sometimes difficult to find, but it's necessary for some of our lamps and stoves. Postcards are unavailable - Keore is not a tourist town.

Construction Work

Most of the bricks for the clinic were made here by the brethren, but we've had to buy some. Trees are felled by the brethren and cut into lumber by hand. For the floors, we've been smashing up huge boulders with sledge hammers (ugh!) and mixing these stones with sand and cement. Sometimes we hire a tractor and wagon to bring the rocks to the work site and sometimes we haul them by a handcart with three or four men pulling and pushing it. Whew! Talk about exercise! It is especially tough in this tropical (equatorial) sun.

The work is progressing well. We have some hard working brethren. Two-thirds of the walls are complete

or nearly so. Soon we'll start the framing for the roof. Virtually everything is done by hand. There is no electricity and no running water. The ladies haul water for us and balance it on their heads. I tried it and got a headache and a stiff neck for my efforts. Sometimes we haul it ourselves - it's quite a walk. Laundry, done by hand, is very time consuming. But I love being here. I love the rural areas; they are really beautiful. It is very peaceful here except for a rooster that crackles much too early in the morning.

Health Care Desperately Needed

This health clinic is sorely needed. The current "clinic" is in a church member's house. The poor man has only a small part of his house for himself. One nurse and an assistant are treating over 100 patients a day during the busy season (which is now). They are sorely overworked, and the clinic is lacking medicines and equipment. Sometimes I wish I were a doctor or nurse so I could help

more. One of the major problems is malaria. This is the malaria season, and kids are dying of it. How can one explain the agony of losing a child? One day a woman came running and screaming toward the village and then fell on the ground crying and beating the earth. Her husband came behind carrying their four year old child who had just died of malaria. Perhaps if she had gotten to the health clinic sooner the baby would have lived.

One night the nurse came and asked me to drive a woman in labor to the hospital. The baby wouldn't come out, and the clinic wasn't equipped to do a caesarian section; so I drove at night on these terrible roads as gently as possible. The baby was finally born in the back of the pick-up on the highway. The nurse didn't even have a knife to cut the umbilical cord - we had to get one. Boy was I mad! What a mess too! The baby died. The mother survived. The nurse needs a bag with supplies for house calls or such emergencies. I'm the one who has a first

aid kit to patch up those who get hurt on the job site.

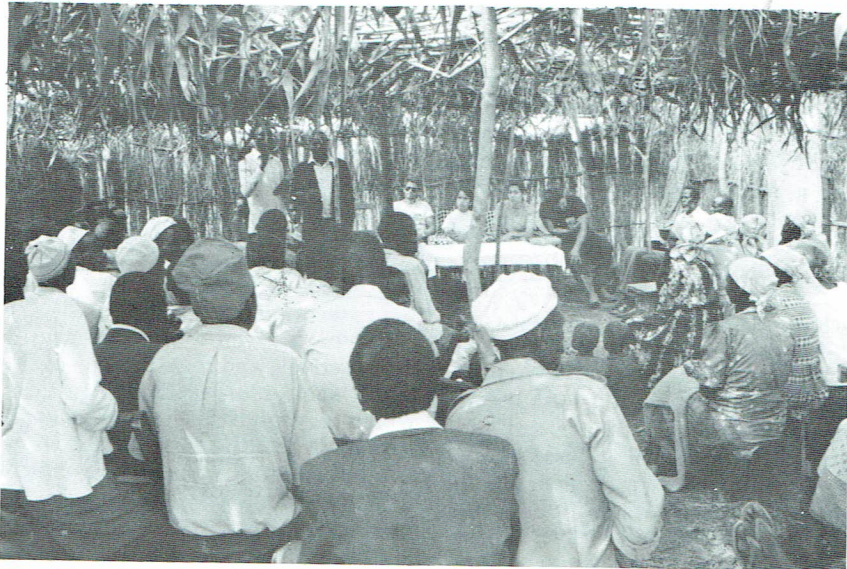
The brethren want to expand this medical work into a hospital with the ability to do surgery too. They are looking for a doctor and a couple of nurses.

I haven't been feeling well the last couple of days (weak and light headed). I trust it's just overwork, not drinking enough fluids, the hot sun, etc. and not malaria. I'm feeling better today, thank God.

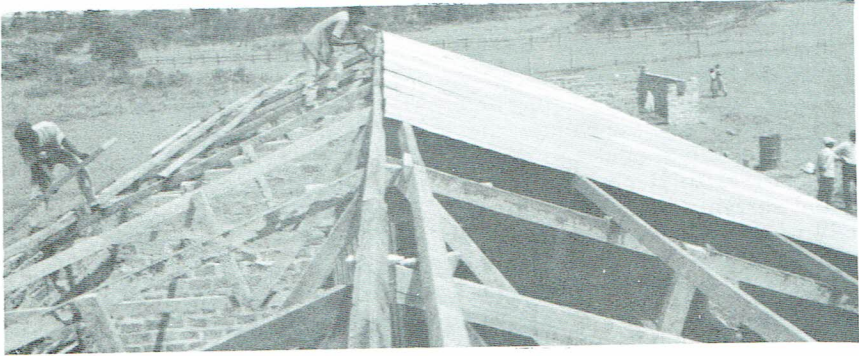
Visiting Churches and Schools

It is late, about 11:30 p.m., and I am writing by flashlight in my tent. About 10:00 p.m. we got back home from visiting a church in S. Nyanza district. It's not all that far away in miles, but the way the roads are, it's an exhausting all-day journey there and back. We went as far as we could by truck and then continued on foot, arriving about 3:00 p.m. We had a flat tire on the way, which is not unusual; that's why I always carry 2 spares. It was our fourth flat so far.

The brethren had been waiting for



Sabbath meeting place: team members at table with a local congregation inside a typical stitch and grass shelter.



Metal roofing goes on over the wooden trusses.

us since 9:00 a.m.! What patience! Their love and hospitality is just great. Lacking a real church building, these brethren meet inside an area defined by branches woven together with millet stalks and grass (a stitch and grass wall). This "structure" provides shade from the hot sun, but offers no protection from rain. Many churches here meet "under the trees" or out in the open. The brethren can construct a more substantial structure with mud and stick walls, but it costs about \$500 to purchase the metal roofing.

Yesterday we visited a church that meets on a hillside - they are in need of a building. Later in the afternoon we went to a church I had visited a year and a half ago when they had no building. Now they have one with a metal roof - what a difference.

I hate the extravagance of the huge edifices we have in the U.S. - and the lack of spirituality that goes with our materialistic society. In many ways I feel more at home here in Kenya than in the U.S. (except the languages). The love, the hospitality, and the spirituality of the folks here is as it should be. As we've prospered physically in the U.S., our spirituality has declined. Seems to be an inverse relationship. People here seem to be happier and friendlier than in the U.S. even though they have much harder lives and few possessions.

In spite of the handicaps of poor roads, no vehicles, and few buildings, the church here has grown from 43 to 52 congregations since I was here one and a half years ago. There are interests as far as Mombassa on the Indian Ocean, but the pastors have been unable to get there due to lack of transportation.

Wherever I go, I receive requests for help that I must say no to, at least for the time being, because of our lack of funds. There are needs for church buildings, schools, health clinics, medicines, transportation for pastors, pastor sponsorships (\$25 a month to sponsor a pastor - incredible, huh?). Then there are personal requests for clothes, shoes, tools, books, the desire to visit or study in the U.S. Sometimes I feel like Albert Schweitzer - overwhelmed by all the needs and my inability to meet them. So we do what we can.

Witnessing at Schools

I've been given tours of local primary schools and have been asked to teach some classes in agriculture, which they study from grade 4 on up. I haven't had the time for teaching yet, but if I do, I will probably teach fruit production, propagation, or grafting.

I have spoken in primary-secondary schools on "Satan's Traps" - alcohol, drugs, cigarettes, sex before marriage, bad friends, etc. One can freely

preach God's word in the schools here unlike in America where you'll get fired if you do. It's so wonderful to be able to speak so freely. The school in Kenore is incomplete-two inadequate classrooms with no money for metal roofing. They need blackboards and textbooks. The schools I spoke in each asked for textbooks. Books are astronomically high in price.

Friendly People and Bargains

Even though the Kenyans have so very little, we've been treated royally. People appreciate so much what we are trying to do. They bring us gifts of bananas, sugar cane, eggs, milk, pineapple, squash, corn, cabbage, etc. They haul water for us. When we visit a church - we're all invited for lunch and given gifts of food and/or baskets.

We and our little car are a real novelty in these rural areas - especially with the children. I gave a bunch of them a ride today - they just loved it. Some of these little ones are hard workers too. They help us load and unload bricks and carry lumber. Some of them are so neat - friendly and happy. It wouldn't surprise me if

we were the first whites to live here among them.

In the U.S., many people are dying from loneliness, but here it's the opposite. There is very little privacy. People are very friendly and are always stopping by to visit. Kids and adults, too, want to look in our tents, ride in the car, etc. We are a real novelty, and everything we do is too. When taking a "shower" we have to "guard" for each other to make sure no one comes in while we're washing.

We are finally working well as a team together in doing the various chores, and we're cooking up some good meals. We really get hungry doing all this hard work. All our water used for drinking, dishwashing, and showering is treated by boiling or filtering and with chlorine.

There are some really good bargains here - handmade stools, chairs, tables, bureaus, pottery items, baskets, etc. Too bad we can't take it all home. One week ago I visited brethren in Narok. On the way home the road was so bad part of the car's frame pulled apart. The next day we hired someone to spent weld it. The



YMI team members pose with a family in Nairobi. Tony Nunez (l.), Rhonda Oliva, Jennifer Oliva (holding newborn baby), Kenyan brethren, Director Curt Blank, and Jim Slawson

dirt roads there are terrible, worse than anything we've experienced thus far. Some people walked 16 miles (more than 4 hours) to come and see us. It is a very poor area. The people have a struggling existence. The roads take a terrible toll on the cars- especially the small two wheel drive ones. We sometimes call our car *the car that runs on prayer*; sometimes it won't start, we pray, and it starts!

Poverty

Many people here are poor because of circumstances - they were born in a country that is poor - or because they lack education. Some hard working brethren here are in rags, so we've given our pants, shirts, etc. to some. I've given some of my things to those who are most kind, helpful, and in need. James 2:15 is appropriate. One intelligent, lovely young lady is very poor due to circumstances. Her husband died one and a half or so years ago due to malaria, leaving her to care for their five children. She has four and her sister cares for one. She will probably not be able to remarry as no man would want her with so many children. She lives in a little shack the size of a large bathroom in the U.S. She barely subsists. However she seems to be very happy in the Lord. Two of us chipped in about \$12 each to buy her a foam mattress, a blanket, a pair of shoes, sugar, and cooking oil. Next time I want to bring my extra clothes, shoes, etc. for those in rags.

Future Projects and Needs

A school at Chesoen (Chesoen Poly-technic) will be our next project. They will teach auto mechanics, welding, carpentry masonry, shoe making, tailoring and dress making, and agriculture. It is very much needed for the young people. The land will cost approximately \$2000 dollars and the building materials \$11,000.

We also need to raise \$5000 dollars for a four-wheel drive vehicle for Youth Missions, Int'l. to use when

we're here in Kenya (rentals are a rip-off). It can also be used as an ambulance for the health clinic and by the chairman and secretary of the church.

Churches, that can be built for \$500 to \$1000, are much needed, as are pastors, nurses, doctors, and medicines.

I am looking forward to coming back in two years for the next YMI project. Wish I had the finances to help more - there are so many, many needs and requests. Not only are we helping the people here in Kenya, but this is changing our young peoples' lives. The four who were on this team want to come back again in two years together with their friends. It has been a big adjustment for them (culture shock, etc.), but they've come to love this place and have made many friends.

When we left Keore more than half of the health clinic was complete with walls and roof - except for the spackling inside the walls. On the rest of the building, the walls are only partially completed. The brethren can do the rest without us, if the finances hold out. They all send their love and warmest regards and heartfelt thanks to brethren in the U.S. We had a farewell ceremony and were given many gifts.

These people are very dedicated, hard working brethren. The clinic will be so very nice when complete. The people are very thankful.

Sorry! Still no postcards. None in Kisii at all. I've looked all over. Leave for Nairobi tomorrow and then safari. I will get postcards there.

For more information about YMI and how you can be a part of the next overseas missionary project, or how you can help financially, write to Youth Missions International, 10645 E. Jensen, Sanger, CA 93657. The author, when he's not working on mission projects for YMI, is studying for his master's degree in horticulture at Fresno.

The Sabbath and the Law of Moses

by Edmund Rogol

Some would demean the 4th commandment by calling it the law of Moses. But was the law of Moses something of ill repute, degrading the 10 commandments? Moses did not originate the law that we call the law of Moses. Christ was the real author and authority that framed and formed Israel's government. The real administrator behind Moses was Christ (1 Cor. 10, Ex. 39, 40, etc.).

It is claimed that Moses structured ethics of the O.T. while Christ structured faith in the N.T. But actually Christ structured both ethics and faith in the O.T. and then communicated them through Moses. Also Christ structured both ethics and faith in the N.T. and then communicated them personally and through the apostles. N.T. structuring however does not ignore O.T. structure. N.T. incorporates the permanent features of the O.T. and dismisses the temporary as they became fulfilled in Christ.

It is written: "The law came by Moses but grace by Jesus Christ" (John 1:17). Are we to deduce from this that the grace of God through Christ makes void the law of the Ten Commandments because they were given during the administration of Moses? The law came by Moses, that is, it was communicated from God to man through Moses because that is what Moses was assigned and authorized to do. Moses had no grace to impart but Christ was full of grace and truth. Christ alone could mediate and impart grace. Although the office and authority of Christ and Moses were unequal, their purposes were not opposed to each other.

In response to the unbelieving Jews, Jesus resorted to Moses to verify His mission, saying that to believe Moses was to believe Him (John 5:45-47). What about Paul? Did he make a wholesale rejection of the law of Moses? Not at all. On occasions he actually defended his Christian freedom by appealing to the law of Moses. In 1 Cor. 9:1 he begins: "Am I not free...?" Then after listing a group of personal freedoms as a N.T. believer, he supports his claim by saying: "Say I these things as a man? or saith not the law the same also? For it is written in the law of Moses, 'Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn' ...Saith he it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt this is written" (verses 8-10).

The Christian world, intent on discrediting the seventh-day Sabbath, impugns it as the law of Moses. But no where in the N.T. is the law or the law of Moses referred to in a pejorative sense. Even Paul's use of the term "ministration of death" (of condemnation, NIV) is not used in criticism of the law (2 Cor. 3). Paul is criticizing Jewish blindness and their failure to recognize the "ministration of righteousness" (gospel) in relation to the "ministration of condemnation" (law). The ministry of death (law), Paul said, was "glorious," but the ministration of righteousness is "more glorious" because only in Christ can the true nature of the law be understood. Paul consistently honors the law but consistently also objects to the wrong use of the law. The prophets called the law of Moses the law of God and extolled it highly.

"The law of the Lord is perfect..." etc. Paul does not fault the law but the Jews who read the law with a veil over their hearts (2 Co. 3:15). Without the gospel the law always falls into abuse. After all, Paul said, that what was written, "was written for our admonition."

The O.T. era must not be viewed as a faulty old order that needed a subsequent revision. God did not err in setting up the Jewish economy. Though immature, it was not a system, which after some experimentation would be condemned in favor of another system. The fault found in the old system was not in the institution but in the people (Heb. 8:8). But is there no fault with the people under the new system? Of course there is. The living gospel of grace in the N.T. exceeds in glory the gospel of grace in types and symbols of ancient Israel, but when the old order gave way to the new order, that did not fault the old order as a mistake. Christ's life and death fulfilled O.T. anticipations but it did not condemn them. The gospel lessons which were intended to be taught through the O.T. institution were in the new system to be taught through the living Christ.

Of course we would be foolish to make an unqualified retreat back to an O.T. mentality, but we should at least attribute to the O.T. the place and value that Jesus and the Apostles did. Jesus expanded and adapted its ethical injunctions to fit the atmosphere of gospel freedom, and in His own life and death, showed the fulfillment of O.T. types. Paul also did not criticize the O.T. but rather explained its true intent (Acts. 24:13, 14; 26:22; 28:17, 23).

The Jews, being a people of intense national pride, eagerly identified themselves with Moses whose law they extolled; "The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat" (Matt. 23:2). "We are Moses' disciples" (John

9:28). "But the people who know not the law (of Moses) are cursed" (John 7:49). In response, Jesus did not refute Moses or the law of Moses, but the Jew's undeserved claim to Moses. "There is one that accuseth you, even Moses, in whom ye trust" (John 5:45).
Old Testament Man And The New Testament Man

Even though the light of the N.T. shines clearer than did the light of the O.T. the Christian age is marked with the same perversities as marked the Jewish age. The nature of men is as deceitful and wicked in N.T. times as it was in the O.T. times. But typical of human infatuation with itself, many Christians see themselves superior to the people of the Jewish age. It presumes to have no need for objective guidelines like the 10 commandments as was needed in the O.T. times. They see themselves now subject only to the law of love, and above such childish restrictions as the Ten Commandments. However, have we not witnessed some dismal demonstrations of that love even in this age of such superior systems and boasted freedom?

There is seen in some places that N.T. mentality which, seeing itself somewhat superior, ascribes unto itself some kind of privileged exemption from the moral restraints of the Ten Commandments which were not granted to people of O.T. times. Such exemptions, they claim, is allowed by some unspecified higher law, the law of love, and the law of Christ, which governs them. Thus every man is free to indulge the "sanctified" promptings of his own "virtuous" life.

Apart from the restraining Spirit, writing the law upon the heart, man is the same in the new covenant as he was under the old. The foolish attempts of the Jews to perfectly comply with the Torah is matched with the foolish attempts of Christians to find some way to love perfectly even as Christ loved them. Just as men

were slow to learn in O.T. times that perfect obedience to the law was possible only through faith, so men are slow to learn in N.T. times that perfect love is possible only through faith.

The Jews honored the law but dishonored the Law Giver. The Christian world, however, honors the Law Giver but dishonors the law. That which was temporary, the Jews endeavored to perpetuate, and that which was permanent the Christian world would make temporary. If Paul did not distinguish between the temporary ritual laws and the permanent moral principles, what was he thinking about when he said, in positive affirmation: "So then, the law is holy, and the commandment is holy, righteous and good," that "the law is spiritual," that "the commandment intended to bring life," that "in my inner being I delight in God's law," and that "we uphold the law" (Rom. 3:31; 7:10, 12, 14, 22)? Were these the endorsements of circumcision or some other Jewish regulations which were no longer obligatory?

Paul as well as Jesus said that the law of 10 commandments was the law of love (Rom. 13:9, Matt. 19:19). Jesus said that this same law of love was the royal law, the law of Christ, the law of liberty (James 2:8, 12). The law of God, the law of Christ, the royal law, and the law of love are all

synonymously the Ten Commandments, concisely stating the comprehensive principles of love to God and man. Jesus, having begun His teachings of the new order made the Ten Commandments the basis for the admission to or the exclusion from the kingdom of heaven. See Matt. 5:19. All the moral teachings of Jesus and of the Apostles were but ramifications of the Ten Commandments; not a displacement of them.

Sabbath, An Old Testament Form?

Opponents to the Sabbath criticize the Sabbath as being an O.T. form which is inadequate to celebrate a N.T. gospel. The Sabbath of the O.T., celebrating the old creation, it is claimed, inadequately celebrates the new creation wrought out in Christ. In return we ask: is there anything, or anything we could do, adequate enough to celebrate the gospel? Even if we consumed our life in service and devotion, or exhausted our spirit in praise and adoration, we would still be far short of adequately celebrating the gospel. We can only bow our heads, believe and receive, commemorate and rehearse the great acts of God. Inadequate as it may be, the Sabbath is God's appointed form to aid man in his feeble celebrations of both creation and redemption.

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NEWS FROM THE BSA

Election of BSA Officers

As of this writing in September the BSA election is between the primary and final ballots. The following nominees received enough votes on the primary ballot to be elected by acclamation: Eugene Lincoln, President; Lawrence Burrell, Secretary-Treasurer; Allen Babcock, John Conrod, and John Kiesz, vice presidents. After the primary ballots had been mailed out Leroy Bass asked to have his name withdrawn for recording secretary and placed on the ballot for director-at-large. He nominated George Estey for recording secretary. These names along with a number of others will be on the final ballot for directors-at-large.

John Bennett, of Vancouver, British Columbia, director-at-large for the past eight years, has asked not to be reelected. Distance and health problems have prevented his attending any meetings during that period; however, his phone calls and correspondence have always included thoughtful encouragement, insightful input,

and frequent bundles of clippings, which have been very much appreciated by BSA workers. We thank him for his years of service.

TSS Writer Edits School Paper

Ed Ozalas, who is taking over some of the regular columns from Howard Mesick, has been named editor of the *Collegian*, the student paper of Bucks County (Penna.) Community College. Though he graduated from college a number of years ago with a degree in photojournalism, Ed has gone back to college to study journalism.

Sharing Names and Addresses

Names and addresses are our primary means for introducing our association to new people. You can help by sending us names and addresses of Sabbathkeeping friends. Some readers have sent us local church directories. Don't worry about whether or not someone is already on our list; we check all names and addresses against our computer list before we mail them.

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TO REPEAT

SIGNIFICANT STATEMENTS BY OR ABOUT SABBATHKEEPERS

Satan fooled us into believing that we could be like God in our present state. We could know the difference between good and evil. We could be immortal and choose whatever way of life pleased us. We now believed, in choosing the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, that we had the wisdom to fully understand life. We would have the ingenuity to govern ourselves. We would be self-sufficient. We would not need God anymore.

“At War with Ourselves” by Christina R. Kuo, *The Plain Truth*, Aug. '91

Even though the Bible has no direct command on (gambling), it seems to us God's mind is made clear on this in His law, “Thou shalt not covet...” It would be pretty hard to play such games and not wish (covet) to be enriched by our opponent's loosing his funds to our benefit. Of course, if we wished to loose our money (as Paul said, I speak as a fool) we would not be coveting. However, if that were our intent, we most likely could find a more worthy cause to support with our funds.

“What's Wrong with Gambling?” by Jack Hines, *Churchlight*, July '91

Pinpointing a month and a year when the full power of the latter rain will come is impossible. What we do know is that the latter-rain power will be given for the final proclamation of the everlasting gospel. Therefore, the latter rain will be given before Jesus comes and before the close of probation. Because this power is to swell the messages of Revelation 14 into the loud cry, it comes in conjunction with a national Sunday law.

“The Holy Spirit and the Latter Rain” by George E. Rice
Adventist Review, Mar. 21, '91

In simple terms, members of the ATS feel it necessary to say that they continue to uphold the Bible, that Jesus died for their sins, that Ellen G. White has theological as well as pastoral and devotional authority, and that the Seventh-day Adventist Church has been called on the world scene as the remnant for such a time as this.

From the “Information Booklet” of the Adventist Theological Society

The Apostle James also described the tongue as similar to a rudder--small, but able to turn a large ship (James 3:4). Sometimes the tongue seems more like a Scud missile--deadly, but not very accurate.

“Friendly Fire” by John Halford, *The Plain Truth*, Aug. '91

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NEWS

NEWS FROM THE SEVENTH DAY COMMUNITY

Largest Ever Church of God General Conference?

Little Rock, Arkansas, was the site of the 1991 Biennial General Conference of the Church of God (Seventh Day), July 1-6. By the concluding session, 826 church members 18 or older had registered, making that business meeting possibly the best attended in the denomination's history. The body approved the new financial option (this column, June '91) that lets local congregations choose to keep more of their funds while shouldering more expenses. The convention also recommended that the Denver headquarters office resume publishing a Spanish version of *The Harvest Field Messenger*, the church's member magazine. It elected or reelected four of the 12-man Conference Board of Directors. After the GC, the directors met in Little Rock, establishing a Hispanic Affairs Agency and moving responsibility for church employees' medical insurance from the headquarters to the districts. The General Conference Secretary-Treasurer told the GC that the church's financial condition has greatly improved in two years, so that cash flow can cover all liabilities.

GC President Delivers Keynote Address

Conference President Calvin Burrell gave a state of the church message to GC participants recently assembled in Little Rock, expressing his joy over the recent renewal and rapid growth of the COG (this column, Apr. '91), especially of 15 congregations he praised by name. He

also noted the contributions of unpaid lay pastors to 30 local churches acknowledged the value of a growing number of independent ministries—Cornerstone Gospel Singers, Ministries of the Bread of Life, Dover (Oklahoma) Campgrounds, Sis-Q-Meadows (Oregon) Youth Camp, the Missionary Association of New York City, etc. Responding to accusations by Victor Novak, former church extension specialist who recently left to form his own group, Burrell said, "We are not witnessing the 'accelerated death' of the Church, as one member has suspected. The facts are that by all objective measures of size, membership, ordained ministers, affiliated congregations, and monetary budgets, the Church of God (Seventh Day) is . . . larger than . . . at any time in the last half-century, and perhaps any time in its history. None-the-less . . . any single congregation may be only one generation away from its demise, should it neglect or reject the challenges and opportunities with which it is continually faced. Our general church has no existence beyond the life of its affiliated congregations."

To promote the spiritual health of the church, the president recommended, "regular intake of God's Word, in a balanced diet. The Bible contains all the nutrients of soul health, and we ought to be in one or the other of these descriptions of Bible readers: First, it's like vitamins: you take it because its good for you. Second, its like cereal: dry, but nourishing. Third, its like peaches

and cream: you just can't get enough of it."

President Burrell named three groups of people the church is especially challenged to serve: its more than 2000 children plus hundreds of teens; its elderly, probably the fastest-growing age group; and its Hispanics—the largest and fastest-growing ethnic group, whose "full participation among us is made more difficult because of the language barrier. . . . The challenge and opportunity of assimilating them as an undivided part of our Conference is not simple, either locally or nationally."

He expressed a dream of 150 or more local churches, each spiritually strong and growing. That seems quite attainable in the 90's.

Store Sells Everything But Not on Saturday

Wheeler Hardware in the village of Larkinburg, Kansas, covers a whopping 16 acres and sells nearly everything a hardware store can sell, plus farm implements, lumber, and feed. Need oil lamp mantles, fly nets for horses, parts for your ice cream maker, or corn row weed cutters? Wheeler has them. Alaskan farmers who still pile wheat into shocks buy binder twine from Wheelers, thinner than the much commoner baler twine. People come from miles around just to walk the aisles and marvel at the strange and exotic things they see in this 40-year old store that just grew and grew. They can never do so on Sabbaths, however, for owners Winston and Eva Wheeler, members of the Nortonville, Kansas, Seventh-

day Baptist Church, will be at worship.

Australian SDA Couple Wins Compensation

Michael and Lindy Chamberlain, a former Adventist minister and his wife, won over \$400,000 from the Northern Territory (similar to a US state) of Australia for their wrongful conviction on charges of murdering their 9-week-old child, Azaria. Lindy was jailed and her husband convicted as an accessory when circumstantial evidence was interpreted to show that she had, in 1980, killed her child while on a camping trip and disposed of the body. She had claimed a dingo (wild dog) had dragged Azaria away, but the baby's jacket, which the dingo would not have eaten, could not be found. Rumors began to circulate that the Chamberlains were Satanists who had sacrificed Azaria. Lindy's calmness in the face of tragedy was interpreted as indifference. Four years after Lindy's 1982 imprisonment, the jacket was discovered. The Northern Territory of Criminal Appeal threw out the Chamberlains' convictions.

Most of the money awarded went to the SDA church to partially defray its expenses in defending the couple, though the church was not a party to the suit. A \$3.1 million damage suit is pending. The Chamberlains' tragedy and exoneration were the subject of the award-winning movie, *A Cry in the Dark*. The title came from Lindy's statement that she heard a cry that night she turned to see her baby taken.



To All Ye Pilgrims

Inasmuch as the great Father has given us this year an abundant harvest of Indian corn, wheat, beans, squashes, and garden vegetables, and has made the forests to abound with game and the sea with fish and clams, and inasmuch as He has protected us from the ravages of the savages, has spared us from pestilence and disease, has granted us freedom to worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience; now, I, your magistrate do proclaim

that all ye Pilgrims, with your wives and little ones, do gather at ye meetinghouse, on ye hill, between the hours of 9 and 12 in the day time, on Thursday, November ye 29th of the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and twenty-three, and the third year since ye Pilgrims landed on ye Pilgrim Rock, there to listen to ye pastor, and render thanksgiving to ye Almighty God for all His blessings.

—William Bradford
Governor of Plymouth Colony; 1623

COMMENT

He's Outta Here!

The Orthodox Catholic Church recently excommunicated the governor of Louisiana for his stand on abortion. The governor is a Methodist.

Rev. Lee McColloster, Vicar General of the Louisiana Diocese, claims authority straight from the apostles and that includes authority over those who aren't members of his church. What this means for the governor, according to Rev. McColloster, is that it would be difficult for the governor to get into heaven because "he severed himself from the body of Christ."

Louisiana Governor Buddy Roemer stated that he doesn't like being excommunicated by any organization. Gov. Roemer added that he doesn't know much about the Orthodox Catholic Church. As governor, he has vetoed several strict anti-abortion bills.

As absurd as this news item might seem, maybe we should use it as an example when judging the actions of other Christians. After all, who knows a person's relationship with our Savior better than God? If we demand restrictions on salvation other than our creator intended, then we had better re-evaluate to see who is in charge of our lives.

Will History Repeat Itself?

Old jail logs have been discovered in a Springfield, Mass. jail, revealing some crimes and punishments from the past.

Local historian Louis Gormally said that the records were found on the upper floors of the 104 year old Hampden County Jail. In 1889, a 19 year old woman was sentenced to two years for "stubbornness".

In other reports, a man was to spend 30 days in jail for allowing swine to forage in the street, and a 10 year old boy was so stubborn, he was

sentenced to three months.

This may sound like punishments we might like to see inflicted on some people we know until we include the following account. In 1855, a Springfield man spent 30 days in the county jail for holding a meeting on the "Sabbath" (1st day).

Can the freedoms we enjoy now, be lost through our apathy?

It Would Leave Michelangelo Reeling

The Jaycees of Ottawa, Illinois have been displaying 16 paintings at Christmas time depicting the life of Christ. The practice continued for over 20 years until a federal appeals court in Chicago ruled that the art could not be displayed in a public park.

The First Amendment would be violated by endorsing a religious message, according to the court.

Claiming that the court is enforcing a double standard, Robert Skolrood, director of the National Legal Foundation said that "where Christ is depicted as a drug addict or his crucifix is immersed in urine, the work magically becomes art and is paid for with taxpayers' money." The Ottawa Jaycees are planning an appeal.

Aren't we bombarded daily with others philosophies through the media? It seems that when we organize and call ourselves a religious institution, we are giving away certain freedoms that we would have as individuals.

Maybe we should take a more personal approach and consider our mission to spread the Gospel on a one to one basis. This way, people may find out that we are as human as they, and not religious fanatics.

*This column was compiled
by Ed Ozalas*

MAILBOX

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Adventist Needs Information

My name is Clifford Goldstein. I edit a Seventh-day Adventist outreach journal to the Jews, *Shabbat Shalom*. Of course, I have written numerous articles on the seventh-day Sabbath in the journal. Right now I am writing a book on the Sabbath and wonder if you could give me some help. I'm looking for a list of the names of Saturday in numerous different languages. I've seen it before, and it alone powerfully proves how the seventh day, Saturday, is the Sabbath. If you have any information on this topic, I would most appreciate hearing from you. Also, please send me some more information about your organization.

Clifford Goldstein, Editor
Shabbat Shalom
12501 Old Columbia Pike
Silver Spring, MD 20904

Note: Can any of our readers help Mr. Goldstein find that list of names for Saturday?

Applauds BSA

Praise the Lord that people are upholding the beautiful truth of God's Sabbath. It is a sign of creation, redemption, and God's seal of His authority. No doubt it will be a test to all Christians in these last days. May God bless you for your endeavors for him.

Mrs. Dayle Dyer
Victorville, Calif

Wishes Pastor to Get TSS

I wish a trial subscription to be

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Reader in Ontario, Canada

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South Carolina woman

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Michigan pastor

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