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Part I

SANDY CREEK CHURCH, SHUBAL STEARNS, THE SIX-PRINCIPLE SEPARATE BAPTISTS AND WOMEN PREACHERS

By Wayne Camp

TEXT: 1 Corinthians 14:34 Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law.

1 Timothy 2:11-12 Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. 12 But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.

I recently received e-mail from a very sincere brother who told me that he had researched and traced the church of which he is a member from Kentucky to Ephesus. He went even further and made a claim that I had never heard before. But, let me give you his words.

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"I traced these churches from Lexington, KY, to Ephesus; and yes, there is a name for name, pastor to pastor succession of churches in the Baptist lineage."

Needless to say my heart skipped a beat or two. I have made many pleas for such a lineage and finally one is going to come to me. I promptly wrote and told him that if he had done this and could validate the links in this (See SANDY CREEK Cont. Page 2, Left Col.)

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Recent corrections have been posted. Please

check these for correctness. Any assistance you can give on getting this as correct as possible will be greatly appreciated.

My e-mail address is found several places in the online version of the directory. My USPS address is:

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(SANDY CREEK CONT. FROM P. 1) succession, I would publish it on the pages of this paper regardless of how many issues it took.

After about three weeks, I received the same linage that others have published. There was nothing new in it except that he claimed, "Paul goes to Rome and finds a group of these Jerusalem church members and organizes them into a local body. A local body but part of the whole body originally begun in Jerusalem." Aside from the fact that there is no way a local, organized body in Rome could be a part of the whole body begun in Jerusalem (unless one holds to a universal church concept), the Brother made a claim that I have never heard before—that Paul organized the church in Rome.

It just happens that I am currently preaching through the book of Romans on Wednesday evenings. And just recently I had pointed out to the congregation that this church was in existence before Paul ever went to Rome. He writes in his epistle to the church in Rome that he had long desired to come to them but was hindered from doing so. *Romans 1:13 Now I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that oftentimes I purposed to come unto you, (but was let hitherto,) that I might have some fruit among you also, even as among other Gentiles.*

For a long time I have wanted to research the chain that several churches have published under the heading of "Our Church Heritage," "Our Baptist History," "Antecedent History Pertaining To Church Lineage," "History of the Primitive Baptist Church from Apostolic Times until its Establishment in America," "Baptist Succession Back To Christ," "Links From The First Church in Jerusalem To

Baptist Church, Somewhere, Kentucky," "Extended History Of _____ Missionary Baptist Church," "The Missionary Baptist Church of _____ and Her Succession Traced

Back to the Church Jesus Organized in Galilee," "The History of ______

Baptist Church," or some other similar title. These are some of the "chains" that I have accumulated in recent years and kept for reference. All but two or three of the above named "chains" go through the Sandy Creek Baptist Church of Guilford County, North Carolina.

Just for the record, *I believe in true church perpetuity.* But, those who rattle these chains that are fraught with several extremely questionable links bring much discredit on the doctrine of perpetuity.

After I received yet another from the kind Brother in Kentucky, I decided it was time to

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take a look at a few of the links in this chain that is so widely published.

SURPRISE! SURPRISE! SURPRISE!

When I read this statement from H. Leon McBeth, I was shocked. "Some women also preached among the Separate Baptists in the South. Martha Stearns Marshall, sister of one Separate leader and wife of another, was known to preach guite fervently."

When one starts out to research a matter he may be as surprised at what he finds as some of our readers will be when they read this article and others that will follow. Such research can also be depressing for it is sad that many have latched onto these rattling chains without investigating the links to see if they are valid. In all of the files that I have named above (except two or three) and others unnamed, various churches, including several Sovereign Grace Landmark Baptist Churches and two Primitive Baptist Churches, trace their history through the Sandy Creek Separate Baptist Church in Guilford County, North Carolina.

I was surprised and shocked when I began reading to learn that Shubal Stearns' baby sister, Martha, was allowed to preach, pray in public services, assist in the administration of communion and exhort the congregation of the Sandy Creek Separate Baptist Church. It was a shock to learn further that Shubal Stearns, Daniel Marshal, and most Separate Baptist Churches made practice of allowing а elderesses in their churches who exhorted. preached, led in public prayer, assisted in the administration of the Lord's Supper, and other duties normally reserved for male members.

Some Baptist historians have sought to downplay this matter. While admitting that women preached and exhorted in the Sandy Creek church and other Separate Baptist churches, they assert that they were not ordained and were careful not to usurp authority over the men.

I have, from very early in my ministerial life, taught that women were to obey our texts in the churches. I have been accused of being a male chauvinist and a woman hater because of my stand but I still believe it to be true to the Scriptures. It has been my contention that women should not teach when men or present. I have contended that only male adults should lead in the public prayers in the church services. I have argued strongly that women are not to speak out in business meetings of the church.

When it comes to women preachers I think that any church that has women preach in their services are at best very irregular and unbiblical. At worst they are plainly heretical. I believe it is even wrong for a woman to say "Amen" in a public worship service. I am not alone in this position.

Needless to say, I was somewhat shocked when I recently learned through research that the Sandy Creek church, through which so many trace their history, encouraged and allowed women to preach in their services. The evidence is abundant and irrefutable on this matter. As God is my witness, I did not know this before I started this recent research. I did not even know that Sandy Creek was a Six-Baptist Church Principle Separate who observed the "nine rites". I just assumed that it was a Sovereign Grace Landmark Baptist Church since so many of our churches proudly claim it as a link in their "Links From The First Church in Jerusalem То

Baptist Church, Anywhere, USA." SCRIPTURE PROHIBITS WOMEN PREACHERS

It is not the purpose of the article to refute the notion that women can preach as long as they are not pastors and are not ordained. It would be impossible for a woman to preach in the mixed congregation and obey our texts. 1 Corinthians 14:34 Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law. Paul also insisted that only male adults lead in the public prayers. 1 Timothy 2:8 I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting. For "men" in this verse Paul uses the Greek word **aneir** [avnp] which means that those "men" in this verse are male adults as opposed to women and children.

I have gathered irrefutable evidence that the Sandy Creek Church and most Separate Baptist Churches did have women to preach.

THE TESTIMONY OF ELDER JOHN SPARKS

Elder John Sparks has written and the University of Kentucky has published a book about Shubal Stearns and his influence on Appalachian Christianity. In that book Sparks confirms that Martha Stearns, youngest sister of Shubal and wife of his assistant, Daniel Marshall, did regularly preach in the Sandy Creek church. He wrote,

Stearns's wife Sarah appears to have been an equally enthusiastic Separate, as were his brothers Peter and Ebenezer, his sisters and brothers-in-law Enos and Elizabeth Stimson and Jonathan and Rebecca Polk, and even his parents. Martha, the "baby" of the family, was especially so, and it is perhaps a testimony of her oldest brother's fondness for her that he often let her take part in worship services in ways usually reserved for men. Described as "a lady of good sense, singular piety and surprising elocution," Martha "in countless instances melted a whole concourse into tears by her prayers and exhortations." On June 23, 1747, Martha married Daniel Marshall, another New Light exhorter from the nearby town of Windsor and the son of Thomas and Mary (Drake) Marshall. Approximately the same age as Shubal Stearns and thus twenty-odd years older than Martha, Daniel Marshall had been wed previously to Hannah Drake, possibly a cousin, who had died relatively young and left him with one son, Daniel. Marshall himself had been converted at the age of twenty and had served the parish church at Windsor capably for many years as a deacon; he appears to have been industrious in a secular fashion as well, successfully managing a large, productive farm in the lower Farmington River valley. After his exposure to the Great Awakening, however, Marshall became as dedicated a New Light enthusiast as were so many i n the Stearns any rate, after 1747 Marshall and his young wife began a phenomenally active joint ministry that would endure through nearly forty years of labor together, the births of several children, and countless ups and downs. It began, oddly, with a

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contemporary to the age. (John Sparks, *The Roots of Appalachian Christianity: The Life and Legacy of Shubal Stearns,* Pp. 30-31). [Editor's Note: This book can be purchased at <u>Amazon.com</u> or from the University of Kentucky Press, <u>http://www.</u> uky.edu/UniversityPress/appalachianrootspr.htm

THE TESTIMONY OF H. LEON McBETH

Of the role of women in the Sandy Creek Church and among Separate Baptists, H. Leon McBeth writes,

Women assumed a larger church role among the Separate Baptists than among the Regulars. In describing the Sandy Creek church, Morgan Edwards said, "Ruling elders, eldresses, and deaconesses are allowed." Similar statements were made about most of the Separate churches. Eldresses and deaconesses assisted at baptisms, especially of women, at the Lord's Supper, and some of the other church rites, as well as visiting among church families, especially in cases of illness among other women. Some women also preached among the Separate Baptists in the South. Martha Stearns Marshall, sister of one Separate leader and wife of another, was known to preach quite fervently. Described as "a lady of good sense, singular piety and surprising elocution, in countless instances [she] melted a whole concourse into tears by her prayers and exhortations." Margaret Meuse Clay and Hannah Lee also preached among the Separates. This aroused opposition among Regular Baptists, who called the Separates "a disorderly set, suffering women to pray in public." This extensive ministry of women later proved to be one barrier that delayed the merger of Regular and Separate Baptists. (H. Leon McBeth, The Baptist Heritage, Pp. 231-232).

Notice that McBeth, after relating the various activities of women in the church at Sandy Creek and among the Separate Baptists in general, names three women who were known to have preached among the Separates during those early years. They were, Martha Stearns Marshall, Margaret Meuse Clay, and Hannah Lee.

(TO BE CONTINUED NEXT ISSUE)

Bouquets and Brickbats

WWW: It's difficult to believe you use the Bible to condemn others for being Christians and using "HATE" when you do the very thing you preach against! You preach hate! Bob Williams

EDITOR'S RESPONSE:

Dear Bob,

It is true. I do preach hate, among many other things, including love.

First, I preach that God hates all workers of iniquity. *Psalm 5:5 The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: thou hatest all workers of iniquity.*

Do you find fault with me for preaching the word of God?

Second, I preach that God hates all men who love violence. *Psalm 11:5 The LORD trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth.*

Do you find fault with me for preaching the word of God?

Third, I preach that a righteous man hates lying and false teachers and preachers who are liars. *Proverbs 13:5 A righteous man hateth lying: but a wicked man is loathsome, and cometh to shame. Psalm 119:163 I hate and abhor lying: but thy law do I love.*

Do you find fault with me for preaching the word of God?

Fourth, I preach that all who love the Lord should hate evil whether it is moral evil, political evil or the evil of false doctrine. *Psalm 97:10 Ye that love the LORD, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked. Amos 5:15 Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate: it may be that the LORD God of hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph.*

Do you find fault with me for preaching the word of God?

Fifth, I preach that Christians who have spiritual understanding are to hate every false way. *Psalm 119:104 Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.*

Do you find fault with me for preaching the word of God?

Sixth, I preach that Christians should hate even vain thoughts. *Psalm* 119:113 I hate vain thoughts: but thy law do I love.

Do you find fault with me for preaching the word of God?

Seventh, I preach that all who esteem the word of

God to be right should hate every false way. **Psalm** 119:128 Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way.

Do you find fault with me for preaching the word of God?

Eighth, I preach that God hates several things. Proverbs 6:16-19 These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: 17 A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, 18 An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, 19 A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

Do you find fault with me for preaching the word of God?

Ninth, I preach that there is a time to love and a time to hate. *Ecclesiastes 3:8 A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.*

Do you find fault with me for preaching the word of God?

Tenth, I peach that God hates crime. *Isaiah 61:8* For I the LORD love judgment, I hate robbery for burnt offering; and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

Do you find fault with me for preaching the word of God?

Eleventh, I preach that all things that are abominable in his sight are hated by God. Jeremiah 44:4 Howbeit I sent unto you all my servants the prophets, rising early and sending them, saying, Oh, do not this abominable thing that I hate.

Do you find fault with me for preaching the word of God?

Twelfth, I preach that God hates the observance of his own ordinances when they are observed in an unscriptural manner or by unqualified observers. *Amos 5:21 I hate, I despise your feast days, and I will not smell in your solemn assemblies.*

Do you find fault with me for preaching the word of God?

Thirteenth, I preach that God hates the deeds of preachers who try to lord it over other preachers. *Revelation 2:6 But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. Revelation 2:15 So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.*

Do you find fault with me for preaching the word of God?

Fourteenth, I preach that God hates evil imaginations. Zechariah 8:17 And let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his

neighbour; and love no false oath: for all these are things that I hate, saith the LORD.

Do you find fault with me for preaching the word of God?

Yes, Bob, I preach hate but I preach it based on the word of an absolutely holy God who hates all workers of iniquity. I also preach love. Among other things about love, I preach that we ought to love God's word so much that we hate any doctrine that is contrary to it.

I haven't the time at the moment to go into this second matter but must close for now.

Bob, why don't you just be honest and admit that you have no real love for God's word so you do not hate false doctrine or those who teach it?

INDIANA: As always, I enjoy your paper.

MISSOURI: Take me off your mailing list. I'm sick of hearing you and Settlemoir try to prove free lance church organization.

EDITOR'S NOTE: I wrote to this correspondent and asked him to define what he meant by "free lance church organization". He refused to define his term so I do not know if Bro. Settlemoir and I are guilty or not. I personally know that I believe that God sends forth his missionaries through his churches. I think Bro. Settlemoir believes the same. It is sad that one is quick to charge us with what he perceives as a grave error and then refuses to define his own terms.

I am reminded of a pastor in Illinois who circulated a letter far and wide saying that the church I pastored and I believed in unconditional salvation. Since I believed (and still believe) that repentance and faith are essential to salvation, I called the brother and asked him what he meant. He gladly defined it. He said, "You believe that if one is chosen to salvation, he is going to be saved whether or not he ever repents, believes and comes to Christ."

I remonstrated, "I do not believe such heresy. I do believe in unconditional election to salvation but I do not believe in unconditional salvation."

The brother replied, "Is there a difference?"

I assured him there is a great difference. Then I said, "I cannot believe that you would send out a paper accusing us of believing what you deem heresy when you do not even know that there is a difference in unconditional election and unconditional salvation."

He then called the dean of IMBI, Bro. Jarrel

Huffman, and asked him if there is a difference in unconditional election and unconditional salvation. I cannot imagine folks charging others with believing a certain thing but being unwilling to define their terms of the charge. Folks who cannot answer sound, biblical and historical arguments tend to sling epithets at others and then run when asked for a definition of the epithets.

ILLINOIS: Thanks for your series on the church. I thought Settlemoir did an excellent job. Keep up the good work. If there weren't a few men like you to stand for the truth we wouldn't have any. **"BUT"** God said His truth would not pass away till he comes.

PENNSYLVANIA: I thought I'd drop in with some encouragement. Your paper "The Theological Battle Ground of the Ages", which I stumbled over some time back is getting some interesting circulation (in it's entirety, by the way).

Long ago I'd discovered the point of the depravity of our heart as the real point of contention between Arminians and Calvinists, but I haven't been able to properly articulate it. Your paper came along and explained so well the facts as presented by the Scriptures.

I've been copying it to many friends and acquaintances in the church, and some of them are spreading it from here in upstate PA, down to New Jersey and to South Carolina. It's neat seeing some of the responses, and understandably there are many negative responses (as if you didn't know!). But the "light is turning on" with some believers and I'm hearing some exciting positive feedback. I've wondered if you've heard any, as your email is at the bottom of the paper.

We all would like to know if our labors are producing fruit, well, know that yours are. The Lord is opening the eyes of many who read your excellent article, unfortunately though, some hearts are hardened. Some have said... "it's right there in the Bible, why didn't I see it before?" I thought you'd like to know this. Praise to the Lord how He uses His people! Know He's using you.

NEW YORK: I wanted to ask that if the divine person of Christ was actually a person before the Incarnation and the taking on of a human nature did not change or diminish the status of that person, doesn't that make Christ 2 persons-one divine and one human?

Also, in Gethsemane Christ expressed a desire to not go to the cross but did so in order to please God. Doesn't that demonstrate that not

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only did he have desires that were contrary to the will of the Father but that by desiring to not go to the cross, he fulfilled the first half of the definition of sin as is defined by James 1:14?

EDITOR'S RESPONSE: In answer to your first question, in the incarnation the eternal Word did not become two persons. He was one person with two natures—one completely Divine and one completely human. He was as truly God as though he were not man and as truly man as though he were not God. He was not half God and half man as some erroneously teach. The hypostatic union of the two natures in one person is what Paul calls "the mystery of godliness."1 Timothy 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

Because those whom he would save were partakers of flesh and blood, it was necessary that he take into union with his divine nature a human nature with human blood, flesh and soul so that he could die. As God only he could not die for God does not even sleep, much less die.

In your second question you indicate that Jesus may have had a sinful desire. Jesus never sinned. He could not sin. If he had had a sinful desire, he could not be our Lord and Saviour. *"He did no sin."* In his humanity, he had human feelings at times but all without sin. Time does not allow me to go into all the evidences of the sinlessness of Christ but regardless of what he faced and contemplated, I assure you that none of it could cause him to sin. *Hebrews 4:15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.*

WWW: Another loving Promise Keeper has found our Web Page. Wow! I have been born again in Jesus for over 26 years and I have never witnessed such wicked behavior and attitudes against Christian brothers since reading of how the Pharisees criticized Christ. Shame on you! You should be fighting against the enemy instead of bashing a ministry that has blessed hundreds of thousands of families. What a waste of precious time. The Lord will hold you accountable for your ignorance. God have mercy on your souls. We'll be praying for you.

Editor: It appears we are not the only paper that

receives a few brickbats now and then. I was reading **Fair Dinkum**, a free online Baptist Paper from Australia. Here is just one of several brickbats hurled their way. "How dare you become judge of what God wants for individuals, how dare you not cry for unity and love to be spread among the people of God. This planet is in enough trouble because of one eyed people who think that they are right. Andrew I will be praying for you to wake up to yourself. I have not felt as cross as this for a long while. I hope that you don't teach your children and youth to be as one eyed as you. (Bess, Urunga, NSW)"

Andrew Craig, Editor, responded: In fact, the Lord Jesus, in Matthew 6:22 (KJV) commends being literally "one-eyed". There is a time to discern and warn. Surely, it is not 'love' to stand by silently when someone is swallowing poisoned food unawares? Some kinds of 'Unity' may not always be a good thing (1 Cor. 6:15-16, 10:21).

OKLAHOMA: I have enjoyed the recent articles by Bro. S. [Settlemoir].

MISSISSIPPI: I received your newsletter. Thank you so much for sending it to us. It was so informative, and we especially enjoyed reading your comments on the spirit worship in Thailand. We appreciate your sending it to us, and if it wouldn't be too much trouble, we would like to receive future newsletters.

WWW: I was "saved" at the age of 19, but only recently, some 23 years later, did I come to know Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. My wonderful Father came and rescued me, called me out and set me apart, just because he loves me and I am his precious possession. He brought me to the foot of the Cross and made me see that I should have been the one hanging there. My Father's discipline and correction of his much-loved daughter are more precious to me than anything - he has proved his love for me.

I just read your newsletter article about the Promise Keepers (which is old, but new to me!), and I just wanted to thank you for taking a loving stand for God's truth. Those who serve the Deceiver and have no light in them will always accuse and hate (in the name of love), it's what they do - but I know the most loving thing any human can do for another is to share the true gospel of Jesus Christ with them.

Sin and disobedience, in conjunction with false doctrine and false teaching, caused my downfall. It was in large part because of people such as these purveyors of deceit that I have lost the past 23 years to pain and destruction in my life and the lives of my loved ones.

Boy, if I could take my case to a worldly court, I would most definitely have a rock solid case against those who practice fraud and negligence in the presentation of the Word of God and in the name of God. I would probably win all kinds of worldly compensation for all of my worldly losses!

If all of these false priests and prophets, evil shepherds, whitewashed walls - these laughing, sparkling, prosperous, victorious, powerful people could truly see the death and utter destruction they are sowing - for themselves and each and every lost sheep they lead . . . their god is a lie, and their faith is a lie (all clothed in light, laughter and beauty). It is a vicious, ravenous evil that has consumed them and will ultimately consume everything they love and hold most dear.

Well, just as we know our God is full of love, mercy, and forgiveness - we also know he is a God of judgment.

If he would fight so jealously for this lost little sinner - just think how jealously he will fight for all the rest of his people.

Judgment is coming - our Lord truly has a case against all the nations and peoples of the earth, doesn't he? All I can say is - I wouldn't want to be in their shoes.

As for me - I will cling close to my Lord with every ounce of strength in me.

Pastor Camp, you are one of those people I have prayed the Lord would call up in these last days.

You are a good and faithful shepherd, and desperately needed. Thank you so much.

PHILIPPINES: I visited several times your website and found very interesting materials and information about God's Word. I am a pastor of several congregations (not big ones) and I firmly believe in Sovereign grace. Our weekly study is about T.U.L.I. P known as five points of Calvinism. In my study the most difficult one is Limited Atonement. Most of our people were former Pentecostals.

Heb. 2 :9, 1 Tim. 4:10, 1 John 2:2 and Titus 2:11 are truly hard to reconcile with limited atonement. Dozens of questions were asked during our weekly meetings regarding these passages.

Please send your comments on the said verses.

If possible send us back issues of THE GRACE PROCLAMATOR & PROMULGATOR. We need good reading materials for our theology class. USED copies of any good reading materials will be appreciated. Do not send brand new booklets. Regarding local churches, is it scriptural to organize a local congregation without the authority of other true church? The Reformed Baptist in Manila seem to differ with your view. That group is A-millenialist. I attend from time to time pastors conferences held in that chapel.

I am thankful to God for giving me the opportunity to know the truth of His sovereign grace. We pray for you and your ministry.



CHILDREN'S CENTER New Land and Buildings

A little less than one year ago significant progress was made toward a permanent location for the children's center near Chiang Mai, Thailand.

The picture at the left shows a portion of the 17 acres purchased. Only one payment of about \$3300 remains and the land will be in the clear.

Construction has been started on the house for the girls at the center. It

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should be completed by April 1, 2002. A concrete slab should be poured by now and construction continues. The walls will be built of bamboo to later be replaced with concrete blocks making a permanent structure.

When the girls' house is completed the boys house will then be moved from its current location and some repairs will be made as it is reassembled. The present dining hall will also be moved to the new location.

DINING HALL WHICH IS ALSO USED FOR LANGUAGE CLASSES ON SATURDAY



On Saturdays a Lahu pastor comes to the home and teaches the children the Lahu language. A Lisu pastor takes the Lisu children to another location and teaches them the Lisu language. Some of these children come to the center at an early age and at the center they speak Thai and are taught Thai so that they can attend the Thai schools. Thus, to be sure they do not forget their native tongue, classes are taught on Saturday in their Hill Tribe languages.

BUILDING ON LAND TO BE TURNED INTO A HOME FOR THE OFFICIALS





The building pictured at the bottom of the previous column will be repaired and used as a temporary dwelling for the folks who live at the center and care for the children.

In the past, the children slept on bamboo mats. When the brethren were there in October, 2001, they purchased the more comfortable mattresses shown above for the children. Bro. Anond is probably instructing them about taking care of them.

I am sure these children are sleeping more comfortably now.



HOW DOES THE GARDEN GROW?

The children are willing to work. This is a part of their garden that is growing rather well, it seems. With the climate they have they can have food growing the year round. You may have noticed in the two pictures of the land that fruit trees are growing. The lady who owned the land had much of it planted in fruit trees. The day Bro. Anond looked at the land, she gave him a lot of fruit to take to the children at the center.



ALL THE CHILDREN NOW LIVING AT THE CHILDREN'S CENTER

Well over 50% of these children are either orphans or their parents are in prison. Others, whose parents help support their stay at the center, are there to learn the Thai language and to go to the Thai school.

One of the most pleasant, sweetest girls in the group was found by the Lees in a village. She was a vagabond who was dirty, ragged, and had never been out of the village. They took her to the center and cleaned her up and then took her shopping and got her some clothes. I have never seen her that she was not smiling and she is a hard worker.

When I was in Thailand in March, in a village we visited where there were prospects of evangelizing and then starting a church, I saw three children roaming the village naked. When I asked about their situation Bro. Anond told me their parents had been dealing or transporting drugs and had been imprisoned and the children had been left as vagabonds in the village. I believe I have related this before but mention it again to show you some of the reasons the children's center is important to the work.

As funds become available, the children's center will be completed with a house for the boys, one for the girls, quarters for the officials between the two houses, a chapel that will double as a dining hall and class room.

With the land that has been purchased we hope to eventually have a Bible School for the pastors and preachers. In fact, they are now being taught at the children's center for about three days each month. One week the Lahu pastors come, another week the Lisu pastors come, and then there are several young preachers who come another week. These are preaching in villages where we yet have no churches.



OFF TO SCHOOL

It is time to go to school. The children attend a local Thai school. One of the reasons for the children's center is to teach the children the Thai language so that they can get an education and be able to gain Thai citizenship. Some of these children are partially supported by their parents. If the parents are too poor then they are treated the same as other children. As I have already pointed out, over half of the children are orphans.

In one village there were four children who were left homeless and orphans when the parents died of aids. Three are now in the center. The fourth could not be taken into the center because he tested positive for aids.

As you will notice, the children wear uniforms. The folks of Pilgrims Hope Baptist Church are sending

CHILDREN LINED UP READY TO LEAVE FOR SCHOOL Hope Baptist Ch

new clothes and shoes for all the children. We have also received contributions from other churches and individuals.

The ladies of Beverly Manor Baptist Church in Washington, IL, have raised approximately \$600 and the ladies of Grace Baptist in Claremore, OK, \$300,

which we will be taking (along with other contributions from our people) to purchase new uniforms for the children and to purchase clothes for any we may not have fit with the clothes we have already



A NEW CHURCH

Pa-bon gnam is the location where a new church has been started. This is the Lisu congregation. The pastor, Bro. John, is below.



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The tract shown to the right has been reprinted in July of 2001 to show how far Southern Baptists have turned from the Bible in less than 60 years.

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ALERT! ALERT!

Please keep Bro. Anond and the churches at Pa Sak and Plang Hok especially in your prayers. They are experiencing some serious harassment from some people who are trying to stop the work on the building at Pa Sak. A person in the village has threatened bodily harm to some of the people unless they gave him money.

The life of Bro. Anond has been threatened. Please pray that they will hold out faithfully through this.

Bro. Lee and I along with our wives, Janice and Ruth, are going over March 4-22. We hope that we can do some things to help the situation or at least encourage the people. We are going to have a Bible Conference at Pa Sak and have all the pastors there. We also plan to work with them on their building. Pray for us also.



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