

THE PIONEERS' PROGRESS

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REPORT FROM THE NORTHERN BUS

Billings, Montana

"We arrived in Billings, Montana, at 2:30 in the morning, after having left Salt Lake City at 1:00 p.m. the previous day. Miss Kim and Dan Stein greeted us warmly. Our activities in Billings were mainly centered around individual witnessing on the two campuses -- Rocky Mountain College, a Presbyterian college of about 2-3,000 students, and Eastern Montana College, a liberal arts teacher's college with about 4,000 students. Our activities included singing to the student body during their dinner hour in the cafeteria.

One group called Rocky Mountain Scholars invited us to attend their meeting that night. They are a Creative Workshop Group who performed at various churches throughout the vicinity. Several of our people went to their meeting and later brought six people to hear the Divine Principle. Two of these were sons of the school's chaplain. Two girls, who are members of the Scholars, heard the complete series... Eastern Montana College has the sixth largest enrollment of Indians in the nation; Joseph met the daughter of the Vice Chairman of the entire Crow nation. He made arrangements with Mr. Hill and the Crow Agency for the mobile team to visit the reservation and get a first-hand experience with the present-day life style and spiritual life of the American Indians...."

BETSY JONES REPORTS:

"I arrived in Burlington at 2 a.m. Ted had not received my telegram, so I went to the nearest hotel. I kept wondering, 'How will I find him,' since I was not sure of his address. But then I heard that friendly 'Hello Betsy, this is Ted,' and my heart really sang. He got my telegram and found me at the first hotel he tried! We then went to the new center. It's quite suitable -- five rooms -- and near the University of Vermont. The students are having finals, but we had people over several times to lectures. The town itself feels very safe most of the time. The people appear wholesome. We have high hopes for some good warriors coming from here...."

Report from Betsy Jones con't

"During this visit (Portland, Maine) we taught one fellow the conclusion. Although he was not positive about the conclusion, it was an exciting experience for us to have him here. He wanted only to believe that the Second Advent would be fulfilled by Jesus. . . . Rick has been working full-time and is now looking for a part-time job. The Center is about ten miles from campus and downtown. . . ."

REPORT FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Janie Creigh

"The main center on Courtney was sold and we moved on the 15th of April. We are in the process of purchasing a new center. We are now living in smaller units throughout the city, waiting to be joined together in a new center.

Two new centers have been formed: one in Hollywood in an apartment complex, with Fred Goble as center director; the second is in Pasadena, with Adrian Dellas as director. The Hollywood center was formed with a primary accent on business and the Pasadena center has a primarily spiritual mission. The Pasadena and Alhambra centers are working in conjunction with one another, and every other weekend a workshop is held at the Alhambra center.

A family business has recently been started. New World Home Cleaning Service is presently employing four members, who began working on April 27.

"The New Tomorrow", a Family singing group, is in the process of recording some of their music on demonstration tapes for the record industry."

REPORT FROM DENVER, COLORADO

Ken Fried

"...The weekend after the workshop, Buff, Munch, and Eowyn went up to Cheyenne to help Maureen Murphy prepare for the bus tour. While there, they distributed several hundred leaflets about the One World Crusade, visited many of the churches in the area, and made posters advertising the tour. Hopefully, their work has helped prepare Cheyenne for the tour.

At the same time, Michael Roth, the State Representative from New Mexico, was in Denver with one of his students. The time together was of great value to everyone. Michael's student said that her stay here had deeply strengthened her commitment to Principle, and Michael said that it had revitalized his spirit and deepened his determination to succeed. I think, though, that we here in Denver were the most greatly blessed, simply because of Michael's presence: his pioneer spirit and dedication truly inspired and strengthened everyone here. Just one of the many things we did while he was here was to go street singing at a local supermarket, where we witnessed to the gathering crowds."

REPORT FROM LOKESH MAZUMDAR

Omaha, Nebraska

"As I make progress from day to day, I can see clearly now the key to our work here and in other centers is proficiency in lecturing -- to individuals, groups and large audiences. Once this is solidified, the bomb will explode and the heavenly mushroom will spare no one!

... great love and feeling of gratitude sweeps over me whenever I think of the tremendous oneness within the Family -- the sweat and sacrifice going into supporting all of us in these centers, the positive determination to fulfill our Parents' wishes, no matter what the cost. To me, this means only one thing: VICTORY! Monday in Their Most Precious Names."

REPORT FROM JULIE LEWIS

Columbia, South Carolina

"I don't know how other people fare in this area, but Satan usually attacks me through useless and energy-consuming worry and doubt about my abilities (or lack of them!). I was feeling very attacked this way, wondering how I was possibly going to get anything accomplished, how to start a real center, how to contact ministers, etc. Then one night I was in the Catholic Bible study group... It's one of those things where everyone reads a section, and people are free to inject comments in between -- remarkably like our old study sessions, only with the Bible. When it was my turn to read, it came to the bit in Exodus where God first asks Moses to go to Egypt, and Moses comes up with every excuse in the book why he should not. When I read how Moses objected on the grounds that he couldn't go alone -- no one would listen to him, but God told him: 'But I will go with you' -- the words literally leaped out at me. It was like God speaking to me. I got very much into the reading, naturally, and when I was through, the priest said, 'Wow--that was an experience!' So I talked a little about how that puts the prophets into a new perspective. Moses was what people would all 'ordinary,' but he was called by God. I asked what our response would be if we were challenged like that--it's no good thinking that it can't happen in this day and age. Moses probably thought the same thing. I said if God spoke, it may be in a way no one expects, contrary to what their family, friends, and even priests and ministers thought. That intrigued them. I'm teaching the priest now, and God taught me a much-needed lesson."

TEARS

By Marilyn Cohen, Washington, D. C.

Tears are the soul's best cleanser:
They revive and rejuvenate,
They relax and restore,
They strengthen, they deepen,

They allow you to move on.
Tears are a gift from God --
Who knows them best.

SUBMITTED BY GIL FOX

Birmingham, Alabama

From letter received from Jochim Becker, San Francisco

"I mean by being brave, playing the game by the right rules without letting it worry you that you may very well get knocked in the head. It's the wisest way to save your skin. It doesn't do any good to think of death if you're facing a charging lion (raging cynic) or trying to bluff (teach) a lot of savages (intellectuals). If you think about it, you'll get it. If you don't, the odds are you won't. Most courage is experience. Most people are scared of new things. You want a bigger heart to face the danger which you go out to look for. It calls for good health and good nerves and a natural liking for rows. You see, in that game of witnessing there's a lot of fun. There's excitement and the fun of using your wits and skill, and you know the bad hits can't last long."

FROM KEITH COOPERRIDER

Washington, D.C.

Thank you so much for your letters and reports. It is really encouraging to hear the news of Father's progress in America.

I have a few items that I would like to communicate to you.

(1) The itineraries of both mobile units have been changed. The Northern Bus Team has established a shorter route. The Southern Bus Team will not stop in Mississippi because there is no representative in that state. The new itineraries are as follows:

| <u>Mobile Unit #1 (North Bus)</u> | <u>Mobile Unit #2 (South Bus)</u> |
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| Denver 5/13-5/21 | Topeka 5/16-5/24 |
| Omaha 5/21-5/29 | St. Louis 5/24-5/27 |
| Des Moines 5/29-6/6 | Memphis |
| Sioux Falls | New Orleans |
| Fargo | Birmingham |
| Minneapolis | Louisville |
| Madison | Atlanta |
| Chicago | Miami |

(2) Many of the State Representatives are mystified by the "COA" that appears on the Monthly Report. I was too! It means "Change of Address."

(3) The packet of information on Kim Home Cleaning has been sent out from New York by Philip Burley. If you haven't received your packet yet, it will be arriving soon. Thanks, Philip!

(4) The Introduction and Chapter I of President Kim's lecture have been xeroxed and are on the way.

(5) The State Representative Monthly Report and Budget Forms are being revised and copies will get to you by June 1.

(6) State Representatives, please get a phone soon if you don't have one yet. There have been times when we needed to communicate quickly with someone but were unable to reach them by phone.

(7) The money you requested for June will be sent out in the next day or two. If you forgot to submit a budget form, please do so quickly so we can avoid the frantic rush that so often happens.

We are going to win the spiritual war, no matter how huge the obstacles placed in our path.

In Our True Parents,

Keith Cooperrider