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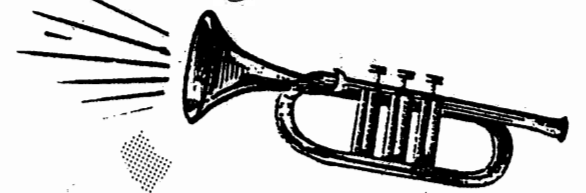
"...For the young of the flock..." Jeremiah 31:12

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Lord Jesus, youth, men and women for tomorrow, if there is a tomorrow, we must train them, Lord. We feel that burden to train them like there will be a tomorrow. If there is not, then today is the day. Bro. William Branham, Come Follow Me
Tuscon, AZ 63

EDITORIAL

Well, it's our 10th year. We thought it would be nice to just reminisce a little. God has really used this small paper as encouragement to "the young of the flock". The letters we have received are now in the thousands. 99% of them give a good report of the effects from our publication.

Over the years the paper has required many, many hours of hard work. At times, it's been difficult to keep it going, but God has helped us.

The best thing, I can say on our birthday is a big thanks to all our readers. Your letters and input have enhanced our paper. We also want to thank all the

ministers over the years who have been behind us. I value their counsel and encouragement. A special thanks to Brother Harold Hildebrandt who gave us our first letter of support to "Go for it". Also, Brother Barry Coffey has influenced the publication greatly through his counsel. Most of all, we want to make this clear. All the glory for all that's been done belongs to our Captain - The Lord Jesus Christ. For the Youth, Bro. Paul LaFontaine

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Youth Quake is a publication for young people inspired, in part, by the Message and ministry of William Branham (1909-1965). The Bible clearly indicates that we are living in the closing days of time for the Gentiles. According to Malachi 4, a prophet was promised to come and bring an "Endtime Message" to gather the living Bride of Christ and prepare her for the Second Coming.

We believe that William Branham was the very fulfillment of Malachi's prophecy and the Message that he brought contains something for all people, including the "young of the flock," Jeremiah 31:12. More information is available about this endtime Message of Brother Branham, which may be obtained from the publisher of this paper. We trust that the articles and information presented will be a great blessing to all the young and old members of His flock.

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PARSON TO PERSON

When I start to share my testimony, a certain set of scriptures come to mind. Romans 9:9-16, "For this is the word of promise, At this time will I come, and Sarah shall have a son. And not only this; but when Rebecca also had conceived by one, even by our father Isaac; (For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;) It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger. As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated. What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid. For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy."

In verse 11 are three words that are the theme of my testimony, "him that calleth". God didn't have to call me, but I am one out of a million that He called. Jacob and Esau both grew up in the same house, they both had the same Christian parents and upbringing.

"Him That Calleth"

By Bro. J. Paul LaFontaine

Yet, that did not have a blessing. There's no better anything to do with God's way to be raised, but it does choosing. The scripture says not make you better in your that before either of them had soul. You need God just like a chance to do any good or the prostitute and the evil, before they were ever drunkard. Let me just put it born, God chose one of this way. Before a person them. One of the grandest ever sins, they are already sermon, a voice spoke to my things God has revealed to born a sinner. Before a man Dad and said, "This is my me is that I am one of His does drugs, commits Prophet. Hear ye him." Dad chosen ones. His chosen adultery or anything, he is was really moved by the ones may come from a born a sinner. The same dream and since that time he Christian home or a worldly goes for a person whose life began applying the Message home. They may have has been protected from to our home. Even as a young boy, I can remember committed adultery as the worldly things. That person things changing in our home. women at the well or they was also born a sinner, As most kids do; I remember adultery. They may have unacceptable to God. Christmas time. We were taken drugs or alcohol or works or background. It's they may not have taken any based on calling. I thank What they have done or God, He called me: haven't done has nothing at I know this is a long opening to my testimony, but all to do with God extending really it's the shortest way I his grace to them. Grace has to do with Him calling us. can begin.

He calling us has to do with I was born April 19, 1966, in Ann Arbor, Michigan. My father and Him knowing us before the world was formed. I might add this about His chosen ones. The person that never did any worldly thing is not any better than the one who did. They may have fewer scars in their life, but they were born a sinner just like anyone else. If you were raised under the precious search out more of the pure Message teaching, that's Message. In the dream, my



Bro. Paul and Sis. Rebekah on their wedding, Dec. 10, 1993

The Father was in a service answer is always the same. where Bro. Branham was It started to bloom when preaching. During the Dad kicked the T.V. out. sermon, a voice spoke to my I'm one of them people who have a hard Dad and said, "This is my time remembering my early Prophet. Hear ye him." Dad childhood. My parents was really moved by the helped with a church in dream and since that time he Lima, Ohio for several to our home. Even as a years, and then with a young boy, I can remember church in Sterling, Illinois. things changing in our home. We had a very happy home. As most kids do; I remember We didn't have many things. Christmas time. We were We were very poor, but we children were taught in an atmosphere of Faith and relied on a Higher Power. Dad and Mom prayed about every little thing. Whatever it was, we went to God with it. That has left an impact on my life. We enjoyed the up and downs of life together. My parents were very real people. They did not try to put on Christianity. If they made a mistake, they ask forgiveness from God and from us. A great man or woman is one who can say sorry if they are wrong, even to their children. Today, I have come to understand in watching children, that a child's impression of their parents in their childhood will be directly connected with their impression of the Great Father God. I wish I could say more about that. The realness of my parents taught me that God was real. Their love was firm and yet unconditional. God's love is the same.

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big on Santa and all the rest. All of the sudden, Santa, the Christmas tree, and much more was all gone. Eventually, other things changed as Dad grew with the Word. He applied the Token with all his heart and The Presence of the Lord was in our home. One of the best decisions Dad made for our family was the day he decided to kick out the television. It was a small thing to do then, but the fruits of that decision are still coming out of our family today. God has blessed our family with some small talents for music and singing. People ask, "How did all these talents get so developed?" My

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Why Minister to Youth?

As editor of "The Youth Quake News", I thought I would try to answer the question of the purpose behind ministry channeled specifically to young people. It's funny that anyone would be against a ministry that gives special attention to children or teenagers, especially when the need of it is so paramount and easily recognized. Unfortunately, there are those that are against it. I can think of only a couple of reasons why a person would think youth ministry to be unimportant.

It could be that they have put God in a box so much that they won't allow Him to work in any other vein except the one they grew up with or believe now. Let's remember that we can't limit God in any way. None of us with our small minds would have ever thought that God would bring the ministry of the last days in the simple way that He did. The Seals unveiled, the mysteries unfolded and yet God bypassed all religions by doing it a way they didn't expect. It was through a simple prophet with a seventh grade education.

The second reason for being against Youth ministry is maybe a little fear. A fear that doing special things directed to help the youth resembles the program of denominations too much. The root to this thought is truth. Let me make this clear. Programs will never ever save a young soul. Fellowships, picnics, games, sports, and field trips are not ministry to the soul. I repeat, they are not ministry to the soul. I believe they are enjoyable and we should not fear them if they are wholesome. *It is important that young people fellowship with other young people. Some parents need to realize

that kids need to be with other kids. They need to see examples of Christian young people. It brings encouragement, strength, and Godly friendships. There is only one thing that has "power unto salvation" and that's the Gospel. Shame on the church that provides youth functions only related to entertainment. That is not ministry. That is clearly denominational. Much more could be said on this, but I think my point is made.

Looking further into the purpose for youth ministry, here's a question to ask. Is it possible for God to make the Gospel relate to any age group? The answer is yes. We have examples in scripture to show that Christ spoke to different ages. While busy in His ministry, He made time one day to

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bless the little children. Could that have been part of His great ministry? By the way, His disciples didn't think it was important to spend time with the children, but He did. One day, He spoke with a young man just getting started in life, the rich young ruler. He spoke to young and the old.

In Bro. Branham's ministry we see the same characteristics. He was able to relate to the youth. In the Message "Teaching on Moses" we find him bringing the Gospel in story form to

children. In "Come Follow Me" in 1963 we find him speaking to a graduation class and being very used of God to relate to them on their level. In 1957, during the Hebrews series, Bro. Branham tells us what he did as a young pastor. "A long time ago, when I was Pastor here, we used to have just young man's classes. And I'd speak to the young women on Sunday afternoon, about sex and things. And then the next Sunday afternoon, speak to the young man, and try to get those things curbed out." It thrills me to know that the prophet of our day cared so much about what teenagers were going through.

What about the Apostle Paul? Look at the ministry of Christ in Him.

I Corinthians 9:19-22 "For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law; To them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law. To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men; that I might by all means save some."

"All things to all men" is what gets my attention the most. I believe we all should live this way. Without compromising, we should do all we can to bring this Gospel to any age by whatever means.

There are some

other things to consider in qualifying Youth Ministry. I want to mention three main things.

#1-- Ministry to young people is important because of the Age we live in. Much could be said of the carefully designed enticements from Satan directed toward youth the last 50 years. Young people are so blinded by the spirit behind things of this age. Without the Holy Ghost and down to earth wisdom from God, they'll never be able to see through this mess. The young people have always needed direction, but they really need it in the end time.

#2-- Ministry to young people is important because of natural anxieties of their young years. Making the change from a kid to an adult is extremely difficult. Everyone has to go through it. Besides of the inward pressure of growing up and wanting to be liked and excepted, there is a pressure on the outside to make choices. Contrary to what you may think, a youth cries out for clear cut direction administered with real authentic love. The more personal understanding they can be given and the more wisdom they receive from Godly sources, the better. Bro. Branham recommended a special book for his teenage children to read. It was called "Young Only Once" by Clyde Narrimore. It's an excellent book on issues they're going through as a young person.

#3-- Ministry to young people is important because they are the next generation. What we teach the young automatically effects the future. It has always been that way. There is a saying I've always liked.

It says, "It's better to build children than to repair men." Our attention to young people is vital. They are in their years of molding. I believe the Bride of Christ will soon be translated to glory, but until then, it is so important to make spiritual investments in our youth. If God tarries they are the church to carry the message on to the end.

To sum up, I want to remind the church of her responsibilities to the youth among them.

First, create an atmosphere of faith so young people can be born again.



Second, make sure that the older are teaching the younger in everything, by example and by instruction.

Third, seek God and understand the needs of the youth, whether it be the Holy Ghost or a wholesome gathering with other young people. Get them to a good youth camp meeting where they preach the pure Message. Don't be against youth camps if they are the right kind. My personal experience started at a youth camp. The right atmosphere was there for a birth. More than anything else, Let's be on our knees for our young people. That does more good than anything.

I pray that this article has helped bring a little more insight to the ministry directed toward young people. Brother Paul LaFontaine

*See "Let's Check it Out!" on page 7 for reference.

Letters to Youth Quake

Dear Youth Quake,
Greetings in the wonderful name of our Lord Jesus Christ. My name is Adam M. Finley. I am 18 years of age. A brother in Cape Girardeau, Missouri gave me your magazine. I think it is a very good magazine for young people. I have been in the Message all my life. I believe Brother William Branham was the prophet in Malachi 4:5, and Revelation 10:7, and I am thankful that there are brothers and sisters such as you at YQN. I believe the end is here. We live 60 miles from St. Louis and every night there is a murder that take place. I believe the Lord Jesus Christ is coming back after this little Bride. May the Lord abundantly pour his blessings to each and every one of you at YQN. I would be very grateful if you would include my name on your mailing list. May God Bless you,

Yours in Christ,
Bro. Adam Finley
Centralia, IL

Dear Bro. Paul, Just a short note to say thank you to you and all the brothers and sisters for the publication of the Youth Quake News. It has been such a blessing and an encouragement not only to the young people in the Bride of Christ, but also to us parents with teenage children.....

.....May the Lord bless you all richly in everything you do. Love in Christ,

Dave and Cheryl
Cheong
Singapore

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Trust all is well with you all there in Toledo. I was so glad to receive my first issue of the Youth Quake News. It has been quite a blessing and encouragement to me. I trust it will bless all those who receive them. I pray that God will richly bless you all in your many hard efforts and labors for Him.....

.....May God Bless!
Sis Rosanna Shou
Newfoundland, CAN

.....Keep up the good work with the Youth Quake News. It is a very good magazine for the young people (and their parents too). We all enjoy reading it. There is always something for all of us, both young and old. As a parent, I certainly would recommend that other parents also read it. It gives you an insight into and an understanding of the young people struggles and problems, which again can be a help in understanding your own young ones.

May God bless you all and strengthen and encourage you. Continue in your good work.
Your Sister in Christ,

Margarita Schille
Sarpsborg, Norway

LORD GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. THE LORD IS SO GOOD! I WANTED TO JUST WRITE AND TELL YOU HOW I HAVE ENJOYED YOUR PUBLICATIONS OF THE YQN. THEY HAVE BEEN A REAL BLESSING TO ME. I PRAY THAT THE LORD WILL CONTINUE TO BLESS YOU. GOD BLESS YOU.
BRO. TIM BAILEY
ANN ARBOR, MI

Dear Saints, I greet you in the name of Jesus Christ. I have read one or several of your magazines and it thrilled my heart to see how the Lord is working with the hearts of the young flock. It then enthused me to write you in request of one of the Youth Quake magazines.

I really need the contents of what you publish every season. I am a Message believer still in the youth age.

May God bless you for the work you do to encourage the youth to look unto God.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Your brother in Christ,
Albert Ndhlovu
Zimbabwe, Africa

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who has made this day that we should rejoice and be glad in it. I've been receiving Youth Quake and I've been blessed by it. It has changed my life, and it's my prayer and heart's desire that it will do the same for others. May the Lord richly bless you.

Your sister in Christ,
Eunice Asiedu
Tema, Ghana W/
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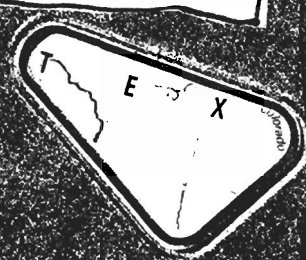
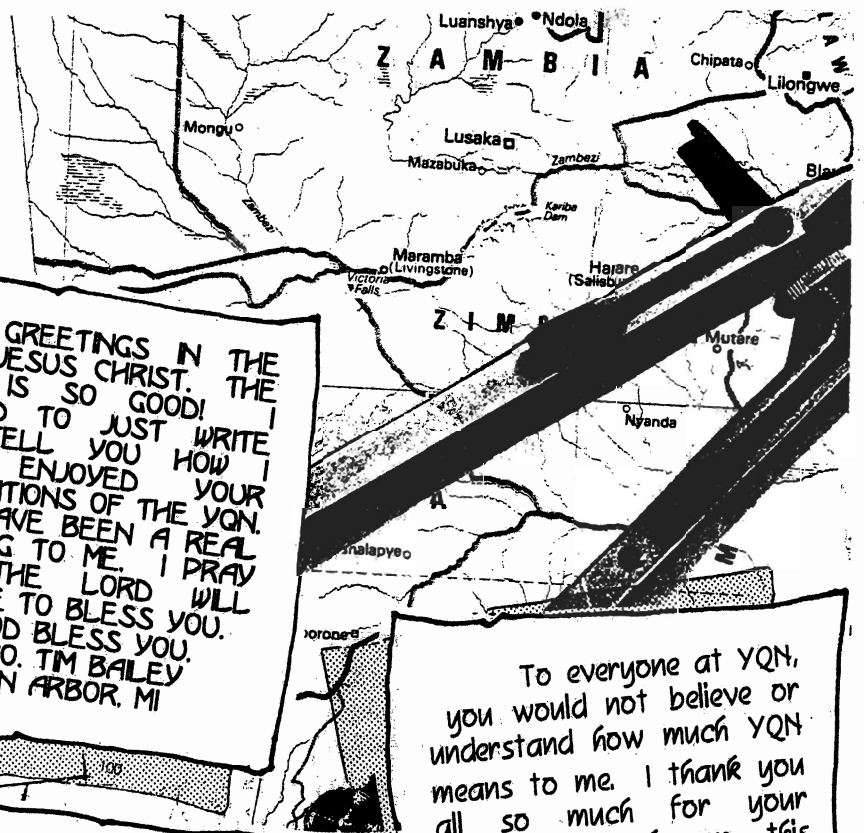
To everyone at YQN, you would not believe or understand how much YQN means to me. I thank you all so much for your dedicated work on this beloved publication. I just wish there was some way I could help - besides sending money (which I do.) Thank you again and God Bless,
Sister Jessica Curlett
Newfoundland, CAN

Dear Youth Quake News, Greetings in the most wonderful Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen

On behalf of the little flock here, I would like to express our gratitude to you for putting us on your mailing list. Please may you continue mailing to us this precious newspaper. It contains golden nuggets, not only for the youth, but the entire Bride. The God that inspired you to start this marvelous work will certainly bless you richly. Only God is able to reveal to you how our souls are being blessed by your efforts. You are a great encouragement and inspiration to us.....

.....Finally farewell and God's richest blessing rest upon you all. We will always remember your work of love towards us.

Your affectionate brother and fellow sojourner.
Bro. Clifford
Sichilima
Kasama, Zambia



Ministry Congrats to **YOUTH QUAKE**

Brothers & Sisters
of Youth Quake

I praise God for the efforts of Youth Quake for our young people and the Kingdom of God. For ten years you have faithfully pointed young people to the true standard of God's Vindicated Message and Messenger Prophet. I know you have helped and encouraged many with these inspired articles and testimonies. It is our prayer that God will continue to use you in this capacity until Jesus comes for His Bride.

God Bless You,
Bro. David Sanger
Rexmont, PA

Thanking God for a decade of Youth Quake. I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to Brother Paul and the entire Youth Quake staff for ten years of keeping the youth in touch with each other. The YQ is a life line of inspiration and instruction in God's word. It is God's youth encouraging the Bride around the world.

God richly reward you for the many nights of midnight oil you have burned for His Bride.

Bro. Jeff Jenkins
Lima, OH



I have appreciated the Youth Quake Publication from its inception 10 years ago.

Knowing from the beginning, the blessing it would be to the Youth in this message, it has been with keen interest that we have watched it grow in circulation, not only in Canada and America, but also overseas.

I remember about 7-8 years ago, giving a little pep talk to the staff in Wallaceburg, Ontario, Canada. They were, at that time, in charge of the publication. I was trying to encourage them to keep printing the Youth Quake News. I told them that it had tremendous potential in reaching the youth,

not only in Canada and America, but that it would spread overseas. We have been privileged to see this take place.

I appreciate the Youth Quake staying with its original objective. The only change we have noticed is that as the magazine is growing in circulation, so is the quality of the articles in it.

May the Lord continue to direct you as you continue to serve in this much needed area in the Message of the Hour.

Your Friend and
companion in His service,
Harold Hildebrandt
Edmonton, Alberta
Canada

Happy Anniversary to Youth
Quake!

During these past ten years you have been an expression of God's Love and concern for the specific needs of the young people.

God has wonderfully inspired you to provide spiritual guidelines to help the youth go through this most important and exciting time of their life.

This magazine has created a link between the ones who desire to live dedicated lives pleasing unto the Lord. It's good to feel that you are a part of a big universal body of believers.

May all co-workers continue to be a channel of God's love and grace is my prayer for the future.

God richly bless you!
Bro. Francois Le
Picard, Pastor, Lignerolle,
Switzerland

Greetings from down
under in the name of the Lord
Jesus Christ!

We send you our
Congratulations on Ten Years of
service with the Youth Quake
News!

I just want to say how much Youth Quake News has meant to us here on the other side of the world. We started receiving the paper in 1987 after one of our sisters had done a world trip and had come across the paper while visiting the U.S.A. Once she arrived home to New Zealand and showed me the paper, I immediately realized its worth to the youth of New Zealand and started ordering enough for the whole country. At that time we had a number of young people in our church and it helped them to see that they were not the only ones 'fighting the fight of Faith'.

They all became enthused about the paper and prepared their testimonies which were featured in the Fall issue of 1987. I see that the newspaper is a necessary avenue for young people to be able to express their Christianity. When the youth of New Zealand shared of themselves, they were blessed because they were telling what Jesus Christ had done in their lives, with the motive of being an encouragement to others. Those young people are now grown and some of them are married with families and they still enjoy receiving the 'Youth Quake News' each time a new publication becomes available. I also feel that the feature articles you do have been informative and challenging to the youth as these subjects are often mentioned in their home churches. May God richly bless you is our prayer!

One other thing I would like to add. As you Brother Paul, have now become a married man and no doubt your interests will change, I pray God will send some other young man along that will carry the vision for this paper now! I'm not saying that you are ready to retire yet, but if the Lord carries, the youth of this message will need someone with the same vision that you have. We sure appreciate what you and your team has done for the youth of the world who follow the Endtime Message.

We will be praying for our Lord to continue to use you for His Kingdom.

Your Brother in Christ,
Pastor Greg Alford
New Zealand

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More Ministry Congrats to **YOUTH QUAKE**

I've always felt that a specialized newsletter, for any category, can hit a target with more impact than a shotgun approach with generalized editorials. We're starting one soon ourselves. Our proposed target? The Bride around the world. Thus, a paper bulleted specifically at youth can accomplish more for their targeted audience.

Through the years of Youth Quake existence I have asked pastors all over the world if they were receiving it. I encouraged them to get it, if they were not.

This one paper has had a tremendous unifying effect among the youth of the message churches. It takes away the feeling of isolation, (no matter what nation one resides in) to hear

the testimonies of other youth believers in their tests, victories and failures that are similar to one's own.

The articles written have assisted in setting certain standards throughout the world in categories such as dating and courtship.

May Youth Quake continue growing in circulation. May feedback from youth and pastors all over the world let the editors know how well or not well they are doing as well as bring to their awareness, needs that should be given attention. Youth Quake, I, for one, am glad you're in existence.

Lonnie Jenkins
Believers Christian
Fellowship
Lima, OH

During the short ten years that "Youth Quake" has been published I have observed a steady growth in quality and content. During my travels, I have noticed it in many homes and have come to realize that this magazine has been a source of information and inspiration to thousands of youth everywhere. Youth Quake is known around the world. We sometimes receive mail from places like Nigeria and India from youth who desire to be included in the fellowship of young believers. I have the utmost respect and confidence in Brother Paul LaFontaine and the staff that helps him to get this valuable paper out to the youthful Believers of this age. Like any other Christian endeavor, they need our prayers and our support.

George E. Smith
Believers Intl.
Tucson, AZ

Over the last couple of years we have seen the Youth Quake go through a lot of changes. The paper continues to be an encouragement to many young people who are spread over the country and indeed the world. Many churches do not have large numbers of young people and the Youth News has served to keep the young of the flock in touch with each other as well as receiving some good, sound instruction.

The paper for many young people, represents the only contact they have with the rest of the Body of young Believers.

I am grateful to have played a part in the effort and salute Bro. Paul and Staff, for their dedication and zeal.

Bro. Barry Coffey
Logan, OH

What can I say?

I have seen the Youth Quake grow over the last 10 years from a desire in the heart of my daughter (to put out a newsletter to all her friends) to an international ministry through my son, Bro. Paul.

There were times I saw them burdened down with getting it out and sometimes they felt like maybe they should just forget it and give up.

But I feel those days are past. What was once a burden is now a great blessing not only to those who receive the Y.Q. but also to Bro. Paul and his entire staff here in Toledo, Ohio.

As a dad I'm blessed but as a minister in the message of the end time I am thankful for what God has done through this ministry. God bless you Bro. Paul and all the staff at Y.Q.N...Keep up the good work.

Your Brother in Christ,
Bro. John LaFontaine
Cherokee Village, Arkansas

Let's Check it Out!

(Referenced from page 4)

Brother Branham, what achievement should we let our preteen-age children participate in?....Also, how should we go about helping them select their associates?

Keep them in Christian company as long as you possibly can. Keep them with...If it's a girl, keep her with Christian girls; Christian boys, vice versa. If she's old enough to go with a boy, see that she keeps with the right kind of a boy. Discourage her to any boy otherwise, or boy to a girl. If she's going with an unbeliever, try to encourage her to go with a believer, and vice versa. Make your home nice. Make your home a place where your daughter or son will not be ashamed to bring their company before their father and mother, and into their house; and make home so happy that they'll be pleased in their home to stay there.

Bro. William Branham,
Questions & Answers-Question # 390

How the Youth Quake Began:

"As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country." Proverbs 25:25

This scripture is what best describes the purpose Youth Quake News was started. Many letters in the past ten years have described it perfectly. They read something like this:

"I'm a young person with not a lot of fellowship..... so thankful for your paper. It is so good to know there are other youth around the world that go through what I do.....it gives me strength."

In 1983, Brother John LaFontaine and his family settled down in Ontario, Canada after seven years of evangelistic work. Bro. John began pastoring a small church in Wallaceburg, Ontario-Restored Word Tabernacle. Sharon LaFontaine, his daughter, who was 16, got the idea. She explains it like this:

"Because we did so much traveling as children and teens, we had met literally hundreds of youth. When we settled in Canada, I had a real desire to keep in touch with everyone, but as time went by it grew into a desire to uplift and encourage also. In fact, before long, it was such a burden on my heart that I would lay in bed and cry at night because I knew what God wanted me to do,

but I didn't know how or where to start. As I started to share my idea with people, everyone's first reaction was 'How much is it gonna cost?' and 'What about the money?'. As an adult, I now can see the relevance of that question. Back then, as a young teenager, I would tell them 'If this is what God wants us to do, He'll provide the finances when we need them!' So I decided to just start working on the articles and let God take care of the rest. We called a meeting with the youth of our church and told them what we felt led to do, and they all unanimously volunteered to help in any way they could. We had a few brainstorming sessions and decided on articles, and then we divided up responsibilities. We were well on our way.

I remember in great detail one particular evening. Our church was having a cottage prayer meeting at our house, and we were all down on our knees praying. I was so burdened about getting the Youth Quake started, that I was just crying and praying from the bottom of my heart. I remember saying, 'God, if this is your perfect will for us to do this paper, please provide the money!...(I wanted to say, 'tonight', but no, that was kind of too soon!! How could He

possibly do it tonight?) Please provide the money sometime real soon, Lord. Thank you God, in Jesus Name. AMEN.'

When I got up, I had a real peace that God was gonna work things out. That Night, That Very Night, a brother took Dad aside and told him he felt led to donate to the 'little paper that Sharon wanted to start' and told Dad not to tell who he was, but handed him enough money to print the whole first issue.

How did we ever have the guts to tackle such a huge responsibility?, but I believe it speaks volumes to the youth.

When the paper was printed we were so excited about it, that we were almost beside ourselves. Then came the mountain of mailing. I went through all my purse pockets, coat pockets and my Bible and found all the little scraps of paper that I had scribbled addresses on over the months of traveling. Then we made a few phone calls to brothers that we knew had a lot of addresses and asked them to send as many as they could. When the papers were finally finished we took

them across the border into the U.S. to mail and when we reached the front counter of the post office we were informed that we were going to have to stamp them ourselves. We were so determined to get them in the mail right then, that we ended up standing there and licking somewhere around 75-100 stamps.

We got so much response from that first issue, even from other countries, we were overwhelmed. The young people were very good about helping to respond to every letter. We also started receiving material for the next Youth Quake and after a few months we were ready to do another paper.

God being the same 'Yesterday, Today and Forever', I again went to my knees and asked God to provide for another paper Wednesday night at church. Thursday morning we went to the States to pick up our mail and Dad handed me a letter that was addressed to Youth Quake News. In the envelope was an encouraging letter from a youth group in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada and as I unfolded the letter, out fell a check for \$500.00. Proof that God knows our needs even before we ask. That was the way we

printed issue two.

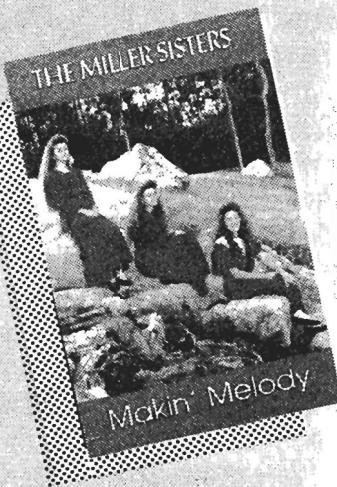
When I think about our immaturity and our lack of knowledge and training in this area of typing, filing, lay-out, bulk mailing, printing, and correspondence I wonder how we ever got started. How did we ever have the guts to tackle such a huge responsibility, but I believe it speaks volumes to the youth today.

God is not interested in how much training you have, how pretty you are, or if you are in the 'in' crowd. God is looking for a willing vessel. I didn't ask for the burden He gave me, but He knew that I was just young enough to go for it.

There are literally thousands of you out there, who are wondering what you can do for God. Be a yielded vessel and God will use you."

Well, there's how it all began. From the hundreds of letters received over the years clearly Proverbs 25:25 has been fulfilled through the ministry of this paper. Many thirsty souls of youth and older have been quenched by Youth Quake News. May God get glory.

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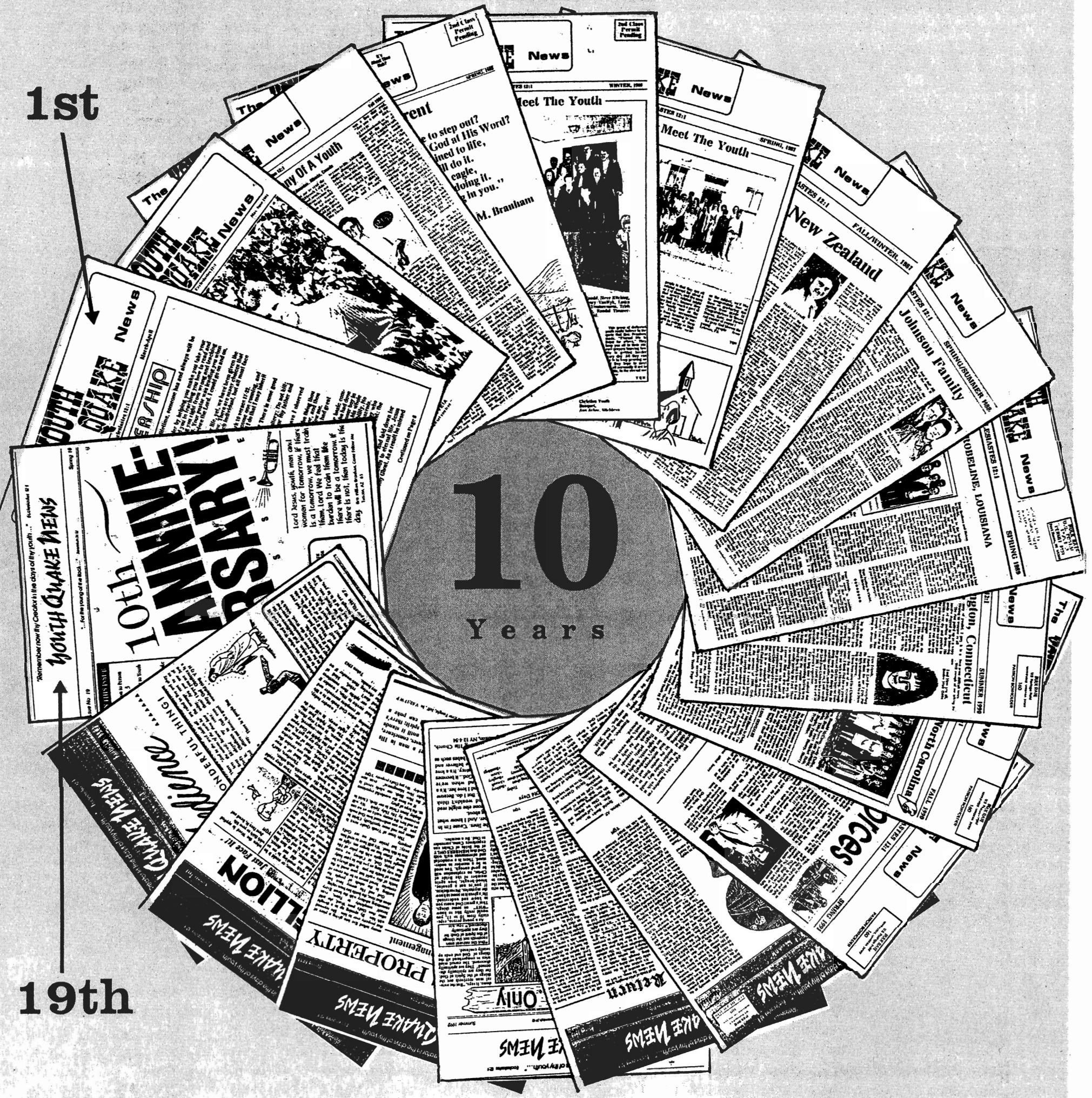
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Literal Life Tabernacle

TOLEDO, OHIO

The size of our group is small, although that does not matter. To us, it is quality not quantity. We just enjoy being together.

During the school year, we can't meet together as much, but we make an effort when we can. Why? Because we draw strength from being together. We try to be as open as possible in our little meetings about our victories or even our difficulties.

Sometimes when we meet, Brother Paul LaFontaine will ask, "How would you spend a million dollars if you had it?" Sometimes the questions are hard, but they always help to get out of us what we feel about things. At other meetings we study a scripture and talk about it. A few months ago we had an all night lock-in. We stayed up all night singing, talking, eating and more. At 1:30 in the morning Brother Paul preached on "Imagination". He showed how bad it could be if Satan was left in control of imagining. Then we shared how God could control it. After the message he asked us to use our imagination and write a full page of what we could do for God. It's amazing how these ideas came out. God really blessed that evening together. By morning, we were really tired. So were the parents that were there.

Last year we began a quest to read the entire Bible taking a chapter a day. We're using the "Bible Reading Guide" from Youth Quake.

It's a blast being a part of young people who desire more of God. We know the catching away is soon, but we've got to do our best while here on earth.

May God encourage the Youth everywhere in the world.

Come and visit us in Toledo sometime. Just make sure you all don't come at one time. We'd be overloaded!

We love you all,

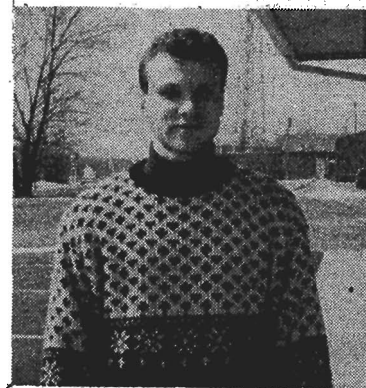
The Youth of Literal Life Tabernacle



Left to Right- Back row; Bro. Carlos Estrada (youth assistant), Isaac LaFontaine, Kenny Slachta, Eli Arbogast
Middle row; Sis. Rafaela Estrada (youth assistant), Shannon Corder, Cassandra Estrada, Amanda Johnson, Ebony Estrada, Bro. Paul LaFontaine and Sis. Rebekah LaFontaine
Front row; Joël Slachta, Jimmy Estrada Missing from photo; Amy Arbogast, Billy and Luke Slachta, Susanne Robison, and Othello Brown

me, but I was wrong. In August of '92, I went to Michigan camp and gave my heart to the Lord. It was hard at first because I came home to my worldly friends and their influences, but I held on to the cross! From then on I grew in the Lord, but I knew there was something missing, and boy did I find that out at our Winter Youth Retreat! It was our fourth service and Brother Bob Willard was preaching on David and Goliath. How we should be David's to the worldly Goliath's. After the service was over, I knelt at my chair and asked the Lord to fill me with His Spirit and give me the peace I wanted, and He did. I began to weep and praise Him, because I knew then He was a supernatural God that kept His Word. Young people, I pray that you would give Christ a chance. He won't fail you like this world will. Keep pressing on. God Bless You! Your Sister in Christ,

Amanda Johnson
Toledo, OH



Greetings Youth! I'm happy to have the chance to tell of God's goodness.

December 1993, I turned 21 years old, and I have to be honest, even seeing it on paper now is distracting. Not because I'm afraid to get older, but because I've waited so long to give everything to the Lord! Even to this day, God is uncovering things in my life that I really didn't know were even close to me. Thank God for uncovering those things even if it's sometimes embarrassing. I found out that God is Rich in Mercy.

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I didn't even have to look to know that He was still beside me. I knew as

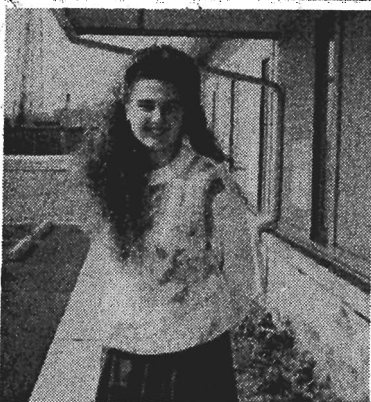
soon as we were clear of the classroom door, my best friend and I would skid to a stop inches from the chain link fence on the far side of the basketball court.

It was almost summer, but no one needed to tell us that. Everyone in school has a 6th Sense about that, even the teachers...especially the teachers!

Tucson Tabernacle Christian School didn't have a kindergarten class so I started right in Sis Semrock's 1st grade class. (I still think they had a kindergarten, I was just too smart for it!) To this day, Sister Semrock or I can't figure out how, but two years later I was in Brother Semrock's 3rd grade class. It is evident now that I didn't grasp much from Brother or Sister Semrock's classes, but now it was recess and as we had done dozens of times before, my best friend Cliff and I were at full throttle, headed for our invisible finish line. This day was different however. The prevailing dryness of the Arizona desert was tainted by a sticky humidity after the early morning rain. The basketball court just happened to have a large puddle covering it and Cliff and I were getting closer with every stride. At that time it didn't cross our minds that this puddle might be the "water" Brother Semrock warned us to stay away from.

You see, Cliff and I had done this for days only to come up with the same conclusion; we ran exactly the same speed. An unspoken pact was made about 10 feet from the

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Dear Brothers and Sisters, Greetings in the name of our precious Lord. I'm glad I have a chance to share my testimony with all of you, I hope it will be a blessing.

My parents and I came into the Message when I was seven. We

went to Brother Jeff Jenkins church until I was eleven years old. Then Brother Paul started a church here in Toledo, OH in 1988 and we have attended his church ever since.

I really didn't know how to serve the Lord, so it wasn't very important to me. I started hanging around the wrong crowd when I was 14 years old. That's when Satan took over my life. I started bad habits, disobeying my parents and disobeying the Lord. By the summer of '92 I was fed up with life and my parents. I thought there was nothing left in life for

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puddle. No water was going to break our beloved routine. Our feet hit the water at exactly the same time sending drops of water 15 feet in every direction. As we skidded to a stop a blanket of water was sent through the chain link fence and bathed the hood of a car. (probably Brother Semrock's)

Now this story may not sound very much like a testimony, but when just recently, the props were taken out from under me I was left with no one to be my friend. I started thinking back to the time when we would be off the road for a few months and I could make friends. My mind went through the list (Cliff Von, Michael Holtz, Mike Far, Chad Daily and Randy Timmermans). Not many, but they were the truest friends a person could have.

Now I felt like there was no one. Everything I loved has been taken from me, because I did not believe, therefore I was living in sin.

Proverbs 24:9 says *"The thought of foolishness is sin."*

It's easy not to think foolishly when a friend is with you. So why did my hardest times come when I had no one to help? At first, I was confused, but now I know there are many reasons why.

1. God wanted me to seek Him and not hide in a circle of friends.

2. God is redefining "friend" to mean brother or sister.

3. I was completely oblivious to this sin living in me to the point where I was stunned when I saw it manifest itself.

Although I was depressed and sorry for my

actions, God would not let me give up. Everyone I talk to, everything I read and everywhere I look I am encouraged that God really cares for me.

I have began a new friendship and I know now a friendship is a high maintenance thing. Don't be mislead into thinking that a friendship with God is an easy friendship.

You see, It was easy to be Cliff's friend because we ran with the wind together. It was easy to be Michael's friend because we rode his go-cart from dawn to dusk. Mike Far showed me how to ride a motorbike. Chad and I would sneak up to Carol Erie's window (She was the pretty little farmer's girl who lived across the road) and make noises to scare her. Randy and I spent countless hours building cities out of Lego blocks and playmobiles. We also held off an invasion of the backyard by thousands of imaginary foot soldiers. Then, when it was cold enough Randy took me to the long ditch in front of his house, put me on ice skates for the first time and spent the afternoon teaching me how to skate.

These friendships came natural, but fellowship with God goes against my flesh completely.

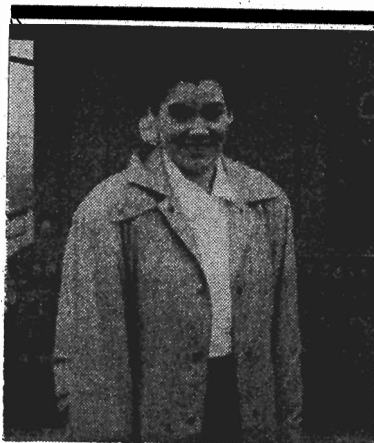
I would read Proverbs 18:24 and think, 'Boy..I am really missing something!'

When I ran, I felt alone. When I read the Bible and prayed I was empty. Now I am beginning to understand, "closer than a brother" is really close. Think of it as a friendship that is not absent from your natural eyes but far to close for your eyes to focus on.

Trying to understand that with the natural mind is unattainable.

No, I'm not going to end this testimony by saying that everything is OK now. I have only one goal now. When I get up tomorrow, I will pray for His hand to guide me and read His Words to me, and maybe, just maybe sometime when I'm running in the early morning I will hear Him speak in the wind whistling past my ears, "Well done my good and faithful servant." His arms will be my finish line. God bless you.

Isaac LaFontaine
Toledo, OH



Greetings, to the young and young at heart. God revealed Himself to me four years ago. A brother witnessed to me at work. I was going through many trials. This brother was kind, and showed a true friendship to me. He shared God's Word with me. After several months of listening to him, he invited me to church. I was fed up with the hypocrisy of the other churches I had attended, so I went.

Before service, I met a couple. They were like angels, so wise and comforting. Treating me like they'd known me forever. That night we listened to a tape, which was odd for a church service. As I listened, my

heart swelled up, and a steady stream ran from my eyes. All the questions we talked about that day were answered on that tape. It was called "Caught Beyond the Curtain of Time" by Brother Branham. That was the beginning of a new life for me. From then on, God was real to me. My life changed drastically and many doors were opened.

I moved in with a sweet girl from church. God started opening my eyes to the world like never before. I saw what I thought to be a hurtful past to be God in full control leading me to Him. My soul soared with the eagles. I wept at almost every service, absorbing His Word like a sponge. I marveled of how he was in control. I was His, and He wanted me no matter what anybody else thought or did. Oh, how the world and those around me seemed so different.

After a year and a half of serving the Lord, things started changing in my perfect world. The young people did not fellowship with me and my roommates. Services started getting rough and things were confusing me. One service, my dear sisters were excommunicated. I was devastated by being told they were wrong. I didn't want to be deceived. I prayed and asked God to show me. I searched the Word and the Message. I was seeking the Truth. Things continued to get worse. I was later asked to leave for having fellowship with them.

The coming months were dark and lonely. I was starving for fellowship and a place to hear God's Word. I felt great pain when being asked by many why I didn't go to church any more. Yet, God held on to me.

At that time, I had no relationship with my family. We were close when we were young, but Satan had

built many walls between us. God spoke to me, by letting Satan try me one night when I thought I was going to die. He showed me the bitterness in my heart towards my family. I felt cheated because they weren't Christians and wasn't raised in a Godly atmosphere. Yet, we are all born sinners, Christian homes or not, and have to repent and be born again to receive eternal life. The scripture says to honor both father and mother, which is exactly what the Lord showed me I had to do. I was so relieved. I felt so free then after praying. I called and asked my parents to forgive me. The more I love God gives me, the closer my family becomes. By His grace, I have been able to testify and bear witness of His goodness. My family has been effected in many ways. They have asked for prayer and mightily seen it work. I am claiming them, and believing the Lord will move in their lives.

My life is greater that I once ever thought it could be. The Lord led me a year ago from Idaho. In Toledo, I attend a wonderful church, where the true Gospel is preached. I am also part of the Youth Quake Staff. The last year has been one of great reward. I feel God's presence stronger in my life each day. He has blessed me beyond measure.

Saints, turn your eyes upon Jesus and away from the evils around you. Love God and thank Him for all He's given you. I close now with this precious scripture: Romans 8:39 "Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the Love of God..."

Shannon Corder
Toledo, OH

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Youth Quake Today!

The process of putting out a Youth Quake takes quite an effort. Over the years, the staff has tried to enhance all areas of Youth Quake. They are always working on that. Currently, this is the process for putting together and making an issue.

The production and content area are the most important. Brother Paul LaFontaine begins seeking God for a theme of the issue. He looks over material faxed or mailed to him. He listens closely to what is on the young people's hearts in different meetings. When he feels a subject is timely and important to write about, he begins searching it out. Gathering a bunch of information on the subject, he then thinks about the best ways to present the subject to the youth. Sometimes he calls other ministers to write for a variety of input. Besides the main theme, Brother Paul contacts people for their testimonies or uses ones that have been sent to Youth Quake.

After carefully putting this together, it's time to type it into Youth Quake's word processing program. This is long and hard work. Amy Arbogast, Shannon Corder and Rebekah LaFontaine help in



Sis. Rebekah LaFontaine at work

Other sisters with typing skills have also helped. The copy must be carefully proofread over and over again. You know what? Sometimes after many proofreaders, a little mistake still sneaks through. 😊 They try their best to catch everything though.

When everything is typed in and proofread, it's printed out on a LazerJet Printer. From this point on,

things are handled by Brother Jon Baugh.

Brother Jon is twenty years old and very skillful at artwork, drawing, and layout. Brother Jon likes to stay in prayer about what he does. He wants God to direct his work. Brother Jon spends several days working very long hours putting every part of the puzzle together just right. On a recent issue, Brother Paul and Brother Jon worked for over thirty hours straight through. They were zombies when they finished and really needed to shave. All in all, their desire is to see the paper through to the finished product.

The master copy is then given to a local printer and printed up within three or four days.

A group of youth are then called together for an evening of sorting, counting and labeling. This process is much easier than it was ten years ago, but it's still a lot of work. The young people pray over the papers and within a few days they are sent out to Youth Quake readers everywhere.

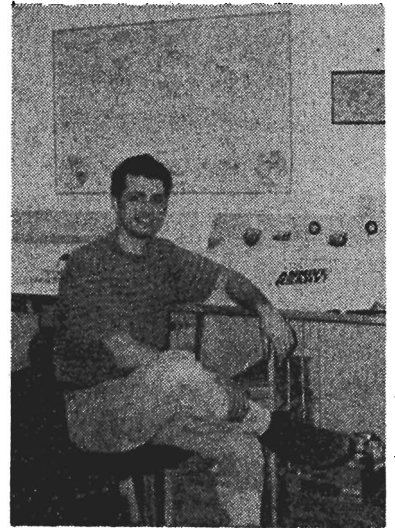
After an issue goes

out, many letters come in. Some people request more issues, some may have found a copy and want to be on the mailing list, and some just have positive words to share. Sister Shannon Corder helps with correspondence.

It is also important to mention the financial support that comes in for Youth Quake. It has been suggested many times to Brother Paul to charge a subscription for the paper. He never wanted to. By God's grace Youth Quake has been published and maintained for ten years by the offerings sent in from readers. Praise God!! Their desire is to keep doing it this way.

Currently, the Youth Quake office is in the basement of Brother Paul's home until the Lord provides some other office space, which they are looking for.

In the future, we are looking to expand our horizons even more. We would like to have representatives from different areas of the United States and other countries to report on what God is doing for the youth.

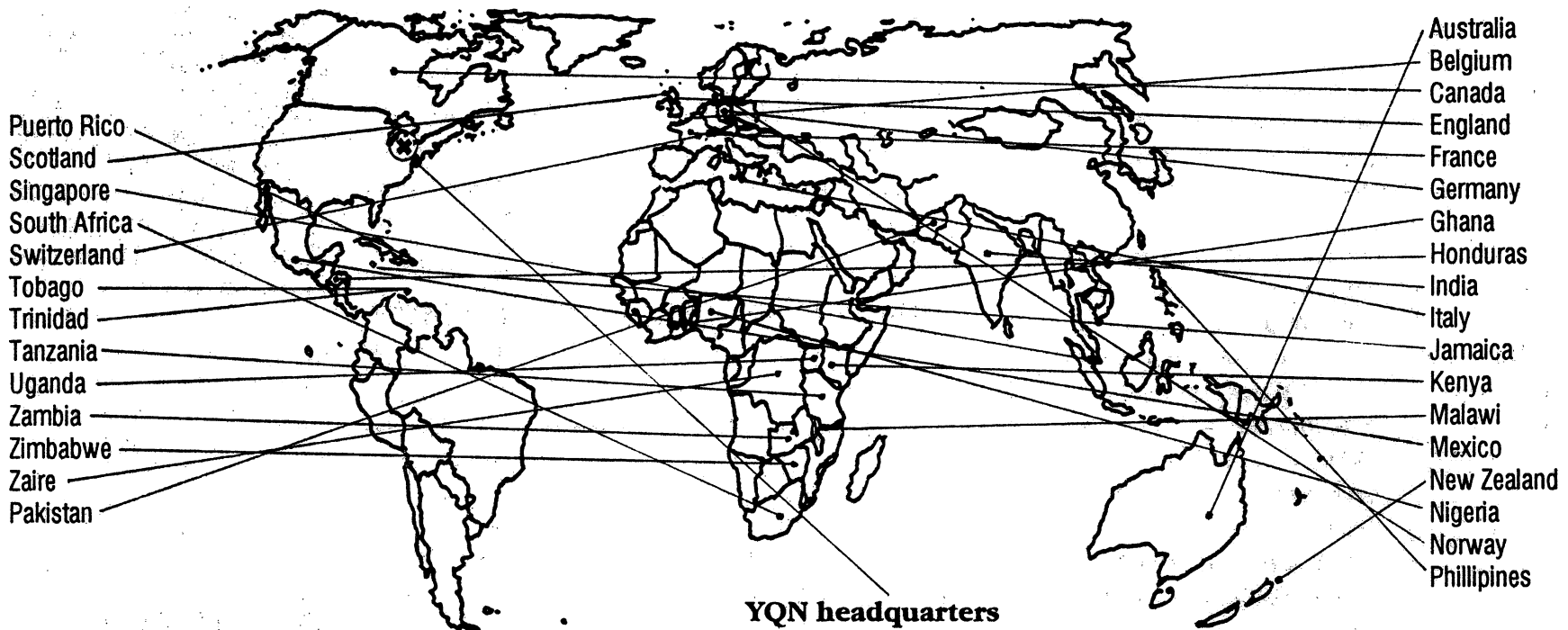


Bro. Jon Baugh at the old drawing board laying out issue no. 19.

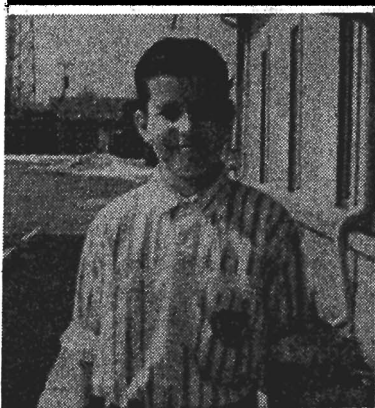
In a nutshell, these are the functions of the paper. Brother Paul and Youth Quake News welcome any input from readers that would encourage the youth. We also welcome any specific questions about our little ministry. As God provides, we will continue until the rapture.

Youth Quake is sent to 42 of the United States & 31 Foreign Countries!

Countries that receive Youth Quake



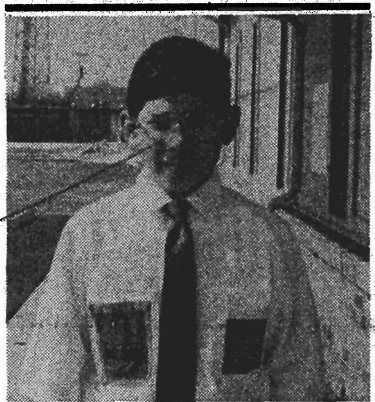
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Joel

I really like reading the Youth Quake. It has helped me to be more obedient in school.

Joel Slachta
Swanton, OH



Jimmy

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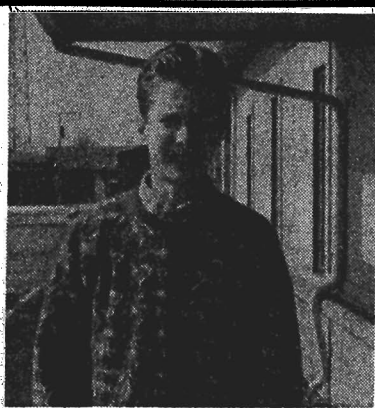
Jimmy Estrada
Stryker, OH



Cassandra

Youth Quake gives me support when I get discouraged. It's also a good thing to help me testify to my friends.

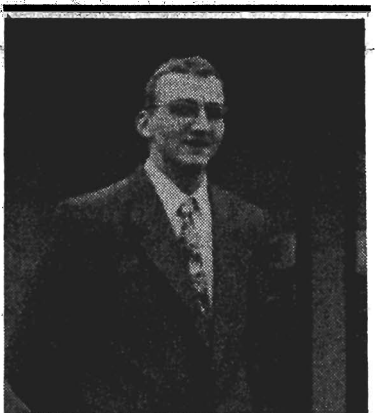
Cassandra Estrada
Stryker, OH



Billy

Youth Quake News has been a great blessing to me. It seems just when I have a question or I am going through a trial, the answers always seem to fall in place as if they were written especially for me. I also appreciate the time and effort that was put into producing this publication.

Billy Slachta
Swanton, OH

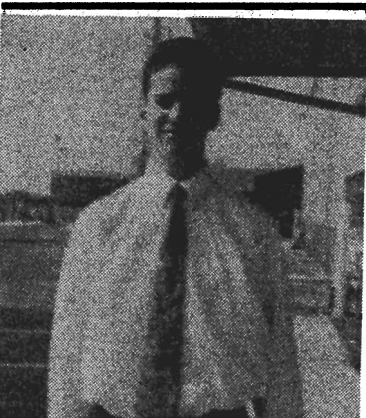


Eli

To Youth Quake News and all the wonderful youth in the message. My name is Eli Arbogast and I am 21 years old. I want to thank the Lord for keeping me from all the worldly things He kept me from. While I was growing up the Lord has been ahead of me and led my family in ways that kept me from the desires of the world. Now that I'm in college at the University of Toledo, studying pharmacy, the Lord is giving me strength to live in a rough environment. I want to thank the Lord for

the wonderful church we have in Toledo and the youth here. I thank Him for the wonderful family he has given me.

Your brother in Christ,
Eli Arbogast,
Toledo, OH



Kenny

Thank the Lord for this wonderful paper for the youth. It has blessed my life and the life of others. May God richly bless the paper and it's staff.

Kenny Slachta
Swanton, OH



Luke

The people who work on the Youth Quake are close friends to me and I would like you to know the work and dedication put forth.

Luke Slachta
Swanton, OH



Ebony

Youth Quake keeps my chin up when things get rough.

Ebony Estrada
Stryker, OH

HONDURAS

R E P O R T

While this issue is being mailed out and received, Honduras will be having its first Youth Camp for Believers. The dates have been changed since our last report. March 28 through April 2 is the time scheduled. My wife and I will be attending the camp with Brother Elijah Gibbs and five other young people from the United States (Brother Vincent Kent, Sister Hope Yingst, Sister Julie Horn, Brother Charl Arendse, and Brother Danny Cotnoir). We are taking a representation from America to be an encouragement during their camp. Please remember all of us in your prayers.

Thanks to all who contributed in the last few months to support campers in Central America. Close to 75 campers was paid for by your offerings. May God Bless You. We will give a full report in our Summer issue. Brother Paul LaFontaine

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Would you like to have a penfriend? Just send us your name, address, and age (print clearly). Specify your gender. We'll be glad to print this information.

Greeting Saints,
Here is a poem I would like to share with you.

There are many different names that we can call Our Lord,

Master, Savior, Prince of Peace.

They're all just words, but the meaning is so much deeper,

It's what you feel inside!

We know His love for us was deep

For on Calvary He died.

But I think the greatest name of all is something as simple as Love

Love has so much meaning.

Love is a beautiful word and it fits Him best!

Your Sister in the Faith,
Sarah Dunnington,
Logan, OH

WINTER YOUTH RETREAT

R E P O R T



INSIDE OUT!

Hello! Greetings in the name of our precious Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Well, we're back again, starting the year of 1994 in one of the best ways possible. A summary of the 1993 Winter Youth Retreat!

Those of you who could not make it this year, I must say you missed an "awesome" meeting. The Lord moved in such a way that few of the Happy Campers left the Retreat feeling the same way they did as when they arrived. His wonderful presence influenced the fellowship, preaching, fireside testimonies, singing, skits, activities... everything.

The first day was usual for most camps: Registering, moving....I mean, settling in, orientation, lunch and generally getting acquainted or reacquainted. After dinner, we all settled down for the evening service to hear Brother John LaFontaine preach a very moving message called "Days of Thy Youth". Fireside testimonies, fellowship and food followed.

The next morning began much needed and much appreciated sessions that were led by Brother Barry Coffey for the next three days. For these sessions, the girls and guys separated and met at different times to be taught on a variety of subjects. (Special thanks to Brother Barry for his guidance and understanding) Afterwards, the campers were kept occupied with activities, skits, choir, etc... For the evening service, we had the privilege of hearing Brother Jerry Bell who spoke on "Repentance".

The following day was packed with activity and excitement. The day began with the morning session, then flowed into lunch, volleyball, skit

practice, choir practice, snowball fights, fellowship, games, meeting new people, and even helping once in a while. In between all that hustle and bustle, we all settled down for a truly inspiring message by Brother Jerry Bell, who preached about being "Children of the Promise."

The next day, we all packed off to the ice-skating rink where we all had fun, skates or no skates. (Special congratulations to Brother Jerry and Sister Julia Bell for doing so well for first time skaters) We then went out to eat to feed our physical bodies and came back to feed our spiritual bodies with Brother John LaFontaine's "awesome" message on "Honor", which was much needed and truly anointed.

Tuesday was the last full day of retreat. We enjoyed the morning session with guys and girls together, ate lunch and then it was time to watch the skits, which were very enjoyable and thought provoking. That evening was the dress-up banquet (Food compliments of Sister Barbara Davis-Head cook, Brother Steve and Sister Sandy Johnson) Afterwards we heard the last message to be preached at the retreat. Brother Jerry Bell did the honors and preached on "The Good Things in Life"

Wednesday morning, good-byes were said, addresses exchanged and probably some tears shed. We were all very sad to leave that atmosphere of almost tangible love and godliness. We thank the Lord for inspiring Brother Paul LaFontaine to have another Winter Youth Retreat, and for blessing us with such precious brothers and sisters in Christ. God Bless you all!

Sister Sharon Baugh



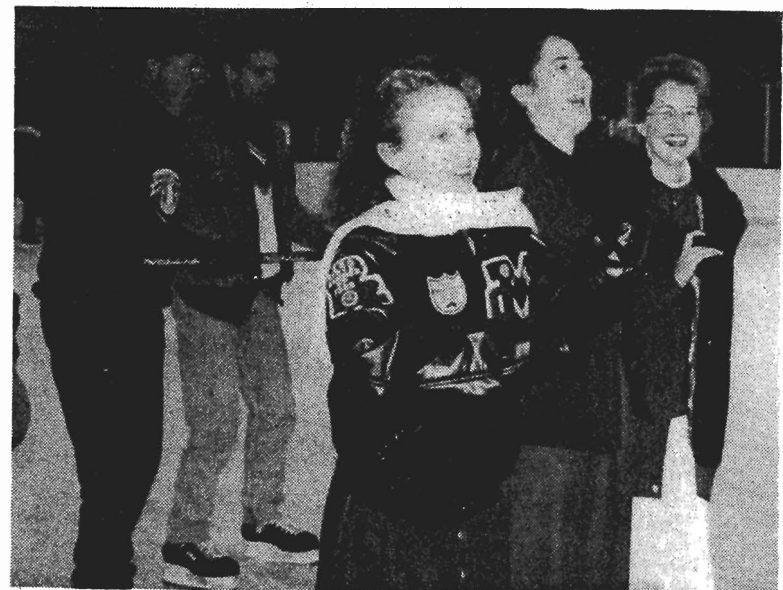
▲ A skit with alot of laughs and a good message, "Don't sell out!"



▲ Amanda has just come home from camp and a demon is waiting for her. She wins!



A well deserved standing ovation for camp directors Paul & Rebekah LaFontaine. God bless them.



Little licks of fire skating on freezing cold ice!

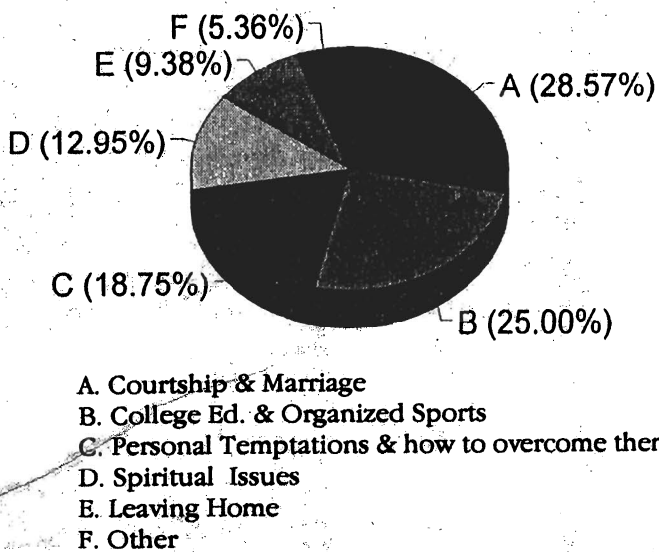
Independent Survey Results

Based on figures compiled by Bro. Barry Coffey

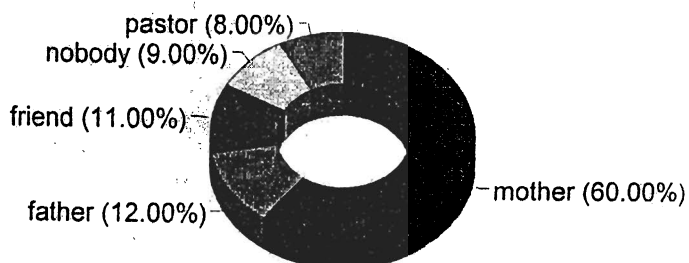
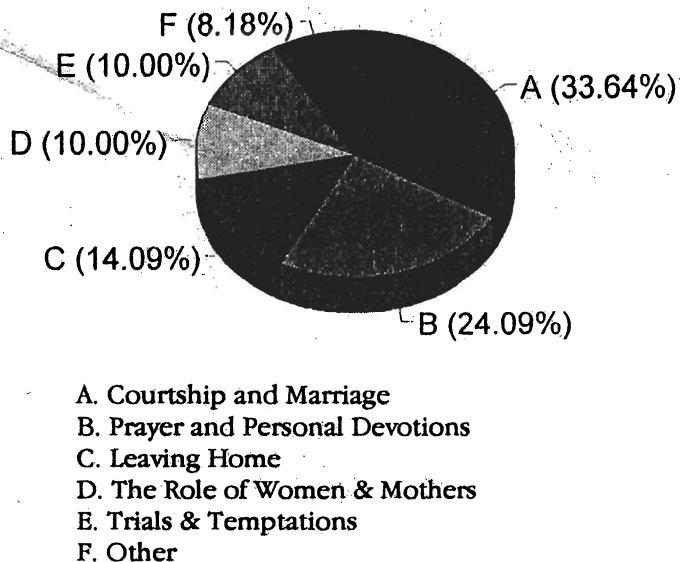
In an independent study taken at two Youth Conventions (1992 & 1993) the young men and young women attending were asked to provide information about things that were important to them at this point in their lives and to choose the most important issues they would like to have discussed. These results provide some indications about the maturity and desires of the young people who responded, aged 15 and older. The information contained here is strictly the feedback given by the young people themselves in charted form.

Computer generated graphics by Isaac LaFontaine

Pie graph of the most important life issues concerning young men.



Pie graph of the the most important life issues concerning young women.



Pie graph composed to show who young people preferred to discuss private matters with.

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Our home and my heart certainly had the conviction of God in it. When I was about seven years old, I got with some bad boys and stole some Twinkies off the Twinkie truck. The other boys ate it and enjoyed it. I ate it and felt so convicted. I ran home and wept for hours. God had started calling me then.

I can remember that I was a quiet, shy, little guy. We kids went to public schools and I was one who wanted so bad to be "in". I felt comfortable with Dad's beliefs at home, but at school, of course, it made me look different. Some kids don't have a problem. They seem to have confidence in themselves because of their nature. My sister Sharon was like that. Her life really showed me that a young person could uphold their standards and gain respect from school mates.

In Junior High, Sharon had so many people that were friendly to her. I had no friends. I felt a little ashamed of what we believed. She didn't and she had to explain it to people a lot more. Girls usually do. "Why the long hair? Why dresses? Why no shorts in gym class?" She just explained it and eventually she had respect from most kids. Nobody even

knew me. She actually became popular. Thank God that He can take a shy boy and give him the Holy Ghost too.

Around 1978, our family began traveling full time evangelizing. We did our school through correspondence. For two years we did that and some of that time we did not have a home at all to go back to. We visited Message churches around the United States and Canada. This traveling also left an impact on my life. I observed how the Holy Spirit would move in the services and change people by the "foolishness of preaching".

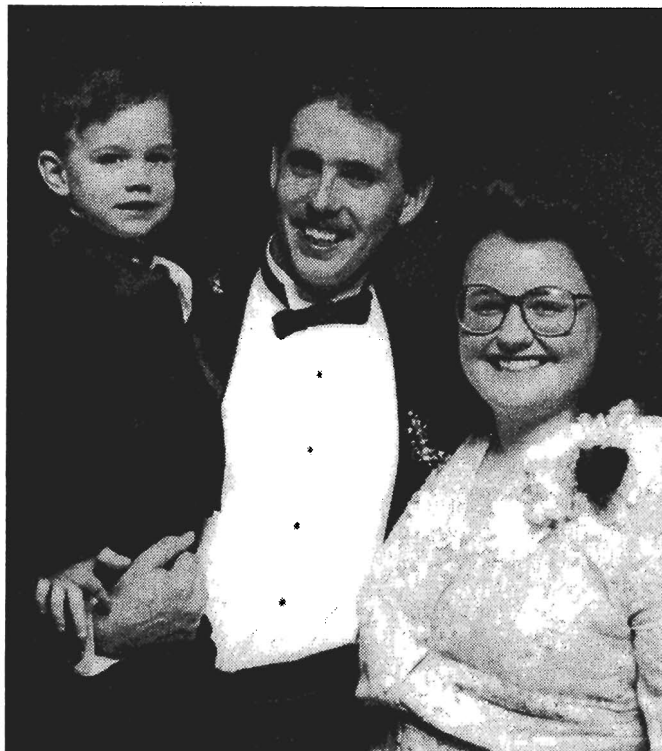
In 1983, there was a camp especially for the youth in West Milton, Ohio. Bro. Harold Hildebrandt was preaching the evening services. I cannot explain what happened that week. It was different. I had been in Spirit filled services all my life. I heard quotes of Bro. Branham preached all my life. I even knew some thing's by heart, but this week was different. God was making the Bible and the Message real to me, Paul LaFontaine. It was personal. All week, during the evening services, I felt this warm feeling in my heart. God was calling me. By the end of the week, I knew I had been filled

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with the Spirit of God. One evening I stayed almost all night long in the chapel just crying out to God. I wasn't concerned with what I would do when I received the Holy Ghost. I just wanted something to change my life. That is really the only true proof of an experience with God. My desires were all changed. I was a different person. The Word became so alive. This was no longer my parents belief. It was mine. It was a life filled with God living in me. I was so happy. I was on top of the world. The birds seemed to be singing different. It was so great

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Sis. Sharon (LaFontaine) VanWyk Today!



As I write this article, late at night, I am sitting at the desk in my new office where God has directed me to work for Him. My desk now is my kitchen table and my calling in life is the highest calling next to the ministry, that of wife and mother. Six years ago I married the most wonderful man in the world. Three years later, God gave us our little son, Wesley. As the years have passed, I have slowly relinquished my responsibilities from Youth Quake, and have tackled a much more challenging management position. I am learning to get much satisfaction from washing the same dishes over and over and making my bathroom sink sparkle. Even more satisfaction comes from meeting the needs of Henry and Wesley. There is also another satisfaction that I feel down deep in my heart. That is the satisfaction of knowing that while I was young and single, I did my part in yielding myself to the burden that God had given me. It's a great feeling. I hope you get to try it sometime.

Sharon VanWyk

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and it still is. It's even better now since I've grown more into His image. The future looks so bright; I have to wear sunglasses, Praise God.

My family settled down in Wallaceburg, Ontario, Canada in 1984. That was the year we started the Youth Quake News. My Father stayed there as Pastor for seven years. I started to attend college and put some attention on what trade or career I would get into. That's a hassle sometimes, but I just prayed and begin classes in Business and Music.

While doing all of this, deep in me I felt a stronger pull to God. I felt He wanted me to do something more for Him. It got so strong eventually, I had to take some time off to pray and seek God. I took a trip to Cloverdale, British Columbia. I spent a month in prayer to God. An assistant minister to Bro. Ed Byskal preached a sermon, "Be Still and Know God". It was as if God was only speaking to me. I went home with the attitude, "God, if you want

me to preach or something, then speak. I'll just pursue my career."

A few month's later, I was in my dorm room at college taking an afternoon nap. I heard a whistling sound and a little bright light came in my room and woke me up. I just lay on the bed still. I didn't know what it was, but I felt the Presence of God. One part of me wanted it to speak, because I was desperate to know from God. The other part of me didn't want it to speak at all. I felt I would die if it did. It stayed a few minutes and then moved over my head, then it went out the window. I wasn't used to that. I know I had felt that Presence, but I'd never seen anything. I knew I couldn't put all my confidence in just seeing that, but I believe it was God getting my attention. It's still a very tender thing to share even to this day. For a long time, I kept it to myself. Sharing it now with hundreds through this testimony is still a little tender with me. I don't share this to lift me up. I hope you



Bro. Paul and Sis. Rebekah enjoying opening gifts together

understand. Someone told me later on that if it was God, He'd confirm it.

A few months later in a service, God spoke very strong to my heart, "I have commissioned you to preach my Word." I said, "Lord, if you'll just speak." I heard it strong, "I have spoken."

Since that time, I have dug in this Message and prayed that when I preach God's Word, it will be brought just as pure as it came through the prophet. In my flesh, I don't want to preach. I want to just live this Message, but God has shown fruits of the gift working within us.

In 1989, I moved to Toledo, Ohio and started a little Bible Study. Some believers in the area came,

but also many sinners came and heard over several months. Under God's leadership, we started a small church and since then God has poured out His richest blessing on our assembly in Toledo. The people love this Message with all their heart. I love to preach God's Word to people who readily receive it. I might add this also. The saints have been behind our burden for the youth worldwide 100%. This in itself is a great blessing to me.

I guess we could write volumes of what God has done. Another book of Acts could be written today and it would be much larger than the one in the Bible. God is real. He calls those

that are His. No matter who they are or what upbringing they had, He will call them. To hear God calling is the greatest thing in this world. Millions of people never feel convicted about what they do, but thank God, I felt His mercy calling me.

I can't close this testimony without telling you about the most recent blessing in my life. This year, God has blessed me with a wife who has the same Holy Ghost. I thank God for her. Together, our desire is to serve Jesus Christ by serving His Bride. May God Bless You! Bro. Paul LaFontaine

You young people this morning, that's young, got a lot of youth in you yet, and not family ties and things, may God let you see the vision today, to see what hour we are living.

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