

# The BEAM

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Know your missionary organizations—

## Aztec Baptist Missions

Gerald Pieper, XE1MP (ex-WØTHC), and his wife, Delphine, have spent more than 30 years working as missionaries in Mexico. Gerald works as an independent evangelist and pastor, and the name of his organization is Aztec Baptist Missions.

He lives and does much of his work as a church planter and Bible College administrator in Guadalajara in the state of Jalisco in west-central Mexico. However, his work has taken him far afield, as far away as the Yucatan Peninsula on the east coast of the country.

Over the years he has been responsible for establishing many new congregations of believers, nurturing them, encouraging them and helping them to obtain or construct church buildings. Many believers have come to a saving knowledge of Christ under their leadership.

As he disciplined new believers and worked with men newly called to preach the Word, he recognized a crying need for Bible instruction. This led to the establishment of the David Bible College in Guadalajara. Today the David Bible College has a central campus with dormitories, class-



Gerald and Delphine Pieper

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## Be an “Elmer”

Sixty-five years ago, Charlie Cox, K7AQ, was introduced to ham radio through a neighbor, Carl, W3ASD. Charlie was just a teenager, but he was eager to learn more about this fascinating hobby that allowed a person to talk to someone else many miles away using radio. Carl took Charlie under his wing and taught him all about antennas, receivers, transmitters and all the rest. Carl was his “Elmer.” An Elmer is a ham radio mentor, but he is more than that. He is an encourager as well as a teacher. It wasn’t too long before Charlie was licensed as W3FEM and on the air.

Over the years Charlie has been an Elmer to many budding hams. The most recent was 10 year old Dan Bates, who lived near Charlie in Surprise, Arizona when Charlie lived in Sun City. Dan came by his interest in hamming

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## ARMS SECTIONS



## ARMS Motto

*Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.*

Galatians 6:10 (NIV)

## From the president's desk:

A lot has happened since my last words appeared in the BEAM. Emily and I have moved from Sun City to Glencroft, a Christian retirement community in Glendale, Arizona. We are in a temporary condo using a mobile antenna clamped to the balcony rail, so the reception is not very good. In fact I have about an S-7 noise level most of the time. We will soon be moving into our own condo on the third (top) floor and hope to be able to put a vertical antenna on the roof.

It is a real blessing to tune into the ARMS Net each morning and hear our net controls call the net and listen to the response from all over North America and New Zealand, with as many as 40 stations checking in.

As I listen to the professional way our net control stations are running the net each day, I am aware that it is no accident that we have been a witness on the air for more than 44 years. Part of that witness is the courteous and cooperative way that our net controls, as well as other members of the net, handle difficult situations that arise from time to time regarding splatter and frequency use. In recent years a few hams have developed a rather possessive attitude in this regard, and we as Christians can help alleviate some of that by displaying a Christ-like attitude on the air (Proverbs 15:1).

I thank the Lord for each one of you who have been willing to give of your time and talents to assure the continued success of ARMS. No matter what the band conditions have been, good or bad, one of you is always there to carry the ball and keep the net going.

Hopefully, Emily and I will be through this transition period and permanently situated in our new condo within another month, so I will have a better signal as well as better reception, and be able to help out with the net.

Again, thanks to all, and the Lord bless each one of you.

—Charlie, K7AQ

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Regular membership in ARMS is open to any licensed radio amateur who can subscribe to the ARMS doctrinal statement. Further information about membership in ARMS can be obtained from the secretary-treasurer, Bob Hambly, WA7BYD, 1516 Lawnridge Ave., Grants Pass, OR 97526, or by checking the ARMS web site, [www.tenforward.com/arms](http://www.tenforward.com/arms).

Annual dues for membership in ARMS is \$8.00. Active missionaries are exempt. The dues year runs from June 1 through May 31.



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rooms and administrative offices. Working with Gerald at the David Bible College is Dr. Jerral Shaw, also from the United States.

More recently, three years ago, the group felt led to open a second school, the Yucatan Bible College in Valladolid, Yucatan. This school is under the direction of Crescencio Galaviz, his wife, Brigida, and daughter, Ana, all graduates of the Bible school in Guadalajara. They are assisted by Lilliana Sarmiento. Apparently these four constitute the entire faculty of the college. This year they report that they have 49 students. Their classes meet wherever they can, usually in churches or homes. Since they have no central campus, the instructors have to go to the students. (See related story on this page.)

Lilliana reported recently that many of their students are Mayans, and they seem to be taking their studies more seriously than when they first began. The dropout rate the first year was 70%, but this year it is only 12%. Crescencio says that they hope to have three graduates this year, their first. Lilliana spends her summers in Guadalajara typing and copying lessons for the following school year.

It is remarkable that Gerald Pieper, without the aid of a large umbrella mission organization, has been able to carry out his college and church planting work so extensively, and with a minimum of outside funding. We will look for more reports of the progress of this work in the future. ■ ■ ■ ■

## Ida Treanor memorial gift

Ida Treanor, widow of John Treanor, NØDRE, SK, went home to be with the Lord before Christmas, 2000. A number of memorial gifts, amounting to \$200, were given on behalf of Ida. It was the wish of her daughter and son-in-law, Elmer and Sally Kliever of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, that the memorials be given to the Amateur Radio Missionary Service. Bob Mitchell, WBØRJ, agreed to serve as a "clearing house" for these funds.

John Treanor was quite active in ARMS before God called him home in 1996, serving as a weekly net control and in other capacities. He and Bob Mitchell produced The BEAM for a number of years. John and Ida were good friends of the Mitchells. They had in common their service with "Back to the Bible" as well as a shared

interest in amateur radio in general and ARMS in particular.

Here is a complete list of the donors: Dean and Eleanor Childs, Mesa, Ariz. Mildred Sears, Fontanelle, Iowa Kenneth and Estelle Blazek, Orient, Iowa Mr. & Mrs. Richard Waggoner, Lincoln, Neb. Dwayne and Jeanine Stauffer, Lincoln, Neb. Louise Heiselman, Lincoln, Neb. Ed and Dorothy Oliver, Lincoln, Neb. Mrs. Albert Nance and family, Lincoln, Neb. Jack and Carol Wentz, Oklahoma City, Okla. Bob and Doris Mitchell, Lincoln, Neb. "Back to the Bible," Lincoln, Neb.

It was the decision of the ARMS leadership to use the donation to support a mission project in Guadalajara, Mexico directed by Gerald Pieper, XE1MP (ex-WØTHC). See the related story below.

## Lilliana's motor scooter

Lilliana Sarmiento is a teacher in the Yucatan Bible College. Because they have no central campus there, the instructors have to go to the outlying areas to the students. Lilliana does not have a car and up until recently has had to get to her classes on her bicycle. Yucatan can be very hot during the day, with temperatures reaching 120 or even 130 degrees. Riding a bicycle in that kind of environment can be very difficult. She also has some night classes, but she has no light on her bicycle, so that can be dangerous, too.

Motor scooters are very popular in her area. They are very economical to operate, but they cost about \$2000. There was no way that Lilliana could afford that, so she made a plea to her administrator, Gerald Pieper, XE1MP, in Guadalajara. Gerald recognized the need, and he and his co-administrator, Dr. Jerral Shaw,

decided, on faith, to buy her a motor scooter. They then set about looking for the funds to cover the expense. They were able to find most of it, but lacked \$500.

Then they received a letter from Bob Hambly, WA7BYD, treasurer of ARMS, indicating that ARMS had received a memorial gift from the family of Ida Treanor, who recently died. Ida was the widow of former ARMS member and officer, John Treanor, NØDRE, SK. It was decided, that since the ARMS treasury is in pretty good shape, to add \$300 to the memorial gift and send \$500 to Gerald Pieper to assist in the purchase of Lilliana's motor scooter. Thus the Lord provided the \$500 that they needed.

It isn't often the ARMS gets the chance to assist a missionary on the field in such a direct way. We praise the Lord that He saw fit to give us this opportunity. ■ ■ ■ ■



Lilliana on her new motor scooter



# Missionary reports

## Dave Immel, KE4EW, Waxhaw, NC

The Beechcraft turbo prop project that I have been working with over the past year is now up and running and part of our JAARS fleet here at Waxhaw. It is being used to do our own corporate flying, making routine trips to our headquarters in Orlando as well as other locations. We have had occasion to fly other mission personnel as well as do some charter work with the aircraft.

I have been asked to move on to a Cessna rebuild project for Papua New Guinea. I will be involved with this project up into 2001 working mainly with the electrical and radio modifications. The plan is to disassemble and ship the plane before this summer.

I have accepted a new challenge and responsibilities as our avionics (aircraft radio) shop manager. I still work in the hangar but now focus on installing radios. I also take care of the mountain of paperwork and details related to FAA approvals and record keeping.

We currently have three rebuilds underway that need to be



completed by mid-year—a Cessna for East Africa, one for Papua New Guinea and a Helio Courier for our training purposes here at Waxhaw.

Patsy has been very busy trying to stay one step ahead of our director. Between August 24 and November 3 he was in the office eleven days. The director and his wife have traveled to Russia, Singapore, Malaysia, Philippines, France, and Texas. Trying to remember departure and arrival dates, travel funds, locations, reports, etc., keeps Patsy busy.

Recently she has been responsible for planning our weekly center meetings (reports from members returning from their overseas assignments, new Wycliffe videos, prayer for those departing for their assignments), and our biannual (Spring and Fall) Spiritual Emphasis meetings (corresponding with the speaker, arranging accommodations and publicity).

The last week of September found her coordinating a visit from our North Carolina Governor, James Hunt. Although there are times of "stretching," she does enjoy her work and those she works with. She also stays busy on the home front—car pools, football games, painting and general household tasks. She continues to sing in our church choir and finds that refreshing.

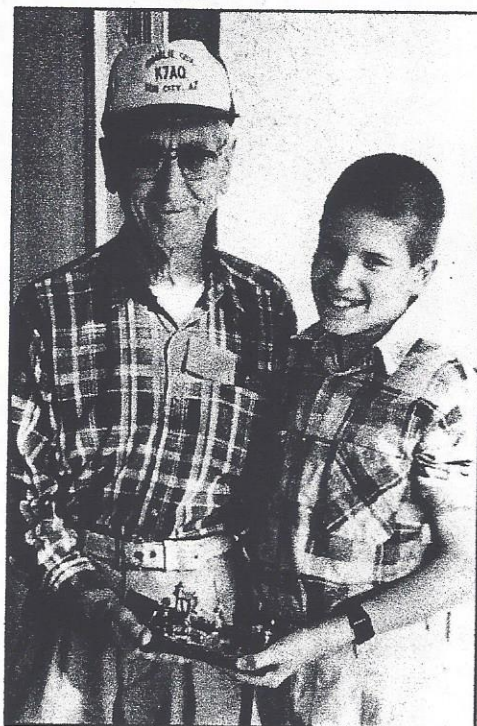
In August we got Kristen and Amanda both settled in for the year

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*become a member of ARMS. He has*

naturally. His mom is Margaret Bates, KD7LNU, and his sister is Alissia Bates, KD7LNP. But it was Charlie who worked patiently with Dan, getting his code speed up and working through the radio theory and regulations. A couple months ago, Dan passed his general and went on the air as KD7LHF. Extra class isn't far away.

Since then, Charlie has made sure that Dan has



Charlie, K7AQ, "passing the key" to Dan, KD7LHF

checked into the 20-meter net several times. He is now 11 years old and is, by far, the youngest current ARMS member. It may be that he is the youngest member ever to belong to ARMS. If any of our readers is aware of anyone younger, we would like to hear about it.

We wish Dan well as he looks forward to many satisfying hours exploring the exciting and wonderful world of ham radio. ■ ■ ■ ■



at Bryan College. With Kristen being a junior this year it was a pretty routine move. Amanda showed some apprehension as we said our good-byes. Later reports indicated that she has adjusted well and is making lots of new friends. She choose History Education as her major and hopes to teach at the secondary level.

Kristen continues to work toward her major in Christian Education and plans to work in some capacity with youth. Kristen took a trip to London during her semester break. This trip was for credit toward her Fine Arts course. She departed from Atlanta on December 26 returned on January 4.

Heidi definitely misses the interaction with Amanda and went through a time of grieving (along with her dad and mom!). Weekly phone calls and frequent e-mails help a lot! She is back into the high school routine and enjoying her classes.

—Dave Immel, KE4EW, for the family

## Jeff Johnson, KO4TS, Waxhaw, NC

April 2. It's a beautiful spring day, exactly four weeks after the day that Deb died. In some ways it seems like a long time ago, but in most ways it seems like yesterday. I've been in "fast panic" mode since then, with more to do than days to do it in. We're very grateful that my parents have been down here with us. Mom's "housekeeping" has freed me to work on things related to Deb's death, while my dad has been able to do a number of needed projects around the house.

The most common question has probably been "How are you doing?" I don't have much to compare it to, but at this point I say, "It can only get worse!" The Lord has graciously upheld the four of us individually and collectively. We all miss Mommy, but we haven't been immobilized. The director of El Rophe (the Christian counseling center which is the recipient of Deb's memorial) has met with the kids twice so far, and they enjoy their time with her working on things that help them remember their mommy.

The bustle will continue at least one more week, as next week we will be in Orlando. Someone from our church would like us to use their time-share condo during spring break, and that definitely simplified our discussion on where we might go as a new family of four. We hope to visit some of the Disney parks, the Wycliffe headquarters, and the Kennedy Space Center.

We have been overwhelmed by the volume of e-mails and

letters of love and remembrance from everyone. After reading all the mail since Deb died (including the cards from the funeral), I piled it up and measured a 14 inch stack! No wonder it took a while. A couple of themes ran through the messages we received. People commented on how Deb was always a very helping person throughout her life, more concerned about others and how they were doing. This was even more obvious near the end as her physical condition deteriorated, but not her interest in the welfare of others.

Another fairly frequent question is what our plans are. This is something that Deb and I discussed, and we both agreed that the task of Bible translation is still just as valid for me. So unless God moves me on, I'll continue in it. At least through this school year, I plan to be out the door in the morning as soon as Rebekah gets on the bus at 7:30, take a short lunch break, and be home by the time Rachel and Ruth return at 2:45. This summer we plan to go to Minnesota, first to bury Deb the end of June, and then to allow the kids to go to camp in July as well.

—for the four Johnsons, Jeff Johnson, KO4TS

## Remembering Deb Johnson

Deborah Ann Johnson was born July 26, 1956 to Don and Doris Berg in Fergus Falls, Minnesota. She lived in Brainerd and Paynesville, Minnesota prior to attending Wadena Technical College. She worked in Fergus Falls as a beautician before attending St. Paul Bible College, where she earned her teaching degree in 1982.

In 1983 she moved to California to teach at the Redwood Christian School. That was there that she met Jeff Johnson, KO4TS, and they were married on August 3, 1985. A year later they joined JAARS, the technical support arm of Wycliffe Bible Translators. They served first in Liberia, West Africa, until the civil war there forced them to leave in 1990. In 1992 they were reassigned to the Philippines where they served until 1996.

Deborah was diagnosed with breast cancer two months after their return to the United States. Since Deb could not go back to the field, she and Jeff continued to work with JAARS at their center in Waxhaw, North Carolina. Her long and courageous battle ended on March 5, 2001 after the cancer had spread to her bones and then her liver.

She enjoyed having other missionaries and friends in her home, and her smile and sweet

spirit brightened the JAARS mail room where she worked.

In addition to her husband, Jeff, Deb leaves behind three daughters, Rebecca, 11, Rachel, 9, and Ruth, 7. ■ ■ ■

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Deb Johnson



## **Leon Winter, DU2/WX6I, Philippines**

### **From Leon:**

My work these days involves creating a web page for SIL, Philippines. I'm learning a lot as I put this all together.

Our daughter, Sheri, has settled in well as a freshman at Biola University. She is very busy with a full course load,



every year. (But then there's no TV here to compete with reading.)

Of course we also have Spelling and Handwriting and Language, not to mention P.E., Music, and Art to add variety. We have a highly computer-literate school, too. Often it's the students who unscramble computer problems.

This year five of the ten students in my class are children of Bible translators. Two sets of parents are in the final revision of their translations. We have a "coming-and-going" class as students go with their parents to village locations. Sometimes we only have four or five students in the classroom.

including an honors program, and is working weekends at a Costco store.

Our younger daughter, Kristy, is a junior this year at Faith Academy in Manila. She is doing very well there.

### **From Sally:**

Another school year is rolling right along. Bagabag School has 27 students this year, ten of them, three girls and seven boys, in my third and fourth grade class.

This year we are enjoying a new Bible curriculum. We are learning about Christ building His church and how we can build our lives on Him. Each week we have a memory verse and study about how God wants us to live. We've learned about the original apostles and even "modern" saints like John Newton and Corrie Ten Boom.

This is the year for third graders to learn multiplication and division in Math. We have fun working this into their brains.

We are learning about the regions of the United States in Social Studies. Even though four students in this class are not citizens of the U.S., and all of the students have lived more of their lives in the Philippines than in the U.S., this is the school choice for what we do this year. During the last quarter we will write state reports, after we figure out which states everyone should call "home."

For Science we have recently finished a unit on plants and weather. We have to arrange the order we learn things so that we have plants to study, before dry season sets in, and an occasional typhoon to give us some interesting weather. During dry season, the hottest time of the year, we will study penguins and salmon and dream of cooler, wetter times.

We are reading a variety of books. Reading is a passion with Bagabag kids. They read literally thousands of pages

and two brothers in the class. This class is the best class I've ever had for cooperation and getting along well with each other. It makes being with them such a joy.

We appreciate your way of serving us in the Lord as we serve Bible translators here. We are all part of the team that takes the Scriptures to people in remote parts of this country.

—Leon, WX6I, and Sally Winter

## **Herman Hartzler, K9YEO, Goshen, IN**

Dear friends at ARMS,

For nearly 27 years my wife, Mary An, and I were missionaries in southern Spain. We are now establishing in Goshen, Indiana. I have gotten a job as industrial engineer in a furniture plant near here.

I have enjoyed being a part of ARMS, and without a doubt the organization is carrying on a good work. I'm not sure what I am going to do with amateur radio at this point. Other interests and priorities also call. But I at least wanted to check in with you and let you know what is happening.

Blessings to you. Keep up the good work,

—Herman J. Hartzler, K9YEO

## **Dave Newell, WA4DUP, Madison, GA**

Over the past few months, various changes in titles and responsibilities have affected a good many of our staff in the Source of Light International Headquarters here in Madison. My wife, Anna Gay, is now secretary to the Director of Human Resources and assists in this department (formerly called the Personnel Department). She continues with her duties as Receptionist and Order Clerk.

The SOL Board has changed my title back to Assistant



General Director as I assume more of the responsibilities of Glenn Dix, our General Director. I have been able to shift the coordination of the Prepress (Graphics) to another staff member. I continue as Editor of *The Reaper* and coordinate the Chinese outreach ministry of SOL along with other administrative duties.

We anticipate having the first children's course in Chinese (Explorers 1) printed in Singapore very soon. Copies of this series will be carefully pilot-tested in Mainland China as well as in Singapore. A fifth course in Chinese, God's *Great Salvation*, in book format, is scheduled for printing in Hong Kong in July. We are now preparing *New Life in Christ 3* in Chinese for printing in Madison in booklet format.

We are happy to be networking with Trans World Radio in their production of the *Shortwave Bible School* program which currently is being aired from Guam. Next month the program name will be changed to *Source of Light Bible Studies* and will have the potential of being aired from other outlets. Is there a radio station in your area that might be interested in airing this 15-minute program that features the printed Bible study courses in English?

The enrollment of the TWR Guam Associate School continues to grow as listeners request to be enrolled in the Bible study courses as a result of hearing the Bible study program. Actually, in 1982, Anna Gay and I introduced the Bible study lessons printed by SOL for use in TWR follow-up. The enrollment has increased to 2,007 students from over twenty countries, with 121 students enrolling since this past January.

Last year was a banner year as 8,725,975 lessons were printed at SOL headquarters, and 109.5 tons of materials were shipped around the world. Please pray with us and for us in this exciting ministry. We have many challenges before us in new translations and printing of several lesson series. We now have the ability to output materials directly to film through new equipment called an Imagesetter. We recently purchased a used, two-color Heidelberg Press that will permit us to print full-color brochures and covers for *The Reaper*. The combined cost for these equipment upgrades is over \$77,000, and we are grateful for the Lord's provision.

We are thankful to each one who faithfully supports Source of Light Ministries so that we can continue this work. Please continue to uphold us in prayer.

—Dave Newell, WA4DUP,  
*Source of Light Ministries*

## **Bill Gwyer, KD4HAJ/YV8, Venezuela**

Greetings in the name of the Lord.

I just got another BEAM yesterday. You just mentioned about a missionary in the Philippines and it reminded me of a problem I'm trying to solve.

I'm a missionary in the jungles of Venezuela. I have e-

mail thru Blessings for Obedience (AC5CU) in Mississippi, via Pactor. We use the AirMail and AirStation programs. The rest of the missionaries here use a commercial frequency just out of the 40-meter band and send their e-mail to town where it's put on the internet. They use a program called DawsonTech, and they use auto-forwarding so the people don't have to wait in line to hook up to the town radio. Jeff Waltermire, N8ZUZ/CP5, a pilot in Bolivia with New Tribes Mission, set up the field of Bolivia with Pactor. Packet e-mail is a fantastic link to the rest of the world, especially those without a ham radio.

My problem is that I have a brother-in-law, Lance Ostman, KC2CDX/DU1, on southern Mindanao in the Philippines. He only gets his e-mail when the plane comes in. It's just one little step above snail mail, but it is a blessing all the same. He hasn't found anyone willing to get involved in the Packet ministry. Do you know of any hams that are into Packet e-mail in the Philippines? They might want to get in touch with Lance directly. His e-mail address is: lance\_ostman@ntm.org. Or you could contact me at KD4HAJ@bfosouth.org.

Thanks for any help you can give on this situation.

—Bill Gwyer, KD4HAJ/YV8  
*New Tribes Mission*

## **We welcome our new members!**

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Moses Gingerich, KA8FJC  
Box 248  
Waxhaw, NC 28173

In the last issue we misspelled the name of new member VE7UP. It should be Terry.



# Section Reports

## Midwest Section

The next annual meeting of the Midwest Section of ARMS will be held on Saturday, August 11, 2001 in Mankato, Minnesota, at the home the section director, Arnie Kopischke, WDØDFT.

No notices will be sent out. Check with the Midwest ARMS Net at 3.905 MHz on Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. local time, or with any of the Midwest Section officers.

—Elaine Wigen, WBØEJA, Secretary

## Southeast Section

The Southeast Section of the ARMS Fellowship Group will have its annual get-together June 8-9, 2001 in Knoxville, Tennessee. We will meet for dinner on Friday night and attend the Knoxville Hamfest on Saturday.

If you are planning to attend and need motel info, please contact me via e-mail at: wd4ach@juno.com.

We are looking for all SE ARMS

members to attend. This has proven to be a great time of fellowship around our Lord Jesus Christ. The photo at the bottom of the page was taken at last year's get-together.

Hope to see you this year in Knoxville.

—Denis Parker, WD4ACH,  
Section Director

## Northwest Section

Here we are and it is time for another BEAM to be published. The Northwest Section Net continues to operate on Thursday mornings with eight to fourteen checking in. We invite anyone who can hear us to join in.

A number of our old participants have not been heard from for some time. Bill, W7KTM, has been unable to join us because of changes in his medical activities which prevent him from getting up on time. He sounded good on the telephone and sends his greetings to

all of his friends on ARMS. Other members we are concerned about are: Skid, K7OKT; Bea, N7FQQ; Andy, KB7SLL; and Ralph, WB70OL, who seems to have an antenna problem which we hope he is able to correct soon. There are others we also miss and slip my mind just now.

Chuck, N7AAG, is back with us again from Sunnyside, Washington. It is good to hear him after a lengthy absence.

As the days get longer, how about setting that alarm and joining us on 3.984 MHz on Thursday morning at 7:00 a.m.?

—Bob Hambly, WA7BYD,  
Section Director

## Rocky Mountain Section

The Rocky Mountain ARMS Net meets daily, except Sunday, on 3.893 MHz at 0700 mountain time. Frequent participants, all from Colorado, are:

WAØNJZ, Don, Deer Trail  
WØRQI, Lash, Littleton  
WZØD, Paul, Pagosa Springs  
NØFCK, Bob, Mack  
WA6NLG, Don, Penrose  
K7STS, Duane, Cortez  
WØZMU, Roger, Colorado Springs  
K7DXT, Scott, Somerset  
NØVK, Novak, Elizabeth  
W5JRX, Brent, Aurora.

If you are within 75-meter range at that time of day, we would like to extend an invitation to you to join our group for fellowship on the air.

On April 28, 2001 we went over to Deer Trail for a pot luck lunch and fellowship at the QTH of Don, WAØNJZ. Don needed some antenna work done, so we all pitched in to get things straightened out. He is wheelchair-bound as the result of a childhood encounter with polio and is unable to climb towers or ladders. In spite of his apparent handicap, he does an amazing job of operating his rigs. His late father was responsible for setting up most of the conve-

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Standing, from the left: Dave Gillispie, WA4LLR; Randy Joiner, N4SX; Ed Bradley, W4VGI; Eleanor Maxwell, WD4AWH; Andra Parker, KD4CLF; Diane Howington, KD4PIG; Bobby Howington, KC4DOG. In front: Denis Parker, WD4ACH; David Howington; Chris Howington

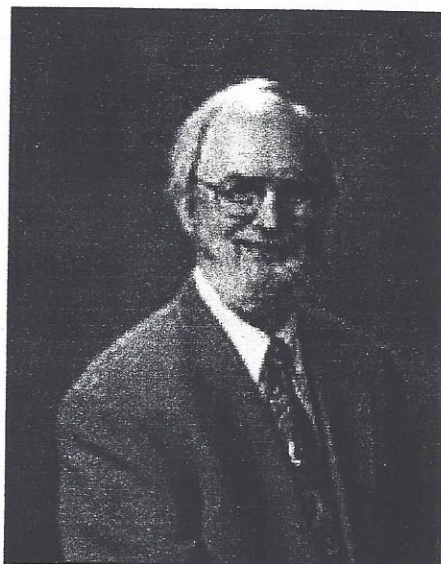


# Gerry Brunk, K4RBZ, retires after 36 years

Most people who pass through Eastern Mennonite University are content to spend four years at the Harrisonburg, Virginia, school and then move on, but not History Department Chairperson and long-time ARMS member, Gerald Brunk, K4RBZ. After 36 years as professor there, Gerry retired after the spring semester. He has been affiliated with the EMU campus since first grade.

Since the beginning of Gerry's academic career at EMU in 1965, he has taught a wide variety of courses in the fields of history and political science. His areas of particular interest are the histories of England, the Church, and the Middle East. His interest in Middle East history was sparked by his sabbatical leave during the 1970's when he spent two years as the Mennonite Central Committee's country director in Egypt.

Gerry accepted the Lord as his Saviour when he was nine years old in revival meetings at Warwick River Mennonite Church in Denbigh, Virginia. He grew up on a peach and apple farm and lived there until his family moved to Harrisonburg where his mother was raised.



"My father began a tent evangelism ministry in 1951," he said, "so during the summers our family traveled to various locations throughout the United States and Canada,

living in a mobile home." Eventually he became the song leader for the campaigns, and did that until after he was married the first time in 1960. His interest in choral work continues to this day.

He became a radio amateur in 1954 as a novice with the call KN4RBZ, and in 1967 he became a member of ARMS.

Next year he will have been an active member for 35 years. In 1971, as president of ARMS, he and his first wife, Janet, hosted the ARMS Convention at Eastern Mennonite College (now University). He has fond memories of attending other conventions with Janet and their four sons in St. Paul, Minnesota and Denver, Colorado. In 1980 he lost Janet to cancer, and four years later he married Shirley. This June they will have been married seventeen years. She and their youngest son, Benjie, went with him to the last national convention in Regina, Saskatchewan in Canada.

"I have enjoyed checking into the ARMS nets over the years," Gerry continued. "Sometimes I check into three in one morning: the Eastern section, the Southeast section, and the 20-Meter net on Saturday mornings.

Shirley and I have had the pleasure of meeting many ARMS members in our travels, and lodging in their homes, including KØGAZ, K7AQ, WB700L, KØOAV, K3RYV, K2CAC, W2CYO and others who are no longer active in ARMS. Perhaps in my retirement travel we will have opportunity to meet others who I know only by voice on the nets."

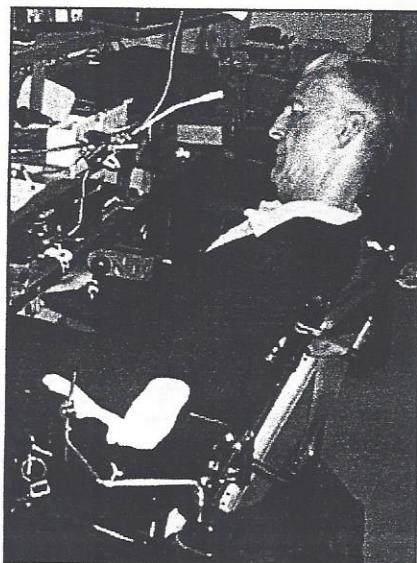
Gerry plans to stay on in Harrisonburg after his retirement, and hopes to get in some golf, fishing, reading and, of course, hamming. ■ ■ ■

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niences that makes operating possible for Don. The photos at the right were taken that Saturday at Don's home.

While we were there, we also had an update/presentation by Roger, WØZMU, who served with HCJB in Quito, Ecuador before returning to the States. He is now serving at their mission headquarters in Colorado Springs.

—Geno McGahey, NRØNR,  
Section Director



Left: Don Helling, WAØNJZ at his rig.  
Above: Standing, Novak, NØVK; Geno, NRØNR; Roger, WØZMU; Bob, KD7MY; and Paul, WZØD. Seated, Don, WAØNJZ

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## Eastern Section

The eastern section continues to be active the year round, three days a week, Tuesday and Thursday at 7:15 and Saturday at 9:00 at 3.907 MHz with or without the cooperation of solar flares. Larry Hodge, W2PT, continues to keep things moving as our director. He also provides a prayer list via e-mail that is an important part of our net. Prayers for members who have needs, our country, our church (pastors, missionaries and persecuted Christians) and praises to our Lord Jesus for His blessings are covered.

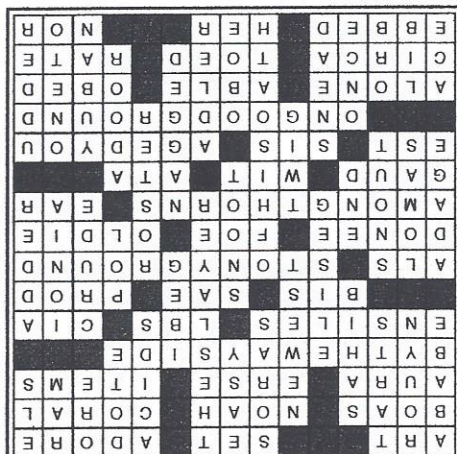
Al, K2CAC, has a new computer but it doesn't keep him from regular check-ins. Don, K3RYV, is "Old Faithful" as Saturday net control. Larry is net control one day a week of other members rotate on a monthly schedule.

There are four active members in Syracuse, Norm, W2NNJ; George, W2LAH; Bob, W2YIK; and Paul, K2MNO. Paul doesn't like the winters up here and goes off to southern climes while the rest of us find time to get on the air when not shoveling snow. Officially we had 192 inches this year.

Corky, WA2KKF, is a new check-in who resides in Cuba New York, and is a 20 meter enthusiast.

We would like to have more activity from New England and Canada. We're hopeful there will be a get together of the Eastern Section sometime this coming summer.

—Bob Zecher, W2YIK



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## From out of the past— Dick Harris, K7VCD, recalls earlier times

*Of the five original founders of ARMS, three are still living. The first president, Dr. William Mierop, lives in a retirement home in Quarryville, Penna., the first vice-president, Bob Matthews, W3BBM, lives in Wilkes Barre, Penna. Both are in their late 80's. The first treasurer, Dick Harris, now K7VCD, lives near Seattle, Wash., and recently sent me the following letter and associated material. We thank Dick for his interest. —Ed.*

Hi Dave:

Last night I was rummaging around in a seldom-used drawer in a seldom-used desk here in my library/den and discovered a couple of things I thought you might enjoy. I will pack them up in an envelope and get them mailed to you.

What I found was a folder of some ARMS material I had kept over the years. What you will get is a black and white copy of my ARMS Charter Membership certificate, issued June 1st 1957, over 43 years ago. The original is bordered

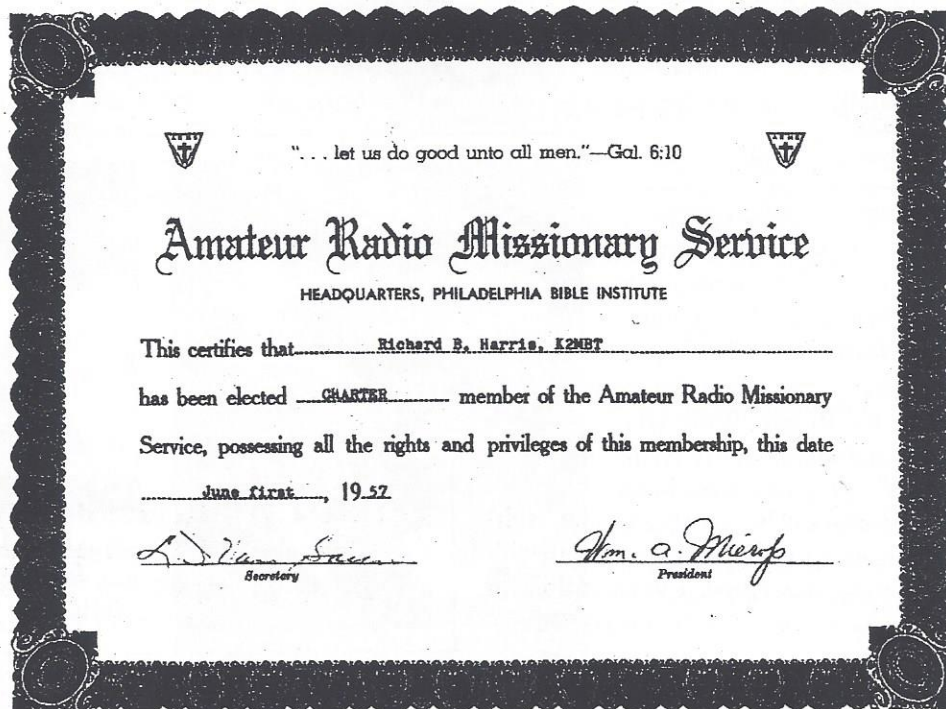
in a soft brown scroll, and signed by our first secretary Leonard Van Saun, who is now in Glory, and our first president,

Dr. William Mierop who was also president at that time of Philadelphia Bible Institute at 17th and Arch Streets in Philadelphia. There were only 16 of these ever issued as "Charter" memberships, and mine was one of them.

The next item I found was my original India ink drawing of the ARMS logo. In those

days of my youth, I was an eager volun-

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teer, often wandering into areas where I should have known better. But no one stopped me when I suggested the scripture motto from Galatians 6:10, and dis-



Dick's original "shirt cardboard" logo

played this drawing that was done with pen and ink and a ruler! I think the cardboard it's drawn on was from a new shirt I had just bought. I wanted a more flowing drawing of the shield, but wound up with a straight-line rendition.

If there is a location for archival material, it might be worth it to keep this somewhere. Let me know what you think. I am amazed that the logo is still used today in its original form after over 43 years!

The third item is a copy of the news report I filed with The BEAM back in 1963 after we had moved out here to Seattle and helped organize the Northwest Chapter. I was still quite active for a while after that, then I got sidetracked on other things and lost contact with the group, until lately...thanks to The BEAM mailings to me here at Mountlake Terrace! But I thought you might appreciate what went into the start of the Northwest Chapter and who all were involved at the time.

Dave, I made a copy of the "shirt cardboard logo" that I'll keep here with my files. The original is yours to do with as you like. I think history is sometimes lost with time.

"Van," as we called Leonard Van

Saun is gone home to Glory, but to the best of my knowledge Bill Mierop is still with us. And me? Well, I just passed my 76th milestone, and God's good Grace is keeping me in pretty good health... healthy enough to still travel the country for Salem Communications engi-

neering department doing all sorts of fun broadcast projects.

May the Lord's blessings land square on you, Dave. Thanks for The BEAMs, and keep up the good work.

—Dick Harris, K7VCD (ex-K2MBT)  
dickharris@isomedia.com

#### **PACIFIC NORTHWEST A.R.M.S. ORGANIZES**

Seattle, Wash. (10/18/63) The organizational dinner-meeting of a proposed Northwest Chapter of the Amateur Radio Missionary Service was held Friday evening, October 18, 1963. The dinner was served in the main dining room of the King's Garden, world missions center in Seattle, Washington. The menu was a tasty one, and served in buffet style. The Garden chef, Bruce Stromme, deserves a hearty round of thanks for setting out such a robust meal for the tiny sum of \$1.50 per person.

There were 42 people who showed up for the evening, and only 21 were hams. The rest were interested friends, many of whom left more impressed than ever with the possibilities of Ham Radio and Christian Service. Hams present included K7WQA, K7WQB, K7VCD (ex-K2MBT), K7HBN, W7CHZ, W7VI, W7RZL, KN7WYZ, K7CHT, K7NZV, K7MXI, W7AEY, HH4VB, K7GCM, K7LHW, W7FXB, W7WPR, K7MWL, K7GSG, W7PYP, and W7TT.

K7VCD acted as chairman of the open discussion which followed the dinner. Spirits were high as we discussed the pros and cons (mostly pros!) of the ARMS idea, and the possibility of a

Northwest chapter. We read the letter of greeting from the New England chapter sent to us by Wendell Lewis, KIRPE, and then played the tape sent to us from the Philadelphia ARMS Net made by Don Birx, K3RYV, Sunday night, September 29th. Vance Brown, HH4VB spoke briefly on the importance of radio communications to the missionary. Dick, K7VCD, then went into a detailed account of the Amateur Radio Missionary Service.... The result was a unanimous vote to organize a Northwest Chapter of ARMS....

As the meeting closed, Dick Lundberg, W7PYP, speaking for the group, expressed a word of thanks to K7VCD for spearheading the effort to get the organization under way. Walt Mitchell, W7VI closed with a word of prayer.

As the Northwest chapter progresses toward actuality in the next few weeks, we will keep the membership posted through the subsequent issues of the BEAM. A temporary weekly schedule for the benefit of the Seattle area members has been set up for Saturday nights at 9:00 pm PST, using primarily SSB on 14.270 Mc. We will be looking forward to hearing others across the country, either sideband or AM. 73 and God bless you all.



A transcription of the 1963 BEAM article about the organization of the Northwest Section of ARMS. The photo shows only the hams present.



# Charlie, K7AQ, and Emily Cox celebrate 60 years of marriage with a "real" church wedding

It was March, 1941. Two young people were in love. Their names were Charlie and Emily. They wanted to get married, but Emily's parents wouldn't approve. After all, she was only 17. But they had known each other for five years. In fact, they met as the result of Charlie's interest in ham radio. In those days Emily lived next door to Carl, a ham whom Charlie visited frequently as he "Elmered" Charlie through his early days of amateur radio. The pretty 13-year-old next door didn't escape Charlie's notice.

When Charlie went off to the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in 1937, he kept in touch with Emily, although ham radio was getting a firm grip on his time. He had become the camp ham operator for the group, stationed on the Skyline Drive in Virginia.

When he got out of the CCC in 1940, he took a job with the Martin Company in Baltimore. By now his interest in Emily had gelled into a real romance. But Baltimore was more than walking distance from his home outside Chester, Pennsylvania.

To make matters worse, Emily's family had moved to Dover, Delaware. Hitch-hiking from Baltimore to Dover on weekends was wearing thin. Finally, Charlie had waited long enough. The day before Emily's 18th birthday, they slipped away and got married on March 22, 1941.

Now, 60 years later, Charlie, K7AQ, and Emily Cox finally had a church wedding. About 100 family and friends joined together in the chapel at the Glencroft Retirement Community, Glendale, Arizona, to celebrate the 60th wedding

anniversary and the renewing of their wedding vows. Charlie and Emily recently moved into the Glencroft Retirement Community.

The celebration was arranged by their children, Charlotte Robinette and Chuck Cox, along with the help of their six grandchildren. The wedding party included of the bride and

groom, the matron of honor, Charlotte Robinette; the bride's maid, (daughter-in-law) Cindy Cox. The best man was Jay Sudenga, KØGAZ.

The ceremony was preformed by their son, Rev. Chuck Cox, of San Bernadino, California, assisted by Glencroft Pastor Bill Carson. Music was provided by Martha Goodell and Freda Humes of Glencroft.

The ceremony was followed by a reception with food and fellowship. A wonderful time was had by all.

For Charlie, the real icing on the cake came when Charlie's brother, Jim, showed up unexpectedly from Clark Summit, Pennsylvania. Charlie hadn't seen him for about 25 years.

Hams who were present were: Charlie Cox, K7AQ; Jay Sudenga, KØGAZ; Al Folden, W7KAP; Vern Lewis, W7VPL; Dan Bates, KD7LHF; Alissia Bates, KD7LNP; Margret Bates, KD7LNU; Stan Swartz, W7PLO; Betty Swartz, KC7TOI; and Ken Jackson, K7VCM.

From all of us in ARMS: Congratulations Charlie and Emily! We hope you have many more wonderful years together. -- ---





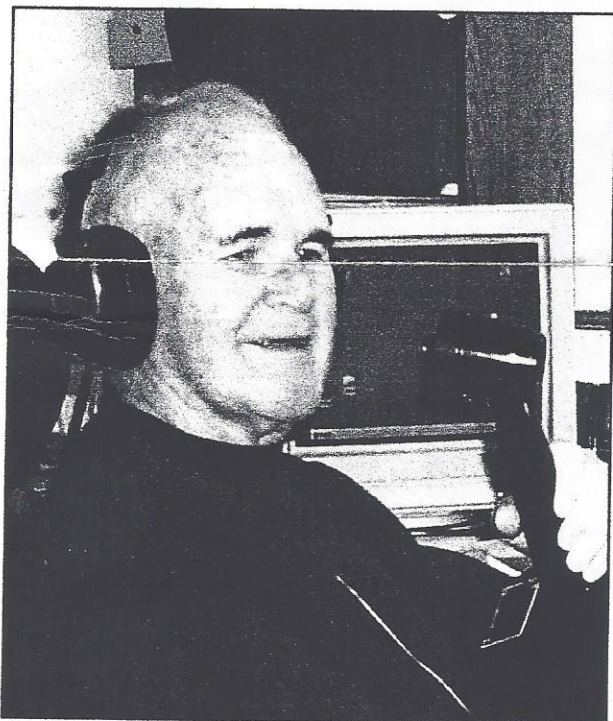
# Al, AC50A, the Friday 20-meter net control station

Al Heath, AC50A, has taken over the Friday slot as net control station for the 20-meter ARMS net. Al is a long-time member of ARMS and has been active with the group in a variety of ways.

In the early '90s, Al was the secretary for the organization. He also assisted with the publication of *The BEAM*.

Al, whose original call was W6UFZ, came from California where he worked with Rockwell International. When he retired, he moved to Lake Montezuma, Arizona, but kept his original call.

A couple of years ago, he and his wife, Jeanne,



moved from Arizona to Frederick, Oklahoma. When they did, Al decided to apply for a "5" call, so he is now AC50A.

Al not only operates the net on Fridays, but he has proven to be a valuable relay station for other net control stations who are unable to hear some stations checking in. His seven-element beam and 1-kW amplifier go a long way toward putting a very respectable signal on the air.

All of us on the ARMS net appreciate Al's cheery attitude and willingness to lend a hand whenever it is needed. Thanks, Al! -- ---

## Just Say "I'm Fine!"

There's nothing whatever the matter with me—  
I'm just as healthy as I can be.

I've gotten arthritis in both my knees,  
And when I converse, I talk with a wheeze.  
My heart beat is weak and my blood's getting thin,  
But I'm awfully well for the shape that I'm in.

I think that my liver is all out of whack.

I've got a bad pain in the small of my back.  
My hearing is poor, my eyesight is dim.

All of my systems seem to be out of trim.  
I've got gout in my toe and I clobbered my shin,  
But I'm awfully well for the shape that I'm in.

I have arch supports for both of my feet  
Or I wouldn't be able to walk down the street.  
I toss and I turn all through the night,  
And come the next day, I'm a terrible sight.  
My memory is failing—my head's in a spin,  
But I'm awfully well for the shape that I'm in.

As the years go by we should not lose heart  
Even though it appears that we're falling apart.  
The moral is clear, as this tale we unfold,  
That for you and for me who are growing so old,  
It is better to say "I'm just fine!" with a grin,  
Than to let them know the shape that we're in.

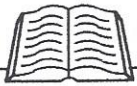
—Submitted by Charlie Cox, K7AQ

## Think about it—

"There is not the smallest accident, which may seem unto man as falling out by chance, and for no consequence, but that the same is caused by God, to effect something else by; yea, and oftentimes to effect things of the greatest worldly importance, either presently, or in many years after, when the occasions are either not considered or forgotten."

—Sir Walter Raleigh (c.1554-1618)





## Sowing the word

Hearken; Behold, there went out a sower to sow:  
and it came to pass, as he sowed,... —Mark 4:3-4

Unless stated otherwise, scripture verses are taken from the King James (Authorized) Version of the Bible.

### Across

- 1 "Who \_\_\_ thou?"  
(Gen. 27:32)
- 4 "\_\_\_ a watch, O  
Lord," (Ps. 141:3)
- 7 "How right they  
are to \_\_\_ you!"  
(S.S. 1:4, NIV)
- 12 Constrictors
- 14 Father of Japheth  
(Gen. 5:32)
- 15 "No mention shall  
be made of \_\_\_,"  
(Job 28:18)
- 16 Ambience
- 17 Scottish gaelic
- 18 Short news pieces
- 19 "...some fell  
\_\_\_," (See above)
- 22 Stores on a farm
- 23 Lots of ozs.
- 24 Its ags. work  
underground
- 27 Repeat in music
- 28 Initials on an oil can
- 29 Stimulus
- 30 Capp and Hirt
- 33 **"And some fell  
on \_\_\_,"**
- 36 Beneficiary of  
largesse
- 38 "...captive before  
the \_\_\_,"  
(Lam. 1:5, NIV)
- 39 It may be golden
- 40 **"And some fell  
\_\_\_,"**
- 43 "Doth not the \_\_\_  
try words?"  
(Job 12:11)
- 44 Showy trinket
- 45 "To \_\_\_,  
Jerusalem,"  
(Jer. 25:18)

- 46 "...which strain  
\_\_\_ gnat,"  
(Mt. 23:24)
- 48 Superlative finish
- 49 Bro's sib
- 50 "Even on the \_\_\_  
laid a very heavy  
yoke." (Is. 47:6, NIV)
- 54 **"And some fell  
\_\_\_,"**
- 56 "Let me \_\_\_,"  
(Deut. 9:14)
- 59 "...but thou art  
\_\_\_," (Dan. 4:18)
- 60 Son of Boaz  
(Ruth 4:21)
- 61 Around the time of
- 62 Driven obliquely,  
as a nail
- 63 "...and mules, a  
\_\_\_, year by year."  
(2 Chr. 9:24)
- 64 "...and their lives  
\_\_\_ away."  
(Ps. 107:5, NIV)
- 65 "...and the moon  
shall not give \_\_\_  
light. (Eze. 32:7)
- 66 "...\_\_\_ drink  
water." (Jonah 3:7)

### Down

- 1 "...for he is \_\_\_."  
(Heb. 5:13)
- 2 City in SW Quebec
- 3 Small pies
- 4 No. American rails
- 5 "For my yoke is  
\_\_\_," (Mt. 11:30)
- 6 "...then shall \_\_\_  
return," (Josh. 20:6)
- 7 Sulfuric and nitric
- 8 "...and they shall  
\_\_\_." (Jer. 50:36)

- 9 "...and my people  
the \_\_\_,"  
(Jer. 6:27, NIV)
- 10 "...and a \_\_\_ on  
every altar."  
(Num. 23:30)
- 11 Golfer Ernie
- 13 Indian honorific
- 14 Latest
- 20 Yalies [for  
example (abbr.)]
- 21 "\_\_\_ you, don't  
torture me!"  
(Lu. 8:28, NIV)
- 24 Indecorous
- 25 Western Turkey,  
at one time
- 26 "...by the way, an  
\_\_\_ in the path,"  
(Gen. 49:17)
- 28 Snob
- 29 \_\_\_ Pot, former  
Khmer Rouge  
leader in  
Cambodia
- 30 Saying
- 31 Spanish hills
- 32 "As a jewel of  
gold in a swine's  
\_\_\_," (Pr. 11:22)
- 34 "...Abraham, and  
\_\_\_ unto Isaac,"  
(1 Chr. 16:16)
- 35 List of names
- 37 "...nor \_\_\_ of  
life;" (Heb. 7:3)
- 41 "...away like a  
\_\_\_ on the surface  
of the waters."  
(Hos. 10:7, NIV)
- 42 Griped and  
whined
- 47 "...I had digged in  
the wall, behold  
\_\_\_." (Eze. 8:8)
- 49 "Slammin' Sam"  
of golf
- 50 Austrian  
psychiatrist who  
rejected Freud's  
theories
- 51 Coffee maker
- 52 "...every \_\_\_ his  
brother," (Jer. 34:17)
- 53 Milk producer
- 54 "...saying, Come  
up this \_\_\_,"  
(Judg. 16:18)
- 55 Bassoon relative
- 56 Expert
- 57 Ad \_\_\_ (off the cuff)
- 58 Sphere

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