

# *The Roehl Report*

## *Ministry Report and Prayer Updates*

*July-August 2002*

**Greetings!** Bet you're saying what we're saying at our house... "Where did the summer go?" Our summer was one of transitions and travel... here's our update and a preview of a busy fall ministry season.

### ***Bethel Camp***

*Bethel Camp* is a special week every year for our family. It was at this camp 28 years ago that Tim met Christ as his Savior, and later received his call to ministry. Aubrey and Elise have had the joy of attending camp every year of their lives so far. This year Tim was one of the youth directors at camp and Shirley continues to serve on the Board. It is a time of spiritual refreshment, investing in the lives of young men and women, and renewing friendships. *One big highlight this year—Aubrey was the youth "Honor Camper"—*given to the outstanding teen in the program.

### ***Church Assessment in Baltimore***

Tim had the privilege of spending four days at the end of July with New Imani (Swahili for "faith") Church in a suburb of Baltimore. This new African-American church is off to a good start. Tim enjoyed helping them "assess" how they're doing and how to take their next steps.

### ***Ministry Assessments***

Helping people find their "best fit" in ministry is a goal and joy of doing ministry assessments. In recent weeks, Tim has assessed a missionary candidate for our Evangelical Church Missions, two couples with Hosanna! Lutheran Church in the Twin Cities area, and a couple with the Moravian Church. It's a privilege to serve leaders at key points in their journey!

### ***Milwaukee Trip***

We had an unexpected trip to Milwaukee as we officiated in the funeral of our dear Mabel Kendall, wife of Grace Chapel's former pastor. Mabel was 94 years young and still vibrant in her walk with the Lord. Shirley sang and Tim participated in the service. As he preached the Good News, about two dozen people made decisions for Christ!

### ***Coaching***

Coaching ministry continued over the summer as we walk along with leaders who are starting and/or growing churches in Washington, Montana, Wisconsin, Oregon, North Dakota, Iowa, Indiana, Pennsylvania and

Minnesota. A new coaching ministry with Dean Lambdin, the new pastor at Grace Chapel (where we pastored from 1980-1990) is a special treat!

### ***More Drama Sketches in Print***

Recently Tim received news from his drama publisher that several more of his sketches are now in print. That brings to over 90 "dramady" sketches that have been published by Plastow Publications and being used by churches around the country.

### ***Family News***

*Aubrey and Elise—Band Trip* Aubrey and Elise went on a 10 day marching band trip that took them to Canada (especially Montreal and Niagara Falls) and the northeastern United States. They marched in parades in Massachusetts, and brought home Grand Champ honors. It was a great way for them to have some special time together before Aubrey went to college.

*Aubrey to Vennard* Aubrey began a new season of life as we took her to begin her freshman year at Vennard College (where Tim and Shirley met). We spent most of the week getting her settled in (did that bring back memories!) and meeting with friends in the area. We loved the opportunity to stay with David and Donna Barner and their sons. Please pray for Aubrey as she settles into college life and looks for a job...and us as we adjust to life without her at home!

*"Home" to Iowa twice* We made two trips to Shirley's hometown. On one trip we got to see Shirley's "sister" Gloria, who was an AFS student with Shirley's family while she was in high school. It was good to see her after a dozen years. On our second trip, we spent more time with Shirley's dad, who is slowly adjusting to life without his mate. Pray for his loneliness. We also brought home another car, since Aubrey has one at school now!

### ***Upcoming Ministry***

#### ***September***

18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> Speaking at special services in Fairfield Bay, AR

23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> Time with Roger Peck and Discovery Church, St. Louis, MO

25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> Vennard College--Board meetings, homecoming (and Aubrey!)

#### ***October***

1<sup>st</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Speaking at special services in Milwaukee, WI

10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Church Planting event in Twin Cities

18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> Church assessment--Glendive Evangelical Church, Glendive, MT

21<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> Ministry assessments for Western Conference

25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> Ministry with Lockwood Evangelical Church in Billings, MT

28<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> Western Conference Annual Conference, Billings, MT

***Thanks to the many read our ministry updates, who give and pray for us... so needed...so important...so appreciated!***