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YEAR-ROUND TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAM

by Melvin B. Lehman

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The Christian day school movement in America is a fairly recent phenomenon. Most Mennonite parochial schools were started in the last twenty years.

These schools were started because of various concerns about the public schools: lack of discipline, inappropriate content being taught, bad influences of teachers and students, and the fear that these influences would undermine the goals of the church.

During the infancy of the parochial school movement many people felt that parochial schools would solve any of the problems we had with our young people.

Now we have come to see that running a parochial school that is truly Christian and assists the church in achieving its goals is a very difficult task.

What are some of the primary problems encountered in the operation of a Christian school?

First, there is a woe-ful shortage of dedi-cated brothers and sis-ters who are qualified

to teach. We are truly indebted to those dear people who have entered the class-room with no training and no experience. Some survived, but many did not. There is absolutely no reason why this method of "teacher training" should continue. FBEP intends to offer an alternative method of teacher training.

Second, good, high-quality curriculum is hard to find. However, since we already have some fine organizations that are pro- ducing curriculum with an appropriate Christian emphasis, FBEP feels that more emphasis must be placed on training the teacher. For this reason FBEP will begin by concentrating on teacher training.

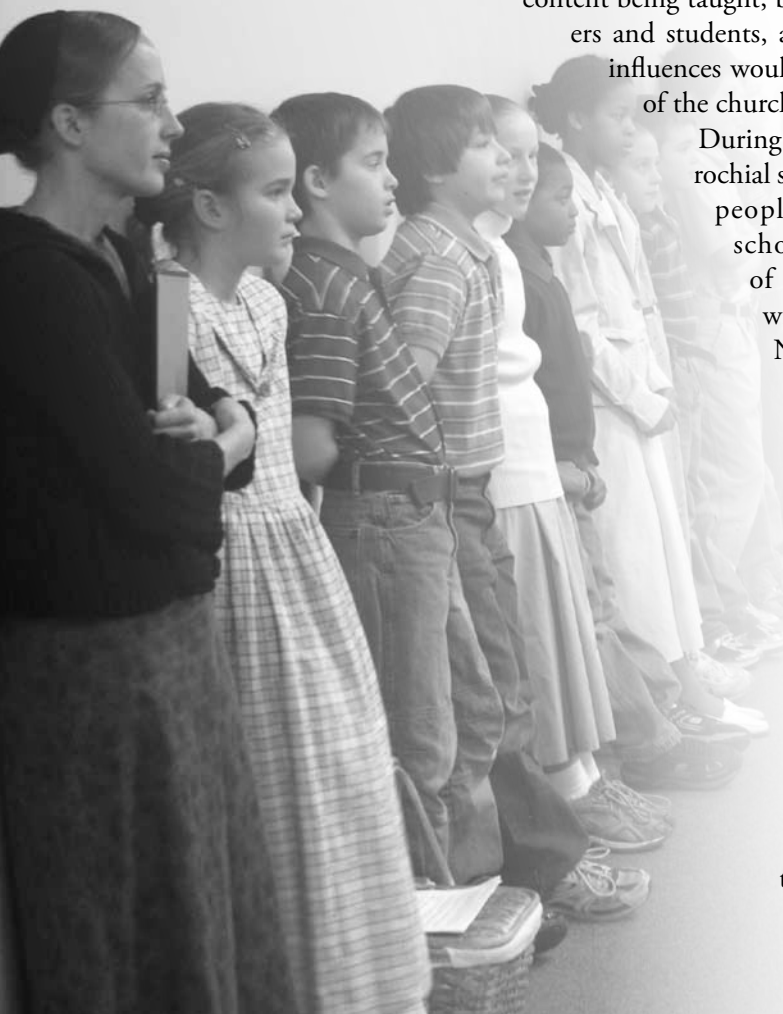
A legitimate question arises at this point. Why not let our potential teachers go to an existing accredited college and obtain state certification? I will answer this question by reflecting on what FBEP thinks potential teachers should learn in a teacher-training program.

1. A qualified teacher must be filled with the Spirit of the living God. In teachers this quality must espe- cially express itself in wholesome human relationships. This is vital to good teaching. Is this quality

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- emphasized in most accredited institutions?
2. A qualified teacher is a humble servant. Competent teachers are highly trained in academic fields of study but are not high-minded about their training. FBEP intends to maintain high academic standards while promoting the idea that humility and servanthood are the most important accreditation.
 3. A qualified teacher is a wholesome person with a well-rounded education. Good teachers often get their hands dirty. At FBEP we believe it is very important for everyone—including teachers—to have a skill or trade in which they can exercise themselves as productive members of their communities. This is not an isolated compartment in the teacher's life. It is a significant part of his profession and speaks volumes to the students who sit under him from day to day.
 4. A qualified teacher has an unswerving loyalty to TRUTH. When confronted with valid challenges to his preconceived notions or dogmatic attitudes, he seeks to know what is right and true.

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EVENT AND TERM UPDATES

Summer Term — We currently have space for 35 more students for Summer Term 2010. Summer Term offers a variety of courses for both new and experienced teachers. We encourage married teachers to consider spending five weeks of their summer studying with us.

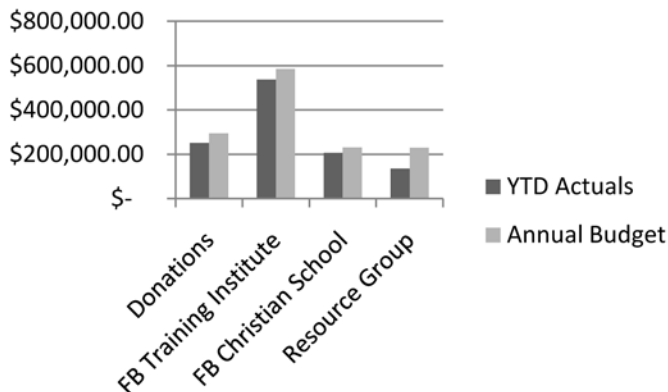
College Student Seminar and Retreat — We still have room for 20 students at the annual College Student Seminar & Retreat, July 1-4, 2010. Guest speakers include Chris Stoltzfus and Frank Reed. Preference is given to those currently enrolled in college.

Teachers Week — Teachers Week registration is now open, with a registration deadline of July 26. Early registration is encouraged, as some lodging options are offered on a first-come, first-serve basis. Plan now to join us for four days of encouragement and development!

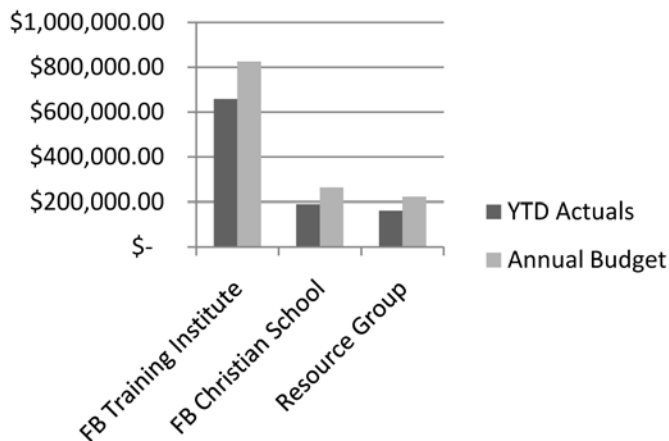
Faith Builders Training Institute — Each fall we have room for twenty new students in our two-year program. For the Fall Semester beginning in August 2010 we still have space for fifteen students, with most of those openings in the Ministry Apprenticing Program. Those considering teaching in our day-schools will be better prepared for the challenge by taking the Teacher Apprenticing Program (TAP). The Ministry Apprenticing Program (MAP) is designed for those who desire training in an Anabaptist-Christian worldview in preparation for college training or a life of service in the local church and other ministries. Faith Builders is not only for our young people but also for older singles, families, church leaders—for anyone who could profit from a period of concentrated study and growing in community. Please contact us if you would like more information or to recommend students to us.

Teachers Conference — Mennonite School Services is planning Teachers Conference 2010 for Friday-Sunday, October 8-10. This conference is designed to encourage long-term teachers through lectures and workshops, discussions, and informal fellowship. Stay tuned for program details. Registration information will be available soon on our website.

Income (July 2009-March 2010)



Expense (July 2009-March 2010)





News from Faith Builders

Personnel needs

- » We need a volunteer lady in domestics in July 2010.

Material needs

- » Funds to complete installation of a new fire alarm system: \$10,000
- » Funds for excavating and concrete work on our parking areas and driveways: \$14,000
- » Funds to renovate the old "Little Gym" into a multi-purpose room: \$5,000
- » A 12-passenger van in good condition

Other news

Our phone extensions are changing. Please ask our staff for the new extensions if you want to call a dorm or staff member directly.

Farewell to...

- » Jean Coblentz (Guys Mills, PA), MAP
- » Josh Coblentz (Guys Mills, PA), MAP

- » Karen Peachey (Allensville, PA), MAP
- » Diane Petroski (Parma, OH), MAP
- » Esther Yoder (CO. Waterford, Ireland), MAP
- » Gideon Yutzy (Huntsville, AR), MAP
- » Lanita Hess (Drumore, PA), TAP
- » Davin Martin (Ephrata, PA), TAP
- » Lisa Martin (New Holland, PA), TAP
- » Joanne Meyers (Hummelstown, PA), TAP
- » Christopher Miller (Millersburg, OH), TAP
- » Joshua Nisley (Meadville, PA), TAP
- » Lynell Nolt (New Holland, PA), TAP
- » Rebekah Rolan (Mesopotamia, OH), TAP
- » Twila Stoner (Landisville, PA), TAP
- » Dwight Yoder (Salisbury, PA), TAP
- » Lori Yoder (Grantsville, MD), TAP
- » Carl Shaum (Halsey, OR) returns home after a year and several months as a maintenance volunteer.

- » Rose Mary Nisly (Oswego, KS) leaves May 31 after volunteering for two years in domestics.

Births

- » Joe & Crystal (Good) Miller, Phoebe Rosalynde, 2nd child, 1st daughter, Jan. 24
- » Daniel & Amy Hershberger, Abigail Ruby, 6th child, 4th daughter, Feb. 3
- » Philip & Sarah Hege, Keziah Hope, 1st child and daughter, Mar. 5
- » Mike and Cathy Yoder, Brady Clark, 2nd child, 1st son, Mar. 21
- » Reuben & Patty (Musser) Petersheim, Benjamin M., 4th child, 2nd son, Mar 22
- » Tim & Angie (Gingerich) Crites, Emily Renée, 4th child, 3rd daughter, Apr. 16

Engagements

- » Maria Zehr and Mark Deiter
- » Julie Stoltzfus and Laverne Glick
- » Kelsey Hobbs and Joel Martin

FBEP CALENDAR

Choir Tour May 22-30, 2010

Summer Short Term 2010

Orientation 7:00 PM, June 28, 2010
 Classes Begin June 29, 2010
 College Student Retreat July 2-4, 2010
 Last Day of Classes July 28, 2010
 Final Exams July 29-30, 2010
 Teachers Week Aug 3-6, 2010
 FB Pastoral Council Aug 12, 2010
 Renovation Committee meeting Aug 12, 2010
 FB Advisory Council meeting Aug 13, 2010
 FB Board Meeting Aug 13-14, 2010

Fall Semester 2010

Apprenticing Term begins Aug 23, 2010
 Mentoring Sept 20-21, 2010
 Fall term classes Begin Sept 22, 2010
 Teachers Conference Oct 8-10, 2010
 Prayer Day Oct 27, 2010
 Heart & Voice Weekend Nov 12-14, 2010
 FB/CS Christmas Program Dec 10, 2010
 FB Chorale Christmas Program Dec 12, 2010
 Last day of classes Dec 13, 2010
 Final Exams Dec 14-15, 2010
 Mentoring Dec 16-17, 2010
 Grades Due to Office Dec 31, 2010

Winter Short Term 2011

Orientation & Registration Jan 3, 2011
 First Day of Classes Jan 4, 2011

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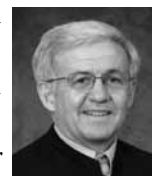
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5. A qualified teacher takes up his cross daily and follows his Lord.

This list is not exhaustive, but hopefully it will help you understand our view of teacher-training. If a school with these ideals is already in place and functioning, then we want to endorse it. If you have

not yet found such a school, then we invite you to attend FBEP. We will make every effort to help you reach these goals.

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
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