

The Maranatha Village Trumpet



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A Man, His Soul and His Service!

Introduction to Life Stories

Mrs. Rosalie Anger



Rosalie

We love the Christian fellowship we have here at Maranatha Village. And we enjoy hearing the stories of so many of the people who have given their lives to serve the Lord. While fellowshipping with Jerry and Kathy Webber one evening, we talked about this subject and I commented on how nice it would be if these stories were recorded. Bro. Jerry said he had felt that way for several years, "If we just had someone to do it." Those words played in my mind during the next few days. I wondered if God was trying to tell me to be that "someone." I did not really feel qualified, but I told God I would try if He would lead and help me.

With a small recorder, clipboard, and pencil, I started to interview some people and compose their life stories. I have found that some already have a life story written, or are willing to do so. If these stories could be gathered (compiled collected), it could be an interesting and inspiring testimony (book/account/volume) of God's wondrous works through some of His faithful servants in Maranatha Village.

Alan Anger was born in Queens, New York into a religious family. He attended church regularly, completed confirmation, read his Bible; he even tithed. But one night at a chapel service at Kessler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi, Alan Anger realized something was missing. He had known all about Jesus Christ, but he didn't really know Him. But that night, he put his trust in Jesus Christ as his Savior and began a new life in Him. When he excitedly wrote his family about his decision, his mother's response was, "I hope he doesn't become a fanatic." But he did! His zeal now was to study God's Word and to follow Christ.

After his four years in the Air Force (two years of which he served in Germany and Austria), Alan went to South Carolina to attend Bible college and to marry the girl with whom he had been corresponding for two years. God had

called him to give the message of Christ to those in the military, so he was pursuing a career as a chaplain. After Bible college, he would need graduate school, therefore he and his wife, Delma, packed their belongings into their car and started out for Central Seminary in Minneapolis, Minnesota. While traveling near Lynchburg, Virginia, tragedy struck. The pavement on the road was slick, and when Alan pressed on the brake to avoid a truck, the car swerved out of control. Delma was thrown from the car – into the presence of her Savior. Alan was hospitalized, but not with life-threatening injuries. As he lay there, thinking of all that had happened, he wondered if he was out of God's will . . . but God assured him of His presence and that He had a plan for him and that he should continue the direction he had prayerfully started. This was not the first time God had tested him with suffering. Just 13 months earlier twin boys had been born to him and Delma, but they were premature and their lungs were not fully developed – one died in 8 hours and the other in 12 hours. Alan learned much about his God in the following

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Al

The Administrator's Perspective!

Ministry Matters

By Dr. Gerald Webber



Jerry

Warren Wiersbe, in his book *On Being a Servant of God*, observes that “Ministry takes place when divine resources meet human needs through loving channels to the glory of God.”

To put it another way, being a servant is making yourself available to be that “loving channel” to bring His “divine resources” to bear on “human needs,” resulting in “the glory of God.” Ministry matters, and Maranatha ought to be all about ministry.

I make bold to suggest that “ministry” is what we should strive for at every level of Village life, every live-long day. “Ministry” is what you should expect from every Board Member, from your management team, and from each office employee and maintenance worker. Moreover, shouldn’t we expect “ministry” to flow freely from neighbor to neighbor from one end of this hallowed property to the other?

“And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve....”

There is no shortage of “human need” at Maranatha Village. Some needs are obvious, easily seen and recognized. Others only surface with persistent probing. But anyone who desires to be a loving channel, bringing divine resources to bear on human needs, will find plenty of opportunity for servanthood.

Of course, being a servant is fraught with risk. Like the proverbial little old lady being dragged across the street against her will by the helpful Boy Scout, not everyone wants to be served. On the other hand, some not only enjoy being served, they exult in

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creating opportunities to be served. Some are overtly grateful; others accept the meeting of their needs with a nod and a yawn. In all this, the “loving channel” must maintain perspective. As someone wisely said, “the true test of a servant is how you respond when someone treats you like one.”

That said, it remains true that we are called to mimic the mindset of our Lord, who said to His disciples, “And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve...” (Matt 20:27-28) In the final analysis, the committed Christian has no choice but to be a servant (minister) of God, “meeting human needs...to the glory of God.”

Maranatha Village is a great place to live, but I hope you know that it’s far more than that. ***It’s a place where servants of God can fulfill their destiny on earth as they prepare for service above.***

In a sense, we’re practicing here and now for life in our eternal home.

I’m going to go out on a limb here, and invite you to hold me and our whole Village staff accountable as “servants of God.” If you notice any of us doing anything less or anything other than “meeting human needs through loving channels to the glory of God,” feel free to ask (gently), “Did you forget something today?” We’ll know what you mean, and we’ll do our best to get back on track as “servants of God.” Together, we can ensure that, ***“Ministry Matters” at Maranatha.***

A Man, His Soul & His Service!



Alan: Central Seminary

weeks of grief. Now God was building on those lessons, teaching him more about trusting Him and conforming him more into the image of His Son.

Alan went on to Minnesota and started his seminary classes at Central Seminary. At that very time, a young lady started attending the same church he did. With time this young lady, Rosalie, became a special friend and ultimately his wife. After they were married, they still had two or three years of schooling to complete. In 1960, Rosalie graduated from a program of physical therapy, and the following year Al graduated from seminary.

During the ten years following seminary, Al served three different churches as pastor and one as an assistant and youth pastor. The door to the chaplaincy was closed, so he applied to four or five Baptist mission boards, desiring to minister to the military, but was turned down. It was thought that the military were too transient for a church to be established among them. Sometimes Al wondered if he might be wrong about his calling, but God was preparing him (and Rosalie). God's timing was not their timing.

In 1969, Al learned about **Baptist International Missions, Inc.** and their interest in reaching the military. Their goal was to establish an independent Baptist church outside of each major military base. That summer, he and Rosalie went to BIMI's candidate school where they met a missionary serving in Hawaii. This missionary invited and encouraged them to come and minister to the military there. Their first reaction was, "Oh, that would be a nice place to serve the Lord, but I don't think so." But as Al heard about the need there, he realized that with 125,000 military personnel, and families also present, and Hawaii being like a foreign duty station, it met all of the criteria God had laid on his heart concerning a place to serve. So in December 1970, Al and Rosalie and their three children, Tim, Dan and Beth arrived on Oahu, the most populated of the Hawaiian Islands. They began helping missionary Max Helton at Koolau Baptist Church. The church had mainly local people – Filipino, Chinese, Japanese, Samoan and mixtures with Hawaiian (there were very few pure Hawaiians by that time) and just a few military people.

It was exciting to seek the military, to see God save souls and then to help them grow in Christ. A Servicemen's Center ministry was begun in Honolulu, and later relocated to Waikiki. But actually, it was more fruitful after it was established on the church property. Christian fellows would invite their unsaved buddies to come to church and stay for a home-cooked meal afterward. They enjoyed the home atmosphere and eating food that was not from the mess hall. It was often a conducive time to talk to these men (and women) about their souls – their need of Christ. When the men got saved and shared their testimonies, it was always a spiritual lift for the whole church. The Christians were burdened for their buddies, their neighbors, their co-workers, and witnessed to them and invited them to church.

At the Servicemen's Center, men would gather for Bible study, singspiration, fellowship, and a time for sharing questions and problems. Al was able to share Biblical answers with these young men and teach them how to grow in Christ. Many of them had joined the service because they didn't know what to do with their lives. They, also, were interested in finding a life partner and this was a good time to give counsel with principles from God's Word.

Many lives were touched and changed by the power of the Gospel. One marine, Steve Leafly, who was invited to church came on a Sunday evening to see the film **Burning Hell**. He responded to the invitation to receive Christ as Savior, and his life was dramatically new! He grew quickly and steadily in his new faith. After his military service, he attended Bible college, spent two terms on the mission field of Micronesia, and has for many years pastored a church in Ohio. Some of his children are now on foreign mission fields.

Through the local church, single and married servicemen found love and acceptance – a family away from home. They heard God's Word preached at least three times a week. They found areas of service, such as singing in the choir, working on a bus route, Sunday school teaching, getting involved in street meetings, doing lawn work and upkeep on the church building.



Aaron McKinney and Al

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New Village Residents

Mike & Alice Hamblen



Mike & Alice

We are overjoyed to be at Maranatha. Selma Barton and Mike are cousins, so we have known about the Village and visited here several times.

Mike is a Florida boy and moved to the Keys for Jr-high where he accepted Christ through the ministry of Youth for Christ. I grew up in Kings Park, NY and came to a personal relationship with Christ through the ministry of Word of Life.

I attended a boarding school, Hampden DuBose Academy, in Zellwood, FL. Mike showed up in 11th grade. We have been sweethearts ever since. After two years of college at Tennessee Temple in Chattanooga, we married and took a year off to lead Word of Life Bible Clubs in New England. Returning to college in 1961, we graduated in 1964.

For the next 12 years Mike was a very active youth director, first at Windsor Baptist Church, Windsor, VT, and then at Coatesville, PA. I was a stay at home mom with four wonderful children.

In 1975, we stepped out of "full time ministry" to go into the family business of running a screening plant and a trucking business on Long Island. Our children worked with us, and Mike led their youth group at Northport Baptist Church.

After trucking sand and gravel, and our youngest was entering college, Mike was invited to be a superintendent with E. W. Howell Co, Inc. renovating a mall in Albany, NY, and another in King of Prussia, PA. I went with him on each job, serving as field secretary.

"Someday" Mike thought it would be fun to make bagels. So, along with our son-in-law, John Peterson, we bought equipment at an auction in Rye, NY, learned to make bagels at a shop in Northport, NY, and in January of 1996, we moved to Anderson, SC. In two months, our Corner Bagel Shop and Deli was up and running. It became a place of ministry where we could share Christ and pray with hurting people. Twelve years later, we sold it to a Christian family who continues to use it for ministry.

In between these businesses, we have had the privilege of serving as substitutes for missionaries needing to come home on furlough. We have served in Botswana, Africa, in the Pacific Marshall Islands, and two times in Torre Vieja, Spain.

Our four children have blessed us with 14 grandchildren. Three of the families live in NY and one in SC. How wonderful it is that they all love the Lord. Our latest move has brought us to 61 Daniel Road. Our children and grandchildren have pitched in to make it happen, and we are overjoyed to be here with you.



Mini Golf Can Be Fun

Mini Golf Project

Goal is.....\$20,000.00

Donations Given As Of September 14, 2016 Were:

Bricks.....\$4,500.00

Mini Golf.....\$12,911.00

Total Given.....\$17,411.00

Thank you to all who have given for this project.

Village Office

New Village Residents

Doug & Linda Peacock



Doug & Linda

Doug and Linda Peacock live at 51 Gideon. They were married 40 years ago on August 28th at Trinity Baptist Church in Williston, Vermont.

Other than 5 years at Bob Jones University (1980-

1985), they have served at Trinity. Matthew, their only son, was killed in a car accident in 2004. God has providentially given them “adopted” Chinese children. Ke and Xianhua live in Prior Lake, Minnesota, and Grace and Evan are their two children. Grace played the violin at last year’s Christmas family service here at Maranatha.

In 1972, Doug helped in the establishment of Trinity Baptist Church, and served as a deacon, treasurer, and on various committees. In 1979, he felt the Lord leading him to attend BJU, and graduated with a degree in Broadcast Engineering in 1985. After returning to Vermont, he joined the pastoral staff at Trinity Baptist Church, and oversaw the electrical work on the church and school. He is best known by the church family for his special music as a soloist. He returned to secular work in 1987 and retired from Verizon in 2003. Later,

he worked for Redbox as a field technician until April of this year.

Linda graduated from Bob Jones in Elementary Education and taught at Bob Jones Elementary School for three years before they returned to Vermont. In 1985 she began her thirty-one years of teaching for Trinity Baptist School. She primarily taught 5/6th grades, but also taught a 4/5/6th combination for her last nine years. The last two years, she also helped with administration at the school. Charlie Welner was her administrator for many years! Linda had many ministries at the church: VBS director, wedding coordinator, nursery work, and English as a Second Language ministry. It was in the ESL ministry that Linda met Xianhua the same month her son went to be with the Lord. After Xianhua’s salvation and discipleship, she became a daughter to the Peacocks, even getting married at Trinity, while Doug walked her down the aisle. The Welners have become “American great grandparents” to Grace and Evan. God is good!

They look forward to serving at Maranatha Village and Maranatha Baptist Church. They have already come to love the people and hope to enjoy many years at “Peacock Point” — 51 Gideon Road.

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The church had a fair-sized group of local people, and there was a good spirit between them and the military.

For much of his time in Hawaii, Al’s main ministry was with the military. However, two different times, he served as interim pastor, and then in 1980, he became the full time pastor of Koolau Baptist Church. He oversaw the Academy (Kindergarten through 12th grade), started a Filipino Church, helped three men from the church start new works, and continued to help in the single servicemen’s ministry.

In 1990, Al resigned from Koolau Baptist Church as pastor. He had been feeling a burden for over three years about relieving military missionaries when they went home on furlough. There was a real need for this type of ministry, but not everyone could understand the

uniqueness of a military church and fill in successfully. He felt that with his 20 years of experience he could do so. For the next ten years, he and Rosalie relieved missionaries in the Azores, Italy, Germany, England, Japan, Okinawa, and Puerto Rico. Usually they lived in the missionary’s home (this saved the missionaries from putting their belongings in storage or paying rent on an empty house), drove their car, and carried on the ministry of the church. Moving to these different places and making adjustments to new cultures was sometimes challenging, but it was a blessing to meet “family in Christ” around the world and to see God working in hearts, families, and churches in each location.

Al and Rosalie Anger have been residents at Maranatha Village since 2014.



Cook's Korner

Pizza Roll

Mrs. Dorothy Solenne's Original Recipe



1 loaf Publix Raw Bread Dough
1/2 (+/-) pound Italian sausage
Chopped pepperoni
1 medium chopped onion
2 or 3 chopped fresh garlic
1/2 cup Italian spaghetti cheeses
1 Tbsp Fennel seed
Oregano to taste

Brown sausage, onion, garlic and add Fennel seed.
Mix in pepperoni. Let mixture cool.
Roll out dough to fit 15" x 10" pan.
Spray with PAM.
Spread meat, add cheese, salt & pepper, pepperoni.
Roll dough as a jelly roll,
Brush outside with Olive Oil.
Prick with toothpick.
Let rise 20-30 minutes,
Bake at 350° degrees for 30 minutes.



Bacon Artichoke Dip

From the kitchen of: Tonya Lou Patrick

Preparation Time: 15 Minutes



Ingredients

8 1/2 oz. can of artichoke hearts - drained & chopped
8 oz sour cream
1/2 cup Miracle Whip
3/4 cup frozen chopped spinach - thawed & drained
3/4 package bacon - fried & drained
1/4 cup green onions - chopped
1 cup grated parmesan cheese
1 cup grated mozzarella cheese
1/2 cup grated sharp cheddar cheese

Instructions

Combine all ingredients and place in greased 9 x 9 pan.
Bake at 375° for 30 minutes or until bubbling. Serve with tortilla chips

*** To speed things up, I buy the pre-cooked bacon and just heat it up. I, also, usually make a double batch and put it in a 9 X 13 dish and bake it a little longer!!!

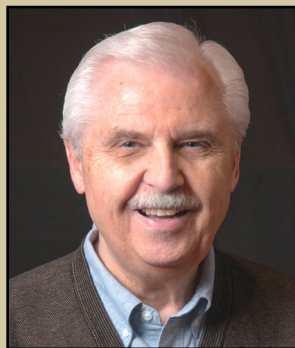
Submitted by Mrs. Rose Cousins

"Life expectancy would grow by leaps and bounds if green vegetables smelled as good as bacon." Doug Larson
"The food that enters the mind must be watched as closely as the food that enters the body." Pat Buchanan
"Spaghetti can be eaten most successfully if you inhale it like a vacuum cleaner." Sophia Loren
"When a man's stomach is full, it makes no difference whether he is rich or poor." Euripides
"The best comfort food will always be greens, cornbread, and fried chicken." Maya Angelou
"Anything is good if it's made of chocolate." Jo Brand





Maranatha's Growth & Development!



Gerry

Developing Maranatha Village by Ministry

Our Village administrator, Dr. Jerry Webber, reminds us in this issue of the *Trumpet* that Maranatha is all about ministry. In the organization where I served until retirement, we created a marketing strategy that we called ***“Marketing by Ministry.”*** Our Bible curriculum company developed giveaways for Christian school teachers that ministered to their hearts. To accomplish this, we published devotional books entitled *Apples for Teachers* and distributed them as free gifts at teachers’ conventions. In so doing, we advertised our ministry and ministered at the same time.

I think marketing by ministry is a valid concept. But often in fundamentalist Christian circles the concept of “marketing” has deservedly earned a bad reputation. Usually this refers to softening, or blurring the message in order to entice people to support a particular ministry. Watering down the Gospel or minimizing scriptural truth is never an acceptable marketing strategy, but ministering to people is a biblical practice.

As we endeavor to advertise, promote, and market Maranatha Village, I would like to encourage all of our residents to join the marketing team.

Soon we should be rolling out a new website that will be helpful in promoting our Village, but I would also like to encourage our Maranatha family to join in our advertising endeavors by marketing through personal ministry.

In the spirit of Brother Webber’s appeal, here are some concrete suggestions on how we can minister to others. These considerations are by no means the only ways to serve in the Village, but they are ideas that everyone can consider to help us promote and market Maranatha Village.

1. ***Just be a friend to new residents*** – and reach out to them with friendship, fellowship and offers of help. It is true that our Village grows mainly through word-of-mouth advertising and through personal relationships.
2. ***Reach out to winter guests*** – to make them feel welcome and included in Village life. Our winter guests are the best prospects that we have for becoming new residents and for strengthening our Village.
3. ***Influence friends from back home to visit you*** – and Maranatha Village. Why not encourage friends to come for a short winter escape?
4. ***Consider financially supporting projects that enhance the Village*** – and thereby minister to others. Several significant projects have been funded that bring new blessing to all Village guests and residents.

Dr. Gerry Carlson



Identify The Ladies?

Larry and Linda Shreckengost were trail riding with Chaser, their horse, in Central Ohio. They stopped by to visit these two ladies. Who are they?

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**“Believe on the
Lord Jesus Christ
and you will be saved.”**

Happy Thanksgiving To All Maranatha Villagers!



Traditionally, and in the public mind, the first Thanksgiving Day occurred in 1621 when the Plymouth Pilgrim community joined in a feast with local Indians to celebrate the first harvest that the colonists had reaped on American soil. Indeed, 90 Indians and 53 Pilgrims feasted for three days at that event, and it was an official day of giving thanks to God for his blessings. However, the colonists were only carrying on the Calvinist Protestant tradition of designating special public days of thanksgiving for the blessings of the Almighty. It was not really something new in kind.



The feast probably did include turkey since William Bradford informs us in his *Of Plymouth Plantation* that the land had a “great store of wild turkeys, of which they took many.” Incidentally, there is indication that the colonists were familiar with turkey from back in England, even though it was a native American bird. That is because the Spanish had brought back and popularized turkey in Europe in the 1600’s, and in England, it had become a major competitor to goose for Christmas dinners. The exact date of this thanksgiving feast is uncertain, but it seems to have happened in late September or early November. (copied — <http://publicholidays.us/thanksgiving-day/>)



An oil on canvas by Jean Leon Gerome Ferris (1899). Did Pilgrims really celebrate this way? Check out the history! en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thanksgiving

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The two ladies are twins who have lived in Maranatha Village for many years. They are Elaine Ross and Aline Stoughton who reside at 231 Maranatha Blvd. during the winter months. Both of them are from Beavercreek, Ohio.