

**RECLAIMED  
EASTWARD TRAILS TRILOGY  
SERIES 1 \$9.95**

To fifteen-year-old Bettje Weaver of Leeuwarden, reclaiming land from the sea was a concept she well understood. Near Leeuwarden were wide green polders that had once lain beneath the North Sea. Bettje knew the importance of strong dikes to keep the sea from pouring back over the land. Fear strikes her heart when a storm arises and the dikes began to leak.



But leaking dikes are not the only danger threatening the Netherlands. It is 1535 and a group of people called "Anabaptists" cause upheavals everywhere. So great is the "threat" that the emperor Charles decrees all Anabaptists must be executed.

Then Bettje's own parents become baptized. To the teenager it seems her world is falling apart. But Father and Mother have a different view. The say they have been reclaimed!

Read how the Weavers and others flee from the Netherlands, braving the Baltic sea to seek refuge in Poland.

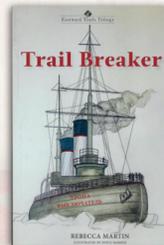
This story is an attempt at recreating the earliest history of the people who today are often called "Russian" or Mexican Mennonites.

Paperback 136 pages.

**TRAILBREAKER  
EASTWARD TRAILS TRILOGY  
SERIES 3 \$9.95**

"Maybe they'll hound us right of the continent into the ocean". Sixteen-year-old Abram Wiems and his people are suffering terrible hardships under Lenin, Russia's new Communist ruler. The long arm of the secret police reaches right into Abram's family, tearing it apart.

"Shouldn't we be doing something to fight back?" the Mennonite young people ask. When German



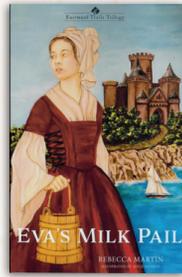
guns are made available, many of the young men do fight back. They take up arms in self-defense.

As Abram struggles with bitterness because of what his father has to endure, he begins to think that self-defense might be the answer. How else would the Mennonite way of life be preserved?

In Trailbreaker, Abram finally learns that Jesus has a better way-the way of peace. In fact, Jesus is the way. Beginning in the turbulent final months of the First World War, this story takes place more than 300 hundred years after Eva's Milk Pail, the second book of the Eastward Trails Trilogy. Paperback 136 pages.

**EVA'S MILK PAIL  
EASTWARD TRAILS TRILOGY  
SERIES 2 \$9.95**

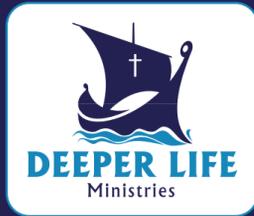
The old wooden bucket had drawn water from many of Europe's rivers: the Rhine, the Inn, the Danube, the Vistula. Belongings had hastily been stuffed into the bucket as its owners were forced to flee from one country to the next. Time and again, Eva's milk pail was used for baptism. In 16th-Century Europe, baptism was a dangerous activity.



In this second book of the Eastward Trails Trilogy, you will first meet Greta, daughter of Bettje whom you met in Reclaimed. Soon the Dutch brethren on the Vistula are joined by other refugees-Germans from central Europe. Among them is Eva, lugging her old wooden bucket.

What is so special about an old milk pail? The rest of the story tells about the travels of that bucket as the brethren flee again and again from persecution, finally ending up on the Vistula.

Paperback 127 pages.



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1. To disciple Christians who are struggling with spiritual or relational trials.
2. To strengthen families & churches in order to prevent problems from arising.
3. To equip church leaders so they can effectively disciple people through times of spiritual and relational struggle.

**These objectives continue to be our goals.**

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**A Controlled Tongue**

In the past year I spent time preaching out of James. There is much practical teaching in this book. James saw the need to address some of the struggles the early church experienced in understanding the ways of a God-honoring lifestyle and conducting themselves accordingly. His teaching is practical for us because the problems they faced weren't much different from ours.

In his letter, one of the areas he addresses is the importance of having our tongues in control. Have you considered your speech recently? Are your words bitter or sweet? Positive or negative? In James 1:19 e gives us some excellent advice. "Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, and slow to wrath." In Chapter 3, he challenges us to not offend others with our tongue. But, I'm fairly certain that offending other humans happens at times. Maybe you've experienced this when you've let words slip out that you wanted to retrieve.

Consider for a moment, the power of the tongue. Although very small compared to the rest of

the body, it has the power to heal and encourage, or wound and destroy. We need to be reminded that this little muscle does not operate on its own, but reflects thoughts and attitudes of our heart. Our heart needs to be given over to the Holy Spirit to be guided by His power. We probably all have experienced a difference between following our own desires or following God's.

The effect our words have are either positive or negative. Consider times when you said something and realized, too late, that you said the wrong thing. These words are impossible to retract, even if hurt and offense were not intended. A harsh tone or untimely words cut deeply. On such occasions, repentance and seeking forgiveness are in order.

If we were to read only the first part of James 3, we would only see the destructive capabilities of the tongue. We could be tempted to throw up our hands and say, "What's the use in

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**2021 Seminars**

**January 19-21 Helping People in Need**

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THEME: Relationships: Hope in a Broken World

**Tuesday**

In the Beginning – Dave Snyder  
The Fall – Merlin Martin  
Why the Fall – Tom Johnson  
Pursued by God – Bryan Fleagle

**Wednesday**

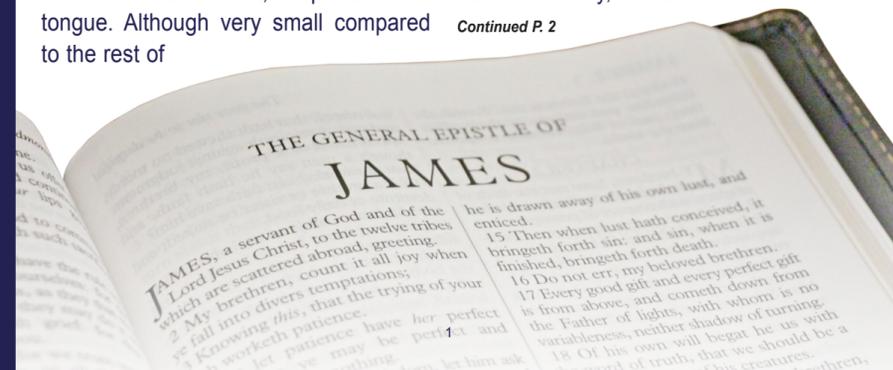
Distorted Self-Perceptions – Ben Waldner  
Guilt and Shame – Aaron Metzger  
Fear and Manipulation – Tom Johnson  
Interpersonal Conflict – Dave Hochstetler  
Worldly Sorrow – Ben Waldner

**Thursday**

Pursuing Christ – David Hochstetler  
Repentance and Forgiveness – Bryan Fleagle  
Brokenness and Humility – Dave Snyder  
Loving God, Loving Each Other (Case Study) – Bryan Fleagle

Preregistration for HPIN is required. Please contact James and Jannette Stauffer by calling 574-354-8025 or email james@southwest85.com. Please register by January 14, 2021.

- March 5-7 Williamsburg, KS
- April 9-11 Marriage Seminar Plain City, OH
- August 6-8 Marriage Enrichment Plain City, OH
- October 2 Single Ladies Plain City, OH
- November 13 Faithful Women Plain City, OH
- November 13 Faithful Men Plain City, OH



## FINANCIAL REPORT

July 1 – September 30, 2020

7/1/20 Beginning Balance...	\$186,020.71
9/30/20 Ending Balance.....	\$150,203.46
Beginning Balance Project Fund.....	\$162,574.52
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>	
Gifts; Project Fund.....	\$1,000.00
<b>OTHER EXPENSE</b>	
Maintenance; Projects.....	\$7,934.74
<b>NET OTHER INCOME</b> .....	<b>-\$6,934.74</b>
Ending Balance Project Fund.....	\$155,639.78

Beginning Balance Operating Fund \$23,446.19

<b>INCOME</b>	
Bookstore.....	\$4,400.34
Donations.....	\$27,006.41
Offerings.....	\$8,561.00
Other Income.....	\$23.12
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b> .....	<b>\$39,990.87</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>	
Bookstore.....	\$3,436.98
Food.....	\$560.23
Fire Protection.....	\$400.00
Insurance.....	\$1,093.00
Maintenance.....	\$6,423.56
Payroll.....	\$37,921.18
Printing & Mailing.....	\$4,053.75
Seminar.....	\$857.35
Supplies.....	\$1,333.08
Utilities.....	\$8,019.82
Vehicle.....	\$2,470.28
<b>OPERATING EXPENSE</b> .....	<b>\$66,569.23</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b> .....	<b>-\$26,578.36</b>
<b>MISC</b> .....	<b>-\$2,304.15</b>
Ending Balance Operating Fund.....	<b>-\$5,436.32</b>

## STAFF NEEDS:

Secretary—ASAP  
Marriage Counselor—ASAP

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

Main Building Renovation Project—we are in the process of obtaining prints.  
Finances—for the Operating Fund and the Renovation Project.  
Staff Members—health and spiritual stamina to minister with compassion and skill.

## From the Desk of Ben Waldner



Significant events have impacted the people of this country in 2020. The novel virus, Covid-19, protests calling for police reform, wild-fires in 2 western states, and hurricanes and flooding in other states. Still to come is a Presidential election. In the midst of all the horror, loss, and sorrow, another event that impacted human history may be forgotten. God became man. Deity took on flesh and blood. Jesus stepped into the horror of a broken world and identifies with human suffering. He heals the soul, helps face injustice, quenches fiery trials, and is present in storms. As for the upcoming elections, He is King forever! ✚

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trying”? The tongue is described as evil, poisonous, and deceitful and James says this should not be. But, thankfully, as we keep reading, we can find hope. He tells us to find God’s wisdom from above. Verses 17-18 describes Godly wisdom as “pure, peaceable, gentle, merciful, fruitful, not partial or hypocritical.” In a different translation, verse 18 reads “And righteousness, its fruit, is sown in peace, by those who make peace.”

So, when we make this type of wisdom reside in our heart, the destructive aspect of our speech can be changed, and it then can produce peace. Certainly, this type of wisdom God is pleased with and it brings peace between us and God. Therefore, we need this kind of wisdom as we live in the world

today. We are living in a time where it’s easy to get taken in by all the controversy, particularly during this election season. So, let us use the opportunities we have to speak wisely to bring peace and encouragement to those around us.

I encourage you to read James 3 and examine your own heart, and the conversation that results. Ask God to help you to be wise. He is able to do this by the power of the Holy Spirit. He will help you follow the guidance He gives you when you hide His wisdom in your heart. That wisdom will then produce speech that is pure, full of peace, merciful, and without hypocrisy.

May God grant us all grace to sow wise words in the midst of the unrest we are experiencing today.

~ Fred Byler ✚

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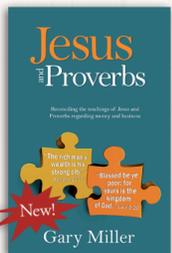
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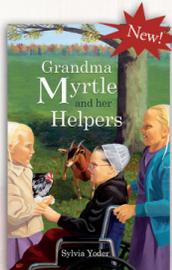
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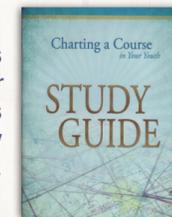
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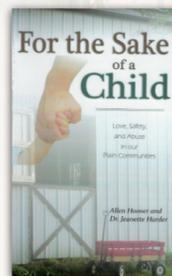


## FOR THE SAKE OF A CHILD

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The cold rain of abuse still falls on too many children among us. Verbal. Physical. Sexual. Emotional. The abuse of neglect. Why?

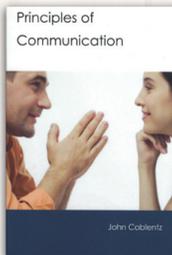
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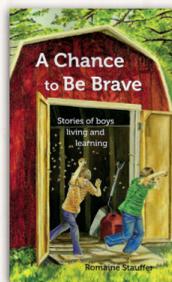
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## A CHANCE TO BE BRAVE Romaine Stauffer \$8.99

Steve the storyteller, who dunked his Naaman bear in the sink and flooded the bathroom; Jeff the hunter, who slept all night beside his trap because he expected God to send rabbits; Dennis the chef, who decided that beef bouillon must be chocolate; Merrick the bike rider, who rode into a serviceman while looking back at his dog—children will enjoy these real-life stories about boys from a seasoned storyteller.

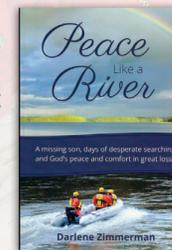


## PEACE LIKE A RIVER

Darlene Zimmerman \$8.99

No one foresaw tragedy when Curtis Martin and his friends embarked on their annual canoe trip on the Susquehanna River. But overnight the peaceful river turned into a raging monster. Curtis’s canoe was ahead of the others when the accident happened.

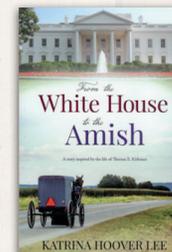
For eight heart-wrenching days, volunteers watched the river and rescue workers worked tirelessly. As hope faded of finding their son alive, Curtis’s parents were uplifted by God’s peace and the comfort of family and friends. May this true story inspire you with the sureness of God’s mercy and faithfulness during distress and grief. Paperback 138 pages



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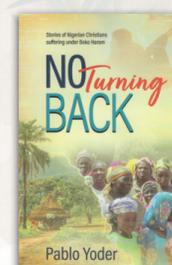
Nothing, it seemed—not even the prestige of working in the White House and the CIA—could take away Tom’s disillusionment and despair. Did God even care? In His own time and place He answered. Through an unexpected voice and an unpretentious Amish man, Tom Kirkman was forever changed. Paperback 352 pages



## NO TURNING BACK

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There was no time to react. As the cycles came into view, the young men’s hearts froze. Boko Haram! The thought struck all three of them with frightening reality. Boko Haram soldiers often drove around on motorcycles doing their pillaging, but they usually hit at night, not in the morning. “There’s no time to run!” Tumba hissed. 16-page color photo section. Paperback 272 pages



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