Two weeks of rehearsing and discipleship training began May 26 on the RBI campus for the 15 members of the 1995 Summer Chorale. From June 7-25 the group toured parts of southern and midwestern United States, including Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Michigan and Ohio. On June 28 they departed for Europe. Their European itinerary included programs in Germany, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Poland, and Belarus (part of the former Soviet Union). The Summer Chorale tour concluded on August 2. This is the fifth Summer Chorale led by Lloyd and Mary Kauffman.
Pastors’ Breakfast in Lancaster County Attracts Thirty-three

On June 24 a breakfast was offered to pastors and leaders at Yoder’s Family Restaurant in New Holland, Pennsylvania. The purpose of the breakfast was two-fold: to inform those present of current and future programs sponsored by RBI, and to hear the concerns and needs of the pastors in relation to the school. Among those in attendance were pastors, a few wives, youth leaders, a prospective student and other interested individuals from several counties in eastern Pennsylvania.

Alumnus Kerry Martin (93,95), Denver, Pennsylvania, shared how God used his RBI experience to increase his biblical knowledge, to help him develop personal disciplines, and to increase his awareness of missions. James Brubaker (74,75,77), pastor at Buffalo Mennonite Church in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, spoke of the results he sees in those from his church who attend RBI. He mentioned their enthusiasm in spiritual things as well as their earnest desire to go into missions. As a pastor he encourages his young people to attend RBI to gain solid theological input as a foundation for further education or for the business/working world.

Following twenty minutes of input, those present were free to ask questions, express concerns or give any input that they desired. Communication between RBI and pastors/church leaders must be maintained if the school is to fulfill its purpose of strengthening the work of the church.

by Naomi Zimmerman

Sixth High School Choral Festival Held On Campus

The biennial Christian High School Choral Festival was held on the RBI campus April 28-30 with nearly 150 ninth-twelfth graders from five Christian high schools attending. The weekend consisted of recreation, exposure to RBI campus life, and rehearsals in preparation for the choral program which was presented to the public Sunday afternoon. Mark Hutsko from Westerville, Ohio was the guest conductor. Schools that participated in this year’s festival were Arthur Mennonite, Arthur, Illinois; Pathway Christian, Kalona, Iowa; Greenwood Mennonite, Greenwood, Delaware; Clinton Christian, Goshen, Indiana; and Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

Institute of Pastoral Studies Anticipates Second Year

Interested in going back to school but at your own pace? Need to balance studies with a busy family, church or work schedule? Looking for inspiration and encouragement guaranteed to recharge your spiritual batteries? If so, the Institute of Pastoral Studies has been designed with you in mind! Catering to those whose schedules do not allow for full-time training away from home, the IPS program offers three courses with only one week of classroom instruction and assignment deadlines every two months on a correspondence basis.

The dates for Sequence 2 of the Institute of Pastoral Studies are October 2-6, 1995. This year’s IPS courses and instructors are: “Biblical Preaching” (Eric Kouns, Broadway, Virginia); “Anabaptist Studies” (Jon Showalter, Rosedale, Ohio); and “Understanding the New Testament” (James Miller, Lexington, Kentucky). Three hours of college credit are offered for each course and a 30-credit certificate in “Pastoral Studies” can be obtained by fulfilling requirements for each class and completing a supervised ministry practicum. There are still openings in this year’s classes. Contact Phyllis Miller at RBI for more information.
1995-96 Enrollment Report

As of September 1, a total of 63 students were enrolled for the 1995-96 school year. Of this number, 17 are international students from 8 different countries including Kenya, Russia, Liberia, Zambia, Sudan, Fiji Islands, Cuba and Canada. Last year at this time a record low of only 46 students had registered. The year before last, a total of 74 students were enrolled by September 1.

Term one began September 18. Applications are currently being accepted for terms two through five of the 1995-96 school year.

Leadership Seminar

Register now for the 18th annual Leadership Seminar to be held on the campus of Rosedale Bible Institute November 13-17, 1995. This year the featured speakers are Dr. David Dorsey, Lavern Nissley and Elmer Jantzi. Dr. Dorsey has served as Professor of Old Testament at Evangelical School of Theology in Myerstown, Pennsylvania for the past 16 years. His sessions will focus on “Preaching and Teaching from the Old Testament” and “Recent Discoveries in Biblical Archaeology.” Lavern Nissley of Springfield, Ohio will discuss communication within relationships with topics such as “Clarity in Speaking,” “Empathy in Listening,” and “Courage in Care-fronting.” “The Attributes of God” will be the subject of the daily Bible study led by Elmer Jantzi. Contact the RBI office at (614) 857-1311 for registration information.

Piano Project Update

Through August, alumni and friends of RBI had contributed a total of $3,574.45 toward a new piano for the RBI chapel. THANK YOU! The goal for this project is approx. $8,000. Please send tax-deductible donations (payable to RBI) to:

“Piano Project”
2270 Rosedale Road
Irwin, OH 43029-9501

European Term Overseas

Interested in studying Anabaptist History and European Missions on site?! Rosedale Bible Institute is offering six weeks of study and travel in Germany, Switzerland and the Netherlands during the spring of 1996. Six college credits will be granted upon completion of course requirements. This study tour is limited to 12-15 individuals and is offered on a first come, first served basis. Tour dates: April 12-May 10, 1996. Application deadline is January 10, 1996. For more information, contact the RBI office at (614) 857-1311.

Be an Intercessor!

Intercessors are individuals who commit themselves to praying daily and fasting one day per month (the first Friday) for the needs and ministry of RBI. Each month intercessors are privileged to receive the Intercessors’ Bulletin, a list of specific prayer requests, needs and praise reports for that month.

Being an intercessor is one of the best ways to stay in touch with the heartbeat of the school. More than that, it provides you with the opportunity (and privilege) to "stand in the gap" for RBI.

Won’t you prayerfully consider becoming involved in this way? If interested, use the form on page 5 to let us know. We need you!

FACULTY ITINERARY

September 17-20 | Glen Sell at Ridgeview Mennonite, Gordonville, Pennsylvania
September 22-24 | Eric Kouns at Locust Lane Mennonite, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
September 24-Oct.1 | Glen Sell at Bethany Mennonite, Hartville, Ohio
October 1 | Leon Zimmerman in Jackson, Kentucky for RBI alumni chapter meeting
October 8-15 | Glen Sell at Mellinger Mennonite, Lancaster, Pennsylvania
October 22-29 | Glen Sell at North Vine Mennonite, Arthur, Illinois
November 3-5 | Glen Sell at Blue Ball Church of the Brethren, New Holland, Pennsylvania

IT’S STILL TRUE!

The RBI "shoe factory" is alive and well... taking in heels, repairing their souls and sending them out in pairs! 😊

(see page 7)
SUMMER PROJECTS ON CAMPUS . . .

The last test has been graded . . . The last teary goodbyes have been said . . . Another academic year comes to an end.

But life on the RBI campus does not stop during the summer! In fact, for the few staff who work year round the summer is a pretty busy time. Take a glimpse at some of the projects that took place on campus this summer . . .

In August the Croghan Mennonite youth group drove from upstate New York to help with a variety of projects around campus. It's amazing what 20 ambitious young people can accomplish in only four days! They're pictured at left with youth sponsors David and Anita Lyndaker and Lyle and Dorothy Moser.

Some of their accomplishments included "housecleaning" indoor facilities, trimming shrubs, painting and staining, sealing parking lots and replacing windows in the men's dormitory.

Summer maintenance workers Mike Gingerich (84,85) (left) and Dawson Hooley (90, 92-94) replace stones with sod around the administrative wing of the chapel building. For weeks the lawn was dug up as plans to move the aerator from the center of campus to north of the bus barn finally materialized.

Not everyone minded the piles of dirt, however. In fact, future alumni Moriah and Micah Gingerich, sons of Mike and Cindy (85) Gingerich, and Ian Miller, son of Lenn (95) and Debbie (95) Miller, make good use of it in their free time!
News

We are in search of alumni!

Some new...

Won't you help us increase our number of alumni? Surely you can recommend RBI to a friend, neighbor or relative! Send names of prospective students to Joanne L. Freed in the RBI recruitment office at 2270 Rosedale Road, Irwin, Ohio 43029-9501. Include the individual's name, complete address, telephone number and year of high school graduation.

Some old... (not a comment on their age!)

We've lost contact with the following alumni (listed below with last known address). If you know of their whereabouts, please inform us by calling the RBI office or by using the form below.

- Rebecca Byler (65), Mt. Eaton, OH
- William Gingerich (77) (spouse: Karla), Friendsville, MD
- Ron (72,76) & Elena (Horst) (76) Helmuth, Lancaster, PA
- Kent Hurley (83), Nashville, TN
- Naomi Layman (71,72,77,83,86), Thunder Bay, ON
- Shari (Miller) Martin (64), Goshen, IN
- Marlin Martin (74), Richfield, PA
- Rhonda Mast (68), Goshen, IN
- Cynthia (Bennet) Mast (77-79) (spouse: Paul), Bradenton, FL
- Dennis Ray Maust (81), Harleysville, PA
- Mike Meadows (78,79), Newark, OH
- Sandra Miller (92), Kalona, IA
- Ernest (76,77) & Carla (Bender) (77,79) Miller, Grantsville, MD
- Rosita Miller (89), Hutchinson, KS
- LaMar (73) & Sarah (Natziger) (73,74) Shelly, Hickory, NC
- Lavern Shetter (80,81,83,82), Hull, IL
- Ernest Stoltzfus (69), Grayson, NC
- Ralph Yoder (87), Hutchinson, KS

Send us your news -- the birth of future alumni, a career change, marriages, notable accomplishments and awards, or service assignments. And please let us know if your address changes or if you can help us locate "lost" alumni.

NAME: _______________________________ YEARS ATTENDED RBI: _______________________________

ADDRESS: ________________________________________________________________

CITY/STATE/ZIP: ____________________________________________________________

NEW ADDRESS? (if so, please also list old address) ________________________________

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"Recently I shared my faith journey in a small group setting and pointed to my terms at RBI as a lingering significant event in my spiritual formation. I know that's still happening at Rosedale in many ways and I wish you God's blessings as the nurture and care continues."

- Americus, Georgia

Return completed form to "MIRROC Editor," Rosedale Bible Institute, 2270 Rosedale Road, Irwin, Ohio 43029-9501. If you'd like to send your information by fax, please address it to "MIRROC Editor" at 614-857-1577.
BIRTHS

BEACHY, Weston James born December 7, 1994 to Sam (88,89) and Bernita (Wengerd) (88) Beachy, Hartville, Ohio; first child.

BECKLER, Alicia Nicole born September 11, 1994 to Darvis (91) and Tammy (Wagner) (91) Beckler, Sarasota, Florida.

BENDER, Kenton Eugene born December 13, 1994 to Marvin (90,91) and Elaine (Miller) (81,82,87,88-91S) Bender, Leon, Iowa; second son.

BRENNEMAN, Tyler Floyd born February 10, 1995 to Conrad (90) and Debra Brenneman, Waynesboro, Virginia; first child.

BYLER, Darryl Lyn born March 23, 1995 to Lyn (88,89,91) and Jolene (Helmut) (87,91) Byler, Greenwood, Delaware; first child.

CLIFTON, Rebecca Leigh born February 26, 1995 to Bill and Betty (Mininger) (83) Clifton, Harrisonburg, Virginia.

COBLENTZ, Kimberly Nicole born June 8, 1995 to Jon (80,81,82) and Karen (Steiner) (79,81) Cobleintz, Colombia, South America; fifth child, third daughter.

COMBE, Savannah Evon born January 1, 1995 to Jim and Marlene (Hochstetter) (74,75) Combe, Meridian, Idaho; second child, first daughter.

GROH, Rachel Elizabeth born March 19, 1995 to Paul and Delores (Nisly) (81) Groh, Columbus, Ohio; first child.

HARTZLER, Carissa Joy born July 8, 1995 to Dan and Judy (Hess) (86) Hartzler, Manheim, Pennsylvania; fourth child, second daughter.

HELMUTH, Benjamin David born January 11, 1995 to Wes (81,82) and Linda (Wolfer) (82) Helmuth, Amlin, Ohio; fourth child, second son.

HORST, Kara Janelle born December 27, 1994 to Myron (83,86,87) and Cathy (Yoder) (80,81,86,87) Horst, Clarksburg, Maryland; third child, first daughter.

KENNELL, Austin Daniel born May 25, 1995 to Darryl (84) and Rhoda (Bontrager) (86,88) Kennell, Roanoke, Illinois; second child, first son.

KROPF, Mark Christian born May 2, 1995 and received for adoption May 11, 1995 by Leona Kropf (78) Sweet Home, Oregon; fourth child, third son (all adopted).

MARTIN, Natasha Janae born February 18, 1995 to Jay and Gloria (Wenger) (85) Martin, Ephrata, Pennsylvania; first child.

MASON, Andrew Floyd born December 26, 1994 to Regis and Connie (Lewis) (80,81) Mason, Grantsville, Maryland; second son.

MCKOWN, Rachel born January 20, 1995 to Ray (92,93) and Joree (Bozeman) McKown, London, Ohio; first child.

MILLER, Justin Kyle born December 24, 1994 to Wendell (81,83-86,89) and Diane (Beck) Miller, Winona Lake, Indiana; first child.

DEATHS

COLLINS, Treva (Schrock), (65-67,69,70) Frederick, Maryland, died unexpectedly April 15, 1995 at a family gathering in Macon, Mississippi, due to complications from cancer treatment. She was 49 years old. She is survived by her father, Ezra Schrock, husband, Austin; son, Allen; sister, Tressa Knepp; brothers, Lester, Galen and Titus, all of Macon, Mississippi; Glen of Traverse City, Michigan; Ivan and Fred of Goshen, Indiana; and Calvin of Atmore, Alabama.

WEAVER, James Austin was stillborn on April 14, 1995. He was the son of Linford (80,81) and Beverly (Baker) (80,81) Weaver, Denver, Pennsylvania; fourth child, third son.

YODER, Stephen M. (67,68,69) Altha, Florida, died November 5, 1994 in a farming accident. He was 46 years old. He is survived by wife Carolyn, Altha; sons Ralph (94), Blountstown; Stephen, Jr ("Beaver") (94), David (95), and daughter Marguerite (92) and Loretta (90,92), at home. For most of his adult life he was a member of Bethel Mennonite Church, Blountstown, Florida.

YUTZY, Dennis (74,75,84) Plain City, Ohio, died suddenly at his home on December 11, 1994 due to heart complications. He was 42 years old. He is survived by brothers Nate, Guys Mills, Pennsylvania and Steve, Plain City, Ohio; sisters Linda Gochnour, Rose Eby, Lucy Beachy and Sheila Campbell, all of Plain City. He was a member of United Bethel Mennonite Church, Plain City, Ohio.

"The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away ... blessed be the name of the Lord."
MARRIAGES

Jodi Crowder (92) Loogootee, Indiana and William Matthew Graber were married February 5, 1994.

Orpha Beachy (85,86) Salisbury, Pennsylvania and Ed Petersheim were married October 15, 1994.


Mary Jo Smith (81,83,84) Goshen, Indiana and Merle Holsoopple were married March 11, 1995.

Vaneta Zook (86) Greenwood, Delaware and Barry Allen Chaffin, Greenwood, Delaware were married April 8, 1995.

Marla Wagler (93) Loogootee, Indiana and Ronald Gehman (83) Brewton, Alabama were married May 6, 1995.

Alta Eash (80) Middlebury, Indiana and John Shrock (83) Sugarcreek, Ohio were married May 6, 1995.

Amy Grove (89) Hebron, Maryland and Scott Ness, Salisbury, Maryland were married May 27, 1995.

Kendra Miller (94) Red Lake, Ontario, and Larry Kaufman (93,894) Fresno, Ohio were married June 9, 1995.

Diane King (92,93) Kalona, Iowa, and Nelson Yutzy were married June 10, 1995.

Grace Groff, Plain City, Ohio, and Harold Hoover (87,92,93,95) Mechanicsburg, Ohio were married July 22, 1995.

SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

Shirley Miller, Milton, Pennsylvania left for Russia in July as a member of the CoMission Team under Campus Crusade for Christ. She plans to work with teachers through use of a curriculum that has been developed to help Russian teachers train students in the new society in which they find themselves.

The following alumni entered the REACH program in June and, after three months of discipleship training, will begin outreach in their respective areas in September.

Susan Beiler (95) Montgomery, Pennsylvania to Israel (3 months)

Stephanie Gingerich (95) Rosedale, Ohio to Ecuador (5 months)

DeLynn Hoover (92,93) (team co-leader) Plain City, Ohio to Ecuador (5 months)

Gloria (Stauffer) Hoover (89,90,92,95) (team co-leader) Plain City, Ohio to Ecuador (5 months)

Anthony Lyndaker (94) Plain City, Ohio to Ecuador (5 months)

Becky McCoy (93,95) Lexington, Kentucky to Russia (3 months)

Troy Miller (92) Rosedale, Ohio to Middle East (3 months)

Carla Miller (94) (team leader) Kalona, Iowa to Israel (3 months)

Christyn Reimer (95) Fisher Branch, Manitoba to Russia (3 months)

April Scott-Horn (95) Wooster, Ohio to Israel (3 months)

Matthew Showalter (94,95) (team leader) Rosedale, Ohio to Middle East (3 months)

Angela Soniferk (94) Singers Glen, Virginia to Israel (3 months)

Ken Wengerd (95) Rosedale, Ohio as REACH Summer Staff (3 months)

Mollie Yoder (95) Millmont, Pennsylvania to Israel (3 months)

Anita Yoder (91,92,93,94S) West Salem, Ohio as REACH Summer Staff

Jamie Zehr (95) Castorland, New York to Middle East (3 months)

The following alumni are completing voluntary service assignments with Rosedale Mennonite Missions:

Chet (92) and Gloria (Widrick) (92,93) Zehr, Croghan, New York to Louisville, Kentucky as maintenance and community service workers; one year.

Leonard (87) and Dianne Maust, Myersdale, Pennsylvania to Louisville, Kentucky as unit leaders; two years.

Colleen Miller (93,95) Sarasota, Florida to the Middle East as missionary apprentice; one year.

Rosanna Hursh (95) Atmore, Alabamato El Dorado, Arkansas as teacher’s aide; 6 months.

LaMar (83,94) and Janice Weaver and family, Mechanicsburg, Ohio to the Middle East as “tent-makers,” 39 months.

David Slabaugh (91,95) Hartville, Ohio to the Middle East as mission associate; two years.

Jayne Delarange (90,95) Woodburn, Indiana to London, Ohio as daycare worker; three months.

Carl (89) and Barb (Copenhaver) (87) Ocker Palmrya, Pennsylvania to Big Creek, Kentucky as houseparents and maintenance; one year.

MISCELLANEOUS

Editor’s Note: Please submit your suggestions for a headline for this section. “Miscellaneous” seems so generic. Does “News & Notes” or “Bits & Pieces” sound any better?

Duane Hershberger (77,79) Americas, Georgia, works as a redistribution director for Habitat for Humanity, International. He also teaches Sunday school, occasionally preaches and leads worship at Americas Mennonite Fellowship. He and his wife Ruth have three children, Ben (9), Heidi (7), and Carson (3). Singing and songwriting continues to be a major hobby for him.

Randy Myers (84,85) Warsaw, Indiana, graduated May 10, 1995 from Indiana University with a master of science degree in Elementary School Administration. Randy has been a fourth grade teacher in the Whitko Community School Corporation for six years.

Melvin Sayer (80,81,82) Carstairs, Alberta, graduated April 22, 1995 from Rocky Mountain College, Calgary, Alberta, with a bachelor of science degree in Religious Education.
Recently I called an individual from another institution to ask him about a certain program and how it could benefit RBI. We talked of details and he stated that he felt his program could benefit RBI. He called back later only to tell me that he forgot a significant detail which made his program unavailable to RBI. He apologized for his mistake and for the fact that he could not help us.

My response reflected a detail which I have felt the Lord impressing on me recently. I said, "It is good when we realize our limits and try not to be all things to all people." There was a pause on the other end of the line, then a chuckle, then the words, "You sure have stated a mouthful there." He commented further and we concluded our conversation.

In our day with its emphasis on marketing and meeting the needs of the customer we tend to feel second-rate if we are not able to offer just what is needed. In our churches we seek to be seeker-sensitive. We study the needs, drives and desires of the populace and design programs that meet needs. Perhaps we respond to a physical need out of a sense of obligation when we really have nothing to offer. We simply must be all things to all people or we feel unproductive or perhaps guilty.

Then, on the other hand, we can be insensitive and shrink away from challenges and opportunities that God is bringing our way. We may see ourselves as having little to offer. The overwhelming mountain of need and despair can overshadow our small faith. Attempts to reach out and offer help may have been scorned and rejected. Or perhaps we may make ourselves busy doing all kinds of good (or maybe not so good) things. Whatever the reason, we are not all that concerned about the work of God and more importantly not involved in the specific area that he would have for us.

The answer is neither in attempting to be all things to all people nor in withdrawing from the race but in resting in the arms of him who loves us and has given his all for us. Out of that rest may we then work as he directs us. It is not easy to keep this balance. We tend to be at one end of the spectrum or the other.

Oh Lord, give each of us a correct understanding of our potential and our limits in the context of living faith!