

### **Experience and role in growing a mature church both spiritually and numerically.**

I have discovered that I do not need to convert people to the church. It is enough to teach and preach Christ and Him crucified. I learned to use only scripture as my sermon outline and to speak from the heart those lessons found therein. When I teach Christ with a smile in the pulpit and display the happiness that comes from being in Christ people react with a wholesome appreciation for the spirit. Those who are not members start coming and begin to give their lives to Christ. The Lord is then able to add them to the church. I have seen attendance grow. One church in Chicago, Illinois grew from 250 to 350 in nine weeks another in Fairfield, California increased from 243 to 341 in three months.

### **Experience in bringing the un-churched in the community to Christ.**

In Fairfield, California we formed an evangelism team of six members and put together a presentation to be used with the members and geared to inform their friends about the service opportunities for Christ in the church. We went to the members first in teams of two. Each team visited two families during the week. We invited the head of the household to go with us the next week. Three teams became six, then six became twelve, twelve became twenty four and so on until we reach everyone in the congregation. (6, 12, 24, 48, 96) We asked each of the families to give us the names of two families outside of the church that they would like to invite and visited 192 families the last week of our campaign. We were amazed and overjoyed that 40 families who were outside the church came the very next week.

### **Experience with a team.**

When my father was minister of the Green Lake Church of Christ in Seattle, Washington three of us rotated on either the morning or evening service opposite of the time when my father spoke. As a result all three of us became effective and the church grew.

I was a deacon with the Church of Christ in Naperville, Illinois when I worked for Western Electric Company in Cicero. We decided to support a prison evangelism program and I was responsible to coordinate the activities of our fulltime minister who worked in the prison as a voluntary chaplain and other ministers who volunteered their time. I was also available to preach in prison when any one of our team members was unable to preach.

### **Experience working under an active eldership.**

I have served under the leadership of elders as a member in eight congregations and as a preacher for four congregations. The largest of these was in Chicago, Illinois. Although I was an interim minister I found that their love for the members of the body not only encouraged me but all of the members as well. The elders of two congregations were divided in their opinions. The elders of the smallest congregation lead with a wholesome spirit of grace. The churches with elders that lead by example and found ways to include all of the members in the decisions of the body all grew. Those who lead by authority of their position did not.

### **Experience in a culturally diverse metro area.**

During my life time I have served the Lord and worked with the church in the Seattle Tacoma Metro, in Chicago, and in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. I spent thirty days as interim director of the North Canton Christian Care Center in Longhi, China. I have worked as interim minister of an African American congregation in Seattle and spoke every third Sunday in Montreal. These experiences have enriched my life. While working as an engineer I have worked with and supplied engineer support for people of all nationalities. Life for me has been a rich and rewarding experience that I desire to share as I speak to the needs of the church.