

Christian Light Publications



Little Children

Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

(Matthew 18:3)

As Christians, we know that God wants us to bestow special honor upon certain people like the elderly and civil authorities; but seldom do we think of honoring those mentioned in the passage above—little children.

Since it's our duty to train children, we can easily assume that we are superior to children in every way when, in reality, Jesus tells us that if we don't convert and become like children, He will reject us. It's one of the upside-down concepts of the Kingdom of God. The more we become like children, the higher we stand in God's eyes.

Why did Jesus lift up children? Because they are humble. True, they are not perfect, but even their selfish desires surface in simple, nonthreatening ways. They may argue about candy and avoid chores, but they don't create cults, practice politics or wage war. Neither are they drug pushers or sexual predators. Children do not spend time blaming their parents for their own faults. That is a trait acquired later on in life.

Children like to pick flowers, play with puppies, tell knock-knock jokes, and visit their grandparents. And when they read a Christian aid newsletter about suffering people overseas, they love to give whatever they have, sometimes down to their last penny.

Children love to hear about God. Enter the vilest neighborhood and you can find a group of children ready for a flannel board Bible story, even if the adults are professing atheists.

How much time do we spend learning how to be like a child? I have yet to see a book titled, *How to Be Like a Child*, even in Christian bookstores.

Considering the characteristics of children, isn't it wonderful to think how our Saviour, Jesus Christ, came to this world in the form of a baby? And isn't it great to be serving a God who loves and honors children?

As America rushes through its multi-billion dollar shopping spree for Christmas, it will end the year not only lavishing gifts upon its children but also aborting over 1,000,000 of its babies. How tragic and dishonorable!

As followers of Jesus Christ, may we hold our children and grandchildren close and treat them with high regard. May we cherish and protect them, and never belittle them in any way. May our love be consistent and genuine. And may we learn to be more like them.

Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

(Matthew 18:4)



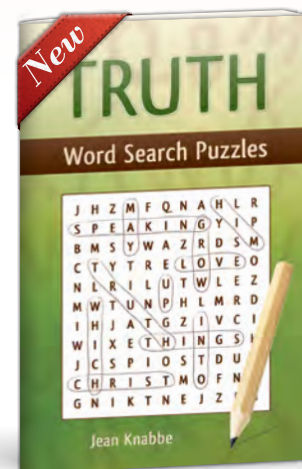


Truth Word Search Puzzles

Jean Knabbe

Are you looking for worthwhile ways to occupy your children? Do you want to brighten the outlook of a shut-in or a lonely senior citizen? Or perhaps you want to fill your own mind with thoughts of God. This book of puzzles may be just what you're looking for. The Bible verses in these puzzles remind us of knowing the truth. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the father but by me." In addition to finding the hidden words, you may enjoy the challenge of memorizing selected verses.

334130 **\$3.00** 112 pages, CLP



Parables from Peru *Harvey Mast*

Missionary life in Peru brought great challenges to Harvey Mast and his family. But amidst tribulation and sometimes deep anguish, God gave joy, peace, and spiritual growth. In these heartfelt parables written in a style harking back to yesteryear, Harvey shares some of the lessons God taught them through both the lighter moments and the soul-moving low points of their sojourn. Born through contemplation and prayer, each parable contains deeper meaning and insights for Christian living that will bless your own walk with the Lord.

265030 **\$5.95** 136 pages, CLP



Somewhere in the Skies

Becky McGurrian

Somewhere in the Skies is the moving account of a tragic farming accident that shocked the Shenandoah Valley in 2007. It is the story of how five souls who loved the Lord went to be with Him, and how God provided for the two girls left behind.

264940 **\$11.95** 144 pages, Hardcover with dust jacket, CLP



Serving Together

Ellen Erb

Every job has highs and lows, joys and difficult times. Teaching school is no different. Plus, serving in the public eye of a church community brings special challenges. As a wife, have you ever wondered if the sacrifices you make for your husband are worth the bother? Maybe you've asked, "As my husband's helpmeet, how can I better support him?" This book is written by a teacher's wife to encourage other wives whose husbands serve in Christian ministry, especially as teachers.

241180 **\$8.95** 160 pages, CLP



But Not Forsaken Audio CD

Helen G. Brenneman, narrated by Kevin Powell

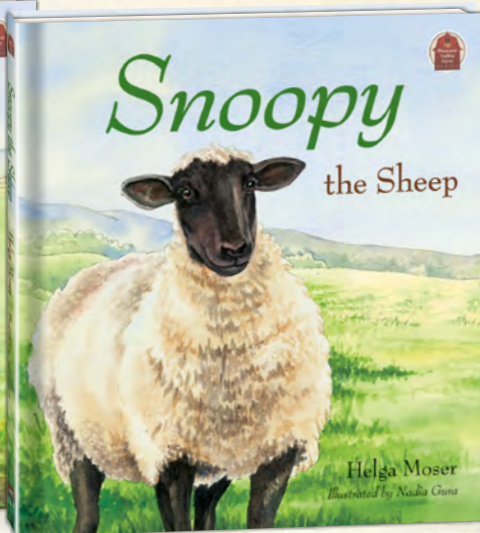
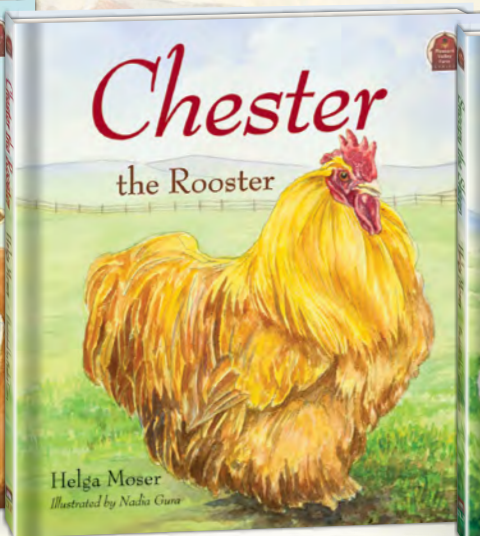
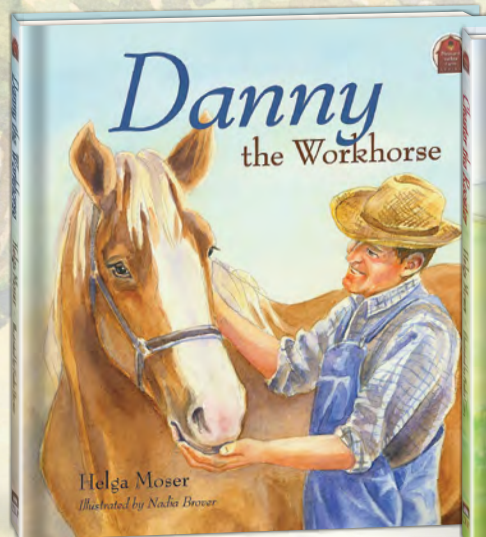
Hans and Maria Penner, separated by Communists in East Germany, travel west toward freedom, each fearing the other slain. The story of a family distressed, persecuted, and separated, but not forsaken. 5 CDs. 6 hours.

263026 **Audio CD \$22.95** 5 CDs, CLP

263025 **Book \$8.95** 266 pages, CLP

Pleasant Valley Farm Series

by Helga Moser
Illustrated by Nadia Gura



Danny the Workhorse

Danny was strong and gentle, but he had a problem . . . Danny hated to work. How would Farmer Don get all the plowing and planting, hauling and harvesting done if Danny refused to help? Danny learned a valuable lesson, and so can we. First book in the Pleasant Valley Farm series.

264640 **\$15.95** 40 pages, CLP

Chester the Rooster

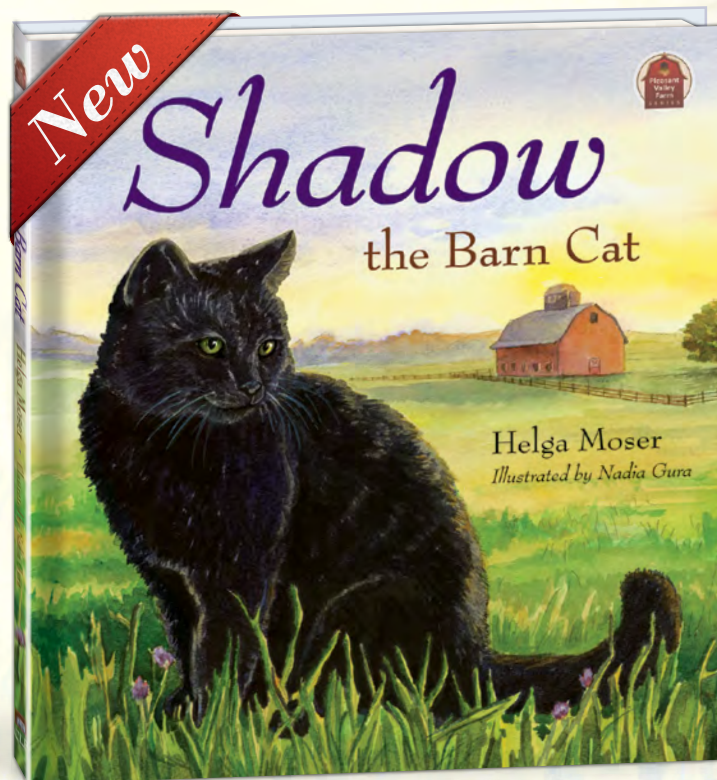
Chester thought he was the biggest, toughest, most handsome creature that ever walked on two legs. He challenged every rooster, every goose, and every duck in the barnyard—and won. But when Chester thought he was tough enough to challenge Molly, he made a big mistake and learned a lesson about pride the hard way. Fine watercolor paintings illustrate this second book in the Pleasant Valley Farm series.

264641 **\$15.95** 44 pages, CLP

Snoopy the Sheep

Snoopy's new home at Pleasant Valley Farm was cozy and safe. She had plenty of fresh green grass to eat, and a tall wire fence protected her from hungry coyotes. But Snoopy was not content. Then one afternoon she wandered up the hillside alone and found herself in big trouble. Fine watercolor paintings illustrate this third book in the Pleasant Valley Farm series.

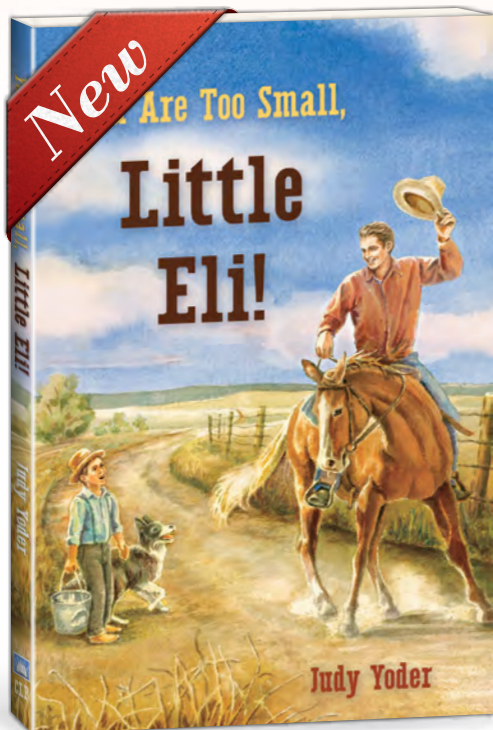
264642 **\$15.95** 48 pages, CLP



Shadow the Barn Cat

Shadow was a shy cat, but she was also brave and diligent. When Farmer Don ruined her perfect hiding place in a tunnel under the hay, she didn't give up. Shadow searched and searched for a new spot. It had to be just right for keeping her secret safe. The fourth book in the Pleasant Valley Farm series.

264643 **\$15.95** 44 pages, CLP



You Are Too Small, Little Eli!

Judy Yoder

Lots of exciting adventures await a shy little Amish boy on the wide Oklahoma prairies during the dry years of 1939 to 1942—traveling on a train, entertaining strangers during a blizzard, and watching cowboys near his home. When Grossdoddy dies, leaving the Amish people without a bishop, Eli is surprised by some dreadful news. Is he big enough to face a new challenge?

264467 **\$8.95** 168 pages, CLP

Esther Starts From Home

Stories from the author's girlhood memories

Romaine Stauffer

Suddenly something dawned on Esther that she had never thought of before. "We live in the middle of the world and everybody else lives around us." Everyone but Esther laughed. "What's so funny?" Esther cried. "We do, don't we?" "Yes, dear," Mom said. "Our home is in the middle of your world. That's the way it should be." "You can start from home and go anywhere in the world—and all the way to Heaven too," Daddy said. Appealing stories from the author's childhood that grab attention, plant life lessons, and occasionally bring giggles.

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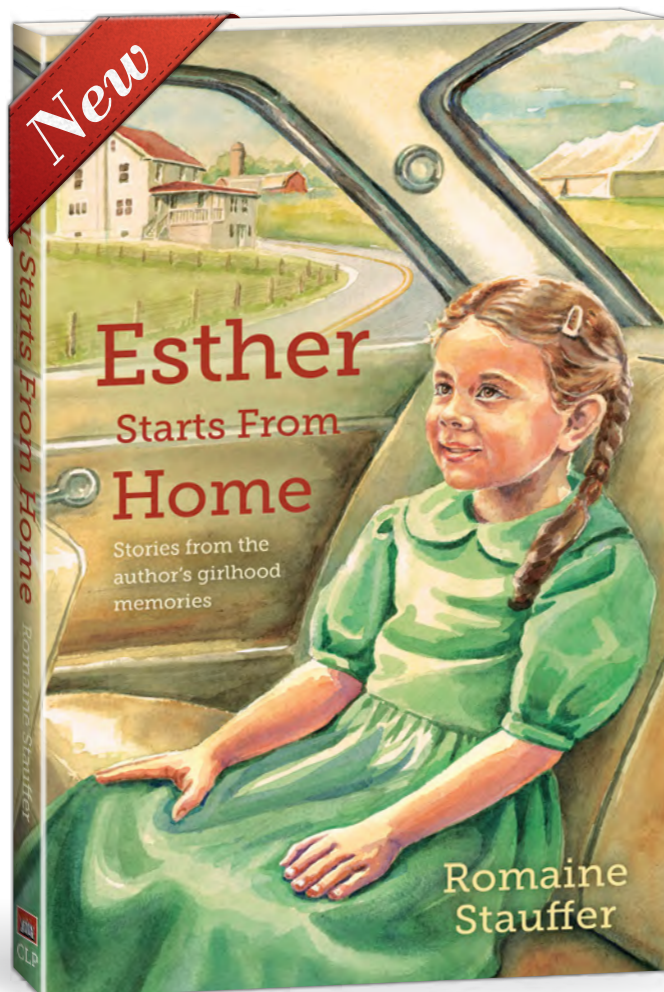
God's Miracle-Snow

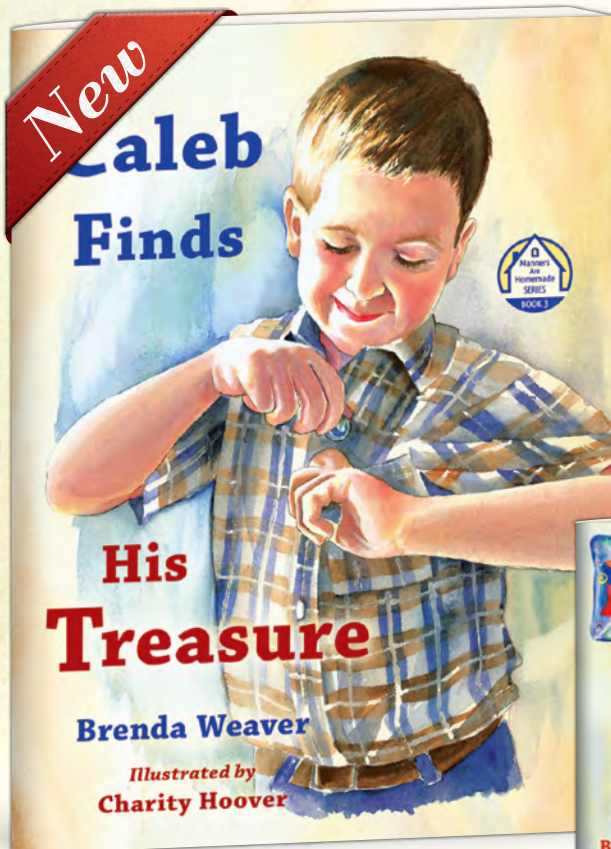
Rebecca Newswanger

Illustrated by Caryl Hershberger

Simple rhymes and lovely pencil drawings depict children romping at play in the snowy winter landscape. God's handiwork, in the snow of winter, displays beauty as well as protects and replenishes His creation. Children and adults alike will enjoy this lovely little book.

264727 **\$4.95** 32 pages, CLP

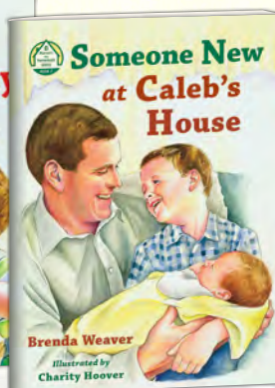
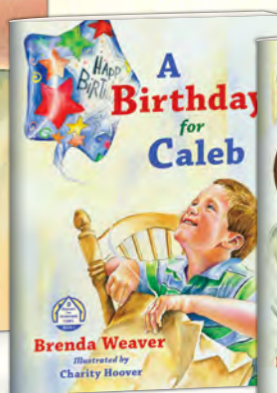




Caleb Finds His Treasure *Brenda Weaver*

Caleb works hard to remember to say "please" and "thank you," and not to ask for candy when visiting the neighbors. His older brothers Andrew and Ben each have a treasure to show Daddy. *I wish I could find a treasure*, Caleb thinks. Then he finds something special outside in a pile of leaves. He puts it in his pocket to keep it safe until he can show Daddy what he found. After he loses the treasure, Caleb thanks God when it reappears in a very unusual place. Third book in the Manners are Homemade series.

264857 **\$5.95** 32 pages, CLP



A Birthday for Caleb

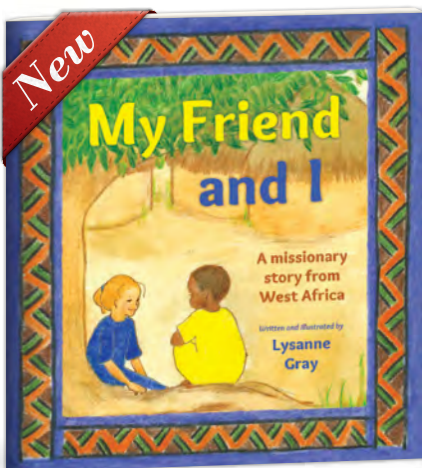
First book in the Manners are Homemade series.

264855 **\$5.95** 28 pages, CLP

Someone New at Caleb's House

Second book in the Manners are Homemade series.

264856 **\$5.95** 28 pages, CLP



My Friend and I *Written and illustrated by Lysanne Gray*

Step through a round doorway and take a peek into daily life in West Africa. In this world of mud huts, grass roofs, and outdoor cooking fires, two little friends enjoy each other's company. One of the girls is the daughter of missionaries, who love to tell their African friends about Jesus. As the girls share food, help wash clothes at the river, and put the baby brother to sleep, they also talk about God and the Bible stories they have heard. The author has illustrated the story with colorful, authentic scenes from a rural African village, such as the one where she and her husband serve.

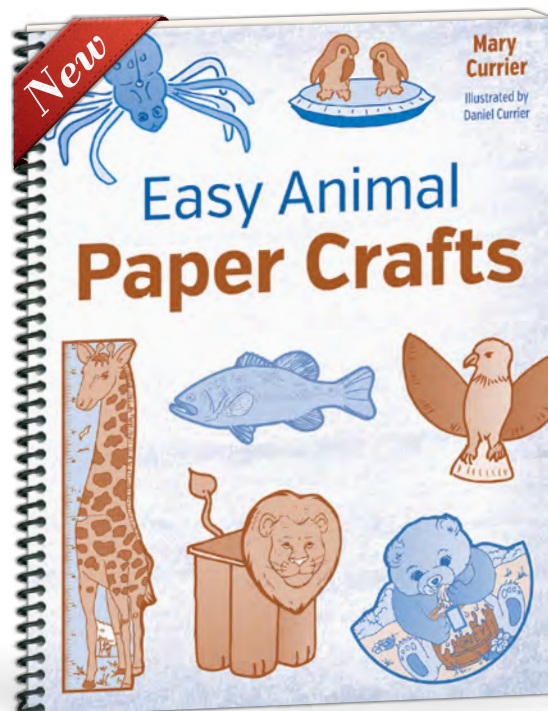
265020 **\$5.95** 28 Pages, CLP

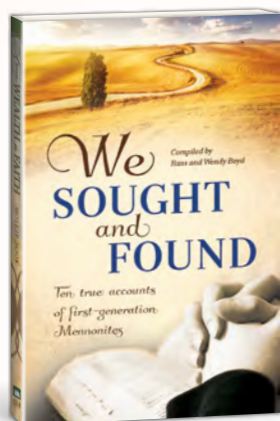
Easy Animal Paper Crafts *Mary Currier*

Are you looking for simple but interesting craft projects for your children to enjoy? This book is full of activities for young children, providing practice in coloring, cutting, folding, gluing, and displaying. May be copied, reduced, or enlarged for personal or classroom use, but not for distribution.

334063 **\$8.95** 112 pages, CLP

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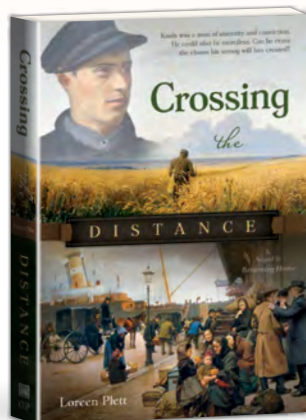


We Sought and Found

Comp. Russ & Wendy Boyd

This compilation tells of individual quests for a home among a family of believers faithfully serving God. Each story is different. Some of the writers longed, even as children, for a church that took Jesus' teachings seriously. Others did not begin their search until they were weary of wicked living or empty religion. All eventually found what they were looking for in conservative Mennonite churches.

264965 **\$7.95** 152 pages, CLP



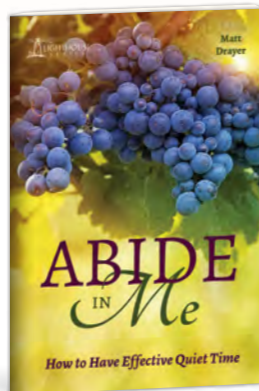
Crossing the Distance

A Sequel to Returning Home

Loreen Plett

Based on historical accounts, *Crossing the Distance* is a story of great distances, some created by God and others by man. It offers hope that, by God's grace, we also can cross divides in our lives.

264945 **\$12.95** 480 pages, CLP



Abide in Me

Matt Drayer

In simple language, this encouraging booklet gives clear, practical instructions for having an effective quiet time. An inspiration to the mature, an exhortation to the backslidden, and a wonderful guide for new believers.

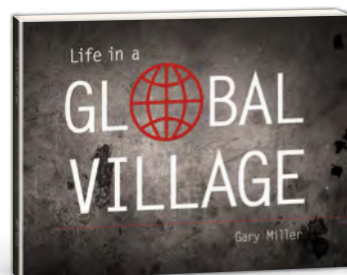
241522 **\$2.25** 56 pages, CLP



Making a Cape Dress

Do you want to learn how to sew a modest cape dress but aren't sure where to start? This helpful how-to book contains step-by-step guidance on choosing and modifying a pattern, gathering supplies, cutting out the pieces, and sewing the dress. Checklists help you evaluate your pattern and your dress as you finish them.

335210 **\$9.50** 64 pages, CLP



Life in a Global Village

Gary Miller

If the world were shrunk into a village of 100 people, what would the village be like? Where would you fit? Through photos and simple graphics, this convicting book will open your eyes to the reality of the world's economy and our own abundant portion. Simple enough for children to understand.

264930 **\$9.99** 112 pages, TGS



BROTHER PAUL REED

Brother Paul Reed, a CLP employee since 1979, passed from this life to glory on November 1, 2015. A faithful brother, he served the church, blessed his neighbors, and contributed in numerous ways over the years to Christian Light. Many readers will remember relating to him during his years with the Homeschool Department. He also served as editor of *CLE LightLines* for many years.

Brother Paul will be missed. Pray for his wife Ethel during the coming weeks.

Christian Light Publications *acquires* **Vision Publishers**

Fourteen years ago Vision Publishers was begun as a conservative Mennonite publishing endeavor. As the founder and owner, Brother Eldwin Campbell's vision was to make the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and the applications of the Gospel to daily life, available to the masses of America.

This past June, Eldwin Campbell suffered a serious stroke. He and his family had already been thinking it was time for someone else to take over the business. With the stroke it seemed the time had come, and Christian Light was asked if they would be interested in taking it on.

As of October 1, Christian Light acquired Vision Publishers, bought their inventory, took over their publishing projects and rights, and began selling their products. Four and one-half tractor-trailer loads of inventory were transferred from Ohio to Virginia.

For at least the next several years, CLP will continue to use the Vision Publishers name, distribute a Vision Publishers catalog, and carry many of the books that Vision carried at the time of acquisition. CLP has retained Vision's phone number, postal address, web site, and email address, making it convenient for customers to continue ordering as they have been. Glenda Shoemaker, Vision's secretary, continues to answer the phone and process orders. However, since Vision is now part of CLP and operated within our facility, orders are shipped from our Virginia warehouse in CLP boxes.

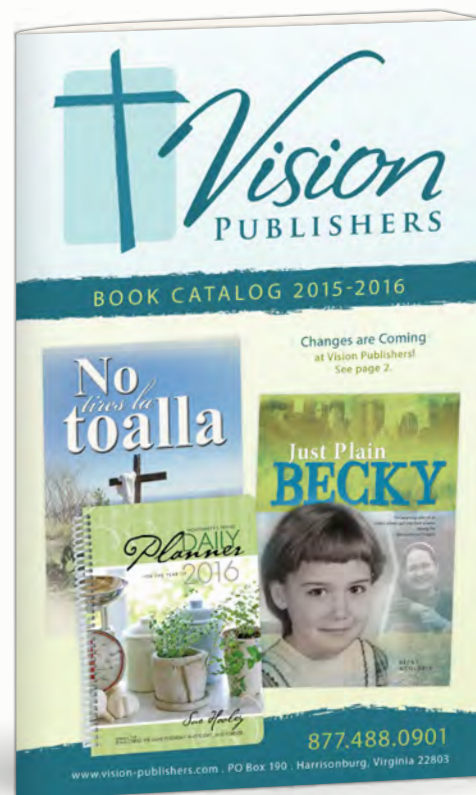
We are pleased to acquire the good selection of Vision books, and we welcome Vision's customers. We also welcome any questions you may have about this acquisition and transfer. And we are also very happy to report that the Lord has given Brother Eldwin Campbell a recovery far beyond the doctor's expectations. Praise the Lord!

To see Vision Publishers' product selection,
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	\$200.01-\$500.00	8%
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RUSH	(Minimum \$4.00)	22%
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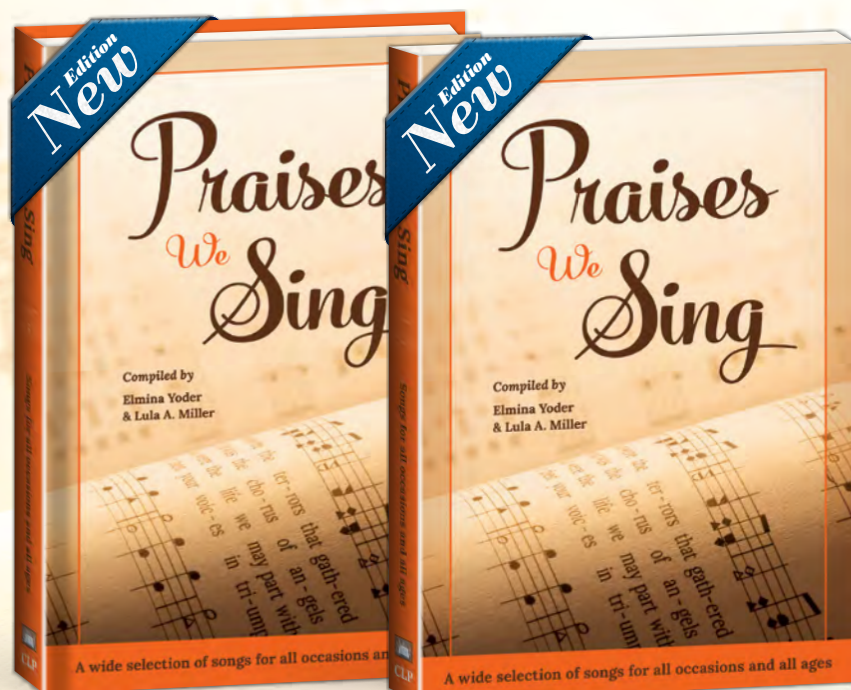
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Praises We Sing

Compiled by **Elmina Yoder & Lula A. Miller**



Praises We Sing is an inspirational songbook designed especially for schools, but also very useful in other settings. Includes both choruses and hymns, as well as Christmas, Easter, and other seasonal songs. 382 songs in shaped notes. Changes in this 2015 edition feature:

- ~ new engraving
- ~ fresh and consistent formatting
- ~ larger book size (5¾ x 8½ inches)
- ~ larger print size for better readability
- ~ updated composer names and copyright information
- ~ The music of numerous songs has been improved for better clarity and easier singing. In most cases this will not interfere with group singing when using both editions together. Songs and the song numbers are the same.

285061 **Hardcover** **\$13.95** CLP

285063 **Softcover** **\$11.95** CLP