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## TEACHING IS A MISSION

### “And he gave some . . . teachers”

Two hundred boys were surveyed in the slum section of a large city. “They don’t have a chance,” concluded the analysts evaluating the boys’ possible futures.

Twenty-five years later, 180 of those boys were contacted again. All but four were successful businessmen, lawyers, and doctors. Each one, when asked how he succeeded said, “There was a teacher . . .”

If that much worldly accomplishment can be attributed to the efforts of one teacher, shouldn’t a Christian teacher be able to influence dozens of boys and girls for God’s kingdom?

Christopher Dock, more than 200 years ago, said education’s purpose is to make us as much like Christ as possible. Though no substitute for parents, teachers can have real impact, reinforcing godly homes, and supplementing weak ones. Educators know that schoolteachers are not teaching mere facts; they are teaching a way of life that will remain after many facts are forgotten.

Love speaks to every age in every generation. When asked how she had done it, the teacher who spurred those 176 boys to success replied, “It’s really very simple. I loved those boys.”

In Christopher Dock’s day, when most schoolmasters centered upon the “3 Rs” rather than on children, Dock’s educational emphasis was refreshingly different. One writer says of him, “We know he possessed an ‘extreme love for children.’ He did not underestimate the power of a warm personal love for each student to melt barriers erected by disobedience. It is evident that Dock loved and was loved by his pupils.”

Seeing a “mission accomplished” is one of the “highs” in every teacher’s experience, but too

often there are “lows”—misunderstanding, criticism, rejection. The teacher who tries hard to help a student academically and socially, but sees no positive results, may feel discouraged and like a failure.

Sometimes we need reminders; teachers need all the encouragement they can get from school boards and patrons. Holding up the arms of your teachers will help them to help you in the mission of training your children.

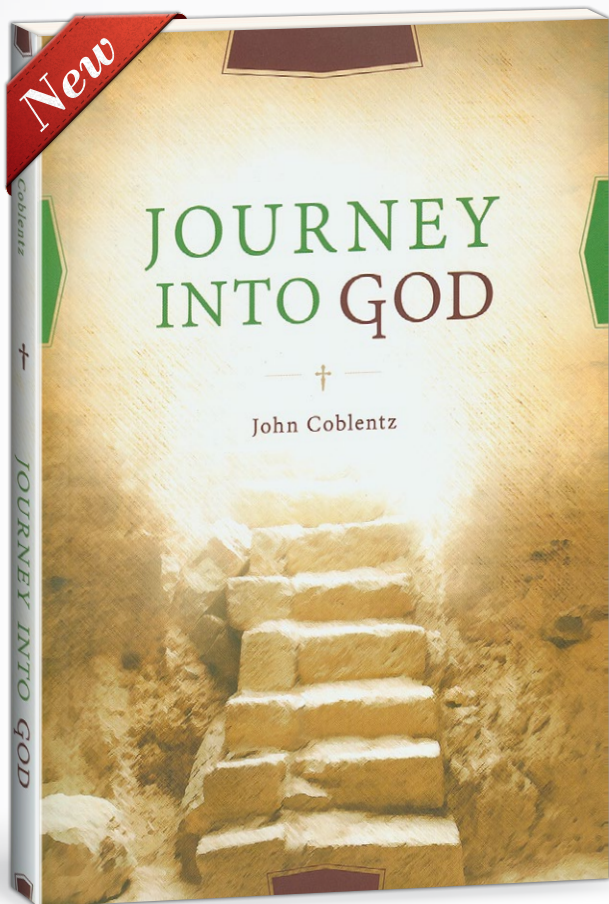
God uses teaching, right along with preaching and parenting, to build His kingdom. “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations” is part of the Great Commission. “And he gave some . . . teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.”

One former teacher recently commented, “When I think of school boys who are now ministers of the Gospel, faithful pillars in the church, I like to think that school had some influence in the direction their lives have taken.”

How much does teaching accomplish? God gives the increase in His own time and way. And someday our Father who seeth in secret will openly reward teachers for their years of hard work, their prayers, and their faithful examples that helped to shape the lives of children in their care.



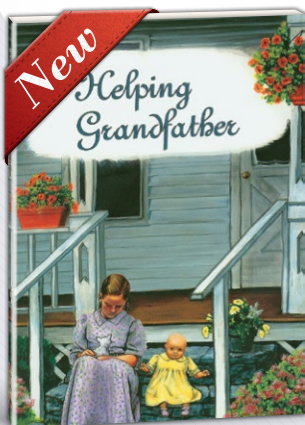




### Journey Into God *John Coblentz*

How do you write a book about a Person who, in so many ways, defies description? This well-written book captures the beauty, magnificence, and righteousness of God while leading readers, especially young adults, to worship, repent, and draw nearer to Him. Chapters end with contemplative exercises and questions.

241905 **\$10.95** 212 pages, Faith Builders Resource Group



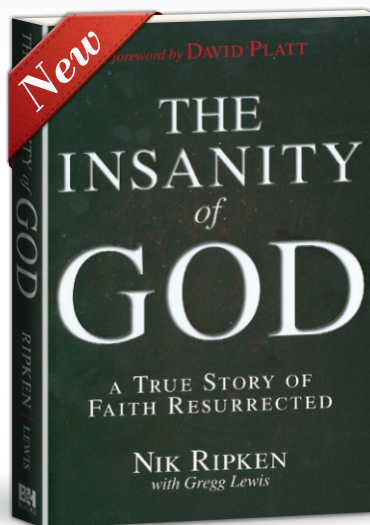
### Helping Grandfather

*Edith S. Witmer*

Sandra is pleased that Grandfather is coming to live with them. But something is happening to Grandfather. On some days his mind is good, and he smiles and tells stories. On other days his mind is sick, and he says and does strange things that make Sandra feel sad.

Through the days that follow, Sandra learns how to relate to the elderly and finds special joy in being Grandfather's helper.

265105 **\$4.75** 91 pages, R&S



### Insanity of God

*Nik Ripken & Gregg Lewis*

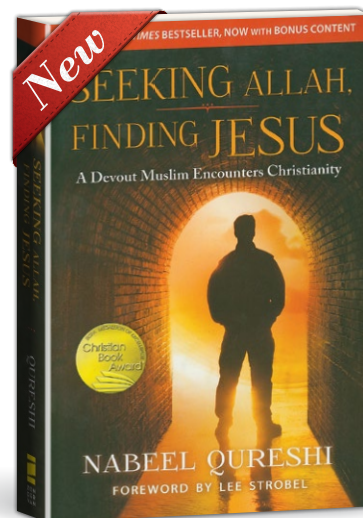
After years of apparently fruitless mission work, the author and his wife concluded that the Gospel just didn't work in Somalia. How could God be good when life was so dark? The Ripkens went on to collect stories of persecuted believers around the world, and learned that God is faithful even in suffering and darkness. Though not written from an Anabaptist perspective, *The Insanity of God* is a deeply touching reminder that God's ways are higher than ours.

265135 **\$14.95** 360 pages, B & H Books

### Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus

*Nabeel Qureshi* Are you ready to go from talking about Muslims to talking with Muslims? More than simply a good story, *Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus* equips you to witness and relate more effectively to Muslims. Nabeel Qureshi describes his journey from Islam to Christianity and why he found Jesus so compelling. Though not written from an Anabaptist perspective, this is a helpful book for anyone interested in Muslims and Islam.

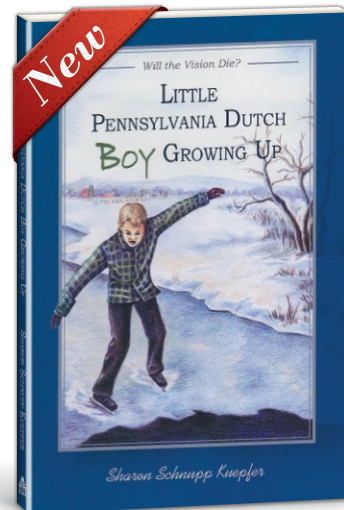
241675 **\$17.95** 366 pages, Zondervan



### Little Pennsylvania Dutch Boy Growing Up

*Sharon Schnupp Kuepfer* This sequel to *Little Pennsylvania Dutch Boy* is based on the later childhood of Clair Schnupp, the author's father. The author grew up hearing her father tell many of these stories of Christian faith and love. Now she longs to pass them down the generations.

264951 **\$8.95** 129 pages, Masthof Press





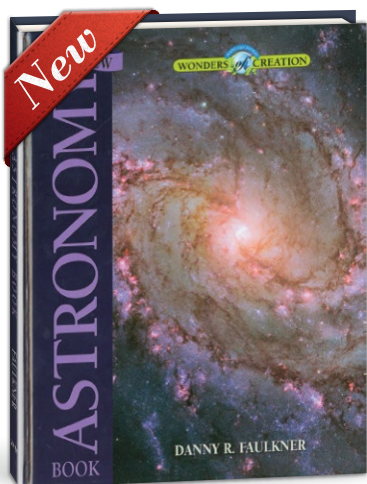


## Camp & Cabin Cookin'

Kevin & Bethany Shank

This beautifully illustrated, unusual cookbook comes with several recipes more appealing to men, steps to making homemade ice cream, and other family-friendly ideas.

331055 **\$14.95** 130 pages,  
Dogwood Ridge Outdoors



## Fingerprints comp. by Lucille Martin

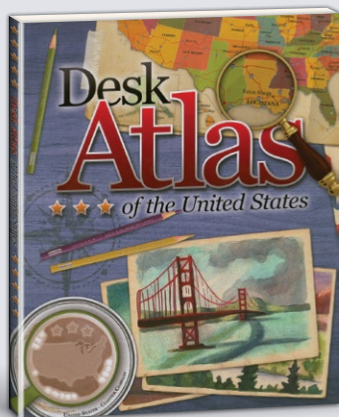
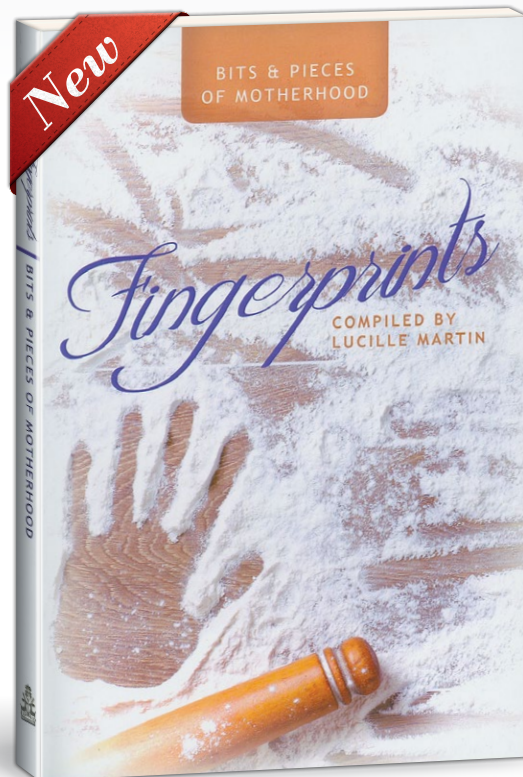
On the windows, on the counters, on the high chair . . . fingerprints symbolize the little things, the moments of frustration and joy that accompany every day in a mother's life. This book was written by mothers whose lives have been changed and enlarged by the touch of a child's hand, and the fingerprints they left behind.

241290 **\$10.00** 193 pages, Masthof Press

## The New Astronomy Book

Danny R. Faulkner Just how intricately designed is the universe? The moon not only influences the tides on earth, but also causes rocks to "stretch"! Now take an incredible look at the mysteries and marvels of space in *The New Astronomy Book*! Includes a 24-inch, full-color, pullout poster.

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## Desk Atlas of the United States

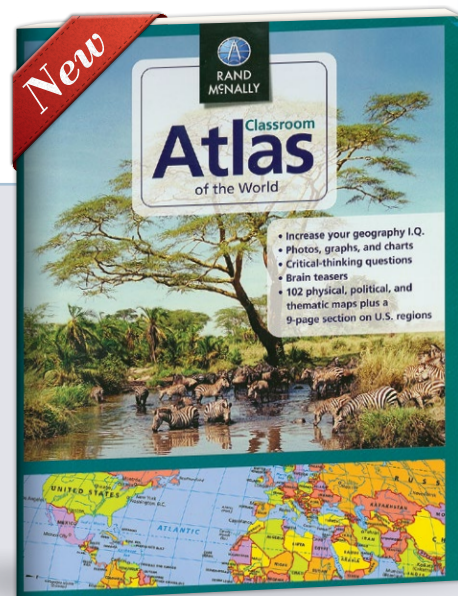
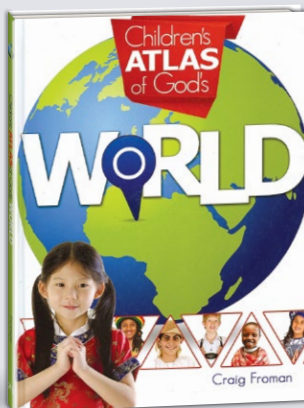
A visual (and informational) treat. Each state covers a two-page spread. It has the appearance of a desk blotter; with a journal open, showing a map and a brief overview of the state. Surrounding the map are notes, dates, facts, illustrations, and trivia. Includes state birds, flowers, seals, flags, statistics, quarters, events, people, etc. Thematic maps show farm resources, expansion, population, climate, and regions.

350270 **\$19.95** 132 pages,  
Geography Matters

## Children's Atlas of God's World

Most atlases showcase evolutionary thought and secular worldviews. This full-color, visually engaging atlas explores creation with insights into Christian history makers, amazing landmarks, and discoveries found around the world. Highly recommended for schools and homeschoolers as a resource and reference tool.

350260 **\$14.95** 96 pages, Master Books



## Classroom Atlas of the World

A high-quality atlas for upper elementary and junior high students. Includes photos, graphs, charts, and critical-thinking questions in addition to 102 physical, political, thematic maps, and a 9-page section on U.S. regions. As the product of a secular publisher, it contains a few evolutionary assumptions.

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## *My Ways Are Higher*

Maryann Martin

Ronnie and Maryann Martin answered God's call and moved to Honduras with their six children. Pouring their hearts into the work, they thoroughly enjoyed life at the mission. They loved the Hondurans, and the Hondurans loved them.

Then tragedy struck when Ronnie was killed in a hit-and-run accident.

Left to pick up the pieces, Maryann struggled with questions. How could she raise a family without her husband? Should they stay in Honduras? Why did God choose to take Ronnie, an ordained minister who filled such a vital role at the mission?

In this honest and moving true story, Maryann describes how God led her through grief, uncertainty, and doubt to acceptance and gratitude. Her testimony is one of learning to cling to God's promise that "as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways."

265145 **\$11.95** 379 pages, CLP

