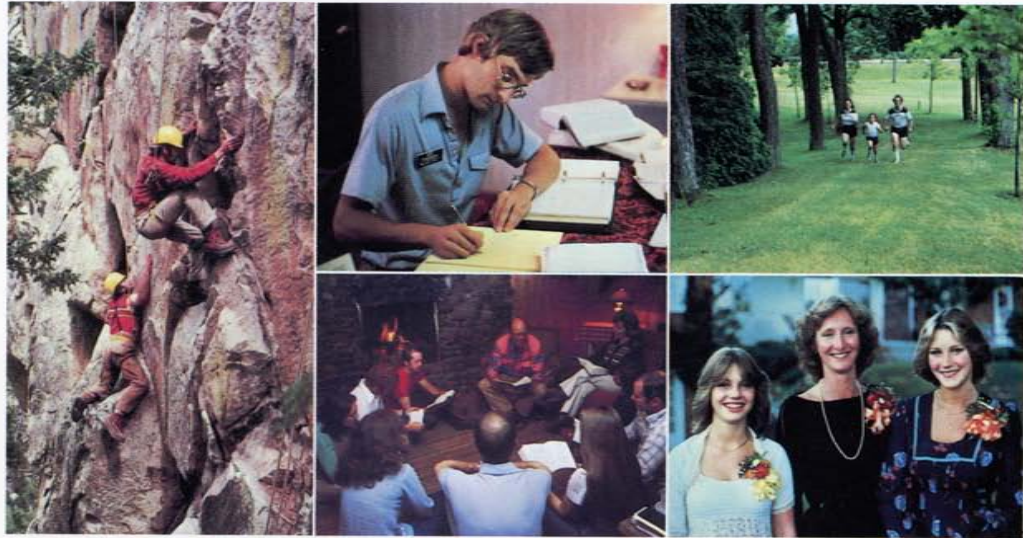


# THE WAY CORPS

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PREPARATION FOR



A LIFETIME OF  
CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Dear Friend:

You are reading our Way Corps brochure. If you have further questions, please ask. Whether you are a potential volunteer, a friend or relative of a Way Corps member, a supporter of the program, or simply an interested person, I believe you will be enlightened and blessed by this brochure.

The Way Corps is not looking for *just* anyone. Whether or not we're for you is the decision you must make carefully.

We are "tough" and only the "tough" make it. The Corps is for champions. If you've got it (heart and head), we've got it for you.

If you are qualified to "run with the winners" and be a "somebody" far beyond "God's nursery school," The Way Corps is for you. You decide.

Sincerely,  
In His service,

*Victor Paul Wierwille*

Victor Paul Wierwille



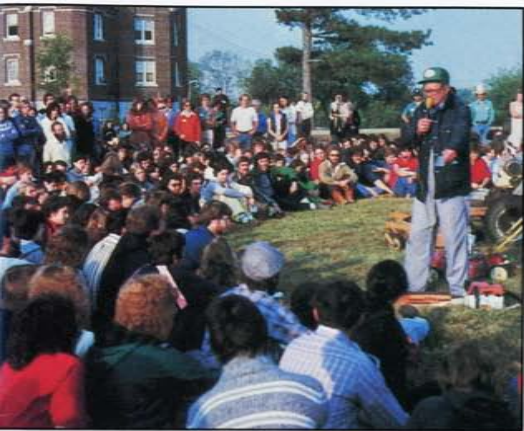


# A UNIQUE EDUCATIONAL ADVENTURE

The Way Corps is a leadership training program developed by The Way International, America's foremost Biblical research and teaching ministry. The Way Corps is a unique educational venture. The educational principles involved in The Way Corps are not new or untested. The Way Corps' roots originate in the training centers of Old Testament times when great men of vision and influence, such as Abraham, Samuel, Elijah, Elisha and, most obviously Jesus Christ, lived with their students. In New Testament times, the Apostle Paul expressed this special "style" of teaching by his life:

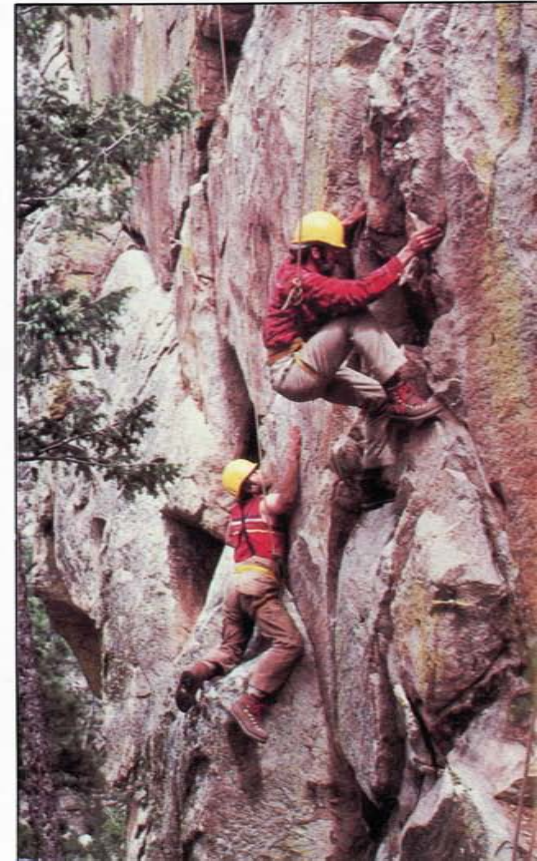
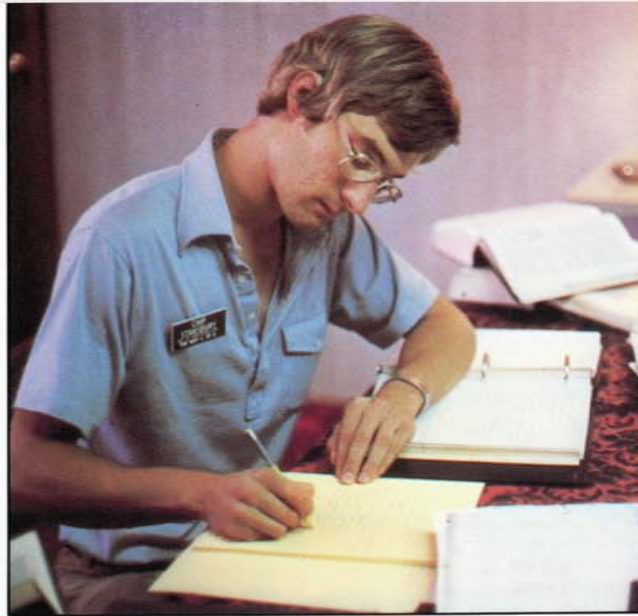
Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

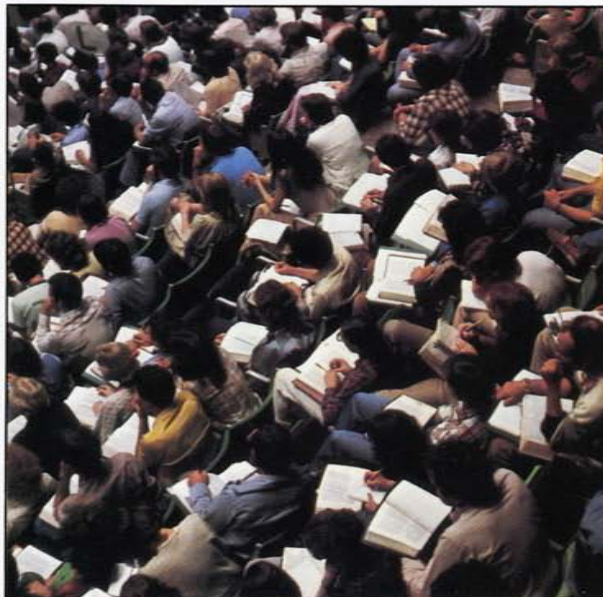
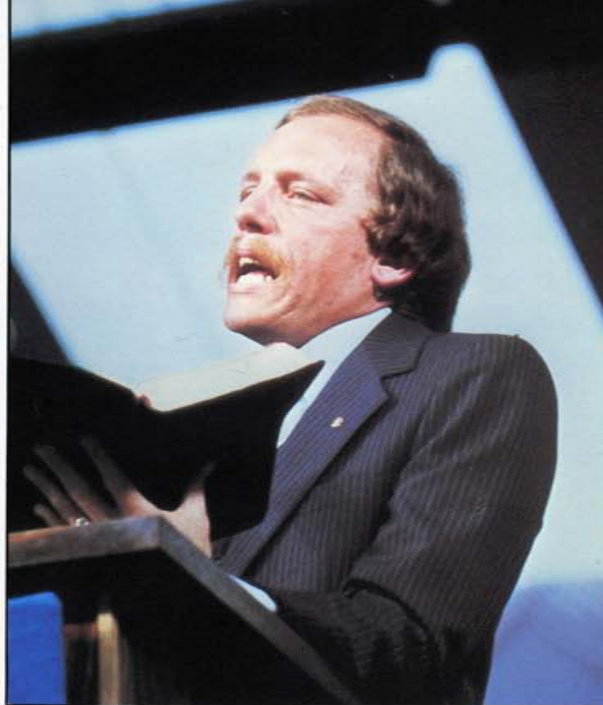
Philippians 4:9



## IT IS WRITTEN

Drawing upon Biblical principles of learning and living, The Way Corps is designed in its various phases of lecture, study, examination, physical labor and on-the-field practicum, to teach students how to apply God's Word in all aspects of life. The heart of The Way Corps is expressed in its motto: "It is written." These words, spoken by Jesus Christ, express the sole purpose of the training program: To prepare leaders for effective character-building service in any community, state or nation in the world.





## WAY CORPS PRINCIPLES

Acquire an in-depth spiritual perception and awareness.

Receive training in the whole Word so as to be able to teach others.

Physical training making your physical body, the "vehicle" of communication of the Word, as vital as possible.

Practice believing to bring material abundance to you and the ministry.

Go forth as leaders and workers in areas of concern, interest and need.

# PREPARATION FOR SERVICE

The Way Corps is four years of preparation for a lifetime of Christian living and service. Preparation begins with an apprentice year, spent under the supervision of a Way Corps leader in a local area or at one of the training centers of The Way International. The four teaching centers are The Way International Headquarters in New Knoxville, Ohio; The Way College of Biblical Research, Indiana Campus in Rome City, Indiana; The Way College of Emporia in Emporia, Kansas; and Camp Gunnison—The Way Family Ranch in Gunnison, Colorado. The second year is spent in residence in the heart of the work/study program. The third year is an interim year of practical

application of the principles on the field. The final year, spent in residence at the various teaching centers, concludes with graduation. Graduates of The Way Corps serve in various capacities in areas of concern, interest and need throughout the world.





# THE WAY FAMILY CORPS

Situated on the beautiful 200-acre Indiana Campus, The Way College of Biblical Research is the year-round home of The Way Family Corps, especially designed for entire families or single parents with children. The Family Corps has a flavor all its own. Rooted and grounded in the accuracy and integrity of God's Word, the Family Corps program at the Indiana Campus is instilling the reality of the family of God and the household of God in God's people.



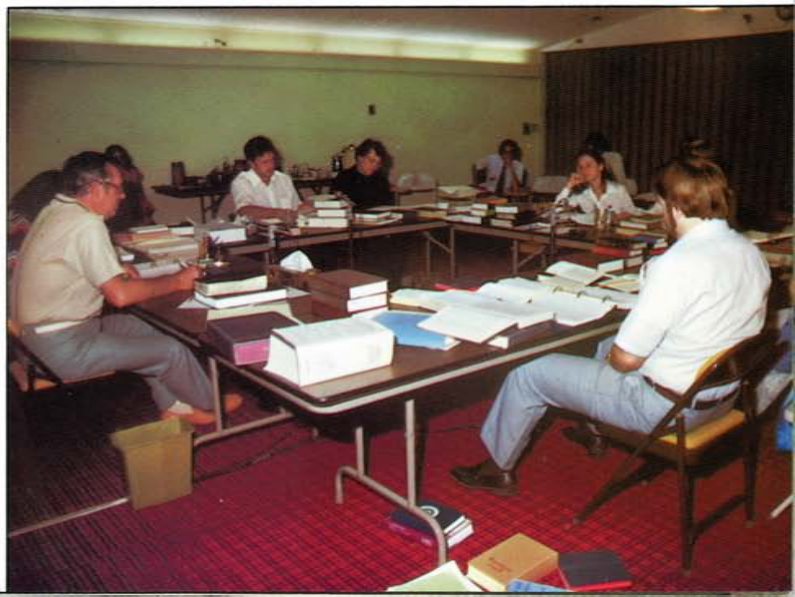
# BIBLICAL RESEARCH

Nearly 40 years of Biblical research have gone into developing the Power for Abundant Living series which is foundational for Way Corps training. Keys for victorious living from the Foundational Series of classes are expounded upon and used in all areas of teaching in The Way Corps. In addition to the *Foundational, Intermediate and Advanced classes on Power for Abundant Living*, also offered are: *Witnessing and Undershepherding, Christian Family and Sex, Dealing with the Adversary, Renewed Mind, Advanced Biblical Principles*, and others. Another area of study is leadership which includes courses such as *Leadership Principles of Jesus Christ, Practical Management, Leader's Spouse, Christian Counseling, The Way Tree and Ministry Leadership Seminar*. History is

also emphasized in courses such as *Old Testament History, New Testament History, Early Church History, Christianity in America, One God and Modern Church Development*. Students focus in on the New Testament as an area of study with courses which include *Survey of the Gospels, Acts, Romans, Ephesians, Thessalonians and Timothy*. The study of philology offers exposure in the area of languages via courses in *Estrangelo Aramaic, Hebrew, New Testament Greek and Figures of Speech in the Bible*, which also includes *Orientalisms in the Bible*.

Biblical research is the specialty of The Way Corps academic curriculum with emphasis upon *Keys to Research, Advanced Keys to Research, Research Design and Writing* and the *Research Seminar*. The culmination, the highest point of the Biblical studies curriculum, is the research project, submitted by the student in the final year in residence. The re-searching of

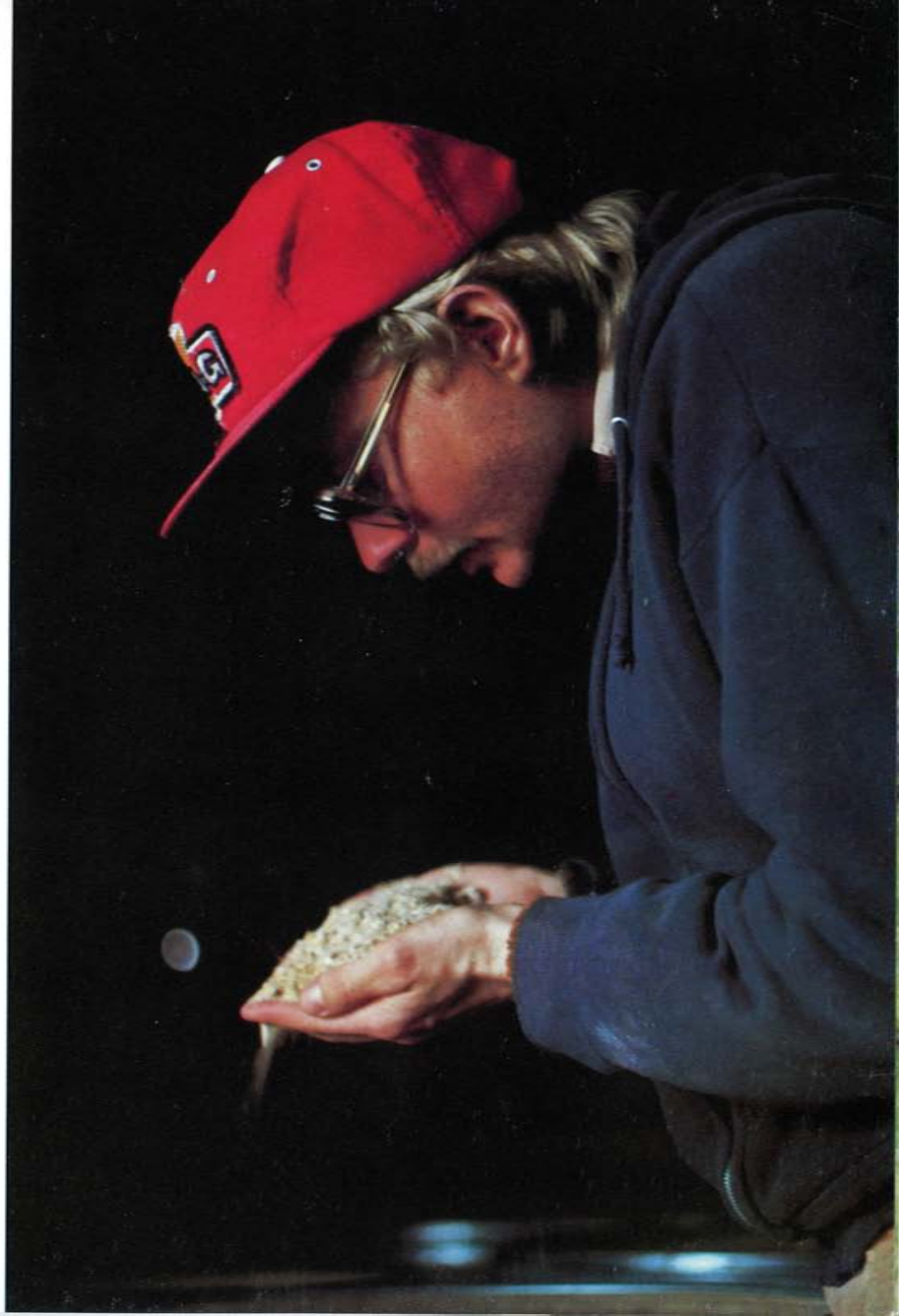
minute details of God's Word requires discipline. The disciplined training received in The Way Corps has prepared each student for such work. The research project builds in the student confidence in himself as a workman of the Word. A glimpse of light may satisfy some seekers of the Word of God, but those in The Way Corps desire to gaze into the full brilliance of God's light.



# LEARNING FOR LIFE

Life is a laboratory, and in The Way Corps, learning occurs in the classroom as well as out. Outside the academic classroom students of The Way Corps receive on-the-job training each day by serving in some phase of The Way International ministry. Depending on their special interests and abilities, students may work in such areas as bookstore management, audio/video, administration and office procedure, food preparation, organic gardening and groundskeeping, music, art and theatrical production, data processing and other areas. Their daily schedule is designed to provide them with more than a merely scholastic environment by placing them in the schoolroom of experience and directly involving them in the practical outreach of the ministry.

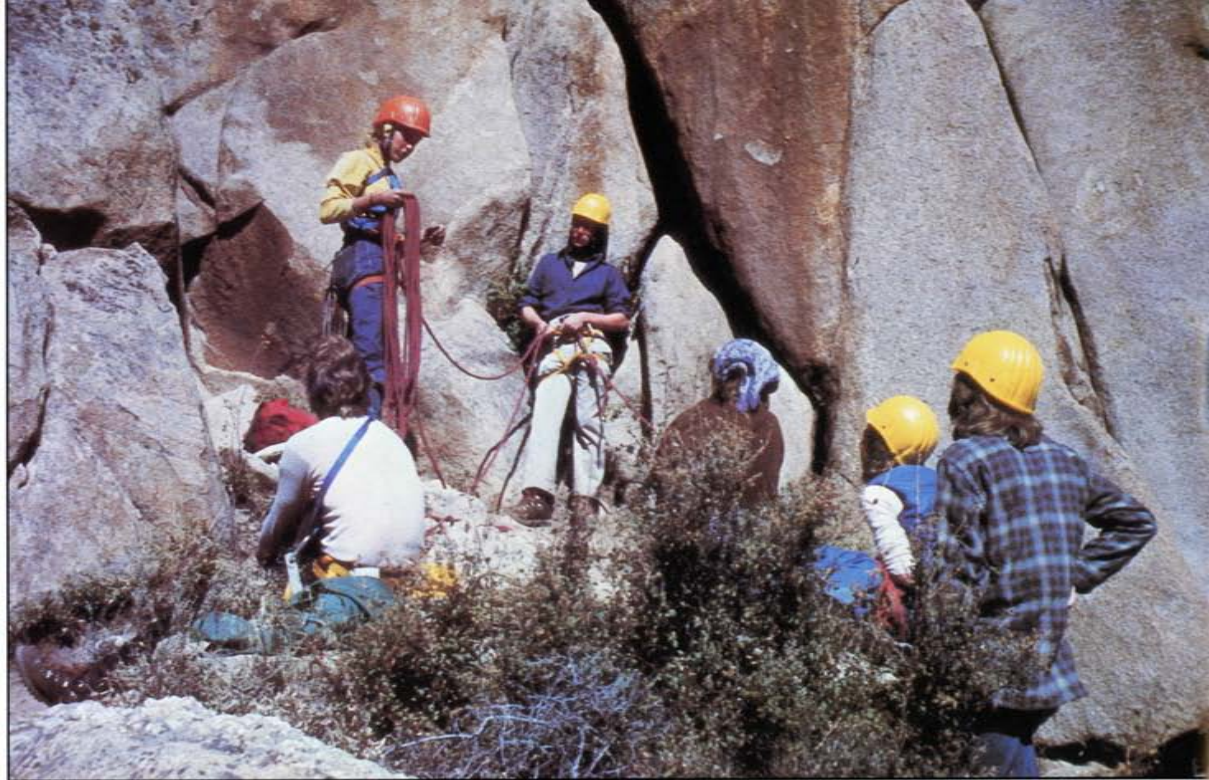




# FITNESS FOR LIVING

Physical training is a valuable part of The Way Corps program. Because the Christian believer is a three-part being, his life must be balanced mentally, physically and spiritually in order for him to be at his best. Through participation in LEAD Outdoor Academy International, Way Corps students learn to develop mental flexibility and physical stamina. Students build an attitude of "I can do, therefore I do" and learn to live abundantly.

Whether jogging down a country road or applying the principles of aerobics in other categories of fitness; whether studying and applying techniques of good grooming or Christian etiquette; whether learning about nutrition, health or dental hygiene, The Way Corps student is taught *how* to present himself in the most attractive and vital manner. Physical training is not only a valuable part of The Way Corps program while the student is in residence, but the program is designed to instill a lifelong vision of "Fitness for Living." In all areas, The Way Corps training is the best way of life.





# GIVING AND RECEIVING

Among the Biblical principles applied in The Way Corps is the principle of giving and receiving. Students learn to give of themselves—their time, energy and efforts. By sharing of their material resources, they expect and receive the blessing of having their personal needs met according to God's promises in His Word. Giving is *believing* and believing is receiving. As students apply this principle in every area of living, they are enriched in return, so that their lives become dynamic in their ability to help people.







## ADVANCED TRAINING

Graduates of The Way Corps make up the heart of the leadership of The Way Ministry. The Way Corps is not a substitute for college. It is an advanced training program for specially selected men and women, many of whom will have completed a baccalaureate or postgraduate program. Upon graduation, Way Corps members receive a certificate of completion. Those holding a baccalaureate degree are awarded a Bachelor of Theology degree by The Way College of Biblical Research, Indiana Campus. All other Corps graduates receive an Associate of Theology degree from the Indiana Campus. Graduates of The Way Corps go forth as leaders and workers in areas of concern, interest and need.



# PROFILES FROM THE WAY CORPS



John Hendricks

John Hendricks grew up in South Carolina. When John was 12 years old, his father left home, leaving John to help his mother raise the family. After graduating from high school, John managed a supermarket and was co-owner of a small construction company. John entered The Way Corps in 1973. After graduating from the Corps in 1976, he became the state leader of South Carolina and started a multi-faceted corporation involving landscaping, maintenance,

equipment sales and a retail store and nursery. Within two years he had one of the largest landscaping and maintenance services in South Carolina.

"The Way Corps is not a training for businessmen, it is training for Christian service that enables you to do *anything* successfully in life. In my work as an ordained clergyman and also running my own business, I had to push hard, delegate responsibility, pay close attention to detail, follow through and make numerous split-second decisions. Those decisions had to be right every time. These things are what made me a success so fast. I would never have accomplished what I have accomplished in the time it took me to do it if it had not been for The Way Corps training."



Bruce Mahone

Born in Chicago, Bruce later moved to Larchmont, New York with his parents. He received his bachelor of science degree in

mechanical engineering from the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut. Following college, he entered The Way Corps in 1976.

After graduating from The Way Corps in 1979, Bruce began working toward his M.A./Ph.D. in the study of Biblical languages and literature at the University of Chicago Oriental Institute (Early Christian Literature and Classics departments) and the Institute of Syriac Manuscripts at the Lutheran School of Theology. A highlight of his studies includes close personal work with Dr. Arthur Vööbus, the renowned expert in Syriac church history and manuscripts.

"The spiritual understanding which I acquired in The Way Corps enables me to quickly and effectually sort through the myriad of Biblically related material in the academic world. The incredible depth of Corps training in the whole Word has given me the scope to see where my professors' viewpoints are based on the accuracy of the Word and where they are merely agnostic conjectures.

"Having investigated theological institutions around the world, I am absolutely convinced that The Way Corps is the one and only program in the world today which trains people for actual Biblical research and teaching instead of Biblical speculation and indoctrination."



Mary Ann Hendricks

Born and raised in Charlotte, North Carolina, Mary Ann Hendricks began taking piano lessons at the age of seven. After years of disciplined practice and training, Mary Ann has done numerous recitals, accompanied various choral groups and vocal soloists, as well as composed and performed music for her solo album, "Heart." She received her bachelor of arts degree in music from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and has studied at Oxford University in England, traveling extensively around Europe. She taught piano in her own studio until entering The Way Corps in 1973.

As a wife, mother and God-inspired professional, Mary Ann is thankful for the principles

she learned during her Way Corps training. She feels that now she can live a fuller life to the end of service to God's people. She is currently producing a new album of original contemporary music and working on a major Biblical research project.

"To me the more abundant life is in service within the One Body. Unity of service equals fellowship of success. To me—that's The Way Corps. The Corps gave me the foundation so that I could be the best wife, mother, performer, leader and servant. This has to be the greatest life there is to live."



Elena S. Whiteside

Born in Magnitogorsk, USSR of an American father and a Russian mother, Elena Whiteside came to the USA with her family to grow up in New York and Connecticut. She received her bachelor of arts degree in English literature from Swarthmore College in

Pennsylvania in 1959 and her master's degree from New York University in 1966. During the fifties and sixties she traveled extensively throughout Europe, North Africa, the Middle East, India and the USSR, studying at the Sorbonne in Paris, living for five years in Germany.

After her three children were born, she embarked on a writing career with an article in the *New York Times Sunday Magazine*. In subsequent years her articles appeared in the *Christian Science Monitor*, *Catholic Digest*, *Look Magazine*, and the *Chicago Tribune-Daily News*. She has also done writing, research and photography for *Time/Life*, *Horizon Books*, *Newsweek Books* and *ABC-TV*, among others.

In 1974, Elena and two of her children entered The Way Family Corps. Having completed her Way Corps training, Elena continued to be deeply involved in teaching, research, writing, public relations work and multi-media production.

"The Way Corps training taught me how to utilize greater potential in my own life. Insight into working with people has always been of vital importance to me. The Way Corps taught me not only how to live and work with people, but more than that, how to love people and help bring out their highest potential. All the other work I do, whether writing, research or production, is in the last analysis, *for people.*"



Bill Standage

An athlete, hunter, fisherman, outdoorsman and individualist, Bill Standage grew up in the farmlands of Clarinda, Iowa. Bill, at the age of sixteen, joined the Marine Corps and served in the South Pacific for three years. After the Marines, he worked in insurance for 15 years and then, following a move to Oklahoma, he became the manager in charge of payroll and production for five industrial laundry plants. Bill and his wife Barbara raised three sons. Two of their sons are Way Corps grads and ordained clergymen and their youngest son is on Staff for The Way International. After their sons entered college, Bill and his wife opened an insurance office in Gunnison, Colorado. Their success in business, however, did not stop them from entering The Way Family Corps in 1974.

After their in-residence year, Bill coordinated Way Builders at International Headquarters. Then in 1976, Bill and his wife moved back to Gunnison to coordinate the work at Camp Gunnison, The Way Family Ranch. The Standages are currently living in Longmont, Colorado where Bill has opened an insurance office with Farm Bureau and leads a Biblical research and teaching fellowship.

"The Corps taught me how to discipline my mind, making my time important and utilizing it to the best advantage. In The Way Corps I learned how to love people. The only real way to help people is to show them how much we love them.

"The Way Corps is life brought into reality by the greatness of the Word. Life is exciting and electrifying when you walk with God and His Word."



Phil Yates

Phil Yates was raised in Reno, Nevada. He graduated from high school in 1968, and went to San

Jacinto Junior College in Texas for two years. He was arrested in 1971 for smuggling marijuana across the Mexican/American border. Phil served 22 months of a five-year sentence in Seagoville Correctional Institute in Seagoville, Texas. While in prison, he took the Power for Abundant Living class.

In 1975, he became involved with Correctional Outreach work in Ohio. Phil entered The Way Corps in 1976 and spent his interim year at International Headquarters as the national coordinator of Correctional Outreach. He is currently living in Columbus, Ohio, coordinating the correctional work for the state. He is also serving as the financial secretary for the state and the leader for the Columbus area.

"The Corps built a platform of success in my life. Now I am the person that I've always seen myself as being. I have the confidence to go into any kind of situation and come out with the results I desire.

"One of the greatest principles I learned in The Way Corps was to love challenges and to accept them steadfastly with an eager mind. In The Way Corps, I acquired a command of the Word which enables me to have spiritual command of my environment.

"The Way Corps teaches people how to really love life because real life is service. Loving life is loving to serve."



Debra Zelov

Debra Zelov was born and raised in Perham, Minnesota, and worked in a hospital as a nurse's aide throughout her high school years. She earned a bachelor of science degree in nursing from Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota. After college Debra went to work at Mayo Clinic/Rochester Methodist Hospital as a registered nurse in orthopedic surgery. In 1976 she entered The Way Corps and graduated from the Corps in 1979. Debra is currently working at the Wilson Memorial Hospital in Sidney, Ohio with surgical patients.

"In The Way Corps I learned the great principle of work—how to work, how to love work and the joy of living an industrious and productive lifestyle. I find that after training in The Way Corps, I am able to perceive real need in people's lives, and I have the ability and believing to do something about it.

"The Way Corps lit a fire of learning in my life to the extent that now it's an ever-present, ever-increasing desire within me. Learning is one of the greatest privileges of living."



Lonnell Johnson

Born and reared in Gary, Indiana, Lonnell graduated from high school in 1960 and then from Purdue University in 1965 with a bachelor of science degree in pharmacy. He worked as a staff pharmacist in a hospital until he was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1967. In the Army, he worked as a pharmacy instructor at the Medical Field Service School, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Once discharged, he moved to Washington, D.C. to work for the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association as an information analyst from 1969-71 until he entered The Way Corps.

Following successful completion of The Way Corps

training, Lonnell served as an Area coordinator, was ordained and then studied for and received his master's degree in 1978 from Emporia State University.

Currently, Lonnell is an associate editor, writer and administrator. Part of the year he teaches on various campuses in the area of history and languages.

"The Way Corps has laid a foundation for success and patterns of success in my life. Whether working with people, teaching or developing in personal areas, The Way Corps has geared my mind to think in terms of success and excelling in everything I undertake to do. As an undergraduate in college, I learned how to make a living. My training in The Way Corps taught me how to live life to its fullest and how to be of greater service to others."

# THE WAY CORPS AND YOU



The Way Corps program is financially the responsibility of financial contributors to The Way International. In order to take full advantage of the learning experience, Corps members do not have an outside job, but rather work within the ministry as part of The Way Corps training. Participants seek donations to The Way International for its outreach ministries, one of which is The Way Corps. These donations help support the continuation of The Way International's training of men and women committed to the outreach of God's Word. As the first century church supported itself and had all things in common, so The Way Ministry, in following the great pattern of God's Word (Philippians 4:11-19), is able to do the same. In *giving*, the donors contribute to the overall training of The Way Corps. As one gives he receives. Financial commitment is no exception. It is for anyone who desires to faithfully help people learn how to serve and minister to people. It is an investment of

"heart" and finances toward The Way International's general education program. A closer relationship develops because a donor to The Way International's educational programs is considered a spiritual partner; therefore, the Corps members communicate with donors regularly. Each Way Corps student writes a "bless letter" to donors monthly, sharing his life and spiritual growth. This establishes warm friendships and gives the donor the opportunity to hear a little of the heartbeat of this exciting Biblical research ministry.

If you would like to learn more about contributing to The Way International which is training vitally needed leaders for our times, outstanding men and women with a positive perspective and accurate knowledge of the Word of God, write:

The Way Corps  
The Way International  
Box 328  
New Knoxville, OH 45871



## WHAT IS THE WAY CORPS?

Not ancient walls and ivy-mantled towers  
Where dull denominational traditions  
Rule with heavy hand  
Believers' deeply springing powers.

Not spacious pleasure courts  
Or lofty temples of athletic fame  
Where devotees of sports mistake a pastime  
For life's highest game.

Not fashion or renown  
Or wealthy patronage and rich estate;  
No, none of these can crown the Way Corps with light  
And make it truly great.

But equipped believers, ambassadors strong and wise  
Who teach because they love the teacher's task  
And find their richest prize  
In eyes that open, and in minds that ask.

Adapted from the fourth stanza of Spirit of the  
Everlasting Boy: Ode for the 100th Anniversary of the  
Lawrenceville School by Henry Van Dyke.

