

As stewards
of God's grace,
serve one another.
1 Peter 4:10

CHRONICLES

WINTER 2005
VOL III NO.4

THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF THE VALLEY BRETHREN-MENNONITE HERITAGE CENTER

Al Keim willing servant

There are those who labor with their heads and those who labor with their hands. Dr. Albert N. Keim does both well. His skill with hammer and nails was honed in Europe following the devastation of World War II as he and other young PAX men - conscientious objectors to war - built homes for refugees.



Al Keim in Germany
after World War II

When he returned to the States, he earned degrees in history from Eastern Mennonite University, University of Virginia and Ohio State University. He also taught history for many years at EMU, where he also served for a while as dean and supported the development of the "Global Village" curriculum.

Dr. Keim has authored several books, including one on Civilian Public Service and a biography of Mennonite theologian Harold S. Bender. He served as the assistant director of "Conscientious Objectors in the Shenandoah Valley," a documentary that aired several times on WVPT in 2004.

Read more about Keim's servant heart and his dedication to the CrossRoads vision by becoming a member with a gift of \$100 or more (see coupon on back).



Sunshine Swells Harvest Day Crowd

Gorgeous weather brought some 700 persons, many of them children, out to enjoy Harvest Day activities at CrossRoads on October 15. While the adults listened to stories of faith and conscience in the Whitmer School or beside the Wash House, the children rode a horse-drawn wagon, painted faces on pumpkins and gourds, shelled and ground corn and fed it to the chickens, petted a sheep, made and played darts using corn cobs and

feathers and played board games. Children and adults also tried their hand at crosscut log sawing, imagined working with old tractors and implements, and watched spinners and quilters ply their crafts in the Burkholder-Myers House. Volunteers also boiled molasses from sorghum cane syrup and pressed cider from fresh apples - two foods among many that were available for purchase during the day.

Valley Brethren-Mennonite Heritage Center
711 Garbers Church Road
P.O. Box 1563
Harrisonburg, VA 22803
540-438-1275
www.VBMHC.org

Non-Profit Org
U. S. Postage
PAID
Permit 75
Harrisonburg, VA

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

