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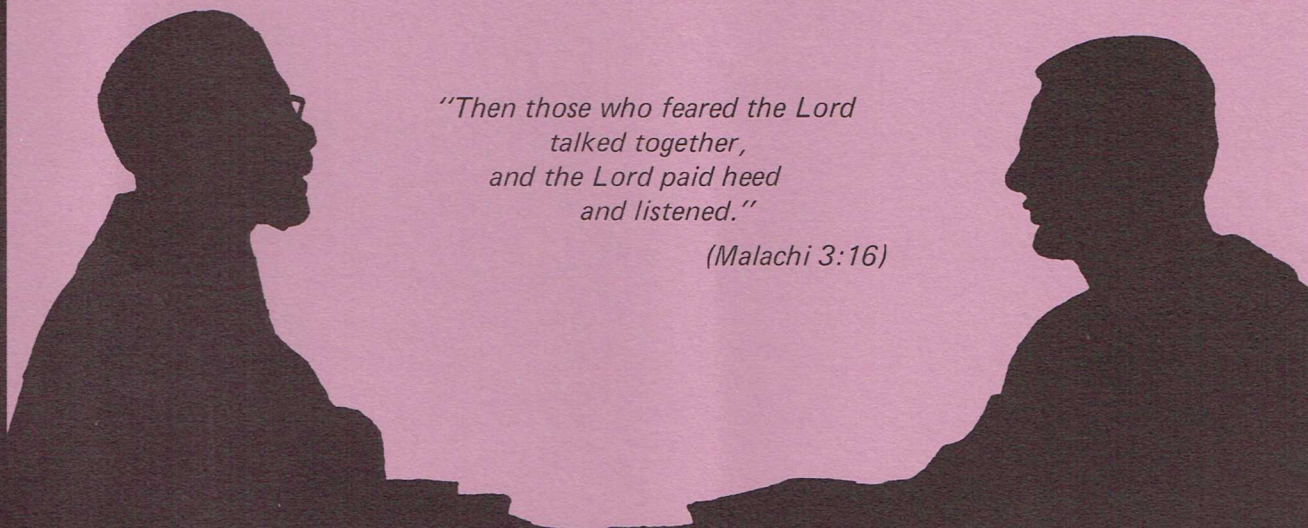
**. . . this is one of the prime concerns
of the Board for Missions.**

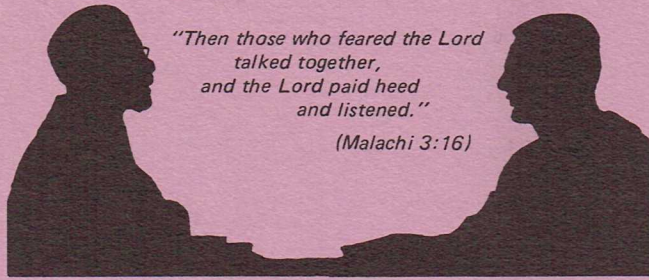
The brethren in local congregations overseas . . . the national church leaders . . . the missionaries on the field . . . the board members and missions executives . . . the brethren in local American and Canadian congregations . . . ALL of these brethren in Christ need to share in a continuous interchange of prayers, questions, criticisms, and insights. Each party in the brotherhood has unique perspectives to share, and each party has unique needs to be met by the others.

Potential means of talking together include interaction with missionaries visiting local congregations, discussions with local members of the Board for Missions, visits or letters to the missions office in Elizabethtown, and discussions among local brethren.

*"Then those who feared the Lord
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and the Lord paid heed
and listened."*

(Malachi 3:16)





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Recent discussions of this type have included such diverse and controversial topics as:

- † Are some Brethren in Christ missions overly institutionalized?
- † Are we applying the gospel of Christ so that it "scratches where the people itch"?
- † Why do "outside" missionary enterprises sometimes present more appeal to some brethren than do our own brotherhood's endeavors?
- † What does the perennial problem of raising the budget indicate?
- † Are our Voluntary Service programs a matter of convenience to institutional missions, or are they a viable form of service and witness?
- † What should be the role of Brethren in Christ missions in the "Samarias" of America?
- † Must we wait for governmental policies and/or persecutions before fully implementing a truly indigenous church?
- † What form shall the emerging work in Nicaragua take?

These questions have prompted responses by the Board and by field personnel. But the discussion has only begun. Share your insights concerning these, and other, questions by contacting members of the Board for Missions, and by writing to:

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