



### **SPECIAL FRIENDS OF MISSION CENTRAL VISIT FROM NORTHERN IOWA**

The next time you drive by a large grain bin or see a grain bin fan with a green circle and the name SUKUP printed on it, I want you to thank the good Lord for this company! The Sukup Family has been wonderful supporters of our work here at Mission Central. Over the years the entire family has truly been an encouragement to “keep us telling more and more people about our Savior Jesus!” It was such a great blessing to have one of the owners, who is the son of the founders of the company, Eugene and Mary Sukup, come and visit Mission Central and hear a report from Rev. Jim and Mabelle Bloker who just returned from the Czech Republic. Charles and Mary Sukup made a long trip to be here in our barn that day, and so much enjoyed the missionary’s report. Charles had met Rev. Bloker when they visited Prague in the Czech Republic. What a JOY to have the Sukup family come for the very first time to visit Mission Central. Pictured here are Charles and Mary Sukup in front of the altar in the Barn.



### **BUS FROM MILWAUKEE COMES TO SPEND DAYS AT MISSION CENTRAL!**

It is truly a “miracle” when you think that a bus load of 50 people would come all the way from Milwaukee, Wisconsin to spend several days in the hills of western Iowa in an old set of farm buildings. Truly you would have to say that these people were "not normal"! About two years ago the South Wisconsin LWML wanted to make a special mission trip to Mission Central, and it all came together. They spent an entire day and had the honor of hearing Rev. Jim and Mabelle Bloker from Prague in the Czech Republic give their report. They also enjoyed the tour of the Museum, the collection of tractors, and several special Bible study presentations that were made by Missionary Gary. They were guided by Gary through a tour of the Loess Hills and also went to the Museum of Religion at Logan, Iowa. A worship service was held on Sunday morning with



Rev. Klaus Raab from Climbing Hill, Iowa. A final report was shared on the new doors that God is opening in these last days. One of the ladies was a wife of a pastor and she said, "My life has changed and I have been so encouraged by this tour." It was truly a time that the members of that bus tour will never forget. It was one of the most enthusiastic groups we have ever had at Mission Central!

### **ASIAN AREA DIRECTOR REV. JOHN MEHL PRESENTS AT MISSION CENTRAL**

All the way from Hong Kong in southern China, Rev. John Mehl came to speak to a large group of missionaries from this part of the world! Rev. Mehl is our lead missionary in Asia and is totally in charge of opening new doors to countries where LCMS World Mission has never worked before. Rev. Mehl reported on new work in India, mainland China, Cambodia, Indonesia, and Vietnam. He reported that a new Lutheran school will be starting in Hanoi, Vietnam. Rev. Mehl reported that there are now more Christians than Communists in mainland China and that soon there will be more Christians in China than any other country in the world! The Christian Church in mainland China is growing at the rate of 4 new congregations per DAY! Here you see Rev. Mehl reporting in our Fellowship Hall that was filled to capacity.



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