

name as a **call to Christians to gather around the Word, around the table of the Lord, at church and at home, and around the world in service and evangelism**. The name also calls up images of Jesus gathering children to him.

**OPE – On Earth Peace** -The On Earth Peace (OEP) Board of Directors and staff met April 16-17 at New Windsor, Md. With the theme "Sown, Grown, and Living," the group took time to reflect on how they, as individuals and as an organization, sow the seeds of peace while reaping the fruits of reconciliation.

**Global Food Crisis Fund supports projects of Heifer International.**

In recognition of the **60th anniversary of Heifer International** (HI--formerly Heifer Project International) and the role that the Church of the Brethren played in its formation and continues today, the General Board's Global Food Crisis Fund (GFCF) has **allocated \$60,000** to HI-supported projects in Armenia, Zimbabwe, and Albania. The grants engage the fund in three new countries, according to GFCF manager Howard Royer, and bring the total of grant monies issued in the first four months of 2004 to a quarter of a million dollars.

**"Messenger" awarded for conference coverage, design.**

The Church of the Brethren magazine "Messenger" **received two "Best of the Christian Press" awards at the Associated Church Press convention April 20 in Toronto, Canada, in the categories of convention coverage and design.** A first-place "award of excellence" went to editor Fletcher Farrar and author Walt Wiltschek for the Annual Conference preview in the May 2003 issue, and for coverage of the conference in the August issue. In the category of design, Messenger received a second-place "award of merit" for the October 2003 issue designed by Paul Stocksdale of The Concept Mill and cover design by Debbie Noffsinger.

**Brethren Volunteer Service is in need of help.**

BVS is looking for past BVS unit pictures and name lists. Check the BVS website, [www.brethrenvolunteerservice.org](http://www.brethrenvolunteerservice.org), to see if your unit picture or name list is missing. Please send missing unit photos and lists to Samuel Bowman, Brethren Volunteer Service, 1451 Dundee Ave., Elgin, IL 60120-1694 or e-mail [sbowman\\_gb@brethren.org](mailto:sbowman_gb@brethren.org). Be sure to write your name and address on the back of the photo so that it can be returned, and identify the unit number and names of members. - CoB *Newsline*

**South Central Indiana District Conference**

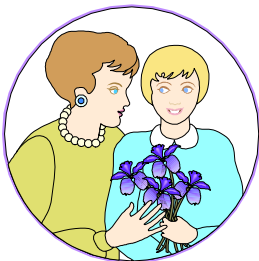
Date: September 10-11, 2004

Site: Mexico Church of the Brethren

Theme: John 13:34-35

Speaker: Chris Bunch

This conference will focus more on worship and less on business, making for a more spirit-filled conference.



*"Happy Mother's Day" means more  
Than have a happy day.  
Within those words lie lots of things  
We never get to say.*

*It means I love you first of all,  
Then thanks for all you do.  
It means you mean a lot to me,  
And that I honor you.*

*But most of all, I guess it means  
That I am thinking of  
Your happiness on this, your day,  
With pleasure and with love. Copyright by Nicholas Gordon*