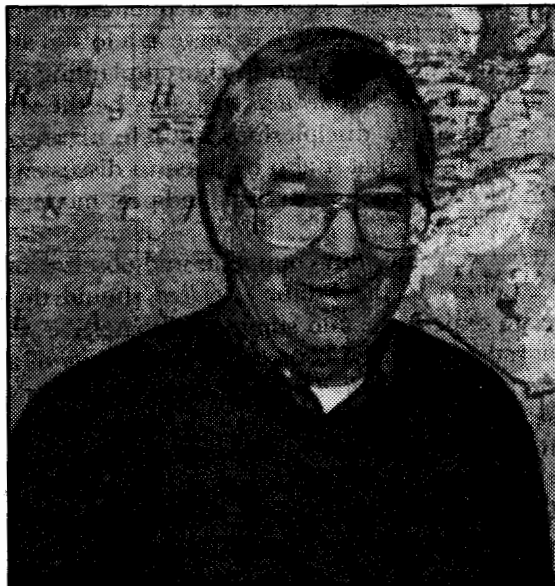




Wendell Evans

1935 – 2001

Editor, Seedbed

1996 – 2001

Editorial

The response regarding the imminent re-appearance of *Seedbed* has been very heartening. So after the two-year hiatus caused by the passing of the last editor, our beloved brother Wendell, we invite our friends to read, respond and react to Issue No. 1, 2003. The first editor of this magazine, Sam Schlorff, has reminded me of *Seedbed's* original purpose. "*Seedbed* is a publication focusing on church planting in the Arab World. Its purpose is to serve as a forum and channel of ideas and information useful to those involved in church planting in the Arab World." We intend to retain that focus. Let *Seedbed* therefore be the voice of AWM in the areas of Muslim evangelism, discipleship, church planting, missiology and Islamics. However, we intend that it also be open to discuss wider questions like globalization and missions, religious pluralism and post-modernism without being unnecessarily controversial.

Please note that we welcome your comments and observations and will reserve a section entitled "Letters to the Editor." *Seedbed* should do much more than inform; it must relate experience and stimulate debate. We will have missed the point if all men agree with us. Of course, the viewpoints of any article remain those of its author, and not of *Seedbed* itself. If there are issues you believe should be featured, please say so.

This first "revived issue of *Seedbed*" is purposely multi-faceted. Do take time to carefully reflect on the main articles such as the "Vulnerability and Genius of Christianity," and "God's Purposes for Jews and Arabs." Perhaps you will agree with Brent Mitchell who believes that "Missions Have to Change." And don't skip on the book reviews that introduce you to the learned doctors of script.

Finally, as David Lundy writes elsewhere, *Seedbed* is dedicating this issue to Wendell Evans. No one loved the Arab peoples more, worked more assiduously for their conversion, nor prayed more fervently for the Church of Christ in these lands. We honor your memory, Wendell, and shall seek to imitate your example.

Abe Wiebe (Editor)

a.wiebe@sympatico.ca

Why Resurrect SEEDBED ?

by David Lundy

Imagine my shock when, at my first set of Global Forum and International Council meetings as ID last November, I was informed by one of the leaders: "Oh, by the way, David, I hope you realize that you are responsible to edit our in-house journal, *Seedbed*, or find someone else to do it for you." My answer was, "What is *Seedbed*? I've never even seen a copy of it before ... and I'm not into gardening!"

Well, now I have been introduced