

Almost anyone can find a way to join in this significant effort. Some tasks require computer knowledge or foreign language abilities, but others simply require time and "elbow grease."

Before you begin, however, be sure to let the GRANDMA project committee know what you would like to do. By doing so, you will not be working on something that either has already been done or that someone else is currently doing. Dozens of people have already become "GRANDMA's helpers." We hope to see many more join us in achieving a comprehensive record of our own "cloud of witnesses," which has given us life, memories, history, and a spiritual heritage that deserves to be recorded for our own posterity.

Alan Peters

Hiebert Library extends Special Borrower privileges to CMHS members

The Hiebert Library at Fresno Pacific University and the Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary has recently changed its policy on "Special Borrower" privileges. Previously these privileges were available free of charge to only limited groups of people (mainly alumni and local pastors). The newly-adopted policy extends Special Borrower status to the general public for a \$25.00 annual fee.

The good news for Historical Society members is that all paying members automatically qualify for free Special Borrower status. Special Borrower cards may be requested at the library's main circulation desk. Library staff will have a list of all current paying members of the Historical Society, and will issue a free Special Borrowers card on that basis. Contact Kevin Enns-Rempel in the Center for Mennonite Brethren Studies (in Hiebert Library) if you think you are a current member but your name does not appear on the front desk list.

The Special Borrowers card provides borrowing privileges for all general circulation items in both the main collection of Hiebert Library and the Center for Mennonite Brethren Studies. General circulation items can be checked out for four weeks.

The Historical Society is on the Web!

In April 1996 the California Mennonite Historical Society took its place on the Internet's World Wide Web, at:

www.fresno.edu/cmhs

The Web site, designed and maintained by Kevin Enns-Rempel includes the following kinds of information:

- Membership information and a list of current officers
- Information on upcoming annual meetings and other Society events, and a complete list of past annual meetings.
- Genealogy Project Committee information, including the GRANDMA CD-ROM project.
- Complete text of the *CMHS Bulletin*, beginning with issue no. 32 (June 1995).
- A list of items for sale by the Society, including the Molotschna Colony map, Menno Simons portrait, and GRANDMA CD-ROM.

The Society's site has been visited over 900 times since it was introduced last April. We have been pleased by the increased visibility that it has given the Society beyond its current membership roles.

Three other related Web sites also were introduced last April:

The Center for Mennonite Brethren Studies
(www.fresno.edu/cmbs)

The Historical Commission of the MB Church
(www.fresno.edu/hc)

The Mennonite-Polish Friendship Association
(www.fresno.edu/mpfa)

We encourage you to visit these sites, and see what we have to offer on the Web.