

CHAPTER EIGHT

JULIUS EWALD KARL COLLEGE BOUND Departing Canada for College in the USA Not anticipating the 13-year journey ahead 1962 - Starting at Warner Pacific, Portland, Oregon by Yvonne

In 1962, Julius decided to break off his engagement to a girl he had met and courted through various Gemeinde Gottes (Church of God) gatherings. He packed his belongings and traveled to Portland, Oregon where he enrolled in Warner Pacific College. Because he had only completed fifth grade in Germany, he first had to take and pass tests to get his Graduate Education Degree (GED). His freshman classes proved very challenging— primarily because his English language skills were deficient. He related how he wrote between the lines in his textbooks, translating them from English to German. As a result of this, some of his professors encouraged him to drop out of college and work as a cabinetmaker for which he had trained in Germany. However, both Dr. Wilma Perry, Psychology professor, and Dr. Irene Caldwell, Christian Education professor, encouraged him not to give up. In fact, Dr. Caldwell told him she was moving to teach at Anderson College and encouraged him to transfer there.

1963 - Transferred to Anderson College, Anderson, Indiana

With two years of college struggles behind him at WPC, Julius decided to transfer to Anderson College in Indiana in order to get a fresh start with the professors. In Anderson, his academic studies improved with encouragement from the faculty and staff. He made many friends and enjoyed his popularity with the single females. Also, there were invitations extended to him to preach revivals in various churches including a memorable one in Saltville, Virginia. His popularity as an evangelist was no doubt enhanced by his exposition of Scriptures as well as his German accent and winsome personality. During the summers he did various construction projects to help add to his savings and pay for his college classes.



Julius graduated from Anderson College in 1965 with a bachelor's degree in history and Bible. His sister Frieda came for the graduation festivities and brought him a gift of pearl and gold cuff links which he treasured the rest of his life and are now in the custody of his only daughter, Caroline.



**1965 - B.A. Degree completed.
Enrolled in Anderson IN School of Theology, 3yr Seminary Program**

Although it was not in his original plans, immediately after college graduation Julius began working toward his Master of Divinity degree at Anderson Indiana School of Theology. This required three years of study but he enjoyed life in Anderson and was up to the task. This was the year that began confusion in his courtships. He dated several young ladies, but three got his special attention. How could he choose among them?

During his three years in seminary, in addition to preaching and studying for his classes, he was hired to teach German at the college while Professor Peter Tjart was on sabbatical. Nevertheless, he still found time to date and was praying about finding the right lady for his wife. During his second year of seminary, a new faculty member (Yvonne) was hired to teach Spanish and her office was across the hall from his. He pursued her and quickly won her hand in marriage.



Prior to coming to the United States for college, Julius had taken bible classes offered to German ministers of the Church of God by Rev. Sonnenberg in Canada. His goal all along was to finish college and return to the pastorate. Now married, he was about to graduate from seminary when he began to vacillate. Just before graduation, he and his wife Yvonne accepted an invitation to candidate as pastor for Ben Hill Church of God in Atlanta, Georgia. The people were very accepting and Yvonne loved the parsonage. However, on the drive back Julius informed her he didn't want to pastor after all. Instead he wanted to enroll in a Ph.D. program at Indiana University in Indianapolis. He just couldn't be satisfied till he reached the top.



Seminary graduation was a marvelous event. There was a special celebration dinner hosted by the seminary for the graduates and their spouses. Yvonne and other spouses were awarded a PHT degree (*putting hubby through*). Dr. Reardon, the college President, had become a dear friend and encourager during these seminary years.

**1968 - Master of Divinity in hand.
Headed for Ph.D. program at Indiana University**

Application was made at Indiana University and Julius was accepted in the Ph.D. program. However, there were prerequisite courses which would result in getting a Master of Arts. In May, he and Yvonne drove from Anderson to Bloomington so he could meet his academic advisor and committee to lay out the schedule for the required courses and beyond. His tentative plan was that he would stay in Indianapolis during the week and make the 2-hour drive back to Anderson on weekends so his wife could continue teaching at the college. Meanwhile, she had other plans.

While Julius was in his committee meeting, Yvonne went to the phone booth and looked up local public schools and called to inquire about vacancies. Only one district office was open: Richland Bean Blossom Community Schools in Ellettsville—just outside Bloomington. She was transferred to the junior high school principal who agreed to wait in his office for her to come out for an interview. When Julius came back to the car after his meeting, she told him where they were going. He was trying to comprehend why the trip but went along with her. She explained that they had been married less than a year and she wasn't ready to live separate from her husband even for a week. She had also decided to get a teaching job nearby and enroll in a Ph.D. program at IU.

The principal and superintendent were waiting when Yvonne arrived. She left the interview with a contract to teach beginning in the Fall term. Julius, still a bit surprised, and Yvonne, quite happy, drove back to Anderson, handed in their resignations to the college, and made plans to move to Bloomington. That year, Julius had a teaching assistantship at IU, began a Master of Arts program in Germanic language and literature, and also began his coursework for a Ph.D. Yvonne taught Spanish and English at the Junior High and began doing coursework in night classes for a Ph.D. in

School Administration and Counseling. During the summer they both took classes and Yvonne worked part-time as a cashier at Wasson's Department Store. The next year she was appointed girls' counselor at the school. She was on staff there for five years.

*Julius and Yvonne spent five years living in this building,
in the apartment with the air conditioner—a luxury they bought for themselves.
815 S. Henderson, Bloomington, IN 47401
It was torn down a few years later to make room for a huge apartment complex.*



Interruption

All in all, they spent five school years at Indiana University. Well into the first semester of his third year, the multiple demands of passing basic proficiency tests in additional languages – Russian, Polish, French - caught up with Julius. He had no energy to keep up with the pressure of the requirements. This eventually led to doctor visits and multiple medical tests. In the end, his doctor put him in the hospital for two weeks with no medications. He had determined that Julius' problem was "overload" and he was "plain worn out" and needed rest. As a result, he had to drop his courses for that semester and rest. During the summer, he studied the languages and Yvonne quizzed him with flashcards. When fall came, he returned to campus refreshed and ready to pick up where he left off; and he passed the language proficiency tests with no problem.

During his last two years at Indiana University, Julius taught History at a local high school while continuing work on his dissertation: "Theological Motifs in the works of Andreas Gryphius." He especially liked his principal-boss who often took him fishing. Yvonne continued working as teacher and girls' counselor. She loved her work, her boss, and her cohorts at her school.

1973

First Baby on the way

US Citizenship

Job Change

By now, Julius had decided to work toward USA citizenship. In June 1973, a pregnancy test for Yvonne came back positive; and a few days later, they drove to Indianapolis where Julius was sworn in as an American citizen.

Doctorate coursework for both Julius and Yvonne was completed and they felt they needed a change. At a summer conference, Julius met the Language Coordinator for Jefferson County Schools in Louisville, Kentucky. That unplanned meeting turned into jobs for both him and Yvonne. Julius started fall semester 1973 teaching at Ballard High School in Louisville. He rented a room from a couple of widow sisters and commuted back to Bloomington most weekends. A few weekends, Yvonne drove to Louisville to join him looking for a place to live as she would join him in December.

Racial Discrimination?

By Yvonne

Julius looked at houses with a realtor in various areas in Louisville, then one weekend I, Yvonne, drove down to look at a specific one he had considered a possibility. The realtor assured Julius that this house was in a neighborhood that would stay white —to which Julius said, “My wife is black.” (He was definitely not one to lie, but he felt this realtor needed to learn a lesson. Not all whites are prejudiced! This was in the 1970’s when controversial school bussing had just been introduced.) He said the realtor became nervous and his face turned bright red, but he had no choice but to show the house. When Julius and I arrived at his office on Saturday morning, we were greeted by the realtor’s secretary who was all smiles when Julius introduced me as his wife. She then disappeared to get the realtor. When he came out to greet us, he began shaking our hands fervently. Julius explained his position and that we would welcome the opportunity to live in an interracial neighborhood. We did not take the house.

Over the next few weeks we made the decision to buy a lot where Julius would build a house for us. With my principal’s blessings, I stayed on in my position until November 30. (Four weeks before our baby was due). The next day, friends came and helped pack up our furniture. Julius drove the truck, and I followed in our car and moved the 101 miles to an apartment Julius had rented for us in Louisville. Friends met us there and unloaded the truck. 2055 Peabody Lane, Louisville KY 40218. We lived in the top right two-bedroom apartment. Bob and Ruth Burns lived in the top left. Floyd and Sue Sebastian lived in the bottom left apartment. An older lady lived in the bottom right. All were wonderful neighbors. Our landlord became good friends.



Baby Arrives Early

Our baby, whose gender was not yet known, was due December 28 and I had stated emphatically that my baby would be born in Indiana, not Kentucky. I had heard too many people make fun of Kentuckians (in retrospect, I'm sure that was one of those emotional decisions largely based on pregnancy and not on facts). On Sunday, December 16, Julius and I drove back to Bloomington and spent the night with our dear friends the Elliotts. On Monday morning, we reported for a scheduled appointment with the obstetrician. He made the on-the-spot decision to admit me to Bloomington Hospital and scheduled a C-section for the next day. The C-Section was not a surprise as it was planned at the beginning of my pregnancy. Caroline Julia Karl made her appearance at 7:45am on Tuesday, December 18, 1973—the wedding anniversary of Julius' parents—weighing 8lbs 7.5oz with an Apgar score of 10. We named her Caroline (little Carol) Julia after both parents and her grandmother, Karoline.

Elbow Surgery

After checking out his baby girl and being assured his wife was doing well, Julius drove back to Louisville that night and checked himself into the hospital to have elbow surgery the next morning. This had been scheduled when we thought we had a couple of weeks before our baby would arrive. Meanwhile, back in Bloomington the snow began to accumulate overnight until it was so deep the morning workers could not arrive for their shift. It was very quiet in the hospital that day. However, our dear friend Pearl Fuller, Barbara Elliott's mother, was head cook and came to work. She saw to it that I had whatever I needed during the remaining four days of my stay.

Homeward Bound

One week later, on December 23, my mother drove from West Virginia to Louisville and checked me out of the hospital. Our first stop was at the Elliott's to show off baby Caroline, then we proceeded to make the 101-mile trip to our Louisville apartment. The next day, Christmas Eve, Mother went to the Louisville hospital and checked out Julius bringing him home to spend Christmas evening and Christmas day with us—holding his baby girl for the first time. Mother prepared the meal for Christmas Day. Afterwards Julius had her pack up a box of food and deserts, and he took them to the two elderly sisters from whom he had rented a room those three months of commuting from Louisville to Bloomington on weekends.



1974

Baby Dedication

We were now living and teaching in Louisville and attending Taylorsville Road Church of God. The Pastor B. G. Dale officiated the dedication of our baby girl in February. Dale Senseman, Associate Pastor and friend of Julius witnessed. Barbara Elliott's parents Pearl and John Fuller drove down from Bloomington to share the day with us.



DISSERTATION COMPLETE AND APPROVED PH.D. GRADUATION

Finally, Julius' dissertation was completed and approved. On Sunday, May 5, 1974, we drove from Louisville up to Blooming for the Indiana University Graduation. May 5, 1974. Bob Hope was given an honorary doctorate in the same graduation ceremony. Barbara and Ikey Elliott, who had become Julius and Yvonne's dearest friends during their time in Bloomington, had a reception for Julius. He was proud to off his 5-month old baby girl, Caroline. Julius' sister Frieda drove down from Canada to attend and celebrate her brother's graduation.




The 13-year Educational Journey had ended JULIUS EWALD KARL B.A., M.Div., M.A., Ph.D. 1961 -1974

It all started in Portland (Oregon) at Warner Pacific College in fall 1961
moved to Anderson (Indiana) College in fall 1963
to the Seminary in fall 1965
and finally to Indiana University in fall 1968
ending there in May 1974



BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ANDERSON COLLEGE
 UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE FACULTY HEREBY CONFERS UPON
JULIUS EWALD KARL
 THE DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF ARTS
 WITH ALL THE PRIVILEGES, RIGHTS, AND HONORS PERTAINING THERETO.
 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE SEAL OF THE COLLEGE AND THE SIGNATURES
 OF ITS DULY AUTHORIZED OFFICERS ARE HERETO AFFIXED.
 GIVEN AT ANDERSON, IN THE STATE OF INDIANA, THIS
 14TH DAY OF JUNE, 1965.

Robert D. Ditch PRESIDENT
Robert D. Ditch DEAN




Anderson School of Theology
 Anderson College, Anderson, Indiana

We it Knoweth That
Julius Ewald Karl
 having completed the Course of Study prescribed for the Degree of
Master of Divinity
 and having been recommended by the Faculty for graduation, is admitted
 to said Degree with all the honors and privileges appertaining thereto.

In Testimony Whereof, we have affixed our signatures and the
 seal of the Institution this seventeenth day of June, A. D. 1968.


Robert D. Ditch
Lois W. Hanbury



Indiana University
 Graduate School

To all who may read these letters, Greeting:
 hereby it is certified that upon the recommendation of the Faculty,
 the Trustees of Indiana University have conferred upon
Julius Ewald Karl
 the degree of
Master of Arts
 in recognition of the fulfillment of the requirements for this degree.
 In Witness Whereof, this diploma is given at Bloomington,
 Indiana, Dated March 21, 1970.

Charles H. Haines President of the Board of Trustees
Joseph H. Smith President
Harrison Shull Dean




Pi Gamma Mu
 This is to certify that
Julius E. Karl
 has completed with all the requirements of the constitution
 and statutes pertaining to membership in the
**National Social Science Honor Society,
 Pi Gamma Mu**
 INCORPORATED
 and was on the first day of May A.D. 1965, regularly elected to the
 Indiana Chapter chapters located at Anderson College

In Testimony Whereof, we have hereto affixed our
 signatures and the Great Seal of the Society, this
 first day of May A.D. 1965

FOR THE NATIONAL CHAPTER
Joseph A. Jones
Joseph A. Jones


FOR THE COLLEGIATE CHAPTER
Mark Barnett
M. F. Van Dine



Indiana University
 Graduate School

To all who may read these letters, Greeting:
 hereby it is certified that upon the recommendation of the Faculty,
 the Trustees of Indiana University have conferred upon
Julius Ewald Karl
 the degree of
Doctor of Philosophy
 in recognition of the fulfillment of the requirements for this degree.
 In Witness Whereof, this diploma is given at
 Bloomington, Indiana, May 12, 1974.

Harry L. Youngquist President
Robert H. Smith Dean
Robert H. Smith Dean
Robert H. Smith Dean




CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION

This is to certify that
JULIUS E. KARL
 having given satisfactory indication of divine call and necessary qualifications
 for the Christian ministry is hereby formally recognized by ordination as a
 minister of the Church of God with general offices in Anderson, Indiana, this
 ordination being authorized by the General Assembly of Michigan
 at PENNWAY CHURCH OF GOD, LANSING MICHIGAN
 on the 5th day of November in the year 1977

Carl J. Schell Moderator, General Assembly of Michigan
Carl J. Schell Moderator, General Assembly of Michigan
Carl J. Schell Moderator, General Assembly of Michigan
Carl J. Schell Moderator, General Assembly of Michigan

