

EDITOR'S NOTES

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My opening comments will be brief, since my own article introducing the subject for this issue follows hard on the heels of this page! In fact, I wish to focus my thoughts on something else entirely.

As I was assembling this issue, I noticed that this is the beginning of our eighth year of publishing the *Journal*. I hadn't noticed that so much time had gone by. I have watched our circulation grow, and been encouraged by the many kind comments that our readers have sent to let us know that the Lord has used this publication in their lives and ministries.

Now, though, the Lord is leading me into new fields of ministry away from the seminary. Beginning in the fall of 2002, I will be filling the position of Field Representative for Presbyterian Missionary Union, the Bible Presbyterian missions agency. As I transition into that work over the next year and a half, I'll be cutting back on some of my work at the Seminary, including editing the *Journal*. Those duties will be assumed by another member of the faculty, who will announce himself in the next issue!

For me, there is a certain sadness in sending out this issue. I think it must be a little like watching your child grow up and then head out on his own. At the same time, I rejoice that the work will go on, and that I have been a small part of a useful project in the kingdom. Indeed, a very small part: to those who have contributed articles, proofread text after text, hand assembled each copy, and helped with the mailings I owe a hearty thanks. To you, our readers, I give thanks for your readership and feedback. God bless you.