

A group of churches working together can be more -- there can be an effort to keep along certain lines. Which is no guarantee but if the independent church if it goes bad is apt to disintegrate. But you start a new independent church and usually it takes years to build it, unless a man has loads of charisma. The men who have loads of charisma are often like a flash in the pan. They build a tremendous work, and then when he's gone it just disappears.

We have a graduate named Petters who was here about 1950. He visited us a couple of years ago. He went out to Ohio and took a little bit of an independent church which was just about ready to fall to pieces. He did secular work for 10 or 15 years along side, and worked in that church and time and time he felt like giving up. But now after about 20 years he has succeeded in really building a nice independent church. They have a nice building and have a real witness. But he had years and years of struggling with practically nothing. He's entirely independent and when he's gone who is going to succeed him? You see what I mean? That is a very great difficulty.

That difficulty is greatly accentuated by the fact that Americans move so much. One thing I've been wishing that somebody would take the time and energy to get the list of all the really sound denominations we know of that really try to stand for the Word, and then arrange a list of these churches in the country, so that when you have a nice church here and a man moves to some other part of the country, he doesn't know where to go, and if you can say, if his pastor could look in this and say there's no church of our denomination or our group as far as we know that's similar to us that is within 75 miles of you, but there is one 25 miles away that is pretty close to