

# SPECIAL FOCUS

*Pictured on the front cover of this issue of Perspectives is our Hull Protestant Reformed Christian School. We did that because Hull celebrates an anniversary this year. To those of our schools which have been in existence since the 40's or 50's, ten years might not seem like much. But the fact that Hull is one of our younger schools does not at all detract from the significance of its 10th anniversary. The families of our Hull School do well at such a time, not only to think upon, but also to take public notice of God's continued faithfulness to them. It is God, after all, Who gives to His people children of His covenant, and Who provides the means for establishing and maintaining institutions of learning where those children might be instructed in the fear of His name. We rejoice therefore with Hull in their commemoration of that great faithfulness of our God.*

*Ron Koole, principal in Hull School since 1980, reflects briefly here on this milestone. For the occasion, his wife Sherry wrote a poem entitled, appropriately, "Thanks Be To God." She speaks as a mother, and as one who is properly impressed by the great wonder of receiving and rearing God's little children. Few people, I suppose, are able to articulate it the way Sherry does in poetry, but the verses will strike responsive chords in the hearts of all those who are similarly overwhelmed by so great a gift and responsibility. We're happy therefore to include her poem in our "Special Focus."*

*The family picture includes Ron and Sherry, of course, and children (from left to right) Daryl, Joel, Rhonda, and Kristin.*

## Hull Prot. Ref. School

The 1985-'86 school year marks the 10th year of covenant instruction in our Hull (Iowa) Protestant Reformed Christian School. In the fall of 1976 our doors were opened to three staff members and 48 students in grades Kindergarten through eight.

The history of our school really began with the formation of our school society in June of 1973. The following year the society purchased a six-acre plot of land on the west edge of Hull — actually in a suburb of Hull at the time, known as Highland Park. In the spring of

1976 the construction of our four-classroom school began. The school year began before the completion of construction, and dedication was not until October of that year.

It might be a temptation to look at facilities and numerical student growth (61) and boast of what has been accomplished in ten years. But the thoughts of the child of God, at the times of anniversaries and milestones, are drawn away from self. Our attention is focused on the faithfulness of God. "O magnify the Lord with me, Let us exalt His Name; Yea, blest the man that trusts in Him, Confiding in His grace" were just a few of the words sung at the dedication, as they have been our experience over the past years. What a privilege of God's grace it is to be able daily to teach our children of the sovereignty of God in salvation, the providence of God in history, and the handiwork of God in creation.

To celebrate this anniversary the school's Ladies' Guild sponsored a fall singspiration and is presently planning a Hostess Supper and program. May we ever be thankful for God's faithfulness in times past and pray for His blessing and grace for the future even as He realizes His covenant with believers and their seed.

Ron Koole

