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Keep Growing!

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Howard Hendricks, long-time professor at Dallas Theological Seminary, often tells about an incident from the childhood of his daughter, Bev. As a family, they enjoyed the tradition of periodically marking their children's respective heights on the door jamb. Once, when he returned from a ministry trip, she dragged him to the door post for their ritual. She wanted to see how much she had grown during his absence. They marked the spot and celebrated her incremental progress. She then asked her father a question that stopped him in his tracks, "Daddy, why do big people stop growing?"

That's a very good question, isn't it? One thing that is clear from Scripture is that God wants us to continue growing, no matter our age. The same thing is true of our churches. God wants them to mature in their faith and multiply their number of disciples.

This issue of the *Proclaimer* focuses on churches that are doing just that—growing. My prayer, expressed in Ephesians 4:15, is that "we will in all things grow up into Him who is the Head, that is, Christ" (NIV). May these articles help us toward that end for the glory of God.

In Christ's love,



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