



Four generations of the Moyer family gather around the table to enjoy a snack made from recipes in the Moyer Family Cookbook. From left, great-great grandchildren Rebecca and Luke, grandmother Diane Snyder, mother Shelly Taylor, and great-great grandmother Verna Faust.

Cookbook Profits To Benefit Mission Projects

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Shelly Taylor knows what it's like
to be a missionary.

She lived in Jamaica as a child
when her parents were missionar-
ies. Later, she graduated from a
four-year Bible college and spend
two months at a mission station
above the Artic Circle.

Now, Shelly is married to Cliff
and has two children, Rebekah, 3,
and Luke, 15 months.

But Shelly hasn't forgotten the
constant need that missionaries

have for finances. Shelly wanted to
help support some missionaries.
Like most young families, she and
her husband have very limited
resources. So, Shelly decided to
publish a cookbook and donate the
profits to mission work.

She asked her grandparents,
aunts, uncles, and cousins to con-
tribute. They compiled about 300
recipes, which they had profes-
sionally printed in a cookbook
published by G&R Publishing
Company, 507 Industrial Street,
Waverly, IA 50677.

The cookbook is dedicated to

the memory of Shelly's great
grandparents, Lewis and Eva
Moyer, who both died within three
weeks of each other in 1990. For
years, about 50 to 60 family mem-
bers gathered at the Moyer farm
for holiday meals.

The Moyers had nine children.
It is these children and their fami-
lies who contributed the recipes for
the cookbook.

Shelly grew up with six sisters
and one brother. It's traditional for
her family to eat every Sunday din-
ner at Shelly's parents' (Russel
and Diane Snyder's) home. Her
grandmother, Verna Moyer Faust,
always brings the dessert.

Last year, in order to make
things more simple for the large
family gathering, it was decided to
have a cold meal.

But the family missed the tradi-
tional dinner with everyone
contributing.

Shelly's father said, "There will
be no more of this. We need a
cooked meal."

Most of the family's favorites
tend toward Pennsylvania Dutch
cooking according to Shelly, but
there are some other styles accu-
mulated from friends of the family.

Shelly and her family now live
in one of four houses on the Moy-
er's family farm in Andreas.

The Shellys do not work on the
farm, but other family members,
Donald and Daryl Moyer, raise
grain crops, beef cattle, pigs, and
chickens on the farm that has been
in the family since 1906.

Cliff works as a sawyer, and
Shelly is a full-time mother. The
couple play piano, organ, flute,
and other instruments for their
church, Overcomers Holiness
Church. The church also uses their
building for a school, Overcomers
Christian Academy. Cookbook
profits will be used for its building
fund; for the Dine Missions who
work with Navajo Indians in New
Mexico; for the Gospel Proclaim-
ers Mission in Mexico; and for the
clinic operated by Holiness Pil-
grim Mission of Haiti.

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Three-year-old Rebecca holds the cookbook her mother published of family recipes.

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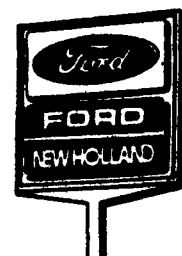
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