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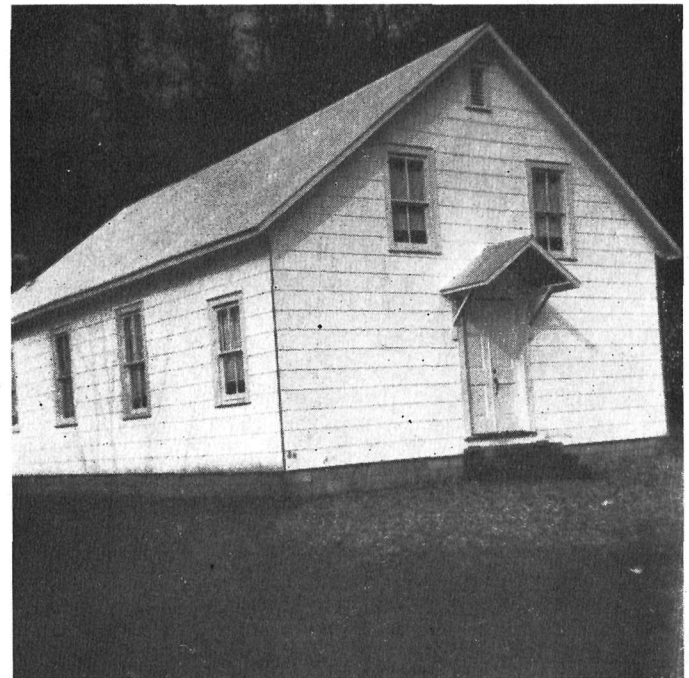
# HANDBOOK OF MISSIONS

*Brethren in Christ Church*

1948

HOME MISSIONS — FOREIGN MISSIONS

S. S. STATISTICAL REPORT



The newly completed Farris Mines Brethren in Christ Church, Allisonia, Virginia, serving Carroll and Pulaski counties.

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**HOME AND FOREIGN**



**BRETHREN IN CHRIST CHURCH**

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## PART I HOME MISSIONS

## HOME MISSION BOARD

Bishop C. N. Hostetter, Jr., Grantham, Pa., *Chairman*

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Elder Albert H. Engle, Grantham, Pa., *Secretary*

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Bishop Henry Ginder, Manheim, Pa., *Treasurer*

Bishop Edward Gilmore, Lowbanks, Ontario, *Canadian Treas.*

Elder Dale Ulery, Springfield, Ohio

Bishop M. G. Engle, Abilene, Kansas, *Honorary Member*

## HOME MISSION BOARD

*Albert H. Engle, Secretary*

### (a) General

“And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in the breaking of bread, and in prayer.”  
Acts 2:42

This, the norm of the Apostolic church, should challenge the church of today. And the Home Mission Board is happy to witness to the fact that some of the workers under the jurisdiction of the Board have been exemplary in challenging the church of today to such a standard of life. We have workers whose methods, if followed under the more favorable circumstances in some of our organized districts, would do wonders.

Notwithstanding the degree of sacrifice our workers experience, we are happy to recognize that most of them desire to continue in the work. It is thrilling to note the degree of joy and enthusiasm some of them indicate. Some who have been forced to leave their work for reasons beyond their control have expressed a regret that is very impressive. One of our workers gave written expression of her consecration in the following lines: “Had I a thousand lives to give, Lord, they should all be thine.” Another says, “it is so wonderful” and she gets along so well in the home and she hopes she will be stationed there again to win precious souls from the paths of sin.

An outstanding incident of this conference year was the home-going of Sr. Sarah Bert who gave over a half century to mission work in Chicago. Following a funeral service in Chicago, one was conducted in the Bethel Church in Kansas where in 1894 she, notwithstanding a sense of being unqualified, was constrained to consecrate herself to the work of the Lord. Her departure was mourned by a great many, but we believe many will rejoice with her through all eternity because of the great part she shared in their salvation. May God raise up many who will be as useful as she, and who like her will “shine as the stars forever and ever.” (Dan. 12:3)

Only a few of our workers were forced to leave their assigned fields of labor. Sr. Ruth Hunsberger was called home from the Chicago Mission because of the serious illness of her father this spring, but reports a deep desire to return. Bro. & Sr. Diller retired from the work at Welland early in the winter and Bro. Ed Nigh was assigned as pastor. Much illness and three hospitalizations of Sr. Alice Wolgemuth have been unfortunate and are forcing some reorganization in the Kentucky work. Sr. Elizabeth Hess regrets that illness forced her absence from the work she loves so well. Bro. Earl Brechbill had a close call necessitating a long hospital experience.

Certain adjustments were considered wise at Blandburg resulting in the work being placed under the care of Bro. Herman Miller with Norris and Thomas Bouch as assistants. During the summer Erma Hoke was assigned to the work at San Francisco. Bro. Thomas Whiteside entered the work at Houghton Mission following an assignment by the Board after Conference. Apart from these, there were few variations from the plans developed in the Conference of 1947. The Board expresses its appreciation for the splendid spirit of cooperation shown on the whole.

During the year two churches were dedicated in home mission fields—the Millerfields Church in Kentucky and the Farris Mines church in Virginia. Definite plans were initiated locally for a church building as a supplement to the mission hall for the carrying on of the work in Detroit. The Philadelphia Mission is working toward their objective for a church building. The work of the Christian Fellowship Mission at Massillon, O., was transferred to a church purchased by the pastor.

During the Conference year four licensed ministers were ordained by the Home Mission Board. They were Marshall Clark, Harry Hock, Cyrus Landis and Alonzo Vanatter. Roy Sider was ordained by the Black Creek District.

In mission work as well as other phases of church work, there are periods when it seems God especially blesses special efforts, new methods, renewed consecration or efforts which have been expended over a period of years of seed sowing. One mission reports an average of about one seeker per day for the year; another mission 204 seekers. One mission reports an increase of church membership of nearly 200%; a number report a very substantial increase in attendance or church membership. We are sure that a home visitation program of from 7 to 14 visits per week as some report if characterized by a proper spiritual emphasis, will sooner or later bring forth abundant fruitage. Any who want their pure minds stirred up, their souls refreshed, and their interest in missions challenged, should study the many interesting reports which will be published in the Handbook of Missions.

As a stimulus to a more active and better prepared ministry the Home Mission Board has prepared new blanks for renewal of ministerial licenses which will be used next year. For the benefit of all parties concerned we herewith insert the questions which appear on the new blanks and which the applicant will be expected to answer.

1. Do you still have a clear evidence of a Divine Call to the Ministry? .....
2. How often have you exercised preaching the Word this year? .....
3. Have you responded to all the calls of the Brethren in Christ Church as far as was reasonably possible? .....

4. Are you willing to accept an assignment by the Home Mission Board? .....
5. Are you earnestly endeavoring to prepare yourself for a more effective ministry? .....

Pray for your Home Mission Board as we attempt to direct this important phase of the work of the church. We recognize the need of more and better qualified workers. We need the best qualified workers available for strategic points and positions of special responsibility. We solicit your prayers and cooperation in locating such laborers for the Lord's harvest field.

**ACTION:** Approved with insertion.

(b) Financial

**Item A—U. S. A. Account**

Henry A. Ginder, Treasurer

Balance on hand April 1, 1947 .....\$ 1,177.93

**Receipts**

Congregational .....	\$11,060.31
Personal .....	2,073.00
Specials .....	1,516.42
General Gatherings .....	4,340.62
Interest .....	223.66
Workers Refund .....	14.50
J. R. Zook Estate .....	400.00
Transfer from N. M. Building Fund .....	1,177.94
<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b>20,806.45</b>

Annuity .....\$500.00

**21,984.38**

**Disbursements**

Board members' traveling exp. ....	283.63
Workers' traveling exp. ....	874.52
Specials .....	887.57
Allowance .....	14,379.88
Interest .....	221.50
Rent .....	250.00
Repairs, taxes and insurance .....	629.50
Home furnishings .....	147.00
Tent for Va. ....	300.00
Investment .....	1,500.00
N. Mexico Building Fund .....	1,450.00
M. B. C. Tuition .....	176.00
Miscellaneous .....	409.03
<b>Total Disbursements .....</b>	<b>21,508.63</b>
Balance on hand April 1, 1948 .....	475.75
	<b>21,984.38</b>

April 20, 1948

I hereby certify that I have audited the account of Henry A. Ginder, Treasurer of General Home Mission Board of

Brethren in Christ Church, for the year ending March 31, 1948 and find same to be correct and in agreement with records of the Manheim National Bank, Manheim, Pa.

J. N. Weaver, Auditor

**Item B—Canadian Account**

John Nigh, Treasurer

Balance on hand April 1, 1947 .....\$ 1,528.57

**Receipts**

Individual Offerings .....	530.00
Sunday School Offerings .....	303.75
Congregational Offerings .....	571.79
General Conference .....	220.47
Ontario Joint Council .....	166.78
Camp Meeting Offering .....	86.25
Interest .....	62.12
Refund .....	52.00
<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b>1,993.16</b>

**3,521.73**

**Disbursements**

Workers' Allowances .....	1,605.00
Traveling expenses .....	86.00
Houghton Farm (Interest and Taxes) .....	95.20
Stamp Tax and Exchange on Cheques .....	4.60
<b>Total Disbursements .....</b>	<b>1,790.80</b>
Balance on Hand April 1, 1948 .....	1,730.93
	<b>3,521.73</b>

Audited, June 7, 1948

M. C. Wigle

**Item C—Summary Report of U. S. and Canadian Treasurers**

Balance on hand April 1, 1947 .....	
U. S. Treasurer .....	1,177.93
Canadian Treasurer .....	1,528.57
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 2,706.50</b>
U. S. Treasurer .....	20,806.45
Canadian Treasurer .....	1,993.16
<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b>22,799.61</b>
	<b>25,506.11</b>

**Disbursements**

U. S. Treasurer .....	21,508.63
Canadian Treasurer .....	1,790.80
<b>Total Disbursements .....</b>	<b>23,299.43</b>
<b>Total Cash Balance .....</b>	<b>2,206.68</b>
	<b>25,506.11</b>

Item D—Annuity and Investment Reserves U. S. and  
Canadian Treasurers

Time Certificate, Oct. 4 Manheim National Bank .....	\$ 2,640.50
Time Certificate, Oct. 4 Manheim National Bank .....	4,000.00
Time Certificate, Jan. 30 Manheim National Bank .....	500.00
Knifley Mortgage .....	1,500.00
Garlin Mortgage .....	800.00
Blandburg note reduced to .....	145.00
Detroit investment .....	5,703.12
Detroit tenants account .....	1,555.20
Savings account—First National Bank and Trust Co., E'town....	1,725.00
Saving Account—Manheim National Bank .....	1,566.92
Canadian Investments .....	1,000.00
	21,035.74

ACTION: All sections and items approved.

## CITY MISSION REPORTS

### ALTOONA MISSION, PENNA.

*Herman G. and Laura Miller*

“Blessed are the undefiled in the way; who walk in the law of the Lord. Blessed are they that keep His testimonies and that seek Him with the whole heart.” Psalm 119:1-2.

The Lord has been very gracious to us another year. He has spared our lives and blessed us with His rich bounties. We would say with the Psalmist, “O, taste and see that the Lord is good.” Praise His precious name.

In giving a brief report of the work here we would refer to the fact that last July we had a Summer Bible School with good interest and good attendance. Our mission room was quite filled for the closing program. Many of the children’s parents were present for these exercises.

Our revival was held in February with Elder Isaac Kanode of Martinsburg, Pa., as our evangelist. He faithfully preached the Gospel under the anointing of the Spirit. The attendance and interest were good. There were only a few nights that our mission hall was not almost full. Quite a number of seekers knelt at the altar for various needs. Some came to be saved for the first time, others needed to be reclaimed. Still others came to be sanctified and some were prayed for, for healing.

On Sunday morning, March 7th, the Gospel Team from Messiah Bible College was with us and rendered a very good program to an appreciative full house.

Will you pray that we might be at our best for the Lord and be used of Him to win many soul for we believe He is coming soon?

### BUFFALO MISSION, N. Y.

*Arthur and Wilma Musser, Anna Henry*

“And ye shall hallow the Fiftieth Year . . . A jubilee shall that fiftieth year be unto you.” Lev. 25:10-11.



This year which marks the 50th anniversary of the founding of the mission by Brother J. W. Hoover has been a real jubilee in the Lord.



J. W. HOOVER, *Founder*

Special services were held on June 4, 5, 6 celebrating the event. Speakers were Rev. John Nigh, Rev. John Hostetter, Bishop C. N. Hostetter, Jr., Rev. George Whisler, Rev. E. C. Bossert and Rev. Alvin Burkholder. Every session was well attended.



BUFFALO MISSION CHAPEL

The Sunday crowds could not all be seated in the chapel, making it necessary to use rooms both downstairs and upstairs. These folks were able to hear over loud speakers. There

were 161 persons in Sunday School and over 200 were present for the afternoon services. As the converts, friends and former mission workers mingled together, there was a real spirit of blessing and inspiration upon the meetings.

There were other events which have helped to make this past year a jubilee. The Daily Vacation Bible School had an enrollment of over 70 with an average attendance of 66. On decision day there were twenty-one children who came to the altar. Perhaps some of them were too little to realize the sacredness of the moment but others were very much in earnest.

W. D. R. E. (week day religious education) classes continued again this year. Forty-five children from first to eighth grades were enrolled for these Monday afternoon sessions. We trust that these children may have received a more perfect knowledge of the Bible during these weekly hours.

Rally Day for the Sunday School was very encouraging. A goal of 100 was set. But we praise the Lord that this mark was exceeded with an attendance of 102 which set a new record for the Sunday School up to that time. After the children had presented an interesting twenty-five minutes of recitation and song, Sister Glenn Diller gave a pointed object lesson followed by a brief illustrated message by Brother Diller.

We praise the Lord for the two revival services of the past year. The Fall revival was conducted by Brother Roy Sider of Sherkston, Ontario, Canada. As the Lord blessed His Word, there was precious fruit from these meetings. Bishop William Charlton was the evangelist for the winter meetings. A fine group of young people gave their hearts to the Lord and have clear, ringing testimonies.

On Easter Sunday morning nine young people were received into church fellowship by Bishop Bert Sherk. We thank the Lord for His presence in this service.

On May 15, 16, Bishop E. J. Swalm was with us to conduct the Spring Love Feast service. This was a real blessing to all.

We are very grateful for all the support given to the Buffalo Mission by the church-at-large. This in conjunction with the cooperation of the local group has made possible some fine improvements in the building. This was a year of jubilee.

May God bless each one as we walk with Him.

## CHICAGO MISSION, ILLINOIS

*Carl and Avis Carlson, Alice Albright  
Ruth Hunsberger, Anna Margaret Friesen*

The past year with its joys and sorrows and opportunities and victories in Christian service has gone so rapidly. "Because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." Sin's atmosphere has its effect on our lives reminding us that

we need to live close to God, so that His love may continually constrain our work for the Lord.

Our regular schedule of services has continued throughout the year. Two series of special meetings were held during this year. In November, Bro. Jessie Steckley of Gormley, Ontario laboured with us for two weeks. In March, Bro. Joel Carlson of Harrisburg spoke acceptably to our people. Children, young people and adults, about twenty-five in number sought the Lord. Communion services were held in November and April. We had open air meetings on Sunday nights during the summer months.

Midweek Bible classes for children continued from October to April, with an attendance of about forty, then in July, a Vacation Bible School was conducted for two weeks, about sixty children attending. Our Sunday School attendance has shown a slight increase over the previous year. Indifference of parents is a great hindrance in reaching youth for Christ. A public address system, with two out-door speakers was installed on the second floor of the Mission building. This carries messages of spoken word and song into the homes of our community and can be heard over two blocks away. Many expressions of appreciation from shut-ins and others of this out-door service have been given.

On January 24, Sr. Sarah Bert, our founder and superintendent for over fifty years passed on to be with the Lord after an illness of eight weeks. Impressive funeral services were held from the Mission chapel, in charge of Bishop Hostetter, Jr., chairman of Home Mission Board. Burial was at Bethel Cemetery, Kansas. Her ministry in this city for over a half century was one of blessing and fruitage, and is a challenge to us who are left to carry on. We value her example, prayers and influence on our lives and the work. She has laboured and we only have entered into her labours and truly "she being dead yet speaketh."

Sr. Alice Romberger left us in September to take up her duties at Philadelphia Mission. Sr. Alice Albright returned the same month after a year's leave of absence. The health of the Mission family has been good. Though living and heating costs have risen tremendously, the Lord has supplied our needs and He will not fail us in the future.

We thank all who have stood by the work with their material substance and we covet the continued prayers of each one. "Where sin abounds there does grace much more abound."

## DAYTON MISSION, OHIO

*William and Evelyn Engle, Mary Brandt*

"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; that whosoever believeth

in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." Jno. 3:14, 15.

Another year has passed in which we have enjoyed the glorious privilege of lifting up the Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of those who seek a Saviour.

Following General Conference we have our Summer revival meeting. This year Eld. and Sr. Wm. F. Lewis and children were with us in a revival during the last week in June and the first week of July. The Holy Spirit convicted hearts of sin and gave others a revelation of their need of a deeper experience with God. The mission group enjoyed the fellowship and ministry of Bro. Lewis.

After a years trial, our Sunday School continues to meet in the morning instead of the afternoon. We recognize that there are some advantages of having an afternoon service, but no one of our constituency asked to have it changed back to the afternoon, so we continue on with a morning Sunday School and a preaching service.

We always look forward to our Fall revival as a time of special blessing to our work. Eld. Donald Heer ministered to us for three weeks during the latter part of October and the first of November. Gospel seed was sown, Bible truth declared, until souls had to make a decision. As in the time of the early Church, some believed and some did not believe. The believers were strengthened to press the battle on.

Under the supervision of the Sunday School Board, a used school bus was purchased to be used by the Mission in its Sunday School and general mission activities. During the month of March the bus was initiated into service. A route was planned and canvassed for Sunday School recruits. The interest proved to be gratifying. This project gave our School a fresh touch of interest and enthusiasm. This Spring our School attendance increased quite a little over that of a year ago. We are glad for the children who have sought the Lord throughout the year. The bus has also proved a blessing in taking our group to the Thursday evening cottage prayer meetings.

Calls were made in homes and hospitals throughout the year in the interest of people's spiritual welfare. Efforts were made to also try solving some of their other difficulties. One Sunday morning we conducted the chapel service at one of our city hospitals. Another time we had charge of a morning service at the State Hospital in the city. Several hundred mental patients were present in the chapel. We trust the messages given may have been a blessing to some hearts.

We wish to acknowledge the faithful services of our co-worker Sr. Mary Brandt. She has fit into our family life most perfectly, and shared the responsibilities of the home and mission activities very satisfactorily. We did not find it difficult to live and work together as we feel Christian workers should.

We appreciated the cooperation and fellowship of Bro. and Sr. W. H. Boyer during the year. He ministered to us the Bread of Life as his health and opportunity afforded. We also acknowledge the services of our licensed minister Bro. Alfred Gray. We do not like to think of the time when these brethren, because of age, will not be able to minister to us.

We are reminded of the statement of Jesus to Peter "Satan has desired to have you that he may sift you as wheat." During the past year some of our group have been going through some sifting. We are fearful for some. We are praying that they will not completely cast away their confidence.

By the help and grace of God the work must go on until Jesus comes.

### GOD'S LOVE MISSION, DETROIT, MICHIGAN

*Harry and Catherine Hock, Mary Sentz  
Edith Yoder, Leora Kanode*

"For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus sake."

*"On to broader fields of holy vision;  
On to loftier heights of faith and love;  
Onward, upward, apprehending wholly  
All for which He calls us from above."*

It is with grateful hearts that we review the year past. However we are not satisfied with present attainments, for the field is great and many sheaves to be garnered. We pray the Lord of harvest to send forth laborers into His harvest field.

The nightly evangelistic services are continued with increased interest and attendance. Our Special Day services filled the mission to capacity; the past Easter reached the climax when 130 crowded our little hall. Many of our regular Sunday A. M. services reached the 100 mark which proved to us any day can be God's day. Our S. S. Bus is a great asset and God is making it a blessing to many.

We are grateful to the Lord and the Board for sending to us a capable worker in the person of Sr. Mary Sentz. She indeed came to us at a much needed time. Sr. Sentz superintended our D. V. Bible School and much credit is due her for its success. The enrollment was 120. Here again the Bus was used in gathering them in. Following these two busy weeks immediate plans were made for moving. The former Mission Home on Hazel was sold; as it could not longer meet the need, and knowing it was God's will for us to have more spacious quarters, we joined the Hock's at 3986 Humboldt (Aug. 11, 1947). They with the Sisters each occupy a flat. We have benefitted by and appreciated this set-up more than words can express, for we do enjoy fellowship together as one

big family. As workers we want to leave a note of appreciation for each one of the Hock children.

We were privileged to have in our midst for a week or more of services, these anointed men of God: Bro. Dale Ulery, Bro. Marshall Winger, Bro. A. H. Engle and Rev. J. M. Hames. A warm spot has grown in the hearts of our people for these Brethren and have expressed a deep gratitude for their messages. Bro. E. J. Swalm from Canada also recently gave a Doctrinal message to our people. It is good to see those who have been set free from sin, manifest a desire to know the doctrines in His Word. We rejoice with those who desire to unite with us in the faith. This day we anticipate in the near future. We look forward also to the day when Detroit will have a Brethren in Christ church. A building fund has been started and also a S. S. project begun by our Supt., Sr. Hartsock who has challenged our scholars to buy a cement block.

Bro. Hock's zeal and fervor for the Lord and souls has not been in vain, and their labors are appreciated by all. As workers we are more and more convinced of the value of personal work and house to house visitation and the real asset it is to mission work. Through contacts in the homes and in the Hall there have been outstanding conversions and the marvelous grace of God manifested. While there are some who failed to go on with God, our hearts rejoice because there are those who are obeying the Lord and going on from grace to grace.

Sr. Janna Goins left us for a much needed rest. Her absence from the work here was felt as she labored in Detroit for nine successive years. Her ministry and gift in song are missed in our services.

We as a staff wish to express a word of appreciation for all who stand by in a financial and temporal way and with their prayers. We thank you and give God all the glory for what has been done. We feel more than ever, to give our time and strength and yea our very life also if need be, for the sake of the Gospel and lost humanity. We trust God to enable with Holy zeal and fire in the services where'ere He may choose until He comes.

### MESSIAH LIGHTHOUSE CHAPEL, HARRISBURG, PA.

*Joel E. and Faith Carlson  
Anna Mary Royer, Anna Wolgemuth*

*"Need we cross the sea the labor to begin,  
While around us souls are dying in their sin?  
'Neath the very shadows of our sacred spires,  
See the smoke of incense rise from pagan fires."*

These words of an old but familiar hymn are associated with our boyhood days in Kansas. They mean much more to

us now, inasmuch as both by observation and experience we have come to appreciate the value and greatness of gospel work in the mission field that is America.

At Messiah Lighthouse Chapel we have carried on a regular full schedule of services in the year that is past. The Sunday School made a marked increase. Some of the benefit of that increase is reflected in some of the other services. We are grateful to God for His blessing in enabling us to achieve some real spiritual victories.

This past month a class of three adults and three youths was received into church fellowship. In our spring communion service 42 commemorated the sufferings and death of our Lord, and almost one-fifth of these were teen-age young people. Two of our Sunday School staff completed the Evangelical Teacher Training Course.

In January when recognition was given for faithful attendance at Sunday School, with Robert Raikes diplomas, four out of one family received such credit, and it was the first full year after their conversion. The Week Day Bible School, held from October 15th to March 25th, carried an average attendance of around 80. Fine work was done by the classes. Thirteen were converted during the winter revival. Again Messiah Bible College sent us teachers for this activity. We appreciated all of our faithful staff.

Two revivals were held during the year. Rev. Kenneth Hoover of Grantham served for the tent meeting. Bishop E. J. Swalm was the evangelist for the winter revival. The ministry of these brethren was appreciated, and God blessed their efforts.

We are deeply grateful to God's children for their interest, support and prayers. Over the year we can think of many instances of particular kindnesses and contributions. Heaven will reward each and every one. Nevertheless our mission station, along with some other mission points, is experiencing some testing along financial lines. But God is able, and we do praise Him for His great grace and goodness. We purpose to be true to our task and to the great commission entrusted to us.

*"O Master let me walk with Thee,  
In lowly paths of service free;  
Tell me Thy secret, help me bear  
The strain of toil, the fret of care.*

*Help me the slow of heart to move  
By some clear winning word of love;  
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,  
And guide them in the homeward way."*

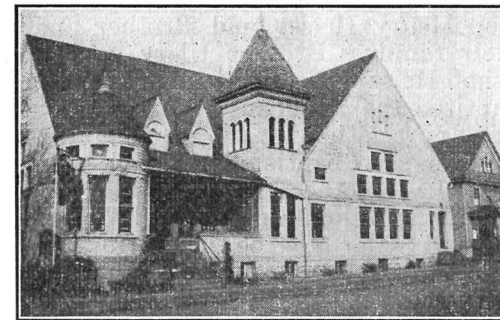
## CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP MISSION, MASSILLON, OHIO

*Eli and Lydia Hostetler, Doris Rohrer*

"O sing unto the Lord a new song; For He has done marvelous things; His right hand and His holy arm has gotten Him victory." Psalm 98:1.

In June we had a ten day Vacation Bible School. This proved to be a great blessing. We had 93 children enrolled. Between 60 and seventy had a perfect attendance record. Our classes were over crowded, so was the whole building. Next to the last night we had Decision Night and around thirty-five or forty responded. The last night was open house, the children gave a program. The mission hall was filled.

Our annual July meeting began on the 29th of June. We had prayed for this meeting for months and expected great things from the Lord and He did not disappoint us for we had very good services, even beyond our expectations. The day of revivals is not past if we pay the price. Jesus said on one occasion that, "This kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting," and I think this can be said of revivals.



CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP MISSION  
Corner First St. and South Ave.

The services were held in our new location and were well attended. A very good spirit was manifest throughout the entire meeting. Our own church folks and Mennonites drove in from the country, some came as far as 30 miles. The churches in the city worked with us, Wesleyan Methodists, Nazarenes, Salvation Army people, and others. Some Baptists (former owners of the church building) not only attended but received definite spiritual help. One mother and her daughter and another young girl attend our services regularly, and have a wonderful testimony. Seventy-six knelt at the altar for

soul help and most of them got real victory. Of course some of them go to their own church but some are worshipping with us. The second Sunday we had Rally Day in the Sunday School. We boosted our record attendance from 176 to 191.

We wish to express our appreciation to our evangelist, Rev. John Rosenberry for his untiring labor in prayer and preaching of God's Holy Word, also to the Dickerson sisters who faithfully labored in songs and prayer around the altar, also to our brethren and sisters from Sippo and Valley Chapel. Our prayer is that God will bless all who helped with their prayers, presence, and offering. We shall never be able to put into words our appreciation to you dear people. Only people who are in mission work know what it means to receive help.

We are grateful to our heavenly Father for our co-worker, Doris Rohrer, Louisville, Ohio. She has been a great blessing to the work here.

Our Sunday School had dropped down in attendance during the summer months but came back to normal again. A special drive was put on for our Sunday School and boosted the record attendance from 191 to 225. The Sunday evening services are much better attended since we are in the new location.

On October 29 we had our first baptismal service here at the mission. Eleven were baptized and nine members were received into church fellowship. We were very happy to have with us Bishop Henry Heisey and Brother and Sister Dale Ulery and their family. Brother Ulery gave the afternoon message. Bishop Heisey officiated in the reception service and the pastor baptized the applicants. After the service many expressed their appreciation for the wonderful meeting. Some of them had never seen baptism by trine immersion. On December 14, we had another baptismal service and two were received into church fellowship, Robert Wengerd and Edna Fath. Brother and Sister Monroe Oakes (formerly from Kansas) had their membership transferred. We now have a membership of nineteen here at the mission.

It was decided at almost the last moment to have a Watch-night service on New Year's eve. Not having arranged a program, we wondered how we would spend the time until midnight. However the meeting was no sooner started until the Spirit of God fell and almost before we knew it twelve o'clock had come. Shouts of praises and thanksgiving and prevailing prayer was the theme of the service.

On January 22 Edna Grace Fath and Robert Lowell Wengerd were united in marriage in the mission. Both of these young people were saved in our tent meeting about four years ago but did not unite with the church until this winter. Bro. and Sr. Wengerd are now in mission work in Kentucky.

The last Sunday of November the Mission Staff started a half hour broadcast from 12:30 to 1:00 P. M. every Sunday

over W.A.N.D., Canton, O., 900 on the dial. A little later the station gave us 15 minutes more so now our time is from 12:15 to 1:00 P. M. This has opened to us a large field of labor. It is helping our mission work. Many requests come in for prayer. We sometimes drive over fifty miles to pray for the sick. The Lord showed me over twenty years ago that some day I would preach the Gospel over the radio and now I have that privilege. I am unworthy but I praise His precious name. The Lord has blessed us with a family whom we have dedicated to Him. Their talents shall all be used for His glory is our prayer. They are all saved and sanctified (except the baby) and serving their Master. We do not boast but give God the glory.

It is 22 years since Sister Hostetler and I have been saved and sanctified. We can see God's hand on our lives through the years, we would have gone astray had it not been for Him. We say, "Glory to God for His goodness to us. How unworthy we do feel that He has called us into active mission work. We are unable for this great task of soul-winning except for His grace and power. It is just three years since we started mission work here in Massillon. We went through many trying experiences, especially the first year. One evening in prayer meeting, I said I would not want to go through it again but the Lord checked me the next morning while in prayer and asked if I would not do it again for Him. I said, "Yes Lord, for You I would do it again." These experiences have not affected our consecration but only deepened it. Praise our God forever!

We want to thank the Home Mission Board and those of you who have been so nobly standing by us with your prayers, your moral support and some of you with financial aid. We earnestly covet an interest in your prayers.

Any time any of you pass through Massillon, please stop and pay us a visit.

## ORLANDO MISSION, FLORIDA

*Charles and Myrtle Nye, Docia Calhoun*

"The night is far spent the day is at hand; and that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed." How glorious a prospect as we turn our eyes from the appalling shadows of the past and present, toward the great light of that glad day, a day of light and happiness such as the earth has never known. Then shall the "Son of righteousness arise with healing in His wings" to give victory over death, hell and the grave.

The Orlando work has had some encouraging features during the past year. More of our local people are attending and taking interest in our services. Several have been saved and

one taken into church fellowship. The average attendance of both our Sunday school and church service had a nice increase this year.

Our regular church activities continue with a few minor changes. Sunday School, Young People's Meeting and two worship services on Sunday. Two prayer meetings a week and youth gatherings. Once every quarter we have a week's radio program for fifteen minutes each day. The calls out for the sick and unsaved have made a great demand on our time and strength.

Special features for the year included two revival meetings. The one beginning Dec. 28 continuing through Jan. 4, 1948. The Messiah College Male Quartette with Eld. John Climenhaga as speaker conducted these services. Eld. Walter Winger was the evangelist for the revival meeting beginning Feb. 1 and continuing through Sun., Feb. 21. The attendance was good throughout these services with the church crowded several times.

It was our privilege to have sixteen newly married couples stop with us the past winter and spring. The total number of visitors for the year was 132. We have appreciated the words of encouragement from different ones.

As we face the new year we ask your prayers and interest for the Lord's work here at Orlando.

### PHILADELPHIA MISSION, PENNA.

*William and Anna Rosenberry  
Anita Brechbill, Alice Romberger*

It has been another blessed experience to be able to labor for the Master in this, His portion of the Vineyard. People talk of sacrifice—we have never considered it a sacrifice but instead a real privilege to be used of God in the greatest business in all the world, that is the business of winning souls for Jesus Christ.

As we look back over this year, we can see where we might have done better, where possibly opportunities have been lost. Then too, we see where God gave great victory over the devil and opposing forces.

To give you a little conception of the work, we shall treat each organization as to the part it plays in the salvation of souls.

#### CHILDREN'S MEETINGS

This service is held each Sunday night for one hour for children under twelve years of age. The attendance has been fair. The flannelgraph object lessons, chalk drawings and stories have been an aid in getting the Gospel to the children. The corner theater has run competition to this service and yet God has saved several of these children who now refuse to go to the movies and instead they enjoy the services.

### YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY

This service is designed to help young people to see their opportunities in the Gospel as well as to give them the privilege of self-expression through the speaking on different topics. The fourth Annual Youth Conference in conjunction with our Spring Love Feast was under the direction of the young people. During the year six guest speakers spoke in the monthly holiness meetings.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

The average attendance of the Sunday School was a little less than the previous year. During the year 24 scholars had a perfect attendance. In July a two week Bible School was conducted with an enrollment of 118 and an average attendance of 72.

#### CRUSADERS FOR CHRIST

This organization is made up of young people from various churches and hold their meetings monthly on Saturday night. This group of young people have sung in the corridors of five hospitals, distributed 11,720 tracts as well as the making of and throwing into several rivers "Gospel Tract Bottles."

#### WOMEN'S MISSIONARY CIRCLE

This group has been quite active. They conducted the Fourth Annual Missionary Conference, held regular quarterly missionary services, had monthly business meetings and sewed for relief every two weeks. Several baskets were given to the poor on Thanksgiving day. 213 new garments were sent to the M. C. C. and also six sewing kits. Money from their organization has been sent to the New Mexico Mission Work, Mt. Carmel Orphanage and to a mission station in Bolivia for tracts. Each member of this society is urged to read at least one book of the Bible a month.

#### RADIO

God has wonderfully blessed through this first year of spreading the Gospel by radio. Over \$5100.00 was spent in broadcasting—God paid all the bills and left us with \$2.14 to start the New Year. We started broadcasting on a Reading station, dropped it in August and started broadcasting over Norristown and Chambersburg stations. Souls have been saved, sanctified and healed. Many have been anointed personally and some by handkerchief. Many souls have been reached who possibly never would have gone to church. What all has been accomplished only eternity will reveal.

#### REGULAR WORSHIP AND PRAYER MEETING

During the year our attendance has not been as good as previous years. Sixty-nine souls sought God at our altars. Three revivals were conducted in the chapel and one tent service was held about one and a half miles from the mission. The street

meetings continued to be a blessing to those who attended and a great inspiration to our group. The average attendance was about 100 each evening. 6880 tracts were distributed at these meetings. Three souls were definitely saved and no doubt many others that we have not heard about.

During October the mission celebrated its fiftieth anniversary. A glorious time was had by all who attended. During the year one of our staff was visiting on an average in someones home every day. 363 garments were distributed to the deserving needy. Three funerals were conducted.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation for your prayers and gifts which you so generously and cheerfully have given to the Philadelphia Mission. By your cooperation with God for our needs, the city of Philadelphia will continue to have a Holiness Witness of God's power to save and sanctify mankind.

### LIFE LINE GOSPEL MISSION SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

*H. W. Buckwalter, Supt.*

*Katie Buckwalter, Evelyn Frysinger, Erma Hoke*

Another year has gone and we are already far advanced into one of the most momentous years in prophetic history. Truly we are in the last days of this age and the coming of Christ is very close at hand.

In looking back over the past year we must say that the presence of the Lord has been very precious in the Mission. The attendance has been better than it was the year before. The total number of souls dealt with at the altar of prayer shows an increase over the previous year. The Sunday School shows a better record than ever. It has meant hard work to keep up the attendance when there are so many other things to keep the children away. Our efforts were quite discouraging at times, but then the over-all picture shows that our labors were not all in vain. Our Sunday School is the bright spot in our weekly program.

With services every night (except Monday) right through the calendar year we can say that we are carrying on a perpetual revival. But it is humanly impossible to keep up to a high revival spirit all the time. We feel that it is necessary to put on a special drive once in a while to keep from getting into a mere routine. We never know who is going to come in, aside from our regular mission group. Quite likely there will be some new face or faces in every night during the week, and we must make that service count for they may never be back again. May be this is God's time for that soul and we must make the best of the opportunity.

During the month of February and part of March we had Bro. Sylvannus Landis preach for us nightly with much spiritual blessing. His ministry was a great inspiration to all. During his stay with us thirty-four souls knelt at the altar for prayer. On one Sunday nine children stood up to express their desire to live the Christian life.

Visitation work has been pushed whenever and wherever possible with professed conversions in the homes. This is an unlimited field with unlimited possibilities.

Our oldest member, Henry P. Scheer, passed his ninety-third birthday on April 12. He had a serious illness during the last of March and all thought his stay with us was coming to a close, but the Lord saw fit to spare him to us for a season yet and now he is quite normal again, although quite feeble.

During the year some needed improvements were made in the Mission Home and at this writing all bills are paid.

### STOWE, PENNA.

*John A. and Emma Climenhaga, Ruth Keller*

This year of 1948 marks the close of a decade of concentrated, organized labor at Stowe Mission. These years have been freighted with problems, difficulties and multitudinous blessings. The truth of the song, "Every cloud will wear a rainbow if the heart keeps right," was verified over and over, again and again. How thankful we have been that strength and wisdom have been given for every trying circumstance as it was encountered.

The year of 1947-1948 has seen some innovations in the general plan of the work. Due to a burden beyond the capabilities of the workers, it was deemed advisable to drop the semi-monthly preaching appointment at Pine Forge. The Sunday School work however has been maintained with increased interest. Taking the place of the sermons which had been preached Sister Ruth Keller has given Flan-o-graph and object talks to the whole Sunday School following the teaching of the lesson to the individual classes. This has been greatly appreciated by the mothers of the neighborhood who think this method of Gospel presentation is easily grasped by the children.

In the Cedar Grove group a preaching appointment has been maintained each Sunday. The one innovation in this field of labor has been the meeting together of a number of families each Saturday night in one of their homes for an old-fashioned group singing of the good old hymns as well as the more modern songs of the church. This singing would often last until eleven o'clock and occasionally end in a discussion of

some of our doctrinal positions such as the prayer veiling, washing of the saints' feet, conversion vs. catechism and non-resistance.

The same degree of interest was maintained in conjunction with the service of the Mission Auditorium. In addition to our regular services the two weeks' Revival Meeting in which Brother W. O. Winger was the evangelist was very much appreciated. The Zulu duets engaged the attention of the audience very much. The people loved to hear Brother Winger's African stories which were so uniquely related. A number of seekers knelt at the altar of prayer and received definite help. This meeting was held the first two weeks of December.

During the Passion Week of 1948 the congregation was richly fed with the timely evangelistic messages adapted to the whole week's occasion which were delivered by Bishop E. J. Swalm of Duntroon, Ontario, Canada. His fatherly church admonition was the thing which some of our Stowe Mission people appreciated deeply. A number were helped were helped spiritually.

For several years the Stowe Mission group have felt that it would be better to have our Sunday School and preaching service in the morning rather than in the afternoon. However no change was voted in until our yearly District Council of March 1948, when a majority felt this would be the best. This change of time has proved beneficial for the attendance of the Sunday School. Our prayer is that it will continue to be singularly blest by the Lord Jesus Christ. These innovations at the various points have added spiritual spice and kept the work progressing and from getting into a formalistic rut of procedure. The Holy Spirit is given all the credit and God the glory for all the suggested changes.

The cooperation, support and prayers of both our home people and the Church at large are very much appreciated by all the Stowe Mission workers. We have been especially grateful for the harmonious spirit which has permeated our group. It is our supreme desire that still greater things shall be accomplished for Christ and the church during the coming years. To this end we solicit your continued cooperation and prayers for the work and the new workers who take over the responsibilities at Stowe.

## WELLAND MISSION, ONTARIO, CANADA

*Elder and Mrs. Edward Nigh  
Pearl Jones, Eileen Winger*

To all who have a vision of God's great Harvest Work,  
Greetings;—

Since Conference of 1947 the Lord has graciously come to our help. The task here was new and much too large for us

but we truly appreciate the way the Lord directed and gave wisdom.

We were grateful to Bro. and Sister Edward Nigh who so faithfully entered into the work. They drove to Welland every Sunday and Thursday night. Their help in the visitation was very much appreciated by all.

Sister Eileen Winger of Bertie congregation came to assist in the care of the Mission Home. We praise God for those who are willing to help. She also assisted with the Sunday School and the young people's activities. May she continue in service for her master.

Our young people have enjoyed the experiences received while delivering 500 tracts a month. Every other Sunday has been set apart for young people. This has afforded new openings for service which has proved a blessing to all.

The Sunday School has had an average attendance of 56. Although the summer months drop lower, we aim to double our attendance during our ten day Vacation Bible School.

We have added a Home Department to our Sunday School and we believe it has been a blessing to many.

Brother Walter Winger served as evangelist for our winter revival. We praise God for the victories won.

We have a large field for service. There are many in the city we claim for Christ and the church. Many were one time members of the church, some are children of members of our church. They have had the light but they do not have the Saviour. They need our interest and prayers.

We as children of God feel His coming is close at hand. May we be found ready, watching and warning sinners to make their peace with God.



## RURAL MISSION REPORTS

### CANOE CREEK, HOLLIDAYSBURG, PENNA.

*Hayden Walls, Pastor  
Beulah Lehman, Florence Faus*

The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad.

We can take new courage against the battle of sin knowing we are responsible, and thus leaving all results with Him. Our hearts rejoice as we glance back over the year and see where God helped us in so many ways in our service for Him.

The Spring Love Feast was held here at Canoe Creek with Bro. Albert Engle assisting. The next one will be held at Ganister in September.

We have preaching services here every two weeks. We have prayer meeting every week. We are glad we are invited into homes of unsaved people and also homes of other denominations. God's spirit is felt very near in these services and feel they are good "Filling stations."

Our week of Vacation Bible School has been a very busy time. It was a problem for the teacher to find suitable material to keep the children interested and occupied. The enrollment was 112 and average attendance 107. One week seemed too short but God met with us and blessed the effort. The children seemed to enjoy the work and our hearts rejoiced as we saw them gather into the Lord's House to study His Word.

We are looking forward to our tent meeting. Brother Eli Hostetler, Jr. will be the evangelist. We are expecting great things from God. "Ask and ye shall receive," is the promise.

There are many souls all about us who are unprepared; perishing without a Saviour. This is a great Harvest Field. Will you help us pray?

### HOUGHTON MISSION, CANADA

*Thomas and Marjorie Whiteside  
Myrtle and Ruth Steckley, Luella Heise*

Greetings from Houghton Mission:

We thank the Lord for His help and blessings this past year.

We were privileged to have the tent for meetings the month of July. In the two meetings at Houghton Center Brother Arthur Musser served as evangelist. Brother Percy Cassel was evangelist in the two weeks' meeting at Walsingham. A Vacation Bible School was held in connection with each of these meetings. We were happy to have Brother and

Sister Arthur Pye as workers with us during the summer. We are thankful for the souls who were saved and the many who were reached by the Gospel.

On August 24th two sisters were baptized and received into church fellowship. Bishop Edward Gilmore was with us for this service.

Our winter revival was held at Frogmore from January 27 to February 12. Rev. Ohmer U. Herr was the evangelist. As Brother Herr was faithful in the ministry of the Word, God's spirit moved upon us in an unusual way. Thirty souls knelt at the altar of prayer. Among these were a number of backsliders. A few weeks after the revival closed a young couple was gloriously saved. Thank the Lord the revival fires are still burning.

Later Elder John Nigh from Springvale, Ontario, held a one-week meeting at Walsingham in the Bethel Church. May God bless Brother Nigh for his faithful ministry.

We are happy that Brother and Sister Whiteside from Wainfleet have arrived on the field to labor with us. Their delay in coming was due to the fact that we were unable to find residence for them.

We can truly say the Lord has supplied our every need. Please pray that God will give us many souls.

### KENTUCKY MISSION FIELD

SUPERINTENDENT—*Harold Wolgemuth*

GARLIN STATION—*Alice Wolgemuth, Elizabeth Hess,  
Ida Lue Hane*

FAIRVIEW STATION, ELLA:—*Edgar Giles, Pastor  
Esther Ebersole, Esther Greenawalt*

KNIFLEY STATION—*Irvin and Dorothy Kanode, Mary Heisey*

"Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance; for ye serve the Lord Christ"; and "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female; for ye are all one in Christ Jesus." Col. 3:24, Gal. 3:28. These are challenging words to the Mission worker.

For the past two years Sister Wolgemuth's health has not been too good and with that she experienced three trips to the Glasgow hospital for treatment and operation. The most recent trip was made in April of this year. This condition and the growing work made it necessary to ask the Home Mission Board for more help, or at least a different set-up, this coming year. This need was presented to them and we believe they did their best in trying to give the necessary relief but were unable to do so and requested that we accept the responsibility of the work at Stowe, Pa. We seriously considered taking a year's leave of absence from Home Mission Work but

after this urgent need was presented to us, and with the assurance that less responsibility would fall on Sister Wolgemuth, we answered the call and left Kentucky July 12 for Pennsylvania.

Our experience of nine years in Kentucky Mission work is of untold value to us. We have met with encouragements and disappointments, but "all things work together for good to them that love the Lord." Many times what seems to be stumbling blocks can be made stepping stones if we rightly approach them. Our lives have been deepened and enriched by these experiences and we would profit by them.

This year Brother John Rosenberry has held his 15th revival in Kentucky. This splendid help by our brother from year to year has left its imprint upon the church in Kentucky. A great many souls came to an altar of prayer through his efforts and were baptized and some came to the church. Many other evangelists have made like contributions and this has been a contribution to the Kentucky church which could go unnoticed.

Another church has been dedicated May 9 of this past year at the Millerfields. This is the seventh church in Kentucky and it was named, on the day of dedication, "Millerfields Church."

The splendid cooperation by the people of the community was commendable indeed. If we would not have had this support it would not have been possible to have the building dedicated on above date. However to date, July 19, the church is not completed but arrangements are underway for its completion by fall, 1948. The only large item for its completion is the hard wood flooring. The rest is the finishing of the basement, and the concreting of the steps, etc.

The ten D. V. Bible Schools were, on the whole, well attended. There was a 279 perfect attendance out of an enrollment of 536.

The nine Sunday Schools on the field were well attended. However there was a drop in average attendance by a total of 27, but the perfect attendance and offering were higher than the previous year. Two were taken into church fellowship this past year and two this year so far. We are grateful to the Lord who doeth great things for us.

## NAVAJO MISSION, BLOOMFIELD, NEW MEXICO

*Lynn and Elinor Nicholson, Rosa Eyster*

"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us," is the Scripture which we feel applies to the work here, with the assurance of faith that what the Lord has done is just a foretaste of His blessings that He will give in the days to come.

This year has been largely one of beginnings as we moved onto the mission land last summer and began to build the mission and to drill a well. It was largely a beginning, too, in

the evangelistic work: visiting among the people and presenting the Gospel message by means of Scripture reading and hymn singing in the Navajo language and by use of Navajo language Gospel phonograph records.

The interest shown in these visits and services has been very good and the people seem to want to hear more. We are praying that they will not be, "Forgetful hearers but doers of the Word."

The building project has come along splendidly; the mission home is nearly finished and we began work on the construction of a school and meeting house. A well 166 feet deep was drilled but no water reached so we have purchased a new drilling outfit, and hope to begin drilling soon in a different location.

We want to thank everyone who has given of their tithes and offerings for this work, and feel a special mention is due to those brethren who came out to help us build, freely giving their time. Namely: Brothers Sam Buckwalter, Hiram Alderfer, Jake Stern, Earl Martin, Mike Engle, Vernon Frymire, David Switzer, Harry Eyster, Roy Eyster, David Engle, Lloyd Engle, Harry Wiles, Charles Melhorn and Eli Crissner. We give you our hearty thanks. We wish to extend an invitation to any others who would like to come out and help this summer.

May you all be praying for the Navajo people; and for us as we bring them the Gospel.

## NORTH STAR MISSION, MEATH PARK, SASK.

*Earl and Ellen Brechbill*

"Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning." Psa. 30:5.

In thinking of the above quoted scripture, we are encouraged to press on even though we see many hardening their hearts and turning away from the message of the gospel. There are times when we are saddened to see many, who know better, seeking pleasure in the world; but then we are thankful for those who have shown an interest in the gospel and have been drawn closer to the Lord.

Immediately after our return from Conference we began the preparations for the summer's campaign, and in the latter half of July the tent was finally pitched in the Pine Valley district. This was the first time since 1940 that a tent was used by the mission, and the first time a tent has ever been pitched for evangelistic services in the Pine Valley area. Although we canvassed the district in the interests of the meetings and had mailed to the people announcement cards, attendance was small and interest on the part of the community was disappointing. But there was a middle aged mother converted as she sat in her seat during the altar call the second Sunday

night of the meetings, and this campaign prepared the way for three other young women to accept the Lord in the second series of the campaign. The mother referred to has been true and her experience is bright. She has been ready to take her stand before men.

From Pine Valley the tent was moved to a site near the division line between the Howard Creek and Chesley districts. In this series of meetings Bro. E. H. Hostetler, Jr., Massillon, Ohio, served as the evangelist. His services were appreciated and the people who heard him remarked how easy it was to understand his messages. We used our car with the big trailer to gather the people together and take them to the meetings, the tent being located so that this could be done without back-tracking or driving more than a mile and a half out of our way. In using the tent we feel that we are able to reach some who would not come to the church building. Besides those who came with their own vehicles, twice we had eight or ten in the car and 47 on the trailer. The last few nights of this meeting the tent was well filled, and the last night in particular the tent was packed. We regretted that the season was late and we had to close with the interest being good.

During this meeting a number found the Lord. Sorry to say, not all have remained true. Home influence and outside circumstances make it hard for them. There has been added to this the efforts of a sect fostering false teaching. But we are glad for those who are still holding on, and we are looking forward to seeing their experience deepened and their way made easier. We are trying to make arrangements so that one girl in high school can cross the border and attend our own school, and another may enroll for a Bible course at Ontario Bible School this fall. We wish that there would be young men as well as young ladies who would be interested.

This year we have faced the test of withstanding false teaching as never before. We realize in a greater way the need for Bible teaching, as it seems that the majority of those who are trapped in such heresy are ignorant of what the Bible actually says. Some are unable to read very much. On several occasions the "ministers" of this particular brand of heresy have paid calls on us, and it has amused us at times to see how little they know about their own organization. We were able to tell them more about their sect's origin and teaching than they knew themselves, and in so doing we have been able to preach the message of salvation that removes the fear of the here-after. We believe that some are sincere in their efforts to serve God, and have been ensnared by the devil: the sad part is that once taken, they can hardly break loose. Then of course there are those who know the truth, but unwilling to walk in the light and straighten up the past, have tried to convince themselves and others that the Bible does not mean what

it says and that a place of punishment does not exist. Not many have fallen for this teaching, but it does seem to make it harder for the others to accept the gospel.

We might mention this: it seems that where people are interested in politics and related matters there is a marked indifference to spiritual things. This fact adds to our work too.

But has it paid to have a mission at North Star? We would say the answer is that it has. A number have been saved and are still true to Christ and the church. A few have gone out into other places and are a credit to the mission and to the church. One worker on the Home Mission field at the present time was converted because this mission was established. We consider that when one mission point can send its converts out into the mission field, missions pay, and the money, effort, sacrifice and time expended at North Star pays and there is a future, we believe, for North Star in the days ahead.

Melba, Pine Valley, Paddockwood and Howard Creek are still our regular appointments. We have missed a few more times this year than before, because of road conditions. Over the winter, the team was not in the condition they should have been because of the feed shortage, and for that reason we did not try to get to our appointments like we might have otherwise. When conditions were severe, the people we were to serve did not expect us. Our new caboose has been a real comfort to us for the winter's traveling.

The loss of our two workers has been felt by the remaining staff. Two local ladies replaced the workers in the Sunday School class. In the home, we have been able to secure help at different times, and we hope to have help again over the summer months. There is a need for workers.

Death has claimed one of our oldest members during the conference year. At this writing we are expecting to soon receive a young lady into church fellowship. She has looked forward to this step for a number of years.

A few have moved from the community during the year and this has been reflected in the attendance at the church services. A few have dropped into the irregular attendants group. All things considered, we feel that the mission still is moving on.

To those who have prayed for us, helped in other ways, and to the community as a whole in which we live which has helped us in different ways, we say "God Bless You All."

# ALLISONIA, VIRGINIA

Paul and Ruth Wolgemuth

We come to the close of our first brief year in Virginia with grateful hearts for what has been accomplished. We have realized the help of the Lord in many ways throughout the year.

Through six Bible Schools, Low Gap, Sylvatus, Bethel, Grassy Creek, Spencer and Farris Mines, 140 children heard the Gospel last summer. Tent meetings were held last summer at Sylvatus and Farris Mines, and a revival at Farris Mines in the winter. In these meetings about seventy-five raised their hands for prayer and 25 professed conversion. Some of these are not standing true but others are pressing on. Our prayers and concerns for them are worth the while as we see them respond.

A major project of our work this year was the building of the new Farris Mines church. February 29 was an outstanding day when our guests and local people witnessed the dedication with grateful and mixed feelings. While not all of our congregation has been favorable toward the new church, we appreciate the fine spirit of cooperation from those who stayed with the work. We also thank the church at large for her support in this worthy project which greatly enhances our work.

There have been weekly preaching appointments and Sunday School at Farris Mines throughout the year. Spencer schoolhouse has been discontinued since last Fall. Prayer meetings have been held weekly except during the winter months at Farris Mines and Sylvatus. We had two appointments a month at Bethel except during the winter months. Brother D. E. Jennings held preaching appointments once a month at Farris Mines.

The young people of Farris Mines and Boon are very enthusiastic about their newly organized Young People's Meeting which is held twice a month. Boon is a new prospective territory about three miles from the new church.

Our work is carried on from one point since last summer when Sister Davidson moved in with us from Sylvatus.

There are about 110 homes over our territory which we contact through the year. We are much interested in working more effectively in all our communities as the Lord gives us strength, wisdom and ways and means to carry on. We would like to impress the church that Virginia is worthy of our attention. It is by your prayers, interest and support that we will be able to penetrate the darkness which has engrossed hearts in spiritually neglected communities.

May our joys of seeing souls responding to the Gospel over the past year be shared with you under whom we serve.

## HOME MISSION STATION FINANCIAL REPORT

CITY MISSIONS	Balance on hand, April 1, 1948	Offerings from Church at large	Hall and Local Offerings	Contributions for Special Needs for Projects	For Evangelism	Total Balance and Contributions	Expenditures	Light, Water and Fuel	Rent, Repairs, Insurance, Taxes	Special Needs and Projects	Transportation (car or bus)	Evangelism	Miscellaneous	Total Expense	Balance on Hand	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Relief, Schools Benevolence
Altoona	91.50	469.49	75.00	840.75	443.17	769.47	840.75	443.17	769.47	97.30	189.18	219.13	241.38	294.13	37.00	62.05	xx36.02	
Buffalo	359.93	1,592.92	82.67	2,035.52	1,133.92	2,169.44	1,133.92	1,133.92	334.17	595.86	79.30	89.28	115.77	1,117.53	282.11	20.60	81.57	152.84
Chicago	680.68	1,695.16	595.86	2,971.70	1,833.92	4,805.62	1,833.92	1,833.92	334.17	595.86	127.79	403.65	158.87	1,748.29	6.39	41.85	168.90	21.17
Dayton	258.46	1,137.05	36.60	1,432.11	803.65	2,235.76	803.65	803.65	489.59	817.12	415.82	855.80	55.31	1,370.14	8.73	45.00	123.57	162.63
Detroit	100.88	893.50	1,723.69	2,718.07	1,332.78	4,050.85	2,718.07	489.59	489.59	79.35	230.49	133.26	131.06	2,937.16	*175.50	62.00	61.80	28.77
Harrisburg	*179.84	584.95	1,723.69	2,428.48	1,332.78	3,761.26	2,428.48	489.59	489.59	79.35	230.49	133.26	131.06	2,937.16	*427.47	100.20	100.73	28.77
Massillon	*53.67	23.00	1,081.60	1,358.27	79.85	1,438.12	1,358.27	156.19	156.19	60.60	89.85	211.03	91.44	1,723.76	86.34	18.60	12.00	51.00
Orlando	45.06	1,054.66	463.18	1,542.90	570.15	2,113.05	1,542.90	441.79	441.79	55.87	232.76	93.41	193.19	2,354.58	4.95	61.70	132.73	
Philadelphia	62.96	767.15	1,465.13	2,295.24	1,113.82	3,409.06	2,295.24	293.09	293.09	477.30	285.19	447.44	130.05	2,240.93	3.25			
San Francisco	28.13	755.08	2,270.75	3,050.96	90.76	3,141.72	3,050.96	270.25	454.59	477.30	285.19	447.44	130.05	2,240.93	3.25			
St. Louis	429.42	1,507.12	124.00	2,050.54	509.12	2,559.66	2,050.54	509.12	454.59	477.30	285.19	447.44	130.05	2,240.93	3.25			
Weland	26.65	217.34	1,609.04	1,852.99	227.68	2,080.67	1,852.99	377.18	208.10	39.00	127.15	227.68	469.43	1,906.24	174.47			
Canoe Creek	42.85	182.05	192.10	384.95	30.85	6.55	30.85	30.85	6.55	30.84	238.05	90.00	6.93	450.23	172.53	30.00	30.00	4.38
Houghton, Ont.	136.63	289.89	417.99	806.51	50.78	11.85	417.99	50.78	11.85	25.00	712.48	101.48	44.66	889.81	52.75			xx56.22
Kentucky	*56.62	1,013.78	678.23	2,668.84	2,184.84	4,853.68	2,668.84	302.84	73.16	2,184.84	712.48	1,152.46	133.85	2,938.34	*182.04	260.80	127.80	xx38.61
Garlin	1,015.69	603.95	2,051.87	3,671.51	1,015.69	4,687.20	3,671.51	117.89	32.82	1,015.69	287.09	603.95	57.54	2,312.04		207.80	63.17	xx72.85
Fairview	186.63	342.71	684.75	1,113.13	101.47	7.88	101.47	83.48	32.86	825.94	191.25	343.13	30.41	1,103.89		8.00	8.00	
Knifley	192.43	343.13	1,361.50	2,417.06	343.13	2,760.19	2,417.06	83.48	32.86	825.94	234.14	343.13	30.41	1,103.89		45.00	56.63	xx10.76
New Mexico	22.23	1,423.07	623.27	2,068.57	5,145.98	7,214.55	2,068.57	41.90	4,055.57	1,035.51	556.71	133.07	139.95	1,489.62	*323.64			
North Star	136.42	909.88	314.45	1,360.75	53.82	257.14	314.45	53.82	257.14	1,035.51	446.70	50.21	114.58	1,175.60	*251.34			
Virginia	*85.45	762.83	383.56	1,231.84	51.32	1,009.71	1,231.84	54.77	125.78	1,035.51	446.70	50.21	114.58	1,175.60	*251.34			

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x Drawn from Home Mission Funds  
xx Church Schools

## MISSION PASTORATE REPORTS

### BLANDBURG, PENNA.

*Herman and Laura Miller*

We greet you all in the precious name of Jesus, the One who died for us and washed us from our sins with His own blood. Praise His Holy Name forever!

There was a tent meeting conducted in Blandburg last summer. Brother Monroe Dourte served as evangelist. He faithfully preached the Gospel. While some came to an altar of prayer others hardened their hearts.

During the tent meeting, there was a Vacation Bible School with Sister Iola Dixon in charge. Brother Dourte, Brother Good and some of the local members helped in the teaching. It left a good influence in the community.

The winter revival was conducted by Brother John Byers of Chambersburg, Pa. He brought heart searching messages from the Word of God which brought conviction to hearts. A number knelt at an altar. Some got definite help while others were not willing to pay the price to obtain victory.

We desire your prayers for the work at Blandburg.

### ELLA, KENTUCKY

*Edgar and Annie Giles*

Greetings in Jesus' name:

We wish to report that the work is progressing in each community where we serve as pastor. There have been some who united with the church. There are unsaved in each community for whom we are praying. They seem interested. Will you help us pray for their salvation?

### FRANKLIN CORNERS, COLETA, ILL.

*Elder and Mrs. Albert Cober*

Greetings in Jesus' precious name:

Another year is in history and what is done for the Lord will last. Glad to say the Lord has showed us many kind favors through the past year. During the last two weeks of August, Brother Elwood Flewelling was our evangelist. The Lord blessed the messages and souls were found at an altar of prayer: some to be saved, others to be reclaimed.

The work at Franklin Corners has taken on a new aspect with families moving in from other parts of the brotherhood. We welcome Brother and Sister Webster Eshelman and family, also Brother and Sister Reuben Tyson and family—both

from Souderton, Pa; Brother and Sister Clarence Gramm and family, Pleasant Hill, Ohio; and Mr. and Mrs. Austin Corbin and family from near Springfield, Ill. Then the Mt. Carmel Home with its larger family of twenty-one children has made an appreciable rise in our Sunday School attendance. This has been an encouragement to the work. The numbers had been rather depleted because of death and some moved out of the district for various reasons.

We are going forth with a new desire to press the battle for souls, thanking the Lord for answered prayer. Trust we may have the sincere prayers of all God's children that this may be the place where souls will get saved and that believers will be built up in the most holy faith.

### GRANTS PASS, OREGON

*Elder and Mrs. B. M. Books*

Greetings in Jesus' precious name:

In a pioneer work there are many new problems arising because of a wide range of family traditions. Although the Christian sentiment is generally uniform, the working out of that sentiment offers surprises, disappointments and encouragements. There is no referring to precedents for guidance. So through trial and error, we are coming to a fairly fixed pattern.

A gracious revival service was conducted under the leadership of William Lewis. The encouragement was noted in the free testimonies; also with a dozen at the altar of prayer.

A few new families, now regular attendants have moved into the community. Even though we have not gained a great deal, we now after three years of worship feel the work is settling down to a steady gain.

For the last six months we have off and on been engaged in enlarging our church plant. The increase in Sunday School classes and the need for recreational purposes have made the extension imperative.

We were happy to welcome the many friends, church folk, and relatives who have given us pleasant visits during the year. This renewal of old acquaintances was refreshing.

### IRON SPRINGS, PENNA.

*Elder and Mrs. John Garman*

Another year has gone by and we feel that the blessing of the Lord has been upon the work here, although visible results were not always just what we had hoped and prayed for. The seed has been sown and we trust that the reaping will come later.

The average attendance for our Sunday School was 44. Three weekly services have been held. Brother Albert Engle and a number of the brethren and sisters from Grantham met with us for our communion service in November. A two-weeks' revival meeting was held in March with Bishop Lester Myers as evangelist. The interest was good and many acknowledged a need—but few were willing to seek a definite experience of salvation.

As in past years, the Messiah Bible College Gospel Team group gave us a program each month. These and other special programs were well attended.

Our church building is small and we are handicapped by the lack of adequate Sunday School rooms. At present, plans are under way for the construction of a new church on the adjoining property. The building fund is growing and the actual construction is slated to begin next summer.

The children were intensely interested in Vacation Bible School last summer and we are planning to conduct another one this year immediately following conference.

Pray for us that the Lord will continue to bless the work here and manifest His saving power in our midst.

**LIBERTY VALLEY, ICKESBURG, PA.  
SPRING GROVE CHURCH**

*J. Roy and Rhoda M. Asper*

We greet you with Psalms 29:2—"Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness."

We want to thank the Lord for hearing and answering your prayers in behalf of the work in Liberty Valley. We are very glad to report that the work is growing. The debt has been paid on the church building and the deed given to the Home Mission Board for which we thank God. Brother Harry Brubaker held our Fall revival during which he brought soul stirring messages which caused the people to think very seriously. Then this Spring a sister church held a revival in which many of our young people were gloriously saved. In June we opened a Vacation Bible School in the mornings and revival meeting in the evenings. The Brubaker brothers from Granville, Pa. held these meetings with Hess as evangelist and Merle as song leader. They also had charge of the Vacation Bible School. These brothers were well liked by the community and especially by the young people. The Bible School was appreciated and well attended. Nine found the Lord in these efforts. Following these meetings we had a baptismal service in which seventeen followed the Lord in this ordinance. We were glad to have quite a lot of visitors at this service. On

July 11 we had a Dedication Service in which four young couples presented their children for dedication to the Lord.

In the past year we have decided to have our Sunday School every Sunday morning and Young People's Meeting every Sunday evening. There is preaching every Sunday, one Sunday in the morning and the next Sunday in the evening.

We kindly ask you dear readers to join us in prayer in behalf of these converts and the work in general in Liberty Valley.

**LLEWELLYN, PENNA.**

*Elder and Mrs. Cyrus Landis*

Greetings to all our readers. During the past year we can report many difficulties, many times when Satan, with his helpers, tried his best to get us down, but praise God He is always there to help when we call upon Him. And He brought us through victoriously.

There have been many times when some of our group or their friends have been on beds of affliction and many times when our little group knelt humbly together in sending up our petitions to the throne of grace and many times when our wonderful God heard and answered prayer whether it was for relieving someone's affliction or working out another problem of some sort for our little group. Then how we all did join together in praising and thanking Him for His great power. Yes, God has truly been very good to us here at Llewellyn Hillside Chapel.

During the year we had a rather unusual tent meeting in that the financial end was far above other years and more than cleared all expenses. Although we did not see as many pray through to victory as we would have liked to, we feel that through the efforts of the workers, we reached the hearts of more children than any other year in our large Vacation Bible School and many knelt at the altar on Decision Day.

Our Sunday School during the past year had an average attendance of twenty-five, and so far this year we are increasing our average. All thanks and praise be to our God! There are so many other ungodly activities going on here on the Lord's Day which tend to draw the children elsewhere, that we ask you to pray that God will keep these children interested in Sunday School. Also pray for our Sunday evening services because many adults in this town have no interest in worshipping God. But we know that God can crack the hardest heart and we wish you would pray to that end.

Also pray for our activities through this coming year. May God richly bless you all.

## RAY'S COVE, EVERETT, PENNA.

*Walter and Mildred Blackstone*

Dear co-workers and Mission Family:

We greet you in the precious name of Jesus, and admonish you to, "Hold fast that which is good." I Thess. 5:21.

Well another year has passed and we wonder what has been done. But as we look back over the year, we see many things God has done for us and for others. We are starting the seventh year as mission workers here at Mountain Chapel. It seems like just a short time but God is calling people one by one, some of old age, others younger. There have been eleven deaths in the six years we are laboring here. Some were members; others were not but attended church with us. Some left a bright witness while others did not profess salvation. This reminds us that we must all die and after that the judgment.

Now about the work; it is about as usual. Our Fall revival was held in October with Brother C. H. Moyer as evangelist. He preached the truth, but there did not seem to be much concern at the time. Later we learned that conviction had gotten hold of several. One sister got awake during the night and got out of bed and prayed through. She has been faithful ever since that time.

Brother Isaac Kanode served as our evangelist in the Spring revival. He was with us for two weeks and was faithful from night to night. The children showed much interest. Conviction gripped hearts but many fought it and would not yield. Pray that God will get hold of these people and save them.

We have done much repairing on the church building and there is more needed. We want to get electric lights and a furnace. Will you help us pray about these needs? We are thankful that the State is building a hard-surface road past the church. This will help the attendance at services as the present road is sometimes impassible. We do covet your prayers for us, the lost of this community and the work in general.

## RIDDLESBURG, PENNA.

*George and Sara Kipe*

Greetings in the worthy name of Jesus our Savior: The Lord has permitted us to complete one more year of service in His vineyard. He has blessed us in many ways.

The activities here in the past year have been successful. The Spring revival meeting was started here the first week of June with Brother John Rosenberry of Des Moines, Iowa as our evangelist. The meetings were well attended and a number of folks sought the Lord and received definite help. The

Bible School was conducted the last two weeks of the revival meeting. Brother Rosenberry, Sisters Edith Gutshall and Margaret Lehner were the teachers with the assistance of some local talent. The school was well attended.

In July when we had our Love Feast, there were two members of the town received into church fellowship.

Brother Harry Brubaker was with us for a revival in the Fall. The Lord blessed our brother with inspiring messages night after night. We thank the Lord for the souls that He called.

In the past year there have been some improvements made in the mission home; such as a bathroom and a water system giving hot water in kitchen and bathroom. Also some cupboards were built in the kitchen.

We ask your prayers for the people and the work here.

## SAXTON, PENNA.

*Elder and Mrs. Roscoe Ebersole  
Iola Dixon, Bertha Wingert*

"The blessing of the Lord it maketh rich and He addeth no sorrow with it." Proverbs 10:22. Surely we have enjoyed the rich blessing of the Lord. His presence has been manifested among us in a special way.

We are thankful for fifteen church accessions, ranging in age from two high school students to an old grandmother, including mothers and fathers. They not only joined the church but still give clear testimonies to the saving power of our Lord. Some were saved in a revival meeting, others in prayer meeting, and some in their homes.

Sunday night July 6, there was a very impressive service. Three pairs of young parents stood and dedicated their first babies to the Lord. Five of these young people are saved and have come to the church.

It thrills our hearts to see the young people serving the Lord and filling offices in the Sunday School and church. For a while it seemed that none of the children were going to follow their parents but as they became older, the teaching and godly lives of their parents had its effect, and a good number of the young people are now saved and in the church.

During the year the young people have rendered a number of very interesting and spiritual programs. They also sent a box to India and gave an offering for relief in Europe.

Our Summer Bible School was held in Saxton, June 2-11. We had an enrollment of 96 with an average attendance of 73 and perfect attendance of 43. The public program in the evening was well attended by parents and relatives. It was the first time that some of them had been in our church. Many of the children say, "We like to come to your school the best

because we learn more about God." The other churches opened their school while ours was in progress but only a few left our school to attend up town.

There have been more deaths this year than any other year since we have been here. Brother Ebersole officiated at six funerals in six weeks; that was in the beginning of the year. There have been many more through the year.

The prayer meetings at Saxton have been well attended. There has been a spiritual richness that blesses our souls, there has been conviction, and souls have sought the Lord. There have been some definite conversions in the homes during the year.

The Wednesday night prayer meeting at Cherrytown is much better attended than last year. The reason for this may be that two families that came to the church the past year attend and bring others with them. There are more open doors for prayer meeting than the last year. The members in this community attend church services at Saxton.

At Three Springs the Sunday School is faithfully carried on by the Walker and Dodson families. The attendance is very small, but they are faithful to the Brethren in Christ doctrine and want their children in a spiritual Sunday School. They attend the Sunday night service at Saxton. We have had some very good prayer meetings at this end of the district. Meetings were held in a number of unsaved homes as well as in some of our Nazarene friends' homes. Thank God we can worship together.

The work at Sherman's Valley is encouraging. There are more children attending but some of the adults are not as faithful as the children. Sister Wright was a faithful attendant here from the beginning of the work but the Lord saw fit to call her up higher in November. Her funeral was largely attended. She was loved and respected by all. We miss our older brothers and sisters but thank the Lord that there are younger ones willing to serve the Lord. We are glad to report that prayer meetings are being held at this place in charge of Brother George Kipe.

## SYLVATUS, VIRGINIA BETHEL MISSION

*Denny and Marie Jennings*

We find another year gone and we are nearer eternity and feel greatly concerned for souls yet out of the fold.

As we look at the work in Virginia, we are encouraged. We think back to the start of it and how God blessed it and we praise Him for ever giving us the call to come to this place for Him.

We are glad to see the work in Pulaski County doing well. It was dear to our hearts from the beginning and we are encouraged seeing souls press on. We know the workers there are going through some trials similar to what we faced on this field but as they continue to live their testimony, God will take care of His work.

We trust much will be done at Sylvatus and vicinity as well as right here.

We do not have the young people we once had in this community, but we are very glad for the interest of those that are here and for the smaller children and the parents that do take an interest in the work here at this place.

We especially appreciate the work which our superintendent of the Sunday School, Rupert Turman, does when he is here. He has been attending school at Grantham and people are wanting him to return here to the church work.

Prayer changes things. We prayed fourteen years for someone to come and help at this place and God answered and sent Brother Orville Ulery. We sometimes wonder if we will be here or able to pray fourteen years more for definite work here and other places in Virginia. Will others take up the burden and carry it to the throne of God—accept the call He may give? We pray so.

Brother Lafayette Shoalts was with us for meetings this spring. The interest was especially good and if he could only have remained longer we believe results would have been gratifying in that souls would have gone on through with God. Both young and old especially enjoyed hearing Brother Shoalts give the messages. He was a great encouragement to us for he was with us in the beginning of the work here. He was with us when we had to leave a comfortable little home and clean out a stable to live in, so that we could carry on the Gospel. God blessed the work then and is continuing to do so.

We do appreciate visitors. It is an encouragement to us and the work here. Recently Brother and Sister John Garman and family and Sister Virgie Kraybill were here. Sister Garman had worked here in Bible School years ago and people were glad for her and her family to be with us. We would be glad if they would take up work in Virginia. People enjoyed hearing Brother Garman give messages. Brother and Sister Garman have always been good with the young people when they were here visiting us, and that means so much these days for we do long to see the young people as well as the older ones come to God.

Trusting many will continue to pray for the work in Virginia and for all of the workers and for the work right at this place. We will also continue to pray if we can't do more and want to work until Jesus comes.



## RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HOME MISSION BOARD TO GENERAL CONFERENCE, 1948

### Section I

Whereas, the advisability of having a building especially for worship for the members of the church in Altoona, Pa. has been favorably considered; and,

Whereas, the local congregation have already developed a fund of \$2,500 in cash and subscriptions for this project; and,

Whereas, we believe there are good reasons for the request of the mission congregation in Altoona to solicit funds outside their district; therefore,

We recommend, that General Conference grant permission for solicitation of funds in Penna. for another place of worship in Altoona.

### Section II

Whereas, Sr. Ruth Keller has given many years of faithful service at Stowe Mission and now desires to continue her education; therefore,

We recommend, that she be granted one year's leave of absence.

### Section III

Whereas, for nearly two years the staff for the work centering at Knifley, Ky. have been living in a home purchased by the Home Mission Board in Knifley; and,

Whereas, arrangements have been made for the sale of the former parsonage, known as Home Evangel which is located about three miles from Knifley; therefore,

We recommend, that General Conference authorize the sale of said property the receipts of which are to be credited to the purchase price of the present parsonage in Knifley.

### Section IV Licensed Ministers

Alleman, Elmo C., Dallas Center, Iowa  
Bouch, Norris A., Route 3, Altoona, Pa.  
Bouch Thomas, Blandburg, Pa.  
Book, Alvin, c/o Beulah College, Upland, Calif.  
Brubaker, Graybill, Granville, Pa.  
Brubaker, A. Hess, Granville, Pa.  
Buckwalter, Lloyd, Route 1, Howard, Pa.  
Cook, Charles, Delisle, Saskatchewan, Can.  
Cooper, Art W., Washington Boro, Pa.  
Detweiler, Roland F., 307 E. Broad St., Souderton, Pa.  
Dibert F. Roy, Route 2, Clearville, Pa.  
Diller Glen R., Route 3, Welland, Ont.  
Duck, Howard, Route 1, Mill Hall, Pa.  
Engle, Hiram H., Route 1, Detroit, Kansas  
Ensminger Samuel F., 107 N. Franklin St., Palmyra, Pa.  
Falk, Leonard A., Box 56, Grantham, Pa.

Gray, Alfred J., Rondowa Ave., Dayton 3, Ohio  
Green, Basil Ralph, 2744 S. W. 34th St., Oklahoma City, Okla.

Grove, Arthur W., 678 N. 3rd St., Upland, Calif.  
Hensel, Glenn A., Beulah College, Upland, Calif.  
Hostetler, Eli H. Jr., 311 Scott St., San Francisco, Calif.  
Hostetler, Lloyd, 1304 First St., N. E. Massillon, Ohio  
Hostetler, Paul E., 370 1st S. E. Massillon, Ohio  
Kanode, Irvin, Knifley, Ky.  
Kipe, George, P. O. Box 101, Riddlesburg, Pa.  
Krepps, Clarence A., Route 1, Pottstown, Pa.  
Lehman, J. Robert, R. 1, Mt. Joy, Pa.  
Long, Alden M., Mill Hall, Pa.  
Moll, Howard H., 374 Dewitt St., Buffalo 13, N. Y.  
Myers, Daniel O., Iron Springs, Pa.  
Myers, Jesse W., Route 1, Mechanicsburg, Pa.  
Patfield, H. J., Richmond Hill, Ontario, Canada  
Paulus, Harold E., Beulah College, Upland, Calif.  
Payne, James S., C-10, Springfield, Ohio  
Ritchey Floyd P., Star Route, Breezewood, Pa.  
Sherman, Warren J., Waukena, Calif.  
Spencer, George N., Smith Mill, Pa.  
Smith, Elbert, 410 N. Railroad St., Palmyra, Pa.  
Starr, Barton, Route 2, Chambersburg, Pa.  
Traver, George, Route 1, Wellandport, Ont., Can.  
Walker, Marion R., Route 1, Three Springs, Pa.  
Wenger, Samuel, Clayton, Ohio  
Wengerd, Robert, Massillon, Ohio  
Whiteside, Thomas H., R. 1, Tillsonburg, Ont., Can.  
Winger, Mark, Box 292, Mechanicsburg, Pa.  
Wingert, Paul E., 3700 Cornell St., Des Moines, Iowa  
Wingert, Chester F., Route 1, Carlisle, Pa.  
Wingert, Norman A., 263 F St., Upland, Calif.  
Wittlinger, Carlton O., Grantham, Pa.  
Wolgemuth Mark B., Grantham, Pa.  
Wolgemuth, Paul, Allisonia, Virginia  
Worman, Robert K., 79 Hillside Ave., Souderton, Pa.

### Section V

Whereas, Harold and Alice Wolgemuth have rendered 9 years of service on the Kentucky Mission Field first in charge of the work in the Knifley district and then at Supt. of the entire field, and because of much illness on the part of Sr. Wolgemuth during the past year, they have asked for release from the intensive schedule of service which is incumbent upon their last assignment; and,

Whereas, Harry and Katie Buckwalter have rendered five years of service in the work at the San Francisco Mission and John and Emma Climenhaga have rendered ten years of service at the Stowe Mission; therefore,

We recommend that General Conference recognize their faithful, effective, and consecrated service by a rising vote of thanks on the part of the members of Conference and visitors present, and also follow them in their further assignments or activities with their good will, prayers, and financial support for all their many years of sacrificing service.

#### Section VI

Resolved, that Elizabeth Hess, worker at Garlin, Ky., and Edith Yoder, worker at God's Love Mission, Detroit after a period of faithful service in their respective fields be given a leave of absence for this Conference year.

#### Section VII

Whereas, Ross Morningstar recently conducted a revival meeting at Hunlock Creek in Luzerne Co. in which there were 30 professed converts and much interest manifested in the work being continued by the Brethren in Christ; therefore,

We recommend, that General Conference recognize the assignment of Ross Morningstar to this new work.

#### Section VIII

We recommend the confirmation of the following workers for City Missions

**Altoona Mission, 613 Fourth Ave., Altoona, Pa. Residence**  
(Residence—1009 Rose Hill Drive)

Herman and Laura Miller

**Buffalo Mission, 25 Hawley St., Buffalo, N. Y.**

Arthur and Wilma Musser

Anna Henry

Ann Wyld

**Chicago Mission, 6039 Halstead St., Chicago, Illinois**

Carl and Avas Carlson

Alice Albright

Ruth Hunsberger

Esther Kanode

**Christian Fellowship Mission, 370 First St. S. E., Massillon, O.**

Eli and Lydia Hostetler

Lloyd Hostetler, Ass't. Pastor

Doris Rohrer

Edith Davidson

**Dayton Mission, 601 Taylor St., Dayton, Ohio**

William and Evelyn Engle

Mary Brandt

**Detroit Mission, 1524 Third St., Detroit, Michigan (Residence**  
—3986 Humboldt, Detroit 8, Mich.)

Harry and Catherine Hock

Leora Kanode

Mary Sentz

Ruth Heisey

**Lighthouse Mission, 1175 Bailey St., Harrisburg, Pa.**

Joel and Faithe Carlson

Anna Mary Royer

Anna Wolgemuth

Mildred Winger

**Orlando Mission, 1712 Cook St., Orlando, Florida**

Charles and Myrtle Nye

Docia Calhoun

**Philadelphia Mission, 3423 N. Second St., Philadelphia, Pa.**

William and Anna Rosenberry

Anita Brechbill

Alice Romberger

**San Francisco Mission, 311 Scott St., San Francisco, Calif.**

Eli, Jr. and Leona Hostetler

Evelyn Frysinger

Erma Hoke

**Stowe Mission, Stowe, Pa.**

Harold and Alice Wolgemuth

**Welland Mission, 36 Elizabeth St., Welland, Ontario, Canada**

Earl Bossert, Pastor

Pearl Jones

Pauline Hess

#### Section IX

We recommend the confirmation of the following workers for Rural Missions.

**Canoe Creek, Hollidaysburg, Pa.**

Hayden Walls, Pastor

Florence Faus

Beulah Lehman

**Bloomfield, New Mexico, c/o Blanco Trading Post**

Lynn and Elinor Nicholson

Rosa Eyster

**Houghton, Tillsonburg, Ontario, Canada**

Myrtle Steckley

Ruth Steckley

Luella Heise

Thomas and Marjorie Whiteside

**Kentucky—**

**Garlin—**

Bish. Wilber Snider, Supt.

Robert and Edna Grace Wengerd

Ida Lue Hane

Nurse—To be supplied

**Fairview—**

Esther Ebersole

Esther Greenawalt

**Knifley—**

Irvin and Dorothy Kanode  
Mary Heisey, nurse

**North Star Mission, Meath Park Station, Saskatchewan, Can.**  
Earl and Ellen Brechbill

**Virginia—**

**Allisonia—**

Paul and Ruth Wolgemuth

**Section X**

We recommend the confirmation of the following pastors in charge of the Mission Pastorates.

**Illinois**

Franklin Corners—Albert Cober, Coleta, Ill.

**Kentucky**

Fairview and Spout Springs—Edgar Giles, Ella, Ky.

**Oregon**

Grants Pass—To be supplied

**Pennsylvania**

Blandburg—John and Emma Climenhaga  
Clear Creek and Ray's Cove—Roscoe Ebersole, Supt.  
Clear Creek—Marshall Clark  
Ray's Cove and Tatesville—Walter Blackstone  
Saxton—Roscoe Ebersole, Supt.

Helpers—Iola Dixon and Bertha Wingert

Shermans Valley—George Kipe

Riddlesburg—To be supplied

Janesville—Herman Miller

Iron Springs—John Garman

Liberty Valley—J. Roy Asper

Llewellyn—Cyrus Landis

**Virginia**

Bethel—D. E. and Marie Jennings

**Section XI Re: Workers Allowance**

Whereas, the Home Mission Board recognizes in many cases, the importance and necessity of some of our workers giving their entire time to the spiritual phases of their work, and commends those who with faith in God, have dared to do so; and,

Whereas, on the other hand, the circumstances and inclinations of others is such that they have seen fit to give a goodly portion of their time to secular work; and,

Whereas, the Home Mission Board recognizes with appreciation all of our workers, who have manifested a significant degree of self-denial and zeal for the work of the Lord; and,

Whereas, we also recognize that an equal distribution of our limited funds for allowances for mission workers repre-

sents an unfair distribution of the same among our workers; and,

Whereas, the Home Mission Board has scheduled an extended session of our Board in October for a thorough study of our Home Mission program leading to recommendations for our next Conference to improve the general plan of our work; and,

Whereas, we recognize that some immediate adjustments should be made to provide a more fair distribution of Home Mission Funds for the Conference year 1948-49; therefore,

We recommend, that (1) We retain our present basic allowance of \$30 per quarter for each mission worker and \$15 per quarter for each of their children under 15 years of age for workers who give from one half to two thirds of their time to the work of their local mission. (2) Those who give practically all their time to the work of their local mission shall have this basic allowance increased by 50%. (3) Those who give less than half their time to the work of their local mission shall have their basic allowance decreased by 50%. (4) Superintendents of missions shall have their allowances increased by a second 50% increase over the basic allowance. (5) Our mission pastorate allowances shall be disbursed in a comparable manner based on our present basic allowance of \$90 per quarter and \$15 per child under 15 years of age. (6) Exceptions to this allowance scale may be granted by special action of the Home Mission Board; and,

We also recommend that the church at large as well as the constituency of our missions be systematically encouraged to rally to the financial responsibility of this plan.

ACTION: Recommendations in all sections approved, appointments confirmed, leaves granted, and a rising vote of appreciation extended workers retiring from various fields of service, (Sec. V.).

PART II  
FOREIGN MISSIONS

## FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

Bishop C. N. Hostetter, Sr., Washington Boro, Pennsylvania,  
*Honorary Chairman.*

Bishop R. I. Witter, Navarre, Kansas, *Chairman.*

Bishop J. L. Myers, Greencastle, Penna., *Asst. Chairman.*

Bishop Irvin W. Musser, Mt. Joy, Penna., *Secretary.*

H. R. Alderfer, Upland, Calif., *Asst. Secretary*

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*Treasurer.*

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*Canadian Treasurer.*

Eld. Graybill Wolgemuth, Mt. Joy, Penna.

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United Zion Church—Bishop Jacob Lehman, R. D. 2, Man-  
heim, Penna.

Bishop Peter Gress, R. R. 1, Reinholds, Penna.

United Christian—Eld. Irvin K. Curry, 118 Cocoa Ave.,  
Hershey, Penna.

## FOREIGN MISSIONARIES

THE RESPECTIVE DATES INDICATE WHEN FURLOUGH  
TO AMERICA IS DUE.

### AFRICA

BISHOP H. H. BRUBAKER, *Superintendent*

*Matopo Mission, Bulawayo, S. Rhodesia, S. Africa*

Bishop and Sr. H. H. Brubaker, 1950  
Elder and Sr. Elmer Eyer, 1954  
Elder and Sr. Lewis Sider, 1953  
Sr. Fannie Longenecker, 1953  
Sr. Mary C. Kreider, 1950  
Sr. Elizabeth Engle, 1954

*Mtshabezi Mission, P. B. 102 "M", Bulawayo, S. Rhodesia, S. Africa.*

Elder and Sr. D. B. Hall, 1952  
Elder and Sr. Roy H. Mann, 1954  
Sr. Naomi Lady, 1948  
Sr. Martha Kauffman, 1950  
Sr. Annie Winger, 1953  
Sr. Anna Wolgemuth, 1952  
Sr. Lula Asper, 1953

*Wanezi Mission, Filabusi, S. Rhodesia, S. Africa.*

Elder and Sr. Albert Brenaman, 1948  
Elder and Sr. Arthur Climenhaga, 1952  
Sr. Florence Hensel, 1953

*Macha Mission, Choma, N. Rhodesia, S. Africa.*

Elder and Sr. Bert Winger, 1952  
Sr. Ruth Hunt, 1952  
Sr. Verna Ginder, 1952  
Sr. Verda Moyer, 1952

*Sikalonga Mission, Choma, N. Rhodesia, S. Africa.*

Elder and Sr. David Climenhaga, 1953  
Sr. Anna Eyster, 1948  
Sr. Rhoda Lenhert, 1953  
To be placed:  
Sr. Anna Engle, 1955  
Sr. Anna Graybill, 1955

## INDIA

BISHOP A. D. M. DICK, *Superintendent*

*Saharsa Mission, Saharsa, O. and T. Ry., Bhagalpur District, India*

Bishop and Sr. A. D. M. Dick, 1955  
Sr. Annie Steckley, 1952  
Sr. Leora Yoder, 1954  
Sr. Shirley Bitner, 1954  
Sr. Erma Hare, 1954

*Madhipura Mission, Dauram, O. and T. Ry., India*

Sr. Effie Rohrer, 1952  
Sr. Beulah Arnold, 1954

*Barjora Mission, P. O. Tribenkganj, via Supaul, O. and T. Ry., India*

Elder and Sr. William Hoke, 1952  
Sr. Emma Rosenberger, 1952

*Outgoing Missionaries:*

Sr. Beth Winger  
Sr. Dorothy Martin  
After January 1, 1949:  
Elder and Sr. Charles E. Engle

*Missionaries on Furlough:*

Elder and Sr. Charles Engle, 660 Arrow Hwy., Upland, Calif.  
Sr. F. Mabel Frey, 256 F. St., Upland, Calif.  
Elder and Sr. Charles Eshelman, Messiah Bible College, Grantham, Penna.  
Elder and Sr. J. Elwood Hershey, R. D. 3, Troy, Ohio.  
Sr. B. Ella Gayman, 2001 Paxton St., Harrisburg, Penna.  
Elder and Sr. Walter O. Winger, Grantham, Penna.  
Elder and Sr. Allen Buckwalter, 338 N. 6th Ave., Upland, Calif.  
Sr. Mary Brenaman, Pleasant Hill, Ohio  
Elder and Sr. J. Paul George, R. D. 1, Troy, Ohio  
c/o Harold Rohrer  
Sr. Edna E. Lehman, R. D. 3, York, Penna.,  
c/o O. D. Lehman

*Missionaries Retired:*

Elder and Sr. L. B. Steckley, 105 N. W. St., Abilene, Kans.  
Sr. Adda Taylor, Lennox St., Harrisburg, Penna.  
Sr. Sadie Book Brechbill, Abilene, Kansas  
Elder and Sr. Walter Winger, Grantham, Penna.  
Sr. Emma Frey, 256 F. St., Upland, Calif.

## FOREIGN MISSION BOARD REPORT

### (a) General

*I. W. Musser, Secretary*

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo I am with you always even unto the end of the world" Matt. 28:19, 20."

In an effort to comply with this divine command our missionaries have labored in their respective fields another Conference year.

Field reports indicate definite victories won for the Lord, but not without opposition from evil forces. The inclination for material benefits coming as a result of our program of education creates additional problems. As the natives become more literate and are taught to read they come in contact with the world's propaganda which becomes a source of temptation to them.

To combat these evil forces it is highly essential that the missionary be alert in seeking to implant and strengthen the spiritual emphasis so vital to successful mission work.

Elder Roy Mann and family, Elder and Sister Elmer Eyer and two daughters and Sister Elizabeth Engle were sent to Africa during the fall of forty seven, and Sisters Anna R. Engle and Anna Graybill sailed from New Orleans on May 27th.

All of the foregoing except Sister Graybill were furloughed missionaries returning to their field of labor. She is the first missionary of the United Christian Church to be sent to the field.

For a number of years this body of believers have contributed toward our work in the Foreign Field. We were pleased to note the increased interest manifested in this new venture. About one hundred of their members accompanied these sisters to Washington, D. C. where they boarded the train for New Orleans.

One new worker was sent to India during the year in the person of Sister Erma Hare.

Bishop and Sister A. D. M. Dick also left for the India Field in February. After a stormy voyage and repeated delays in dangerous places, God brought them safely to their destination.

Elder and Sister Allen Buckwalter and daughter Joanne Grace arrived home for furlough in November.

Elder Paul George and family and Sisters Mary Brenaman and Edna Lehman arrived from the Africa Field in October, and Elder Charles Eshelman and family arrived on May 27th.

Pursuant to Conference decision to send a deputation to our Foreign Mission Fields, the Brethren, Graybill Wolgemuth and Henry Hostetter left New York on April 23, arriving at Capetown on May 17th. Our prayers follow them as they continue on this important mission.

We feel that it is to be appreciated that the sending of this deputation has been timed to enable them to participate in the Jubilee Anniversary of the opening of our Foreign Mission Work.

In compliance with last years Conference decision that Bishop R. I. Witter accompany Elder Jesse W. Hoover to the Orient to investigate the feasibility of opening Mission Work in the Philippines following up Relief Work there sponsored by the Mennonite Central Committee, in which a number of our members are engaged. Bishop Witter spent about six weeks at the Relief stations there.

A number of our workers have passed through severe sieges of illness, but we are thankful that as far as we now know all are able to take responsibility at this time.

One more of our former Mission staff in the person of Sister Grace Steigerwald Keesport has gone to her reward during the year. She gave many years of service on the African Field as the Superintendent's wife, and her motherly advice will long be remembered.

We are pleased to note the fine group of our youth in preparation for Mission Work. Urgent calls are coming from both Fields for new recruits. Doctors and men are needed now, also a nurse for Africa.

The past year has brought great changes to the people of India. Having obtained their independence as a nation, and the division of their country brought great fear and suffering to many of their people and great destruction of life and property. Mass migration from India to Pakistan, and Pakistan to India because of fear of persecution where their religious group was in the minority caused untold suffering and hardship to millions. We are thankful that the areas where our missions are, were not seriously affected.

During the past year Africa has passed through the worst drought known. This has caused a falling off in the attendance at the schools, also in the Native offerings. With almost a total failure of crops, prices for commodities have sharply risen, which has caused a heavy drain on the finances at our mission stations.

We hope all will be interested in reading of the reports from the various mission stations appearing in the Handbook of Missions.

We are thankful for the interest manifested by the Home Church and request your continued support by prayer and offerings.

**ACTION:** Approved.

(b) Financial

United States

For the year April 1, 1947 to April 1, 1948

Carl J. Ulery, Treas.

Balance on hand April 1, 1947		
Reserve Fund .....	\$22,000.00	
India Special .....	.45	
Special Bible Training Fund .....	2,516.29	
Special Fund for training of Medical Doctor..	1,134.73	
Refrigerator Fund .....	301.50	
General Fund .....	1,102.42	\$27,055.39

Receipts

General Fund .....	38,543.05	
Africa Specials .....	2,866.71	
India Specials .....	10,898.36	
Bible Training Fund .....	444.46	
Special Fund for training of M.D. ....	388.47	
Refrigerator Fund .....	4,281.00	
Deputation .....	2,923.97	
Total Receipts .....		60,346.02

Total Receipts and Balance .....\$87,401.41

Disbursements

Maintenance to Africa .....	8,720.70	
Maintenance to India .....	11,000.00	
Africa Specials, includes 5,000.00 for 3 autos.....	7,866.71	
India Specials .....	10,898.81	
Steam and Airship passage and other costs for outgoing missionaries .....	12,320.31	
Furloughed missionaries' allowances .....	6,622.50	
Missionaries' travel expenses .....	1,542.36	
Annuity interest paid .....	855.01	
Printing, postage and stationery .....	19.83	
Cable, service and draft charges .....	86.67	
Board members' travel expenses .....	285.00	
Committee of Reference and Counsel of Foreign Mission Conference of North America, Inc. ....	160.80	
Payments made from Bible Training Fund .....	537.66	
Payments made from Special Fund for training of Medical Doctor .....	936.94	
Payments made from Refrigerator Fund .....	4,580.45	
Tuition for Missionaries' children .....	630.00	
Tracts .....	206.78	
Correction in transfer of Funds .....	211.87	
Deputation—Bishop R. I. Witter to Philippines...	1,200.00	
Deputation—Wolgemuth and Hostetter .....	2,600.00	
Allowances paid to Missionaries' children .....	112.50	
Total Disbursements .....		\$71,394.90

Bish. Witter refunded 60.00 of the deputation allotment, the net cost of the Philippine trip being 1,140.00

Balance on hand April 1, 1948		
Reserve Fund .....	\$13,000.00	
Refrigerator Fund .....	2.05	
Fund for Training Medical Doctor .....	586.26	
Fund for Bible Training .....	2,423.09	
General Fund .....	871.14	

Total ..... 16,882.54

Deputation Fund, Deficit ..... 876.03

Net Total Balance .....\$16,006.51

Included in the contributions above to the General Fund are the following:

United Zion Church, annual contribution of.....	600.00
United Christians' Church annual contribution of	600.00
Independent Brethren Church (For two India natives).....	300.00

Report of Special Foreign Mission Funds

African School Fund .....	2,399.09
Annuity Fund .....	24,450.00
Bequests .....	5,564.28

Total special funds ..... 32,413.37

The amount shown in the Deputation Fund receipts includes \$1,934.14 which was transferred from the special funds account. This amount having been raised previously for the deputation.

The above special Funds are invested as follows:

Invested in Furloughed Missionary Home at Grantham, Pa. ....	2,500.00
Savings account, Springfield Savings Society, Springfield, Ohio .....	9,288.42
Certificate of Deposit, First National Bank and Trust Co., Mt. Joy, Pa. ....	1,445.00
Certificate of Deposit, First National Bank and Trust Co., Springfield, Ohio .....	2,399.09
Certificate of Deposit, Merchants & Mechanics Savings and Loan Association, Springfield, O. ....	7,000.00
Savings Account, Lagonda National Bank, Springfield, Ohio .....	9,780.86

Total Investments .....\$32,413.37

During the year the following additions were made to Special Foreign Mission Fund Account:

Annuitants:	
A Sister, Pa. ....	500.00
Joseph B. Ginder .....	500.00
Accrued Interest on the African School Fund .....	35.45
The total amount of annuities bearing interest is .....	16,250.00

Report for "Home for Furloughed Missionaries"

Balance on Hand April 1, 1947 ..... 261.42

Receipts

Rentals received ..... 210.00 \$ 471.42

Disbursements

J. E. Cline, Repairs to Home .....	63.30
A used cleaner .....	35.00
Water Rent .....	41.40
Taxes Paid .....	19.40
Sana for tank .....	19.00
136 ft. tile for drainage .....	44.80
Labor for laying tile .....	18.00
Total .....	240.90

Balance on hand April 1, 1948..... 230.52



This is to certify that I have examined the books and records of Carl J. Ulery, Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board and the Home for Furloughed Missionaries, and that I have examined the investments of the funds of the Foreign Mission Treasury, and hereby certify that the foregoing reports are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
June 7, 1948 Jos. R. Aiken

**Canadian**

**THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE**

Stevensville, Ontario  
June 1, 1948

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that I have audited the books of the Brethren in Christ (Tunker) Foreign Missions, William Charlton Treasurer and certify them to be correct to the best of my knowledge as follows:

Balance Forward April 1, 1947 .....	\$ 407.59	
Deposited in Bank .....	9,271.54	
Total Interest .....	12.33	
	<hr/>	\$9,691.46
<b>Disbursements</b>		
Cables to Africa .....	\$ 5,719.80	
Cables to India .....	1,850.93	
Payment to Ulery Medical Fund .....	82.47	
Payment to Witter Medical Fund .....	6.00	
	<hr/>	\$7,659.20
Cable Charges .....	18.20	
Bank Charges .....	19.03	
Balance in Bank .....	1,995.03	
	<hr/>	\$9,691.46

Yours truly

R. W. A. Ferguson

ACTION: Both Sections approved.

**FOREIGN MISSION BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Section I**

Whereas, General Conference 1947 has authorized the Foreign Mission Board to send a representative of their Board in the person of Bishop R. I. Witter to accompany Brother Jesse Hoover to the Philippines to investigate the feasibility of following up the Relief work now being carried on there with active mission work; and,

Whereas, we learn from this investigation that the place where our present relief Units are stationed is in territory allocated to other Mission Societies; and,

Whereas, any territory not now allotted to other societies is in the interior and is difficult to reach which would make Mission Work in these areas very expensive; and,

Whereas, our present mission fields are pressing for workers and funds to expand our work there; therefore,

We recommend, that definite plans for launching mission work on a permanent basis in the Philippines be deferred for one year, pending further study and developments in connection with the Relief Work there.

**Section II**

Whereas, a fund was created many years ago to establish a school in Africa for Missionaries' children; and,

Whereas, this project has never been developed, and is not likely to be in the near future; and since the necessary funds for the education of missionaries' children are allocated out of the General Fund by the Executive Board on the field, and since there is an urgent need for replacing autos in Africa; and,

Whereas, this fund was originally meant for Africa; therefore, We recommend, that this fund be sent to Africa for this purpose.

**Section III**

Whereas, the Baptist Missionary Society requested our missionaries to take over their work at Monghyr several years ago; and,

Whereas, the Foreign Mission Board recommended that the station be rented and Elder and Sister George Paulus have labored there; and,

Whereas, the Baptist Missionary Society is now pressing for a decision and have offered this property for Rupees 24000 or a little less than \$8,000.00; and,

Whereas, the Foreign Mission Board has requested an option until the deputation arrives in India; and,

Whereas, we are not able to hold this option until conference of 1949 be it therefore Resolved that the deputation with the India workers be authorized to purchase this property if in their judgment they deem it advisable, and be it further Resolved that funds for this purpose be taken from the reserve fund.

**Section IV**

Whereas, there is urgent need at the Barjora Mission for a dispensary and living quarters for single workers, and whereas it has been suggested that such dispensary if provided could be used temporarily as living quarters for single sisters; and,

Whereas, our Missionaries have made contacts and done some work among the Santals, and believe that this is a promising field; and,

Whereas, living quarters are needed for the work there, be it therefore Resolved that an appeal be made through the Evangelical Visitor for funds for this purpose; and,

Whereas, a gift of one thousand dollars in addition to the annual contribution of six hundred dollars was presented to the Board by the United Zion Church; therefore,

Be it further resolved, that this contribution be designated for the aforesaid purpose, and that a rising vote of thanks be given in appreciation of this gift.

#### Section V

Whereas, the Young People's Board decided at last year's Conference to have as a project for our young people the raising of funds for enlarging the Church at the Matopo Mission; therefore,

We recommend, that Conference give a rising vote of thanks in appreciation for the gift of \$2,365.17, and that an effort be made to apply this fund to some specific part of this building project.

#### Section VI

Whereas, the Foreign Board have accepted Sisters Dorothy Martin and Beth Winger as Missionaries to Africa; therefore,

Be it resolved, that Conference confirm their appointment, and,

Whereas, the Board plans to send furloughed workers to the fields in the persons of Elder and Sister Charles Engle to India and Elder J. Elwood Hershey and family to Africa; therefore, be it further

Resolved that this action be confirmed.

#### Section VII

Whereas, there has been an urgent need from the African field for qualified men and whereas we have no educationally qualified men to send to Africa and whereas Bro. & Sr. Chester Wingert have volunteered their services for Africa providing we can use them with their qualifications, and Whereas the board is not in a position to make definite decision at this Conference, we therefore request that Conference authorize the Foreign Mission Board to make final disposition of this matter.

ACTION: Recommendations in all sections approved with rising votes of appreciation extended, in Sec. IV to the United Zion Church for their generous gift to missions, and in V to the Young-People of the Church via the Board for Young People's work for funds raised for the Matopo Mission building project.

NOTE: Word has been received that Bro. & Sr. Chester Wingert have been accepted.

## CONFERENCE MISSIONARY PROGRAM

June 13, 1948

*Memorial Holiness Camp, West Milton, Ohio*

AFTERNOON: *Tabernacle.*

With the beautiful weather, large crowds were in attendance for all the missionary services on Sunday. We were privileged to have fifteen returned foreign missionaries present as speakers in the services. Sr. Edna Lehman, as the first speaker of the afternoon in the Tabernacle and representing Africa, very ably presented "Medical Work as an Aid to Evangelism." The missionary first attempts to alleviate the suffering, and in this approach to follow up with the gospel story. Sr. Ella Gayman who has given years of faithful service in the girls' orphanage in India, emphasized the power of the Gospel and its influence in training and guiding the children.

The queries in the mind of the African Christian relative to reconciling the different standards of various denominations was given by Elder J. Paul George, in his topic, "Some of the problems of the African Christian." The natives often do not like to follow any set pattern of rules for the worship services.

With much feeling and inspiration Sr. Abbie Winger told how "God has worked in Africa," through the many years she has labored in Africa. If God had not first worked here in America possibly He could not have so worked in Africa, which was evidenced by the many incidents which she recounted of God's faithfulness in the lives of the Christian natives.

By effective demonstration Elder Elwood Hershey spoke of the Witch doctor and his power over the heathen. Sr. Kathryn Engle testified to God's leading into mission work and her call now into the fields of India. The question has been asked as to the future of missionary effort in India under the new Indian regime. Elder Allen Buckwalter pictured to us the prospect of the "Church in an Independent India as one of hope with great prospects for evangelism."

*Evangelistic Tent:*

The first speaker, Sr. Dorothy Hershey, contrasted the difference in the "Evangelized and Unevangelized fields." Salvation raises the standard of living of the African. One of the greatest hindrances to evangelization is illiteracy. Sr. Esther George followed with an account of the work among the African women. Chief interest centers in monthly meetings in which the Bible and sewing are taught. "Bringing Christ to the African Youth" was realistically given by Sr. Mary Eshelman. The emphasis was placed not only on the Christian Life which must be lived before them, but also on the teaching by precept of Bible doctrine, as well as the evangelistic approach.

## AFRICA

### AFRICA GENERAL REPORT, 1947

With more than thirty years of active service Eld. Walter Winger was well adapted to give a picture of the progress of our African work which this year is celebrating its Jubilee. His urgent appeal was for young men. The future of Missions is dependent on youth answering the call.

We must "Take the Gospel to the Villages" for we cannot expect them to come to us. This was the theme of Sr. Mary Brenaman. The afternoon service was concluded by the subject "Can we Evangelize our Mission fields in this generation" and was ably presented by Eld. Charles Engle. With greater vision, courage and fortitude and with more consecrated lives for service, it would be possible to reach every corner of our fields in this generation.

#### EVENING: *Tabernacle.*

A joint program was presented by the Home and Foreign Mission Boards. With the subject of "Reaching the Unevangelized in America," Eld. Arthur Musser placed the responsibility on both the laity and the ministry. The great lack today is compassion for souls.

Sr. Leoda Buckwalter had as her theme "Reaching the Unevangelized in India." God opened doors in a miraculous way in her ministry of visitation, enabling her to carry the gospel into darkened heathen homes.

Eld. John Nigh stated that "The future of Home Missions in the Brethren in Christ Church" was dependent upon her present attitudes and actions. The Church was exhorted to face the future with faith, courage and confidence in God.

The future of the African Church is full of hope. This was stated by Eld. Charles Eshelman. The African Church will be a reflection of the home Church through the personnel sent out to represent her. Christ knows the unknown future, and He will see us through.

Throughout the day offerings totaling \$3087.54 were received which represented the support given to our Foreign Mission Work.

Carl J. Ulery, *Treas.*

To the Foreign Mission Board and Church at Large:—

As we begin the record which places in brief descriptive narrative the activities of the year just past we feel the following verse expresses our heart's deepest desire.

*"Give me the love that leads the way,  
The faith that nothing can dismay,  
The hope no disappointments tire,  
The passion that will burn like fire.  
Let me not seek to be a clod:  
Make me Thy fuel, Flame of God."*

—Amy Carmichael

#### WORKERS: EUROPEAN AND AFRICAN

There were a number of changes in the Missionary Staff during the year. The following went to America on furlough: Brother and Sister J. P. George and family, Sister Mary H. Brenaman, and Sister Edna Lehman. All of these workers' furloughs were overdue.

In the month of September Brother and Sister R. H. Mann and family returned from furlough. Sister Elizabeth Engle returned at the same time. Just at the close of the year Brother and Sister E. Eyer and two daughters arrived in Rhodesia, having travelled by air from New York to Johannesburg. Carol Winger came to bless the home of Brother and Sister B. E. Winger.

The missionary cause in Africa lost another of its older retired missionaries during the year in the death of Sister Grace Steigerwald Keeperts. While she was on the retired list for a number of years she never lost interest in Africa and its people whom she had served long and well. The expressions of appreciation and affection given by the Africans in the Memorial Services held for her, indicated the value of her contribution in this land.

There was an absence of serious illness amongst the missionary group during the year. We are thankful to God for this, as good health means very much in effective service on the Mission Field.

The African staff on the whole gave faithful service. The ministers, deacons, and evangelists continue to be used of God. We wish to record our appreciation of those faithful men in charge of preaching posts who travel many miles each Sunday to proclaim the Glad News.

There is a growing lack on the other hand of suitable men to carry the spiritual part of the work. The ranks of older

men are thinning and few young men are coming forward for this important work. It is a condition not confined to our own Society. It appears quite general over Southern Africa.

#### EDUCATIONAL

The educational work was conducted along the general lines of past years. There is a lively demand for education on the part of the African. The attendance at Boarding Schools was on the same level as last year. In the Outstation schools the attendance fell off due to drought conditions.

Standard Six was begun at Macha during the year.

#### BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENTS

There was a general lack of activity in building due to a shortage of material. It was possible to continue the building of the dwelling at the new Mtshabezi Hospital Site. An earthen dam was built at Matopo. A new kitchen and an addition to the dining room for the girls was completed at Mtshabezi. Two married teachers' quarters and some boys' dormitories were built at Wanezi. The building for outpatients at Sika-longo was completed during the year.

#### SPIRITUAL

It was not possible to hold the usual number of baptismal services because of a lack of water at the close of the year. This resulted in a smaller number of Church accessions.

In several sections of the work a fairly large number were lost to the Church because of sin.

The usual evangelistic services were held in all districts. An improvement was made in the organization of the evangelistic effort of Northern Rhodesia. An outlined itinerary was arranged, giving the evangelists a change of points of service and assuring each Outstation a service.

Due to drought conditions the contributions from the Africans were lower.

An effort to arouse interest in the African Church in work outside of our own borders was made during the year and met with considerable success. The need of money to build the Barjora Church, India, was presented to the leaders of the Church here and the sum of \$47.80 was raised by the African Church toward the project.

#### GENERAL

There has been more generous assistance given toward medical work by both the Southern and Northern Rhodesia Governments. This will make possible a better and larger medical work.

The need of a medical doctor for our growing medical work becomes more imperative yearly. We hope this need will soon be met.

During the year it was necessary to replace three mission cars with new ones. This was a heavy drain on our finances

at the time, but we are very thankful for the noble way the Church in the Homeland responded when the need was brought to its notice. We are still faced with replacing several other cars, two of which should be replaced in the coming year. Our car fund shows a deficit at present.

We are reminded that in November of the year under review, fifty years ago, our pioneer party set out for Africa. We and thousands of Africans are glad they arrived here. There is much yet to be done. The call for sacrifice and service comes to each and all, both here and in America. Let us give ready obedience.

We thank you for your continued prayers and support. We solicit it for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. Brubaker

### GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT'S HOME AND THE OUTSTATIONS OF THE BULAWAYO CIRCUIT, 1947

To the Foreign Mission Board and the Church at Large:—

We bring a short report on the work under the above heading.

The year 1947 will go down in history as one in which this part of Southern Rhodesia suffered from the severest drought yet known. The rainfall at our home was just a little over eleven inches. The average rainfall is about twenty-eight inches. The crops were almost a total failure. Grazing for cattle was very short. Due to lack of water we were unable to continue our vegetable garden. We were able to keep alive our citrus and other fruit trees.

One may question the connection weather conditions have with missionary work. The answer is very much in very many ways. The drought made necessary the purchase of large food supplies on the part of the Africans. The cost of food rose sharply in spite of the efforts of Government to keep it down. A number of the older children left the Outstation schools to seek work in order to help their parents buy food. The lack of a harvest affected the Harvest Meeting offerings and also made less money available for Church offerings, thus bringing the contributions from the Africans to a lower level than previously. The concern and anxiety caused by drought conditions was reflected in the general attitude of the people and gave rise to more than the usual number of problems. We are deeply thankful to God that He heard the prayers of His children and sent early rains which replenished streams and wells and brought on fresh grazing for the cattle.

We spent considerable time away from home attending the duties of our office. During the dry season we are absent

from home about fifty per cent of the time. Three trips were made to Northern Rhodesia on Church business. One of the trips was made by car, which made possible our two children's accompanying us.

The work among the Outstations of the Bulawayo Circuit was conducted as previously. The attendance at church services remained good on the whole. There were two baptismal services held in the Circuit. The number baptized was lower than for a number of years. As mentioned earlier, there was a falling-off in attendance at the schools owing to drought conditions.

During the month of November lightning struck the Nsezi Outstation Church one Sunday morning while the service was being held. The preacher in charge, Jose Moyo, who was in the pulpit conducting the opening, was instantly killed. By a strange coincidence the congregation was singing the last verse of the hymn, "The Home Over There," the words of which are:—

"I'll soon be at home over there,  
For the end of my journey I see;  
Many dear to my heart over there  
Are watching and waiting for me."

The removal of their leader at Nsezi was a tragic blow for the little group of Christians. They are shaken and not a little bewildered, but they are bravely carrying on as followers of Christ. As you read this, once again breathe a prayer for them.

We left Rhodesia early in November for our three months' furlough. This was spent at East London and Cape Town in the Union of South Africa. We deeply appreciate the opportunity for rest and refreshment physically and spiritually which these furloughs provide.

As we enter this, the Jubilee year of work of the Church in Africa, we do so with hope and courage. We are conscious of our insufficiency and unworthiness. We dedicate anew our lives to His service. We confidently ask you for your continued support and prayers.

Yours in the hope of His calling,  
H. H. Brubaker

## REPORT OF THE EVANGELISTIC WORK, 1947

To the Foreign Mission Board and the United Christian Church:—

The outstanding need of Africa is that its people may be brought into a vital relationship with Christ as Saviour and Lord. Measured by the tremendous needs of the great mass of unsaved pagans, the effort of the eleven men designated as evangelists by the Brethren in Christ seems pitifully small.

However, the Gospel is likened unto leaven and just so it works, silently and many times unseen, to the destroying of the power of sin and establishing righteousness in the hearts of men.

The pattern of the evangelistic effort during the past year was that of previous years. It was possible to give each Outstation in Southern and Northern Rhodesia an evangelistic service of at least ten days. In addition to the work at the Outstations, several evangelists served the Mission Station congregations. Another evangelist was added to the permanent list in Northern Rhodesia. His name is Kalaluka. He had taught an outstation some years ago.

In several centers considerable difficulty was experienced in finding accommodation for the evangelist. A number of the outstations have a very small group of Christians with only a few women as actual church members. In some cases the husbands of these Christian women are hostile to Christianity and thus the women are powerless to give much help in the actual work of the Church, especially where an outlay of food or money is concerned. It was necessary in these cases to ask the local headmen who are heathen to provide accommodation for the evangelist.

It may not be amiss here to point out that the world wide decline in spiritual life and the lack of desire for spiritual things has found its way to Rhodesia and is the cause of much concern to the missionary.

We wish to record our appreciation of the continued support the several congregations and individuals are giving this phase of the work. It is also gratifying to note the new supporters who have added their contribution during the year.

We wish to especially ask that your prayers may ascend to God in behalf of the evangelists and their work. A revival is the greatest need of the world, and your field in Rhodesia shares this crying need.

H. H. Brubaker

## FINANCIAL REPORT, 1947

<i>Receipts</i>	
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1947 .....	£ 51.17.10
Government Grants-in-Aid .....	807.19. 6
School fees .....	31.16. 6
Native Contributions:	
Outstations .....	£56. 3. 7
Matopo Mission .....	65. 9. 2
From Mtshabezi Circuit to N. Dhlodhlo's wages .....	20. 0. 0
Return of money from Preachers' Fund .....	120. 0. 0
Miscellaneous .....	13. 0
	£1153.19. 7

*Expenditures*

N. Dhlodhlo's wages .....	£ 64. 4. 0
Teachers' wages .....	902.18. 0
Schemes, leases, Workmen's Compensation .....	6. 9. 6
Miscellaneous .....	5. 0. 0
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1947 .....	175. 8. 1
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	£1153.19. 7

## MATOPO MISSION—ANNUAL REPORT, 1947

To the Foreign Mission Board and Home Church:

Greetings in the name of Christ our Saviour. We bring to you our annual report for the year 1947. We are grateful to report a year of blessing despite some disturbances and difficulties.

During the year Brother and Sister George and family left for America on furlough. Brother and Sister Mann who had just arrived from America were placed here until the end of the year. At the same time Sister Elizabeth Engle was placed here to give part time service on the mission. We were sorry to have to part with Sister Moyer, our nurse, who was transferred to Macha Mission. We are now without a missionary nurse.

We were very glad indeed to welcome Brother and Sister Eyer, the new superintendent and matron of the mission, who arrived from America with their two daughters, on Dec 27. It was decided that since our furlough was overdue that we be relieved early in 1948 for long furlough to America. We are now looking forward to joining you again in fellowship and service. Brother and Sister Sider were transferred from Mtshabezi Mission to be in charge of the school and assist in the work. Early in December Sister Kreider left for the coast on short furlough. While staff changes are necessary we know that His work goes forward. We pray God's blessing upon those who assume new responsibilities and duties. Some changes also were made in the African Staff at the beginning of the year and in August, at the end of the second term of school.

We are glad to report that the Teacher Training School was almost full and a goodly number of boys and girls were being prepared for the work of the Church. There were 196 boys and girls enrolled as boarders and 262 boys and girls entered as day pupils. Twenty boys and girls completed their Teacher Training Course at the end of the year. We are grateful for faithful helpers who are interested in God's work and who help in pushing it forward.

During the year Southern Rhodesia experienced one of the severest droughts recorded. Many fields did not yield the seed planted. Streams dried up and water was at a premium. Crops in most instances were failures. Here at Matopo we

had to haul water with oxen for a long distance. The water was muddy and in the end the last water hole had gone dry. God answered prayer and just as all supplies were almost exhausted God sent a beautiful rain. Up to this time the supply had generally been sufficient but this year all streams failed. A dam was built this year which it is hoped will provide storage in time of drought. The Africans were in many cases short of food and prices for essentials have risen. The drought was a very severe blow to us all and its effects were felt in the homes, in school and church as well as at large.

Yet a greater drought is apparent. Souls are dry and thirsty and in great need of The Living Bread and The Water of Life that comes down from Heaven. For this Satisfying Portion we work and pray. The need is for the spiritual showers of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. We believe as His people continue to pray, to study His Word, to search their hearts, to give themselves for cleansing, God's blessing will descend.

Evidences are apparent. Seekers have not sought in vain and hands for prayer signify a desire for God. Out of darkness will come light, out of their present distress will come hope, for salvation is of the Lord. He will come down to save, sanctify and satisfy. Continue to pray for His Work at Matopo Mission. We would take this opportunity, in this our last annual report, to express to you our thanks for your prayers, interest, care and love.

Yours for the Spread of the Gospel,  
C. F. Eshelman, *Supt.*

## MTSHABEZI MISSION ANNUAL REPORT, 1947

To the Foreign Mission Board and Home Church:

The year 1947 is now history and we bring to you the annual report of the work done at Mtshabezi during the year. Mtshabezi Mission has seen quite a number of changes during the year. Having arrived on the field near the close of 1946, we together with Sr. Lula Asper were placed at Mtshabezi early in January. We relieved Bro. and Sr. W. O. Winger, who left for furlough to America about the first of March. Sr. Asper replaced Sr. Mary H. Brenaman who left for furlough later in the year.

This being our first year in Africa we found that a number of adjustments had to be made. We are glad that God's grace has been proved sufficient for every need.

The Mtshabezi staff enjoyed comparatively good health during the year, and we have been able to carry on the regular routine of mission work. This year we had about 230 girls in the boarding school, about 38 boys in the night school, and about 270 children in the morning school. At times we had as

many as 330 natives living at the mission for whom we had to supply food. Since this has been such a severe drought year, we are thankful that God has supplied our needs and enabled us to provide food for such a large number of people. Our crops were almost nothing which means that it was necessary to buy most of the food at the prevailing high prices. We also praise God that He sent early and plenteous rain in October which relieved the situation and provided water for us to continue school for the rest of the year.

Not very much has been done in the way of building this year. The new addition to the dining hall for the girls was completed as also was the new kitchen. Aside from this our major building project was the making and burning of a kiln of bricks. This was my first experience in brick-making. Work has also been carried on at the new hospital site where the doctor's residence is nearing completion. However, this has not been under the station superintendent. Bro. Hall, the outstation superintendent, has had charge of this work.

The work of the church has progressed as usual during the year. The regular services, including members' meetings, class meetings, Young People's meetings, and Christian Service League, have been carried on. It is our aim to reach the many natives under our influence with the gospel. About 29 were baptized in May, but a number have had to be dismissed because of sin. Our hearts are made sad when we see promising young lives blighted because of sin.

The work of the hospital offers unusual opportunities for giving the gospel. Sr. Martha Kauffman has had charge of this work, and she is very faithful in giving the gospel to those who come for help for their bodies. Toward the close of the year Sr. Kauffman left for a short holiday to the coast. During her absence the hospital work is being supervised by Sr. Hall and Sr. Mann.

The close of the year brings more changes to Mtshabezi. After having served at Mtshabezi for one year, we have been transferred to Matopo, and the work at Mtshabezi is now under Bro. and Sr. D. B. Hall. We solicit your prayers for your missionaries during the coming year.

Yours in the Master's Service,  
L. B. Sider

## MTSHABEZI OUTSTATIONS ANNUAL REPORT, 1947

"The land through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof." Numbers 13:32.

Greetings of Christian fellowship to the church at home. Another year has passed into the Great Eternity of the Past. The wheels of time have again turned and records of victory and progress, defeat and loss are again inscribed upon eternal documents. A year with its golden opportunity has been seized

or lost forever. A year of battle, with its victories and defeats; a year of joys and sorrows; a year of hopes and longings which has often been overcast with sunshine and shadows—one more year to be recorded either for or against us in the unerring records of Eternity.

As we went from school to school in the Mtshabezi Circuit this year, we were made to remember the words and feel that perhaps the message of the spies at Kadesh-Barnea which is quoted in part above has been true in respect of the district covered by our Outschools.

We have met with giants stalking this land and the bondage of heathen darkness threatens "to eat up the inhabitants thereof." Our faith and zeal rises as we remember it is God who gives the victory. The giants, though they often make us feel as grasshoppers, cannot eat up the zeal of God's true people, nor destroy the work which has been firmly established in the hearts of transformed heathen lives. It remains a living testimony.

During the year 1947 there were 111 inspection visits made to Outstations beside the trips which were made for Sunday services or to take up Church matters. On each inspection visit we endeavoured to hold evening prayers the night before and to these fire-side chats and evening prayers there were 1,297 attended. The records indicate that more than 9000 people attended the mid-day services and that 254 of this number stood for prayer at the close of the service and 1,025 manifested a desire to draw nearer to God, by an uplifted hand.

During the year one Outstation was closed due to the shifting of Africans from a farm which changed ownership. One new Outstation was opened at the Sun Yet Sen mine compound.

Famine and drought throughout the whole area have made the work a bit difficult this year. Offerings have fallen off and the repair and construction of buildings have been retarded.

Four buildings have been constructed during the year and another four are well on the way toward completion.

The enrollment in both the Church and Enquirer's Class has increased over the previous year's records. May we ask your earnest prayers that this large number of souls may sink deep into the unsearchable riches of Christ and may pick up and herald forth the wondrous cry of Jeremiah in Chapter 22 verse 29 "Oh Earth, Earth, Earth, hear the Word of the Lord."

D. B. and Mable E. Hall

## FINANCIAL REPORT, 1947

<i>Receipts</i>	
Balance on Hand, Jan. 1, 1947 .....	£ 100. 0. 0
Cash remaining unpaid to Special Fund (Item 16, Ex. Bd. Minutes Sept. 1947) .....	456. 6. 7
School Fees Received, 1947 .....	91.11. 3
Native Contributions	
Outstations .....	£87.13. 8
Mtshabezi Mission .....	74.11. 7
Government Grant-in-aid	162. 5. 3
Teachers' Salaries .....	£2085. 1. 4
Long Service .....	18. 0. 0
Equipment Fund .....	98. 5.10
	2201. 7. 2
Total Receipts .....	£3011.10. 3

<i>Expenditures</i>	
Teachers' Wages .....	£2318.19. 5
Overseers' Wages and Allowance .....	92. 0. 0
Equipment Fund .....	98. 5.10
Stationery Allowance .....	5. 0. 0
Road Repair Allowance .....	5. 0. 0
10% School Fees .....	9. 3. 0
Local Preachers' Certificates .....	11. 8
Stamps for Insurance Transfer .....	2. 6
Book for Teachers' Receipts .....	3. 9
Women's Meeting Record Books .....	2. 0
Transfer and Moving of Native Teachers .....	1.14. 0
Lease Rents on Outstations .....	8. 0. 0
Workmen's Compensation Insurance .....	2. 7. 0
Balance on Hand Dec. 31, 1947 .....	470. 1. 1
	£3011.10. 3

Balance on Hand, Dec. 31, 1947 .....	470. 1. 1	
Deficit in Equipment Fund .....	9.18.3½	
Balance handed to R. H. Mann .....	460. 2.9½	

D. B. Hall

Received the sum of four hundred sixty pounds, two shillings, nine pence, half-penny as per Statement above.

R. H. Mann

### WANEZI MISSION REPORT, 1947

To the Foreign Mission Board and Home Church:

Greetings in the precious name of Jesus.

We have been permitted to bring the Gospel of Christ to these people another year. Some of the results of the year's work are encouraging, others have much to be desired, at least from our point of view. We rejoice in what has been accomplished for his glory.

Twelve of the school boys were baptized in September when we had our baptismal service for this section. We had to have our Baptismal service early because of scarcity of water, for this reason a couple of the boys were detained because the reports of their home church did not arrive in time.

During the year hearts were touched and convicted of sin, some renewed their covenants with God, others awaited a more opportune time—which never came. We covet your prayers for these, as well as those who obeyed the Lord.

One hundred and twelve boys completed the school year. A few dropped by the wayside because of sin, inability to do their work, or were needed at home. We thank God for the blessing of reasonably good health amongst our family of boys.

We welcomed Sister Hensel as an addition to our staff at the beginning of the year. Her help in the school is very much appreciated as I now have more time to devote to the development of the mission.

During the year two married teachers' houses were completed, and another dormitory for the boys. A house was started for our single teachers. The house they are living in now must be vacated in July for the Bible School pupils. The work on the dam across the Wanezi River was completed. We now have an adequate supply of water for the mission—but it is two-thirds of a mile away from the mission buildings. Due to lack of materials the building of the church was again delayed.

Due to lack of rain our crops here at the mission were almost a complete failure. The people of the community are having to buy food and are suffering much. The prospects for the harvest this year are slightly better, but many will still not be able to raise enough food for themselves.

Pray with us that the Lord may use us in winning these boys for Christ. That they may see the privilege which is theirs of carrying the Words of Life to those who know Him not.

Yours in the Master's Service,  
A. Brenaman and co-workers

### REPORT OF THE WANEZI OUTSTATIONS

To the Foreign Mission Board and Brethren in the Homeland:

We greet you in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

We present to you our third annual report for the Wanezi Outstations, covering our activity in the Circuit and our aspirations for the Circuit.

For the year we had twenty-eight Outstations, an increase of three over 1946. One Outstation, Hippo Pools, was closed, and four—Doro, Zishabane, Mtshezuki, and Nsindene—were opened. Hippo Pools was located on a private farm from which the African tenants were moved by the European owner; thus necessitating the closing. Of the schools opened Doro and Zishabane were new. They are in the Godhliweyo and Gwatemba Purchase Areas respectively. Mtshezuki and Nsindene are reopened after being closed for several years. Both



are to the north of us on one of the largest farm blocks in S. Rhodesia—the De Beers block. Nsindene used to be known as Mpalawali. It is about seventy miles from the mission. The people there practically laid hold on our garments and forced us to open. Another Society wanted to enter the field, but the chief—Jahana Kumalo—said, Nothing doing. We are “Ama-Brethren.” As a young lad, this chief had learned in the Mpalawali school. At present he has two wives, smokes, but I am told he does not drink beer. At our first meeting after the school was opened, he publicly admitted that he was not where he should be spiritually. But said he, “My people, you must follow the teaching of the missionaries. You must be saved so that you can testify like these Brethren in Christ. I know I am not where I should be, but that is what I want for you. That is why I pled the case until they came and put a school here.” We feel that he is not far from the kingdom. But it will take a pull, having to separate from the second wife. With God all things are possible. Pray for him.

God again helped us in our work. We were able to make the full four rounds to all twenty-eight of the schools.

We had the usual three Baptism-Communion services for the south, north and central areas. The last weekend in June the services were at Gumbalo for the southern schools. Here 25 were baptized and 4 returned to the church. The first weekend in July the northern schools met at Shamba II and 20 were baptized and 5 returned to the church. Then the first weekend in August, the two central schools, Shamba I and Malole met at Shamba Outstation. Wanezi Mission boys were also present at this time. 14 were baptized including 12 boys from Wanezi and 3 were returned to the church. Pray especially for these boys that they may become leaders in the Church.

These Shamba services were attended by Brother and Sister George and family. They were with us for about a week and a half farewelling in this district where they had spent a goodly share of their term of service on the field. Prior to the Shamba services, they met me in the southern area and had farewell services at Mkwabene, Gwabala, and Gwatemba.

In membership the Wanezi area practically held its own, while there was a slight increase in class membership. This was the year of a scouring drought and the seriousness of the same was manifested in a drop in offerings.

World conditions are continuing to make themselves felt. Spiritual drought, lack of consecration, worldly temptation and allurements, all play havoc with those who should be growing in grace. Our hearts burn with burden. We need a revival. We must have a revival, especially in our teacher corps.

We thank God for the stalwarts in the faith. Our African Umfundisi, Manhlehle Kumalo, continues to earnestly contend for the faith. Thank God for his virile Christian stand and his uncompromising fight against sin. One of our most

faithful deacons, Funi Sibanda, lies close to the door of death in the Bulawayo hospital. God's will be done. How we need more men of his positive Christian faithfulness.

Above all do we praise God for personal knowledge that this is His place for us for this time. Many have been the occasions that that knowledge has strengthened us in the valley of the shadow and held us steady in the line of duty. We are constrained to ever repeat with the Apostle Paul, “Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel.”

Brethren, pray for us. We pray for you.

Yours abiding in Christ,

Arthur and Arlene Climenhaga, *Supt.*

## REPORT OF WANEZI OUTSTATION FUNDS

January 1 to December 31, 1947

### *Receipts*

Balance, January 1, 1947 .....	£ 281.18. 4
Wanezi Mission Offerings, 1945-1947 .....	50. 7. 0
Wanezi Outstation Offerings .....	112. 9. 7
School Fees .....	79.15. 9
Government Grants, 1946 .....	1594. 7. 3
Refund, Deceased Teacher Salary .....	8. 4. 6
Deficit, December 31, 1947 .....	-167.14. 1
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	£2294.16. 6

### *Expenditures*

Teachers' Salaries .....	£1855. 3.11
African Overseer's Salary .....	69. 0. 0
Additional Salary Grant, 1946 Teachers .....	207. 4. 9
Travelling Grant to Maintenance Fund .....	100. 0. 0
Grant to Equipment Fund .....	35. 1.10
Teacher Transfer Charges .....	5. 0. 0
Road Work—Outstation Roads .....	1. 5. 0
Office Supplies Allotment .....	5. 0. 0
Allotment to Overseer for Supplies .....	3. 0. 0
Lease Rents, 1947 .....	12. 1. 0
Teacher Insurance .....	1.17. 0
Miscellaneous .....	3. 0
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	£2294.16. 6

Arthur M. Climenhaga, *Supt.*

## MACHA OUTSTATIONS FINANCIAL STATUS, 1947

N. B.—This report covers the expenditures and receipts for a part of the year only.

### *Receipts*

From F. M. B. per Field Treasurer .....	£ 548. 3. 8
Native Contributions .....	20. 2. 9
Deficit, 31.12.47 .....	6. 9. 6
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Total .....	£ 574.15.11

*Expenditures*

Wages to Teachers & Evangelists .....	£ 573. 5.11
Buildings and Improvements .....	1.10.
Total .....	£ 574.15.11

### MACHA MISSION REPORT

It is with grateful hearts for God's goodness, and care that we come to the end of another year. Yes, we are all one year nearer our heavenly home, and what is to be done for our Lord must be done quickly.

During the past year your Colabourers here, as well as the Natives on the Station, enjoyed reasonably good health. It was a hard year in many ways due to the famine. The rainfall was the poorest on record, and crops were very poor. This meant added expense, but we thank God that we were able to secure enough food to finish out the school year.

On September 16 Sr. Edna Lehman was relieved for a much needed furlough, and on October 14 Sr. Verda Moyer came to take her place. We thank our Sikalongo Colabourers for Sr. Rhoda Lenhert's help in the interim.

The Girl's Boarding School proceeded much as usual. We opened school with 62 girls. The famine cut our numbers somewhat. We were glad this year for the privilege of putting on Standard VI for the first time. The close of the year found all but about five of our girls as members of the Church.

The hospital work continues to increase. We were not able to build the proposed addition to our hospital for several reasons. We hope that this can soon be done.

We thank all who helped make possible the securing of a new car for this Mission. A car that is not dependable is surely a nuisance when we are so far from help. We trust this car will give many years of good service.

The spiritual work has not made the forward move we would like to have seen, but we are only asked to be faithful, and we are sure we, your Colabourers, all want to be that. The results are in His hands. We thank the Lord for those who looked to Him for help, and those who have been faithful. Our hearts were blessed at the Bible Conference last March, as well as at the two Love Feasts.

As we look towards the New Year it is with mingled feelings as we realize our inability, but the promise, "God is still on the Throne" is ours. Pray for us.

Bert E. Winger and Colabourers

### MACHA OUTSTATION REPORT

"Go ye into the (byways), and compel them to come in." This is more or less the spirit of our Outstation work. It is often a battle to get people to agree to their children learning,

especially girls. The old people want to marry them off young. Satan holds tight on his prey.

This year saw the opening of no new school, but there was quite an increase in enrollment. We were also privileged to build four new Church and school buildings of unburnt bricks. As we dedicate these our hearts cry to God that they may be real sanctuaries of His.

Our desire is that these children, as well as their parents, may not only be school minded, but that they will become Godly too. Pray for our Teachers, as their responsibility is real heavy. Pray with us that seed may fall on good soil, and many be gathered in.

The need is still pressing for a man for the Northern Rhodesia Outstations. In the meantime we are doing our best to hold things, but we cannot do justice to the work. Surely God is speaking to some one. Is it you? Pray with us that help may be forthcoming.

B. E. Winger

### MACHA EVANGELISTIC REPORT

The seed has again been sown. It was our privilege to have two weeks' revival meetings at each one of the Outstations, and one two, and another one week's meeting here on the Station. We thank the Lord for the out cry against sin by the Evangelists, and also for the moves towards God, especially amongst the children, many of which have joined the Inquirer's Class, and are moving on. Pray for these Shepherds of the flocks as they shepherd these many children. They are the men and women of tomorrow. Villages were also visited, and services held in them. We covet your prayers as we look forward to 1948.

B. E. Winger

### SIKALONGO MISSION GENERAL REPORT, 1947

Sunshine and Shadow—that is Africa. Light and Darkness—that is mission work. "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light" (Isaiah 9:2)—that is the African, "they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined." This is "land of the shadow."

Physically, here is Africa, there is sunshine, dazzling, then shadow, gloomy shadow. Spiritually there is the dazzling light of the Holy Spirit, then gloomy shadow of pride, stubbornness, selfishness, superstition.

During the past year at Sikalongo, we have experienced sunshine and shadow. We have expended effort, and been driven to our knees, because the effort was human. We have tried again in the fear of God, and seen results. Heartaches have come. Joys have come. Our head-teacher at the Board-

ing School had to be disciplined because of immorality. This was heartache. But then others of the African staff rallied around and helped more, by actual effort and by prayer. This gave joy. We have endeavoured to push forward in the battle against the Devil. The work consists of Boys Boarding School, Medical work, and Evangelistic effort. Approximately one hundred boys have been in the Boarding School during the past year. The classes cover work from Standards III to VI (equivalent to fifth to eighth Grade). Some of the boys are earnest Christians, with a desire to help their own people. Others are opportunists, using the mission for self advancement and willing to drop it and any profession of Christianity the moment they have achieved their desired ends in Education. All of the boys need your prayers. Two evangelistic services were held during the year. The first one was held by Rev. Arthur Climenhaga from Wanezi Outschools, Southern Rhodesia; the other was held by Evangelist Mizinga from Macha Mission. In both there were many who accepted Christ. Pray for them. In the Hospital, there was a total of 2723 patients, with a total of 14,090 treatments. Each Thursday morning is day for Yaws treatment. Many people came from the Zambezi valley, some dirty, some with colorful clothing, bright red loin cloths and brightly colored beads, but all needing a Savior. Each Thursday morning service is held with them.

The work continues from day to day. Light and Shadow—Joy and Discouragement; but every day the Comforter is present. “Lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the age” is very real and very near to your workers at Sikalongo.

David E. Climenhaga

## SIKALONGO OUTSTATIONS GENERAL REPORT, 1947

“Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you . . .” Joshua 1:3. The promise was given to Joshua for the children of Israel. The promise is also given to us, joint heirs of God, with Christ. In the case of Israel actual possession was not received until it was claimed. In our case it is not received until it is claimed, and then not without battle.

The work of the Sikalongo Outschool circuit continues, claiming those souls for Christ who are ours, but not without battle. There are thirteen schools in the Sikalongo Outschool circuit, with fourteen teachers. At each school village children are taught the rudiments (bare rudiments in some cases) of Reading, Writing and Arithmetic. On Thursdays and on Sundays services are held for all village people, children and adults. Those services result in accession to the “Enquirers Class.” In many cases the class members have a very dim comprehension of what it means to be a Christian. They need much teaching and instruction. And they need the prayers,

not perfunctory prayers but intercessory prayers of the Church at home.

Each school was visited twice during the year. At some of the services a number remained for prayer. A headman wanted to accept Christ, but could not according to his statement, for if he did and then evil should befall the village, he would be blamed. Maybe he was sincere; maybe he was not. At many of the schools the class and church members are made up, with the exception of the teacher and his wife, of small children not yet come to the age of puberty. These who are children physically, babes in Christ spiritually, need our prayers very, very much. There is so much darkness and superstition to pull them down. There is so much in the heathen customs and practices which militates against Christian living. With them, often, there are two laws warring together in their hearts; the will to do good, and the will to do evil. And there is so little of Christian encouragement and Christian nurture. Pray that there will be those held true to Christ, to shine for Him, and to lead Africans in the future.

David E. Climenhaga

## SIKALONGO OUTSTATION FINANCIAL REPORT

October 1, 1946 to December 31, 1947

### Receipts

Balance on Hand, Oct. 1, 1946 .....	£ 39. 8. 4
General Fund .....	11.11. 0
Mission Station Offerings .....	4.14. 6
Outstation Offerings .....	2. 2. 3
Receipts January 1, 1947 to December 31, 1947	
General Fund in lieu of Government Grant .....	355. 0. 0
Mission Station Offerings .....	23.12. 0
Outstation Offerings .....	17. 3. 4
<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b>£ 453.11. 5</b>
Deficit .....	11.18. 1
<b>Balance .....</b>	<b>£ 465. 9. 6</b>

### Expenditures

Teacher's Wages in full Oct. 1, 1946 to Dec. 31, 1946.....	£ 79.18. 6
Wages in full Jan. 1, 1947 to Dec. 31, 1947 .....	385.11. 0
<b>Total Expenditures .....</b>	<b>£ 465. 9. 6</b>

# SIKALONGO EVANGELIST FUND, 1947

## Receipts

Balance on Hand, Jan. 1, 1947 .....	£ 25.14. 7
Susan Mae Waltz (General Fund) .....	4.19. 6
Native Contributions .....	8. 6. 4
	£ 39. 0. 5

## Expenditures

Evangelist Samuel Muunda .....	£ 1.15. 0
Macha Evangelist Fund for Evangelists Kalaluka and Mizinga .....	7.12. 3
Balance on Hand, Dec. 31, 1947 .....	29.13. 2
	£ 39. 0. 5

David E. Climenhaga

AFRICAN FINANCIAL REPORT - 1947	Gen. Supt. Mission Home	Matopo Mission	Mtshabezi Mission	Mtschabezi Outschools	Wanezi Mission	Wanezi Outschools	Macha Mission	Sikalongo Mission
<b>Valuations:</b>								
Approx. Value of Mission Plot .....	17- 1- 0	Lease	1500- 0- 0		1500- 0- 0		Gov't Gr. Lease	26-18- 1
Approx. Value of Permanent Improvements .....	180- 0- 0	4200- 0- 0	4150- 0- 0		2500- 0- 0		2520- 0- 0	1300- 0- 0
Approx. Value of Personal Property .....	89- 3- 7	800- 0- 0	850- 0- 0		150- 0- 0		850- 0- 0	300- 0- 0
Approx. Value of Livestock .....	34- 0- 0	600- 0- 0	550- 0- 0				700- 0- 0	400- 0- 0
Balance on hand beginning of year .....	17- 1- 0		117-11- 7				part of yr.	26-18- 1
From F. M. B. per Field Treas. ....	180- 0- 0	7- 9- 4		140- 0- 0	223- 0- 0	140- 0- 0	720-14- 0	300- 0- 0
Native Contributions .....	89- 3- 7	82- 7- 5			23- 5- 0			
Farm Produce sold .....	34- 0- 0	432- 7- 6	273- 6- 1		454-17- 2		41- 1- 9	378- 2- 8
Government Grant .....		1082-19-14	2000-18- 0	90- 0- 0	585-16-18	100- 0- 0		550- 0- 0
Tuition and Books .....	103- 7- 8	226- 9- 3	175- 2- 3	318-18- 0	605-11- 8	6- 7- 4	11-16-11	273- 3-10
Hospital and Dispensary .....		38-19- 5	17-15- 8		8-17- 8		5-15- 1	25- 2- 5
Special .....		255-16- 9	275- 1-11		150- 0- 0	34- 0- 2		
Resales and Refunds .....			Deficit	50- 8- 1	217-19- 4		part of yr.	
Deficit, 1947 .....			54- 7- 8		30-12- 6			
Dip fees and Farm Tax .....	14-12- 9	16- 9- 9	32-16- 9	16-14- 6	8-15- 5	2- 8- 0	147-14- 5	
Miscellaneous .....	422- 1- 1	4863-14- 5	3630- 3- 7	598- 0- 7	2438-15- 5	282-15- 6	927- 3- 1	1584- 1- 3
Totals .....	98- 9- 3	233-15- 5	96-16- 0	70-16- 1	103- 4-11	93- 1- 9	102- 1- 7	110- 1- 5
Household and Provisions .....	37-13-11	384- 6- 8	73-12- 0	14-18- 7	127-15- 6	7-19- 6	3-18- 0	44-15- 3
Buildings and Improvements .....		440-19- 3	105- 8- 3	6- 4- 9	131-10- 7	7- 5- 0	50- 6- 7	34-13- 2
Tools, Implements and Repairs .....		898- 1-10	1179-12- 5		443-13- 7		87- 0- 0	343- 0- 3
Allowances Native Teachers and Evangelists .....	29- 0- 1	443-16-12	429- 9- 7	36- 4- 3	286- 0-11	32-15- 9	189-16- 4	275-14- 8
Wages to other laborers .....	17- 7- 2	1584- 8-10	1227-18- 0	14-13- 7	1067-13- 7	7-16- 1	86- 8- 8	425- 6-10
Food and Supplies students etc. ....	33- 9- 6	225-18- 1	103- 3- 1	92-15- 6	114- 7- 8	88- 4-11	87- 5- 9	141- 9- 9
Motor Car and Travelling expenses .....	104-12-10	341-17- 6		824-17- 4			16-16-11	48-15- 2
Stamps, stationery and books .....		66-14- 2	263-15- 4		5- 1- 7	4- 1-10	13-12- 0	
Medicines .....			57-15- 1		16-13- 6	5-15- 5	16-16-19	
Other Supplies .....			16- 1- 1					
Feed and dip .....				24- 3-11	15-10- 0			
Deficit .....	32- 1- 3	256-14- 3	35-11- 9	13-11- 8	64-12- 3	28-19- 8	221- 9- 8	140- 3- 3
Miscellaneous .....		37- 5- 8	41- 0- 1	Deficit	57-11- 4		101-10- 9	3- 9- 9
Balance at end of year .....	422- 1- 1	4863-14- 5	5680- 3- 7	598- 0- 7	2438-15- 5	282-15- 6	927- 3- 1	1584- 1- 3
Totals .....								

# INDIA

## SUPERINTENDENT'S GENERAL REPORT, 1947

To the Home Church and General Conference:

Greetings. This report is somewhat a duplication of the various Station reports, yet it may serve to present an overall picture of what God hath done in the past year in the India Field. It would be ungrateful indeed not to extol, first of all, the dear name of Christ our Lord. It is a wonder in our eyes to witness how graciously His hand was over us for good. There is no name so glorious as the name of Christ our Lord. The very greatest gift man can receive, the gift of redemption, is His gift. How blessed are those who have been honored with it. Yet how sad the fact that to date the human race, for the most part, have preferred the shoddy things Satan offers. They would rather praise the names of the gods their hands have fashioned. And they do so with a devotion worthy enough indeed, yet which gives in return nothing but vanity. But to those who have been washed in the precious blood of the Lamb of God, there remains no vestage of yearning to seek further the way of truth. They have found it, and in it their joy is full. This is our testimony today.

With reference to our personnel, some changes took place in the past year. Sr. Ella Gayman and Bro. & Sr. Allen Buckwalter proceeded on furlough. While the outgoing missionaries were Srs. Leora Yoder, Beulah Arnold and Erma Hare. The two last are new recruits. These changes left our staff with the same number at the year's end as at the beginning.

During 1947 the missionaries were located as follows: Bro. & Sr. Buckwalter and Sr. Rosenberger lived at Barjora. Srs. Effie Rohrer and Beulah Arnold lived at Madhipura. Bro. & Sr. Hoke, Srs. Steckley, Yoder, Bitner, and Hare resided at Saharsa. Bro. & Sr. Paulus and family lived at Monghyr. By reason of Bro. & Sr. Buckalter's leaving on furlough in September Bro. & Sr. Hoke were appointed to succeed them at Barjora.

As for the Indian workers, they were posted variously as follows: Deacon James Biswas, Emanuel Henry, Mrs. Henry, and Mrs. Massey as preachers & Bible-women; Mr. Massey, Mrs. Biswas, and R. Christian as teachers were posted at Barjora. E. Roy, David Roy, I. Paul, and S. Andrews as preachers; Mrs. Paul as Bible-woman served at Madhipura. Deacon S. Roy, J. Singh as preachers, Mrs. Roy and Mrs. Das as Bible-women, the Misses. Sen, Roy and Henry as teachers, lived at Saharsa. Mangan Das served at Monghyr. At the Outstations were A. Singh in Supaul, Benjamin Babu in Khanwa, John Jakki in Saur Bazar, and Pastor A. M. Charan and Y. Masih

### AFRICAN STATISTICAL REPORT 1947

	Matopo Mission Outschools	Matopo Mission	Mtshabezi Mission Outschools	Mtshabezi Mission	Wanezi Mission	Wanezi Mission Outschools	Macha Mission	Sikalanga Mission	TOTALS
<b>MISSION WORKERS</b>									
European Ordained Missionaries .....	2	7	7	2	3	2	5	4	32
Native Preachers Ordained .....	1	1	1	1		1			4
Unordained Evangelists in chg of Outschools	9		73	19		28	18	14	142
Unordained Evangelists as helpers .....	11	7	19			62	10	2	111
<b>RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES</b>									
Church Buildings .....	9	1	1	29		28	20	14	102
Outschools Taught by Native Teachers ..	9			29		28	19	13	98
Additional Preaching Places .....	1	2	2	2		3		1	9
Communicants Beginning of Year .....	180	183	270	661	27	663	335	258	2577
Communicants, End of Year .....	160	159	276	825	38	660	371	291	2730
Enquirers Class, Beginning of Year .....	262	130	179	811	71	609	240	300	2602
Enquirers Class, End of Year .....	264	99	143	921	61	614	444	141	2687
<b>SUNDAY SCHOOLS</b>									
Number at Close of Year .....	9	2	2	29	1	28	20	14	105
Number of S. S. Teachers .....	15	16	19	46	6	51	43	20	216
Average No. of S. S. Pupils approx. ....	320	240	429	1200	116	1346	1200	500	5351
<b>EDUCATIONAL WORK TRAINING SCHOOLS (Boarding)</b>									
Number of Schools .....		2	2		1		1	1	7
Number of Teachers Employed .....		20	20		8		7	9	64
Enrollment for Year .....		196	267		119		74	112	768
Average Attendance for Year .....		164	253		112		72	107	708
<b>ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (Not Boarding)</b>									
No. Taught by Native Teachers only .....	9	1		29		28	19	14	100
Total Enrollment for the Year .....	986	262		2999		2643	1424	865	9179
Average Daily Attendance .....	823	221		2280		2018	1210	698	7241
No. Taught by European & Native Teachers			1						1
Total Enrollment for the Year .....			271						271
Average Daily Attendance .....			248						248

#### NATURE OF INDUSTRIAL WORK GIVEN:

Boys: Agriculture, woodwork, Pot making, building, crafts, gardening, forestry, shop.  
Girls: Sewing, Laundry, Housekeeping, knitting, cooking, crafts, Basketry, Mat making.

in Begusarai. For lack of space one must be content to mention only in general that all these folk have shown a good spirit, and with few exceptions, have laboured in their callings with an eye to the glory of God. We love them as fellow-workers in the great harvest field of souls.

A number of folk were baptized at each of the Stations. God be praised for those who even in this day of apostasy feel and obey the call of the Holy Spirit to choose the Lord as their savior. It is of special note that several Santali folk followed the Lord in baptism. We are expecting a further number soon to take the way in baptism. Please pray for these people, you who read this, that the good work begun among this group will become well grounded in true faith and life. In this connection it is gratifying to state that the Foreign Mission Board have sanctioned the opening of a Mission Station in the Santali area. Procuring of materials is a slow and expensive matter these days, but as the way opens, this Station will get under way.

With some exceptions every one enjoyed the blessing of physical well being. Among the exceptions were Sr. Hoke, who was obliged to spend quite a time in the hospital, and Sr. Paulus underwent a major operation. The Lord graciously undertook for them so that return to good health was granted. Among the Indian Christians there were a number of typhoid cases, but in these, too, God was good to restore the health.

As one looks forward into the new year it is hard to escape the general conviction that times seem more uncertain than usual. The future does not beckon with what one would call rosy promises. Indeed one can hardly see how present conditions may be overcome by the efforts of men. That our Lord will soon return to put away the terrible evil of this age is the only bright outlook. Sometimes our hearts are filled with desire for His coming. Oh that we may be found with our lamps full of oil, trimmed and burning. We would earnestly crave your continued interest in prayer and fellowship for the cause of Christ in this dark land of India.

In His name,  
George E. Paulus, *Acting Supt.*

## INDIA MISSION TREASURER'S REPORT, 1947

### General Maintenance Funds

<i>Receipts</i>	
Gen. bal. Jan. 1, 1947 .....	Rs. 19,550- 4- 3
Bal. Furlough Fund Jan. 1, 1947 .....	9,494- 3- 6
From F. M. B. Treas. \$9,000.00 .....	29,694-10- 0
From Relief Fund for dearness .....	4,800- 0- 0
From interest and refunds .....	441- 6- 3
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	Rs. 63,980- 8- 0

### *Expenditures*

Paid missionary allowances & medical .....	Rs. 25,118-13- 0
Paid Gen. Upkeep wage & dearness .....	3,721- 2- 0
Paid Gen. Expense wage & dearness .....	5,686-13- 3
Paid language study .....	1,236-14- 0
Paid building repairs .....	2,649-10- 6
Paid purchase oxen .....	1,125- 0- 0
Paid miscellaneous .....	1,712- 7- 6
Paid Gayman & Buckwalter furloughs .....	7,567- 2- 0
Gen. balance Dec. 31, 1947 .....	13,055- 1- 0
Furlough balance Dec. 31, 1947 .....	2,107- 8- 9
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	Rs. 63,980- 8- 0

### General Propagation Funds

#### *Receipts*

Balance Jan. 1, 1947 .....	Rs. 18,982- 9- 4
From offerings & dearness received .....	42,465-12- 9
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	Rs. 61,448- 6- 1

#### *Expenditures*

Paid Evangelistic wage & dearness .....	Rs. 11,126-10- 6
Paid Medical work .....	1,931-12- 9
Paid Educational wages, dearness, fees .....	5,108- 1- 6
Paid Boys Orph. operational & wages .....	4,851-14- 9
Paid Girls' Orph. operational & wages .....	9,531- 0- 0
Paid Bible Training fees & hostel .....	1,055- 1- 0
Paid Poor Fund allowances .....	1,149- 0- 0
Paid Widow Fund allowances .....	1,723- 8- 0
Paid from Relief & Undesignated Funds for dearness & def. bal. accounts .....	16,537- 2- 3
Bal. Dec. 31, 1947 .....	8,434- 3- 4
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	Rs. 61,448- 6- 1

### General Building & Land Funds

#### *Receipts*

Bal. Jan. 1, 1947 .....	Rs. 22,792- 2- 6
From Dispensary offerings \$2,295.15 .....	7,615- 2- 3
From other offerings .....	115- 5- 0
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	30,522- 9- 9

#### *Expenditures*

Paid to Khanwa Outstation built .....	Rs. 2,032- 2- 0
Paid Barjora Station for remodeling .....	5,000- 0- 0
Paid Saharsa Station for remodeling & godam .....	5,052-10- 5
Balance Dec 31, 1947 .....	18,437-13- 4
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	30,522- 9- 9

## MONGHYR REPORT

Greetings to the Home Church:

The Lord has said "I will bless thee . . . and thou shalt be a blessing." Genesis 12:2.

While waiting for the delicious curry and rice to be placed on our patari—a plate made of leaves—Mr. Daniel, the Treasurer of the Indian Union Church, said to me, "We Christians

in Monghyr must unite as never before, and that is why I have put forth every effort to secure this shamiana—(a tent with a roof and no sides)—so that at this Christmas celebration the Christians could sit down and enjoy this feast as one family. We must stand together," he repeated.

Now that conversation is opening the report for Monghyr with an event of the end of the year, but in reality it depicts the beginning of a new spirit among the Christians here. There were ninety people present at the above mentioned Sunday School program, representing four churches: Baptist, Church of England, Plymouth Brethren and our own Brethren in Christ.

The young folk provided the music and so that the Christmas carols could be heard for some distance in the surrounding town, one of the very enterprising young men, John Benjamin, rigged up a loud speaker. He owns an electrical shop in Monghyr and like all the Christians here, he is self-supporting.

The children had a grand time. The aged mother of Miss Acharji, the Inspectress of Schools in Monghyr and Santal Parganas Districts, distributed the gifts of toys, pencils, soap and oranges to the children. One of the two brothers of Miss Acharji who took their degrees in engineering at the University of Michigan was present.

The Indian Union Church services are held in the lovely chapel on the mission compound. This chapel was first built in 1821 after Wm. Carey made a trip to Monghyr, and was rebuilt after the earthquake of 1932. The members have elected Bro. Paulus as president and Mr. Shaw, a professor in the High School, as secretary. Lay preachers from the congregation assist in the preaching and on the second Sunday of each month Bro. Paulus administers Communion. He also performs the marriage ceremonies and baptizes the new converts by triune immersion. There were three baptisms the past year. On Thursday evening we have prayer meeting. Many of the prayer requests are for Christians in the riot-stricken areas and for the strengthening of the Christian Church in India.

Sunday School is held in the afternoon in winter and in the morning in the summer. A nice group of children attend.

In past years Monghyr was considered an ideal place for retired Indigo planters. Many came and built beautiful homes on the banks of the Ganges River. Among the philanthropic gifts of one wealthy planter was a fine church given to the Baptist Mission. In this old church we hold English services. Only a few elderly ladies attend—most of the former residents have died and their children have migrated to other countries. We enjoy worshipping in this building. Everything speaks of age. The marble tablets on the wall are in memory of pastors who labored more than a half century ago. The hangings

and draperies are moth-eaten and the organ is worn out, so we chant the hymns in praise to our God.

Each Sunday evening Bro. Paulus preaches in the Railway Union Church in Jamalpur. Several Indian families attend, but aside from these, Europeans families comprise the congregations. The past year has brought changes. Before and since August 14 when India received her freedom, many of the European members have left India. Quite a few went to Britain, others to Australia.

Mangan Das, our Indian worker has gone daily to the villages preaching and distributing gospels. Recently there was a small Mela in the town of Monghyr. Crowds had come to bathe in the Ganges River and worship in the several temples built on the water front. Mangan Das and his two elder daughters grasped the opportunity and sold over 200 portions of scripture to the pilgrims.

In Monghyr there is a great field of service for the Lord. Pray that our conversations with the High School boys who visit us and our contacts with the Hindu and Mohammedan friends we meet may be such that the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ will be seen in our lives.

Yours in His service,  
Blanche Paulus

## MONGHYR TREASURER'S REPORT, 1947

### General Maintenance Funds

<i>Receipts</i>	
Balance Jan. 1, 1947 .....	Rs. 47- 7- 9
From Treas. ....	4803- 8- 3
From sales .....	80- 0- 0
	Rs. 4931- 0- 0

<i>Expenditures</i>	
Paid wages & dearness .....	Rs. 772- 0- 0
Paid repairs in wages & materials .....	292-12- 6
Paid purchase cycles & wire netting .....	512- 0- 0
Paid rents & taxes .....	682- 8- 0
Paid furlough Gayman & Buckwalters .....	1934- 4- 0
Paid Millers' maint. M.C.C. workers .....	301- 7- 0
Paid office expenses & incidentals .....	99- 9- 3
Paid Ex. Com. & Council fares .....	70- 9- 0
Paid Superintendent's T. As. ....	263-13- 6
Balance Dec. 31, 1947 .....	2- 0- 9
	Rs. 4931- 0- 0

### Propagation Funds

<i>Receipts</i>	
From Treas. ....	Rs. 3542-13- 6
From other sources .....	524-12- 3
Def. bal. Dec. 31, 1947 .....	88- 7- 6
	Rs. 4156- 1- 3

*Expenditures*

Paid def. bal. Jan. 1, 1947 .....	Rs. 36- 0- 3
Paid wages & dearness .....	2355- 0- 0
Paid Bible Training & school fees .....	427- 2- 3
Paid rents, taxes, repairs at Begusarai .....	228- 4- 6
Paid to T. As & transfers .....	845- 2- 3
Paid literature purchase .....	142- 8- 0
Paid loans outstanding .....	92- 0- 0
Paid transfer orph. fees .....	30- 0- 0

Rs. 4156- 1- 3

George E. Paulus, Station Overseer

**SAHARSA GENERAL REPORT**

To Our Brethren and Sisters in the Homeland: Greetings in the name of Him whom we love and serve.

Another year has passed with its many opportunities to serve Him in so many ways.

Our staff during the first quarter consisted of Bro. and Sr. Hoke, Sisters Gayman, Bitner and Steckley. After Sister Gayman left on furlough Sr. Yoder arrived.

Later in the year Bro. and Sr. Hoke were transferred to Barjora, and our staff which was reduced to three, although handicapped, carried on all phases of the work throughout the rest of the year.

The girls in the Orphanage have had very good health, thus lightening our burdens in that work. To procure sufficient food and clothing for them has been a great problem in these days of scarcity and high prices but the Lord has been our helper.

Our preachers and workers have been active in their regular work. And also they have attended Melas where gospels were sold and the Word preached to the masses. There have been a number of baptisms this year.

The medical phase of the work has been heavy as usual; over 45,000 days of treatments have been dispensed. We do appreciate this avenue of contact with the people of the villages, for we have not been able to get out into the villages as we would like to do, but hundreds of villagers come to us each month. They come from villages that we have never been able to reach. We love them all and we do desire to show the love of Jesus by word and deed.

For the past six months, it has been possible through supplies given to us by the Friends Service in India, to operate a canteen for needy people. An average of two hundred people, mostly children, received milk daily and for some weeks cereal also was dispensed. The Community has appreciated this help.

Due to the canteen work, and shortage of missionary personnel at Saharsa, the Mennonite Relief Committee loaned Mr. and Mrs. Sturgos Miller who were with us for forty-five days.

They gave valuable assistance in the work. Mrs. Miller took charge of the canteen work and Mr. Miller assisted in the medical work, which is very heavy. They also studied language under our language teacher. Due to the urgent need in the Punjab, they left us to join in relief work among the masses of refugees in that Province. Sister Bitner then took charge of the canteen work. She is also preparing for her first year Hindi language examination. The canteen work closed in December due to lack of supplies. Sister Yoder had received several hundred feed bags from U. S. A. through the mail to be distributed to the children who came to the canteen for milk. She distributed these on the final day. It was indeed a pleasure to see their happy faces—happy to get a bit of cloth one yard square to keep them a little warm during these chilly days.

We were very pleased to welcome in our midst a new recruit in the person of Sister Erma Hare, who arrived in October. Although she is giving most of her time to the study of the language, she has already given valuable assistance in the work.

There are many open doors. The people are friendly, and the Mission has found a place in their hearts. In the midst of the tremendous task, our efforts seem so feeble. However we are encouraged to faithfully toil and do what we can while it is yet day.

**SAHARSA FINANCIAL REPORT, 1947**

General Maintenance Accounts

*Receipts*

Balances 1-1-47 .....	221-09-6
From Treasurer .....	5089-00-9
Cycle Refund .....	164-00-0
Miscellaneous receipts .....	42-14-0
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	5517-08-0

*Expenditures*

Building Repair items .....	458-08-9
Labor .....	101-05-0
Wages .....	590-00-0
Dearness allowances .....	1493-04-0
Language teacher and fees .....	1230-03-9
Rents and taxes .....	48-05-9
Oxen Upkeep .....	283-11-0
Miss Gayman for furlough .....	500-00-0
Cycle purchases .....	328-00-0
Miscellaneous .....	222-14-3
Balances 1-1-48 .....	261-03-9

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5517-08-9



### Propagation Accounts

<i>Receipts</i>	
From the Treasurer .....	4146-04-3
Miscellaneous .....	225-11-0
Other Sources .....	50-15-3
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	4422-14-6

<i>Expenditures</i>	
Wages to preachers, teachers, bible women .....	2226-15-0
Dearness Allowances, teachers, bible women .....	1419-04-0
Purchase of books .....	87-10-0
Miscellaneous .....	574-14-9
Debit Balance 1-1-48 .....	114-02-0
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	4422-14-6

### Girls' Orphanage Account

<i>Receipts</i>	
Balance 1-1-47 .....	10-01-0
From the Treasurer .....	9536-08-0
Other sources .....	1806-03-0
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	11352-12-0

<i>Expenditures</i>	
Food and clothing .....	7545-00-6
School expense .....	870-06-0
Labor, wages, dearness allowances .....	782-02-3
To cow fund .....	1274-12-6
Miscellaneous .....	880-06-9
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	11352-12-0

### Poor and Widows Account

<i>Receipts</i>	
From the Treasurer .....	2293-08-0
Other sources .....	59-02-0
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	2352-10-0

<i>Expenditures</i>	
Allowances to poor .....	595-01-9
Widows food, clothing etc. ....	1757-08-3
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	2352-10-0

### Medical Account

<i>Receipts</i>	
Balance 1-1-47 .....	714-14-3
From the Treasurer .....	1039-00-0
Fees .....	2684-03-3
Miscellaneous .....	588-07-0
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	5026-08-6

<i>Expenditures</i>	
Wages and supplies .....	4746-00-6
Balances 1-1-48 .....	280-08-0
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	5026-08-6

### Local Accounts

<i>Receipts</i>	
Balances 1-1-47 .....	1285-04-3
Church Offerings .....	275-02-9
Sale of song books .....	41-06-0
Sale of grain .....	2067-10-9
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	3669-07-9

<i>Expenditures</i>	
Church Sexton and pankar .....	64-04-0
S. S. supplies .....	18-14-0
Newspaper and sahayak patrika .....	29-01-0
Rents .....	20-08-0
Grain purchases .....	1818-06-9
Miscellaneous .....	170-13-6
Balances 1-1-48 .....	1547-08-6
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	3669-07-9

### Building Fund

<i>Receipts</i>	
From the Treasurer .....	5052-10-5
Refunds .....	189-08-0
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	5242-02-5

<i>Expenditures</i>	
For Preachers' house in Saur .....	1272-09-6
Orphanage store house and dormitory .....	2205-03-0
Bricks and other materials .....	1304-10-0
Balance 1-1-48 .....	459-11-11
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	5242-02-5

### Stores Account

Inventory 1-1-47 .....	282-10-3
Purchases .....	1586-02-9
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	1868-13-0
Sales .....	1226-04-3
Inventory 1-1-48 .....	642-08-9
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	1868-13-0

### Synopsis of Balances

<i>Receipts</i>	
Balances reported above .....	2548-06-02
Balances personal .....	4587-08-00
Bills receivable .....	510-01-09
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	7636-09-11

<i>Expenditures</i>	
Personal .....	1816-15-03
Literature .....	150-13-06
Stores .....	642-08-00
Cash on hand .....	2617-03-09
Credit with the Treasurer .....	2409-00-08
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	7636-09-11

A. M. Steckley

## BARJORA GENERAL REPORT

"I the Lord Thy God will hold thy right hand saying unto thee, Fear not, I will help thee."

How precious and true we have found Christ throughout the many varied experiences of the year. He hath not failed in any of the good things which He has promised. Throughout the year there have been a number of changes and several things have happened which might tempt us to question, Why? Though we may not understand we believe the Lord had some purpose in allowing these things and our prayer has constantly been, "Thy will be done," even though we do not understand the mysterious ways of God.

This year has marked a definite milestone for the Indian Church at Barjora. The new church has been built on land given by two of the Christians, and with money collected by the Indian Church largely from among their own group. At the end of this year the Indian Church was greatly encouraged to receive a substantial offering for this project from their sister Church in Africa.

In May the church was dedicated, followed by a special week of evangelistic services with Bro. Titus an Indian, faithfully proclaiming God's word. After a victorious service on a Saturday night when a number of souls had bowed at an altar of prayer, and renewed their covenant with God and others testified to their determination to follow Christ fully, confessing their sins and shortcomings, then a cyclone came and the new church roof was folded back and ruined to such an extent that the replacing of it was more work than building an original one. We wondered why? Especially was the Indian Church perplexed for here their background seems to cause them to feel that they have reverses only as they displease God.

Sr. Esther Book, a member of our Church, but a representative of the M. R. C. I. was with us at the opening of our new dispensary work, and was a great blessing both to the people and to us as she helped in this new project during her five months stay with us. Emma Rosenberger was the new missionary appointed to take over this work and has been faithfully ministering to the people's needs. The work was especially heavy during the Typhoid epidemic among our Christian people and also among the Anglo-Indian community at Dumoria, where we go to have services on Sunday afternoons. The Lord undertook and no lives were lost although in a number of cases it seemed hope was almost gone.

In September Bro. and Sr. Allen Buckwalter left on their over due furlough and Bro. and Sr. Hoke were transferred from Saharsa to take over their work. Since the end of the rains in October an extensive building and repair program is being carried on. The temporary dispensary godam-storage

room was built, the ox-shed godam has been repaired to the extent that it nearly appears as a new building. The boys' cookhouse and godam too is nearly completed. The annual repair campaign of the bamboo houses and building of cookhouses, etc. is also being carried on. Then too, making of bricks and cutting of timbers has required many laborers and much overseeing.

Throughout the year the preachers and Bible women have gone forth to the surrounding villages witnessing and proclaiming Christ's power to save and deliver from sin. The preachers also have gone out on tour for periods of time and attended melas where they sold gospel literature as they witnessed. There were ten persons here who followed the Lord in Christian baptism this year.

The orphanage boys have been well except for one of the boys who was in the boarding house and became very ill with Typhoid.

In December a new boy came to our school as a boarder from Patna. His new name is Andreas Masih. His parents were Mohammendans and both were killed in the riots last year. He is being sent to us by one of the missionaries at the Patna Hospital. This contact being made while Sisters Paulus and Hoke were there.

We have twenty-five orphanage boys with us, three attending the C. M. S. High School in Bhagalpur.

Through sickness and moving and all, God has been faithful. Our home has been blessed by the coming of a baby boy. The Lord has been very good to us. We pray that He may bless and reward you who have been so faithful with your prayer and gifts. Truly, we are all workers together that His Kingdom may increase.

Your co-laborers,

William and Mary Hoke

Emma Rosenberger, R. N.

## BARJORA FINANCIAL REPORT, 1947

### General Maintenance and Building Accounts

<i>Receipts</i>	
Treasurer .....	13584-04-00
Other Sources .....	473-15-09
Deficit Balances .....	368-13-09
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	14427-01-06
<i>Expenditures</i>	
Building purposes .....	3803-14-03
Misc. (land rents, hauling, cycle repairs, new pump, etc.) .....	747-07-03
Furlough .....	5100-00-00
Oxen feed and care .....	791-10-00
Repairs (building) .....	1448-13-06

Wages and Dearness .....	1962-03-00
Balances, deficit .....	48-10-06
Balances, credits .....	524-07-00
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	14427-01-06

### Propagation Accounts

#### Receipts

Balances, credits .....	173-13-09
Treasurer .....	10001-00-06
Refunds, sales, etc. ....	1841-12-06
Balances, deficits .....	363-00-00
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	12379-11-09

#### Expenditures

Balances, deficits .....	336-00-06
Evangelistic work .....	2069-09-00
Education work .....	1748-15-00
High School boys .....	1390-13-00
Orphanage work .....	5478-13-00
Medical work .....	1311-13-06
Balances, credits .....	43-11-09
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	12379-11-09

William R. Hoke

## MADHIPURA GENERAL REPORT, 1947

To General Conference and the Foreign Mission Board:

At the closing of this another year's accounts both here and above, for God also has accounts of all the past year's doings, for many on this earth as the old year's account is finished and a new year begun, the sum of it all spells tragedy, but for the faithful few it spells glory. May we each have finished the year to the glory of God.

Luke 12:42, 43. "And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his Lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season?"

"Blessed is that servant, whom his Lord when he cometh shall find so doing."

We are happy to report that Sr. Beulah Arnold has joined the missionary staff at Madhipura. Her first four months were spent in Landour Language School, but since the last of September has been helping out with the work here.

The T. B. patient namely, Paul Henbrum, has gone to be with his Lord. His heart was very much in the work of the Lord among his own people, but God saw fit to call him to a higher service, about four months ago.

This past year has seen the establishment of a small outstation among the Santals in the village of Khanwa. A school for lower primary students has been opened, so the children and older ones can learn to read so as to be able to read the Bible.

A Santali Christian by the name of Benjamin Marandi, is holding the fort among the Santals. His daughter is the teacher for the little school.

As Paul's sister Miriam Henbrum was realizing very much difficulty in the little village of Arrah Ghat being the only Christian home there, the Mission saw fit to transfer her establishment to Khanwa where the work is opening. A grass house of about ten feet by ten feet was built for her. Her younger sister lives with her as well as another Santali woman by the name of Martha who was baptized this last year, previously having spent several months in the Widow's Home at Saharsa. Miriam goes out to witness among her own people, sometimes accompanied by Martha.

Benjamin Babu visits among the villagers and has charge of the Sunday services.

Several have asked for baptism but thus far it has not been administered to them.

The village preachers besides preaching the gospel in the surrounding villages and Melas made frequent tours among the Santals during the year.

The regular daily Bible readings were kept up during the year as well as the Sunday School. Preaching services A. M. and P. M. on Sunday and the mid-week prayer meeting.

Several months ago, a nearby neighbour woman came to the Sunday P. M. services, after which I said to her, "You ought to give your heart to Jesus." She replied, "I am ready when you are." So together we knelt at the mourner's chair and with tears of joy I led the way to the throne. She also prayed earnestly and gave her heart to the Lord. Since, as opportunity affords, I teach her the Bible and pray with her. One day in her prayer she said, "This is what I wanted this long time. Also I want to be in the light and not in the dark."

There is a family nearby who has also declared that they want to be Christians but as yet are making no progress.

There is an educated young man intensely interested in Christ but as yet has not yielded himself to Him.

We are feeling the need of a real Holy Ghost Revival. May we have your prayers to this end.

Yours for Jesus,

M. Effie Rohrer, Beulah Arnold

## MADHIPURA FINANCIAL REPORT, 1947

### General Maintenance Accounts

#### Receipts

From Treasurer .....	3796-00-00
From Other sources .....	374-10-06
Deficit Bal. Dec. 31, 1947 .....	638-08-00
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	4809-02-06

<i>Expenditures</i>	
Def. balance Jan. 1, 1947 .....	740-02-03
To Wage and dearness .....	1005-14-00
To oxen purchase and feeding .....	1739-07-06
To General and Incidental repairs .....	591-12-06
To purchase Stores and materials .....	493-00-09
To Pandit expenses .....	150-01-06
To Official and Incidental .....	88-12-00
	4809-02-06

### Propagation Accounts

<i>Receipts</i>	
Balance Jan. 1, 1947 .....	112-05-00
From Treasurer .....	3768-08-03
Refunds and Sales .....	435-12-00
Deficit Bal. Dec. 31, 1947 .....	168-13-03
	4485-06-06

<i>Expenditures</i>	
Paid to Evangelistic work .....	3192-07-03
Paid to Medical work .....	760-13-00
Paid to Educational work .....	264-08-00
Paid to Literature deficit and purchases .....	201-10-03
Paid to Orphanage fees to Treasurer .....	66-00-00
	4485-06-06

Effie Rohrer, *Overseer*

## JOINT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HOME MISSION BOARD AND THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

A joint meeting of the Home Mission Board and the Foreign Mission Board was called on the General Conference grounds on June 9, 1948.

### Section I Re: Estate of the late Albert Hostetter.

Inasmuch as the late Albert Hostetter of Dickinson County, Kansas bequeathed to the Foreign Mission Board and the Home Mission Board of the Brethren in Christ Church a portion of his estate; and,

Whereas, his widow, Mrs. Albert Hostetter Eshelman, desires to purchase the one-fourth interest bequeathed to the aforementioned boards, this joint resolution is presented authorizing the transfer of the property in harmony with her request; therefore,

**Resolved**, that the Home and Foreign Mission Boards jointly signify their agreement to the sale of said property and

further agree to divide the proceeds of \$4,000 equally between said boards; and,

**Be it further resolved**, that the General Conference approve the sale of said property and instruct the President and Secretary of the General Conference of the Brethren in Christ Church, Incorporated to issue a deed for an undivided one-fourth interest in the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section Fifteen (15) Township Sixteen (16) South, Range Three (3) East of the 6th P. M. to the purchaser.

Whereas, by virtue of the same will, the church through the bequest to the Foreign and Home Mission Boards also holds an undivided one-fourth interest in a tract of land in Calhoun County, Texas consisting of 14.2 acres, described as Lot 3 N. Cavassos, 1 to 3/157th, the said boards through the General Conference likewise signify their agreement to the disposal of said property and the General Conference hereby instructs the President and Secretary of the Corporation to issue a corporation deed for said property when satisfactory terms of sale have been presented.

### Section II Re: Women's Missionary Prayer Circle

Pursuant to the action of General Conference of 1947 as recorded in Article XI, pages 31 and 32, we present the report of the Women's Missionary Prayer Circle and the Constitution of the same as follows.

#### Part 1

### Report to General Conference of the Women's Missionary Prayer Circle of the Brethren in Christ Church For Conference Year 1947-48

"Call unto me and I will answer thee and show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not." Jer. 33:3.

To date we have returns from thirty-two Women's Missionary Prayer Circles, with an average attendance of 405 persons. Twenty-eight of these groups are organized prayer groups, while the rest use the prayer requests in their prayer meetings. Usually one prayer meeting a month is reserved for this purpose. The reported offerings for the Conference year, given to Home and Foreign Missions, amount to the sum of \$1,143.20. Some of the groups give through their Sunday Schools and sewing circles. One circle supports an orphan, one a Bible woman, both in India and Africa, while still another supports two native workers. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." James 5:16. We praise the Lord for the growing and manifest interest in these prayer circles, and surely the church will benefit from

this volume of prayer going up. Andrew Murray said, "Prayers are the materials with which God works." God bless the prayers and bless the people for whom they are praying.

Humbly submitted,

May 1, 1948

Mrs. Carl J. Carlson

## Part 2

### Constitution of the Women's Missionary Prayer Circle of the Brethren in Christ Church

#### Article I—Name

The name of this organization shall be "The Women's Missionary Prayer Circle" of the Brethren in Christ Church.

#### Article II—Object

The purpose of this organization shall be to foster Missionary spirit; to stimulate and encourage prayer for missions; to keep in touch with our workers, both at home and abroad; to organize and coordinate the Women's Missionary Prayer Circle work of the church.

#### Article III—Membership

**Section 1**—Each local Women's Missionary Circle Group shall be considered a member of this organization.

**Section 2**—Any individual sister who is interested in missions and attends the Annual meetings, even though she is not a member of any local circle, may be considered a member of this organization.

#### Article IV—Officers

**Section 1**—The committee chosen jointly by the Home and Foreign Mission Boards shall serve as officers of the Women's Missionary Prayer Circle. They shall serve for a term of five years, one member being chosen each year.

**Section 2**—The officers of this society shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer. The committee shall effect their organization annually.

**Section 3**—The president shall preside at the annual meetings and have general supervision of the work. The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the meetings; gather prayer requests, compile them and send them out quarterly to all the local circles; and prepare an annual report to be submitted to the joint mission boards meeting. She shall also send the name of the organization and its secretary to be listed in the Evangelical Visitor with the names of the Missionaries. The Treasurer shall hold all funds and disperse the same as authorized by the President.

## Article V—Committees

**Section 1**—Executive Committee: This committee shall consist of the five executive officers of this organization. Their duties shall be to encourage the organization of new, and the promoting of active Women's Missionary Circles; and to plan and arrange the program for the annual Women's Missionary Prayer Circle Meeting. The other duties of this committee shall be those which usually appertain to the responsibilities of executive officers.

## Article VI—Meetings

**Section 1**—There shall be an Annual Women's Missionary Prayer Circle Meeting Thursday evening from 6-7:30 p. m. during the time of General Conference.

**Section 2**—Each congregation shall be encouraged to organize a local Women's Missionary Prayer Circle, which will hold monthly meetings, or as the group deems advisable.

**Section 3**—Each local Women's Missionary Prayer Circle shall be urged to be represented at the annual meeting.

## Article VII—Finances

**Section 1**—The expenses of this organization shall be met by an annual free will offering from each of the local circles; all other offerings may be disposed of as the respective circles desire.

**Section 2**—An offering shall be taken at each annual meeting—to be used for whatever purpose the group decides.

## Article VIII—Amendments

This constitution may be amended by the executive committee upon approval of the joint mission boards.

### Section III

Mrs. Oscar Raser was re-appointed as a member of the Women's Missionary Prayer Circle Committee for a term of 5 years.

### Section IV. Re: Cottages for Missionaries

Whereas, at the Roxbury Camp grounds a site has been purchased and a substantial fund started for the erection of a Missionaries' cottage; and,

Whereas, at the Memorial Holiness Camp grounds two cottages were erected for the use of the Mission Boards during the Conference of 1948 and that the administration have expressed a definite interest in a project for the accommodations of missionaries; and,

Whereas, the boards in joint session recognize the desirability and blessing of such a project, we therefore recommend

(1) Such projects be in charge of the respective camp managements relative to the solicitation of funds and the erection, operation and maintenance of such cottages; and,

(2) That we go on record as encouraging contributions on the part of the church-at-large for such missionary cottages.

#### **Section V**

The secretaries of the Home Mission Board and the Foreign Mission Board shall serve as agents to work with the respective camp administrations in the erection of cottages for missionaries on our camp grounds.

#### **Section VI Re: Tuition for prospective missionaries**

Pursuant to the action of General Conference of 1947 as recorded in Article 41, pages 114-115 authorizing the payment of tuition at our church schools for missionaries' children and missionary candidates, the following items of policy are presented for approval.

1. Candidates qualifying for such assistance shall be approved by the board responsible for payment of the tuition. Payments are to be made to the college or school. Transfer of workers from the auspices of one board to another shall place the board benefitting from such transfer under obligation to make adjustment of financial aid extended in a manner satisfactory to the other board.

2. Financial assistance to missionary candidates shall be on a loan basis, secured by interest free notes subject to cancellation when terms of the loan have been met.

3. In the event that candidates do not enter missionary service as planned, the loans shall become subject to repayment and interest at 5% until repaid.

4. In view of diversity of requirements, etc. the Foreign Mission Board and the Home Mission Board shall severally and separately establish regulations to govern the administration of this program.

Signed: Albert H. Engle, Sec'y.

**ACTION:** Recommendations in all sections approved and positions confirmed.

## **PART III SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICAL REPORT**







**SUMMARIZED REPORT BY STATES — GENERAL ITEMS**

STATE	General									
	Schools On Roll		Average Attendance		Teachers	Church Accessions		Home Dept.	Cradle Roll	
	'46	'47	Enroll.	1946		1947	'46			
California	11	11	855	673	723	116	15	10	185	65
Canada	21	22	1791	1225	1277	249	19	34	42	74
Florida	1	1	50	38	47	5	0	0	10	6
Illinois	2	2	168	115	117	17	2	0	0	37
Indiana	5	5	347	249	268	60	14	3	10	35
Iowa	4	3	153	140	137	32	2	0	65	22
Kansas	5	5	382	327	329	69	7	2	22	37
Kentucky	9	9	534	443	418	73	1	0	3	74
Michigan	7	7	475	330	334	72	7	1	60	48
New York	2	2	164	136	139	30	4	8	2	8
Ohio	9	10	887	672	732	117	17	14	27	37
Oklahoma	3	3	150	141	114	21	3	8	11	11
Oregon	1	1	60	54	55	11	0	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	74	74	6810	4968	5080	942	110	105	639	619
Virginia	2	2	123	65	70	7	0	2	0	12
Totals for 1947	157	157	12949		9840	1815	187	1076	916	1073
Totals for 1946	156		12653	9576		1628	200	916		1025

(Above report covers 156 Schools out of 157 on roll.)

STATE	Total Offerings		Supplies	To General Causes		To Other Causes
	1946	1947		Ch.	Causes	
California	\$ 7,224.17	\$ 6,320.98	\$ 1,904.22	\$ 2,406.15	\$ 2,020.25	
Canada	10,614.49	11,110.35	3,041.53	5,933.00	2,144.70	
Florida	409.89	253.22	149.79	5.00	5.00	
Illinois	1,163.45	742.79	486.55	312.39	59.34	
Indiana	4,190.27	4,056.49	953.27	1,280.58	802.71	
Iowa	1,637.13	1,651.63	441.09	939.77	268.87	
Kansas	10,190.21	9,007.75	554.72	4,888.39	2,461.43	
Kentucky	674.56	576.71	541.25	72.43	74.44	
Michigan	3,686.66	3,094.70	1,277.22	1,335.10	349.42	
New York	1,801.43	1,088.99	265.25	646.56	155.07	
Ohio	11,292.14	10,302.59	2,386.67	6,700.53	2,530.15	
Oklahoma	5,406.70	5,290.64	317.76	3,614.21	1,489.93	
Oregon	461.46	420.66	115.88	90.15	27.67	
Pennsylvania	74,487.91	78,619.26	15,000.89	39,626.63	19,967.37	
Virginia	84.46	229.62	156.43	54.60	21.50	
Totals for 1947		133,251.33	27,592.52	67,911.49	32,377.90	
Totals for 1946	133,324.93		25,815.87	74,558.59	30,339.69	

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS	'46	'47	Highest Enrollment
On Roll	156	157	Upland, Calif. .... 359
Reporting Increase in Average Attendance..	80	79	
Reporting Decrease in Average Attendance..	57	53	Carlisle, Pa. .... 258
Reporting Accessions	56	53	
Having Teachers Meeting	49	55	Cross Roads, Pa. .... 246
Having Cradle Roll	94	95	
Having Home Department	56	59	Bertie, Ont. .... 240
Having DVBS or WBS	76	82	
Comparison in Average Attendance, same Schools	+453	+270	Grantham, Pa. .... 221
Average Attendance, all Schools	61.3	63.1	Chambersburg, Pa. .... 220
Number of teachers with Certificates or Diplomas	183	179	Wainfleet, Ont. .... 210
Conversions reported in S. S. sessions	73	236	Mechanicsburg, Pa. .... 194
Conversions reported in DVBS or WBS	573	273	Markham, Ont. .... 190
Average contribution per person per Sunday	26.7c	26c	Beulah Chapel, Ohio.... 168
Average rating on S. S. Standard	60.5	59.4	

Highest Average Attendance	Highest Cradle Roll	Highest Home Department
Saxton, Pa. .... 48	Pasadena, Calif. .... 108	
Chicago, Ill. .... 37	Colyer, Pa. .... 77	
Upland, Calif. .... 233	God's Love Mission, Mich. .... 33	Cross Roads, Pa. .... 67
Carlisle, Pa. .... 229	Gospel Hall, Ky. .... 29	Dallas Center, Ia. .... 65
Cross Roads, Pa. .... 186	Philadelphia, Pa. .... 23	God's Love Mission, Mich. .... 55
Grantham, Pa. .... 178	Hollowell, Pa. .... 22	Philadelphia, Pa. .... 52
Bertie, Ont. .... 166	Mt. Pleasant, Pa. .... 22	Upland, Calif. .... 42
Mechanicsburg, Pa. .... 166	Chambersburg, Pa. .... 22	Grantham, Pa. .... 40
Chambersburg, Pa. .... 165	Altoona, Pa. .... 21	Life Line Mission, Calif. .... 35
Wainfleet, Ont. .... 156	Granville, Pa. .... 20	Messiah Home, Pa. .... 34
Beulah Chapel, Ohio ... 153	Green Grove, Pa. .... 20	
Markham, Ont. .... 132		

The Following Schools Attained a Rating of 70% or More on the S. S. Standard, and Received an Award Seal to Place on Their S. S. Standard Placard:

Chino, Calif. .... 70%	Elizabethtown, Pa. .... 91½
Life Line Mission, Calif. .... 87	Fairland, Pa. .... 90
Open Bible, Calif. .... 80	Five Forks, Pa. .... 70
Pasadena, Calif. .... 85	Fox Hollow, Pa. .... 80
Upland, Calif. .... 75½	Grantham, Pa. .... 92
Cheapside, Ont. .... 76½	Granville, Pa. .... 87
Ontario Bible School, Ont. .... 76	Green Springs, Pa. .... 71½
Wainfleet, Ont. .... 81½	Hummelstown, Pa. .... 79
Orlando, Fla. .... 90	Lancaster, Pa. .... 92
Chicago Mission, Ill. .... 90	Manor, Pa. .... 70½
Christian Union, Ind. .... 70	Maytown, Pa. .... 83½
Bethel, Kansas .... 75	Messiah Home, Pa. .... 88
Rosebank, Kansas .... 80	Messiah Lighthouse, Pa. .... 95½
God's Love Mission, Mich. .... 86½	Moore's, Pa. .... 73
Clarence Center, N. Y. .... 79	Mt. Rock, Pa. .... 95
Chestnut Grove, Ohio .... 90	Mowersville, Pa. .... 95
Fairview, Ohio .... 73	New Guilford, Pa. .... 84½
Sippo, Ohio .... 80	Palmyra, Pa. .... 83
Air Hill, Pa. .... 100	Pequea, Pa. .... 86
Carlisle, Pa. .... 99	Refton, Pa. .... 84
Conoy, Pa. .... 72½	Souderton, Pa. .... 87
Cross Roads, Pa. .... 81½	Waynesboro, Pa. .... 70