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North Star



*to the*

Southern Cross

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## FOREWORD

Before Luke wrote the Book of Acts of the Apostles, a record was being made. The story of Jesus and the origin of the Church in Jerusalem was being told in many parts of the world.

When Paul returned from his first Missionary Journey he reported the successes of the Gospel. (Acts 14:27). He followed these successes with a second journey (Acts 15:36). He pursued administrative responsibilities. The record of the miracle-working power of the Gospel was confirmed by the testimony of enemies—these men “have turned the world upside down.” (Acts 17:6)

Finally, Luke reduced this story to writing. The men whose acts were later recorded had no thought of what would be written. They were pouring out their lives for the sake of the Gospel. But Luke’s account preserved the record for future generations, and has always been a source of inspiration.

In the Book of the Acts we have a flexible pattern for just such a work as this *Handbook of Missions*. As Luke did, so we record the names of Gospel workers, the places where they work, something of their message, some experiences and results, some administrative problems, and financial considerations. This *Handbook* is some of the record already made—the acts of the Holy Spirit through consecrated Gospel messengers in widely-scattered parts of the world.

The change of style introduced last year was so well received that we decided to follow the same pattern with minor changes. Greater changes in style are contemplated for next year.

This thirty-eighth (38th) *Annual Handbook of Missions* can include but a small part of the results of the power of the Gospel in the areas where the Brethren in Christ has sent ambassadors. We trust its prayerful reading will make it a means, (1) of stimulating prayer, (2) of recruiting qualified personnel, (3) and of encouraging people to invest money in a way that will bring eternal dividends.

## Part I

# *Foreign Missions*



# The Gospel in Regions Beyond

Henry N. Hostetter  
Executive Secretary, Foreign  
Mission Board

To sketch a report of what is happening in our missionary work in other areas of the world while one resides within the borders of the United States is like trying to describe the activities of a city from a view so distant that both men and machines appear as miniatures in the streets. Even written on-the-spot reports often give only a summarized picture because it is difficult to give minute pictures without becoming tiresome in detail.

The advantages of such reports are the life, the activity and the color that such a distant view gives to the work that is being done. The disadvantages of such writings are their inability to present to the reader a fully realistic description of the work. Accidents and unusual incidents are often little more than a slight disruption of the usual activities, and the problems, the trials, and the hardships of the work are generally not well understood by the one who stands a great way off.

More important, however, than a full understanding, is the degree of earnestness with which we enter into the task of carrying the Gospel to the regions beyond. We sincerely hope that the following pages of description of the work will bring to all of us an enlarged vision and a deeper interest in the task that is ours to do.

## Spiritual Progress

In Africa the large number of baptisms administered during the year, *and only to those who have spent at least two years in the Inquirers' Class*, definitely indicates that many Africans are finding in the Gospel of Jesus Christ that which meets the need of the soul. To this interest can be added the new awakening that has gripped the African Church in respect to their responsibility to their fellow African brethren. The outreach of the African Church to their own people as expressed in legislation at their General Conference and then in service by those who went to their own brethren is a testimony of spiritual progress that lives, and we pray that it may increase in large proportions during the coming years.

In India, one is forced to recognize there are new obstacles to the Gospel—blessings in disguise, if God uses them to awaken the Indian Church to her responsibility. There is an increased interest in the Word of God and the message of the Gospel and, on the part of many, a renewed commitment to Jesus Christ irrespective of the future. While numbers may not increase so rapidly in the land of India as in some areas in the world, the deepening of those who already profess is a strong testimony to what the Grace of God is doing in that land.

The work in Japan has experienced the usual reaction after the first period of curiosity has vanished. But, at the same time, to realize that there are now two Sunday schools in the area of Hagi where previously there had been none, and to realize that much of the work is being done by native Japanese people brings rejoicing at the outreach of the Gospel. The work in Japan was definitely blessed through the summer visitation of the field by Brother John Z. Martin, a member of the Board. And now to realize that there are Christians there who have definitely committed themselves to Jesus Christ by the public act of baptism brings praise and gratitude unto our God.

In Israel the work of Brother and Sister Jesse Lady has been confined to personal witnessing and the study of the language. While signs of actual progress are not easily discerned, finding about you people who are seekers after truth and then pointing those people to Jesus Christ is a service that is certainly not in vain.

## Personnel

The field superintendents of both the African and Indian fields returned to their fields from furlough during the year. Brother and Sister Hoke were delayed in 1953 on account of visa refusal and thus returned early in 1954. Brother and Sister Climenhaga returned in March of 1954, a few months short of their eighteen months furlough. The Board deeply appreciates the services that Brother Charles Engle rendered as Acting Superintendent in India, and Brother Roy Mann as acting superintendent in Africa, while the brethren were on furlough. God used them in a very satisfactory manner to lead the work forward.

Two other former missionaries returned to the field of Africa: Ruth Hunt and Anna Wolgemuth. Five new workers were added to our for-

eign staff. They were Velma Brilinger, Martha Lady, Nancy Kreider, and Eva Mae Melhorn to Africa, and Evelyn Bohland to India.

The entering of the land of Israel by Brother and Sister Jesse Lady has been a new step forward in the placing of personnel. This, however, has been countered by other experiences that keep us very conscious of the fact that we are coming toward the end times. The refusal to Brother and Sister Robert Lehman and family for India and the refusal of the Israeli government to allow Sister Mary Wenger to return to that country, indicates the activity of the forces of opposition to the Gospel.

## Expansion

The sending of a doctor to India, and a second doctor to Africa has naturally resulted in an expanded medical program. In India the uncertainty of the future of missions has resulted in a drastic revision of certain plans. The planned Medical Center has to a very large extent given way to a Mobile Medical Unit as the way to serve the needy of India in these days.

Northern Rhodesia experienced new hope in the medical services through the transfer of Dr. Thuma to Northern Rhodesia when Dr. Kauffman arrived to take over in Southern Rhodesia. The outlook for expansion was further brightened when the Government gave full recognition of the qualifications of the doctor to practice medicine, and also voted increased medical grants and immediate assistance toward the building of a hospital at the Macha Mission Station.

Last year in the expansion section we referred to the moving of African Christians to areas isolated from our Missions and the attempt to assist them. This year we add a second chapter by reporting that the Africans themselves have become

deeply interested in the welfare of these their fellow brethren, and by both monetary and physical help have reached out in aid to these re-settled people, giving them special spiritual ministrations by aiding them in church building and in spiritual guidance.

In India, in spite of refused visas and a general rising opposition to the work of Missions, there has been a very definite evangelistic outreach among the Santals and Urons who are in the Purnea area. Among the Indian Christians there is strong evidence of spiritual growth, for which we are deeply grateful.

In all the fields in which we now work, and from other areas, comes the call for increased services and a seizing of opportunities. In the midst of such surroundings we are made deeply conscious of our human limitations and the great need of the world. May we supporters, missionaries, and Board who stand between these groups, fervently pray that the Lord of the Harvest will direct our steps so that none of us shall fail to walk except as He wills in this great harvest field.

#### Finances

For many of us, our way to do Foreign Mission work during the past year has been a combination of prayers and financial support, believing that God has called us to be co-labourers. This truly is a way to do mission work. Without such co-workers it would be extremely difficult to carry mission work forward. The Board deeply appreciates large numbers of interested co-workers who shared in the work during the year both by prayers and finances.

Total contributions in 1954 showed a considerable shrinkage as compared with the previous year, and

even years. In fact, the decline has definitely effected the program, the Foreign Mission Board not having been able to cover its complete budget. This has necessitated a retrenchment which we have done reluctantly. A further decline or even simply maintaining our present contribution level will necessitate further readjustments in the mission program. We sincerely hope this will not be necessary.

#### Before Us

The Gospel has never so thoroughly saturated any community that no further evangelism is necessary. Wherever we turn we find work to be done. In most areas of Africa, India, Japan, and Israel the needs are even more acute than those in our own country. In addition to these spiritual needs many of these areas are seeking after something that to them will represent progress and success. Internationally, nations are feverishly rushing for supremacy in instruments of war and national superiority.

This combination of world needs and world desires does offer to the Christian Church unprecedented opportunity. We claim the Gospel is superior to all panaceas for the world's ills. We have as many, or more, resources at our disposal for promoting and proclaiming the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ than any other organization. But, sad to say, we of the Christian Church are not the best propagandists in the world. *We have the best Message but we have not been doing the best job.* Will we not pray anew, "O, God, stir us again; O, God, open our eyes; O, God, set us aglow as never before; O, God, move upon us until we will run in haste and unselfish sacrifice with this glorious Message of Peace and Good Will, so that all may hear and many more accept. Amen."

## Financial Statements

### FINANCIAL REPORT — UNITED STATES

FISCAL YEAR, JANUARY 1, 1954 to DECEMBER 31, 1954

Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1954	
General Fund .....	\$11,727.65
Africa Special Fund .....	930.37
India Special Fund .....	1,105.71
Japan Property Purchase Fund .....	786.13
Mexico Fund .....	20.00
Annuity Reserve Fund .....	883.50
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$15,453.36</b>
Less funds showing deficit balances	
Japan Fund .....	\$ 2,937.70
Cuba Fund* .....	39.67
Doctor medical training fund .....	762.62
Specialized missionary training fund .....	1,357.31
<b>Total Deficit Balances</b> .....	<b>\$ 5,097.30</b>
<b>Net Total Balance</b> .....	<b>\$ 10,356.06</b>
<b>Receipts</b>	
Japan Property Purchase .....	\$ 552.83
General Fund .....	63,028.76
Africa Specials .....	6,316.67
India Specials .....	10,633.38
Medical Doctor Training Fund .....	316.02
Japan Fund .....	4,282.38
Annuity Reserve Fund .....	2,567.79
Cuba Fund* .....	5,226.13
Israel Fund .....	2,500.06
Picture Promotion Project .....	100.00
Specialized Missionary Training Fund .....	2,010.00
<b>Total Receipts</b> .....	<b>\$ 97,534.02</b>
<b>Total Receipts and Balance</b> .....	<b>\$107,890.08</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>	
Annuity Interest .....	\$ 750.91
Administrative Expense .....	3,823.71
Furlough Allowances .....	5,696.85
Mexico work .....	20.00

Missionary Medical Expense .....	209.50
Pension Payment, Board of Benevolence .....	570.00
Africa General Allowance .....	14,000.00
Africa Specials .....	7,247.04
Fares, Travelling expenses to fields .....	5,953.47
India General Allowance .....	17,466.00
India Specials .....	11,749.09
Itinerary Expense .....	939.29
Specialized Missionary Training .....	3,612.95
Japan Property Purchase .....	1,698.96
Japan Fund .....	2,393.51
Motor Cars to Africa .....	4,893.51
Cuba Fund* .....	5,353.59
Israel Fund .....	2,336.62
John Martin Visitation, Japan .....	1,150.00
Medical Expansion, Africa .....	2,500.00
Jeep and Trailer for India .....	3,400.00
Support, Missionaries' Children .....	150.00
Personal Gift to Missionary .....	50.00
Debt Retirement, Nahumba Mission, Africa .....	2,038.00
Electrical Conversion project, Wanezi .....	3,500.00
Tuition, Missionaries' Children .....	645.00
Sisters' Cottage Project, Macha .....	2,000.00
Matching Fund, Indigenous Church, India .....	300.00
Interest, Japan Property Loan .....	92.90
<b>Total Disbursements .....</b>	<b>\$104,540.90</b>
Net Balance all operating funds, January 1, 1955 .....	3,349.18

**Analysis of Operating Fund Balances**

General Fund .....	\$ 83.98
Reserve for Medical Expansion, India .....	2,500.00
Cuba Fund* .....	255.07
Israel Fund .....	165.44
Picture Promotion Project .....	100.00
Annuity Reserve Fund .....	2,700.38
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 5,804.87</b>
Less Funds, showing Deficit Balances .....	
Specialized Missionary Training Fund .....	\$ 960.26
Medical Doctor Training Fund .....	446.60
Japan Fund .....	1,048.83

Total Deficit Balances .....

\$ 2,455.69

Net Total Balances .....

\$ 3,349.18

**Special Contributions were made to the General Fund in 1954 as follows:**

United Zion Church .....

\$ 2,000.00

United Christian Church Missionary Circles .....

1,400.00

United Christian Church .....

1,700.00

**Report of Special Foreign Mission Funds**

Beginning balances, January 1, 1954 .....

\$10,312.78

Bequests .....

1,716.51

Total Beginning Balances .....

\$12,029.29

**Additions to Special Funds**

New Annuities written in 1954 .....

1,800.00

Payment on Japan Property Loan .....

1,338.96

Balance due on Loan in Japan Property .....

1,757.84

Total of Special Funds .....

\$16,926.09

**Less Transfers of Special Funds**

Released to Annuity Reserve Fund by death of annuitant .....

\$ 2,000.00

Net Total, Special Funds, December 31, 1954 .....

\$14,926.09

The Special Funds are invested as follows:

Furloughed Missionary Home, Grantham, Pa. ....	\$ 2,500.00
Merchants and Mechanics Savings and Loan Assoc., Springfield, Ohio .....	7,000.00
Lagonda National Bank, Springfield, Ohio .....	901.77
Springfield Savings Society, Springfield, Ohio .....	2,766.48
Investment in Japan Property .....	1,757.84

Total Investments of Special Funds .....

\$14,926.09

Total active annuities on which interest is being paid .....

\$14,650.00

\* Cuba funds listed on a limited sponsorship basis.

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 of Furloughed Missionaries of the Brethren in Christ Church, 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.

J. R. Aiken, Auditor

**FINANCIAL REPORT OF CANADIAN CONTRIBUTIONS  
TO FOREIGN MISSIONS**

January 1, 1954 to January 3, 1955

Balance in Trust Jan. 1, 1954 .....

\$ 1,822.84

**Receipts**

General Fund .....

7,434.17

Africa Specials .....

289.00

India Specials .....

2,536.31

Japan Specials .....

245.00

Israel Specials .....

28.22

Total Receipts for year .....

\$10,532.70

**Disbursements**

To Africa General Fund .....

\$ 6,000.00

To India General Fund .....

100.00

To Japan General Fund .....

165.59

To Israel General Fund .....

702.90

Africa Specials .....

289.00

India Specials .....

2,536.31

Japan Specials .....

245.00

Israel Specials .....

28.22

L. W. Sider on Furlough Special .....

32.17

Board of Benevolence Can. Treas. ....

540.00

Itinerating .....

105.00

Postage, Bank and Cable charges .....

45.58

Total Disbursements for year .....

\$10,789.77

Total Receipts including Balance in Trust .....

\$12,355.54

Balance over Disbursements as of Jan. 3, 1955 .....

\$ 1,565.77

**FOREIGN MISSION FINANCIAL  
CONSOLIDATED REPORT, U. S. A. AND CANADA**

January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954

Balance, January 1, 1954 .....

\$ 12,178.90

Receipts .....

108,066.72

Total Receipts and Balance .....

\$120,245.62

Disbursements .....

\$115,330.67

Balance on hand, January 1, 1955 .....

\$ 4,914.95



# Survey of Mission Work: Africa, 1954

Arthur M. Climenhaga, General Superintendent, Rhodesian Missions

We greet you in the precious name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Having returned to the field in April, 1954, the writer once again presents the General Superintendent's annual report and survey of the mission work of the Brethren in Christ Church in Southern and Northern Rhodesia and the reports of the various mission stations and outstation programs.

The spirit of crises noted in several of the past annual reports continues with us. We are happy to say that at the moment the strong tensions among Africans arising out of Federation of the Rhodesias and Nyasaland have abated somewhat. However, undercurrents of dissidence are still felt, especially in our northern work. The move to return to a neopaganism is still evident. In it all, nevertheless, we are feeling a striving for things spiritual and as a result we note a renewed emphasis on evangelism in all phases of our work. As missionaries we constantly remember that our total program is "evangelism"—medical evangelism, educational evangelism, pastoral evangelism, and, above all, evangelistic evangelism. This spirit will be seen in the following reports of various missionary superintendents.

## Workers

It is our desire to avoid too much of the statistical in this survey and to note highlights of the work not given in the specific mission reports. It is advisable to give a brief statement of workers who arrived on the field in 1954, with their placements. Three parties came in January, April, and October, and were assigned as follows:

*January:* Ruth Hunt and Velma Brillinger—Mtshabezi Mission; Dr. Virginia Kauffman and Martha Lady—Mtshabezi Mission Hospital; Nancy Kreider—Matopo Mission. *April:* Arthur and Arlene Climenhaga—General Superintendency; George Bundy—Wanezi Outstations. *October:* Anna Wolgemuth—temporarily Matopo Mission and toward the end of the year to Mtshabezi Mission; Eva Mae Melhorn—temporarily Wanezi Mission and in December to Matopo Mission.

Missionaries relieved for furlough during the year were Sisters A. Winger, Longenecker, Lenhart, Asper, and Hensel; Brother and Sister D. E. Climenhaga and family, and Brother and Sister L. B. Sider and family.

Ruth Mann also returned to America early in the year.

For the most part missionary health was excellent during 1954. In June, Sister Kipe and son Franklin both had cases of aborted polio. To God be the glory for His rebuking touch so that the disease was abated before it became too serious. Brother Earl Musser suffered an injury to his eye while building fence at Wanezi. Here, too, there is much for which to be thankful for Brother Musser's sight has been restored so that not even glasses will be needed.

We now note some of the high points in our 1954 program.

## Expansion of Medical Evangelism

With the arrival of a second doctor on the field, we realized that the possibility for expansion of medical evangelism in Northern Rhodesia had come at last. Sister Kauffman was placed at Mtshabezi Mission Hospital, and Brother and Sister Thuma and family were assigned to Macha Mission Hospital and to the expansion and consolidation of the Brethren in Christ medical program in Northern Rhodesia. Brother Thuma reports more fully on this later on. Temporarily, the Thumas are in residence in Cassia Cottage, the Ladies' Lodge to be of Macha Mission. Sister Edna Lehman has been transferred to medical staff and household.

## African Conference—Matopo Mission

The 1954 African Conference came as the climax of three district councils at Gwabila (Wanezi district), Silozwe (Matopo—Bulawayo district), and Wabayi (Mtshabezi district). The theme of the Conference was, "Malihambe iVangele emazweni onke" ("May the Gospel go to all regions"). The emphasis was

on the Regions Beyond with special reference to the new Gwaai and Lupane areas north-west and west of Bulawayo where so many of our people have been moved in the last few years. A missionary spirit was manifest when several older men stood in consecration to whatever call God laid upon them and the church gave an offering of £28 for missionary purposes in the new areas, the largest on record for a Conference.

Two outstanding items of business were effected at the Conference. The first was the election of Nason Moyo to the administrative post of Assistant to the Overseer in the Mtshabezi district. He took the place of Pinda Ndhlovu who had to resign because of ill health. Nason Moyo completed the Pastor-Teacher training course at Matopo Mission in 1940 and since that time has been in faithful service in outstation work as a pastor and head-teacher. He comes well qualified spiritually for the task that lies before him.

The second item was a request by the African church for a treasury and treasurer chosen from the African membership. The general idea was granted but as a preliminary step Teacher Iddo Kumalo of Matopo Mission was elected as assistant treasurer to Brother Wingert, treasurer of the Christian Worker's Fund. The question of an African treasurer raised the larger issue of indigenous church development and it was decided at Conference to submit this to the Foreign Mission Board for amplification.

The 1954 Conference will be remembered as a time of high spiritual tide. The interest in the Gospel Book Room was unabated. The Bible Conference messages were outstanding in their impact. Especially to be remembered were Teacher Abednego Moyo's forceful exposé of Catholicism as an enemy of church work in

the regions beyond and Umfundisi Kumalo's challenge to missionary consecration on the part of the African church.

**Wedding: George E. Bundy and Ethel C. Heisey**

There are definite places for single young men in our mission program. That does not obviate the difficulty for such in certain positions. Brother Bundy on arrival the last of April was placed in charge of Wanezi Outstations to relieve the Siders for long furlough. As a single man he carried on nobly. Commendation must also be given to the Wanezi Mission staff and particularly the matron, Sister Lois Musser, for helping him.

To Brother Bundy's joy and happiness this rather unsatisfactory state was taken care of when he was united in holy matrimony to Sister Ethel Heisey in the Matopo church. Sister Heisey had come to the field in 1952 in a deep consecration to God's call, even though at that time the natural wish may have been to stay at home and be married earlier. We commend this couple for their spirit of sacrifice and believe that the Lord has years of useful service for them in the days before. Once again the testimony of true Christian matrimony has been given to the Africans in a personalized way.

**First I-W Worker on Relief and Service Assignment to the Rhodesias**

Historic we believe will be the month of September, 1954, when Brother Joseph Ginder, Jr. arrived on the field for a two year relief and service assignment with the Brethren in Christ mission program. This inaugurated a new field of PAX endeavour and one which should prove fruitful in missionary service. Brother

Ginder came on the same sacrificial basis as those going on PAX service to Europe. No mission funds are used in his coming except what is involved in his board and transfers on the field. His assignments are in the field of mission development and building. He has already proved his worth in Northern Rhodesia in helping with the school building at Sikalongo Mission. From this point on he is assigned to aiding in medical development and building and is currently assigned to the Mtshabezi Mission hospital program.

Brother Ginder's coming strikes a personal note among us since his uncle Amos laid down his life for the Lord here and his step-mother spent a term of dedicated service on the Rhodesian fields.

We look forward to the possibility of having more such dedicated I-W men in service with us. They can give a powerful personalized testimony to the true principles of Peace to our African people and particularly the young people. Brother Ginder has already done this in his four months here.

**General Remarks**

We enter another year with a staff of forty-four regular missionaries and one I-W worker. This is an increase of three over last year and is having its effect on our budget. Also the implementation of a six-year term has a marked effect on our budget planning. All of the superintendents and particularly the field treasurer are struggling in an attempt to make budgets balance in face of increased expenditure. We are reminded of the need for sacrifice on the part of all of us—the church at home and of us on the field. One thing we do not want to sacrifice is our deepest spiritual endeavour.

Towards the close of the year—

from October 8 to November 28—the writer and wife were absent from the African field in attendance at the India Anniversary celebrations. The details of this trip are not pertinent to this report. Suffice it to say that the contact with the India church and missionaries was of untold spiritual value and challenge. We can enter more sympathetically with them into their problems, fears, and hopes.

We trust as you read on in the following more detailed reports of various mission programs that you too will spend extra time on the bended knee for this portion of God's great front-line in the battle against sin and darkness.

And now in presenting the reports from the various Mission Districts, we do so remembering the words of our Lord, "Occupy till I come."

## Southern Rhodesia Field Matopo — Bulawayo District

**MATOPO MISSION**

*Alvin J. Book*

In reviewing the activities of the past year one certainly realizes the directing hand of the Almighty. When noting His inner-workings we are made to think of the words of John the Baptist, "He must increase, but I must decrease." Certainly our work will only go forward as we recognize His "increasing" and our "decreasing."

**Spiritual Activities**

We are glad for the Spirit's working in our midst during our two revival campaigns. Umfundisi Dube from Mtshabezi Mission was our evangelist during term one and Brother Mann our evangelist for term three. God's presence was very near and especially were we glad to note a confessing of specific sins, sins that the Africans do not confess unless the Spirit truly speaks. We were happy for Brother Mann's ministry.

We were privileged to have a number of outside speakers during the year who proved a blessing to Africans and missionaries alike. Some of them were Dr. Stern of the Wale

Street Baptist Church, Cape Town; Rev. Jack Murray, evangelist for the European Christian Mission; as well as a number of missionaries of kindred societies.

We were glad to see many of our students go forward in joining the church. It made our hearts very glad indeed to see those who had strayed come and rededicate themselves to God and the church.

The outstanding spiritual event of the year was the privilege Matopo had of entertaining conference. It was a time of spiritual blessing both to the Africans and missionaries. It will be a time long remembered because of the precious nearness of the Spirit. May we not lose sight of the inspiration received!

**School Activities**

Our schools this year have increased in enrollment, especially in the Central Primary. With the increase of enrollment we had to increase school facilities. But after a few weeks we were into a regular routine.

We were especially pleased at the end of the year, after the Govern-

ment Examinations were finished, that all of teachers in training passed. This reflects the good teaching of the staffs. This is the second consecutive year that all candidates passed.

Out of the twelve candidates writing their Junior Certificate examinations in December all secured a pass but one. We feel that this is commendable for the first class who completed the three-year course.

#### Buildings and Farm Operation

Every year we have a building program for two classes in our Central Primary. This year they built one new dormitory unit and one new married teachers' unit. One of the houses built in 1953 was destroyed by fire and had to be rebuilt. This in reality was almost the same as building a new house. A large percentage of the walls had to be destroyed and rebuilt and an iron roof was put on in place of the thatch roof. A number of other roofs were repaired and in some cases destroyed and re-roofed.

We had good rains for the year as a whole. The rains were not, however, spaced too well and as a result the crops were rather poor, too poor at least to assist much in the large feeding program of the mission. We use about 800 bags of maize a year (200 lbs. to the bag).

It is hoped that since we have the

tractor we will be able to put under cultivation some additional acres. This in the overall should help in the crop returns. The closing of the school year comes at a time when the fields should be prepared and planted. However, with proper planning and good African help, this will be easier.

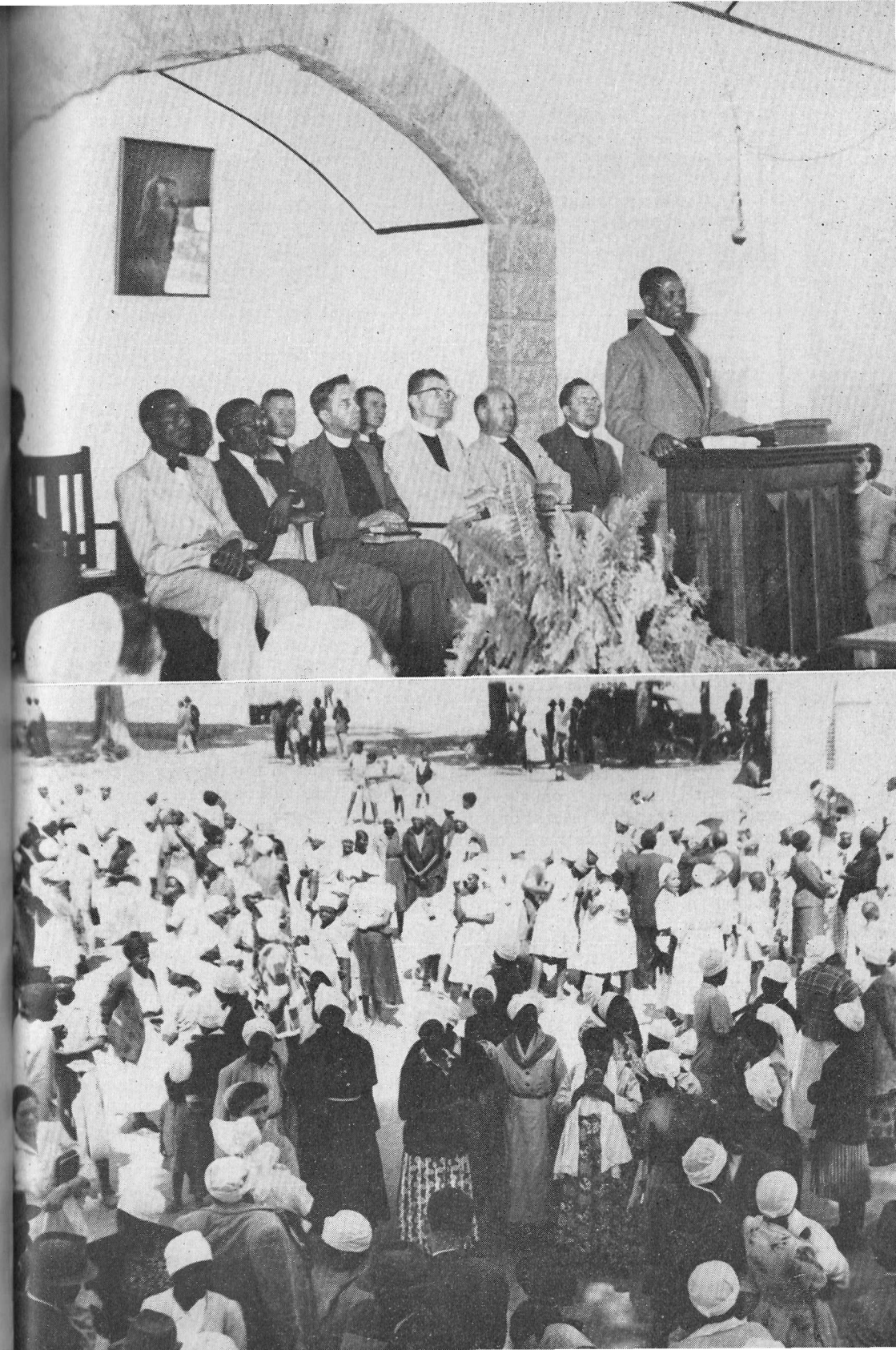
The new house for the single lady missionaries, which is now called Orchard Cottage, was completed. Brother Stern did a very fine piece of work in finishing the house while Brother and Sister Book were on short holiday. It is now occupied by three of our ladies. It is proving to be a very nice asset to the missionary housing on the mission.

#### Missionary Personnel

We have had considerable change in our staff this year. Sister Eyster at the beginning of the year left to join the staff at Macha. Sister Kreider was assigned to assist in the Teacher Training department as the assistant professional teacher. Sister Wolgemuth came to us for a short time to assist in the matronship of Ladies' Lodge. At the turn of the year she joined the Mtshabezi Mission staff. A very interesting event in the year came when, at the close of term three in December, Sister Ethel Heisey and Brother George Bundy were united

Top, right: Mfundisi Dlodlo bringing a report to the African Conference on the work in the Lupane area. On the back row: Mfundisi Dube, Mfundisi Kumalo (almost hidden), Brother Wingert, Brother Musser. Front row: Teacher Abednego Moyo, Evangelist Vundla, Roy Mann, Arthur Climenhaga, J. Elwood Hershey, Alvan Thuma. Alvin Book, host to the Conference at Matopo, is seen to the right of the pulpit.

Below, right: Africans and missionaries gather for the Bible Conference at Matopo. The trees and shrubbery which form the attractive background are the result of foresight and hard work of many missionaries. The church is to the right.



in marriage. Missionary weddings are rather few and far between in the life of a missionary. We are very happy for them. We will miss Sister Bundy as she assumes new responsibilities at Wanezi Outstations. Sister Melhorn replaces Sister Bundy as matron of Ladies' Lodge as well as teaching in the Secondary school.

#### General

Our African staff remained the same throughout the year. We did not have to make any changes for which we were certainly thankful. There were a number of problems during the year, but with the help of the One who is "higher than I" we saw a great change take place in some of their lives. We are trusting God to continue this work that has begun.

#### BULAWAYO OUTSTATIONS

*R. H. and Esther Mann*

In April when our General Superintendent returned from home furlough, it was decided to separate the Bulawayo Outstations from the General Superintendent's office. For some time we have felt this need for the number of outstations have been growing in Southern Rhodesia, thus needing a full-time man for the Bulawayo circuit.

The usual number of visits were made to the various Outstations, also near-by villages were visited as time permitted. Baptismal and Communion services were held as well as Council meetings. A good spirit of fellowship was felt and we believe the church members were aroused to a closer walk with the Lord.

The Government, in an endeavor to make the African tenure more secure and to relieve crowded conditions in some parts, is continuing to

move some of the people into new areas. Some of our people have been moved about 160 miles north-west of Bulawayo to the Lupane District. We have tried to follow them but have only been able to get one site because the Roman Catholics have gone in and taken sites without the consent of the people. A church and school building have been built at this place so we are planning to open school there in 1955. Perhaps we will be able to get more places later.

Others of our people have been moved to the Gwaai District, which is about 140 miles west of Bulawayo. This seems to be a better area and more people have been moved there. Evangelist Sandi Vundhla has given a number of months there, holding meetings, meeting with the people, also working with them. At three places they have churches and school buildings built and approval from the Government has been given for us to open school at these three places in 1955. We have made two visits; the last time we had a baptismal and communion service. It was very heart-warming to see the zeal of the people; these meetings were appreciated very much.

While visiting in the Gwaai, we contacted several groups of Bushmen. These are considered to have been the first people to live in South and South Central Africa. They are very different from the Bantu people, very backward and nomadic, living in various parts of the country at various times of the year. They do not plant gardens and have no cattle, or very few. Their chief food is meat of wild animals, fruits, and roots. We held two services among them, using an interpreter as they have a language of their own. I do not know of any schools amongst them since they are a roving people, but we were glad for the interest

which was taken in our service; one man raised his hand for prayer. They need to know Christ. Pray that they might welcome the Light as it comes to them.

In Bishop H. H. Brubaker's report some years ago, mention was made of the conversion and baptism of the Chief of the Nsezi district. Some years later his wife died and due to various African customs, he failed to overcome at the time of temptation. He was married by heathen custom and was very indifferent to spiritual things. During this year I visited in his village several times. His wife is now attending services and on my last visit the Chief himself seemed very interested in spiritual things. We had quite a long talk and he said that he had a desire to return to the Lord. While in prayer, he earnestly asked the Lord to help him as he wanted to be a Christian chief, for he was weak in his own strength and he could not lead the people aright.

He still has some things to do before he can get back into church fellowship, but we have faith that he will continue until he has complete victory.

The Nyumbane Outstation and district we feel is a growing and prosperous community. There are a number of members here who are very faithful in giving their offerings and we are glad to say some of them are tithing. A number grow vegetables and take them to Bulawayo to sell in their own motor cars. This year we had a married teacher and his wife, besides a single girl, as teachers in the schools. The head teacher has taken a special interest in things and is pushing the work. During the year a burned-brick school house with asbestos roof was built. The building is a credit to the community. We do pray that the people will continue to push the work of the Lord forward as they are prospered financially. Continue to pray for us.

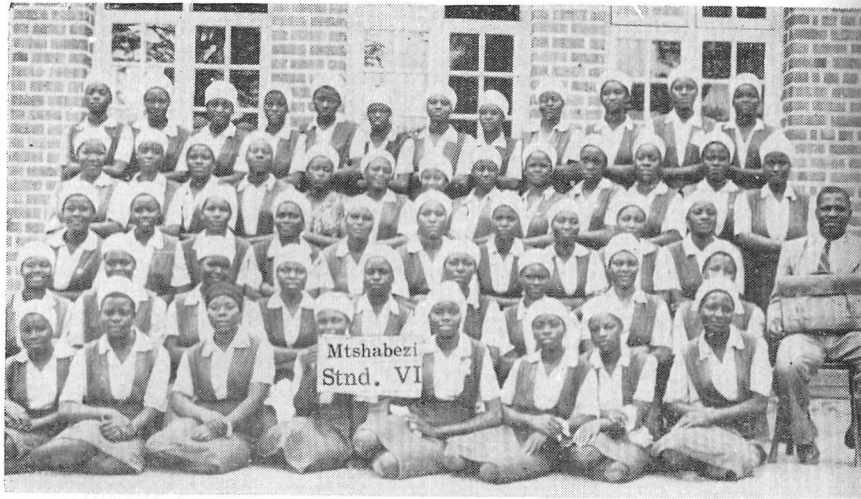
## Mtshabezi — Gwanda District

#### MTSHABEZI MISSION

*Glenn C. Frey*

This is Mtshabezi — girls — girls everywhere, hundreds of them! At 6 a.m. they file in rank to the church for prayers. Then follows breakfast, school, and the assignments of the day. Take a look into their dining-room at the evening meal. It is amazing that so many people can eat in so small a place with so little noise. Out

of the dining room and to play. Their shouts can be heard all over the mission till at 6:45 the bell rings. Before it ceases there is stillness and the hundreds go quietly to the church for evening worship. This is our duty—the care of these children—we look to you to succor us in the great work of prayer for them. It is impossible to give the individual guidance and attention which we should like to give. Will you not help? We are workers together for Him.



The 1953 Mtshabezi Central Primary School Standard VI girls. This year there are 306 in school. The average age is seventeen. They go away at the end of the eighth year to be student nurses, teachers, and wives. Sister Ruth Hunt is the Head Mistress of the school and Sister Beth Frey is the Matron.

#### Life Can Be Simple

Take a peep into our dormitories. There are thirty-four of them with an average of ten girls to each (counting school fees and working girls). What a blessing that the African school child does not yet need all the amenities of our culture! At bed time they lay out their little grass mats, roll up in a couple of blankets, blow out the little tin lamp with its cloth wick and settle for the night. Come morning, the mats are rolled up, the blankets folded, and the girls run to the washing stones behind their houses. In but a few minutes they are ready for the day. Life can be simple!

#### May She Remain True

There is Kelina who ran away from home to escape marriage to an older

man who already had one wife, and to go to school. She has not been able to go home since. The man has made unsuccessful efforts to get her, even going to meet the train on which the girls went home in hopes that she might be on it. As the Christmas holidays drew near, her longing to see her mother caused her to risk a trip home. She also needed money for school in 1955. After counsel and prayer, she said, "I shall remain." Kelina needs our prayer. She receives no help from home, it will be a long hard pull, but we are sure that God will help her and supply her needs.

#### How Could We Do Without Her

Then there is Naka Asa, a real institution at Mtshabezi. Always busy, drying greens for relish, overseeing the cooking at the dormitories and

minor upkeep jobs, giving guidance to wayward girls, learning much more about their lives than we could ever know. And with her continuous and often trying contacts, she never loses a tenderness of heart toward the wayward. Her tears flow as we pray with those who need discipline. We wonder how we could get along without her!

#### The Children Help Build Their School

During the winter months Morning School was a beehive of activity. The children were making bricks for the new schoolhouse which will make it possible for all the Morning School to be together outside the fence. Under the capable guidance of Mr. Sitole, the head teacher, 17,000 bricks were made and now the children look proudly at their new school.

#### Dalafila Finds His Saviour

Old Dalafila, a working man, was very ill. On visiting him, we took him to the hospital. After a couple of days, when visited again, he gave his heart to the Saviour as simply as a child. The next day his wife came into the service here and also yielded her life to God. Cancer could not be cured and so he went home to die. How different was their home from a few weeks before. The neighbor's beer no longer tempted. Their hearts were filled with light and peace. One day on learning that it was Saturday, he said, "This is my day to go, the Lord is calling." As a weary child he went home, leaving a lonely but victorious widow. We rejoice to see her continuing to come to church.

#### Our Women

The first Friday of the month finds the Church Women in their monthly meeting. The greatest blessing seems

to be the opportunity to pour out their hearts to God. We wish you could hear them as they pray for wayward children, husbands far from God, and situations which try their souls. God bless the Christian mothers of Africa!

#### Faithful and True

Simeon Ndhlovu, a young married teacher at Malawi Outschool, is a real blessing in the work. His home and all his personal belongings burned shortly after he had moved to Malawi. His faith in the Lord did not falter; with a shining face he told how blessing had come from the seeming disaster in that his faith was strengthened. He is also the local pastor and Sunday school teacher. Many times he asks for flannelgraph material and Bible pictures to use in his teaching work. His keen interest is a challenge.

Mr. and Mrs. Tibo Moyo and Mr. and Mrs. David Moyo continue faithful to the Lord even though neither couple have been blessed with children of their own. The Tibo Moyos always seem to have several to rear for relatives and give them love and care. David has been a builder here at the Mission, and is now also assisting in the pastoral work at Kwakwe Outstation.

#### Your Task

Along with our joys in 1954 there have been some crushing blows. Reports are in circulation that three of our women whom we thought faithful members have drifted far from the path of righteousness. One of our men, Tankwa Sibanda, after losing his mother and brother went to a witch-doctor to inquire the reason for their deaths. We, with our generations of Christian background, cannot fully enter into the thinking of

these people. To us the deaths seemed quite ordinary. Satan is waging a mighty battle, but our God is able. We want to claim the victory for these and others. Do help us to pray that 1955 will bring them and many others back to the fold.

We are "not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth." (Romans 1:16)

### MTSHABEZI — GWANDA OUTSTATIONS

*Chester and Ruth Wingert*

First we bring you a brief report of the Outstation work for the year. A total of thirty schools was maintained for the full year with 119 inspections made to the same. Thirty-five hundred children were enrolled with a teaching staff of ninety teachers. Three love feast-baptismal services and one council meeting were conducted during the course of the year's work in our circuit.

There has been a definite drop in church membership numbers in our circuit because of the government's moving many of our people outside our area. We are hoping to get reports from these outside areas once the work becomes more established there.

Information has come to us that these reports should go into more specific detail as to problems, victories, experiences and first-hand information from the battlefronts. So, think it not strange should this report be somewhat lengthy.

We might say that in Outstation work a little more than half our time is spent on the veld while the lesser time is spent mostly in the office. Consequently, there is that looking

forward to being out on the veld or that desire to return home after many weary days being away.

Before coming to Outstation work I had somewhat of an idea of going from outstation to outstation, but now I have felt the weight of both school and church problems and know they wear on the physical. This year I had a new boy for my first trip to the schools. We were on a two-week trip and after several days out, my boy had made some observations for himself. "Umfundisi, you have indaba, indaba, every school, indaba eziningi." (Missionary, you have matters, matters, every school, many matters.) In the matter of two weeks his eye was opened to some of the work of his missionary. As I recall I had nine such meetings while inspecting the eleven schools. These meetings take place after the mid-day service and may last from one to four hours. The subjects of discussion are many so I will but list a few: building of schools, teachers' problems, marriages, discipline problems both in school and church, moving of people and schools, dispensing medicines, pulling teeth, examining children for sickness—especially the itch, speaking to parents about their children being absent from school (truant officer), witchcraft problems, *ad infinitum*.

On one of my inspections to Mari-beka I found twenty-two children infected with the itch. I sent all of them out of school saying they had to go to the hospital for treatment. The following Saturday morning the teacher headed the procession to the hospital twenty miles away where they were given treatment and about three quarts of itch salve. The next time I came to the school I did not find any itch. In most cases the parents don't think of treatment for sickness until it is too late. Our doctors will verify this. At another school I

found two girls who were very ill. I instructed them to go to the hospital, but the parents refused to take them and within ten days the one died.

Two years ago a trained teacher was dismissed and left in an angry mood. About a year later he came desiring to marry. He had to be told to go and make his matter right with the church and since he was not marrying the girl with whom he had fallen he would have to wait a year before marrying. Again he became very angry and was going to run away to another Society for marriage. However, in this case the girl, Vana Moyo, refused to run away. She said she would remain with us for the year and marry at the end of the year. This was really a remarkable stand for a girl to take. The young man finally took his place and waited the year. Just a few days ago I made arrangements for their marriage and both have agreed to teach the coming year. I have reported this incident rather quickly, but we spent hours in the office on this very case.

Two years ago our Makwe school closed and the people—twenty-five of whom were church members—were moved into an area where their children had to attend a Catholic school. Prior to this moving time much effort was given to trying to keep the Catholics from locating a school in that area, but in the end they succeeded. Now our people see the awful things which are permitted at this school and their children are growing up without being taught the Word of God. Their teachers smoke, drink and gamble with the children. Sin to them is no disgrace. Now the children even show disrespect to their parents and teachers. We should pray for this place that there may be a more effective entrance of the Gospel.

We are happy to report that a number of teachers are having early morning Sunday school. Several are

asking for picture cards. One new teacher was very much thrilled to have forty-eight children in her class. Another had over one hundred children. It may be a good thing for our home Sunday schools to save pictures and picture cards and rolls and send them to the mission fields. They can be posted at a low rate if marked "Sunday School Supplies."

It was decided at our 1954 Conference not to have a conference in 1955 but to work out camp-meetings in the outstation areas. This is now to be done in connection with our Baptism-Communion week-ends and we pray this will be a time of blessing for many who never get to Conference. It will be a time of contact with our African brethren and sisters which by-and-large has been lost due to the growth of the work here. All missionaries are tied down to much supervision and too often we fail to contact our people as in earlier pioneer years. The camp-meeting spirit can help to bridge this gap.

Although we have been on a pastoral system in our outstations, much is still to be desired. The pastors need constant urging in order to feed the flock and care for the lambs even in a small way. If we could staff the work, outstation superintendents could well not have more than twenty outstations at the most. Then the superintendent would have time to work with the pastors and their problems. If these pastors would realize their responsibilities, the church would grow much more rapidly and the offerings would multiply. They need our prayers and support.

When it comes to our outstation children in school we too often find fathers desiring their children to go to our mission schools who are not church or class members. Up to the present there has been a general rule that church or class members are given first place and that usually fills

up the quota. To a certain extent this has brought the unsatisfactory result that boys and girls enter the inquirers' class so as to find a place in school rather than because they have truly repented. We feel sometimes that some who are at least honest cannot find a place while others acting a lie find a place. This is very distressing and although as yet we do not have a full solution, our minds are much exercised with the problem. Then again, each year the outstation superintendent is faced with this fact that many of his children will leave school, not having reached maturity, and that the planting done will too often be lost. This problem has come to the fore in very recent years due to the fact that many more children are seeking higher education. Here, too, prayers and support are needed.

Continue to pray for your workers on the field. Problems are ever present in the blazing of paths for today's needs, but Christ is all-sufficient. Pray that our faith fail not.

#### MTSHABEZI MISSION HOSPITAL

*R. Virginia Kauffman, M.D.*

As we look back over 1954 we see many things for which we thank God. It has been a good year, and we have felt that God has bestowed many blessings on the work. That the work is continuing to grow can be seen by looking over the records of the past few years. Both the number of inpatients and the number of outpatients treated have increased again this year. Along with this, the demand for the ambulance has been greater.

The missionary staff has completely

changed this year. Sister Martha Lady took the place of nurse here, relieving Sister Rhoda Lenhart for her long furlough. I have been assigned to carry on where Doctor Thuma left off when he was transferred to Macha to undertake the building of the new hospital plus all the duties necessary in such a project. Brother and Sister Mann have been added to our household here. Brother Mann to assist in maintenance in the hospital unit while carrying on his main task of superintending the Bulawayo Outstations, and Sister Mann to act as matron and to assist at the hospital when necessary. Many times we have been glad for someone such as the Manns with their vast amount of missionary experience.

The African nurses, four in number, have continued to do their part in serving their own people. We have appreciated their interest in the spiritual welfare of the people as well as the physical. They willingly take their turns at leading the morning prayers and bringing the message at the Friday afternoon services.

No major building project was undertaken during the year, but several smaller improvements were made and some painting done. The drug room was greatly improved by the addition of shelves and a locked cupboard. This increases not only the available storage space, but also the working space for the mixing of medicines. The other item in the way of building which we greatly appreciate is the new rain-water tank that was constructed behind the kitchen and laundry unit. This will supply us with all of the rain-water necessary to mix medicines and boil instruments.

The religious side of the work has been carried on similar to other years. Sityokupi Sibanda is still with us to conduct daily services and do a great amount of personal work.

There have been a number of definite spiritual victories during the year. Two of those who were converted have since died. One of these men went back to his village after several weeks in the hospital and his testimony was that although he heard the noise of the beer drinks in the near-by villages it no longer tempted him. His last words were that the Lord was calling him and he must go.

When the other man referred to was almost too weak to speak he was praising God and telling of his happiness in his new-found salvation.

It is not the patients only whom we contact but many of their families as well. In the two instances just mentioned members of the patients' families repented at the same time. The wife of the first man was

saved and the wife and brother of the latter confessed their sins and accepted Christ. We feel sure that the two patients have made it through to spend eternity with their Maker but those of the families had to go back to heathen villages and they will not find it easy to stand amidst the temptations which will be certain to come. Pray for them that they may remain true.

There have been others who have sought the Lord and many hands for prayer. We feel that the work has not been in vain and that through medicine much can be done to win the lost to Christ.

Continue to pray for us at Mtshabazi Hospital as we represent the Church in the work of the Lord at this place.

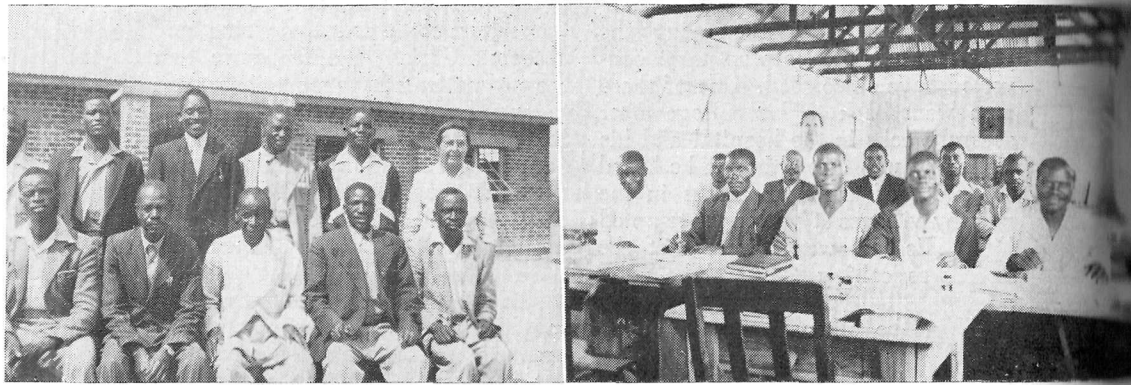
## Wanezi — Filabusi District

#### WANEZI MISSION

*J. E. Musser*

"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Psa. 126:6. In the strength and promise of this verse we have again gone forth. The year 1954 has been 365 days of opportunity with its attendant struggles and, praise God, its victories also.

We have seen numerical growth again this year in each of the schools. Particularly we are grateful for an increased interest and enrollment in the Bible School. As we work and pray for an indigenous church, we are overjoyed to work with and teach some of those who have themselves caught the missionary vision. One morning when Brother Climenhaga was with us at the mission, he and I attended one of the sessions of the Bible School which proved to be an unusual one. For after he had spoken



The 1954 Bible School Group at Wanezi with their teacher, Sister Anna Engle. The Graduates numbered five.

to them briefly of the need of preachers and African missionaries in the new areas now being settled to the Northwest, the session was spontaneously turned into a testimony meeting. Each one seemed to have a burden and call upon his heart which he wished to share and in which he was seeking guidance. God witnessed the warmth of that scene and heard the confessed callings of these men who are themselves stirred concerning the needs of their people. They deserve our prayers. They are the potential missionaries of tomorrow if they can be guided aright by His Spirit. We are heartened by their reports as we hear them tell of their visitation work (which is a part of the school curriculum). They touch many lives for God as they go from village to village with the Good News. Especially pray for the five men who finished the course this year, and who are awaiting their assignment to service. It means a great deal for them to uproot their families and move them, as is sometimes the case, for the sake of the gospel.

We rejoice to report that Evangelist Nkomo, who had been beset by family difficulties in 1952 and 1953, is again preaching and is able to give himself to evangelistic work. The Lord wrought a great victory for them for which we praise Him. Just over a year ago their troubles arose over the fact that they were not able to have children. Heathen relatives urged Nkomo's wife to do certain pagan practices to remedy the situation, according to their thinking. Though for a season she was unfaithful, God answered prayer, brought her back to her husband and village. Now since they have proved again their loyalty to God, He has given them a double blessing—twin boys. We thank Him for His faithfulness.

Our first revival this year was outstanding in conviction and repentance as Brother Wingert preached the Word and many sought pardon and strength. In the second series of services, Umfundisi Kumalo brought us an outstanding teaching ministry coupled with personal counselling to many who sought. These times of

refreshing in the year are the harvest times. We cherish the daily opportunities of giving teaching in the Word, and guidance; and feel especially the thrill of the time when the net is drawn in. This year over sixty boys and girls have finished the course here and gone out to their work. By the prayers of the intercessors, they will go forward serving Him.

Rains were not as adequate as desired this year. The grass soon dried up and the cattle suffered severely, until the rains again came.

The building program consisted of nine new permanent buildings, both large and small, and electrical installations. We are grateful for these improved facilities. Medical service at the Clinic has been growing and offers a splendid opportunity for evangelism with those of the area.

Pray for us, that we may be instant in season, out of season; always abounding in the work of the Lord.

#### WANEZI — FILABUSI OUTSTATIONS

*George and Ethel Bundy*

"Futi . . . . . futi," chorused the men as they lifted the back end of the outstation's pick-up. It had been resting deeply in mud all night and these men were making a noble effort to get their Umfundisi on his way again.

This is only one phase of missionary life, but a perennial one for the outstation superintendent. Sometimes it takes several days to accomplish a task which requires going out on a rain-soaked veldt with rivers in flood. This time the goal to be achieved was the moving of the new assistant overseer, Nason Moyo. The large truck

had come from Matopo, and met its first obstacle, the Insiza River, near Filabusi. Three and a half hours were spent waiting there but finally the crossing was made through eighteen inches of water still roaring over the bridge.

However, most of our troubles still lay before us. These were due to a combination of poor equipment and the elements of nature. One full day was spent in crossing four rivers of varying sizes — a distance of about forty miles. The larger truck was able to travel only thirty miles. It was at the end of the journey that the outstation truck finally came to a halt in the mud at 9:30 at night. The superintendent still desiring to return to his home sought the assistance of oxen. Four oxen were unable to move the car so the night was spent in the cab. The next morning twelve oxen failed to budge us. It was only when six or eight men picked up the truck and placed stones under the wheels that we were able to get on our way again.

Perhaps this is an unusual experience but it is typical of the unexpected events which enter our lives. Visiting schools four times a year and conducting religious services in each of them is a very fascinating occupation. It gives the opportunity to meet the people where they live. We get requests for all sorts of assistance; this may be for a ride down the road, a question about school, or for spiritual help and guidance.

A Council Meeting and two Love Feast-Baptismal services were held in our district this year. Each time we gathered together we found rich food for our souls. This is especially true when one is a new missionary and is meeting people and seeing places for the first time. It thrills the soul!

Probably the most outstanding of these meetings was the Love Feast at Gumbalo. God's presence was felt in



a most heart-warming way. Seeing forty people baptised is sufficient to cause great rejoicing, but add to this the joy of seeing ten members returned to the church and you will see why our hearts were overflowing with joy. There were older people like Mnofa Nsimango and Manji Moyo. There was also the young couple who had fallen into sin as he finished the first year of his teacher training and she the second year. Now, after several years of unfaithfulness, Jonah Mpofu and his wife were returning to the church to be used as preacher and teachers.

The messages were for the instruc-

tion and strengthening of our people. At the close of the last service in which Brother Climenhaga spoke, the call was given for those who wanted to present themselves more completely to the Lord. A great many stood and remained at the close of the service. The most encouraging part of the week-end was the consciousness that the hearts of the people had been melted together and that they were determined to serve God more faithfully.

Too much prayer cannot be offered to God for this work. May each of us be found faithful to the very end.

## Northern Rhodesia Field

### MACHA MISSION

*J. E. Hershey*

September is terrifically dry and hot. Two African Christian women with three small children were cutting long thatching grass near the small Macha River when two hunters set a ring fire to trap a few small animals. These mothers and children were caught in the ring. Three were burnt before they could escape; and two lingered on for a week before they died.

These women were among the faithful attendants of all services and were outstanding as Christians, being highly respected in the community. Their homes were left motherless and we would naturally think their Chris-

tian influences were sorely needed. The purpose of God in allowing such tragedy is never fully known but we do know that the lesson of preparedness profoundly impressed the church and community especially since these dead are believed to be safe with their Lord.

December with its heavy rains filled the rivers — especially on Christmas Day, a day long to be remembered because of a man whose life ended in tragedy. The outstanding man of the community, he rose as a councillor through the local chief's court, the urban court, and the high court. He was a man strong in physique, with poise and courage, confident in Batonga customs and governmental law. He was the father of many children. His eldest son,

formerly a teacher, is now a government councillor of education. His five daughters are wives to our Christian teachers. The younger brother to our deacon, he shared a beautiful village of well constructed brick houses, a man of possessions, of high rank and naturally respected, yet a man whose life has ended in tragedy.

During the Sunday Christmas message by our Overseer Mudenda a runner came shouting, throwing himself at the church entrance door too exhausted to speak, but wailing. Some thought he was mad and carried him from the door but outside he begged to tell what had happened: his uncle had shot himself. Three hundred and seventy-five people literally left the minister speechless and alone at the pulpit desk with his open Bible. The people lined the path running or cycling the two miles to the village. We went also and found it unfortunately true.

People were in shock, incoherent, beside themselves, wailing, villagers and heathen began cursing, and the gathering mass of a thousand people became uncontrollable. The formalities of police notification, the body being carried forty miles for post-mortem, and the return the next day with the casket in the mission car were strenuous hours. On entrance to the village the frenzied mass went hysterical, people falling in front of the car, running beside the car—one mother falling and being trampled upon until an arm was broken—people pounding against the car until I refused to take out the casket until some type of order was restored.

Finally, the crowd was settled for the service. The host of Christians gathered around their missionaries as if to find comfort needed for themselves and they sang slowly but meaningfully, "Jesus Saviour Pilot Me." Three evangelists were called upon to pray. They prayed in the Spirit.

Even the heathen must have been moved in the depths of their hearts. Then the message to the living, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

The thousand moving behind the bier to the burial tree again broke out in a frenzied cry, an unsolicited drummer stood near the open grave beating the death beat, while many danced in emotional agonies the heathenish finale, ending by flinging themselves prostrate.

As the casket was over the grave and the committal was being read, a large black cloud was rising from the south but a small rainbow was distinct in the northeast. What meaneth this rainbow at a suicide's grave? The God of Noah spoke reminding all of His promises. The heathen lowered their heads in fear but I saw the countenances of many Christians rise — it must have been an inner revelation of personal faith and hope.

### Revival

The October revival was daily attended by more than 500 and each evening by more than 200. The convicting Spirit brought 143 to confession and prayer. Many boys and girls came to their first realization of needing a Saviour. Since the revival a large group has been added to the Bible Primer Class and they show interest and progress. They should go on to baptism and church membership. "God is Still on His Throne."

### Expansion

The arrival in October of a Doctor at Macha Mission has made possible the development of the medical services into a complete new unit. This expansion should have a wide effect on magic in witchcraft, heathen practices and the bondage of fear as the people can have fuller medical and

surgical treatment with an increasing testimony of Christ's power to heal the soul.

#### Routine

The teachers in training were thirty. The boarding girls are over 200. The boarding school boys who do part time work are fifty. A nine-room missionary house, two dormitories for girls, and an outstation school house were erected. Sixty more church benches were constructed. More than 200 acres were cultivated, allowing a sale of produce and stock of \$3000.

The office correspondence and book-keeping, mission and church administration, pastoral services with 22 weddings, government and business contacts, keeping abreast with the rapid changes especially in the new Federation, class-room teaching, youth meetings, programs and emergencies have all required attention of the staff. Some made heavy demands on social, mental, and spiritual energies.

#### Future

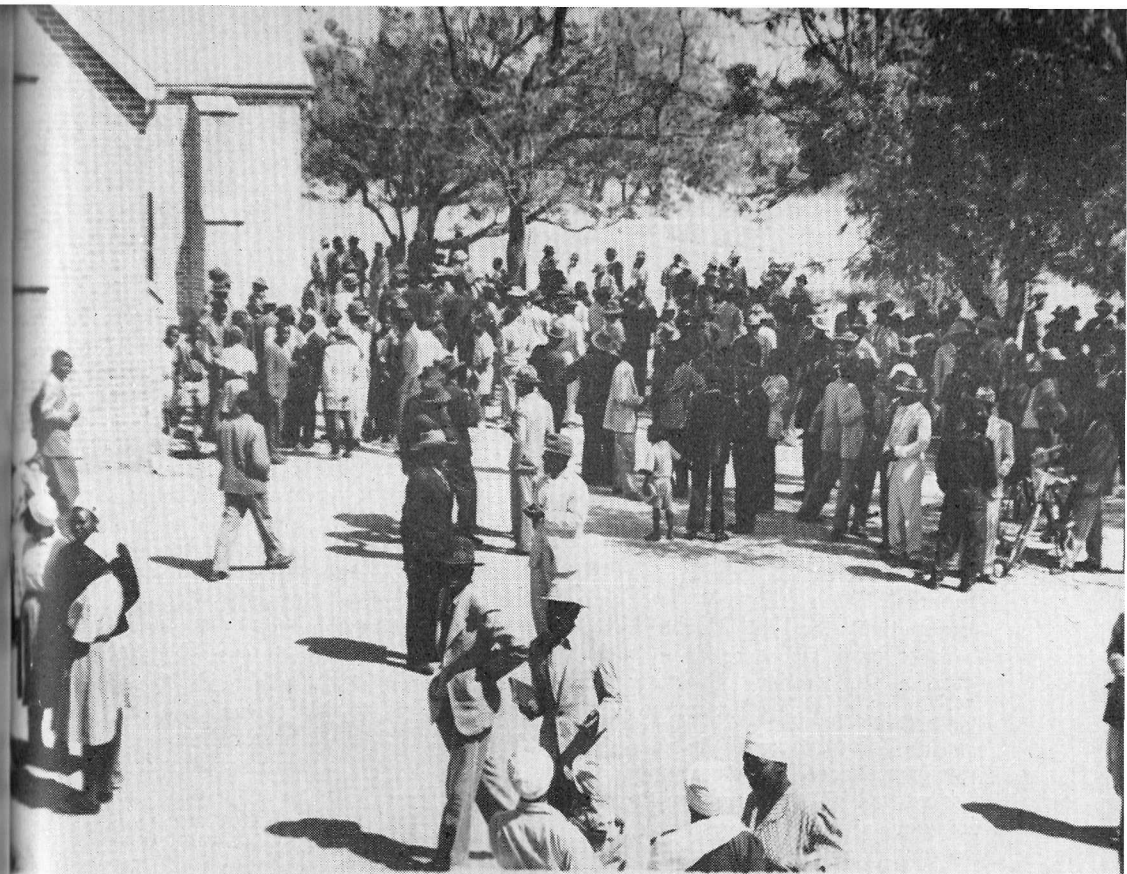
Looking forward and visualizing an indigenous church, we are concerned with the foundational structure. The pattern of our African Church policy, we believe, has been fundamentally right from the beginning; if our African leaders continue to accept responsibility for the spiritual and general welfare of the people, then it appears that God has a glorious future for the church.

### MACHA MISSION HOSPITAL

*A. E. Thuma, M.D.*

As of October 1, 1954, the Macha Mission Hospital Unit came into being. Medical work had been carried on for years at Macha under the direction of a nursing sister. As different ones made their contribution, the work grew to the place where it was the dream of the mission personnel and the community that a doctor might be placed in charge of the medical work. It was evident that the physical plant of the hospital was too small for the patient load. The problem of having three times the number of in-patients above what you have accommodations for can only be comprehended by those who have faced the problem. The problem, too, of making a differential diagnosis and prescribing when your training was in the field of nursing is one that weighs heavily when you realize that a human life and a soul is in the balances. The nurses have faced these problems and the work has continued to grow.

With the coming of the second doctor to the mission field, it became possible to place a doctor in Northern Rhodesia at Macha Mission. That assignment fell to me and so, in September, we moved with the family from Mtshabezi to Macha. We seemed to arrive at a very opportune time as the local medical man had just been poisoned. This man had one



Top, right: At the west end of the Matopo Church the men gather in conversational clusters during the African Bible Conference.

Below, right: Attending the African Conference was Ngula Moyo with his wife and part of his family. He is now a Bible School student at Wanezi.

time been a school boy at Sikalongo Mission, but it seems the teachings given there by the missionaries had little effect upon him. After he left school he turned to the practice of native medicine with all its ramifications and was really quite successful in preying on the troubled minds of sick, ignorant, superstitious natives. In fact, he was so successful that he was able to take the tenth wife and provide for them all as well as the children. I have heard that in numbers there is safety, but this did not pertain to his wives. One of them tried to poison him and he still is not back to his "work" after five months. With him not "working," the patient load at Macha has increased and we were able to help cure a few, relieve suffering in a few more, and comfort many.

In a primitive area, the missionary doctor must realize that his medicines are viewed by the people in the same manner as the medicines of the witch doctor. Many of the patients come to him for a trial of treatment, just as they pass from the area of one native doctor to search for another with stronger medicines. Possibly because you can give medicines by injection, they stop, hoping that you might prescribe some medicine given by injection for them. Some come with far advanced diseases and just about the time you begin to see improvement, they slip away some night never to be seen again. Others come at the first signs of disease and faithfully take your medicine and stay until they are well. These are the patients, according to one doctor, that you must watch because they will show their appreciation upon leaving by taking one of your blankets. The hospital seems to have so many and theirs are old and worn! Most of the patients are not of this sort but have a basic code of ethics that one must admire.

The government also is interested in the health of the African as this is one of the responsibilities they have taken over. They realize that a medical missionary in an area means that they do not have to put a government medical officer there. Therefore, they cooperate with the missions by giving a maintenance grant and grants to cover approximately half the cost of erecting new buildings. In the expansion of the work here at Macha, we will rely strongly upon the government grants, being thankful that we are in a country where the government is favorable toward mission effort. We have interviewed the local Medical Officer in Choma, the Provincial Medical Officer in Livingstone, and the Director of Medical Services in Lusaka. All these have been favorable toward the expansion of the work here at Macha.

Plans for the Doctor's residence, the African Nurses' Home, and the Hospital have been drawn up and presented to the Executive Board. Next they will be presented to the Medical Department in Lusaka. Soon we hope to start on the new buildings, or at least be ready to do so as soon as the rains stop for the season. Things do not happen overnight in Africa; there is work ahead for many days, even years.

With the challenge of the task ahead, we pledge ourselves again to the cause of missions in their effort to make Christ known to those who have never heard or who have never accepted Him as their Saviour.

#### SIKALONGO MISSION

*A. G. Brubaker, Jr.*

Our hearts are uplifted as we look back over the year that has passed and note the abundant blessing of the Lord. Truly He is worthy of all



Left: Part of the African Conference, September, 1954—east wing of Matopo Church.

Right: The Christmas Story being told at Mtshabezi Hospital.

praise and without Him we have done nothing.

This has been a year of change at Sikalongo. Brother and Sister David Climenhaga left us early in January for their furlough; in March Brother and Sister Kipe moved to their station at Nahumba, Choma, and Sister Gladys Lehman came to take over the work of the hospital. This leaves only Sister Anna Kettering to give guidance in the old paths, and this she has done very well indeed.

We were very glad to have Brother Joseph Ginder, Jr., with us during Sister Kettering's holiday absence. His diligent and willing work kept the Mission going in a time of additional duties.

We had two revival meetings again this year. The first one was held in March with Brother R. H. Mann serving as Evangelist. The other was held in October with Teacher Arthur Kutwayo preaching. Many of the school boys repented of sin and many who once knew Christ, but had slipped into sin again, repented and sought pardon of God. We were thrilled to see forty-five persons go forward in baptism and church membership at our Baptism-Communion

services in August. There were three administering baptism in the river simultaneously while a multitude gathered on the shore to witness this public confession of a work of grace in the heart.

One hundred and thirty-four boys registered for the new school year in July. It is a group full of promise and it is our responsibility to train them to take their places in the work of God. This is a great task and we earnestly desire the prayers of God's people for this student body. May they indeed fulfill God's plan for their lives.

The hospital has been a lighthouse where many have found healing not only for body but for soul. We have been heavily overcrowded many times with as many as a hundred inpatients for our twelve beds. The overflow slept in small huts of sticks covered with mud, and when these were not available many slept on the ground out doors. Daily prayers with a weekly service held by Overseer Munsaka on Friday and the weekly Sunday Service have been used of God to bring many to repentance.

We earnestly solicit your prayers to join with ours for the coming

year: (1) that our school boys may learn the joys of complete consecration; (2) that our hospital patients may come to know spiritual healing as more important than physical healing; (3) that our African church leaders may increase in willing service and learn more fully the value of spiritual rewards; that we as missionaries may carry out our responsibilities with courage and conviction.

#### NAHUMBA MISSION—NORTHERN RHODESIA OUTSTATIONS

*H. Frank and Blanche Kipe*

Rev. 14:6, “. . . having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people.”

The present-day conception of a mission station in the minds of our African people and perhaps also in the minds of many of our friends at home is a place several miles from a main road, with a boarding school for either boys or girls, a church, an office, a main dwelling house and several other buildings surrounded by the classrooms, dormitories, gardens, citrus grove, and a bit further away the hospital unit, the teachers' villages, and perhaps the villages of the overseer, deacon, or other faithful Christian families. The mission staff will consist of perhaps four to ten missionaries with various and sundry duties about the church, school, hospital, house, garden, shop, and farm. There is a system of bells which ring at their appointed time to keep all the activities running on schedule.

This brief description however, is not a clear picture of Nahumba Mission. As of January 1, 1954, the

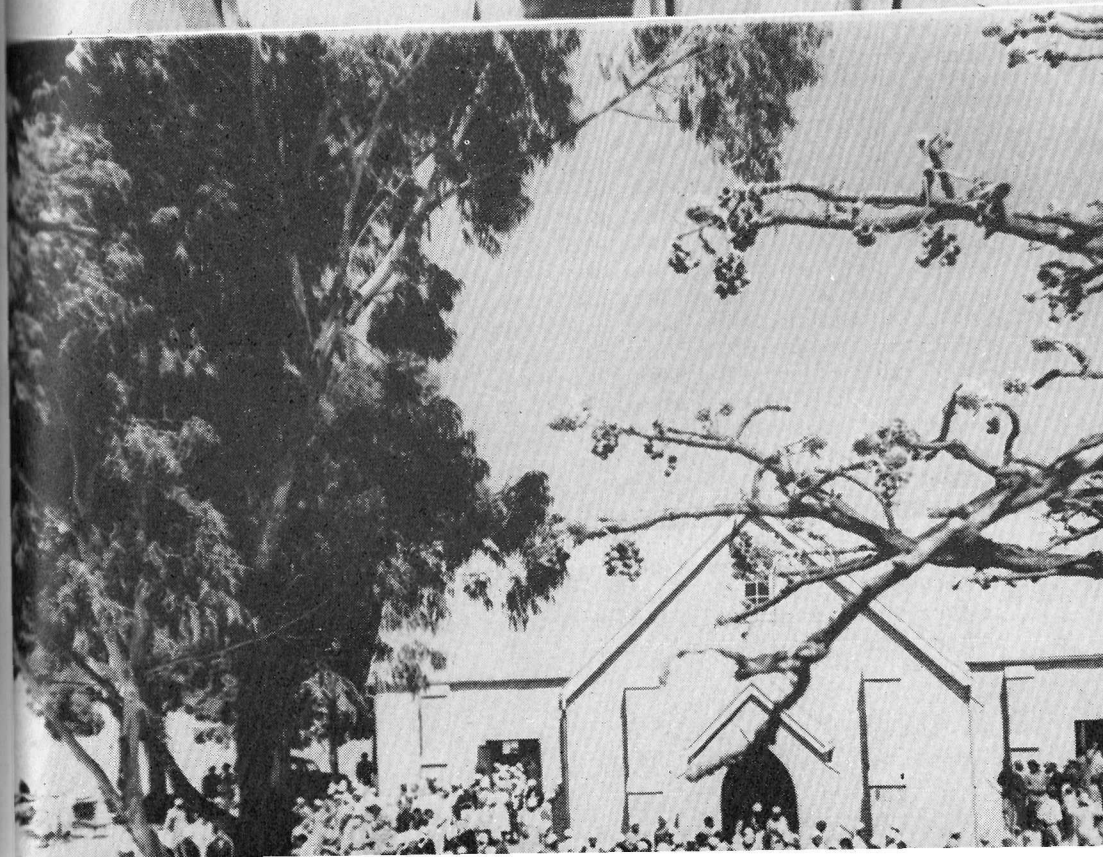
outstation work in Northern Rhodesia has been completely separated from any mission superintendent's responsibilities. We feel that God has definitely directed in securing a residence near Choma for the Outstation Superintendent. The little farm, just two miles west of Choma, makes it much more convenient to contact the village schools to the south in the Sikalongo Mission area, and to the north in the Macha Mission area. We also feel we can do a great Christian service in giving over-night accommodations to missionaries and teachers going and coming on the train or shopping in Choma.

As with all outstation superintendents, much of our time is spent out in the schools and villages. During the past year we have had twenty-eight schools, taught by fifty-seven African teachers. The September attendance returns showed an enrollment of 2,615 children in all schools.

It is our responsibility to visit each school at least four times during the year. During these visits, besides school inspection, we usually have a mid-day service with an evangelistic message. The Lord has richly blessed us in these services and during the year we have seen many precious

**Top, right: Umfundisi M. M. Kumalo, his wife and youngest son, Nkosinaye (“the Lord is with him”). Kumalo is a grandson of Mzilikazi, nephew of Lobengula, brother of the King of Kings,—a true follower of the Lord.**

**Below, right: The crowds pour from the Matop church after a session of the Bible Conference.**



boys and girls bow in prayer asking the Lord to forgive them of their sins and make them His children. Their sincerity coupled with a limited knowledge of The Way is a heart-warming challenge to any Christian worker to "preach the gospel to *all* them that dwell on the earth."

The teachers conduct the regular weekly services: prayer and praise services each Thursday at mid-day, Sunday school, worship service, and Bible study class on Sunday. They need our earnest prayers and encouragement and God's help to be faithful when many times they stand almost alone in their communities as adult Christians.

As we look back over the past year we can remember many times when teachers have come to the office with various problems. By talking and praying together God has helped them and given spiritual victories. I remember talking to one teacher whose little girl had been quite ill. One day the little girl complained of *seeing people* walking in front of her—something easily understood by

those who have worked among our African people. The teacher said, "My wife and I went into the house and prayed and she did not see them any more." May this same confidence in the living God be manifest among all Christians.

During the coming year, 1955, we are making plans to start having baptismal and communion services in the outschools. This is a rather new step in the life and growth of the Christian church among our people in Northern Rhodesia. We feel and pray that it will add new spiritual life and a feeling of importance to the "Little Churches."

We give a personal note of praise to our Heavenly Father and a word of thanks to all who have prayed for our family while afflicted with polio; also, for the safe arrival of Judy, Franklin's little sister on October 16, 1954. Our staff of "four" give praise to God for His many blessings in the past year and ask an interest in your prayers for the outstation work in Northern Rhodesia for the coming year.

## Evangelistic Work: The Rhodesias

Arthur M. Climenhaga

"And I went out by night . . . and viewed the walls of Jerusalem, which were broken down, and the gates thereof were consumed with fire. . . . Therefore we his servants will arise and build." (See Nehemiah 2:13,20).

This declaration of Nehemiah is the spirit in which nineteen full-time or part-time African evangelists went forth in evangelistic campaigns during 1954 in Northern and Southern Rhodesia. These were not the only soul-saving efforts during the year for the entire mission programs are geared into that. But these were the campaigns quite similar to our homeland revival services.

Twelve of these men in Southern Rhodesia were out on the full-time evangelistic trail covering the period from May 30 to October 8. Two other brethren not regularly listed as evangelists substituted in appointments towards the latter part of the evangelistic year so as to free some of the regular evangelists for service in the new Gwaai and Lupane areas. The five regular evangelists in Northern Rhodesia held six services each from July 4 to October 22. Thus the total evangelistic campaigns for 1954 were 93 in Southern Rhodesia and 30 in Northern Rhodesia.

Evangelist Sandi Vundla held only one regular evangelistic service in one of the current outstations. He then proceeded to spend the rest of the evangelistic period in the new Gwaai area referred to before. Sometimes an evangelist does more than preach and visit villages and this

was particularly true in Evangelist Vundla's case. In his time there he supervised the building of three church buildings and one school building, reviving class members and inaugurating meetings for them, stirring up church members to remain faithful to the Lord even though they were discouraged in having been moved so far from their former homes. It is largely due to Evangelist Vundla's efforts that there are now three established outstations in the Gwaai area and two more preaching appointments which would well become outstations in a year or two. This is a virgin field which is being plowed well.

From Northern Rhodesia comes the report that Evangelist Mazinga in speaking to Brother Kipe of his services at one school where three grown men repented said, "And now we must keep on praying for them." Brother Kipe also adds the following note on evangelists in Northern Rhodesia, "This past November one of our young men returned from Wanezi Mission where he had just finished his Bible Study Course for Evangelists. He wrote me a letter and said, 'Now I'm ready to go out and help to preach the Gospel as an evangelist. I shall wait until I hear from you.' In the meantime he is helping with services in the school near his home."

Thus the work of the Lord goes forward. Keep praying for this fruitful and yet continually needy field of service in His vineyard.

## African Field Mission Treasurer's Report for 1954

### Receipts

Maintenance .....	\$ 20,306.75	
Specials to Missionaries and Missions .....	2,770.00	
Specials to Trust Funds .....	23,861.59	
Refund on corrugated iron purchase .....	483.00	
Special to Nahumba Debt Retirement .....	2,027.90	
Refund on Missionary Traveling Funds .....	230.58	
Refund on Loan for Building—Pumula Outstation .....	22.41	
Refund on Loan for Building—Mtshabezi Outstations .....	231.00	
Refund on Loan for Building N.R. Overseer's Home .....	77.54	
Interest on Fixed Deposits .....	312.97	
Refund on Loan for Printing N.R. Primer .....	5.35	
Deficit, December 31, 1954 .....	4,422.10	
	\$54,773.59	\$54,773.59

### Expenditures

Deficit, January 1, 1954 .....	\$ 3,810.35	
Maintenance .....	3,334.09	
Missionary Allowances .....	4,481.75	
Missionary Children's Allowances .....	816.37	
Missionary Children's Education .....	553.28	
Furloughs and Train Fares .....	6,159.02	
Specials to Missions and Missionaries .....	2,770.00	
Specials to Trust Funds .....	23,861.59	
Allotments to Motor Fund .....	1,120.00	
Wanezi Outstations—Loan for Building .....	450.03	
Mtshabezi Outstations—Bathroom Equipment .....	39.16	
Macha Mission—Overseer's Wages .....	397.18	
House Furnishings for Nahumba Mission .....	82.60	
Alien Immigrant Selection Board .....	112.00	
Dues to S.R.M.C. and Salary for Secretary .....	84.70	
Matopo Mission Conference Special .....	168.00	
Macha Mission for Cassia Cottage .....	2,873.76	
Loan to Wanezi Electrification Project .....	3,184.16	
Sikalongo Mission for roof to church .....	140.00	
N.R. Outstation for back-pay to unaided teachers .....	132.16	
Mtshabezi Outstations for building expense .....	113.76	
Cheque Books and Office Expense .....	9.63	
	\$54,773.59	\$54,773.59

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	Matopo Mission	Rockview Supt's Home	Mtshabezi Missions	Mtshabezi Mission Hospital	Mtshabezi Outstation Circuit	Mtshabezi Outstation Maintenance	Wanezi Mission	Wanezi Outstation Circuit	Wanezi Outstation Maintenance	Bulawayo Outstation Circuit	Bulawayo Outstation Maintenance	Macha Mission	Macha Mission Hospital	Sikalongo Mission	Nahumba Mission Maintenance	Nahumba Mission Circuit
Balance Jan. 1, 1954 .....	\$ 609.21			\$ 290.56	\$ (199.04)	\$ (315.91)	\$ 258.40				\$ 100.03	\$ 26.44		\$ 65.27		
Receipts 1954:																
Foreign Mission Board .....	\$ 168.00	\$ 505.57	\$ 420.00								\$ 336.00	\$ 2,517.42	\$ 1,624.00	\$1,659.76	\$ 1,010.99	
Government Grants .....	18,686.98	112.00	11,043.07	\$ 3,912.40	\$19,127.12	\$ 831.60	\$ 9,475.15	\$17,792.60	\$ 876.42	\$ 9,364.23	403.20	11,190.79	226.80	5,634.33	132.56	\$20,330.10
Medical Receipts .....	833.37			158.54			319.20					152.14	26.90	1,072.40		
Miscellaneous .....	12,054.41	191.80	10,932.71	556.54	605.44	2,186.59	6,873.60	5,814.14	225.68	538.79	949.06	5,949.32	98.96	2,963.68	656.85	933.96
Total Receipts .....	\$32,351.97	\$ 809.37	\$22,768.60	\$ 6,741.87	\$20,019.00	\$ 3,018.19	\$16,926.35	\$18,335.27	\$ 1,102.10	\$ 9,903.02	\$ 1,793.33	\$19,836.11	\$ 1,976.66	\$11,395.44	\$ 1,800.40	\$20,461.36
Expenditures:																
Household Improvements, Repairs .....	\$ 6,558.80	\$ 247.35	\$ 2,281.01	\$ 1,121.42		\$ 674.86	\$ 4,151.05		\$ 388.95		\$ 164.72	\$ 4,811.72	\$ 998.10	\$ 1,931.21	\$ 820.36	
African Personnel, Sup. Wages, School Equipment	23,409.14	279.49	19,441.78	1,940.26	\$19,774.73	239.32	11,675.81	\$18,087.40	184.31	\$ 9,132.42	888.81	11,697.05	183.77	8,024.79	478.96	\$21,184.01
Medical .....	319.88			1,606.23			372.04					965.33	309.42	325.15		
Miscellaneous .....	2,064.15	263.82	1,045.81	1,379.93	45.11	2,339.49	651.37	52.53	511.95	534.70	604.24	2,343.74	317.16	957.04	866.53	53.90
Total Expenditures .....	\$31,903.90	\$ 790.66	\$22,768.60	\$ 1,343.84	\$19,819.84	\$ 3,253.67	\$16,850.27	\$18,139.93	\$ 1,085.21	\$ 9,681.12	\$ 1,707.77	\$19,817.84	\$ 1,808.45	\$11,237.79	\$ 2,165.85	\$21,237.91
Balance Dec. 31, 1954 .....	\$ 448.07	\$ 18.71		\$ 398.03	\$ (286.44)	\$ (551.39)	\$ 76.08	\$ 195.34	\$ 16.89	\$ 221.90	\$ 85.56	\$ 18.27	\$ 168.21	\$ 157.65	\$ (365.45)	\$ 15.39

(Deficits shown in parentheses)

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### Statistical Report on Missions in Africa December 31, 1954

MISSION STATIONS	Missionary Staff	Native Workers	Preaching Appointments	Communicants	Enquirers Class	Average S. S. Attendance	Day School Enrollment	Boarding Enrollment
Bulawayo Outstation	2	26	15	295	417	380	1610	—
Matopo Mission	10	13	4	220	220	450	370	306
Mtshabezi Mission	5	8	7	435	255	570	841	311
Mtshabezi Mission Hospital	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mtshabezi Outstation	2	33	33	656	997	1800	3500	—
Wanezi Mission	5	—	4	110	112	210	67	225
Wanezi Outstation	2	39	31	656	641	925	2802	—
Macha Mission	6	4	3	208	113	330	274	248
Macha Hospital Unit	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sikalongo Mission	4	—	1	139	29	150	58	134
Nahumba Mission (Northern Rhodesia Outstations)	2	28	30	302	537	2048	2615	—





# INDIA -- 1954

## Superintendent's General Report

*William R. Hoke, General  
Superintendent, India Missions*

Sometimes it is difficult to evaluate the experience of one year within the scope of that time limit. Twenty-five years from now we should know better how to evaluate the things that have just taken place. It seems to us, however, from our narrow vantage point, that the year of our Lord 1954 has been one that will have counted for Christ and the Kingdom now and for years to come.

Forty years ago the Brethren in Christ Mission was founded in North Bihar, India. This year we have been able to see continued developments in the indigenous church, and this brings us deep joy. Sunday morning, November 7, three Indian men were ordained to the ministry. Rev. Andrias Masih Charan, one of the former orphan boys, Rev. Benjamin Mirandy, a devout Santal preacher, and Rev. Surendra Nath Rai, one of our fine young Christian leaders. To witness the scene of the ordination service and to feel the presence of the Holy Spirit upon the group as

we did, has amply repaid for the years of toil and labour in this great harvest field.

*This has been a year of high privilege for the church.* The Executive Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, Bishop Henry N. Hostetter, was with us for the Fortieth Anniversary celebrations and for the Missionary Retreat and the Special Council Meeting. We want to express to the church and to the Foreign Mission Board our deep appreciation for making his visit possible. It is true that it came at the time of our Anniversary, and that in itself would have made the trip worthwhile, but we want the church to know that we needed his counsel and guidance as we planned for the future, in these days of national and international uncertainties. Personal contacts of this nature may be increasingly necessary as we face the future.

The visit to India of Bishop and Mrs. Arthur M. Climenhaga from Africa was of great value to us.

Bishop Climenhaga ministered to us from God's Word, both at the Anniversary celebrations and the Missionary Retreat. The church will continue to remember his messages. It was most unusual and of mutual benefit that at one time we could have the Executive Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board and the Bishop and Superintendent of the Brethren in Christ Missions in Africa present with us.

#### India Church Developments

Starting mid-year the new Church Executive Committee came into being and had their first official business meeting. Consisting of three Indian and three Missionary Representatives, the present Committee is made up of the three newly-ordained pastors and the three senior missionary men. The Committee is now in charge of the Evangelistic program and the general overall matters of the church. These first six months have been most successful. The men have all been working together and a number of forward steps have been taken. The task of preparing a Constitution for the Indian church is one of their assignments. They were in charge of the 40th Anniversary program, and may I pay tribute to all of my Indian brethren for their splendid contribution in making the occasion a success.

The new District Committees have been in operation for the six months. We have Church District Committees for Banmankhi, Saharsa, and Barjora Districts. Three Indians and two Missionaries are serving on each of these. The District Committees have charge of finances within the District. They arrange for special evangelistic tours and religious melas. One of the tours was of fifteen days duration in the Saur Bazaar area. The preachers reported great interest in the meetings. Over half the expenses involved in the tour

were met by the local church and Sunday school funds. The assuming of this type of responsibility by the church is an encouragement to our faith for the future. They organize and take care of the services at the various meeting places within their areas, and carry an overall concern and administrative responsibility for their Districts.

The work in Purnea District has been extended to include an area near Purnea city. This was made possible upon the return of Brother and Sister Hoke, at which time Brother and Sister Engle moved to Purnea. We have a new type of experience in that the missionaries are living in rented quarters, at all the other stations we own the property, but we felt we should try the matter of renting. The home is smaller than some, but it has been repaired and made very livable. This move into Purnea has opened up for us a new group of villages for mission work. It has also challenged us with the needs in Purnea itself in assisting the Christian population of the city in their witness for Christ. Numbers of villages are being given an opportunity to hear the message of salvation through Jesus Christ. We feel the Lord has led and we look forward to a growing church in this open field.

The Banmankhi center continues to serve as a base for Bible Training and the building of the church. A number of Bible Institutes and Schools have been held again this year. With the impact of this type of leadership training going out into the villages we feel confident that others will become stronger spiritually. Brother Benjamin Mirandy is Pastor-at-large over Christians in numerous villages. The days of the circuit rider might be over in some countries, but we are just now in the thrill of witnessing the results of a godly man being used of the Lord in



The First Bible School group — all Santals.

this manner. It is a thrilling experience to see one bring another, and he another, and thus one by one the church of the Lord grows. The Banmankhi District Committee has been assisting in the collection of funds to help support their Pastor and to aid in the work of the District.

The expanded program at the Barjora Mission Station is a distinct advantage to the entire work of the church and the Mission. The emphasis is much wider than just the orphanage children and includes the children of Christian families

throughout the church. They are receiving their education under the leadership of Christian teachers and with Christian associates. We thank God for the impact the school and the hostels have been making in the molding of young lives for Christ and the Church. We believe these young Christian boys and girls are going to help to build a better church, a better community and a better India. We want them to be the finest of Indian young men and women.

Barjora is also the point from

which the message goes on to the north to the Anglo-Indian communities. These services have continued and the Lord has deepened the fellowship with these people.

#### Personnel

Two of our nurses, Sister Erma Hare and Sister Leora Yoder, were due furlough and left in April for America. The work at the Barjora Dispensary was taken over by Sister Mary Jane Shoalts. The Saharsa Dispensary was operated by Dr. Paulus until the arrival of Sister Beulah Arnold. We thank God for the return of Sister Arnold to the field in November.

God blessed our mission field in the sending of Dr. and Mrs. George Paulus and Sister Evelyn Bohland, all medical personnel. Dr. Paulus, knowing the Hindi language since boyhood, took over responsibilities at once and has contributed to the planning for our advanced medical program. He spent a few months in the Tropical School at Calcutta, becoming more fully acquainted with the medical work in India. Our plans for Medical expansion have not all developed, due to a policy of moving slowly, and due to the inadequate funds, but we believe that we are now in a position to go forward in the beginning of 1955. We will not be building a large hospital, but rather work out from a well equipped medical base, and make our work as mobile as possible. We are looking forward to spending several months out of each year in direct local relief work, in conjunction with the Medical Mobile program.

A number of the missionaries have been continuing the study of Hindi. Some have attended the Landour Language School and some have studied on the Plains. We are happy to report that these young people have made excellent records for themselves in language study. This period of a

missionary's life is not the easiest one. The inability to speak freely with the people and do the thing one most wants to do can often become a temptation to discouragement. However, the Lord helps all of us in all the areas of need, and He has been with all of our language students.

The missionary family has not been free from illness, but we have seen the hand of God with us during our illnesses and bringing us out well. Evelyn Bohland spent several months in the Landour Community Hospital. Some of our children have been ill, but at present all are well and we are thankful. With the happy arrival of Kenneth Wayne Paulus we now number eighteen adult missionaries and thirteen children.

#### Together We Go Forward

We have greatly appreciated the prayers, gifts, and faith of the church in America for the work in India during the past year. We know that you have played a most necessary and important part in this work. We thank you for every gift you have sent to the work. Your support of the General Fund of the Foreign Mission Board has made it possible for us to be here. Your support to the various propagation phases of work has enabled the witness to go out. Your assistance in making buildings and vehicles possible has kept the program pushing forward. The Land Rover for the superintendent is one of the items for which we praise the Lord.

However, we are presently facing a rather difficult experience in the history of the work in India from the financial point of view. Our staff is the highest it has ever been, and that takes a larger allowance. The costs of administration in these days are much more than in previous years. The addition of motor vehicles to our working equipment has increased our expenses. The medical ex-

pansion program is calling for an increased recurring budget. With an expanding program we face the possibility of not having more funds from the church in America. Frankly, we do not know the answer to this problem, but we felt we ought to tell you about it. Having mentioned it, we rest it in the hands of God and the church to do that which He directs. Already there has been help from unexpected sources and we thank God.

The work of the Church moves on. We are His. We desire to do His will. We have faith for the future. We are committed to a task that our Lord told us to do. We know that we have friends and prayer partners all over the world. We know the Lord in heaven is the One to whom we can look with assurance. We trust Him to guide. Let us all, as one man in the work, be ever ready to receive His instructions and act promptly.

#### SAHARSA MISSION

*George E. Paulus*

Returning to Saharsa Station as a Missionary has had its own secret reward. The Lord is no respecter of persons. Even when we were in sin He saved us, and He uses any of us who obey the Call to be His witnesses. We were greeted by familiar friendships on every hand.

Learning the work of a missionary has been interesting, challenging and soul-searching. Not all has been learned, but the Lord has put across some valuable lessons.

The Saharsa plant has undergone a partial face-lifting, the remaining

work to be done in early 1955. Sanitary arrangements were installed in all the bath rooms. The ladies' lodge was renovated by reroofing with asbestos sheeting and pressboard ceilings and building a new kitchen wing. The veranda is going to be redone with screen and ceiling so it will serve as a dining area. The long room in the Boarding Building was renovated into two adjoining apartments with common bathroom. The ladies are pleased with their more spacious, private and convenient quarters. Other minor general roof repairs were done.

The Widows institution, as a benevolence, is now not in existence. However, the living quarters are still occupied by widows who have their own housekeeping arrangements and do all their own buying and supplying. They are willing workers, especially now that such work gives them some income.

The church services have been led by Rev. Surend N. Ray. We have seen increased attendance and hunger produced by his ministry. We enjoy his messages and we pray for his continued use in God's work.

The development of Saharsa town into new district headquarters has given employment to our people and imported a sizable group of Indian intelligences among whom are several Christian families. They have contributed to our work both by their presence and interest in the church services, and by the contact they afford to the outside.

Official business always gives opportunity for personal contact and we value our visits with Civil Service personnel. Many small items of business have permitted these contacts to be made.

Because of the presence of the Lord, we have felt increasing good will and unity among the Christian community at Saharsa.

## SAHARSA DISPENSARY

*George Paulus, M.D.*

Saharsa Dispensary and Medical work was operated from January through March by Miss Leora Yoder, R.N.; from April through July, by George Paulus, M.D.; and from September through December, by Miss Beulah Arnold, R.N.

About fifty people came every day the dispensary was open.

The most frequently encountered illnesses were: 1. Anemia and malnutrition, especially among children and mothers. 2. Non-specific conjunctivitis and keratitis, mostly acute but some so chronic in children that eyesight was partly or completely lost. 3. Intestinal infectious infections, mostly acute viral, bacterial or amebic. Several of the missionaries have been completely incapacitated by this type for various periods, some very seriously. A son of one of our preachers died of an acute intestinal infection in May. 4. Kala Azar, which infection of the blood-forming organs has long term death mainly, has been treated frequently. Munsu, a Santal boy from our Barjora school, was sent to us for treatment when Kala Azar had reduced him to a hopelessly sick lad. The injection and special food restored his good health. He is again in school, has a full work program, and is a big promise for the future.

Tuberculosis is one problem which is becoming more of a burden to the medical staff, especially when it is known that families of long-term mission acquaintance, or of associates, or even of Christians have members dying of tuberculosis when good care, food and simple treatment would cure half of them. But we are encouraged to believe the Lord will help us to treat these patients even though it is expensive.

Our dispensary has been turning more to helping women and children, especially since Sister Arnold has assumed the daily dispensing. Several home and dispensary deliveries were conducted. Since Sister Arnold has returned, she is being asked with increasing frequency to attend home deliveries. And there is more acceptance on the part of the patients to come to the hospital for deliveries and other treatments. I have also been keeping office in one of the bungalow rooms for the convenience of man patients, friends, and missionaries.

The Scripture teaching has been in the hands of Brother Jacci John and Mrs. Dharam Das, both of whom have for several years been the dispensary Bible Teachers.

We have all been in many homes this year to treat the sick, and perhaps this is where the Lord's work is done best. Many times I have had opportunity to give a spoken testimony and there have been keen and definite inquiries come out of contacts with patients seen over a period of time. Several are faced with decisions. Pray with us that the Spirit will give these no rest until they accept the Lord.

## MADHIPURA MISSION

*William Hoke*

The little red chapel, with its uplifted cross, is a definite Christian testimony to all these passing through Madhipura by train and to the people round about. The Christian community is small but is most faithful in church attendance. Several Christian officials and their families who have been stationed at Madhipura

regularly attend services. So the chapel is usually filled nearly to capacity.

Upon our arrival in Madhipura, Brother Engle, who faithfully carried on the work of Acting Superintendent during the Superintendent's furlough, had invited all the missionary family to welcome us on the first Monday in March. The following week the Engles moved to the new station in Purnea.

In March Brother Emmanuel Roy, who has for many years served as an evangelist at Madhipura and won the respect of the community as he witnessed to the bazaar people, was transferred to Supaul and his son, Daud Roy, was appointed to serve as pastor. He has taken a genuine interest in his work in the church and community. Since the floods he has been daily taking full responsibility in distributing relief milk to mothers and children. The flood waters which came in on the Mission lands, yard and garden have dried up and the local area has taken on its natural appearance again.

The regular mela work in Singheswar and touring work in Sour Bazaar were carried on by local station workers and others. There was some opposition in the mela work and special permits were needed to give the Gospel message from the jeep over the loudspeakers, on the mela streets. Good interest was manifested in the nightly meetings and the large crowds came to see the pictures and heard the message.

Christmas time was a joyous time. At midnight, wrapped in blankets, we went into the chapel for a candle light service. "Joy to the World," "Silent Night," and other of the Christmas carols in chimes pealed out over the loudspeaker, also other Christmas carols and a message. As we worshipped the Saviour together, the villages round about

heard again the message, "Christ the Saviour is born."

On New Year's morning as the group was gathered in a communion service, one of the men remarked, "You will not find such fellowship anywhere else." The Lord has been in our midst, blessing and leading. We enter the New Year encouraged and trusting in Him.

## BARJORA TRAINING INSTITUTE

*Arthur L. Pye*

The year 1954 opened at Barjora with 55 students in the hostels, about ninety students in the school, and a staff of eleven teachers and helpers for the entire mission programme plus three missionaries. Of these, eight were engaged in the educational and hostel work; three, in the dispensary, and two in evangelistic and church work. During the year the number of students in the hostels increased to seventy-two—fairly evenly divided between boys and girls and orphans and non-orphans. A substantial increase was due to the entrance of seven Santal boys from Purnea District.

The most important area of progress is in the field of indigenous development. It is difficult to describe the gradual change in Christian Nationals as they rise from a position of dependence to that of responsibility and leadership. The constant mental adjustment, the social problems arising from petty prejudices, thwarted ambitions of others, the spiritual conflicts, victories and occasional defeats—the struggle for economic self-sufficiency—the problems of administrative changes—can scarcely present anything less than a blurred picture unless one is actually part of it. To feel a gradual moulding and blending of personali-

ties, slowly replacing the confusion of a number of "one-man" teams, to see allegiance gradually shifting from the missionary to the national, to sense an increasing spiritual burden on the part of those who are becoming church leaders—is to see beyond the confusion of the moment to the work of the Master Builder Himself. Our joy and hope is not so much in the building as it appears now but in the foundation lying beneath. In respect to self-support for the church, the most encouraging trend is the willingness of most of the people to do what they can. The nature of the problem is such that little change can be made in a year or so but a determined effort is being put forth in this direction. At Barjora nearly everyone is giving 5% of his income regularly to the church fund. This is augmented by funds from home and used for pastoral support and assistance to members of the local congregation on a loan basis.

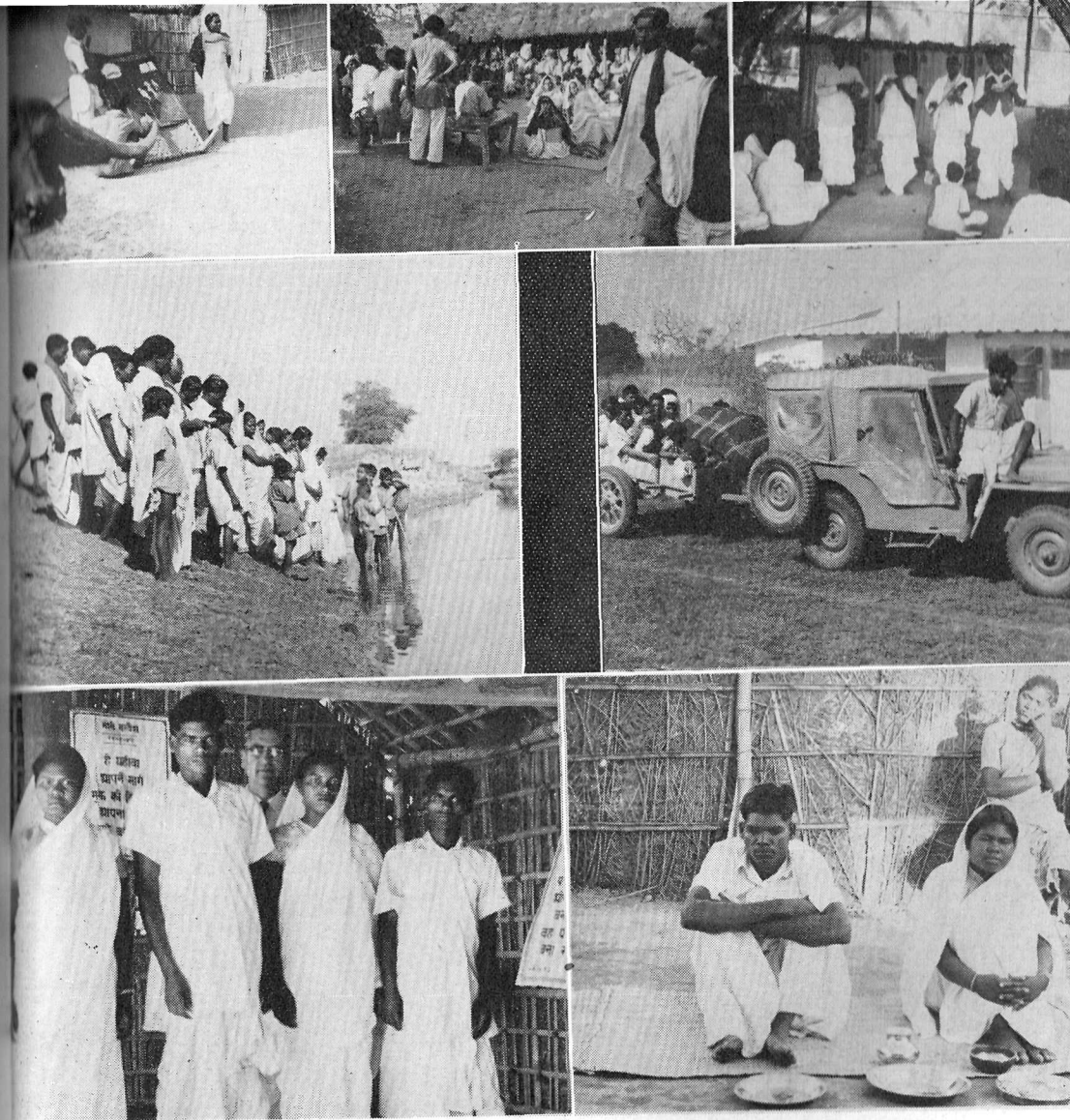
The high-light of the past year in respect to indigenous development was the ordination of our pastor, A. M. Charan, along with two others at the time of the Fortieth Anniversary celebrations. This step seemed to remove most of the last barriers to his taking his rightful place as the leader in the Barjora Christian community and church. Along with the duties of a full-fledged pastor, Andreas has also been made responsible for the Barjora District as its superintendent. This places him directly in charge of all the evangelistic work including that being done at the dispensary. The advantages of this are easily seen at a time when this type of activity is increasingly being frowned upon by the authorities. As a preacher, Andreas is considerably better than the average, his messages being usually well prepared and suited to the needs of the congregation.

The orphanage and educational work constitutes the major part of the Barjora programme. The increasing emphasis on agriculture is providing a very valuable work program for the boys and girls as well as gradually reducing operating expenses. The fencing and irrigation project is definitely proving itself worthwhile, although scarcely more than a beginning has been made so far in the setting up of a scientifically planned and economically profitable programme. One of the greatest needs in this area is the development of methods and the introduction of crops that will yield a much higher cash return. The achieving of this will involve considerable time and experimentation. The addition of Miss Ruth Book to the staff during the year has made it possible to supplement the garden work for the girls with a well directed handwork program including sewing, mending, crocheting, knitting and fancy needlework.

The medical work continues to hold a place of major importance in the overall picture. Large numbers continue to come to the dispensary daily, although there may have been a slight decrease in the average during the past few months as a result of an especially competent and well-liked government doctor being stationed at Tirbeniganj.

The outstanding occasion of the year was the celebration at Barjora of the Fortieth Anniversary of the founding of the Mission. Through the public address system the messages were shared not only by those present but to large numbers of outsiders as well.

The New Year finds us in very much a mid-stream position relative to administrative changes of considerable importance. May God grant everyone concerned the grace and love necessary for the days ahead.



Top, l. to r.:

- Using the flannelgraph at Ghilthan Village.
- A service at the Santal village of Khaji.
- Special song in Bible School group.
- Group of Santal believers at baptism service.
- Ready to leave for the village for a witnessing service among the Santals.
- A double Santal wedding.
- Receiving gifts at a wedding. The sister in the background was thrown out of the village and disowned because she became a Christian.

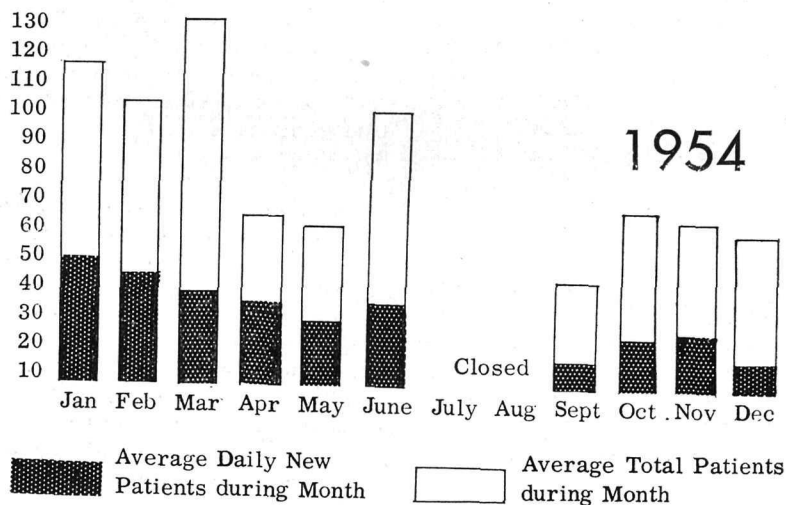
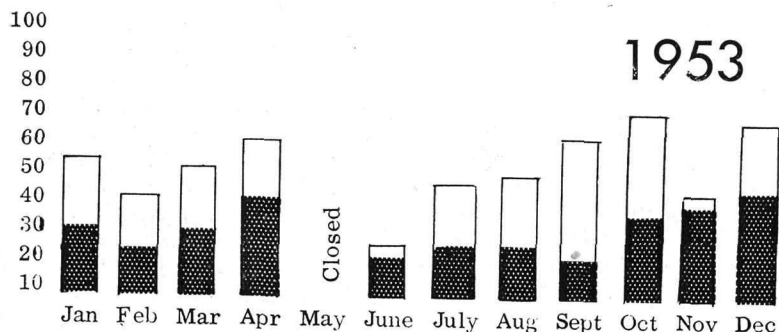
## THE BARJORA DISPENSARY

Mary Jane Shoalts

Do you know how to thank the Lord for His blessings to you? Consider the services given to you by your family doctor; Community Hospital, Public Health nurse, Children's Welfare Clinics, School Health doctor and nurse. Yes, there is the dentist and the optometrist, too. Within a few minutes you can have the expert medical assistance you require.

But not everyone is as fortunate as you.

To our Barjora two-room dispensary, patients come from as far as forty and forty-five miles by slow ox-cart, travelling two to four miles per hour. This means a two or three days' weary journey. Every day we hear someone say, "I've come a long distance; I have faith in your medicine; please help me." But what can we do for those who come with malignant diseases or problems requiring surgery? Impoverished villagers can-



Barjora Dispensary Attendance 1953 and 1954.

not travel to the large cities, and so they beg for some pills or a "suli" (an injection) to give relief. Grasping a tiny ray of hope, we give the medicine with a prayer to God to speak to their hearts through the treatment, and bring peace to their tormented minds and relief to their bodies.

Imagine you see the squalid bundle of rags a mother brought to the clinic today. Underneath is a filthy baby, perhaps two months old. She is only one of hundreds who have come during the year. Why does she not bathe her baby, clean its dirty, swollen eyes and wash its matted hair? Yes, we tell her today to bathe her baby, but she does not even have a cake of soap in her house. All her life she has known nothing but dirty clothing and surroundings. Christ died for this poor woman. Lord, give us patience and love as we give her and her sisters, line upon line, and precept upon precept, and as she learns cleanliness. May the light of the cross of Jesus Christ shine into her black heart, too.

Here was a mother, about to deliver her baby, who called for help. A poison had spread through her body, swelling every extremity until your finger left a mark wherever you touched her. Her tongue was as white as this paper. For two days she reluctantly accepted treatment, but then superstition won and she refused to take the medicine. A prevalent belief among the people is that an expectant mother who takes medicine (especially an injection,) before the birth of her baby will have a still-born child. Of course, this woman's baby did die, due to her condition, but, thank God, her life was spared.

A typical frequent visitor to our clinic is the extremely anemic, feeble man, woman, or child, infected with hookworm. We have excellent opportunity to uplift Christ to these pa-

tients as they return regularly for treatment.

The next time you visit your physician or hospital, remember to pray for these brothers and sisters who are less fortunate. Please pray also that God will supply the need of trained, spiritually alive, and missionary-minded national personnel.

## THE BOYS' HOSTEL

There have been about thirty-five boys in the hostel since July 1, the beginning of the new school year. Four of them were attending the local high school in Tirbeniganj. Three boys, not included in the thirty-five, are taking their second school year at the Mennonite high school in Jagdeeshpur in the Middle Province.

"Train up a child in the way he should go—" is a motto that we can ill afford to forget here as well as at home. The programme for the boys endeavors to provide the training that will make for proper development in every area of their lives. Regular attendance at church and religious instruction in the hostel and school is undoubtedly very important, but where this is provided and atmosphere conducive to proper development lacking, results of a desirable nature are seldom seen. The Barjora boys have been favoured since the beginning in being surrounded with an atmosphere relatively free of those negative elements that so often make this type of work unprofitable. A general spirit of co-operation and good will make the task of moulding the boys over the desired pattern much less difficult.

A former orphanage boy about 33 years of age, Samson Caleb, who a few years ago showed little promise, is now one of the most respected and capable men at Barjora. The change in his life is some of the fruit borne by the patience and prayers of days

that are past. Samson is in charge of the boys' hostel and also serves as Supervisor for work being done on the Compound. His attitude toward the boys has won their admiration and respect, and the hostel is almost entirely free of those things that so often pervade the atmosphere of such a place.

The boys show a definite interest in spiritual things and find a genuine pleasure in the church services and hostel devotions. During the next year we hope to organize several Gospel Teams from among the older group.

One of the things for which we are thankful is the healthy attitude all the boys are taking toward their work programme. This consists of any task that may be required in connection with the entire programme, especially gardening. A considerable amount of the hardship that the people of India bear is due to a false pride in regard to manual labour, and it is quite certain that the problems of our boys will be lessened in latter life as a result of their learning now something of the dignity of what is usually considered menial.

In respect to regular academic training, the Barjora school by the next year will provide instruction up to the end of the equivalent of Grade 9 in America. Until last year Grade 7 was the maximum. At this point the boys will likely be selected for further training on the basis of interest and scholarship. Some of them will probably study in the Tirbeniganj High School, three miles from the Barjora, and continue to stay in the hostel. Of those who do not study in High School, most will likely take up farming in the Barjora area. It is mainly with this in mind that agriculture is being given so much emphasis.

As we think of the Bihari church of the future, we think in terms of

the boys who are here now. May God help us to be faithful! so as to lead these boys over a path that will give strength to the Church of Tomorrow!

## GIRLS' HOSTEL

*Ruth Book*

In the beginning of the school year in July the two youngest members of the girls' hostel started to school. Three older girls — one who completed Middle English training in Bettish last year; one, two years ago; and one other girl who has been in school in Patna for whom wedding arrangements are now being made—are living in the hostel, but are not attending formal classes. They take the handwork classes in the basic training program. There are also four girls taking additional school training not included among those who are living in the hostel. They are in schools in Deoghar and Patna.

When a sorrow or happiness falls on one of the girls they all share it alike. Just now Orphina is getting ready to be married. The girls do not always anticipate marriage with joy, but Orphina has given no indication that she is not experiencing the greatest of joy. All the girls are helping her sew the trousseau and wedding clothes, and are looking forward eagerly with her to the wedding in several weeks.

We are very thankful for the happy spirit the girls display in their work. Recently one of the work projects has been building up banks of dry soil in the middle of which small canals are dug for irrigation purposes in our agriculture effort. It is not as though we had a bull-dozer to

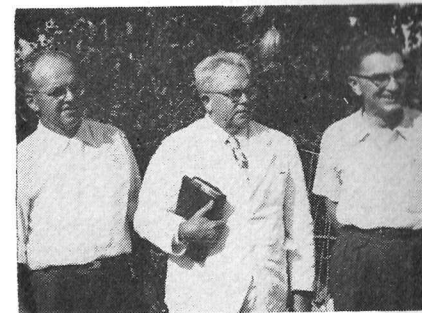
move the dirt and make the banks, but the girls and the boys are the bull-dozer. They move it by basketfuls and their happy, healthy attitudes toward this work lends greatly toward a quick finish.

During this year the girls have shown a definitely progressive interest in spiritual things. Any one working closely with them would detect in each older girl without exception—a very open warmth which allows for ready suggestion, counsel, and guidance. There has been apparent spiritual growth which has affected their attitudes and responses in every phase of their lives.

We praise God for this work He is continuing to do in the hearts and lives of our girls.

now available for the first to our people.

5. Ten young men and women who in the past year have followed the Lord in baptism.
6. One young man, Patras Hem-brom, who with his family has stepped out into full time Gospel work.
7. Open villages and hungry hearts everywhere among the Santals.



Retreat Speakers: H. N. Hostetter, Floyd Banker, A. M. Climenhaga.

## BANMANKHI ANNUAL REPORT

*Allen and Leoda Buckwalter  
Joe and Marietta Smith*

In thanksgiving and praise we look back over the past year and find abundant cause for thanksgiving and praise to God. The Santal work has been under the blessing of God, and with His life in it, it has grown.

We therefore praise the Lord for:

1. The formation of a church district and God's provision for a spiritual pastor in the person of our newly-ordained Rev. Benjamin Mirandy.
2. The opening of another Mission Station in Purnea District, an outreach among the Santals.
3. The beginning of the Bible School program and the value which it has been in the forming of Christian Youth leadership among our Santals.
4. The Old Testament in Santali,

This also includes a Brahmin young man who lives next to Khunua outstation and has been won to the Lord through the Christian testimony given there daily. He has stated his avowed purpose to follow the Lord in baptism, regardless of what the cost may be.

8. The prayer support given us by the Youth of Santal Parganas. They have taken Purnea District as their direct prayer responsibility.
9. The fellowship and oneness of purpose shown among the missionaries of Purnea District irrespective of denomination or type of ministry.

### Institutes and Retreats

We had three Institute sessions in Banmankhi for Santals and one in Khanua during 1954. The three in Banmankhi were held in April, Oc-

tober, and December. Dina Mirandy and her father held a four-day Retreat in Khanua during June while Dina was home from school. She was also used of the Lord as speaker in a Girls' Retreat in Saharsa prior to returning to Allahabad.

Following the week of Institute ending with Christmas, a team of 22, including four Missionaries, went by jeeps and trailer on a Christmas tour of 170 miles through the Santal area. Sixteen villages were visited and contacts were made with these Christians who weren't able to spend Christmas in Banmanhki. In each village an evangelistic meeting was held and everywhere we found hearts hungry for the Gospel. The loud-speaker, magic lantern, and pictures helped greatly. Several inquirers also travelled with the group. One was a witch-doctor who now says he believes in the Lord Jesus Christ. On the last day of the tour, New Year's day, a young man who travelled with the team was baptized in his home village north of Purnea. With great joy the new church in Purnea District is expanding its borders largely through personal evangelism backed up by live Christian fellowship.

Two retreats for Biharis and one for missionaries were also held in Banmanhki during 1954. The Missionary Retreat held November 12-17 was especially memorable due to the presence of Bishop Henry Hostetter, our Foreign Mission Executive Secretary, and Bishop and Mrs. A. M. Cli-

menhaga from Africa. Rev. Floyd Banker, General Superintendent of the Wesleyan Methodist Mission in India, also served as guest speaker for the retreat. We were challenged to a deeper life of devotion and prayer and consistency of Christian living for the sake of the Gospel.

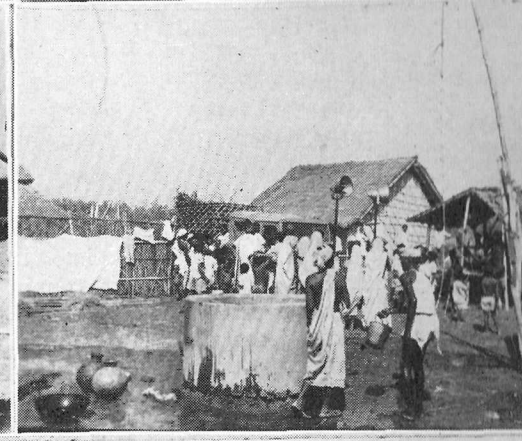
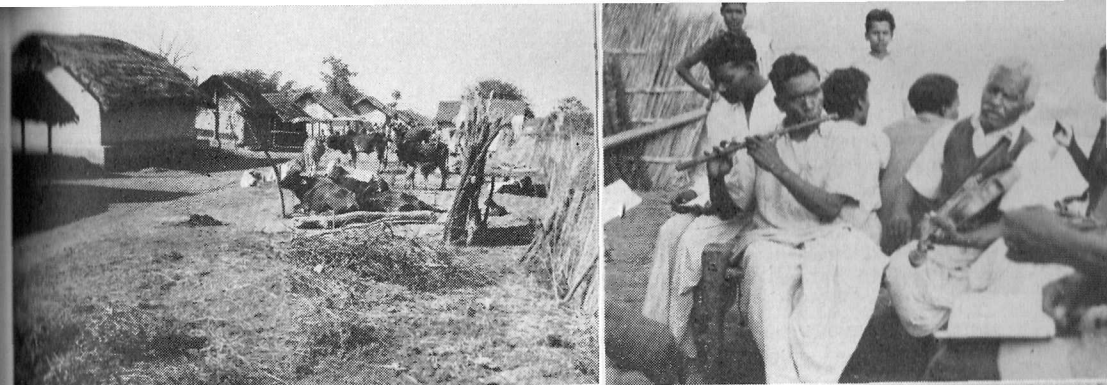
#### Bible School

The two first sessions of our Banmanhki Bible School were held in 1954, one in March-April and the second in September-October. In both sessions we had a regular attendance of seven men with others coming in for part time. We place a high value on this Bible School program for it has already produced visible results in spiritual leadership. We would heartily recommend a strengthening of this program and an enlarging, keeping in mind always that the Bible School should constantly be geared to the needs of new believers.

#### Summary

The work done through Banmanhki Mission Station during the year 1954 has been almost entirely of teaching nature with evangelistic tours used as a means for training youth leadership. This has already shown results, and we rejoice to see our young men and women turning into effective soul-winners for the Lord.

We look forward to a continuation of the Bible School program in 1955 and would like to do more teaching in the vernacular rather than through



#### Top, left to right:

General view of a Santal village.

A service in front of Patras's house. He has left his house for full time service.

A Santal women's class.

Village meeting using the public address system.

One of the first Institute Groups.



the medium of Hindi. This would make it feasible for worthy women students to attend also. With the prospect of having Miss Milde as a resident member of the staff, a new emphasis to Santali Language study and also to Women's work in the villages is made possible. We solicit your continued interest and prayers for this work.

### BIBLE TRAINING IN INDIA

*Marietta Smith*

This year we ventured into the field of a systematic Bible training program for Santal men, for our desire is to leave Christian men who are mature in Christ and able to carry on effectively the work of the Kingdom. The following plan was used in the two six-weeks Bible school sessions held in the spring and fall of the past year: four initial weeks of concentrated Bible instruction, followed by one week of village witnessing, and one final week of an Institute to which all Santal Christians were invited. Three visiting Santal pastors from the Santal Parganas, and Miss Hildur Milde, our friend and veteran missionary, joined the teaching staff. All proved by their wonderful help and encouragement to be true "shepherds" of the flock. The curriculum included foundation courses in Bible Survey (to give them a foundation in the Old Testament, especially), Scripture memorization, Village Evangelism, The Life of Christ, The Book of Acts (which was a study of the Early Christian Church) and additional related subjects geared to our group of new believers.

The aluminum chapel lends itself beautifully to a Bible School Pro-

gram. We put the big screen in the middle, dividing off the large space into a chapel area and a school room. The men are perfectly at home sitting on the grass mats on the floor, whether during the Chapel or school. The idea of a daily time schedule, new to Santal people who live "as the spirit moves them" was a bit difficult to enforce at first, but now they come at the ring of the bell, slip off their sandals at the door, and squat down with their books. They are learning the rudiments of outlining and note-taking and their rapid progress as Bible students delights us. Also, we know, without a doubt, that the Holy Spirit, through a supernatural teaching has been faithful in revealing to these new believers the profound and mighty truths of the Word. We are thankful to our Father for His faithfulness to these true hearts. A work program augments the daily class program, and has resulted in the production of five sturdy rope beds which are a distinct asset to the dormitory arrangements for both school and Institute sessions.

A formal Bible school has proved its worth, and we know of no better approach for producing a spiritual leadership that will, by the Grace of God, be vital and reproductive. It has been significant in helping the men to get acquainted with their Bibles, and in heightening perception of Scriptural concepts such as the Plan of Redemption, The Person of the Godhead, and the position and privileges of a child of God.

Looking ahead we have high hopes that the Bible School Program will be expanded in every way. Also there is a deep desire to initiate definite teaching for Santal Christian women, most of whom are illiterate, to meet the need of establishing them in the faith, and of insuring their spiritual growth. The assistance of both Miss

Milde and Miss Dena Mirandi, who will soon be graduated from Kalvari Bible School, will provide the required Santali-speaking staff for ministering to our women and girls. It is anticipated that regular Institutes held in villages will be the best method of giving the women a constant and consistent Christian education, but we would also like to open the way for outstanding Christian young women to attend Bible School.

As Paul instructed Timothy we also take to our own hearts the challenge to "commit to faithful men, those things that we have heard, that they may be able to teach others also."

### PURNEA MISSION STATION

*Charles Engle*

To call a little house belonging to a Bengali Indian the Purnea Mission Station may not be fitting. However, since March 17 of this year when we moved into this little house which has been used for the last several years for the storing of jute and unwanted odds and ends, this little house has been a real home to us. From this little house we have not only given the message of salvation to many who came to our home wanting to know more about the Lord, but, also, we have had the wonderful blessing and opportunity of giving the Gospel message to literally hundreds in the surrounding villages who had never heard before.

Our first intent was to work among the Santals whose villages are scattered all the way from our Mission Station at Banmanhki to our little Mission Station at Purnea and on the north, south, and east of us. However, in the beginning we had no Santal-speaking worker to help us,

and so immediately we set out to visit the villages to the north and east of us. We were greatly surprised to find thousands of Uraon people, who, like the Santals are an aboriginal tribe, living almost at our doorstep. The first village is less than half a mile away and the villages stretch north, east and south in an almost unending line. We were more surprised to find that practically all these people knew and spoke Hindi. The young seem to know Hindi even better than their own language, "Kuruk."

Less than ten days after we were in our new home, a young Christian policeman called at our home and offered his services — a man who loves to go out to the villages and witness for the Lord and who takes well with the villagers. From that time on Chota Masih has gone out to the villages with us, evening after evening. He loves singing and helps a lot in the evening services. His status as a policeman helps as well. Then the Lord had ready for us not only a singer but a preacher as well. The man serving at the C.M.S. church, just a half mile from our home, also voluntarily, began going with us to the villages. We thank the Lord for Joel Babu.

After praying for guidance as to how to start the work, we visited and had a service at one of our closest villages, about a mile and a half away. Soon the people became friendly and asked to take us to other villages. Requests came in too fast for us to cope with them efficiently. Again and again we heard, "That village wants to hear, too." Young men from these villages always accompanied us to show us the way. Hence, after the first village or two, we always entered the villages not as strangers and foreigners, but as friends of their friends. We kept going from village to village as well as repeating visits until the high

waters cut us off from most of the villages.

It was then during the rains that we turned our efforts to making our little house into more of a home. We worked hard but there is still lots to be done to make living take less time. We put up a garage and a kitchen of a sort in addition to a place for a preacher to live. It was during these rainy days, too, that the Lord sent us numbers of inquirers about the way of salvation.

In October, Patras Hembrone and wife and two children, one of our finest young Santal Christians, came to live with us. Then we felt we must turn our efforts to the thousands of Santals living around us.

The witchdoctor living in a village just on the outskirts of Purnea itself, and who eagerly reads his Bible and says he believes on the Lord Jesus—even he, we learn, claims to be the Uncle of Andreas, one of our Santal Christians. The Santals we are meeting all seem to be connected by some tie of relationship or intermarriage. Dulla Ram, now Hanuk, is a relative of Patras' wife's sister's husband, and so it continues. We praise the Lord for this. It helps to bind us together as one big family—no more strangers but friends.

In summary, we want to praise the Lord for His blessings which He poured down upon us in overflowing measure; for the opening in the C.M.S. church to conduct the regular Sunday morning services several Sundays each month; for the contacts with a number of the young men attending the Government College about a mile to the west of our home, also with some of the better educated men. One young Mohammedan man confessed his faith in Christ. The Director of Education for Purnea District sat for hours on our verandah discussing Christ's plan of Salvation. His words, "I must not leave this! I

must be baptized," stirred us. He is so near and truly believes, but the way ahead is hard for him. Do pray for him.

We would not forget that Sunday in June, the little service on our verandah when Chota Masih and his two little girls united with us in church membership and then the little service at the river and the baptism of the two little girls. And then, we will not forget joining in with the Santal Christmas tour between Christmas and New Year's eve—the watchnight service—twenty-four of us, all in our little sitting room and most of us sitting on the floor. What blessed fellowship with the Lord and with the saints!

For the future, we believe, there is a harvest awaiting. We know the Lord will do still greater things for us. Help us pray for this open and needy field.

#### GOING TO LANGUAGE SCHOOL

*Esther Book*

Toward the end of April in many different mission stations, students are beginning to pack their belongings for a two or four months' stay in Language school in Landour, Mussoorie. They must not go prepared only for study, but also prepared for all kinds of weather: cold, hot, rainy, and very rainy. July and August are the main months of rain.

The trip to Dehra Dun is usually hot and sticky, but from Dehra Dun up into the hills it becomes cooler. Sometimes sweaters are hunted out from somewhere among the coolie loads of luggage.

The physically strong, or those who think they are, hike from the end of the bus or taxi line, Kinraig,



Banmankhi Chapel

to the boarding houses, sometimes seven or eight miles. Others ride in rickshaws or dandies, and pay for the privilege of being carried. There are no cars or bicycles.

The school is held in the Kellogg church on the hillside, with some two hundred students in attendance. There are about sixty trained Indian pandits—some of the best of which teach all the classes: grammar, conversation, reading, sermon, etc. and also have private tutorial hours with the students. The other pandits have a full load with tutorial hours. A full load for a student is considered to be four hours in morning classes at school and one or two tutorial hours in morning classes at school

and one or two tutorial hours on the side, usually at the students' residence. In school we progress at the rate of one and one-half or sometimes two lessons a week.

It takes plenty of outside study, too. The chakkar (road) is a favorite place to review one's memory work, on the way to and from school. Once or twice someone has become so interested in model sentences that he has fallen over the *khad* (precipice). Second-year students often go on hill village treks, hold services for servants or their children, or go to a Hindi church to give their sermons.

The fellowship one with the other and learning to know about Missionaries' problems and work is in itself

a valuable experience. Language School days and the fellowship we have had one with the other are some of the most cherished memories of our terms in India.

#### First-Year Hindi Study

A new missionary upon arrival at his station receives a big book which contains forty-five lessons and nine review lessons. With each lesson are about thirty-five vocabulary words, a section of grammar, two or three pages of Hindi to translate into English, and a good portion from the reader section of the book. First year also includes the memory work of two hundred fifty-two idiomatic sentences, the Lord's Prayer, Matthew 5:1-16, John 3:16-21 and Psalm 23. The reading of the Gospel of Luke is required with the mastery of eighteen parables and miracles, any one of which has to be related for the oral examination.

During the first year much stress is placed on phonetics and conversation. Most students have a little trouble with phonetics, and are marked as foreigners because of failure to aspirate or place the tongue correctly.

There are four progressive tests to be taken after a required number of lessons are completed. These tests are mostly comprised of model sentences with substitutions, verb forms with substitutions, memory work, a paragraph to read with questions and answers in Hindi, and dictation. There is a total of two hundred points for the progressive test.

There are two final exams, oral and written. Usually one is not allowed to take these exams on being in India less than ten months. One must also pass the progressive tests and the oral exams before being allowed to take the written exams.

The oral exam has four sections: conversation, reading and translation, Scripture reading, and parables

and miracles. Most of the stress in the oral exam is on conversation. The total for the oral is three hundred points.

The written exam has five sections: reading, Luke Hindi to English, grammar, and English to Hindi. There is a total of three hundred points.

The grand total point for the first year is eight hundred points. Marking is as follows: Distinction is above 90%, first division from 80 - 90%, second division from 70 - 80%, and third division from 60 - 70%. Below 60%: repeat the course!

#### Second-Year Hindi

The distinct difference between the first- and second-year course is that one is more on his own for study. Usually it is a bit harder to get into concentrated study during the second year. One reason is that a big climax has been reached after passing the first year exams, and again, that one can use a little of the language and gets into the work at the station.

The work to be covered includes 2,000 vocabulary words, twenty-five sermons, ten letters, fifteen essays, five small books to translate, Hindi songs to paraphrase, and portions of Genesis and Psalms, First Samuel, Acts, and Ephesians.

By the time one has finished all this, he is not so interested in high marks as in just getting finished, for his reputation has been established by the end of the first-year exam.

Language study can be a little discouraging because most students always speak with an accent and still have a little difficulty in expressing themselves, and the Indians of the area speak a dialect quite foreign to proper Hindi. A small percentage of missionaries do, however, complete the third year study, but the remainder finally end their first term quite efficient in Hindi.

## A Day at Woodstock School

Mary Beth Stoner

Woodstock School in Landour, Mussoorie, is a combined elementary and secondary school with Christian principles, high moral standards, and high scholarship standards. It is primarily for children of American missionaries but accepts students of other nationalities. For a number of years our mission has been affiliated with the Mennonites in this school and because of this we were asked to supply one staff member. Since it did not seem possible for anyone to come from the States I was asked by the Executive Committee to fill in temporarily as a school matron. I was there from June 8 to December 1, 1954.

#### Friday at Long Dormitory

In the distance the majestic snows of the Himalayas appear cold and blue in all their splendor as the morning sun eases up on to the horizon right above them. Another day has begun in Long Dormitory at Woodstock School. It will soon be time for me to call the girls to get up. (I hate to go through that door into the dormitory and spoil the quietness of the morning.)

What various greetings I get—"Oh no, not yet! Why I just went to sleep." "Must I get up now? Can't I lie here for just ten minutes?" And then there are those who immediately get up singing at the top of their voices. Sometimes I

wonder which is worse—the slow sleepy head or the noisy singer who gets so engrossed in singing that she forgets to dress.

About seven-thirty I go out again to see how everything is progressing, for everyone should be ready for prayers in about ten minutes. To my dismay I find Irene in bed. She doesn't "feel well." I go for my best friend, the thermometer. Through one of the other girls I learn that she has an exam coming up today. This accounts for the headache!

By ten o'clock I have had prayers with the thirty-five girls aged ten to fourteen years. They have had breakfast and gone to school. I have had my breakfast, sent the mail they put in the box, ordered the supplies that have been asked for and have given instructions to the *ayah* who comes in to dust and straighten the dormitory. On any other day, I would probably study for my English class; but since it is Friday, I will have to check the clean clothes that the *dhobi* brings back and check the dirty ones that he takes. This will take me until noon.

Immediately following lunch I go to teach my Freshman English class. I fell heir to this class in July when the regular teacher became ill with polio, and have had it for the rest of the year. There are thirty-five in the class—some Americans, some English, some Indians and some Chinese.

Around four o'clock the girls come back from school. One of them has hurt her finger, and so out comes the Mercurochrome and a band-aid. Another decides she ought to have nose drops. However, my real duties with the girls start around seven o'clock when I am on duty while they eat dinner. Tonight we have liver and some of the girls tell me they are allergic to liver, so I must take the responsibility for their getting sick. I have even promised to get up during the night to take care of them. (I'm not really worried, for we have gone through this before and I haven't had to get up yet for a food allergy.)

One girl, I notice, looks rather sick, so I send her up to bed. After dinner I go up and take her temperature to find that it's 101. No, it's not Irene. It's Evelyn. There is only one thing to do—send her to the hospital.

At eight-fifteen I start the rounds of nose drops, cough medicine, eye drops, throat gargle and a few dabs of Mercurochrome here and there. Then evening devotions with the first group, and they are off to bed. At nine o'clock I have devotions for the older group and they are off, too.

At nine-thirty someone knocks on my door. At my call to come in, a twelve-year-old blinks her eyes in the bright light.

"May I come in?" she asks.

After talking a bit I learn that the other girls don't like her. Furthermore, there is no reason why they should for she isn't nice to them, but she just can't help herself. We counsel together for a while. Then she prays. I pray, and she goes back to bed. By now it is time for me to go to bed, also.

And so another day at Woodstock is history. As I settle down to dream, I thank my heavenly Father for the privilege of working with young people in a Christian school.

## RETREATS

*Esther Book*

The Spiritual Life Committee met four times during the year of 1954. Women's and Men's Retreats were planned for April at Banmankhi. The Women's Retreat was called off and two things hindered the Men's Retreat from being an ideal retreat situation: the death of Suresh Roy, whose funeral most of the men attended in Madhipura, and a business meeting which was incorporated into the program.

The reports of Retreats here presented were of great blessing to the work; but in terms of goals for us and the people with whom we work, based on the recommendations and findings of last year's committee, we feel we have not achieved all that has been visualized and we look forward to higher achievements.

## YOUNG MEN'S RETREAT

*George Paulus*

Twenty-four young men of high school age gathered for eight days during their summer school holidays for this retreat. They came from Barjora Mission School, Jagdeeshpur Mission School, Begusarai, Saharsa, Supaul, Tirbeniganj, and Bhagalpur, to a fellowship for spiritual and doctrinal strengthening on the Saharsa compound.

We had as evangelists and counselors Brethren Andreas Charan and D. J. Roy, and, as our Leader, the Spirit of God.

There were two series of organized talks on Applied Christian Doctrine,

Applied Christian Ethics, and a series of Evangelistic Messages. Some of the Doctrinal talks were on being saved, being repentant, being baptized, being sanctified, being strong and faithful. Some of the Ethics topics were: thought habits, language habits, friendship habits, prayer habits. These were good food for Christian character building. All sessions were attended gladly and even the examinations given were taken with enthusiasm.

The free time was filled with cooking, washing, cleaning, football, volleyball and some gossip. We were pleased with the conduct of the young men.

During the evangelistic meetings there were many testimonies of saving grace. One man made a decision for Christ who had made no public profession before. Many testified of the daily presence of the Lord in their lives.

These, the men of tomorrow's church, were in one accord as they met with God and learned of Him. They were encouraged to determine in their minds to retreat with the Lord again.

## THE GIRLS' RETREAT

*Charles and Kathryn Engle*

Thirty of our teen-age girls, including our two teachers, Esther Das and Lilawati Paul, and two Missionaries and two speakers gathered together in the latter part of June at Saharsa. We spent four days together, and, although we had great difficulty coming across the muddy roads and flooded rivers, we had a very precious time of fellowship. Especially, did the girls appreciate Dena Mirandi as a speaker and

leader. Her sweet spirit of humility, combined with her great burden and concern for the spiritual welfare of the girls and her deep consecration to the work of the Lord penetrated and flowed through every message she gave. With tears in her eyes she told of the Lord's great love, and with courage and power she denounced all forms of sin. The girls were amazed to hear one of their own so fearless and so filled with the Holy Spirit.

This was our second retreat for our teen-age girls. At the first retreat many confessed sins of lying and stealing and the like and sought cleansing and forgiveness. At this retreat, we felt a still deeper work was accomplished. They were condemned not merely of wrong works but also of wrong thoughts and feelings and attitudes. The Lord showed them that it was not enough for the "outer man" to be cleansed; the inner man had to be dealt with as well. One of the girls received victory over a bitterness which she had held in her heart for several years. Two girls felt the Lord was calling them to His service.

These annual and semi-annual retreats draw our girls nearer to the Lord and help them to renew their consecration to the Lord.

## THE MISSIONARY RETREAT

*Beulah Arnold*

Our second Missionary Retreat convened at Banmankhi—perhaps the quietest place of all of our Mission Stations and perhaps possessing the most verdant beauty. (It seemed to me that all nature was at its peak of beauty during this Retreat.)

I shall never forget the atmosphere and the hospitality we experienced through our kind hosts and hostesses, the Buckwalters and Smiths, the arrangement of the tents and the special eating place outside. These all blended in with the gala colours of the flowers and shrubs in the surrounding area.

Making this Retreat more precious was the presence of our surrounding neighbors, our different missionary friends who work in the Bihar province. They came in as they could get release from their missionary duties. Some for a day, two days, three days, and some for the entire four days. A jeep-load came from Darjeeling, the farthest point away, outside of Bihar province. These all appreciated the invitation to come to this retreat and expressed the blessing they each had received.

We were very fortunate to have three wonderful speakers: Bishop Arthur Climenhaga, Bishop Henry Hostetter, and Rev. Floyd Banker. Rev. Banker, from the Wesleyan Methodists of Bombay State, is a man whom God is using these days to stir up the Indian mind as well as the missionary on the subject of present-day revival in India. We were moved by his ministry as well as by the messages from our own two church speakers. God led in such a definite way that each message fit into its proper channel, so that we praised God and testified of our failures and faults and in our weakness we saw Christ lifted up. Perhaps this was a conviction on many of our hearts:

*"Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild restless sea,  
Day by day His sweet voice soundeth, saying, 'Christian follow Me.'"*

## FORTIETH YEAR JUBILEE CELEBRATION

*Leoda A. Buckwalter*

Forty years ago when a young missionary with vision in his heart and the compulsion of the Holy Spirit upon his life, looked out over the rich, productive land of North Bihar and noted its teeming village population untouched by the message of Jesus Christ, he sat down and wrote:

"Truly it was 'the land which I will shew thee' and in its beauty it was a far stretching land! As our eyes gazed over the vast expanse of territory with its million souls, in faith I could see The Uplifted Standard and The Highway which shall be There. Even the coarse, the gutteral and the harsh cries and banterings of the rabble I could hear through Him transformed into the 'Songs' which the holy ear of Isaiah tingled with as his prophetic soul rainbowed the future to this day."

We missionaries who sat in the Jubilee meetings held under a large *shamiana* on the Barjora church compound, Nov. 4-7, 1954, were stirred. With full hearts we noted the crowd of 300 Christians and the large group of attentive non-Christians, all listening to the Gospel message. Perhaps this was a glimpse of The Highway of the Uplifted Standard, the "songs" which the ears of Henry Smith heard in faith. To actually see the new church emerging out of years of mission labor, to sense the heart-stirrings of our Indian brothers and sisters in their reaching out for spiritual faith and courage in these days of transition, to feel keenly the leadership of the Holy Spirit during these days of Jubilee—yes, this was worth more than we can express!

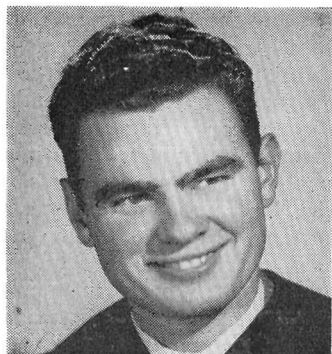
There were unforgettable moments of inspiration during these days together: Brother Sahu, our Spirit-filled Indian Evangelist, singing beautiful Indian lyrics, or giving heart-searching messages; Bishop A. M. Climenhaga challenging us with messages from the Word; Bishop Henry Hostetter giving a charge to the new church to walk in the path of holiness and right living. Outstanding was the moment of challenge to a life of consecration to the Lord Jesus Christ. Will we soon forget that sacred hour when the Holy Spirit moved among us and hand after hand was raised in response to Brother Hostetter's appeal? Or the power of that Sunday morning dedication when three Indian brethren were ordained

to the ministry: Rev. Benjamin Mirandy, converted Santal witch-doctor, Rev. Andrias M. Charan, product of the Boys' orphanage and now District Superintendent of the Barjora church district, and the Rev. Surendra Nath Rai of Saharsa—young, eldest son of a godly family. Seldom have we experienced moments of higher inspiration, and we praise God that we were here for that Sunday morning service.

The Jubilee is therefore outstanding because it was a milestone in memory of the forty years that has passed, and in anticipation of the new life which lies ahead. We feel that one chapter in mission history has closed. From now on, we are part of the church! Praise God!

## India Missions Station Treasurers' Reports for 1954

	On hand or (Deficit) Dec. 31, 1953	Receipts 1954	Expenditures 1954	On hand or (Deficit) Dec. 31, 1954
<b>Madhipura Mission</b>				
General Maintenance	(\$157.58)	\$7,777.68	\$7,777.68	\$335.70
Propagation	( 89.52)	1,454.93	1,454.93	( 42.19)
Land and Building	( 170.58)	635.39	635.39	30.90
Miscellaneous	\$ 243.15	344.33	344.33	191.02
<b>Banmankhi Mission</b>				
General Maintenance	232.14	1,717.25	1,717.19	30.53
Propagation	127.33	1,080.78	1,220.47	139.69
Land and Building	21.60	171.52	193.12	59.01
Miscellaneous	195.12	563.56	969.74	297.79
<b>Saharsa Mission</b>				
General Maintenance	( 722.80)	2,637.31	2,750.53	( 113.22)
Propagation	969.85	1,126.80	2,096.65	254.01
Land and Building	145.63	458.99	604.62	73.96
Miscellaneous	322.06	591.82	913.88	452.96
<b>Barjora Mission</b>				
General Maintenance	39.03	1,830.77	1,869.80	82.92
Propagation	( 37.84)	1,663.60	6,306.71	( 37.84)
Land and Building	193.05	155.77	348.82	38.93
Miscellaneous	.....	.....	.....	.....
<b>Purnea Mission (as of Mar. 1, 1954)</b>				
General Maintenance	.....	2,471.70	2,471.70	.....
Propagation	.....	283.80	283.80	.....
Land and Building	.....	.....	.....	.....
Miscellaneous	.....	.....	.....	.....



# JAPAN -- 1954

Peter A. Willms

A joy that has buoyed us up throughout the year has been the frequent assurance from saints at home that they are praying for us. Therefore, as we view accomplishments, we praise God by quoting from Isaiah 26:12, "Thou hast wrought all our works for us."

We are happy that there has been visible progress. Perhaps this progress can be epitomized by saying that the little flock in Hagi is now carrying on the Sunday schools and seems ready to stand on its own feet while we are off to language school. We are very encouraged and are looking forward to the time when we shall be able to speak Japanese and thus use our opportunities for witnessing even more effectively.

Politically speaking, 1954 has been a year of confusion and strife. One wonders what will happen next. Will the country swing to the right or to the left? A trend to the right is seen in the fact that bills have been passed which again centralize the police and education systems. There is talk of making prefectural governorships centrally appointive again. A trend to the left is seen in the enthusiastic response that was given a delegation

from Red China. Sometimes one thinks this trend to the left is a reaction to the policies of America and to the unfortunate Bikini incident. It seems that America is not gaining many friends here by pushing rearmament. This is also brought out in the preface of *The Japan Christian Year Book, 1954*, which states, "Japan is tired of war." Young people want no part of it. The society is exhausted and wants a reprieve. In contrast to this, the American pressure for acceptance of "Mutual Security" assistance seems to them clearly to indicate that America truly is the "war party" . . . Because of this attitude one is disturbed when one discovers he is considered to be "of the occupation." It takes a lot of living and loving to eventually overcome this barrier. But we thank God that in this, too, He gives the victory. A confused and groping seeker of many months said to us recently that little by little the people see that we are bonafide.

## The National Religious Picture

It seems only natural that when there is a growth of nationalism there is also a growth of the old national

religions. One wonders how significant it is that there has been a revival of shrine ceremonies that were suppressed during the occupation era. It is interesting that in the last few years there have appeared several strange new religions which claim amazing growth in number of adherents. We think and pray that the number of Christians in Japan is growing, but one must admit with others that it has been difficult to conserve the fruits of such large-scale efforts as Stanley Jones' meetings and the Youth for Christ campaigns of 1953.

An overwhelming challenge lies in the fact that only 450,000 people (or one half of one percent of the population) are known to be Christians. (This figure includes Catholics). To meet this challenge Japan Harvest (an Evangelical Missionaries Association of Japan publication) says that Japan has about 1500 evangelical missionaries or about one missionary for 57,000 people. (It is interesting to note that only 6% of these missionaries have prewar experience).

While we are speaking of challenge it might be well to note that nine of Japan's 46 prefectures have more than 150,000 people per evangelical missionary. All but one (Gifu) are in our end of Japan. Two (Nagasaki and Saga) are on Kyushu, the island southwest of us. Three (Kechi, Ehime, Tekushima) are on Shikoku the island southeast of us. Ibaragi, Shikoku's other prefecture, has about 90,000 people per evangelical missionary, so you can see the entire island of Shikoku is very needy. And three of the nine neediest prefectures are in a row on the coast where we are: Yamaguchi, Shimane, Tetteri. Some of these prefectures are reported to have between 200,000 and 300,000 (and one, Tetteri, 600,00 but this must surely be a

mistake) per evangelical missionary! This truly constitutes a Macedonian call, "COME OVER AND HELP US."

## The Local Christian Picture

From the information given above, the Brethren Ulery and Wolgemuth can see that the Lord led them to choose, population-wise, Japan's neediest area for the Brethren in Christ work. To this must be added the fact that this large population is not concentrated in several large cities, but is dispersed in rural mountain areas and long rugged coasts. In this setting we find only few and struggling little churches. There is much work to be done.

We have hardly been here long enough for our work to be evaluated along with that of the other Mennonite Missions, but nevertheless, you may be interested in this paragraph from *The Japan Christian Year Book, 1954*: ("A survey of the Christian movement in Japan during 1953 and published under the auspices of the Fellowship of Christian Missionaries in cooperation with the Japan National Christian Council." Copies available from Friendship Press, 257 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N.Y.) "Turning now to these among the newer missions which represent well-known historic denominations who are for the first time entering Japan, one is struck by the Mennonite groups' solid achievements in the short time they have been here. They now have 50 Missionaries on the Field representing four churches: Mennonite Brethren, General Conference Mennonite, Brethren in Christ (the latest to arrive) and the Mennonites; and one united welfare and relief organization—Mennonite Central Committee (Headquarters in Osaka). The 1953 report of Ralph E. Buckwalter from Eastern Hokkaido indicates a successful penetration and a steady growth in both

'breadth' and 'depth' evangelism. In line with the former, he mentions cooperating in the Stanley Jones and the Youth for Christ evangelistic campaigns, though it has been difficult, he states, to conserve the fruits of these efforts. In their regular work, a third missionary center was established after a year of 'outpost' witnessing. This was in the strategically located dairy farming village of Nakashibetsu, where an overwhelming response and cooperation was met from the village people. This sort of thing is unheard of in the other islands of Japan. One ventures to predict that with their historic 'peace witness' and unostentatious, non-extremist, quiet, practical approach, the Mennonites will prove more effective among the Japanese country people than the more activist, noisy sectarians now operating there."

#### The Japan Brethren in Christ Mission

By the beginning of 1954 the response of the people, at least as far as attendance at services were concerned, began tapering off. We saw enacted the Parable of the Sower. Some probable reasons for this decline are mentioned later under the heading "Problems," but perhaps I should mention here that we regarded the leveling off as that which could be expected after the initial curiosity of the people was satisfied. Also, rather than trying to stir up a lot of new interest we were trying to conserve and consolidate the "First Fruits."

To achieve this consolidation we continued the weekly prayer meeting that had been started in the latter part of 1953. This helped to lead our people into the means of grace and also served as the place of growth and blessing and power. In the other meetings we spent most of our time

giving our people much background material from both the Old and New Testaments. A complete set of Bible slides was a great asset during this time of instruction. Further consolidation was achieved through the Personal Workers Course that was given in preparation for the anticipated summer evangelistic drive. At the same time we were trying hard to train a good interpreter for the summer's work.

However, it must not be thought that during this time of "consolidation," evangelism was at a standstill. No, indeed! To be in Japan is to have countless natural opportunities for witnessing, and we are happy that the Japanese seem not to resent a witness; at least, not from a foreigner. They seem to expect it.

*In the first place*, new people were continually coming to our regular services. Even though these services were largely informative and doctrinal we did try to lift up Christ at all times. It is sad that so many people come only a few times but there is always a percentage that are "made to see," thank God.

*Secondly*, we continued the tract ministry in which some of the Japanese gladly helped. In fact several times they took the lead. From the tract ministry in 1954 we report one decision and one response for more information. This response seems small perhaps. And yet, when we remember that the one response has given us a toe-hold in another town and that many who are now new Christians in Japan get their first start through some form of the written Word, we are convinced that the literature ministry is very worthwhile indeed. According to God's promises we have every reason to expect much fruit from the literature ministry which needs the backing of your prayers.

*Thirdly*, the monthly preaching

circuit with the blind brother north-east of us gave much opportunity for evangelism. In fact it opened more doors than we had time to enter. In the latter part of the year I followed a doctor's suggestion and did not take these monthly trips because of my health. However, I did drive the circuit in December in order to have contact once more before moving to Kobe. The doors are still wide open and the people are wondering about the possibilities of our church's sending more missionaries. More of this appears under "Outlook for the Future."

*Fourthly*, there were school contacts that gave opportunity for evangelism.

*Lastly*, we mention the summer evangelistic campaigns with Brother Martin. For the first one we used a tent here in Hagi. Interest was very good. Using a series of slides, our interpreter spent about half an hour each night presenting some of the life and teachings of Christ. Brother Martin's message followed. About 27 people responded to the invitation. Five of these are now attending our regular meetings. One is a Sunday school teacher's helper. We praise God for this fruit from the Hagi tent meeting. Also, during this meeting some of the Christians broke through their natural Japanese reserve and did personal work.

The other series of meetings was held in a recreation hall at Nago, a fishing town ten miles from Hagi. We went there not knowing what to expect in a fishing community but the interest was very good. There was no outward response from adults but many children, including some teenagers, took up the invitation we had primarily directed at adults. This group of seekers we turned over to one of our Hagi Christians (fruit of the 1953 Ginder campaign) almost immediately. They are still con-

tinuing about twenty strong. They seem to be a real challenge to their teacher and she loves them. Both the group and teacher are a source of joy and encouragement to us. Pray for the leader, and the budding young church at Nago.

#### The Hagi Brethren in Christ Church

We praise God that out of these labors there has emerged what we now call the Hagi Brethren in Christ Church. Our Hagi believers demonstrated their ability to get along without us this summer while we were "laid up" at Karuizawa in the mountains near Tokyo.

Soon after our return to Hagi we had our first baptismal service at which time three believers were baptized. These three, plus a sister who had been baptized by the Disciples Church in Osaka, were received into church membership. Approximately twelve other actively professing, but as yet unbaptized believers, round out the working group which thus totals about fifteen, since one baptized member is attending a university in Kyoto.

This group is almost entirely self-governing. It seems natural that even the unofficial members take part in the business meetings and so far we have not seen any particular reasons why they should not. As the group grows larger this may have to be changed.

The Hagi church has no pastor to support and no hall rent to pay, and so it is relatively easy for it to be self-supporting. We are very pleased with their response to and handling of needs that do arise. They are doing an admirable amount of distributing to the needy.

To an extent, at least, they are also self-propagating. Both the Nago (20) and the Hagi (new 70-80) Sunday schools are now in their hands. They

have planned and are preparing the various activities. They are making preparations to distribute about 150 food packages that MCC is making available. This autumn a small group told, using slides, the story of Christ about eight times to groups that gathered in the tent which we had pitched near a large shrine at the time of its annual festival. They are doing a certain amount of personal work and tract distribution. All of this is very encouraging.

The leadership falls largely upon a very fine and faithful elder sister, Iwakura-san, and our young helper Sakamoto-san. A middle-aged man, Aburatani-san, is also rapidly becoming a leader but he has not yet submitted to baptism. Miyamoto-san, a high-school teacher would, we think, be a great leadership asset to the group if his school activities were not so demanding of his time. All of these leaders and the entire group of believers need our prayer support.

This autumn we have concentrated on giving them basic instruction that will help them to carry on as a worthy church, as a part of the body of Jesus Christ. Most likely they will have a weekly meeting in which they will combine prayer, Bible reading and comments, singing, testimony and general fellowship. Last summer they also called special prayer meetings when necessary, and we expect they will follow this pattern again. They are doing a Bible research course that covers the essential points of practical Christian living with special emphasis on Christian character so that along this line, too, they are ready to be a light in this area and in their respective circles. Of course, as one convert put it, after saying he understood the lesson, "It's quite another thing to practice" these things. They need our prayers. This course is one that Sakamoto-san and I have adapted

from Keith Brook's "Christian Character Course." We are giving it with the plan that some will write an examination at the completion of the course and thus receive credit that may later be applied toward securing a Christian worker's diploma through just such evening classes and short-term schools. It is an experiment. We are learning much from it — among other things that it is hard to get a class room atmosphere when one works with an interpreter.

It is our plan that once a month I shall come to Hagi for a Saturday and Sunday to help the church in whatever way I can. We are very happy that upon hearing of our intention to go to Kobe our blind brother volunteered to come and preach for the Hagi church once a month. This is a real undertaking for the dear old brother, especially in the winter when the mountain passes are snowy. May we not fail to bless him with our prayers!

### Problems

One of our problems is that of scheduling regular meetings at a time when people will be able to attend. Japan moves slowly, along with the rest of the Orient; nevertheless, people seem to have very little time that they can call their own. Employers and competition (caused by the pressures of unemployment) make great demands on workers, it seems. Teachers on various levels are very good Gospel prospects but they are also among the busiest. All mothers seem very hard to reach unless it can be done with home contacts. In fact, it seems that various plans of attack will have to be devised in order to reach the respective groups of people. We are not working on some uncivilized island where a whole clan can take time off for a Gospel meeting.



In a Japanese home

The students comprise one group of people that we feel we must reach in their formative years. It takes a while for some of these to become stable Christians, but we feel that our future is with that age group. In 1953, we were quite successful with them. But some of them moved away and others went off to university. In fact, that contributed much to the decline in the 1954 attendance at our regular meetings; we failed to get a new crop of students to replace the old. This failure can partly be blamed on the fact that the Hagi High School made a rather poor showing in the University entrance exams and, as a result, really poured on the studies in 1954; it can partly be blamed on the fact that for various reasons we stopped the English Bible Class. Perhaps we made a mistake in doing so. We wonder. One way to reach the students will be with the summer camps. Brother Martin was

with us in such a camp last summer. However, last summer at least, we heard that even during vacation studies were pressed on students.

Of course, we are constantly battling with the scheduling of our time just like you are. Last summer our doctor said it would be all right to return to the Field if I would continue resting. Therefore, I scheduled only two regular meetings per week. Otherwise, I tried to let the Lord direct my schedule on a day-to-day basis. Whenever and wherever a need or an open door presented itself I tried to serve. This approach is very time-consuming but also very rewarding and satisfying. It seems that people respond when we have time for them. However, it seems that such things as language study are crowded out.

Of course, language poses a great problem. And it becomes greater as nationalism mounts. We have been



here long enough now for people to expect us to speak more Japanese than we do. In fact, when I did the circuit recently I had several embarrassing moments, indicating that we have taken the interpreter approach about as long as we dare. We do not think that so far we have lost more than we have gained. In fact, Brother Beck thinks perhaps this is a better way of approaching the language because now our ears are in tune and, furthermore, we have acquired the feel of the language and see the great need for acquiring it. Also, by removing ourselves from the scene at this time, it gives the Hagi church an opportunity to become more independent of us so that we can give more time to other communities when we return from school. We shall need your prayers as we start school.

#### Outlook for The Future

It is our plan to be in the Kobe language school for approximately six months.

Southern Japan is still a very needy place. Nor is the ratio of missionaries to population likely to change very much because it is felt that new missionaries that do come from now on will not do much more than take the place of those who go on furlough.

Our blind brother is very anxious that we establish a church in Masuda. This is the first large population center along this coast north-east of Hagi. The people there seem very progressive as compared with conservative, quiet Hagi. At the present time the Masuda area is experiencing a rapid development of its agricultural possibilities. Wherever agriculture flourishes the Japanese are naturally going to gather, because Japan has to feed a population increased to 87,000,000 people—the fifth largest population in the world.

Brother Hada feels that some day Masuda will be Shimane Prefecture's most important city. It has a railway joining it to the capital of our prefecture and express lines on the other coast, something which Hagi does not have. So it seems that Masuda presents both a great challenge and a great opportunity. Masuda is about two hours from Hagi by train. I have been thinking a great deal also of the two prefectures on Kyushu island that are so needy. These areas are about ten hours from Hagi.

You will want to know what our expenses are likely to be in 1955. When we do not include the cost of the refrigerator, kitchen stove and duty on the Coleman heater, the first three quarters of 1954 come to \$1600 general expenses. If we can use these quarters as basis for an estimate, in 1955 we will need \$2200 for the general fund plus the personal allowances. We do not foresee any special needs unless it would be medical expenses. In 1954 the survey trip was a major expense that should not recur in 1955. On the other hand, there will be the monthly trips between Kobe and Hagi. Also, there will be rent to pay in Kobe as well as higher food prices and, of course, tuition. Perhaps \$2500 is a good estimate.

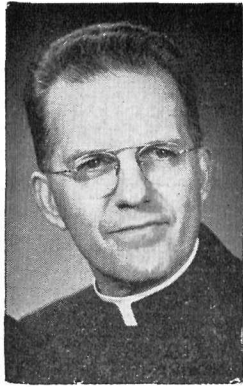
We want to take this opportunity to thank you as a Board for the representative you sent us last year. It was much appreciated. We have already intimated to some of you that it has been a joy and delight to work under the Foreign Mission Board. As you meet for deliberation and prayer we are remembering you in our prayers. May our Lord give you faith and wisdom. As we prepare for the battle in 1955 let us take fresh courage from Jeremiah 15:20, "They shall fight against thee, but they shall not prevail against thee: for I am with thee to save thee and to deliver thee, saith the Lord."

## Japan Brethren in Christ Mission

Financial Report, January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954

GENERAL FUND	
Balance on hand January 1, 1954 .....	\$ 535.39
Receipts .....	2,101.23
<b>Total Receipts and Balance .....</b>	<b>\$2,636.62</b>
Expenditures	
Food .....	\$593.98
Evangelism .....	143.14
Interpreters .....	107.22
Miscellaneous .....	619.74
Transportation .....	534.95
Utilities .....	233.25
<b>Total Expenditures .....</b>	<b>\$2,232.28</b>
Balance on hand, January 1, 1955 .....	404.34
SPECIAL FUNDS	
Literature	
Balance on hand, January 1, 1954 .....	\$ 91.19
Receipts .....	9.92
<b>Total Receipts and Balance .....</b>	<b>\$ 101.11</b>
Expenditures .....	65.63
Balance on hand January 1, 1955 .....	\$ 35.48
Property Maintenance and Repairs	
Receipts .....	\$ 618.77
Expenditures	
Deficit Balance, January 1, 1954 .....	\$104.01
Maintenance and Repairs .....	304.68
<b>Total Expenditures .....</b>	<b>408.69</b>
Balance January 1, 1955 .....	\$ 210.08
Rice	
Balance, January 1, 1954 .....	\$ 20.49
Expended .....	4.17
Balance, January 1, 1955 .....	\$ 16.32
Steel File	
Balance January 1, 1954 .....	\$ 25.00
Receipts .....	.41
<b>Total Balance and Receipts .....</b>	<b>\$ 25.41</b>
Paid for file .....	\$ 25.41
No balance (account closed)	
<b>Total of balances in special funds, January 1, 1955 .....</b>	<b>\$ 261.88</b>
Tent and Equipment	
Balance, January 1, 1954 .....	\$ 162.64
Paid for tent equipment .....	165.85
<b>Deficit balance, January 1, 1955 .....</b>	<b>\$ 3.21</b>
<b>Total funds on hand in special accounts, January 1, 1955 .....</b>	<b>\$ 258.67</b>

Peter A. Willms, Treasurer



Jesse F. Lady

# Mission Work in Israel

The year of 1954 can be designated as the year in which we officially entered mission work in Israel. Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Lady entered the country in September, but only on a limited-stay basis. At the close of the year they succeeded in securing permission to stay for the early part of 1955. While their stay has been somewhat more tenuous than most missionaries, many struggle with the same problems.

Sister Mary Wenger, after more than two years in Israel, came home in May hoping to return after several months, this time going out under the Brethren in Christ Foreign Mission

Board. However, permission to re-enter the country has been refused.

Successful mission work in Israel is not measured by the number of sermons preached, for opportunities for preaching are very limited. Missions are here carried forward on the wings of personal witnessing. While the response has been limited, one is impressed with the hunger that is manifest for the message of Christ as revealed in the New Testament. Pray that the Seed sown may bring fruit and then we will have attained the purpose for which we have been sent here by God and the Church.

## Israel Financial Report

September 7, 1954 to December 31, 1954

Receipts	
General allowance to Israel .....	\$900.00
Advance by H. N. Hostetter .....	26.66
<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b>\$926.66</b>
Expenditures	
Food .....	\$239.03
Living Quarters .....	118.55
Travel .....	71.00
Medical .....	85.78
Postage .....	21.67
Study in University .....	69.43
Administrative expenses .....	143.30
Miscellaneous expenses .....	115.13
<b>Total Expenditures .....</b>	<b>\$863.89</b>
Balance on hand, December 31, 1954 .....	\$ 62.77

Jesse F. Lady, Treasurer

# CUBA

God has been blessing the initial efforts of the Brethren in Christ in carrying the Gospel to the largest of the West Indies Islands. In March of 1954, Brother and Sister Howard Wolgemuth accepted responsibility for the work, staying on until early June. Their interest and zeal for the work among the Cuban people was well received and much appreciated. Sister Wolgemuth enjoyed the children's work which was very much in her field of endeavor.

Bro. and Sister Dale Ulery with their three youngest children arrived on the field about July 1, for an appointment of one year.

The mission home and church are located in Cuatros Caminos, about fourteen miles southeast from Havana. Interest has been good in both the Sunday school and worship services with a number of conversions. A very zealous and interested group of worshipers attend the services regularly. The many new contacts being

made are resulting in the salvation of precious souls. Soul hunger is very much evidenced. The field is white unto the harvest.

Branch Sunday schools are being conducted each Sunday in the rural areas of Meyia and Portulagette amid the cane fields, as well as weekly prayer meetings. These services are under the direction of Bro. Leocadio Lopez, one who is laboring faithfully with us in the work. To be among the Cuban people is to love them. There are some excellent prospects for future leadership of the work among the younger converts. Miss Juana Garcia has been a most faithful and valued worker with the Ulerys at Cuatros Caminos.

There are numerous problems in opening a new work such as this, yet there are many evidences of the working of the Lord, encouraging us zealously to push forward the interests of the Kingdom on this delightful island.

## Cuba Field Treasurer's Financial Report

July 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954

Receipts	
General Allowance .....	\$1,441.19
Special for duty on jeep .....	300.00
Advance allowance .....	500.00
<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b>\$2,241.19</b>
Expenditures	
House furnishings .....	\$ 613.76
Church Furnishings .....	112.54
Rent of Parsonage .....	192.00
Car Expense .....	114.59
Fares, entrance expenses to Cuba .....	227.02
Duty on Jeep .....	425.00
Food .....	719.03
Bottle Gas .....	15.00
Children's Education .....	239.00
<b>Total Expenditures .....</b>	<b>\$2,657.94</b>
Deficit Balance, December 31, 1954 .....	\$ 416.75

Dale W. Ulery, Treasurer

\* The work in Cuba has been under a committee instead of under the Foreign Mission Board, the Church having accepted it on a limited sponsorship basis.

# Foreign Missionary Personnel

With Furlough Dates

**Africa**  
**Rockview P.O. 711, Bulawayo, S. Rhodesia**  
 Bishop and Mrs. Arthur M. Climenhaga, 1960  
**Bulawayo Outstations, P.B. 101 M. Bulawayo, S. Rhodesia**  
 Rev. and Mrs. Roy H. Mann, 1954  
**Matopo Mission, P.B.T. 191, Bulawayo, S. Rhodesia**  
 Rev. and Mrs. Alvin J. Book, 1956  
 Rev. and Mrs. Ira M. Stern, 1958  
 Miss Mary H. Brenaman, 1955  
 Miss Velma R. Brillinger, 1960  
 Miss Mary C. Engle, 1958  
 Miss Nancy J. Kreider, 1960  
 Miss Dorothy M. Martin, 1954  
 Miss Eva Mae Melhorn, 1960  
**Mtshabezi Mission, P.B. 102 M. Bulawayo, S. Rhodesia**  
 Rev. and Mrs. Glenn C. Frey, 1958  
 Miss F. Mabel Frey, 1955  
 Miss Ruth T. Hunt, 1960  
 Miss Anna R. Wolgemuth, 1960  
**Outstations**  
 Rev. and Mrs. Chester F. Wingert, 1955  
**Mtshabezi Mission Hospital, P.B. 101 M. Bulawayo, S. Rhodesia**  
 Dr. R. Virginia Kauffman, 1960  
 Miss Martha Lady, 1960  
**Wanezi Mission, P.B.S. 129, Bulawayo, S. Rhodesia**  
 Rev. and Mrs. J. Earl Musser, 1957  
 Miss Anna R. Engle, 1954  
 Miss Miriam L. Heise, 1959

Miss Mary E. Heisey, 1958  
**Outstations**  
 Rev. and Mrs. George E. Bundy, 1960  
**Macha Mission, P.B. Choma, N. Rhodesia**  
 Rev. and Mrs. J. Elwood Hershey, 1955  
 Miss Anna M. Eyster, 1957  
 Miss Pauline E. Frey, 1959  
 Miss Anna J. Graybill, 1954  
 Miss Edna Switzer, 1958  
**Hospital**  
 Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Alvan E. Thuma, 1957  
 Miss Edna E. Lehman, 1955  
**Nahumba Mission, P.O. Box 173, Choma, N. Rhodesia**  
 Rev. and Mrs. H. Frank Kipe, 1958  
**Sikalongo Mission, P.O. Box 131, Choma, N. Rhodesia**  
 Rev. and Mrs. A. Graybill Brubaker, 1959  
 Miss Anna L. Kettering, 1957  
 Miss Gladys I. Lehman, 1959  
**On Furlough (From Africa)**  
 Rev. and Mrs. David Climenhaga, Grantham, Pa.  
 Miss Rhoda Lenhert, c/o Dr. P. G. Lenhert, Arcanum, Ohio  
 Miss Annie E. Winger, Delisle, Saskatchewan, Canada  
 Miss Florence Hensel, 2001 Paxton Street, Harrisburg, Pa.  
 Miss Lula Asper, c/o Norman Asper, R. 2, Harrisburg, Pa.

Miss Elizabeth Engle, Bausman, Pa.  
 Rev. and Mrs. Lewis Sider, 2001 Paxton Street, Harrisburg, Pa.

## India

**P.O. Saharsa, N.E. Railway, District Saharsa, Bihar, India**  
 Rev. and Mrs. William R. Hoke, 1960  
 Miss Esther G. Book, 1957  
 Miss Evelyn Bohland, 1960  
 Miss Beulah Arnold, 1961  
 Miss Mary B. Stoner, 1959  
**Barjora Mission, P.O. Tirbeniganj via Murliganj N.E. Railway, District Saharsa, Bihar, India**  
 Rev. and Mrs. Arthur L. Pye, 1956  
 Miss Ruth E. Book, 1957  
 Miss Mary J. Shoalts, 1959  
**Madhipura Mission, P.O. Madhipura, N.E. Railway, District Saharsa, Bihar, India**  
 Dr. and Mrs. George E. Paulus, 1960  
**Banmankhi Mission, P.O. Banmankhi N.E. Railway, District Purnea, Bihar, India**  
 Rev. and Mrs. Allen S. Buckwalter, 1955  
 Rev. and Mrs. Joseph B. Smith, 1956  
**Purnea Mission, P.O. Purnea, District Purnea, Bihar, India**  
 Rev. and Mrs. Charles E. Engle, 1955  
**Ulubaria Mission, P.O. Ulubaria, District Howrah, West Bengal, India**  
 Rev. and Mrs. A.D.M. Dick, 1954

## Israel

**P.O. Box 50, c/o M. G. Griebenow, Jerusalem, Israel**  
 Bishop and Mrs. Jesse F. Lady

## Japan

**4—chome, 39, Shimoyamate-dori, Ikuta-ku, Kobe, Japan**  
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**On Furlough (from India)**  
 Miss Erma Hare, Allen, Pa., c/o Loy Hare  
**Former and Retired Missionaries**  
 Rev. and Mrs. W. O. Winger, Grantham, Pa.  
 Rev. and Mrs. Lewis Steckley, Abilene, Kansas  
 Mrs. Adda Taylor, 2001 Paxton Street, Harrisburg, Pa.  
 Mrs. Emma Frey, 2001 Paxton St., Harrisburg, Pa.  
 Mrs. Verna Ginder, Manheim, Pa.  
 Miss Mary Kreider, Campbelltown, Pa.

Mrs. Ethelda Eyer, Third Avenue, Upland, California  
 Miss Emma Rosenberger, 1151 Taylor Street, Detroit 2, Michigan  
 Bishop and Mrs. H. H. Brubaker, Fort Erie, Ontario, Canada  
 Rev. and Mrs. D. B. Hall, 620 N. First Avenue, Upland, Calif.  
 Rev. and Mrs. Bert Winger, Grantham, Pa.  
 Miss Anna Steckley, Gormley, Ontario, Canada  
 Miss Naomi Lady, 2001 Paxton St., Harrisburg, Pa.  
 Miss Ella Gayman, 2001 Paxton St., Harrisburg, Pa.  
 Mrs. Martha Kauffman Eshelman, Upland, California  
 Rev. and Mrs. Albert Brenaman, West Milton, Ohio  
 Rev. and Mrs. John Climenhaga, Grantham, Pa.  
 Mrs. Mary Dick Myers, Greencastle, Pa.  
 Rev. and Mrs. Charles Eshelman, Grantham, Pa.  
 Rev. and Mrs. J. Paul George, West Milton, Ohio  
 Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Heise, Welling, Ontario, Canada  
 Rev. and Mrs. J. Lester Myers, Greencastle, Pa.  
 Rev. David E. Rohrer, Pasadena, California  
 Mrs. Katie Smith Buckwalter, San Francisco, California  
 Miss Verda C. Moyer, 41 Hillside Avenue, Souderton, Pa.  
 Miss Effie Rohrer, 2421 Oneida St., Pasadena 10, California  
 Rev. and Mrs. George E. Paulus, Box 38, Souderton, Pa.  
 Miss Shirley Bitner, Ridgeway, Ontario, Canada

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# The Women's Missionary Prayer Circle

In the Constitution of the Women's Missionary Prayer Circle we read, "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 co-ordinate the Women's Missionary Prayer Circle work of the church."

Our work is solemn;  
Therefore we dare not trifle,  
Our task is difficult;  
Therefore we dare not relax.  
Our opportunities are brief;  
Therefore we dare not delay.  
Our path is narrow;  
Therefore we dare not wander.  
Our prize will be glorious;  
Therefore we dare not faint.

The presentation, to the General Conference of 1946, in Mount Joy, Pennsylvania, of a petition for the appointment of a Survey Committee, was the first concrete step in the establishing of the Women's Missionary Prayer Circle. The survey, conducted by Mrs. Oscar Raser, Mrs. Carl Carlson, Mrs. Cyrus Lutz, Mrs. John Nigh and Mrs. Jacob Hock, disclosed the fact that only twelve Women's Missionary Prayer groups were in existence at that time. The growing interest, throughout the church, in the work of Missions as an integral part of Christian living, was evidenced by the response to the leadership of this committee, which was designated as the Executive Committee of the Women's Missionary Prayer Circle.

Twenty-three Prayer Circles were organized during the first year and prayer request sheets were sent to the Circles four times during that period.

In addition to the prayer request sheets, several Missionary and Prayer tracts were made available to the Circles. The work of prayer for Missions and Mission workers is an avenue of service for every child of God; this is the premise which directs every activity of the Women's Missionary Prayer Circle.

The report to the 1950 General Conference indicated that fifty Circles were in the prayer fellowship, and offerings were being sent to Home and Foreign Missions, also for local relief work. In 1952 the WMPC sponsored its first general Missionary project, that of the Native Preacher's Home in Banmankhi, India. One thousand dollars was contributed during the year to make this initial project an overwhelming success. Two projects for Navajoland, and the proposed hospital in Macha, Northern Rhodesia, Africa have had equally splendid response from the WMPC family throughout the church.

The number of local prayer groups has continued to increase and the response to the "Call to Prayer" by the WMPC, in cooperation with the Mission Boards, has been gratifying. At present, one hundred and fifty prayer Circles are using twenty-two hundred and fifty Missionary Prayer Challenges each month. The result of the power and unity of this "work of prayer" is being felt around the world. Missionaries are being supported, finances are being released, the power of darkness is pushed back, and the Word of God is going forth for the salvation of the lost ones "for whom Christ died."

*Lily L. Nissley, WMPC Secretary*

## Part II *Home Missions*



## Names and Addresses of Mission Stations

### CITY MISSIONS

- Buffalo Mission:** 25 Hawley Street, Buffalo 13, N. Y. Telephone — GRant 7706.
- Chicago Mission:** 6039 Halsted Street, Chicago 21, Illinois. Telephone — Wentworth 6-7122.
- Detroit Mission:** Residence: 3986 Humboldt Street, Detroit 8, Michigan Telephone—Tyler 5-1470.  
Church—Myrtle and Lawton Streets.  
God's Love Mission—1524 Third Street, Detroit 26, Michigan.
- Harrisburg** (Messiah Lighthouse Mission) 1175 Bailey Street, Harrisburg, Pa. Telephone—Harrisburg 2-6488.
- Los Angeles, California:** (Door of Hope Mission) Residence 551½ North Third Avenue, Upland, California.
- Massillon:** (Christian Fellowship Mission) Telephone 2-3804. 118 South Avenue S. E., Massillon, Ohio.
- New York City:** (Address to be supplied)
- Philadelphia Mission:** 3423 North Second Street, Philadelphia 40, Pa. Telephone—NEbraska 4-6431.
- San Francisco:** (Life Line Gospel Mission) 224 Sixth Street, San Francisco 3, California. Residence—311 Scott Street, San Francisco 17, California. Telephone—UNderhill 1-4820.
- Toronto Mission:** 150 Gamble Street, Toronto 8, Ontario, Canada. Residence—231 Gamble Street, Toronto, 6, Ontario, Canada. Telephone—Gladstone 8383.

### RURAL and VILLAGE MISSIONS

- Bloomfield:** (Navajo Indian Mission) Bloomfield, New Mexico. c/o Blanco Trading Post.
- Kentucky:** (Ella Station) Ella, Kentucky.
- Meath Park Station:** (North Star Mission) Meath Park Station, Saskatchewan, Canada.  
Paddockwood, Saskatchewan, Canada.
- Saxton, Pennsylvania:**
- Sylvatus, Virginia:** (Bethel Mission) Telephone—Sylvatus 482.
- Tillsonburg:** Houghton Center, Tillsonburg, Ontario, Canada. Telephone Glenmeyer 22-14. Frogmore Church—same address.

### MISSION PASTORATES

- Albuquerque:** 3014 Sierra Drive, N. E., Albuquerque, New Mexico. Telephone 5-6467.
- Allisonia:** (Farris Mines) Virginia. Telephone—Pulaski 28628.
- Altoona:** Church — 3620 Fifth Avenue, Altoona, Pa. Residence — 3701 Sixth Street, Altoona, Pa. Telephone 35527.
- Blair's Mills, Pennsylvania:** Residence of pastor—Orrstown, Pa., R. 3, Box 50.
- Blandburg, Pennsylvania:**
- Check, Virginia:** (Adney's Gap)
- Collingwood, Ontario, Canada**
- Delisle, Saskatchewan, Canada**
- Everett, Pennsylvania:** R. 2 (Clear Creek Church and Ray's Cove)
- Garlin, Kentucky:**
- Grants Pass, Oregon:** 1300 Highway 199, c/o Redwood Country Church.
- Hanover, Pennsylvania:**
- Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania:** (Canoe Creek Church)
- Hunlock Creek, Pennsylvania:**
- Ickesburg, Pennsylvania:** (Saville Church in Liberty Valley)
- Iron Springs, Pennsylvania:** Telephone—Fairfield 53R13
- Kindersley, Saskatchewan, Canada:**
- Kittanning, Pennsylvania:** Residence of pastor—Templeton, Pa., R. 1.
- Knifley, Kentucky:**
- Leedey, Oklahoma:**
- Llewellyn, Pennsylvania:** Telephone—Minersville 3447.
- Orlando, Florida:** 1712 Cook St.
- Ringgold, Maryland:** Residence of pastor—103½ Garfield Street, Waynesboro, Pa.
- Shanesville, Ohio:**
- Sherman's Valley and Riddlesburg:** Residence—Riddlesburg, Pa. Stowe, Pennsylvania: 527 Glasgow, Telephone—Pottstown 1211J
- Three Springs, Pennsylvania:** (Center Grove Chapel)
- Uniontown, Ohio:** Residence—2396 E. Turkey Foot Road, Akron, Ohio. Telephone—Akron—Oxford 9-3028
- Welland, Ontario, Canada—**36 Elizabeth Street

## From Great Cities To Remote Rural Areas

*Albert H. Engle, Executive Secretary, Home Mission Board*

"I'm ready to go when my time comes." This is the testimony that was given to one of our pastors by a man who was dying of cancer. Considering that this testimony could not have been given a few months before, you can imagine the thrill it brought to the heart of that pastor.

"Oh, God, we thank thee for leading us to a place that is free from adultery." This sentence is a prayer offered by an appreciative worshipper in one of our missions is significant. We trust that our missions will always be places where sinners can hear a message of salvation from sin, and worshippers can fellowship with those who are living victorious lives.

"Visitation has a way of lifting us." This testimony was given by one of our pastors. He also tells how that twice a month on Sunday evening they have a hymn sing, once a month children's meetings, and once a month Christ's Crusaders, and each of these services is followed by an evangelistic sermon. With a combination of a vital visitation program and public services adapted to all ages, with proper evangelistic em-

phasis, it is no wonder that this pastor reports as high as six seekers on a regular Sunday night service.

Some of our missions report an increase in average attendance of 15%. Some are keenly aware that theirs is the only evangelical message in a large area. Either of these characteristics in our program justifies our loyal support and prayers.

### STATISTICS

The distribution of our 122 workers is as follows: There are 63 workers in seven city and rural missions (eleven workers are at Navajo Mission because of their large and varied program). There are 59 workers in 29 mission pastorates. These last figures include the pastors' wives and a few single sisters. Some of these missions and mission pastorates have "outstations," thus bringing the total number of places of worship to about 58, plus street meetings, jail services, etc., by some of our city missions.

### FINANCES

The cost to the church-at-large of operating this program for the year

1954 was \$44,725.99, channeled through the Home Mission Board, plus \$26,102.53 sent direct to missions and mission pastorates, according to our analysis of the figures released by our pastors. This totals \$70,828.52.

Of the second item in the above paragraph, \$9,218.41 was for the Navajo Mission, and \$8,390.62 for the rest of the missions. This leaves \$8,493.50 for the mission pastorates, and of this \$6,918.79 was for the building of two churches. (A financial report of the Philadelphia church in process of construction was not yet released). This means that with the above exceptions for church buildings, only \$1,574.71 from the church-at-large went to our mission pastorates which represents 29 or about 2/3 of our units of work. This indicates definite development toward self-support.

### INDIGENOUS CHURCH GROWTH

In addition to the above figures the trend toward indigenous church growth is reflected by the fact that \$79,690.40 was contributed by our missions and mission pastorates to support their own program. This does not include \$14,506.31 in Sunday School offerings plus that given by five who did not report. Some of this went for missionary purposes, etc.) Comparing with the report of last year we observe that the local support within our program has more than doubled, while support from the church-at-large direct to our missions and mission pastorates has decreased 23%.

To the credit of our mission program, we may also add that apart

from Sunday School offerings \$6,180.00 was given toward other mission work and the general program of the church. This brings the total reported contributions of our mission congregations in 1954 to \$100,377.21.

The progress toward self-support is such that in our December meeting the Home Mission Board took definite steps toward making more satisfactory provisions for the promotion and recognition of missions which are developing in this way. With the increasing cooperation of a number of our pastors and their congregations, and under the blessing of the Lord, we believe this goal can be realized in a year or two by a number of our missions.

Three important factors in the realization of this goal are:

1. Alert, Spirit-filled pastors with vision, training, and leadership ability.
2. Growing congregations of consecrated people which provides a constituency with increasing ability to finance the program.
3. Congregations trained to assume financial and other responsibilities, and challenged to the blessedness of growing into congregational adulthood.

We are glad for all the definite progress we can observe relative to these three factors.

### ACCOMPLISHMENT STATISTICS

To the credit of these 122 workers, many of whom are in rural areas, and many of these in remote, neglected, or thinly-populated areas, we are glad to present the following statistics:

Type of service	No. per week	Enrollment	Aver. attend per week
Sunday School	47	3,887	2,711
Preaching services	87		3,756
Prayer meetings	64		
Vacation Bible School	33 in 1954	2,849	

We have twenty-six Christ's Crusaders organizations in our mission program, some of which are challenging examples.

Obviously there are duplications when there is more than one service per week. Perhaps the number of personal contacts is more accurately reflected in the enrollment numbers. Also, no record can be made of the numbers contacted in street meetings, radio program, etc., given by our mission workers. Neither are revival meetings included.

Best of all, 1,219 souls sought the Lord at the altars of prayer, in home visitation, etc. How many of these really contacted God and will prove true till Jesus comes, eternity will reveal. But each one of them will represent a value in excess of this material world. What a privilege to have a little share in this great work.

**PERSONNEL**

This accomplishment record is due to the consecration, zeal, and vision of our staff of workers, many of whom have almost literally forsaken all for the sake of the Gospel. Credit also belongs to the church-at-large for their sacrifice, donations, prayers, and other many ways of support to this program.

**OUR WORKERS**

However, the study of reports impresses one that a great deal more could be done. Some do very little pastoral visitation while others visit as high as twenty homes per week, and some spearhead a congregational visitation program.

There is also great need of more aggressive leadership of Youth Work with a clear-cut, soul-winning objective. We hope we shall be able

to challenge our workers and point the way to a still more efficient service.

You can help us by praying that on our workers as well as on the entire church there shall be a real outpouring of the Holy Spirit with the resultant empowerment.

It is more proper to include in our General Conference Report personnel references such as new assignments during the Conference Year, changes, etc., and other special observations.

The names of the workers appear at the close of the reports of their respective Fields of Service. In most cases the general reports are written by the pastor or superintendent. Some minor changes were made in a few and some statistics added from their statistical reports. A few of the new points are reported by the Board representative of that station as is signed. Also, the list of names of workers arranged alphabetically and their addresses appears on pages 134 and 135.

**APPRECIATION AND CHALLENGE**

On behalf of the Home Mission Board we express our appreciation for our wonderful staff of workers. We now commend the reader to a perusal of the reports from the various places of labor. Without consecrated workers, and the cooperation of the church, there would be nothing current to report. We know you will pray and give, for the continuation, development, and extension of this work. The answer to some of these prayers may produce some responses, "Here am I, send me."

## Financial Statements

April 2, 1955

Mr. Dale W. Ulery, Treasurer,  
Home Mission Board,  
Springfield, Ohio  
Dear Sir:

I have examined the books and records of the Home Mission Board, for the year ended, December 31, 1954, have examined or tested cash receipts and disbursements for the period then ended.

Confirmation of the notes receivable were not verified by direct communication with the debtors. Aside from this exception the figures appear to be properly stated. There is presented the following summary report:

	U. S. A.	Canada	Combined
<b>Balance on hand, December 31, 1953</b>	\$ 4,190.08	\$1,320.47	\$ 5,510.55
<b>Receipts:</b>			
U. S. A. Treasurer, exhibit A	46,857.77		46,857.77
Canadian Treasurer, exhibit B		7,845.91	7,845.91
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Opening balance plus additions	\$51,047.85	\$9,166.38	\$60,214.23
<b>Disbursements:</b>			
U. S. A. Treasurer, exhibit A	\$47,857.86		47,857.86
Canadian Treasurer, exhibit B		8,355.52	8,355.52
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<b>Balance on hand, December 31, 1954</b>	\$ 3,189.99	\$ 810.86	\$ 4,000.85

Yours very truly,  
J. R. Aiken, Auditor

Exhibit A

**Dale W. Ulery, Treasurer, U. S. A. Report  
HOME MISSION BOARD OF THE BRETHREN IN CHRIST CHURCH  
Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements  
Year Ended December 31, 1954**

Balance, December 31, 1953 .....	\$ 4,190.08
<b>Receipts:</b>	
General Fund .....	\$36,156.23
Transferred from Reserve funds .....	4,000.00
Interest and principal payments .....	22.83
Navajo loan payment .....	155.00
Specials including New York funds .....	6,423.71
Annuity .....	100.00
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	46,857.77
Opening balance plus receipts .....	\$51,047.85

**HOME MISSION BOARD OF THE BRETHREN IN CHRIST CHURCH**  
**Financial Report for the Year Ended December 31, 1954**

**United States Treasurer:**

Notes Receivable:	
Virginia Parsonage .....	\$ 3,030.16
Detroit Michigan Parsonage Real Estate .....	1,496.07
Massillon Mission .....	2,887.48
Blandburg Church Building .....	850.00
Stowe Church Building .....	2,000.00
Tuition loans .....	1,282.25
Mission Workers .....	798.33
Navajo Loan .....	1,742.74
Bus loan .....	275.00

Total notes receivable .....	\$14,362.03
<b>Savings Bank, Springfield, Ohio:</b>	
Virginia parsonage fund .....	\$ 1,600.97
Interest on Savings funds .....	445.16
Nurses training fund .....	707.08
Detroit Tenant fund .....	2,311.26
Blandburg Parsonage fund .....	150.00
Curry Estate .....	512.50
Bible Training fund .....	1,383.50
New Castle fund .....	169.58
Annuity fund .....	1,431.29
Reserve funds .....	2,076.50

\$10,787.84

**Total United States Investments and reserve funds.....\$25,149.87**

**Disbursements:**

Transfer of borrowed funds to reserve fund .....	\$ 1,500.00
Workers' allowances .....	21,357.69
Workers' transportation .....	1,339.02
Administrative expenses .....	3,158.04
Miscellaneous expense .....	457.29
Rents .....	1,860.00
Tuitions .....	2,126.05
Interest paid .....	484.50
Navajo Mission Jeep .....	1,200.00
Virginia Parsonage fund .....	180.00
Virginia Church loan payment .....	45.00
Mission lots .....	159.35
Orlando Church loan .....	2,000.00
Missionary Institute .....	3,173.11
Retirement fund .....	212.50
Canadian portion Conference Offering .....	562.39
Transfer to Reserve funds .....	169.58
Blandburg Church loan .....	1,000.00
Loan to Albuquerque Mission .....	600.00
Loan to Navajo Mission .....	555.00
Specials .....	3,113.28
Navajo expense on well .....	300.00
Deposit on New York property .....	300.00
Annuity to reserve fund .....	100.00
Loan payments .....	1,905.06

47,857.86

**Balance, December 31, 1954 .....\$ 3,189.99**

**Exhibit B**

**HOME MISSION BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT — 1954**

**Canadian Section — Edward Gilmore, Treasurer**

**Receipts**

Balance on hand, January 1, 1954 .....	\$1,320.47
Personal and Congregation offerings .....	3,406.56
General Conference Offering .....	562.39
Camp Meeting and Ontario Joint Council Offering .....	337.36
Special Solicitation for Toronto Mission .....	1,339.60
Repayment of Loans .....	2,200.00

**Total Receipts .....\$9,166.38**

**Expenditures**

Workers' allowances, traveling and repairs .....	4,456.32
Interest on Annuities .....	98.90
Rent .....	100.00
Loan .....	1,000.00
Paid on Toronto Parsonage .....	2,700.00

**Total expenditures .....\$8,355.52**

**Balance on hand, January 1, 1955 ..... 810.86**

\$9,166.38

**Reserves**

Canadian Government Bonds .....	\$2,000.00
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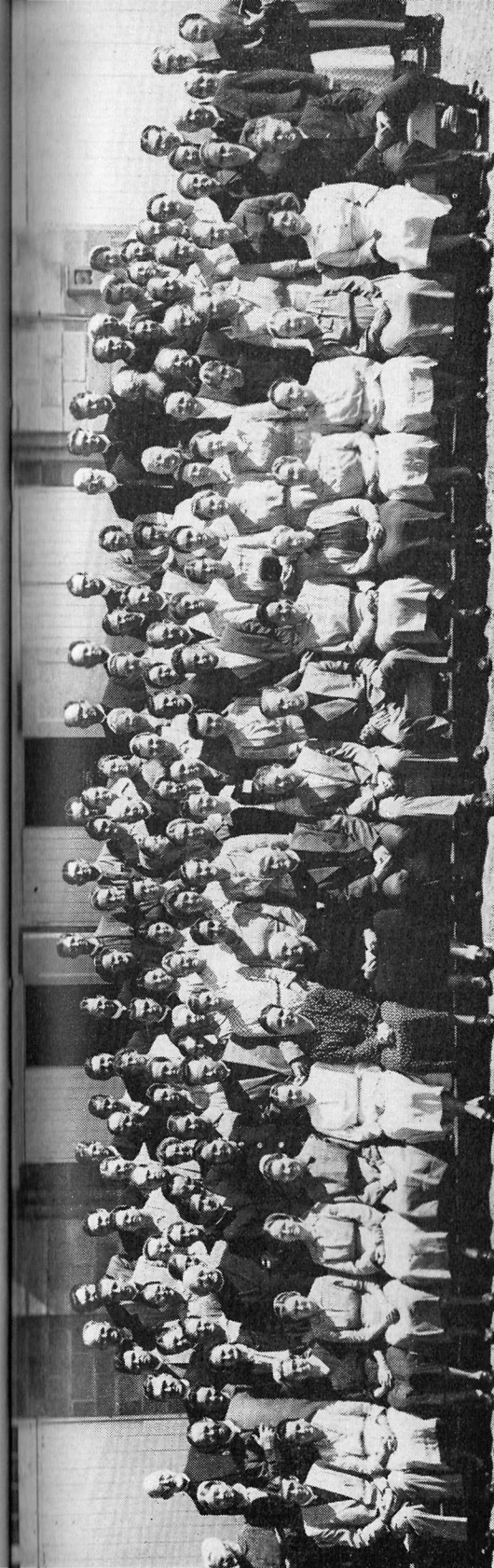
Edward Gilmore, Treasurer

Audited, January 19, 1955

To the best of my knowledge, this report reflects a true record of receipts and expenditures as recorded by the Canadian Treasurer of the Home Mission Board.

Elmer Steckley, Auditor





The 1954 Home Mission Workers' Institute, June 15-18, Roxbury Campgrounds, Roxbury, Penna.

### HOME MISSION WORKERS' INSTITUTE

One of the highlights of the year was the Home Mission Workers' Institute at Roxbury Camp Grounds, June 15-18.

The blessedness of the Institute was enhanced by the presence of the foreign missionaries who were home on furlough. The presence of these co-workers in behalf of the salvation of souls brought the total number to 140.

"Heights of glory, deep truth from the Word, moments of relaxation: these three characterized the wonderful days." "A real spiritual uplift to me." "An eye-opener, a challenge and a tremendous spiritual booster." "The things we have heard and learned will help us in our program." "I felt a real re-vitalization." Of the three Institutes, "each one is better than the one before." Expressions like these characterize the many words of appreciation.

To the Publication Board goes the credit for the financing of the larger share of the expenses of this Institute. We think the benefits of such Institutes are being reflected in considerably improved work by some of our pastors.

## Reports of City Missions

### BUFFALO, NEW YORK

During the year 1954 until mid-summer the former staff of workers conducted the work at the Buffalo Mission under the direction of the Board of Control. With the cooperation of a faithful nucleus, the program was carried on in a commendable manner.

Because of the inability of the former staff to remain, the services of Rev. and Mrs. Warren Sherman was secured during the summer. With zeal and enthusiasm, looking to the Lord for guidance and grace, they entered the work. With energy and vision Brother Sherman applied himself to the task of rallying loyal supporters of the work to a forward-looking program. By the end of the year, some things were looking encouraging. It was hoped that the way would open to re-locate in a more desirable area.

The re-locating hope has been slow in materializing. Certain chronic, discouraging factors had to be reckoned with.

Attendance at the various services maintained a good level. A number of souls sought the Lord in Vacation Bible School, regular services and revival meetings.

The Sunday school had an average attendance of 72 and most of them stayed for the worship services.

The excellent services of Sister Thelma Falcone from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for three months, was

greatly appreciated. She was a real blessing in the home and in the Christian activities.

The Mission group and the Board look to the Lord for guidance concerning the investment of money and talent which is available for this work.

*Albert H. Engle, Executive Secy.*

#### WORKERS:

REV. AND MRS. WARREN SHERMAN  
THELMA FALCONE (temporary)



Mothers visit the Junior Department on Mother's Day at the Chicago Mission.

### CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The year 1954 has been a busy one at Chicago Mission. In addition to our regular schedule of services, we had two special series of meetings. In May, Brother Fred Holland



The 1954 Summer Bible School at Chicago Mission.

was the evangelist, and in October, Rev. Eddie Midura, of Youth for Christ, was the messenger. In both of these services God worked and souls sought God. Five were baptized in May, among them a mother and two young men.

Open air meetings were held each Sunday night during the summer, when tracts are distributed. Our public address system carries the messages and singing to those who pass by and to the neighbors.

Our Sunday school showed an increase of 13 in average attendance over the previous year. We have three classes in living rooms on the second floor. We are installing new classrooms in the basement at this time.

One problem is to interest parents to attend. On Mother's Day we offered the children awards if they would bring their mothers. Twenty-three showed up.

Two communion services were held in April and November, and one Bible Conference Sunday brought blessings to those who came. Brother Irvin Kanode was the special speaker. Brother and Sister David Wen-

ger, while attending school in Chicago, are guests in the Mission home. Their presence brings blessing and strength to our group.

Our Summer Bible School in July was our largest and best, with an enrollment of over 150. About 50 responded to the altar call and we believe many had real experiences in their hearts. Week Day Bible School continues each Wednesday from October to April. A number of our children were sent to a Christian Youth Camp during the summer.

Parental indifference and television continue to be great hindrances to attendance. "Where sin abounds grace doth much more abound," and we are encouraged to go forward remembering that, "He that winneth souls is wise" and, "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and as the stars forever and ever."

*Carl J. Carlson, Pastor*

#### WORKERS:

CARL AND AVAS CARLSON  
ALICE ALBRIGHT  
SARA BRUBAKER  
GRACE SIDER



**DETROIT, MICHIGAN**  
(God's Love Mission)

As of General Conference time the work of the mission and the church were again united under one superintendent but with separate pastors. We appreciated the services of Fred Holland, Harold Paulus, Gladys and Melvin Paulus in this capacity.

During this past year, 222 souls knelt at the altar of prayer in the downtown mission. Many were definitely saved and were a real inspiration to us. 5,005 attended the services. Three revival meetings were held with all the Sunday services at the church.

Arthur Climenhagas, David Climenhagas and the Steckley Sisters were with us making three Missionary services.

Two communion services were held.

Jesse W. Hoover was with us for a special six-day Easter service. The Young People's chorus gave an unusually touching Easter program at night.

The National Holiness Convention was held in Detroit. We entertained

friends in the mission home during this time.

Brother and Sister Hock's oldest daughter, Viola, was married in July. Three children were dedicated.

We keenly feel the loss of one of our prayer warriors, Sister Crosby. She entered the hospital April 1 and passed away the 29th.

Two hundred and ninety-six visits were made by the mission staff in the interest of the Sunday school and the salvation of souls.

An average attendance of 102 in Sunday school last year.

Bible School enrollment was 220. The average attendance was 120. The highest attendance for any one day was 143. Our Bible School offering amounted to \$115.45.

Approximately \$30.00 in groceries and money was given to needy folks at Christmas.

The Sunday school gave an interesting Christmas program at night when many of the Sunday school children's parents were present. Awards were given for perfect attendance to those having missed not more than three Sundays throughout the year.

We had a goal of \$1,000.00 as an Easter offering to be applied to the church building fund. Praise God we went some \$100.00 over the top.

**HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA**

(Messiah Lighthouse Chapel)

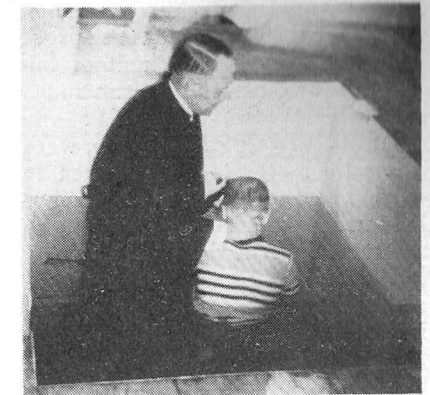
Of striking interest in this past year's operation of the mission was the large class of candidates for baptism in May. After inactivity in this area for several years, it was due; and it was cause of rejoicing when fifteen persons obeyed the Lord in this ordinance. Noteworthy, too,

is the fact that of these, twelve united with the church in fellowship, seven taking vows of full membership, and five becoming associate members.

This increased our group of communicants, so that when the Spring Communion Service was held in April, nine participated for the first time in their lives. This year, for the first, Messiah Lighthouse Chapel had its own Fall Communion Service, with fifty-one participating and three or four of these for the first time.

We are crowded in our Sunday school with an average attendance of 104. We rejoice that twelve professed salvation through the Sunday school. Our Extension Divisions, both Cradle Roll and Home Departments are appreciated, and continue to grow. An average of twelve homes are contacted each week by the Home Department.

It seems to us that we have seen God at work this past year in various and most interesting ways. Sometimes silently, yet always faithfully,



Pastor Carlson administers baptism.

the Holy Spirit stirs and convicts souls. We witnessed 87 souls receive definite spiritual help. He will change the hearts and lives of men and women, boys and girls.

A Boys' Club has been functioning now in addition to the Girls' Club. They meet on Thursday evenings under the leadership of two older



Girls' Club gathers for their Christmas dinner at the Messiah Lighthouse Chapel.

teen-age youth of our Sunday school.

A concern grips us on behalf of "The Home," the basic unit of human life, and association. So much responsibility rests here. We are moved to pray more, and to work harder than ever to get the men to come. They are the slowest to move God-ward; yet their influence is so important in the area of the home. Not infrequently, the maintenance of spirituality in the life of a youth rises or falls with this factor.

Joel E. Carlson

**WORKERS:**

JOEL CARLSON  
FAITH CARLSON  
ELIZABETH KANODE  
BEULAH LYONS  
GRACE ROBB

**LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

Brother and Sister Adolf Jordan are cooperating in the Door of Hope Mission in Los Angeles. This is a slum-type mission. Three thousand hot meals are served each month to men, and about thirty profess definite experiences of saving grace. In addition to the contribution their services are making to the soul-saving program of that mission, they are having excellent training in city mission work. They are enabled to make contacts which may be a means of determining God's will in relation to the question of what we as a church should do relative to continuing mission work in that city.

**WORKERS:**

REV. AND MRS. ADOLF JORDAN

**MASSILLON, OHIO**

(Christian Fellowship Mission)

We have realized the blessing of the Lord on our labors during the past year.

In January, Brother Arthur Climenhaga was with us for a missionary

meeting. His inspiring messages stimulated our group to more giving and praying for missions.

**Missionary Prayer Meeting**

A Joint Missionary Prayer Meeting is held each month with the Uniontown congregation. With a few exceptions, we have sent the offerings alternately to the Foreign Mission Board and Home Mission Board. This prayer meeting has proved a great blessing to both congregations.

**Sunday School**

Our Sunday school shows a slight decrease in average attendance for the year. A special visitation program has been set-up and new life sprang up in the Sunday school the latter part of the year. With a few other changes that have been made, we are expecting a better Sunday school for 1955.

**Special Meetings**

We appreciate special programs by visitors. On June 6, the Jabbok Ladies' Quartet gave us a very inspiring musical program. The program given by the Upland College Male Quartet was also much appreciated on June 9.

The Missionary Conference sponsored by the Foreign Mission Board and Home Mission Board was a great blessing to our group.

There is good interest in the Christ's Crusaders meeting held each quarter. This is a special meeting besides the regular Sunday evening meetings.

**Vacation Bible School**

The interest was very good in the Vacation Bible School. For a few years we have been having this school in the evening which suits our people very well. It continued ten evenings. The average attendance was 54.

**Revivals**

Brother Sylvanus Landis served as our evangelist in the February meeting. Brother Harry Brubaker was

evangelist in the November meeting. There were seekers in both meetings. Twenty-five professed help in their souls and there were a few real outstanding victories.

**Regular Services**

The interest is good in the preaching services. Ten souls received definite help in our regular services.

The prayer meeting is real inspiring and gives a "lift" to those who attend.

The Children's Meetings and Christ's Crusaders Meetings are quite well attended and enjoyed by our youth.

We are determined to win more souls for the Kingdom in 1955 if our Lord tarries.

**WORKERS:**

ELI AND LYDIA HOSTETLER

**NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.**

The reports and announcements in the *Evangelical Visitor*, especially the one in the August 16, 1954, issue stimulated a great deal of interest in opening a work at 323 West 108th Street, Manhattan, New York City.

The failure of the Methodist Church, with whom we are negotiating, to secure the building they expected to purchase has occasioned a rather disappointing delay.

The Home Mission Board has been in contact by letter and by telephone, and by one personal contact on the part of two representatives to date (March 21, 1955). We find ourselves in a real estate dead-lock which characterizes that city, the laws of which give much protection to tenants. In a number of series of proposed real-estate transfers which have been under consideration nothing develops



The New York City building for which negotiations are in progress.

because some party in the series cannot give possession.

We have given consideration to negotiating for some other building, but can find nothing which gives evidence of being divinely ordained as this one. Everything else would involve much more financial consideration. The Methodist Church is anxious to give possession as soon as they can find something else.

We believe the important thing is to pray. Only God can do what we cannot do.

Meanwhile the challenge of work in this great city increases. Nationwide interest is focused on New York City as a mission field — some say the greatest Mission Field in the

world. During the short time our assigned pastor was there last summer, he made very interesting and stimulating contacts. He contacted one man who was acquainted with God's Love Mission in Detroit, Michigan. Brother Lewis is anxious to get into the work. God is speaking to others in a definite way about this work. We believe the devil is glad to have us stalemated in this dead-lock. Let us pray that God will break it and direct in the steps which shall be taken.

Reported by Albert H. Engle

ASSIGNED WORKERS:

REV. AND MRS. WILLIAM LEWIS

#### PHILADELPHIA, PENNA.

"The hand of the Lord was with them . . ." Acts 11:21. This literally has been the experience of the saints in our part of God's vineyard this past year. The Lord's blessing has rested upon the work. Even though we do not have the complete record, yet we would like to share with you a little that we have seen.

#### Sunday School

In all services the average attendance has increased around 15%. A number of new families have been reached. These mainly through the Sunday school which has taken on new life through more extensive visitation, a special features committee whose duty is to present new features of interest during the service itself, and, also, by our superintendent making the various classes responsible for the invocation.

#### Bible Instruction

The Summer Bible School, along with the Week Day Bible Hour, plays a large part in making Christ known to boys and girls who never hear

the name of Christ except through blasphemy. A very interesting part of the Bible Hour is the invocation in which the children do the praying. Their prayers range from home and school problems to peace among the warring nations. Even sick dogs get their share of prayer.

#### Young People's Work

A continual stream of spiritual life, guided by the Holy Ghost, comes through the energies, talents, and willingness to work from the young people. Thank God for sanctified young people! Once a month these young people conduct a service at the Grace and Hope Mission in the slums. They do the praying, singing, testifying, preaching, and altar work. Other activities are *singing at a convalescent home, prayer meetings, and Bible study.* These are monthly activities.

Not to be forgotten are the 13,115 tracts distributed along with 263 Gospel Bottle Bombs. These bombs were distributed during trips taken by our city young people while enjoying God's nature or sightseeing at some historic points here in the East.

The young people sponsored their 10th Annual Youth Conference with several souls seeking God.

#### Older Ladies Activities

Among our older ladies is a fine missionary spirit. This spirit to labor for the Lord was one of the things that made families happy to receive Thanksgiving baskets, fruit baskets for sick, a baby shower for a young mother, a Christmas gift box to an out-of-state shut-in, and a service held for a local invalid.

Their bi-monthly sewing classes are made a blessing and these garments treasured by needy families.

Then too, they sponsored the 10th Missionary Conference resulting in folks being blest that attended and twenty souls seeking God at an altar of prayer. Some of those who sought



Members of the Ladies Missionary Group at the Philadelphia Mission prepare gauze compresses and bandages for foreign medical work.

were our young people answering the missionary call to work for the Master.

#### Radio

The radio ministry completed its eighth year of broadcasting the Gospel last January. Our hearts swell with praise when we think of the souls that have been saved, sanctified, and others encouraged to keep pressing on. Not to be forgotten are the many who have been healed of cancer, arthritis, pains, colds, and other afflictions. "Gospel Words and Music" is being aired over eight stations, contacting hundreds of thousands of people. *The Gospel Witness*, our radio publication, has been received with new interest as we endeavor to exalt Christ along Biblical standards of practical living. The subscription list stands at approximately 7,000.

Some Facts and Figures  
Eighty-five handkerchiefs were anointed and sent to the sick.

Sixty-six folks were anointed in person.

Forty-two souls sought God during the two revival campaigns.

Twenty sought God during the regular worship services.



The Mission congregation help with the radio program, mailing the Gospel Witness.

Three babies were dedicated to the Lord.

Five funerals were conducted.

Two marriages were performed.

Two members were received into church fellowship.

Fifteen street meetings were held during the summer.

Three hundred and twenty-six visits were made.

Scores of folks sought advice and prayer.

Some prayer requests came by telephone as far away as Winona Lake, Indiana.

For all that has been done we give God the glory and praise. For all who shared in this work financially and by prayer we say, "Thank you," and, "God bless you."

*William Rosénberry, Pastor*

**WORKERS:**

WILLIAM AND ANNA ROSENBERY  
ANITA BRECHBILL  
IDA LUE HANE

**SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

**(Life Line Gospel Mission)**

The past year has been a year of blessing in the work of the Life Line Gospel Mission. The regular preaching services in the mission hall have continued without interruption every night (except Mondays) throughout the years. In almost every service there will be one or more new faces, so that our audience is more or less transient. The street meetings have been a regular part of the evening services, and through the witnessing on the street many men have wandered into the mission and have been converted and are standing true today. Whenever possible the new converts have been followed up in their rooms—if they have one. Many times they will tell us they are sleeping in

a "two door apartment" (box car), or under the bridge! This makes it difficult or impossible to follow them, and they disappear, sometimes to turn up later in the same old condition.

**A Remarkable Conversion**

Frequently men of better standing and condition come into the mission for spiritual help and find it. Just recently a young man stopped to listen to the singing and witnessing on the street and came into the Hall. He came to the altar, and then it was learned that he was from a Christian home and had attended a Christian school where the Lord called him to mission work in Africa. At this he rebelled and ran away and joined the navy, and lost his experience. He has served his time and found himself in our street meeting. He was blessedly restored at the altar of prayer and was taken by some Christian young men across the bay where they found work for him until he becomes more firmly established in the faith.

There are a number of middle-aged men who come in frequently and have been to the altar again and again, but so far have not really taken a definite stand for the Lord. Nearly every one has domestic trouble, plus all the consequent troubles they bring upon themselves.

**Results**

During the year there were 301 seekers at the altar. Some of these gave a clear testimony of salvation. Some have left the city. We make it a point to make the way of salvation so plain that they can never say that they did not have an opportunity to step right into the Kingdom of God.

Early in the year Brother Amos Buckwalter was with us to officiate in a Communion Service. We had him speak to the children in Sunday school and about seventeen came forward to confess Christ. To some this

was real, for later they asked for baptism. Then later we had another Decision Day in the Sunday school and again there were over a dozen—some "repeaters" who confessed Christ. As a result we had two baptismal services. One man was baptized who was converted in a Sunday afternoon service. At another time five were baptized, all from the Sunday school. Two families were received into church fellowship, one family on associate membership basis. These families are a real asset to our Sunday school and mission.

**Mission-Home Equipment**

During the year two pieces of very necessary equipment were replaced in the mission home. The hot water heater and the refrigerator each had given many years of faithful service and had to be replaced. Now we are very thankful for the convenience and service they are giving us, plus the savings over the old worn-out equipment. We praise the Lord for the way He supplied the funds to pay up in full.

Financially, we sometimes feel as if we are compelled to operate on the "end of a broken shoestring." At the close of the year we were forced to show a small deficit, but that has since been made up so that we were able to meet all bills as they came due. This is the Lord's work and He will take care of it, but maybe some of His stewards are a little slack. We need \$200 for necessary repair work on the mission home.

When we see souls saved and delivered from the power of sin, our hearts are thrilled and we forget the temporal sacrifices that may be necessary to work here. Continue to pray that souls may find God at the Life Line Gospel Mission.

**WORKERS:**

REV. AND MRS. HARRY BUCKWALTER  
JANNA GOINS  
EDITH YODER



The new parsonage in Toronto.

**TORONTO MISSION, ONTARIO,  
CANADA**

We praise the Lord that the Toronto parsonage at 231 Gamble Avenue was purchased in May, which is located in the same block as the church, making it very convenient. The pastor and family live on the main floor and the Steckley Sisters occupy the second floor. We find it very helpful to have the family together. We can plan together and pray together and be prepared to give a more united program for Christ and the church.

Our people entered the Forward Sunday School Campaign with great enthusiasm. Following this we felt directed of the Lord to continue a weekly program of visitation. Each Tuesday evening we meet at the parsonage for prayer after which we go two by two to visit our community. This has resulted in a real spiritual growth of all our young people.



Family worship—one source of unity and empowerment for the services.

Our Summer Bible School this year was held in the evening for the first time. We realized our highest enrollment, 120.

**Church Building Repairs**

Considerable work has been done in the church basement—a new ceiling, walls plastered, partitions and blackboard installed. These improvements have been a great asset in accommodating our Sunday school classes.

**WORKERS:**

- REV. AND MRS. RONALD LOFTHOUSE
- MYRTLE STECKLEY
- RUTH STECKLEY

## RURAL AND VILLAGE MISSIONS

**BLOOMFIELD, NEW MEXICO**  
(Navajo Indian Mission)

1954—A year of blessing!

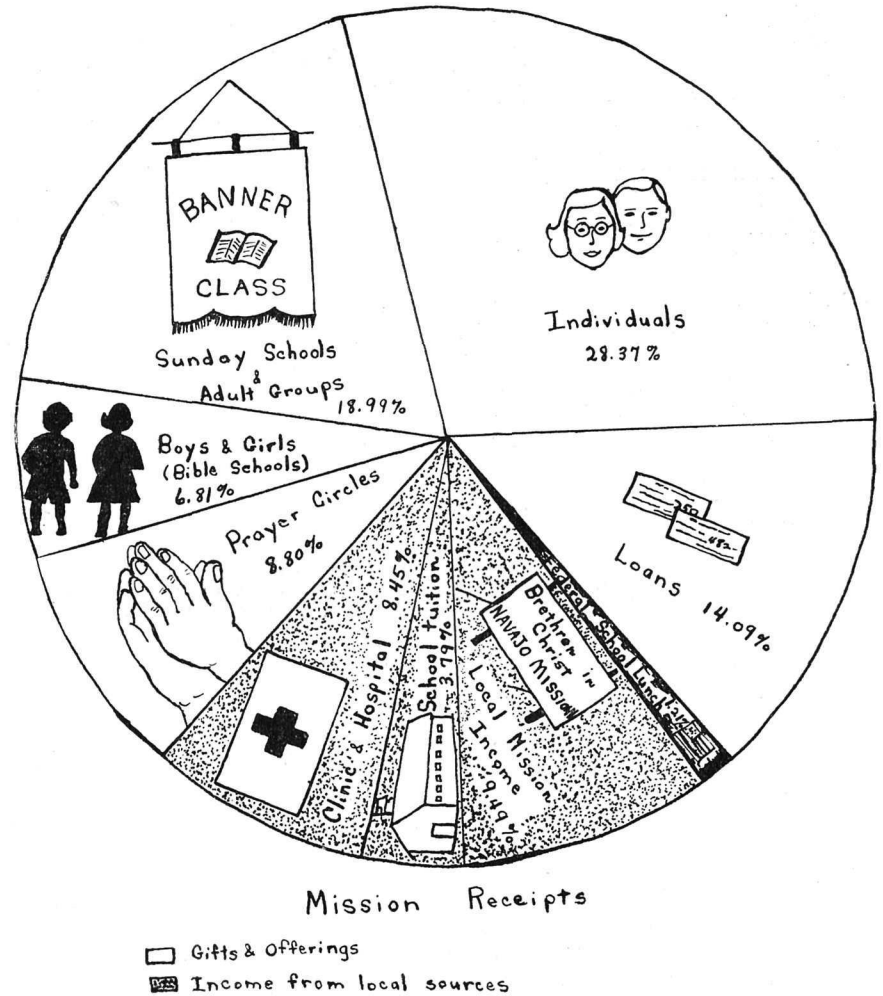
The Lord has blessed in countless ways. Without His faithfulness, for there were difficulties, 1954 would have been a year of great disappointment and defeat. But His hand was “not slack concerning His promises.”

In a still small voice, the Spirit spoke to the hearts of a number of our school boys and girls. The conscience of many of them was noticeably aroused. A number of them,

coming out of darkness and sin, have turned to the way of Life and Peace. A present task is to start “teaching them to observe *all things* whatsoever I have commanded you.”

Among our older Navajos there have been some encouraging signs of growth too. A number of them have evidenced growth. The forces of evil are arrayed against all of God’s children, but even amid heathen environment the Lord can provide a shelter.

The mission staff has experienced the Lord’s blessing as well. Walking



with Jesus provides lessons in growth, whether one is a Navajo or a white missionary. It would be a major task to spell out the contributions of the various members during this most significant year. Without exception, each staff member could give a testimony of God’s leadings and blessing. Each would also have one request—that the home church would pray for us and the work.

Although 1954 was a “tight year” finance-wise, we praise the Lord for bringing us through in a wonderful way. Making a few major improvements, new heavy-duty laundry equipment, and a new Ford pickup, would have been out of the question except for the faithfulness of the loyal supporters in the home church.

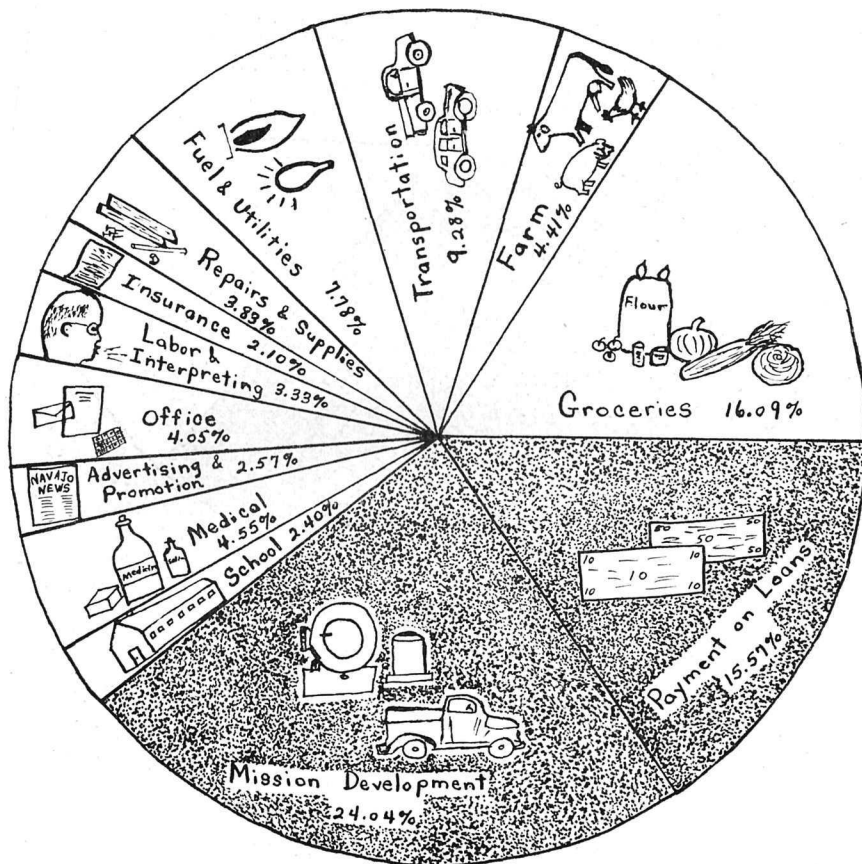
The task of stewardship is most forcibly impressed upon us when we are called upon to use the “Lord’s

money." May the Lord's work be advanced through the continued united prayers and labors of His redeemed children who are faithful to Christ's commission.

WORKERS:

REV. AND MRS. J. WILMER HEISEY  
RUTH ZERCHER  
IDA ROSENBERGER

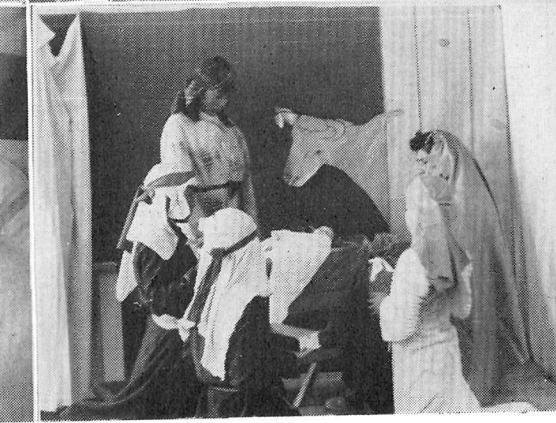
ROSA EYSTER  
BROTHER AND SISTER CHARLES MYERS, JR.  
MARTHA LONG  
DOROTHY CHARLES  
JANE MONN  
ELIZABETH ROSENBERGER  
VERDA MOYER (temporary)



Mission Expenditures

- General expenxes
- Mission development & loans

Prepared by Dorothy Charles, Mission Worker and Lewis Largo, a 4th grade Indian boy.



A Glimpse Into Navajoland

Missionaries and Navajos celebrate His resurrection in an Easter Sunrise Service.

A Navajo family—the oldest girl a student in the mission school.

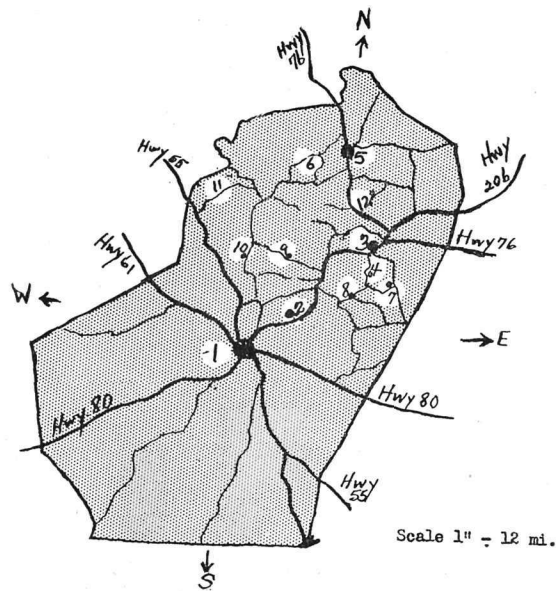
A Navajo mother with five children—the two older girls are rejoicing in the Saviour.

Navajo baby in cradleboard.

His good fortune, a Christian mother.

Learning the wondrous story, how He left His home in glory to become the Babe of Bethlehem.





#### ELLA, KENTUCKY

Kentucky: The very name savors of the spirit of pioneering, of freedom, of independence, and of romance. Both the people and the land portray a perpetual paradox. A determined leisureliness, stolid indecision, crude beauty, recessive boldness, outspokenly evasive, inquisitive indifference, and beauty that repulses. Like the ever present tobacco crop, beautiful to behold—but a cancer after all. Or the whiskey distilleries and the Blue Grass race horses, each industry having its concomitant evil.

On one hand we have the ridge, on the other the hollow. Today the ford is a raging torrent, tomorrow the spring has gone dry.

At night one hears the baying of hound packs on the trail of coon or fox, even as you walk past the cabin with dim lights and a television spire above the roof. Intellectual giants and illiteracy are "door neighbors."

#### ADAIR COUNTY, KENTUCKY

The network of lines indicates significant roads

1. Columbia, County Seat
2. Garlin—E. J. Rohrer, Mission Pastor
3. Ella Post Office
4. Fairview Church and Home—  
E. O. Dohner, Supt.  
Helen Dohner  
Esther Ebersole
5. Knifley—P. L. Wolgemuth, Mission Pastor (Also Evangel Clinic, Elizabeth Hess, R.N.)
6. Evangel Chapel
7. Millerfields Church
8. Grassy Springs Church
9. Bloomington School — Sunday School and Worship
10. Egypt Community
11. Mt. Carmel
12. Spout Springs, Edgar Giles, Mission Pastor

We often feel we are pioneering in spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior to a people who are perhaps without peer in religious fervor and simple faith in

the Word of God. A people who take with equal seriousness, religion, politics and grudges. Their ready guard is never lowered on either.

We feel a sense of pioneering also in the overall Brethren in Christ program since our work here is the South-most extension, apart from Florida, east of the Mississippi, and there are yet six more states in this region untouched by our Church.

Often the bigness and complexity of the task overwhelms us to the point of despair. Then the miracle of God's Grace in transforming power to some sin-bound soul happens and our hearts thrill with theirs, night turns to day, the desert blossoms, new life pulsates in our veins.

Two years ago the Garlin area and the Knifley area launched out on the mission pastorate basis. As such both places are progressing and will be reported elsewhere in this *Handbook*.

Brother Edgar Giles has returned to Spout Springs and is building a house there for his family. By mutual agreement he is laboring there as a pastorate and with increasing success. His flock is small but growing in size and in spirit.



The school at De Rossett, Tennessee.

#### Outreach in Tennessee

With the Kentucky Church sharing in our burden for extending our borders southward, three tent meet-



Location of the tent on the De Rossett school grounds in Tennessee.

ings were held in central and eastern Tennessee. A temporary assignee is in De Rossett, Tennessee, now doing visitation and Bible teaching. The future there is in God's hands, but one must say the people are "as sheep having no shepherd."

#### Revivals

A spirit of revival marked the mission area during 1954, with Millerfields and Bloomington most outstanding. With and without evangelists, Millerfields had many altar services. Juniors, teen-agers, young married people and aged were all included in old-fashioned conviction, repentance and baptism.

New man-power was elected to Sunday school and church duties as a result. Then, the old perplexing disappointment, as one after another pulled out for northern cities to find work. We miss their much-needed help but fear more for their souls. Prayer remains our only contact with some.

Three young sisters of sterling quality joined the church in the mission fold. This fact helps to counter the heavy loss of seven members by death, during the year. They were yesterday's church; these are tomorrow's.

Elizabeth Hess's change of responsibility from Knifley visiting and Sunday school and young people's work, to some of our neglected areas

was an unmeasurable boost. She helped get their prayer meeting going again, and the interest has been so good. She also has a well-planned visiting schedule for Egypt, Bloomington, and Spout Springs that is bearing fruit. Her car, time and concern are used of God in bringing souls to the experience of second blessing holiness and church fellowship.

Father and Dortha Dohner gave Bloomington a few months of help in the winter of '53-54 which proved to be the needed "shot in the arm." One remarked, "Everybody loves that old brother who preaches so plain." Since we were unable to "scrouge" Bloomington into our overloaded



Boys and girls get on board for Bible School at Millerfields, Ky.

schedule, Brother Rohrer responded to an urge, during July, to drop in for a Sunday morning service. He was amazed at the large attendance and interest. Even though he had felt that he could not physically shoulder more work, he accepted their invitation to return once a month to preach.

The local group conducted a self-instigated and planned Vacation Bible School that was well attended, though no statistical report was submitted.

#### Vacation Bible School

A new plan was used for our mission Bible School this year. We cen-

tralized a five-day school at Millerfields and transported the scholars from Spout Springs and Fairview. Ida and Ralph Davis from Ashland, Ohio, came for the occasion, and under Ida's experienced teaching and the Jeep-trailer transportation facilities, the start-off day's enrollment of 80 mounted to a high of 117 on the concluding day.

Evangel clinic at Knifley was completed and dedicated March 18, in connection with the Ohio-Kentucky Council which convened at Beulah Chapel, Garlin, Kentucky.

#### WORKERS:

REV. AND MRS. ELAM DOHNER  
ESTHER EBERSOLE

### MEATH PARK, SASKATCHEWAN, CANADA

(North Star Mission)

#### The Howard Creek Church

Seven miles north of Meath Park is a little white church and mission home in the rural district of the Howard Creek school. It is the only church for miles around. In this district live people of many faiths. The Ukranian people are largely Greek Orthodox, Greek and Roman Catholic. Their children attend our Vacation Bible School session, making this and our being neighbors to them the main avenue of reaching them.

#### Sunday School Transportation

The average attendance at Sunday school is about thirty. Because we are a rural district and the whole family comes together, and because of the unified service system, the attendance at Sunday school and worship service is the same.

### Paddockwood

Ten miles from the Howard Creek Church is Paddockwood. A small chapel has been purchased. Two single sisters have been stationed there the past two years. They take care of the Sunday school and a large part of the visiting in that district. The North Star Mission pastor at Howard Creek, is also pastor for Paddockwood. The average attendance at the services is about 27.

#### Prayer Meetings

Prayer meeting in the Howard Creek district is on Wednesday night



The Howard Creek Church.

and in Paddockwood on Thursday night so that the pastor can take care of both services.

#### An Outreach

From Howard Creek the workers also hold services bi-weekly at Candle Lake, a resort twenty-five miles from the mission. There is no church in that area and ours is the only service held in that community. The average attendance there is about twenty, mostly mothers and children.

#### Summer Activities

During the past year we had evangelistic meetings in a tent in Paddockwood and in the church at Howard Creek.

Our Vacation Bible Schools were very well attended and we feel they

are a very important part of the summer activities.

Two young people were baptized and one, who had formerly been baptized, was received into church fellowship.

We anticipate a summer camp here for the Saskatchewan church districts. Pray that this will be the beginning of an important and fruit bearing part of the work in Saskatchewan.

#### WORKERS:

ARTHUR HEISE, PASTOR  
VERNA HEISE  
FLORENCE FAUS  
BERTHA WINGERT

### SAXTON, PENNSYLVANIA

Through the consecrated efforts of the people who had their first meetings in The Grange Hall, many people around Saxton recall when they were first saved. People came from far and near, some walking several miles to attend these meetings. Many souls were saved, and some healed. In 1933 a church was built in Saxton with the home for the workers in the basement.

During this past year the floor of the church took on a different appearance. A rug was placed on the platform and new linoleum on the floor.

There is a growing Sunday school with enrollment of 89, and average attendance of 75.

There are two preaching services each Sunday.

The mid-week prayer meeting with an attendance of about 45 is an inspiration and blessing to those present.

There is good interest in the Christ's Crusaders meetings twice a



The Howard Creek Vacation Bible School.

month, when "Pilgrim's Progress" is presented by flannelgraph. Our young people have been active in projects to better our program. They financed and installed an attractive church bulletin board. This is acquainting the community with our schedule of services and serves as an invitation to everyone.

The afternoon prayer meeting during the week for the sisters is proving a real spiritual blessing.

We were privileged to have several missionaries present challenging messages to us. This has been enlightening to our group.

Our two revival meetings were times of refreshing and several young people were saved.

A Vacation Bible School was conducted with an enrollment of 104. We feel the need of a resident pastor and since the present facilities will not meet the needs of a family, a parsonage has been started. A lot was purchased across the street from the church. Because of weather con-

ditions, not much has been done yet in the building program.

**WORKERS:**

REV. AND MRS. ANDREW SLAGENWEIT  
RUTH KELLER  
ANNE WYLD

**SYLVATUS, VIRGINIA**

**Bethel Mission**

In southwestern Virginia, thirty miles from North Carolina, stands the Bethel Church on Liberty Hill, as a lighthouse to the community. Its beaming lights at night, and the public address system on Sunday morning, surely cannot be hid. Our prayer is that the light of the Gospel will ever shine out from this church.

**Vacation Bible School**

Bible School highlighted the month of July. We had an enrollment of 78 and 32 had perfect at-

tendance. The children and young people were divided into five classes and each class was taught by local teachers. We are thankful for a talented and consecrated staff of teachers here at Bethel. The two weeks were highlighted by a program the last night. Each class ably presented their parts in the program and then displayed their project. The parents and other folks of the community expressed appreciation for the school.

**Regular Services**

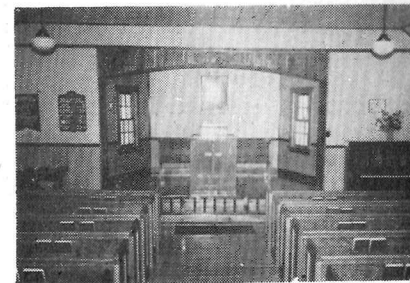
The attendance in Sunday school and the regular services is very good. Thursday night prayer meeting is unusually well attended. We are having informal discussion from the book of Matthew. Many have said that they get more out of prayer meeting than any other service. Two Sunday nights a month, we have an old-fashioned hymn sing, once a month children's service, and once a month Christ's Crusaders. An evangelistic service follows each of these activities. With God's help, we try to maintain a strong evangelistic atmosphere. The response has been very encouraging. One Sunday night, there were six who responded to the invitation, and came to the altar. It is not unusual to have hands raised for prayer, by sinners and Christians who want to go deeper with the Lord.

**Youth Conference**

The Virginia churches enjoyed their first Youth Conference in October. Brother Paul McBeth was with us for this occasion. Being something new for our young people, we were eager to witness the response. Farris Mines and Bethel sponsored this conference jointly. We were thrilled to have 47 young people from different denominations register for the week end. Many of them expressed a desire to have another youth conference next year.

**Bible Instruction in Public Schools**

Aside from our regular duties, we have an open door to four schools for religious programs. We count this a great privilege. The children appreciate the Bible stories and object lessons. Group choruses are also a delight to them. We close the



Interior of the Bethel Church, Sylvatus, Va.

programs with prayer. We appreciate a school board that encourages religious education in the public schools.

**New Pews**

The Bethel church has realized a dream come true. Because of the rapid growth of the Sunday school and church services, new pews became a necessity. After much prayer and planning, we started a pew fund. Interested people in the local church, the church-at-large and friends, rallied to the need, and within five months the order was placed for the furniture. In another three months, the pews were in the church, ready for use. We certainly rejoice and praise God for what He has done. We did all the assembling and installing of the furniture, thus saving a considerable amount of money.

**A New Work**

For several years, we have been praying that the work in Virginia would enlarge its borders. In a miraculous way this prayer was also answered. God directed to us the Raymond Conner family, from

Check, Virginia. Brother Conner has been preaching for several years, and has a congregation of about ninety people, many of them Christians. He was looking for a church that preached and lived a clean life. After thoughtful and prayerful planning, he united with our church. God is using Brother and Sister Conner and their fine family of eight children in a wonderful way. They worship at Adneys Gap, about thirty miles south of Roanoke, along the Blue Ridge Parkway.

As we work together, may many souls be born into the Kingdom of God.

**WORKERS:**

JOHN AND RUTH SCHOCK

**TILLSONBURG, ONTARIO,  
CANADA**

**Houghton Mission**

Greetings to the church in the name of Jesus. We give thanks to God for His blessings and mercies as we look back to the year of 1954 in His service.

**Regular Services**

The regular services have been carried on, consisting of two Sunday schools and two worship services each Sunday. Also weekly prayer meetings at Frogmore and Houghton Centre and a prayer meeting every two weeks in Walsingham.

**Love Feasts**

Love Feast was held in the Houghton Centre church for the first time this spring and, six young people were baptized and added to the church at that time. Bishop Edward Gilmore was with us on this occasion as we rejoiced together in God's blessing on His work.

At the fall love feast in the Frogmore church an elderly sister also united with the church.

**Vacation Bible School**

During the summer, two vacation Bible schools were held of ten days

each. The combined enrollment was 152 and of this group, 16 precious boys and girls sought Jesus as their Saviour.

**Revivals**

Brother James Sider of Bertie district was evangelist at a two-week revival in the Frogmore chapel during March.

Then, in July, Brother Albert Engle was with us for a tent meeting at Houghton Centre, and in late November, Brother Earl Sider of Nanticoke was evangelist for a two week revival at Frogmore. We did enjoy and were greatly helped by the teaching and ministering of the Word by these brethren, and many souls received definite spiritual help as they sought the Lord at the altar of prayer.

**Witnessing**

God also works in private lives. A husband and wife of our congregation had left their home and went to care for an unsaved lady in her eighties. The Lord used their loving ministrations and the testimony of their godly lives to point her to Christ, whom she now confesses as her Saviour.

We praise the Lord for His working among us.

We appreciate the prayers on behalf of the Lord's work here, also the material gifts from various sources which have helped to make it possible.

As we look forward we realize we are entirely dependent on the Lord, but by trust He will keep and guide us continually that we might be used of Him in spreading the glad tidings of salvation.

**WORKERS:**

REV. AND MRS. ALONZA VANNATTER,  
Pastor at Frogmore

REV. AND MRS. BASIL LONG,  
Pastor at Houghton Centre

MARJORIE POLLARD

Home Mission  
Station Financial  
Report

Fold-Out Here  
(see attached)

# Tabulated Financial Report of Home Mission Stations

## Receipts

## Expenditures

CITY MISSIONS	Balance *Deficit	General Local Offerings for Mission	For Pastor	For Other Workers	Evangelism	Missions Home and Foreign	Other General Church Needs	Special Needs and Projects	From the Church-at-large	From Home Mission Board *Loan	TOTAL Receipts	TOTAL Cash Available	Food	Transportation	Rent, Fuel, Utilities	Property Maintenance	Home Furnishings	Hall and/or Church Building Maintenance	For Pastor and Other Workers	Evangelism	Missions Home and Foreign	Other Church Needs	Special Needs and Projects	Promotional and Advertising	Miscellaneous	TOTAL Expenditures	Balance *Deficit
Buffalo.....	\$ 148.98	\$2,121.38	\$233.72	\$16.50	\$ 76.48	\$176.28	\$ 39.45	\$ 135.18	\$1,730.70		\$ 2,821.49	\$ 2,970.47	\$ 859.49	\$ 473.78	\$ 541.81	\$ 63.20	\$ 17.54	\$ 67.42	\$233.72	\$140.62	\$192.58	\$ 44.45	\$ 198.05	\$131.51	\$ 13.70	\$ 2,977.87	\$* 7.40
Chicago.....	14.10	1,524.77	216.84		304.80	332.89	216.67		336.39		4,021.87	4,035.97	674.55	387.90	1,208.62	381.66	97.20	387.61	216.84	354.68	332.89	216.67	332.37	102.17	8.56	3,973.18	62.79
Detroit.....	*2,001.49	2,953.05	281.06		80.00	70.61	44.30		502.37		4,295.91	2,294.42	591.66	987.50	1,445.98	120.45	323.47	387.61	281.06	334.80	70.61	63.35		48.27	151.11	4,923.78	*2,629.36
Harrisburg.....	7.18	2,559.32	244.56			111.42	105.56		10.00		3,541.97	3,549.15	614.07	347.28	985.60	838.54			244.56	80.00	111.42	63.35		78.71		3,514.64	35.41
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Saxton.....	30.30	509.17	\$261.99		401.38	238.75	82.40	281.99			1,825.68	1,855.98	248.37	164.22	87.65	295.00			311.99	375.00	323.73	30.40	1,988.44	10.00	5.00	1,815.96	40.02
Sylvanus (Bethel Mission)....	35.07	1,032.49			130.44	31.63	30.40	1,953.37	328.08		3,506.41	3,541.48	449.21	556.91	328.25		70.90			130.44	31.63	30.40	1,988.44	69.97		3,656.15	*114.67
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Home Mission  
Station Financial  
Report

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## Reports of Mission Pastorates

### ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

"The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." Psalm 126:3.

This has been a good year here at Albuquerque, and we give God all the glory. The Lord has helped us complete our present church building free of debt. Our new pews for the church were recently delivered. This has been a great asset in increasing the attendance.

Our attendance is steadily increasing. It has been running in the sixties nearly all the time. Last Sunday there were 73 present in the regular service with no special emphasis made.

For each of these developments we are deeply grateful but we thank God most of all for the souls which have been definitely saved. Following are two testimonies of a husband and wife who have found the Lord.

#### The Wife's Testimony

"Today my heart is filled with praise and thanksgiving to my blessed Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

"Jesus came into my heart October 26, 1953, bringing complete deliverance from alcohol (which had a definite grip on my life), and all the other sins that had bound me to the devil. Jesus also sanctified me in August, 1954 . . . I became a member of the Brethren in Christ Church in September 1954 where Rev. Paul Wingerd is pastor. Today Christ is King of my home.

My husband and ten-year-old son have made decisions for Jesus . . ."

#### The Husband's Testimony

"The change began in my life when I saw the miracle God wrought within my own home, by transforming my wife from an addict to alcohol into what she is today. We had tried many of the accepted methods of cure, but it took the hand of God to deliver us both from the curse of drink, parties, etc.

". . . The local Brethren in Christ Church group put me on their prayer list before and during the revival. I fought within myself not to attend. At the last minute one evening I decided to attend and it seemed to me

that the entire service was pointed right at me. I went to the altar that night and decided that by the help of God, I would lead a Christian life. I thank God for deliverance. My determination is to live for Him."

As a stimulant to the work, we are regularly engaged in city jail services every Sunday afternoon.

A group contacts our county Detention Home each Sunday. Here we meet hundreds of girls and boys who are unwanted and unsaved. We could relate at length many true life experiences of such cases.

There have been received into church fellowship five new members under the associate church membership plan. This step is important in welding new converts to the mother church.

We thank the Lord for His leadership in every phase of our work. We are anticipating much more additional growth this next year. Help us pray for the host of souls who have come under the influence of the Gospel in this place but who are still outside the fold.

**WORKERS:**

REV. AND MRS. PAUL WINGERD

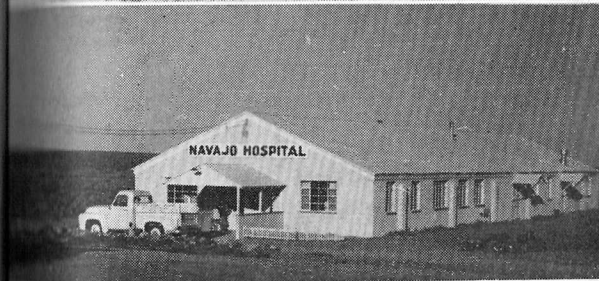
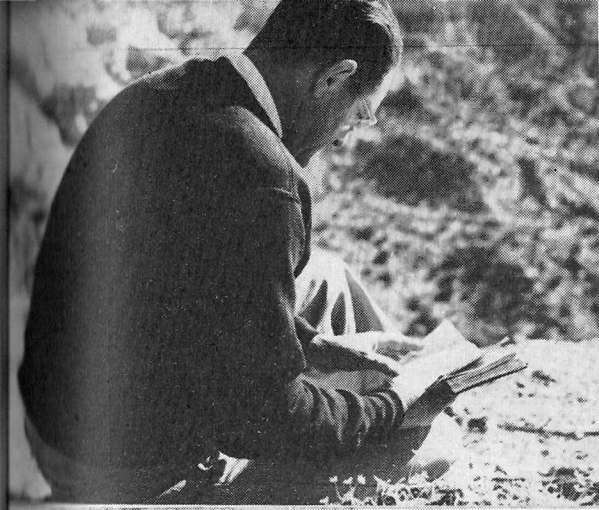
**ALLISONIA, VIRGINIA**

Farris Mines

"Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house: they will be still praising Thee. Selah." Psalm 84:4. As keepers of the gates of the Lord's house, we are made to rejoice always. The greatest, the most important, the most rewarding,—we're convinced that mission work is our work. "For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my Lord, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness." Psalm 84:10.

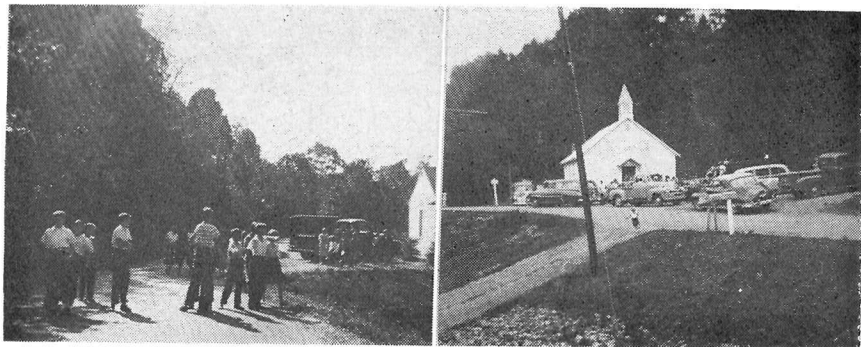
**Sunday School**

"It costs \$5,000 to win an adult," said William Ward Ayer, "but \$40 to win a youth and only \$2 to win a child." Our Sunday school has been working on this assumption the past twelve months, and offer praise to God for that which has been accomplished. There has been a good spirit in the school. The past year has proven regular attendance. Our Christian folk have shown an extraordinary spirit of cooperation this school year. We devoted time to the study of D. Shelby Corlett's booklet of "Visitation Evangelism" just prior



**Pictures Featuring Important Phases of Mission Work**

Prayer and Bible Study; Preaching; Ministering to Physical Needs; Helping Seekers Find God at an Altar of Prayer; Home Visitation; Observance of Ordinances; Physical Labor; Teaching.



Scenes at the Farris Mines Church, Allisonia, Virginia.

to the October Forward contest, and all seemed to get a mind to work. More than doubling our attendance over the month of October of '53, we came out as winner of the "B" Sunday school attendance banner.

The Teachers Training Course was instituted in October. Our teachers are enrolled, as well as teachers from two other schools. They are finding it very helpful. We expect our teachers to be better qualified to teach, for each expects to qualify for his certificate in the spring.

A point system was used this past year which tended to incite greater interest and efficiency.

Our average attendance reached a new high of 70.8 over 60 of last year.

Our Sunday school rating this year reached 96%.

#### Bible School

The Summer Bible School is conducted as a branch of the Sunday school. This is the first year Farris Mines furnished her own teachers. Local talent proved very capable. Ladies of the community helped, and each was challenged. The enrollment reached a high of 75. The Friday evening program was appreciated.

#### Christ's Crusaders

Christ's Crusaders are still on the march. Programs are conducted bi-monthly. Interest is growing. We pray that in our many and varied plans that our youth will be equipped for the tomorrows. We are aware of the fact that the future depends on the youth of today.

Our youth frequent the towns passing out tracts with an evangelistic message.

Our Christ's Crusaders Day brought with it much interest and enthusiasm. Attendance was good. Many expressions called for many more in the years ahead.

During the month of January we held our first Virginia Youth Conference. These were some of the high lights: There were two afternoon and evening services. Brother P. W. McBeth was our guest speaker. Slides were shown on organization of a Christ's Crusaders. Our enrollment reached a high of forty-seven.

#### Mid-week Services

The first Wednesday evening of each month is devoted entirely to the subject of, and the practice of prayer. Each succeeding Wednesday evening we enjoy an informal Bible study. Services are being held in homes as we find open doors. The Virginia

folk are sold on the mid-week services.

#### Fellowship Gatherings

Outdoor recreation is an item of interest over the summer months. Over winter, classes gather in the homes, and often in the parsonage basement. We believe such contacts are very vital.

#### Evangelism

Our fall revival was a spiritual bath for our Christians. Many received help, five professed Jesus as their Savior. Because of our limited privileges to receive through the ministry, such services are always a boost to workers. We praise God for this another revival at the mission.

#### Special Programs

Special programs were given at Easter and at Christmas. Our young people do an excellent job and it is not difficult to get crowds. Folk come from miles around, and great respect and commendation is given.

It is our privilege to contribute to our county's religious education program. We thank God for the open door of our schools. Bi-monthly we give a religious program at one of our consolidated schools of 250 pupils. In February we were privileged to arrange for a Billy Graham evangelistic film to be shown in the school auditorium where twelve boys and girls gave their hearts to Jesus. This makes mission work more interesting.

As well, we present a monthly religious program at our local colored school. We pray that these boys and girls may all find Jesus as their Savior as the seed springs up in their hearts.

#### W. M. P. C.

Our Women's Missionary Prayer Circle is much alive. The ladies attend well, many prayers are offered, and we are sure there are many results. The ladies enjoy the Christian fellowship as well as planning for

many of the needs of the poor or needy.

We never expect to tire of mission work. Pray that we may at all times be at our best, and give of our best to our Master.

MR. AND MRS. WM. RUPERT TURMAN

#### ALTOONA, PENNSYLVANIA

The past year has been filled with many blessings, all at the hand of God. As we look back over the past year we rejoice and say, "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow."

Brother John Minter served as our spring evangelist. During this time troubled souls found rest and peace. We thank God for His movings in our regular services. Various times souls knelt for prayer. Some for salvation and others for bodily healing. We praise God that He heals today.

Our Vacation Bible School was quite challenging as nearly a hundred children gathered in the church for a period of Bible study. Almost a score of them made decisions to give their hearts to God.

Our physical plant was expanded this year by the purchase of a church bus. This has proved to be a real help in our regular services.

The attendance has been on the incline for the past year. Average attendance for Sunday school advanced to 82, an increase of four over last year.

We are encouraged to press on the battle for the Lord. "If God be for us, who can be against us?"

WORKERS:

REV. AND MRS. GERALD WINGERT

#### BLAIR'S MILLS, PENNA.

The interest is good in the regular services at this place.

The unified service is used on Sun-



day morning with an average attendance of 54. It is a thrill to see the folks come from the village and hills to the little church by the side of the road.

Many times Sunday afternoon is spent in visiting. These visits have proved to be a blessing to the homes and also to the pastor and his wife as the sick, the saint, the sinner are prayed with.

#### Vacation Bible School

The ten-day Vacation Bible School was a real blessing to many children. One hundred and thirty-five enrolled and the average attendance was ninety-five. Thirty children sought the Lord and many received definite help.

The evangelistic services in the fall was an encouragement to the work.

The mid-week prayer meeting is an inspiration to the saints and the nice group who attend.

The interest is increasing, more new folks are coming to the services, and we are trusting the Lord that the unsaved will soon find their way to the Lord.

#### WORKERS:

REV. AND MRS. ROY BELTZ

#### BLANDBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

As another year has passed, and we look on the many events that took place, surely we can say, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." We realize that the arm of flesh would fail if it were not for the One we put our trust in, who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we can ask or think.

We are thanking God for new worshippers in our midst; those who grew tired of formal worship and

questionable things in their own church and sought out a place of worship that was clean, and a warm spirit of fellowship. One man prayed one night, "Oh, God we thank thee for leading us to a place that is free from the sin of adultery." This sin seems to be coming so prevalent even in some holiness churches. May the Lord keep us clean.

#### Revivals

We appreciated the two revival services conducted in the spring and fall. Rev. Gillispie ministered to us in the spring, and Brother Romie Sider in the fall. Both speakers were much appreciated by our group and results were visible in both meetings. Souls were saved and sanctified. One outstanding conversion was a Filipino girl who married a sailor and was brought to this country. Your prayers are requested for her.

#### Church Dedication

In May the new church building was dedicated. This building also includes a parsonage. It was a great day in the Lord. The services were blessed of the Lord. We have been working to reduce the debt on the church, and we do praise God for His help in this area.

Our Sunday school attendance has picked up since October. The first Sunday of the Fishers of Men Campaign the attendance went to 87, the highest enrollment yet.

Pray for the work here at Blandburg.

#### WORKERS:

REV. AND MRS. ANDREW MCNIVEN  
LEORA KANODE

#### CHECK, VIRGINIA

#### (Adney Gap Chapel)

#### Now There Are Three

The Virginia mission field now has three congregations.

During the past year, our pastors on the Virginia mission field made contact with an active lay-preacher. They discovered that he desired fellowship with our church.

Brother I. Raymond Conner was aggressive in Sunday school work, also in preaching in areas which were undeveloped by any other church. After the crowd got so large that their homes could not accommodate them, he located an abandoned church which was used for packing apples. After securing the church and doing the clean-up job necessary to have services in it, he had a two-week revival meeting. Sixteen of those dear mountain people were definitely born again.

It was at this point that the Home Mission Board made contact with Bro. Conner. After appropriate counselling and study together, plans were made for him to become a member of the Brethren in Christ Church.

The reception service was held in the Bethel church. It was an unforgettable occasion. At the same service, Bro. Conner was granted ministerial license.

The Adney Gap Chapel, approximately 50 miles from the Bethel church, is now one of our home mission pastorates. In this small chapel, a full church program is conducted, Sunday school, morning worship, and prayer meeting. The Sunday school numbers up to seventy. The prayer meeting is even larger sometimes.

Recently a gentleman 73 years old was gloriously saved. He has thirteen children, sixty-eight grandchildren, and thirteen great-grandchildren.

dren. He is now striving to lead them all to his new-found Saviour.

Plans are being made to build a church in this community. Already the community has pledged approximately \$1,000.00.

Plans are being made to have the first "feet washing" and communion service in this little mountain church this spring.

Let us unite our prayers in behalf of this work.

Report by Bishop Henry Ginder

#### WORKERS:

REV. I. RAYMOND CONNER

#### COLLINGWOOD, ONTARIO, CANADA

The work at Collingwood has had a definite upward trend this past year. The Lord has definitely put His blessing on the work. Souls have sought the Lord and have found the Haven of Rest. Others have rejected God's voice and turned sorrowfully away, but their hearts are still hungry and unsatisfied. Pray that they may turn from their wicked ways and repent and accept Christ as their Saviour.

#### Vacation Bible School

The picture shows our Vacation Bible School in front of our chapel. (The parsonage is to the rear and above the chapel.) Our Bible School was a highlight of our summer's activities. The enrollment was 135 with an average attendance of 91.5. The children were enthused as they were taught the Word of God.

#### Released-Time Bible Instruction

Our opportunity of witness has enlarged this past year as we regularly meet with two large classes each week in the local Senior Public School, for Released Bible Education.



Daily Vacation Bible School,  
Collingwood, Ontario.

#### Pioneer Bands

We have organized a much-needed Pioneer Bands group for boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 12. We meet each Saturday for two hours. The first twenty minutes are given to devotion and Scripture memorization. The next hour is spent in wholesome recreation, the remaining forty minutes is spent in craft-work. We have been making chairs and tables for the Sunday school classes. Only those who attend our Sunday school regularly are eligible for attaining promotion, and rating according to their accomplishments. God has blessed this work and through it we are seeing these children give their hearts to the Lord.

The Sunday school is on the increase.

Missionary meetings have created special interest.

The fall revival conducted by Brother Paul Nigh was in good attendance. The conviction of those services is still lingering on needy hearts.

A reception service is being planned for five new members.

Local support is increasing as individuals are feeling it their responsibility to get back of the work.

Pray for us and the work here.

WORKERS:

REV. AND MRS. ISAAC SCHMUCKER

#### DELISLE, SASKATCHEWAN

We feel that the Lord has been with us and guided our work in 1954. January settled in with extreme cold, and because of rather poor heating facilities in the school, we had services in the homes. This seemed to add rather than detract from the interest. The interest was maintained throughout most of the year, and the result was a notable increase in attendance—averaging about twenty.

#### A Missionary Returns

One of the highlights of the year was the return of our "Delisle Missionary," Sister Annie Winger. She returned in March after having spent thirty years of her life in Africa. Her arrival was greatly anticipated not only by the church but by the whole community. Since that time she has been a splendid contribution to the work.

#### Special Services

During the year a number of special services were rendered by various groups. We especially appreciated the sacrificial service of our evangelist, Brother Isaac Kanode during two weeks in July. Rainy weather made for poor attendance at times, but Brother Kanode's work was always inspirational and constructive for the Christian community.

Another special service was the dedication service for Marvin Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Zoerb in April. We appreciate the consecration of these parents.

Somewhat unique services were given by outside groups. In the spring the Saskatoon Free Methodist Young People drove out to our school for an afternoon service. In the Fall, the Delisle United Church Junior Choir, a group of thirteen boys and girls ranging in age from five to twelve, rendered a beautiful service

in song. We were impressed by their child-like sincerity.

In spite of the renewed interest we are sorry to report there were no new professions during the year. We think this constitutes a serious criticism of the work. Will you pray that God will make our witness effective through the power of the Holy Spirit?

WORKER:

REV. ROBERT SIDER

#### EVERETT, PENNSYLVANIA

##### Clear Creek and Ray's Cove Churches

Greetings from Clear Creek and Ray's Cove congregations located among the hills and mountains of Bedford County, Pennsylvania.

*"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.*

*He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed,*

*Shall doubtless come again with rejoicing,*

*Bringing his sheaves with him."*

Psalm 126:5, 6.

We have been sowing the seed another year but the time to present the sheaves with rejoicing is yet a future event. We are reminded of the urgency of the task before us and we purpose to help,

*"Rescue the perishing, care for the dying,*

*Snatch them in pity from sin and the grave;*

*Weep o'er the erring ones, lift up the fallen,*

*Tell them of Jesus, the mighty to save."*

We are thankful for the presence of the Lord in our services, and for the attendance and interest manifested. We have had precious altar services in our regular meetings. Three evangelistic meetings were conducted with good attendance. Brother An-

drew McNiven served in the spring revival, and Brother Joseph VanderVeer in the winter revival at Clear Creek. Brother Eli Miller of the Mennonite Church of Elton, Pennsylvania was with us for the meeting at Ray's Cove. As the message of the Gospel went forth under the anointing of the Holy Ghost, souls were stirred and many prayed for definite needs. Sixty-nine souls professed spiritual help during the year. An all-day meeting the closing Sunday of our revivals, proved to be a great blessing to the saints.

#### Regular Services

The three prayer meetings a week are a source of inspiration and blessing to all who attend.

The interest is good, about 75 in attendance, at the *Christ's Crusaders* Meeting twice a month.

Ninety-nine average attendance at the Clear Creek Sunday school.

Thirty-five average attendance at the Ray's Cove Sunday school.

The Vacation Bible School at Clear Creek had an average attendance of 65.

Visitation is an important part of our ministry. Nearly 300 visits were made during the year.

We are anticipating the completion of our new church building. The work of the building is moving forward.

The church folks of this area enjoyed the opportunity to witness in a new community. Near the home of one of our brethren was a closed church. For several months services were held there, and we rejoice that the people of that community had another opportunity to hear the Gospel message.

Will you help us pray for the work at this place?

WORKERS:

REV. AND MRS. ROSS MORNINGSTAR

## GRANTS PASS, OREGON

### Redwood Country Church

#### Sunday School

The enrollment of our Sunday school stood at 160 for the past year, and the average attendance was 19% higher than the previous year.

The spiritual aspect of the church was greatly strengthened by several new families who have moved into our area and make their church home with us. Our revival meeting was a blessing to us because it stirred the people into new zeal for souls and a closer walk with the Lord. One young man, a young mother, and three teen-age girls followed the Lord in water baptism.

#### Building Program

The physical needs of our church were cared for by the installation of a wood-burning furnace; the exterior of the church was painted; an addition to the church was built at a cost of about \$900. This increases the seating capacity 50%; and much appreciated by everyone is the steeple and bell tower that enhances the appearance of the church and makes it truly Redwood Country Church as the bell calls the people to worship each Sunday morning.

#### WORKERS:

REV. AND MRS. GLENN F. DILLER

## HANOVER, PENNSYLVANIA

#### A New Church

During the past year a new congregation was born. Its headquarters are at Hanover, Penna., officially known as the Conewaga Brethren in Christ Church. It now consists of 26 members.

This congregation was developed because of their acceptance of full Bible holiness. These Christians

## GARLIN, KENTUCKY

"The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it." This is a gracious reality.

#### Beulah Chapel

The work at this place is deepening. A number have sought and found the Spirit-filled life.

The Sunday school increased in interest and attendance the past year. The enrollment has reached 139; the highest attendance one day was 116. The average attendance was 86.

#### Bloomington

For the second half of the year we have been serving in the preaching services in this community once a month. There is a good Sunday school with an attendance of 67, many of them children. There is a good cottage prayer meeting each week. God is blessing the efforts of the Christians in this community.

#### Grassy Springs

The work at Grassy Springs remains about the same, maybe a little stronger. A neighbor minister who was burdened for this community asked us to help in a revival effort. We gladly consented and carried on for a week. Heavy conviction was on the people but no one yielded.

We are happy for the privilege of holding up the standard of second blessing holiness in these communities, by the grace of God.

The sweet presence of the Holy Ghost has been our portion and stay. Satan's darts have been hurled, but praise God His saints are marching on and digging deeper. Hallelujah to Heaven's King.

#### WORKERS:

REV. AND MRS. E. J. ROHRER

needed closer fellowship with each other, as well as fellowship with a holiness organization.

During the past year they have been meeting in a rented chapel in Hanover, Penna. Their program now consists of Sunday school and worship each Sunday morning, a youth program and evangelistic service every other Sunday night. Also a midweek prayer meeting each week.

This new congregation is being organized in a way which we believe will help them to carry their own functions administratively and financially in the very near future.

The initial steps have been taken for building a new church. It is hoped that this may materialize sometime during the coming year.

If you desire a spiritual uplift, plan to visit with this congregation in which a high percentage of people are enjoying the first fruits of a life of holiness.

*Reported by Henry Ginder,  
Board Representative*

#### PASTOR:

REV. ELWOOD FLEWELLING

## HOLLIDAYSBURG, PENNA.

#### Canoe Creek

The Canoe Creek Mission is located eight miles east of Hollidaysburg, Pa., one-quarter mile off route 22 on the Beaver Dam Road. The little white bungalow church and parsonage combined are set on the slope of a big hill one-half mile west of Canoe Mountain. Here in this deep valley with beautiful mountains towering on either side, the little Juniata River threads its way reminding us that time like the river goes on and on with precious souls going on in sin unmindful of their need of a Saviour.

Here in two beautiful valleys, Turkey and Scotch Valley, with its surrounding communities, lies a most needy field for evangelism. According to a reliable survey only one-fourth of the population in this area attend Church and Sunday school regularly. On top of that three-fourths of the regular attendants are children and the rest are mostly women.

With so many children coming without parents, we have a problem of discipline, trying to keep order, and teaching the children reverence for the house of God.

#### Attendance Increasing

We do thank and praise God for the increased interest in our Sunday school this past year. The enrollment has gone from sixty to eighty with an all-time high of 114. Even during the worst weather this winter, when the roads were bad with snow and ice, our attendance was good.

We have been trying to reach the people of this community by visitation, much prayer, and features of interest in the Chapel.

This past year some of our special speakers were—Sister Ethel Eltherington, who gave us an inspiring talk on Home Extension Work. Rev. Marlin E. Morre gave a challenging message on Rally Day. Rev. and Mrs. David Climenhaga gave a missionary talk, showing pictures of their work in Africa. We had different local preachers and speakers at various times which all help to keep the people interested and the work progressing.

Our revival meeting this past year was well attended. The spirit was faithful and the interest good, as twenty-six souls bowed at an altar of prayer. We are also planning for a spring revival some time in May.

To get a better idea of the work and need at this place we extend an invitation to all, and would be very

happy to have anyone visit us at any time.

**WORKERS:**

REV. AND MRS. ART W. COOPER

**HUNLOCK CREEK, PENNA.**

"This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes." Mark 12:11

We have enjoyed working the past year in this part of God's vineyard, where we have seen the moving of the Spirit.

In addition to our regular services, we have conducted three revival meetings. The spring revival was held by Brother Bruce Grove, who faithfully preached God's Word. A total of twenty-nine souls sought God for spiritual needs, and several were anointed for healing.

A tent meeting was held near the village of Hunlock Creek, with the pastor serving as evangelist. By means of a public address system, the messages went ringing and echoing through the surrounding hills. A teen-age girl and her grandmother sought God for the first time in this meeting.

Brother Andrew McNiven preached in the fall revival. In spite of the tension caused by the pastor's car being stolen, the blessing of the Lord rested upon this meeting. Fourteen souls knelt at the altar for spiritual help. We praise God for revival spirit in our midst. (We pause to thank God for the recovery of our car with very little damage.)

We were happy to have Bishop Ginder, our Home Mission Board representative, with us on several occasions this year.

A Daily Vacation Bible School was conducted in the church. This

was well attended and proved an inspiring time to teachers and pupils alike.

Our visitation program has been stepped up. We have endeavored to contact about five homes a week.

Our Sunday school enrollment as well as average attendance has shown an increase.

Hospital visitation took us as far as Philadelphia where we visited a heart patient from our community. This was a means of softening hearts that had been somewhat hardened toward our church.

Pray for us as we face the future here with its new opportunities and responsibilities.

**THE WORKERS:**

REV. AND MRS. THOMAS BOUCH

**ICKESBURG, PENNSYLVANIA**

**Saville Church in Liberty Valley**

The congregation here has been active in the last year with much physical change to the property. The old Spring Grove School-building was remodelled for a parsonage in which the pastor now lives. This marks a milestone of the Saville Church progress toward full development.

The pastor came to this charge the beginning of November, to minister to and serve these people with the Word of the Lord.

**Finances**

The church note was diminished by \$875.00 which we consider a rather sizeable sum since the parsonage remodeling was also accomplished without additional indebtedness to the congregation.

**Spiritual Aspects**

The spiritual aspect of the work of this valley also shows some signifi-

cance in relation to the above mentioned achievements. The Sunday school has increased some during the year. Enrollment is seventy-seven.

The Bible School program realized an enrollment of ninety-six. This program is carried on by our church but it ministers to children of several churches in this area. We believe that this ministry is blessed of the Lord as the Word is taught to the children.

Though there was not as much response to the evangelistic services as we would have wished, yet we know that the Word will not return void, but will bear fruit as the Spirit works in the hearts of the people of this valley.

**WORKERS:**

REV. AND MRS. ROY MUSSER

**IRON SPRINGS, PENNA.**

We greet you in the precious name of Jesus. In looking back over another year in the Lord's service, we find that many and varied have been our experiences. On every hand we see evidences that the passage of time has brought changes, some encouraging and some disappointing. Over and above this we find the one changeless and enduring blessing—the goodness and mercy of God. How we do praise Him.

**Church Dedication**

One big event of the year was the dedication of our new church building in May. This service was full of inspiration as we deeply sensed the presence of the Lord. About 400 attended. It was our privilege to have with us Bishop Henry Ginder, Chairman of the Home Mission Board, and our representative on the Board, Rev. Eber Dourte who presided for this occasion. Also Bishop C. N. Hostet-

ter, Jr., and Rev. Albert Engle served on the program. These two brethren, then students at Messiah College, came to Iron Springs in 1923 as young evangelists and started the work here. Brother Engle reminisced on the former days at Iron Springs, Brother Hostetter brought the Dedication Semon and Brother Ginder was in charge of the Dedication Ritual, the Dedication Prayer, and the presentation of the keys to the Trustees. The pastor spoke words of appreciation and gave the treasurer's report. The total offering for the day in cash and pledges was \$696.77.

**Vacation Bible School**

Our Bible School showed a marked increase in interest and attendance this year. The enrollment was 137 and average attendance 105. A number of children responded to the invitation to accept Christ. We appreciated the services of Sister Abbey Wenger of Shady Grove who served as superintendent. This was her third year to thus serve us.

**Some Brief Accounts**

Sunday school stayed about the same this year. Attendance, 62.

Revival in January with Brother Christian Sider, a former worker. Good contacts were made through visitation and his messages appreciated.

In September four infants were dedicated to the Lord. May God bless their lives.

We had much sickness in our congregation which hindered church attendance. But we are thankful there were no deaths in our church family.

As we close the books for one year and open them on another, we pray that God will bless the work at Iron Springs. Do remember us in your prayers.

**WORKERS:**

REV. AND MRS. LEONARD FALK

## KINDERSLEY, SASKATCHEWAN

One of the outstanding events of the past year for us was the completion and dedication of the new church building in the town of Kindersley. The church was filled to capacity for the dedicatory service on Easter Sunday afternoon. Many favorable comments were made by community friends when they saw the attractive chapel made possible by many hours of donated labor. Our congregation is small, and we appreciate the cooperation and sacrifice of each one who made it possible to dedicate the building debt free.

Since the opening of the church in town, no regular services have been held in the Clearview church in the country. However, we did return to Clearview for our annual love feast services in the summer. We have gained a few new Sunday school scholars since having services in town, but there are still many to be reached—and it is a real pull to build up a work in a small town where there are other evangelical groups similar to ours in doctrine. But we know God is able, if we are faithful!

Our services were blessed with the presence of missionaries and many visitors from the East this past year, and we do appreciate contacts with others of our church. Many times we feel isolated from the main body of the church. Even our three missions in Saskatchewan are separated by many miles; and to keep us in closer contact with each other, we have started publication of a quarterly bulletin.

We are anticipating the launching of our first summer camp meeting this year. Will you pray with us that these services may be a real blessing to young and old alike? Without Him, we labor in vain.

### WORKERS:

REV. AND MRS. JOHN GARMAN

## KITTANNING, PENNA.

### Sunnyside Chapel

Sunnyside is a lovely little village of pretty homes, well-kept lawns, and luxuriant gardens. The population of Sunnyside is approximately three hundred.

### History of the Work

Several years ago, the Executive Board of our church was contacted by a local leader of a little group of people in Armstrong County by the name of "Brethren in Christ." There is some probability that some time in the past this group had some relationship with our church. Bishop Henry Miller and Elder John Martin kept close contact with the group for some time. Brother Donald Fisher and family were contacted and came to Armstrong County at the request of the Executive Board, to assist in the work among this group of people. The recommendation of the Executive Board to the General Conference of 1954 that the work here be placed under the supervision of the Home Mission Board was accepted. The Home Mission Board retained Brother and Sister Donald Fisher as workers and S. Iola Dixon was placed here to assist in the work.

### The Chapel

The chapel is located on a little knoll in the midst of beautiful scenic hills, about three miles from Kittanning, along a good hard-surface road. The chapel was formerly built and used for a school. It was bought by our church and used for religious services. Some repairs and remodeling was necessary. This was done in the evenings after work. Much of the labor was donated by local men. In a recent council meeting it was agreed to finish the excavation for the basement which is much needed for Sunday school rooms. More remodeling is to be done before the dedication of the chapel on May 1, 1955.

### Revivals

A tent meeting was held at Sunnyside near the chapel during the month of June. Brother Arthur Brubaker was the evangelist. The attendance was fair. Twelve knelt at the altar of prayer for spiritual help.

Rev. Silas West, a Wesleyan Methodist, served as evangelist for the revival in November. Twenty-eight found help at the altar. Some of these people from both meetings are faithful attendants at our services.

### Sunday School

We secured a used bus which was used during the fall to convey children and adults to Sunnyside Chapel. The bus ran through East Kittanning and Troy Hill. During this time the Sunday school attendance reached a peak of 76. This we were able to hold until winter brought sub-zero temperatures, hazardous roads and a seemingly endless sickness among our group. With better weather, the attendance is showing a steady increase in all the services. New contacts are constantly being made, new faces appear in nearly every service.

### Prayer Meetings

Mid-week prayer meetings were conducted rather spasmodically until last summer. Now the interest is very good. It has been a means of spiritual growth to the new converts.

### Council Meeting

There was no church council until March 2, 1955. We were pleased with the interest and deliberations of the group as each item of business was presented.

### Visitation

During the fall many personal contacts were made in the area of East Kittanning, Troy Hill and Sunnyside. Many confessed a spiritual need, some were convulsed in sobs during prayer. This visitation took us from the palace on the hill to the hovel in the gutter. Everywhere we found

open doors and open hearts to the Gospel. Quite a number of the "Brethren in Christ" group were contacted. We experienced a thrill, we cannot explain. Since August, 124 visits were made where prayer was offered and souls personally dealt with. One hundred thirty-eight calls were made when Christian literature was distributed and a personal invitation was given to the services.

We ask your prayers for the work at Sunnyside.

### WORKERS:

REV. AND MRS. DONALD FISHER  
S. IOLA DIXON

## KNIFLEY, KENTUCKY

Here at Knifley we have witnessed the blessings of the Lord in many different ways.

The winter revival was held at Gospel Hall in February with Brother John Schock serving as evangelist. Three souls were saved in these meetings.



### Services from the Hilltop

An Easter Sunrise Service, the first of its kind for Knifley, was enjoyed on the hilltop west of Knifley by those who shared and those who listened from their homes.

On Christ's Crusaders Day a group of about thirty young people hiked from Gospel Hall to this same hilltop where they conducted an open air



Gospel Hall Vacation Bible School, Knifley, Kentucky.

program over the public address system. Needless to say the young people and the people of the village enjoyed this service.

#### Vacation Bible School

A ten-day Bible School was held in the month of May. With the help of the ladies of the community, we were able to operate successfully with four classes. There was a total average attendance of forty-eight. On decision day eight girls came to the inquiry room to accept Christ.

#### Tent Meetings

A two-weeks tent meeting was held on the parsonage lot last summer with Bishop Henry Schneider serving as evangelist. In the last night's service there was a real melting together as many people, saved and unsaved, pledged by a handshake to meet the evangelist in Heaven. A young couple were saved in that service.

On that same site the Kentucky holiness camp meeting was conducted for ten days. Rev. Percy Cassel served as Bible teacher and evangelist. Sessions of Bible Study and prayer were conducted in the afternoon and revival at night. On the closing night thirteen young people

sought the Lord at an altar of prayer.

#### Baptismal Service

Several weeks after the tent meeting thirteen applicants presented themselves for baptism. It certainly is our desire and prayer that many of these may be gathered into the fold of the church in the future. Some have not stood true to the Lord, but others remain faithful.

#### Change in Services

The regular appointments at Gospel Hall have been changed. There is Sunday school and worship each Sunday morning and Christ's Crusaders and evangelistic service each Sunday evening. While this has resulted in a slight drop in attendance at the present, we feel that the change will create more dependability.

#### Visitation Experiences

Hospital visits have been made at Campbellsville that proved to be profitable.

While visiting in one home before a Sunday morning service, a little girl was healed of asthma.

A young father suffering with tuberculosis was saved in the sanatorium at Glasgow, went home to be with the Lord.

Sorry to tell you several men whom I visited in Knifley a number of times, died unsaved.

It was a pleasure to make approximately six contacts at the Knifley school the past year. One contact was also made at the Columbia grade school and one at the High School.

#### Preparation for Better Service

Entering Campbellsville College last fall has decreased pastoral activity on one hand. However, it has made possible the transfer of valuable Biblical and spiritual help to our people as we go along. It has also stimulated wholesome relations

between us and people who have not been acquainted with us before.

The Lord has blessed in many ways. However, there is yet very much land to be possessed for the Lord at Knifley. Men's lives are being cursed by drink. Many young people are being spotted with a life of licentiousness. Christ alone is the answer for these lost souls. Our testimony for Christ needs to be strengthened as never before.

#### WORKERS:

REV. AND MRS. PAUL WOLGEMUTH  
ELIZABETH HESS, NURSE

#### LEEDEY, OKLAHOMA

##### (Red Star Church)

It was quite a challenge to accept the pastorate of the Red Star Church. We were born in Oklahoma not many miles from the church. We know the people for some miles around. So we count it a privilege to be pastor of our "home" church. We have served for eight months and have enjoyed the work. Our lives have been enriched as we labor here with these dear people.

God has been gracious to us as a community. We have heard the Gospel from this little church down through the years.

We have not seen what our hearts have desired to see these past months. But as we pray and believe God, we know He will answer our prayers.

About twenty attend Sunday school and thirty-five to forty the evening service. Three united with the church the past year, one by letter and two by reception service. We are trusting God that 1955 will bring us a revival that will save souls, deepen believers and add to the church such as would be saved.

Pray that the work may move forward at Red Star Church.

#### WORKERS:

REV. AND MRS. CLYDE DENNY

#### LLEWELLYN, PENNSYLVANIA

God has truly been with us during the past year and we have much to be thankful for. He has seen fit to bless us spiritually and physically and has supplied our financial needs.

We are glad to report a definite increase in our Sunday school attendance. Our little chapel is over-crowded so that it is difficult to do the scholars justice in Bible instruction. We are trusting the Lord for wisdom in solving this problem.

There is also an increase in attendance at the Sunday evening worship service. We have organized a young people's service which precedes the worship service.

Continue to pray for the work here and the workers that God may have His way.

#### WORKERS:

REV. AND MRS. CYRUS LANDIS

#### ORLANDO, FLORIDA

After ten full weeks of hard work, almost blood, sweat and tears, the remodeling and enlarging of the church was completed and ready for use. Even though there were some details yet to finish the plant was dedicated March 28, 1954 and we should say just in time for the first D. V. Bible School.

With very good cooperation among teachers and officers, we experienced 64 in average attendance and 80 enrolled. Really we were thrilled as they "came in," and we were able to fill or use all the added room to the church.

The Sunday school reached a new high in attendance during the year with an average of 70. During the past five years the average attendance was

65 in 1950
57 in 1951
60 in 1952
63 in 1953
71 in 1954

At this writing, February 1955, we can report 104 in attendance last Sunday counting northern visitors. We have our goal set higher for 1955.

Both fall and winter revivals brought special blessings to the church here. The winter meeting strengthened our people for the building strain. Even though we did not see great visible result a real need was met at that time.

The fall meeting with Rev. A. H. Engle, as evangelist brought visible results and as well that which could not be seen. As the Holy Spirit again graced the congregation with His presence, thirteen walked forward to the altar of prayer, all adults. This really was a high spot in 1954. Four couples, husbands and wives, walked up pair by pair. It was a beautiful scene. Also we can now report that nine were taken into church fellowship, some as a result of this revival.

**WORKERS:**

REV. AND MRS. HAROLD WOLGEMUTH

**RINGGOLD, MARYLAND**

Greetings from the Brethren in Christ outpost in Maryland.

In 1871 the fourth church building of the Brotherhood was erected at Ringgold, Maryland. This is a well-built church. The foundation is of limestone and the brick were hand-made from clay near the building location. In those early years the membership was strong. But many families moved away, older members went to their reward and the attendance became very small. The work at Ringgold was discontinued a number of years ago because of lack of interest and attendance.

**Our Burden for a Closed Church**

During the recent years with the renewed activity at the church of Waynesboro and Hollowell, there developed concern about the work at Ringgold. Due to the fact that both these churches were struggling to develop self-sustaining programs of their own, they had no workers to spare for the opening of the work. But the burden for Ringgold increased, and with it, God opened the way for the re-opening of the work. The local district officials requested that the Home Mission Board assume the oversight of the work for several years.

**Opening the Work**

The work officially opened in August 1954 with a tent meeting and Bible School. Herbert and Evelyn Hoover assumed their responsibilities. A mission-minded couple from New Guilford Church volunteered their services, and several couples from Hollowell also transferred to Ringgold. The Sunday school began with an attendance of ten. Since that time, the attendance has increased to about forty. We praise God for this numerical increase. But we rejoice for the souls that have been saved as a result of the preached Word and home visitation.

*Reported by Rev. Eber Dourte,  
Board Representative*

**WORKERS:**

REV. AND MRS. HERBERT HOOVER

**SHANESVILLE, OHIO**

We are happy to report that the Lord has been blessing the work here in many ways during the past year. We have been busy sowing the seed but have carried a burden for those who need the soil of their hearts conditioned to receive the seed. We have wept and prayed for those who need to be made whole.

Three families have moved away and that has greatly reduced our attendance. God has promised, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst," and we are thankful we have realized God's presence with us.

We had two evangelistic meetings. Bishop Henry Schneider served in our January meeting and Brother Robert Wengerd was our evangelist in the tent meeting in August. The tent was placed in Sugar Creek. The people of Sugar Creek and Shanesville heard the Gospel message. Again the Seed was sown.

The children received Bible instruction in the Vacation Bible School. We trust the Seed will produce a harvest unto eternal life. His Word promises it will not return void; but we shall come rejoicing, bringing our sheaves with us. Praise His name!

**WORKERS:**

REV. AND MRS. ELI CHRISTENER

**SHERMAN'S VALLEY AND  
RIDDLESBURG, PA.**

We praise the Lord for the privilege to be "Ambassadors for Him," in these communities. He is a loving and gracious Master to serve. We thank the Lord indeed for what He has done at Sherman's Valley and Riddlesburg.

*Sherman's Valley*

We have been privileged to see an increase in both enrollment and average attendance in Sunday school. There seems to be good interest among the adults. Most of the Sunday school attendants stay for the worship service that follows.

**Prayer Meetings**

Our weekly cottage prayer meetings continue to be a real inspiration, and new homes continue to be opened for this service.

**Revivals**

Last spring and fall we had good revival services. There were several young people saved in the spring meeting and one mother in the fall services.

**Christ's Crusaders Meetings**

These services are held every two weeks. They prove to be quite a challenge both to the leaders and young people. Once a month we meet in classmeetings with the young people, which are well attended and a real tool to maintain interest. Our group of 25 young folks between the ages of 14 and 20 are a tremendous challenge! Quite a number of them are unsaved, please pray for them.

There is a group of young married folks we have not seemingly been able to reach as we would like to. We are definitely praying that the Lord will guide us in this real need.

**Vacation Bible School**

Our Bible School was quite well attended with an average of 70. A real live goldfish sparked some real interest.

Our Annual Bible Conference last spring and the Watch Night Service at the close of 1954 proved real blessings to the congregation. Pray definitely for this part of God's vineyard.

*Riddlesburg*

Last spring we were privileged to have a revival service at the Riddlesburg Mission. These meetings were quite well attended.

**Bible School**

Our Vacation Bible School at this place proved a real success last year. We used the goldfish contest and our average attendance was boosted to 60. Several children sought the Lord on Decision Day.

We had an interesting experience at Riddlesburg last Fall. For several reasons the Mission Board considered closing the Mission here. After prayer and much deliberation, the Lord

definitely led for the doors to stay open at this place. After some of the people realized that the doors may close if not more interest is shown, they really rallied to attend and support financially this work. As a result our attendance and offerings really increased. This also effected our cottage prayer meetings each week, causing a much better interest and attendance there.

At the present time we meet every Wednesday afternoon for definite prayer for the needs of our town. God is blessing those who meet and surely He will answer prayer.

We also meet with about 12-15 young folks each month for class meeting. Most of this group is unsaved. Pray for the desperate need of Riddlesburg.

Several improvements to the mission property were made last fall for which we are thankful.

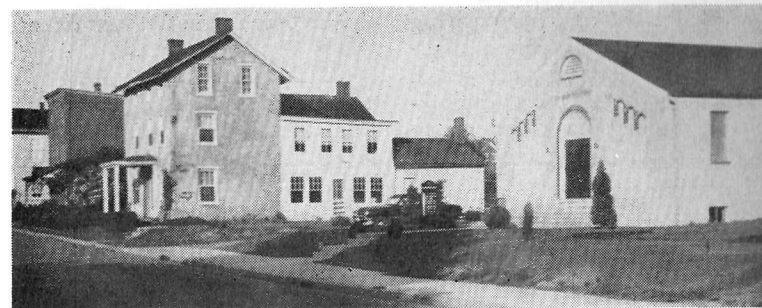
**WORKERS:**

REV. AND MRS. MARLIN RESSLER

**STOWE, PENNSYLVANIA**

It was a crisp clear morning in the mountains of Blair County. To the neighbors it was just another day, but to us it meant a lot of activity and the breaking of pastoral ties with a people whom we had come to love and appreciate. This was March 2 — it was moving day. It was the day after heavy rains and wind. The warm sun was much appreciated as we travelled the approximate two hundred miles from Canoe Creek Mission to the rolling slopes of Montgomery County. Our travel was cheap in that we did most of it ourselves. I drove the truck and Sister Bicksler followed in the car.

Since then we have found Stowe to be a very interesting and busy place. St. Paul's Reformed church, St. Peter's Lutheran church and the Stowe Brethren in Christ Mission church had a joint service on Good Friday and again on Thanksgiving



The church and parsonage at Stowe, Pennsylvania.

Day. Your writer served as the Baccalaureate speaker in our local high school. By being a member of the pastors' association we were privileged to serve in the morning devotions radio broadcast for twelve mornings this year.

**Evangelism**

We believe in constant evangelism. In addition we had two special periods of revival effort. The first in May, and the second in October. In the first effort eleven children sought to have their needs satisfied. Some to correct their ways and the others sought the Lord for salvation. It was a thrilling time for all. In the latter campaign extensive advertising was used. The response in numbers attending was not as we hoped but the spiritual blessings were abundant.

**Pine Forge Chapel**

I speak at the Pine Forge Chapel twice each month. This is a small community chapel built by the local industrialist, and rented to the people for a dollar a year by the present owner. Two of our families lead in the Sunday school work here. Many different churches are represented in membership and background. We pray that God will continue to help us in declaring a saving and sanctifying gospel to these people.

**Regular Services**

Our average attendance in Sunday school at Stowe this year was 88. We have Christ's Crusaders meeting every Sunday evening followed by the worship service. These evening services are attended well by our members, and the mid-week prayer meeting is about the same.

**Release-Time Bible Instruction**

Wednesday afternoon we have religious instruction classes for released-time pupils. We have a class of six pupils from grades 3 and 4, and then a class of seventeen from grades 5 and 6. Many of these children go to various churches and others have no church contact. Only a few know the Lord as their Saviour. The discipline problem among the boys is usually bombastic.

**Baptismal Service**

During a cool evening of August, ten boys and girls followed the Lord in baptism in the smooth-flowing waters of the Manatawny creek. We covet your prayers for these candles that they might burn all the way for Him.

**The Home-going of a Beloved Sister**

We wish to pay tribute to the sister who started this mission work here in Stowe. Sister Gwaldys Hilpot has endeared herself to a large part of



The Bible School at Riddlesburg, Penna.



this community through her untiring efforts through the years. She rendered much physical assistance as a registered nurse; financial and clothing aid as an organizer and group leader; all of this being crowned in her presentation of the good news of salvation. On the 30 of December 1954, she went to be with her Lord. She was working for others up until a few days before her homegoing. She has entered her rest and the hospitality of heaven.

We praise God for His faithfulness during another year of mission work. We rejoice in spiritual growth and deeper working of His grace. We are conscious of our limitations and failings but can also report many victories in His name. We rejoice in our personal salvation and glory in our Sayiour.

Remember the work of the Stowe Mission in your prayers.

WORKERS:

REV. AND MRS. JOHN BICKSLER

### THREE SPRINGS, PENNSYLVANIA

(Center Grove Chapel)

The year of 1954 has passed swiftly by and with it many opportunities and duties. We have enjoyed the presence of the Lord during the year. He is faithful to His promise that He will never leave us or forsake us.

The work has shown a slight increase in attendance in the Sunday morning service for which we are thankful. We have an enrollment of 25 in our Sunday school and most of them remain for the worship service.

The mid-week prayer meeting is a source of inspiration to God's children.

We were privileged to have Bro-

ther Albert Engle with us for a four-nights revival in October.

On December 5, we were pleased to have a group of young people from Messiah College with us and present a program in the forenoon and afternoon. We enjoyed these programs very much.

We are planning and praying for a revival. Will you help us pray, please?

WORKER:

ROBERT F. WALKER

### UNIONTOWN, OHIO

The words of Jacob in Genesis 28:17, "This is the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven," would express the attitude of those who worship at Uniontown. With the warmth and glow of Christian charity, our work here advances. We are "not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." Our hearts have been warmed by the genuine interest and concern of each one to live for Christ and spread the good news of life.

#### Regular Services

Services have been conducted regularly Sunday after Sunday with an average attendance of 63 on Sunday morning.

The attendance and response at the prayer meeting on Wednesday evening has been especially commendable. It is not unusual to have 45-50 at these services.

#### Revivals

During the spring and summer we had two revival services of one week each.

#### Vacation Bible School

Our first Vacation Bible School held in June was a success and blessing to the work.

#### Love Feast

In November we had our love feast and communion service. The attendance was good and the Lord met with us. The inspirational talks of Bishop Henry Ginder and Brother Albert Engle were much appreciated and very timely.

#### Improvements

We are striving to improve our facilities to better serve the Lord and meet the needs of the congregation and community here.

Our thanks and appreciation goes to two classes of the Sunday school at Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, for the much-needed new hymnals they so kindly provided for us.

The splendid cooperation of the congregation is an inspiration and a challenge to press the battle forward for our Lord.

WORKERS:

REV. AND MRS. WALTER LEHMAN

### WELLAND MISSION, WELLAND, ONTARIO

A five-day Daily Vacation Bible School was held in July with Mr.

and Mrs. Howard Wolgemuth as the teachers. The enrollment was 126.

There was no regular pastor here for the summer months. During this time the steward carried the responsibility of the services and needs of the congregation with the help of ministers from neighboring congregations.

The Women's Missionary Prayer Circle and Sewing Circle is an active group, meeting once a month. The attendance varies from four to eight.

In October a Good News Club, using materials from Child Evangelism Fellowship, was started. It is held in the parsonage on Thursdays after school. The enrollment is increasing.

A visitation program was conducted during the Forward Contest with a number of the congregation participating. Each one seemed to receive a blessing as they went out by two's into the neighboring community witnessing for Christ and encouraging church attendance.

We thank the Lord for His blessing in the work here at Welland.

WORKERS:

REV. AND MRS. GLEN RESSLER

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Part III

*Sunday School  
Statistical Report*

# Statistical Report, Brethren in Christ Sunday School Work, 1954

C. W. BOYER, Secretary, Commission on Sunday School

NAME OF SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT, 1955	Enrollment	1953		Cradle Roll	Home Department	Church Accessions	Total Offerings	Contributions to General Church Causes	Paid for Supplies	Other Expenditures
		Average Attendance	1954							
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>										
Alta Loma	80	76	70	1	0	0	565.65		440.24	145.10
Birch St.	55	38	44	0	0	0	256.96		254.23	
Chino	147	95	114	14	6	0	2,222.25	563.65	276.88	
Conced Court	35	21	28	0	0	0	357.01	114.28	271.25	
Life Line	60	48	51	0	20	0	375.82	38.00	107.59	9.11
Los Olivas	51	39	41	0	0	0	137.50			102.61
Moreno	31	36	36	0	0	0	283.60			
Open Bible	148	99	124	12	10	0	836.78	294.98	422.78	108.17
Pasadena	63	60	50	3	0	0	753.89		29.40	
Snow Cap	25	14	17	0	0	0	34.00	1,511.03	1,034.87	414.47
Upland	385	330	317	24	40	0	8,430.07	77.11	839.93	186.21
Waukena	82	42	57	0	0	0	527.05		950.89	
<b>CANADA—ONT.</b>										
Artur Winger, R. 1, Ridgeway, Ont.	290	206	220	0	0	4	4,733.57	2,891.60	959.59	897.01
Donald Bossert, Fenwick	95	67	62	0	0	0	255.55	2,021.18	2,255.70	66.10
Bert Sherk, R. 2, Fisherville, Ont.	140	106	111	8	0	0	748.58	9,000	430.28	78.26
Arthur Seranage, 471 Hurontario, C.	40	27	37	0	0	0	190.17	45.24	135.52	52.69
Murray Wideman, Richmond Hill, Ont.	80	41	50	0	0	0	322.88	27.81	178.04	104.00
Ruth Steekley, 231 Gamble Ave., Toronto 6	87	48	54	6	0	0	302.15	405.72	259.51	
Ross Nich, Stevensville, Ont.	162	92	107	11	0	4	1,314.75	18.63	880.38	32.21
Elwood Chapman, R. 2, Langton, Ont.	90	62	66	0	0	0	331.28		232.53	
Earl V. Winger, R. 2, Pt. Barwell, Ont.	30	18	32	0	0	0	172.38		162.93	
Bennie Millard, R. 2, Pt. Barwell, Ont.	52	33	32	0	0	0	409.04	71.65	210.17	98.28
Levi Byer, R. 1, Gorrrie	65	55	54	0	5	0	1,611.80	1,067.41	501.09	
Levi Byer, R. 1, Gorrrie	172	127	122	45	0	0	1,395.42		171.73	
E. W. Heise, Blair	105	82	83	0	5	0	1,351.32	1,103.33	343.34	59.71
E. W. Heise, Blair	105	82	83	16	5	0	1,238.00	104.00	930.90	333.55
Lorne Sider, R. 1, Sherston	148	111	117	24	0	9	603.05	145.00	255.75	137.86
Marshall Baker, Sharyer, Ont.	75	31	46	12	0	0	486.52	305.14	196.35	
Marshall Baker, Sharyer, Ont.	80	35	38	0	0	2	1,022.27	475.64	458.38	65.15
George Sider, Perry Sta., Ont.	94	58	65	20	6	0	1,013.10	133.04	303.49	46.85
Roy Nich, Unionville, Ont.	190	148	154	4	5	0	212.67	12.00	247.38	247.38
James Gilmore, R. 1, Lowbanks	53	30	33	0	0	0	298.33	193.83	97.58	
Bruce Winger, R. 1, Maple	34	36	30	0	0	0	3,219.99	2,645.44	651.20	
Harold Sider, Perry Station	245	174	164	10	8	1	3,219.99	18.94	304.21	
Osborne Math, 47 Oakland Ave., Welland	74	44	47	5	0	0	335.45		100.17	70.59
Elmer Zoerb, Delisle, Sask.	20	16	19	4	0	0	104.08	6.88		94.16
D. Maurice Moore, Meath Park, Sask.	36	33	22	6	0	0				
<b>KINDERSLEY</b>	42	31	35	0	0	0	766.70	391.25	142.29	7.00
Paddockwood	25	25	18	0	0	0	94.69		89.00	
<b>FLORIDA</b>										
Lloyd Stauffer, 1712 Cook St., Orlando	78	67	71	0	0	0	1,818.05	1,158.59	131.01	46.00
David L. Carlsson, 6045 Halsted, Chicago	126	73	86	25	0	0	838.60	324.14	495.95	78.51
Archie Heer, Morrison	70	75	64	10	8	2	1,032.59	611.84	192.73	646.21
<b>ILLINOIS</b>										
Jeff Dobbins, R. 1, Cassopolis, Mich.	85	43	54	12	10	0	429.77	528.62	403.02	333.74
David Warner, R. 3, Auburn	72	39	46	7	7	2	1,024.85	680.14	738.36	428.50
Archie Filke, Nappanee	93	79	69	8	0	0	1,134.49	339.90	326.22	214.75
Leighton Gorer, Wakarusa	75	64	63	0	0	0	1,130.99	532.29	609.29	167.75
Ray Stump, 656 W. Market St., Nappanee	100	95	98	25	5	3	1,061.21	700.75	328.59	50.00
Clarence H. Keller, Dallas Center	86	70	76	18	0	1	1,732.43	461.55	487.95	942.88
Mrs. Jas. Gibbons, 3591 15 St., Des Moines	109	83	88	15	0	0	1,732.43		487.95	
<b>KANSAS</b>										
John Dayhoff, 118 N. E. 7th, Abilene	85	71	67	0	0	0	1,732.48	1,175.00	207.44	559.05
Roy Landis, Detroit, Kans.	72	57	68	5	4	0	547.72	324.17	324.17	223.82
Verland Byer, Hamlin	34	32	33	1	0	0	1,007.82	1,022.06	122.92	56.10
Millard Hostetter, Hope	85	75	62	2	0	3	873.40	249.08	152.26	
Lowell Hoover, R. 1, Abilene	113	99	108	9	12	1	1,350.99	1,586.69	238.57	238.86
<b>KENTUCKY</b>										
W. M. Peese, Columbia	120	76	86	6	0	0	403.19	15.00	164.76	23.70
Julia Corbin, Garlin	50	23	45	0	0	1	108.18	43.71	19.56	
Ether Ebersole, Ella	54	49	43	0	10	0	62.10		67.60	
Mrs. Elmer Goodin, Garlin	18	10	10	0	0	0	27.20	4.00	28.65	
Mattie Ellen Quinn, Knifley	90	57	60	0	0	0	266.89	4.00	153.07	104.82
Roy Kerns, Webbs Cross Roads	90	61	71	0	0	0	122.51	7.00	42.00	59.58
Mrs. Eulah Sherrill, Knifley	28	23	19	0	0	0	98.39		33.41	51.04
<b>MICHIGAN</b>										
Judson Hill, R. 3, Midland	100	71	77	10	6	0	1,825.37	1,467.79	408.52	51.07
Warren Brady, R. 3, Euse, Mich.	72	62	62	10	5	0	1,320.40	980.17	293.32	293.32
Dewey Hartsock, 2735 S. W. Rd., Ann Arbor	259	131	102	10	0	5	612.59	119.54	489.94	25.00
R. E. Vore, Leonard	58	51	41	0	0	1	504.63	160.00	131.31	303.63
Kaymond Starr, Snover	45	41	34	0	0	0	260.51	83.62	188.58	54.16
Frank Kassen, R. 5, Gladwin	32	27	26	0	0	0	161.03	14.89	103.63	28.50
Opal Magerl, Hillman	102	73	93	4	0	0	492.25		465.43	
<b>MEXICO</b>										
Ida Rosenberger, Blance T. P., Bloomfield	47	35	38	17	0	0	262.18	134.45	97.17	26.74
R. E. Bushnell, 2626 Morningside, Albuquerque	53	29	48	4	0	7	346.03	30.00	126.44	1.78
<b>NEW YORK</b>										
Ivren Winger, 161 Kinsey St., Kenmore 17	90	72	72	10	0	0	1,029.32	532.14	423.98	203.28
Lester Martin, Clarence Center	108	97	88	0	0	0	2,062.62		373.36	1,009.10
<b>OHIO</b>										
Glendon Snider, R. 3, New Carlisle	230	182	212	6	16	2	4,821.26	2,294.98	657.54	2,068.94
Mrs. R. C. Davis, R. 4, Ashland	107	93	89	0	0	1	805.10	328.30	339.16	287.66
David McBeth, 320 South Ave., Massillon	73	64	60	6	0	0	653.18	26.50	319.67	303.63
L. R. Hoover, R. 1, Ludlow Falls	27	18	18	6	0	0	715.41		184.51	471.43
L. D. Hane, R. 1, New Carlisle	176	139	131	12	12	5	1,648.33	338.78	760.26	409.66
Paul E. Brumburgh, R. 1, Clayton	109	85	106	14	0	5	1,971.09	1,271.09	649.23	1,276.56
Harold Knutson, R. 1, West Milton	75	69	65	16	0	2	2,150.50	610.75	294.00	4.20
Eugene Burford, R. 1, N. Wilmington, Pa.	20	22	19	13	0	0	56.72	20.62	31.80	5.30
Amor Herr, R. 1, Ludlow Falls	130	104	114	5	5	0	1,776.09	1,093.00	634.00	18.00
Owen Christner, R. 1, Balto	27	21	23	3	1	0	260.73	85.82	141.50	25.00

NAME OF SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT, 1955

	Enrollment	1953 Average Attendance	1954	Cradle Roll	Home Department	Church Accessions	Total Offerings	Contributions to General Church Causes	Paid for Supplies	Other Expenditures
Slippo	90	62	60	4	0	0	467.00	130.38	300.23	24.67
Uniontown	70	60	63	0	0	0	384.56	80.50	359.80	50.55
Valley Chapel	140	107	112	0	0	0	795.29	88.07	559.84	233.75
OKLAHOMA										
Behan	117	102	99	8	5	0	3,606.31	1,541.36	542.76	1,540.35
Red Star	35	20	19	0	0	0	666.02	83.07	83.07	50.00
OREGON										
Lalish	96	75	76	12	0	0	1,263.37	756.80	195.45	231.99
Redwood	140	90	106	0	0	0	762.67	309.58	309.58	152.98
PENNSYLVANIA										
Avery Sollenberger, Jr., R. 3, Ship'burg	191	161	161	0	0	2	3,734.31	608.33	1,370.21	2,225.00
Deel Maurer 308 Orchard, Altoona	103	78	82	18	0	1	617.79	19.60	621.36	17.84
Ray Gobble, R. 6, Chambersburg	185	129	137	40	8	0	2,365.48	922.77	208.13	802.40
Jay Goshorn, Blairs Mills	87	54	54	7	2	0	822.44	10.00	238.55	633.98
Jay Mackie, 123 E. Spruce, Altoona	84	60	49	0	0	0	238.75	63.71	153.57	23.55
Clifford Beck, R. 2, Holdysburg	80	46	55	0	0	0	196.93	914.53	1,080.85	150.00
Ray E. Lehman, 624 N. West, Carlisle	300	269	253	30	0	9	2,270.92	1,830.60	279.81	789.12
Jay R. Book, Thompsonstown	128	78	95	0	4	24	950.04	1,233.31	333.53	404.92
Richard Lee Long, R. 1, Mill Hall	80	53	60	14	2	0	1,945.69	1,004.92	333.53	500.00
Raymond F. Walker, R. 1, Three Springs	25	15	19	5	0	2	305.70	10.00	1,04.84	5,776.44
Glenn Gayman, R. 3, Chambersburg	287	245	248	34	13	5	9,517.03	2,123.61	1,672.39	1,838.55
Rheey Wickfield, Clearville	135	96	99	0	0	2	2,737.48	662.87	294.90	1,838.55
Merion Fultz, Pine Grove Mills	80	41	44	12	5	6	609.32	88.42	335.92	134.36
Earl C. Wither, R. 2, New Oxford	68	41	61	5	0	0	116.61	872.35	616.71	298.53
Mahton M. Fry, R. 1, Elizabethtown	125	94	102	4	2	6	1,735.63	3,694.94	795.21	6,669.40
Donald D. Enrie, R. 1, Mt. Joy	245	204	202	18	4	8	11,389.59	192.66	257.08	298.73
Fred Ebersole, Martinsburg, Pa.	66	42	53	0	0	7	4,595.36	2,017.53	973.21	1,668.11
Walker S. Marks, 104 N. Cam. A. Cleona	219	159	177	20	38	1	4,595.36	1,563.93	1,594.30	1,191.71
Theodore B. Booth, R. 1 New Cumberland	250	165	182	11	15	15	4,595.36	32.83	99.31	420.27
Wilmer Altland, R. 2, McVeytown	113	64	54	11	4	0	1,100.00	618.10	569.40	13.00
Jesse Yoder, R. 2, McVeytown	78	57	47	12	0	0	1,642.10	177.25	177.25	92.88
Alfred Wenger, R. 2, Wapkesboro	70	89	92	8	0	3	210.26	116.21	116.08	1,730.33
Chas. Spencer, 89 W. Mill, W. Nanticoke	26	23	22	1	3	15	359.33	439.03	247.98	88.27
Roy Chapman, Montoursville	162	120	128	13	26	1	2,646.34	193.67	2,473.67	88.27
Henry N. Miller, Box 115, Mill Hall	79	41	50	2	1	2	458.05	501.50	2,377.42	588.67
H. L. Kraybill, Grantham	218	180	205	16	14	0	4,022.09	327.00	7,576.06	387.48
Richard E. Smith, R. 2, McVeytown	118	101	100	16	0	0	1,093.99	568.38	528.42	367.49
H. B. Hunsberger, E. 7th Av., Collegetown	76	60	64	4	8	0	3,908.23	198.96	411.51	549.01
Irvin B. Moyer, R. 1, Bx. 140, State College	85	47	45	12	0	5	1,365.31	478.51	1,017.55	340.21
Whitby W. Stayman, R. 1, Shippensburg	157	109	131	11	5	5	1,924.41	230.14	2,054.99	102.96
Harold Martin, Mangansville, Md.	238	197	215	62	5	0	1,924.41	292.00	420.01	383.15
Titus Winerd, Union Deposit	170	109	118	60	6	0	1,205.69	923.40	696.50	50.77
Clyde Sanders, Iron Springs	65	62	62	6	0	0	2,090.45	142.80	255.85	
Daniel G. Enrie, Millersville	150	88	115	20	11	0	405.15			
Michael Vengin, Llewellyn	55	39	50	0	0	0				

Locust Grove	64	69	60	3	0	1	1,303.06	885.00	244.51	42.41
Manheim	192	131	146	8	5	4	2,819.14	826.87	660.40	1,178.11
Manor	126	99	107	9	13	4	4,962.81	7,104.94	423.36	824.51
Marsh Creek	107	60	68	0	0	0	814.97	1,01.06	403.38	106.89
Martinsburg	106	96	86	5	9	4	2,832.60	1,045.42	416.72	1,387.69
Martinsville	95	83	80	4	6	2	1,657.02	354.31	572.67	266.51
Maytown	71	66	64	3	2	2	11,608.20	1,028.97	300.84	920.24
Meachanicburg	251	202	201	10	10	2	6,349.88	4,618.73	920.81	836.50
Messiah Home	240	180	205	0	2	2	2,306.11	792.93	966.18	646.61
Messiah Lighthouse	157	94	104	72	168	11	724.67	246.06	488.88	17.23
Montgomery	167	158	149	12	0	7	1,691.63	1,312.01	620.24	163.52
Moore's	178	132	129	20	0	0	2,922.71	453.04	620.24	258.63
Morning Hour	76	47	51	0	0	0	890.71	333.00	258.63	
Mt. Holly Springs	80	25	25	0	0	0				
Mt. Pleasant	175	132	144	19	13	2	3,028.10	1,800.95	670.79	620.99
Mountain Chapel	130	88	108	16	0	0	1,638.34	320.31	517.53	726.66
Moversville	81	38	38	0	0	0	2,293.41	68.00	110.82	
New Guilford	131	100	112	12	5	10	1,930.36	988.15	655.37	337.09
Palmyra	235	190	206	3	0	1	1,930.36	3,240.21	944.32	1,389.98
Pegua	153	119	129	8	13	0	3,263.22	1,511.66	627.17	1,375.63
Philadelphia	85	64	75	0	0	0	3,243.95	2,092.29	837.16	1,036.73
Pine Forge	134	81	89	15	13	2	1,473.70	149.79	435.37	828.92
Pleasant Valley	72	47	53	0	0	0	865.87	644.71	733.32	461.74
Rana Villa	100	77	88	14	6	6	1,738.94	355.67	516.90	336.43
Refton	102	73	83	9	10	0	336.54	1,108.40	374.70	710.30
Riddlesburg	124	73	90	0	0	0	2,134.59	25.00	96.87	146.10
Ringgold	45	26	26	5	0	0	180.11	31.00	125.76	
Saville	57	38	38	5	0	0	277.04		786.58	
Saxton	65	52	51	0	0	0	727.44		786.58	
Searight	91	76	75	33	40	1	355.54	21.02	239.86	114.74
Shenks	70	58	45	0	0	0				
Sherman Valley	190	158	177	30	12	6	2,912.38	1,826.13	754.57	276.58
Silverdale	90	57	59	17	0	0	238.86	1,67.73	180.00	180.00
Southern	90	60	62	0	0	0	1,159.92	222.27	323.33	664.32
South Mt. Chapel	136	112	104	0	12	0	943.75	171.02	280.01	280.01
Spingwell Hgts.	78	32	78	23	9	1	763.29	123.02	372.56	367.64
Spingwell	31	30	30	6	0	0	249.38	139.98	139.98	63.80
Stowe	72	55	55	2	0	5	659.95	222.06	190.34	230.37
Sunnyside	95	85	88	4	0	2	1,592.20	3.00	1,064.17	
Waynesboro	40	25	20	10	0	0	339.23	586.20	497.54	570.65
Woodbury	200	139	163	16	0	0	1,276.97	436.61	134.90	147.36
WOODS	68	41	44	0	0	0				
VIRGINIA										
Bethel	123	50	84	7	1	11	224.51	26.60	227.32	
Farris Mines	90	64	71	0	0	0	392.53		371.96	
Sunday School	75	75	75	0	0	0				
Average for year	17844	13991	1495	938	293	228,906.94	90,676.58	65,172.77	62,690.12	
1954 Total	16666	13216	1573	1042	165	220,406.68	85,616.59	60,195.06	74,423.00	
1953 Total	*1178	*71	-78	-104	*127	*8,500.26	*5,058.99	*4,974.71	-11,732.88	

\* plus, — minus

## Tabulation of Schools Having Highest

### Enrollment

Upland, Calif. ....	385
Carlisle, Pa. ....	300
Bertie, Ontario .....	290
Chambersburg, Pa. ....	287
Detroit, Mich. ....	259
Mechanicsburg, Pa. ....	251
Fairland, Pa. ....	250
Cross Roads, Pa. ....	245
Messiah Home, Pa. ....	240
Hollowell, Pa. ....	238

### Average Attendance

Upland, Calif. ....	317
Carlisle, Pa. ....	253
Chambersburg, Pa. ....	248
Bertie, Ont. ....	220
Hollowell, Pa. ....	215
Grantham, Pa. ....	205
Messiah Home, Pa. ....	205
New Guilford, Pa. ....	205
Cross Roads, Pa. ....	202
Mechanicsburg, Pa. ....	201

### Cradle Roll

Messiah Light House, Pa. ....	72
Hollowell, Pa. ....	62
Hummelstown, Pa. ....	60
Antrim, Pa. ....	40
Chambersburg, Pa. ....	34
Saxton, Pa. ....	33
Green Spring, Pa. ....	31
Shenks, Pa. ....	30
Carlisle, Pa. ....	30
Gospel Hall, Ky. ....	29

### Home Department

Messiah Light House, Pa. ....	163
Colyer, Pa. ....	52
Hummelstown, Pa. ....	47
Cross Roads, Pa. ....	45
Upland, Calif. ....	40
Saxton, Pa. ....	40
Elizabethtown, Pa. ....	38
Grantham, Pa. ....	35
Waynesboro, Pa. ....	22
Life Line, Calif. ....	20

## The Following Schools Attained a Rating of 80% or More on the Sunday School Standard:

Chino, Calif. ....	91	Grantham, Pa. ....	94
Los Olivas, Calif. ....	90	Granville, Pa. ....	84
Upland, Calif. ....	82	Green Spring, Pa. ....	98
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