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Brethren in Christ Church

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FOREWORD

THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL EDITION OF HANDBOOK OF MISSIONS

How significantly true are the words from one report of this issue of the Handbook, “No matter what one writes or tells the Church it is impossible to give a complete picture.” Each year those who prepare this material struggle with the problem of size and content of this book. Only a limited number of the significant facts of the year’s activities are here recorded.

We hope the geographical emphasis will help you better visualize the location of our mission stations throughout the world. By associating the published missionary directory in the Evangelical Visitor with this material it will be possible to accurately pinpoint the location of our mission staff. At the same time these maps set forth clearly the fact that there is so much untouched area around us that offers opportunity for expansion.

Even though the book this year is reduced in size we hope that it will be to you a handbook of greater significance, than previously. The original writers and the final compilers have tried to make it a book worthy of constant use and frequent reference. It contains material that will increase missionary vision as well as impart statistical information. May it be often used of the Lord to re-awaken interest in missions and thus promote prayer interest, generous giving and a missionary enthusiasm that will cause us to pursue the missionary task of evangelism as never before.

Part I

Home Missions
What God Hath Wrought in Country and City

Albert H. Engle, Executive Secretary

To read reports from a Staff of Home Mission Workers whose consecration has been rewarded with hundreds of souls seeking God, is a real pleasure.

To read the testimonies of some and the interesting stories of others who found the Lord causes us to feel that our investment in Missions is really worthwhile.

To read the percentages of increase in the attendance of 19% and 25% in some Sunday Schools over the previous year, reflects both the diligent labors of some workers and future possibilities. To read of the appreciation of some pastors for the interest and cooperation of a considerable number of young married people is a better indication of future prospects.

To read a pastor’s statement that certain happenings could only be explained by, "Someone has been praying..." presents to all of us a prayer challenge for the future.

A woman who describes her former self as, "An alcoholic and all that goes with it," was delivered in recent months and now thanks God for saving her out of that horrible life. Another woman in the midst of a sermon exclaimed, "I'm so glad I can say I'm sanctified." This did not disturb the holiness preacher who knew she had been pursuing the "death route" for ten months and had just then made the contact of faith.

The foregoing material suggests something of what may be discovered in the general and statistical reports in this Handbook of Missions. Conforming to the decision to greatly reduce the size of the Handbook as compared with that of last year, we have had to greatly condense some of the reports sent by the pastors to the Home Mission Board. However, we have endeavored to incorporate significant facts and retain the most colorful incidents.

In the carrying on of our Home Mission Program in 1955, 116 workers were assigned in 45 units of work. Some of these units comprise two or three or more regular preaching services besides other appointments such as prayer meetings, etc. Included in these 45 units is the Door of Hope Mission in Los Angeles with which we are affiliated. Twelve of these units are Missions, and the remainder are Mission Pastorates. A few are to be classified as Mission Churches after this General Conference. In addition there are two units of work which are recognized under the Parent-Church Plan, namely the work in Cincinnati, Ohio and the Searight-Mt. Braddock work near Uniontown, Pennsylvania. The former as fostered by the Ohio-Kentucky Joint Mission Board and the latter by the Montgomery District in Pennsylvania.

FINANCE

What is the cost of this Program? It is right that the Church should be interested in knowing how their mission money is being used and whether it is being wisely placed. The following analysis will give some light on these questions:

1. Channeled through the Home Mission Treasury according to the statement sent to the Budgetary Commission $49,917.24
2. Direct to Navajo Mission from church-at-large $12,790.66
3. Direct to the ten other missions from church-at-large $10,277.30
4. Direct to 31 of our Mission Pastorates from the church-at-large $633.69
5. Total Cost to church-at-large $73,618.89
6. Local support of our eleven missions $27,660.16
7. Local support of 31 of our 33 Mission Pastorates $53,941.50
8. Reported statement of Sunday School offerings $14,378.43
9. Total local support reported $95,930.09
10. Grand Total of reported cost of program $169,598.98
11. Reported contributions from missions and Mission Pastorates for home and foreign missions and other general church needs $8,319.33

OBSERVATIONS ON THE ABOVE FINANCE

Two of our mission pastorates were omitted from items 4 and 7 because no report was submitted.

From our tabulated financial report from Missions, there is no way to determine in some cases how much under the item "Special Needs and Projects" is locally given and how much from the church-at-large. Variation from our estimates would change the items 3 and 6. Also by the same token there is a probability that item 4 should be higher.

About one-half of item 1 is used for allowances to workers.

Referring to item 6 our reports include no finances on the Door of Hope Mission in Los Angeles.

Concerning item 8, we could not get a financial statement from four of our Sunday Schools. Also, it is probable that there is considerable in missionary offerings included.

A comparison of this report with those of previous years will indicate much progress toward self-support in our mission pastorates and that more and more of our units are so classified.

CONTACTS BY OUR MISSIONS

The total enrollment of 3808 in the Sunday Schools reflects something of the breadth of contact by our missions. It would be difficult to estimate the total number of contacts through revivals, street meetings and other such services as well as radio contacts by some of our missions.

It is commendable that most of our missions promote an active Women's Missionary Prayer Circle. There are many comments of much value derived from this ministry-of-prayer.

YOUTH WORK

There has been decided increase in Youth Activities—Christ's Crusaders Organizations, Camps, Conference, Clubs, etc. This is very commendable and should characterize more of our missions. Trust it will be 100% in 1956 reports.

Of inestimable value are the 1,350 souls who were definite seekers at our altars of prayer. The results of our investment in Home Missions are possible only by combined sacrifice of the "Home Churches" and the staff of consecrated Christian workers, many of whom are investing their very lives in the cause of Christ and rescuing perishing souls.

When we meet in the glory world those who have supported, prayed and given themselves, together with the souls saved by the help of the Home Mission Program will reap the eternal revenues of our investments.
Financial Statements

February 8, 1956

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

Dear Brother:

I have examined the books and records of the Home Mission Board, for the year ended, December 31, 1955, have examined or tested cash receipts and disbursements for the period then ended. The financial statements of the Canadian Treasurer included herein were examined by Elmer L. Steckley of Canada.

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.

Balance on hand, December 31, 1954

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Yours very truly,

J. R. Aiken, Auditor

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, 1955

Balance, January 1, 1955 $3,189.99

Receipts:

- General fund: $338,823.66
- Transferred from Bible Training Fund: 785.00
- Specials: 965.59
- Navajo well loan payment: 1,000.00
- New York fund: 774.61
- Interest and principle payments: 1,075.78
- Annuity: 1,000.00

Opening balance plus receipts $49,387.84

Disbursements:

- Workers' allowances $23,307.50
- Administrative expenses 1,891.93
- Rent: 3,090.00
- Tuition: 1,442.50
- Interest paid: 344.50
- Retirement fund: 150.00
- Canadian portion General Conference: 381.85

Total disbursements $26,881.93

Balance, December 31, 1955 $1,848.84

Exhibit A

CANADIAN REPORT

HOME MISSION BOARD OF THE BRETHREN IN CHRIST CHURCH

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements

Year Ended December 31, 1955

Balance, January 1, 1955 $810.86

Receipts:

- Personal and congregational offerings: $3,035.13
- General conference offering: 381.85
- Niagara Holiness Camp Offering: 272.26
- Ontario Joint Council Offering: 101.18
- Interest on bonds: 37.50
- Transferred from reserve funds: 2,017.40
- Special projects including Walsingham Center Church: 424.15
- Toronto Parsonage solicitation: 2,828.40

Total receipts $9,187.87

Opening balance plus receipts $9,998.73

Disbursements:

- Workers' allowances $2,905.25
- Administrative costs 122.35
- Service charges and discounts 14.95
- Detroit Mission: 76.00
- Walsingham Center Church Property: 1,500.00
- Transferred to reserve fund: 299.79
- Paddockwood lot: 300.00
- North Star Jeep: 300.00
- Toronto Parsonage Loan payment: 2,800.00
- Interest on annuities: 98.90
- Workers' travel: 522.39

Total disbursements $6,555.63

Balance, December 31, 1955 $2,443.20

Exhibit B
**Financial Report of Mission Pastorates**

Since the Mission Pastorate represents a unit of work which is making significant progress toward self-support and since no financial reports for these units appear in the *Evangelical Visitor*, the church-at-large has had little information concerning their development financial-wise.

We are here with presenting a brief tabulated report of the receipts under a few significant headings.

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### Home Mission Stations Financial Report—Continued

#### EXPENDITURES
Alphabetical-Geographical Sequence of Reports

This year we are featuring the geographical location of our Missions. The arrangement of reports is determined by an alphabetical-geographical sequence.

First there is a map of the Dominion of Canada indicating the Provinces where there are missions; then the map of each Province indicating the location of the missions in that Province with the mission reports accompanying.

Next is a map of the United States indicating the states in which there are missions; then a map of each state indicating the location of the missions and the reports of missions arranged alphabetically. In the case of Pennsylvania, the state map identifies the missions in the east and west sections; then a partial map of the central section, the area of many missions in close proximity.

MISSIONS IN THE DOMINION OF CANADA

The Brethren in Christ Church has missions in two of the Provinces of Canada. (The map was taken from the Saskatchewan News Bulletin—1955)

MISSIONS IN ONTARIO

COLLINGWOOD

Workers: Rev. and Mrs. Isaac Schnucker

The workers at this Mission Pastorate have a very heavy schedule of work. Each Sunday services are as follows:

- A.M. Sunday School with an average attendance of 74
- Worship Service, average attendance 50
- P.M. (Evening) Children’s Meeting, attendance 25
- Christ’s Crusaders, attendance 14
- Evangelistic Service, attendance 40
- Fifteen attend the mid-week prayer meeting.

There is an active Sewing Circle once a month. Also the Women’s Missionary Prayer Circle meets once a month. Only a few women attend but it is a time of inspiration and blessing.

In cooperation with the public school system, Released Time Bible Education Classes are conducted once a week in which 195 children from grades 3-7 receive Bible Instruction.

The Vacation Bible School during the summer served 200 eager girls and boys. Seventy-five of them accepted Jesus as their Saviour.

The workers keep a warm and close touch with their people in an active visitation program.

Souls have professed Christ in regular services and in their homes as well as during special revival seasons. One hundred fifty-eight souls sought God during the year.

Continue to pray for the work and workers at this place.

TILLSONBURG ONTARIO

In the area of Tillsonburg there are three units of work.

Workers:

- At Frogmore Church—Rev. and Mrs. Alonza Vannatter
- At Houghton Center—Rev. and Mrs. Basil Long
- At Walsingham Center—Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Heise

The year of 1955 brought changes to the work at the Houghton Mission—changes both in status and fields of work.

At the beginning of the year the Frogmore and Houghton Center congregations each had a pastor, but the work centered largely in the Mission Home. After General Conference these two points began to operate as Mission Pastorates.

In September Brother and Sister Arthur Heise moved into the Mission Home with their direct responsibility to be at Walsingham Center. This part of the work is operated as a Rural Mission. A prayer meeting is conducted at Vienna, a point west of Houghton Center Church.

A vacated church was bought in the village of Walsingham Center and remodelled for services. This work was opened November 13. A Sunday
School was organized and the average attendance has been 45. A fine group are attending from the former Bethel Church area where Brother Walter Taylor began the work. There are many unchurched people in this area.

There is a Sunday School of 54 at Frogmore and 36 at Houghton Center.

The revival meetings resulted in the salvation of 11 souls. About twenty children sought the Lord in the two Vacation Bible Schools.

Pray for the work and workers in this rural area.

TORONTO, ONTARIO

Workers: Rev. and Mrs. Ronald Lofthouse, Myrtle Steckley, Ruth Steckley

The year 1955 has been one of advancement through various avenues. The area of evangelism was highlighted with three of the most outstanding conversions. These resulted from personal evangelism. There were altar services in the regular meetings as well as during special services. Twenty-six souls sought the Lord.

The enrollment in the Vacation Bible School was 132 with an average attendance of 90. There is an average regular attendance of 54 in the Sunday School.

The projects of the year have been new church pews, folding classroom doors, and cupboards in the kitchen of the parsonage.

The response of the community to the various services in the program of the church has been encouraging. Thanks be to God for victories and blessings.

SASKATCHEWAN, CANADA

The year 1955 was kept in the Province of Saskatchewan as Jubilee Year. It was the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Province.

The local newspaper's Commemorative Edition stated: "In the summer of 1906 William Hahn of Delisle and Sam Swalm of Regina broke the first trail into this Municipality (Kindersley) driving a democrat. They were accompanied by Rev. I. C. Baker and Bishop Charles Baker of Ottawa, Ontario. These gentlemen had been sent by the Brethren in Christ Church, to locate several sections of land to be used as a colony for the church."

The article told how that Rev. I. C. Baker returned in 1907 with his wife and four children. The first church services were held in Brother Baker's tent.

These pastors feel that the year of 1955 has seen some new ground claimed for God's Kingdom. The first

Youth Camp was held in which there was very definite work done with the youth of the entire area. The guest speakers represented Africa, Navajo Mission and the Foreign Mission Board. It was a time of inspiration and rich fellowship. A number of the youth accepted Christ as their Saviour.

DELISLE

Pastor, Robert D. Sider

Rev. Robert Sider accepted the pastorate at this place a few years ago with the understanding that he would attend the University at Saskatoon. He is completing his work the Spring of 1956 with honors and will be leaving his pastorate for further study in England. We publish his report as sent to the Board as a summary of his period of service there. This report we feel is very commendable.

1955 has been an outstanding year at Delisle. It has been marked by conversions, increase in attendance at regular services and the assumption of new responsibilities. In any of these areas the figures are not large, but for a prairie church even a small number is, we feel, significant.

The attendance at our weekly services was the highest it has been for some years. The average number present each week is 21—which represents a steady increase of five in the past two years.

The Youth Camp was of utmost importance in our work. It was a new venture with all our Saskatchewan Churches working together. Fourteen young people from Delisle attended, and one highlight of the Camp was the profession of Christ by two of our boys.

The increased interest was strongly reflected in the annual "Evangelical Visitor Month." For the first time every home represented in the church or Sunday School is subscribing to our church magazine. This we feel is just one significant indication of the growing interest and sense of responsibility among our people. We covet your prayers that God may continue to lead us forward.

MEATH PARK STATION

and

PADDOCKWOOD

"North Star Mission"

Workers: Rev. and Mrs. Lorne Lichy

God's hand has been upon the work at North Star Mission in some very definite ways. Because of the severe winter, it was not possible for the pastor to always get to Paddockwood for the services. But for a prairie church even a small number is, we feel, significant.

Five new homes have been opened for cottage prayer meeting. About thirty attend this meeting. A few families that had been antagonistic have marvelously changed. This seems due to deeds of kindness and persistent visitation. These homes are now open for prayer meeting. This is another evidence that "The pastor's achievements are not all made in the pulpit, but through the week in numerous ways."
One of the most outstanding phases of the church work is among the youth. Christ's Crusaders groups have been organized. Forty to fifty young people meet in these services. The westerner loves music—special singing with instrumental numbers is a special feature. The potentials are great.

An outstanding conversion is that of the school teacher. He played in a local dance orchestra for years. He now has a definite testimony of saving grace and plans to attend a Bible College.

There are a number of applications for church membership.

The pastor writes, "We thank the entire brotherhood for their fine support at North Star. It has been a privilege to serve here under the Home Mission Board, and the splendid leadership of our superintendent, Rev. John Garman. We clasp your hands with a warmer, firmer grip saying, 'Brethren, pray for us.'"

KINDERSLEY

Workers: Rev. and Mrs. John Garman

The regular weekly services are real blessing. Forty-eight are enrolled in the Sunday School with an average attendance of 39. About 45 attend the worship services each Sunday morning.

The organization of Pioneer Girls has proved a real blessing to the 18 girls who attend. The Youth Program of the church is most encouraging.

About 25 attend the mid-week prayer meeting. The Women's Missionary Prayer Circle is conducted once a month. Visitation is a part of the weekly program of the pastor and his wife. It is a real blessing to hear the testimony of those who found the Lord as their personal Saviour the past year.

MISSIONS IN THE UNITED STATES

A map of the United States showing the states in which the Brethren in Christ Church has missions.

MISSIONS IN CALIFORNIA

LOS ANGELES

Workers: Rev. and Mrs. Adolf Jordan

Rev. Adolf Jordan continued to serve as one of the assistant pastors at the Door of Hope Mission. This inter-denominational Mission is doing a great Gospel work in the slum area of Los Angeles.

Brother and Sister Jordan enjoyed working with the Staff of workers who labored for the salvation of many needy hearts who found their way into the Mission during the past year.

SAN FRANCISCO

Workers: Rev. and Mrs. Harry Buckwalter, Edith Yoder, Florence Faus

Every day of the week except Mon-
day, the Gospel is preached at 224 Sixth Street in San Francisco. Fifteen minutes before each service is spent in prayer. An average of 23 souls attend each service. 231 souls knelt at the altar for salvation and deliverance from sin. Many of these souls received definite help. Much persistent follow-up work was done in many cases, especially alcoholics. The results have been very outstanding. It would be difficult to report according to Acts 14:27, "They rehearsed all that God had done."

One woman calls herself "an alcoholic and everything that goes with it." Now she thanks God for saving her. She is a real inspiration and her life and testimony is a real witness for the Lord.

One night a stranger came into the mission. He was converted. The next day he had his test with cigarettes. He picked up some "snipes" but had no match. He called to a man to ask for a match, but could not say the word "match" and the man walked on. Then he said again to another man, "Hey, there," and the man stopped and looked at him, but he could not say the word "match" and the man walked on. Then he tore up the "Snipes" and he is delivered from them. He picked up some "snipes" but had no match. He called to a man to ask for a match, but could not say the word "match" and the man walked on. Then he said again to another man, "Hey, there," and the man stopped and looked at him, but he could not say the word "match" and the man walked on. Then he tore up the "Snipes" and he is delivered from them.

More important evidences are increase in spiritual growth, and in assuming responsibility. These have been in evidence at Orlando. Six adults were received into church fellowship during the year. This southern beachhead of the Brethren in Christ Church is a light-house to the people whose permanent residence is there, and a welcoming base to all seasonal tourists. Pray for the work and the pastor and his family. Visit them when you can.

MISSION IN ILLINOIS

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MISSIONS IN KENTUCKY

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Sister Hock for their nine years of faithful service in this place. They have been a great blessing to the Detroit Church and are missed by all.”

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The Hills arrived in Detroit on July 5 and are adjusting well to their new work and environment.

There were about forty seekers in our regular service at the church. This is encouraging to see souls deepening spiritually and walking close to God.

The Summer Bible School had an enrollment of 148. Most of the children prayed on Decision Day and about twenty received definite help.

**C.O.P.’s LOVE MISSION**

In November a feeding program was started. Menu: a cup of coffee, a bowl of soup, and a cheese or meat sandwich. Government commodities are given free except the handling price—butter, cheese, canned meat (Spam type), shortening, dried milk, beans, etc. This makes it possible to feed a man for approximately $0.02c. The Mission Hall is nearly filled about every night. The attendance during the year was about 4461 with 209 seekers. Some very outstanding conversions have been witnessed. Praise the Lord. Others came seeking something—a bed, some money or a friend to talk with.

Some of the successes of the work at Detroit are due to the visitation program. The workers average 10 visits a week.

Pray for the workers and lost souls in Detroit.

**GLADWIN, MICHIGAN**

The following is an interesting paragraph from the pastor’s report to the Board:

“The Brethren in Christ Congregation in Gladwin County in northeastern Michigan was placed under the supervision of the Home Mission Board by act of General Conference of 1955. August 18 marked the date of our arrival in the Field. Since that time we have been engaged in the varied activities which constitute Home Mission Work. Among these was a radio broadcast, our local Council and Love Feast, an all-day holiness meeting sponsored by the Gladwin County Holiness Association with Bishop Schneider as the principal speaker, a day spent by local brethren and some from other churches re-roofing a part of our church building,” etc.

There is a Sunday School with an enrollment of 30. Two preaching services are held each Sunday and a mid-week prayer meeting. Pray for the work in this northland.
MISSIONS IN NEW MEXICO

ALBUQUERQUE

Workers: Rev. and Mrs. Paul Wingerd

The past year has been one of great blessing and victory. We have experienced growing attendance and renewed interest. We are indeed grateful to the Lord for His faithfulness. We have to date about half of the estimated required fund on hand and expect to begin construction in the near future. This will facilitate much-needed classroom space for our growing Sunday School.

Our Sunday School attendance has been averaging around 70 for quite some time now. This number should increase greatly when adequate facilities are made available.

Our regular contacts at the city jail have proved very fruitful; both in behalf of souls reached for Christ and a stimulus for workers in our group. Many conversions have been recorded in these weekly services.

We deeply appreciate your interest and prayers in the Albuquerque work and solicit your continued support in our growing church program for 1956.

(As reported by the pastor.)

BLOOMFIELD

(Navajo Indian Mission)

“What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?”

The Brethren in Christ work among the Navajos continued to grow during 1955. The school program showed development in both size and in the lives of the children. The medical ministry witnessed a gradual development.

A staff of willing workers grew in wisdom and knowledge of their Lord. The entire program was blessed as a result of this united effort of thirteen love slaves of Christ.

Brother Peter Yazzie was used of the Lord during the annual Camp meeting in an unusual way. The Holy Spirit was faithful in convicting sinners and strengthening believers.

To meet the needs of rapidly developing Navajo youth two successful camps were held, one for boys and one for girls. The experience of this new venture made it clear that camp work is extremely valuable if we are to hold Navajo young people in the critical teenage years.

During the year seven young people followed their Lord in baptism. This group have their lives before them—lives that can be of great service in the hands of the Lord.

During 1955 a major project was begun—drilling for a more adequate water supply. Numerous obstacles developed as the year progressed. Nine months later a vein of water was struck which at the time of this writing has not yet been put into service. For those directly connected with the hospital, 1955 was a year of waiting and preparation. The entire community, which had waited for a long time, was anxious for the doctor to come. He arrived with his family just after the holiday season.

We see large tasks ahead. Careful building, persistent planting, thorough gardening, and diligent reaping are included in the Brethren in Christ's Missions charge, "Inasmuch as ye have done it (or done it not) unto one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me."

MISSIONS IN OHIO

MASSILLON

Workers: Rev. and Mrs. Eli Hoster, Sr.

These pioneer workers in Massillon gave another year of faithful service with a strong evangelistic emphasis. Two fruitful revival seasons were enjoyed with more than ninety souls seeking God. Altar services bless the regular preaching and mid-week prayer meeting services.

The Love-feast and Communion Services on Good Friday were a great inspiration to all.

The Sunday School has an average attendance of 63.

The young people are active in the Christ's Crusaders Service each Sunday evening. This is followed by an evangelistic service.

The Joint Missionary Prayer meetings alternate between Uniontown and Massillon the second Monday of each month has proved an inspiration to all who attend. The Massillon share of the offerings $168.40 was divided and sent to the two Mission Boards on the 40%-60% basis. The self-denial offering was sent to Home Mission workers.

May the Christian fellowship of this self-supporting Mission Church ever be retained and it continue to be a strong soul-saving center in this city.

Pray for the work and workers.

SHANESVILLE

Workers: Rev. and Mrs. Atlee Herskerberger

The last three months of 1955 found us in entirely new areas of labor. Two weeks after our wedding day, we came to Shanesville to labor with the folks here.

During the last year the congregation completely paid off the church debt for which God receives the praise.

The congregation gave the new pastor and his bride a grand welcome. The parsonage was newly painted and soon was furnished with the main items of furniture.

God's presence was graciously felt as we entered the work. The attendance was good during the revival and the members' hearts were united together as we were all deepened spiritually.
Visitation is a part of our schedule. We thank the Lord for people of the community who began to attend the services near the close of the year. Help us pray that many more will come in and find Christ as their Savior.
The Women's Missionary Prayer Circle and Sewing Circle are active and we find great blessing in serving Christ in prayer and the labor of our hands.

(Reported by the workers.)

UNIONTOWN

One of the highlight occasions of the Uniontown Congregation the past year was the dedication of the church and parsonage on May 29. We sincerely desire that these facilities be used for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom.

Fourteen souls accepted Christ as Savior in our two revival meetings. Many more experienced personal revival. Four sisters were baptized and two of these were received into church fellowship.

July 5 to 15 saw an average of 80 girls and boys with their teachers in attendance at our Daily Vacation Bible School. A feature of the school was a "new penny" offering amounting to $41.00 for our mission work in Cuba.

Interest in missions has been stimulated in the congregation by participating in a monthly missionary meeting.

An average attendance of 82 in our Sunday School showed an increase of 19 per Sunday over the previous year. Two new classes were added to better accommodate the increase.

We are grateful too, for the blessing of the Lord in our Wednesday evening prayer meetings when an average of around fifty people gather to magnify the name of Jesus.

Ten babies were publicly dedicated to the Lord during the year and along with all the other evidences of Divine favor, we feel that God's blessing has been upon the work.

MISSION IN OKLAHOMA

HAMMON

Worker: Rev. Jay MacKie

A work was opened among the Cheyenne Indians as a result of a deep interest on the part of Jay MacKie from Altoona, Pennsylvania. Jay was a student at Messiah College for a few years. His keen interest and divine leadings caused him to do much research work concerning these primitive American people.

He spent the summer in the area of Hammon at his own expense. His reports given in Pennsylvania in the Fall and contacts made by two Board members resulted in the assignment of Brother MacKie for the remainder of this Conference Year. A friend, Bruce Wilkins, is helping on a self-employment basis.

The interest of the Indians was evidenced by the attendance of 70 and more in their public services. A Sunday School has been started. Some of the Indians have received definite spiritual help and have asked for baptism. The services are conducted in the "Pow Wow House" in the center of their settlement. A bus was donated which is used for transportation.

Pray for these young men and the Indians they are serving.

MISSIONS IN OREGON

GRANTS PASS

Workers: Rev. and Mrs. Glenn Diller

This past year has been very busy with a continued emphasis upon building and remodelling. Last year there was a new addition to the church auditorium to accommodate the increased attendance in Sunday School and Sunday morning worship services. Since then new pews have been built to replace the opera seats. This helps greatly in seating boys and girls. Adequate sanitary facilities have been installed. Also a new entrance has been built to the church which adds greatly to the appearance. All these improvements make the church more inviting for the people.

There was nearly a 25% increase in average attendance in the Sunday School. The summer attendance remained good.

There is a slight decline in the youth work. It is apparent that some are not willing to follow the Lord in all things. This is a burden.

Some of our young people however are happily married and taking good interest in the work of the Lord. The young married people's class is one of the greatest challenges at the present.

Two of the Grants Pass congregation answered the call to higher service during the year. It is comforting to know that both were ready to meet their Lord in peace.

SALEM

Workers: Rev. and Mrs. B. M. Books

Several years ago Rev. and Mrs. B. M. Books and a few other Brethren in Christ families moved into the Labish Community near Salem, Oregon. Under the leadership of Brother Books a very nice church building was erected, known as the Labish Community Church. It was dedicated September 20, 1955. Early in 1955 steps were begun to effect the transfer of ownership from B. M. and Priscilla Books to the Brethren in Christ Church. Pursuing the action of General Conference of 1955, the clearing of administration considerations and the legal steps in the transfer of ownership was consummated early in 1956.

In this nice building a fine congregation under the leadership of Brother B. M. Books as their pastor conducts a regular schedule of worship.

The growth of the work is evidenced by the fact that they have enlarged their physical plant during the past year.

Pray for this work and the pastor.
MISSIONS IN PENNSYLVANIA

ALTOONA

Workers: Rev. and Mrs. Gerald Wingert

The past year of service at Altoona has witnessed movements of the Spirit and rich spiritual blessings from the hand of God.

Early in the year there was a precious baptismal service in which eight believers followed the Lord in this ordinance. The oldest was a middle-aged man who had been saved in his home during an illness. The youngest was a lad of primary age who had been saved in his Bible School Class the previous summer.

The Bible School enrollment (118) and average attendance (108) was the highest in the history of the Mission.

The pastor writes, “As spiritual ‘shepherds’ we feel that the outstanding characteristic of our little flock is a spirit of love and unity and a working together for the increase of the fold of Christ.”

BLAIR’S MILLS

Workers: Rev. and Mrs. Roy Beltz

The pastor indicates the need of the Gospel in the homes blighted by sin in this mountainous section. Growth of believers is evidenced by

interest in reading God’s Word and prayer and attendance at services.

The service schedule provides for Sunday School each Sunday, six preaching services per month, a mid-week prayer meeting, and Christ’s Crusaders Meetings.

The potential of this work is reflected by an enrollment of 75 in Sunday School and 160 in Vacation Bible School. Twenty children sought the Lord in the Vacation Bible School. With the faithful service of the pastor and his wife we believe many of these children will grow in grace.

Your prayers are requested by the pastor that there may be a gracious revival at this place.

BLANDBURG

Workers: Rev. and Mrs. Edward Hackman

This area, “hard hit” economically, suffers because some must continue to seek employment out of the area.

Nevertheless, the pastor remains optimistic and rejoices in support and spiritual growth on the part of the group, and especially in the results of a tent meeting in the summer of 1955 in which 31 souls sought the Lord.

One outstanding conversion resulted in an entire household being transformed by the power of God. Souls have sought the Lord in regular services, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and revival meetings. One found God in his home.

Improvements have been made on the physical plant. The basement is being finished for Sunday School rooms.

The pastor solicits prayer for the salvation of souls as we contemplate the imminence of the Coming of the Lord.
EVERETT
(Clear Creek and Ray's Cove)
Workers: Rev. and Mrs. Ross
Morningstar

It is encouraging to be assured that while the work of erecting a large new church building at Clear Creek has been in progress during the past year, the blessing of the Lord has been on the spiritual side of the work.

CLEAR CREEK

The Sunday School has an enrollment of 176 with an average attendance of 106. With the improved facilities of the new church the possibilities of development are very great.

The attendance on Sunday evening is from 75 to 90. Many of these are young people. The revivals were blest of God. The pastor writes, "One night there was no preaching. God had settled on the meeting. A great burden for souls was felt in such a way there was weeping and praying."

The altar call was given and sinners sought God.

RAY'S COVE (MOUNTAIN CHAPEL)

The Sunday School has an enrollment of 80 and average attendance of 40. Seven souls sought the Lord during the revival.

There were 45 professions reported in this area.

HANOVER
Workers: Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Lady

As indicated in the 1955 General Conference Minutes, page 102, a work at Hanover, Pennsylvania was recognized as the Conowaga Brethren in Christ Church.

The present pastor had served nine years as pastor at Dallas Center, Iowa. Although they much desired his continued service, Brother Samuel

Ground-breaking for the new church at Hanover, Pennsylvania.

Lady expresses his feeling concerning the need at Hanover by quoting the words, "Come over into Macedonia and help us."

The Conowaga Congregation with its 29 members, a Sunday School with an average attendance of 60 warmly welcomed their new pastor in mid-summer. He immediately inherited the responsibility of helping to plan for the building of a new place of worship. They have been worshipping in a rented building. A ground-breaking ceremony for the new church occurred on November 20th at the corner of Maple and Monroe Streets in Hanover. (Notice the accompanying picture.)

The blessing of the Lord on their service has not been eclipsed by their building activities. One can feel the presence of the Lord as he enters the sanctuary for Bible School and Worship Service on Sunday morning, or the evangelistic service in the evening. There is also an inspiring Christ's Crusaders meeting every other Sunday evening. The mid-week prayer meeting on Thursday evening is a time of spiritual refreshing.

The pastor and congregation have a vision of great opportunities in this new field and solicit the prayers of the Church.

HARRISBURG
(Messiah Lighthouse Chapel)
Workers: Rev. and Mrs. Joel Carlson
Elizabeth Kanode, Beulah Lyons
Grace Robb

(This report is published almost as written by the pastor)

All city Mission work presents a tremendous challenge. Here are the people, in crowded areas, most of them without Jesus Christ. The Lord commands, "Give ye them to eat."

At Messiah Lighthouse Chapel, God has been faithful and has given blessing. About eighty persons have made varying professions of faith in Christian experience. These have been made through a variety of contacts—revival meetings, regular services, Sunday School, Week Day Bible School, Outdoor Gospel meetings, calls in homes and in hospital rooms.

Many activities go into the planning and performance of one year's schedule of operation. Heaven holds the final evaluation. God's Word will not return void. To bring human lives into transforming contact with the living Saviour ever remains our goal.

We list a number of significant occasions that were especially freighted with the Lord's presence and power during the January revival. 27 youth prayed personally and penitently.

During the October revival God moved with a strong burden of prayer upon the saints, resulting in two couples kneeling at the altar. Others sought the Lord in other services in this revival.

There was the Sunday night service, when a penitent man found Christ who had been contacted through the Sunday afternoon Gospel Park Service. He had recently had a narrow escape with death, that night he

founded eternal life through the Saviour.

A Sunday morning service witnessed a father giving his testimony of saving grace. Heaven seemed near.

A regular Sunday School session was climaxed in the class by the decision of four teenage girls, accepting Christ as their Saviour. Their testimonies given in the preaching service were inspiring.

Then in the prayer meetings when adults frankly acknowledged their sins, and testified to new power and blessing in their lives are glad memories.

A baptismal scene was sacred when seven persons obeyed Christ's command in this ordinance. Tears of joy flowed freely. Easter Sunday was brightened locally, by the reception of six persons into church membership.

We value the support and cooperation of the church. Brethren, pray for us, as we seek to continue these soul-winning efforts.

HOLLIDAYSBURG
(Cano Creek)
Workers: Rev. and Mrs. Sheldon
Wilson

Brother and Sister Cooper served at this Mission Pastorate the first half of the year. In August Brother and Sister Wilson arrived to take charge of the work. The local congregation has shown a splendid spirit of cooperation and gladly welcomed the Wilsons as their leaders. Brother Wilson writes, "We are glad for those who carry a burden of prayer for precious souls and we have learned to love these people very dearly. We especially appreciate our ministering brethren."

The Lord's presence is realized in their midst as forty or more meet to worship. Nearly seventy come to Sun-
were refreshed spiritually.

and worship services on the Lord's

spiritual blessing.

cation Bible School.

services."

spirit as we saw several young people

kneel at the altar during our regular

services."

The Lord’s presence is realized in

a regular schedule of services with

about forty meeting in Sunday School

and worship services on the Lord’s

Day, and about 20 in the mid-week

prayer meeting.

Twenty souls knelt at the altar dur­
ing the tent meeting and many souls

were refreshed spiritually.

Thirty-six were enrolled in the Va­
cation Bible School.

Visitation is a part of the services

of the pastor.

The workers desire your prayers as

they serve Christ and the Church an­
other year.

Saville Church

Workers: Rev. and Mrs. Roy Musser

The workers at Saville Church are

encouraged as they see signs of the

Spirit’s working in the hearts of the people.

The average attendance in the Sun­
day School is fifty-seven an increase of

seven over 1954. Sixty-five chil­
dren attended the Vacation Bible

School. It was a time of opportunity

and blessing. Three souls sought the

Lord in the revival and others made

definite advancement.

Some of the victories won is ex­
plained by the pastor as follows.

“Someone has been praying for the

work at Saville.” Let each one who

reads this continue to pray for this

work.

The Air Hill congregation and

other friends of the Mussers have do­
nated furniture, rugs, etc., to the par­
sonage which has made it very much

nicer for our workers. Thank you

and God bless you.

IRON SPRINGS

Workers: Rev. and Mrs. James Lesher

The present workers began their work

in this beautiful mountain valley

in the early Spring of 1955. A re­

vival was scheduled at that time. This

gave the Lesher a splendid oppor­
tunity to get acquainted with the folks

in visitation and meeting them night

after night in the services. The be­
lievers were encouraged and a few

sinner knelt at the altar to be saved.

The Vacation Bible School was

held in July with an enrollment of 99

and average attendance of 83. A

number of children expressed a de­
sire to be Christians and a few sought

the Lord. This was a real opportunity

to teach many young hearts the story

of salvation who do not hear it any

other time. Some do not attend Sun­
day School and others attend

churches where the Gospel of salva­
tion is not taught.

The pastor writes, “These special

blessings are appreciated but the

presence of the Lord in our regular

Sunday morning and evening services,

and the prayer meetings are what we

count as periods of edifying and spir­

ituil filling.” There is an active

Christ’s Crusaders organization with

about thirty young people attending.

The pastor asks your prayers that

they may “reach hearts who are trap­

ped in sin.”

KITTANNING

(Sunmyside Chapel)

Workers: Rev. and Mrs. Donald Fisher, S. Iola Dixon

The work at Sunmyside Chapel

moved forward under the blessing of

the Lord as the pastor and congrega­
tion worked together to remodel the

interior of the building and exca­
vate a basement to provide space for

Sunday School classrooms. An ex­
cellent job was done and the build­
ings was made much more attractive

inside and outside and much better

adapted for the Christian education

program of the church.

The Dedication Services were on

May 1st. A large crowd was present

and much appreciation was expressed

in the achievement both locally and

by visitors from the eastern part of

the state. In the winter a used coal­
burning furnace was installed.

Several members were received in­
to church fellowship at the time of

dedication.

The devil stirred up a reaction

later in the season and some were

drawn away. The prayers of the

church are solicited for this work

which has attracted much interest

locally and among friends elsewhere.

LLEWELLYN

Workers: Rev. and Mrs. Cyrus Landis

The services at Llewellyn have been

conducted in a one-room Lutheran

Church. The last year the Sunday­
School enrollment was 99 and average at­

tendance 59. It was necessary to

make provision for more adequate

facilities.

In the Council Meeting the sit­
uation was discussed to length. Since

the ground on which the church stood

could not be bought and the building

was for sale, it was decided to pur­
chase a lot near the church, build a

foundation including a basement and

move the church on to it. The church

was purchased from the Lutheran

Congregation for $100.00. A Board of

Trustees was elected and plans were

made to begin the work. Men came

from Stowe and Lancaster County to

help in this project. Paul Buckwalter

furnished equipment. After consider­
able work and some diffi­
culties, the building was successfully

moved on to the new foundation.

Those responsible for this work

were very grateful for God’s hand of

protection on those who labored. No

one was injured. The donated labor

was also much appreciated, May God

bless each one.

There were 24 professions during

the year. Twenty of these were in the

Sunday School.

PHILADELPHIA

Workers: Rev. and Mrs. William Roseberry, Anita Brechbill, Ida Lue Hane

The past year has been a busy,

fruitful year. The workers exclaimed,

“We’ll give the glory to Jesus, and

dwell in His wonderful love.” Bur­
dens have been replaced by marvel­
ous answers to prayer, often tears

were replaced by joy when victory

came, needs have been supplied mi­
raculously and insurmountable dif­
culties have been removed.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Average attendance 91 an increase of

two over last year.

A young married people’s class was

formed.

Home Department, Cradle Roll and

Summer Bible School was sponsored

by the Sunday School.

500 visits were made during Ex-
pansion Month by Sunday School workers. Results, an increase of nine scholars. $1,100 was given in special offerings for the new Sunday School Chapel.

BIBLE HOUR
Each Thursday afternoon from October to May a Bible Hour was held for children. Thirty attended.

MISSIONARY GROUP
This group sponsored a Missionary Conference. The Shekinah glory was manifest all day Sunday and was climaxzied with seekers at the altar. Young people received a call to missionary work.

305 garments and 629 bandages were prepared and sent to needy areas. Seven baskets were given at Thanksgiving Time. Christmas bundles were prepared for MCC.

CHRIST'S CRUSADERS
Every Tuesday night is Young People's Night. A full schedule of activities are enjoyed: Singing in hospitals and convalescent Homes, Prayer meetings, Bible Study, Program at Grace and Hope Mission in the tenderloin, Tract distribution, Chorus practice, etc. This group sponsored the 11th Youth Conference.

Several new young people from the community have been added to the group.

GENERAL MISSION ACTIVITIES
The regular services have been blessed of God in an unusual way. Altar services are enjoyed as souls find God in worship service and prayer meeting. On June 26 God met with the congregation in an outstanding way. The altar was filled. One man about 50 years old was saved for the first time. He is standing true. He has been healed of a spinal disease of 8 years duration.

During the revival there were seekers every night. The glory fell and the Holy Ghost came as souls were willing to pay the price. One mother who had been seeking for sanctification, received the witness when her daughter prayed through. Street meetings were held from June to September. 10,215 tracts were distributed in these services.

Visits made—313, Marriages—1, Baptisms—5, Church accessions—4, Dedication of children—6, Anointings—34, Funerals—5. Pieces of clothing distributed—1,492, Hundreds of pounds of produce was given to the poor, Juvenile Courts, and probation officers were visited as pleas came from community parents. The Mission Fund was tithed and God brought it out of a $300.00 deficit to a $300.00 balance in one year.

Radio Broadcast
The Broadcast is carried over seven stations. Approximately 5,000 letters were received. 48 handkerchiefs were anointed and sent out. The mailing list of our monthly radio publication, The Gospel Witness, stands at 7,500. In addition at least 1,500 Holiness books and booklets were sent out.

Building Program
The new church building program took a big share of time. The main structure was completed and ready for plastering and brickling at the end of the year. Dedication Day is scheduled for May 13, 1956.

There has been much donated labor. As high as 26 were fed in the mission home at one time as sister churches came to help. This has greatly reduced the cash cost of the building. For all this we are very thankful. God bless everyone who has helped.

SAXTON
Workers: Rev. and Mrs. Andrew Slagenweit, Ruth Keller, Anne Wyld

"Things go so much better since I have victory again," the testimony of a sister who came back during the fall revival. It was also true of another sister who had lost the victory.

"I hope I do not need to stay in bed long—either I will get better or the Lord will take me." This was the words of Brother Davis, a faithful member of the church. His desire was granted when the Lord took him. His funeral was on Thanksgiving Day.

One young girl who sought the Lord with 20 others in the Vacation Bible School says, "I have to cry each time I sing, 'Just As I am.' When the girls 9-14 years of age meet once a week with the sister workers she opened up her heart. They do some sewing. Also they make scrap books.

Vacation Bible School was challenging with an enrollment of 130. Nearly a hundred children filled the church each day.

The young people took good interest in the Cantata presented for our Christmas Program.

The Spring and Fall revivals were times of refreshing. Seventeen seekers were at the altar.

The parsonage project is not completed, but it is hoped that it will be soon.

SHERMAN'S VALLEY
Interest is increasing in this community. New faces are seen in the services. These folks are attending regularly, driving their own cars and bringing others with them. Hands are raised for prayer in services by folks who never seemed to respond before. The Lord's presence seems so near in the evening services.

The young people are attending and cooperating very nicely in the Christ's Crusaders program. Some have publicly and others privately acknowledged their spiritual need. Pray that they may receive an experience of full salvation.

There is a tremendous opportunity to work with young married people. We are eager to see them saved and Christian homes established. There are at least 35 or more in the 20's and early 30's age bracket. Here is the future church for Sherman's Valley. Help pray.
The Vacation Bible School was very good, with an enrollment of 106 and average attendance of 84.

RIDDLESBURG

The attendance is small in regular services.

The Vacation Bible School was well attended with an average attendance of 68.

There were several professions in the Spring revival. One young mother is really standing true and going on with the Lord.

STOWE

Workers: Rev. and Mrs. John Bicksler

"O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together."

Community progress is linked with personal or individual progress. Thus the Word is taught and proclaimed at the Stowe Mission, that people might know the Lord. Spiritual progress has been made by many of our people. Some new converts have been brought into the fold. With regret we note that two members of the Lord.

The pastor comments much on the beauty of the little chapel and the courage and hard work of the Walker family who made it possible. The dedication of this chapel was July 31, 1955. This was a great day of inspiration and blessing.

Commenting on the steady growth of the Sunday School, Brother Cooper says, "Much has been done by our Sunday School Staff to insure the best training for our scholars." "Much has been done in the area of evangelism. Fifteen souls sought the Lord. Our goal is to catch men for Christ." "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

A good work is being done in the Girls' Club which meets in the parsonage.

Special prayer is requested for the tent meeting which will be held in August.

MISSION IN TENNESSEE

DE ROSSETT

Workers: Rev. and Mrs. Edgar Giles

De Rossett is a small town near Sparta, Tennessee.

In this town was a vacated school building for sale. The Home Mission Board authorized the buying of it for a place of worship and a parsonage combined. It has been remodelled. Interested folks from Kentucky donated labor.

This work is an outreach of the Kentucky work. The pastor and his wife are natives of Adair County, Kentucky. Brother Giles also conducts services in a small town near by, Ravenscroft.

The attendance in the services has not been large but the pastor reports an increase in attendance and interest. There is a good spirit among the people and God's blessing is manifest in the regular services. Recently three souls prayed through to victory.

Let us pray for this new work.

MISSIONS IN VIRGINIA

ALLISONIA

(Farris Mines)

Workers: Rev. and Mrs. Rupert Turman, Edith Davidson

As this report is given there is much for which to thank God. His promises have been proven true. His grace, His courage, His power, and His answers to prayers have been manifold.

The accompanying picture reveals two new members of the Farris Mines Mission family, Cynthia Sue, born August 27, 1955 and Sister Edith Davidson who was reassigned to the Virginia work and arrived in September.

The average attendance in Sunday School was 61+. The spiritual and financial conditions are improving.

The Sunday School classes have reap ed the benefits of 22 students and teachers completing the E.T.T.A. Course. The teacher, Sister Esther Duncan gave herself unstintingly to the task.

The Vacation Bible School is a highly anticipated time for the children. The enrollment was 54 with average attendance of 46.2. Parents enjoyed the closing exercises.

The Turman family with Edith Davidson.
Workers: Rev. and Mrs. I. Raymond Conner

The pastor reports a very good year in the beginning of the church program. The Sunday School is very encouraging with an enrollment of 66 and average attendance of 55. The present building is very inadequate to take care of this Sunday School. There had not been a Sunday School in this community for about 8 years. One mother very often brings her family of thirteen children. They walk two miles.

The new church building is much anticipated. The lot has been purchased and plans are being made to begin the construction.

There has been fifteen conversions in past year.

One was a 73-year-old man. He is the father of fourteen children. His bright Christian wife had recently passed away. The first night he was in the service, he made his way to the altar of prayer with tears flowing down his face. After a prayer he arose and desired to speak. Then he told what a sinner he had been and how sorry he was that he had not become a Christian sooner. In a few weeks he was baptized in a pond near his home. This old man knelt very reverently to receive trine immersion. The Lord was very real and very near that afternoon. Now he never misses a service.

Pray for the work at Check and the workers, that many more souls will find Christ as their Saviour.

SYLVATUS
(Bethel Mission)

Workers: Rev. and Mrs. John Schock

(The following report was submitted by the pastor.)

"As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word, that ye may grow thereby. (I Peter 2:2) Christ does not expect those who are born again, to continue to be babes, but the natural course of spiritual growth is expected.

We here at Bethel, feel that the past year has been a year of spiritual growth. An atmosphere of prayer and spiritual freedom is felt in our services. God has been opening the windows of heaven and showering us with blessings. This is an answer to prayer, "Praise the Lord." A number of our young converts are serving as assistant Sunday School teachers. The Christ's Crusaders meetings have been outstanding, under the leadership of Glenna Jane Wright, one of our teenage Christians.

Women's Missionary Prayer Circle has been a great blessing to our congregation and community. The average attendance is ten. The president recalls one meeting when thirteen were present. Slips of paper with prayer requests were prepared, and as they were passed around the circle, each lady took one. The leader then encouraged each person, starting to her left, to pray for the request that she drew. Several in the group had never before prayed in public. The denominations represented were: Christian, Church of God, Baptist, Catholic, Brethren in Christ, and others, members of no church. The freedom in prayer was indeed heart warming, and there were few dry eyes as the circle was completed and the volume of prayer from thirteen earnest hearts ascended to the throne of God.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Home Mission Program has been blest with alert leaders who have blazed new trails in Christian Education. Ever since the first Daily Vacation Bible School was conducted in the Brethren in Christ Church, our workers have increasingly recognized the tremendous value of this two-week period of intensive Bible Training, Missionary Instruction, and Child and Youth Evangelism.

We are in this Handbook presenting a tabulated report of 31 Vacation Bible Schools which our workers conducted during the summer of 1955. The average attendance of all these schools is not so high because some are in isolated areas where the population is widely scattered.

While many of our mission churches now have improved facilities for Christian education, some of these schools are conducted where the facilities are very limited. In some cases one-roomed buildings are yet used. In many cases finances are very limited.

While many of our workers are Spirit-filled, talented and well trained, they often have to include on their staff of workers some who are quite inexperienced. But their schools have been fruitful and well worth-while in eternal values. More than two hundred children professed to accept Christ as their Saviour.

Concluding this report are some other types of Christian Education which have been fruitful where people are willing to make the investment of time, talent and money. They may be suggestive to other soul-winners.

Rev. Rupert Turman writes: "In Virginia we are allowed to visit the
public schools with religious programs. Pray for the 275 children—black and white—ministered to monthly.

From Philadelphia comes this report. One mother is seeking God as a result of Bible Hour contacts. Her child so enjoyed the time in Bible Hour that when it closed in May she said, "Is God dead?"

Vacation Bible Schools—1955

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OUR MEDICAL PROGRAM

One of the prerequisites for winning souls to Christ is to demonstrate His love. One of the ways of doing this is to minister to physical needs. When people are sick or in need, a kind deed done in the name of Jesus often proves to be an opening wedge to prepare their sinned-hardened hearts for the reception of the Gospel. This has been done effectively again and again in our program.

**KNIFLEY CLINIC**

Nursing care has characterized the work in Kentucky for nearly thirty years. About twelve years ago a clinic was established in Knifley with a nurse in charge and an affiliate relationship with a doctor established. In 1955, 920 clinic calls and 223 home calls were reported; also 47 days of care of a co-worker confined to her bed in the clinic. Associated with this medical program is personal witnessing and prayer, and the distribution of Christian literature.

**THE NAVAJO MEDICAL WORK**

Especially is medical missionary work desirable among the Indians. The white intruders have driven some of them into areas where it is almost impossible for people to live. Each succeeding generation of Indians have taught their children to distrust the white man. Memories of most inhumane privation and cruelty are kept alive. Resentments are buried deep in their hearts. The government legalizes the sale of intoxicants to women and children, among whom we work in New Mexico have suffered much in the above mentioned respects and are extremely, retarded and shy of the white man. They will respond for medical help. This manifestation of Christian love provides an excellent way to give them the Gospel.

Early in the development of our Navajo Mission Program the desirability of medical work was recognized. A hospital was built, nurses were secured and an affiliate relationship with a doctor established. Finally, prayer was answered rewarding our efforts to secure a doctor. Dr. Alvin Heise who graduated with honors from the University of Cincinnati School of Medicine and relieved Dr. Paul Lenhart for several months while he contacted the foreign mission fields, joined the Navajo Mission Staff under a commitment to give two years of service.

The services of Dr. Heise in heading our medical program is already marking a new epoch in the development of this work. Beginning with a staff of two full-time registered nurses and two other R.N.'s on the staff who can relieve in emergency, the work is growing.

About 100 clinic patients per week are being seen besides staff members, boarding school children, and local white population. There is an average of 6 to 7 patients in the hospital.

The Navajo Hospital is now licensed as a limited General Hospital (Limited surgical facilities) with ten beds and 5 bassinets. Dr. Adler, president of the New Mexico State Medical Society, has given substantial gifts to the hospital.

Dr. Heise writes, "Each task fills us with gratitude for the privilege of being an instrument of service in Christ's name."

The church is urged to pray that this program will result in making the Navajo people more susceptible to the Gospel and facilitate the ultimate objective, the salvation of their souls.
NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MISSION STATIONS

CITY MISSIONS


Detroit Mission: Residence—3886 Humboldt Street, Detroit 8, Michigan. Telephone—Tyler 5-1470.

God’s Love Mission—1524 Third Street, Detroit 26, Michigan.


Los Angeles (Door of Hope Mission): Fifth and Wall Streets, Los Angeles, Calif. Residence of Brethren in Christ pastor—531 1/2 North Third Avenue, Upland, California.


RURAL MISSIONS

Bloomfield (Navajo Indian Mission): Bloomfield, New Mexico, c/o Blanco Trading Post. Telephone—Farmington NM 82373.

Kentucky: Ella, Kentucky.

Meath Park Station (North Star Mission): Meath Park Station, Saskatchewan, Canada. Paddockwood, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Saxton, Pennsylvania.


MISSION PASTORATES

Albuquerque: 3905 Sierra Drive, N. E., Albuquerque, New Mexico. Telephone—5-6467.

Allisonia (Farris Mines): Allisonia, Virginia. Telephone—Pulaski 28628.


Air’s Mill: Residence—Orstown, Pa., R. D. 1, Box 50.

Blacksburg, Pennsylvania.

Check, Virginia: (Adney’s Gap)

Collingwood, Ontario, Canada.

Delisle, Saskatchewan, Canada.

De Rossett, Tennessee.

Everett, Pennsylvania: (Clear Creek Church), (Ray’s Cove or Mountain Chapel)

Garlin, Kentucky.

Gladwin, Michigan.


Hanover, Pennsylvania.

Hollidayburg, Pennsylvania: (Canoe Creek Church)

Hunlock Creek, Pennsylvania.

Ickesburg, Pennsylvania: (Saville Church in Liberty Valley)

Iron Springs, Pennsylvania.

Kindersley, Saskatchewan, Canada.


Knifley, Kentucky.

Llewellyn, Pennsylvania.


Orlando: 1712 Cook Street, Orlando, Florida.

Ringgold, Maryland: Residence—Smithburg, Md., R. 2.

Shanesville, Ohio.


Tillsonburg, Ontario, Canada: Residence—Houghton Center—Residence, Langton, Ontario, Canada. Telephone—Frogmore.

Uniontown, Ohio: 239 E. Turkey Foot Lake Road, Akron 12, Ohio. Telephone—Akron Oxford 9-3028.

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Cooper, Rev. and Mrs. Art, Three Springs, Pennsylvania, Star Route.

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Dohner, Rev. and Mrs. Elam, Eula, Kentucky.

Ebersole, Miss Esther, Ella, Kentucky.

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Priesen, Rev. and Mrs. P. B., Knifley, Kentucky.

Garman, Rev. and Mrs. John, Kindersley, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Giles, Rev. and Mrs. Edgar, Sparta, Tennessee, R. D. 7.

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Slaengenweit, Rev. and Mrs. Andrew, Martinsburg, Pennsylvania.
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Steckley, Miss Ruth, 201 Gamble St., Toronto 6, Ontario, Canada.
Taulman, Rev. and Mrs. Rupert, Allisonia, Virginia.
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Wingert, Rev. and Mrs. Gerald, 3701 Sixth St., Altoona, Pa.
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Yoder, Miss Edith, 311 Scott St., San Francisco 17, California.

Women's Missionary Prayer Circle

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Bishop Carl Stump, Nappanee, Indiana.
GOD ANSWERS PRAYER. In John 14:14 we read: If ye ask anything in my name, I will do it. The early Christians really believed that. When the enemies of the church put Peter in jail, a little group of Christians who believed John 14:14 got together and began to pray. When they prayed, God answered. The gates were opened by an unseen power. Hezekiah prayed for deliverance from the Syrians and God delivered them. Elijah prayed for rain and it came. The disciples prayed for more power and boldness. God answered their prayer. George Mueller prayed for an institution to care for hundreds of orphans. Hudson Taylor prayed for a mission to the heathen of inland China. Ashley Johnson prayed for a Bible college for poor boys. God answered.

GOD ANSWERS PRAYER TODAY. More than one hundred Women’s Missionary Prayer Circles over the church meet regularly for prayer. Around the world God is working in answer to these prayers. He placed a medical doctor at the Navajo Hospital in January of this year. God directed the safe arrival of the Medical unit to our doctor in India. The water supply and government cooperation for the hospital at Macha came as a direct answer from God. Young men in Africa and India have come to the front for leadership to aid in establishing an indigenous church in answer to prayer.

By way of the two thousand prayer challenges that go out each month special prayer was made for Jono Moyo in Africa. God brought him back to serve the church. From Japan, Thelma Book writes: “Never before in my life have I been so conscious of God working, answering prayer, guiding, making a way when there is no way. So many prayers have been answered. Many of them simple prayers, but needed answers.”

A young pastor from the hills of Pennsylvania says: “Many times during the past twelve months we were made to explain some particular happening by ‘someone has been praying for the work at Saville.’ God brought revival to our church schools this year. Many young people yielded to Christ. Missionaries and the deputation party have traveled safely—in answer to prayer. Confidence that God would supply the needed water for Navajo Hospital has been rewarded. God gave a “well of water” with a flow of 4000 to 5000 gallons of water per day. A GREAT GOD we serve!

Let us continue to pray and believe Him to provide a way whereby the water may be filtered satisfactorily. The women’s Missionary prayer circle family throughout the church is again giving splendid response to their project for this year. Yes, around the world God is working in answer to prayer. “Those who pray and those who work certainly rejoice together.”

G. D. Watson says: God has so organized His creation that only a few things are accomplished except through the prayer of His creatures, and when the Holy Spirit has complete dominion over a soul, He will assign to it burdens of prayer for persons, places or things according to His wisdom.

A PRAYER: Dear Lord, we come to Thee even now in prayer. We thank Thee for Thyself. We thank Thee for Thyself. We thank Thee for Thy loving fellowship of prayer throughout our church. We humbly give Thee thanks for Thy gracious answers to our many prayers. We believe that prayer is a greater force than any atomic weapon. We know, too, it is the prayer of a righteous man that availeth much. So, dear God, may we all be cleansed channels, fully surrendered to Thy will. Forbid, we pray, that anything—lack of unity, or love; misjudging; jealousy; gossip; worldliness—would choke the channel and bring hindrance to our prayers from reaching Thee. Search our hearts and Dear Lord, TEACH US TO PRAY. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Velma Martin,
Sec’y WMPC
Part II

Foreign Missions
This Gospel • • • to the Ends of the Earth • • • in the End Times

A nervous world anticipates the end time. No longer are the prophecies of God’s Word the object of the scoffers’ ridicule, nor are they the words of an unlearned man of antiquity. They are a stark reality. The mystical, unintelligent utterances have suddenly turned into “When shall it be?” So realistic has been the discovery that experimental glimpses of its potentialities cause the world to live in fear of the day it will happen.

The Christian Church awaits the end times with confidence, not by closing her mind to the realities of the tragedies which the World fears, but through a conviction that the living Lord of all the earth is Master of earth and sea and sky. The coming of this darkness is the night before the dawn of a better day. We cannot have the better day without first passing through the darkness. The Church is confident that He who forewarned us of the gloom through which we are about to pass will also bring us to the brighter days that have been promised to His own.

The individual Christian labors diligently knowing the time of the end is near. He understands that the door of opportunity has already begun to swing shut. But in his hands he holds the only medicine for the needs of a sick world. Individually or collectively, nationally or internationally, the wonderful story of love is the good news. It must be presented in practice as well as in theory. The world must see it in action as well as read its fascinating pages. To lay up treasures at this hour is to waste golden opportunities, and so we labor to send this Gospel to the ends of the earth in these end times.

SPIRITUAL ATTAINMENTS

Far and wide Christendom has been singing of the great things He has done. A careful, realistic appraisal of the manifestations of His Spirit in Cuba, Japan, India and Africa leads us to join in this chorus of gratitude. Our workers have seen miracles of transformation where the darkness of sin has gone and the brightness of His light has come. They have seen struggling, tempted, defeated souls return to intimate fellowship with the Sun of Righteousness and thus have the joy of the Lord restored. They have seen weak and weary followers receive a fresh baptism of spiritual life and vitality. They have seen babes in Christ grow up as “calves of the stall” and go forth in His name. They have also seen the reverse when enlightened and awakened individuals chose the opposite path and wandered farther from the blessings of the Gospel than they had been. Disheartening and disappointing as are these experiences, there is rejoicing in the triumph of His grace and the consciousness that the Gospel is sufficient for every need.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

At no time have we carried a large balance during the year, yet the Lord has supplied the needs of the work. The estimated budget as published was met, and we have reached a new high for contributions to foreign missions of over $123,000. To God be the glory for He has made possible this generosity on the part of His children. We know that providing this financial support has called for sacrificial giving by some contributors. There were other gifts that represented a marvelous answer to prayer in providing individuals with gifts they desired to share with the work. What blessing and enrichment come to those who so unselfishly share in spreading the Gospel to the ends of the earth! May many more find this joy during the coming years.

OUR WORKERS

On December 31, 1955 we had 73 workers on the four fields, Africa, India, Japan and Cuba. This does not include the five I-W workers. During the year God has blessed most of our staff with good health, though a few have suffered and struggled with physical ills that have hindered them from the full accomplishment that was their ambition. The spirit of devotion to the call of Christ and to their work has assigned has left a trail of blessing that eternity alone will reveal. While some workers have retired, new recruits have been added to the staff. The transfer of Brother and Sister Jesse Lady to Africa from Israel has been an unusual shift of personnel, made necessary because it was impossible for them to renew their tourist visas in Israel.

THE UNFINISHED TASK

The great command to give the Gospel to “every creature” (Matt. 28:19) has not yet been fulfilled in any area in which our workers are serving. The missionary, either himself or the national workers with whom they are associated, must continue to reach out. They are doing it and plan to continue. The extent and degree of their effectiveness is directly related to the cooperation that we, the Mother Church, will give them. Let us remember that this command to “every creature” has been given to us as well as to them. May it move us to fervent praying and ardent serving as we seek to extend this glorious Gospel to the ends of the earth in these end times.
Financial Statements

FINANCIAL REPORT
UNITED STATES
Fiscal year, Jan. 1, 1955 to Dec. 31, 1955

Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1955
General Fund $ 83.98
Reserve for Medical expansion, India 2,500.00
Cuba Fund 255.44
Picture Promotion Project 100.00
Annuity Reserve fund 2,700.38
Total $ 5,804.87

Less funds showing deficit Balances
Specialized Missionary Training Fund $ 960.26
Japan Fund 1,048.83
Total deficit balance $ 2,455.69

Net Total Balance $ 3,349.18

Receipts
Japan Property Purchase $ 391.08
Loan to General Fund 2,000.00
General Fund 77,763.83
Africa Specials 11,797.56
India Specials 10,457.09
Medical Doctor Training 663.96
Japan Fund 1,447.66
Annuity Reserve Fund 653.39
Cuba Fund 4,503.91
Israel Fund 1,800.59
Total Receipts $115,534.07

Disbursements
Missionary Medical Expense 32.00
Special Project, Africa 660.00
Repayment General Fund loan 5,000.00
Payment, Nahumba Mission, Africa 2,000.00
Israel Fund 1,762.00
Annuity Interest 727.00
Missionaries' Children Tuition 380.00
Specialized Missionary Training 185.50
Promotion 437.36
Mission Agencies 309.00
Itinerary Expense 1,722.35
India Medical Expansion 3,750.00
Total Disbursements $115,688.59

Net Balance all operating funds, Jan. 1, 1956 3,194.66

Analysis of Operating Fund Balances
General Fund $ 588.93
Picture Promotion Fund 100.00
Japan Fund 146.68
Cuba Fund 475.18
Doctor Medical Fund 217.36
Annuity Reserve Fund 2,626.77
Total $ 4,154.92

Less fund showing Deficit Balance
Specialized Missionary Training Fund $ 960.26
Net Total Balance $ 3,194.66

Special contributions were made to the General Fund in 1955 as follows:
United Zion Church $ 3,000.00
United Christian Church 1,700.00

Report of Special Foreign Mission Funds
Beginning Balances Jan. 1, 1955
Bequests $ 1,716.51
Annuity Funds 11,451.74
Total Beginning Balances $ 13,168.25

Additions to Special Funds
New Annuities written in 1955 $ 1,000.00
Payment on Japan property Loan 391.08
Total of Special Funds $ 15,269.35

Less Transfers of Special Funds
Released to Annuity Reserve Fund by death of annuitant $ 350.00
Total of Special Funds $ 15,229.05

Net Total, Special Funds, Dec. 31, 1955 $ 15,229.05

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 551.77
Springfield Savings Society, Springfield, Ohio 4,157.56
Total Investments of Special Funds 15,867.76

Total Investments of Special Funds $ 15,867.00

Total active annuities on which interest is being paid...$ 15,900.00
REPORT ON "HOME FOR FURLOUGHED MISSIONARIES"

Balance on Hand Jan. 1, 1955 $168.88
Apartment Rentals 180.00
Garage Rental 12.00

Total Receipts $360.88

Expenditures
Insurance $8.75
Repairs:
Carpentry 4.46
Plumbing 77.68
Floor Covering 34.57
Papering 65.26

Total Expenses 190.72
Balance on Hand, Dec. 31, 1955 $170.16

FINANCIAL REPORT OF CANADIAN CONTRIBUTIONS TO FOREIGN MISSIONS
Jan. 1, 1955 to Jan. 1, 1956

Balance in Trust Jan. 1, 1955 $1,565.77

Receipts
General Fund 7,165.98
Africa Specials 807.40
India Specials 2,789.18
Japan Specials 181.44
Israel Specials 35.60
Cuba Specials 77.12

Total Receipts $11,056.72

Disbursements
To Africa General Fund $7,000.00
Africa Specials 807.40
India Specials 2,789.18
Japan Specials 181.44
Israel Specials 35.60
Cuba Specials 77.12
Arthur Pye on Furlough 21.95
Board of Benevolence Can. Treas 490.75
Itinerating 85.00
Postage, Bank and Cable Charges 32.71

Total Disbursements $1,203.91
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1955 $2,325.65

Specials Included in the Balance are as Follows:
Bibles $311.00
Car 127.00
Pictograph 76.00
Records 20.00

This is to certify that I have examined the books and records of Carl J. Ulery, Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board and the Home for Furloughed Missionaries 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

FOREIGN MISSION FINANCIAL CONSOLIDATED REPORT U. S. A. AND CANADA
January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955

Balance on hand, January 1, 1955 $4,914.95
Receipts 126,590.79

Total receipts and balance $131,505.74

Disbursements
Balance on hand, January 1, 1956 12,222.49
Balance over Disbursements as of Jan. 1, 1956 1,123.29

The reports themselves speak more than any commentary that might be added. 1955 has been the greatest year in the history of the Brethren in Christ Church in the way of financial support to the Foreign Mission Program. This has been further reflected by the advances made on the fields.

As Co-workers with Him, let us continue to carry the burden for the work both at home, as well as abroad, with our prayers and finances.
Introduction

Warm facts and not cold figures are what is desired in the report of God's working in the mission program of the Brethren in Christ Church in Northern and Southern Rhodesia. Is the Lord continuing to speak? We thank God that in many ways we have seen Him speaking during this past year.

To all of us in the Rhodesias the year of 1955 will stand out as a year of revival, basic and heartwarming, causing the work to advance, the spirit of cooperation between missionary and African church leaders to be renewed, and the development of the indigenous church to be carried forward with further administrative and organizational development.

The details of all this will be spelled out in reports from the various superintendents. The advance steps taken at the Special Conference in December during the visitation of the Foreign Mission Board delegation will be reported at the close of the survey.

Foreign Mission Board Delegation Visits the Field

In the meantime, the outstanding event for church and missionaries was the visit of Bishop and Mrs. Henry N. Hostetter and Doctor and Mrs. P. G. Lenhert from October 13 to December 13. Their weeks of touring the Rhodesian fields were packed full for them and for us. We cannot express too much our appreciation for their timely encouragement, constructive criticism, and able support in the Special Conference which climaxed their visit in December. The missionary ladies particularly appreciated the coming of Sisters Hostetter and Lenhert along with their husbands. This made the visit one of rounded benefits to all.

The delegation visited Matopo, Moshabezi, Wanezi, Nahumba, Macha, and Sikalongo consecutively before the Conference and also were able to take in sectional trips. Brother Hostetter went to the new Gwaai District with Brother Holland and the Lenherts visited another society's...
Southern Rhodesia Reports

In coming to a more detailed report of the various units and their work, we survey the Southern Rhodesia field. From Matopo Mission, Brother and Sister A. J. Book and staff of co-workers report as follows:

Matopo Mission Staff Reporting

"It is with a sense of wonder that we realize just how much has happened in this year 1955 at Matopo. We cannot but lift extraordinary praise to God for all His help, guidance and strength that has enabled us to see another year to completion. When encouragement was needed, He sent someone special to lift us up; when strength was gone, He restored —and more. Praise His dear and worthy Name. With the Psalmist we say, 'Praise ye the Lord, O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.'

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EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS

"Our hearts were deeply moved as we heard the messages from day to day and night to night in both first and third term revival meetings. It has not always been the privilege of the missionaries to understand all of the messages given in special meetings. This year has been different. Even though Brother A. M. Climenhaga's messages during the first term revival in March were in Sindebele, he outlined in English. He emphasized The Power of a New Heart, The Power of Prayer, The Yielded Life.

"We felt privileged to have Brother Lady for the third-term revival in October. It was inspiring to hear him again, and his scriptural messages were appreciated by the students and the local church. A number have expressed a desire to go to Bible School after hearing him speak.

EVANGELISM

"We praise the Lord for the wonderful way in which He is working through village evangelism. It seems so many are ripe for the Gospel. The same is true in Africa as in America —visitaton pays big dividends. One may walk many miles, but at the end of the day we exclaim, 'It was worth it all. We must go again soon.' We thank God for those who have repented: Naka Ndbenduku and Naka Zenzo; the widow of Mangabi, the old sweeper, just several days before her summons higher; Seka and Naka Bejaiy Ndlou, one time a preacher, then backslider and heavy drinker, now both are following the Lord.

"A number have asked that we remember them in prayer. Naka Me- meza, an old woman who has only started to attend services recently, said she had never gone to church before. Naka Elijah, a widow who was a Christian many years ago, has returned to the Lord. Naka Johane Masuku, who lives near the mission, is a new convert. Kohli's grandmother, older sister of Gwalinka Dube, has given up her drinking and accepted Christ. Najalimani Moyo, a mission labourer, is a Christian; his wife is very hard. Frank Shumuda, son of Ndawana, wants to be a Christian. Mapenda Moyo's parents recently turned to the Lord. There are many others. Let us not forget our prayer responsibilities.

EXPANSION

"Someone has said that where there is growth there is decay. This cannot be said of Matopo this year. We have added a number of buildings along with other things. A nice new Single Male Teacher's Unit replaces an old roof-about-to-fall-in house. Two new sinks with cupboards were installed in two of the mission houses. New benches and desks were added to the

Secondary School to allow for increased enrollment. An electric welder has been installed to facilitate the making of steel beds for dormitory use. The grinding engine was rebuilt to make for greater usefulness in grinding, sawing wood, and welding.

"There is an ever increasing demand for more highly-qualified teachers to serve in certain Reserve centers where the development calls for Standards Four, Five, and Six in day schools. As a result it has been decided, D.V., to inaugurate in 1957 a Higher Teacher Training Course at Matopo. In 1956 we will start a new two-year Rhodesian Junior Certificate course which will eventually replace the present three-year University of South Africa course. This new course will be directed by the Southern Rhodesia Government.

MISSION PERSONNEL

"A number of changes have been made in missionary personnel for the coming year. Brother and Sister I. M. Stern leave Matopo as headmaster and nurse and go to Macha Mission as superintendent and matron. Brother and Sister D. E. Climenhaga come to Matopo as the second married couple. Brother Climenhaga is the professional teacher designate of the new Higher Teacher Training Course. Sister Rhoda Henshaw comes to fill the place of Sister Stern as mission nurse. Sister Martin leaves the Secondary Department for home furlough, and Sister Edna Switzer comes into this position. Sister Nancy Kreider takes her place and Sister Miriam Heise comes to replace Sister Kreider as the assistant professional teacher. Brother Don Zook comes to Matopo temporarily to relieve Sister Mary Engle for holiday.

"We want to thank the home church for your prayers and gifts. May the Lord bless you. Let us all be true and faithful to the calling He has given us."

Matopo District (Bulawayo Outstations)

The first part of 1955 Brother and Sister R. H. Mann continued in charge of the Bulawayo Outstations. In May, Brother and Sister Holland arrived on the field and were assigned to relieve the Manns for their long furlough. The Hollands continued in residence with the Mtshabezi Hospital Staff with Brother Holland giving assistance in the building program at the hospital in addition to his regular outstation circuit and district duties. At the close of the year, arrangements were made for the Hollands to move to Matopo Mission into the Rockview residence. With respect to their work in the Bulawayo Outstations and Matopo District, Brother and Sister Holland write:

"We drove out into the darkness, farther and farther from the lights of the city of Bulawayo. We were approaching Matopo Mission for the first time and we strained our eyes to see what little of the countryside we could see in the circle of light that traveled ahead of the car. We had had no doubts after question to ask of Bishop Climenhaga, who had come to the train to meet us. Finally he approached the summit of our journey and we were very happy to find that we would be in charge of the Bulawayo Circuit of Outstations. We knew little about what our work would involve, but we did know that it would take us out among the people, and this we were really looking forward to.

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**Taking Over the Work**

"After about a month of working with Brother and Sister Roy Mann and learning about our work, their time for returning home arrived, and we took over. It was then, as we began to meet the various problems arising, that we realized the wealth of skill and wisdom which many years of service on the field had given them. We now found ourselves responsible for supervising the educational and spiritual work in 23 outstations, employing 71 teachers and enrolling more than 3,000 students. What responsibility! Not only for the students, but also for the teachers who often need guidance and counsel. But what opportunity!

"A secondary but real source of enjoyment we soon found in the beauty of the rocks and hills and rivers among which we travel. We live close not only to the people, but also to nature as we spend day after day on the veldt and sleep at night in the little mud huts the people have built for us. Cots, blankets, food boxes, folding table and chairs, iron pots, dishes, water supply, lantern, flannelgraph, typewriter, suitcase and other things. What responsibility! Not only for the students, but also for the teachers who often need guidance and counsel. What opportunity!

"As we travel around on our visits, and many are the hands which are raised in prayer for these services. On one occasion an old grandmother remained after the service for special prayer. Years ago her children had been converted through attending the mission schools, and they had prayed for their mother until she too gave up her heart. But she said, "They had gone back into sin and they were doing their best to drag her back with them. 'But I don't want to go back!' she finished, and she cried out loud as she spoke. We had special prayer then, and promised faithfully that we would continue to remember her.

**The Challenge of the New Gwaai Area**

"One of the most challenging aspects of our work is the healthy development of the new area of the Gwaai Reserve. A number of our people from around the mission stations, who have been moved there by the government, are being kept in contact with the church through this work, and many others are also being reached. The enthusiasm with which we are welcomed as we make our visits to this area, 250 miles away from our home, is heart-warming, and more encouraging still is the realization that individuals are being won to the Lord. It is a wonderful experience to see a Baptismal service such as was held in this area in connection with the Love Feast this year. A new school is being opened this year (one of two new ones in our circuit), and we feel encouraged to pray that this is successful. In all our schools, God will bless the educational work and make it a means to the end of enlargement of His Kingdom."

From the Matopo Mission and District we turn to the Mtshabezi Mission and Outstation work. Brother and Sister G. C. Frey and their staff write concerning the year at Mtshabezi Mission.

"1955 is now history—the mold we may have left on the lives of our girls is fixed. In the hands of God lie the successes and failures of another year. But as we look back we can see His hand upon us.

**Central Primary School**

"The school year opened with 325 girls in the boarding school, more than we felt we could handle, but how could we say 'No' when they begged for a place to learn? Within the first two weeks of school we had the saddening death of one of our girls. We had been quite hesitant about letting her enter school because her health was poor. Her death at the hospital was indeed a shock. Rivers were high, we tried to contact her family by phoning the nearest police station. Finally, several days after the funeral, her parents arrived. We were thankful for the attitude they took. Her father said that they felt she had achieved her goal—to get to Mtshabezi before she died.

**Workman Saved!**

"Last year we wrote about the joyful home-going of Dalafile, who had been saved a few weeks before. His brother Mapolisa has been working as tinsmith here for years but had never given his heart to the Lord. He was deeply touched by his brother's going and in the first revival of the year yielded his heart to God. It is an inspiration to see his shining face as with his Bible under his arm he comes to church.

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**Special Meetings**

"Along with our revival meetings several times of spiritual blessing are vivid in our thinking. Our Bible Conference in July when we had Brother Earl Musser and Colonel Stobart of the Salvation Army with us is one of these times. The messages of the eighty-six year old warrior of the cross will long remain with our people.

**Conference**

"The Special Conference in December with the delegation brethren and..."
their wives will be remembered by all. Doubtless many advances in our African church will date from the forward steps taken there. In all, our missionary group numbered eighty-one—a big family.

MUNDISI DUBE

"The sudden illness of Mundisi Dube was a shock to the work here. But God had a man ready to step into the breach. Nason Moyo, who had been elected as Dube's assistant at the 1954 Conference, rose to the situation in a most heartening way. He is one of the most direct Africans we know, not hedging around a point or afraid to take a stand. We do thank God for him. A new five-room bungalow has just been completed on the mission farm for him and his family. Mrs. Moyo says that the house is quite too new to cook in.

AFRICAN STAFF

"A good teaching staff is a most valuable asset to a mission. We felt that Brother Mann and the staff here who carried on so well during our absence on holiday from February to May. "1956 faces us with its possibilities and duties. We know whom we have believed and am persuaded that He is able. To you, our collaborators at home, we look for support, the greatest of which is your prayers."

CHANGE OF STAFF

"During the year Sister Davidson joined our staff and Sister Wolgemuth left for Wanezi. Sister Mabel Frey finished her term of service with the close of the year. She will be replaced by Sister Mildred Myers. Brother Keith Ulery, a new I-W worker, joined our staff at Conference and is proving a blessing."

DIFFICULTIES OF AN ORGANIZATION SUPERINTENDENT

"Travel was very difficult during the first school term. We had the heaviest rainy season on record for this part of Rhodesia. Many experiences could be told of soft roads, wash-outs, high rivers and, of course, being stuck. It was impossible to get to four schools the first term. By the end of the term, however, we had made 106 supervisory visits."

PROFITS AND LOSS

"The end of the year is a time of taking inventory and preparing statements of profits and loss. In applying this to outstation work we could quickly summarize the report with the words in I Samuel: 'Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.' We praise God for His help during the past year. Our family has had reasonably good health, for which we give thanks. Our three children were in boarding school for the year, which allowed Ruth to accompany me to the schools. Her help was much appreciated and especially during examination time. "At the beginning of 1955 four of my schools were transferred to the Bulawayo Circuit. One new school was opened, while three more remain on application. This gave me a total of 27 active schools with a total enrollment of 3,000 and an average daily attendance of 2,700. The teaching staff remained around 80 for the year. We are happy to report that only a few teachers were dismissed during the year's work. We trust this indicates a more stable teaching staff."

LOVE FEASTS AND EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS

"Three Love Feast-Baptismal services were held in the circuit. Fifty were baptized, and several were returned to church. We were happy to have our first Love Feast in the Prospect Special Native Area this year. "The evangelists held meetings at each school and preaching point during the year. The refresher course for evangelists prior to their going out was a very good thing. They went to their work much encouraged and eager to carry the Word to their people. The evangelistic report may give more detail of their activities."

UMFUNDISI DUBE'S ILLNESS

"This circuit has suffered by the sickness of Overseer Dube, who had a stroke the middle of the year. Assistant Overseer Ndhlovu is new in the work and has done remarkably well, but it is expected that he will enter Bible School in 1956. We ask that you pray for the deacons who will be expected to carry more responsibility until Moyi can finish his Bible School work."

AT HOME, WE LOOK FOR SUPPORT, THE GREATEST OF WHICH IS YOUR PRAYERS.
Hospital work has continued to move forward in the service of medical evangelism. Dr. R. Virginia Kauffman M.D., as medical superintendent and deaconess in the hospital program, writes

Mtshabezi Mission Hospital Work

Concerning Umfundisi Dube's Illness

"At 3 a.m. one Sunday in September an ambulance call was received. This was not unusual in itself, but when we found that the patient was our overseer of the Mtshabezi district, uMfundisi Dube, we were a little more excited than usual. On arrival at the village it was clearly seen that he had suffered a stroke. He was brought to the hospital and cared for here during the next two weeks, after which time he returned home. We are sorry to say that he has been left with a right-sided paralysis. He did, however, recover his speech, for which we praise the Lord.

"His illness has been hard for the people to understand, as a stroke is very uncommon among them. The faith of uMfundisi and his wife is strong, but there are those who would like to link this disease with witchcraft. Although the active work of overseeing is at an end for uMfundisi Dube, we are praying that by being in hospital he may do much for his people. There are those very close to him who need to seek the Lord.

The Bright Places in Hospital Work

"Although in hospital work there are many unpleasant things, there are the bright places as well. We are never so happy as when we see one find the Lord through the hospital work. The Lord has been good in giving a number of conversions this year.

"The outstanding experience is that of a 22-year-old man, Enosi, He was brought to the hospital in an ox-cart, and one look revealed that he was seriously ill. His illness was diagnosed as meningitis, and several days later the causative organism was tagged—the tubercle bacillus. This is a discouraging disease, as there is no definite cure. We did not reveal the seriousness of the disease to Enosi, but began to pray that the Lord would show him the seriousness of the disease in his heart. At first he did improve slightly but then reached a standstill, where he has remained until the present.

"When admitted Enosi was the most difficult patient that we had encountered here. He was constantly giving the nurses trouble when they wanted to give his medication, especially the needed injections. At the end of the first week he began to fuss about going home. He did not complain to me but to his father and the nurses. His father did not want to take him home as he knew that they had no medicine at home to give him. He became meaner as the days went by. Finally we scolded him and told him that we wanted to hear no more such fussing, and he was to give the nurses and his father no more trouble. We knew that he could not get up and walk out and so we were not worried about this. After the scolding he stopped some of his complaining, but was a very hard person.

"We had spoken to him about his soul several times with no evident effect. Finally one Sunday morning after our service we talked to him again. That morning he told us that he had always wanted to be a Christian, but had never had the courage to take the step. After some time of talking to him he decided to repent just then. He confessed his sins, which were many, and then we had a little prayer meeting there by his bed, Enosi leading in prayer, then his sister, one of the nurses, and myself.

"The following day it was amazing to see the difference. When we walked into the ward we were greeted with a big smile instead of the hard look he had before. Not only that, Enosi was reading the Bible. From that time on he read the Bible or some other Christian literature almost constantly. This was not easy for him to do as he had partial paralysis in both of his arms and it was difficult for him to hold the books. We heard no more complaining about medications. Such a great change so suddenly was almost more than one could ask.

"After several months with us Enosi went home. The day before he left he told us that the Lord was speaking to him and showed him a sin he had not confessed, and he wanted to get it out of the way. When visited in his village we found that he still had the clear testimony and the shine on his face that he had when he left the hospital. He is bedfast, except when helped to a chair, and so he still spends much of his time reading God's Word.

"Since at home he has called for our Bible woman to come to the village, and he has confessed that the Lord showed him more things in his life that he must clear up. He said that God's Word tells him that unless it is confessed he shall not see God and he wants everything to be right.

"We are sorry to see a young man stricken like this, but we feel that although he may never improve physically, God can use him among his own people.

The New Look at the Hospital

"Our hospital as a whole has taken on a new look since the beginning of the year. The new maternity unit is under construction now. We were happy to have Brother Joseph Ginder with us the first six months of the year to help with this building as well as other work.

"There have been several other accomplishments however, one of which should be a boost to our water supply. This is the eighteen-inch extension to the top of a dam wall. We hope that this will prevent a water shortage such as we had in 1954 when

The maternity unit under construction.
Our dam with the eighteen-inch addition.

About the Work at Wanezi Mission

WHAT GOD HATH WROUGHT

"The rattle of the cans mingled with the sounds of the manipulation of enchanted beads and other heathen paraphernalia is an uncomely sound to be heard on a mission station at any time, but especially on a Christmas evening. But we witnessed such just a few weeks ago.

"First the noises were so faint as to be scarcely noticed. But the rhythmic singing and weird sounds of the drunken revelers became stronger, and soon we were aware that we were being visited by our heathen neighbors from a nearby mine. We Wanezi missionaries were just finishing our Christmas fellowship dinner. Hearing the noises, we slipped away from the table and peered out of the windows and doors to see. The 'merry' group stopped outside the mission house and appeared ready to 'put on a show.' They were dressed in typical native dancing attire and were swinging and singing merrily, rhythmically moving their bodies and feet, thus obtaining full auditory effects from the beads and tin cans attached to their feet and arms. They all had too much beer in their celebration.

"Going outside we enquired of their purpose in coming. We want to show you how we dance," their leader said in the native dialect. Sister Engle replied, 'We are glad to see you, but not in this manner.' A few words of attempted witness followed. It seemed useless, however, for the visitors wanted only to amuse us with their hilarity and dancing. We asked them to please leave. But they were too 'possessed' to take our words seriously.

"Some of our Christian boys were not far away. One of them, Bafanya, came up to our side looking very serious. 'Are they refusing to leave?' he enquired. (Africans are usually very courteous and obedient to the words of missionaries.) We replied that we had told them to go, but that they had not yet begun to leave. He then walked up to one leader of the group and began in serious conversation:

"Now Bafanya is himself from a heathen village. But for some years he has worked for us and attended school. This past year he finished Teacher Training and is now entering the advanced Bible School Course. He has a great zeal and love for the Lord, and 'buys up' the opportunities to witness. As we looked upon him reasoning with this ungodly and debauched group and saw his courage in witnessing to them, we thrilled anew to realize what God has wrought. And he represents the hundreds whose lives are being transformed by the miracle-working power of God. Bafanya might have been among these ungodly revelers but for the grace of God.

THE TASK

"This is not the last Bafanya and others of the schools here may see these visitors, for every Sunday teams of witnesses made up of men of the Bible School and the boys of the Central Primary School visit the mine compounds and other nearby areas to bring them a Gospel service. Will you pray for this witness that these ardent Christians may often realize the joy of leading some of their own people into the fold of Christ.

IN RETROSPECT

"All service for Christ draws the enemy to battle. We look upon the past year aware of those taken in battle, witnessing the scars of the faithful, and rejoicing in the victories. Some students have gone out from the schools as professing Christians, but it soon became apparent that they were as seed which fell on stony ground not having depth of root. A few have been like that seed which was choked out, who have allowed the spirit of the age and love of riches to take them from their place in worship and work, and who have gone outside, seeking the rewards of men. We ask ourselves, 'Have we been faithful in prayer and encouragement for these as we could have been?' Won't you be partners with us in prayers for such?

"We rejoice in the apparent victories. The fruit of day by day Bible teaching, revival services and witness outside is seen as hearts in penitent form seek their Saviour and arise with a glower of joy on their faces.

"Affliction fell upon Sister Engle, who for more than seven years has taught in the Bible School. God answered your prayers and ours in restoring a measure of health so that she could again carry on this vital work. She looks forward to completing 25 years of missionary service in Africa within the next few months.

"God has also heard our prayers in respect to the need of the higher work so accomplished by the Spirit in
Activities in the Wanezi District
(Filabusi Circuit)

A HEAD-TEACHER'S VICTORY OVER DEATH

"Mfundisi, I'm sorry that I could not report to you that we did not have school Tuesday. The natural reply was, 'Oh. What was 'the trouble?' The answer: 'Our son passed away on that day.'"

"It was Hefa Neube, the head-teacher of our largest outstation. An assistant teacher was six weeks late in coming to take the new Standard 4 class. Hefa had been teaching seventy-five children in two standards. The local preacher had been sick for weeks. The load was heavy; he was working from six in the morning until ten at night. In the midst of this, Hefa's first son died.

"We expressed our sympathy but the crisis had already been met and passed victoriously. How it encouraged us to watch this young couple trust God. Today they have another son.

A YOUNG SINGLE TEACHER SHOWS HIS METTLE

"Nasotsha Sibanda is another of our young teachers. He is about twenty years old and has just finished Standard 6 (grade eight) here at Wanezi Mission. His assignment was to a school thirty miles from the mission and fifty miles from his home. The trip is made by bicycle.

"There are three classes at Zishamba and about forty children. Beside the teaching, Nasotsha was to be the local preacher.

"Boys with this level of learning do not have special training in teaching. They receive all 'on the job' training. On our first visit to Masotsha's school we found what we find in other schools where young men are doing work for which they had no training. It seemed as though everyone was talking but the teacher. We tried to give some helpful instruction. Each visit showed improvement. We found that he loved his children and they loved him.

"On our fourth visit we found them putting up a new school building. The children mixed the mud and made the bricks; Masotsha laid them. The work was going forward nicely. Later we heard a sad story. As they were finishing the thatching at the peak of the roof, it all fell flat. No one was hurt. They started over again and the building is now completed. Our thanks to a young man who was not afraid to work.

THORNS AMONGST THE ROSES—YOUR PRAYERS NEEDED

"Saul Sibanda is Masotsha's brother. He was the local preacher at his home church, but, something happened to Saul. He has left his preaching to follow a false doctrine. For a long time I shall remember the Saturday afternoon we spent in his village pointing out various scriptures, trying to lead him back. You can pray for Saul. Pray for us too, we never know when we shall meet a similar circumstance.

"Kiwa Kanye has a weakness that troubles many young people. However, Kiwa isn't a young man. He is a father of several children and has a devoted wife. Kiwa had just been chosen a deacon, but he fell into sin. Satan snared him. Remember this family in prayer.

IN RETROSPECT

"In outstation work one does not find either all joy or all sorrow. One finds just enough along the way to keep him ever looking upward. Looking backward over the year might cause a bit of self-satisfaction, but this cannot be for it was all wrought through Christ.

"We traveled about 8,000 miles to carry on the work of the 29 schools and churches, sleeping on our cots about 125 nights. Church and Class members have shown an increase.
work for the years as presented by Dr. Thuma:

THEN AND NOW

"Recently, I have been reading the book written by the founder of Macha mission, Sister H. Frances Davidson. It has been about thirty years since she left this place and there have been many changes. So many, in fact, that a new book should be written and entitled, "Then and Now." This project will have to wait for a while as I find it difficult to get out the annual report.

HERE AND THERE

"The work of Macha has been carried forth this year with no radical changes in policy or practice. Although there have been many changes in the European staff, I believe the transition has been made without disruption of the mission program. Fannie Longenecker has taken Anna Graybill's place in the Teacher Training Department and Ruth Hock was installed as headmistress of the Boarding School when Edna Switzer was transferred to Matopo Mission. In July, the Hershey's left for further education, and the superintendency and matronship were put in the hands of the superintendent of the hospital and his wife temporarily. For a period, David E. Climenhaga and wife gave much appreciated assistance.

A THOUGHT ON MISSION INCREASE

"Recently, one of the missionaries who returned to the field said, 'No matter what one writes or tells the home church in person, it is impossible to give a complete picture of the mission station or its far-flung influence.' It is difficult for one on the scene to grasp the entire picture and one must pray daily for wisdom to carry on the work. I know comparisons can lead to faulty conclusions, but I give one to illustrate how the administrative side of mission work has increased. Six years ago the operating budget for Macha Mission was £2,100 (or $5,922.00); this past year the combined budget of the mission and the hospital exceeded £15,600 (or $43,922.00). May I add, too, that I do not think the giving of the Home Church has increased in proportion to the operating budgets of the mission stations.

"However, we do not want to forget that God is the one who gives the increase to our sowing and watering. Pray as though the salvation of the heathen depended on it; it does. Pray as though the success of the missionary depended upon it; it does.

"Macha Mission Hospital has continued to serve the people and the church during 1955. The people included not only those within walking distance of the Mission, but many from far away. A few have struggled in from Barotseland, Balovale, Nyasaland, and even one from the Belgian Congo. We have treated Indians, Coloureds and Europeans also. 'As ye have done it to the least of these, ye have done it unto Me' comes to our minds quite often, so we continue to work and build before the 'night cometh.'

"Numerically, in patient numbers, we have had a good year and to accommodate them at our present site, three small wards 12 x 30 feet were built, as well as a large cooking shelter. Although the wards have only nine beds in them, you might be surprised to see how many people can get in. This building was done with Government grants. For the new site development, the Government allocated £3,000 for the year, and this was used up in obtaining a water supply, building the doctor's home, making and burning approximately 120,000 bricks for hospital construction and in obtaining of a three-ton Ford Diesel for transport. This transport makes possible more efficient use of the labor crew.

"Sometimes when the work is only clearing the land of 'bush' one's vision of the work may become dimmed by physical tiredness. At these times led one needs only to straighten up one's back, take a good look about and into the future to go back to work with a new determination.

"We continue to labour; you pray for us."

General Report for Sikalongo Mission

From the Sikalongo staff (Brother and Sister A. G. Brubaker, superintendent and matron) we have this statement as to the Lord's work there:

"To God be the glory; Great things He hath done.' These words are brought to our minds as we look over the year past. We have received abundant blessing from the Lord and He is worthy of all our praise.

AT THE MISSION

"Our work has expanded this year with 137 enrolled in the school, a full hospital, and the usual schedule of church services. Our farming operations were not too successful as the maize crop was a complete failure. However, we have planted in faith and the new crop is growing nicely.

REVIVAL MEETINGS

"In our March revival Evangelist Simon Munsaka, a graduate of our Wanezi Bible School, served as evangelist under the blessing of the Holy Spirit. God blessed us with an excellent spirit throughout the meetings and brought a large number of the boys to repentance of sin. Brother Jesse Lady held our September revival. His stirring teaching messages were a real thrill to us, and a deepening of Christian experience was felt in the Church.

HOSPITAL CLINIC EXPANDS

"The hospital has again been constantly overcrowded. We are enlarging the unit with a new ward block which will have twelve beds. The daily prayers and weekly services have been a blessing and a goodly number of people have repented of sin and sought God for pardon. They do need our prayers, however, as they go back to heathen villages and the temptations there.

RECORD ENROLLMENT IN SCHOOL

"We have the largest enrollment in our history this year. We are approaching the Government-set limit and have been turning many away who would like to come to school. Indeed, one of our hardest jobs is to choose from the many applicants those whom we can accept. We have great opportunities to teach and instruct those whom we accept, but we lose a similar opportunity in respect to the rest.

PRAYER REQUESTS

"We earnestly solicit your prayers for the coming year. Please pray,

(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 leaders may increase in willing service, and that they may learn more fully the value of spiritual rewards; and
(4) that we as missionaries may carry out our responsibilities with courage and conviction."

Northern Rhodesia District and Outstations (Nahumba Mission)

Brother and Sister Kipe, in residence at Nahumba Mission as the center, continued in the supervisory work of the Macha and Sikalongo districts and outstations. With respect to their work the Kipes write:

"'Go ye therefore . . . . teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you . . . .' (Matt. 28:19-20).

An Outstation School Reopened

"With the passing of another year we rejoice that God for what has taken place in the outstation circuit in Northern Rhodesia. The year opened with twenty-seven schools. One has been closed by the Government Education Officer because of lack of interest among the village people. However, following several visits by Overseer Munsaka and continuing the Sunday services, after six months the people developed new enthusiasm and we were able to reopen Singani school in July. The total enrollment in the twenty-eight schools was 2760 children. Think of this large potential Christian population! We counted it a great privilege to see many of these boys and girls make decisions to follow Christ. The Spirit has spoken to these young hearts, but pray with us for the Spirit's guidance upon the fifty-seven teachers responsible for the daily Bible instruction and the weekly services at each of these young churches.

New Outstation Possibility

"There has been great interest in opening a new school in an area where there are ten villages. When the evangelistic season opened in July, Evangelist Simon Munsaka and I toured this area, touching nine of the ten villages with prayer and a message from the Word. We then called a meeting of all the people, had a service and discussed the possibilities of opening a new school. Join us in prayer for God's direction in this matter.

Government Officer's Concern for Bible Teaching

"On one occasion while discussing a problem with the Government Education Officer about teachers omitting classes from their daily time-tables, I was pleased to note the concern of the officer when he said, 'And in most cases they will omit the Bible class and that is not good.' What a challenge to us missionaries when the Government takes this attitude. Pray that the teachers will consider their teaching responsibilities as a calling in Christian service.

Baptism-Communion Services

"One of the high-lights in the year's program was the two Baptismal and Communion services held at the outstations the last two-week-ends in July. Teachers, Overseers, Deacons, and school children work hard cutting grass, poles and bark string. They prepare shelters for missionaries and African Christians. Large overflow shelters were built adjoining the school buildings and with the aid of the Missions' public address system all were able to enjoy the services, which God richly blessed with His presence. Large crowds also gathered at the river when many young people witnessed, by baptism, their faith in Christ as a personal Saviour and their desire to follow Him.

Sharing in European Church Work in Choma

We have also had the privilege this year of sharing in the European work in Choma. Starting in January, 1955, the community arranged for Sunday School and an adult service every Sunday at the Government school for European children. The Methodist missionary from about thirty-five miles from Choma has the service the first Sunday of the month, the Anglican mission about forty-five miles from Choma and preach Sunday; and we have the second, third, and fifth Sundays of the month. The attendance was small but the interest was good. By the end of September plans were under way for building the new church with funds collected since 1948. We shared in the cornerstone laying ceremony on November 6, and when we left Choma for Conference in December the structure was nearly ready for the roof. This will be the first European Church in Choma. We pray that the many people who were keenly interested in the building project, will also be interested in the regular services and learn to know our wonderful Christ.

Prospects

"We are looking forward to this coming year of starting a church work at Nahumba Mission. This is to meet the needs of interested Africans in Choma and of our own teachers and church members traveling by train north and south. This will likely be carried on by an African evangelist resident at Nahumba. Pray with us for God's guidance in meeting every phase of this need.

"We have found the work most interesting and challenging. God has richly blessed in so many ways. We praise His Name and ask your prayers for this coming year as we seek to establish the young churches in our Northern Rhodesia work."

Evangelistic Work: The Rhodesias

While your missionaries strive to keep every phase of the work evangelistic, we are always conscious of our church heritage and its emphasis on special revival campaigns. At the present time we have twelve evangelists in Southern Rhodesia and five in Northern Rhodesia, who covered the outstations with special appointments with ninety-seven services in Southern Rhodesia and thirty in Northern Rhodesia. These services were held during the winter and spring months of June to October.

One of the regular evangelists, Delahoy C. Moyo, due to home commitments, was unable to finish his tour which would have taken him to the new Gwaai district. We were able to use a local preacher from Nyumbane, near Matopo Mission, for the six weeks during September and October in this area. He returned with a report of outstanding moving of God there. Scenes reminiscent of apostolic days were experienced when converts brought in their witchcraft fetishes and built a great bonfire to utterly consume the things of the old life. Pray God the old paths of sin and dross will also be burnt out in conversion and sanctification.

Supervision of the evangelists has again been under the General Superintendent with Brother Kipe's assistance in the northern field. Brother Kipe states concerning the work in Northern Rhodesia:

"The evangelistic season was again used of God when five of the Northern Rhodesian evangelists (one being at Wanzia Bible School) spent two weeks at each school in evangelistic services. This year they spent more time in visitation in the villages that surround each school. They gave in-
spiring reports of God's blessings. The large enrollment of new converts in the Bible Class helps to show the interest in the Christian life. Pray for these babes in Christ that they grow in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, seek the deeper life, and become rooted and grounded in the things of God.”

The Forward Look --- What of the Prospect?

As we keep under the Spirit's guidance we believe that great days are ahead. The plans for the development of the administrative side of both the indigenous Church and the mission program were spelled out in the December Special Conference at Mtshabezi Mission when the Foreign Mission Board delegation were with us.

Indigenous Church Development

In the African Church Conference comprising African church leaders and missionaries, the following decisions were effected subject to confirmation by the Foreign Mission Board:

1. Establishment of a Church Executive Committee to be under African Conference and over District Councils with a membership of twenty, representing missionaries, African ordained officials, deacons and laity. This committee is to consider the development of the church and to take care of matters formerly considered by the mission Executive Board with the overseers.

2. District Councils are to be held annually with the African overseer as chairman and a missionary representing the general superintendent as counsellor to him.

3. Church funds are now to be held by an African treasurer with a missionary counsellor. Ido Kumalo, head teacher at Matopo Central Primary school, was confirmed for a three-year term as first African church treasurer.

The details of the working out of these steps will have to be reported in a later annual report, the Lord tarrying.

Mission Administrative Development

In order to more effectively carry on the work in an administrative way, Conference accepted the following broad policies to be worked out in detail during the coming year(s):

1. That the General Superintendent's program and residence should be completely disassociated from any one mission area, and be centered in Bulawayo.

2. That a financial secretary is needed for the mission program, incorporating the present field treasurer's and grant fund treasurer's work in addition to other smaller general funds. The question of a permanent financial secretary was forwarded to Foreign Mission Board, but in the meantime Don Zook was asked to act as pro tem financial secretary in addition to his other I-W work.

3. The structure of boards and committees is to be reviewed. In the meantime, the mission Executive Board was enlarged from five to seven members to more effectively represent the field, and the Literature/Visual Aids Committee of five replaced the Tract Committee of three. It was also decided to transfer the Sunday School Committee to the indigenous church program as soon as possible.

Mission Advance

The needs of the Bulawayo location and the Nahumba Mission church possibilities for the Choma area were reviewed and it was decided to carry forward the opening of programs in these areas when facilities and African helpers become available. Details and decisions await later Executive action and Foreign Mission Board approval.

The question of possible medical development in the new Gwai area was referred to the Medical Committee for further study.

Hostel for Missionary Children

Over the years the question of education for the children of our missionaries has been considered from various angles. We recognize the impracticability of attempting to educate our children in light of the education facilities offered by the local government schools. However, some question has been raised as to the adequacy of the government boarding facilities in view of Brethren in Christ life and practice. Conference decided to study this further and to submit a memorandum of costs and other considerations to the Foreign Mission Board.

It is our constant prayer that in any of the developments in the church, only the Lord's will be done. Pray for us.

Members of the African Church Executive Committee, except the ordained brethren.
AFRICAN MISSIONS—Station Treasurers' Reports for 1955

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$ 18.84 $ 86.16 $ 223.46  
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Foreign Mission Board  
Government Grants  
Medical Receipts  
African Contribution and Tuition  
Miscellaneous  
Total Receipts  

Expenditures:  
Household Improvements, Repairs, Expansions  
African Personnel, Supplies, School Equipment  
Medical  
Miscellaneous  
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Balance Dec. 31, 1955:  
$ (102.09) $ 31.48 $ 158.01 $ 89.29 $ 1,083.65 $ (112.53) $ 143.24

(Deficits shown in parentheses)
A CONSTITUTION

of the Brethren in Christ.

The deacons chosen were: James Bishwas, Saharsa Church District; Samson Caleb, Barjora Church District; and Patras Hembrom, Banmanthi Church District. These men are

MISSION STATIONS

It is wonderful to be attached to something that is living and making progress. The Church of Jesus Christ here in India is alive. It faces the problems that many other people face, but is moving forward in the midst of them. We, your co-workers, are glad to share with you manifestations of this life as seen in the work of the Brethren in Christ.

A CONSTITUTION

Considerable interest was created when the first draft of a constitution for the Indian church was presented to the Council for approval. People didn’t sleep during the discussions. A few members were keen on the exact meaning of words used. Useful and constructive debate followed the reading of several sections dealing with the functions of various parts of the church body. Several changes were suggested and accepted by the group. There was a great desire for more lay representation on some of the committees. One thing noticeable, and to be appreciated, was the full acceptance of the established doctrines and rituals of the church. The first reading of the constitution was passed and the members have been given one year to study it and submit suggestions to the Committee before the second reading is presented to the Council this coming year. We thank God for the living church interested in the details of her constitution in the making.

DISTRICT COUNCILS

District Councils were entirely new. We had never had them before. The new constitution called for them. Each district council needed to elect, according to the constitution, a deacon, a district superintendent and an additional member to their district committees. Each of the three districts met for one day. We had a spiritual meeting and then held our elections. The deacons chosen were: James Bishwas, Saharsa Church District; Samson Caleb, Barjora Church District; and Patras Hembrom, Banmanthi Church District. These men are
now on probation for six months after which they will be ordained for a four-year period. Thus, more and more, Indian leadership is coming to the front.

**Personal Witnessing**

An encouraging sign of spiritual life has been the voluntary witnessing on the part of the laity of the church. We missionaries may be responsible for not having more laymen giving voluntary service. It has been the practice of the Mission through the past years to have a large number of evangelists paid a monthly wage to preach the Word of God in the towns and country villages. We still do some of this work, but it has seemed advisable to rely more and more on the voluntary lay witness of the regular members of the congregation. In a recent mela in Sahrara our hearts were overjoyed to see six or seven young men preaching the Gospel and selling Gospel literature. We praise the Lord. The Santal Christians have had this vision from the beginning, and we thank the Lord for the continued witnessing being carried on by them. A number of Santals have found Christ as their personal Savior this past year and have followed Christ in baptism. The Church of Christ is living.

**Church Buildings Too Small**

Where there is life there is activity. If activity is a sign of life then the Church and the Mission are alive and growing. The church building at present cannot hold all of the Christians in the Barjora District. The lovely little church in Madhipura is not large enough to take care of the increased Christian community. As the medical work expands in Madhipura the problem of adequate room for services will become even more serious.

**Medical Enlargement**

Housing does not affect the church only. We have been compelled to build additional living quarters in Madhipura for medical staff. The new base unit for the hospital is nearly completed and the foundation dug for a nurses' bungalow. Other smaller buildings are being planned, and we are deeply thankful that funds for these purposes have been arriving.

**Medical Mobile Van**

The arrival of the Medical Mobile Van was a high mark in our growth and activity. Dr. Paulus had to spend several weeks in Calcutta to get it cleared through customs and to purchase equipment. He drove the unit as far as Purnea. It was driven on to Madhipura after the rainy season and is now ready to be used in the work of the medical center. We take this opportunity to thank the Home Church for this unit and the Mennonite Central Committee for their generous assistance in furnishing the unit, duty free, through the Indo-American agreement. We believe the Mobile Van will fill a large place in the medical program in this area.

Sr. Phyllis Pye, due to the illness of her father, returned to Canada with the children. We were thankful she could be with him for a short period before his passing. Bro. Pye furloughed in November, 1955.

The Brethren in Christ is one of the cooperating missions in Woodstock School which has approximately four hundred students, the majority being missionaries' children. We have an obligation to furnish staff for the school, and Sister Mary E. Stoner is presently filling that need. It is a real opportunity to be doing missionary work and an untold blessing to parents with children in Woodstock to have one of their own missionaries on the staff.

This year an urgent need arose for a nurse to serve in the Landour Community Hospital. Since our medical center at Madhipura was not completed we were able to lend Sister Evelyn Bohland to the hospital for a temporary assignment.

The ladies bungalow at Barjora was completely remodelled this year. It was not conveniently built for two ladies, and the roof was needing attention. With the addition of a large room and the new roof it looks very nice and will be useful for years to come.

We know that activity is worth little unless it is full of love and inspired by the Holy Spirit. Evidence of this love and guidance of the Spirit is present. We have often felt our own helplessness as a missionary staff and have gone to our knees in prayer to the Lord of all strength. We have often been aware of the prayers of others. Without them our work could not succeed. The full financial support from the churches in the United States and Canada is most gratefully received. We often wish you could see with your own eyes just what your dollars do in this land. We hope and pray you will receive an even greater vision for the future. We believe the Indian Church should continue to pay more and more of her own bills. We believe in a work that is not dependent on foreign funds, but we also believe in giving brotherly love and financial assistance to those who need it in order to become more self-sufficient. When world governments are giving assistance to Asian countries to undergird their independence, how can the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ discontinue her assistance to the various mission enterprises that are working toward the ultimate aim of bringing about a fully self-supporting, fully self-governing, fully self-propagating Brethren in Christ Church in India?

**Church Executive Committee**

This committee of four Indians and three missionaries is now assuming much of the responsibility formerly carried by the Mission directly. Over one year ago the Church Executive Committee assumed the responsibility for the evangelistic program. Their efforts have been the means of reaching thousands of souls with the message of Christ, the Saviour. The Church treasurer, Rev. Surendra Nath Rai, has done a fine piece of work in keeping the records straight and all the funds out of debt.

The new Provident Fund was brought about by these leaders, and it is a most thoughtful plan for the future. The Committee worked out a system of rules and regulations for operating a Provident Fund for their workers. The fund is to be deposited in the State Bank of India, Purnea Branch, in the name of the Brethren in Christ Church in India, Provident Fund, William R. Hoke, Chairman and Surendra Nath Rai, Treasurer.

In our attempt to solve the problem of mission property in Saharsa, the Mission has turned over to the Church the east plot of a little more than two acres. The Church Executive Committee decided to sell the entire plot from the District Board Road to the Graveyard to the highest bidder. The proceeds are to be put into a church fund to be used for building new homes for Christian families in the enclosed field just east of the large bungalow. The Christian families desiring homes on this site will first have to purchase a building plot. The Church Building Fund will then be made available upon proper guarantees of monthly payments to be applied toward the cost of constructing the house. The monthly payments will then be de-
have shown definite spiritual growth. This year has been one of blessing and enrichment. I have enjoyed working under the leadership of Canon Burgoyne and his wife. Through the students I have had opportunity to meet missionaries from many other missions. Of course, difficulties, also, have been present; but for each difficulty my Father has proved Himself more than sufficient. Therefore, with a heart full of praise to Him I bring you another year's report. Mary E. Stoner

SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMITTEE

We took a long look backward and what we saw was clear: we and our people have been experiencing a spiritual awakening. There is a new awareness of a growing spiritual organism of which we are all a part, and there has been increased practicing of Christian unity and cooperation.

We are more than encouraged to see that an integration of local and church-wide programs is taking place where the one enhances and undergirds the other. Sprinkled between the scheduled retreats, the Women's in March, the Men's also in March, the Girls' in June, the Women's Training Institute in October, and the Missionary Retreat yet to come, in December, have been concentrated periods of spiritual feeding sponsored by local districts; for instance, the recent meetings at Barjora for the school children with Mrs. Buckwalter and Dena Marandi ministering; and the Vacation Bible School held with such success at Saharsa in September where Surrendra Roy, Edith Das, and Esther Paul assisted Miss Yoder, Miss Book and Mr. and Mrs. Hoke; the daily morning studies of the four Gospels and Acts at Barjora for all the children; the weekly and bi-weekly women's meet-

ings at both Barjora and Saharsa; the six weeks of Bible study with boys led by George Paulus where the unit of study was the Nativity and the significance of the Son of God becoming the Son of Man; the revival of the Young People's Meeting at Saharsa which is being held in the bungalow living room, and for the first six months will be led by Hem Paul, and the special Passion Week institutes and meetings at the different local stations.

It is impossible to review all these occasions without lifting our hearts to God in praise. His hand has been over us in guidance and in protection. The dovetailing and interrelationships of these efforts must have an over-all result of upbuilding, of spiritual growth and of united progress.

And yet there are areas that have not been touched by the planning of the Spiritual Life Committee. These groups of people are on our hearts: young boys about to finish formal schooling (what further can we do to steer them in the right path and know Christ's claim on them?). They will be the laymen of the future, the establishers of God's kingdom. Marriageable girls—through the years they have been given the Good News, and they have made commitment after commitment, but are they ready to leave us? What further can we give them so they will become established young women, worthy to be godly wives and mothers? Our newly-weds—can we get them together into a retreat geared just for them which will inspire and stimulate them as husband and wife to pull together in their Christian living and in the establishing of a family dedicated to the Lord? Can we even measure the worth of a layman who is, in truth, spiritual, whose allegiance is directly to the Lord?

Leoda Buckwalter

Santal Bible School

This year there were two five-week sessions, the first in March-April and the second in August-September. We have tried to have the sessions at a time when the farm-work was slack, so that the people could get away to come to school. And come they did, for the student body this year was nearly four times larger than last year. Whereas last year there were seven regular students in attendance, this year there were twenty-six in the first session, and twenty-seven in the second. The attendance the first ses-

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Bible Training Institute

Out of the Spring Retreat grew a conviction that it is time to give some specialized Bible training to those most interested in the study of the Word of God. For this purpose the first Bible Training Institute took place in Banmankhi, Oct. 20-28 and was attended by fifteen students. These represented all of our stations: Saharsa 4, Madhipura 2, Barjora 4, Dumeria 2, Supaul 1, Murligan 1, Banmankhi 1. Some ladies were hindered by sickness from coming, but sent word that they were with us in prayer. We sensed the church-wide interest in the Institute and knew that many prayers were coming before the Throne daily in our behalf.

During the eight days we were in session, we had twenty-eight hours of class work, plus a daily study hour and chapel session. Our missionary staff included Mary Hoke, teaching Methods in Evangelism (particularly in the use of flannelgraph), Mary Jane Shoals, Dean of Women and leader for chapel services, Marietta Smith, giving rudimentary teaching of basic Christian doctrines, and Leoda Buckwalter with a daily Bible study on the book of Colossians and a class on prayer with much time given for prayer.

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sion was rather irregular with fifteen enrolling the first day and several coming and going; in contrast, the attendance was steady in the second session, twenty-six being enrolled the first day. Several of these were from three other missions, invitations having been sent to them to send students. The desire of the Santals to attend the school is illustrated by the fact that all who came to the second session paid a nominal fee and most of them paid Rs. 20 toward their food while others brought gifts of rice and other food stuffs.

To meet the needs of those attending, we divided them into three groups. Those who came for the first time were divided into two classes, the better educated in one and the lesser educated and illiterate in the other. Those who had attended last year's school were put into a Second Year Class. The courses included for the first year students a class in Christian Fundamentals, and Introduction to the Bible, and an Introductory Bible Book Study; for the second year students, a doctrinal course and a Bible Book Study. Then there was a class in Christian Ethics for the entire group. In the second session there were also afternoon classes in Teaching Methods and Memory Work. There were specially scheduled literacy classes, and now many of them are starting to read their Bibles for the first time. A high point for one of the young men came when he was presented a Bible for having graduated from the literacy class because he was now able to read and write a letter home to his parents. Besides these classes there were also a work program and study period scheduled for each day. We found that we had to teach these Santals the meaning of schedules and bells and how to study—their rate of progress has been gratifying.

A new procedure was started and proved to be of great worth during the second session—that of dividing the group of men into three Gospel teams and sending them out each Saturday to surrounding villages to preach, each team going to the same village each week. Before they went out they were taught the lesson they were to present, using flannelgraph. Each team was given a kit to take along. During these meetings they also gave personal testimonies. The following Sunday evening reports were given of each team's activities, noting the increase of interest of the villagers from week to week. One Sunday since the closing of school several Santals from one of these villages came to the church service and afterwards told that they believe in Jesus Christ and want to be baptized soon.

One result of the Bible School is that at least two of those who attended the first session went home and won someone else to Christ and brought them to the second session. Magdalene, whom we call, "Joy in Ebony," brought Elizabeth, and Luk brought his friend Elia, who was baptized during the second session.

Joe B. Smith

SAHARSA STATION REPORT

After three counsel meetings, accompanied by much prayer, the mission family arrived at a decision to locate the new medical work in Madhipura and transfer mission headquarters to Saharsa. On March first Dr. and Mrs. Paulus took up residence in Madhipura, and the William R. Hoke family moved to Saharsa.

During this period a Middle School for Girls was opened. Esther Book is in charge of the school, and is assisted by a capable young lady, Mrs. Hem K. Paul. The student body is small but the Local Council feels that the school will grow, and its influence widen.

Developments in the church are encouraging. Our pastor, Rev. Surendra Nath Rai, has been bringing us Biblical, spiritual messages with a passion for the members of his congregation. We have a large group of young married couples in Saharsa, and, there is a growing desire among them to live consecrated lives for their Lord.

Also during this period, the compound has been divided into smaller compounds. New roads, gates and fences have been constructed. This was done in preparation for transfer of the property to the Indian Church, and for easier maintenance. We now have a Hospital, Church, Ladies Lodge and Superintendent's compound. The school is included in the Ladies Lodge compound due to its location.

William R. Hoke

Dispensary Report

The little corner fenced off for a dispensary compound continues to be a busy place. There have been changes. Miss Arnold was transferred to Barjora, and Miss Yoder took over the end of June. Mrs. Molly Prakash, who has been a helper there for 30 years, took ill in July and now is not able to work. Mrs. Arthur Singh, an industrious person with many fine qualities, joined us in May. We are praying that God will help us find another consecrated helper.

Here are a few cases ministered to this year: An expectant mother was brought ten miles in a serious condition after four days of labour and maltreatment by the village midwives. Her life lay in the balance, but God spared her to her family and she went home after ten days.

Another case was a baby under two years who was badly burned over the buttocks, thighs and abdomen. The baby had sat in a pot of cooked vegetables. The parents brought us the child at once without using village remedies. The second day it seemed that the delicate thread of life was about to snap. We prayed for the child and its anxious parents, and we did for it what we could. Within an hour the child was brighter and after this it progressed rapidly.

A third case did not have a happy ending. A Postal peon whom we have known for fifteen years called us to see his daughter, who was brought in a serious condition after the birth of her child. Nothing could be done for her in the village, so we brought her back with us, and did what we could for her. That night she rested easier than she had the day and night before. The second night her spirit took its flight. Her father was grateful for all we had done to help her.

Leora Yoder

Girls' Day School

A Girls' Middle Day School was opened in Saharsa on July 8th, in an effort to reach some of the many girls who could not further their education in the large schools outside of Saharsa.

Before going on hill leave in April, two of us canvassed many of the homes and distributed leaflets, telling of the opening of the school. Many excuses were given, for as yet education for the masses of girls is not wholly accepted.

We did not know what to expect—whether there would be a school or not. On the opening day one girl enrolled, but within the next two weeks five more came. These Hindu girls are taking special interest in their sewing and gardening classes, and also in the Scripture class. Their ability to retell the Old Testament
Nlorii'H along with the teaching and special emphasis of each story would thrill you.

Esther G. Book

D.V.B. School

The little children of the Christian families were showing an unusual interest in the Bible Stories and the weekly Sunday School period. They wanted more and we wanted to give it. Just what was the best way? Another Bible study each week, or two weeks of an intense Bible School program? Would we concentrate on the Christian families or would we give an open invitation? Would the Hindu and Muslim children come to a Bible School?

We decided to invite the few with whom we had made close contacts and let them be the ones to invite the others. How many would come? We planned for two classes and got workbooks ready for twenty pre-school children and twenty older children. The first day there were forty present. By the end of the first week there were over sixty in the older class, so that boys and girls were divided and the pastor was made the teacher of the boys’ class. Prizes were given at the end of the first week to the girl and boy, both from Hindu homes, who had each brought eight other children. The following week the attendance continued to rise, and the enrollment reached 171. More than 150 of these children had never been in a Bible School or Sunday school before. Their interest was amazing and we thanked God for each one.

Young People's Bible School

The last two weeks of September were Bible School time not only for the children but also for the young people of the church. Each evening at 7:30 between thirty and forty young people met in the large mission bungalow for singing, Bible questions and answers, memory work, a study of the Holy Spirit, and a study of the Book of Acts with colored slides. The interest was fine as was noted by the regular attendance.

Mary Hoke

MADHIPURA STATION REPORT

Our transfer to Madhipura at Council last year, and the establishment of this station as medical headquarters was accepted with a sense of commitment and permanence not before experienced in our lives.

The pastor of the congregation is Mr. D. Jonathan Rai. Two other lay preachers are assigned here: Mr. Emanuel Rai, the father of the pastor, and Mr. D. N. Singh. At the time

usually large tuft of uncut hair (Hindu sign) asked, “Where is the god?” He knew only of a form, a picture, or a stone, but he learned about Jesus who stilled the storm, called the children, died on the Cross, was put in a tomb, rose again, went to heaven and is coming back again.

Do pray that these little children may lead their parents to the only true God, that the Holy Spirit may draw them all to the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

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Map of India and Pakistan showing location of our Mission Stations and their relation to each other (in detailed inset).
of our arrival they and two other brethren had just completed a ten-day camp at Singheswar Mela, Hindu religious fair to the god Mahadev, and his spouse. The temple at Singheswar houses a large black stone pillar, phallic symbol of Mahadev. Each year a young girl is given to Mahadev to be his bride, and the crowd often reaches half a million. The preachers did personal work in the fair-ways and shops, sold literature, and held slide lectures and meetings in the evenings.

Throughout the year they have made daily trips to the surrounding villages. These preaching contacts have aroused interest in the Bible, which has been sold, and have caused many inquirers to visit us, and have taken the news of the daily dispensing of medicine and relief to the poor in the villages.

Weekly services in the chapel are Sunday School, Sunday morning and evening services, Wednesday prayer meetings and praise services. Good Friday morning was the occasion of a communion service. One Christian wedding was performed in February. The congregation is growing. Children are numerous. Sunday morning attendance was about 45, and represents a dozen to 15 families.

We have been building since May, first a garage for the promised medical van. There was money on hand for the foundation of the entire hospital plus the garage section, so this part was built by July. As we went out to look at the foundation each day, it was a challenge to pray.

We have employed Mohammedan, Hindu and Catholic labourers and tradesmen. It is a joy to see them in the chapel listening to the Word and singing Christian hymns. At night we hear them sing “Nearer My God to Thee,” led by a Catholic hod-carrier to whom the Lord has been talking.

George and Gladys Paulus

**Mission Field Car**

On August 11, I received a wire from Delhi calling me to Calcutta immediately to get the “van.” After six weeks of negotiation with the central government and an official investigation of the medical work of the Mission and available personnel, the Ministry of Food and Agriculture passed referenda that the van and its contents be admitted to India duty free license exempt.

Customs appraisement was delayed six days by holidays, strikes and the weekend. Duty of Rs. 35,000 (or $6,930.00) was no sum to pass without being sure it was right to do so. But finally our position under the Indo-American Agreement was honored and the van and contents passed free of duty. The rest of the week was consumed in taking delivery of the van, getting it towed to the garage and servicing for the road. My first look inside the body was full of grime, for it was necessary to break in to do so. The lock was then dismantled and replaced, but no key to fit was found after extensive search in the city.

Several miles out of Calcutta I stopped to inspect the van. Water was running out of the van, and I feared it might be ruining the perishable things inside. Several miles farther on we got lost in a maze of alleys in a village market. After threading our way along between stalls, awnings, cows and people for one quarter of a mile, the engine stopped. Examination showed a broken gas pump cup. There was a village mechanic just around the corner, and we soon had it repaired. Our getting lost saved us a long walk. We did run out of gas in the country, but within one quarter of a mile a village store keeper had a gallon to sell us to get us to town.

We crossed the Ganges in flood on a 30-foot country boat, just wide enough to accommodate the wheels, with front and rear hanging over the water. The water was rough and the easterly wind contrary. For two hours we were at a complete standstill. I prayed earnestly that the wind would stop, and as I prayed we began moving. The total 47-mile river trip took eleven and a half hours. Dry land felt good. We reached Purunna late the third day from Calcutta, left the van there and proceeded home by train. Later with Allen Buckwalter’s help and a harrowing experience on the ferries, we got the van to Madhipura.

Waiting in offices and running about the city for certificates, letters and interviews, seeing the expenses mount as the red tape extended, I called much on the Lord, who was faithful in answering prayer. Mr. Joseph (C.W.S.) and Mr. Benedict (M.C.C.) gave much time and effort to have the van released. It was then displayed in Calcutta at the Methodist Church in connection with the Welfare program. The newspaper accepted a brief account and picture presented by Mr. Benedict.

Immediate impressions of the van confirm previous expectations of its possibilities. I am grateful to my brethren here for encouragement and help in building the Base Hospital, which is nearing completion. The equipment in the van has been supplemented so as to set up a laboratory, emergency delivery room, and special clinics.

We plan to hold the dedication service about New Year. The van will help us keep regular contact with Saharsa and Barjora.

George Paulus

**BARJORA STATION REPORT**

The past year at Barjora has shown continual development. The Middle English course visualized in 1952 for the Barjora school has been taught in both grades VI and VII since July 1. The matter of Government recognition presented some difficulties, but these have been largely overcome, and full recognition will likely be given soon. This marks a definite step forward, not only because of the advanced training in the school, but because it makes possible the keeping of the older boys within the mission for training longer than had heretofore been possible and completely solves the difficult and expensive problem of providing training on the Middle English level for the older girls.

Since August a domestic science course has been added to the curriculum for older girls. The course aims to develop Christian character and those skills that will make for better homes, including the ability to supplement the family income by skillful needlework. A practical lesson in budgeting is constantly being taught as the girls receive a small stipend each week from which all expenses irrespective of their nature must be met.

The agricultural project, carried on mainly in connection with the hostel program as separate from the school, has continued to provide a valuable work program for the students and supply considerable food for the boarders. The irrigation facilities and fencing are proving indispensable, and we are increasingly thankful that they have been provided for the Barjora work. During the past four years virus has become much more active in our garden, having seriously affected almost every type of broad-leaved plant. This is making
necessary a new approach to the gardening work but we believe that methods will be found and varieties developed to offset the destructive effects of this enemy. During the last year a small orchard of good mangoes was set out. A pineapple grove has been built up to about 1,000 plants, and experiments have been made with sugar cane, the Japanese method of rice cultivation and a variety of fodder grass intended to take the place of straw—largely in animal feeding.

Spiritual development during the past year has been encouraging. To see the boys enter manhood with a testimony on their lips and pray and praise in their hearts is much to be thankful for indeed. At a recent special meeting conducted by Sister Buckwalter the entire group of about 35 young people poured out their hearts in song and prayers for a full hour. The reputation of our boys in the local high school is good, and there is evidence that they are taking their place there as Christians. Indigenous leadership in the church is developing. The District Committee consisting of nationals almost entirely is gaining in strength and prestige and exercising an influence on the affairs of the district that has not been known before. It is this element of strong indigenous leadership with its definite interest in the spiritual welfare of the church that holds out the brightest hope for the future well-being of the church.

A. L. Pye

Barjora Managing Committee

Less than a year ago the missionary council supported by the Foreign Mission Board decided to turn the direction of the Barjora institutional work over to a managing committee. The committee idea was not new; the mission executive committee had functioned as such since the beginning of our institutional work. The significance lay in the fact that this would remove the administration of almost the entire institutional program from the missionary council to the Indian church. The committee formed consists of both missionaries and Indians and is responsible to the Church executive Committee. The mission superintendent is chairman, the secretary is our Indian pastor, Rev. Charan. He is responsible for the school work and exercises considerable influence in all phases of the program. The treasurer is the local station overseer.

Doubts as to the advisability of this move have been largely dispelled by now. The committee functions efficiently and is bringing to bear upon the work a closer scrutiny than previously. Meetings are held quarterly, when every phase of the work is reviewed: attendance, progress, teaching, and expenditures for both the school and hostels. In some areas costs of operation have slightly risen because of the committee's activities, but their interest in having the work eventually financed by the church, is resulting in an overall reduction. Another noticeable result is the Church's increased interest in the institutional work and its sense of personal responsibility for the success of the program. The formation of this committee has become the answer to some difficult problems.

Boys' Hostel

At present nearly forty boys are in the hostel, about half being orphans and one quarter, Santals from Purnea District. The latter have quarters separate from the others so that they will retain familiarity with their own language and not be lost to their own group through continual association with others. Outside the hostel two boys under the direction of the mission are studying in the Mennonite High School in Jagdeeshpur. Most of those in Barjora are attending the mission school, but some are in the local Triheniganj High School where they are giving a consistent Christian witness.

The daily routine for the older boys begins with an hour of Bible instruction and devotions. The younger boys have devotions with the house father in their own hostel. This course is intended to take them through the Bible in five years. Following the morning Bible class and a light breakfast, they study for an hour and then spend several hours in agricultural work. The boys are taking a good interest in this and seem to have lost all trace of dislike for this type of work.

The boys' hostel program for the present age group is quite satisfactory, but a problem arises when the future of the boys is considered. No satisfactory solution has yet been found to the problem of the young men matriculating from high school, and especially of those not capable of matriculation. Government service is the aim of most matriculates—usually clerking in government offices—but there is such keen competition among those seeking employment that the problem of unemployment is serious. Pray with us that the wisdom of God may be given in the search for a way out for our boys.

A. L. Pye

Girls' Hostel

Miriam, age 7, and Esther, age 8, joined our family in July as missionaries. Esther's father is dead and her mother, once a Christian has become a Hindu. We know very little about Miriam's background, but she has found a warm welcome in our family.

Every morning at 5:30 for one hour the older girls and boys go to the church for Bible study with the pastor. We are encouraged to see evidence of the Holy Spirit at work in their lives. Several of the girls have written, "God is keeping us and we are doing our work as unto Him."

Three of the orphan girls and our matron have been married during this past year. Wedding time is a happy time though we might be made to believe the bride is not happy. Letters that have come from the two who have gone into other cities to live indicate their joy as housewives.

The duties of the hostel have not been shared by a matron since June. The girls have learned to spend more time alone and take more responsibility. This training is good for them, but many details of the work are being neglected because of lack of help. Please pray with us that the Lord will provide the very best matron for our family.

Home Makers Course

This year we realized our goal of teaching on our own compound better home-making, mothercraft and child welfare, while the girls learned to work for what was given them and to budget their income.

In the hostel for bad conduct and behavior the girls receive the "ve-
randa" experience until they are willing to bend to teaching. Several of the girls in the Home Makers Course came under this teaching and now find the adjustment easier. It is a cause for joy when we see fruits of the Spirit in their lives.

Another phase of our program is the cottage industry. So far it includes needlecraft, crocheting and knitting, but as the girls become more skillful and a market is available we hope to specialize in a certain type of lace making. Our hope is that eventually the girls will be able to earn part of their own support.

Barjora Dispensary Report

The work of the Barjora Dispensary was carried on by Mary Jane Shoalts, R.N. from Jan. 1st to June 20th, and by Beulah Arnold from June 21st.

In March 1,620 patients were treated and in April 2,006. The highest number of patients for one day was 125. Even the rainy season did not bring a slump. Our work here includes not only the outside non-Christians, but also the Christians. The mother of an Anglo-Indian family was here with us for a week of daily injections and rest. Also we treated a typhoid case in one of the Anglo-Indian families at Dumeria.

Our medical work is typical of all dispensary work in India. We give pills for almost every disease, but Indian's preference is an injection for every condition. The diseases we treat are varied: anemia, dysentery, tuberculosis, kalaazar, eye infections, skin diseases, and particularly boils and abscesses. We notice that most of the anemics and malnutrition patients come from homes where religion does not allow them to eat meat or fish.

The Bible work and witness is carried on each morning by Yohan Masih among the men. Sometimes he plays Hindi records of sermons and Christian songs. The Bible work among the women is carried on by Saphira Paul. Pray for workers such as these, upon whose shoulders rests the future work of the Indian church.

Beulah Arnold

BANMKHNI STATION REPORT

A glance over the activities of the last several years points up the fact that Banmankhi Station has come a Bible Training Center, a logical outcome of our type of progress here. The response among the Santals has been gratifying and almost bewildering in its scope. From the first, believers quickly won their friends and relatives in other villages and these, in turn, went farther afield until now there are Christians in villages 12 miles to the west, 15 miles to the southwest, 20 miles to the southeast, 6 miles to the north, 30 miles to the northeast and many villages in between—a total of 70 Christians in about 19 villages. Since the New Year, that is in nine months, in the Purnea-Banmankhi District eighteen have been baptized and others have expressed their faith. During this year we had one Institute to which all were invited and our first Youth Conference in which 60 were registered. For more pointed teaching we have the Bible School for Santals, which met in two sessions of approximately six weeks each.

The missionary staff, Allen and Leoda Buckwalter, Joe and Marietta Smith, has been aided by a consecrated staff of national workers. Emmanuel Henry and wife have continued their witness in Murliganj; our newly-ordained pastor-at-large, Benjamin Mirandi, has spent much time shepherding the little flock which is so widely scattered. In spite of his age he has maintained a vigorous leadership in evangelism and in spiritual life. His daughter, Dina Mirandi, completed two years of Bi-

Benjamin at work among the Santals, in village evangelism.

Purnea Mission House

Bro. Engle in front of his house with Chotan Masiah—an Indian Christian who would work during the day and then travel with Bro. and Sister Engle in village evangelism in the evening.
ble training at Kalvari Bible School in Allahabad and returned to us in June. She has already been a blessing to the work because of her spiritual burden for the church and her capability as a teacher. She takes her place well as either student or teacher in our Bible School and Institutes.

As we see young men and women maturing spiritually and carrying a burden for their own people, our hearts sing,

“To God be the glory,
Great things he hath done!”

Allen and Leoda Buckwalter
Joe and Marietta Smith

PURNEA STATION REPORT

The Bengali gentleman’s little “gar­den house” near the court station in Purnea last year became a mission house, a bright and shining light pointing men to the True Light of the World. The work of evangelism begun in Purnea by Bro. and Sr. Engle in March, 1954, was continued by them until they left for furlough in March, 1955. Before leaving they had the joy of seeing the witch-doctor mentioned in last year’s report baptized, as well as a number of others.

The greatest response, numerically, has been in the village of Hasoli, midway between Purnea and Banmankhi twenty miles to the south. At present there are eight members there. One of them visited Patras in Purnea a few months ago. He told of being ill before he was baptized. He had spent a great deal of money for medicine, had sacrificed goats and chickens to the evil spirits, had called on witch-doctors and their incantations, but all was wasted effort.

Patras suggested that he should pray to God about it. “What!” exclaimed this new believer, “do you mean that we can talk to Jesus about that, too?” Patras proceeded to teach him about prayer.

He went home, called the small group of believers together and told them what he had just learned. Together they prayed. When Patras visited them last week he found them full of joy. God had heard their prayer and the man was healed. To God be the glory!

No missionary is in residence now in the Purnea station, but the work of witnessing has been carried on by Patras Hembrom and his family, and the station has been supervised from Banmankhi. The church district showed their respect and confidence in Patras this year by choosing him as their deacon. He has been faithful to his work and responsibility.

Allen Buckwalter

INDIA MISSION TREASURER’S REPORT

January 1, 1955 to September 30, 1955

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To District church funds $ 673.11
Transfer to Bible Training expense 365.69
Building remodeling and equipment 1,157.90
Total expenditures $ 2,136.70
Balance on hand Sept. 30, 1955 140.48

MEDICAL EXPANSION

Receipts
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1955 $ 229.30
Adjustment on medicine 962.81
From Foreign Mission Treasury 1,569.96
Total Receipts $ 2,762.07

Expenditures
Medicine purchasing fund $1,052.62
Hospital building 631.58
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Medical van clearance and transporting 232.00
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An overall map of Japan (below) with a detailed map showing location of Hagi Mission and surrounding cities (above.)

Japan --- 1955
A SURVEY OF OUR FIELD

Hagi has a reputation for being conservative, even feudal in its thinking and customs. Even our language school teachers in distant Kobe were aware of this. While Hagi is an old community it is also a comparatively prosperous community. It is generally agreed that these factors tend to make people less open to the Gospel. The present pastor of the United Church of Japan, Hagi branch, says, after 40 years experience elsewhere, that Hagi is a difficult place for evangelism. But we are not discouraged for we have seen God work in Hagi and we remember that some of Japan's most influential leaders have been natives of Hagi.

Although Yamaguchi-ken has a fair number of Protestant mission-
ties all but we are south of the mountain range that runs across this prefecture. This means that they are in the industrial area while we are alone in the farming and fishing area of the beautiful northern coast. A few fishing centers where we have some contact are indicated on the map but there are numerous others that remain relatively untouched. This is also true of the many farming communities scattered throughout this mountainous area. Hadanosei, the blind evangelist-pastor of Yadomi (see map), is a zealous witness in remote villages. But we pray that many others will catch the vision and likewise take Mark 16:15 ("Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation.") as their motto.

You will see from the map that Yamaguchi is one of Japan's eight least evangelized (in terms of "evangelical missionaries") prefectures. What is more, six of these needy prefectures are neighbors of Yamaguchi. This presents an urgent call for more workers.

Masuda (see map), a town of 15,000 people in one of these needy prefectures, is a case in point. It has recently been discovered that the soil in the Masuda area is good for raising citrus fruit. The atmosphere of the area is one of life and growth. The community has a direct rail connection with the industrial south. People are investing in the promising future of Masuda. Who will invest his money and prayers for a harvest of souls in Masuda? Tentatively we plan to do so after a year of further language study. But the areas of Kogushi, Ota and Tsuwano (see map), all within the area of our immediate responsibility, are also waiting. And you, what are you doing about it?

Survey of the Year

1955 was a year of blessings and of "dreams come true." The first week in January, Mary and I moved to Kobe (see map) where we entered language school. Experiences encountered in seeking and renting an apartment gave us many interesting and informative new insights into Japanese culture and habits. Later on we were able to move into an apartment at the General Conference Mission House. We are grateful to them for opening both their house and their hearts to us. It was possible for us to stay in Kobe until the latter part of August, and so we were enabled to take a great forward step in acquiring the language.

While we were studying in Kobe the Christians here in Hagi carried on under the leadership of Miss Iwakura. She received faithful support from Mr. Aburstan and Mrs. Ichikawa. The Church continued the Sunday Schools in the mission home and the one at Nago. On their own initiative the Miyamotos also started a Sunday School in their home in Hagi. These three schools continue to be the responsibility of the national church. Mrs. Book meets with the teachers once a week for the purpose of helping them with each lesson and of imparting a few basic Sunday School principles.

The Sunday School at Nago (a fishing town ten miles from Hagi) is the direct result of an evangelistic drive with Brother John Martin. At the end of that effort about twenty children decided for Christ. Now, eighteen months later, nearly all of those children (at least one is high school age) are still attending the classes which Miss Katsura, a convert of Brother Ginder's ministry in 1953, has been teaching so faithfully.

* All maps are the work of Brother Doyle Book.
Hada-sensei, the blind evangelist, lives.
Mostly through openings made by church members, Mrs. Book was soon busy teaching various Bible classes both in Hagi and in some of the mountain communities. To serve as her interpreter God sent us a very fine Christian lady, Kanakubo-san, from Tokyo through the kindness of Moo (Norman Wingerts).

Mrs. Book's ministry is bearing fruit. An interesting example is the case of a local Buddhist priest telling a widow in whose mountain home a Bible class is conducted, not to believe the new religion. But the widow had a dream in which her deceased husband told her not to worry about it. Eventually she told the priest that she thought the two religions were warring within her. Then the priest told her that Japan permits freedom of worship and that it is all right. A victory for Christ! Reports are also coming in of children singing choruses on buses and thus creating an interest among some adults.

A survey of 1955 would not be complete without mentioning Margaret Joanne whom the Lord gave to us on July 23. She and the three Miyamoto boys were dedicated to God in a sacred service on December 11. The Miyamoto children are fortunate that both their parents, and even their grandmother, are Christian believers.

The privilege of attending language school, the progress of the national church, the coming of the Books, fruit for our labors, and the birth of Margy were all "dreams come true." We thank God for His goodness and for your prayers through which God has favored us with these and many other blessings in 1955.

JAPAN

GENERAL FUND

| Balance on hand January 1, 1955 | $ 404.23 |
| Total Receipts and Balance | $3,733.09 |
| Expenditures | $3,464.49 |
| Balance on hand, January 1, 1956 | $ 268.60 |

SPECIAL FUNDS

| Literature | |
| Balance Jan. 1, 1955 | $ 35.47 |
| Total | $ 61.78 |
| Expenditures | $104.28 |
| Deficit balance | $ 42.45 |

| Property (Maintenance and Repair) | |
| Balance Jan. 1, 1955 | $ 210.02 |
| Total | $ 430.02 |
| Expenditures | $371.60 |
| Balance Jan. 1, 1956 | $ 58.42 |
| Rice: Balance Jan. 1, 1956 | $ 16.32 |
| Total of balances in Property, Rice and Tent funds | $ 81.53 |
| Deficit Balance in Literature Fund | $ 42.45 |
| Total Funds on hand in special accounts Jan. 1, 1956 | $ 39.08 |
Cuba --- 1955

It is the duty of the Church to make Christ known. "The salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles," Acts 28:28. As stewards of the Gospel we must employ every opportunity to make known the mystery of godliness and holiness. The longer we are here, the more we see the need and God's purpose in sending the light to this community.

It seemed God directed certain brethren to the town of Cuatro Caminos, a town of nearly 1000 people which is located about fifteen miles from Havana along the main road that runs to the east end of the island. This island has a population of eight million people which consists of many nationalities: Spaniards, Negroes, Indians, Chinese, Jews and others. The ones mentioned are the ones we have contacted. This gives us a real mission field.

In this very town about ten years ago the Gospel was first preached and hundreds were born again. We were told the whole town went to church (all but seven or eight are Catholics) and for two years services were held in a tent every night with attendance in the hundreds. What blessing they enjoyed! Then the people desired a church; so a church was built by every one contributing in some way. There was unity and the Church prospered for about one year, but then the enemy came in and scattered the flock. The leaders were divided, and the church closed. This church was closed for over seven years.

During that time the weather, too, had a part in tearing down that which was built. Thus, as God led through the faithfulness of the brethren, this church was purchased and repaired by donated labor of some faithful brethren from the States.

Today this church is again opened and is more beautiful than when first built. Many people of the town seemed happy to have the church opened again, but when darkness returns where there was once light, "How great is that darkness!" As we visit in many homes they say, "Yes I went to that church years ago." To sadden our hearts we find these people practicing spiritualism, saint worship, and many turned to Catholic worship. The Catholics have a great hold on this town. Many know the true way but are held in the grip of Satan. The longer we live here and learn to know the people, customs and habits, the better we realize the grip that the Devil has on them. The harder we work, the harder the Catholics work. They watch our work very jealously. This is why our greatest cry has been for prayer as prayer can certainly unlock many doors and tear down many hindrances. We have felt that the prayers of the Church at home have been supporting us in the work in Cuba.

It was February 14, 1954 when the
church was opened, and surely we can see growth. From July 1954 to July 1955 Bro. and Sr. Dale Ulery labored faithfully. They learned to love the Cubans and have carried a burden for this work. We thank God for what was done through their ministry.

On July 2, 1955 we entered this island to carry on the task that had been started. God has been with us and has been blessing the work, and we are thankful for every victory that has been won. Our church attendance has been good, with new faces in many services. A number of good earnest people come in from the country. Attendance varies greatly but averages from thirty to sixty, and on special occasions the church is filled.

Our Sunday School is held at 10 A.M. with mostly children attending. Attendance varies from 45 to 90, but averages between 50 and 60. In addition to this, we have two Sunday Schools in the country that meet at the same time, one at Mella and one at Portugalete. The attendance is about 20 in each. The Sunday School work in the country is carried on by our Cuban helpers, Bro. and Sr. Lecadio Lopez. Then we have services in other thatched-roof villages occasionally.

The attendance in the services fluctuates due to weather in the rainy season and the operation of the sugar mill that runs continually, day and night, from January to late April. In spite of these handicaps the interest has been good. We do have a nucleus of faithful Christians including some promising young men for whom we desire training as future workers. There have been eight of our group baptized, and a number more are ready for baptism.

Our visitation program has been a very active part of our ministry. We made over nine hundred calls in the first six months here. The nature of the Cuban calls for it, and it is a must in the work. Needless to say, it is a rewarding ministry.

With the heavy schedule and duties we find it difficult to concentrate on language study as we should. God is helping us and our ears are gradually becoming more trained to the rapid speaking of Spanish, but it will be necessary for us to take more time to master the language. We are trusting God to undertake for us in this area.

Miss Juana Garcia has helped faithfully in many ways and was quite an asset in our services and in the Sunday School. She is devoted in her service to the Lord.

There naturally are some problems—and some particularly because of the opening of a closed church—but we believe that the Lord opened this field and placed us here to be a light in a dark place. Therefore, we have confidence in the Lord for the future. We can see the hand of the Lord leading. Josh. 13:1, "There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed."
Mission Work in Israel

Brethren in Christ mission work in Israel began through the work of Sister Mary Wenger, who felt the call of God to this needy field several years ago. After a little more than two years of pioneer work under adverse circumstances she returned to America in the summer of 1954 with hope of returning, but was refused re-entry into the country.

In the same summer the Foreign Mission Board after much prayer and deliberation felt the time had come for the church to enter mission work in Israel officially before the doors were closed. Sister Lady and I were sent to Israel in the month of September, but only on a limited-stay basis because of increasing restrictions for missionaries to do mission work in this State. After several short term renewals of visa, we were unable to secure further extension beyond August 16, 1955 even though personal appeal was made by way of the American Consul and the American Embassy.

While the work in Israel was of comparatively short duration, we know God has blessed these days of concentrated efforts. Possibly the best ministry was made in the area of personal counseling which was made possible through the contacts in attending the Hebrew University and working in a Bible book shop. At least seventeen young people were given personal interviews and instruction in the Word of God. Several of these made confession of faith in Christ as Messiah for which we praise the Lord.

We had the privilege of distributing hundreds of Bibles, New Testaments and other pieces of Christian literature, some in seventeen different languages. We shared at least twenty-five speaking engagements in various public meetings, one of which was a radio message. In fact almost every day we found occasions to represent Jesus Christ in some manner.

Let us pray that God will continue to bless the Seed sown and that the Holy Spirit will direct regarding future mission work in Israel, as tension may be eased and the doors open again.

Those who have followed the conditions of the Near East realize the precarious position of Israel, but let us not lose faith in God's Word concerning His chosen people. For not one of all God's promises has ever failed. Our prayer is that the mission work done in Israel may have been a means of stimulating the Church to the ministry of intercessory prayer for the Jews, as well as witnessing to them, both in Israel and in our home communities. If this be the result then our labours will have been much worthwhile.

Jesse and Lucille Lady
Foreign Missionary Personnel

With Furlough Dates

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General Superintendent’s Residence, P. O. 711, Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia
Bishop and Mrs. Arthur M. Climenhaus, 1960
Miss Velma Brillinger, 1960
Matopo Mission, Private Bag 191 T, Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia
Rev. and Mrs. Alvin J. Book, 1956
Rev. and Mrs. David E. Climenhaus, 1961
Miss Mary Brenneman, 1955
Miss Mary C. Engle, 1958
Miss Miriam L. Reise, 1959
Miss Nancy J. Kreider, 1960
Miss Rhoda G. Lenhert, 1961
Miss Evelyn Molhorn, 1960
Miss Edna M. Switzer, 1958
Outstation:
Rev. and Mrs. Frederic L. Holland, 1961
Miss Leora Yoder, 1961
Miss Evelyn Bohland, 1960
Miss Esther G. Book, 1957
Rev. and Mrs. William Hoke, 1960
Miss Anna Graybill, R. 2, Hershey, Pa.
Rev. and Mrs. Charles E. Engle, 1959
Miss Kathryn Hossler, 1962
Nahum Mission, P. O. Box 173, Choma, Northern Rhodesia
Rev. and Mrs. H. Frank Kipe, 1958
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Rev. and Mrs. Elwood Hershey, R. R. 3, Troy, Ohio
Miss Annie Winger, Delisle, Saskatchewan, Canada
Miss Elizabeth H. Engle, Schoolhouse Road, Lancaster, Pa.
Miss Anna Graybill, R. 2, Hershey, Pa.
Miss Dorothy Martin, 626 S. Market St., Elizabethtown, Pa.
Miss Mabel Frey, 20th and Paxton St., Harrisburg, Pa.
General Superintendent: P. O. Saharsa, N. E. Railway, District Saharsa, Bihar
Rev. and Mrs. William Hoke, 1960
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Miss Evelyn Bohland, 1960
Miss Mary B. Stoner, 1959
Miss Leora Yoder, 1961
Barjora Mission, P. O. Tirkimenjani via Murliganj, N. E. Railway, District

SAHARSAA, BihAR, India
Miss Ruth E. Box, 1957
Miss Erma Hare, 1961
Miss Beulah Arnold, 1961
Madhipura Mission, P. O. Madhipura, N. E. Railway, District Saharsa, Bihar
Dr. and Mrs. George E. Paulus, 1960
Miss Mary J. Shoalts, 1959
Banmanaki Mission, P. O. Banmanaki N. E. Railway, District Purnea, Bihar
Rev. and Mrs. Allen S. Buckwalter, 1955
Rev. and Mrs. Joseph B. Smith, 1956
Purnea Mission, P. O. Purnea, District Purnea, Bihar
Rev. and Mrs. Charles E. Engle, 1962
Ulbara Mission, P. O. Ulbara, District Howrah, West Bengal
Rev. and Mrs. A. D. M. Dick, 1954
On Furlough (From India)
Rev. and Mrs. Arthur L. Pye, Wainfleet, Ontario, Canada

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11 Higawara, Hagi City, Yamaguchi, Japan
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Don Zook, Matopo Mission, Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia, Africa
Keith Uleroy, Mtshebazi Mission, Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia, Africa
Former and Retired Missionaries
Rev. and Mrs. W. O. Winger, Grantham, Pa.
Mr. and Mrs. Lewis B. Sider, 1961
Mtshebazi Mission, Private Bag 102 M, Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia
Rev. and Mrs. Glenn C. Frey, 1958
Miss Lois F. Davidson, 1961
Mrs. Mary Dick Myers, 1962
Outstation:
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Mtshebazi Mission Hospital, Private Bag 101 M, Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia
Dr. R. Virginia Kauffman, 1960
Miss Martha Kauffman Eshelman, 1961
Mrs. Verna Ginder, Manheim, Pa.
Bishop Daniel Sipling, Elizabethtown, Pa.
Rev. John Z. Martin, Upland, Calif.
Rev. and Mrs. I. M. Stern, 1958
Rev. and Mrs. J. Lester Myers, 1960
Rev. and Mrs. A. Graybill Brukner, 1959
Miss Anna L. Kettering, 1967
Miss Kathryn Hossler, 1962
Miss Edna E. Lehman, 1958
Sikalongo Mission, P. O. Box 131, Choma, Northern Rhodesia
Rev. and Mrs. A. Graybill Brukner, 1959
N. E. Railway, District Saharsa, Bihar
Rev. and Mrs. D. B. Hall, 620 N. First Avenue, Upland, California
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  - Ralph Brumbaugh, Phoneton
- **Clear Creek**
  - Rhecy Wigfield, Clearville
- **Altoona**
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- **Cedar Grove**
  - Richard Peashe, R. R. McAlisterville
- **Cedar Springs**
  - J. Nathan Long, Mill Hall
- **Center Grove**
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  - Earl C. Witter, R. 2, New Oxford
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- **Croix Rose**
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- **Refton**
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**Oklahoma**

- **Enrollment**
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**Virginia**

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