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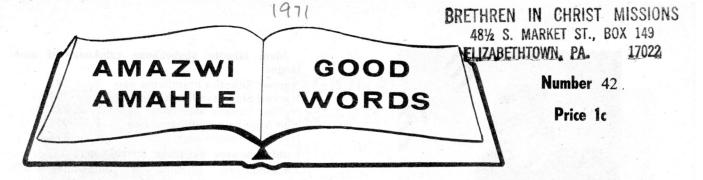
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JESUS IS COMING

SIGNS

From Matthew, James, Jcel, Daniel, Timothy, Luke. Peter, Isaiah, Ezekiel and Revelation we see signs which tell us that the Lord will return. Are any of these signs about us today? Look at them.

People will gather together many things and much money. There will be problems among workmen. There will be preparation for war. Nations will fight against one another. People will know many things and there will be an increase in knowledge. There will be a desire for worldly pleasures. People will doubt God's Word. There will be much eating and drinking. False teachers will deceive many. There will be much travelling here and there. We will hear of many earthquakes. There will be famines and troubles. Crime will increase. People will break their marriage vows. Others will laugh when they are told that Christ will return. People will believe teachings of devils. People who once believed in the Lord will turn away. The gospel will be preached around the world. The Jews will return to the land promised to Abraham. Surely we see ALL these signs today.

HOW

How will He return? Exactly on schedule! Yet man will not expect Him, just as they do not expect the thief in the night. What will happen? Man will go from time into eternity. There will be the final separation between those who are ready and those who are not ready. His return will be as sudden as the lightning. He will come for everyone in the world who is looking for Him. It will be the end of Satan's power over God's children. Everyone will stand before Christ, whose decisions will be fair and right. Christ will be seen as the great King and Son of God who is in heaven.



Mtshabezi Conference.

THE RESULTS

There will be a great shout and a great resurrection. The Christians who had died will rise first. There will be a great separation between the good and the bad. There will be great disappointment for those who were half-Christians. There will be a great change and a great judgment. For some there will be great joy—and heaven; for others great sorrow—and hell.

WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE SHOULD WE BE?

Our relationship with God must be pure, holy and blameless. When we are truly saved, we will be "kept by the power of God through faith".

In our relationship with others real love will be seen. We will submit to those who are over us; control our tongues; and be kind and generous toward others. We will never do evil, kill, steal or mind other people's business.

In our personal life and conduct we will not be like the world or look for those things which satisfy our bodies. Wives will be pure before their husbands, and husbands will honour their wives. We will control ourselves and be patient.

In our service we will not consider ourselves important but give up that which is ours for that which is higher or more necessary. We will have a firm belief in the honesty, truth and power of our returning Lord.

From the evangelistic messages of Bishop H. F. Kipe at 1971 Mtshabezi Regional Conference.





Bishop P. M. Kumalo.

KuBazalwane loDadewethu,

Ngiyalibingelela lonke eNkosini yethu uJesu Kristu.

Umhlangano Omkhulu usudlulile lakho konke okwawo. Lamhla noma sikhuluma ngawo isiyindaba endala. Kodwa kuningi lethu lokhu sisizwa udumo ezindlebeni zethu njalo lokhu sibona ubuhle bawo.

Umhlangano wethu wawuhliniphekile ngobukhona buka Mfundisi J. E. Musser ophethe wonke amabandla eBrethern in Christ angaphetsheya kolwandle, eAfrica, India, Japan le Nicaragua. Simfisela inhlanhla emsebenzini wakhe.

Umfundisi Omkhulu H. F. Kipe: Siyabonga inkulumo azilethayo phakathi kwethu okwezinsuku ezine. Angikholwa ukuthi ukhona ozakhohlwa ngokuthi uJesu uyeza masinyane.

Siyabonga uMbonisi omutsha uWilliam Silungwe weZambia lo Mfundisi D. M. Brubaker abahlanganyela lathi Emhlanganweni wethu Omkhulu.

Izifungo zabathanda Inkosi leBandla layo:

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Mina ngaphani? Ngathembisani eNkosini yami lasemsebenzi wayo? Wenake wenzani? UNkulunkulu azibusise izinhliziyo lezandla ezimhlophe eziphayo. Ithuba lokhu lisekhona ungapha noma ungathembisa. Bona umbonisi wakho noma woza ewofisini ka Mfundisi Omkhulu.

Inani labantu ababekhona czinkonzweni amalanga:

Ngolwe Sithathu ntambama ngo 7 = 581 Ngolwe Sine ntambama ngo 7 = 799 Ngolwe Sihlanu ntambama ngo 7 = 888 Ngo Mgqibelo ntambama ngo 7 = 888 Ngo Sonto emini ngo 12 = 891

Emhlanganweni wesithebe ababekhona:

Amadoda 179 Omama 450 Ndawonye = 629 Ngesikathi senkonzo enkulu abanengi bahamba

ngamabhasi yikho inani lehla kangaka.

Abantu bonke laba babevelangaphi? Babevela kulezi izindawo: Wanezi, Matopo, Gwaai, Mtshabezi, Lupane, Nkai, Gokwe, Bulawayo, Zambia, le America. Sadana ngoba iSalisbury yayingekho kodwa bathumela umbiko ngencwadi ngiyethemba ngo 1972 uma iNkosi isiphilisile engakabuyi bazabakhona.

Abatsha emhlanganweni ababekhona babengu 266. Siyabonga abazali abaletha abantwana babo, njalo labatsha babo. Sibonga lamandla ezalabatsha abanengi. Lize labo ngo 1972.

Ibandla selikhethe izinceku zezimali zebandla

Yilaba abakhethwayo: Henry K. Ncube, Jack D. Ndlovu, Timothy K. Ndlovu lo Iddo M. Kumalo. La madoda asiwakhulekeleni iNkosi iwasebenzise kakhulu. Asiwanxuseni azesisiza emabandleni ethu. Yizisebenzi zebandla le Nkosi. Bazakhuluma kithi sonke, kumuntu ngamunye, kuba khokheli, emihlanganweni yabomama, eyabatsha, khulumani kuba Bonisi benu. Baceleni bona ngokwabo bazakuza kini balisize.

Abatsha, abazali, ibandla sibonga umnumzana C. Knepper le Nkosikazi nge sipho esikhulu kangaka abasenzele njalo basipha i bandla. Sonke sabona abatsha ababe phikisana behlezi phezu komtshina owawu kanyisa amalayithi nxababe sukuma. Sithi kwabako Knepper lakusasa lingadinwa.

Ekugcineni ngifisa ukulibonga lonke line elenze umhlangano wabamuhle kangaka—abatshumayeli, izikhonzi, abavangeli, abakhokheli babatsha, ababonisi, abafundisi le Bandla lonke.

Kuyini obona ukuthi asikiwenzanga ofuna sikwenze ngo 1972? Kuyini owakukholisayo? Kuyini ongakukholisanga? Thumela incwadi yakho ku Box 711, Bulawayo.

Salani kuhle, Yimi owenu eNkosini, P. M. KUMALO, *Bishop*.

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YOUTH CAMP

Rev. Gary Strong, National Co-ordinator of New Life for All, greeted the Conference.

REGIONAL CONFERENCE

MTSHABEZI
1st to 5th September, 1971



Rev. J. E. Musser represented the Board for Missions in America.



The Bible quiz judges make a decision.



No. 5 from Moisini was very quick.



The Mkubo Dube family sang.



J. D. Moyo interpreted into English.



Bishop P. M. Kumalo congratulating the coaches of the two winning teams, both from the Gwaai.



Kutshwakaya Ndlovu, Mlobeki Moyo Mlobeki Moyo and Josiah Ncube.

YOUTH CAMP

Young people from all four districts came to Mtshabezi Mission for the third Brethren in Christ Youth Camp. They came by foot, bicycle, bus and car. They came to a beautiful place among the rocks and trees in a lonely part of the mission. They came for good Christian fellowship with other young people. They were not disappointed.

So many came (double the number of last year) that Mr. Bundy soon had to rush to Bulawayo for

more food.

Those at the camp were not children or adults. They were young men and young women. The discussions were on very practical concerns for young people. The Bible study discussions were for young people and the sports and activities were for young people. The programme also included time for singing old songs and learning new ones. Each evening we sat around a great camp fire to sing choruses, hear special group songs and be challenged by clear messages on Christian living in these modern days.

One other important activity was plain hard work. We perspired and suffered blisters, cuts and bruises, but you should see the sports field and pretty camp area that took shape as the bushes disappeared. We were happy to know that we and others will benefit from our work when we return to camp at this place next year and the following years. One complaint at the camp was the difficulty of carrying water from the river. I hear that by camp time next year there will be a pipe to carry

the water to the camp.

For more details, find one of the eighty-two young people who attended the camp and they will convince you that you (if your age is right) will want to attend next year's camp.

C. V. GINDER, Phumula Mission.



Youth Camp, 1971.

NEWS

Hlomo Sengwayo, the first deacon in the Wanezi District, died just before the Regional Conference at the age of 91 years. The Church Executive Committee chose Rev. J. Ncube, Rev. M. Sibanda, Mr. S. Senda and Mr. S. Mlotshwa to represent the church at the funeral. There were 251 present at the funeral, which was directed by Rev. M. M. Khumalo.

Miss Elsie Sheffer has come to Rhodesia from Canada and is working in the Matopo Book Centre. Miss JoAnne Brubaker has returned to Mtshabezi Teacher Training and Miss Barbara Stansfield to Matopo Secondary. Miss Dorothy Martin has returned and is working at the Mtshabezi Teacher Training library until the end of the year.

A big September grass fire in the Macha area destroyed all the grain bins belonging to Ammon Mweetwa. He lost between 25 and 30 bags of maize.

Shadreck Maloka recently prayed with the King of Swaziland, King Subuza II. Maloka had been speaking to the King of his own conversion, of doctrine and of beer drinking.

The Ebabeni Bible Quiz team from the Gwaai was this year's conference winner. Their coach, Michael Mpala, had three of his brothers in the team. The team which was the runner-up was Mpisini, also from Gwaai.



Three hundred and eighty-nine were present in this new Lubuze Church when it was dedicated on 12th September.

The Brethren in Christ are now meeting in the Gwanda Hall at 2 p.m. each Sunday.

On 19th September the Mpisini congregation (Gwaai) stood inside a 20 x 30 ft. plot marked off for a new church, had a prayer of dedication, then joined hands with a friend and sang Masidonse Kanye Kanye (Let us pull together). The pastor is Naka Gininda, the builder Ma Mpofu. The walls are now up four feet.

Sithabiso Ncube, daughter of Mark, is in school at Messiah College in America.

Bekithemba Dube, son of Mkubo, is now in college in Freetown, Sierra Leone.

Noeline Ndlovu, daughter of T. N. B. Ndlovu, is studying nursing in England.

Ray Senda, son of Lot, is now at his grandfather's village at Malole.