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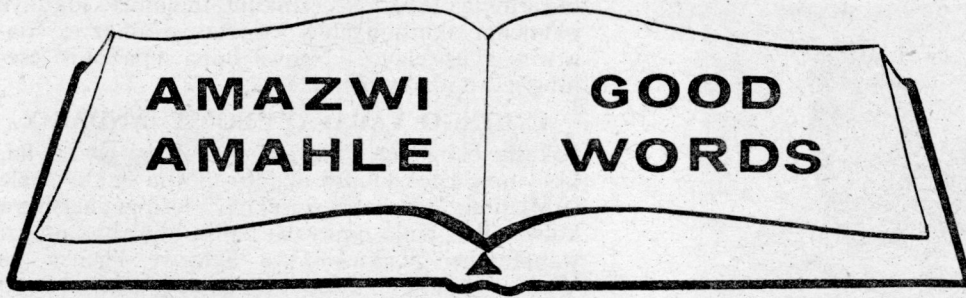
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OVERSEAS TOUR

On Monday, 26th June, Bishop and Mrs. P. M. Kumalo and Rev. and Mrs. S. M. Mudenda left Bulawayo by plane. They were on their way to the 102nd General Conference of the Brethren in Christ Church in America, which met from 28th June until 2nd July. They went first to Salisbury, then to London, where they met Sithabile Kumalo (Bishop Kumalo's daughter) and Lot Senda. They then flew to New York City and Dayton, Ohio. The General Conference met at the Memorial Holiness Camp Ground nearby. After the Conference Bishop Kumalo, Rev. Mudenda and Rev. Hem Paul, from India, accompanied by Rev. and Mrs. G. C. Frey, contacted churches in four states and part of Canada. On 17th July the brethren flew from New York to Brazil in South America, where they were delegates at the Mennonite World Conference. Bishop Kumalo and Rev. Mudenda arrived back in Bulawayo on 25th July.

The Women's Missionary Prayer Circle in America collected money so that an African woman could be sent to visit the churches in America. Mrs. Kumalo and Mrs. Mudenda were chosen to represent the women in Africa, so at the close of the General Conference Mrs. Kumalo flew to California with H. H. Brubaker then visited in the Western, Mid-Western and Central Conference areas of the Brethren in Christ Church. Mrs. Mudenda went north to Canada. The ladies spent the last two weeks in the Atlantic and Allegheny Conference areas. On 10th August they flew out of New York to London, where they spent Friday with Rhodesian and Zambian friends. Mrs. Mudenda and Mrs. Kumalo arrived back in Bulawayo on Sunday, 13th August at mid-day.



Lokhu engakubonayo lengakuzwa

Mrs. P. M. Kumalo

Sasuka lapha ngomvulo ntambama ngo 5.15 saphapha sayakuma eSalisbury. Sasuka khona sayakuma eLuanda, sedlula sayafika eLondon ekuseni ngolwe Sibili. Sasuka eLondon sahamba imini yonke sayafika eNew York. Sapinda sedlula ngenye indiza Mtshina saya kwehla eDayton kusihlwa ngo 9.20.

Abasihlangabezayo ngabafundisi abakhulu, u Bishop lo Mrs. David Climenhaga, Bishop lo Mrs. Arthur Climenhaga, Bishop lo Mrs. Henry Ginder, Bishop lo Mrs. John Hostetter labanye abazalwane labodadewethu abeza labo. Kwabalokujabula okukhulu. Basithatha ngezimota besisa nge mhlanganweni.

UMHLANGANO WABAFAZI BABAFUNDISI

Ngolwesithathu ekuseni ngo 10 sabalo mhlanganano wabafazi babafundisi abagcotshiweyo. Umgcini sihlalo waye nguNkosikazi John Hostetter. Kwavulwa umhlangano nengoma ikhokhelwa ngu Nkosikazi Anita Stoner. Ngemva kwengoma kwakhulekwa. Kwacelwa omama ukuthi bazicaze ukuthi bangobani, benzani, bavela ngaphi, lezikundla zabomkabo.

NGINGUBANI NA?

Le inkulumo sayinikwa nguNkosikazi Zercher. Wathi umfazi womfundisi kamelanga akhulume kakhulu, kumele alalele akutshelwa ngabantu, kodwa angakutsheli muntu, umele abelokubekezela, lomusa, lothando, ezwisise okufunwa ngabantu bakhe. Umele asizane lomkake. Kufanele azingentshumayelo yomkake engakayikulumi.





Bishop and Mrs. P. M. Kumalo.

ukuze amtshele lapha aphambanise khona. Angaze amtshele esekhulumile.

UKUSEBENZA KUHLE LABANTU

Ngemva kokudla kwemini kwaba lesikhulumi sesibili, uNkosikazi Morrison, inkulumo yakhe.

Wathi, simele sitshengise ukuthokoza okuphakathi kwehliziyo zethu. Sitshengise ukuthobeka, uma siphambanisile simele sivume ukuphambanisa kwethu. Simele samukele bonke abantu ngokufananayo, noma engumyanga noma enothile. Olesikhudla esithile noma umuntu nje. Wathi, simele samukele izinto ezizakithi singazilindelanga. Sisize abanye, kodwa singaze sakangela ukuthi sibongwe ngabantu esibasizileyo.

Kwathi umhlangano usuphelile ngabuza ukuthi uma ngifisa ukuba lo mhlango onjengowabo, ngi ngenzani ukuba ngiwuqalise. Bathi, lapha eAfrika singabiza abafazi babafundisi, ababatshumayeli, labafazi bezikhonzi. Ngawuthanda kakhulu umhlangano lowo.

IMTHUNGO EYENZIWA NGABAFAZI

Omama laba bayatunga izigqokwana zabantwana abasand' ukuzalwa ukuthi zinikwe ebazalini abaswelayo ngapandle kwembadalo, bayanikwa ingutshana zokuphatha abantwana, lemtshuba. Ngabona umama oyedwa owayelamaphahla ezinikwa nguNkosikazi Book eNew York. Njalo

bayathunga lezigqoko ezinkulu, imqamelo lokunye okunengi okuthunyelwa kwamanye amazwe ebantwini abaswelayo. Ngawa bona amabokisi eselungiselwe ukuhanjiswa.

INJONGO YABAFAZI BOMTHANAZO

Yikuthi bangenise umoya wobufundisi ebantwini, ukuvuselela lokuqinisa abantu ukuthi bakhulekele iziMission. Izisebenzi ezisekhaya lezingaphetsheya kolwandle. Kulo umnyaka bafisa ukwakha umuzi wabafundisi abakwamanye amazwe ngenxa ye Vangeli, ukuthi uma bebuyela ekhaya babelendawo yokuhlala besekuphumuleni.

AMAKRISTU WONKE

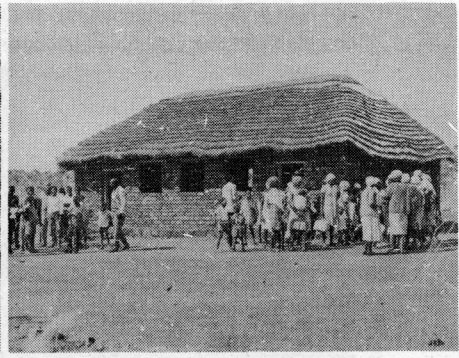
Ngabona ukukholwa okuqinileyo. Bayakhuleka kakhulu, futhi bayakholwa bethembe ukuthi lokhu abaku khulekelayo uNkulunkulu uzakuphendula kabathandabuzi. Ukufakaza kwabo kakumeleli usuku lokukhonza njengolwesithathu, kibo noma bese Sunday School bayafakaza betshengisa ukuthokoza okungaphakathi kwehliziyo zabo, ukuthi balo Jesu Kristu njengo Msindisi wabo.

UMNIKELO

Into engayi bonayo yangimangalisa yikunikela kwabantu indawo zonke engangihamba kuzo. Nga kubabaza kakhulu ngibona imali inengi. Kodwa ngangisizwa abantu bakhona besola ukuthi abanikele njengoba uNkulunkulu ebusisa, bangeza ngcono uma befuna. Ngacabanga ukuthi thina lapha eAfrica sizivikela ngokuthi siyaswela asilamali, yikho sinikela kancane. Ngikholwa ukuthi umuntu onikayo ngolo Nkulunkulu wakhe phakathi, ufisa ukuthokozisa yena, atshi omunye umuntu. Ibandla eliphanyayo lilibandla elikhulayo. Abantwana abafana lamankazana amancinyane bayanikela bebodwa, umnikelo wabo awuhlanganiswa lo wabantu abadala.

ABANTU ABATSHA BEBANDLA

Kulesikhathi somnyaka izikolo zivaliwe abatsha abanengi bayasebenza ukuthi bathole imali yezikolo. Laba abangasebenziyo babesiya eKempu endaweni ezehlukenyayo. Kokuphela ngangiphambana labo. Ngizwa ukuthi bayafundiswa ngezi-

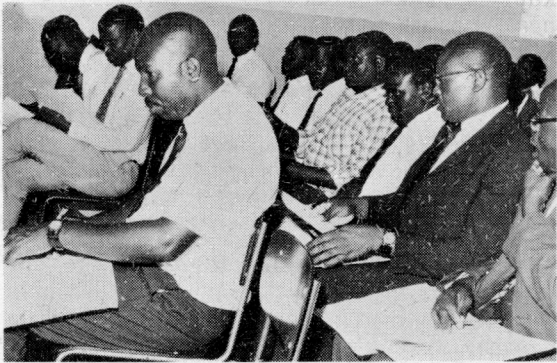


Three new churches were dedicated in 1972. On 16th January it was the burnt-brick church at Mkwabene (Wanezi); on 14th May, when the Mpisini Church (Gwaai) was dedicated the offering of \$21 went toward the purchase of seven benches; and on 13th August the stone church at Maviriviri (Gokwe) was dedicated. The pastor has made a table, a bench with a back and 18 other benches. Each of these churches received a pulpit as a gift.



Wanezi Church was a busy place during General Conference last year. This year Regional Conference is meeting there.

ndlela zokukholwa, bafunda iBhayibhili, bayakhuleka, balemdlalo lokubhukutsha. Ngake ngaya bona i" Mile High Pines" iKempu yabatsha ephezu kwezintaba yinhle sibili. E Lake View Camp ngedlula khona, babe khona amajaha lezintombi kodwa babengekho bevakashile. Indawo zakhona zinhle zonke. Ngezwa ukuthi banengi abamkela uJesu Kristu uMsindisi wabo ngalesisikhathi bese-Kempu.



General Conference delegates are chosen from Brethren in Christ Churches in Rhodesia and Zambia. This Conference alternates between the two countries. In 1971 it met at Wanezi and this year it will meet at Choma in Zambia. General Conference makes decisions concerning Rhodesia and Zambia. Regional Conference makes decisions concerning one country.

David Climenhaga has been chosen to serve as Bishop of the Central Conference of the Brethren in Christ Church in America.

Mrs. Joel Ncube is being treated for tuberculosis at the Mtshabezi Hospital.

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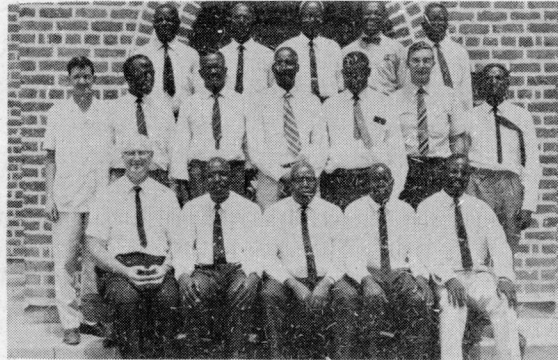
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Maria Tshuma conducted a survey in the townships of Salisbury to find those with Brethren in Christ connections. She found 554 in Mufakose, 413 in Highfield and 66 in Harare. The Church is now awaiting a decision on its application for a church site in Salisbury.

Extension seminary classes will begin in September with Monday classes at Nsezi, Tuesday at Bezha, Wednesday at Zhukwe and Thursday at Zhukwe.

The Rhodesian Christian Conference met at the United College in Bulawayo from the 17th until the 21st August.



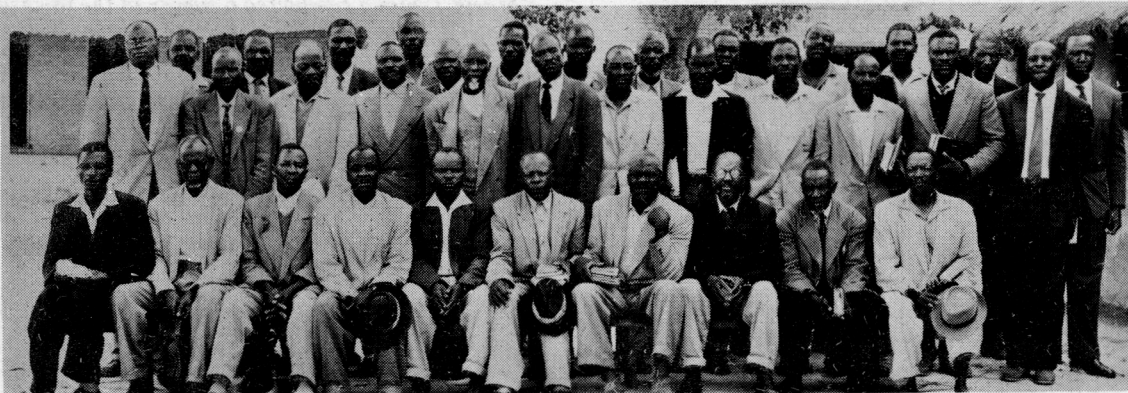
The Rhodesia Church Executive Committee is the top committee of the Brethren in Christ Church in Rhodesia. It is composed of the Bishop, the Overseers, the Conference Secretary, the Conference Treasurer, three members from each district (at least one of them a deacon), three missionaries and two members appointed by the Bishop. Missing from this picture are Knight Ngwabi, J. D. Ndlovu, Saul Senda, Mtewa Mpofu, Aaron Moyo, Naka Gininda Ndlovu and Mrs. Neddie Dlodlo.

Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Mann, who have been working at Macha Hospital for several years, are now working at the Mtshabezi Hospital.

Fourteen nurses graduated from the Macha Hospital Training School on 26th February.



Rev. S. M. Mudenda speaks to his former teacher, Rev. B. A. Johanson, from Sweetwaters Bible School. Rev. Johanson was a Bible Conference speaker at the 1971 General Conference.



These brethren attended a preachers' conference at Gwatemba in 1963. Five of them have gone from our midst.

After a brief illness Mrs. Aaron Bhebe passed away in March. She was buried in Bulawayo. Twenty-four cars and three city buses carried people from the Mpopoma Church to the place of burial. In the midst of sorrow a note of victory was evident throughout the service.

In February a message was received that the mother of Clarence Musser (and the former Bishop J. Earl Musser) had passed away. A second message in March told of the passing of the father. Brother Musser, who served as secretary of the Mission Board for more than twenty-five years, visited Africa in 1956. He was present for the Golden Jubilee celebration at Macha and also laid the cornerstone of the church at Wanezi.

James Leta, third from the right in the picture above, passed away at his village on 14th February. Brother Leta had been very ill and had spent two months in the Mpilo Hospital.

Joe Nkala, builder/contractor, was killed on 23rd March in a car accident near Lalapansi, where he had been working.

Mahutsha Mafu, who was baptised by Rev. Levi Doner in 1905 and opened the Gwabila Outstation as a pastor-teacher, passed away on 16th May. He was buried in the cemetery at Matopo Mission.

After two heart attacks, the Rev. G. R. Griffiths died at the Bulawayo Central Hospital on 23rd May. Mr. Griffiths, who was 64, had served as a missionary under the London Missionary Society in Botswana and Rhodesia for nearly 30 years. The funeral was held at Hope Fountain Mission on 26th May.

Brother and Sister William Silungwe were ordained to the ministry at Sikalongo Mission on Sunday, 27th February, 1972.

Mrs. Mangisi Sibanda was a speaker at a meeting of the Women's Organisation at the Bethesda Mission of the Methodist Church near Victoria Falls.

Zambia Regional Conference met at Macha Mission from 19th to 23rd April. The theme was OUR CHURCH AND GOD'S WORD.

Daryl Climenhaga, son of David, arrived in Bulawayo in February and is now teaching at Matopo Mission.

The Lusaka City Council has granted a church site at the New Kanyama Township to the Brethren in Christ Church.

Rev. and Mrs. Chester Wingert, who spent several years in Africa at Wanezi and Mtshabezi Missions, returned in April. Chester is the assistant manager of the Matopo Book Centre. Mrs. Wingert was born in Africa; she is the daughter of Myrom Taylor, who died as a result of being attacked by a lion while working at Sikalongo Mission.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Regional Conference.....	August 30-September 3
Baptism/Communion—	
Bulawayo churches.....	September 8-10
Matopo Mission.....	September 15-17
Wanezi Mission.....	September 22-24
Mtshabezi Mission.....	September 29-October 1
General Conference.....	December 9-15