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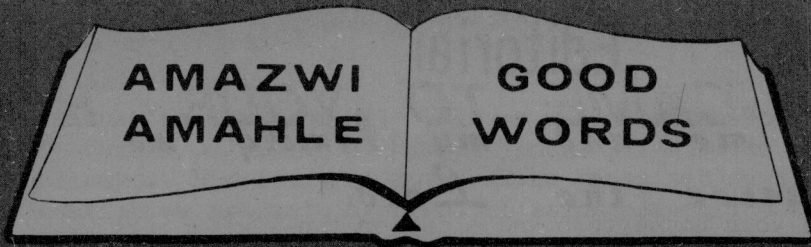
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"But if you are unwilling to obey the Lord, then decide today whom you will obey.....but as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord."

Joshua 24:15

(LIVING BIBLE)

Editorial

"...But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord."

In our society the home is the most important social unit in everyday life. It is the first and most important unit in laying the foundation of the church of Jesus Christ. It is a place where husband, wife and children live happily together. If it is Christian, the whole family enjoys evening prayers, and finds pleasure in Bible reading. Happy Christian families enjoy the fellowship of other families.

Every believer in Jesus Christ needs to work towards bringing up children who will be responsible Christian citizens in life. In order to do that parents should teach their children the Word of God. Proverbs 22:6 says, "Teach a child to choose the right path and when he is older he will remain upon it." Parents should also set good examples to them.

In 1 Tim. 4:12 the Bible urges Christians to be good examples. "Don't let anyone think little of you because you are young. Be their ideal; let them follow the way you teach and live; be a pattern for them in your love, your faith, and your clean thoughts." Ephesians 5:22: "You wives must submit to your husband's leadership in the same way you submit to the Lord." Ephesians 5:25: "And you husbands, show the same kind of love to your wives as Christ showed to the church when he died for her." Ephesians 6:1-4: "Children, obey your parents: this is the right thing to do because God has placed them in authority over you. Honour your father and mother. This is the first of God's Ten Commandments that ends with a promise. And this is the promise that if you honour your father and mother, yours will be a long life full of blessing. And now a word to you parents. Don't keep on scolding and nagging your children, making them angry and resentful. Rather, bring them up with the loving discipline the Lord himself approves, with suggestions and godly advice." (LB)

Only on the above basis can we truly build happy Christian homes.

Ucela ukuncediswa ekubongeni

Bazalwane abathandekayo,

Ngiyalibingelela lonke egameni leNkosi uJesu. Ngicela ukuthi lingibongise eNkosini ngokuzibonakalisa kwayo kimi.

Ngasuka ekhaya eGwanda mhlaka 17 April ngisiya eSozibeli.

Ekuhambeni kwami ngabona izinto ezinzima, ezimbi njalo eziyingozi. Bathandekayo ngibonga iNkosi ngoba ngaphunyuka kukho konke ngilokhu ngingophilayo.

ESozibeli ngafikela endaweni embi, njalo enzima kakhulu okoku-
thi umuntu ongena khona kunzima ukuthi akhululwe. Indawo engangi-
kuyo ingamakilomita adlula amatshumi amabili lanhlanu empumalanga kwedolobho leSozibe-
li (25 km).

Indawo yeSozibeli ngangingayazi kodwa ngangikwazi ukuthi kuleBandla lakithi leNdlu yeZincwadi khonale. Ngangithandaza ebusuku lemini. Ngazimisela ukuzidinga lezi indawo ezimbili loba ngangingazazi ukuthi zinjani njalo zingaphi. Ngathi ngisuka kuleyondawo ngafikela kiyo ngangingasela mali yokukwela ibhasi ngitsho leyokudla. Ngazimisela ukuhamba ngenyawo ngidinga Indlu yeZincwadi. Ngangilomfowethu uSimangaliso Ncube. Sadinga saze sayithola. Ngithanda ukubonga umfowethu uClever Ndlovu lodadewe-
thu Omhlophe, abasebenza eNdlini yeZincwadi, ngomusa abasenzela wona. Ngithi "INkosi ayibelani zihlobo!"

(iqhubeka kukhasi 3)



Lapha-ke sasuka ngemva kwemini. UClever wasisa eGlen Norah lapho okuleBandla lakithi khona. Safika uMfundisi E. McMoyo lemuli yakhe basamukela njalo basigcina kuhle okumangalisayo. Bazalwane ngomusa walaba bantu sabona sesilemali engange\$4,25. Lezi yizipho esaziphiwa ngabantu ngesikhathi esinganganani. Sasizakala ekuhambeni lasekudleni sesibuyela emuva.

Ngokusebenza kukaNkulunkulu, okungaphezu kokuzwisisa kwethu, sazibona sesiphiwe incwadi yokusikhweza esitimeleni. Safika eGwanda kungela mbadalo esayikhuphayo.

Namhla sesikhona njalo ekhaya. Siyabonga kakhulu umusa lemithandazo yenu zihlobo elalisikhumbula. INkosi ilibusise lingadinwa ukwenza okuhle.

Yimi owenu eNkosini obongayo,
uPeter Dube
GWANDA



THE LIFE-STORY OF MARTHA KEEFER

My parents, Christian and Martha Melhourn, lived in Lancaster county where I was born on January 2, 1912. They were Christians and made a good home for me and my sister and brothers, Mary, John and Willis. We moved from the farm into a small town when I was seven years old. I attended elementary school and completed grade eight, but I did not go to secondary school because in those days our forefathers didn't think an education beyond elementary school was necessary especially for girls. I started working in a factory when I was sixteen. In the evening I worked in a store. My father was a carpenter and was also the janitor of our church. I often helped to sweep the dust at the church. My mother was a good cook and a very prayerful Chris-

tian. For many years she wrote letters to missionaries and prayed for them daily. She also prayed daily for each of her children and for me she prayed that I would get a good Christian husband. God heard and answered her prayers.

I was converted at the age of nine and joined the Brethren in Christ Church a few years later. In 1930, at a General Conference I met Luke Keefer. We wrote letters and visited each other at times for the next three years. Of course, the parents of each of us approved our courtship. We were married on April 13, 1933. I then moved to my husband's home and he began to teach school and preach in his home areas. Luke was made a preacher just four weeks after our marriage and has served at his home church for all the years from then till now except for the ten years when we were in Africa. Five children were born to us - Geraldine, Martha, Anna, Nancy and Luke Jr. I became a busy housewife.

In 1937 I got pneumonia and when I was about to die God miraculously healed me. Our neighbour died the next day from the same illness. In those days ministers were not paid by the church, so my husband taught and farmed to earn a living. In 1949 he quit teaching and kept laying hens instead to support the family. The children and I helped to care for the 1400 hens and prepared the eggs for market, about 1000 dozen a week.

One of the greatest things to change my life came in 1962 when Luke and I were privileged to go entirely around the world to visit missions. We travelled in Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Thailand, India, Northern and Southern Rhodesia, Sudan, Egypt, Jordan, Israel, Greece, Italy, Switzerland, Netherlands and England. This trip of three months completely changed my vision of a world that needs Christ. At that time while at Wanezi Mission, God told me that Luke would be the next Bible Institute Principal after Dr. Titus Books. Therefore, in 1965 when the Mission Board asked us to serve in Africa, I was not surprised even though my husband was (I had not told him about the message from God.) It was a pleasure to serve God in Africa because of the clear way in which He led me.

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YOUTH TIME

A Look Into The Future

A seminar for Christian Youths was held at the Brethren In Christ Youth Centre on 5th May, 1979 from 2.00 p.m.-4.30 p.m. This was to prepare them for Christian marriages. The Youth Director Mr. J. Sibanda, with the help of Mrs. A. Ndlovu, Mr. K. Ndlovu and Rev. S.N. Ndlovu organised the seminar. Some of the topics they covered are as follows:

1. How to behave towards boys/girls.
2. What qualities they should look for when they want to find someone to marry.
3. How to conduct themselves before their in-laws.
4. What they should do if parents charge too high a lobola.
5. What a boy/girl should do when a girl/boy proposes love to him/her.
6. What they should do when parents don't approve of their choice.
7. What they should do when they have truly fallen in love.
8. How to dress modestly and yet be smart and modern.
9. What to do when elderly men/women propose love to young girls/boys.
10. To know the legal and church side of marriage.
11. How to look after their families when they are married.

QUIZES

How many Bible people do you know? Here is something to test your knowledge.

Mothers of the Bible

1. Why did Adam call his wife 'Eve'?
2. Whom did God promise to make 'a mother of nations' when she was old?
3. In what famous story in the Old Testament was a king's wisdom and a mother's love most wonderfully illustrated.
4. Who is the most beloved mother-in-law in the Bible?
5. What grief-stricken mother of two sons who had been hanged, sat at the foot of the gibbet all through the harvest season, to protect the bodies of her loved ones from the birds and the beasts?
6. Who, by a ruse, saved her infant son from destruction in Egypt?
7. Who called herself 'a mother in Israel'?
8. What mother of twins had a favourite son?
9. Of whom did Jesus speak, when He said to John, from the cross: 'Behold thy mother'?
10. Which commandment exhorts us to honour father and mother?

Mothers, Sons and Fathers

Draw a line from the mother in column 1 to her son in column 2 and his father in column 3.

MOTHERS

Eve
Mary
Hannah
Rachel
Rebekah
Jochebed
Bathsheba
Elizabeth

SONS

Jesus
Moses
John (The Baptist)
Benjamin
Esau
Samuel
Solomon
Cain

FATHERS

Adam
Elkanah
Isaac
David
God
Jacob
Zachariah
Amram

Answers to quizzes on page 11.

THE IMPORTANCE OF A CHRISTIAN FAMILY

The Christian family does not only exist for its benefit but is established by God to bring honour to Him. God is the Head of Christ, Christ is the Head of the man and the man is the head of the family. "Unless the Lord builds the house, the builder's work is useless." (1B) Psalm 127:1. With Christ being Lord of the Christian family, its influence in the community will be a witness.

Man is not head of the family simply to boss it but to love, protect and provide for it; as Christ does for the church.

The love of the man to his family should be the kind that draws the family to Christ. The family should see Christ in the man as head of the family, and as one whose Head is Christ. The wife also plays an important part in the family. She is usually closer to the children than the father since in most cases she spends more time with them. She can, if spirit led, be a strong link between the children and the father. The Bible teaches that the wife "should submit herself to her husband as unto the Lord." Eph. 5:22.

The Christian family should be a family of prayer. In prayer, the family praises and thanks God for all His blessings. The family also tells God its problems and believes in having Him solve them. It also prays for others and strongly supports the church as it is obvious that a Christian church starts in a Christian family.

Good discipline is another feature in the Christian home that might raise Christian children. Parents should discipline in love.

The importance of the Christian family cannot be over emphasized because it is there that Christians are reared for the future home in heaven.

E.T. Nkala

UMLANDU KAMAMA EMULINI YAKHE



Umama wenzelwa isizatho esikhulu njalo umsebenzi wakhe uqakathekile ekhaya. UNkulunkulu wathi esemenzile u-Adamu lakho konke akuswelayo wambona elesizungu, wasemenzela umsizi wakhe u-Eva ukuze amsuse isizungu.

Siyafunda ngendlela umama amele aziphathe ngayo endaweni ezehlukeneyo. Kwabase-Efesu 5:22-24 sifunda ukuthi owesifazana kumele azithobe ngaphansi komkakhe. "Bafazi, zehliseleni ngaphansi kwamadoda enu, njengokungathi kukuyo iNkosi; ngoba indoda iyinhloko yomfazi, njengokuba uKristu eyinhloko yebandla elingumzimba wakhe; yena onguMsilisi wawo. Njengokuba

ibandla lizehlisele ngaphansi kukaKristu, ngokunjalo labafazi kabazehlisele ngaphansi kwamadoda abo ezintweni zonke." KwabaseKolose 3:18 sifunda la'amazwi, "Bafazi zehliseleni ngaphansi kwamadoda enu njengokufanele iNkosi."

Akhona amazwi engiwabona eqakathekile kakhulu. Iawo eficwa kuZaga 31:10-31. "Ngubani ongathola umfazi olungileyo na? Uligugu elidlula amatshe amahle. Umkakhe uthemba kuye ngenhliziyo yakhe yonke, kayikuswela lutho. Uyamenzela okuhle, kungabi okubi, ekuphileni kwakhe konke... Vuka kusesemnyama, aphekele abomuzi wakhe, azinike incekekazi zakhe imisebenzi yazo... Uyabona ukuthi imisebenzi yakhe izuza inzu, kancitshi isibane sakhe ebusuku... Vulela abayanga isandla sakhe, uyaphana kwabaswelayo. Iapho evula umlomo wakhe, ukhuluma ngokuhlakanipha, afundise ngamazwi omusa. Ulondoloza kuhle umuzi wakhe, udla isithukuthuku sakhe. Abantwana bakhe bayambonga, lomkakhe laye uyamdumisa, esithi: Banengi abafazi abalungileyo, kodwa wena ubadlula bonke..." Iapha siyafundiswa kakhulu ngobuhle bukamama okhuthelileyo. Ngifisa bonke omama bake bawafundisise la amazwi. Ayakhuthaza kakhulu.

Kuyisifiso sami ukuthi sonke omama sibe yilokho uNkulunkulu afuna ukuba sibe yikho. Nxa wayesinika imizi wayefisa ukuba sibe ngabasusa isizungu kubomkethu, ababahloniphayo, ababalalelayo, abazithobayo njalo abakhuthelileyo.

(iqhubeka kukhasi 6)

UMLANDU WOMUNTU WESI FAZANE KUMKAKHE

1. Ukumnakakela amuphe uthando kanye lomzimba wakhe. Izaga 31:11
2. Ukukhuthala njalo amuphe isithunzi. Efesu 5:24
3. Ukumhlonipha njengemfanelo. Kolose 3:18

Mrs R.J. Ndlovu

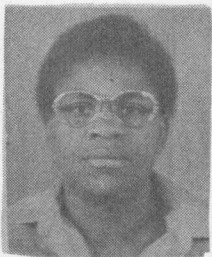
UMLANDU KABABA EMULINI YAKHE

1. Ubaba kuyasweleka ukuthi athande abomuzi wakhe njalo akhathalele izinswelo zabo.
2. Kuyasweleka ukuthi abafundise ukuhlanganyela loNkulunkulu ngomthandazo lokufunda iLizwi.
3. Loba ebambeke kanjani kumele azame ukuchitha isikhathi esithile exoxa, edlala loba esebenza labemuli yakhe.
4. Loba umama emncedisa kulokhu yena kumele athwale umsebenzi wokudinga imali lakho konke okuswelekayo ekuhambiseni abantwana esikolo lokubathwala baze baqede izifundo zabo.
5. Kuyasweleka ukuthi afundise abantwana ukuba lozwelo kanye loncedo kwabagulayo labadubekayo. Kumele njalo abafundise ukuvakatshela lokuthandazela abagulayo.
6. Kumele alethe imfundiso yokuzithwala ngokusebenzisa ingqondo lezandla. Angakwenza lokhu ngokufuya, ukulima, ukuthengisa kumbe okunye njalo okungangenisa imali ekhaya.
7. Indlela apha ngayo umkakhe kumele ibeyisibonelo kulabo abangesima Kristu njalo abangahloniphi omkabo. Abantwana labo kuyabasiza ukuthi babone unina engumuntu ohlonitshwayo othandekayo hatshi isichaka salapha ekhaya. Kufanele njalo ukuthi ubaba alalele njalo ahloniphe ukuxwayisa komkakhe engakaqumi ulutho oluqakathekileyo.

UMLANDU WOMUNTU WESI LISA KUMKAKHE

1. Ukuthi amthande njengalokhu ezithanda yena. Efesu 5:28
2. Amkhathalele njalo amvikele kikho konke okungamkhathaza. Efesu 5:29
3. Azinikele ngazo zonke izindlela ukuze amthokozise. Gen. 2:24

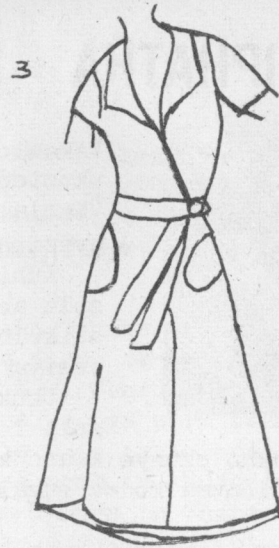
J. Nyoni

UKUGQOKA KUHLE — Kwabesintwana

Kukangaki sibalekela izethekeli size sizibingelele sesiqale saguqula izigqoko esiyabe sizigqokile ngoba silamahloni okubonakala sikizo na? Mina sengake ngakwenza kanengi lokhu. Pho ngingambalekela kanjani uJesu njengoba eyisethekeli esihlala sikhona na? Uyangibona nxa ngigqoke kuhle lanxa ngigqoke kubi.

Kuyinto enhle kakhulu ukuthi umuntu olikholwa agqoke okuhambelana lesikhathi ukuze abantu banganakani ukuthi bangaya esontweni kabasa-yikuvunyelwa ukuhamba lezikhathi ekugqokeni lapha. Nxa siyilandelisisa kuhle yonale into esiyidingayo okuthiwa yi "fashion" sizabona ukuthi igoqela izambatho ezinhle okumangalisayo. Izambatho lezi ziyawufihla umzimba kusiya ngokuthanda komuntu. Kulezi insuku khona kuhle kakhulu kwabasontayo ngoba sekucecwa ngezikhaya lamashaweli ngakho akudingeki ukuthi umuntu adutshwe yisigqoko esingelamikhono loba imigaxwa (sundress).

Khonanje nga imali iyatholakala, nga sithenga izigqoko eziqondana lendawo ngendawo esiya kizo. Nxa kungenjalo kuyenzakala ukuthi isigqoko sisinye sigqokwe esontweni sibuye siphindwe sekuyiwa emdlalweni webhola. Okungasinceda lapha yikuthi sithenge impahla okungakhathalekiyo ukuthi zigqokwe ngaphi. Khangela imifanekiso 1-3. Imihlobo enje ayiphumi ku "fashion". Kuguquka amalembu kuphela. Izigqoko lezi ungazigqoka emini loba ebusuku.



Ku 1 Petro 3:3-4 sibala 1' amazwi, "Ukuceca kwenu kakungabi ngokwangaphandle oko-kwaluka inwele, lokufaka igolide, lokokugqoka izambatho. Kodwa kakube ngumuntu osithekileyo wenhliziyo oceca ngokungagugiyiyo komoya omnene lokuthula, okuligugu phambi kukaNkulunkulu." Nxa sinanzelela amazwi la sizazwisisa ukuthi ukugqoka komuntu akusiyonto eqakathekileyo kakhulu. Okuqakathekileyo yingaphakathi yakhe. Kungcono ukuthi inhliziyo yakho ibengelungileyo phambi kukaNkulunkulu kulokuthi ucece ngaphandle kodwa inhliziyo ikhatshana laye. Nxa ingaphakathi yakho isilungile uzakwazi ukuthi ugqoke kuhle kumbe hatshi. Into okusweleka siyiqaphelisise yikuthi sigqoke ngendlela engasoze ilethe umkhumbulo omubi emuntwini osikhangeleyo. Kuyasweleka njalo ukuthi sigqoke okufanela omama lezintombi abahlonipha iNkosi uJesus.

Mrs E. Sibanda

Kwabesilisa

Kufika kumuntu wonke ukuthi kufanele embathise umzimba wakhe angaze ahamba eze phambi komhlaba. Akukhathalekile ukuthi ulazo izambatho kumbe kalazo, kuyamthuma umuntu ngoba phelela kuyimfanelo. Imibuzo engafika ebantwini ngethi, kungani befanele bagqoke kuhle abesilisa njalo bangagqoka kanjani na?

Into yokuqala sifanele sazi ukuthi ubaba uyinhloko yomuzi, njalo banengi abafanele bazithobe kuye. Kwabase-Efesu 5:23 abantu besilisa balinganiswa loKristu oyinhloko yebandla. UKristu waba yisibonelo esihle phambi kwabantu. Ngakho wonke umuntu ongubaba ufanele abeyisibonelo esihle kuye wonke ombonayo.

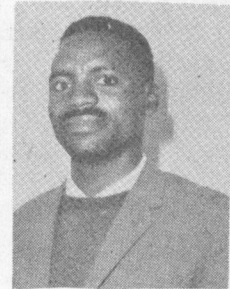
Kwabesilisa ukugqoka ngemfanelo sekwaguqulwa yikuhlangana kwamasiko lawezinye izizwe ngakho singeke sikuphawule ukuthi kabagqoke okunje. Esimele sikutsho yikuthi abesilisa kabagqoke lokho okubapha ukhlonipheka phakathi kwabantu bomhlaba wonke.

Okunye ukugqoka akubeki owesilisa esikhundleni lesimilweni sakhe. Kusuke kungani uselimele engqondweni. Lokho ngokunjengokugqoka lokhu:

- a) Ukugqoka izigqoko esisuka zibambe zibesezitshengisa umzimba uze.
- b) Ukuhamba izifuba zisegcekeni, amayembe engakotshelwanga kuze kuphose kuyefika enkabeni. Kunjalo-nje umuntu uyabe esiya emibuthanweni ehloniphekayo njengeso-ntweni.
- c) Amayembe kawahlonywa emabhungweni uface sekungani ngulowana ophume endlini egijima waselibala ukugqoka kuhle. Ngiyakwazi ukuthi akhona enzelwa ukuthi ofunayo angahlohli ebhulugweni kodwa kasiwo wonke.
- d) Ukugqoka izigqoko zabesintwana okunjengamabharethi, ingwane zewulu lamacici sekungani kwejayelwe ngabanengi besilisa. Akusikho kugqoka okuthandwa ngabantu lokhu. Abesintwana akubathokozisi ukubona bethathelwa izambatho zabo ngabesilisa.

Kanti kwalani ukuthi kesikhethe ezethu izambatho ezisifaneleyo njengabesilisa na? Ukungazazi ubuntu lesimilo kuyangisa isizwe, ngoba khona ukuhamba ngqunu kuvele kungasibo bukwa. Kwehlisa isithunzi lobuntu bomuntu wesilisa. Inhlonipho iyabe ingasekho.

Bantu besilisa asingahlazisi ubukhosi bethu esabuphiwa nguNkulunkulu. Owesilisa yinhloko yomuzi njengoKristu eyinhloko yebandla. Asizihloleni.



UKUZIPHATHA KUHLE



"Akaziphathi uSabelo, uliqhatshanzipho!" Umuntu uyabe ebabaza ukuzicola kukaSabelo. Kwesinye isikhathi uzwa umuntu ethi, "Kahlalwa mpukane". Angakwenza konke lokhu kodwa ibala elithi uyaziphatha lingamfaneli..

Kuhle ukuziphatha kuhle ebantwini. Thina abazali siyabaqonqosela abantwana ukuba baziphathe kahle ikakhulu nxa sebesiya funda ezikolo ezinkulu, besiya emidlalweni lemihlanganweni ethile, noma besiya qalisa ukusebenza.

Ukuziphatha kugoqela izinto ezinjengokulalela, umusa, ukubekezela lokuzinikela. Zonke lezi zinto ziyasweleka emuntwini ngoba nxa engalakho okunye kwazo akaphelelanga ekuziphatheni kwakhe. Singenza umzekeliso ngomuntu olomusa kodwa engalaleli. Ukungalaleli kwakhe kumenza angabi ngumuntu oziphetheyo.

Kwesinye isikhathi kuba lenkulumo yokuthi uSabelo uthandwa ngumbalisi kumbe ngufolomane. Ucina ezondeka uSabelo ngoba belomhawu abanye. Nanzelela ukwenza kwakhe, kokuhlonipha, ukukhuthala lokuzinikela kwakhe emsebenzini awenzayo.

Kwabase-Efesu 5:3-5 sifunda ngezixwayiso zikaPawuli mayelana lemisebenzi yobumnyama. Uthi, "Kodwa ubufebe, lakho konke ukungcola, lomhawu, kakungaphathwa lakanye phakathi kwenu, njengokuba kufanele abangwele. Kakungabi khona amanyala, lokukhuluma okuyize, lokulawula okungcolileyo, okuyizinto ezingafanelanga; kodwa kakube khona ukubonga. Yazini lokhu, likuqedise ukuthi oyisifebe, longcolileyo lolomhawu, okutsho lowo okhonza izithombe, kalalifa embusweni kaKristu lokaNkulunkulu." Kusahluko 6 ivesi 1 uPawuli uxwayisa abantwana ukuthi balalele abazali, kuvesi 5 izinceku zithobeke kumakhosi azo, lawo amakhosi ezincekwini zawo kuvesi 9.

Umuntu oziphethe kahle uyananzeleleka lanxa ungamazi ephakathi kwabanye besenza umsebenzi othile. Nxa ungumuntu oziphetheyo awusisidlwangudlwangu, esilawulayo size-sidinise abantu. Kuhle ukuba luncedo kwabanye abantu labalahlekelwe lithemba baphakamise amehlo beleqiniso ukuba bazazuza usizo kuwe.

Isithembiso yisikwelede! Nxa umntwana ethembisa umzali, umbalisi, umphathisikolo; kumbe njalo isisebenzi sithembisa osiqatshileyo kanye labathathanayo nxa befunga, konke lokhu kuvula ugwalo lwesikwelede. Kufanele ubambe ngamazinyo usebenzele ukuhlawula lesisikwelede sesithembiso.

Mrs Z. Ncube

Medicine For Laughter

A teenage girl said, "The man I marry must have an outstanding personality. He must tell jokes, sing and dance, stay home, not drink or smoke. Of course he must shut up when I tell him to."

Her mother was ready, "Dear, you don't want a husband, you want a TV set."

Pharmacist: "Good morning Madam, what can I do for you."

Miss Dale: "I'm not a madam, I'm a miss and as for the goodness of the morning, I have not come here to prackle about the weather with a rat like you. I have come for a tin of rat poison!"

Pharmacist: "Certainly Miss Dale, can I wrap it for you or are you going to eat it right here?"

A friend wrote to his dad thus:

Dear Dad,

Guess what I need most. That's right. Send it soon.

Best wishes

So his dad replied

Dear Son,

We know you're enjoying college Nothing ever happens here. Write another letter soon. Now I have to stop writing.

Dad

SHABANI NEWS

Some of you may and others may not know that when a Bookroom was planted at Shabani, a Brethren in Christ Church immediately came to life there. This church holds worship services in the Seventh Day Adventist Church and Mr Wailos Dube is the Pastor. He gives the following report on their most recent activities.

It would appear that our prayers for growth in depth are being answered from the activities that have taken place in the month of April. On the first of April we had a choir from Maglas village conducted by Rev. Mwale of the C.C.A.P. Church. The house of the Lord was full of joyful noise as inspiring spiritual songs were being sung by Mwale's choir and our youths. The messages in the songs were explained before hand, especially those by Mwale's choir which sang in Nyanga and some in Ndebele. Rev. Mwale gave us the sermon. The two helpers translated from Nyanga to Shona and Ndebele. It was an inspiring sermon on the Betrayal of Jesus by Judas Iscariot. There were sixty-five people present at this meeting.

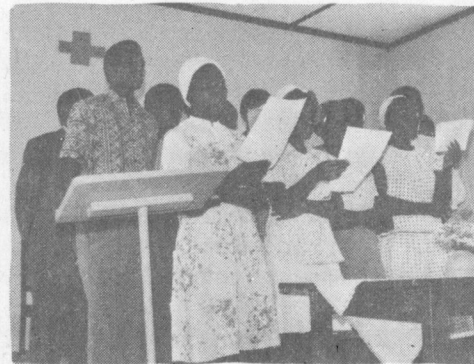
The following Sunday April 8, we had a Youth Group from Gwanda who conducted our Sunday worship service. They gave us songs, memory verses, testimonies and Bible lessons. Rev. K. Moyo from Gwanda gave us the sermon on 'God's Word'. He quoted several Scriptures to show the powerful works of God's Word. All these activities left our members better fed, Scripturewise.

On 22nd April, the Youths here conducted the service. They gave us music, memory verses, testimonies, Bible quizzes as well as a Message from the Word of God. The following Sunday (April 29), they visited Maglas village to preach the Word of God as the spirit led them. We wish them a prosperous time in their determination to be servants of God. One day they may be in your area, let us pray for them, remember the Scripture in Acts 1:8 which says, "... and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth." (RS)

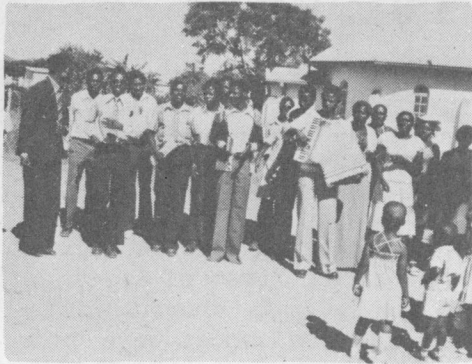
We are asking for your help and prayers as we work towards raising funds to build our own church. We are very concerned about the many people who miss joining in a worship service with us because they get turned off by the S.D.A. Church sign and end up thinking there is no B.I.C. Church in Shabani. Such people have not learned that we share the use of the S.D.A. Church-building. We believe God will provide us with this most needed building. Matthew 6:33 gives us a lot of encouragement. "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."



Bethwell Khumalo leading the congregation in choruses.



The Gwanda Youth Group singing at Shabani.



The congregation singing after the service.



Part of the congregation fellowship after the service.



Izindaba Ezivela Ewofisini KaBishop

Mhlaka 4 May, 1979 kwakulomhlangano wabaPhathi bamaBandla besiqinti seMatshetshe. Umhlangano lo wenzelwa eGwanda. AbaPhathi laba balungisa ukuthi kubelomhlangano wombaphathizo eGwanda kusukela mhlaka 30 June kusiya ku 1 July, 1979.

Mhlaka 16 May, 1979 wabakhona njalo umhlangano wabaPhathi owagoqela labo abesiqinti seWenlock njalo wenzelwa eSitezi. Imihlangano enje isiza abaPhathi bamaBandla ukuba baqinisane njalo belulekane nxa kukhona okusindayo.

Abadala bathi inja ingaqhoba ithambo iyejwayela. Bakhona abantu asebazewayeza ukweba ngakho kabahloniphi mpahla yomuntu. Labo abalinde impahla zeMitshini eMtshabezi babika ingqubelaphambili ekwebiweni kwempahla zeMitshini. Inkomo lezinye impahla ezincinyane zilokhu zinyamalala, kodwa okusinda kakhulu yikuthi ucingo olwalubiyele idamu lalo selwamila inyawo lwahamba. Bonke abafunda leli iphepha bayanxuswa ukuthi bakhubule labo abazinikela ukusala belondoloze impahla. Bathandazeleni ukuze baqine njalo baphephe engozini ezingaqabuka zibehlela.

KwabaseRoma 8:28: "Siyazi ukuthi kukho konke usebenza okuhle lalabo abamthandayo uNkulunkulu, ababiziweyo ngokwecebo lakhe." Amazwi la ayikubonga lokudumisa uNkulunkulu ngendlela azibonakalise ngayo ekulondolozeni isisebenzi sakhe uThemba Nkawu. UThemba nguMvangeli wesiqinti seMtshabezi. Ubengekho phakathi kwethu okwesikhatshana. Siyabonga uNkulunkulu ngoba usekhona phakathi kwethu njalo.

UMfundisi Omkhulu uKumalo wasuka kwelakithi mhlaka 26 April, 1979 esiyakwethekelela phetsheya. Uyaphindela kuleli mhlaka 26 May, 1979. Kucatshangelwa ukuthi uzachitha isikhatshana eLondon esaya lanxa esevela eFrance lapho okulomhlangano awunxwaneleyo.

Lonyaka iKhomithi yemihlangano yeMizi leMuli ilungiselele ukwenza imihlangano endaweni lezi:

- Tshabalala - 27 May, 1979
- Lobengula - 10 June, 1979
- Shabani - 15 July, 1979
- Mpopoma - 19 August, 1979

Kuphephandaba lakhe lika-April, uBishop W.T. Silungwe oweZambia unxusa iBandla lakhe ukuthi linikele ukuze umsebenzi weNkosi ungayi emuva. Usebenzisa l' amazwi ekunxuseni

(iqhubeka kukhasi 11)

kwakhe, "Kubusisekile ukupha kulokwamukela." Imisebenzi 20:35b. Mhlawumbe lathi singakhumbula amazwi la ekunikeleni sikhumbula izakhiwo ezintathu okusweleka ukuthi sizithwale. (1) Indlu yokukhonzela eShabani. (2) Indlu yokukhonzela ePumula koBulawayo. (3) Ukuqheliswa kwendlu yokukhonzela eMpopoma koBulawayo.

The life-story of Martha Keefer (continued from page 3)

As a teenage girl I said that I never wanted to be a preacher's wife, but God had to show me later that His will for my life was better than my own. Now after forty-six years as a preacher's wife I believe my life has been God's best for my whole family. All our children, all our in-laws, and all our grandchildren who are old enough to repent, are Christians. Life for me has been one big miracle of God's grace.

Martha Keefer

Answers to quizzes

ANSWERS TO QUIZ ON MOTHERS OF THE BIBLE

1. Because she was the mother of all living. Gen. 3:20
2. Sarah. Gen. 17:16
3. The story of Solomon's settlement of a dispute over the motherhood of a child. 1 Kings 3:16-28
4. Naomi. Ruth 1:8, 16
5. Rizpah. 2 Sam. 21:8-11
6. Moses' mother, Jochebed, Exod. 2:3; 6:20
7. Deborah. Judges 5:7
8. Rebekah. Gen. chapter 27
9. Of His own mother, Mary, committing her to John's care. John 19:27
10. Exodus 20:12.

ANSWERS TO QUIZ ON MOTHERS, SONS AND FATHERS

1. Eve/Cain/Adam
2. Mary/Jesus/God
3. Hannah/Samuel/Elkanah
4. Rachel/Benjamin/Jacob
5. Rebekah/Esau/Isaac
6. Jochebed/Moses/Amram
7. Bathsheba/Solomon/David
8. Elizabeth/John (The Baptist)/Zachariah

 * Judge a maiden at the kneading board *
 * not at the dance. *

 * Never speak loudly to one another *
 * unless the house is on fire. *

 * It's a happy home where the wife *
 * makes allowance for the husband's *
 * shortcomings and the husband makes *
 * allowance for the wife's outgoings. *

 * Many a man in love with a dimple has *
 * made the mistake of marrying the *
 * whole girl. *

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IF JESUS CAME TO YOUR HOUSE

If Jesus came to your house to spend a day or two-

If He came unexpectedly, I wonder what you'd do.

Oh, I know you'd give your nicest room to such an honoured Guest,

And all the food you'd serve Him would be the very best,

And you would keep assuring Him you're glad to have Him there-

That serving Him in your own home is joy beyond compare.

But- when you saw Him coming, would you meet Him at the door

With arms outstretched in welcome 'to your heavenly Visitor?

Or would you have to change your clothes before you let Him in?

Or hide some magazines and put the Bible where they'd been?

Would you turn off the radio and hope He hadn't heard?

And wish you hadn't uttered the last, loud, hasty word?

Would you hide your worldly music and put some hymn books out?

Could you let Jesus walk right in, or would you rush about?

And I wonder - if the Saviour spent a day or two with you,

Would you go right on doing the things you always do?

Would you go right on saying the things you always say?

Would life for you continue as it does from day to day?

Would your family conversation keep up its usual pace?

And would you find it hard each meal to say a table grace?

Would you sing the songs you always sing, and read the books you read,

And let Him know the things on which your mind and spirit feed?

Would you take Jesus with you everywhere you'd planned to go?

Or would you, maybe, change your plans for just a day or so?

Would you be glad to have Him meet your very closest friends?

Or would you hope they'd stay away until His visit ends?

Would you be glad to have Him stay forever on and on?

Or would you sigh with great relief when He at last was gone?

It might be interesting to know the things that you would do

If Jesus Christ in person came to spend some time with you.

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