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## We Thank Thee, Lord

For all things beautiful, and good, and true;  
For things that seemed not good yet turned to good;  
For all the sweet compulsions of Thy will  
That chastened, tried, and wrought us to Thy shape;  
For things unnumbered that we take of right,  
And value first when they are withheld;  
For light and air; sweet sense of sound and smell;  
For ears to hear the heavenly harmonies;  
For eyes to see the unseen in the seen;  
For vision of the Worker in the work;  
For hearts to apprehend Thee everywhere;  
We thank Thee, Lord.

—John Oxenham

VOICE OF THE BRETHREN IN CHRIST CHURCH



## I Thank the Lord!

RECENTLY heard a little boy pray: "God we thank thee for the privilege of being seated around this earthly board, even though it may be the last time. Lord, we thank thee for this food, even though there isn't very much of it." The prayer was merely the revelation of an attitude that had been impressed upon the boy.

As soon as we start to speak, people begin to form an opinion about us. Some people have a disposition to whine. They are just loaded with complaints. It is difficult to say good things about the church because of such an overwhelming sense of the things that are wrong with the church and its program. These same people do very little to create a cheerful and pleasant atmosphere around the home. What's wrong is basically with the individual and not the surroundings.

Some years ago in a Thanksgiving service a young mother arose to speak her praise to the Lord. The year had been a most difficult one and the audience waited to hear what this sister would say. These were her words: "Thank the Lord for the scripture that says, 'Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted.'" Tears flowed freely in the audience. Here was a Christian who had discovered life at its highest and best. Who of us would dare to offer words of complaint. The rough places in themselves are much more smooth if we constantly emphasize in life the things that add up to our advantage and blessing.

Parishioners, do you thank God for your pastor? Do you sincerely try to enumerate the high points in his ministry. He has many low spots, 'tis true—like the saying, "He has so many limitations for God had to choose him from the laity." Pray for him and especially on the points where you feel he is weak, but then don't forget to voice your thanks to God for the service he has given to you and your family. If perchance you appreciate what God has given you, it will be just like God to give you much more.

Pastors, do you thank God for your people? Maybe sometimes because we are unprepared and did not give a good ministry in the pulpit they go home spiritually hungry not having received the living bread which they

deserved; but still they are back again at the next service to see if perchance we heard from heaven in the meantime. Do you thank God for the talent that God has placed in the laity of your church? It will do much toward helping to put it to the best possible use if a real sense of appreciation is evident.

Christians who develop the disposition, "I thank the Lord," will find themselves enjoying life to a fuller degree and serving with a greater effectiveness.

—J.N.H.

## This Month!

NOVEMBER is E. V. month. Here and there are signs of real life in an effort to put the *Evangelical Visitor* into every home.

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The first issue in January will carry a report of the subscription campaign. Help put your church in the 100% column. You will be glad you did.

—J.N.H.

## Clean Speech

W. O. Winger

WE HAVE many different kinds of languages and dialects, but only one way to talk to God if we would please Him. "Let your speech be always with grace seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man." (Col. 4:6). It was said of Jesus, "He went about doing good" but so often we just "go about." "He spoke as never man spake"; so often we just talk like the crowd. Solomon said, "In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin, but he that refraineth his lips is wise."

We all have to agree that the one who adds to and relays neighborhood

gossip is a real nuisance. However, it seems that some people must talk and lo, they soon cross the danger line and get unruly tongues filled with deadly poison. Children sing, "Oh, be careful what you say little tongue. There's a Father up above looking down on you in love. Oh, be careful what you say little tongue." We grown-ups need just this advice.

As a boy how I admired a certain grey-haired Christian Gentleman. When in the company of men with idle time after closing their business deals, he was sociable. But when they tried to outdo each other telling funny and shady stories, he arose saying, "Gentlemen, I do not tell such stories nor do I care to hear them." Paul's advice in Eph. 4:29 is, "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying that it may minister grace unto the hearers." What a wonderful precept for any man.

Paul also told the Colossian Church in chapter 3:8, "Put off anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouths." Friends, if we are clean men can we do less than this?

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# Abraham Lincoln's Thanksgiving Day Proclamation

By Frank Farrington

THANKSGIVING DAY has long been associated in our minds with the first harvest thanksgiving celebrated by the Pilgrim Fathers at Plymouth in 1621. Through the ensuing years of American life occasional days of thanksgiving were appointed by those in authority. George Washington named one in 1789 and one in 1795; James Madison in 1815.

It has been the inclination and practice of our people in times of great emotional stress, whether in fear of calamity or in gratitude for safety, to turn to God with prayers for preservation or gratitude for peace.

But it remained for Abraham Lincoln, as spiritually minded as any man who has been the head of our government, to issue the first regular annual Thanksgiving Day Proclamation, calling upon the people to observe the last Thursday in November as "a day of Thanksgiving, and Praise to our beneficent Father, who dwelleth in the Heavens."

Mrs. Sarah Josepha Hale, for many years editor of that very popular magazine for women and the home, "Godey's Ladies' Book," had a part, perhaps a very significant one, in this matter.

In 1861 Mrs. Hale began urging that there be a "Thanksgiving Day of Peace" when "we lay aside our enmities and strifes . . . on this one day." Her idea for a day's armistice failed, as might have been expected, but she did not give up her underlying idea.

## Thirteen Years of Effort

Since 1850 she had been appealing to each successive President to appoint such a day, in the manner of George Washington, Fillmore, Pierce,

and Buchanan had replied to her communication, but no definite result had been obtained, perhaps for lack of any situation bringing people and President to the mental attitude necessary to inspire such an act.

In September, 1863, Mrs. Hale wrote to the President, recalling Washington's proclamations for days of thanksgiving, and suggesting that his example be followed. She received a reply from William. H. Seward, Secretary of State, under date of September 29, 1863, in which the Secretary said her letter had been received and the matter "commended to the consideration of the President."

The editor of "Godey's" had already visited Washington and had seen Mr. Lincoln, though it cannot be definitely stated that her visit was for the specific purpose of promoting the Thanksgiving Day idea.

In this connection it may be noted that when, in 1865, Mrs. Hale was appealing to President Andrew Johnson to see that the National Thanksgiving Day be not omitted that year, she said in her magazine, referring to the 1863 event, "His (Lincoln's) reply to our appeal was a Proclamation appointing the last Thursday in November, 1863, as a day of National Thanksgiving."

Further back, in a magazine editorial, no doubt written as early as July, 1863, since it appeared in the September issue of "Godey's," Mrs. Hale had said arguing a national proclamation as a better and more effective plan than dependence upon a series of proclamations by individual states: "Would it not be better that the proclamation that appoints Thursday, the 26th of November (1863), as a day of Thanksgiving for the people

*It was the woman editor of a women's magazine who had much to do with the establishment of our annual Thanksgiving Day in the United States. Courteously and persistently she pressed the matter, by editorials, letters, and personal visits, until in 1863 her efforts were rewarded. Mr. Farrington tells the interesting story in this article.*

*Lincoln's Proclamation is marked by the clarity and dignity of his Gettysburg Address, which has long been a model of English in the schools; and every Christian reader will realize that the Bible is woven into it. We shall do well to ponder its thoughtful phrases and heed its earnest plea for humiliation and prayer as we look forward to Thanksgiving Day this year.*

of the United States of America, should in the first instance emanate from the President of the Republic—to be applied by the Governors of each and every State in acquiescence with the Chief Executive adviser?"

## "Fruitful Fields and Healthful Skies"

On October 3, 1863, just four days after Secretary Seward's answer to Mrs. Hale's letter, Abraham Lincoln issued his National Thanksgiving Proclamation:

"The year that is drawing to a close has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added which are of so extraordinary a nature that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful Providence of Almighty God.

"In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity which has sometimes seemed to foreign states to invite and provoke their aggression, peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere except in the field of military conflict; while that theatre has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies of the Union.

"Needful diversions of wealth and of strength from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defense have not arrested the plow, the shuttle, or the ship; the ax has enlarged the borders of our settlements, and the mines, as well of iron and coal as of the precious metals, have



yielded more abundantly than heretofore. Population has steadily increased, notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege and the battlefield, and the country rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor is permitted to expect continuance of years with large increase of freedom.

"No human counsel hath devised, nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered us in mercy.

**"With Humble Penitence—"**

"It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently, and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American people. I do, therefore, invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea or who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next as a day of Thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens. And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverance and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our natural perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquillity, and Union.

"In testimony whereof I have heretofore set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

"Done at the City of Washington this third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the independence of the United States the eighty-eighth.

A. Lincoln

"By the President: William H. Seward, Secretary of State."

—S. S. Times

You are crippling your usefulness if you don't get sanctified.



## Thanksgiving

Jennie M. Brechbill

*When the eastern leaves are falling  
Floating down without a sound,  
When the trees are bright with color  
Red and yellow, green and brown,  
When the autumn days are shortened  
And the winter breezes blow,  
There's a day of hallowed blessing,  
Which with thankfulness doth glow.*

*'Tis the day the families gather  
Round the hearth-stone of their  
youth,  
To recount the family blessings,  
And thank God for love and truth.  
For 'twas God who in His mercy  
Brought the pilgrim fathers here  
Through the perils of the ocean  
'Mid distress, and days of fear.*

*It was God—and they revered Him,  
Trusted in His Holy word;  
They were grateful, thankful, humble,  
And their hearts with praise were  
stirred.*

*Years have passed since that Thanks-  
giving,  
But our nation remembers still  
And a national proclamation  
Seeks with praise our hearts to fill.*

*Can we in this day of plenty  
Be less thankful than were they?  
Who were often cold and hungry,  
Sick and lonely day by day!  
Shall we not with renewed fervor  
Bow our hearts in grateful praise,  
To our dear Redeemer, Maker,  
Sing our thanks in joyful lays?*

*As we gather this Thanksgiving  
May our hearts beat firm with love,  
And thus recognize the blessings  
Which He sends us from above.  
May we then in true submission,  
Humbly at His foot-stool bow  
Offering there our full allegiance  
And renew our filial vow.*

*We would thank Thee for Thy near-  
ness,  
For your own dear Self Divine,  
For Thy kindness, love and patience  
Attributes sublimely Thine.  
We would praise, revere, adore You,  
Seek to be like unto Thee,  
Make us, mold us, use us, hold us,  
And from self do set us free.*

—Upland College

## The White Rose

A GENERATION or two ago there lived in England a duke who was known to be a sincere Christian, of whom the following tale is told.

It appears that the duke's head gardener was a man of like faith, and it was noticed that in his walk through the gardens which surrounded the castle the duke often would pause for a chat with his gardener, when doubtless those spiritual subjects in which they were both interested would be touched upon.

Now it happened that the gardener had an only daughter who was the

joy of his heart and the light of his home. Great was his grief therefore when it pleased God to take her, leaving her father well-nigh broken hearted. Apparently also he felt a grievance against God for the duke noticed that whenever he appeared on the scene his servant disappeared into the shrubbery and their talks became a thing of the past.

So the duke set a little trap in order to bring this stricken soul back to the One whose dealings with His own are ever fraught with blessing.

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# ECHOES

## From Grants Pass

### On Their TENTH ANNIVERSARY

**D**ONG! DONG! DONG! . . . Atop the new steeple of the *Redwood Country Church* I ring out each Sunday morning, inviting the people of the Rogue Valley to worship and hear the way of salvation from the Word of God.

Under the leadership of Rev. Ben Books a church building was erected here in 1945. With a small nucleus of Brethren in Christ settlers from California, Bro. Books established a community church and accomplished wonders under a \$1000 building permit (wartime restrictions).

The past decade has witnessed a rapid development in this favorite vacation spot where "big name" personalities and common fishermen match wits with the wily steelhead and the salmon. Highway 199, better known as Redwood Highway, bears the bruising weight of a million board feet of lumber daily under the roars of thundering diesels.

Keeping pace with this development the Redwood Country Church has enjoyed a healthy growth. The physical plant has advanced a step at a time: an annex with kitchen and S. S. rooms; a parsonage; an addition to the chapel; a steeple (here's where I came into the picture—having been rescued from a scrap metal pile.)

God's blessing has been upon the ministry here under the pastorates of Bro. Books, Bro. Hess Brubaker, and Bro. Glenn Diller, the present pastor. The average attendance for the summer months of 1955 stands at 125. Bro. Hubert Wingerd is the newly-elected superintendent, succeeding Charles Winger who served for many years.

Under God's blessing those who worship in this community church have marked its Tenth Anniversary by making it possible for the pastor to give his full time to the ministry.



The Redwood Country Church congregation pictured on the day of their church dedication in 1945. Pioneer pastor Ben Books appears near the center, and Alvin Burkholder, HMB overseer, stands on the church steps.

## Voices From Within

### "A father to the fatherless"

Sr. Deese, mother of ten children (seven living, under 18 yrs.), has known years of poverty and hardship through no fault of her own. When widowed, this gracious lady believed the Lord would care for her though she had not yet received Him as her personal Saviour. Responding to the Gospel, she and her family are now shining examples of God's promise in Psalms 68:5. Her testimony, "I want to thank the Lord for He is now my Saviour, and has been for a couple years. He can and does answer prayers if we trust and obey. I want to know more about Him."

*Mrs. Jean Martin, mother of two, conducts a Bible Club for boys and girls, and teaches a Junior girls S. S. Class.*

"I was raised in a home where social drinking was considered the correct thing to do. As a result, I developed an appetite for liquor early in

life. After I grew up and was married, my husband's job took him away from home a great deal. To pass the lonesome hours I'd drink beer, bottle after bottle. I wanted to quit drinking, but didn't have the will power.

"I started attending Redwood Country Church, and after a few months was invited to a ladies prayer meeting. There I confessed I couldn't pray because God couldn't hear the prayer of a sinner like me. The way of salvation was shown to me and I accepted Christ as my Saviour. I was truly 'born again' as the Bible tells us in II Cor. 5:17, 'Therefore if any man be in Christ he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold all things are become new.' My desire for alcohol has left me and what a relief that all my sins are gone too.

"The Holy Spirit guides me each day, and keeps me from falling. I pray that the girls in S. S. Class will be saved young so they'll remain clean and unspotted from the world."





The Redwood Country Church as it appears today, proclaiming the Gospel in a thriving Oregon community.

A Sophomore in high school, Raymond Colson says:

"I have gone to church at Redwood as long as I can remember, but I thought I would wait until I was about 50 years of age to really serve the Lord. I figured I would be going to church all my life, so I could accept Him anytime I wished.

"I went with our pastor to the youth camp. Everybody kept asking me what my purpose was at camp. Truthfully, I went to have a good time, but it turned out to be the worst time I ever had, that is, until I found the Lord. From then on it was just wonderful.

"My friend and I were saved the same night, so while everyone else was in bed we got permission to go out into the woods to pray. There we prayed for another boy at the camp and the next night he joined our prayer meeting in the woods. It's great to win someone else for the Lord."

Mrs. Gladys Cleveland finds peace:

"Heartsick—alone—and afraid!—that was me early on Sunday morning of April 24, 1955. My husband was in the hospital with inoperable cancer. I had come home to do the farm chores. After finishing, I returned to my car. I started crying as I had never cried before. Then I looked across the street to the church and remembered the many times Sister Charles Winger had invited me to church. Each time I had made flimsy excuses. But now after all the years of worldliness and sin, I was ready and it had to be now. I drove over to the church, knocked on the door, and the pastor gladly invited me in and there led me to the Lord. About a month later my husband was also saved.

"So through the persistent invitations of Sister Winger and the precious guidance of the pastor and his wife, also my dear S. S. teacher, Sister Wideman, my husband and I who once were miserable sinners are now saved. Our faith and love for

our Saviour have made the long months of pain and suffering bring us ever closer to the Lord.

"I love all of St. John 14, especially verses 26 and 27, 'But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.'"

*Pastor's Note:* A call in this home of suffering is an inspiration. Their conversion is "noised abroad" as they had been active in the Sheriff's Posse and the Timber Riders. They were ardent horsemen.



### Prayer for Christian Perfection

John C. Byer, member of congregation at Redwood Country Church.

*Holy Spirit, precious friend,  
That which seals us to the end;  
Keeps us sweet, pure, kind and true;  
Tender hearted through and through.  
Heavenly love and grace divine,  
Flowing from a heart sublime,  
Make us humble, meek and mild,  
With the nature of a child.*

*Holy Spirit, mighty power,  
Lead and guide us every hour;  
Help us shine from day to day,  
In a cheerful loving way.  
Bright and clear like noonday sun,  
As he doth his journey run;  
Every moment giving light,  
Every day and every night.*

*Holy Spirit, light and life,  
Make us victors in the strife,  
Arm us well with shield and sword,  
Through the knowledge of thy Word.  
Give us strength to overpower  
All the evils of the hour.  
Fight with vigor, courage, skill;  
Moving forward at Thy will.*

*Holy Spirit, heavenly dove,  
Fill me with Thy wondrous love.  
Make a perfect man of me  
Blessed Holy Trinity.  
Keep my heart in tune with Thine  
Clasp my hand with grasp divine.  
Guide my feet within the way,  
So I'll never go astray.*

## The White Rose

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It happened that an entertainment was to be given at the castle and as the gardens would be visited by the guests, the gardener, in order to make the flower beds look their very best went round and marked those flowers which were on no account to be picked beforehand, especially singling out a large white rose, the pride of the garden, which grew close against the castle wall.

However on making his final inspection on the morning of the entertainment he found, to his vexation, that someone had picked his special bloom. On looking round he saw an household maid cleaning one of the windows and angrily asked her who had plucked the white rose. "I don't know" she replied "but I think the master took it."

Just then the duke who was evidently lying in wait looked out his study window. "What is the matter?" he enquired. "Someone has picked the white rose, Sir, which I especially had marked as not to be touched" was the irate reply.

"Oh, is that all," said the duke. "Why I picked the rose. I supposed I had a right to pick it seeing that I am the master here, it belongs to me. I'm enjoying the fragrance and the beauty of that rose in my study now." The gardener was silenced. He had nothing more to say—the reasoning was unanswerable.

Then the duke utilized the opportunity he had thus made to bring this wounded one back to the Friend who ever waits to bless. "My Friend," said he gently, "you had a white rose also but it pleased the Master to take your rose. He had a right to, hadn't He? She was His and He's enjoying the fragrance of His rose now. He'd the right to take her, hadn't He?"

The poor gardener was silenced. The sunshine of the Divine love was shining through the dark clouds of sorrow which had hitherto blotted it out. His wound was healed.

And today it is said, you will find in a quiet corner of the castle grounds a small tombstone on which are engraved the words: *To the memory of the white rose which the master took.*

—The Christian Graphic

About the most stubborn thing you'll ever find is yourself.



## Welcome Invaders

Wendell L. Wilkie addressed the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Detroit, Michigan, and said:

"I asked people in every land whether they were not resentful that these foreigners (missionaries) should invade their country. The answer was universal enthusiasm for what the American missionaries have done and for the lives they lead."

—T. W. Jones

### Did You Remember

... our missionaries ... holiday season ... personal gifts?

If you desire a Christmas check sent to a missionary overseas via our office, please see that it reaches us by November 25.

Carl J. Ulery, Treas.  
1332 Maiden Lane  
Springfield, Ohio.



### A Harvest Hymn

Charles R. Stump

*There comes a song for one and all,  
A Harvest hymn of praise.  
Its measures flowing freely, long,  
Extoll the golden harvest days.*

*Ripe fields are stretching far and wide  
With bounteous amber grain.  
They bring a gift for all mankind;  
He blest with summer sun and rain.*

*From hearts uplifted flows the song,  
A paean of Thanksgiving,  
With joy and hope and blessed part  
The Hymn of Praise are singing.*

*A precious promise earth doth hold,  
By faith the seed is sown.  
It yields a hundredfold or more  
With His good blessing grown.  
Marion, Ind.*



## With Our Workers in Cuba

(Excerpts from two letters from Howard and Pearl Wolgemuth)

"WE CONSIDER visitation one of the most important things in our work and spend much time in the homes of the Cubans, sometimes visiting as high as twenty-one homes in a day. In most of the homes one is asked to sit down and visit. Visitation pays off well; many are coming to the mission because we visited.

"Early every morning, six to seven a. m., we with our Cuban worker walk to our church, one and one-half blocks away for prayer, as we feel our efforts would be utterly hopeless without prayer here and the prayers of the Christians in the States and Canada. After prayer, it's breakfast time and family worship. We appreciate the presence of the Lord as we gather around the Bible for family worship. Then before eight o'clock it is . . .

. . . MAIL TIME . . . and how we devour every letter that comes!—today two good ones from Pennsylvania. We have said, 'Letters are like a cold drink in the desert'; and the day seems long when we do not receive any mail . . . We miss the fellowship of the Christians at home, our friends, and relatives. We have some who write often and do not wait for an answer; how we appreciate such dear ones!

"Judy is now settled in a Methodist School in a suburb of Havana (Spanish spelling, Habana). Her address is: Judy Wolgemuth, Apartado 5, Marianao, Habana, c/o Colegio Buenavista. She returns to our home every Friday afternoon and early Monday morning we take her back to school. All her classes are in English.

"Our son Dale is in College in

Texas at LeTourneau Tech. Ins., P. O. Box 2304, Longview, Texas. This is a Christian trade school, where 400 young men registered in September.

"Some write and ask if American money can be used in Cuba without exchanging it. American money is mixed all through our Cuban money and has the same value as in the States. However, money sent through mail is not safe; therefore checks or money orders are the better method. You cannot trust even those in official positions."

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"We surely rejoice at the workings of God. We have such good prayer meetings. We gather around the altar to pray. Sunday evening we had an exceptionally good crowd. The Catholics had a parade through the town and past our church. They carried a 'saint' above their heads; some carried candles, some beat drums and a crowd of people followed. We had just opened the door of the church as they came, so after they were past we played over the loud speaker, 'Nothing but the Blood of Jesus' and some other good songs. How sweet it sounded after the dark scene we had just witnessed! More than ever we were made conscious of the truth of Matthew 7:13: 'Wide is the gate and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat.' . . . Anyway we had an increased attendance as some came after the parade. We also had an increased Sunday School attendance the last two Sundays.

"We pray God to richly bless all who are sharing in the work for the cause of precious souls."

*"It was like coming home and I could only thank God . . ."*

## From New York to Barjora, India

*Erma Hare*

*"Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits." These words of the Psalmist, and the verses following, often come to mind when I think of the goodness of God in permitting me to return to this land to be His witness here. The many prayers for a safe and restful voyage were answered in an abundant measure as physical rest was enjoyed and spiritual fellowship and refreshing too were provided.*

THE FEW days in London were an extra blessing. The stateliness of the royal residence, Houses of Parliament, and Westminster Abbey were impressive, but the things that linger longer in the memory are the challenge that came as I stood by the grave of David Livingstone in the Abbey and during a visit to St. Paul's Cathedral. The challenge of the former is the challenge of a great life that has been poured out in service—lowly service to an underprivileged people, a vision, and consecration to God's call and message. In the second case it was not so much the Cathedral itself as the location and circumstances surrounding it that made an imprint on the mind. It was a reminder of the greatness and might of our God as it stood like a monument amid vacant bombed buildings, mute reminders of destruction and decay.

At Port Said barbed wire entanglements, armed guards on every hand, restrictions in landing, all spoke loudly of the unrest among the nations.

As we proceeded through the Red Sea the tropical heat began pressing in. Though the sun and heat in the harbour were tense, the strong east wind laden with dust gave relief. Leaving Aden the winds continued: we were coming into the southeast monsoon winds! The sea became a

bit rough and there was almost continual cloudiness. Then just about six hours before reaching Bombay we had rain. At the time of disembarkation the morning of the 5th of September, it was raining, typical monsoon weather.

Walking from the boat to the customs house that morning, a deep sense of God's presence and power was realized in that again I was really on Indian soil. While waiting to get reservations out of Bombay, the crowds and poverty would not let us forget the many who know nothing of the peace and rest there is in our Christ—of the One who desires to be with them in every circumstance of life.

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Leaving Bombay on the evening of the 7th, we reached Allahabad the following evening where we changed trains. We crossed the city on cycle rickshaws and left from the metre-gauge railway station early the next morning. On Saturday afternoon about 2 P.M. we arrived at the Banmankhi Mission Station to be greeted by the mission family there and quite a group of Santals who were gathered there for the first Santal Youth Conference . . . The Conference closed on Sunday evening. At 2:30 next morning Bro. Buckwalter took six of the Santal boys who were there from Barjora and myself to the train. The boys went to Madhipura where they proceeded by oxcart to Barjora immediately. I went on to Saharsa where it was necessary to report to the Alien Registration Officer of the District and take care of necessary papers. This must be done within one week of arrival in the country and this was the seventh day since arrival. The officer was not in that day, and did not call me the next day but his clerk very obligingly accepted the required report with the photos necessary for the registration papers when they would arrive from Bom-

bay; and on Wednesday evening the 14th I went on to Madhipura to be ready to leave for Barjora early in the morning, presumably by ox cart.

SLOW GOING . . . FLOOD WATERS . . .

It was raining when I arrived there and just as I was preparing to walk to the mission house, a servant came running up to say that the motor was coming. When the motor arrived it was Bro. Pye from Barjora together with Dr. Paulus. The almost impossible had been done, the jeep had gotten through to Madhipura. Roads had been checked carefully by runners before leaving Barjora and all was well. A very heavy rain the night before had made a difference, but it had gotten through. That night again a heavy rain fell so the next day we waited until after noon to start to Barjora. There was some question about getting through one stream just out of Singeshwar, so Bro. Pye went ahead with the jeep and by going some distance west off the beaten road he got the empty jeep across. Dr. Paulus took luggage and passengers that far and then all the luggage was carried across and it was my turn. No cart came along but a farmer was there with his horse and that served the purpose very well. In order to miss impassable crossings we wandered through plowed fields and planted fields, by river banks and across deep cuts in the road and finally reached the last crossing just one mile from Barjora. It too was deeper than the day before. Boys and men from the mission were there to help. The engine was carefully covered to keep it dry. Then eight of us stood on the back of the jeep and we started across, following a man who was picking out the most shallow places. We reached the other side with the motor still running, but the water had been up to six or eight inches in the jeep bed. It was only a matter of minutes until we pulled into the Barjora compound with Srs. Book and Arnold, boys and girls, workers and others waiting to greet us. *It was like coming home, and I could only thank God for that which He had done.*

We covet your prayers for God's work and God's people here; the boys and the girls in the hostels, the teachers and work of the school, the work of the dispensary, our Christian families and homes, and we as workers need your prayers and support. We know that God is faithful and we know that you will not fail with your prayer support and your gifts. The Lord bless you as you labour with us in this great work of the Kingdom.



## Your Support Needed

It has been necessary to install a new heating boiler in the Chicago Mission building at a cost of \$1200. Any gifts from friends who wish to share in this heavy expense will be greatly appreciated.

Carl J. Carlson, Pastor.  
6039 Halsted St.  
Chicago 21, Illinois.

## Financial Reports

### Life Line Gospel Mission THIRD QUARTER FINANCIAL

Receipts	
Balance on hand 7-1-55	\$ 61.18
Hall Offerings	562.80
Apartment rent and boarding	155.00
Individual gifts	97.73
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$876.71</b>
Expenditures	
<b>House</b>	
Table	255.26
Household	17.43
Public Utilities	76.39
Repair	4.61
	<b>\$353.69</b>
<b>Hall</b>	
Rent	\$300.00
Transportation	135.51
Public Utilities	34.09
Maintenance	8.90
Sr. Janna Goins	32.48
	<b>\$510.98</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$864.67</b>
Balance 9-30-55	\$ 12.04

### HOME MISSION BOARD THIRD QUARTER FINANCIAL

Receipts	
Abilene Cong., Kans.	\$ 50.00
Manheim Cong., Pa.	112.25
Rosebank S. S., Kans.	37.61
Good Will S. S., Pa.	8.76
Cedar Springs Cong. and S. S., Pa.	80.98
Carland Zion S. S., Mich.	18.93
Greensprings Cong., Pa.	56.00
Messiah Home V. B. S., Pa.	175.00
Graterford S. S., Inter. Class, Pa.	15.00
Palmyra S. S., Pa.	60.31
Graterford S. S., Pa.	42.64
Chambersburg S. S., Pa.	200.00
Silverdale S. S., Pa.	35.25
Beulah Chapel S. S., Ohio	108.35
Tremont S. S., Pa.	11.16
Christian Union Cong., Ind.	31.19
Mastersonville S. S., Pa.	58.00
Palmyra S. S., Pa.	39.00
Mission Loan Payments	1,078.56
Rana Villa S. S., Pa.	50.00
Colyer S. S., Pa.	26.23
Rosebank S. S., Kans.	35.39
Five Forks S. S., Pa.	53.77
Pleasant Hill S. S., Kans.	117.25
Mechanicsburg S. S., Pa.	175.37
Stowe S. S., Pa.	13.42
Beulah Chapel Cong., Ky.	50.00
Roxbury Campmeeting, Pa.	804.38
Chino S. S., Calif.	37.51
Silverdale Cong., Pa.	60.00
Carlisle S. S., Pa.	82.85
Free Grace S. S., Pa.	30.34
Christian Fellowship Mission S. S., Ohio	31.36
Memorial Holiness Campmeeting, Ohio	2,177.17
Moving Expense Refund	50.00
Uniontown and Massillon Congs., Ohio	49.00
Pleasant Hill S. S., Ohio	76.53
Zion S. S., Kans.	71.29
Martinsburg S. S., Pa.	74.60
Pleasant Valley S. S., Pa.	62.63
Kansas Campmeeting	84.15
Dallas Center S. S., Iowa	117.45
Grantham S. S., Pa.	103.66
Antrim Cong., Pa.	157.50
Fairland S. S., Pa.	333.12
New Guilford S. S., Pa.	242.00
Memory Cyrus T. Heisey	500.00
Mt. Rock Cong., Pa.	97.07
Granville S. S., Pa.	20.00
Free Grace Cong., Pa.	95.00
Bethel S. S., Mich.	86.68
Personal Gifts, acknowledged	2,409.45
<b>Specials</b>	
<b>For New York Work—</b>	
Mt. Rock Bible School, Pa.	\$ 70.00
Mt. Pleasant Bible School, Pa.	18.00
Bertie W. P. Circle, Canada	25.00

<b>For Farris Mines Church, Virginia</b>	
Dorcas Sewing Circle, Pa.	20.00
Cross Roads Bible School, Pa.	45.50

<b>For Navajo Mission</b>	
Mechanicsburg Bible School, Pa.	368.98
Antrim Bible School, Pa.	275.01
Jr. Boys Class, Detroit	10.00

<b>For DeRosset, Tennessee</b>	
Manheim Bible School, Pa.	26.61

<b>For Navajo Mission Jeep</b>	
Zion Children's Dept., Kans.	25.57
Chambersburg S. S., Pa.	152.00
Locke S. S., Ind.	75.00

<b>For Llewellyn Mission, Pa.</b>	
Cross Roads Bible S., Pa.	36.29

Total Receipts	\$11,742.12
Balance July 1	6,123.27
<b>Balance and Receipts</b>	<b>\$17,865.39</b>

Expenditures	
Allowances	\$5,688.75
Worker's Travel Exp.	818.73
Rents	1,005.00
Special	910.77
Tuition	16.00
Mission Loans	381.56
Interest	117.00
Administrative	1,025.25
Institute Fund	1,000.00
Navajo Mission Well, Loan	2,762.50
DeRosset Mission Hall, Purchase	1,100.00
Albuquerque Lots	101.96
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$14,927.52</b>
Less New York City Funds	\$ 2,957.87
	1,914.30
<b>Balance of Gen. Funds, Oct. 1, 1955</b>	<b>\$1,043.57</b>

Dale W. Ulery, Treas.	
With thankful hearts we give praise to God for supplying every need of this past quarter. But the needs of this quarter lay before us without sufficient funds on hand to care for them all. Let us pray and give that the work may move forward.	

## North Star Mission THIRD QUARTER FINANCIAL

Receipts	
Church-at-large	\$ 35.00
Candle Lake	14.00
Howard Creek	51.85
Paddockwood	52.18
Mrs. Deering	25.00
Bertie S. S.	40.00
Cheapside Christs Crusaders	20.00
Springvale Congregation	11.75
School Teacher's Allowance	64.00
School Teacher's Board	40.00
Balance on Hand, 7-1-55	120.27
<b>Total Third Quarter Receipts</b>	<b>\$474.05</b>

Expenditures	
Miscellaneous	\$ 36.50
Rent for Pasture	17.23
Promotional & Advertising	15.08
General Conference Fees	9.95
Farm Expense	20.85
Groceries	90.04
Long Distance Telephone	5.05
Farm Taxes for one year	38.89
Transportation	153.58
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$387.17</b>
Balance on hand, 9-30-55	\$ 86.88

Special Needs & Projects Fund	
Balance 7-1-55	\$ 41.75
Kindersley Congregation	112.00
<b>Total Receipts Special Fund</b>	<b>\$153.75</b>

Repairs for jeep	\$ 50.15
License for jeep	18.00
Repairs—Delco Plant	28.81
Gas, oil, etc.—Delco Plant	15.04
<b>Total Expenditures Special Fund</b>	<b>\$112.00</b>

Balance on hand 9-30-55	\$ 41.75
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L. G. Lichty

## Is It Hard to Know Where to Give?

*We quote from a veteran missionary who has given many years to foreign and home missions in the Brethren in Christ Church:*

“YES, WE know it seems easy to give to those large radioed, televised and highly-advertised, or independent programs which are calling and asking for all of your funds. But how about your own commonplace earnest and sincere Christian workers at home or abroad, who are *much more on the faith line according to God's Word, and will never hint, let alone ask for money?*

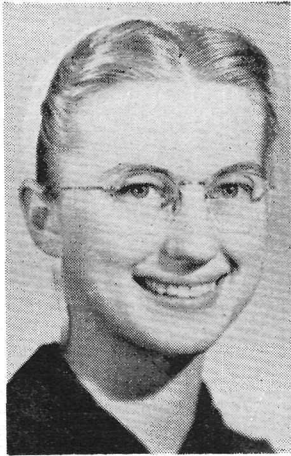
“On the other hand the more glamorous sort, whose work is very often not inspected or checked on, will try to make you feel like a sinner if you do not give, and largely to them. Do you know that very often those workers of ours who are holding on faithfully, and in humble quietness stand by their post, can show much better returns in souls saved, and God's work strengthened per dollar spent, than those who give the glamorous report which cannot always be verified?

“If perchance you may say it is hard to know where, and how to give, *our Church has a very large and unlimited range of worthy evangelical projects*, and there is a crying need for workers, from the most humble pastorate, to the city skidrow, and from the Indian reserve to the well-developed and proved fields abroad, as well as the new places opened recently. Those fields are wide open for evangelization, followed by medical and educational service. For this reason I can assure you that presents and gifts will not be wrongly and unwisely given, as you send them, and entrust them to your worthy Home and Foreign Mission Treasurers for prayerful, wise distribution to the most worthy and needy places.”

—W. O. Winger

# "LIKE A TREE PLANTED"

Ruth Herr



"AFTER the tree is planted," my nurseryman father often explained to his customers, "you will have enough dirt left over to make a little basin around the base of the evergreen. This will help to hold the water; and you should soak the plant thoroughly and regularly. The rains go into the ground only a few inches, but by putting a hose to the little dirt basin, you can let the water run until the roots of the tree are completely soaked."

What would have happened to the little plant if the proud new owner had carried it home, planted it, and then promptly forgot about it? The chances are that after a day or two the foliage would have begun to droop a little on the ends, after a couple weeks even a casual passerby would notice that the whole plant was wilting, and continued lack of moisture would eventually have killed the tree completely. And what would the nurseryman think if the same customer came back year after year with the confession, "I need a new tree. The one I bought last year died. You see, most of the time I forgot to water it, and the rest of the time I was just too busy."

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"And now, young people," the admonition is often given, "set aside a regular time for your daily devotions. Going to church and prayermeeting is important, but you also need that deep-down vital contact with God that comes from daily communion with Him."

And how often have you heard the confession, "At first I got too busy to read the Bible, and I could tell that my Christian life was suffering. Then I forgot to pray, and the longer it went, the more I skipped my devotions, until eventually my Christian life had died entirely."

So, just as a plant needs water regularly, so our Christian lives need to contact God regularly; for without water for the evergreen and Divine contact for the soul, both will droop, then wither, then die. At first it may be noticed only by the nurseryman or preacher, then to the casual passerby, and after while it is hidden from none. Both a tree and a soul need more than just a surface contact, and both an evergreen and Christian life are given with instructions for care, development, and growth.

Let us consider, then, some things that might make our daily devotions more meaningful:

First, of course, we should have a definite part of the day set aside. This we have heard from little up. But what should we do during this time? Have you ever tried going over the verses and chapters that you have memorized, or memorized new scriptures which you have learned to appreciate? Even such familiar chapters as Psalm 23 or I Corinthians 13 can take on new meaning if we quote them from memory as we meditate on each clause. Bible reading too should be done in this slow, thoughtful way. As the saying is, "Time exposures, not snapshots should be the rule." This study of God's Word should be a time of heart searching, of seeing how this chapter can help *me* in *my* Christian walk, and then how it can help me to help *others* in *their* problems.

Inspired hymns, and deep devotional books are often helpful too, although I don't think we should read them *instead* of the Bible—we shouldn't get in the habit of letting someone else dig out our spiritual treasures for us.

Then, perhaps most important of all is the time spent in prayer. How about writing down a prayer sometime—one of your deepest petitions

for help, or a sincere thanksgiving? This helps to make your prayer definite, and it might bless you later as you read it over, and remember how God was working with you that day. But the essential thing, regardless of method, is that you meet God every day. What good would it do your teeth for you to go merely to the door of your dentist's office at the appointed time, if you never saw him? Just so, what good will it do you merely to go through the motions of praying, if you never really meet the Lord? We should really talk to Him every day, and receive in return the assurance 'way down inside us that He too has spoken to us. This consciousness of the Lord's answer may come while we are praying for others which we have jotted down on our prayer list.



Then, just as the results of a well-watered plant are fruit, cones, and seeds, causing new evergreens to grow, so the result of a deep, devotional Christian life is an attractive witness that will help other Christian lives to start and grow. Let's make this a goal for our lives, shall we?

"Blessed is the man that . . . in his law doth . . . meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."

(Psalm 1)



# PREACHER'S PAGE

## Gems from "Secrets from Christian Living"

By F. B. Meyer

THE APOSTLES believed in Christ and called Him Master and Lord before Pentecost. In doing so, they bore witness to the operation of the Holy Spirit in their hearts. He had been working in the hearts of men from the beginning. But there was immense difference between what they were up to the day of Pentecost and what they became as soon as the Spirit had come. It is evidently possible, then, for a man to be a believer in Christ, and even to own Him Lord, through the gracious work of the Holy Ghost; and yet may miss the deeper experiences of which Pentecost was the sign and seal. Is this your case?

On which side of Pentecost are you living? Historically, no doubt, you live on the hither side of that great day; but experimentally and practically you may be living on the other. You are in the great light, but you don't see it; you are in a gold region, but you are none the richer for it. Before you stands an open door into the heart of Divine knowledge and power, but you have never assayed to enter it. Whilst thousands are living practically as though Jesus had never been incarnate, died, and risen, you are living much as you would have done had the gift of Pentecost never been bestowed. Think! Is there anything in your Christian life that would have been different if the hour of Pentecost had never struck?

If not, be sure that there is something in Christianity that you have never tasted. There is a dividend awaiting you under Christ's new testament which you have never claimed, but which, if once apprehended and appropriated, would make your life rich, fragrant, and vocal as a garden in May.

If He is but a fitful vision, you have not realized the first mark of the Pentecostal gift. He is like fire. As fire cleanses metal so does He the heart. When He is within the heart in power, the air is so rarified that the germs of contagion are rendered harmless. When the spirit is filled with the Holy Spirit, it will be conscious of temptation, more keenly alive than ever before; but it will have no fascination, no power.

People talk much of a clean heart; it seems to me wiser and truer to speak of the Holy Spirit as Indweller and Cleanser, whose presence is purity.

If you are not led by the Spirit, be sure that you are not filled by Him.

There is a difference between the Spirit being *in* and *on* us. Some have the Spirit of God in them for character, but they are not gifted by Him for service. Our Lord Jesus, though conceived of the Holy Ghost yet stood beneath the open heavens to be anointed of the Spirit before he entered on His public ministry; the Church was held back from her work of evangelizing the waiting world until she received the pentecostal endowment of power.

—C. R. H.

COMING IN NEXT ISSUE  
Detailed program for  
Fourth Ministers' Seminar  
to be held at  
Messiah College, Grantham, Pa.  
December 27-28, 1955  
Guest Speaker,  
Dr. Delbert Rose

## Conditions of Salvation

THE BIBLE is a highly condensed book, and its various parts depend upon each other to amplify their meaning. The parts are not to be played against each other; they are to be pooled and balanced. In other words, the Scriptures which are harmonious as to use and time, when laid side by side present a common front.

The Bible taken as a whole teaches that the divine plan of salvation has been a work of blood redemption approached through repentance, by the individual and received by faith. Its full meaning was not revealed to man until the coming of the Gospel; but at no time was it orthodox to say that a man was saved or damned by what he did, just as it has always been unorthodox in our age to say that a man is saved or damned by his opinion. In that view salvation by grace through faith was perverted in the dark ages.

A possible error by a man under the old covenant was to isolate some passage of God's Word and believe that he could be saved by his conduct. By the same bad logic we have had people in the Gospel age who lifted up

such passages as Eph. 2:8, 9, that we are saved not by works, but by grace as a gift of God, and have taught a sinning religion.

It has ever been true, that before one could get on believing ground, where he could trust God for salvation, and where God could consistently save him, he had to separate himself from sin. This was a point upon which Ezekiel was clearcut, in dealing with those people whose sins had caused their homeland to vomit them out.

When God said, "I am the Lord your God; walk in my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them," (Ez. 20:19) wasn't He stating the principle which Paul echoed when in writing to the Ephesian church he said, "Walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called"?

Rev. Raymond W. Settle says, "Walking in God's statutes means far more than an occasional act of piety, observance of a ceremony, or random obedience. It is a continuous, prayerful, everyday effort to conform to the will of God."

It is a principle of God's government from eternity to eternity, "that in order to make one's way prosperous and to have good success . . . This Book of the Law shall not depart out of his mouth . . . he shall meditate therein day and night, and observe to do according to all that is written therein."

Jesus said, "If ye love me keep my commandments." The Apostle John gave as a word of personal certainty, "And hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments . . . He that saith he abideth in Him ought to walk, even as He walked . . . Having been born of God, he cannot practice sinning. By this the children of God and the children of the devil are distinguished: Any one who does not practice righteousness, or does not love his brother, is not from God."

Salvation is not merely talk. Those who would keep happily saved and blessed in their souls not only talk and sing of their salvation, they "walk," and "keep" and "do," according to the will of God.

—C. R. H. Adapted from Higley's Commentary

## What's Your Excuse?

"If half the ingenuity spent in finding excuses for not doing what we ought to do were exercised in finding means to do what ought to be done, there would be a blessed difference."

# CHURCH NEWS

## Cheapside, Ontario

The various activities of the Cheapside congregation during the summer and fall months have been greatly enjoyed. The departments mostly engaged have been the Sunday school and Christ's Crusaders.

First of all, we are happy about the bond of Christian fellowship and spirit of evangelism maturing with the Crusaders. This was fostered by several gatherings during the early part of the holidays. They first met in the orchard of the Sider farm where the recreation and fireside talks welded the group to each other and to God. A second meeting was along the shores of Lake Erie on a lovely evening. God met with the young folk as they in intimate association and confident fellowship talked heart to heart about their spiritual interests, their appreciation for the church and for each other. This makes noble Christian youth.

Their programs rendered in the church every second Sunday night have been both educational and inspirational. On Saturday nights during the holiday months one or two car loads went to the lake resort town of Port Dover where street services were held and tracts distributed among the crowds. These services were welcomed by the town council, appreciated by the people, and we feel, blessed of God. The Crusaders are quite enthused about this field of evangelism. Also, gospel services held in the county jail every other Sunday has come to be of interest to our young people. Exchanging programs with Crusader groups of other congregations in the Ontario Church is contributing to the church interest and social and spiritual development of our young people. The Crusaders respond readily with their offerings to the various projects sponsored by Conference and the several Commissions.

The V. B. S. was a high point in the summer's activities. Under the supervision of the Sunday School Board the congregation concentrated their efforts in this field of evangelism. The interest and attendance continues to grow from year to year. The enrollment this year reached 322, with an average attendance of 262. The devotion and hard work of the entire staff for the two weeks was rewarded on the morning of decision when a number, with sincerity and definite purpose, openly confessed Christ as their personal Savior. In V. B. S. the Lord has given us an open door and a fertile field in this community.

We all enjoyed the missionary service on the Sunday of September 18 when the Rev. Lewis Sider, formerly of this district, unburdened his heart to us about the need of greater sacrifices on the part of the home church and the necessity of passion for personal evangelism on the field.

Our hearts were enriched in grace in our love feast on Saturday, Sept. 22. The devotion and fellowship which pervaded the praise and communion services was a witness of the presence of Christ.

On love feast Sunday morning and evening the Rev. J. N. Hostetter gave us two searching and challenging messages in interest of the Forward Campaign of the Sunday School. We were happy to have Sister Hostetter with us also. God bless their labors.

With God, we go forward.

E. M. S.

## With the Migrants at Coalinga

As the cotton ripens in September, the migrants return to the camps near Coalinga, Calif. The Voluntary Service unit at Coalinga teaches Bible classes, directs crafts projects and sponsors recreation among these migrants. Mrs. Carl Wolgemuth, R.N., of the unit is Public Health Nurse for the area. She also teaches a weekly class in mother-baby care.

Doris Book, Strasburg, Pa., who joined the VS unit in August, describes two of the camps: "Camp 28 and 9 contain about 280 one-room cabins. The ground is simply hard-packed earth—there isn't a blade of grass around. . . . The windows are screened with board flaps that are propped up to allow for light and ventilation. There is quite often a brisk breeze, and the dust sifts in and settles in layers! . . . The whole family, often including teenage children, live in this one-room cabin. What do you think the moral conditions would be under such circumstances?"

"This is the situation in which I am trying by my words and deeds to proclaim the saving love of God. This privilege is so wonderful that we forget the heat and dust, the sores and running noses, the unpleasant smells, the small space in which to work and see in them dear people whom God has created and for whom His Son died. . . ."

Other members of the VS unit at Coalinga, Calif., are Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wolgemuth, Elizabethtown, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Friesen, Buhler, Kans.; and Elson Sommers, Uniontown, Ohio.

(MCC News Release)

## Pleasant Hill, Brown Co., Kansas.

Notes of praise for God's answer to our prayers are continuing among us as we thank Him for sending us a pastor. Rev. and Mrs. Paul Charles and children, Beverly and Stevie, came to us from California during the first part of August. Paul will serve in the place of his father, Rev. Jacob Charles, who has so faithfully ministered at this church for 40 years. Although not active during all this time, he has always been faithful when circumstances required his services. Bro. Jacob has gracefully substituted his position in the pulpit for one which may be even greater and more powerful, that of prayer. We thank God for this prayer warrior in our midst.

On the evening of the 16th of August a grocery shower was given the Charles family on the lawn of the parsonage. Even the Kansas weather co-operated and a pleasant evening of fellowship was enjoyed. The local Baptist minister and several families from his church were in attendance to become acquainted with our new pastor and family and to realize further fellowship between our groups.

Monday evening, August 22, Rev. and Mrs. Charles Engle presented a missionary challenge through their interesting manner of presentation of various phases of life in India.

On the first Sunday evening in September one of our own girls, Joan Byer who is an elementary school teacher in California, gave a most interesting account of her summer's activities in voluntary service for the Home Mission Board. Joan left us with at least part of her enthusiasm for this type of work.

Bishop and Mrs. Ray Witter, and Mr. and Mrs. Myron Eshelman were present on Sunday morning, Sept. 18, for the purpose of an installation service for Bro. and Sr. Paul Charles. Bish. Witter presented timely

counsel and a challenge for the maximum co-operation. We thank him for this heart-searching message and trust that as God works in and through each of us here that the work will go forward and we will see a harvest of souls.

—R. H.

## Pleasant Hill, Ohio.

**Baptismal Service**—We are happy to have five of our young people follow the Lord in the ordinance of baptism this summer. May they continue to follow the Lord, and be an "example of the believers" is our prayer.

**Missionary Services**—Bro. and Sr. Lewis Sider and family from Africa were with us on July 31. We enjoyed hearing how God is working among the African people.

We were glad to welcome Bro. and Sr. Roy Mann and Bro. and Sr. Elwood Hershey and family, home again recently, from Africa. This is Sr. Mann's and Bro. Hershey's home church.

We thank the Lord for the way He has been working in the Rhodesias in Africa.

We are glad to have the Hersheys make their home with us at present and we want to be a blessing to each other while they are here.

We appreciated Bro. Hershey's talk in our Missionary Prayer Service on Oct. 5. He gave us some requests for prayer and we want to be faithful in praying for the many needs.

**Lovefeast Service**—Our hearts were encouraged and our zeal renewed, as we enjoyed another Lovefeast occasion, on Oct. 15 and 16.

God used our Bro. Carl Stump, from Indiana, to bring us challenging messages during these services. We are glad for the brethren and sisters from some of our other churches, who came to enjoy these services with us.

May each one of us be true and faithful and keep "looking up" until Jesus comes.

—E. T.

## Upland, California

The Upland Congregation was privileged to enjoy messages from Bro. and Sister Charles Engle in a missionary rally the first part of September. We were challenged as we heard about the many hungry souls among the Santals.

On September 22 the Women's Fellowship group met in the Upland College Dining Room and again Mrs. Charles Engle told of the many needs in India as well as victories won in the past years.

Our Sunday School teachers, officers and board members had a fellowship dinner September 29. Rev. Robert Dennis encouraged us to press on with a greater determination to win others for our Sunday School and for Christ.

Our Annual Youth Conference was at Cedar Crest over the week end of September 30, October 1-2. Rev. Bruce Kurrle and Bro. Henry Ginder were the main speakers at the conference. Challenging messages were given by them as well as many others. Our revival at the Upland Church began October 2 with Bro. Henry Ginder as evangelist. His very interesting and inspiring messages were much appreciated. He also delivered his soul according to the scripture. We are still rejoicing over the wonderful services at the chapel and for those who received definite help. The last Saturday



night of the campaign was spent in commemorating the death and suffering of our Lord by taking part in a Communion service. The presence of the Lord was felt in a sweet way.

Our Men's fellowship group were privileged to hear Louis Zamparini as he spoke after the evening meal on October 20. He had a real message of what God can do for those who need Him.

Rev. Harold Humbert reviewed the life of Paul for us in a new way on Oct. 23, 26 and 27. His messages were given with great enthusiasm as he had formerly traveled over the places Paul had trod and lived. He spoke on "Light on the Road Ahead" giving many interesting highlights of Paul's life.

Home coming day for Upland College was Oct. 30. Many enjoyed basket lunch over the noon hour as well as meeting old friends. Bro. Clarence Boyer from Dayton, Ohio was with us in our morning service.

Our three Junior deacons, elected in our spring council, were consecrated and dedicated in our morning service of Oct. 30. Those elected were Chester Eckman, Millard Herr, and Maynard Book. As they begin their work we pray that they will be vessels through which the spirit may flow.

During the month of November, the Commission on Home sponsored a series of lectures by Dr. Clara B. Hale, Consultant in Family Life Education. She gave her series on "The Christian Home." We felt fortunate in securing a Christian psychologist to speak to us in this field.

Our prayer is that the many activities listed above may bring all of us closer to our Master, that we may be a light to the world.

—Mrs. L. T. U.

#### Cedar Grove,

##### Mifflintown, Pa.

Sept. 11, Eld. Jacob Heisey was present in our morning worship service and brought us the message which was appreciated by those present.

Sept. 13, Eve.—Bishop Henry Ginder had charge of the Consecration service for Bro. and Sr. Wilbur Benner who has been our pastor for the past three and one-half years and, now are answering the call of the Lord to give their service in Home Mission work.

This was a very impressive service. Although we are very loathe to have Bro. and Sr. Benner leave, whose ministry the Lord has blessed in our midst, we are praying God's blessing on them as they serve Him in other fields of service.

—Sept. 18 Sun. morn.—Bishop Luke Keefer was with us for a Reception and Baptism service. Four boys were received into church fellowship and nine were baptized. We thank the Lord for these souls who have been saved from sin and young recruits for the work of the Lord.

Sept. 25, Sun. eve.—The Christ's Crusaders reorganized and had installation of officers, also a very interesting report by the young people who attended the Dist. Youth Conf. over the week end. The meeting was concluded with a short message by our C. C. Adviser.

Sept. 28.—Sr. Elizabeth Engle was in our mid-week prayer meeting and gave a very interesting report of God's workings in Africa.

Oct. 9 was Rally Day with Eld. Paul McBeth as speaker.

Oct. 9th eve.—Sr. Phyllis Hailtay was used of the Lord as she gave her life story in our Christ's Crusaders meeting. A number of young people knelt at the altar of prayer at the close of the service.

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Oct. 12th.—Elder Christ Moyer with a group from Messiah Children's Home met with us in the mid-week prayer service in interest of the Home.

Oct. 23rd.—It being 25 years that our church was dedicated, a special Anniversary and Home Coming program was enjoyed by all. Bishop J. T. Ginder was the speaker of the morning and Bishop Luke Keefer brought the afternoon message.

Oct. 30.—Our Pastor Wilbur Benner brought his farewell message in the morning worship service. In the evening he and Sr. Benner brought their farewell to the young people.

It is with mingled feelings that we bid farewell to our brother and sister whom we have learned to love. We pray God's blessing on them as they leave us to go to Kentucky in Mission work.

—A. R. S.

Sylvatus, Va.  
November 4, 1955

Greetings to all of God's dear children through the "Visitor":

I feel that I should give you my testimony by quoting Psalms 16:1: "Preserve me, O God, for in thee do I put my trust." Yes, truly I do put all my trust in Jesus. Without Jesus all would fail. He is a true friend in need and when we go to him for help, He will never turn us away, for he tells us in His Word, to cast all our care upon Him for He careth for you. I do thank and praise Jesus for all that He means to me. I would not turn back for all the world, and I am going to just press on and always be in the center of His will.

Before I was saved I was sitting here in sin and so much pain all through my body. I didn't know Jesus as my precious Saviour. One day in 1922, two dear brethren, Bro. Denny Jennings and Bro. O. B. Ulery, spoke to me about my soul, and I wanted to take

Jesus as my Saviour. I could only bow my head and cry. Then they pitched their tent up on our place in a little patch of pines, for a three-week revival meeting. It was then that I found Jesus as my Saviour, and I have never been sorry. Now I have a dear Saviour to take my troubles to and I can look up. I feel that I cannot thank and praise my Saviour enough for all that He means to me. Pray for me dear ones that I may always be found in the work of the Lord, and at the house of God. I am glad to say that I enjoyed the good services this summer and also the revival meetings up at the Bethel Mission, when Bro. McNiven was our evangelist. I only missed two nights of the two-week revival. Bro. and Sister White were so good in taking me to church every night. May God bless them real sweet, as they are true workers for the Lord.

I want to thank everyone for being so good to me last Christmas. Thanks for the nice greeting cards and letters, and God bless everyone. I trust to hear from a lot of God's dear ones at this Christmas season, if God tarries and He spares me till then. We do have a good pastor and wife, Bro. and Sister John Schock, at Bethel, and I love them both very much. Pray for me. I need your prayers.

From your crippled sister, in Christ Jesus.  
Alice Phillips

#### John A. Cimenhaga, writes:

Over the week end of October 15-16, 1955 we enjoyed wonderful experiences with the brethren and sisters of the Markham District, Gormley, Ontario.

The purpose of our visit was to attend the annual fall love feast of that place.

Experience meetings, Bible teaching, Christian fellowship, and the sacred experience of sharing the communion made the trip a long-to-be-remembered experience on the part of the seven who journeyed together via a station-wagon.



# MARRIAGES

For these we wish God's richest blessing and send, with our compliments, a year's subscription to the *Evangelical Visitor*.

**SEWELL-SMEE**—A ceremony uniting Edna Marie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Smee of Carlisle, Pa., and Charles Frank, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Sewell of Georgia was solemnized September 18, 1955 at the Carlisle Brethren in Christ Church by Rev. Paul L. Snyder.

**MILLER-HOCK**—A ceremony uniting Armita Florence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Hock, Carlisle, Pa., and Sylvester Duane, son of Mr. and Mrs. Enos Miller, Wellman, Iowa was solemnized October 15, 1955 at the Carlisle Brethren in Christ Church by Rev. Paul L. Snyder.

**NICKEL-BOYER**—Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Boyer, Carlisle, Pa., announce the marriage of their daughter Melva Clair to Ronald J. Nickel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Nickel, Mt. Holly Springs, Pa., on April 30, 1955.

**PIKE-FLOWERS**—On Thursday, August 25, 1955, Miss Clara Belle Flowers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Flowers, Summerville, La., became the bride of Robert Pike, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Abe Pike, New Kingston, Pa. She was given in marriage by her father. The vows were spoken by the Rev. Henry M. Flowers, uncle of the bride, before a host of relatives and friends in the Summerville Free Methodist Church. May God's abundant blessing attend this happy couple throughout life.

**WINGER-WINGER**—On Saturday afternoon November 5, 1955, Miss Evelyn Ruth Winger of Stevensville, Ont., became the bride of Lawrence Winger of Stevensville, Ont. The ceremony was performed at the home of the officiating minister, Bishop H. H. Brubaker.

**WOLGEMUTH-GARIS**—On October 7, Elizabeth Dawn Garis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer D. Garis of Souderton, Pennsylvania, was united in marriage to James Bruce Wolgemuth, son of Rev. and Mrs. Harold M. Wolgemuth of Orlando, Florida. The ceremony was performed in the Van Nuys Central Lutheran Church by Rev. Rudolph Ramseth. May God's blessing attend this young couple through life.

# OBITUARIES

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

**HANN**—James Hann departed this life Tuesday, Sept. 20, 1955 at his home at the age of 22 yrs., 3 mos., and 9 days. He was born at Clearville, Pa. a son of Ellis and Erma (Roher) Hann.

He attended the Clear Creek Brethren in Christ Church, Everett, Pa. He was a member of Christ's Crusaders and served faithfully as an usher for several years. He was very active in church work and endeavored to live a consistent life of service for the Master.

He leaves to mourn, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Hann, one brother Charles Hann, and five sisters; Mrs. Leona Asper, Mechanicsburg, Pa., Elsie, Sarah, Betty and Alvera Hann, Clearville, Pa.

**YELLIS**—William Kohl Yellis was born near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on October 2, 1884 and died October 15, 1955, at the age of 71 years. He was the only son of the late Henry H. and Frances Kohl Yellis.

At the age of 30 years he was converted and later joined the church of his choice. He was known for his quiet, devoted, consistent Christian living. He believed that deeds spoke louder than words.

He and Mary Hunsicker were married in 1906. To this union were born five children, three sons and two daughters.

He was preceded in death by an infant son in 1911 and by his wife in 1942. His two daughters are Ethelda, widow of the late Elmer Eyer, and Marian, wife of Abner Haldeman. Two sons Thomas, manager of the Yellis Dairy, Anaheim, and Henry H., with the C. A. A. as towerman at the Douglas Airport, Long Beach; two sisters, Mrs. Birdella Geibel of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Clarence Ketterer of Willow Grove, Pennsylvania; and 14 grandchildren.

Mr. Yellis was a loyal supporter of his church, Free Methodist, in its various phases.

In June Mr. Yellis went to Philadelphia to visit his sisters and old friends. This visit

was cut short by his death which came suddenly and almost instantly as he was driving alone, when his car was struck by another car that went out of control near Gratersford, Pennsylvania.

The funeral service was held at the Karlbars Mortuary, Anaheim, California on October 21, with Rev. Frank C. Abbott, Rev. Alvin C. Burkholder and Rev. Paul Kuger officiating. Interment made in Bellevue Mausoleum, Ontario, California.

**BROYLES**—E. J. Broyles was born Feb. 9, 1887, White County, Tenn. He passed away Oct. 20, at the age of 68 years at his home in Upland, California.

Surviving are his wife, one son, Robert of Pomona, and one daughter, Elizabeth Brown of Ontario, California, and 4 grandchildren. A son Nathan E. preceded his father to heaven nearly 25 years ago.

Brother Broyles was born again at the age of 17 years and later became a licensed minister of the Methodist Church South. He came to California in 1911 and contacted the Life Line Gospel Mission where he met Miss Ella Linkly, who was one of the Mission workers.

They were united in marriage in Upland, California, and returning to San Francisco served two and one-half years as workers at the Mission. They both felt called to Africa as missionaries and were preparing to go, but the way did not open so they entered opened doors of service in Santa Cruz, California, where they started Sunday Schools and church work. For five years he pastored the Filipino Mission in Upland. He served at Los Angeles Peniel Mission and had pastored several years at Sunnymead, California. He was used of the Lord in several Eastern States as evangelist and working in tent meetings.

For the last 20 months Bro. and Sis. Broyles have given full time service with the American Soul Clinic at Los Angeles, California. It was while passing out tracts and doing visitation work that he was stricken with a heart attack on October 15.

Bro. Broyles loved the Lord and constantly desired to witness for his Master. Likewise, he loved the church of his choice, The Brethren in Christ, of which he was a faithful member. He was ordained to the ministry in 1919 by Bishop O. B. Ulery.

Funeral services were held at the Upland Brethren in Christ Church on October 24, with Rev. Fred Jordan and Rev. Alvin C. Burkholder officiating. Interment made in the Bellevue Mausoleum, Ontario, California.

**GROVE**—Verna Mae Grove, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Grove, Waukena, Calif., was born October 26, 1955. The parents were cheered at the coming of this little darling into their lives. This little bud remained for such a very short time when it departed this life on October 27, 1955, at the San Antonio Community Hospital, Upland. Besides her parents, she is survived by a sister, Shirley, 4, and a brother, Darrel, 6. After a short graveside service conducted by Bishop Henry G. Brubaker, interment was made at the Bellevue Cemetery, Ontario, Calif.

**YERGER**—Grant Daryl Yerger was born in Nome, Alaska on August 21, 1955. After a short illness from a cold he passed to the glory world on October 10, 1955, in Fairbanks, Alaska, aged 7 weeks, 1 day.

He leaves to mourn his sudden departure his parents Harold L. and Kathryn (nee Climenhaga) Yerger in whose life his presence had brought so much joy.

His paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harold C. Yerger of Rome, New York. Grant was their first and only grandchild. His maternal grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. John A. Climenhaga of Grantham, Pa.

Kathryn and Harold's neighbors in the trailer court where they live and the men at The International Airport Terminal where Harold works were tenderly sympathetic in helping them to bear their grief. Many of their relatives and friends in the States sent them letters of encouragement and cards of sympathy. For all these and the many prayers on their behalf they are deeply grateful and herewith express their appreciation.

The sorrowing parents appreciated so much a story, "The White Rose," sent to them by Rev. Arthur Musser, the Brethren in Christ pastor at Grantham, Pa. (See page four).

Funeral services were held Oct. 12 in the Methodist Church in Fairbanks in charge of Rev. A. E. Purviance, the local pastor, with interment in the Birch Cemetery on the edge of Fairbanks overlooking the city. Grant's father wrote, "Fresh snow had fallen which was very appropriate because he always looked like a little angel in his white surroundings."

## Evangelistic Slate

Messiah Home Chapel ..... Nov. 13-  
John L. Rosenberry, Evangelist

Conoy B. C. Church ..... Nov. 23 to Dec. 4  
Fairview B. C., York Co. .... Dec. 5-18.  
Cross Roads, Mount Joy ..... Jan. 15-29  
Victory Camp, Florida ..... Feb. 5-19  
Andrew McNiven, Evangelist

## Announcement

Cedar Grove Church, Mifflintown, Pa., Nov. 24, Thanksgiving Day—All day meeting; Harvest Home in Morn; Communion in eve.

## BIRTHS

"Children are an heritage of the Lord"

**MUSSER**—Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Musser of Upland, California welcomed Timothy Ray into their home on September 8, 1955.

**HERR**—Warren Elwood came to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Millard Herr on October 14, 1955. They are members of the Upland congregation of Upland, California.

**BOUDER**—Mr. and Mrs. John Boudier (Pearl Wert) Carlisle, Pa., are the happy parents of a daughter Joan Mae born October 23, 1955. A sister for Jay.

**LEHMAN**—Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilmer Lehman (Gladys Books) Carlisle, Pa., announce the birth of a daughter, Lanette Marie, born October 16, 1955. A sister for Gail.

**KELLEY**—Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Kelley (Dorothy Stone) Carlisle, Pa., are the happy parents of a son, Daniel O'Brine, born October 20, 1955. A brother for Sandra.

**ZINN**—Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Zinn (Pauline Stone) Carlisle, Pa., announce the birth of a son, Mark Leon, born September 23, 1955.

**KECK**—Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Keck (Faye Horn) Carlisle, Pa.; announce the birth of a daughter, Anita Fay, born October 3, 1955. A sister for Mark.

**LINDSEY**—Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lindsey, Carlisle, Pa., are the happy parents of a baby girl, Donna Lou, born July 14, 1955.

**RONAN**—Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Ronan, Carlisle, Pa., announce the birth of a daughter, Debra Sue, born July 15, 1955.

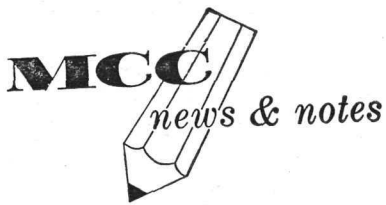
**BARTO**—Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Barto, Manheim, Pa., announce the birth of a son, Quentin Daryl, born Sept. 7, 1955. A brother for Lucille and Mary.

**STAYMAN**—Bro. and Sr. Wilbur Stayman of Shippensburg, Pa., (Green Spring Cong.) announce the birth of a son, Richard Lee on July 15, 1955. A brother for Robert, Betty and Joane.

**LEHMAN**—Charles and Arlene Lehman (nee Garling) of Neville, Pa. (Green Spring Cong.) announce the birth of a son, J. Richard on October 21, 1955.

**BYERS**—Mr and Mrs. Adam Byers, Greencastle, Pennsylvania, became the parents of a daughter, Martha Elizabeth, on October 29, 1955.





### Relief in Berlin

Menno-Heim, the Mennonite Central Committee center in Berlin which ministers particularly to East Zone Mennonites, reports giving food or clothing or both to 64 people during September.

The Berlin Mennonite Church invites Mennonites living in the East Zone to come to Menno-Heim for a weekend of Christian fellowship.

J. K. Klassen of Menno-Heim writes: "They enjoy the meals, especially the butter, cheese and white bread. In the East Zone they must queue for hours to get vegetables, groceries—any kind of food.

"Many of these people are too shy to tell us what they need in clothing. When I asked a small old man what he needed, he answered, 'But I don't have money to pay for it.'

"I have nothing for sale,' I answered, 'only to give you.'

"Then he rose from his chair, stroked both my cheeks and said, 'Oh, my dear man!' We have many experiences like that on such weekends."

### Good Neighbors in Japan

Every Friday afternoon a group of Japanese women meet at the MCC headquarters in Tokyo for Bible study, prayer and fellowship. This "Good Neighbor Club" under the leadership of Mrs. Norman Wingert started in September a year ago.

Besides their period of Christian fellowship, many of the members take home yardage material that the MCC furnishes. Then they cut and sew it into finished garments for relief.

To celebrate their first year together, the Good Neighbors made up 75 bundles of clothing to give to some of the poor "rag-pickers" at the Ueno Station in Tokyo. MCC has been serving milk to these rag-pickers every evening, and sometimes they also have singing and Scripture reading.

On this special evening the group first sang "What A Friend We Have in Jesus," in Japanese. Then one of the Japanese ladies read Luke 10:25-28 and lead in prayer. After explaining the Good Neighbors Club, the milk and cookies and packages of clothing were distributed.

### Baie Verte, Newfoundland

Elaine Brubacher, R.N., Kitchener, Ont., is transferring from the Ailsa Craig Boys' Farm in Ontario to Baie Verte, Newfoundland. In Baie Verte she will assist a United Missionary Church doctor in the medical program for this small village of fishers and lumbermen.

Elaine brings the total number of MCC Voluntary Service workers in Newfoundland to seven.

Since the towns in northern Newfoundland are so small and so isolated, it is very difficult to obtain ministers for the churches and teachers for the schools. Previously one of the laymen read a prepared sermon sent from the head of the church in the capital, St. Johns, for this United Church. And the people slowly lost interest in the church until as Bill Miller writes: "paying pew rent is often the extent of Christianity."

"The schools are often closed for lack of teachers, or in session but taught by teachers who haven't passed all the grades themselves."

The Mennonite Central Committee Voluntary Service unit is trying to improve the church life by bringing pastoral guidance to people who had been without a minister for years. They are trying to build a stronger Christian community by teaching in the inadequately staffed schools, bringing medical care to the sick and beginning Christian youth activities for all the young people of the town.

## Items from the News

### 80,000 Hear Dr. Pierce at Seoul

Four remarkably successful conferences of pastors and evangelists were held during September in Formosa, Korea, Vietnam, and the Philippines by World Vision, Inc., under the direction of Dr. Bob Pierce, president. Reports and testimonies reveal that the gatherings have reached a new high level of interest and blessing, and have given promise of a big step forward in the evangelization of these lands.

The conferences reached their peak in Seoul, Korea, when more than 80,000 persons traveled by foot to the mass Sunday afternoon rally on a former site of a Japanese Shinto shrine. With perfect weather, Dr. Pierce appealed to the capacity crowd for new dedication of lives to Christ's service. He was assisted by a united choir, an orchestra, the brass band of the Korean army staff college, and the Four Flats male quartet from Portland, Oregon.

Over 3300 pastors, chaplains, and evangelists packed the Yung Nak Presbyterian Church for the eight-day conference, exceeding last year's total of 2212. With the cooperation of the host pastor, Dr. K. C. Han, and the American and Korean members of the National Christian Council, three sessions were held daily and general meetings each evening.

Members of the World Vision team included Dr. Pierce, Rev. Edward J. Caldwell, pastor of North Hollywood Presbyterian Church, California, Dr. C. T. Cook, for many years editor of "The Christian," weekly evangelical publication in London, England, Dr. V. Raymond Edman, president of Wheaton College, Illinois, Dr. E. Joseph Evans, missionary advocate of Boston, Massachusetts, and Dr. Richard Halverson, associate pastor, Hollywood Presbyterian Church, California.

A pastor in Korea said the meeting was the "first thing of its kind ever seen in Korea." "We (the faculty) were at such a low ebb spiritually that we felt we could not go on," commented the dean of Seoul Bible Institute, "but these meetings were just the lift and inspiration we needed."

### Savage Sends Strong Red China Protest to President

President Eisenhower has been made aware of evangelical negative sentiment relative to the U. S. recognition of Red China and its admission into the United Nations.

## Missions Abroad

### India

**General Superintendent:** P. O. Saharsa, N.E. Railway, District Saharsa, Bihar, India. Rev. William R. Hoke

**Saharsa Mission:** P. O. Saharsa, N.E. Railway, District Saharsa, Bihar, India. Rev. and Mrs. William Hoke, Misses Esther G. Book, Evelyn Bohland, Beulah Arnold, Mary B. Stoner

**Barjora Mission:** P. O. Tirbeniganj, via Murhiganj, N.E. Railway, District Saharsa, Bihar, India. Rev. Arthur L. Pye, Misses Ruth E. Book, Mary J. Shoalts, Erma Hare.

**Madhipura Mission:** P. O. Madhipura, N.E. Railway, District Saharsa, Bihar, India. Dr. and Mrs. George E. Paulus

**Banmankhi Mission:** P. O. Banmankhi N.E. Railway, District Purnea, Bihar, India. Rev. and Mrs. Allen S. Buckwalter, Rev. and Mrs. Joseph B. Smith

**Purnea Mission:** P. O. Purnea, District Purnea, Bihar, India. Rev. and Mrs. Charles E. Engle, (now on furlough)

**Ulubaria Mission:** P. O. Ulubaria, District Howrah, West Bengal, India. Rev. and Mrs. A.D.M. Dick

### Africa

**General Superintendent—P. O. Box 711, Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia:** Bishop and Mrs. Arthur M. Climenhaga

### SOUTHERN RHODESIA

Rev. and Mrs. David Climenhaga, P. O. Box 711, Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia

**Bulawayo Outstations, P.B. 101 M, Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia:** Rev. and Mrs. Fredric L. Holland

**Matopo Mission, P.B. T. 191, Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia:** Rev. and Mrs. Alvin J. Book, Rev. and Mrs. Ira M. Stern, Miss Mary H. Brenaman, Miss Velma R. Brillinger, Miss Mary C. Engle, Miss Nancy J. Kreider, Miss Dorothy M. Martin, Miss Eva Mae Melhorn, Miss Edna Switzer

**Mtshabezi Mission, P.B. 102 M, Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia Station:** Rev. and Mrs. Glenn C. Frey, Miss Lois P. Davidson, Miss F. Mabel Frey, Miss Ruth T. Hunt.

**Outstations:** Rev. and Mrs. Chester F. Wingert

**Mtshabezi Mission Hospital, P. B. 101 M, Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia:** Dr. R. Virginia Kauffman, Miss Martha L. Lady

**Wanezi Mission, P. B. S. 129, Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia**

**Station:** Rev. and Mrs. J. Earl Musser, Miss Anna R. Engle, Miss Miriam L. Heise, Miss Mary E. Heisey, Miss Anna R. Wolgemuth, Bishop and Mrs. Jesse P. Lady, Mr. Joseph Ginder, Miss Rhoda Lenhert  
**Outstations:** Rev. and Mrs. George E. Bundy

### NORTHERN RHODESIA

**Macha Mission, P.B., Choma, Northern Rhodesia Station:** Miss Anna M. Eyster, Miss Pauline E. Frey, Miss Ruth E. Hock, Miss Fannie Longenecker, Mr. Donald Zook, Rev. and Mrs. David Climenhaga

**Hospital:** Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Alvan E. Thuma, Miss Edna E. Lehman

**Nahumba Mission, P.O. Box 173, Choma, Northern Rhodesia:** Rev. and Mrs. H. Frank Kipe

**Sikalongo Mission, P.O. Box 131, Choma, Northern Rhodesia:** Rev. and Mrs. A. Graybill Brubaker, Miss Anna L. Kettering, Miss Glayds I. Lehman, Kathryn Hosler

### Japan

**4-chome, 39, Shimoyamate-dori, Ikuta-ku, Kobe, Japan:** Rev. and Mrs. Peter A. Willms

**11 Higawara, Hagi City, Yamaguchi, Japan:** Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Book

### Cuba

**Cuatro Caminos, Habana Province, Cuba;** Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wolgemuth

### Missionaries on Furlough

Sr. Effie Rohrer, 2421 Oneida St., Pasadena 10, Calif.

Sr. Verda C. Moyer, 41 Hillside Ave., Souderton, Pa.

Miss Annie E. Winger, Delisle, Saskatchewan, Canada

Miss Florence Hensel, 2001 Paxton St. Harrisburg, Pa.

Miss Lula Asper, c/o Norman Asper, R. 2 Harrisburg, Pa.

Rev. and Mrs. Lewis Sider, 2001 Paxton St. Harrisburg, Pa.

Miss Elizabeth H. Engle, Bausman, Pa.

Mrs. Arthur Pye, c/o Trafer McCulloh, Paisley, Ontario, Canada

Rev. and Mrs. Charles E. Engle, c/o Walter Martin, Route 3, Elizabethtown, Pa.

Rev. and Mrs. Roy Mann, Box 165, Mountville, Pa.

Rev. and Mrs. Elwood Hershey, Route 3, Troy, Ohio

Anna Graybill, R. 2, Hershey, Pa.

The information was contained in a letter written to the Chief Executive by Dr. Henry H. Savage, president of the National Association of Evangelicals, and delivered in person by Clyde W. Taylor, NAE Secretary of Affairs.

In his letter, Dr. Savage advised the President that "recognition of Chinese Communist aggressors" would be "an eternal blot on our national conscience." He also pointed out that the Protestant leaders he referred to had conveniently overlooked the fact that they represented only "the smaller segment which has submitted itself to the communist government" while the evangelicals "stand with the larger segment . . . who have rejected Communism."

#### U. S. Editor Raps Religious Curb in Russia

There is not now and never has been religious freedom in the USSR since the beginning of the Communist regime. This charge was made by L. Zabko-Potapovich, editor of the *Ukrainian Baptist Magazine*, at the ninth annual convention of Ukrainian Baptists meeting in Philadelphia.

Editor Potapovich scoffed at the recent Soviet exchange of clergymen with the West and said that in reality religious freedom in the USSR "is only on paper." He charged that the worship services shown to the visiting preachers were "nothing but a show."

The editor, referring to the report that there are now 520,000 Baptists in the Soviet Union, claims that there were three times as many Baptists there in 1918, six times as many in the 20's, but that most of them were "shot, sent to Siberia or died in the great famine of the 30's in the Ukraine." Furthermore, according to Editor Potapovich, the 520,000 Baptists are found mostly in the places of exile—Siberia, Kazakhstan and others—and not in Moscow, Leningrad and Kiev.

"It is true that religious freedom is demonstrated to tourists and to Baptist leaders from the United States of America by showing them Baptist worship services in Moscow, Leningrad and Kiev," the editor said.

"It is nothing but a show. Yet even these shows speak to us. In Moscow in a congregation of 1000, there were only older men and older women. There were no young people. There are no Bibles, no hymnbooks. There are no Sunday Schools. There are no conferences."

#### Chinese Doctor Takes God into Partnership

A Chinese doctor, who for 20 years closed his mind to the idea of a personal God, was led to take God into partnership with him in his profession because his wife went to a gospel service in Formosa and heard an American evangelist preach a sermon.

Following a Pastors' Conference, one of four held in the Orient by a team of outstanding Christian leaders, a most unusual experience took place. After the team had already enplaned, a Chinese man appeared and asked to be introduced to "the American who spoke at the big meeting last night." He was seated next to Bob Pierce, president of World Vision, Inc., and introduced to him the preacher he desired to meet.

The man gave Dr. Pierce his card. He was, he explained, a medical doctor and the director of the joint American-Chinese Committee that handles relief medicine. He was highly educated and spoke English very well, and a graduate of St. John's University in Shanghai. He had established more than 200 clinics in the rural mountains and 20 hospitals and was on his way to America

on a mission to try to get some major drug house to establish a branch in Formosa. His name was Wong.

After they talked a little bit Dr. Pierce told him, "How wonderful it would be if you would take God as Partner in the work that you are doing. There is so much that you could do which would bless His cause and how much more it would mean to you if you were doing something that was not just helping the bodies of men but the souls of men."

The man said that for 20 years he had closed his mind to the idea of God and that his wife had prayed for him for 22 years but that he had never felt his need of God. However, last night his wife was in the meeting and when she came home she told him all about it. He was very uneasy and had no peace, nothing satisfied him. He had never had time for religion but he promised his wife that, if he could see Dr. Pierce, he would talk to him about religion.

Dr. Pierce asked him if he were willing to consider God's claim on his life. He said he was and Dr. Pierce had him sit on the arm of his seat on the aisle and opened the Bible and explained the plan of salvation. He very eagerly listened. Then Dr. Pierce asked, "Are you willing to pray and ask God to save you?" He said he was and, with every seat taken in that crowded plane, he dropped on his knees in the middle of the aisle and buried his head in Dr. Pierce's lap.

Pierce prayed for him. The plane grew absolutely still as the doctor poured out his heart to God. When they were through praying Dr. Pierce asked him if he were prepared to not only trust Christ as his Saviour but to witness to the world that he was a Christian. The doctor said he was.

The next day Dr. Pierce got a call from Dr. Wong, saying that he was at the airport and was leaving on the next plane for America. He said, "Dr. Pierce, I just want to say to you that I am 47 years old and, in 47 years, this is the happiest day of my life." Pierce asked him if he had wired his wife that he had become a Christian. Dr. Wong said, "Dr. Pierce, I have telephoned my wife in Taipeh twice today. I just had to tell her how wonderful it is."

The team personnel, headed by Pierce, included Dr. V. R. Edman, President of Wheaton College, Dr. Charles T. Cook, former editor of *The Christian*, London, Major Allister Smith, Salvation Army Evangelist at Large from Great Britain, Dr. Richard Halverson and Dr. Edward J. Caldwell of the Presbyterian Church and Dick Ross of Great Commission Films.

From the Pastors' Conference in Formosa the team participated in Pastors' Conferences in Seoul, Korea, Saigon, Indochina and Baguio, Philippines.

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#### India's New Yearbook Lays Down Law for Missionaries

India's new policy restricting foreign missionaries is reiterated in the latest issue of the government *Yearbook*, recently published at New Delhi.

The *Yearbook* states that the issuance of visas to foreign missionaries will be gov-

erned by two considerations: 1) No new missionaries will be permitted to enter India, either as replacements or additional members of missions, unless Indian missionaries are not available to fill the positions. 2) While foreign missionaries already in India will be allowed to carry on their present activity, new missionaries will not be welcome if they plan to devote themselves entirely to the propagation of the gospel. They should, in addition, have suitable qualifications as educators or social workers. (ERA-9/28/55)

#### Evangelical Booksellers Erecting Bible Billboards

During the month of November several hundred colorful billboards will be erected in conspicuous places all over the U. S. and Canada, urging passersby to "Read the Word of God—It's Promises are Sure!"

Sponsored by the Christian Booksellers Association, the signs have been purchased and erected by local Christian bookstore owners. Admittedly the purpose is to increase sales of Bibles, gifts, books and church supplies, but scores of CBA members have "invested" in the attractive billboards because of their testimony to the infallibility of the Holy Bible.

(Last August almost nine hundred CBA members, publishers' representatives and other well-wishers held a four-day convention in Washington, D. C. CBA was established in 1951 and has been credited with solving many trade problems which existed at that time.)

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William A. Ackerman, director of World Home Bible League, is promoting a campaign "to combat the evil of serving liquor on commercial airplanes." He has distributed an article he wrote, "A Tavern In the Sky," to editors of evangelical publications, along with a request that it be given wide publicity. In his article, Ackerman says: "Christians everywhere should rebel against this hideous practice. . . . The atmosphere of the flying tavern is one that no true Christian can conscientiously enjoy. The Civil Aeronautics Administration has done an excellent task in keeping the airlines safe. They are a conscientious group who are determined to make commercial aviation as safe as sitting in your parlor. Christians should write to the Civil Aeronautics Administration at 226 W. Jackson, Chicago, Illinois, and protest the serving of alcoholic beverages on commercial flights. Christians should also check with travel agents and passenger representatives of the airlines and inquire whether or not there will be alcoholic beverages served on the flight they plan to use. . . . The safest way for the Christian to travel today as far as the alcohol problem is concerned is to take Air Tourist, which is cheaper anyway. In event you cannot take Air Tourist because of a busy schedule and alcohol is served on your flight, ask the stewardess for a complaint form. Write it out and send it to the president of the airline in protest."

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