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## Guest Editorial

### Gospel Herald

#### THE OFFICE OR THE WORK?

... If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.—I Tim. 3:1.

PAUL DOES not condemn a man for aspiring to an office, even so important one as that of overseer of the church. The qualifications which he immediately lists show that not everyone, even in the church, is fitted for office. But it is not wrong for one to seek an office for which he is qualified, even to work in order that he may qualify. People who have hoped to become missionaries or ministers of the Gospel have not had a wicked ambition. Would that more people aspired to find a place of usefulness in God's kingdom.

But it is important to note how Paul shifts attention from the office to the work. And some people are more ambitious for an office than they are desirous to do the work of that office. It is position, honor, prestige, power, advantage that they have their eye on, not the task that needs to be done. Perhaps the task involves too much effort, hard work, self-sacrifice, criticism, difficulty, sweat, toil, and tears. They want the job, but are willing to let someone else do the work. Some who achieve office hold on to it long after it is plain that someone else could do it better. We have all seen people brokenhearted because they lost an office. We have seen far too few who have been brokenhearted because they have performed the task inefficiently.

We speak not only of the ministry, although this applies there. But it can apply to any office in the church: deacon, librarian, teacher, treasurer, usher, janitor, president of women's auxiliary, Sunday-school superintendent, song leader, trustee, MYF sponsor, or any other one of the hundreds of callings in the church. No one should want to hold on to a job when he thinks, or when others think, that someone else would fill the place more acceptably. The kind of ambition which is utterly unworthy of a Christian is self-seeking, reaching out after honor and recognition—"lust of station," one of our hymns calls it.

To want to work for the Lord is a good thing. We ought to be unwilling to face our Judge if we have not made our lives count in every possible

way for Him. We should want to witness for Christ, to pioneer in some new exemplification of the Christian walk; to teach the Word, to win men out of sin to salvation in Christ, to make some contribution to the cause of righteousness. If this is what we have in mind, if this is our goal and purpose, then it is good to want to be a teacher, a preacher, a bishop, a writer. This, says Paul, is a "good work."

We have tended to frown on any aspirations for office because our thoughts did not go beyond the office. "He has a preacher's bee in his bonnet," we used to hear it said. If a young man with convictions for the Lord's work went to school to prepare for it, he kept his thoughts strictly to himself.

There was reason for our strictures against ecclesiastical ambition. For there were people who wanted a chair to sit in, rather than a row to hoe; there were those who wanted a place in the procession rather than a secluded, forgotten spot where they could lose themselves ministering to desperate human need. There were people who wanted to skip the cross and receive the crown. A little boy said he would like to be a missionary on furlough. He wanted acclamation and glamor; the monotonous years in heat and discomfort and grueling work he was willing to leave out.

Yes, be ambitious, but for work, not for office.

Paul Erb

## Guest Editorial

### Moody Monthly

#### CONTENT WITH EMPTY HANDS?

We should not be misunderstood if we confess a serious and widespread failure in the Church—the failure not only to reach out and win the lost, but our seeming indifference to this situation.

It is a tragically significant fact that most Bible-honoring churches and most evangelical Christians today not only are not reproducing, but they do not expect to do so!

If you doubt this, ask yourself how many souls have come to Christ in your church during the year just past. Ask how many souls it expects to win this year. And ask yourself whether you expect to win at least one person to Christ before the close of 1956.

We cannot forget several year-end letters from missionaries which speak joyfully of God's increase—not in terms of scores or even dozens saved, but of one's and two's. Some may object that missionaries are full-time workers supported by Christians at home, but again we cannot help but recall the stories we have heard of the volunteer work assumed by many in the field—of Bible classes and visitation and personal work done by doctors, teachers and evangelists . . . long after their assigned duties of the day were over.

We expect our missionaries to win souls in spite of barriers of language and color, race and custom. And they, as God enables, expect to do so, too. They are not ashamed of one's and two's, and they are willing to invest hours of prayer and patient labor for one soul.

Expectancy and work. Work and expectancy. These go well together on foreign soil. Might they not do as well at home?

Or shall we be content with empty hands?

William C. Culbertson

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## Mother

MOTHER—In the word we find  
A language known in every clime.  
In every country "mother love"  
Is understood; and God above  
Will bless the mother heart I'm sure  
No matter whether rich or poor.

No poem penned by human hand  
Can wholly make you understand  
How much I treasure every part  
Of space I'm holding in your heart.  
Your sacrifices have been great,  
Ofttimes you've been disconsolate.

When we, so thoughtless, erringly  
Rebelled from pathways, sparingly  
Laid out for us, with deep concern  
For what was best; our every yearn  
Could not be granted; this you knew,  
But we couldn't see it from that view.

And now I want to recompense  
In part, for your beneficence;  
Only a rose, but in it lies  
A wealth of love in bright disguise,  
The petals have a message gay  
To make you glad this Mother's Day.

### My Mother

*J. F. Cuthriell*

There is a loved one, far away,  
Who taught my heart, first, how to  
pray;  
Who sent me off with blessings rare  
My weal and woe to ever share.  
She is my Mother.

There is a cherished hope that lies  
Beyond the tears that dim her eyes,  
That some day soon, I'll find a way  
To come back home, always to stay  
With Mother.

As life is ebbing fast away,  
And she grows weaker day by day,  
I long to take her hand in mine,  
To kiss her cheek, and, somehow  
find  
Sweet words to say to Mother.

I can't forget there'll come a day,  
When friends will lay her form  
away,  
And hidden under flowers rare—  
'Twill be too late that day, to care  
For Mother.

I'll take the time and write today—  
'Twill cheer her on her lonely  
way—

I'll assure her that I love her still,  
For she loves me, and always will,  
My Mother.

—*Gospel Herald*



## Hannah and the Children

"The Master has come over Jordan," said Hannah, the mother, one day,  
"He is healing the people who throng Him, with a touch of His finger, they  
say,  
And now I shall carry the children—little Rachel and Samuel, and John;  
I shall carry the baby, Esther, for the Lord to look upon."

The father looked at her kindly, but he shook his head and smiled;  
"Now who but a doting mother would think of a thing so wild?  
If the children were tortured by demons, or dying of fever, 'twere well;  
Or had they the taint of a leper, like many in Israel."

"Nay, do not hinder me, Nathan; I feel such a burden of care;  
If I carry it to the Master, perhaps I shall leave it there.  
If He lays His hand on the children, my heart will be lighter, I know,  
For a blessing for ever and ever will follow them as they go."

So over the hills to Judah, along the vine-rows green,  
With Esther asleep on her bosom, and Rachel her brother between;  
'Mong the people who hung on His teaching, or waited His touch and His  
word,  
Through the row of proud Pharisees listening, she pressed to the feet of the  
Lord.

"Now why shouldest thou hinder the Master," said Peter, "with children  
like these?  
Seest not how, from morning till evening, He teacheth, and healeth  
disease?"

Then Christ said, "Forbid not the children—permit them to come unto me."  
And He took in His arms little Esther, and Rachel He set on His knee.

And the heavy heart of the mother was lifted all earth-care above,  
As He laid His hands on the brothers, and blessed them with tenderest love.  
And He said of the babes in His bosom, "Of such is the kingdom of heaven,"  
And new strength for duty and trial, that hour to Hannah was given.

—*Selected*



# My PASTOR Does Not VISIT

**M**Y CHILDREN are missing the visits by their pastor that I enjoyed as a child. My whole family is missing these visits.

There are five of us in the family; Patsy 10, Larry 3, and Robbie 2. We are an army family, but wherever we are located, unless overseas, we join the local church of our choice and participate in all of its activities. Prior to our present assignment overseas we were living in one of the largest Southern cities.

The visits of the pastor in my childhood had always been looked forward to by all of the family, including the children. The pastor called at each home in the parish not less than once each month. In some cases it was more often. Where there was sickness or sorrow you would find the pastor. If there was a new baby or a newly wed the pastor was there. How he managed to get to all of these places I'll never know. The Spirit of God certainly sustained this man.

There were seven boys and two girls in our family and when the pastor would call he would always have time for the children before leaving. Before going he would always call for the family Bible and read an appropriate verse or two. Then his prayers. With his hands on one of the children's head he would literally pray Heaven down into the parlor (now the living room). I can still remember, as a five-year-old boy, with his hands on my head he prayed, "Lord, don't let this boy ever bring shame on his mother. I know You won't." Believe it or not, that simple prayer has been the deciding factor when I would do wrong.

But now! My pastor does not visit. Don't get me wrong. We love our church and the pastor. Maybe visiting is just out of date. When my family and I returned from overseas we visited one of the local churches and in a few weeks we joined. We offered our services for the Sunday School and soon we were teaching Junior boys and girls. One week, two weeks, then a month and the pastor had not called. Six months went by and still no visit from the pastor. Others called, but not the pastor. It

was not until Patsy became interested in joining the church did he come to visit us. She had discussed the matter with me and I felt that she knew Jesus as her Saviour, but I wanted her to talk to her pastor.



When he came he only stayed about fifteen minutes with us. No Bible reading, no prayer, but just a few questions of Patsy. When he left I prayed, "Oh! God why can't he be like the pastors I knew when I was a boy?"

About three weeks later my youngest son was burned and had to go to the hospital for a few days. "Surely," I said, "he'll be there." My son left the hospital and without the pastor visiting him there. He made one visit after he was home, but there was no Bible reading and no prayer for the recovery of my son. His remark when he left was, "We are praying for him."

This was too much for us. We are not "church jumpers" but after prayerful consideration we decided to unite with another church in another section of the city.

Two weeks after we had united with this church the assistant pastor came by for a short visit and to see if we were interested in working in the Sunday School. No Bible reading and no prayers. Nevertheless my wife and I were thrilled as we felt the pastor would be by in a few weeks. A year and a half passed and we are now back overseas again. The pastor never did call.

Are these two isolated instances? Maybe? Before leaving for my present overseas assignment I asked

about the visiting of their pastors. One said that he had been a member of his church for four years and the pastor had called once. One had been a member of his church for one year and the pastor had not called. One had been a member for one year and the pastor had called twice. Another had been a member of his church five years and the pastor had called twice.

Why does this exist? Are the churches too large? Are there too many members for the pastors to get around to see? I wish I could bring myself to believe that that was the real reason. Of the first church I was a member of after returning from overseas there were 500 members with 300 families. The second church had 800 members and 500 families. The other churches that I enquired about had about the same number of members. Then my mind went back to my childhood where my pastor had 150 families. When he came he always read from God's Word. It has had its effect upon me.

Maybe it is the modern age and regular visitation is out of date for the pastor.

There is one thing I am sure of. My family is missing something in their church life: The visits of their pastor. What will I do about it? When the moon is full, and all the stars are out I will go out into the yard and look up into the heavens and thank God for the Lord Jesus Christ and ask Him to forgive me for my thoughts of my pastor. Then I'll pray, "Lord, do help my pastor to find the time to visit." Maybe I'll write some Bible Schools and seminaries and suggest that they stress "old-time" pastoral visitation. Maybe I'll send this article to some magazine just to get it off my chest. What would you do?

Whatever I do, there is one thing for sure, I'll continue to love the Church, for Christ gave His life for it, and I'll continue to love my pastor as he leads the Church, the vehicle through which the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ is to be made known to a world that needs it.

—Anonymous

*Evangelical Visitor*



## Practical advice

to husbands and wives



# After the Children Have GONE

Oswald J. Smith

**M**ANY OLDER MARRIED couples today are unhappy. Quite a number have come to me as a minister to ask advice. Very few seem to be perfectly satisfied.

I believe that the most perfect relationship in life is the one of husband and wife. God Himself ordained it so—one woman for one man and one man for one woman. Children become the expression of that relationship. Love is the bond that unites the members into a happy family.

After the children have left home, love is still the bond that unites husband and wife. If there is love, then happiness is found even in poverty and adversity. Without love there is no happiness even in riches and prosperity.

When you are fifty, you need your husband or wife more than ever before. When you are sixty, you will need your companion still more. When you are sixty-five your mate will be indispensable. Don't let love die. Don't grow cold just when he or she needs you most. Do all you can to meet each other's needs.

Don't take old age for granted and use it as an excuse for losing interest and becoming indifferent. Read carefully Paul's admonition in I Corinthians 7:1-5. Read it several times, using different translations if possible. Notice especially verse 5: "Defraud ye not one the other [of normal, marital relations] except it be with consent for a time, that ye may [both] give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for incontinency."

Don't overlook this scripture. It may be the solution to your problems. God says that your body is not your own. Did you think it was? Have you withheld it when you should have given it? Husband and wife are one.

The body of the wife belongs to the husband, and the body of the husband belongs to the wife, so both have privileges that neither has the right to deny.

You say you are too busy, too weary, too old. Too tired for love? Too busy to express affection? Too old to yield yourself to the one who loves to hold you in his arms? Too cold to appreciate the touch of your lover's hand and to express a little of the affection that is in your heart?

The woman is indispensable to the man. He cannot get along without her. There may be a few so-called "career" women who can get along without a man, but there is no man who can get along and be his best without a woman. It is the woman who inspires, encourages, comforts, and satisfies. The wife helps him accomplish things. She holds the key to his happiness.

Wife, you married him "for better or for worse." Accept your husband for what he is. Don't expect to change him—let God do that. Don't keep nagging him about his faults. Complaining, criticizing, and finding fault will only drive him from you. Instead, be glad that he loves you and

has provided a home for you. Be content with what you have. Go to your husband often to express your affection. Make love to him, even if he is old. Be so indispensable that he will never think of anyone else.

Old age can be happy. Married life can be a heaven on earth—if both will play the game. This game takes two to win, and it can be won only when it is played together, for it is the game of life.

Take time to have communion and fellowship together. Enjoy each other's company. God will solve your problems as you pray and live together. The twilight years can be the best. Now that the children have left, you should be all in all to each other.

*"As through the land at eve we went,  
And plucked the ripened ears,  
We two fell out, my wife and I,  
Oh, we fell out, I know not why,  
And kissed again with tears.  
And blessings on the falling out  
That all the more endears,  
When we fall out with those we love  
And kiss again with tears."*

—Tennyson  
—The Pentecostal Evangel



Each day new needs and new opportunities—along the paths, in the gardens, at the beer drinks and in the villages—

## A Challenge to Action!

Mary H. Brenaman

"DID YOU SEE that very old woman at church today with a long coat badly torn and her face almost covered with a piece of cloth? She is the one who had a beer drink at her village last Sunday when we were visiting villages. We invited her to the services. She said that beer is her food and she would never be able to leave drinking."

Yes, we had seen her and were greatly impressed by the hard but sad expression of her face. Sometime later when we were at her village she repented, found power to leave drinking, and now faithfully comes to services except when she is ill. What a great change has come in her expression! *A challenge to go and find those who had never sought the Lord!*

"Did anything special happen today?" "Yes, Mfundisi Dlodlo's mother repented." Many times before this, groups had gone to that village from the school to give the Gospel Story and it seemed in vain until this Sunday when she prayed for forgiveness. She had never sought the Lord before. A few months after that and before she passed away she gave a testimony that she was not afraid to die. *A challenge to continue visiting needy souls even though they appear indifferent!*

"Can we go to visit at Ndlovu's village? I want you to talk with his mother-in-law. She has never repented." We went and, though others had sowed the seed by talking to her before, we were there that day when she came to know God as her Saviour. *Another challenge to be persistent in seeking the lost.*

"Can you tell me where the garden is for this village?"

We took a foot path leading between thorns, climbed over a fence, up rocks as stepping stones, through a field of tall corn, up some more rocks and there we found the woman of the village and some small children. As we spoke to her about the Lord and explained the Way of Salvation she said that she was willing to accept the Lord right then. So,

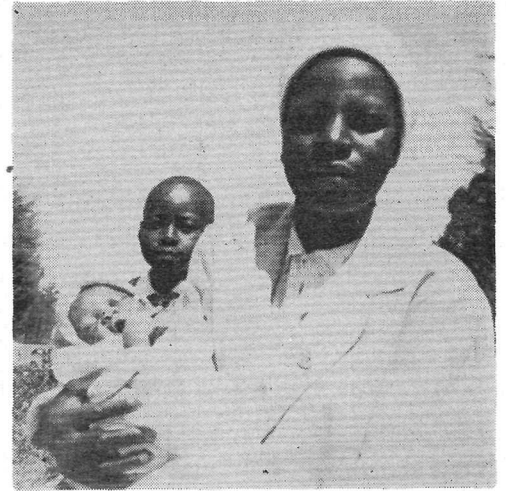
kneeling on the hard rocks she followed us in prayer and came to the Lord for the first time in her life. *A challenge to explain the Word of God and lead souls to a decision to accept Christ as their Saviour.*

"Will it help anything for me to pray for my husband who is going farther away from the Lord? I have become discouraged and stopped going to Church." As we spoke on John 15:1-7 her face brightened and she said, "I see how foolish I have been. I want to come back to the Lord and attend services." *A challenge to encourage those whom Satan is seeking to overthrow!*

"Won't you go with me to visit my sister and her husband who have backslid?" We went and found only the husband at home. He was sick and as we spoke together he said that he was tired of his sinful ways and as we went to prayer he asked God to take out his bad heart and give him a new one. The next week we went again and found his wife at home. He told her to come back to the Lord also that they could again have a Christian home. She prayed and we believe that God took her back. *A challenge to seek after the backslider!*

"Do you remember the blue tract which you gave me last week, Nkosazana, when I was passing by the village where you were having prayer? I told you I had dreamed that someone gave me a blue tract and then you did. Now I have dreamed that Nkosazana was going to speak to me and here you are. I feel that God is talking to me." That day as we visited in their village both he and his wife prayed for God to come into their hearts. He was not able to come to the services, but his wife came and was happy that she had found the Lord. *A challenge to give tracts to more and follow this up by visiting!*

"Won't you pray for me that I shall be able to give up drinking and smoking and come back to the Lord? I believe that if you pray God will really



Alice Ncube Moyo and child. Daughter of earnest and exemplary Christian parents, and now a teacher, wife, and mother, her training as a teacher at Matopo is being put to consecrated use in an African community.

deliver me." This was said by a young man whom we met along the road. He had gone very far away from the Lord while working in town. He believes that God answers our prayers. *A challenge to give more time in intercessory prayer for the lost!*

The need is great among the young and the old, with the discouraged, the backslider, the cold, the indifferent and the heathen. *There is a HARVEST* from the distribution of tracts, explanation of the Word of God, and from interceding prayers for the lost. We realize that the Word of God has been sown down through the years by our faithful missionaries and today we are privileged to harvest some of the ungarnered sheaves as well as to strengthen believers. There was a time when almost all of the old people would say that Christianity is for the young people and that they are too old to repent. *Today a number of older people are coming to the Lord.* Today is the time to bring souls to God. A challenge comes to you as you hear of this work. A challenge to what? To act immediately! *Let God tell you what your part is in the harvest of souls.*

(Sister Brenaman has been appointed to full-time visitation work—after three terms of fruitful work in African classrooms. Her proposed calendar for village visitation during April, May, June, and July to various points in the Matopo, Mtshabezi, and Wan-ezi Districts shows a full schedule. She is well known to church members and to many others throughout the area through contacts made during her years as headmistress of Mtshabezi Girls' School and then, later, as in charge of Teacher Training at Matopo Mission. She will be very welcome wherever she goes, and we know that by the grace of God she will be a means of blessing to many. Pray for her! M. C. K.)



## Village Visitation

A fascinating and challenging part of the Mission program. There are several types: camping out in an area for a week or ten days, going out for an all-day trek and stopping to preach at several villages, or visiting for a few hours on an afternoon.

Whether we go for a few hours or several days the people are always grateful for our visit, which usually ends with the people saying, "You haven't stayed long enough," and the missionary saying, "Why don't we do this more often? There is such a great need for evangelistic work in the villages."

At Macha this past year, all of us have had a challenge to do more village visitation. We are trying to concentrate on village visitation, and it is when we really get out and do it that we see the great need before us.

We have carried on all three types of visiting which were mentioned above. During a six-day period in June two groups went to two different villages. During the day we went out from our camp center and had services in the villages. In these services several people stayed for prayer; many raised their hands for prayer. In the evenings we had services either at the camp site or at a nearby village around a small fire. Many souls sought God.

Also, small groups went out on Sundays. This was not only to preach the word of God but to "catch" those who were not in Sunday School who should have been. We left after the opening of Sunday School so as not to keep the people from attending Sunday School and church. Sometimes on the path we met people who were on their way to church. They enquired where we were going. We told them and if we happened to be going to their village they said, "If we would have known you were coming to our village we would have stayed home." We assured them that it was those people who were still at home to whom we wanted to preach.

The teachers in training who are accompanied by one of the missionaries on these trips, are not afraid to witness for the Lord. One old "Granny" tried to tell one of the student teachers that the gospel was only for those who go to school. The student quickly told her it was for all—educated or uneducated, rich or poor, young or old. But she could



Pauline Frey

not get "Granny" convinced to stay in the village for the service.

And then we have those times of visiting when we go to the village for just an afternoon. We sometimes take groups of students and give a service or just a couple of missionaries go and have prayer in the village. On these short visits we often go to visit the church members who need encouragement or to visit the sick and aged. This is a great time of blessing for all.

Our sole aim in any type of village visitation is to tell others about our living Saviour—"a friend who sticketh closer than a brother, who heals our diseases, who saves us from sin."

May the church of Christ continue to pray that His workers strive hard in sowing the seed and bringing in the harvest.

Pauline Frey

## The Work Goes On at Madhipura

**Good Friday.** Our Pastor spoke to a church full of Christians, Hindu patients and servants this morning. Our servants have been showing much more interest recently in coming to church and in Christian fellowship. At least two of our Hindu servants are seriously considering leaving their old ways and becoming Christians. But they have a big price to pay, and they will not do it quickly. So we continue to pray for them. Will you please pray for Palat and his brother, and also for Ganesh?

We have eight patients staying here at the moment. Ever since Dr. Paulus erected a temporary, five single-roomed, bamboo building, we have been full—and overflowing many times. There are three Santals here from over in the Banmankhi District. The one little girl is the grandchild of a village chief who has been very anti-Christian—to the extent that two new Christians from that village have been in real danger for their lives. At our last Women's Retreat I heard these new Christians weep and pray for courage and strength to live in that village. And now we have the Chief's little grandchild as a patient! The little girl has T.B. of the spine we are afraid; we will be certain after x-ray. Two days after she, her mother, and uncle arrived, who should come but Magdalene, the new Chris-



Mary Jane Shoalts

tian who had been persecuted so much. Magdalene is a sparkling Christian and is already witnessing to them, only under different circumstances now. It seems that the Lord has His hand on this heathen family and village. They will be won for the Lord, we have faith to believe. Help us pray for the little girl, her name is Barikie, also for her mother and uncle and for the whole village back home.

We treat many Kala Zaar patients. Kala Zaar is endemic in Bihar. It is characterized by irregular fever of long duration, chronicity, enlargement of the spleen and often of the liver, emaciation, anemia and leukopenia. With Stibatin, an antimony preparation, given intravenously every other day for about two months, they make a remarkable recovery.

Yesterday the logs arrived by rail car from Jogbani, up on the Nepal border. Thank the Lord they have at last arrived! Now our Ladies' House can be roofed and we can have needed cupboards made for the hospital.

May 15, Esther, Ruth Book and I plan to take our vacation in Darjeeling. That is from May 15 to June 30. Ruth has rented an apartment at a very reasonable rate and we will do our cooking and have lots of free time for hikes into the mountains. This is the first time I can take a vacation without studying Hindi. Ruth wants to sew. I must do lots of writing letters. Esther says she will take her pressure cooker along; maybe she will be the chief cook!

Mary Jane Shoalts

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for Bro. and Sr. Fred Holland	10.33
Markham Congregation	103.00
Bertie Congregation	1,281.79
Wainfleet Congregation for Mary Jane Shoalts	105.00
Howick Congregation	32.50
Sherkston Congregation	30.00
Toronto Mission Congregation	31.81
Cheapside Congregation	98.61
Sunbeam S. S.	50.00
Sunbeam S. S. for Mary Jane Shoalts	5.00
Frogmore Congregation	65.00
Wainfleet Congregation	87.65
Vaughan Congregation	30.00
Clearview Mission Band—Africa	
Specials	42.50
N.R.R. Organization for India Dearness Allowance	650.00
E. A. Ditson, Bequest	200.00
Personal Contributions	595.00
Sunbeam S. S. for Lewis Siders	5.00

Disbursements	
Cabled to India	\$ 1,302.79
To Africa	1,597.83
G. C. Sheffer, Treas.	

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## Special Prayer Request for the New York City Mission Project

*The following interesting report was presented by the pastor at the request of his overseer, Bishop Henry A. Ginder. We submit it for publication with a challenge to pray for the completion of this project and for you to give what help you may feel led to give. Pray for the continued growth of this encouraging work.*

*Signed, Albert H. Engle  
Executive Secretary*

## New Developments At Llewellyn, Penna.

Rev. Cyrus E. Landis, Pastor

**D**UE TO THE increase in attendance of our Sunday School, there was a definite need for a larger chapel for *Llewellyn Mission* or some other means of expansion.

On January 7, 1955, our Pastor met with Bishop Ginder to discuss our need and start plans for the future.

February 13, 1955, the date of last year's Council, we elected a Board of Trustees and discussed the situation fully. One suggestion was to dig out under our present building and place Sunday School rooms in the basement. Since we were unable to purchase the land where the chapel was located it was then decided to purchase a plot of land from the School Board and then move our Chapel onto a foundation on the new location, (about 200 feet from the original site) thus we would have additional room for Sunday School Classes in the basement.

At a later date the Trustees met and decided on a bid of \$185 for the plot of ground on top of the hill where the Llewellyn flag pole is located. Our bid was accepted.

May 20 we received the deed for our Chapel which we purchased from the Lutheran Congregation for \$100. The deed is written to the Trustees of the Brethren in Christ Church, Llewellyn Mission District.

The next step was leveling off the hill and digging out for the foundation. January 16 a carload of men

from Lancaster Co. arrived to help start to move the Chapel to the new location.

After starting, the men encountered several large difficulties which they hadn't anticipated, and finally realizing the task was bigger than we expected, an engineer from a Pottsville Construction Co. was called in. He was a very nice man and worked with the men as a foreman until the moving was finished.

The men worked 13 days at the actual moving with a carload of men from Lancaster Co. helping almost every day. We can't put our appreciation into words for this act of kindness. We know they made sacrifices in order to do this and we are so thankful to them for without them we couldn't have done it. We also are grateful for the help Bro. Paul Buckwalter gave as he came up from Stowe and did quite a bit of the moving with his equipment.

We are very thankful to God for the protection he gave these men as they labored most of the time under dangerous circumstances. They also worked in rather unpleasant weather conditions part of the time, but thank God there was not one man injured and the Chapel is now on the new location with no damage to the building.

There is still much to be done, and quite a large deficit to meet but trusting in God, we know that all things are possible.

**I**N A LETTER dated April 10 and sent to the members of the Home Mission Board, the chairman and secretary sought advice concerning setting a time limit relative to our negotiations for the building which we are endeavoring to buy in Manhattan. We also requested special prayer relative to a contact planned for April 20.

This contact in New York resulted in a most understanding conference with the head of the Japanese Methodist Church in the city. We are convinced that they are sincerely interested in giving us possession of the property.

We were also made to understand the very serious problems involved in bringing about a proper agreement within the Japanese Church concerning a purchase which they must make in order to give us possession of this building. It was explained that to force a decision at this point would divide their church and it was emphasized that they *must* avoid that.

It is a problem which might normally take considerable time, but which can be solved quickly if God so wills in answer to the prayers of His believing children. Brother Ginder and the writer are assured that our realtor is making a special effort to serve our interests, and that the leaders of the Japanese Church are sincerely desirous that this building shall be used by our church as a base for Gospel Work. We recognize that our most dependable recourse is prayer.

Our convictions are again renewed that this building is God's choice for us. We agree in urging the church to definitely pray that God will sovereignly effect the miracle that is necessary to give us possession in His own time.

Your servant in Christ,  
Albert H. Engle,  
Executive Secretary

### Just

one member of the entire MCC family succeeded in getting into Memorial Hall to hear Evangelist Billy Graham. Even though the hall was the largest public hall in Tokyo, the 15,000 seats were taken by five o'clock for the seven o'clock service. It is said the crowd outside equalled that of the one inside.



# Historical Sketch of Philadelphia Mission Church

IN THE YEAR 1892 God spoke to and saved a man by the name of Peter Stover, whom God willed to be the founder of the Brethren in Christ Mission Church in Philadelphia. Realizing from what depths of sin he had been delivered and also realizing that his friends and neighbors needed God, Brother Stover felt strangely burdened to give the Gospel to his community. To accomplish this Brother Stover made a visit to Bishop Joseph Detweiler of the Bucks-Montgomery District, and told him the burden that rested on his heart for the people of his community. Soon after that Bishop Detweiler and Brother Fred Bowers came to Philadelphia and held the first prayer meeting conducted by the Brethren in Christ. It wasn't long before the people showed much interest in these prayer meetings. It was a common thing to have the homes filled where the prayer meetings were held. To take care of the overflow crowds, benches were made and carried from house to house.

In the early part of 1897 Bro. Stover rented a small house located at 3516 North Second Street and from this house a Sunday School was organized. Also from this house the first Sunday Evening services were started. With the coming of the "plain people" to these services from neighboring districts, the curiosity of the people was aroused and soon this little house became too small to hold the people. It was then decided to build a church or purchase a suitable building and convert it into a place of worship. During that same year the property located at 3423 North Second Street was purchased for \$2300.00 and remodeled for an additional \$2350.00. Funds were raised by a general solicitation throughout the Brethren in Christ Church at large. The usual missionary spirit, which produces generous giving, so typical of the Brethren in Christ, soon caused this indebtedness to be met and paid off.

That same year the Mission was formally organized with three resident members, Brother Peter Stover and Brother and Sister S. G. Engle, under the supervision of Bishop Joseph Detweiler of Souderton,

Penna. From then on the membership grew, first slowly and then more rapidly until by 1904 a membership of 40 was realized and by 1910 they had a membership of 80. The Sunday School had a correspondent growth and reached the 200 mark after a few years.

Up to this time the Mission was operated outside the jurisdiction of the General Home Mission Board of the Brethren in Christ Church. By the year 1909 conditions developed which made it necessary for the Mission to call in workers from the  
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The Uniontown Bible School group who studied together in July with an average attendance of 80!

## GOOD YEAR for TIRELESS Church

THE YOUNG church is growing! Sunday School attendance at Uniontown, Ohio averaged 82 during 1955—an increase of 19 over the previous year.

This mission pastorate represents a community that is willing to work. Since 1952 a church and parsonage have been built very largely with the efforts of a local constituency. Church membership has already reached 34. Children represent a major asset of the congregation as the accompanying picture indicates. In 1955 Bible School had an average attendance of 80. Sr. Erma Hoke of the Detroit Mission shared in this effort. An offering of \$41 was sent to the mission work in Cuba.

The Goodyear Tire and Tube Co. furnished paint to change the

church's exterior from pink to gray. A number of other improvements were made during the year. Present indebtedness stands at \$6552. The "working congregation" works and prays to reduce the debt and make other needed improvements.

Monthly missionary meetings are a highpoint in the program schedule of the church. Missionary outlook serves to stimulate the group to their task in helping to fulfill the Great Commission.

Pastor Walter Lehman sees much for which to praise the Lord. The doors are open for further growth. At Uniontown they are praying for a fresh revival to unite their efforts. The Lord has given this congregation a large task for the advancement of the kingdom.

## The Spirit That Defies Brainwashing

Rev. Oliver Hsu is a devout Chinese evangelist, now in the United States. He spent two years under the Communist regime. Four times they tried to "brainwash" him, but finally gave up with the pronouncement, "We cannot do anything with a fellow like you." In a prayer letter which he sends to his friends he reveals the inner heart attitude that enabled him to withstand the terrific outer pressure to "purify" his thinking of things sacred and Christ-like. He says:

"On February 2nd, it was our privilege to eat breakfast with President Eisenhower and he gave a very good talk. During that hour I remembered that a few years ago, when I was in China, one evening I visited a poor Christian beggar who lived in a poor hut. He was a very warm Christian and asked me to stay for supper. In the beginning I thought, how can I eat with a beggar?

"At home I had a good supper waiting for me, but the Lord showed me that I must be humble and charitable to accept this beggar's offering. After the meal with him I was joyful because I had learned something from the Lord. So I think that to eat in palaces with kings is easy, but it is much harder to eat with a beggar. But the Lord tells us that we must deny ourselves and take the cross to follow Him, so that a real Christian leader, to follow the way of Christ, must humble and deny himself, to help the poor and needy.

"I would like very much to give you a chorus written by Christiana Tsai, because it helped me so much: (Christiana Tsai is an invalid, a devout Chinese Christian who lives at Paradise, Pa.)

*'Saviour make me always humble  
Not for honor, not for fame;  
Saviour fill me, empty vessel,  
Full of praise to Thy name;  
Never let me hide Thy glory,  
Idle words Thy truth conceal.  
Save me from all pride before Thee,  
Worthy Lamb, I humbly kneel.'*

You remember Stephen—he could not be brainwashed either. When "... they gnashed on him with their teeth ... he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, and said, Behold I see the heavens

opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God."

When "they stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord, and cast him out of the city and stoned him . . ." he did not change his mind. He simply said, "Lord Jesus receive my spirit. And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this he fell asleep," in sweetest peace of mind, exchanging time for eternity, mortality for immortality.

Who would want to change his mind with prospects such as that in view? That kind of spirit is necessary to share that kind of experience triumphantly.

—C.R.H.

## A Preacher and Folded Legs

Samuel Johnson didn't intend to, but he did pay a high compliment to John Wesley, when he said: "His conversation is good, but he is never at leisure. He always has to go at a certain hour. That is very disagreeable to a man who loves to fold his legs and have his talk out as I do." Wesley's legs were "unfolded" most of his ninety years. He had felt his Master's passion for souls, and sought to save the lost. May his tribe increase.

—C.R.H.

## The Preacher Who Wouldn't Do

A CHURCH was in need of a pastor. One of the elders was interested in knowing just what kind of minister they desired. He therefore wrote a letter, as if he had received it from an applicant. He read this letter before the pulpit committee.

"Gentlemen:

"Understanding that your pulpit is vacant, I should like to apply for the position. I have many qualifications that I think you would appreciate. I have been blessed to preach with power and have had some success as a writer. Some say that I am a good organizer. I have been a leader in most places I have gone.

"Some folks, however, have some things against me. I am over fifty years of age. I have never preached in one place for more than three years at a time. In some places I have left town, after my work caused riots and disturbances. I have to admit that I have been in jail three or four times, but not because of any real wrongdoing. My health is not too good, though I still get a good deal done.

I have had to work at my trade to help pay my way. The churches I have preached in have been small, though located in several large cities.

"I have not gotten along too well with the religious leaders in different towns where I have preached. In fact, some of them have threatened me, taken me to court and even attacked me physically.

"I am not too good at keeping records. I have even been known to forget whom I baptized. However, if you can use me, I shall do my best for you, even if I have to work to help with my support."

The elder read this letter to the committee and asked them if they were interested in the applicant. They replied that he would never do for their church. They were not interested in any unhealthy, contentious, trouble-making, absent-minded, ex-jail-bird; in fact, they felt insulted that his application had even been presented.

The committee asked the name of the applicant, whereupon the elder answered, "The Apostle Paul."

—The Gospel Truth, C.R.H.

## Admission To Heaven

And what will you do when the shadows deepen around you, and the last few grains of sand are running through the hourglass of your life, and you are up close to the Great Divine?

What will you do when you stand in the bright piercing light of the throne of God, and the books are opened?

As if in a dream, I have looked through the gates of heaven; I stood by the side of the angel who was there to guard the way. I saw the rich man try to get in; but the angel said, "Gold is so common here we pave the streets with it; you haven't enough to buy even a glimpse into the celestial city."

A moral man came, and told the angel who he was; he talked of the good works he had done, and the upright life he had lived. But the angel said, "It is not of works, lest any man should boast."

Another came, who talked much of his good name, but shaking his head, the angel said, "There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Only Jesus saves.

I saw one come, upon whose face was a sweet smile and who said, "Nothing in my hands I bring; simply to the cross I cling." And to him the angel opened the gate, and he entered heaven!

—Moody Church News



# Denominational Broadcast in Production

The Radio Staff on the West Coast have started on the actual production of program tapes for the Denominational Broadcast. Be sure to see the June 18 issue of *Evangelical Visitor* for a full page of pictures and information of the forthcoming radio program.



Music Director Royce Saltzman (left) and Radio Pastor Owen Alderfer (right) look on as Production Manager David Carlson outlines a few details on the radio script being used for the denominational broadcast tape. The microphone and earphones are a part of the excellent equipment made possible through this year's Christ's Crusaders' project.

## Stewardship of RADIO TIME

*George L. Hunt\**

ALMOST every pastor at some time or other comes into contact with his local radio station and is called upon to use his talent in connection with radio time.

Radio lives by the clock, it works by hours, minutes and groups of minutes. Programs are usually developed on the basis of 15 minute segments of an hour, and people trust American radio so much that they set their watches by the program changes.

What radio does with its time is a question that should concern every thoughtful American Christian. If we could teach the principles of Christian stewardship to station owners,

managers, and program directors, the effect would be profound. But my concern is that we pastors apply the principles of Christian stewardship to our radio relationships.

In most cases radio time is given to us free of charge. The stations prefer, in handling religious radio, to give rather than sell the time. The reason for their policy goes back to the principle that they can exercise greater control over time they give than time they sell. Commercial religious programs, particularly on small struggling stations, get away with murder because the owners of the stations need the money and are afraid to question the sponsor's taste. But free time can be dropped at a moment's notice if it fails to live up to the standards of the station.

How can we best discharge a stewardship of radio time? Out of two and a half years experience as a Council of Churches radio chairman I submit these recommendations:

1. Accept your opportunity with a keen sense of responsibility and with the assumption that the man who asked you to speak on the radio believes you are qualified. No pastor among us has a right to feel that radio is an extra job that we can ignore. Through radio most of us will reach more people in a single day than we reach in years of pulpit preaching.

2. Realize that radio talks come under a specialized field. A three-point sermon can hardly be condensed into a six-minute talk. Radio messages should be especially written or adapted to that use.

3. Do not aim your devotional talks only at the aged, sick and infirm. They are probably a minority (though a very appreciative one) of your radio congregation. There are housewives pausing at their chores, men just getting ready for work, people who seldom see the inside of a

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## Dedication Services

### Brethren in Christ Church

3419 North Second St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Wm. Rosenberry, Pastor

- May 9, Youth Night  
 Guest Speaker—Bishop Luke L. Keefer
- May 10, Interracial Night  
 Featuring, Rev. Ulus Jordan and his colored choir.
- May 11, Community Night  
 Guest speaker, Rev. Joel Carlson
- May 12 afternoon and evening—Lovefeast Services
- May 13, Dedication Day  
 Speakers:  
 Miss Mary Sentz  
 Rev. Albert Engle  
 Bishop C. N. Hostetter, Jr.  
 Bishop Henry Ginder  
 Rev. John L. Rosenberry

### Upland, California

"Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised" Psa. 145:3. With the Psalmist we magnify the Lord for another New Year and its opportunities.

We have been blessed with several new church members during the winter months. A number of Sunday School scholars were baptized and other members came to us through letters of transfer. For all these we give thanks to God and trust each will be a blessing to the other.

Feb. 1-5 was our Bible Conference period. These services were each evening and Sunday and were all largely attended. Special music was featured by Dr. Garner, noted negro tenor, and especially our own church music director, Royce Saltzman, provided excellent congregational singing and varied special music numbers throughout the conference. This fine music added greatly to the atmosphere of the Spirit's presence. Rev. Owen Alderfer, Rev. Warren Sherman, and Rev. J. Wilmer Heisey were our Conference speakers. God used these men and their message. Thank God.

Bro. and Sister Elwood Hershey and Bishop H. N. Hostetter were here March 11 for a Missionary Day's program. We were challenged anew when Bro. Hershey told of God's dealing with the native Christians—how they who so recently were heathen are now burning with zeal to reach for God the hearts of their own people. Bro. Hostetter traced the development of our mission work, contrasting the beginning and now.

Something special also can be said for the services each Sunday morning during the Lenten Season. Our Pastor, Rev. Burkholder, has stressed that a personal examination for each heart is important and necessary for every Christian. During these messages on personal Christianity God has been dealing with hearts. A number of hands were raised for Prayer and many received help in their homes. We rejoice to hear testimonies of victory. During Easter Week we had Feet Washing Service and on Sunday morning a very precious Communion Service, with nearly 400 Communicants. Special music was also featured during Easter and Sunday evening was climaxed by a combined chorus, the Motet Choir of Upland College and the Church Choir. Bro. Saltzman directed this fine choir which filled the air with gladness and song.

We are planning revival services April 22-29. Rev. Owen Alderfer will be speaking. Pray that God also will speak and that people will be willing to respond to God's call.

—D. N.

### Niagara Christian College, Fort Erie, Ontario

After fifteen years of faithful service at Niagara Christian College Miss Dorothy Sherk, B.A. will relinquish her position as principal and teacher at the close of the school year in May. Miss Sherk has served the church in the field of higher education with great credit.

Mr. E. Morris Sider, M. A. will be assuming the duties of principal at Niagara Christian College when the new school year opens, September 1956.

Mr. Sider completed his Grade XIII work at Niagara Christian College. He earned his B.A. and Th.B. degrees at Upland College, Upland, California. Mr. Sider completed the required work and was awarded the M.A. degree at the University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario in 1955. He joined the faculty of Niagara Christian College this year.

The faculty homes project is much in our minds these days. A general plan of the faculty homes area and camp meeting cabin sites has been prepared by the landscape architect for approval by the Board of Trustees.

The plan for the first house is receiving its final touches.

Logs from the woodland on the campus will provide some of the material needed for the house.

Bishop H. H. Brubaker, President  
 Niagara Christian College

### Palmyra Church News

On Jan. 1, following the morning lesson, the children remained in the sanctuary for a unified worship service with the pastor telling an interesting story. Christ's Crusaders program in the evening used the theme "Starting the New Year Right"—Rev. Engle preached the evening message.

Jan. 11, the Women's Missionary Prayer Circle had charge of the mid-week service. The congregation divided into three groups to pray for the needs of the mission field and for our own revival which begins in March.

Jan. 15, the message by the pastor on the theme "Preparation for Revival" challenged those who are already Christians in their duty "To God and Others."

The Gospel Team from Grantham gave the program for the Jan. 15 evening with Bro. Glen Ginder bringing the evening message.

Congregational Council convened in the church Tuesday evening Jan. 17, with Bishop Books in charge.

Jan. 29 Bishop Books spoke on the subject "Mental Health" and the offering was given for Brooklane Farm. Preceding the message, Sister Esther Engle gave an illustrated temperance talk to the children. "How Well Do You Know Your Bible?" was the theme of Christ's Crusaders. Rev. Oscar Raser, an uncle of the pastor's wife, preached the evening sermon using Samson as a type of the church in different ages.

Feb. 4, Palmyra was host to the district council. Bishop Titus Books presided over the meeting. Feb. 12 Christ's Crusaders theme of the evening was "The Influence of the Bible on our Country."

Feb. 26, Miss Mabel Frey, home from Africa, spoke during the worship service after a Crusader's Foreign Mission program.

March 11, Christ's Crusaders Day and Bro. Jacob Kuhns from Grantham gave a challenging message to young people morning and evening. The teen-agers visited homes in the community in the afternoon and gave invitations for the revival.

During the preceding months prayer services were held in the homes in behalf of our two week revival—sponsored by classes and the church group. These services began Sunday morning March eighteenth on the day of the worst snow storm of the season. Rev. John Hostetter from Clarence Center, New York was evangelist. "The Miracle Working Christ—Hungry Multitude" was the theme of the morning sermon. Condition of the roads permitted only town folks to attend evening services, but thereafter the attendance every night was very good. There was special singing every evening from Grantham, Fairland, Manheim, Hummelstown and Palmyra quartettes, trios, duets, etc.

We rejoice with those who knelt at the altar and accepted Christ as their Saviour.

Friday evening before Easter we held our annual Communion Service with Bishop Books in charge.

The "Easter Message" by Rev. Hostetter followed a short program by the Sunday School. Our revival closed with the evening message on "Resurrection Assurance." One evening we were privileged to see Bro. Hostetter's pictures taken of the mission work in Japan, also heard a talk on the work done at the E. V. Publishing House.

Mrs. H. L.

Franklin County Missionary Conference held at Chambersburg Brethren in Christ Church, Chambersburg, Pa., March 23, 24, 25, 1956. Sponsored by Pastors of Churches in Franklin County.

Speakers: Dr. Clyde Taylor, Washington, D. C., Secretary of Affairs for National Association of Evangelicals, Bishop Henry Hostetter, Washington Boro, Pa., Rev. Albert H. Engle, Grantham, Pa., Prof. J. G. Kuhns, Grantham, Pa., and Rev. Rupert Turman, Allisonia, Va.

Missionaries present: Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Pye, India, Rev. and Mrs. Chester Wingert, Africa, Rev. and Mrs. Roy H. Mann, Africa, Rev. and Mrs. Gerald Wingert, Altoona, Pa., Miss Edith Davidson, Allisonia, Va., Misses Elizabeth Engle, Dorothy Martin, and Mabel Frey, Africa.

Other mission workers and retired missionaries present.

Attendance—capacity crowds.

Offering—\$4100. (includes Sun. Morn. offering from Churches in County which participated in Conference.)

Echoes from the speakers—

Rev. Engle—"Burning Out for Christ." Men of the Bible, men of past generations burned out for Christ and the spread of the Gospel. Can we afford to do less today?

Pro. Kuhns—"Making the Church Missionary Minded." Missions began in Heaven when God gave His best for our redemption. The Church needs to: Press home claims of Christ, Teach Christian stewardship, Give direction to evangelical zeal of our people, Provide an up-to-date awareness of progress of Missions in our day.



Rev. Turman—"Practical Studies in Soul Winning." Most important requirement is a vital Christian experience—the new birth, death to self and alive unto Christ.

Bishop Hostetter—"Twentieth Century Challenge to Youth." The Church is custodian of the greatest mystery that has ever come to the world—the transforming power of Christ. It's up to you and me to share this mystery with the World. It's the only answer, must be done.

Dr. Taylor—Sun. Morn. worship service. The Commission of the Church is to go. The World is lost. 65% of the people on the earth worship the Devil. We have a complete Gospel. It is transforming. No other religion worships a living Person. We have an open door. 600 billion people can still be reached with the Gospel. We have a worthy enemy. Communism boasts one-third of World under its advance. We have the resources for a powerful enterprise. If all professing Christians tithed, would have 15 million dollars annually for Lord's work.

Dr. Taylor—Sun. Afternoon Session—II Cor. 5:10-20 give us: Complete Reconciliation—God working for us. (v. 19) Complete Regeneration—God working in us. (v. 17) Complete Regeneration—We are ambassadors. (v. 20) Powerful Motivation—Love of Christ constraineth us. (v. 14) Terror (fear) of the Lord. (v. 11) Required appearance before Judgment seat. (v. 10).

Summary—A warm, spiritual atmosphere pervaded throughout the Conference. We learned to know personally the work and problems of our missionaries as they labor on the Field. From the report of our Executive Secretary we learned of recent advances for a more effective program in Africa, of the progress of the medical program in India, and of the difficult situation in Jordan and Israel. Dr. Taylor in his closing Address reviewed the reception missions receive in different areas of the world. Each speaker presented the challenge of pushing ahead with Spirit-directed zeal in the unfinished task of making Christ known.

An interesting feature of the Conference was the sending of a missionary couple or mission worker to each Church in the County to share in the Sunday morning worship service. An offering for Missions was taken at this service and included in the total offering for the Conference.

#### Messiah Home, Harrisburg, Pa.

January "Speed away! speed away!" was sung with mingled feelings after Bro. and Sr. Charles Engle, Sr. Florence Hensel (a member of this congregation) and Sr. Mildred Myers had given impressive farewell messages to a large audience.

A Gospel Team brings inspiration and blessing to us. This contact with the students of Messiah College is appreciated by all.

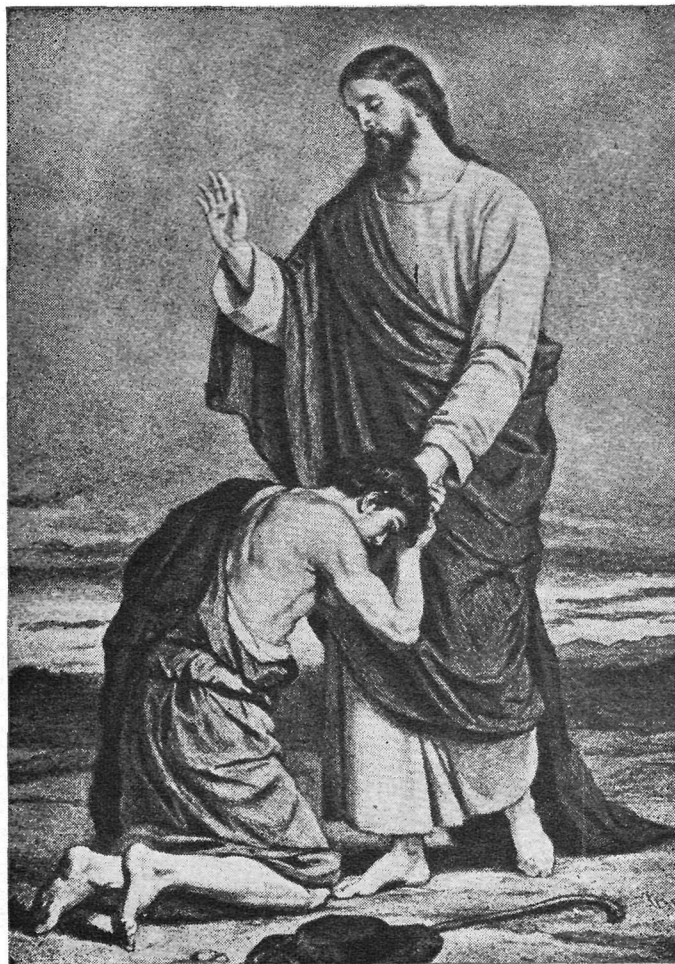
The C. C. Program entitled, "Religion in the Telephone Book," was different and thought provoking. When we as Christians advertise, or witness by mouth, do we also "produce the goods" in daily life?

Our Missionary Prayer Circle appreciated having Bro. and Sr. H. N. Hostetter with us. The first-handed report of the African Conference was of special interest.

Memorial Service for Bro. Isaac Engle, who so conscientiously exemplified the text which he had chosen for his funeral viz., "For me to live is Christ." Certainly, "To die is gain" also, for him.

Sr. Emma Frey welcomes her daughter Mabel home from Africa. We are happy to have her with us.

The noon hour of fasting and prayer



brings an uplift of soul and an outreach of service to all who observe it.

The following activities made this an outstanding Lord's Day: 1. The "hush" which the Holy Spirit brought over our large group of very active S. S. children. 2. Our Pastor's stirring message from the text, "Great grace was upon them all." Acts 4: 33. 3. The inspiring Program given by the Academy Chorus from Grantham. 4. An exceptionally interesting missionary talk by Sr. Mabel Frey.

Sr. Adda Taylor welcomes her children, the Chester Wingert family home from Africa. Their sister Anna was privileged to meet them in New York.

Our hearts were blessed and challenged by Bro. Roy Asper's messages. He very vividly brought before us those blood-sweating, heart-breaking, earth-shaking, and heaven-moving experiences of Jesus' last night and day here on earth.

Easter Sunday—We thank God for the increased number of parents who attended the Easter S. S. Program.

The day ended with a very fitting feet-washing and communion service. It was a time of blessed fellowship with our now risen and glorified Lord, and with other of "like precious faith."

Some of our number received new touches of healing during the weekend services. Praise God, He still honors His word as found in James 5:14-16.

—N. L.

#### Nottawa Congregation, Ontario

On Good Friday, March 30, we were happy to have with us the Oak Ridges Choral group under the direction of Sr. Freda Henderson. They rendered a very enjoyable program including several numbers by the group, two readings were given and a special number in song by the Henderson Sisters. Also along with the group were several others and the Davis family. Mrs. Davis was just recently converted and she and her two daughters sang two numbers in song. The pastor Bro. Roy Nigh gave a short Good Friday message.

April 10 and 11 were the dates of our Missionary Conference. Three sessions were held.

The Conference themes were "Mission Accomplishments and Needs," "Our Debt To The World" and one session was dedicated to a Christian workers' conference.

Those participating in the various sessions were Bro. and Sr. Roy Mann, Andrew Slagenweit, Esther Brechbill, Albert Engle and Henry Hostetter.

Coloured slides were shown portraying mission work in parts of America and Africa. There were many interesting facts told about mission work and also a great challenge was presented to us as young people to GO, GIVE and PRAY. May God help each one of us to realize our responsibility in this great task of winning souls for Him.

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations and, lo, I am with you alway." Matt. 28:19.

—E. G. S.

# To My Mother

Martha Hisey Edmand

THROUGH DARK and lonely fields she went, a flickering lantern in her hand, to neighbor's house where a child lay sick with fevered cheek and labored breath. My mother shared a neighbor's care and won a soul for Him.

A "Grandma" lived across the road, a dear old Irish lady. Her sudden summons to come Home was echoed in my mother's heart. On nimble feet she sped, and kneeling by her dying bed, dear "Grandma" woke in Heaven.

A woman with a feeble mind in farmhouse o'er the way, despised at home, wrapped in her shawl went forth to seek a neighbor's love. My mother made a cup of tea, and showed her Christian sympathy.

The daily round of earthly toil seemed all that she could bear, the week-end work pressed hard. A voice within bade "go" to yonder house where a little one had died. A dainty shroud with tiny tucks my mother's hands did make. She mingled tears with those that wept and served for His name's sake.

A cloud of deepest tragedy fell dark on a poor man's home. Sin and anger ruled within; his life he took by his own hand. O! who could comfort give? My mother heard the tale of woe repeated o'er and o'er by broken-hearted wife and children sad. Yes, mother prayed and patient counsel gave, till faith and hope restored the broken chords again.

She planted seeds in garden plot by cottage at the corner. Soon brightly-colored blooms appeared and friends from country-side and town paused, to share my mother's flowers.

O, may my mother's mantle fall on God's dear saints and me! So few there are who have a care for others in adversity. May God forgive our slothful ways, create in us anew a mother-heart for all mankind, His faith and love to show.

## BIRTHS

"Children are an heritage of the Lord"

**BOOK**—Bro. and Sr. Paul Book of the Zion congregation Abilene, Kansas, are the parents of a son, Lynn Leon, born March 5.

**WHITE**—Mr. and Mrs. Ralph White (Lois Jennings) of Sylvatus, Virginia are the happy parents of a daughter, Yvette Renee, born April 4, 1956.

**WINGERT**—Mr. and Mrs. David Wingert, Chambersburg, Pa., announce the birth of Kenneth Eugene, April 14, 1956.

**MARKLEY**—To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Markley of Pomona, Cal., a son, Roger Lee, born Nov. 5.

**HENSLEY**—In Upland, Cal. on Jan. 27, a son Richard Lee, to Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Hensley (nee Doris Wingert).

**HETRICK**—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hetrick of Lebanon, Pa. welcomed a son, Steven Michael, on March 30, 1956.

**EBSEROLE**—Mr. and Mrs. Marlin Ebersole, Annville, Pa., are the happy parents of a son, Philip Lee, who was born April 10, 1956; a brother for Byron.

**BOSSERT**—Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bossert (Jean Sider), Fenwick, Ont., welcomed a baby daughter, Kathaleen Joyce, on February 17, 1956.

## MARRIAGES

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

**STECKLEY-LADY**—On Tuesday evening, April 3, in the chapel of Jabbok Bible School, Thomas, Oklahoma, Martha Arlene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lady of Thomas, Okla., and John David, son of Rev. and Mrs. Elmer L. Steckley of Fort Erie, Ontario, were united in marriage in the presence of many guests. The marriage ceremony was performed by the groom's father.

**GLICK-DRESHER**—Sr. Anna Ruth Dresher, daughter of Bro. and Sr. John Dresher, Mt. Joy, Pa. became the bride of Bro. James Glick, son of the late Bro. and Sr. Albert Glick, North Lawrence, Ohio on April 7, 1956 at the Cross Roads Brethren in Christ Church. Rev. John Dresher, brother of the bride officiated in the ceremony; prayer by Rev. Harry Brubaker pastor of the church.

**RAFFENSPERGER-KOSER**—Miss Rachel Irene Koser, daughter of Bro. and Sr. Irvin Koser, Mt. Joy, Pa. became the bride of Charles Ray Raffensperger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Foreward of Elizabethtown, Pa., at the Cross Roads Brethren in Christ Church. Rev. Graybill Wolgemuth officiated.

## OBITUARIES

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

**BECKER**—William Henry Becker, son of George and Sarah Becker, was born in Liberty, Ohio August 3, 1865 and died April 1, at the age of 90 years, 7 months, and 29 days.

He leaves to mourn his departure, his wife, with whom he celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this past February; a daughter, Mrs. Geraldine Cummings and three grandsons. Also two brothers: Sebury and Jesse L., both of Dayton, and other relatives and many friends. A sister and three brothers preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held at the Mills Funeral Home by Wm. H. Engle and Bishop Wm. H. Boyer. Burial in Memorial Park Cemetery.

**MYERS**—Elizabeth B. Myers was born July 31, 1879 and departed this life Jan. 4, 1956.

She was united in marriage to Oliver Bittinger. In their early married life they united with the Brethren in Christ Church and were members of the Mowersville Congregation. Her husband preceding her in death, she later married her late husband Eli Myers and moved to the Air Hill Congregation of which she was a member until the time of her death.

She is survived by one foster daughter, Mrs. William Ditzler, two sisters Mrs. William Clyppinger and Mrs. William Elliot, and five stepchildren: Mrs. John Bert, Mrs. Walter Hock, Roy Myers, Carl Myers and Merle Myers. Funeral services were held from the Air Hill Church Jan. 7, 1956 with Bishop Charlie Byers and Rev. Harvey Musser officiating. She was laid to rest in the adjoining cemetery.

**DONER**—George E. Doner, only son of Edmund A. and the late Susannah Sheffer Doner, passed away at the Montreal General Hospital on March 5, 1956 in his 32nd year.

He was converted in his early teens and united with the Brethren in Christ Church.

In 1954 he was united in marriage to Lucille Langis of Chelmsford, Ontario. His illness, of several weeks was the means of him renewing his covenant with God before his death. Besides his sorrowing wife, he leaves to mourn his

## Love Feasts

**Michigan**  
Carland ..... May 19-20  
Detroit ..... May 26-27  
Gladwin ..... June 2-3

**Ohio**  
Valley Chapel Spring Communion Service  
\*Saturday and Sunday May 12 and 13

Highland Love Feast Services  
Saturday and Sunday May 26 and 27  
begin 1:30 Sat.

Sippo Valley Spring Love Feast Services  
Saturday and Sunday June 9 and 10

**Kentucky**  
Knifley Love Feast  
Saturday afternoon and evening May 19

**Ontario**  
Cheapside ..... May 12-13  
Rosebank ..... May 19-20  
Sherkston ..... May 26-27  
Gormley ..... May 26, 27

**Penna.**  
Saxton ..... May 20  
Air Hill ..... May 16-17  
Silverdale, Pa. .... May 19-20  
Services begin Saturday at 2 o'clock.  
Mastersonville, Pa. .... June 9-10  
Antrim Church..... Sat. and Sun., May 19 and 20  
Services begin 10:00 a.m. Saturday

**Cumberland District**  
Mechanicsburg.....10:00 a.m. Saturday, May 19  
Regular Services Sunday

**Lykens Valley-Juniata-Mifflin District**  
Cedar Grove ..... June 2-3 (Starting 10:30 a.m.)

departure his father, and three sisters, Sarah (Mrs. Kenneth Peacock) Collingwood, Ont., Beatrice (Mrs. Sam Bowman) Beeton, Ont., Ruth (Mrs. George Rollings) Montreal, Quebec.

Funeral services took place on March 8 at the Sixth Line Brethren in Christ Church, conducted by Rev. George C. Sheffer, assisted by Rev. Charles L. Baker. Interment in the adjoining cemetery.

**BRUBAKER**—Emma S. Brubaker, daughter of the late John and Fianna Shaffner Thuma, was born in Manheim, Penna., August 23, 1860. She passed peacefully to her rest at the Messiah Home, Harrisburg, Penna., Monday, April 2, 1956, at the age of 95 years, 7 months, and 10 days.

Sister Brubaker was converted at the age of sixteen and united with the Brethren in Christ Church at the age of 18, to which she remained a faithful member for over 76 years.

January 7, 1886, she was united in marriage to Franklin S. Brubaker of Detroit, Kansas, who preceded her in death seventeen years ago. To this union were born three sons and one daughter. The family moved from Kansas to Missouri, and then to Pennsylvania, residing at Grantham since 1916.

Sr. Brubaker is survived by two sons, Jacob T., Shippensburg, Benjamin T., Mechanicsburg, and one daughter, Mrs. Naomi T. Brechbill, Grantham, two grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, one brother, Jacob S. Thuma, Manheim, Penna., and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services in charge of Arthur L. Musser, Albert H. Engle, and C. N. Hostetter, Jr., were conducted at Mechanicsburg, Penna., and the Mastersonville Church, with interment in the Mastersonville Cemetery.

**HEISE**—Levi Benjamin Heise, the youngest son and last surviving member of the late Christopher and Leah Rhodes Heise, was born Aug. 31, 1863 on the Heise homestead one-half mile west of Victoria Square. He departed this life April 2 at the home of his daughter Elva (Mrs. Fred Climenhaga) near Stevensville, Ontario after a brief illness at the age of 92 years, 7 months, and 2 days.

In Dec. 1887 he was married to Alice Eyer of Richmond Hill who pre-deceased him Dec. 23, 1923. To this union were born six children: Wm. B. of Gormley, Clarence E. of Welland, the late Orla L. of Victoria Square, Elva L. (Mrs. Fred Climenhaga), Stella L. of Pasadena, California, and Rosie M. of Nobleton, Ontario. One son Earl died in childhood.

Our brother leaves to mourn sixteen grandchildren and thirty-seven great-grandchildren. At the age of seventeen he accepted Christ as his Saviour and united with the Brethren in Christ Church. He remained a faithful, loyal member until death. During his younger years he was superintendent of the Sunday School. He also served for many years as Treasurer of the Home Mission Board. He was a member of the Foreign Mission Board for



several years. All his life he was regular in church attendance until about one year ago when he went to live with his daughter Elva, after the passing of his son Orla with whom he had his home.

Funeral was held in Heise Hill church. Interment in adjoining cemetery. The text Bishop Alvin L. Winger used was—"Lord, now lettest thy servant depart in peace according to thy word, for mine eyes have seen thy salvation." His assistants were Roy Nigh and J. R. Steckley.

**HORST**—Minnie Amanda Horst, widow of the late Bro. John Horst was born July 17, 1870, died at her home after a brief illness Jan. 21, 1956, aged 85 yrs., 6 mos., 4 days.

She was the daughter of the late Uriah and Amanda (Slusser) Youtz and was living with her son John and wife since the death of her husband three years ago.

On March 24, 1892 she was united in marriage to John M. Horst. To this union were born five children two of which have preceded her in death, an infant, and Barbara, a daughter in 1926.

Remaining to mourn their loss of a mother and sister are one daughter Hazel, wife of Harry Schweitzer, Martin and John Horst, sons, all of Canton, Ohio, one sister and one brother, eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Sr. Horst was saved at an early age and united with the Brethren in Christ Church in Dec. 1899. She remained faithful to her vow to the Lord and the Church until the last. She had a constant concern for those of her family and many prayers were offered in their behalf. She was present in every service when possible. She was very conscientious and was constantly concerned that she would obey the Spirit of God. Her presence is missed in the congregation here at Valley Chapel.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 at the Valley Chapel Brethren in Christ Church. Bishop Henry P. Heisey and Rev. David McBeth were in charge. Text used II Cor. 5:1. Interment in the adjoining cemetery.



**German Conscientious Objectors Recognized**  
Recent changes in the draft law of West Germany include provisions for conscientious objectors.

Provisions are to be made for a possible alternative service which is to have no connection with the armed force. Regulations provide that conscientious objectors for "reasons of dictates of conscience" may only be drafted for alternative service for a period not to exceed that required for military service.

MCC representatives along with other peace groups in Germany have been working in favor of these provisions.

#### Visas for Russian Delegation Requested

On April 4 and 5 requests for the issuance of visas to H. S. Bender, H. M. Epp, and David Wiens were presented to the Soviet Embassies in Ottawa and Washington. These requests must be referred to Moscow for decision.

The purpose of the Delegation was stated as that of visiting Christians in Russia, including Mennonites, and to promote understanding and goodwill between our peoples and countries.

It is anticipated that an answer will require between four and six weeks.

#### Three Join Pax Unit in Peru.

Leroy Hertzler, Elvin Horst Jr. and James Peters left Akron, Pa., for Longview, Tex., April 15 on the first lap of their trip to Peru. After several weeks' orientation at the LeTourneau Technical Institute at Longview they will join the seven other Pax men now working with LeTourneau Foundation in Peru.

In an effort to bring economic improvement to an undeveloped area, the Foundation is building 31 miles of roadway through the Peruvian jungle. Land rehabilitation and colonization are other aspects of the project.

Pax men serve as mechanics for the big land-clearing and roadbuilding machines and farmers with rehabilitation teams.

Leroy Hertzler is the son of Mrs. Dora Hertzler and a member of the Warwick River Mennonite Church at Warwick, Va. Elvin Horst Jr. is from Seville, Ohio, and a member of the Chestnut Ridge Mennonite Church. A member of the Brethren in Christ Church at Elizabethtown, Pa., James Peters is the son of the Wayne Peters at Manheim.

#### Millers Sail for India

The Ernest E. Millers, who had served as personnel director of Mennonite Central Committee for the past year, sailed April 18 for India. There he will be acting principal of the Woodstock School during the furlough of Principal S. R. Burgoyne. Woodstock School was established primarily for the children of American and Canadian missionaries serving in India. However, from its beginning it has welcomed the children of non-missionaries and those from other national backgrounds.

## 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, Leora Yoder

**Barjora Mission:** P. O. Tirbeniganj, via Murliganj, N.E. Railway, District Saharsa, Bihar, India. Misses Erma Z. Hare, Ruth E. Book, Beulah Arnold

**Madhipura Mission:** P. O. Madhipura, N.E. Railway, District Saharsa, Bihar, India. Dr. and Mrs. George E. Paulus, Misses Mary Jane Shoalts, Evelyn Bohland

**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, N.E. Railway, District Purnea, Bihar, India. Rev. and Mrs. Charles E. Engle

**Woodstock School:** P. O. Landour, Mussoorie, United Provinces, India. Miss Mary Beth Stoner

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

### Africa

**General Superintendent's Residence, P. O. Box 711, Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia.** Bishop and Mrs. Arthur M. Climenhaga, Miss Velma R. Brillinger

### SOUTHERN RHODESIA

**Matopo Mission, Private Bag 191 T, Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia.**

**Mission Staff:** Rev. and Mrs. Alvin J. Book, Rev. and Mrs. David E. Climenhaga, Miss Mary H. Brenne-man, Miss Mary C. Engle, Miss Miriam L. Heise, Miss Nancy J. Kreider, Miss Rhoda G. Lenhart, Miss Eva M. Melhorn, Miss Edna M. Switzer, Mr. Donald R. Zook  
**Outstation Staff:** Rev. and Mrs. Frederic L. Holland

**Mtshabezi Mission, Private Bag 102 M, Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia.**

**Mission Staff:** Rev. and Mrs. Glenn C. Frey, Miss Lois P. Davidson, Miss Ruth T. Hunt, Miss Mildred E. Myers, Mr. Keith D. Ulery

**Outstation Staff:** Rev. and Mrs. Lewis B. Sider

**Mtshabezi Mission Hospital, Private Bag 101 M, Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia.**

Dr. R. Virginia Kauffman, Miss Martha L. Lady, Miss Gladys I. Lehman

## Stewardship of Radio Time

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church but who listen to the radio, and your own faithful parishioners who will be listening because they love you.

4. Trust the judgment of (a) the station, and (b) the radio chairman, as to the content of good religious radio. They know whether your star soprano, who would love to get into radio, will hinder or help the program; they have standards which are the result of long study and experimentation. They know that a devotional service is not properly an occasion for the pleading of special causes like temperance or planned parenthood. They will help you to find another time for your particular "bite" if they feel the "bite" merits the time. And both the station and

**Wanezi Mission, Private Bag 129 S, Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia.**

**Mission Staff:** Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Musser, Miss Mary E. Heisey, Miss Florence R. Hensel, Miss Anna R. Wolgemuth

**Bible School Staff:** Rev. and Mrs. Jesse F. Lady, Miss Anna R. Engle

**Outstation Staff:** Rev. and Mrs. George E. Bundy

### NORTHERN RHODESIA

**Macha Mission, Private Bag, Choma, Northern Rhodesia.**

**Mission Staff:** Rev. and Mrs. I. M. Stern, Miss Anna M. Eyster, Miss Pauline E. Frey, Miss Ruth E. Hock, Miss Fannie Longenecker

**Hospital Staff:** Dr. and Mrs. Alvan E. Thuma, Miss Edna E. Lehman, Mr. Joseph G. Ginder

**Sikalongo Mission, P. O. Box 131, Choma, Northern Rhodesia.**

Rev. and Mrs. A. Graybill Brubaker, Miss Kathryn Hossler, Miss Anna L. Kettering

**Nahumba Mission, P. O. Box 173, Choma, Northern Rhodesia.**

Rev. and Mrs. H. Frank Kipe

### Japan

**11 Higiyara, Hagi City, Yamaguchi, Japan:** Rev. and Mrs. Peter A. Willms, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Book

### Cuba

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

### Missionaries on Furlough

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

Miss Annie E. Winger, Delisle, Saskatchewan, Canada

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

Miss Elizabeth H. Engle, 236 College Ave., Elizabethtown, Penna.

Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Pye, Wainfleet, Ontario  
Rev. and Mrs. Roy Mann, Box 165, Mountville, Pa.

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

Anna Graybill, R. 2, Hershey, Pa.

Dorothy Martin, 662 S. Market St., Elizabethtown, Pa.

Miss Mabel Frey, 20th and Paxton St., Harrisburg, Penna.

Rev. and Mrs. Chester Wingert, R. 3, Elizabethtown, Penna.

the radio chairman will be open to every intelligent suggestion you have for improving their radio ministry.

5. Let us suppose you have been asked to participate on a 15 minute devotional service. The script provides for an introduction, an opening call to worship, 10 verses of scripture, a six-minute talk, the minute prayer, benediction, and two hymns. This order has been proved by experience to provide good balance for the best use of 15 valuable radio minutes. We become poor stewards of that time if we insist on (a) preaching 10 minutes, (b) running up to the very last split second of time, (c) refusing to abide by the order of service because we believe in spontaneous worship (like the man who said he could not pray by the clock), and (d) selecting hymns that lower the musical and religious standard set by the station and the committee.

The radio time you are given is a trust from God to be used in His service and for all mankind.

*\*Formerly pastor in Wilmington, Delaware and chairman of Wilmington Council of Churches Radio Committee; now Assistant Director, Department of Adult work, Presbyterian Board of Christian Education, Philadelphia*

## Financial Reports

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### Navajo Mission

#### FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL

Receipts	
<b>General Maintenance:</b>	
Offerings .....	1,453.66
Child Support .....	415.25
Tuitions (school) .....	168.17
Clinic and Hospital .....	899.33
Misc. ....	216.76
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$3,153.17</b>

<b>Special:</b>	
Gifts for school .....	20.00
Gifts for hospital .....	411.20
Special gifts .....	27.26
Loan (medical) .....	1,000.00
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$1,458.46</b>

<b>Mission Building and Development:</b>	
Water offerings .....	130.50
Water HMB Loan .....	1,000.00
Mission Building .....	26.72
X-Ray Fund .....	596.33
Nav. Ed. Center .....	607.00
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$2,360.55</b>
<b>Total Receipts</b> .....	<b>\$6,972.18</b>
Cash balance (beginning) 1-1-56 .....	244.83
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$7,217.01</b>

Expenditures	
<b>General:</b>	
Table .....	700.62
General Maintenance .....	898.10
Transportation .....	351.15
Light Plant (inc. overhaul) .....	374.74
Insurance .....	277.95
Navajo News .....	50.00
Communications .....	148.27
Language School .....	85.00
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$2,835.83</b>

<b>Hospital:</b>	
Medical Expenses .....	1,395.42

Hospital Equipment .....	1,158.07
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$2,553.49</b>
School Expenses .....	58.50
<b>Mission Building and Development:</b>	
Building Materials .....	169.33
Well Expenses .....	641.82
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$811.15</b>
Expenditures for quarter .....	\$6,258.97
Cash balance 3-31-56 .....	958.04
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$7,217.01</b>
<b>Borrowed Money:</b>	
Home Mission Board .....	\$3,090.23
Armington, New Mexico (Medical Loan) due 7-16-56 .....	1,000.00
<b>Total Loans</b> .....	<b>\$4,090.23</b>

### Messiah Lighthouse Chapel FOURTH QUARTER FINANCIAL

Receipts	
Balance on Hand, Oct. 1, 1955 .....	24.09
Chapel Offerings .....	901.74
Personal Offerings .....	125.95
<b>Total Balance and Receipts</b> .....	<b>\$1,051.78</b>
Expenditures	
Household (Table, Utilities etc.) .....	567.12
Evangelism .....	231.90
Pastor's Support .....	88.88
Transportation .....	50.00
Miscellaneous .....	70.70
<b>Total Expenditures</b> .....	<b>\$1,008.60</b>
Balance 1-1-56 .....	43.18
Trustee Fund Receipts .....	\$216.85

### North Star Mission

#### FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL

Receipts	
Balance on hand 12-31-56 .....	73.10
Local Receipts .....	419.00
Church-at-large contributions .....	189.75
<b>Total Receipts</b> .....	<b>\$681.85</b>
Expenditures	
Household .....	139.59
Transportation .....	274.06
Miscellaneous .....	37.50
<b>Total Expenditures</b> .....	<b>\$451.15</b>
Balance on hand 3-31-56 .....	\$230.70

### Special Needs and Projects Fund.

Balance on hand 12-31-55 .....	118.05
Receipts .....	116.07
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$234.12</b>
Lorne G. Lichty, Pastor	

## Philadelphia Mission Church

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General Home Mission Board and from then on the Board has supplied Pastors and Workers to help in the work of the Mission.

In 1922 it was decided to open a Mission in the slums. The building at 722 Vine Street was chosen for this purpose. From the start the Mission realized good results. Many souls laden with sin sought God and were delivered from the power of sin.

After one year's operation the Mission was turned over to Bro. Charles Stover who operated it as an independent Mission.

It was deemed advisable to purchase more ground, if a church large enough to meet the present need was to be built. In 1951—3419 N. Second Street was purchased which increased our frontage from 20' to a total of 60'.

Since the congregation was small, and a certain amount of money was necessary to have on hand before operation could be started, it was necessary to wait until June, 1954 before the first shovel full of ground was turned over as an official start of construction.

The church has been fortunate in securing the services of Matthew Smith, a member of the Silverdale Brethren in Christ Church, to build and supervise the construction of the new church. Brother Smith, for 35 years, has been associated with the better type construction and architecture. His knowledge and skill is seen in the beautiful yet simple architecture.

The massive columns as one approaches the church present an impressive scene of the greatness and characteristics of God and the Church—Righteousness, Faith, Love, and Purity. May they always symbolize the Strength and Power of the Church whose motto and seal is "Holiness Unto The Lord."

The history of the Mission Church bears witness to the presence and power of God in the harvesting of souls for the Master. Many have bowed at its altars, some later to become Ministers, Home and Foreign Missionaries, and Christian Workers. There arises an appreciation and gratitude to God and to His fellow workers who did His will during the years. The achievements of the Mission Church could not be written without giving large space to the faith and faithfulness of the brothers and sisters who have worshipped and toiled here.

(See page 12 for Dedication Program for the Brethren in Christ Philadelphia Church)