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A MONTHLY Magazine devoted to the spread of the gospel in the "regions beyond," particularly to the work of missionaries who have gone forth commended by Christian Assemblies in the United States and Canada. It is hoped that **The Fields** will be blessed as an instrumentality for increasing interest in and fellowship with these workers.

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Because of lack of space the special articles on Puerto Rico, announced for this issue, must be postponed. If the Lord will, **THE FIELDS** for September will present information regarding this Island of opportunity under the tolerant and favorable administration of the United States.

FOREIGN-LANGUAGE WORK IN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA

Many readers appreciated the reports, published in **The Fields** of September and October, 1939, from workers amongst the Chinese, French, Italians, Japanese, Spanish, and others in the homeland. In anticipation of another issue devoted, in

part, to further facts from these fields we would be grateful for the names and addresses of evangelists and teachers whose chief activities are in languages other than English.

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Daniel and Mordecai

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Daniel and Mordecai are alike in this, that they were both children of the captivity raised up to a position of eminence and responsibility in the land of their exile. But otherwise the lives of these two children of God

Present Many Striking Contrasts.

Chief among the honors which are peculiar to Daniel is that God from the first attaches His Name to the blessing and prosperity of His servant. The book of Esther on the other hand will be searched in vain for the name of Jehovah linked with Mordecai in any of his doings. This

Has A Very Loud Voice For Us

in this day of apostacy in Christendom when the world is like Babylon in the days of the captives; instead of being blessed after the manner of Daniel, with the name of God openly manifested upon us so that even the ungodly king could say, "O Daniel, servant of the living God," we may only be blessed and preserved like Mordecai without the name of the God of truth and holiness linked with us in our doings. We call Mordecai a child of God for he wears sackcloth when destruction threatens and he would not bow to Haman. But it is not at all manifest that he was of the spiritual seed of Abraham; he never says "God" and never prays. However, I feel personally that he is a representative of

A Large Class of Believers

who are cared for by God in spite of never

having learned to walk with Him in all their ways.

Daniel is more excellent: the foundation of all his privileges and honor was that purpose of heart, on coming into Nebuchadnezzar's house, "that he would not defile himself." It looked like an impossible decision for Daniel to make and fulfill, but

God Wonderfully Undertook

for him. Immediately after Daniel's purpose we read, "Now God had brought Daniel into favor and tender love with the prince of the eunuchs" (Dan. 1:9). Again in verse 17, "As for these four children, GOD gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom." Thus God openly calls His name upon Daniel and his companions, even though they are in Babylon, in the midst of idolatry and wickedness. The purpose of heart was of Daniel; the way to carry it out was of the Lord.

The whole book of Daniel seems to me to be remarkable for this: God delighting to reward the faith of one who believes in the living God, even in the darkest of all days, and who was not afraid to count upon Him. One of Daniel's first words to Nebuchadnezzar was, "There is a God in heaven" (Daniel 2:28). This is where

Daniel Was More Excellent

than Mordecai. Mordecai transgressed the Word of God in manipulating with Esther, allowing her to become queen instead of Vashti and to be united to an un-

godly Gentile monarch. God worked through even those things which were not of Him, and preserved His people. But He was at a moral distance, for He never allowed His name to be mentioned in the whole book. Daniel on the other hand purposed in his heart, that he would not defile himself with the king's portion and the pleasures of Babylon, with the result that the principle of 2 Corinthians 6:18, was fulfilled in that early day: "I will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."

It is possible for us to be children of God; to be remarkably used in blessing to others, and **yet not to have the moral and spiritual character necessary to allow our God the joy of connecting His name with us.** Nazarite separation of our own individual selves unto God is absolutely the only thing that will make us friends of God, as was Daniel—the revealer of God's secrets; or make us the immediate

Channel of Blessing To Men

that he was. Nebuchadnezzar, Belshazzar, Darius, and probably Cyrus, all felt and owned "the living God" through the testimony of Daniel. He brought God into their thoughts and confessions, and no doubt is one of those who turned many to righteousness, and will shine as the stars forever and ever. Let us choose Daniel's purpose and path, let us pray and trust God as he did; then and then only will the world say of us,

"O Daniel, Servant of the Living God."

AFFLICTION AND GLORY

"Affliction worketh glory;" "our light affliction worketh an exceeding weight of glory;" "our affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh an eternal weight of glory." Every word is a marked and beautiful antithesis. Strange to say, the Apostle describes the glory by an old earthly metaphor, nay, by the very metaphor he used to apply to his affliction; he calls it a weight. We speak of a weight of care, a weight of sorrow, a weight of anxiety: but a weight of glory! surely that is a startling symbol. We do not think of a man as being crushed, overwhelmed, weighed down by glory. We should have thought that the old metaphor of care would have been repulsive, that it would have been cast off like a worn-out garment and remembered no more for ever. Nay, but the old garment is not worn out when the glory comes, it is only transfigured; that which made thy weight of care is that which makes thy weight of glory. Thou needest not a new object but a new light—to see by day what thou hast only seen in darkness. Thou who art weighted with some heavy burden, pause ere thou askest its removal; thy weight of present care may be thy weight of future glory—may be, nay, must be when light shall dawn.—*George Matheson.*

THE SEER (SEE-ER)

A Christian on his knees sees farther than a philosopher on his tip-toes.

G. THOMAS.

There is a legend of a Hindu devotee, begging by the wayside. Seeing the king coming that way he prepared to present his begging bowl, expecting a rich largess. The king anticipated him, and held out his hand for a gift. The beggar picked out the least, tiniest grain of corn and gave it to the king. That night, on pouring out the contents of his bag, the beggar found one grain of pure gold, just the size of the grain of corn he had given to the king. "I bitterly wept," said the beggar afterward, "and wished that I had had the heart to give thee all, my king."

Rabindranath Tagore.

VISION

by JOHN E. BODALY of Angola

Last February, in Westminster Abbey, I read on the stone slab commemorating DAVID LIVINGSTONE these words of his: "All I can say in my solitude is, May heaven's richest blessing come down on every one, American, English, or Turk who will help to heal this open sore of the world." A vision indeed, one that was the means of the beginning of the evangelization of this dark land. I could do nought but bow in silent prayer and thank God for the vision that this man had.

FRED S. ARNOT said that it would be a happy day for him when he baptised the first African believer in the waters of the Zambesi. His vision was fulfilled, and through his opening the way many others have been added to the Lord Jesus Christ.

F. T. LANE writing his brother in England said, "Oh, if I could only be the means of leading one soul to the Lord Jesus Christ here in this dark land, I would be happy." He was the means of leading many and when he died in 1929 was able to look back on a life of fruitfulness. He had the vision.

G. R. MURRAIN and his wife labored eight years in *Hualondo* without seeing a single soul. Yet they followed the vision and there are many souls in that area saved through their testimony.

One could go on and mention many such answers to prayer for the realization of the vision. But to the above I would like to add my own testimony.

Before I left home for *Angola* in 1916 a friend asked how long I was coming out for. That was of no concern to me. God had given me a vision and I was willingly leaving my own native Canada that I might be the means in His hand of reaching some lost in Africa. To His glory and praise I wish to say that after these years in labors oft, He has graciously granted me to see somewhat of the fulfillment of that vision.

One would not forget that some have come to the mission field, but never saw

the fulfillment of their vision. Some, instead, have found graves here in the soil. They saw the vision by faith; it was for others to see the fulfillment of it.

As I look around on all sides here in this dark land, I would seek to bring before the young of our Assemblies the great need there still is. Is there not one that can see the need and see a vision of a multitude of redeemed as the outcome of his testimony? There is opportunity on all sides and the fields are white; laborers are needed. Who, who, will go, salvation's story telling? Oh, that some of our young people would today see like visions and do all in their power to realize them.

The False and The True

(From a personal letter from Jean S. (Mrs. Gavin H.) Mowat of North Rhodesia)

Once again it has come to our notice how glibly the African Native can say "I Believe" making it necessary for us to see some sign of the new birth before putting much weight on their profession.

For instance, a young woman came to one of our Christian women a few weeks ago and told her that she was finished with sin, and wanted to trust the Lord. She then came to us, so we had a talk with her, explaining what it meant to be a Christian, I finished with these words, "If you really are the Lord's everyone will soon know it, for there will be a complete change in your life." A week or two later we found out that she was living in sin. Oh! how much wisdom we need (truly the wisdom of Solomon) and Godly discernment between good and evil—false and true! The longer I live, the more I realize how careful one has to be when dealing with the African heathen. The latter is very quick in detecting the missionary's strong and weak points and "plays" on it! If one is fond of flattery, the native will tell you what a wonderful missionary you are, much better than any one else. If credulous, that will be taken full advantage of too, and the whole countryside will be quite willing to come and "believe" so worldly wise are they. But when a native is truly born of the Holy Spirit he is willing to go through "fire and blood" for Christ's sake, many of them having to suffer great persecution. Then it is that they put us to shame many a time.

Please pray for us and the native Christians here, for we and they need it!

WHO CONVERTS ?

"Are you going to convert the Chinese?"

"No! but God is!"

Notes

S. B. ADAMS on furlough from *Venezuela* is (July 18, 1940) helping in the little Assemblies nearby and in Forest, Ont. July 14 baptised 12 young people, the results, mostly, of last year's work of various preachers.

CONRAD R. BAEHR, finding the return to *Kiangsi* barred, have accepted the suggestion of F. A. F. GRUBB to join them in *Manchukuo*. They have received their passports and are booked to sail from Seattle, Washington, on September 20, for Kobe, Japan, on S. S. *Yawata Maru*. Thence they plan to go to *Chefoo, Shantung*, where they will remain for a time before proceeding to *Manchukuo*.

FLORA E. BARCLAY of *Shang Pu Teo, Shantung Province, China* (June 5, 1940): We are keeping in quiet and peace these troublesome times. Are still able to go about the villages and in many have good meetings.

MARGARET BUCKLEY of *Wei Hai Wei, Shantung, China*, booked passage to sail with her son, Harold, August 15 on S. S. *Empress of Russia* from Robe, Japan, to Vancouver, B. C.

Born July 23, to Mrs. J. RUSSELL DAVIS of *Jehol Province*, a son, CHARLES ARTHUR.

RAYMOND T. DIBBLE of *Nigeria* writes (May 30, 1940—received August 9, 1940) from his new station at *Bagana* that he is settling again in translation work. Mrs. Dibble's health has been impaired and they are hoping that it will be possible to book her passage home for treatment.

F. ERNEST DIEM who sailed from New York June 1 reached *Buenos Aires, Argentina*, June 19. During a two weeks' stay they heartily enjoyed the fellowship and ministry and then proceeded to their objective *Goya*, in the Province of *Corrientes*. They are (July 16, 1940) experiencing great difficulty in obtaining a building for meetings and ask the help of the prayers of believers.

JEAN DUNBAR of *Angola* in a letter dated June 25, 1940 (received August 5, 1940) writes: We have just heard that on a boat that has arrived at the coast Mr.

and Mrs. CHRISTOPHER DAY have returned from furlough, and that Miss RIGLER and Miss MOREIRA from Portugal are back with them.

The ship on which ADAM N. FERGUSON sailed from New York June 1 arrived at *Capetown, South Africa* June 22. Thence they had another week's trip at sea to *Durban, Natal*, their port of debarkation for Elim Mission Station at *Enquabeni*.

GEORGE E. FOGGIN on furlough from *China* has been ministering in Assemblies and Conferences in Canada and hopes soon to visit the States.

D. C. GORDON SEARLE of *Belgian Congo* returning by way of the Far East were booked to sail the latter part of July from Japan for Vancouver, B. C.

F. A. T. GRUBB returning to their work at *Chaoyanyhsien, Manchukuo*, expect to sail from Los Angeles, California, on September 2.

E. JOHN HARRIS of *Orizaba, Mexico*, rejoices (June 21, 1940) in unhindered liberty of written and oral ministry. The regular attendance at local Sunday Schools is nearly 600. His great problem is the visitation of distant meetings, several opened up lately; there are over 60 centers of testimony within 150 miles of Orizaba.

ARTHUR G. INGLEBY for many years a worker in *Portugal* writes from Lisbon (August 7, 1940) that the situation in that country has tightened up considerably as respects foreign workers. "In quite a remarkable manner the way has opened up for us to fix our headquarters in *Bermuda*, among the *Portuguese* there, from which centre we hope to continue our literature work. We plan to sail by a Portuguese cargo boat and, if the Lord gives us safe journey, we should arrive in New York about September 6, spending a few weeks in the U. S. A. before going on to *Bermuda*."

JAMES C. KENNEY of *Trinidad, B. W. I.* since September 1938 has been occupying at San Fernando during the furlough in England of Mr. and Mrs. J. ROTHERY. They write (June 26, 1940) of having found a suitable house at *Cedros* (pronounced

See-dross) where they had previously labored and where a large part of the population is from India. (The March 1939 issue of *The Fields* contained a description of conditions there).

ALICE MAC LACHLAN from *Sucre, Bolivia*, asks prayer (July 15, 1940) that the believers may be kept from the wiles of the Seventh-Day Adventists who have opened a Hall in that City.

From ROBERT S. McLAREN on furlough from *Angola* (July 15, 1940): Mr. GRIFITHS writes from Africa that 29 were baptised at *Vila Luso*, where Mr. MAITLAND and I had many blessed times in the Gospel. Mr. ALLISON tells of the necessity of visiting *Pezo* to straighten up affairs in the Assembly because of an obstinate elder. It is good to learn that there is the making of a new Assembly near *Saurimo* where one of the *Pezo* evangelists has been working for many years. To every progressive move on the part of our workers and of our native brethren Roman Catholic opposition is intense. Apparently the Government is taxing all the buildings used in the Lord's work on all the mission stations. The buildings thus taxed would be the homes of the missionaries, Halls, schools, hospitals, dispensaries, printing press buildings, etc.

A letter (July 4, 1940) from *Ifeng*,

Kiangsi, China, reports that two letters from different people who have lately been there say that THOMAS MELVILLE's home and Hall at *Feng-sin* has been cleared of literally everything including doors and windows, and that a number of the Christians there have been killed.

JOHN MERIDEW of *Quilmes, Argentina*, reports (July 4, 1940) of a steady increase in numbers and in interest and that several have confessed faith in Christ.

BETTY MURRAY, a Registered Nurse, has been commended (August 17, 1940) to work in the foreign field by Assembly meeting in Laflin Street Gospel Hall, Chicago, and hopes to join Mr. and Mrs. ANDREW STENHOUSE in *Chile* before the end of the year.

MARJORIE A. RIGLER of Courtney, B. C. and MARIA ELISAMA MOREIRA of Lisbon, Portugal, finally managed to sail from the latter place and word has just been received of their safe arrival in *Africa* in June.

After she had been sick for a month the physician ordered Mrs. THOMAS SMITH out of *Havana, Cuba*, for a change. She has just returned fully recovered and writes (July 30, 1940) appreciatingly of the fellowship of the Christians in Miami, Key West, and Hollywood, Florida. She was grateful for the opportunity to accom-



(August 5, 1940)

EMMA SCHEIDT of Puerto Plata sends this snapshot, taken nine miles out in the country on July 16, when 53 believers from the Puerto Plata Assembly spent the day with some believers there. They invited their unsaved friends and neighbors to the Gospel meeting so that in all we were about 110. One of the group obeyed the Lord in the waters of baptism on August 4; she had gone on faithfully in the ways of the Lord for some time.

pany the sisters on their visitations to the Miami Jail. During her absence one professed conversion in Havana and another since her return. So the testimony in that City grows.

ROBERT G. STEVEN after the occupation of *Tangier, Morocco*, by Spanish troops found Gospel work there impossible. Urged by the American Consul to do so, they decided that it would be better to return home for the duration of the war and left Tangier on July 4.

From EDWIN J. THARP on furlough from *Manchukuo* writes (August 12, 1940): I would much appreciate it if you will ask friends through the medium of *The Fields* to pray that I may be clearly guided in the matter of my returning to *Lingyuan, Manchukuo*. If the Lord so leads I should like to return early in November. But changes are so rapid these days, so one needs to wait much upon the Lord in order not to make mistakes in the matter of settling dates for travel.

I would like to sail by the middle of November so as to reach the field in time for the winter's work.

GEORGE WALKER, who has recently been pioneering in Dover, Delaware, has been commended (June 7, 1940) to work in the foreign field by Assembly at 86th and Bishop Streets, Chicago, and hopes to join Mr. and Mrs. ANDREW STENHOUSE in *Chile* before the end of the year.

Another Way To Help

(from a missionary in the West Indies)

I am due for another visit next week, as I am needed for a marriage ceremony. Part of the bride's finery has come from a parcel kindly sent down not long since from the sisters. While I was in Toronto last year, one of the sisters spoke to me about the advisability of making a few wedding garments. They will be glad to know that the one who is helped at this time is utterly unable to help herself, as far as buying clothing is concerned. I am sure it will make her feel much happier, as she will most certainly see in it an indication of the Lord's preserving care. If convenient kindly let the sisters know that their parcel is being put to good use.

From the conference at Guelph, Ont., JOHN BARLOW of Rutherford, N. J., writes (August 7, 1940):

The missionary meeting was best attended of all the conference meetings. Brother Foggini gave an interesting account of his work in China. Brother Tharp spoke briefly of the work, contrasting conditions now to what they were in China when he first started 37 years ago. He followed by a powerful appeal for:—

- (1) more intelligent interest on the part of individuals and Assemblies,
- (2) future missionaries to have higher educational qualifications (this has been made necessary owing to higher standard of education now prevailing in China and Japan, also practically demanded by Government in Japan and Japanese-controlled parts of China.)
- (3) missionaries to be supported (financially) in a manner more worthy of their calling, that is, as ambassadors for Christ.
- (4) intelligent and sympathetic prayer and for a realization that missionaries are a gift to the church and that Assemblies, rather than individuals, should support and uphold them.

I spoke briefly of some of the difficulties and problems we have in forwarding funds and keeping in touch by correspondence, etc.

These are just rough notes written with pad on my knee in a cabin on the shores of Lake Huron.

From an unnamed place in *Germany* ROLF BINDER writes (April 12, 1940—received July 12, 1940): May these few lines assure you that I am bodily well and also happy in the Lord Jesus our Savior, Who is our good and faithful Shepherd, ever mindful of the welfare of His own. There is trouble and war all around us, nevertheless we are experiencing that He is keeping those in perfect peace whose minds are stayed on Him. And the faithful intercession of God's children all over keeps us wonderfully united spiritually. Since it is a spiritual unity that unites God's family there is no need of telling you about political affairs or social conditions. Having food and raiment, the Word tells us, we shall be content therewith and these have been our portion till now.

My heart is in *Portugal*; we are pleading daily for a quick opening to take up anew the labor begun in His, our Savior's, harvest field. It is true that there is plenty of unworked ground in this country too; we would gladly work in the

Gospel here if He had not called us out yonder where the need, as we believe, is so much greater. It seems that missionary work in foreign countries will be more and more cut down because of lack of money, which is being needed for armaments. Not even the smallest of countries is exempt from this.

Will you please encourage the brethren to continue to pray for us and Portugal? If the Lord leads I would much like to take a young and devoted brother out with me.

The Quarterly Missionary Prayer Meeting of sisters in the New York district will be held, if the Lord will, September 14, 1940, at 3 p. m. and 7 p. m. in the Gospel Hall, Park Street near Dodd Street, East Orange, N. J. Particulars from Mrs. SIMON HOLMGREN, James Slip, New York City or Mrs. AUGUST HASSE, 336 Bloomfield Street, Hoboken, N. J.

From a Missionary in Angola: — The collapse of the sterling has made things very very difficult for most of the Lord's servants in this Colony; it has only about half its purchasing power and in many places cannot be negotiated at all. Again our trust is in the Lord Who is well able to meet our needs. To Him also we commit the very uncertain future as to the continuance of missionary work in this land. There are many indications that difficulties will increase. With the unsettled state of international affairs one wonders how long we may be permitted to continue here at all. In the light of these things we would urgently reiterate the age-old plea—Brethren pray for us. Maybe you have read and heard that plea so often that it has become common place but may the Lord the Spirit re-echo it aloud in your hearts, for the urgency is great and the time is short. "Behold I come quickly," says the Lord.

Temporary Address

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Letters

GUATEMALA

Guatemala City MARGARET (Mrs. Charles W.) KRAMER — Mr. Kramer recently visited *Mazatenango* after spending a few days in *Quezaltenango*. A few weeks before he attended the conference in *Comalapa*, reached by car in about two and a half hours. This Indian town is so far from other Assemblies that very few Christians could go but about 100 gathered at the meetings, keenly interested. In one of the meetings a man stood up and said that he accepted the Lord then and there as his Savior. This is an unusual occurrence in our gatherings but we trust he was sincere.

The next week, accompanied by Don CANDIDO, a fine young brother who gives a month now and then to the Lord's work, Mr. Kramer went to *Yepocapa* where they rented a room and told forth the Word of Life—we trust not in vain. An Indian brother from *Comalapa* went with them to *Palimaché*, by horseback over the mountains where a small group of Christians were very much encouraged by the visit. This Indian brother has been saved less than a year and is making good progress in the new life. He used to own a marimba and other musical instruments with which he supplied music at the fiestas. Soon realizing that this was not consistent with the Christian life, he sold the whole business, not without much exercise of heart as it is no light matter in this country to give up one's means of earning a living. He has planted corn and we trust that God will give him a good harvest. Of course, he has grown spiritually and eagerly makes known the Gospel to others.

In time past he was a great pal of the priest. After he had accepted the Lord he went to have a friendly chat with him. He plied the priest with questions: "Is faith in the Lord Jesus sufficient to save a soul?" "Does the blood of the Lord Jesus really cleanse from all sin?" and so on until the priest finally became suspicious and said: "Say, you haven't become

an *Evangelico* have you?" Don CANDIDO let him know clearly how he had accepted the Lord. The priest was furious and almost cursed the Christian.

Don JUAN, Don LEONIDAS, and Don JOSE are busy helping the Christians and preaching the Gospel in other districts and write of encouragement, some having professed to be saved, others having been legally married and baptized as a result of accepting the Lord. In one large Assembly the devil has incited some to cause trouble and division. Do pray about it that his evil designs may be frustrated.

Within a few days we hope to knock down a wall between two rooms here, thus forming a nice little Hall, opening right on to the street. May we have the joy of seeing it filled with needy souls.

We are thankful that the Lord enables us to send out *El Contendor Por La Fe* regularly. Yesterday we received a letter from an old believer of 82 years of age in the Argentine, expressing his deep appreciation of the truths of the Word taught in it. July 25, 1940.

GUATEMALA

San Felipe MELINDA BRUBACHER — Last week in the little village *San Sebastian* near here an elderly man, practically blind, was baptized, and this week a younger brother is to be baptized there. The Assembly is not a year old but has been richly blessed. The Christians have been very hearty. About two weeks ago a man was saved in a town nearby. Some of the Lord's people are being restored which also gives much cause for thanksgiving. We look for more blessing. The children's work is encouraging, yet we labor in prayer that the Lord will indeed save them before, lured by pleasure, they go out into sin. Your prayers are much needed and appreciated. July 31, 1940.

HONDURAS

Trujillo JAMES SCOLLON—We had a happy time in June when about 200 gathered together for three days at the first conference held in a banana camp called *Kilometer Seven*, near *Tela*. Four professed to be saved and on the

Sunday morning Mr. HOCKINGS baptized four others. After the baptisms about 80 sat down to remember the Lord. Quite a few believers seemed exercised about fixing up their lives and seeking to follow the Lord; the believers here have had such lives before salvation that their troubles seem to begin when they get saved.

We see many wonderful trophies of the grace of God amongst us here. One man who shared our little hut at the conference formerly spent \$100 in a night, drinking with his companions; he used to go to the meetings and fire his revolver over the heads of the Christians to frighten them. At the conference this year, I saw him buy the best Bible there was and hand it to a young Christian. At this place there was only one household where the Gospel had no entrance; quite a difference from a short time ago when one could not get in with the Gospel. This place is typical of what one finds in visiting in these parts. I traveled 13 hours on a small narrow-gage railroad from *La Ceiba*, and the following day another 5 hours to Tela. From Tela I walked five kilometers and meeting a brother with a horse rode another two miles to my destination. My ride on the horse was through a heavy shower. We galloped along and as I did not know the way, I let the horse lead. When we got there some black coffee helped as I had not eaten all that day. The Christians had arranged our sleeping-quarters—a hut with grass roof, the walls being sticks not too closely tied together. The door was made of chicken coop wire, not for the mosquitoes, but to keep out the pigs, cows, and horses. There were four cots but I suggested that someone else could have my cot and I would sleep in my hammock. I got all fixed up with mosquito net, etc., but after dark came the mosquitoes. Although they did not bite through the net, they did bite through the hammock and sleep was impossible. To try to protect myself I finally dressed, shoes and all, but I did not get much sleep. The next night I went hunting and found an old cot with a sack sewed underneath. I spread my hammock on top of it and

with my net around me was able to sleep the next few nights. We do not have hot and cold running water (!), so we went down to the creek to wash and shave. There the pigs were bathing, the women were washing dishes, and further along some people were having a bath. When you wanted a drink you got it from the same source. Although we are quite used to the native food, we do eat sparingly when out on a trip and make up for it when we get back home. The natives use a great deal of pork and it is seldom properly cooked. I returned from the conference with a high fever, no doubt malaria, for the mosquitoes were bad day and night, but after taking quinine for a few days, I was all right again.

The work in the other villages and towns goes on steadily. Since Mr. and Mrs. RUDDOCK left on furlough, we have not been able to visit the *Carib* villages farther up the *Mosquito Coast*, but we trust the way will be opened for at least one trip before the rainy season begins. The work in this part needs the earnest prayers of God's people. July 23, 1940.

GRENADA

Santeurs IDA and MARGARET LAST—

We are encouraged in the good attendance of our Monday class at *Chantimelle* and Wednesday class in *Salem Hall*; in fact we are subdividing again, so that a third class culled from the older girls of both classes, meet at our home on Tuesday for a lesson more suitable to their age. These older girls are ignorant and untrained, but do trust getting into closer contact with them in this way, will prove fruitful.

On May 24, Empire Day, 32 Christians from *Calivigny* paid us a bus visit, bringing their basket lunches. At *Salem Hall* they held a Gospel meeting; 5 brethren took part, 3 of whom were quite young, but full of zeal in their first love. They left in the bus at 3:30 p. m. to hold another meeting at *La Digue* on their way home.

We are cheered by very good news of the several young men who were saved here, and are now in fellowship with Assemblies at *Trinidad*.

ARTHUR C. PETERKIN on furlough from the *West Indies* writes (July 4, 1940): We arrived in Vancouver on July 2 after our long trip during which we received many kindnesses from the Lord's people along the way, and proved His goodness and guidance.

In *St. Kitts* we had a couple of happy hours with CHARLES F. BROWN and his fellow-workers. In *Bermuda* I distributed tracts in several islands and held a service on board ship on Sunday. In *Dominica*, where NICK RUSSELL had been so unjustly treated by former Police Officials, I had a long talk with one of the present Superintendents of Police, an old school chum of my boys, fresh from school in Barbados. He is in no mood to be bullied by Roman Catholic priests, or to treat Brother RUSSELL, or anyone else, unfairly. How marvelously the Lord has come in to change things in dark Dominica!

At Boston, Toronto, Winnipeg, and Calgary I had meetings in various Halls, and met many old friends.

In Vancouver we are comfortably lodged at a suite near Mt. Pleasant Hall. In a short time I hope to be helping in meetings in and around this city, and the children will go into school during our visit North.

I am wondering how the present European situation will affect *Martinique*. I have an idea it may be the means of opening those French islands to American influence, and perhaps afford a rare opportunity to missionaries from the United States and Canada. In my tramp in *Martinique* I met with a most pleasant surprise — a tiny group of believers, with very little light, but apparently very earnest, meeting in a tiny room in a poor district. Some lone native, years ago, witnessed for Christ—after his death, his son believed the message his old dad used to preach, and so accepted the Savior; he

then began to witness to others, and a number have been saved in town and at a place in the middle of the island. They meet to pray, exhort one another, and give a simple Gospel talk. They have never been visited by any preacher, and have no knowledge of the many believers in the other West Indian islands. They call themselves *Frères en Christ* — Brethren in Christ—which sounded good to me! The heartiest reception was given me, better than some other *Frères* (in Canada!) have at times given me!! I was regarded as "sent of the Lord," and put on to preach, 3 times on Sundays in town and country, and on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and visiting amongst them as opportunity offers.

My spoken French is very poor, and I lack practice, but they kindly declare they can follow me well enough—anything for a change, I guess! But serious, I do thank God for this little testimony—(absolutely unknown to any of us in the other islands) and for the opportunity I have had to seek to confirm what they have learned before and to interest others who have come along to hear a stranger. On future visits I may be able to lead them on to the usual Breaking of Bread and some Assembly truths. I have not rushed things now—I take them as I find them, and I feel I have completely won their confidence—meanwhile all the diet is milk.



Arthur C. Peterkin distributing Gospel literature in French, while sailor from visiting U. S. warship looks on. St. Pierre, Martinique.

JAMAICA

Clonmel ARTHUR I. HART—On July 7 we were much encouraged by our first meeting under the new roof of *Linstead* Gospel Hall; 14 converts, just baptized, shared the Feast. Other efforts simultaneously at *Aleppo* and *Leinster* and, if the Lord will, we start special meetings at *Highgate* August 11. Lamentable economic conditions prevailing, some backslidings, but we seek grace to “go forward” until “the shout.” Fields white, laborers few; much land yet to be possessed. July 23, 1940.

WILLIAM D. HYND born in Lanarkshire, Scotland, and led to Christ in his own home, 1919. After he was baptized and took his place in the Assembly was active in Gospel work such as Sunday School, tract distribution, children's meetings, and open-air work. Came to America in April 1929 and found many open doors for



service here. After deep exercise as to the Lord's path felt His definite leading towards *Jamaica*, B. W. I. In November, 1933, was commended from Buffalo, N. Y., to that field of service. While on furlough was married, January, 1940, to

JEAN GORDON born in Linlithgowshire, Scotland; brought up in a Christian home. She was saved at the early age of 7. Three years later, she moved with her parents to Flint, Michigan. She was baptized and was received by the Flint Assembly at the age of 14. From that time on she became actively engaged in various spheres of labor such as jail work, Sunday School work, and women's meetings. From her earliest recollections, she was interested in missionary work, especially among colored people. In 1937, after listening to a stirring missionary address by



AUGUST VANRYN, the following words kept ringing in her ears, “for My sake and the Gospel's, go.” This she resolved to do. From that time on, the Lord led her step by step in a most remarkable way. In November, 1939, she was commended to the work of the Lord in *Jamaica*.

They sailed for *Jamaica* April 24, 1940, reaching Kingston April 28. After a few days they proceeded to St. Ann. Welcoming meetings greeted them at Steertown and Golden Grove and they were greatly encouraged by the fellowship of the believers. Since then they have seen a number of conversions.

TRINIDAD

Port-of-Spain JOHN McCALLUM—The spirit of war is in the air, and it is against the progress of the Gospel. But on June 25 I baptized a woman of 50 years and three others, the fruit of Sunday School work, all over 14 years of age.

We get a few strangers into our Gospel meetings in city and country parts that we, or native brethren, visit. We carry on two Gospel meetings every Sunday night with some encouragement

July 29, 1940.

ARGENTINA

Buenos Aires JAMES RUSSELL—Recently I had the great pleasure of visiting our former field of labor namely, *Mendoza*. What great joy was mine to meet again our children in the Faith amongst the *Mendocinos!* As I went from place to place and sat beneath the vines, the past became very vividly present. I recalled the days of beginnings.

During our stay of seven years and a half in that Andine territory, beginning 1929, the Lord was pleased to establish a progressive work in *Mendoza City* and in the surrounding country. It became imperative that we leave that field in January, 1937. We were relieved by Mr. and Mrs. ROBERTS who enjoyed immensely their new field and work. One year later Mr. ROBERTS was called from his labors here. His widow continues in the work in *Lujan*, a goodly sized town, ten miles

south of Mendoza City. Mr. and Mrs. Cook as you will know, are resident in Mendoza City. The work goes on extending to the glory of God.

In the three years and a-half since we left that field and came to *Buenos Aires*, we have experienced much of the Lord's guidance, help, and blessing. Although our health (both Mrs. Russell's and mine) was broken for a time, we are fit enough now to carry on our many activities.

Recently a number of young men from various Assemblies, Sunday School teachers, open-air preachers, etc., desiring to be more efficient, asked me to start a training class for them. So on Saturday afternoons from 5 p. m. to 6:30 p. m. we have an "efficiency class." About 20 lads bring their note books, take notes, and prepare for class. When class is over, they go to various Gospel meetings.

For the Young People's Conference, March 21 to 23 one of the largest Halls in the City was rented. At most sessions during the three days it was well filled. The maximum attendance was 1,300. Passage-ways and corridors were filled, as well as the main hall. Naturally, all of these could not be classified as "young people." Nevertheless, the purpose of the gathering was the edification of the young.

Here is a translation in part of the programme:

General Themes:

First Day: *Inspiration of the Sacred Scriptures.*

Second Day: *Authority of the Sacred Scriptures.*

Third Day: *Practical problems which arise in the churches.*

Special Themes:

First Day: (a) *The Deity of the Lord Jesus* J. RUSSELL

(b) *The Church and the Churches*..... I. LAWRIE

Second Day: (a) *Principles which ought to be carefully observed in the Assemblies* R. HOGG

(b) *A brief history of the Assemblies during 100 years* G. FRENCH

(c) *What is the Gospel and how to preach it* F. VANGIONI

Third Day: *The Nature of true worship*
..... E. FINDLAY and F. HORTON

Without doubt this was the best conference of the kind ever held here. It was spiritual and by no means lacking in scholarship. Can you imagine what such a gathering means to the work in this country?

July 15, 1940.

ARGENTINA

Jujuy HERBERT A. GERRARD—Scarcely five years ago we had to enlarge the Hall here, we now find ourselves faced with the problem of again enlarging because the attendance continues to increase. At our Easter conference this was made a very definite matter of prayer. In spite of the dire poverty of most of our people, I think we shall be able to gather together sufficient to carry out our plans of enlargement. It is a joy to see the way some of these people, who are terribly poor, still find it possible to make their offering either in cash, or in some other way. It will not go unheeded by the Lord; He will reward them.

July 5, 1940.

ARGENTINA

Mendoza A. WILLIAM COOK—Our open-air meetings on Sunday afternoon give us the opportunity of reaching the ears of many unsaved, though there are not many who manifest much interest.

Our Sunday School is somewhat more encouraging now than formerly, and on the whole we have much to thank the Lord for. Recently a daughter of the couple saved in April made a profession of faith. Her father was not a very likely case before the Lord reached him, but he seems to be growing and has begun taking some part in prayer now, and his wife seems to be coming steadily on. We also continue the meetings in the farmer's home in *Junín*, our good Italian brother Señor ZINNA helping. Several unsaved come regularly and we look for some of them to soon be brought to the Lord.

July 5, 1940.

ARGENTINA

Tucuman REGINALD POWELL—The past month has been a busy one. For the beginning of the month I was at a two-day conference in *El Bagual*, a country district about 50 miles from here; six believers were baptized. At the last meeting one young woman confessed her faith in Christ. Later in the month at the annual conference in the city of *Santiago*, the next province, the Lord granted us a time of blessing. Fifteen also went from this city and there was a goodly number of visitors from the country districts around. The Word was ministered in power through various channels and on the closing night some souls professed faith in Christ.

During a week of special meetings in the main Hall here in the city of Tucuman, an Armenian brother from Córdoba was the visiting speaker. Three meetings for believers and three for the preaching of the Gospel were well attended. On the last night there were almost 200 present, and three persons professed to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior. The three have been under the sound of the Gospel for some time, so we have reason to believe they are good cases.

As many as 30 are attending a fortnightly cottage meeting in a new district of the city on Monday nights. At the last meeting in that house a man confessed Christ also. The Gospel is preached in several places in this city now, and also in the towns of *Tafi Veijo* and *Concepción*.

June 15, 1940.

BOLIVIA

Pacasi FLORENCE M. (Mrs. P. G. W.) HAMILTON—A change from the altitude of these parts being necessary, we spent a few months in *the Argentine*. On our way homeward my husband took a number of special meetings for ministry to believers at *Chocaya*, a mining center where Mr. and Mrs. TATE and Mr. WRIGHT have been working. It was our privilege to witness the baptism of 13 from different places.

Since our return to *Pacasi* about ten days ago, the Lord has granted us much

joy and encouragement in the work amongst these Indians. The two believers had gone on well in our absence, are happy in the Lord, and desirous of learning more. Each day a good number of appreciative patients have come along for medical attention.

The meetings have all been well attended, and some are showing keen interest. Last Tuesday night at the meeting for women and children, there were between 70 and 80 present, many mothers with their children. June 13, 1940.

URUGUAY

Montevideo ANGELITA MARTINEZ—I sailed first to *Buenos Aires, Argentina*, and then crossed back 10 days later to *Montevideo* having no trouble whatsoever. In Buenos Aires they were stricter but, no doubt owing to the many prayers that were ascending on my behalf, everything was passed through without paying duty, except my camera. Others had all the contents of their trunks emptied and had to pay duty on many things, but His hand was with me.

Two weeks ago the sisters of the Union Assembly here gave me a welcome meeting inviting all the sisters of the other Assemblies too and we had a happy time together. After two years of not speaking in Spanish I found myself slipping into English every once in a while; but they all seemed to enjoy it, so I guess they were able to understand.

I have been in Montevideo only nine days but am already settled down and beginning to do a little in the work. The average Sunday School attendance is about 45; the Sunday night Gospel meeting is very well attended; last Sunday night there were quite a few unsaved present.

The great need for workers in this part of His vineyard makes me feel all the more clearly that He has sent me here. The people are so different from those in Paraguay and the methods of working too, so that I need your prayers for wisdom and understanding in my dealing with them. I hope to be able to give you further details later on. July 8, 1940.

VENEZUELA

Puerto Cabello WILLIAM WILLIAMS—Brother JOHN WELLS and I just got back from the bush to *Nir-*

gua where we are having special meetings in this highland town. We had much of the Lord's blessing on the journey. We visited five of the Southwestern Assemblies and had meetings in three new places. We baptised some and had 6 meetings in a new place called *Guacamaya* where eight have been saved lately through labors of our brethren in *Aroa*.

July 11, 1940.

Puerto Cabello SIDNEY J. SAWORD--The work locally in *San Gillan, San Esteban*, and here has been occupying our time in these days, but we purpose, if the Lord will, to take our children to the hills of *Santa Rosa* for the duration of the school holidays, about 5 weeks. The saints in those parts have not had a visit from any of the workers for two years, and latest reports are to the effect that there is now a good interest in the Gospel, so we are looking forward to a very profitable time. There are five different localities where we hope to be able to make Gospel efforts.

July 5, 1940.

Puerto Cabello RUTH W. SCOTT—The school this year had enrolled the largest number in our history, and by this means the Word of God spreads to new families; but so far, does not give the results we hope for. Almost all are Roman Catholics, but we have several Jews, refugees from Spain and Poland, who seem to take quite an interest in the Bible; it is the first time they have read any of it. They tell their parents at home about "the doctrine." One of these, a big boy, told his mother that he wanted to "enter" this religion for he is sure it is the right one, and she said to go ahead, as long as he did not ask her for money, as she was not going to spend anything on it! His family are gross materialists, but the boy seems really serious and moved at times.

Perhaps you have been told about the time of blessing* that we had, early this

year, in *San Esteban*. Mr. Saword started in an old tent, and was joined by Mr. Williams when he came back from Canada.

I have read of old fashioned revivals, but this was the nearest to one that I have seen. The people would hardly go home. The tent was pitched on a knoll up from the road, between four houses in which live four sisters (in the flesh, and in the Lord). These sisters and all the Christians up there have large families, formerly our Sunday School scholars, but now many grown up and numbers married. I don't like to "count numbers," but recently at Young People's Bible Class, I counted 15 fine stalwart young men filling three benches, all with notebook and pencil and happy faces. These, besides young women, boys, and girls, and a few older ones, were won for the Lord in these meetings. For seven years Miss Gulston and I taught in the Sunday School there, when these young people were children, so we are especially rejoiced over their conversion.

But to go back to the meetings—or rather, the after-meetings. Every room of the homes around would be occupied with seeking souls on their knees; while in the tent one would see some with bowed heads, bowed between the knees sometimes. It would be so quiet—only the murmur as some prayed, or some pointed out Scriptures. We avoided any "pushing." Then doors would open and one or another would emerge with shining face and streaming eyes, and then would be laughing and weeping and singing.

One night two brothers, young men now, but formerly both day and Sunday School scholars of mine, were sitting bowed down on the front bench. I spoke and read with them quite a while. I was sure they were near the Kingdom. When the preachers were disengaged, they took the boys into the house. After a long while Mr. WILLIAMS came out, followed by the eldest, a fine tall young fellow. His face was still the picture of misery; he

*Sidney J. Saword mentioned this briefly in his letter of April 5, published in the May issue of **The Fields**. Our readers will be interested in these details.

stood still and groaned and sobbed as if racked with pain, and would have fallen if not supported on a chair. The preachers said, "Leave him with God." Except for his deep, shuddering groans, there was absolute silence. At last he was quiet, but still kept his face covered for quite a while. When he looked up—no need to tell the good news! His brother, looking on, said, "José, do you think Jesus wants to save your brother and leave you out?" His sober face lit up and said to me, "I am saved, Senorita." I think it was that night that there were eight saved; there was a joyful chorus before we left. But another young man threw himself on his mother's neck, sobbing, "But I'm not saved; I am too great a sinner." He did not sleep that night and was saved in the early morning.

But this would turn into a book if I went on—and I wish I could go on to tell of many cases, and of the persecution that some have had. This Assembly had been meeting in a large *sala* (front room) which of course was now far too small; so Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAMS stayed there ten weeks and helped them build a beautiful little Hall. But we are wondering already if it may not be too small. Some are still getting saved from time to time.

O! how I wish we could see such an outpouring in this Port! And after San Estaban, I have faith to believe that we may; for we had prayed almost despairingly for the young people there.

July 27, 1940.

ANGOLA

Biula GEORGE WISEMAN—Just before leaving *Luma*, I had an interesting trek for eight days. In most villages there was good attention to the Gospel, and two men seemed anxious to know Christ as Savior. In one place, the elders of the village were very keen that a Christian come and live with them so that day by day they would hear the Gospel. There is a great need for native Christians to go out to the distant places with the Gospel.

Due to the fact we have just moved

from the *Luma* station here to *Biula*, there has been little of interest to write about the past few weeks.

In the district there are a fair number of villages in walking distance. We go out each week to invite the people to the meetings on Sunday, and also have a meeting with them in their own villages. Many promise to come, but very few are true to their word. There are about 50 in fellowship here, and the mid-week meetings are well attended. Two of the elders in the Assembly are very faithful, and a great help. One especially seems fearless when preaching the Gospel, and in exhorting the Christians to walk a more separated life from the things of the world.

The dry season will soon be over, and before the rains set in, we hope to have six houses ready for boys who will come in from the distant villages. They will be daily under the sound of the Gospel, and will also attend school where they will be taught to read and write. Our one aim in school work is to get the children to read so as they may read God's Word for themselves. We have the whole of the New Testament, Genesis, Exodus, and the Psalms in the native language.

June 17, 1940.

Chitau

JOHN E. BODALY — For the Christians to have been alone for a while has taught them that we are not altogether the main-spring of the work, and that they can get on quite well without us. But some out-posts that were open to us when I went home are now no longer open; they have been occupied by messengers of the Pope. It causes us much sorrow to have to report this.

My wife has been able to spend a couple of weeks in the villages since our return and I have returned today from a visit to some of the out-posts, taking in some of the heathen villages as well. It is the first time these places have been visited in two years. We are not able to cope with the great need that there is on all sides.

June 14, 1940.

(received August 5, 1940)

Kavungu ALBERT E. HORTON — Have just returned from *Mutshatsha, Belgian Congo*, whither I took Frank

Mr. Horton's experience on an earlier trip.



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and Edwin to entrain for Paarl, not far from Capetown. We are grateful to the Lord for providing for their schooling there. We met the HESSES just coming in with only 56 miles left of their journey to *Sakeji*.

Remember us in prayer, for our guidance as to present and future procedure. I have been devoting much time to translation, but the present situation in Europe makes me wonder whether there is time left to justify the application which removes me from more active testimony. I shall consult other brethren before deciding to withdraw from this work, at least until future events become more clearly defined.

May 21, 1940

Monte Esperanca CHRISTOPHER DAY — With what joy we record the Lord's goodness to us in bringing us back to our loved work in Africa. Quite suddenly our way was opened to return, leaving no opportunity to visit America. We had a most delightful voyage to *Lobito Bay* with not an alarm

of any kind all the way. Even as we sailed through the dangerous waters nearer England, with wrecks on either hand, His perfect peace garrisoned our hearts so fully that we had no qualms whatever.

The warmth of the welcome from our fellow-workers and the natives was very cheering. As, shortly before midnight, we walked up-hill the last hundred yards, the natives surged down the hill shouting and shrieking their greetings and wiping the palms of their hands down us from the shoulders to the knees,—a particularly warm welcome. Next morning the school children came up in formation to sing us their welcome, clapping their greetings as they sang.

Two days after I was bitten by a particularly venomous tick. A badly swollen leg was followed by a relapsing fever. An S.O.S. to Dr. Bier brought the necessary injections by the return train. Although still weak, I am up and around and so we hope the relapse has been avoided. After 17 years in Africa without an attack, it is strange that I should get this fever immediately upon return. However, it is one of the "all things" permitted by His loving Hand.

June 27, 1940.

(received August 14, 1940)

Vila Luso LESLIE B. BIER—Work here goes on much as usual, despite the war. The hospital supplies in hand should last, perhaps, another 3 or 4 months, but as no more are on the way I wonder what will happen then. I usually obtained supplies from England, but with the increased cost of them, freight, etc., it has been impossible to order again recently.

The numbers are about the same as last year, that is, last month we gave 3,700 treatments, although the surgical work has taken a big slump. Of the lepers 105 are now under treatment, a few more than at the end of 1939. The building plans for the dry season which we are now in have had to be cancelled for the most part, although we are putting up a dispensary which we cannot very well do without.

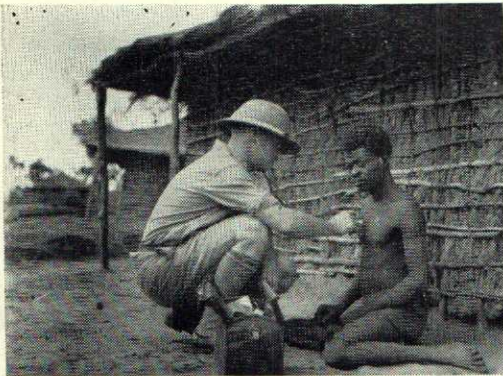
This dry season at the end of July we

are planning a native conference and we are looking to God for His blessing upon this season of ministry. It does the native good to meet others who are one with him in Christ and you would certainly be surprised to hear some of the ministry which is given by the more gifted of them.

Mr. ROBERT RAYMOND arrived here a few weeks ago to work amongst this tribe. He has been in *Portugal* for over a year and comes with special qualifications to take over the school work. We especially hope that some of the native young men will benefit by this extra help and that they will be exercised about their fellow-countrymen who are still in darkness. What Africa needs today is more of her own native sons who are strong in the faith to reach out to the unsaved around us.

June 11, 1940

(received July 24, 1940)



Dr. Bier examining a lung case on a trip through the villages

FRENCH EQUATORIAL AFRICA

Moissala F. WILLIAM ROGERS — The Lord has given us a number of saved young men whom we are seeking to train to go forth to live in the villages and teach the Word of God to their own people. Great caution is needed for the distractions are strong and a working knowledge of the Word is essential. They go on evangelistic journeys and return; we are confident that we shall soon be able to commend some definitely for more continuous work. One of the most promising is a Christian boy who came from *Kano* with us to help in the work around

the home. He has proved a gem and undoubtedly will soon be an evangelist for he is very earnest in his desire for the salvation of souls. **To train and encourage such from the people themselves is an important method of spreading the Gospel.**

April 11, 1940.

(received July 19, 1940)

NORTHERN RHODESIA

Chavuma GEORGE BUTCHER — I have been going to several of the out-schools for regular Bible studies with the Christians. Many have shown a marked interest, while others, occupied with the things of the world, have very little time for the things of God and His Word.

We are nearing the end of the school term and then comes teachers' school, when the teachers come in from all of the out-schools to receive two weeks' special instruction in the Word of God and other subjects. Mr. Mowat has kindly consented to come again, so we all, European and Native, are looking forward to a time of refreshing in the things of the Lord. As soon as these meetings are over we are looking forward to going out to the villages for a while. The Lord willing, we will be erecting another small building for the preaching of the Word of God. We have perfect liberty to start a Gospel testimony wherever we desire, but cannot do any school work without permission from the Government Educational Committee.

Four children in the Sunday School recently professed to accept the Lord Jesus as their Savior.

May 21, 1940.

(received August 7, 1940)

INDIA

Bangalore ROWLAND H. C. HILL—During April I was quite ill owing to an intestinal infection that was most stubborn and, with the attendant fever, pulled me down much. We came up here to *Ootacamund* in the hills and I am now thankfully completely recovered and ready to go down below in fine physical condition and so are DIANA and JOAN.

During May we have a conference of our workers and all through the season there are meetings for ministry. At our

conference we have very profitable discussions and talks on problems relating to the work in India. Among the decisions reached by our own brethren from the *Kanarese* area is that I become manager of a small printing-plant to be purchased immediately for printing *Kanarese* booklets and tracts. This one will be for our missionary purposes only and not on a money-making scheme. There is about Rs. 9,000 available for machinery as part of the proceeds of the sale of the big English press in Bangalore while we were on furlough. It was doing job-printing as well and got into difficulties.

One of the duties that fell to my lot was to speak at a "Keswick" convention held here yearly. About 300 missionaries of all sorts attended and it was a splendid opportunity. Judging by many testimonies, a number were much helped.

May 24, 1940.

(received July 23, 1940)

CHINA

Shang Pu Teo, Shantung



Family starting homeward after morning meeting. Children in saddle-baskets, father leading, mother and older brother walking alongside.

HONAN

Yung Cheng CATHERINE MCKENZIE — For these three months it has been a great joy to see the Lord working in the hearts of the women and girls of this village. The sale of Bibles has been most remarkable. The young girls can't seem to get enough of the Word. We have Bible Classes for them Sunday and Tuesday afternoons. Whenever we visit their homes, the word gets round that we are in so and so's home. Before we know it, they all come in with their Bibles and, "Please,

Teacher, what does this mean?" How we praise the Lord for this thirst for the Word in these dear girls.

About a month ago several native Evangelists were here to help us in a special Gospel effort. We all went out visiting the nearby villages in the morning. Each afternoon we had meetings for the women, and at night meetings for the men.
June 18, 1940. (received August 1, '40)

JEHOL PROVINCE

Lingyuan MARGARET (Mrs. Edwin J.) THARP—The Chinese helpers and several dear Christians who meet with me regularly for prayer for our women's work have been greatly distressed over the widespread poverty and our inability to help the poor as we used to do, partly on account of the very high and ever increasing prices of all foodstuffs—oil, wood, coal, and cotton cloth—and also because of these being rationed. Then, too, prices for carts and hiring of animals has gone up to an exorbitant figure. As our work is in the surrounding 40 to 50 villages we are dependent on carts; if the Word of Life is to be taken to these poor desperately needy souls, we *must go*. So today, thanks indeed to our loving faithful God, I am able to tell the dear sisters we can now continue to visit in the country, in spite of high prices. We are having so much to encourage too, not only in the villages, but in the town. Only yesterday we visited the home of four elderly women, steeped in idolatry and heathen ways, and yet all desirous of knowing the Truth.

Ruth, my elder daughter, has just closed the schools until end of August, and with the help of the older girls and teachers is planning to visit all the scholars' homes, in the cool of the day. We satisfied the authorities as to the school for older girls by closing it, only to re-open as a Bible School, and took the Bible as the only Text Book.
July 10, 1940.

SHANTUNG

Wei Hai MARGARET D. BUCKLEY—For over a month I have been in *Shih Tao* relieving Miss AKERS who was in need of a holiday. On

the way down I visited Mrs. SMITH and Miss GILLEN at *Kwan Hsia Chia*; then spent a few days at *Shang Pu Teo* with Misses LeTOURNEAU and BARCLAY; Miss LeTOURNEAU accompanied me to *Ho Nan* where Misses McKENZIE and COXON carry on in a new place; in turn they came with me to *Shih Tao*. It was good to see the Lord blessing in new out-stations with a nucleus of Christians in each place. We praise the Lord for the forward movement despite all there is to hinder. June 26, '40

(Mrs. Buckley has since left on furlough)

YUNNAN

Kunming JOHN J. McGEHEE—The two and one-half months since we arrived in China has been a period of varied, sometimes trying, experiences as we seek to get acquainted with the people, settled in a house to ourselves, started on the language, and adjusted to new climate and environment. True to His promise, however, our Lord has proceeded us, opened and closed doors, given guidance, raised up friends and helpers, and given us favor with officials where needed. It has been most wonderful to go forth on faith, or rather on God's faithfulness, and discover all along the way the provision He has made for our path. We are most thankful for the fellowship of two young Chinese brethren who moved here from *Shanghai* a few months ago. They were in one of the Assemblies there. We have the sweet and unexpected privilege each Lord's Day of meeting with them and members of their families around the Lord's table in the home of one of them. As far as we know the nearest Scriptural gathering to our Lord's Name is *Hong Kong*—six days' distance by train and boat. Too, we praise the Lord for providing us a comfortable (for China) three-room house in a village just outside the city of Kunming; also for a Christian young man, refugee from eastern China, to help with cooking, housework, and buying; as well as for an excellent Chinese language teacher, and for help in learning the language. We longingly look towards the time when we shall be able to tell the story of our Savior's love in Chinese, and

also in the language of the tribes-people among whom we hope ultimately to work. There are so many here who have never heard of Him!

Since the village in which we live is one of the many thousands of villages in China where the Gospel has never been preached, we were happy to open our home for Gospel preaching by the Chinese brethren mentioned. The interest has been most encouraging. Last Friday evening was the fourth weekly Gospel meeting and

The Attendance Has Grown

from 17 the first night to 70 last Friday. We shall be happy when the rainy season ends so we can meet in the courtyard, as our living room is already filled to overflowing with people sitting on the floor and crowding around the doors and windows. One of the Chinese brethren comes on Lord's Day morning for a Bible school for Chinese children at which the usual attendance has been about 20. In addition to these meetings my wife and I also have meetings on Lord's Day for any who can speak English. In the morning we have a class for children of foreigners. So far we have contacted five children who can speak English: two Germans, two Russians, and a Jewish boy. The Germans and the Jew are refugees from Germany, and the Russian children's father is in business here. We hear of other children whom we hope will be able to come soon. Just today a missionary mother inquired if her children might also come. Then in the afternoon we have a class primarily for Chinese students who understand English. The attendance at this meeting has increased from one the first time to seven last Sunday. We do thank the Lord for these privileges of giving forth His Word while we are studying for a larger sphere of testimony after we have mastered the language. We look to Him to bless the Word to the salvation of precious souls. Won't you also by prayer help us water the seed that is sown in these hearts that it may soon bring forth fruit unto life everlasting in some who are now in darkness of superstition and unbelief?

JOSEPH G. MARTINEZ was born of Christian parents in Carril, Spain. Converted at the age of 16, baptized one year later, and began to take an active part and interest in the Lord's work in his home town. An early interest in missionary work was stimulated while studying English through the reading and translation of



missionary letters in *Echoes of Service* and *The Witness*. These magazines were provided by two Scotch young ladies, Miss PETRIE, now Mrs. BOYD, living in Hamilton, Canada, and Miss WILSON, the late Mrs. SAMUEL ADAMS, while they were studying Spanish in Spain previous to their going out to Venezuela. Through special circumstances Mr. Martinez was led to come to the United States in 1911 and associated himself with the Assembly in Palisades Park, New Jersey. In 1912 married Miss MANUELA SANTOS.

With an ever increasing desire for missionary work, in spare time from business duties, he took a three-year correspondence Bible study course and engaged in open air preaching and Sunday School work. Left his employment in 1917 to go to Brooklyn Missionary Training School for further studies in the Scriptures and for medical training. Letters from Mr. J. ROSS and Mr. ALLAN SMITH impressed upon his heart the need of *Paraguay*. In 1919, being led of the Lord, offered himself for the work there.

MANUELA SANTOS was born in Trabanca, Spain, of Roman Catholic parents, and at age 12 was brought to the Lord through the instrumentality of her grandparents and the missionaries Miss FULLER and Miss LANCASTER (now Mrs. INURRIGARRO). The need of the mission field was impressed upon her then by the words of



the Lord Jesus in John 17:20. As a result of her testimony at home she had the joy of seeing both her parents come to the Lord, as well as other members of the family and some neighbors. Came to this country in 1912 to be married. But the vision of the mission field was not lost because the voice of God in His mercy kept on calling and together with her husband she saw the need in Paraguay whither they went in 1919 after some Bible and medical training.

ANGELITA MARTINEZ was born of these Christian parents in Palisades Park, New Jersey, and born again in Paraguay, South America, at the age of 9. From the age of 12 was occupied in Sunday School and young people's work. Being brought up on the field, had always had an interest in missionary work but was definitely



called of the Lord in 1931 through Romans 10:13-15 and was led to go back to South America where the many yet "have not heard."

From the beginning the work of Mr. MARTINEZ with his family has been in *Asuncion*, the Capital. The Lord has blessed their services and that of Paraguayan converts who have passed on the Gospel. In *Asuncion* is a large Assembly which in 1937 completed a new Hall in a central and accessible location. Besides, there are five or more Assemblies in as many towns in the interior villages in Paraguay where the work is carried on by faithful Paraguayans. A detailed account of the work was published in the November 1939 issue of *THE FIELDS*.

Early last summer, Mr. MARTINEZ and his wife arrived in the States on furlough and expect to return to their field early in the coming Fall.

ANGELITA MARTINEZ sailed from New York on May 18 on her way to *Monte Video, Uruguay*, in which city she plans to work pending the return of her parents.

A letter from Miss Martinez appears on page 183 of this issue of *The Fields*,

Two Urgent Needs For Help In Prayer.

Tidings from ROSE SPARKS of *India* are delayed, brief, and incomplete. At last account, she was still in the *Pendra Road Sanatorium* in Northeast India. Apparently, on August 13, she had sufficiently improved to warrant an operation, the nature and result of which we do not know.

As our readers know, information regarding her serious condition originally came from FRED ROWAT, a fellow-worker. Shortly afterward Mr. and Mrs. ROWAT removed from that part of India to *Bangalore* in South India about 1,000 miles distant and were, therefore, completely out of touch. At Mr. ROWAT's suggestion, on May 22, 1940, we wrote J. F. SMELE, a British worker in *Calcutta*. Regrettably, as has happened so often during the past year, this letter was seriously delayed. In reply to our cable inquiry of reminder, Mr. Smele responded by cable (August 16, 1940) as follows:

"YOUR LETTER RECEIVED MONDAY ALSO FROM SPARKS TUESDAY IMMEDIATELY SENT AIR TO YOU GIVING LATEST OPERATION LAST TUESDAY OWING TO SLIGHT IMPROVEMENT OF LATE I BELIEVE AM SHORTLY VISITING WILL REPORT.

As soon as further information arrives we shall share it with our readers.

As noted briefly in our last issue, Mr. and Mrs. K. A. JOHNSON with twenty-three French orphans and their two helpers fled from their home at *Frepillon* on the outskirts of Paris and after many thrilling experiences reached *London*. They hope to find a way to come to United States or Canada with their charges. There are many difficulties to be overcome.

It appears impossible to hope for the transfer of any children from Britain to America except through the cooperation of *United States Committee for the Care of European Children*, a voluntary philanthropic Committee of which MARSHALL FIELD is President. This Committee is in close touch with the Governments and most, if not all, evacuations of children from Britain to America will be arranged in collaboration with this Committee. We have, therefore, consulted with them about Mr. JOHNSON's problem and the New York office is securing the facts by cable from its London branch in the hope of being able to assist and advise.

The group, as it arrived in London, consisted of the following:

14 BOYS		Ages	9 GIRLS		Ages
Auguste Muntz		18	Jeannette Jeandey		17
Camille Quatresols		17	Lucette Jeandey		15
Georges Laboure		17	Andree Marise		11
Roger Pajot		13	Jacqueline Poirand		11
Jacques Pajot		14	Jacqueline Robert		10
Lucien Legrand		13	Suzanne Muzet		9
Rene Poirand		13	Gilberte Gerot		9
Andre Robert		11	Annette Leray		5
Jean Lebedyck		11	Sylviane Eldin		3
Velentin Robert		9			
Marcel Rispaill		9			
Jean Robert		8			
Jacques Robert		7			
Marcel Alix		6			

The four oldest boys have enlisted in General De Gaulle's French Army in England so that there remain nineteen to be provided for.

It is very doubtful that the Governments will meet Mr. Johnson's desire that the children come to America as a group under his care. It may be necessary for them to remain in England unless arrangements are made for them to be received into homes separately under guarantees from approved individuals that they will be responsible for the care and support of certain children. We hope to have some definite report in an early issue of **The Fields**.

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