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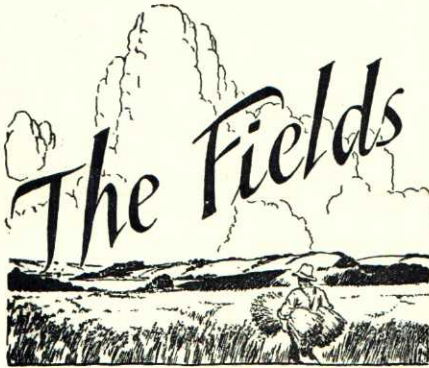
Jungle

Indian mother

and child

Courtesy of Harold Reimer

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Our Objective

The objective of "*The Fields*" is to promote interest in the work of the Lord throughout the world. This magazine concerns itself primarily with the labors of missionaries commended by assemblies in the U. S. A. and Canada.

Illustrations

Letters and articles covering the work abroad are more useful if illustrated. Reader interest is always stimulated by photographs. The cooperation of workers in forwarding good photos is much appreciated.

The Fields to Missionaries

Through the kindness of friends we have been able to send *The Fields* to many missionaries. We would like to send the magazine to many more missionaries on the field.



Editorials



Cooperation In Angola

Our good friend, Dr. John Tucker, who has so kindly assisted many of our missionaries en route Angola, has an article on that land which appears in the current issue of "World Dominion." In this article generous reference is made to the work of Mr. Fred Stanley Arnot whose sound spiritual judgment and personal godliness "helped to lay the foundation of the cordial relationships between missions in Angola which still persists . . ."

An interesting side-light on the situation in early days is furnished by Henry W. Nev-
 erson, journalist and war correspondent, who visited Angola in 1905. This observer wrote: "Besides the Order of the Holy Spirit, there are two other notable Orders at work in Angola, the American Mission (Congregational) under the American Board, and the English Mission (Plymouth Brethren) under Divine direction only. Each mission has four stations, and each is about to start a new one. All are on terms of singular friendship, almost like the followers of Christ. Of all sects that I have ever known, these are the only two that I have heard pray for each other and that without condemnation. I mean that they pray in a different spirit from the Anglican prayer for Jews, Turks, infidels and heretics!"

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The Need Of Literature

Communism apparently regards the press as its chief arm in its propaganda campaign. It is stated that the communists recognize literature as more effective than bombs in the battle for men's minds. In one year, we are told, "the Soviet State publishing houses produced 30,000,000 text-books, 42,698 titles with impressions estimated at 4,300,000,000."

In India, about 70% of all available literature is produced by communists. It is attractively illustrated, well printed and priced within the reach of the poor. In 1954 communists produced enough literature in Af-

rican languages to supply four pieces for every man in Africa. The tide of such propaganda has reached appalling proportions in recent years and shows no sign of abating.

Nor is this all. In 1954 Jehovah's Witnesses circulated a total of 73,000,000 magazines ("Watch Tower" and "Awake"). In the same year they printed 70,687,000 books and booklets in about 100 languages for circulation throughout the world. Of all religious correspondence course systems in vogue today, the Seventh Day Adventists head the list with over 3,000,000 students enrolled. The S. D. A. magazine "Signs of the Times," has a total output of approximately 25,000,000 per year.

The emphasis given to literature by propagandists of all sorts should not be overlooked by the church. The pen is still one of the most potent forces in the world and in our opinion literature deserves greater attention than it has received from evangelical quarters. There was a time when sound Christian literature was well to the fore on mission fields. Today it is trailing sadly. Why?

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Is Literature Over-Stressed?

It is argued in some quarters that the emphasis upon literature is misplaced inasmuch as the people in certain areas are not sufficiently literate to profit by it. We can fully sympathize with this view in its application to specific localities. What we have in mind in these columns is a **general** view. To this there will certainly be **local** exceptions. World food production is increasing but no one suspects that this fact greatly affects the Gobi desert!

Local conditions will govern the activities of missionaries in any part of the world. Medical missions are necessary in one place, quite unnecessary in another. Schools needed in some areas would be superfluous in others. This is obvious enough.

Global outlook forces upon our attention the fact that literacy is rapidly increasing. Even if due allowance is made for the con-

clusion that a percentage of the new literates are, in fact, "functional illiterates," it still must be realized that literacy is advancing at a marked pace. It is estimated that 50,000,000 persons have learned to read by the Laubach method. There are 200,000,000 more literates in the world today than there were twenty-five years ago. It is claimed that India has witnessed in the past three years a greater upsurge in literacy than in the previous twenty-five years. Throughout the world the literacy increase is declared to be 15,000,000 persons per year.

These people want something to read! Attractive literature is more appealing to many new literates abroad than T. V. is to the average American. With the Christian Church—that is, with every one of us—lies the answer. Shall it be soul-destroying propaganda or the soul-emancipating Gospel of Christ?

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"Neno la Imani"

We were delighted the other day to receive a copy of "Neno la Imani" in its new and improved form. "Neno la Imani" (The Word of Faith) is a Christian magazine edited and published at Nyankunde, Belgian Congo. The new color cover with large cover photo has real eye-appeal and without doubt will attract wide attention in the Congo. It presents various features prepared by well-known Christian authors.

The editor, W. A. Deans, is ably assisted by Mrs. Deans, Mrs. Speering, Mr. and Mrs. Lenhartzen and Miss Partridge. Other capable helpers in the work, Miss G. Koppel and Miss E. Vigeon, are at present on furlough. A staff of twenty-five African employees does most of the press work: two of these assist in editorial work.

The immediate circulation objective of 25,000 copies will soon be reached and passed, we hope. We commend "Neno la Imani" as an example of that type of magazine which is proving itself so effective in evangelistic and teaching work in various mission fields. May the Lord abundantly bless this magazine to a multitude of Congo-Swahili readers.

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Dr. Bier's Quarter Century

It is twenty-five years since Dr. Leslie Bier left Brantford, Ontario, for Angola, travelling via Britain and Portugal. In a recent letter the Doctor bears witness to the

faithfulness of God throughout those years of medical service in Africa.

Those who have followed Dr. Bier's annual reports have rejoiced in the steadily increasing scope of the medical work at Boma Mission Hospital. It is a medical center that has ministered relief and help to a great multitude of afflicted folk. But Boma is more than a medical center: it is a spiritual lighthouse from which the truth has shone brightly on the surrounding scene.

The Doctor has seen great changes at Boma in the past quarter century. From a crude beginning in the bush, there has arisen a brick-walled, tile-roofed and tile-floored hospital. The operating theatre is lighted by well-placed windows, the walls finished in glazed tiles and fitted with porcelain basins complete with hot and cold running water. The wards are equipped with metal bedsteads and comfortable mattresses. Associated with Dr. Bier in the Boma work are Dr. Arthur Stinton, Miss V. Grant, R. N. and Mrs. T. Wilson, S. R. N., as well as African assistants. We extend Christian greetings on the passing of the quarter century mark in service and commend the Doctor, Mrs. Bier and their family to the Lord as they press on in His service.

Mutuality

When mutual intercession takes the place of mutual accusation, then will the differences and difficulties of brethren be overcome. (Job 42:8-10).

Fret Not

What does your anxiety do? It does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow; but ah! it empties today of its strength. It does not make you escape the evil; it makes you unfit to cope with it when it comes.

The Lord My Strength

You need the Lord's strength for the Lord's work. You will become discouraged in His work if you are only equipped with the courage which you naturally possess. The devil has so often succeeded in overthrowing that that he knows just how it can be done, but the soul that is panoplied with Divine courage has an armour strong enough to withstand all the darts of discouragement that the enemy has ever invented.

Evangelistic Medical Work On The River Paraguay

DR. GORDON A. SMITH

IMAGINE that you live in a mud hut on the banks of the River Paraguay two or three hundred miles from the nearest township. You sell the produce from your small plantation of vegetables, manioca, and fruit trees, to passing boats, or you take it in a row boat to the nearest village. With difficulty you "make ends meet," and your children are poorly nourished, inadequately clothed, and suffer much from swarms of fierce mosquitoes and other biting insects.

You are a Roman Catholic, living in uncertainty and fear as far as your soul's state before God is concerned, and worship superstitiously before a crucifix, or a picture of the "Virgin" that you keep in the house.

Your child is sick, and you have been trying to cure him by means of remedies made from certain weeds, but your anxiety increases as you see your child steadily weakening.

One day a large launch, the "El Mensajero," appears and ties to the riverbank by your house. You have heard of this boat and of the "Evangélicos" who travel on it, and with some misgivings you receive them into your house. They speak to you of the Savior, of salvation by faith, give you literature and show you the Bible, which you may buy for an insignificant sum. You are informed that there is a doctor on board, and soon he is examining your child and administering treatment.

That evening colored pictures on the life, death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus are projected on a screen outside the hut, and you hear the Gospel message in all its simplicity and soul-stirring hopefulness, and you hear hymns sung in your mother tongue, Guarani.

The following day the missionaries revisit you and explain more clearly the way of salvation, and the doctor again visits your child in whom you already notice a decided improvement. The visitors depart in their



Dr. Smith with a patient



Indian Fishing with Bow and Arrow

Photo: Harold Reimer

launch, but you remain with the light of the Gospel beginning to shine into your soul, The Word of God in your home, your anxiety regarding your child relieved, and also with the hope that the "El Mensajero" will visit you again as soon as possible.

Several months pass before you see your new friends again, but you welcome them warmly, and you are ready, after further conversation, to confess your faith in the Lord. Your child is now better, you receive further medical advice, and altogether a new hope and light now shine where before hung the dark clouds of misery, uncertainty and despair.

This indeed is typical of many homes visited in the course of the voyages of the Paraguay launch, "El Mensajero," as it plies its way along the 800 miles of the mighty Paraguay River between Humaitá in the south and Bahía Negra in the north.

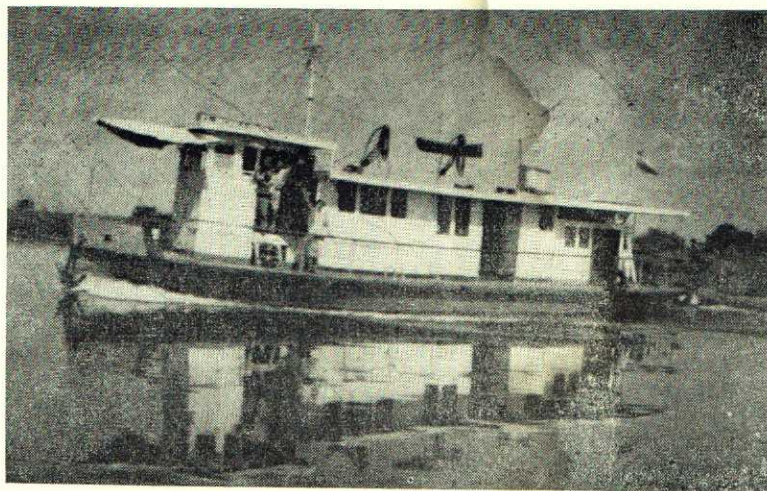
During 1955 the "El Mensajero" was in action up river for over eight months, with the following missionary team: Mr. and Mrs. Munro Perry, Mr. George Gilling, Señor Ramirez, and, except for eleven weeks, the writer.

In November, at Olimpo, 430 miles from Asunción, ten busy days were spent. The Bishop who resides there did his best to hinder the work by using his influence with the authorities, and by calling on the people to reject the "Evangélicos" as heretics. However, whilst he defamed us over his loud-

speakers, we were kept busy with medical work, treating some of the most influential men in the place, such as the Chief of Police, the Headman of the Municipality, and even the young child of one of the most devout R. C. families there. Public opinion soon swung strongly against the Bishop; the authorities again granted us permission to use the loud-speakers at the meetings; and also a number of boys whom the Bishop had incited to stone the meetings, were kept in custody for a while by the police!

At Itapucumi, some distance further south, we were asked by the Police Officer to attend a man who was seriously ill. Examination of his blood showed him to be a case of very severe anemia, requiring blood transfusion. The Police Officer had soon gathered together a number of men who were willing to act as blood-donors if required. After certain tests, one donor was selected and a quantity of his blood given to the patient. As all this was done on board the "El Mensajero" it was a notable event, as such a thing had not been attempted before. The great improvement in the patient was appreciated by the authorities and the people and when we visited that place on our return journey, the Police Officer said, "God sent you here in time to save this man's life."

The administrator of an estancia (large cattle run) some miles north of Concepción now confesses his faith in the Lord, and his case is interesting. When we visited his



Gospel Launch "El Mensajero" on Paraguay River.

home we found him seriously ill with heart failure. Treatment was prescribed, the required medicines dispensed, and the urgency of his accepting the Lord stressed. On visiting his home some months later, we found him much improved and full of gratitude to God for His mercy and confessing his faith in the Lord. That a great change had indeed taken place in this man's life could be clearly seen.

Much could be written of this great and interesting work: of the visitation from house to house, the encouraging sale of Scriptures, the Gospel meetings, attended in some places by only two or three families, and in others by at least four hundred people, of the visitors who come on board—some of them very important people and others exceedingly humble and illiterate; of the little groups of believers that are beginning to form here and there, and of the remarkable way in which the Lord is adding to their numbers. Then too there is the very practical side of the work: the care of the boat and its maintenance, the running of the engines, the difficulties of river navigation, the matter of obtaining stores, of cooking meals, and of living for months in cramped quarters. Then there is always the

exceedingly important matter of our relationships with the authorities, in view of the unceasing and energetic attempts of church authorities to restrict religious liberty, maintain control of the country in every department of its life and prevent the free evangelization of Paraguay.

"If God be for us, who can be against us?" "None can stay His Hand." This is abundantly evident, for "He that sitteth in the Heavens" is delivering many souls from the shadow of death. His work goes on. May we all keep pressing on.

"Make Me"

"Give me" he prayed, but foolish, wilful boy,
He thought that but to HAVE was to enjoy.
A broken, sobered man, robbed, hungry,
bare,
"Make me," he prayed; and 'twas a wiser
prayer.

Much wiser. My possession may decay:
What I BECOME can no one take away.
A man's true worth may be appraised the
best
By what he was, not what he possessed.



Group at Baptismal Service Beside Paraguay River

INKPOT STRATEGY

J. OSWALD SANDERS

Is not the story (perhaps apocryphal) of Martin Luther throwing an inkpot at the devil when translating the Bible into German strikingly symbolic of the ministry of Christian literature? Can we find any more potent method of liberating those led captive by the devil than placing in their hands our emancipating message? Was it not because the Nestorian church left behind no literature that the light of Christianity in China was extinguished twelve hundred years ago?

Communist leaders are in no doubt as to the most effective weapon in their armory. "I can put three pieces of our literature in the hands of any literate Chinese and make a communist," boasted a Red officer. Indeed, so important a place do they assign to the propaganda value of literature in their assault on the minds of the masses, that in India they have made it possible to buy a communist library with a lamp thrown in for a dollar. They are convinced that their literature program merits such a heavy subsidy.

Priority

But are evangelical Christians equally convinced of the power of the inkpot in these crucial days? If we are to judge by the priority given to it in missionary planning and achievement, we must confess that such is far from the case. There is a gradual awakening to the strategic value of literature, but it must be accorded a much higher priority if we are to overtake the flying start gained by anti-Christian agencies in the battle for the minds and souls of men. The hour is late, but not yet too late. It must not once again be a case of too little and too late. The new hunger for reading material will satisfy itself somewhere. Is it not our responsibility to say where?

It should be a humbling challenge that even in the religious field we are running a poor second to the aggressive cults whose literature is being peddled with great zeal and self-sacrifice throughout the world. Why have we evangelical Christians been so slow to exploit this vastly influential approach to the hearts and minds of men? Have we lacked vision and faith? Have we allowed the adversary to paralyze the nerve of our

endeavor? Has there been an absence of enthusiasm and drive? Have we been complacent about what has been achieved? Have we neglected to saturate in prayer the literature which has been distributed as though the inkpot itself could change the trends of a lifetime or counter the culture of a millennium? Have friends at home not been sufficiently indoctrinated in the urgency and possibilities of this branch of our ministry? We must admit that in this matter "the children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light." Let us accept our Lord's priority—"The gospel must first be published to all nations"—and how more effectively than through literature?

Potential

Watchfulness of the devil's strategy could sometimes give us a clue to the Divine strategy, for not without reason has he been called "Simius Dei," the ape of God. Has he not formulated his own system of theology—doctrines of demons? He is exploiting the propaganda value of literature, for he well knows that it is not bombs but ideas which rule the world. He is employing the inkpot to ferment political unrest, produce moral degradation and disseminate heretical doctrine. We must not allow his challenge to go by default.

The inkpot has advantages even over the human voice, for literature penetrates where the living voice cannot be heard. The power of its message is not neutralized by controversy or adulterated by error. Since it is possible for nine-tenths of the world's population to have literature in a language they can understand, what a vast coverage is possible for the gospel message! One book can touch ten readers—or a hundred. It does not have the geographical limitations of the preacher. In one instance, fifty people turned to the Lord through reading a leaflet left in a coat given to one of them. Without doubt print is one of the most powerful and enduring influences that plays upon the human mind.

Mr. J. Oswald Sanders is General Director of the C. I. M. Overseas Missionary Fellowship, whose chief sphere of activity is the Far East. Literature is of vast importance there as elsewhere in the world. This article is a serious call to the Lord's people regarding "inkpot strategy" in spiritual warfare. EDITOR.

CHRIST is the seven-branched Lampstand. All is dark without Him.

Religion Behind the Iron Curtain

There has been considerable interest expressed in an editorial appearing in the August issue of *The Fields*, with reference to evangelical activity in Russia. A brief quotation was given from an article appearing in "The Life of Faith." Interest in this phase of the Lord's work calls for presentation of that article in toto. It appears herewith. Editor.

According to the Russian Pontifical College in Rome, anti-religious efforts have been intensified in the Soviet Union in recent months. The Anti-religious Museum in Leningrad has been reorganized with branches established in every province, each branch being capable of training at least three hundred atheistic agents. Since Russia has two hundred twenty provinces this would mean that some sixty-six thousand specialists in anti-religious propaganda are to be trained, or about one to every three thousand Russians. It is also reported that three hundred new anti-religious booklets have been issued in Russia, and that atheistic propaganda will be stepped up in the schools.

In the current Soviet Russian school text-book in ancient history, with reference to calendars we read: "The date is reckoned from the supposed birth of Jesus Christ. In reality it has been scientifically proved that there never was a Christ; but people used to believe in him, believed that he had lived, so they took his birth to be a very significant event." In the same text-book, written by S. I. Kovalev and printed in 1954, the life of Jesus is dealt with in a short paragraph, after which we read: "There is not a word of truth in this legend. No Jesus Christ has ever really existed. There is not a single historical work of the first century of our area which says a single word about Christ. The myth about him was made up on an Oriental pattern." It is maintained that religion is superstition and in opposition to the findings of science, and that the gods have been invented with various motives. In the latest edition of the Soviet Encyclopaedia God is defined as a "mysterious imaginary (vydummanoe) being." Religion is also said to be the "dope of the people," and is regarded as a weapon in the class war.

But notwithstanding all this godless propaganda in the U. S. S. R., not only does religious belief and practice continue unabated, but new spiritual movements from time to time emerge. It would seem that political opposition is but the means used by God to rekindle the fire of spiritual revival in the hearts of men and women.

An article recently published in the Norwegian paper "Vart Land" tells of a spontaneous religious movement that has come into being in Russia, mainly through the reading of the Bible. The followers of this movement call themselves "the Believers," but they have been dubbed **Monachki** (the little Monks), a nickname which they have gladly accepted. These Christian youths are said to number several million, and their missionary activities are known all over the country. This movement constitutes the greatest opposition group to the Communist regime in Russia. It is recruited from all grades of society, but is composed chiefly of students, clerks and shop assistants.

The **Monachki** have no ritual or ceremonies. Their services are similar to those of the Quakers, consisting of the reading of a passage of Scripture, a short talk, and an application of Christian truths to present-day life. Owing to the scarcity of Bibles in the U. S. S. R., a few hand-written copies of the Scriptures are in circulation.

Courageous Evangelism

This revival movement is said to have begun as a purely Russian activity, without any help or encouragement from outside sources. It finds its inspiration solely in the Bible and the desire to apply the principles of Christianity to everyday life. The **Monachki** include a number of conscientious objectors, who without exception are sent to prison camps. The long sentences of imprisonment, however, do not terrify them. They believe in passive resistance, and do not countenance violence in any form; neither do they cooperate with groups that are preparing for a new revolution. Instead, they advocate strike action, and advise people not to work for the godless State. The movement has also made contact with the illegal remnants of the Russian Mennonites, Stundists, and other pacifist religious groups.

Many young people are leaving their work and are going out as evangelists to the remotest parts of Russia. There they preach the Gospel among collective laborers and organize special agricultural Christian com-

munities. As a rule such evangelists can carry on for a year or so before being arrested; but even then they continue their activities inside the prison camps. Services are held which many of the prisoners attend, save when forbidden by the guards.

The news of the activities of this spiritual youth movement comes from a 35-year-old German woman, Birgitte Gerland, the first prisoner to escape from the forced labor camp at Vorkuta. She was banished to this camp together with 8,000 young Christians who had received sentences of from fifteen to twenty-five years for having participated in anti-Communist activities. During the seven years of her imprisonment Frau Gerland was moved from one camp to another—twenty different camps in all—and in every one of them she met the **Monacki**. The Russian secret police, with their widespread network of espionage, seem to be powerless against these Christian youths, who claim to derive their inspiration from Christ Himself.

Radio Station DZAS

J. HOWARD KITCHEN

DZAS sent out its first Gospel broadcast on June 4, 1948, from a twelve and a half acre plot of land, just seven miles north of Manila, capital of the Philippines. It is now on the air twenty hours daily, in nearly forty languages and dialects. Six transmitters are in use in Manila, and there are forty members of the staff. A more recent important development has been the erection of five more transmitters on the island of Formosa, only ninety miles from the mainland of China.

To quote from a brochure issued by the Far East Broadcasting Co., they work in cooperation with all evangelical denominations and missionary groups, believing that "the task of preaching the Gospel to every kindred, tribe and nation can only be accomplished by the united effort of all Christians everywhere." For this reason the facilities of their stations are offered freely to all those who preach the everlasting Gospel of salvation through Jesus Christ. A clear-cut statement of belief safeguards evangelical truth sent out from DZAS.

Response to the messages sent out from DZAS comes not only from all parts of the Philippine Islands, but from many centers in East Asia and beyond, where the pro-

grammes are received on short-wave. A constant stream of tape-recordings flows into the offices of DZAS, Manila, from missionaries and Christian nationals able to prepare Gospel talks and Bible studies in Japanese, Chinese, Indonesian, and now Tibetan. Concerning these new Tibetan broadcasts Frank Winward wrote from Darjeeling, West Bengal, "It was a great thrill to hear the Tibetan broadcast over the new transmitter. It is coming through quite clearly on the twenty-five and thirty-one meter bands, and reception is quite good. We rejoice with you over this new work, and the Lord's faithfulness in meeting this need."

Members of the Tibetan Fellowship centered on Darjeeling are arranging for tape-recordings to be prepared and forwarded to Manila. Many missionaries formerly in West China or on the borders of Tibet are assisting in this.

Signals from the DZAS transmitters have been clearly heard in West Germany, South America and Australia. It is blessedly true that no Iron Curtain or Bamboo Curtain can keep back these heaven-inspired messages, maintained through sacrificial giving and Christian testimony, and borne along on the wings of prayer.

In the World of Islam

The following is an excerpt from a report by Daniel Herm, a German brother who labors in Pakistan near the Afghanistan border. These lines bring encouragement and present a challenge. Editor.

Since the Easter letter of 1956 I praise the Lord that I have been privileged to see the power of His resurrection in human hearts in this country. There is the witness of a former Mohammedan priest faithful in the Lord's service. There is another one who believes in his heart and surely soon will ask for baptism and a former gunsmith and pickpocket at the boundary of Afghanistan on whom the Holy Spirit is working mightily. Moreover there are two men from whom we soon expect a clear testimony. Thus there is the prospect that in the near future there will be established with them and their families another assembly in Pakistan, a witness to the death and resurrection of our Lord.

But Satan does not leave his prey easily. Closed hearts do not open by themselves,

and the hearts of Mohammedans have much need of the work of the Spirit and faithful prayers before the Lord can move in.

A few days ago I made a journey to the border of Afghanistan situated only a few kilometers from our village. I left my bicycle at the police station at the foot of the mountain range, and followed the hardly discernible path, reaching a Mohammedan "holy place," a shrine, where offerings are made to the spirits and the dead are honored. At this point the path disappeared entirely and being alone, after over two hours of mountain climbing, I reached the summit of the range. Here I stood next to the white boundary markers denoting the original territory of Afghanistan and was able to look far down into this forbidden land. One could observe mountain chain after mountain chain, and there was the knowledge of hundreds of villages in the lowlands—and one is not permitted to take another step!

Here is the territory on which no foot of the messenger of the gospel has ever trod! Here is the beginning of the unbounded land of the might of Satan and his demoniacal powers. It is not advisable to remain here any length of time, and after a while I started on the return journey; but the look into this forbidden land I will never forget!

However this is not the greatest need that moves me because in that country there is no "possibility" at the present time. In the district of Kohot, which is under the direct government of Pakistan, another picture is before us. It is a picture that should accuse

us, if we only would let it penetrate. Here there are "possibilities," here the Lord has opened doors, here there are invitations to medical services, connected with the proclamation of the gospel in the villages and towns. We are unable to do justice to these possibilities and cannot follow the invitations because those who could go and help and preach are not here! If this is the will of the Lord, or if the situation as it is presented is an accusation, I cannot say. But perhaps the Lord wants us to be exercised as to these opportunities in asking "Lord, what do you want me to do?"

At present I would like to exercise you regarding some special prayer requests. There is for instance our bookstore in Kohot. Every day Mohammedans are visiting it in order to read, also to buy Christian literature and Gospels. Then there are now eight men engaged in Biblical instruction. Some of them are already believers, others are not yet ready for the decision. But we believe that all are being prepared by the Lord for baptism and a public testimony. They all are in need of your intercession. Then we must continually thank the Lord for the liberty prevailing in this land, and that the government in no way hinders the proclamation of the gospel. May the Lord preserve this liberty to us.

My particular desire and prayer is that the Lord by His grace may establish a living assembly at the border of Afghanistan. How is this to be done? By your prayers and the supply of the spirit of Christ Jesus.

Phil. 1:19.



Scene in Kabul, capital of Afghanistan.

Approach To Missionary Work In France

BRIAN TATFORD

France is a land whose people by nature and education are very critical, although once their confidence has been gained this criticism is replaced by a real sympathetic understanding. So far as active evangelistic work is concerned, the Frenchman will not accept full time Christian workers or evangelistic meetings on their face value. He wants to know who is paying for the organization behind the scenes. Secondly the man who can witness to his faith whilst earning his living in another direction is likely to have a more attentive ear than the "orthodox specialist." This is perhaps particularly true in a University town such as Paris. Someone who is able to earn his living by teaching, or even in business, meets the Frenchman on a very equal level and is able to understand his grievances concerning the rise in the cost of living and the other difficulties of life in this country.

Having spent the last four years teaching, firstly in a French Lycee and later in a University, I can say that opportunities are certainly without limitation for those who have a strong enough stamina to stand up to a very hectic academic life, with very dispersed hours of teaching, and still remain able to take an interest in active Christian work.

Opportunities exist for students of French to spend a year in France as Assistant, and they may keep in touch with the French branch of the I. V. F. (I. V. C. U. P.) or the French language branch (Groupes Bibliques Universitaires).

Commercial and administrative posts are more difficult to obtain and can only normally be entered via firms with headquarters in England or America. The possibility of a permanent teaching career is very slight indeed, as there is only a very minute handful of jobs available for foreigners.

So far as part-time work in the vacation is concerned, French-speaking visitors would be made welcome in either camp work or during evangelistic campaigns. For either of these they may write to Mr. Jacques Yorgey, 3 bis, rue des Gobelins, Paris XIII, France, or to Mr. Peter Wheeler,

27 Boulevard des Ecoles, Hazebrouck, Nord, in the north of France.

Our vision for the work in France is three fold. First an initial attack in an area by means of Gospel posters, tract distribution and posters announcing French evangelistic radio broadcasts on Radio Luxembourg at 11:00 o'clock on Wednesday and Thursday. The second stage is an evangelistic campaign conducted with the help of a team of French young people rather on the lines of the I. V. F. city campaigns. These give a great opportunity for training key men and women to take over responsible work on their own later on. Such evangelistic campaigns have been held this year in the form of camp plus campaign in the Paris area and also in the north of France, and one is projected for certain holiday terms in the future. Stage number three is the building up of an indigenous local church and withdrawal of the foreign element as they train the local French leaders to replace them.

Notes and Comments

The Detroit Area Women's Missionary Conference will be held Saturday, November 10, 1956, at 2:30 p. m. and 7 p. m., with supper served between the meetings. The Conference will be held at Central Gospel Hall, Grand River and Harrison Avenues, Detroit, Michigan. The speakers expected are Mrs. David Long, Angola; Mrs. T. Edward McCully, Ecuador; Mrs. Mark Levengood, Natal, South Africa; Miss Gertrude Koppel, Belgian Congo; and others.

The eighth annual Sisters' Missionary Conference will be held at the new Central Gospel Chapel, 3200 Lincoln Ave., on October 11, with sessions morning, afternoon and evening. Several missionary sisters are expected, among whom are Mrs. Gordon Williamson, Mrs. John Bodaly and Mrs. Marilou McCully. For further information write Mrs. James S. Green, 2319 Capitol Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa.

Mr. Harold McGregor of Living Waters Gospel Broadcast, writes under date of July 2nd as follows:

"We are now going ahead with preparations for sending our programmes on to the Far East Broadcasting Company for broadcasting over Radio Manila. They want at least two programmes weekly in each language, as well as some in other languages, so that our schedule is likely to be about sixteen programmes weekly. Our main difficulty is going to be the necessary licenses for the export and reimport of our tapes, so that we would value prayer for this.

We have been having some very encouraging letters lately, mostly as a result of the Emmaus Bible Correspondence Course work. Quite a number seem to come into the assurance of salvation and some are exercised about baptism."

Mr. Donald DeWeese of Santos, Brazil, writes:

"We have been asked to undertake the use of Emmaus Correspondence Courses in this country, and we would value your prayers as we consider this avenue of spreading the unsearchable riches of Christ. There are many problems before such an enterprise could be set in working order. Jehovah's Witnesses have their free courses, and are distributing them quite widely. These courses are attractively advertised and set up, and are well received because of the Brazilians' desire for reading material. What a wonderful opportunity this is for us who have been blessed with the true way of salvation."



Prayer Pointers

Prayer is requested by a worker in Central America who is deprived, due to religious influence, of visiting believers in a T. B. hospital. This works a hardship on long term Christian patients.

For Mr. Alfred Poland broadcasting to Portugal from Radio Tangier. Interest is encouraging. A Bible School of the Air is proposed in connection with this ministry.

For a New Guinea government official, contacted by Gerald Wunsch, who is interested in the Gospel, that he may be converted.

For our publisher, Mr. Lloyd Walterick, who underwent surgery on September 28, that he may make a good recovery.

For a printer, needed for the press work in Trujillo City, Dominican Republic.



Dr. and Mrs. Robert Stephens with Cathie and Charles, as they left Montreal for Belgian Congo—August 28, 1956.

For the many young missionaries engaged in language study.

Pray for our brethren in Latin America, Africa and Asia who are struggling against heavy odds to meet the need for sound literature.

The education of their young children is a problem for many missionaries. There should be understanding and much prayer in this regard.

The Editor will value prayer for blessing on his visit in Europe, especially in Spain and Portugal.

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PERSONALIA

Births:

To Mr. and Mrs. James Cochrane (Dom. Rep.) a daughter, Carol Anne Janet, Aug. 17, 1956.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cathers (Ecuador), a daughter, Ruth Andrea, Aug. 19, 1956.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Taylor (India) will be glad to have the following news of which we had not been advised until recently: To them was born a son, Alan Joseph, April 10, 1955; and a daughter, Kathleen May Margaret, Aug. 1, 1956.

Departures:

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cathers for Ecuador early in October.

Mr. and Mrs. Colin C. Caldwell, Sr., for Puerto Rico about mid October.



Mr. and Mrs. Colin C. Caldwell, Sr.

Letters

The symbol ® in Notes and Letters indicates that the worker is married.

BELGIAN CONGO, AFRICA

Lolwa MARGARET PETRIE. We recently celebrated the marriage of our eldest orphan girl, Lydia. She has been with us since she was thirteen. Her bridesmaid was Dina, who was brought to Ella Spees when she was six weeks old, and has been in the home here since it was opened in 1948. Lydia and her husband are both Christians and seemed very happy to have a Christian wedding. Since one purpose of our work among the girls here is to provide Christian wives for the young men and Christian mothers for the next generation, we have had joy in seeing some fruit, and the day of their wedding was a very happy occasion for us all.

ANGOLA, PORT. WEST AFRICA

Boma LESLIE B. BIER®. In the hospital and leper compound there have been steady results from the preaching of the Gospel. When visiting distant villages it is not an uncommon experience to find Christians, saved while receiving treatment at the hospital. For some months one of the elders of our assembly has not had good health, and while it has been impossible for him to work in his fields, yet he has been able to visit the hospital patients almost daily. He has been encouraged in seeing many of them profess to trust in Christ as Savior. Such ministry is always fruitful, and it has been an encouragement to Samakwamba to be thus used of the Lord.

A few weeks ago Tom Wilson and I visited two groups of believers some one hundred miles to the west. This part of the country has only recently been opened up to the Gospel mainly through a few dedicated native Christians. In each center we found about two hundred natives gathered. We reached the second place over a very poor logging road for the last twenty miles of the journey, but effects of the rough ride were taken away by the warm reception we received. It was thrilling to see their desire to hear the Word of the Lord on this first visit ever made to that center by missionaries.

The hospital is running to capacity all the time. We will need to add some beds es-

pecially for chronic cases. Each year the total treatments have increased and the present year will be no exception. I commend to your prayers and financial support the medical work which will continue under Dr. Stinton while I am on furlough. I look forward with pleasure to meeting old friends again and I trust that any meetings my wife or I may have with you may be with God's blessing.

ANGOLA, PORT. WEST AFRICA

Saurimo DONALD McLEOD®. The work at Lovua Post has suffered a great loss. Sachizeca, the converted witch doctor diviner, who began the work there in 1950, whose testimony we gave in our last letter, died suddenly after speaking at a Conference. He finished his message, leaned over the table, said: "I feel I am going, pray!" and passed over to the better land. He left a fine testimony behind him, an assembly with one hundred in fellowship and five outposts with elders carrying on. A remarkable testimony for only six years' work! A yearly report on the work has to be sent into the Government. This year's for the Diamond Mines will read: Chitato District: Outposts 159; Assemblies, 58; believers in fellowship 4,606; professing believers 6,000.

Camaxilo district has been visited by native preachers since 1934. Being along the Angola-Congo border, like the Mines, it has profited from the good work of other Missions in the Congo. We missionaries made our first visit in 1947; since then eight workers have made frequent visits; most of these have been made by brother George Wiseman. The roads are good; it is a day's journey from Saurimo. The work is largely among the Lundas, but all speak Chokwe. We were impressed with the work of the two preachers at Camaxilo Posto, men who were saved and received their training when doing contract labor in Saint Thomas' Island. The persecution they received for their faith while on the Island has produced good fruit. Our Government Report for the year will be: Camaxilo District: Outposts six; Assemblies two; number in fellowship sixty-five; number of professing believers, two hundred.

In Saurimo district frequent meetings have been held to help the white population. Portuguese friends, the Transcosos, have done most to help in this. After years of work with little evident result among the na-

tives, the last two years have shown marked blessing. The assembly on the mission has almost doubled its numbers and activity. In the assembly we are blessed with five hard-working elders, who accept entire responsibility for its running. For weeks now I only speak on a Sunday when invited, or on any special occasion. Visiting four and five outposts and assemblies weekly keeps me busy outside. The great thing with native assemblies is to get them working on their own. The strength of a work is in ratio as to what would be done were all missionaries withdrawn. In a changing world this cannot be overlooked. Again we ask prayer that the right helpers will be sent of God for the work at the Diamond Mines; also the medical work is rather much for my wife, having the three young children to care for, too. Two nurses could find plenty to do. Government report for the year will read: Saurimo District: Outposts thirteen; Assemblies four; believers in-fellowship, two-hundred twenty; professing believers, five hundred.

ANGOLA, PORT. WEST AFRICA

Boma Mission VIVIAN GRANT. The main topic of all my letters this week is my girls' camp which has just taken place, and where we saw more blessing than in perhaps any other year. Certainly we hit an all-high as far as numbers were concerned. Since there were sixty present last year, I thought I'd prepare quite sufficiently for any increase by counting seventy-two. But my faith was small and ninety-four turned up altogether. Since some of them had not sent in ahead of time to say they were coming, it meant some quick preparations to accommodate them all. I had to send in to Boma for some men to come out and build another grass house for us, and then had to send in to Vila Luso for some material to cut out more little tablecloths for them, and before the week was over had to send in for more embroidery thread too. Since the sewing hour is one of the most popular, we couldn't have anyone left out of it.

But it was all so worthwhile since seven girls accepted Christ as Savior while at camp. Quite a number of others gave such encouraging testimonies, including one little thirteen-year old from one of our out-stations. She told us how she started attending school at the out-school, and then she'd run away for a week or so, and then back she'd

come and run away again. This went on for some time, but always something drew her back until finally she was saved. Since her parents are still heathen, the out-school evangelist has taken her into his home to have her under Christian influence. Do pray for her as she has such possibilities as a Christian worker.

And now the older boys and young men are out at the same spot, with Mr. Griffiths and Dr. Stinton in charge. The next thing on the program after that is our Women's Conference and we are expecting perhaps two hundred women in from our various out-stations. The dates of the Conference are Sept. 8-14, so if you happen to remember them perhaps you could pray especially for us at that time.

BELGIAN CONGO, AFRICA

Usumbura CARL JOHNSON[®]. Early in the year we had special meetings in a new section of the city, Ngagara, where we were erecting a new chapel. We used slides and the public address system and large crowds gathered nightly. Afterwards we went into the yet unfinished building for an after-meeting. During those meetings twenty-two precious souls came to know the Savior. Most of them are going on nicely and some are absolutely radiant in their testimony. The assembly there is the most encouraging we have, the Christians taking the responsibility, evidencing real growth in their personal lives, and manifesting zeal in bringing others in. The sisters' meeting on Tuesday afternoons is a real inspiration. The Lord gives wonderful victory over the many temptations in their lives, temptations often far greater than you and I face. Do you know the joy of victory through a living Christ?

A special outdoor series was held in the Moslem section of the city called Buyenzi during the month of June. Strong opposition was felt from the Adversary (we were invading his domain!) and though most spiritual opposition is felt rather than seen, there was outward evidence in deliberate attempts to break up the meetings. However, a large crowd, reaching over one thousand a few nights, remained steadily interested, and many small Gospel portions and booklets were sold after the meetings. The only positive evidence of results was one backslidden Christian restored, but the Good Seed has been planted in many hearts,

and the little booklets are still carrying the same message of life. Some of the children were dragged from the meetings by angry parents, reminding us of the "millstone" (Matthew 18:6) but hundreds of children heard the message and memorized the choruses which they'll never forget. As the car drives through or past the streets of the Moslem city, the children begin singing "Behold the Lamb of God . . ." etc. Pray for the working of His Spirit in their hearts and lives.

Besides the special meetings, the Word of God is being preached faithfully in many places and the Lord is blessing in the salvation of souls. We have thirty different **locations**, including the station here and Gihanga where the Lacey's are, where the Word of God is given out. Twenty of these have regular services—preaching, prayer, and Bible study—on Sundays and during the week, in chapels. Four of these have the Lord's Table weekly. Then there are eight places where frequent open-air services are held. We also have regular services in the prison and visitation and services in the hospital. All thirty places of testimony are visited at least once a month by Carl or Jack Lacey, those needing the most help receiving the concentration.

From the beginning of January through the end of July, in our rural and city work together, three hundred ten believers have been baptized. The majority of these have been won by native preachers or individual Christians, but nearly all of them also were personally questioned and talked with by one of the missionaries. They seem to be continuing nicely, and we value your prayers for their steadfast growth in the things of God.

NATAL, SOUTH AFRICA

Nqabeni EDITH MIERAS. I am feeling much better, though very tired just now. I expect my nurse back in September, and that will be grand for me. However, until then it seems I must carry on. Do remember me in your prayers that the Lord may continue to undertake for me and in some little way make me a blessing. Many come to the Clinic who seem so indifferent, and it makes my heart ache to hear them say that they are "quite all right the way they are!" If they could just see that they are on the very brink of a lost eternity without the Lord Jesus, then I am sure that they would seek Him. How we

long that they may be brought to a saving knowledge of Himself as Savior! It would make all the difference to them!

We had a lovely women's conference a week or so ago, and many heathen women were there too. We do love these seasons that draw the Christian women together under the sound of the Word, and we long that the heathen, who come too, may be blessed to the salvation of their souls. Do remember them.

FRENCH INDO CHINA

Laos H. D. LABUFF®. We've arrived on the West Coast, bound for Laos. We have our visas but no booking yet though we've been working on this for months. Pray with us that we'll soon have the needed space for all seven of us to French Indo China.

In the will of the Lord, we'll be going first to Paksé. Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Felix are in need of a furlough and we'll be taking over their work for a time. Then we expect to go into the Province of Saravane where nothing has ever been established, and the Gospel has been preached very little. How we sense our need of wisdom and the power of God's Spirit in order that we might accomplish the very most in the time left us!

SOUTH INDIA

Ilangi MISS ANNIE WATSON. We are having a good monsoon this year so far. It is a long time since we have had days of frequent heavy showers as we have had for about three weeks. Work with the Public Address System is at a standstill, but the children's meetings continue as usual. Monday afternoon last was dry so we took the opportunity of going to a market about fourteen miles away to sell Gospel portions. We got sale for one hundred thirty-four when rain threatened. I had just got settled in the car when it poured. It kept up all the way home. Days have been showery since and it is raining at present. Weather is pleasantly cool these days. Pray for blessing on those who read these portions.

FORMOSA

Hsin Peitou MARGARET ROBERTS. Our Chinese conference in July was the biggest and best so far. I was able to get away for the missionary conference and although a typhoon was raging around and

it was WET the fellowship in English was a treat!

No sooner was the D. V. B. S. over than Dr. Nicholls came up from Taichung for a week in the gospel. What a feast he did give both for saved and unsaved! The sisters came each morning for prayer (as they did the week before the D. V. B. S., too) and the Lord truly opened the windows of heaven and poured us out a blessing. Souls were dealt with each night. What a responsibility is ours to teach and lead them on to be good disciples of Christ! Do pray that none may be overlooked and that each seed planted may be well watered and cultivated that it may bring forth fruit unto eternal life.

We have a wonderful group of sisters in an airforce hostel here. Last week it was a thrill to be at their weekly prayer-meeting which they have started on their own at the hostel. Many are shy to open their mouths in prayer but only those just saved failed to pray. One ten-year-old girl was there and she prayed for two girls who are just out of high school "for although they have been baptized for three weeks now they still haven't opened their mouths in prayer, and would the Lord please give them courage." I wondered what that little girl and the other sisters, too, would think if they attended some of our sisters' prayer meetings at home!

Opportunities and open doors abound here but I feel I must be much in prayer to know which are His will for me. I am most interested in an invitation to give English conversation and Bible study (can't put it down as a Bible study, thus the English is thrown in) in a high school. The Lord has saved around seven fifteen and sixteen year old girls this last couple of weeks, so something should be started for them. I would like to have a Sunday school class and open my home one evening a week for games and Bible study. The class at the high school would give many more contacts for this. Please do pray and pray for our Chinese students. How they do need Christ! Pray, too, that I might find new and interesting variations for Sunday school openings. It is so easy to get into a rut and stay there. Pray for the women's meetings in the various homes and for the possibility of starting a reading class as a means of contact in a poor army dependents' camp. Pray that I might find just the right language teacher

—I want the very best possible! I haven't had time for language since moving but have to start when I get back and I surely do need prayer as I study!

PHILIPPINES

Manila

MISS IDALEEN MYERS. I have just returned from a refreshing vacation in the mountains. I saw some beautiful rice terraces carved out of the mountains two thousand years ago by an industrious mountain people. These people used to be head-hunters fifty years ago, but martial law stopped that during the American occupation. However, they are full of fear—they worship thousands of spirits and are thus afraid of the wind, the rain, the trees, and often each other.

President Magsaysay has placed village schools in such isolated places and they are learning to read Tagalog and English. Many in this area are studying by correspondence in Bible School of the Air. Someone told me, "You should see where your lessons go—they are carried by couriers across rivers and up muddy trails to places it takes a week to reach." How wonderful it is to see some of the isolated places where the Gospel is taught by means of the printed page!

PHILIPPINES

Manila

HOMER GROB®. It is rice planting time in the Philippines. On our week-end trips into the province we see the barrio people, well clad for protection from the sun, working in the fields to the tune of a guitar. Up to their knees in mud and bending over with an armful of seedlings, it is no wonder that the Filipinos have a song which starts, "Planting rice is never fun, from the dawn to setting sun." Within a couple of months, however, the muddy field will turn into a lovely green sea of growing "palay," the basic food of the Filipino.

But we too are occupied with planting. We sow the seed of the Word of God into the hearts of the people, trusting that much will fall on good ground. Long years of Romish ignorance and superstition have made the heart's ground hard, but we seek to faithfully plow and sow, looking to the Lord for results. As we proceed to our appointed stops, we sow by distributing tracts out the car window. These tracts are readily received by the people. Some reply by sending in requests for our free Bible correspondence course, where they can study

God's Word in the privacy of their homes. Then as we arrive at various barrios for our meetings, the people, adults and children, flock around us to hear the gospel.

We urge our prayer partners back home to continue to water with prayer the seed sown in the Philippines, so that there might be an abundant harvest for God.

FRANCE

Quévert-Dinan

MRS. FRISCILLA E. JOHNSON.

Recently we were rejoicing because an evangelist obtained permission to erect his gospel tent in the village of Quévert. The first night, the villagers came: several bought Bibles and others bought New Testaments: but that was the last time these folks entered the tent, because the priest forbade their return. It was useless to continue the meetings at Quévert: fear of the priest's threats gripped the people. Nevertheless, the seed has been sown, and it is being watered by the prayers of some of the Lord's people. It will yet bear fruit to the glory of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The mayor of Dinan has steadfastly refused to grant permission for tent work in that big town. Last Thursday, however, two of the Lord's servants were allowed to use one of the big public rooms in the town hall for the purpose of showing two Moody Institute films: Monsieur de Benoit showed not only the films, but also presented the gospel as he gave his personal testimony.

Since January eight orphan children have joined our family circle: five of these dear boys and girls have, of their own volition, come to the Lord Jesus for salvation. It is a great joy to see their eager interest as they hear the message each morning from God's Word.

ITALY,

Pescara

ROBERT McCONNELL®. I have just returned from the annual young people's camp at Poggia Ubertini near Florence. There were over one hundred young people from all parts of Italy. It was my privilege to speak to them on "Practical Hints for a young believer who wants to serve the Lord." One evening about sixty of us went to visit a village nearby and sang hymns and quoted Scripture. The Lord's presence made it a very enjoyable evening.

In July a customs agent stole my car, drove it off the road and wrecked it. The

Lord overruled wonderfully for us. The young man confessed all and we had an opportunity to witness to him and to many of his colleagues. With the money he gave us we were able to buy a better car than the one he wrecked.

Here in Abruzzo we continue to enjoy unlimited opportunities to preach the gospel with good response in the rural towns. Brethren, pray for us!

PORTUGAL

Espinho

V. SOBRAL®. We opened the new work in Madalena in August. We held there two weeks of nightly meetings. Brother Fontoura took the first week and I the second. Crowds of people came out night after night to hear the Word, in spite of the propaganda that the priests had made against us, particularly over the radio. In one of their attacks they appealed to the higher authorities to put a stop to what they term "this Protestant invasion."

For the first few nights after the opening, there was a little noise outside the hall, consequently the people who were standing outside could not hear the Word so well. One night after the meeting was over a young brother was slapped across the face, which made his nose bleed. Another one was hurt with a lump of earth weighing some ten or eleven pounds. But at present there is no opposition. Now we do not get so many people as during those first two weeks, but the hall, which seats fifty-five people, gets full, with a good number of people standing. I should value the prayers of the Lord's people for that new effort.

CUBA

La Salud

GEORGE WALKER®. This summer in Cuba we have been kept very busy with the added D. V. B. S. in two places, and I think we have reason to feel encouraged that the labor was not in vain in the Lord. We did not have as many children in LaSalud as in Gabriel where in this latter place we had to rent the largest public building in town for our school. There is a gospel hall in Gabriel, but it proved too small for the D. V. B. S. At the last meeting we had over three hundred people from the town in and they did listen with the greatest attention to the preaching of the gospel. The subject that night was "Seeking the Lost." I think any preacher would burn with such a message to preach to that many sinners.

We praise the Lord for the invaluable help given us by four fine young women who came from the U. S. to help in the work with the children. These devoted Christians could well have spent their holidays in the North country, but I doubt if they would have returned with the joy of the Lord in their souls as was manifested as they left. Thus we praise the Lord for Thelma, Maryen, June and Esther, who working so efficiently with Kathryn Hamilton, have given the work a nice encouragement.

At the last meeting in the open air here in La Salud a couple of weeks ago we were given a good bit of opposition with three juke boxes on opposite corners trying to outplay each other. The gospel preachers in the middle of all this were obliged to lift up their voices like trumpets. It was noticed that a large crowd of people gathered around nearer than usual, so this was a help and an inspiration to those who spoke.

Cults abound in these Latin countries and seem to be on the increase.

Recently here in Cuba a girl of nineteen fell victim to a strange sickness, that of sweating blood. Marks were seen in the palms of her hands and in her feet, as well as long lashes across her back. This girl has stated that when she dies she will rise again the third day and at the present time she is on a pilgrimage to the eastern end of the Island to comply with a vow to the patron saint of Cuba. Hundreds of people follow this young woman and many try to touch her if perchance virtue from her will heal their sicknesses.

The question often comes to our minds as to the spiritual interests of the young people in our assemblies. Oh that these things might move some to look upon these fields that are black with superstition and darkness, but still white unto harvest.

HAWAII

Honolulu

W. D. STOUT[®]. The assembly at Damon tract is likely to lose its location very soon. The territory has already taken the first sixty of the two hundred sixty acres for the enlarged airport. Remember the situation here in prayer as they would like to build if only they can find a location. There is a great opportunity in this Pearl Harbor side of Honolulu as it is building fast.

Unsaved are under the Gospel every week at Damon Gospel Center. A Navy Lieuten-

ant and his wife and sixteen-year old daughter professed Christ last month and also another Navy wife, but she has already gone back to the mainland. One sailor also made profession. We thank God for encouragements.

Last Sunday we began a new Sunday school under the sky in Nanakuli, a village about twenty-three miles from here. It was very encouraging as thirty-six were there. Also we have a mid-week meeting there. Pray that God will raise up a testimony in this place.

ALASKA

Anchorage

PAUL J. HAMMON[®]. We praise the Lord that this summer since camp we have been able to repair and improve the appearance of the quonset chapel. We expect Mr. Thompson of Chitina will be with us for two weeks of special meetings. He will be speaking from the chart, "Egypt to Canaan." We value your prayers in this effort. Later in the fall, the Lord willing, Mr. Thompson and I will make a trip into the Yukon. We have also been seeking to open a work for the Lord in a new native village.

As we look back over our efforts of the summer we certainly praise the Lord for the privilege of reaching so many with the gospel. Over two-thirds of the children we had in Vacation Bible School have since moved away from the neighborhood of the Hall. One girl, a teen-ager, contacted through D. V. B. S., has come out to gospel meetings and Bible Study. She is saved and seeking, for which we praise the Lord. A goodly number of the children at camp professed salvation. Pray with us as we seek to strengthen and feed them on the Word, that they may truly live for the Lord.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Ciudad Trujillo

GENEVIEVE WHITE. There has been a steady growth in the work with frequent confessions of faith in the Lord Jesus, especially among young people. Ten more believers were baptized on Friday night, and a number of others desire baptism but were asked to wait.

A number of young men have shown real promise in ministering the Word, and different ones are taking their turn in expounding the book of Exodus, a chapter each week, in our Wednesday evening Bible study. When one considers the transforma-

tion that has taken place in many of these lives and the spiritual growth, it is a real cause of wonder and praise.

The Hall Bible School terminated July sixth with a daily average of three hundred sixty-two. I had a group of between eighty and a hundred little ones between five and seven years old each day, and enjoyed them so much. There are six more Bible Schools in session now, with eight more to follow. Six of us are driving to Andres every day for the school there. The numbers in attendance were somewhat overwhelming in these outside schools the first week. In Andres we averaged one hundred sixty daily. The lessons are entitled "Our Wonderful Savior" and are lovely. In addition to the lesson, there are new hymns and choruses, a missionary continued story, and verse memorization and handwork which are correlated with the lesson. The handwork books for the older groups this year include figures to represent the lesson. These are colored, cut and flannel-backed so that with the use of a black page in the back of their books, the children may demonstrate to others the lessons they have heard each day.

The Moody films "The God of Creation" and "Dust or Destiny" have been shown to different groups with good interest. We invited a group in one evening to see one of the films. Among them were my Spanish teacher, the younger brother and mother of one of the Christians (both unsaved, and the latter previously very antagonistic to the Gospel), and another unsaved friend and her lawyer husband. They all seemed very impressed, and we trust it may be another link in the chain drawing them to the Savior.

The Lord has supplied, through friends at home, a tent for a new work to be started, D. V., and also a recorder for the radio work, thus a vision for expansion in the work is being realized.

BOLIVIA, SOUTH AMERICA

Potosi

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Recently I had the privilege of sharing in a three-days' ministry to believers at a conference in the large mining district of Pulacayo. Brother Haggerty and a few native brethren took their share. It was a conference that has meant much to us all, owing to the circumstance that previously many sorrows hindered the possibility of such a gathering. These having been removed, we had the pleasure of a very happy

time. We trust this may prove to be the beginning of better things in all that region. May the Lord grant it so. Both the brethren and the sisters worked most harmoniously providing meals, etc., for the whole company. This meant rising at four a. m., which is not easy there, due to the intense cold as well as the altitude. The day began with a prayer-meeting at 7:30 a. m. and we were seldom out of the Hall much, till after ten p. m.

CHILE, SOUTH AMERICA

Talca

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This is proving to be a much milder winter than many former ones, and while it is not too healthy a season it is a help in the work, as all the meetings here in Talca are being well attended, with a nice number of unsaved present at all times. During the past two months we have been using an additional hall here, where a Sunday school is held on Lord's Day afternoons and a gospel meeting on Wednesday evenings. It is located on the opposite side of the city, in a thickly populated section that has long caused exercise of heart. Nearly a month ago now, taking advantage of the children's holidays, we held a week of special meetings for them, commencing with an attendance of about twenty-five. It gave real joy to see numbers build up from day to day and nearly ninety came at the end of the week. Of course, Rome's many workers have taken quite a few of the boys and girls away from us, but they have at least heard the clear gospel a number of times, and the school is much larger as a result of this effort.

Up in the town of Curico, forty-five miles to the north of us, the Lord has made it possible to secure a fine little hall. Meetings are now being held there regularly on Lord's Days and on Thursday evenings with encouraging attendance. We shall appreciate your remembrance before the Throne of Grace as brother Eliecer Parada and I intend, God willing, to commence a series of gospel meetings in this hall after the annual conference in Santiago at the middle of September.

PARAGUAY, SOUTH AMERICA

Asuncion

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In the town of Sn. Lorenzo the Lord has been pleased to work and several souls have been saved; three are ready to

obey the Lord in the waters of baptism. The believers are very enthusiastic with the Bible classes we are holding there; the purpose is to have them trained to be able to take more part in the spreading of the gospel in the country.

In the village of Pirareta, again sixty-five miles from the city, but in another direction, there too the Lord has been blessing and souls have been converted; eight believers desire to be baptized and are waiting for a time when the season in the farms leave them free to have a day of special meetings for the occasion. We are grateful to the Lord who has caused the work to prosper in Pirareta after so many difficulties we had with the local authorities there, who were led by the priest at the beginning. Now we have peace and liberty. Pray that this happy situation may continue that many may have the opportunity to yield to the claims of Christ.

URUGUAY, SOUTH AMERICA

Mercedes THOMAS SANDS[®]. We are delighted with our first little Sunday school in Mercedes. Only thirteen came, but that is good for a commencement in a very Roman Catholic place. We have promise for five more next Sunday. Pray that we may soon have the joy of seeing some saved. In the other towns interest keeps up, and there are always unsaved in the meetings.

A young Spanish brother has just been commended to the work of the Lord, and is

to accompany our young brother Barris, recently come from New Zealand. They are to give themselves to Bible Coach work, the Lord having graciously provided for the building of a new one. Lack of workers in years gone by made the consolidating of work a serious problem, so we hope that with reinforcements a forward step will be taken in the interior. Continue to pray, dear brethren, that the Lord in everything will lead on in our service for Him.

"Lead on, lead on triumphantly,
O blessed Lord! lead on;
Faith's pilgrim sons behind Thee seek
The road that Thou has gone."

ARGENTINA, SOUTH AMERICA

Mendoza A. W. Cook[®]. We have *Senor Mereshian* in this district these days. He was with us for our third quarterly ministry meeting on September first, and then went to San Juan for a week of meetings, and now is back in this district. He is a very gifted teacher and his ministry is a great blessing to the saints. He is an Armenian, but commended to the work by assemblies in this land.

We have had several deaths in the assemblies of the district lately. The wife of one of the elders of this assembly died of a heart attack a few days ago. Just five days later a sister in a nearby assembly also went to be with the Lord, so that we have many sorrowing hearts in our midst these days. What a need there is to be able to comfort



Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sands and family

God's dear people in their trials and sorrows.

Our hearts have been cheered by some who have recently made a profession of faith. Our young men organized a conference for the seventeenth of August and there was a good number present, and good ministry both in the morning and the afternoon. After the Gospel meeting at night one man professed to trust the Lord, then on the Sunday night a woman remained behind who had evidently trusted the Lord on Friday night. Then on September second, a fine young man who has been coming to the meetings for quite a while remained behind to talk with the brother who had taken the meeting that night, and he too trusted the Lord. We always have more confidence in these who have been under the sound of the Word for a period of time. May the Lord sustain our young brother as he works away up in the mountains and only comes down about once a month for Lord's Day, because of the distance and the expense.

Our brethren in Lujan are working hard to have their new hall ready for the inauguration at Conference time on October twelfth. They have really accomplished a remarkable feat, building a hall to seat about six hundred, without help from outside except for the carpentry and some of the plastering.

FRENCH GUIANA

Cayenne WILLI GYGER®. Four months have passed already since our arrival here on the field. By now we are quite accustomed to the ways of living here and also to the heat which reaches some days 125°. Just nicely warm!!! The Lord has been very good to us and helped us in everything wonderfully. Yes, HE gives us many encouragements as the days go on. The beginning was very hard for us, especially for our baby who was rather sick and had much difficulty with the heat. But now she feels quite well and is over it, we are glad to say.

We are praising the Lord that all our baggage came in without duty and it was in good condition, with the exception of our baby carriage, which was badly damaged.

I was able to take meetings right from the beginning and we have much joy in these meetings. Some are in French and some in

English. At present I am teaching the life of Paul in the English meetings. The English folks here are mostly from the British West Indies and are quite religious, but do not have much spiritual life.

In August I was able to make my first trip into the interior of Guiana. I went together with a native brother of our assembly here in Cayenne. We went on a large sailing ship and made a voyage of twelve hours. First through the ocean, eastbound from Cayenne towards Brazil. Then we turned into a river and went southward to a town called Regina where we stayed for ten days. We visited every house in the town, gave out tracts and sold Bibles and Testaments. In the evenings we held meetings with very good attendances, up to one hundred fifty. We had opposition from the priest, with whom we have since been discussing the Word of God. He promised us that he would be preaching against us after we left. Yet the Lord has given much blessing there and many souls were really interested. In the whole village there was only one person who did not accept the tracts. I hope to go back there for some days in October to encourage the ones that want to follow Christ.

Pray also for us as we are planning to make another trip in November to the western border of Guiana. There we hope to visit the towns of St. Laurent, St. Jean, Mana and others. This trip will take about three weeks.

"FROM OTHER LANDS"

We are glad to announce the launching this month in England of a new missionary magazine for children (age group 7-13 years). Entitled "From Other Lands," the magazine has eight pages, is in two colors, and costs 2d. per copy, plus postage. Those wishing a sample copy or further information may have it by writing to

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