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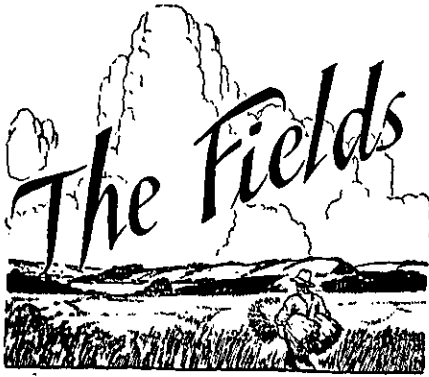


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# Editorials



## The Rising Generation

In writing recently from Kolwezi, Belgian Congo, a missionary remarked, "As far as the young African life is concerned, we are simply standing by and seeing them being absorbed by the Romanists by means of their educational work."

Another worker in the Congo stated some months ago that no evangelical schools existed within a radius of one hundred miles of his station. It is apparent that though a very considerable amount of work is being done with well over thirty thousand young people in our schools in Central Africa, there is opportunity for expansion in this field of service.

We realize the futility of suggesting anything in the nature of a general race for occupation with forces which have command of far greater personnel and resources than we could muster. Let us, however, consider those areas where our pioneers have entered and established work and where now the children of believers are faced with the alternatives of education in a Romanist or Adventist school, or no education at all! If we lose the young folk today, how will the assemblies in those localities fare tomorrow? In such situations there lies the possibility of having the rug pulled from beneath our feet! The position is not unlike that of a nation which wins a war and then loses the peace.

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### "Get There Fustest!"

An American general is credited with a statement to the effect that the battle usually goes to those who "get there fustest with the mostest." Too often the lament in emergencies has been—"too little and too late."

A few days ago we had luncheon with a brother who has travelled around the world in the interest of Christian work. His contacts have brought him into immediate touch with prominent evangelical leaders in numerous countries. This brother stated that with few exceptions the clamant need of the

hour seems to be sound, attractively produced literature.

A new literate is like a small child. As a child believes what he is told, so the new literate believes what he first reads. It will be some time before he becomes a discriminating reader. Meanwhile, whoever "gets there fustest" is sure to make the initial impression. And first impressions count!

There are nearly 89,000,000 children in India between five and fourteen years of age. A few years ago less than 20% of India's children were in school. The government has been endeavoring to bring 60% of the children into school by the end of this year. The near future should present a tremendous field of child literates in India. What will they read? Will Christians "get there fustest"—or will it be "too little and too late?"

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## Self-Supporting Missionaries

There is evidence in various Christian periodicals of a re-emphasis upon what is known as "non-professional" missionary work. The doors to some lands are closed, or closing, to missionaries, yet these very countries are open to the business man, technician, college professor or engineer who wishes to enter on a self-supporting basis. There can be no reasonable argument against one's going abroad with Christian witness as the primary objective while earning one's living in his ordinary vocation.

The following is an excerpt from a letter written by a medical doctor who has served in New Guinea:

"There are numerous vacancies for men and women in almost every profession and trade. The need is urgent for clerks, typists, skilled tradesmen, agriculturalists, patrol officers, teachers, nurses and doctors. If these positions are not occupied by believers they must assuredly be filled by the ungodly. Then we can only blame ourselves if the example and training which they receive is also un-Christian. Because the need is so great and the opportunities so numerous, I

make a special appeal on behalf of the peoples of New Guinea that believers might occupy these vacancies, even if only for a few years while still young and strong. I know of a number of believers in Port Moresby who have undertaken employment there and find great satisfaction and pleasure in working among these primitive people, knowing that they serve the Lord."

Enterprising business men, planters and the like recognize the opportunities offered in foreign fields. These possibilities are open to the believer also: but more, he sees these lands as harvest fields which need reapers. As stated above, unless the available positions are occupied by believers, unbelievers will fill them.

Any young person interested in the Territory of New Guinea may write Dr. Duncan J. Bassett, 43 Hotham Parade, Antaramon, N. S. W., Australia.

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### Hierarchical Headaches

The Church of Rome is not having things her own way in every nominally Romanist country. The independent Aglipayan Church in the Philippine Islands witnesses to a significant revolt against the hierarchy in that republic. For years reports from France have indicated considerable dissatisfaction within the Roman Catholic fold. Defections among the priests may be numbered by thousands, according to "Le Reforme," a French Protestant magazine.

The "worker-priest" experiment in France was a tacit acknowledgment that unusual measures were called for if the working man was to be recalled to the Church of Rome. But in this, the disease proved itself more potent than the cure! Too many "worker-priests," instead of converting the people, themselves became converted to communism! A boomerang indeed!

Cardinal Cerejeira has lamented the indifference of many of the people of Portugal toward the Roman Catholic Church. Various Romanist spokesmen in Latin America have deplored the trend, especially among the intelligentsia, toward scepticism regarding the dominant Church. This trend is underlined by the following note from Brazil.

"Last night I had a visit from an ex-priest who has joined a reformed group who, led by a dissenting Roman Catholic bishop, are forming what they call the Brazilian Catholic Apostolic Church. It was good to hear that they proclaim salvation through faith

alone in the Lord Jesus Christ, that the confessional has been abolished and that the Mass has reverted to a simple breaking of bread. It is to be hoped that his representation of their doctrines is true and that they may go back wholly to the Lord and His Word! He told me that a large number of priests and laymen are ready for this 'Reformation.'"

An informant in Brazil views some of the ex-priest's statements with reserve, but apparently enough is in progress there to make it clear that religious totalitarianism is being resisted. Dissent, however, is not enough. God grant that it may prove to be the first step out of darkness toward the "light of life."

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### Go Ye!

A classic in the annals of the U. S. Coast Guard is the story of Captain Pat Etheridge of the Cape Hatteras station. One night in a howling hurricane, the lookout saw a distress signal from a ship that had gone around the dangerous Diamond Shoals, ten miles at sea. The life-boats were ordered out. One of the lifeguards protested, "Captain Pat, we can get out there, but we never can get back." "Boys," came the reply that has gone down in history, "we don't have to come back." The Lord Jesus has given us our marching orders. He has commanded that the gospel be preached in all the world. He has not promised His messengers an easy time. He has not given the assurance of a safe return to the home base—but He did say, "Go."

Who answers Christ's insistent call  
Must give himself, his life, his all,  
Without one backward look.

Who sets his hand unto the plough,  
And glances back with anxious brow,  
His calling hath mistook.

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### If any man serve Me, let him follow Me

"O, Lord, Thou art the needle and I am the cotton." So prayed a converted native of Belgian Congo one evening at the mission station. He had visited the school that day and had observed, while watching the girls sewing, how the cotton thread always follows the needle. "Follow Me," the Lord told the disciples. He would have us be so close to Him at all times, so completely yielded to Him, that we would follow Him as directly and dependently as the thread follows the needle.

# SPIRITISM IN BRAZIL

K. JONES

**B**RAZIL is usually considered to be a Roman Catholic country whose people are under the complete domination of the Roman Catholic Church. It is true that Romanism is still powerful, and exercises a great influence, but for a large percentage of the population their adherence to it is only nominal. There is another religious power which has a greater influence in the hearts and minds of millions of Brazilians. It is the sinister movement of spiritism.

That such a movement should exist ought not to surprise us, for it was practiced by the Brazilian Indians long before the entry of the Portuguese colonists and their priests. The importation of African slaves to meet the labor demands of the cotton, coffee and sugar plantations introduced African animism, witchcraft and superstition. European immigrants in their turn also contributed their own particular brand of spiritism. For nearly four hundred years the Roman Catholic Church was the state religion. During this time all active opposition was broken, and all became subject to the power and dictates of Rome. Even centuries of this domination failed to eradicate the deep, strong beliefs and tendencies of the people, many of whom, although compelled to give allegiance to the Roman Catholic Church, still clung to the spiritist legacy of their forefathers.

The growth of spiritism can be attributed to several factors, the foremost being the decline of the political power of the Church of Rome. Apart from being deposed from its position as the State Church, it has been losing the confidence of the people largely through the bad behavior of the priests. Since the advent of religious liberty there has been a steady growth of spiritism, which can now express itself more freely. It is widespread both in the cities and the country. Although all grades of society are affected, it has the greatest attraction for the black and colored people. It is difficult to estimate accurately the exact extent of its power because it varies in each district.

Three main divisions can be detected in Brazilian spiritism. Theosophy, the spiritism of Alan Cardec, and the Macumba. The latter is a mixture of Romanism, African animism and Indian cults. It is undeniable

that both the African fetish worshipper and the Indian pagé are notable figures in the religious life of the people. In the north it is the Indian pagé who is most influential, whilst in the remainder of the country it is largely the African influence. This is especially so in the State of Bahia, where this type of spiritism is much more powerful in its influence over the people than Romanism. The priests, in order to retain their power over the people, permit the chief mediums to take a prominent part in Roman Catholic processions and festivals.

The Macumba cult has appeared outside the State of Bahia, and flourishes in cities which are considered to be Romanist strongholds. This naturally has caused the priests to campaign against it. I once involuntarily witnessed a Macumba festival in the State of Espirito Santo. The Gospel Hall in which I was preaching overlooked a Macumba center, which was an old mud hut on a levelled piece of ground, in the corner of which stood a large wooden cross. From the hut came a very loud and continuous grunt, which was made by a medium in a trance. In tropical heat, descendants of the African negro, in double line, danced around in a circle singing, and at regular intervals clashing stout sticks with their partners. This continued for a long time, the tempo increasing until with a loud shout they suddenly stopped. They also gathered inside the hut. The chief medium was an illiterate negro, who was famed as a healer. He claimed to remove, in the seance, an appendix by invisible means. After the "operation" he would show his patient the appendix that had been removed without even making an incision!

The Macumba has several deities, the principal being Exu, the incarnation of evil, that is the devil. He is worshipped because he is feared, and they think that it is better to humor him. To him is reserved the first day of the festivals, and the animals sacrificed to him are the goat and the dog. Cockerels are sacrificed to other deities.

One fact of great importance is the way in which Indian and African cults have blended, and they in turn blend with Romanism. The degree of the mixture varies according to the people. In the State of

Bahia the African influence is more prominent, whilst in the States of Minas Gerais and Espirito Santo the Romanist element is pronounced. The basis in all is the same, it is traffic with the spirit world, and that is so hideous that it must be covered up with something else that will attract, and appeal to the people.

In a village in Minas, I heard a popular Seventh Day Adventist hymn, which did not contain Gospel truth, being sung at a seance. However, at the main spiritist center in our village the appeal was mainly to the Roman Catholics. A cross was nailed above the door, and the first of the three tables inside was arranged like an altar complete with R. C. images and lighted candles. At the second table one could invoke the spirits or chant prayers, while the third table, called the "Table of Suffering," was reserved for twelve of the thirty experienced mediums at that center. Every Wednesday morning after the chanting of R. C. and spiritist chants and incantations twelve of the mediums are called to gather around the table.

I was working on the roof of the Gospel Hall nearby when the first seance was held and witnessed the scene. The mediums reacted in a most violent way, banging their fists on the table, stamping on the floor, shouting and screaming in such a manner that the women and children in the village ran terrified to their homes. The police

agent in the village caught hold of his revolver and ran to the place expecting to see a few murders being committed! At a certain pitch a tinkle of a bell was heard, and the noise suddenly stopped. After a few minutes interval the noise started again. The procedure was repeated for nearly an hour. It was a sad sight to see a crowd of black and colored people attending the devilish business.

Before the seance bottles of water are placed on the table for the impartation of some medicinal properties by the spirits. People come great distances for this "medicine." They also observe saint days, their favorite saint being St. George of dragon fame. The president of this center is an illiterate black woman who is much sought after as a healer, and also as a sorceress. A few days after attending her first Gospel meeting, as she was talking to her neighbor she burst into tears and said, "I wish I could leave this awful business, but I cannot. It started in my house, and I have a large following." Yet later she became so bold as to baptize infants, and announced that she was able to forgive sins. The latest news is that the authorities have intervened and the center has been closed down.

The claim to be able to heal is very effective to attract, and even to hold the people. One man said to me, "I would like to become a Christian, but I cannot, my wife

was healed by spiritism, and if we forsake it, we were told that the illness would return." Another man, on leaving a Gospel meeting, was heard to say, "Those words were very good, but I like spiritism best because it can heal." The reason for the belief in the healing powers of spiritism is not due to definite cases of healing, but rather to a persistent and insidious propaganda carried on by the people themselves. The reports of cures are believed, so that the



Devil-dancers in Brazil.

people have more confidence in an illiterate spiritist medium than in the efficient medical doctors in the cities. It is pathetic to hear of the sick seeking the spiritist "medicine men" one after another, hoping at last to find one who can heal, but instead they get worse and sometimes even become mentally afflicted.

A newcomer to the country perhaps would be unaware of spiritist power, and would think it to be exaggerated. The reason for this is that whilst the Roman Catholic Church must have ceremonies and show, spiritism is more of an underground movement which does not depend on grand or stately buildings.

My first glimpse of spiritism in Brazil was in a country district where I was learning Portuguese. A neighbor's wife was ill so he invited the spiritists to heal her. They readily came and spent the nights in incantations, drinking caxaca (spirit made out of sugar cane) and burning gunpowder. The weird treatment alarmed the husband, especially when he saw his wife get worse, and when warned by a believer he sent away the spiritists. The missionaries were then called in and with suitable treatment she was soon well. The result was that, with his wife and children, he commenced to attend the Gospel

meetings, and made a profession of faith in Christ.

In the same place a short time afterwards, a professing believer, then a backslider, became ill, and through childbirth had become mentally unbalanced. According to Brazilian custom the house became crowded with visitors, including many spiritists, who said the woman had an unclean spirit. They stayed on throughout the night just waiting an opportunity to introduce their incantations. The Church remembered in prayer, and every night a believer would stay with her. The spiritists, not able to fulfil their plan, returned to their homes disappointed and defeated. A medical doctor gave treatment to the woman, and not only was she cured, but also restored to fellowship.

I lived for three years in a mountain village which was a spiritist stronghold, and although possessing only a small R. C. chapel, there were six spiritist centers around the village. At the commencement we were greatly encouraged by the conversion of a spiritist medium and her husband. She alleges that it was by the trickery of her spiritist friends that she became a medium. One day she saw a medium pass her house, and she called on him to heal her son. He was in a hurry but promised to send help at



Chavante Flannelgraph Lesson — Brazil

a certain time. At the very time he stated she became controlled by an evil spirit, and so was declared to be psychic. The medium then became the president of the center which was formed in the house of Dona Amezinda. Someone described what happened in the seance when the president called down the evil spirit on Dona Amezinda. The expression on her face changed, and became very strained, her eyes became bloodshot, and speaking with a different voice she trembled from head to foot. Life at home also became intolerable because of spirit manifestations. Both husband and wife were almost in despair when they were invited to a Gospel meeting. It was a struggle for Dona Amezinda to attend as unscen powers were trying to keep her back, but when she confessed Jesus Christ as her Savior and Lord the struggle ceased, together with the spirit manifestations in the house.

The transformation in them was amazing, and she lost no time in telling the Gospel story to others. The first to be evangelized was the president of the center, who said, "I know all the religions of the world; I know the Protestants." She immediately replied, "If you do know all the religions in the world why did you choose the worst for us?" He thought it best to close down the center and move to another place.

Some time later another center was closed down. At this one, dancing played a prominent part in the seance, and the president would call down evil spirits upon dancing mediums. One by one they would fall to the floor and a little later would be relieved by the president, who had power to dismiss the evil spirits. In spite of the shocking scenes the president continued in this traffic until one day his son was possessed by an evil spirit, which was so violent that the words of Scripture, "And the spirit tare him," could be used of this lad. It seemed as if the spirit would kill the boy, and the father was alarmed, especially as he was helpless to cast out the spirit. Eventually the spirit left the lad, but the father decided that he would not run any further risks, and so closed down the center.

The conditions prevailing in Brazil today emphasize the great need of the Gospel in that land, and also our responsibility to those in spiritual darkness. May we have compassion on them, and pray as our Lord taught His disciples: "Pray ye therefore

the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers unto His harvest."

We are engaged in a spiritual warfare, and through prevailing prayer victories can be won. "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds."

## Progress In Sicily

FRANK CARBONI

Sicily, an area of 9860 square miles has a population of over five million inhabitants. It is traversed by the Neptunian and Madonian mountains. Mount Etna, 10,874 feet high, is the most famous of its peaks. The Greeks originally colonized Sicily. Later it passed on to the hands of the Carthaginians, then to the Romans. In the ninth century the Saracens became its masters. They were expelled by the Normans in the eleventh century. In 1283 Sicily liberated herself from France only to come into the possession of Spain. In 1860, under Garibaldi, Sicily became a part of Italy.

Ribera, four hours drive from Palermo, is the place I was led to go in 1952, as there was the Macedonian cry, "Come and help us." Taking this call from the Lord we went to a small group of people who were seeking for truth. Most of these dear people were not instructed in the first principles of salvation, and uncertain as to the assurance of the promises of God, but were really anxious to learn. Therefore we felt it our responsibility to stay with them even though they were all confused because of different teachings they had heard from others who had been there before. It was such a joy to see this little group grow in such a way and in so short a time that we decided to establish an assembly there. Some from among our assemblies had visited them before and had given them a desire to know more of what the New Testament taught as to Church truth and our way of gathering, but the visits were too short and did not accomplish much. Now the assembly in Ribera is used as the headquarters for workers in other towns and is considered a very sound gathering of the people of God according to the New Testament pattern.

### Sicily and its Need

The places in Sicily meeting in assembly capacity now are the following: Ribera, Calamonaci, Niscemi, Vallelunga, Greco, Ran-



dazza and a small one in a home in Messina.

Around Ribera there are many places where we desire and pray to see assemblies opened for His glory, namely, Lucca Secula, Villafranca, Cercara, Sciacca, Burgie, Vitelbe, Valledelme, Gela and others.

Three motorcycles have been provided for the work and six workers have been visiting Sicily from time to time. It is to be noted that previous to 1952 very few brethren visited Sicily and then only briefly. Since then we have been waiting upon the Lord of the harvest to send workers to His vineyard and two young men have responded to the call. Angelo Dellepiane, a former secretary of the Communist party, has done a good work but had to leave Sicily for a while on account of his health. The other is a University student in his last year, who has been there now over six months and is also doing a good work. Upon hearing of his salvation and especially his consecration, his people locked him up in a room but after three months he was able to get out and immediately went to Sicily. In two years he will be a doctor and while serving the Lord in Ribera and other places he will continue in his studies with the anticipation of becoming a doctor in the public clinic of Ribera. Do pray for this young man. His name is Luigi Gherardi.

We have also a dear sister in the Lord, Mrs. Fides Megazzini, who is caring for the work among the children in Ribera and now has over fifty, and another group in Miscemi of about the same number. Besides working with the children, she also teaches the mothers and sisters how to sew and at the same time teaches them the Word of God. There have been about four workers from the northern part of Italy who have come for a month or two to help in the work.

Just now a work has been growing nicely in Niscemi where a meeting has been opened. Since that time not less than eighty persons have been present at every meeting. On account of the lack of chairs, the people bring their own and take them back home when the meeting is finished.

Brethren, please pray for Italy, but especially at this time, remember Sicily. The Lord is going to do a great work there.

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## Who Does the Work of God?

(The following thought-provoking article is from the pen of Dr. A. W. Tozer. It appeared in "Alliance Weekly" and is reprinted with kind permission. Editor).

In a close and final sense no one can do **God's work**. Nor does He turn His work over to others to do. He works in His people and through them, but always it is **He who works**.

Jesus said, "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work," and Paul said, "It is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure."

This is not to teach that men should not work. One has but to run his eyes over the pages of the Bible casually to become convinced that God intends His people to work. He put the man in the Garden of Eden "to dress it and to keep it." Our Lord was a carpenter and He chose active men for His first disciples. The Book of Proverbs has some scathing things to say about the sluggard who loafs away his days in careless indolence only to have poverty come upon him at last like an armed man.

Certain passages of Scripture, if carelessly read, might give the impression that God delegates some of His work to Christian leaders to do for Him as a manufacturer might subcontract to others certain items in a contract; such, for instance, as First Corinthians 15:58, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." In First Corinthians 16:10 Paul says plainly that Timothy "worketh the work of the Lord, as I also do," but we must never understand from this that these men did a work of God apart. Rather they were the obedient instruments in whom and through whom God wrought His own work.

Any misunderstanding about this is cleared up by the explanation of Paul in Colossians 1:29, "Whereunto I also labor, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily;" and First Corinthians 15:10, "I labored more abundantly than they all; yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me."

If this working, yet not working, doing God's work, yet not doing it, should seem to be confusing, remember there is a parallel for it in the well known testimony of Paul in Galatians 2:20, "I am crucified with Christ:

nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." From all this I think we may draw the following conclusion: **We can no more do the work of God than we can live the life of God.** In the believing and surrendered soul Christ lives His life again and continues to live it, and in the obedient, believing man God will continue to work, reaching out and through the human instrument to accomplish His wonders among men.

It is critically important that we grasp this truth. Much religious work is being done these days that is not owned by our Lord and will not be accepted or rewarded in that great day. Superior human gifts are being mistaken for the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and

neither they who exercise these gifts nor the Christian public before whom they are exercised are aware of the deception. Never has there been more activity in religious circles and, I confidently believe, never has there been so little of God and so much of the flesh. Such work is a snare because it keeps us busy and at the same time prevents us from discovering that it is our work and not God's.

"Nothing is wrought by creatures," said Meister Eckhart; "the Father works alone. The soul shall never stop until she works as well as God. Then she and the Father shall do His work together: she shall work as one with Him, wisely and lovingly. That we may be in unity with Him, God help us. AMEN."

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## Ed McCully Speaks Today

(The following is a portion of a letter written by Ed McCully at the point of high spiritual crisis in which he made an "all out" decision to yield his life to the Lord. Ed's thorough-going commitment to Christ is here recorded with unaffected simplicity and comes as a rebuke and challenge to the self-indulgent pattern of life only too evident today. May the Lord use these lines, written six years ago to one of his co-martyrs, Jim Elliot, as a message to us all. Editor).

I've been spending my free time lately studying the Word. Each night the Lord seemed to get hold of me a little more. Night before last I was reading in Nehemiah. I finished the book and read it through again. Here was a man who left everything, as far as position was concerned, to do a job nobody else could handle, and because he went, the whole remnant back in Jerusalem got right with the Lord. Obstacles and hindrances fell away and a great work was done. Jim, I couldn't get away from it—the Lord was dealing with me.

On the way home yesterday morning I took a long walk and came to a decision which I know is of the Lord. In all honesty before Him I say that no one or no thing beyond Himself and the Word has any bearing upon what I've decided to do. I have one desire now to live a life of complete abandon to the Lord, putting all my energy and strength into His service. I'm praying that He'll see fit to send me somewhere where the Name of Jesus Christ is unknown. Right now, I don't know exactly what to do; what I have in mind is to stay around here a year working in the assembly and studying on my own. One reason why I'd like to stay here for a while is to see a lot of people I know and really make known the Lord to them. I think that's necessary before I

start telling those I don't know. I can say, though, I have no will of my own—I have no right to have any mind of my own.

Jim, I'm taking the Lord at His word, and I'm trusting Him to prove His Word. It's like putting all your eggs in one basket. We've put our trust in Him for salvation—why not do it as far as our life is concerned? If there's nothing to this business of eternal life, we might as well lose everything in one crack and throw our present life away with our life hereafter. But if there is something to it, then everything else the Lord says must hold true likewise. Pray for me, Jim.

Man, to think the Lord got hold of me one day before I was to register for law school. I've got my money put away and was all set to go. Today was registration day, so I went over to school to let them know why I wouldn't be back. I really prayed, like the apostle asked the Ephesians to pray for him in Ephesians 6:19, that I might open my mouth boldly. I talked to all the fellows that I knew well and then went in to see a professor I thought a lot about. I told him what I planned to do and why. Before I left, he had tears in his eyes. I think the Lord was speaking to him. Then I went into the Dean's office and talked to him. All I could get out of him was a cold farewell and a good luck wish. These cold

formalists! I think it'll go harder for them in the judgment than those who have nothing to do with any religion.

Well, that's it. Two days ago I was a law student. Today I'm an untitled ready to "branch out." Any words of counsel or advice from you will certainly be helpful. I trust we'll be able to get together before you leave for Ecuador. All for now—write if you've got anything to say. Thanks, Jim, for the intercession on my behalf. Don't let up. And brother, I'm really holding you up as you're making preparation to leave. I only wish I were going with you.

Much love in the Lord,

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## Notes and Comments

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T. W. A. Poland writes from Tangiers: "We have just received word from Brother Ingleby that our first convert, a young man in his early twenties, has gone into the unevangelized interior of Northeast Portugal, to live among the people and bring them the gospel. The little assembly we left behind us, and for which Mr. Ingleby is now caring, had a meeting recently at which they committed this young brother to the Lord. This young man needs our prayers as he takes on a very difficult task. Our hearts are full of joy as we see this fruit of what we often were tempted to regard as unfruitful work."

We are glad to announce that RADIO CEYLON has modified its proposed ban on religious broadcasts. No new contracts are to be made, but existing contracts will be renewed indefinitely. This means that the "Living Waters" gospel broadcast will be continued, so we thank God for answered prayer in this regard. Harold McGregor writes that they have now recorded their first programs in Gujerati, the ninth language for broadcasting. He asks definite prayer for the brethren responsible for the recording in the various languages, as they are all very busy men apart from the radio work.

Dr. Robert Carpenter (Belgian Congo), writes: "Several week-end conferences have been held recently at various centers in the bush. A total of seventy-nine were baptized at the Sunday afternoon meetings. One old witch-doctor, born again two years ago,

was one of those, and 'his face shone.' Further blessing evidenced itself at Sakoko; where twenty accepted Christ as their Savior."

John Sims (Northern Rhodesia) writes: "Join with us in thanks to God for the long looked-for and long prayed-for Old Testament in Luvale which has now arrived. Copies are in the hands of many African Christians. How blest we are to have the whole of God's precious Word in the Luvale tongue! We thank the Lord for the hard and unceasing work of translation that has been done by our brother, A. E. Horton, of Kavungu."

W. J. Livingston (Peru) asks that we insert this notice: Christians from the North, passing through Lima, will be made very welcome at the Lord's table here in Lima. We meet each Lord's day at 10:30 A. M. The address is 1447, Dept. "F" Avenida Reducto, Miraflores, Lima, Peru.

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## PERSONALIA

### Births:

To Mr. and Mrs. James Currie (Japan) a son, Neil Caldwell, Sept. 23.

### Departures:

Dr. and Mrs. Gilmour Davies (India) from Vancouver, B. C., Oct. 12.

Mrs. Marilou McCully (Ecuador) mid-November.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Christensen (Peru) from New York, early November.

Miss Edith K. J. Gulston (Venezuela) from Toronto, Oct. 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Merton Wolcott and family from Montreal, for the Belgian Congo, Aug. 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold (Jack) LaBuff and family returning to Indo-China from California, Oct. 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cathers and family (Ecuador) from Wheaton, Oct. 9.

### Arrivals:

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Wightman arriving via the Mauretania in New York, Nov. 1.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Lander (Bolivia) for medical treatment in U. S. A., Oct. 12.

### Absent from the body—present with the Lord:

Dr. John R. Olley (French Equatorial Africa) in Australia on September 25, after many years of valiant service.



## Prayer Pointers

For a Cebuano secretary for handling Bible correspondence courses, Bible School of the Air, Manila.

For Mr. and Mrs. John Halliday (Chile) in the loss of their first child, who was born prematurely in October in Buenos Aires. Pray too, for the work in Punta Arenas to which they hope to return soon.



Brunswick Peninsula on which  
Punta Arenas is situated.

Twenty-three radio messages are aired weekly by our brethren in the Dominican Republic. Pray for this great ministry.

For Sicily and the progressive work conducted there. (See article on Sicily). Buildings are needed.

For those who are engaged in the preparation of Christian literature for the new literates of Africa and other countries.

For work in the mining towns of the Copperbelt in Northern Rhodesia, both among Europeans and Africans.

For Miss Louise Allen (France) who underwent surgery recently that she may make a satisfactory recovery.

A group of missionaries have recently dedicated their Friday evenings to prayer for revival in Central Africa, in Lundaland particularly. They would welcome our prayer-fellowship in this.

A recent report published in India states: "Evangelization in India appears to be a part of the uniform world policy to revive Christendom, for re-establishing Western supremacy, and is not prompted by spiritual motives." They recommend the withdrawal of missionaries whose primary object is proselytization. In view of this trend of thought among Indians, we should re-double our prayers that the door may be kept open for the gospel in India.

For Margaret Dawes (Belgian Congo) who is now on furlough, and writes: "Since my arrival, Mother has had two bad spells in the hospital, and during the last stay she took a stroke which has left her right arm and leg completely paralyzed. She is now at home and needs a lot of care." Let us remember our sister and her dear mother in our prayers.

In Ecuador's June elections the winner was the Conservative Catholic candidate for president. Since he has declared himself opposed to Protestant missions, let us pray that God will overrule and make this seeming defeat work together for good and the furtherance of the gospel in Ecuador.

For a Bible Camp for young men near Poona, India, December 7-17.

As we go to press, news of uprisings in Hungary, strife in Singapore, the Middle East and North Africa, present a call to prayer.

For Mr. John McGehee, who is still suffering from the effects of a fall sustained several months ago.

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### Promoted

An old laborer, who in health had been diligent for Christ, became crippled and bed-ridden. With a smile on his wrinkled face, and a gleam of mirthfulness in his half-closed eyes, he said to a visitor, "I'm promoted noo. I was lang the Lord's work-in' servant; and He has promoted me to be His waitin' servant." In whatever sphere, the service is humbling. We shall be taught our nothingness. All depends on God's Spirit.

## The Fields, Inc.

### Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

For the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 1956  
Receipts for the year:

For Workers .....	\$298,512.87	
For Expenses .....	12,290.24	
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$310,803.11</b>	
Balance, April 1, 1955 .....	18,636.35	\$329,439.46

#### Disbursements:

For Workers .....	282,481.10	
To General Administrative Expenses .....	10,009.84	
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>292,490.94</b>	
Balance on hand, March 31, 1956 ....	36,948.52	\$329,439.46

Explanation of Balance on hand,  
March 31, 1956

Workers' Funds being held waiting Workers' Instructions ....	\$28,527.27
Workers' Funds in process of distribution .....	2,760.62
Funds in General Expense, etc. ....	5,660.63
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$36,948.52</b>

Signed by Treasurers:

C. S. Speicher  
W. J. Munro  
W. H. Marshall.

For your information, Receipts for the past few years have been:

1950 .....	\$157,146.23
1951 .....	187,483.75
1952 .....	178,901.59
1953 .....	211,104.64
1954 .....	263,880.81
1955 .....	229,580.47

### Forms Of Bequest

For the assistance of those wishing to make bequests in the interests of the Lord's work the following forms are suggested:

(For use in the U. S. A.)

"I hereby, give, devise and bequeath to The Fields, Inc., 16 Hudson St., New York City, the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and direct that a receipt executed by the Treasurers of that Corporation should constitute a sufficient voucher therefor."

(For use in the Dominion of Canada)

"I give and bequeath to Christian Missions in Many Lands (Canada) Inc., with office at 1 Waterman Avenue, Toronto 16, Ontario, Canada, the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be applied to the work of the said Corporation, the receipt of the duly appointed officers of said Corporation to be a good discharge for same."

### Receipts For August

For Workers .....	\$33,910.67
For Expenses .....	1,582.17
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$35,492.84</b>

The above contributions were acknowledged by our official receipts Nos. 11801 to 12029 inclusive.

### Receipts For September

For Workers .....	\$17,099.67
For Expenses .....	938.98
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$18,038.65</b>

The above contributions were acknowledged by our official receipts Nos. 12030 to 12257 inclusive.

If you have failed to receive a receipt for your contribution within the above numbers, please communicate directly with our Auditors, Messrs. Lambrides and Lambrides, 220 West 42nd Street, New York 36.

*Have you prayed for a missionary by name lately?*

## Letters

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

### ANGOLA, PORT. WEST AFRICA

**Biula** MALCOLM B. MACJANNET. It was my plan a couple of weeks ago to visit some outschools along the railroad to the west of Vila Luso, and the first stage of the journey was accomplished safely to Boma. I was a little way out from there, when to avoid running down a woman who changed her mind and decided that the other side of the road was better, I was forced to use my brakes suddenly. The road happening to be sandy, there was a skid and a turnover. I am praising still that no one was hurt, neither the woman nor anyone in the pickup. The mailman whom I was

carrying did get a couple of cuts on his legs but I believe they are all right now. It was a miracle!! So the visit to these assemblies is now delayed while the repairs are being made. So one is "perplexed, yet not in despair;" and still assured that "God works all things together for good;"

#### ANGOLA, PORT. WEST AFRICA

**Kavungu** A. E. HORTON®. As you will no doubt be hearing from others, the Kalene conference on August 1-3 was a time of much happy fellowship and blessing. About one hundred people gathered: most of them workers in the field, but some being brethren from Copper Belt assemblies and South Africa. The Lord gave help in the ministry. George Armerding's fresh ministry was especially enjoyed by us all.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Arnot have come here from Kalunda to give us help for a few months. Their present plan is to stay at least until the year's end. This will be a great help to us during Miss Courtney's absence. (She flies from Ndola tomorrow, God willing.) Brother Arnot speaks Lunda, which is understood by our Luvale people here, and his stirring messages are much enjoyed by us all.

There is also a young man here now, Edwin Wald. He is employed in Northern Rhodesia, but is here to study Luvale for three months! He is in fellowship, and is keen on learning the language in three months! I trust he may get a good foundation at least—the actual "learning" will come over the years!

There is an interesting movement among children here now. Sunday before last some boys of about twelve, who profess to be His, went out into the villages after some of the school-children. They reported about five professions of conversion! Again yesterday they went out with tracts. Time alone will tell how many of these child professions are real: some of them are, at least, very hopeful. We now have three young boys in fellowship, and others are asking for baptism. Pray for them—many temptations lie ahead of them.

#### BELGIAN CONGO, AFRICA

**Nyankunde** MRS. MARY DEANS. The mission and the region around are in quarantine because there have been three cases of smallpox in the past three weeks. Everyone is getting vaccinated and

even the white people are unable to leave the territory: Anyone can come in, but once you come in you are stuck for the time of the quarantine.

We were encouraged by five accepting the Lord before our school closed. This term and the other two terms were fruitful. Amongst the girls alone, about fifty accepted the Lord and about seventy-five learned how to read the Word for themselves.

After accepting the Lord, we count the reading of God's word the next most important thing, for we know that there can be very little growth in their lives if they do not know how to read. We are looking forward to a real group of school girls this coming term and look to the Lord to open the way for them to come back. Pray that the Lord will supply their needs of clothing and spending money so that they may come back on time.

#### BELGIAN CONGO, AFRICA

**Usumbura** CARL JOHNSON®. The Lord is giving much fruit in souls, for which we praise Him—fifty in August, ten in September and one restored. During this month of special services there have been ten or more each night responding to Christ, some for restoration and some for salvation. Pray that all these may go on with the Lord and grow solidly and rapidly in grace and in the knowledge of Him. Pray for one of our teachers, hospitalized for the next six months, undergoing an operation in ten days, that he may be used in the hospital as a bright witness for the Lord among the patients, nurses, and doctors. He has already had rich opportunities, as many come to him with questions. May he "give an answer to every man for the hope within him." Pray too that he may be well enough to do some translation of booklets while confined to bed. His name is Zefania Haravymana.

#### N. NIGERIA, AFRICA

**Idah** RAYMOND DIBBLE®. The trip was much longer than we expected but the rest was good for Florence at least. It was good also to see some of the more southerly parts where many of our workers have entered this continent. We heard good reports of others' work in Angola, Belgian Congo and other parts. It made us feel closer to them in space than we have felt hitherto.

There was no difficulty over imports or immigration. We have reached our station

and have goods all unpacked. How often we are reminded of the many loving friends who have had a part in supplying not only definite needs but many extra little helps and items useful for distribution of Bible information, and things that will increase our own comforts. God has been so good to us through the love of many.

Arriving here it was such a joy to have a hearty loving welcome. Co-workers have carried on with the same interests at heart as we have had. Christian friends almost burst into tears as they could not otherwise fully express their gladness to God for our return among them. Then to hear how that God has been spreading the glad message through the labors of so many, and has been reaping souls, and establishing the hearts of His own on every hand, how great in goodness to us He is, that He should allow us to see and rejoice with Him.

There is in spite of what has been done a deep sense of need for more translation work. Some of the elders have said, "We want more of every useful kind of reading, BUT please be sure to give us the rest of the Old Testament. Even if all else has to be neglected." Such appetite is of the new nature born of God, and we do rejoice.

#### **NORTHERN RHODESIA, AFRICA**

**Chavuma** ROBERT YOUNG®. Recently we have been on two different itinerating trips into the distant villages and have seen much of the Lord's blessing. The ones who professed faith in the Lord came asking for Bibles in the native language. They are showing a real desire to go on for their Lord and be a testimony in their villages. In one place the headman himself came out for Christ and is taking a firm stand for Him. One middle-aged couple went back to their village after one of the evening meetings. But they could not stop thinking of the Gospel story they had just heard and both decided to walk back to the Gospel Bus and ask the way of salvation. It was a joy to point both of them to the Lord that night and to see them return to their village, having had sins forgiven. In one place, the young believers have built a grass shelter already, in which to hold meetings. Pray for the Lord's work in these out-of-the-way places. We are looking forward to returning to seek to encourage these babes in Christ.

#### **NATAL, SOUTH AFRICA**

**Durban** KENNETH FLEMING®. Here in Durban, Helena and I have been very much encouraged of late, in seeing the good hand of the Lord on the work. In recent weeks there have been quite a number that have professed faith in the Lord Jesus Christ at one and another of the places where we have meetings in this city. Altogether there are nine places in Durban now where there are regular meetings weekly or more often. Three of these could be termed assemblies, where the breaking of bread is held regularly. We trust that you will pray with us that in His time all of these places might be genuine local assemblies able to propagate themselves and thus expand the testimony of the Lord in the city.

One of the greatest burdens that we have is concerning the teaching of the Word to our people so that they be better able to grow in Him. We have a Bible Teaching Class on Tuesday evenings where there has been good interest in the study of Scripture but we are praying that others may avail themselves of this opportunity. Without well taught men the assemblies can never stand on their own feet. There is a limited amount of good Christian literature available and we seek to get the Christians to buy this. It was slow going at first but quite a number are beginning to buy as they are able now. One of our full time men has now started colportage work part time, seeking thereby to expand this ministry and to get Bibles and Testaments to the unsaved.

The work in connection with the Emmaus Correspondence courses is also expanding and for this we praise God. The growing literacy means a growing demand for this sort of thing and thus we try to give them gospel literature. Helena does most of the work in mailing, correcting, etc. Two more courses are in the process of translation now and we trust that in time others can be added. Mr. Ferguson is doing one and we are working on the other.

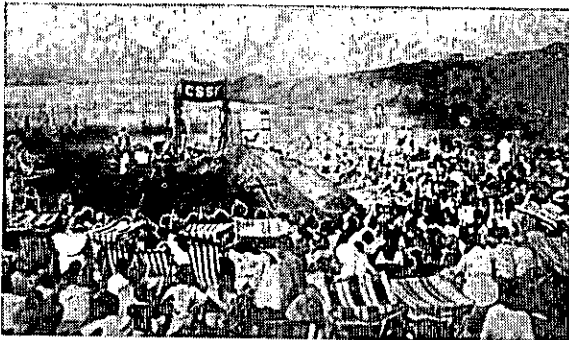
#### **NATAL, SOUTH AFRICA**

**Mansfield** EDWIN S. GIBBS®. The accompanying photos show an interesting Gospel service held at the seaside for European (white) holiday makers. The "C. S. S. M." banner is seen on the large pulpit which is constructed of sand, and the initials stand for Children's Special Service Mission. The sand pulpit is decor-

ated with brightly colored flowers, depicting Bible references and objects. You may be sure this extra special pulpit attracted a large gathering of both children and adults to the service that day. I had the opportunity of preaching on Ex. 13:13, an object talk on the Foal of the Ass redeemed by the Lamb. It was estimated that above seven hundred people listened to the message, so I am sure you will agree that this is a splendid crowd to have under the sound of the Gospel.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Ferguson are in charge of the seaside services which last for three weeks. Several children and even some parents were personally dealt with who professed to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior.

Most of the workers in the party shown



standing on the pulpit are from the European (white) Assemblies in different parts of South Africa and you will agree that this method of reaching boys and girls proves to be an excellent training ground for them. Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson are seen standing under the banner and I am just behind Mrs. Ferguson.

Loud speakers are used—and badly needed—to carry the voice above the roar of the waves. We missionaries in Natal are busy most of the year speaking in Zulu to African people so we appreciated the treat of being able to speak in English as opportunity presents itself.

### HONG KONG, CHINA

#### Kowloon

WM. DECKER®. After a few busy weeks we are finally getting settled in the place the Lord provided for us in Kowloon, and praise the Lord for answered prayer in this matter.

Inquiry has been made concerning an engine for the boat, and in this, too, the Lord has been working. One of the English brethren, who is a business man here in the Colony, wrote to the Diesel Engine Co. in England concerning the possibility of getting



an engine out here on special concession. Normally it takes about a year to secure such an engine, but the Lord worked in His own way. At the time the letter from Hong Kong was received in England, a letter from Canada was also received by the company requesting that a previous order sent by them, for the same type of engine I desired, be cancelled! The company wrote and said that due to this cancellation, they would be able to send it to Hong Kong and that it will arrive some time in December. Truly the Lord works in behalf of His children. In the meantime we are helping the missionaries from England, in the various activities carried on by them among the resettlement areas.

We covet your continued prayer, that we might be but usable channels through which the blessing of the Lord shall flow.

#### FORMOSA, ASIA

MISS CATHERINE MCKENZIE.

Just had word from Formosa this week that a little hunchback boy I led to the Lord, December 15, 1954, has passed into the presence of his Savior. His was truly an abundant entrance.



He memorized and repeated to me the one hundred eight Bible verses in the Navigators' Memory Course, word perfect. I didn't even have to tell him a reference. He also memorized I Cor. 15, John 10 and was working on John 1 when God called him home. Am enclosing a picture of my Thursday afternoon class, where he came to know the Savior. He is sixteen years old and not any

bigger than the second grader standing behind him. Would ask your continued prayers for the children of China.

#### SOUTH INDIA, ASIA

Narsapur DR. DOROTHY MUNCIE. I am enclosing a picture of our new out-patient building taken on the first morning the building was in use. On



August 29 we had the opening ceremony and even invited some of the government officials and had coffee and refreshments for the invited guests (as this seems to be the proper thing here in India!) The only hitch with the refreshments was that the caterers from the local Brahmin hotel were late and came rushing up at the last minute in several cycle rickshaws with their big brass pots and even a pot of charcoal coals on which to make the coffee! After the refreshments we all went over to the new compound and the District Medical officer cut the tape and then we all went inside for the short program. After prayer Dr. Holt gave a short history of the hospital and then Mr. Naismith, our senior missionary here in Narsapur, gave a brief message from God's Word. Then the District Medical officer and the local member of Parliament both got up and complimented the work of mission hospitals. District Medical officer even said that there was a certain intangible "something" in mission hospitals that was lacking in government hospitals, and he wished they had this "something." Of course, we realize that this "something" that makes mission hospitals different is nothing else than the presence of the Lord

Jesus Christ Himself! We felt that these were astonishing words from a doctor in government service who is presumably a Hindu, and we thank the Lord for this man's attitude towards missions and missionaries.

## JAPAN, ASIA

**Morioka** JAMES McALISTER®. We had a special tent campaign here in Morioka from September 9th to 16th, and from first to last we saw the hand of God in real blessing. Eight souls professed faith in Christ, and many people heard the gospel for the first time. The weather, too, was marvellously preserved. We feared that the typhoon might affect the meetings, but we are thankful to say that it passed by without interfering in any way. Morioka before the meetings was quite wet. The meetings finished up on Sunday, and on Monday we packed up the tent and sent it back to Aomori. On the very next day the rain came on. "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad." Do pray for the babes in Christ that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our precious Savior.

A patient whom we have been visiting at a nearby sanatorium has professed faith in Christ. He is very weak in body. Do pray for him and for his wife and mother who attend him at the hospital. We visit this place each Thursday afternoon, and there are others who have shown some interest in the gospel.

On the first and third Saturdays, beginning next month, we hope to visit a boys' reform school. We would value your earnest prayers for this work, as we know that only the grace of God can change the hearts and lives of these one hundred fifty or more delinquent boys.

## JAPAN, ASIA

**Tokyo** J. B. CURRIE®. The tent meetings mentioned in my last letter to you have come and gone and I know you will rejoice with us in the evident answers to prayer received. The meetings as a whole were very successful as we were able to get into the tent good numbers of unsaved adults as well as lots of children. Four young men professed faith in Christ and are continuing to attend the meetings regularly. Another young man who had been saved some years ago at meetings held by brethren Hay and Wright was contacted

and is now in the assembly at Fuchu and is showing signs of being a real help to the other Christians. Many other good contacts



were made that will yield further results for the glory of the Lord Jesus, so in all we must give thanks to the Lord for His goodness.

Three weeks ago we held a baptism at Fuchu, and seven young believers obeyed the Lord. The prayers of the Lord's people will be a boon to these Christians as they face the opposition of Satan from time to time. The assembly has been greatly encouraged by the manifestation of the Lord's Hand and already are preparing for another tent campaign in the spring, God willing. It is clear that the tent will have its uses, at least until the novelty wears off, and with this in mind we hope to purchase another tent for use around Tokyo next summer, if the Lord will.



The brethren in other cities have been working hard in tent meetings and have seen quite a bit of blessing. I was able to visit Nagoya for a few days during their

campaign, and though the weather was just as bad as could be, with a typhoon and very heavy rain, yet some unsaved were at the meetings each night and no doubt they will see some souls gathered in.

Just two days after I arrived home little Neil Caldwell Currie was born. This was on Sunday, September 23. He and his mother are doing very well. We give sincere thanks to the Lord for His everlasting kindness.

## PHILIPPINES, ASIA

**Manila** CYRIL H. BROOKS®. This is the rainy season and it seems that this year we are getting extra rain to make up for the somewhat drier seasons in the past two years. Since the first of August we have had a succession of storms and typhoons. Though none of them have come near to Manila they have brought us plenty of rain.

Of course the weather does not make much difference to the mail coming in to the Bible School of the Air but it has made a difference to our staff. Miss Myers has not been able to come to the office for the past week owing to a severe cold and two of the girls in the office have been away part time on account of sickness. I have been battling a cold but manage to keep going.

The provincial work is more difficult in this kind of weather. We were not able to have any meetings last Saturday afternoon in Pampanga as the rain was coming down in torrents. We had a small group in a home at Floridablanca that evening.

The weather was better on Sunday morning, so Mrs. Dayton and my wife went around with tracts to visit some of the homes while I went with Mr. Tique and Miss Ison to the village of Mayquiapo. Miss Ison had a big class of children while we had a meeting with the adults. One disadvantage of having both at the same time is that some adults find the flannelgraph lessons for the children more interesting than our preaching! Then I took the other two to San Jose for their meetings there while I went on to Floridablanca. As a result of the visiting there was a better number out to the meeting which is held in a yard under the shade of a tree. It was raining heavily on the nearby hills and a few drops fell as we started the meeting but the Lord answered prayer and gave us fine weather. One man seemed quite interested. It was the first

time he had been there as he learned about the meeting through the visits of our sisters.

In the afternoon on the way home we stopped at a village called Dau for meetings. There are a few men there who are quite interested and who have also been studying our correspondence course in Tagalog.

Sunday evening I spoke at a rally for students arranged by the Inter-Varsity Fellowship. Over two hundred students came together—quite a few of them probably unsaved. Two professed faith in Christ. The one that I talked to seemed quite in earnest and after dealing with him he thanked the Lord in prayer for saving him. The young people from the San Juan chapel came directly from their meeting to the rally, foregoing their supper to be there.

## HONDURAS, CENTRAL AMERICA

**La Ceiba** JAMES SCOLLON®. We go on with every liberty here in the work and praise God for His good hand manifested continually with us. This past summer has been a strenuous time for us. Since June we have been building our new hall which we have just inaugurated with a week of gospel meetings. We had two native brethren with us helping in the preaching, and the attendance was good most nights. As yet we have not seen any fruit but we look to the Lord to bless His Word to the many who attended and to those who heard the gospel by means of the loud speaker. We had very little help with the building, but four of the brethren from this assembly stayed on the job until it was finally finished. It is a cement block building, 30' x 60', and everyone who has seen it is surprised we were able to finish it under \$4,000.

I believe we told you in our last letter of the arrival of the new automatic press, which will be a great help. We hope now to be able to increase our publications. We are having the book, "Christ's Vicar" by H. P. Barker, translated and we expect to print it in monthly installments in the magazine for believers.

We had an idea we might be able to relax a little after such a busy time but work keeps crowding in on us and we see little hope of a rest for some time to come. Our tract supplies have increased and with a good stock on hand and much territory to

cover, we have much work confronting us for many days!

Recently I have been under the weather and with lots of other folks have been troubled with pains in the abdomen. It may be nerves, or perhaps I have been eating too many avocados, which are plentiful and cheap and of course delicious, to those who like them. We can always praise God for the excellent health we have enjoyed during almost twenty years in Honduras.

Our eldest daughter, Ruth, who is now twenty-one, is working with Capitol Airlines and is stationed in Chicago. Grace is in high school in Lawrence, Kansas, and Johnny, who is with us now, is in the eighth grade. He has had a wonderful summer vacation, as daily he was able to go riding with some of the cowboys at a large dairy farm nearby. We have heard enough about horses in the last three months to fill a book! Now he is back in school and his one ambition is to buy his own horse.

We trust the Lord is blessing His work amongst you there and we covet a place in your daily prayers.

#### **HONDURAS, CENTRAL AMERICA**

**Tela** JOHN RUDDOCK®. The 15th of September is Independence Day in Honduras, and as we did not have a General Conference this year we decided to have a local all-day meeting. The 15th fell on a Saturday and so the special meetings continued into the Lord's Day. A goodly number of believers gathered from around the district, and we had a good time of fellowship. On the Lord's Day morning we had the joy of seeing three believers follow the Lord in the waters of baptism. The Gospel meeting on both nights was well attended. Brother Hockings from San Pedro Sula was with us, and also Brother Margarito Hernandez from Progreso. On the Sunday afternoon Brother Hernandez preached the Gospel in the prison. A fine work is being carried on in the prison, and two or three have professed to be saved. Miss Johnston and a few sisters visit the prisoners each Lord's Day afternoon. Seven of the prisoners are doing the Emmaus Bible Studies, and seem very much interested.

Brother Hernandez was telling us that the meetings in Progreso are improving in numbers, and they have recently had the joy of having some baptisms there. He says he is now having meetings in a place called Punto

Rieles, and that the Lord is blessing. This dear national brother has wonderful gift in the Gospel, and has been much used of God. He is at present in La Ceiba helping out in special meetings there.

The Hall in La Ceiba is completed. I went over there Tuesday and stayed till Thursday. The Hall is simple but good-looking, and is a credit to the work. It is much larger than the old Hall. Our brethren there have done a fine job. We have just heard that the Assembly in Tegucigalpa has started to build their hall, for the place they are renting now does not even begin to accommodate the numbers that come to the meetings. We expect, if the Lord will, to begin to build here in Tela in February of next year.

The work of the Lord in Bataan has been much blessed of God. Bataan is a large hemp plantation and has a factory. The Company recently built a new hall for the assembly there. Brother Hockings was at the opening of it, and told us there was a large attendance. We hear there is soon to be a baptism there.

#### **BRITISH HONDURAS, CENT. AMERICA**

**Belize** RALPH M. CLARK®. Our house is quite comfortable and the three children seem quite happy and in excellent health.

The work at our outstations, Boom and Gales Point, as well as at Grace Chapel, is a steady plodding. The six weeks' campaign conducted early in the year by Harold Wildish yielded some lasting fruit. We have had recent baptisms at all three places and have been encouraged by the increasing responsibilities being assumed by some of the local brethren at Grace Chapel, both in evangelizing, teaching and organizing the various services held during the week.

We have been unable to obtain land as yet at either Boom or Gales Point, but hope to be able to erect simple chapels at both places and see the Christians breaking bread. People hold their land for sentimental reasons even though they have no use for it. However, we trust that the Lord will open the way.

#### **BARBADOS, B. W. I.**

**St. John** ALEXANDER WEEKES®. We do thank God for His love and mercies to us here in this part of the vineyard. Though small, nevertheless we are workers together with Him.

The Lord has enabled us to have a Vacation Bible School with the children during the vacation period in the month of August. The Lord gave blessing in the salvation of some of the children for which we give thanks. None of these children's parents are in the Assembly.

We are still looking to the Lord for a place in St. Philip as we still meet in a home where we have rented a large front room.

#### **DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, W. I.**

**Puerto Plata** JAMES R. COCHRANE®. Five believers were baptized recently and added to the assembly. We thank God for this increase in our numbers and we pray that many more will follow the example of these believers and also ask for baptism. Many are attending the meetings at present and showing signs of interest in the gospel. We long to see them take a definite stand for the Lord Jesus.

Last Sunday night a man stayed behind after the gospel service, wishing to make it known to the Christians that he too had accepted the Lord Jesus as his personal Saviour. So we praise God for those who one by one are leaving behind the awful darkness of sin and are coming into His marvelous light.

We have a good number of young men attending the meetings. In view of this we have started a young men's class every other Tuesday night. Over thirty were present in the last meeting. We start with a few minutes of recorded sacred music. Young people here, like young people in most places, enjoy good music. This is followed by a season of prayer. Then about fifteen minutes is dedicated to answering questions that the young men have asked. These question periods lead to very interesting conversations in which both the Christians and their unsaved friends take part. The last part of the class is a conversational study in Philippians in which we try to draw out the young men into taking part, either in asking questions or giving their opinions. These young men represent great possibilities for the future of the work and we would appreciate your prayers on their behalf.

#### **ARGENTINA, SOUTH AMERICA**

**Salta** MRS. CONSTANCE H. PAYNE. Salta Annual Conference was held from September 13 to 16th, and though perhaps there were not as many visitors

from surrounding places, the hall was overcrowded. Meals for 450 or so were prepared on the premises, and it is always a joy to see Christians from isolated places enjoying fellowship with other Christians. Often times it is the only visit they make during the year, and it must mean a great deal to them. Messages were very helpful and I am sure there was something for all who attended. Weather is warm now and the meetings in the evenings do not commence until 9 p. m.

Please accept an apology for not writing sooner I am not feeling too well and can concentrate for a short time only, though feeling better.

#### **BRAZIL, SOUTH AMERICA**

**Sao Paulo** JOHN McCLELLAND®. In the latter part of August and early part of September I paid a visit to some of the assemblies in the interior. My principal reason for going was the annual conference at Junco, which was very well attended indeed. It was most encouraging both to those who ministered and to those who made a special effort to attend. It was judged that there would be at least 500 present. Six sessions were held and through and through there was a healthy spirit. Some of these believers come long distances to attend and it manifests an earnest desire on their part. In times past they practically all came on horseback, but this year there was a definite absence of horses and a bigger show of trucks and tractors. Possibly this helped the attendance, making it possible for some to attend who could not make the trip on horseback. Those responsible for the ministry were brethren Maxwell, Crawford Nye, Sr. Laurindo and myself. Brother Alan Bull was responsible for the conference arrangements.

After the conference I was able to spend a little time in the area. First I spent a week with Alan Bull in Ituiutaba where he resides. We had a full week with visits to two branch works and several meetings in the assembly in the city. Meetings were most encouraging. On the Sunday evening over three hundred were counted in the gospel meeting, many being unsaved. We were encouraged when a man came to us at the close and expressed his desire to follow Christ. Latest reports are encouraging regarding him. At a cottage meeting it was a treat to see some one hundred and fifty gathered in the back yard to listen to the

Word and join in the singing of the hymns. This cottage meeting was actually a birthday celebration. Many unsaved neighbors were present who never attend the meetings in the hall.

From Ituiutaba I went to Sacramento where I spent a week with brother Nye. He had a full schedule arranged for us and we enjoyed immensely our visit there too. Brother Nye along with brother Wm. Giles have been working on a property for an orphanage. The site at the time purchased was nothing more than land in its roughest. Today it is showing wonderful signs of being an excellent farming property which will partially support the actual orphanage when it is underway. Shortly they contemplate putting up some buildings. Some may feel that it is not an orphanage property without orphans, but I feel it proves the wisdom of our brethren in putting the manual labor into the work so that they can more properly attend to the care and training of the orphans with certain provisions on hand, and certainly more time than if they had the brute work to do along with this phase of the work. We were able to visit Quenta Sol during this visit and were animated by the effort carried on there.

At the end of this month I expect to go to Uberaba and Sao Joaquim da Barra: to the latter for a conference and a few days' visit and to the former to keep an outstanding promise to visit the assembly. Actually it is fully four years since I visited either place.

As a family we keep well, and we praise Him for His tender care. We are constantly in His presence seeking guidance for future steps.

### **CHILE, SOUTH AMERICA**

**Santiago**      **A N D R E W STENHOUSE®.**

Through the goodness of God, we have at last been able to complete all the work in connection with the new hall which we opened three months ago in the center of this big city. After the opening we still had a lot of work to do on the interior rooms, as these had to be ready for our annual conference on the 18th of this month.

The conference was a time of blessing and refreshment for all, and we enjoyed the fellowship of fellow-workers and others who came together from the various assemblies.

Shortly before that we had a few meetings with brother Vangioni, of the Argentine, who was on his way to the U. S., where he hoped to have meetings among the Spanish-speaking people of the big cities. He is an excellent gospel preacher.

It is our springtime now, and we are looking forward to the warmer weather when it will be possible to make a trip to the river for the purpose of baptizing a number who have been converted during the winter months.

Of recent conversions there is one that has made us particularly joyful. It is the case of a man who has all his life been a self-righteous church member (Swiss Lutheran). His wife and three daughters are in the assembly, but he has for years been hostile to the gospel. Recently, however, he suffered a stroke and remained semi-paralyzed. Then he was more disposed to listen, but presently he was again stricken and this time he remained semi-conscious. Much prayer went up for him, as the family was very distressed, and the doctor gave no hope of recovery. Gradually he came around and it was possible to speak to him again, though he could not respond. However, I spoke to him very seriously, and he responded by gripping my hand and nodding his head affirmatively when I asked whether he was ready to die. This was not too satisfactory, but from that moment he began to improve, and he has since been able to confirm the testimony that he has believed unto salvation.

We are now praying about another man, a Spaniard, whose wife is in the assembly. He also was antagonistic to the gospel and practically an atheist, but recently he was involved in an auto accident and lay for days at the gates of death. He is now well on his way to recovery and says he owes it to our prayers. We had the joy of seeing him at the meeting a few days ago, when he heard a solemn gospel message, and last night he was back again. It looks as though God had taken him in hand.

We continue in the work of broadcasting the gospel by radio, as well as by other means, and evidence of blessing is not lacking.

### **ECUADOR, SOUTH AMERICA**

**Shandia**      **MRS. JAMES ELLIOT.** Thought you'd like the latest word on the Aucas: Johnnie (the pilot) tells me that

he has seen "George" (the man whose picture was in Life) outside his house, running and waving like mad, and that now he has with him that little model plane which Nate gave him. This is significant, because it was floating in the Curaray when the rescue party went down there. The Aucas have been over to Palm beach again, and maybe George wants to be friendly. Pray that he may come out to Arajuno. I am hoping for this—it would, perhaps, lead to an entrance to the tribe. At any rate, I feel that he is sincere in his desire, and perhaps there are others. The aluminum sheets which they used to cover the graves of the five men are now on the roof of one of the Auca houses!

The work goes on here . . . I am free during these months to work on Jim's biography, as most of the Indians are away hunting and washing gold. School starts in two weeks, however, and then things will start rolling again. I am looking forward to the Cathers' coming, but have had no definite word as to when.

#### ECUADOR, SOUTH AMERICA

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**Quito** Mrs. Ed McCULLY, JR. As you know I have been praying much for guidance for the future. I have felt for quite some time that my place was in Ecuador where Ed and I lived so happily for three years, but I was not sure just where in Ecuador the Lord wanted me or just what I could do having a family of three children to care for. I have given much thought lately to my responsibility to my three boys—knowing that if I am going to fill the place of both mother and father to them, it is going to take a good deal of time. And as I have been thinking about this responsibility to my own children, my attention has been drawn to the fact that there are several children of jungle missionaries in Ecuador who need a home in Quito in order to attend the School for Missionaries' children there. Last year some of these children were taken care of by the Gospel Missionary Union Children's Home, but this year they have so many of their own children that they have no room for any others. There are a total of seven children that need a home immediately. Of course there are many other small children who will need a home as they become of school age.

After praying and considering this, I have

felt that the Lord would have me make a home for these children. It will be a big responsibility, but I am sure that the Lord has led in this first and big decision, and that He will also give help, wisdom and strength in undertaking it. Along with providing a home for these children, there will be opportunity for helping the jungle workers with buying of supplies, sending mail and supplies down to the jungle, making a guest home for these same folk when they are in Quito and many other opportunities with Sunday school and children's work there in the city of Quito.

Marj Saint, who lives in Quito, now working for HCJB, has already found a house for us, and with the help of Dee Short and one of the mothers, they have cleaned the house and moved in. Two of the mothers are taking turns staying in Quito and caring for the children until I can get there. I am hoping to be able to leave in November. There is much to be done between now and then with many speaking engagements, buying and packing, passport, visa, shots, etc. I will surely appreciate your prayers that I might get the many things accomplished in connection with leaving by November. It will not be easy getting ready to leave alone. Ed took care of so many of the important details when we left the first time, that I actually have no experience along those lines. I trust you will pray much for me these next two months.

"Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before . . ." Phil. 3:13.

#### VENEZUELA, SOUTH AMERICA

**Puerto Cumarebo** BRUCE CUMMING®. I have had five weeks preaching the Gospel with a fine young Venezuelan brother, Abraham Barbera, in a village in the hills ten miles from here. The large adobe hall belonging to the assembly there was nicely filled with unsaved and some men professed to be saved.

"I am a stranger with thee"

(Psalm 39:12).

"To me remains nor place, nor time:  
My country is in every clime;  
I can be calm and free from care  
On any shore, since God is there.  
While place we seek, or place we shun,  
The soul finds happiness in none:  
But with a God to guide our way,  
'Tis equal joy to go or stay."

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