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Editorials



"Where Your Treasure Is . . ."

The month of January approaches, and the stirring events on the Curaray two years ago rise afresh in the mind. What led up to that fateful day on Palm Beach? And what impression has it all left on the church?

We have recently re-read the material available to us from the diaries of our brethren. These entries make clear two things: first, that this world held little appeal for them, and second, that the interests of Christ were paramount in their thinking. Jim Elliot wrote: "Social life, a name renowned, a position of importance, scholastic attainment . . . surely mean nothing to the soul who has seen the beauty of Jesus Christ." In similar vein Nate Saint wrote: "The old life of chasing things that are of a temporal sort seemed absolutely insane." The attitude of those five young men toward the world may be summed up in the lines:

*Oh, worldly pomp and glory,
Your charms are spread in vain;
I've heard a sweeter story,
I've found a truer gain.*

This made it a simple matter to leave behind all the glitter, wealth and ease of the United States.

But what of facing the Aucas? Leaving America was one thing; entering Aucaland was quite another. It was spiritual conviction that turned their backs upon an easy life here; deeper still was the conviction that led these men into Auca territory.

"It is a grave and solemn problem; an un-reachable p eople who murder and kill with extreme hatred." So wrote Peter Fleming, adding, "It comes to me strongly that God is leading me to do something about it."

"I have one desire now," wrote Ed McCully, "to live for the Lord . . . Maybe He will send me some place where the Name of Jesus Christ is unknown." Roger Youderian's desire to reach the unreached was shown when at Chief Santiaku's invitation he penetrated the territory of the dangerous Atshuaras.

The attractions of America were known and rejected; the perils of any approach to the Aucas were also known, but carefully

weighed, and as before God, accepted. What we accept and what we reject very often declare what manner of men we are! By this criterion our brethren have measured up splendidly. Their example has declared once again where life's true values lie.

"What shall we; then, say to these things?" Which do we grasp more firmly?—things seen or things unseen? What do we accept?—what do we reject? Our answer to these questions determines the measure of our obedience to the Lord and the degree of our concern for lost mankind. In short, it reveals our over-all spiritual condition and our relationship—good or bad—to the task of world evangelization. "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Let Us Pray!

Whether the missionary is confronted with the ferocity of the Auca, the superiority of the educated Brahmin, the antagonism of the Romanist, or the supercilious indifference of the humanist, it becomes more and more clear that the battle must be fought upon our knees. This is not to suggest that all missionary institutions, of whatever kind, be closed and that the workers abandon themselves exclusively to prayer. It is seriously suggested, however, that the church at large has hazy conceptions of the real nature of spiritual warfare. Basically, missionary work is warfare.

The attitude toward the missionary and his message varies in expression from one land to another. The Stone Age barbarism of the jungle does not meet the missionary to highly literate Japan. But let it not be supposed that because the savage hostility of the one area is nowhere to be seen in the other, that the battle is therefore all but won. We are confronted with darkness on every hand. The difference in the various forms of darkness is purely a matter of degree—the one darkness is more intense than the other—but it is all darkness.

The children of light cannot allow themselves to be deceived by the veneer of philosophy or by the face-lifting connected with

certain Oriental religious traditions. Behind it all, engineering everything with super-human skill, is the god and prince of this age. His empire and all its components are referred to in Scripture as "this darkness."

The more clearly we realize that there are but two kingdoms, that of good and that of evil, the one divine and the other satanic, the more readily will we understand that "the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds."

The strongholds of the enemy in the minds and hearts of men (yea, and in our own hearts too!) will only yield before spiritual weapons. All our labor in schools, hospitals, presses and radio stations must be supported by prayer. One of the major points of emphasis in the Acts of the Apostles is prayer. We are losers to the extent that this is not our life-emphasis.

The results would be incalculable if the whole church could be rallied to prayer. What an outpouring of blessing would result from a daily outpouring of heart before God on the part of all His people. The most barbarous and the most cultured would feel the impact of such prayer. This new year could be a different year at home and on the mission fields if we availed ourselves, as we should, of the Throne of Grace. Brethren, let us PRAY!

A Day of Prayer

January 8th has been suggested as a special day of prayer for Ecuador and particularly in relation to the Auca project.

It is now well over two years since the gift-drop visits over Auca villages were initiated by our missionary brethren. Since then there have been expressions of both friendliness and hostility on the part of the Aucas. This seems to indicate division of mind among them, some desiring peaceful relations with the missionaries while others remain warlike.

There is abundant cause for Auca enmity toward the white man. In years past these people have suffered frightful cruelties at the hands of whites. Auca suspicion and hostility toward the "civilized" world are not to be wondered at. But this situation in the light of the Lord's commission only makes the matter the more challenging.

If hostility had been regarded as a firm deterrent to all missionary enterprise, some of the greatest advances of history would never have been made. Chalmers, Selwyn and Williams faced people who took their

lives. But look today at the results of their martyrdom in the South Sea Islands.

Wherever there are people beyond the reach of the gospel, the Lord's word applies—"to every creature." Nothing short of this, surely, is His thought regarding every jungle-dweller in Amazonia. This does not mean abandonment of discretion in the face of evident danger. It does, however, constitute a call to earnest prayer—prayer that the Lord's time and way to contact the Aucas may be made clear to His servants, and, equally important, that the Spirit of God may so move upon Auca hearts that they may hear and live.

Where Are the Widows?

There are frequent enquiries as to where the widows of our brethren are and what they are doing. A few lines in this connection will prove of interest to many.

Mrs. Marilou McCully is in Quito providing a home and all needed care for a family of missionary children. While the parents are engaged in jungle service, the children are receiving an education in English in the capital. Mrs. Betty Elliot is in linguistic work at Arajuno, and is also writing a biography of her husband. Mrs. Barbara Youderian is at Macuma carrying on for the Lord in work among the Jivaros.

Mrs. Olive Fleming is employed at a Christian medical clinic near Seattle, Washington. Mrs. Marjorie Saint is at present on furlough in California and intends in due course to return to Ecuador. Let us continue in prayer on behalf of these women and their children.

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For the photo on the cover of this issue and for the others marked M. A. F. we are indebted to our friends of the Missionary Aviation Fellowship. Their fellowship, expressed in various ways, is much appreciated by "The Fields."

A Thought For 1958

It has been said that the godly man is one in whose mind God thinks, in whose heart God feels, in whose will God acts.

Perhaps some young Christian physician will think of this and remember that 22 countries of the world have one doctor for every 20,000 or more people. The U. S. average is 1 to 765.

A Friendly Contact With Aucas

The following report was released over the Back Home Hour of HCJB, Quito, Ecuador, on Sunday, November 17, 1957. Courtesy of HCJB is acknowledged in presenting this release. Editor.

TWENTY-TWO months after the martyrdom of the five missionaries by the Auca Indians of Ecuador's Amazon Jungle, a new contact was accomplished this past week by Betty Elliot, the widow of Jim Elliot, one of the five martyrs, and Dr. Wilfred Tidmarsh.

On Wednesday, November 13, three Auca women appeared at a settlement of peaceful Quichua Indians. This settlement is at the edge of Auca territory where the Curaray and Oglan rivers meet. This is the spot where Dr. Wilfred Tidmarsh of Christian Missions in Many Lands, Ltd., has recently constructed a missionary hut. For the last few months he has spent much of his time in this area that is known as the "Oglan Station." (This is the outpost that was ransacked by Aucas in September. (Editor). However, he was in Quito on business this past week when the three Auca women made their surprise appearance.

This appearance was witnessed by the Quichua Indians at this Oglan settlement, who saw the Aucas wade across the Curaray River early last Wednesday. The Aucas shouted loudly imitating the sound and flight of the missionary airplane. The Quichua Indians immediately sent word to Arajuno, the mission station founded by Ed McCully, another of the five martyrs. By an unusual coincidence, Betty Elliot was at the Arajuno station, staying with Mrs. Wilfred Tidmarsh, when the news arrived. The Tidmarshes and Mrs. Elliot all belong to the group known as Christian Missions in Many Lands. Betty immediately decided to make the laborious trek over the jungle trail from Arajuno to the Oglan settlement. After approximately six hours she arrived at her destination. However, by that time, the youngest of the three Auca women had decided to leave the other two and return to her Auca village. But Betty had the indescribable experience of finding two members of the tribe that killed her husband on January 8, 1956. A peaceful conversation began in which Betty employed the limited Auca vocabulary that she has been able to acquire. The two Auca women stayed that night; they remained all day Thursday and Thursday night. They continued there all day Friday and Saturday and were still at the Oglan settlement as of this morning.

All the Christian world has been praying for these twenty-two months, asking God to bless the martyrdom of Nate Saint, Roger Youderian, Ed McCully, Jim Elliot and Pete Fleming by giving Christian converts among this savage tribe. Many missionaries have devoted time, effort, and sacrifice to the problem of attempting to contact this ferocious group of Indians in a peaceful way. Dr. and Mrs. Wilfred Tidmarsh have manned the mission station at Arajuno, the place that was used as a base by the five missionary martyrs. Then, a few months ago he constructed a small house on the upper Curaray River near a small Quichua Indian village (of about eight families) at the confluence of the River Oglan, and a small airstrip was begun. He has spent a great deal of his time in these recent months at that spot.

Furthermore, Hobey Lowrance and John Keenan, pilots of the Missionary Aviation Fellowship, have made regular flights over the Auca village for these twenty-two months, dropping gifts and trying to demonstrate friendship from the air. A recent flight on November 4 in which John Keenan took Dr. Wilfred Tidmarsh with him, is credited as influential in the appearance this past week of the Auca women at the Oglan station. By means of a newly installed pub-



Temporary dwelling raided by Aucas.

lic address system, more powerful than they had used before on such flights, Dr. Tidmarsh called to the Aucas from the missionary airplane, using the Auca vocabulary he has learned to express friendship to them and offering medical treatment to the sick if they would come to his house at the Oglan station.

Last Wednesday word was sent to Dr. Tidmarsh of the appearance of the Auca women. He immediately left Quito and headed for his jungle station, arriving at Arajuno Thursday morning (November 14); and the same day he continued on into the outpost of the Oglan, reaching there before night. He came back to Arajuno yesterday (Saturday) bringing news of this wonderful turn of events. Meanwhile, the pilots of the Missionary Aviation Fellowship have employed an air-to-ground communication system devised by Nate Saint before his martyrdom. By letting out a telephone and 1,200 feet of telephone wire from the flying airplane and making wide circles around the spot they were able to lower the telephone to Betty Elliot and speak with her yesterday for approximately fifteen minutes.

Hobey Lowrance, director of the Missionary Aviation Fellowship for Ecuador, and Abe Dyck, director of the Gospel Missionary Union in Ecuador, flew from the Ecuadorian jungle to Quito late this forenoon, bringing with them the details of a marvelous sequel to the death of the five missionary martyrs. These two were requested to present the first public announcement of this contact as it was made known

on Radio Station HCJB on the Back Home Hour program at 10 p. m. Sunday.

An interesting detail is that the Quichua Indians of the Oglan settlement graciously received the Auca women. They even gave them dresses to put on. A significant fact is that one of the Auca women appears to be the older of the two women who appeared on the Curaray beach on Friday, January 6, 1956, and spent several hours with the five missionaries who two days later were martyred by Auca lances. The youngest of the three Auca women, who returned to Auca territory before Betty Elliot saw her, has been described by the Quichuas in such a way that she seems to fit the description of the second woman who was on the Curaray beach with the five missionaries twenty-two months ago.

It is reported that Dr. Tidmarsh and Betty Elliot are able to use simple sentences that are understood by these two Auca women and nearly an hour of tape recording of their speech and chanting has been made.

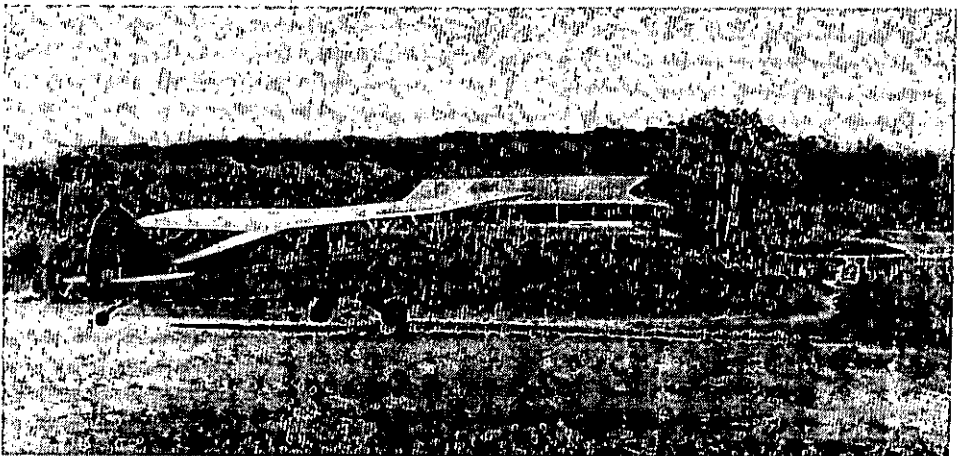
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A Letter from the Curaray

(Following are excerpts from a letter written by Betty Elliot on November 15, and used with kind permission of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Philip Howard, Editor).

On Wednesday, November 13, I had just finished teaching the Bible Class in the Arajuno school and was doing vital correspondence when Gwen Tidmarsh called, "Betty, come quick."

Some Indians from the Curaray had arrived to say that three Auca women had appeared at the home of the Quichuas who



M. A. F. Photo

Shell Mera: Base of M. A. F. flights over Auca Territory.

live about a mile farther up the Curaray River from where Dr. Tidmarsh was building his airstrip and shack. I knew immediately that I was to go, and Gwen agreed. The decision which has always frightened me each time I had contemplated this possibility did not have to be made. Should I take Valerie or not? There was no one to carry her, nor any carrying chair. So I left her with Gwen, and set off with the two Curaray Indians, one carrying my small Shigra (carrying net) of stuff, the other toting a double-barreled shotgun.

It took from 11:30 to 5 to get here, but what a thrill to walk into a friendly Quichua house and find two Auca women! And one of them is the same one who met Jim on Palm Beach—the older woman! The third girl who had appeared here on Wednesday morning left only an hour or so later (before I arrived) but two remained. I am sure of the one woman's identity by her torn earlobe, plus other things. From the description the Indians gave me of the girl who left, I strongly suspect it was Delilah. And maybe even George was there—they say

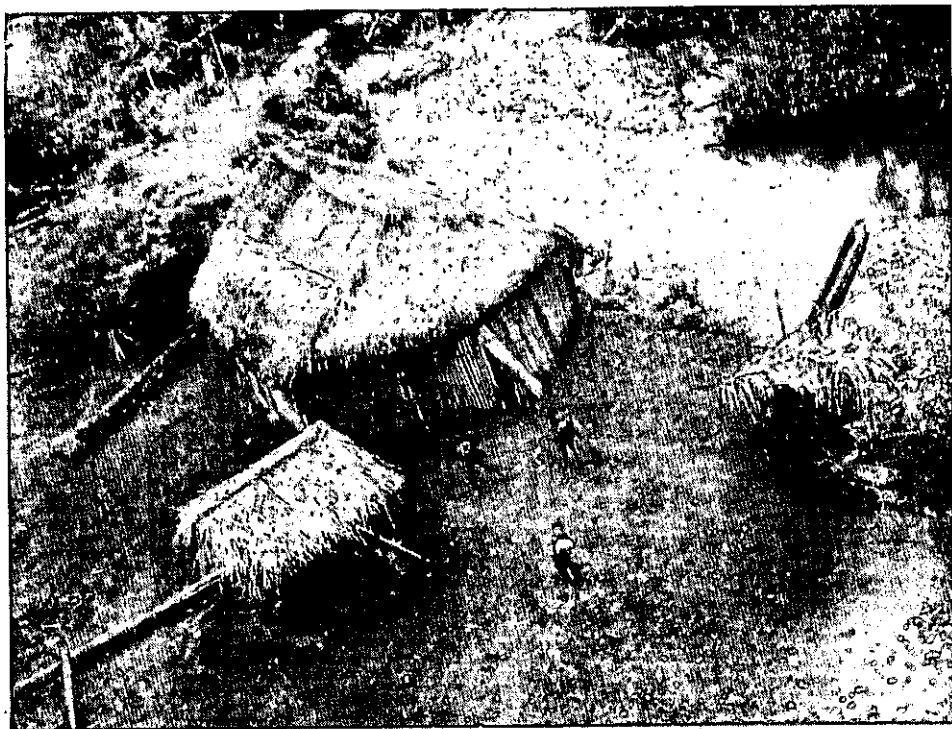
they found the foot prints of about five people, including a man.

I began immediately taking down the language, and will send this out with Dr. Tidmarsh to be organized and copied off later. Also, notes on every minutest observation about the women. Wish I had time to write it all out for you now, but it's 38 pp already!

I forgot to say that Dr. Tidmarsh was in Quito when the news came to us in Arajuno, hence it was I who came down. Of course, I had no way of communicating to let folks know I was all right so on Thursday morning at eight, Johnny Keenan flew over. I stood on the beach with the two women and waved till he saw them and recognized that things were all right. He cut his engine and shouted out that Dr. Tidmarsh was on the way.

I spent the day writing what I could of the language—very difficult indeed. Dr. Tidmarsh arrived late in the afternoon with a tape recorder and we have gotten some very dramatic material from Hatshepsut (my name for the woman who was not at Palm

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AUCA VILLAGE

M. A. F. Photo

"AND OTHERS WERE SLAIN"

GEORGE M. LANDIS

(The greater part of this article was written two years ago. At that time there was not sufficient space for all the available material. At our request, Mr. Landis graciously consented to enlarge the original article somewhat for presentation in this memorial issue. May its message bear fruit. Editor).

THE eighth of January is an important anniversary, not perhaps in the eyes of the world, but certainly in the esteem of true Christians. Two years ago on that date five gifted and devoted young men were slain on the banks of the Curaray River in the jungles of Ecuador. In seeking to bring the gospel of life to those dead in sin, these soldiers of the cross were slain.

The civilized world was shocked to a most unusual degree. Even the unsaved were made to pause and wonder. Christians all over the world were brought to their knees in fervent prayer that God's comfort and sustaining grace might be ministered to the five young widows, to the little children, and to the parents and relatives of the martyrs. Many also prayed that their sacrifice should not be in vain, that God would yet reach and save the savage Aucas.

Multitudes of the Lord's people felt rebuked as they realized what little they had done for Christ, how little they had suffered for His worthy Name. Doubtless many resolutions were sincerely made, with a view to deeper devotedness to Christ, more time to be spent in intercessory prayer, and much more earnest service to be rendered to the Lord.

Surely some of these resolutions have been kept. Perhaps some have been forgotten. It is amazing how, with passing time, we forget matters of utmost importance and drift back into a condition of spiritual lethargy and indifference. Our blessed Savior, recognizing this fact, instituted the Lord's Supper that His own might remember Him in His loving sacrifice for them, that the mighty facts of His redeeming death might be kept constantly before their minds and hearts.

It may be well if, on this second anniversary of the martyrdom in Ecuador we remember again the tragic event and our spiritual reactions at that time in view of it.

Who has not been thrilled as he reads the exploits of the great heroes of faith as they are recorded in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews, the great faith chapter; such words as: "And what shall I say more? for the time will fail to tell of Gideon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David

also, and Samuel, and of the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens" (verses 32-35).

From the days of childhood we have viewed with mingled amazement and admiration Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who feared the Lord their God to such an extent that they feared neither the heat of the monarch's wrath nor that of the fiery furnace. We have ever honored the aged Daniel whose faith caused him to defy the wicked decree of Darius and led him to open his window toward Jerusalem and to open his lips in prayer, as had been his practice through the years, though he knew full well that the next things that would open for him would be the lions' den and the lions' jaws.

Such accounts have emboldened multitudes of God's children, have greatly strengthened their faith, and have stimulated them to do exploits for God—the God who is able to deliver from every trial and who doth deliver. As friends and loved ones have left for regions beyond, we have sung with zest and assurance:

*"Be not dismayed whate'er betide,
Beneath His wings of love abide,
God will take care of you;
Thro' every day, O'er all the way,
He will take care of you;
God will take care of you."*

In humble adoration we bow and exclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!" And we feel, "What would I not attempt for such a God, the God of love and power?"

And then, in the midst of our exultation, we hear a report: "Five missionaries believed slain by savage Indians in remote jungle of Ecuador. Two unidentified bodies sighted beside the wreckage of their plane, one with a javelin through it." The ominous report is the more tragic, because we know three of the five. Their families are among our friends. Our heart goes out at once in Christian sympathy to the wives and chil-

dren, to the parents of these intrepid young men. We imagine ourselves in the place of these loved ones and realize in some faint measure their great loss.

Then a voice whispers: "Where now is the Lord God of Elijah, the God of Daniel and his three companions?" "If God could have prevented this tragedy, why did He not?" "When workers are so desperately needed, what good purpose can be served by permitting five well-trained and spiritually qualified young workers to be liquidated by godless savages?" And, as though to win my approval, the voice again whispers: "You would have taken better care of them than that, if you had had the power—you know you would." And I find myself giving that consent which is the eloquent voice of silence. It seems as though a mist were gathering over the eleventh of Hebrews. Its lines are not so bold and clear.

Little realizing how the suggestions of the unsolicited prompter have possessed my mind, I look around and see at my shoulder that nefarious and subtle foe of God and Man, old Unbelief, the eldest son of Infidelity; Unbelief, the wretch that would give the lie to the God of truth.

Ashamed that his insinuations have so nearly seduced me, I turn again to the faith chapter and read these lines which had escaped my notice: "And others . . . were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword" (and perhaps some with a javelin) (verses 36, 37).

In rejoicing in the some who were delivered by the power of God, I had forgotten the "and others" who were, by the same God, permitted to be slain. Was it because they had less faith, less devotion, less zeal for God? Far be the thought, for the Scrip-



Tree House at Palm Beach

M. A. F. PHOTO

tures distinctly state: "Of whom the world was not worthy" (v. 38), and further affirm that they had "obtained a good report through faith" (v. 39). And unbelief gives ground, the mists recede, the Word again stands out in all its boldness, once more the ground is firm beneath our feet.

Our thoughts go back to the early church. Peter and John were released from prison (Acts 4:21). Stephen was stoned (Acts 7: 58-60). Are we to conclude that Stephen had less faith than Peter and John? Perish the thought. All three men doubtless remembered the words of the Lord Jesus: "The servant is not greater than his Lord. If they have persecuted Me, they will also persecute you" (John 15:20). "Yea, the time cometh that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service" (John 16:2). Stephen's was a triumphant faith. His face was not ashen pale with cringing fear, but shone as the face of an angel. He was so enraptured with the Man in the glory that, personally, I doubt if he even saw the falling stones. Who dare say that the last moments of these young men in Ecuador were not also triumphant? Did they, too, see the heavens opened? Did the glorified One, for whom they were willing to lay down their lives, so fill their vision that the javelins were never seen?

Nature says: "How untimely was the death of the young man Stephen and of the young men in the jungle; all cut down before their labors were scarce begun." Are any of God's doings untimely, whether expressed in His active or His permissive will? Remember that guarding the garments of the persecutors, of Stephen was a young man whose name was Saul. I doubt not that the convicting ministry of the Holy Spirit, against which Saul kicked so vigorously, and which had a great part to do with his conversion, began that day as he beheld one of the "and others" who was slain. Who but God can tell how much of the great fruitfulness of Paul's long ministry may be ascribed to Stephen's faith and his faithfulness even unto death?

Nor can any of us tell what may be the fruit of the lives laid down in Ecuador. How many souls may be touched and turned to Christ and led out into His service as they read of the South American tragedy, who can tell? Already the faith of many of God's people has been quickened, the realities of Christianity have been made to stand out in a bolder light. Multitudes have been rebuked as they realized how little they have attempted for Christ, how little they have suffered by way of comparison, how trivial has been their concern for the millions in pagan darkness.

In these days of so much spiritual indifference and declension, when the love of many has waxed cold, such an event comes with electrifying effect. It is to many of us both a rebuke and a challenge: a rebuke for our feeble faith and efforts; a challenge to deeper devotedness and abandonment to Christ, and a determination that the rest of our time shall be wholly His.

With our finite minds and limited vision, we see but a fraction of God's plan. His permissive will especially presents difficulties. Mysteries surround us; untoward circumstances seem to present an unanswerable challenge to our weak faith. We are prone to utter one word, "Why?"

God does not need to state His motives. It is for us to bow to His will whether we see the motive or not. Now, indeed, we see through a glass darkly, and it is very dark at such times; but the day is coming when we shall see and know as we are seen and known. The mysteries of today will be the



Valeria Elliot in Quichua Indian House

manifestations of tomorrow. Then will we praise Him for the wisdom we could not fathom and for the ways we could not understand. The word "why" will be purged from the eternal vocabulary of the saints; unless we exclaim, "Why did He love me so?"

Whatever the circumstances, faith says: "I believe God." The vain reasonings of unbelief are refuted by faith. Unbelief says: "God let the young men down." Faith replies: "No, a thousand times, no! He took them up, up into His blessed presence, to be forever with the Lord, a condition which Paul desired above life on earth."

Let us remember that the last chapter in the Ecuadorian tragedy has not been written, and no human hand will write it. Some day we will read it at the judgment seat of Christ, where our service on earth will be reviewed, that rewards may be determined and presented by the Lord Himself. Then will be heard the words from His blessed lips, uttered to all the noble martyrs from Abel to those of Ecuador: "Thou hast been faithful unto death; I now give unto thee a crown of life which shall never fade away." Then will we see the eternal fruitage of the lives laid down. That which they sowed in their death and watered with their blood, will shine in the glory.

May we not hope and pray that in the vast throng of the redeemed, out of every kindred, and tongue, and people and nation, surrounding the throne of God, will be a multitude of Auca Indians? Perhaps some of the very hands which hurled the death-dealing javelins will then be extended in praise and worship to the Lamb.

A FRIENDLY CONTACT WITH AUCAS

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Beach). She describes lancing, crying, falling, etc. Hepzibah, the other, appears quite stolid through all this, is very jolly and friendly.

Three times since I came, the Indians here have said Aucas were passing, a short distance back into the jungle. Yesterday the Quichuas ran out to look when they heard them, and found yucca stems broken off, with milk just flowing from them. No Quichua around here would have reason to flee. Besides, they are so few (6 houses) they always know where every one is.

Right now (11 a. m.) I am sitting on a split palm floor, overlooking a swollen

brown river. It is pouring rain, oh blessing! The biting flies have left me in peace. Yesterday I really wondered how long I could stand it. But we are never suffered to be **tempted above what we are able**. This word comforts me as regards Valerie, too, for although I am sure I did the **right thing** in leaving her, it is not an easy thing.

I know this letter will cause consternation, but let me say again that I am only doing the **thing appointed**. I believe I know my Shepherd's voice. "*Who would not follow if they heard Him call?*"

We talked of taking both the Auca women on foot out to Arajuno, and thence to Shandia by plane (the airstrip here is not yet finished). But the Indians here object very strenuously to this idea, and I feel we cannot lightly esteem their judgment. They have lived here among the Aucas (on the edge of their territory—really in it) for years and have never been attacked. They know all the history of Auca attacks and feel we ought to let the women stay with them happily, as they are, so that the Aucas who undoubtedly watch from the jungle will see that they are pleasantly received and well cared for. If we take them, they say the Aucas will take revenge on them, thinking they have killed them.

I am located on the Curaray, one mile up river from where the Oglans joins it. So—the only possible solution seems to be for me simply to remain here. I say simply—it really presents problems, but I feel that I must do **anything** to take full advantage of this miracle, for which we've prayed.

I do not need to ask you to pray. I know you will. And I can only ask for you that peace which I have—for it goes beyond understanding.

For several months I have felt on the "brink" as it were, of some new phase of my life. It is a very wonderful thing to know oneself in the hands of Him whose hands hold the stars. There are no mistakes with Him—and we are certainly led in paths that we know not, aren't we? Today my lunch is peanuts. This is a far cry from dinner in Manhattan, this time last year. And next? Perhaps the Lamb Himself will feed us and lead us to living fountains!

Our Sufficiency

"Who is sufficient for these things?" II Cor. 2:16.

"Not that we are sufficient of ourselves . . . : our sufficiency is of God." II Cor. 3:5.

WHAT SEEST THOU?

E. W. ROGERS

IT WAS not merely what Jeremiah saw, the significance of things he saw stirred him to action. The stick of the early blooming almond tree declared the promptitude with which God would fulfil His word; the northward-placed seething pot told of the direction from which National disaster would come. Jeremiah was not one who had "eyes but saw not"; but he saw hidden meanings in external objects. (See Jer. 1:11).

What seest thou? The Lord Jesus when here, saw the people scattered abroad and He likened them to sheep without a shepherd. That sight moved Him to compassion, so He Himself played the shepherd and made them rest on the green grass, where He fed them.

The masses are still in the same condition to-day . . . If the sight of the shepherdless, hungry multitude moves us to pity then let us remember that pity is not enough. There must be action; they must be directed to Him.

Peter, too, had a vision. The great sheet let down from heaven was no mere apparition to him. It declared the purposes of God among men. It declared the ambit of the Gospel which was intended for all kinds. It told of that power which tames the wind and makes earth's creepers those who are bound to heaven. Peter saw the sheet; more, he understood its meaning. That led him down to Caesarea and Cornelius's house; it opened his lips before the Gentile's company with such mighty results.

What seest thou? That sheet has not yet been caught to heaven. Have we seen it? Has the sight of it led us to some anxious soul? Or do we remain inert?

Paul saw a man of Macedonia calling, "Come over and help us." For Paul that sight constituted a divine call. He saw in it urgent needs, ready ears and opened hearts awaiting them on European soil. Such vision must be followed by action. He and his companions must go over. He had "assuredly gathered" that this is the guidance for which he has been waiting. Lydia, the jailer and his household, and the Philippian Church were the harvest of Paul's action which resulted from the sight of the man calling for help.

Isaiah tells us how he saw the vision of the Seraphim declaring the superlative

holiness of God; the effect of which was to give him a sight of his own utter uncleanness; which in turn, made him appreciate the suitability of the sacrifice of the altar for such as he. Such a sight was intended to be stirring enough. But not only were his eyes opened, his ears, too, were opened. He heard the call. "Whom shall I send?" (For God retains the right of sovereign choice); "Who will go for us?" (for God limits Himself to volunteers). Can he remain silent or shall the vision of God's grace to him stir him to action like them, of whom we have already spoken, Isaiah, too, must follow up the vision with action. "Here am I, send me." He knew not the nature of the task nor where it would take him nor the difficulties involved; but without questioning, he responded to the call. He saw, He heard, He went.

What seest thou? Ask John and he will tell us that he "saw the dead, small and great, stand before God," and in inspired descriptive words he tells how the Books were opened, and the Judgment of all lost sinners takes place before the Great White Throne. Equitable, righteous, final judgment is there.

What seest thou? Multitudes, multitudes hastening on to that final judgment, heedless, careless and ignorant. What of them that are on the broad road to destruction? Do you see them?

To Jeremiah the question came, "What seest thou?" To Elijah the question put was "What doest thou?" To us both of these come. If we see what are we doing?

It is lack of vision that causes lack of action. But what shall we say at the BEMA, if so we see and do nothing?

On Prayer

Prayer is an acknowledgment of faith; worry is a denial of faith. Prayer is putting my hand in God's, trusting to His love and guidance; worry is withdrawing my hand, and denying His power to lead me. Prayer leads through the door of faith into the presence of God; worry leads through the door of anxiety into the darkness of loneliness and discouragement. If prayer rules the life, victory results.

Late Auca News

The following was received from Dr. W. G. Tidmarsh on December 10th.

On Sunday, November 24th, when I had returned to Arajuno to help in the services over the week-end, the Aucas attacked a young couple from the Curaray village who had gone fishing, and killed the man a few hundred yards downstream from the village. They also kidnapped the young widow. The following day Betty decided to return to Arajuno and brought along one of the Auca women, who seemed most eager to come with her. The other Auca woman stayed with the Quichuas. Now all the Curaray Indians have decided to leave their settlement, as the Aucas have been around in the forests almost daily and nightly. For the last two days family groups have been trooping through here with their worldly goods in baskets on their backs, trekking to another isolated Indian settlement some five hours northwest from here, where they hope to be out of reach of the Aucas.

This afternoon we made a routine survey flight over the Auca area, also visiting the deserted settlement at Curaray to see if any Aucas were there. We saw no traces of life. A short way down the river we flew over a deserted canoe, in which two Indians were supposed to have been fleeing down the Curaray; we fear these two may have been caught by the bloodthirsty savages. Then at Terminal City, at the very first house, we located the kidnapped widow. We hope our visit may have cheered her somewhat, but how helpless we felt to do her any good! At a later house we also met with overt signs of hostility—the first time we had ever seen anything like this. How all this makes our hearts ache, when we think of the blessedness of the message we sought to bring them, and their total and utter rejection of our efforts.

We feel that for the time being the Lord has seen fit to close the doors for further service at Curaray. But we wait and pray and hope, for it seems such a strategic place for reaching them, that God will permit this point to be re-occupied and blessed in the future. However, we now have within our reach sufficient Auca linguistic material to enable us and others to go ahead and acquire efficiency in the difficult language of the Aucas. Please continue to pray for the Lord's gracious gui-

dance and protection. There is so much fear of the Aucas around here at this time that men come to work, and even to services, armed.

Governmental Relations

Occasionally it becomes necessary, by reason of governmental actions affecting missionaries, for The Fields, Inc., to remove names from the address list in its publication. Governments, in their sovereign capacity, may choose to take action involving a missionary listed by The Fields, Inc., without disclosing reasons for their actions. The continued usefulness of this corporation depends upon good relationships with Governments everywhere. This corporation must, therefore, accept and act in consonance with governmental determination affecting sponsored missionaries.

A recent example of the foregoing was the removal of names of certain workers in Nigeria. The Fields, Inc., does not have information available which would preclude the particular persons from fellowship with the Lord's people. In this specific instance, however, the action taken by The Fields, Inc., is clearly understood and fully endorsed by the commending assemblies in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Edmonton, Canada.

Communist Advance

The expansion of the Soviet sphere since 1939 is nothing less than amazing. Eighteen years ago about 170 million people lived under Communist rule. Today, approximately 955 millions are under Communist governments. This figure represents over one-third of the world's population.

Communist advance is a matter of grave concern to the peace of the world, but there are deeper considerations at stake for the thoughtful believer. What of the spiritual state of those living under regimes which promote godless ideologies and oppose expression of the Christian faith? There is need of prayer for believers under Communist rule in Europe and Asia, that they may be sustained and made a blessing in the surrounding darkness.

"And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled today; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the Word of God with boldness," Acts 4:31.

Notes and Comments

Mr. J. E. Fairfield (Venezuela) reports a good conference in Valencia in October. Over 4,500 meals were served during the three-day conference, and on the Saturday night over six hundred attended the meeting. Sixteen were baptized, among them an old woman of about seventy-five, who had traveled about three hundred miles to be baptized.

Mr. Fred Pucknell (North Borneo) writes: "Last year about twenty of the keen Emmaus students began a weekly get-together for prayer and Bible talks. When numbers grew too large to handle, they decided to form separate groups in the various schools where there are Christian students. There are now Youth Groups in four of the Secondary schools of the town. All are doing Emmaus courses and most of them have been saved through this. Please pray for this movement of the Spirit among these teen-age students."

From Bolivia comes the request that we mention the difficulties some are having with their mail. There seems to be tampering with the mail and some destruction of letters. Friends who have not received prompt acknowledgments of letters or gifts are asked to be patient in view of the circumstances.

Miss Louise Allen (France) has sent us this picture of the Young People's Camp at Le Chambon-sur-Lignon. Seventy-five to ninety young folk attended and numbers came nightly from the neighborhood. Quite a few accepted the Lord and Christians were richly blessed.



Recently issued statistics, according to Mr. William Deans, give the current literacy in the Belgian Congo as 42%. The government has announced that 10% of the total Congo population attend school. Most of these are in primary schools and represent the rapid rise to literacy of Congo young people. The challenge this presents in the field of Christian literature is evident.

PERSONALIA

Departures:

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cooper (Puerto Rico) in October, 1957.

Miss Georgia Hesslink (Italy) in January, 1958.

Mr. and Mrs. Adin Steenland (Paraguay) in December, 1957.

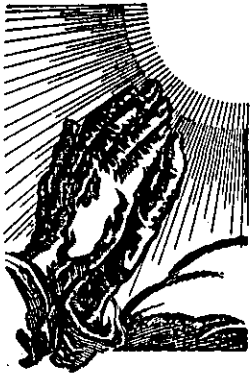
Miss Doris White (Venezuela) in November, 1957.

Miss Alice Martin (Chile) in November, 1957.

Births:

To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Spacek on October 31, 1957, a daughter, Sharon Lani.

To Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Reid (Cuba) on August 22, 1957, a daughter, Elizabeth May.



Prayer Pointers

Miss K. Nixon, who has been commended by the assembly in Rossland, B. C., Canada, for the work in Ethiopia, has applied for a visa to that country. Pray that this may not be held up unduly.

Pray for the work among displaced persons in German refugee camps. There is a real opportunity to reach these distressed people, and much gospel literature has been distributed.

Pray for Mrs. Donald McIntosh, (Dominican Republic) whose father passed away in Vancouver on November 13th. She was able to be with him and care for him at the end.

Montgomery Brownie (Japan) asks prayer in connection with obtaining a little hall for the assembly at Hamamatsu. "We have recently found a small plot of ground and hope to put up a small hall, if it can be purchased, but few will sell land here. The present rented room is only 9' x 12'—a bit crowded."

Pray for the growing ministry through Emmaus correspondence courses and other literature in Trinidad, B. W. I.

A lot has been purchased in Mercedes, Uruguay. Pray for the material, workers and all that is involved in the building of a hall.

Pray for Paraguay, where evangelicals are meeting increasing opposition and hostility from the dominant church.

The call for new workers is constant. One point that most of these calls emphasizes is the need for young men who have some years of assembly experience, plus the ability to instruct believers in the Word of God.

Let us pray for the raising up of spiritually minded young men who will take time to labor in the Word and doctrine with a view to the establishing of national churches in the truth of God.

Kenneth Brooks (Philippines) asks prayer on behalf of the radio program, "Service-men's Challenge," for which he is responsible; also for the work of the "Bible School of the Air."

"The Fields" committee, editor and publisher ask the continued prayers of the Lord's people for wisdom and grace in fulfilling the ministry committed to their hands: Official matters become more complicated with the passing years and call for much understanding and patience.

Our Book Shelf



Ascent to the Tribes by Isobel Kuhn, Moody Press.

When the door to missionary work was closed in China, the China Inland Mission looked for other fields to enter with the gospel. One of the new fields was Thailand, where lived unreached tribespeople closely related to those in Southwest China. So this is the story of pioneering among the tribes of North Thailand—a gripping story—one which gives an intimate view of the struggle and heartaches of pioneer work and is full of warm devotion to Christ.

The author and her husband had labored for years among the tribespeople of China and played a large part in the development of the work in North Thailand, so she writes from personal experience and with loving insight and sympathy for the tribespeople.

This book is well worth reading and constitutes a real challenge to us, as we contrast the ease and complacency of our lives with the crying need of these sin-darkened, devil-worshipping people.

NOTICE

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Letters

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ANGOLA

Biula ALEX McCLELLAND®. In recent weeks it has been a joy to see the hand of the Lord in blessing here in Biula. It gives us great joy to know that some have professed faith in Christ. We trust they will go forward in the things of the Lord and grow in grace.

At present the Wisemans are off on a trip to Camashilo. We trust that they are having as profitable a time as the last trip up that way. During their absence we have a little more station responsibility, so between this and making preparations for coming home, we have been kept busy.

There is a boat scheduled to leave Lobito for New York on the 26th of December, and we have asked for passage on it. It is supposed to make the journey in about twenty days, so we hope it is able to keep to schedule. We would value your fellowship in prayer.

ANGOLA

Boma DR. LESLIE BEER®. It is just two weeks since we arrived back at Boma. What a welcome we received from our fellow-missionaries and the Africans! The last part of our journey was made in a slow train from Elisabethville when we took forty-eight hours to cover seven hundred miles, a tremendous contrast to the first part which we made by air. When we arrived at the siding on the railway which is close to Boma, we were greeted by all the Boma missionaries and a crowd of natives. Along the road to the mission station there was another large group from a nearby assembly waiting to greet us. As we pulled up in front of our house, we saw a large "Welcome" banner, and the car was immediately surrounded by a milling crowd of natives. The noise was terrific for a few minutes. It was so good to be back "home!"

During these two weeks we have heard much for which to praise God and also much to challenge our hearts. We found the hospital full, and we have heard of many who have come to know Christ as their Savior while being treated. We are grateful for the manner in which hospital standards have been maintained in our absence. It will not be easy to do this during the coming months when we shall be short-staffed. Dr. Stinton

leaves next month for furlough and Miss Vivian Grant goes in January. We do need another nurse at Boma to provide adequate service when furloughs come around. Will you remember this need in your prayers?

Many times on our furlough we mentioned schools and their importance in the church. You may be interested to know that there are over one thousand pupils registered with the government as attending our Boma Mission Schools. About three hundred are here at Boma and the remainder in the out-schools. We were delighted to visit the new Girls' Boarding School which has been built in our absence. There are now thirty-four girls in it under the supervision of Miss Elizabeth Davis. A similar construction is now in progress to provide adequate accommodation for the boys, of whom there are ninety-seven at present. Linked with the school work is the need for literature. Mr. Griffiths, who has been carrying on the printing work for forty years, urgently needs a young printer to help him in this work. Who will volunteer?

Will you remember in your prayers our scattered family—Pauline (now Mrs. Milton Loney) and Norman in Toronto and Carol at Sakeji.

ANGOLA

Chitau J. E. BODALY®. Things continue to make progress. We have over sixty boys in from the villages this year to attend school. We count it a privilege to have these young lives under our influence. The girls are not so eager; there are only four that have come in, as they are not let go from the field work as the boys are.

We have had to get a new teacher this year; the one that has been here has gone to Portugal. It is a yearly task to find a new teacher, but it is one of the things that we have to do. We have been rewarded in seeing four of our teachers converted and we are praying that this girl may be led to the Lord Jesus Christ also.

BELGIAN CONGO

Nyankunde DR. ROBERT CARPENTER®. We are writing this letter from our little "native" home at Sakoko. We arrived here night before last. Though it was late, our truck could be heard groaning up the rough roads, and the welcome we received was heartwarming.

We have been busy in our dispensary, and more so since the Asiatic flu has arrived here too, and many are down with it. This

morning six trusted the Lord as Savior at the dispensary meeting. Now that we've eaten and rested a while, we will be going out into the villages until sundown. In recent weeks the Lenhartzens, Deans and Nelsons have spent time here and have had the joy of seeing some eighty profess Christ as Savior! We value your prayers for these new babes that they might lean on the Lord and learn of Him.

We just returned from vacationing in the Kivu and at Usumbura last week. The Lord graciously fulfilled the promise which He had given us the day before we left: "And I will strengthen them in the Lord . . ." (Zech. 10:12). We were also happy to see the work in Usumbura and out in the valley and to see real evidence of the Lord's blessing there.

NATAL

Elim MISS EDITH MIERAS. The young heathen wife of a man who came to Christ early this year seems on the verge of making a decision. We earnestly covet her for the Lord and ask that your prayers may join with ours to the end that the Lord may reach and save her.

It has been a real joy to welcome Margaret Laidlaw to our work here, and especially has it been a joy to me, as we are now living together. How I do thank God that He has sent her; it is lovely to have someone with me now.

NATAL

Mansfield MISS MARGARET McMURRAY. Another season of classes for the herd-boys has drawn to a close, and we



Herd boys with their slates.

thank God for the opportunity of making the gospel known among them. Some have shown interest and some concern, but the majority perhaps remain indifferent to its claims. Those who have learned to read sufficiently well have received a scripture portion. Please pray for them as they study to read it, that the Word may speak forcibly to them.

NATAL

Mansfield EDWIN S. GIBBS®. This report marks an important milestone in our lives as well as in our service for the Lord, for the coming year, 1958, will be the 40th year since we were commended



Mr. and Mrs. Edwin S. Gibbs.

to the work of the Lord by the Austin assembly in Chicago. We think of the words of God to Moses in Deut. 29:5, "I have led you forty years in the wilderness." God was reminding Moses of His care and His faithfulness to Israel. We praise God for His faithfulness today; blessed be His Name!

Mansfield medical clinic continues to draw many unsaved to the mission station. Two gospel services are held each morning and one of the older African sisters does personal work in the waiting room. During the past year, 8,548 patients were treated and 21,261 treatments given. This work is handled by Miss Price and Miss Edna Elmore.

During this year we have been responsible for fourteen Sunday schools, with an attendance of over 1,250 children. For the garments which are distributed for faithful attendance we do thank the dear sisters in the sewing classes in the homeland.

The time for baptisms is a happy one. It is the reaping time from the preaching of the gospel in many departments of the work. During the year fifty-two were baptized and received into the seventeen assemblies that comprise the work under the care of Mans-

field. Please pray for these new converts, that they may grow in grace and be witnesses for Christ among their own people.

NORTHERN RHODESIA

Chavuma E. H. SIMS. John and Eleanor (Mr. and Mrs. John Sims) and I would value your prayers in connection with the opening of the new center at the Lukolwe river, on the other side of the Zambesi river. All the workers here are in happy fellowship in our going ahead, and recently at Balovale when a number of brethren gathered for the quarterly prayer meeting and discussion on matters relating to this part of the Northern Rhodesian field, our friends from Chitokoloki, Dipalata and Loloma centers expressed their warm agreement. It has been felt that if the country is not soon occupied, the Roman Catholics may ask to take over the whole territory on that side of the Zambesi. We have been praying much about matters, and now we believe the Lord would have us move over there this coming dry season. There are no roads, and rivers will have to be negotiated. Bricks are now being burnt by an African contractor.

There will be plenty of work to be done; at times I could wish I were a great deal younger, so as to be able to give more of a helping hand. Lukolwe is only ten miles from Chavuma but, with the big river between, and loose soil on the other side, it takes between two or three hours to get there. We expect later on there will be much coming and going between the two centers, with "exchange of pulpits" and the happiest of fellowship together. Do pray for us in this matter.

NORTHERN RHODESIA

Kalene MISS HILDA KELLY. After being away from Africa for eight years, here I am again, up to the eyes in some of the many activities of a busy mission station. It is my hope that eventually I shall be able to spend some of my time in the villages further away, following up the many who profess conversion in the hospital here. Through lack of follow-up, some, I fear, are apparently submerged again in heathenism.

Meantime, I am concentrating on a new line of very obvious need, among the many T. B. patients, both men and women, many of whom are bedridden and who find the days very wearisome and tedious. The ma-

majority are quite illiterate, so that reading is out of the question for them. I have made a beginning with what, I suppose, may be called "occupational therapy." This sounds rather grander than it is, but it includes lessons in reading and writing, various forms of handwork such as knitting, sewing, beadwork, etc. If I am to develop this service, then I hope to add native crafts, particularly for the men. The problem is partly that of providing the necessary materials. Then it will need careful planning and, if possible, putting it on a self-supporting basis more or less! Already I am paying the bead workers according to what they do, and it is giving them a new interest and a sense of achievement.

Then there is the leper colony. Some of the men are able to help in building their own compounds, but there are many others who could be helped to a happier and more contented life. I feel that this is part of the spiritual help that we owe to them. The lepers are very responsive to the gospel, and their disease seems to call for our sympathies in a special way.

NORTHERN RHODESIA

Sakeji School LYNDON HESS®. We are certainly thankful for the Lord's help in connection with the practical and spiritual side of the work here. We recently ordered aluminum for a hall or auditorium, for we badly needed a room large enough for school functions and indoor games. We have so much rainy weather during the months of February and March, and it is not easy to find indoor interests for a hundred active children. Thus we decided to go on with the construction of this relatively inexpensive building, and we thank the Lord that the brickwork is now finished. We hope to complete the timber structure of the room within the next two weeks, and if the aluminum comes in October, as we hope, the building will be completed by Christmas, D. V.

The work here has gone well and our present problem is the large number of children who have applied for admission. We are sorry that it is necessary to turn away some, but of course this does not apply to assembly children who always have priority. We have seen several saved during the past months and four are to be baptized in a few weeks.

CENTRAL EUROPE

Hamburg, Germany JAMES LEES. I was almost three months in Sweden supposed to be resting. Eight days ago I left for Copenhagen, a very important city, the gateway to Scandinavian and northern countries. There has been great activity of late and quite a number of conversions and additions to the assembly. It was cheering to see so many bright young Christians.

I arrived in Hamburg last Wednesday but was too late for their one-day annual conference held that day and said to be very good and well attended. Carl Dannart who lived in the Soviet Zone but is now in the west, had ten days of gospel meetings with good results in Hamburg.

I am on my way to Vienna to help Mr. Brandt send help on a larger scale to the satellite countries. We have good news from Poland. Four brethren there are giving all their time to the work of the Lord. There has been much blessing in various places.

I mentioned in a former letter we had purchased two bombed houses and turned them into two lovely halls in Vienna. They were opened less than a year ago. They have recently had ten baptisms. I believe they will get many souls there during the winter.

LEBANON

Beirut DOUGLAS HOWELL. We have much to praise the Lord for here, not least for the opportunities we are having to go ahead with the production of evangelical literature in Arabic. It is our privilege to help the Nile Mission Press with their publishing program. The first book should be off the press in two or three weeks, and we have five others lined up ready for the printer. We are also going ahead with tracts in Arabic, and the first of these should be ready for distribution in the next ten days. For some months now we have been translating and printing the Scripture Union notes in Arabic, and it has been a joy to see the circulation of these gradually increasing. These now go to Egypt, Sudan, Iraq, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon, and we pray that with the help of these notes many will be encouraged to read the Scriptures more regularly and more carefully. We are also happy to have a share in the work of the Emmaus Bible courses, though we are in need of help if the scope of this work is to be increased. We pray that the Lord will

raise up others to help with the marking of papers and sending out of the lessons. At the moment we have three more courses translated and ready for printing, and we trust that the first of these will be with the printer this coming week.

We have mentioned all this, for we would value your prayer fellowship for the Lord's blessing on the printed page in Arabic. These countries are flooded with false literature; there is hardly a trickle of really good evangelical literature. We are praying that this will soon increase to a flood and that the Lord will use this means to bring many to Himself.

NEW GUINEA

Lumi GERALD WUNSCH. There has been much sickness and many deaths throughout the island. Asian flu, malaria and pneumonia seem to be the chief causes. We have had more sickness in our immediate area during the last few months than at any similar period during the



Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wunsch and family.

time we have been in New Guinea. The Lord has graciously spared us from any serious sickness.

We have had the joy during the past few weeks of sitting down with ten of the native Christians to remember our Lord Jesus. There are some others who are observing and who will no doubt soon take the step. We are not pressing them, as it would not be wise to hurry them into it. Needless to say, it thrills us to see evidence of the Holy Spirit's working in the lives of individuals who were slaves to Satan and the cruel heathen customs of this primitive area.

PHILIPPINES

Manila

LEONARD BROOKS[®]. You have probably heard that on Oct. 5th I had an emergency appendectomy. We are thankful to say that I have completely recovered and have resumed all my previous responsibilities, as well as having added a few more. I was back with my Sunday school men's class and was able to take the message on our weekly broadcast just a little over a week after the operation.

November 1st was All Saints' Day, the day when almost everyone goes to the cemeteries to help pray their deceased relatives through purgatory. They bring their candles and food and many stay there from the afternoon right through to the next morning. Dad, Ken and I each took a carload of young people and visited a total of nineteen cemeteries, giving out thousands of gospel tracts.

The zeal of these people really puts one to shame. Out of fear for their souls and the souls of their loved ones, they will really sacrifice to give to the church. They will put themselves to discomfort and in some cases through real pain. The Lord has taken the fear from our hearts and substituted peace. It really challenged our hearts as to how much we show our appreciation and our love to the Lord for all the blessings that we have through Him.

REPUBLIC OF HONDURAS

LaCeiba

JAMES SCOLLON[®]. We visited a banana plantation last week and had a full house the first night. The next afternoon I had about fifty children for a Bible lesson, but in the evening the rains kept the people at home. In these banana camps the brethren are having a trying time, as the labor unions are threatening them with loss of work if they don't join up. However, this is causing a lot of Bible study, and the conscientious are quite exercised about their future. One brother quite happily told me that his answer to their threatenings was that he had been able to work and eat years without them, and he would do so again. He had no fear because he had God's Word as in Hebrews 13:5, 6.

Last month we purchased 2½ tons of paper for our printing. We print about five thousand magazines each month and the Lord is blessing the effort. We are publishing the book, "Christ's Vicar," in monthly installments, as there is very little teaching in Spanish about the Holy Spirit. We feel that we are meeting a great need with our

magazine. We ask your prayers for the printing work.

With the end of the year approaching, our Sunday school attendance is increasing, with many children hoping for a prize. We feel it is a great privilege in this Roman Catholic country to have so many children under the sound of God's Word. The attendance last Sunday was over one hundred, and we do need more teachers to handle so many.

Please pray for the peace of Honduras. We have every liberty here, and the people as a whole accept the literature we distribute. The good Seed is sown widely, and we expect a large harvest.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

La Vega

DONALD R. MCINTOSH[®]. Mrs. McIntosh had a rush call to the bedside of her father in Vancouver about two weeks ago. She is an only daughter and without a mother, so felt it her duty to nurse her father in his dying hours, as he had none to care for him. While under deep exercise about this, the Lord made it very clear she should go. The doctors have given him less than three months.

We are also experiencing the grace of God and His sustaining hand in the absence of a wife and mother, as well as missionary, with a heavy load here on the field. My little family is rising to the occasion, and the native Christians are helping in many ways, as well as by prayer.

Just now we have some ten enrolled in the classes for baptism, the meetings have more unsaved attending than before and a hearty spirit prevails among the saints.

Of late the Lord has blessed His Word in Santiago as a number of young men have professed to be saved and seem to be going along brightly. One lad of twenty-three years was taken suddenly home, and this has been quite a blow to the work, as he showed good interest and promise. The funeral and memorial services brought many unsaved young people under the sound of the gospel.

Throughout this country the evangelicals have some twenty-eight radio broadcasts per week, which we feel is remarkable in Latin America. Some twenty-four of these belong to our assemblies. Of these, thirteen are produced in LaVega, one daily broadcast over the local station and the other daily program over the powerful Santiago station which reaches all over the island and Puerto Rico and other places. We

know of many in country places and the cities who listen every day and also of some who have been saved through this ministry. We hear from others who are saved and can listen to our broadcasts but are not allowed to visit us.

We hear from Donald in Vancouver regularly and he seems very happy in his new home and surroundings and seems to be doing well in school.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Puerto Plata MISS MARIAN IVERSON. No doubt you have heard of the twelve who have recently trusted the Lord. Some are very bright conversions and a real joy. Some are young people who have grown up in Sunday school. It is good to see the fruit of years of steady teaching of these children and young people. God grant that we might see a constant new birth of souls here in this area.

Our sisters meet daily for prayer in one another's homes, which we trust will result in blessing to all of us.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Puerto Plata DUNCAN M. REID®. We are right in the rainy season and having torrential rains each day. It has certainly solved the problem of our water shortage, and for this we are truly thankful. After a dry spell of several months, there was a very serious water shortage in this part of the country, but now we have an abundance of water everywhere and in some parts there have been floods.

In spite of the weather, the attendance at the meetings is good. Last Wednesday we had nearly a hundred at the Bible reading. Those who recently made profession of faith are going on nicely, and about twenty have asked for baptism. This is very encouraging, and it may be possible for us to arrange a special baptismal service before the year is out.

Right now we are busy preparing for a new type of broadcast. Up until now all our broadcasts have been gospel messages, but we feel the time has come for us to introduce Bible teaching for Christians. A good number of our country Christians now have radio receiving sets in their homes, and they could invite along other Christians in their districts at the hour of the broadcast. In this way these Christians would get the regular Bible teaching they so badly need. We are seeking guidance in the matter, as we do not want to cut down on our gospel

broadcasts, but rather increase the number of transmissions, which also means, unfortunately, increased expenses.

There is a proposal to open a new broadcast station at Puerto Plata, and the plan is to make it one of the most powerful in the country. If this goes through, it will present a great opportunity to us, and we might be able to get in at the beginning and so have a choice of hours. As you can understand, there are certain hours which are better than others for the number of possible listeners. The good hours are soon snapped up and then it is simply impossible to get in on them. So in all these matters there is room for prayer.

ARGENTINA

Cordoba REGINALD POWELL®. I was able to give some help in the annual conference in the city of Bell Ville, about one hundred twenty miles south of Cordoba. It was a time of happy fellowship and three professed to trust Christ. After the conference I visited two other towns where there are small companies of believers. Yesterday I came up to La Cumbre where I am combining a visit with the assembly and with our son George and family, who seek to help in the testimony here in the hills. George is teaching English to "pay expenses" while he seeks to be as free as possible for the work of the Lord, since it is for this purpose that they returned to this land some months ago. We thank God for their desire to serve Him in this needy land.

Mrs. Powell is being bothered considerably again with arthritis of the spine. She hopes to see a specialist soon. We shall appreciate your prayers on her behalf.

You may have heard of the big gospel campaign going on in Buenos Aires with Oswald Smith as the preacher, speaking of course by interpretation. Christians in Buenos Aires have rented a stadium seating about one hundred thousand for these meetings. God grant that there may be much genuine fruit in souls saved and Christians restored.

ARGENTINA

Jujuy HERBERT A. GERRARD®. We had, on the whole, a very good trip back, and the twenty-five days on board ship were a time of ideal rest, which we felt we needed. We spent some time in Buenos Aires and were able to attend the last four meetings of the special gospel cam-

paign in "Luna Park," where Dr. Oswald Smith of Toronto was the preacher. We never thought to see such numbers gathered in this land for the one object of hearing the gospel preached. A big percentage of the leaders and personal workers were from the assemblies, and God seems to have set His seal on this effort, for there were many, very many, who made profession of faith.

We stayed a few days in Cordoba on our way up country and finally arrived here last Saturday, where a warm welcome awaited us. What we have seen of the work here and elsewhere since our arrival is certainly encouraging. Mr. Aish told me that for some months now they have sold a good number of Bibles, and meetings are well attended with a very good sprinkling of un-saved in them all.

CHILE

Santiago

ANDREW STENHOUSE[®]. We had a very good conference in September, and many of the saints expressed that they had received help. One young man who had been away from the meetings for seven years was wonderfully restored.

We do not see big waves of blessing, but we do see precious souls being brought in one by one. Last night after the ministry meeting a woman stayed behind to talk with me about her salvation, and I think she is not far from the kingdom.

About three weeks ago another woman stayed behind and told us she was saved. She had been listening to our gospel radio program for some time, and when she was convinced of the truth of it, she began to turn up the radio to full volume, so that the neighbors also might hear. This got to the ears of one of our sisters who lived not far away, and this sister was responsible for bringing her to the meetings. She only came about three times, I believe, when she was able to say she was saved.

On November 1st, which is a holiday, we had the joy of baptizing several believers and we expect to have the same privilege soon again.

Last week my wife and I were in Talca for some ministry meetings. Brother George Gibb is there during the absence of the McBrides, and he is kept busy, though he still feels his limitations with the language.

CHILE

Talca

GEORGE GIBB[®]. We shall complete our first year in Chile next month, with gratefulness to our faithful Lord for not only leading us to this very



Mr. and Mrs. George Gibb.

needy land and enabling us to receive help in the study of Spanish, but also for giving us enough facility with the language to be able to help in the work, left largely in our care. After three months in the country, we moved from the great cosmopolitan capital of Santiago to the provincial town of Talca (about 80,000 population) where we knew no one who spoke English, to stay in the home of the William McBrides, who then left on furlough.

The Lord most graciously enables us to prepare and deliver messages, which still consumes most of our time, in view of the language difficulties and the large work here and in two other towns to which we travel regularly. We find it a joy to work with the amiable Chilenos, three of whom help in the preaching of the gospel. There are opportunities besides of ministry, sisters' meetings, meetings with young people and children, and visitations of those recently saved, sick believers, backsliders, and souls interested in the Word. We also occasionally visit the poverty-stricken country districts and "fundos" (ranches) with tracts and gospels. Many of these have never heard the simple plan of salvation or even thought of their having a precious perishing soul needing a Savior. Strengthened daily by the Lord for all tasks and encouraged at times by visits from brethren from other parts of the country, we find His grace all-sufficient and your prayers very much appreciated.

Only this generation of Christians can evangelize this generation of mankind.