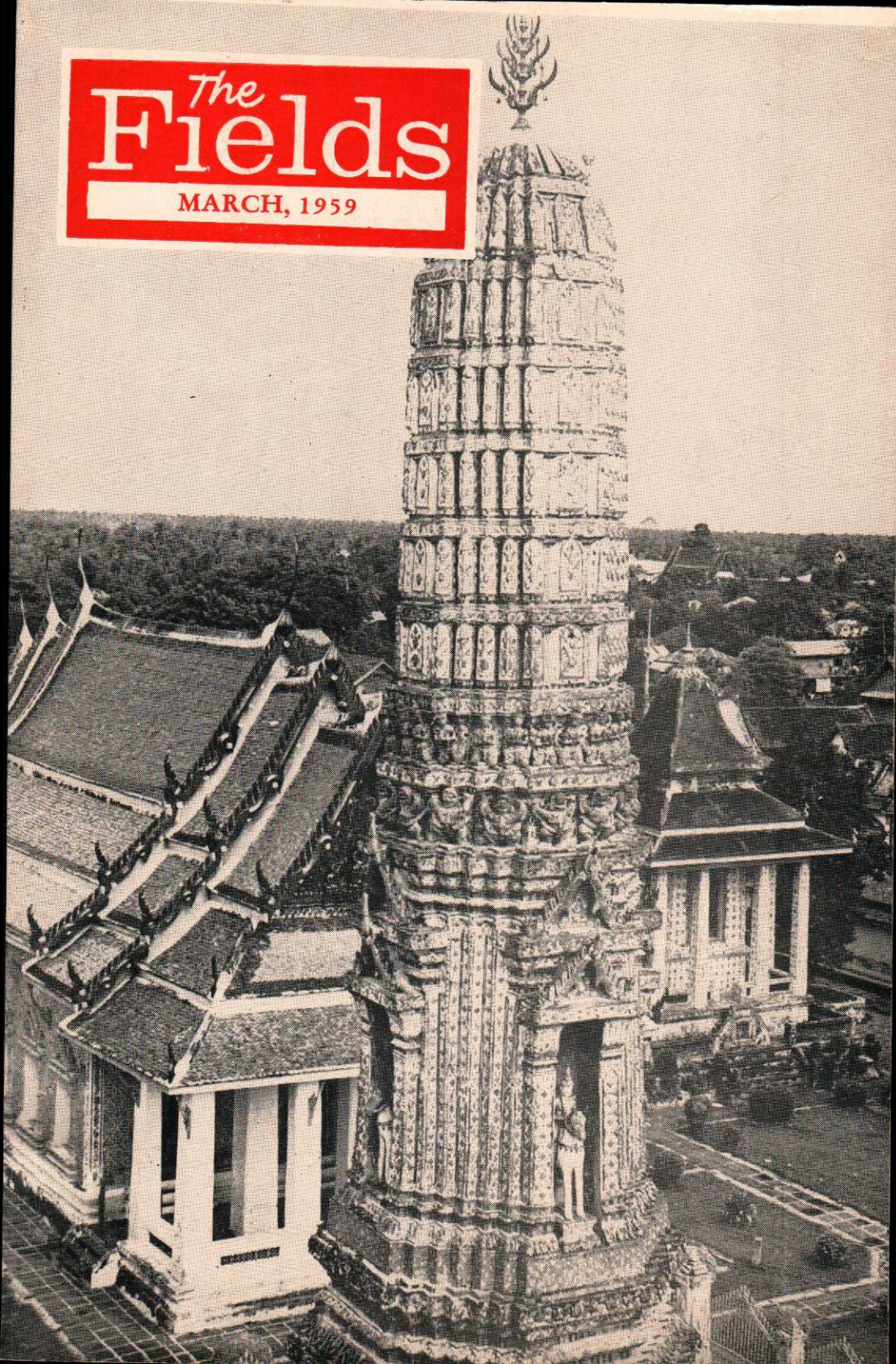
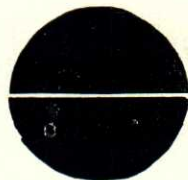


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## China In Chains

Late news from China makes grim reading. So impressive are the developments that several of America's most widely-read magazines have devoted space to the Chinese situation. The "big leap forward" program launched almost a year ago represents what may be the largest-scale forced labor movement in history. Six hundred and fifty million people, nearly four times the population of the U. S., find themselves faced with well-nigh total enslavement of the peasantry. With the transfer of 120 million families from farm cooperatives to 26,000 giant communes in order to accelerate China's industrialization, the age-old social order of China has been overthrown. The family, long the core of Chinese social life, is almost lost sight of in the new commune system.

The communes consist of barracks, some for men, some for women, still others for the aged and for children. An occasional sight of their children must suffice young mothers who labor long hours in the fields or in industry. Men are assigned heavy tasks at about twice the length of the American work week. Returns for this labor are pitifully small. Coastal and border-area Chinese have escaped by the thousands, but there is little hope for the inland millions.

The rise of "the kings of the East" is to be expected, and the awakening of such a giant as China necessarily involves revolutionary trends. But what of the Chinese believer amid all this upheaval? What of testimony to Christ in China? Faithful men lie in prison; others have been slain for their testimony to the Lord.

Red China embraces one-fifth of the world's population. This imposes a challenge upon those who believe that the church's commission is to all the world. How is the gospel to be preached in a land whose doors are closed to the missionary and whose policy is to stifle witness within? The Throne of Grace is still available. Surely there must be prayer on behalf of fellow-believers in China. And well might the

church labor to evangelize still-open Asian countries before Red totalitarianism swallows them also.

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## Fiddling While Rome Burns

A contributor to "The Life of Faith," a British evangelical weekly, has aroused a good deal of comment from subscribers. As might be expected, the Englishman's flair for understatement on the one hand and drenching sarcasm on the other is evident. Much of this discussion revolved around two matters: (1) the spiritual quality, or otherwise, of hymns in general use today; (2) the use of lipstick and other such items among evangelicals. The pros and cons of these subjects were freely aired in letters to the editor.

Most of this we passed over until we read a stinging letter by Leslie Lyall of the China Inland Mission. Drawing attention to the fact that "The Life of Faith" only a short time before had printed a telling story of the tragic situation in China today, Mr. Lyall pointed out that China's woes aroused little comment, while ink flowed freely on the subject of lipstick! "Talk about fiddling while Rome burns!" exploded Mr. Lyall. And little wonder.

The Church is in need of men who feel deeply the sorrows of China, the crushing need of India's teeming millions and the heart-throbs of an emergent Africa. Far too many are so wrapped up in personal affairs that the cry of the world is too muffled to be clearly heard. We score Nero for fiddling while Rome burned. But the whole world is aflame today, while multitudes of believers go on fiddling. We fiddle, absorbed with a hundred temporalities—many of them valueless—while the world moves on to its doom.

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## A United States Of Europe?

The centuries-old dream of a United States of Europe has not died. Charlemagne, Napoleon and others envisioned, but did not achieve, a great European Union. But what emperors of past centuries were unable to

bring about may yet be realized through sheer force of circumstances. The Benelux Customs Union, for example, shows what can be done under pressure of economic necessity. Thus Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg have buried some of their differences: self-interest called for this.

The Coal, Iron and Steel Community is a further step in the same direction. NATO has moved toward Western European mutuality, and on the economic front, the European Economic Community carries things a step further. The E. E. C. embraces the three Benelux countries plus Western Germany, France and Italy. Deep-seated prejudices and national pride are being slowly, if reluctantly, submerged in the realization that survival demands union.

Long before statesmen's visions of a Western European Union is the Biblical concept of a powerful Western Confederacy to come into being in the end-time. The authority of ten kings handed over to one, for a brief but fateful power-play seems to be anticipated in Holy Scripture.

We are not suggesting that Benelux or the E. E. C. are fulfillments of prophecy. Nor do we believe that Scandinavian, British, Austrian and Swiss feelers in the direction of a Free Trade Area, associated with the E. E. C., will bring about fulfillment of prophecy as regards the coming Western Confederacy. We are simply pointing out that present-day developments in the geographical areas of prophecy are interesting. Some feel they are deeply significant.

Trends in Europe, the Middle East and the Far East are enough to remind the Church that she is not to be here forever. Her opportunity for witness is limited. It may be later than we think! In any case, it is high time to awake out of sleep. Scripturally, our relation to the world is that of witnesses. How effective are we?

### **A Discouraging Article?**

Almost certainly some who read the article in this issue entitled, "The Mission Field as a Place of Testing," will feel that its vivid portrayal of problems on the field will discourage prospective missionaries. This may be the case. If so, it will only discourage those whose hearts fail at the reading of the problems! What would such do if actually faced with them on the field? Better far if the fainting is done at home, not overseas.

The young person whose call is so insistent

that these things do not move him will find this article helpful in that it prepares him for the time of adjustment and language study which has been a trial to many.

Another reason for the insertion of this article is that it may afford all of us a glimpse into some of the tests of the field, especially during the first years. Anything that will make us more sympathetic and prayerful as we think of our friends overseas, is to be read with interest. It will surely minister profit by increasing our capacity for informed prayer.

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### **Taken For Granted**

One of the most disastrous attitudes that can be adopted is that of taking things for granted. The present state of things is likely to continue indefinitely. Even the terrific political upheavals since the close of World War II have done little to reduce this attitude in multitudes of believers.

So fully were our minds occupied with developments during the second World War that we little thought that in a few years missionaries in China would be expelled and the doors to one-fifth of the world's population be fast closed. But so it is! The situation in India and Indonesia is not what it was. And the same may be said for other countries.

In recent weeks evangelical missionaries in the Sudan have been ordered to shut up shop and leave the country. Even in France certain missionaries have been obliged to leave. There is nothing to suggest that these expulsions are indicative of an anti-missionary trend in either France or the Sudan. But such things indicate that nothing may be taken for granted in any missionary field today.

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### **Among Ourselves**

The Fields takes occasion to thank assemblies and individual believers in many parts of the U. S. A. for their expression of confidence reflected in the growing volume of business in the office. December, 1958, witnessed the heaviest transmission of funds in the history of "The Fields." On top of this came an unusually heavy flow of funds in January. Our office staff has been sorely taxed in the effort to keep abreast of the volume of work. Their efforts have been much appreciated.

The coming of Dr. R. E. Harlow will en-  
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# "FAITHFUL MEN . . ."

JAMES R. COCHRANE

AS PAUL wrote his last letter to his trusty aide-de-camp, Timothy, he knew his time was short. His own work was finished; he would soon be in the presence of his Lord. But the Lord's work would continue and so Paul wrote to Timothy to encourage him. "Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord," he exhorts, "but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God."

Timothy, like Silvanus, Titus and others, had been raised up by the Holy Spirit to help the great Apostle in his ministry. Paul committed to them the great truths of the gospel which he had received directly from the Lord. Though Paul's work was completed, Timothy and the others would continue to labor, and the Lord's work would grow.

It is clear that Paul's thoughts were not confined to the immediate future. His mind reached out into the coming years and he knew that some day Timothy too would say: "I have finished my course."

What then?

Paul gives the only real answer to this question. First: note must be taken of the "faithful men who shall be able to teach others also." These men are placed in the local churches by the Holy Spirit and are gifted by the Risen Lord. Second: it is the responsibility of the "Timothys" to teach these men. To comply with this inspired Apostolic pattern is to strengthen "the testimony of our Lord" for the coming years, should He tarry.

We praise God for the "faithful men." He has placed in the local churches in the Dominican Republic. Those living in the main cities have for many years enjoyed the ministry of the Lord's servants. Weekly Bible studies are held in each assembly, with the result that over the years these brethren have acquired an understanding of the fundamental truths of the Scriptures. There are

those now who give acceptable ministry and in turn are teaching others.

The majority of the 25 to 30 assemblies in this Republic are located in small towns and country districts. Though these assemblies are visited from time to time, it has not been possible to give systematic Bible studies in each one. Often the visit of a missionary is the occasion for holding large services for the preaching of the gospel.

In view of the need for more teaching, a conference was convened in the Fall of 1951. The place chosen for the conference was a lovely country district where an assembly was established many years ago. There is a fine Gospel Hall, and a river running past it provides lots of water. There is pasture for the horses, and food is available for the visitors. Above all it is a quiet spot, ideal for the study of God's word.

The elders and the young men of the country assemblies were especially invited to this conference. The response was good. About forty were present, coming from assemblies large and small and from near and far. It was something new for them, and for us, too! But the Lord undertook for us all in a marvelous way.

This first conference lasted six days, each one bringing fresh blessings from the Lord. It was the unanimous opinion of the brethren who attended that a similar conference should be held the following year. This was arranged, and since then one main conference has been held each year, with the exception of 1953. As the benefits of these



Returning from conference. Jas. Cochrane left front.

meetings were felt in the local churches, it was suggested they should be held more often. This resulted in arrangements for a two to three day conference along similar lines in the Spring. This has also been greatly blessed of the Lord. They are not held in the same place each year, but move from place to place, thereby bringing to the different assemblies the blessings which accompany such meetings. At a recent conference of this type, 105 visitors were present besides those of the locality where it was held.

A typical day starts with songs of praise as the brethren sing a chorus or hymn on awakening. Someone leads in prayer and so the day officially begins. Six o'clock is the hour for the prayer meeting. Many take part, praying especially for the Lord's presence and help in the studies of the day and remembering, too, the loved ones back home. Breakfast follows and, as with all the meals and free time between sessions, fellowship is enjoyed as friends meet again and new acquaintances are formed.

The first session begins at nine o'clock and lasts from two to two and a half hours. Two studies are given in each session. It is a thrill to see responsible brethren sitting together with open Bibles listening with interest to the ministry. Many often take an active part in the studies by answering questions asked by the speakers or sometimes

asking intelligent questions on the subject under consideration. Notes are taken by most for reference later.

After lunch the Christians meet again at three o'clock for another session in which two more studies are given. Both the morning and afternoon sessions are opened with ten minutes of hearty singing. The opportunity is taken to teach new hymns or to correct some that are not sung properly. Much progress has been made along these lines over the years. In a recent conference two famous hymns were taught: "O Worship the King" and Luther's well known hymn, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God."

The late afternoon is time for something a little lighter. At the last conference everyone gathered on the grass in front of the Hall, and a few of the young men acted out some of the well known Bible stories without speaking. They went through the actions and the rest guessed which story was being presented. The Prodigal Son and the Good Samaritan were amongst the presentations, and were readily recognized by the onlookers.

The evenings are dedicated to the preaching of the gospel. These services are always well attended, and often many of the brethren must remain outside to make room for the folks that come from the district. Many have been converted in the meetings at night, and this adds much joy to the



Conference group outside of hall



Lunch Time

conference. Most of the preaching is done by the Dominican brethren, two or three taking part each night.

During the conference, time is set aside for questions and for the discussion of problems related to the work. This has resulted in the clearing up of misunderstandings between brethren and assemblies. It has created a greater respect for the opinions of others where differences exist in local church practices. The right for each church to decide such matters according to the convictions of the elders is recognized as being outside the jurisdiction of the other churches, and that these minor differences should never become an obstacle to happy fellowship amongst God's people.

Those who minister usually take up a series of studies. Series have been given on The Church, The Four Gospels, The Feasts of Jehovah, Prophetic Themes and First Timothy, to mention just a few. Some themes have been taken up more than once, and this repetition has proved beneficial.

A number of brethren have attended all the conferences since 1951. There is evidence today of spiritual growth in these men. Their understanding of the Scriptures has deepened, and on the practical side there is more grace and patience in their dealings one with another. The conferences are not the sole reason for this growth, though these seasons of Bible Study and Christian fellowship have been used of the Lord towards this end.

Sunday is the closing day of the conference. Often there are baptisms early that morning, followed by the Remembrance Service. At the close of this meeting two or three messages are given, after which

one of the elders commends the saints to the Lord for His care and guidance as they journey to their homes. It is a great sight to watch the departure of the Christians for home. Some leave on horses, others on mules and donkeys, and many on foot!

The real purpose of these conferences is seen as the brethren return to their homes and local churches, and there be-

gin "to teach others also." This is done in at least two ways: in the Bible Study services, and perhaps even more important, in conversations with other responsible brethren who are not able to attend. This is not done in a day, but as the weeks pass by, the Holy Spirit brings to remembrance many things, which are passed from one to another as God's people speak together of His Son and His Word.

The missionary brethren in the Dominican Republic have whole-heartedly supported this effort, and all have actively participated in the ministry of God's Word. Mr. D. R. McIntosh has shared with me the responsibility of organizing the conferences each year.

You can help us in this important aspect of the Lord's work in the Dominican Republic by your earnest prayer for the "Timothys" and the "faithful men."

## AMONG OURSELVES

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able "The Fields" to expand its services to assemblies in the U. S. and to missionaries on the field. We are grateful that our brother is now identified with this ministry. The continuing prayerful interest of our readers on behalf of the committee, office staff, editor and publisher will be deeply appreciated.

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# I Gave My Bible To The Dalai Lama

BY A NEPALI CHRISTIAN

AT THE time when I met the Dalai Lama, I was a full-time gospel worker in a self-supporting mission in Darjeeling, a city on the border of Nepal and Tibet. One evening after returning from a cottage prayer meeting, I became burdened to pray for these countries that are so close to Darjeeling.

For some time I had been praying for the country of Nepal. This particular evening the thought came to me: "You are also responsible to pray for Tibet." I began to think of that great land, of the Dalai Lama, its religious leader, and the thousands of Buddhists who believe him to be the incarnation of Buddha. I thought: how wonderful it would be if the Dalai Lama were to accept Christ. If this would happen, no doubt thousands of his followers would also turn from Buddhism. For two days this prayer burden remained upon me. I asked God to give me an opportunity to witness to this great leader and his followers.

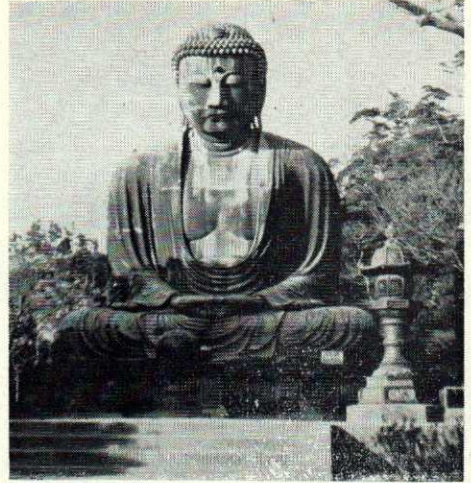
Shortly after this, it was rumored that the Dalai Lama might visit Darjeeling. I prayed that if this should happen, I might have an opening to witness to him about Christ. I had no gospels or tracts which I could use on such an occasion; but, through the help of a missionary, the Lord supplied some Bible portions and tracts.

At the time appointed for the Dalai Lama's visit, thousands of his followers gathered in Darjeeling. Since they believed the Dalai Lama to be the incarnation of Buddha, they wanted to see their "god" face to face.

Learning the route which the Dalai Lama would take, I tried to find a place from which I would be able to hand him a gospel portion as he stepped from his car. There was great excitement among the people, however, and I found myself being pushed back with the rest of the crowd by the police who lined the route. My heart sank as I realized that I had missed my opportunity.

I prayed that the Lord would give me another chance. Just then an announcement was made over the loudspeaker that the Dalai Lama would visit another part of the city where the people could offer gifts to their "god." Many of the other gospel workers with me became discouraged and left, but I continued to pray that the Lord would help me.

In this new location the dais on which the



Buddha: God of Asiatic Millions

Dalai Lama sat was roped off. Only a few people at a time were allowed to go up to offer their gifts. I was greatly excited as my turn approached to go forward to present my gift. How disappointed I was when the entrance was barred just as I was about to go up. I kept praying. Miraculously the ropes were opened! I was the last one allowed to go in!

Those who had preceded me had bowed as they approached the Dalai Lama, then offered their gifts. I did not bow before him, but took a Tibetan Gospel portion from the bag slung over my shoulder and offered it to him. He took the portion, quickly leafed through it, and asked: "What book is this?" I explained as simply and as quickly as I could. He then asked whether I had an English book.

I had no English Bible with me except my own. It was underscored and well worn from much use. I did not want to part with it, but realized that I would not likely have such an opportunity again.

Quickly I took the Bible from my bag, opened it to the Gospel of John, and marked several places with tracts. Noticing the curiosity of their "god," the secretary and other lamas also became interested. What a joy it was to present Gospels of John to them, as well as several other booklets ex-

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# The Mission Field As A Place Of Testing

A. T. HOUGHTON

MANY young Christians bemoan the fact that the demands of National Service may involve the waste of two perfectly good years at a formative period of one's life. But if such service involves being sent abroad, it can be a most valuable asset in testing the fitness of a candidate for missionary service. The writer found that three and a half years' service in India and Burma, both in the ranks and as a commissioned officer, was far and away the most valuable missionary preparation he received. Not only did it give him an opportunity of seeing the people to whom God was calling him, but by a year's experience on the Staff it provided him with some much needed administrative training for future requirements.

Much depends on the type and setting of the missionary work you expect to undertake, but there can be very few such spheres in which no physical hardships are involved. National Service, or similar experience elsewhere, will provide you with an opportunity of becoming hard physically, cheerfully putting up with discomforts, adapting yourself to a varied type of people and food, or even a monotonous diet, and enable you to sleep on all sorts of beds or lack of them. "Endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."

If you are to be a successful missionary, it is absolutely essential that you should be able to adapt yourself to any physical environment and come out on top, as Joseph

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plaining the way of salvation. Following this, they asked many questions. I had the joy of witnessing to them about the Lord Jesus Christ.

The people who stood around about also wanted the same book which the Dalai Lama had accepted from me. My small supply of Christian literature was quickly exhausted.

These Scriptures have gone back into dark Tibet and, no doubt, are being read often by the Dalai Lama and his staff. We must all pray that the Word of God will find a place in their hearts and bring them to salvation in Christ.

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did in his years of preparation before he became Governor over all the land of Egypt. This, of course, applies equally to women, to whom these physical hardships are often a far greater test, particularly if they have been brought up in a comfortable and sheltered home.

National Service will also test your ability to live a long distance from home and to stand on your own feet. At the same time you will experience the test of having to mix and live with a varied assortment of people, congenial and otherwise. Of course all this is intensified in actual missionary service, and the first year or two are especially a time of testing.

There is not much glamor about the mission field when the rainy season brings myriads of insects, which may involve putting out the light soon after dark each evening and diving under a mosquito net, as the only place of refuge, there to sweat all night until the dawn introduces another sticky day of physical discomfort.

Many missionaries today find themselves in places where life is held cheap, and where banditry and terrorism are common. Others are posted to a jungle environment where lions or tigers, wild elephant and rhinoceros abound. A naturally timid or fearful temperament is not likely to be able to stand up against such strains, and it is as well to count the cost beforehand.

I would not for a moment suggest that one who is imaginative, sensitive and highly strung is, therefore, entirely unsuited to the mission field, since so much outstanding work has been done in the world by people of that type who often combine with it a great deal of valuable, creative energy. What matters is that, if you are of that temperament yourself, you should have given real evidence that by God's grace you have been able to stand up to tests which would naturally strain your human resources.

It has to be recognized that anyone who is highly strung, or of an excitable, unbalanced temperament, is not the kind of person who is normally suitable for overseas service. The same may apply to the introspective type, who, as the result of shocks, disillusionment and loneliness, may tend more

and more to box up his feelings, retire into his shell, and end up with a complete mental breakdown. National Service will undoubtedly be a help in providing tests of ability to get on with others, and endure physical hardness, but will not necessarily bring out any latent initiative, such as Commando-type training inculcates.

One of the strains imposed by missionary service is that induced by the removal of props on which, in the past, there has often been unconscious dependence. It is all to the good if you have had the privilege of Christian fellowship in college or local church. No doubt you can trace much of your spiritual growth to the ministry of someone whom you have regarded as your spiritual leader. It is a big test of faith when you find yourself alone, with none of the spiritual helps which formed such an integral part of your spiritual life and progress. Have you learned to depend on God alone? You remember how Paul was taken aside into Arabia to be taught of God, and unless you have had such an Arabian experience in your preparation, you may well find the loneliness and sudden isolation from Christian fellowship a severe test of faith in the early days of your missionary career.

For remember this: in the homeland you have had increasing opportunities of public speaking in your preparation to become a herald of the gospel overseas. It may be that you have developed latent gifts of preaching and find a healthy spiritual enjoyment in telling out that which the Holy Spirit has wrought in your soul. And then, in the first days and months overseas, you find yourself completely tongue-tied, with a terrifying mountain of language study to scale before you can begin stumbingly and inadequately to make known the message which had begun to flow so fluently from your lips in your own language. Are you prepared for such frustration during those months of difficult adjustment to a new environment, involving perhaps a revolution in your habits of rising and retiring, changes in your diet and in the climate, and, above all, the mental gymnastics required in trying to understand the outlook of the people among whom you have come to live? All this can be very galling and humiliating, and you may be tempted to wonder whether it is worth while.

At home you had become increasingly useful in God's service. You had been used

to lead others to Christ, and others had begun to look up to you for leadership. When at last it was known that you were forsaking a successful career at home to go to the ends of the earth for Christ's sake and the gospel's, you were conscious that, whether you agreed with it or not, others were placing a halo round your head. And here you are at your destination, a useless log, with a feeling that you never can really adapt yourself to this new life.

Then think of the smells, the lack of sanitation and elementary hygiene, the decayed fish in the market that carries such a delightful aroma to those who are accustomed to it, the degradation and filth that may accompany heathenism where civilization also has not penetrated. But far worse than all this, you are up against moral evil far more blatant than you have seen before. You feel, indeed, that you have come where Satan's seat is, where he has remained in control so long that he has it all his own way. And when the cleansing, purifying power of the gospel is introduced, the dust of centuries is stirred up, and you begin to understand for the first time the meaning of Paul's words: "We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places!"

"Who is sufficient for these things?" Well, you know the remedy is all there, available for the use of every Christian soldier, in that wonderful provision outlined in Ephesians 6. But before you make up your mind, it is just as well to face up to some of the things that may be involved.

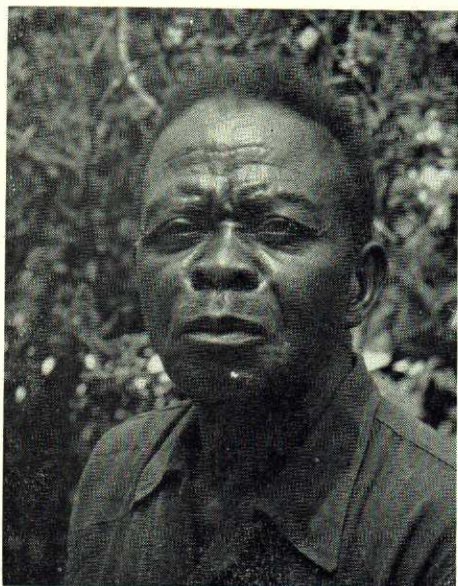
"For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and he is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him, saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish."

There are far too many who begin to build; they offer their lives, are accepted, and then sent abroad for missionary service. But they give up at the end of their first term and sometimes would have given up earlier were it not for shame or a contract that binds them.

Jesus said, "No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

# SAKACHOKWE

DR. ARTHUR STINTON



Sakachokwe

**A**FRICAN Christians are not noted for continuing in the faith. It is sadly true that lapses from well-doing are more the rule than the exception. Consequently, to find one who has continued for many years with an unbroken testimony is a rare occurrence. Outstanding among the Christians of Chokweland who can lay claim to such a record is Sakachokwe, who has the added distinction of being the first Ka-Chokwe to trust the Savior.

He is now an old man, with not less than 68 years behind him, as near as we can determine. But he still possesses remarkable vigor, and on the last occasion I saw him, he had cycled the 45 miles from his village to Boma in a single day, and was on his way with a younger evangelist to the Congo border-area to visit the Christians there. His eyes have the telltale white rim of old age, but otherwise there is little about him to suggest the long years that have passed since he first trusted in Christ.

Sakachokwe was born in the neighborhood of Boma, and when the first missionaries came here in 1904, he came to work for them, eventually becoming a carpenter. It

was about four years after this, after hearing the gospel message many times, that the words of John 3:16 brought conviction to him, and he sensed the reality of God's love and sacrifice for him. Since that initial commitment to the Savior, he has never wavered in his faith and in his desire to evangelize among his fellows. He was baptized along with three other African believers, and they and Messrs. Maitland, Louttit and Dr. Morrey formed the beginning of the Boma assembly, which now numbers 189 in fellowship.

In 1917, Sakachokwe left Boma and built his home at Chivunda, amongst Luena-speaking people, at the invitation of the local chief who wanted a missionary in his territory. Sakachokwe's qualities of leadership and industry resulted in his becoming headman of the largest village in Chokweland, in a fertile and well-populated area. The assembly there now numbers well over 100 believers, and following Sakachokwe's example, many have left there to establish Christian villages in other places. The villages which are considered outgrowths of the Chivunda work are now ten in number, and those who can claim direct spiritual descent from Sakachokwe would form a considerable multitude. Sakachokwe himself has always been in the forefront of the evangelistic effort, and has ranged far beyond the borders of Chokweland in his preaching and teaching ministry.

Sakachokwe is universally respected amongst Africans and missionaries alike for his integrity, sincerity and faithfulness to God over many years. Though possessed of no great eloquence, he has a sound knowledge of the New Testament Scriptures and is a real trophy of God's saving grace. His godliness and wisdom have often resulted in an amicable settlement of disputes and difficulties in the local churches.

"Do you have any message for the Christians across the sea?" I asked him. "Yes," he said. "Tell them that we suffer affliction here because the teachers are so few. If only other servants of God would come amongst us, then would the work of God truly prosper." Such is the prayer of this African warrior of the Cross, who for long years, and to the best of his ability, has held the banner high.

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When did you last write to a missionary, to encourage him?

# Muslims and Jesus Christ

G. M. LONGLEY

**W**HILE Muslims constantly assert that they respect Jesus Christ, they are insistent in repudiating the unique claims made for Him by Christianity. Islam recognizes Jesus as one of the leading prophets, but not as the last or the greatest. He is called "Messiah" and God's "word," but to the Muslims He remains a man. In fact, the knowledge of Jesus Christ in Islam is both hopelessly inadequate and seriously distorted.

**His Birth.** The Koran, in two lengthy passages, clearly teaches the miraculous conception and birth of Jesus, a belief which orthodox Islam has always maintained. There is a striking similarity, in some respects, to Luke's narrative, but the Muslim accounts are accompanied always by a fervent denial that the Virgin Birth implies that Jesus was other than man.

**His Earthly Life.** Muslim tradition ascribes extraordinary miracle working powers to Jesus, based on the Koranic verse



Entrance to a Mosque, Iraq  
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which makes Him say, "I heal the blind and the leper and I raise the dead by God's permission." Along with such claims that agree in part with Scripture, are mingled a great number of fantastic miracles, such as making a bird of clay and causing it to live, reminiscent of the extravagancies of early Christian apocryphal writings. Apart from the recounting of these miracles, the Koran makes almost no reference to the earthly ministry of Jesus and it records virtually none of His great teaching parables. "There is neither Galilee nor Gethsemane; neither Nazareth nor Olivet." No wonder that the Muslim has such an inadequate picture of the wondrous Son of Man.

**His Deity.** Far more serious than the omissions in the Koran, however, are the denials. For, while it accords to Jesus honor as a prophet, it roundly condemns Christians for attributing to Him the title, "Son of God." Here we come to the very core of Muslim resistance to the gospel. The Unity of God is fundamental to Islam, and it admits of no plurality in the Godhead. The worst possible sin and blasphemy in the eyes of a Muslim is "associating a partner" with God. Obsessed with a deep abhorrence of the idolatry around him, Muhammed seems to have been incapable of attaching any other than a carnal significance to the Christian doctrine of the Sonship of Christ. Yet the full force of the protest is directed not so much against the use of the title, "Son of God," as, in company with the Jews of old, against the deeper implication of the Deity of Christ.

How then will a Muslim come to a full acknowledgment of the Person of Christ? The disciples themselves were brought to their final realization of the Lord's identity through their experience of Him. "What manner of man is this?" led them on to, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." The task of the missionary is to lead Muslims to an acquaintance with the real Jesus and His words and works, that they in turn might come to that revelation which is given, not by flesh and blood, but by the Father in heaven.

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China Inland Mission

Only the present generation of Christians can reach the present generation of mankind with the gospel.

## Notes and Comments

The Spring Conference of the Chicago Missionary Study Class will be held, in the will of the Lord, April 11 and 18, 1959, at Emmaus Bible School, 156 N. Oak Park Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois. Services will be held in the afternoon and evening on both of these Saturdays, with supper served. During the week intervening, various missionaries will be speaking at the Chicago area assemblies. Mr. Adam Ferguson of Natal, South Africa, and Mr. F. W. Rogers of French Equatorial Africa are to be present, as well as other missionaries. Mr. C. Stacey Woods and Mr. Theo McCully are also expected at these services.

The Tenth Annual San Francisco Bay Area and Sacramento Area Ladies' Missionary Conference will be held, D. V., in Oakland, California, on May 2, 1959. Meetings are scheduled for 2:30 P. M. and 7:00 P. M., with supper served between meetings. A hearty invitation is extended to all sisters. Accommodations will be provided for visitors. Please communicate with: Mrs. Robert Milburn, 592 Jean Street, Oakland, Calif.

Mr. Vernon Schlieff has asked us to announce that an apartment is available to all missionaries traveling through New Orleans. Contact him at Good News Center, Inc., Schlieff Drive, Box 340, Belle Chasse, La.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Morris (Belgian Congo) arrived in Durban in mid-January en route to their station at Kiolo. Praise God for answered prayer in regard to Mrs. Morris' health.

Mr. Colin C. Caldwell, formerly of Puerto Rico, writes: "Kindly publish these few words from us to express our profound gratitude to our many gracious friends and brethren who have been so very faithful in helping us during our many years of service. The Lord will reward them richly. We desire their prayers to follow us as we retire from missionary work, which we feel to be the Lord's will for us. We would make it clear that we shall not be engaging in ministry among the assemblies in the homeland, and that we are, D. V., returning to secular work."



John Shannon

Mr. and Mrs. John Shannon, recently commended by the Vancouver assemblies for work in the Dominican Republic, are presently attending a language school for missionaries in Costa Rica, in order to acquire a working knowledge of the Spanish language. Their address while there is Escuela de Indio-man, Apartado 2240, San Jose, Costa Rica, Central America.



Mrs. John Shannon

Mr. R. C. Allison (Angola) writes: "The problem of the Chokwe New Testament is much before us all. We fear that it will have to be all re-typed in the Portuguese orthography, which would mean a tremendous loss to the British and Foreign Bible Society. This affects all the workers in Angola. If a space of several years were granted to us in which to make the change-over, it would be simplified. We can only pray for guidance and grace."

# Prayer Pointers

Mr. N. Nazarian, of Hackensack, N. J., assembly, is ministering for a period of some months among assemblies in the Middle East. Prayer will be appreciated that our brother's visit may prove helpful to many believers living under stressful conditions.

A committee has been formed in connection with tent work among the assemblies in France and arrangements are being made for special series from May until the end of September, D. V. Prayer will be valued for the acquisition of sites and for definite leading as to the centers to be visited.

Pray for Miss Maude MacLaren (Israel) who has been compelled to rest because of a "strained heart."

The liberation of the Argentine peso will result in higher cost of living for missionaries there. Pray for our brethren and for the work in their hands.

Miss Louise Stetter (Bolivia) asks prayer that the Lord will send a married couple to help in the work in Cochabamba.

Let us remember to pray regularly for the believers behind the Iron Curtain and in China, that the Lord will give them strength and courage day by day and that their faith may not fail.

Prayer is requested by Mr. Dennis Clark for the Lord's guidance in selection of material for publication in 1959. Help is much needed in translation and distribution of the Christian literature produced in New Delhi.

Pray for Mr. N. D. Short (Ecuador) who has not been well, that he may be restored to full health before returning to the field in June, D. V.

Disturbances in Leopoldville, Belgian Congo, have given further concern to some of our missionaries as to how they should develop some of the medical and educational work. The pros and cons are complicated: the problems are not easily resolved. Pray for guidance in these uncertainties.

There should be prayer that national leaders may be raised up of the Holy Spirit for evangelism and for guidance of the assemblies in Africa. Time is running out in some fields.

Pray for blessing upon the ministry by means of the Voice of Tangier which reaches many souls in Spain and Portugal. The Lord is using radio to reach people otherwise untouched in these lands.

Emmaus courses are being used more widely than ever by missionaries in gospel outreach. Pray for this ministry in every continent.

Joseph Spacek (Hawaii) commenced a Sunday evening half-hour Gospel radio broadcast in January. This is aired over a Honolulu station. Pray for blessing through this ministry.

Pray for Daniel Tique, a young Filipino brother, who has left his job and has devoted himself to Christian work around Pampanga. His labors have resulted in blessing.

Pray for Mr. George Wightman who has recently returned to the work in Mexico. It is expected that Mrs. Wightman will soon rejoin him in the Mexican field. Both were recently reported in good health.

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## List of Some Missionaries

commended by American and Canadian Assemblies, including Husbands or Wives, commended by British Empire Assemblies, which appeared in the August, 1958 issue.

### INDIA

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## Receipts For December

For Workers .....	\$50,470.33
For Expenses .....	3,115.42
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	\$53,585.75

Official Receipts Nos. 5858 to 6261 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.

## PERSONALIA

### Arrivals:

Mr. and Mrs. John Ruddock (Republic of Honduras) in January.

Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Lipsi (Brazil) in March.

### Departures:

Mr. and Mrs. S. Hanna (Republic of Honduras) in January.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Haack (Philippines) in March.

Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Presson (Japan) in March.

Miss Hilda Wielenga, commended by assemblies in Holland and Grand Rapids, Michigan, for work in Japan, in March.

Miss Margaret Dawes (Belgian Congo) in February.

### Birth:

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert O'Connell (Italy) on January 5, a daughter, Susan Marie.

### Death:

Miss Anna Fischer, who for the past ten years has resided at the Western Assemblies Home, Claremont, California, passed away quietly on January 11, 1959, at 80 years of age. Miss Fischer was born in Germany and served the Lord in China for over thirty years. She was interested in missionary work until her death.

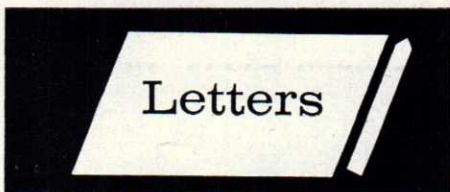
## Our Book Shelf

**"Go Ye Therefore . . ."** by A. Pulleng. (Paternoster Press).

The author has rendered good service in writing this book; it is a gem on missionary matters. Of interest and value to all ages, it should be read by all. Probably it will prove of primary value to the prospective missionary, and we urge all such to read this book carefully. Out of long association with missionaries and missionary activity, the author presents much food for thought on the education (spiritual and otherwise), call and preparation of the missionary. The chapters on "The Resource of the Missionary" and "Some Problems of Missionary Life" are most helpful.

If certain chapters appear to be written for the help of elders and others with a view to the younger missionary, we find that all of us are drawn into the chapter on "The Responsibility of Local Assemblies." This embraces us all and obliges us to face up to realities in the light of the world's need and the claims of the Lord upon us.

MARCH, 1959



### ANGOLA

**Quirima** JOHN KING Attendance at the last Songo conference was disappointing, but there was a fair number of young people present. More than twenty professed to have received the forgiveness of sins, and some backsliders professed restoration. Perhaps this blessing was due to the extra time given to prayer during the conference. Some of those who professed were from heathen villages, others were former boarding school boys, and one was a woman from the leper camp. At the September conference fifteen professed faith in Christ.

We had a Bible school recently, and Christians came in from many of the out-schools. They showed a keen interest in the Scriptures studied, and we were sorry that we had to leave sooner than was planned.

More lepers have come in for treatment, and there are now about sixty people, including relatives, living in the camp. They hear the gospel three times weekly, and we ask your prayers that soon there will be a real movement of the Spirit amongst them.

### BELGIAN CONGO

**Akokora** WILLIAM GREEN®. We do praise our God for the privilege of serving Him in this land. We don't know how much longer we will have the privilege. You have no doubt heard about the riots in Leopoldville, the capital of the Congo. We would value your prayers for the work here, that we may use every means to reach souls for Christ while there is still time.

We have had seven professions of faith in the past two months, for which we are praising God. These are mostly women with whom Rena has been working. Pray for these precious souls.

We are seeing some of the Walese Christians show evidence of spiritual growth, which is gratifying. They are taking more interest in the affairs of the local assembly and in witnessing in the Kilese language. A few of the Walese boys and one girl are

going to Lolwa for more advanced schooling, and we have hopes that some of them will come back as teachers.

But Satan is not idle; and we are in the midst of a very real spiritual conflict, which drives us to our knees continually.

## **BELGIAN CONGO**

### **Kiambi**

ROBERT GREENHOW®. Last month I visited a district about 75 miles southeast of Kiambi where, in a fairly long string of villages, there are quite a few Christians and one of the largest of the bush assemblies of the Kiambi area. On the whole, the situation there is encouraging.

Then I went on to another section of the bush, where the work is very encouraging but of an entirely different character. All the believers there are young converts—saved since a year ago last April when we first visited the area. On each of several subsequent visits, more professed faith, and also when some evangelists from the Luanza area passed through, so that probably some fifty have believed in that section in the last twenty months. Some of these have moved away, and no doubt some of the professors were merely that.

However, on my last visit I was pressed strongly to return and tell them the "rules" of Christianity. So I arranged this trip and asked them to take time off from their garden work for a series of meetings all day long. We generally started with an early morning prayer meeting, then a Bible study from about 8 or 9 o'clock to 11, then one or two meetings in the afternoon and another short one in the evening.

Because of their request, and of my own conviction that emphasis on godly conduct is necessary, I concentrated on matters of practical conduct both in and out of meeting. Considering the time spent, we perhaps did not cover a great deal of ground, but we read a great many Scriptures, as I wanted them to see that the Word of God is the authority for Christians' conduct, and not the whim or pleasure of a missionary. We started with prayer, and its intimate connection in the Scripture with thanksgiving, and the latter's incompatibility with a complaining or grumbling attitude; a Christian should be a praying Christian and therefore a joyful and contented Christian as in Philippians 4. Then the importance and value of the Word of God—the necessity of regular reading,

urging them to read a passage on every occasion of meeting together.

We discussed, too, the conduct of women, both in meeting and in the home. This led naturally to the matter of marriage, and the problems when one partner is unsaved. At least three of the men there have two wives (and the two wives of one professed faith during our visit), and some of the young men had got engaged to unsaved girls before they themselves were saved. We tried to answer all these questions from the Word, and there was a very receptive attitude.

The meaning of sacrifices in the Scripture—culminating in the Lord's self-sacrifice and its implications for the believer in his self-denial and doing the will of God occupied some time and raised practical questions. It was a most happy and encouraging time. Though we had no gospel meetings as such, four professed faith, and at the end of our stay, we baptized nine. These young Christians need much prayer; Satan will not leave them untempted.

## **BELGIAN CONGO**

### **Nyankunde**

MISS GERTRUD KOPPEL. The Emmaus Bible School correspondence course work is increasing constantly and now requires three full time clerks.

At Sakoko among the Banyali, there is a growing medical work with two trained African infirmiers, who are visited monthly by Dr. Stephens. There is also a primary school run by African teachers, one of the Central Schools in the bush, of which Miss Ruth Zimmerman has charge.

We had a fairly large three-day conference here at Christmas time with roughly 2000 Africans attending. The ministry was given by both Africans and missionaries and the Lord blessed. Between twenty and thirty trusted the Lord, and several others were restored to the Lord. Our prayer is that there might be a real change in their lives which will be evident to all. More and more we wonder when people profess to accept Christ, whether it is just a lip confession so that they might get a job or other privileges, or if the Lord has really worked in their hearts.

The proofs for the whole Congo Swahili Old Testament have arrived now from the Bible Society, and the proofs for the New Testament are beginning to come through as well. We very much hope that by the end



of this year the people here might at long last have the whole Bible available in their own language.

Mr. Barker has been tied to his bed for four weeks now with another bad tropical ulcer. It is gradually getting better, but it will be a while before he will be able to get back fully into the work again.



Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Rainey and Jonathan

#### **NORTHERN RHODESIA**

##### **Lusaka**

**LESLIE RAINEY**®. Since last writing you, it has been a privilege to minister the Word of God at the Kalene Medical Mission Conference, also to take part of the meetings at the Sakeji School. At Sakeji School what a blessing it is to see the testimony to God's faithfulness and the spiritual leadership of brother Lyndon Hess. Being amongst the group there, I found it was like a little bit of America in the heart of Africa. Returning via the Congo, it was good to see our Australian friends, the Orrs, and Miss N. Holt at the busy printing and medical center of Mutshatsha, Belgian Congo. At present there is a good deal of unrest in the Congo, and this is but a forerunner of what the coming years hold.

At present I am in a full round of work here in the capital town of Lusaka. There is plenty to occupy, and what a joy to see some now and then turn to the Lord Jesus. Our firstfruits in the Gospel, a young German couple from East Berlin, now residing in Johannesburg, came up the 1,000 miles to spend Christmas with us, and their faith and testimony for our Lord was a great incentive to keep on in the gospel. What a joy it is to see fruit that remains. Brethren, pray for us.

#### **NORTHERN RHODESIA**

##### **Lukolwe**

**JOHN SIMS**®. What a close race we have had with the on-coming rains to get the roofs on two houses, lest the sandy, sun-dried bricks, being rained upon, should crumble to the ground. When light showers of rain would come and threatened storms would blow, it was then we realized our utter dependence on God, and we were comforted and helped much by that verse, "The battle is not yours but God's." The two houses are now roofed, praise the Lord, and we hope to be able to move into them—Dad Sims occupying one and we the other—from our present grass shelters.

Four times the army ants have raided us at night time. On one occasion they were right under Andrew's bed. These ants travel and swarm by the millions and have been known to kill as large an animal as an elephant in a matter of a couple of hours. Again, the Lord's care and protection was greatly proved.

On various recent Sundays three lads and two elderly women came to tell of their conviction of sin as a result of the gospel preached that day and that they wanted to take Christ as their personal Savior. These have made us feel that it is all more than worthwhile. How we long to see many more taking their stand for Christ in this district.

We are so glad to welcome Lorne and Betty Lou Ferguson with their two children from America and David Croudace from Salisbury, S. Rhodesia, who have come to join us in the work here. We pray the Lord will graciously use our combined efforts for His glory.

#### **NATAL**

##### **Murchison**

**MISS E. HARPER**. We had our usual Christmas celebration here, with the hospital fixed up a bit for the special time of year. Mr. Gibbs showed slides of the Christmas story and why Christ came. The patients so enjoyed the slides and the program we had for them. Then we gave gifts to all of them. Their faces, as they opened the gifts, were a delight to see. We are grateful to all the folk at home who have helped to bring this about, for everything came from overseas. We can't thank them in person, but we do appreciate all their work in making so many lovely things.



Edna and Bas Monnick

#### NATAL

**Mansfield** B. MONNIK<sup>®</sup>. We praise God for a little progress made in the Zulu language, but, oh, how much there is still to be learned before one can feel any measure of liberty in the use of it. Your prayers are still much needed in this respect.

In addition to the work among the Africans, the Lord has enabled us to start a Bible reading in Afrikaans among the railway employees at Izingolweni. The wife of the station master and another lady are very much interested and round up a number of other people every Friday night. It is held in turn in the homes of those who attend, which makes for a nice informal atmosphere. Edna and I have been given the little portable organ of Miss Geyden-Roberts, and this is pressed into service on Friday nights. The people love singing Afrikaans hymns, some of which are well-known English hymns that have been translated.

#### FRANCE

**Paris** JAMES YORGEY. Through our recent campaign, which is continuing each week-end through January, we rejoiced to see some souls saved. One young man has a radiant testimony, and has brought much joy to us all.

During the past month and a half, the Lord has sent more contacts among the young people than we are able to handle.

At least five or six have been saved among them, and many others are seeking. At our Christmas party at least 100 young folk crowded the hall to join in the fun and fellowship. We have been encouraged not only to have so many coming to the chapel, but among a good number of them there is a hunger for the Word and desire to pray. On the other hand, the devil seems to be attacking harder than ever. Never have I seen so many difficult cases. Problems and burdens are abundant, but God is our Refuge and Strength.

#### FORMOSA

**Taichung** GEORGE FOGGIN<sup>®</sup>. It is now about two months since Frieda and the children returned, and we are nicely settled into our new home. We have been fortunate to rent a large Japanese house which amply meets the needs of the family. Both Frieda and I are working hard at the Taiwanese language, as well as putting in some time on advanced Chinese.

Brother Liu is back from the south where he has been having good meetings for over a month. He plans to speak in Ta-Ya for two weeks, five nights a week. The work there has been somewhat encouraging, and



Mr. and Mrs. George Foggin and family

five people were baptized about three months ago. Since then two women have definitely accepted the Lord. We trust the local Christians will feel the burden for starting a Sunday school soon.

## JAPAN

### Osaka

HOWARD BUDD®. For the past couple of months we have been more than busy with the building of a proper recording studio to be used in connection with the gospel broadcasts. Although we are not doing the actual construction ourselves (except for some details), it has nevertheless meant a good deal of work on top of all the regular activities. The finished studio will be modest in size, but big enough for the needs of the work here, and is designed to be both soundproof and acoustically good. We can hardly imagine what it will be like to be able to record a message straight through without all the interruptions that have been with us until now. It seemed that the start of a recording session was the signal for the eruption of all kinds of noises—from aircraft motors to kids' yells and vendors' bells! Often the master tape would be a mass of splices by the time all the unwanted parts had been cut out, but the new facilities will do away with this and save us hours of work. We trust that we shall be able to produce more programs and

further extend the broadcasts to include new stations over which "Gospel Time" has not yet been heard.

The literature center, opened here in Osaka last December by the Misses Trotter and Curtin, has now become quite well-known and is already beginning to fill a definite need in this area. It is located on a busy street near the main railway station and can be seen by people travelling on street-car and suburban electric train. A capable Japanese sister, Miss Yoshida, is working with Miss Trotter, and seems to be a real help in running the store. Prayer would be valued for our sisters, that they might have much blessing in the work they have undertaken and see the literature used of God. This establishment is called "The Evangelical Publishing Depot" and is being operated as a branch of the E. P. D. in Tokyo.

## JAPAN

### Takasaki

GIFFORD BECKON®. I'm enclosing a snapshot of the 1959 Annual Believers' Conference of the Gumma Ken area held in Takasaki. This conference draws mainly believers from the Shibukawa and Takasaki assemblies, with some believers coming in from the out-stations of both cities. Many of these came from quite a distance, where they were contacted through various gospel efforts such as house to house



Conference at Takasaki



T. B. Patients at Takasaki

visitation, hospital meetings, tent campaigns, etc. Eight of those pictured here were from the Tokyo assemblies. Apart from a message given by Brother Mullan from Ireland, the ministry during the day was entirely from the Japanese brethren and was very good. One of the Takasaki sisters said afterward, "That conference was just for me."

The other snap which I enclose is of a weekly meeting of the T. B. patients in the Takasaki Municipal Hospital. In the front row on the right is Mr. Kitano who is one of the three full time workers in Japan. He has been giving us some very much appreciated help in the work here in Takasaki recently.

Two days this week have been spent looking at various properties for a camp site. We would appreciate your continued prayers that it may be in operation by August this year, if this is His will.

## JAPAN

**Kyoto** MISS B. TROTTER.

I am sure you will be pleased to hear that the Lord has allowed us to rent a room for a bookshop in Osaka. It means traveling each day, but we feel Osaka is the best place to have the shop at present. On December 1st we saw our prayers answered, as we were able to open up this work. It is only an upstairs room, but in a very good location, just five minutes' walk from the sta-



Miss Trotter in the Osaka Book Store

tion. Adult literacy is almost 100% in this land, so we feel it is our responsibility to give these people the best literature possible. Please pray for us, as we contact those who come into the shop. We are seeking to contact many Japanese through the postal services also.

In Kyoto, we have had an old lady of 85 baptized. Not a life saved to serve, but a soul saved for eternity. From childhood she has been an ardent Buddhist and has visited nearly every temple in Japan to merit an entrance into heaven. At first she even thought the gods had led her to the meeting to hear about "this other God." However, after coming along for a year, she responded to the Holy Spirit's leading and was saved. We praise God for this fruit, and her younger sister (75 years old) seems interested now also, so it will be wonderful if she responds too.

## HAWAII

**Honolulu**

W. D. STOUT®. New Year's

Eve here was filled with firecrackers and rockets until the air was blue with smoke, but thanks be to God, there was rejoicing in heaven! One Japanese man accepted Christ as his Savior in the Watch Night service, and another was deeply moved. He went home, but could not sleep all night, and in the morning accepted Christ. Both of these men are Japanese, and a third was saved just a few days before in a home Bible class which a brother is conducting. This is an answer to much prayer, as there are no Japanese men in the meeting, and they are a major part of the population of the

Islands, as well as the more energetic. Pray that God will separate these Japanese men unto the work here in a special way.

We are much exercised about the need on the island of Kauai. Pray with us about this.

## JAMAICA

**Kingston** WILLIAM GIBSON<sup>®</sup>. We arrived back in Jamaica on December 28th, after three weeks of ministry to the saints in Bermuda. We had a happy visit to that island and met some folk who remembered our visit there 34 years ago, when we came up from British Guiana in 1924.

We were met at the airport by a large group of believers who came out to welcome us back to Jamaica, and to express appreciation for what has been done in the past and pray for God's blessing on our future service.

Brother Wildish is conducting a gospel campaign at the new Waverly Gospel Chapel and quite a number have confessed salvation. Brother Paterson and his wife arrived last night from Nassau and will (D.V.) start a mission at Bethany Gospel Hall on Lord's Day, January 18th. In the next two weeks three campaigns will be on the way in the city.



Miss Idaleen Myers

## PHILIPPINES

**Manila** MISS IDALEEN MYERS. How good it is to be back again in the Philippines! The past month I have been busy settling into my nice apartment. So many of you have been praying with me for a fluency in Tagalog, and I was so glad to find I haven't forgotten it all. The next three months I expect to be studying Tagalog intensely and ask your continued prayers, so that I will be ready to teach D. V. B. S. this April and May with ease and confidence in the national language.

Mr. and Mrs.  
William Gibson  
at family  
reunion.



## CUBA

### Havana

LAWRENCE DARLING®. Now

that the pressure of the revolution has subsided, our hearts are grateful to the Lord for His protection and care for His own. For those of us who seek to spread the gospel, it appears to be the dawn of a new era. Many of the restrictions and limitations will likely be dropped. But this does not mean that persecution might not arise. It is a critical period for religious freedom. We must pray for those in authority that we might experience the hand of God for us and that the forces of evil might be restrained.

As to our work in Havana, we anticipate new advantages. For one thing, the Emmaus correspondence courses will pick up. In the past months mail stopped entirely. Another field of interest for us lies in the nearly completed Hall. With the renewed freedom we look forward to the building up of a work in this city. Our gospel broadcast continues on Sunday evenings with its ever widening influence. Our correspondence with listeners should soon pick up.

## DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

### Puerto Plata

D. M. REIM®. After our special meetings at the end of the year, we are now back to

our usual routine of services and classes. We had very delightful weather over the New Year period, so all the meetings were well attended. The Lord graciously granted us some blessing and some professed conversion, so that was a joy and encouragement to us all. We started off the New Year with a week of special prayer meetings; they were splendidly attended, and there was a fine spirit in the meetings. Every night fourteen to seventeen brethren took part in prayer, and it was good to hear them.

At the end of this month we hope to have a three-day conference for young Christians in Ciudad Trujillo. About fifty are going from Puerto Plata, and there will be young folks from most of the other assemblies, so we should be quite a crowd. We trust that it will be a time of real blessing and spiritual uplift for us all.

## BRAZIL

### Sao Paulo

JOHN McCLELLAND®. Since the start of the New Year

we haven't been away from Sao Paulo much. The first week-end saw us at Sousas for the inauguration of the Young People's Camp

Grounds. The one-day conference was well attended, and it afforded a good opportunity to preach the gospel, some being in attendance who hitherto had not attended meetings in the hall. For the Christians there was good ministry and an opportunity to visit with others from other places. All in all, it was encouraging for the Christians at Sousas, and particularly for the Lipsis, who have put a lot of effort into it. We stayed over a day or two to help with the meetings on the Sunday and visit with our many friends there.

At the moment I am planning a visit to Santarém, Pará, where we labored when we first arrived in Brazil. We have been anxious to make this trip for several years, and only now has it become possible. I was supposed to leave today but cannot go on the plane with which I had booked. However, within a day or two I shall be on my way. Brother Penna has been sick, and we feel that possibly now is as appropriate as any time to go.

Here in Sao Paulo things go on normally. We rejoice to see little indications of the work progressing, however, not with the enthusiasm that we would like to see. Some have been baptized and added to the assembly, and already we have others who have manifested a kindred interest.

## BRAZIL

### Sao Paulo

STEPHEN LIU®. Several weeks ago John McClelland visited

our Chinese speaking meeting here and spoke by interpretation. I gave an earnest invitation at the close, and three in the audience came forward to be dealt with. The following Sunday two more persons made their profession. After six months' labor, we are beginning to reap what the Word of God has brought forth.

I have secured some correspondence ma-



Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Liu and Teddy

THE FIELDS

terials from Formosa and am using them to help young Christians to study the Word. I would like to have a series of ministry meetings, but we are in need of our own meeting place, as weekly meetings cannot be held in a house borrowed from others. Pray with us about this.

## PARAGUAY

**Asuncion** ADIN STEENLAND®. The Christian Mission Farms property is located near the town of Hernandarias, and I had previously reported that even the Roman Catholics were not very active in that area. But recently Brother Tate and I watched two Roman Catholic priests get off the river boat with beds, chests of belongings, a motor-cycle, etc. They are to reside in Hernandarias. The word had gone around that evangelicals had purchased land in the area, so I guess the Roman Catholic higher-ups decided they had to get busy. All the more reason to pray. We know the Lord is able to bless His Word, and we pray that He will enable us to not only do the orphan work, but also reach the area for Him.

The road into the Christian Mission Farms property is now under construction and we have given the order to cut the lumber for the first house. In this rather backward area these things all take time, but we are so very thankful the Lord is enabling things to move ahead.

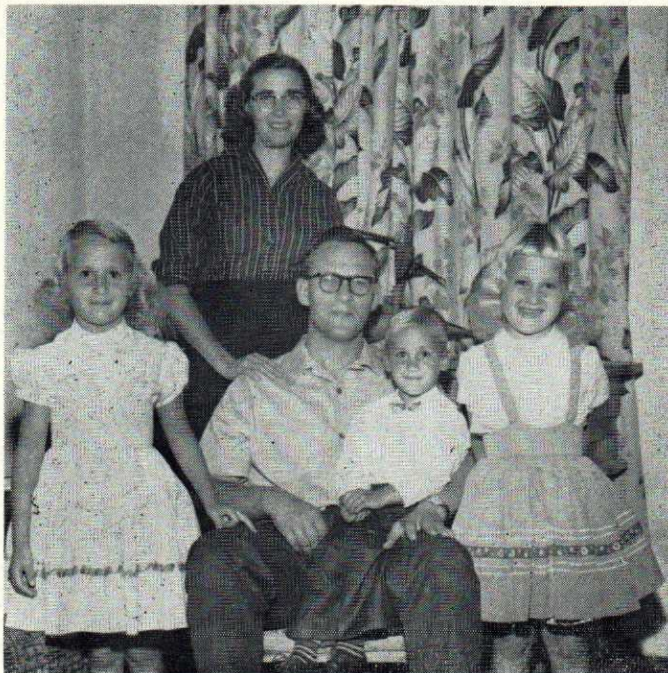
A Mennonite Leprosarium located between here and Hernandarias has a small saw mill powered by a steam boiler, but as the Government has refused to let them use the patients for any work, they asked if we would be interested in buying it. We have agreed, as it will enable us to make lumber from some of the trees cut in clearing land. What we don't need can be sold, giving some income.

The Lord is working things out in wonderful ways.

## BRAZIL

**Santos** DONALD DEWEESE®. A year has passed quickly since inaugurating the new work in the Vila Sorocabana. We shall never forget the first two weeks that nightly saw the hall filled to capacity—mostly with boys and girls. Only time could remove fear from the adults, who gradually began to show interest. Since that encouraging start, the young work has had a slow uphill grind. Religion, cold indifference, or just fear of others, have held many aloof, but we praise the Lord, knowing that the majority in the vila have heard the gospel either in the Gospel Hall, in the open air, by door to door visitation, or through the silent messenger—gospel tracts. We give Him all praise for the precious souls who have made their decision for the Lord Jesus Christ.

A special gospel campaign was held not long ago, during which time great emphasis was put on visitation. The Lord's people worked hard to see the hall filled and were not disappointed. We were thankful to see a good number who attended nightly with interest.

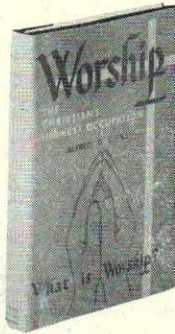


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