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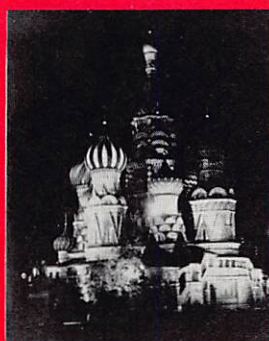


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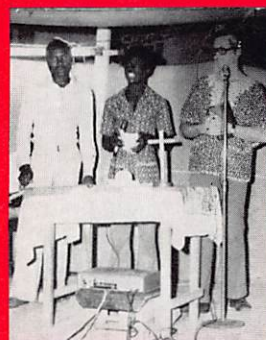
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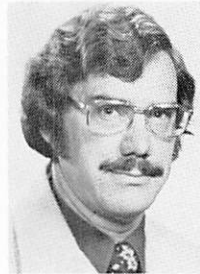
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by Irvin W. Ellis

NOT GOOD ENOUGH

"As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one" (Romans 3:10).

The very best that we can do is, in God's sight, not good enough, for sinners are not accepted by God on the basis of personal achievement.

The popular idea is that people who "do the best they can" will in some way win the favor of God in spite of their imperfection. Others consider that He overlooks people's sins if their good deeds outnumber their bad ones. But even though these views are widespread today, and are propagated as part of the "social gospel" of modern theology, God's standard still remains the same. He still demands **perfection**, and only one violation of God's commandments makes a man a transgressor.

"For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all" (James 2:10).

Even though you may have obeyed all the other commandments, you are still a guilty law-breaker. One broken link breaks a whole chain.

A sinner's plight is stated positively in the Scriptures. He may have tried to keep God's law, but he has at some point broken it, and so he is under God's curse — doomed to destruction. The law does not justify anyone (Gal. 3:11; Rom. 3:20). Justification is by faith — by believing — and law-keeping is not a matter of faith but of works (Gal. 3:12). The law does not say **"Believe"** but **"Do."**

Justification — or right standing before God — can come to a sinner only through faith (c.f. Acts 13:39; Eph. 2:8,9). So the sinner who pursues good works as a means of salvation is headed in the wrong direction, for sinners are not saved by personal achievement.

In addition to "good works" some people are trusting in rites, sacraments and church membership to find acceptance with God. This tendency only further emphasizes the grave danger of allowing outward signs to take the place of inward spiritual realities. Someone has referred to "the great peril of being religious without being redeemed."

Christianity cannot be reduced to a collection of doctrinal statements, nor does it consist exclusively of sacraments or ordinances. The vital elements of Christianity is a life transformed by an experience with God through Christ. A Christian is one who has the living Christ living in him (see Gal. 2:20; 4:19). He has had a transforming experience. It is not a matter of our **doing** but rather what Christ has **done** for us through His death and resurrection.

There was no other good enough to pay the price of sin; He only could unlock the gate of heav'n and let us in.

Consider the wonder of the sinless Son of God made a curse for us (cf. Deut. 21:23; Gal. 3:13). His curse lay in the fact that He hung there as a criminal — guilty before God — not for His own sins but for the sins of mankind (1 Pet. 2:24).

Why did Christ die? The Scriptures give many thought-provoking answers to this question (cf. Gal. 1:4). He died that He might **deliver** us! When we believe in Christ for salvation, we appropriate His substitutionary death as God's judgment executed on our sins. The law is satisfied and we come out from under the curse of condemnation (John 5:24; Rom. 8:1). But more than that, Christ's righteousness is credited to our account.

How foolish to let pride stand in the way of accepting the most wonderful gift in the world. It is far better to become **"one"** with other **sinners**, and, by receiving God's gift of salvation, to become **"one"** with Christ and through Him, **"one"** with the **saints**.



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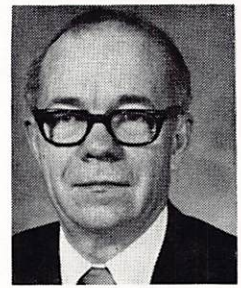
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LORNE O. PRITCHARD

SADAT'S "SACRED MISSION"

by LORNE O. PRITCHARD

The eyes of the world are set once more on the Middle East. The greatest enemy in the battle of 1967, Egypt, has made a bold move to make peace with Israel. She is prepared to make a separate peace if necessary.

It will be interesting to see what develops. Already the commentators are suggesting that Israel owes something to Mr. Sadat of Egypt for his brave, bold move.

We have been taught and continue to teach, that when Bible prophecy is fulfilled it has to be of such an unusual nature that all will

eventually see that it was fulfilled by the hand of God alone. By way of example, the Scriptures teach plainly that Cyrus the Persian did what he did as a direct act of Almighty God. Are we seeing something of that today?

President Sadat's visit to Israel was called a "Sacred Mission". It is one of the current events that seems to have prophetic as well as historical significance.

According to *Newsweek*, Sadat said: "It came to me like some divine inspiration — There is no way of explaining it, suddenly I was left without any doubt that this was the only way in which the problems could be solved . . ." In his Knesset speech he expressed somewhat of the same thought when he said: "If God Almighty has made it my fate to assume responsibility on behalf of the Egyptians . . ." At least Anwar Sadat was sure his move was not an ordinary step.

Later when interviewed by Barbara Walters, and questioned

about personal danger, Sadat replied that when one has a sense of mission one is not aware of personal dangers.

It was the first time any Arab leader had visited the state of Israel. We must not look upon this as an ordinary event.

The visit changed the relationship between Egypt and Israel. It has literally upset all the relationships of the Middle East. Sadat recognized, for the first time, that Israel has a right to exist. Time reported: "In one stroke — Sadat has in effect recognized Israel as a state and Jerusalem as its capital."

The President went on a mission of peace. In his speech repeatedly he used the word "peace". But *Time* recorded the feelings of most of us in these words: "After 29 years of bloodshed, few people have much reason to be optimistic about the Middle East."

Among other things the President of Egypt said: "Today we have opened
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portunity for peace, which will not present itself again. If it is lost the curse of history will fall on those who cause its loss." He also said that one purpose of his visit was to determine whether Israel was as "anxious for peace" as Egypt is.

Time commented . . . "The mere fact of his presence made him, and by extension the Arabs, seem like the true seekers for peace in the Middle East. The Israelis would be viewed as the intransigents, squabbling over details — all that would add to the world pressure on Israel." "It may very well change the future of the Middle East for better or for worse".

That last statement is most important. Pressure is now on Israel in a new dimension. This of course we expect to increase. The Bible is clear on this point, as we near the end of the age, things for Israel will eventually become worse and worse.

Zechariah has written. "Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all people . . . And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people" (Zech. 12:2,3).

In the light of these predictions the implications in Sadat's visit relative to Jerusalem are indeed the most interesting.

We quote *Newsweek*: "He (the President) put more stress than ever before on Arab rights to the Holy City of Jerusalem. We insist on the total withdrawal from this land including Arab Jerusalem. It is not acceptable to think of Jerusalem in terms of annexation or expansion. Jerusalem has to be free and an open country to all believers. There will be no lasting peace with the occupation of our Land." The magazine commented that "Jerusalem (is) the historical city that both Jews and Arabs consider their own."

The visit has brought into focus the heart of the problem. The major problem in the Middle east is now Jerusalem.



Israeli Premier Begin (right) greeting Egyptian President Sadat at Ben Gurion Airport. (UPI)



Egyptian and Israeli flags and a welcoming sign at Ben Gurion Airport. (AP)

The event of the last few weeks and months is but another link in the unbreakable chain of prophetic events. All trends are in the right direction. If we will dare to believe the prophetic Scriptures we know that the return of Jesus back to this

earth is near at hand.

As surely as we are reminded of the first Advent of Christ, the events in the Middle East are once again, reminding us of the fact of the literal Second Advent of Jesus Christ. "Even so, come Lord Jesus".

TRIAL & TRIUMPH

by MART VAHI

In a prayerful operation involving fifteen dedicated young men and women the so-called "Iron Curtain" felt the blow of thousands of Bibles, New Testaments, hymn books and other Christian literature that pierced its barriers!

But the triumph has not without its trial, nor was it expected to be. Before it was all over eight were arrested and held under intense interrogations and threats for days; three vehicles were confiscated; others were detained for hours such as Brother Mart Vahi and his family. In it all they witnessed and praised God!

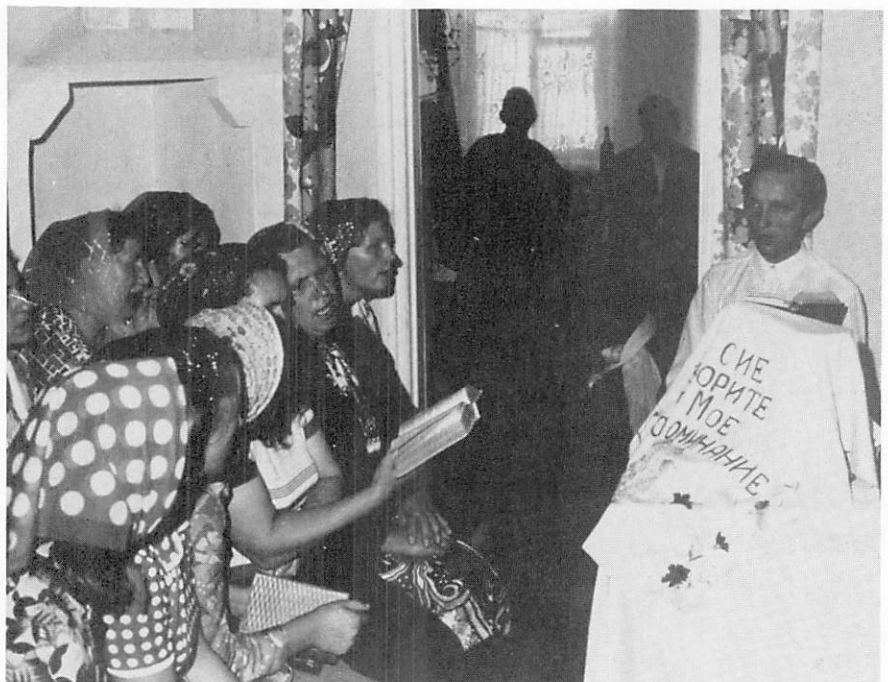
The following are the words of one of the team leaders, Brother Brad Martin, a graduate from Eston and known to some as James. "After close to three hours of searching, tapping and poking, a soldier jumped into the camper and saluted his superior and said: 'U.S.R. . . BOOKS!!' My heart sank but I remained calm." Brother James had already made several successful trips as had the others. After confiscation of their vehicle at the Soviet border James stated: "They had us convinced we were going to prison because we would not give them the information they wanted. We divided equally the bandages, vitamin pills, soaps, sewing needles, safety pins, aspirins and even razor blades we had. One of the trio didn't shave as of yet but we thought he might by the time he was set free!"

Brother Tarmo Kostamo, a student in the senior class in Jubilee Bible College had ten men waiting to work on his van. Upon discovery he said: "I would not give any information. The same questions were repeated again, so I started to preach the gospel and gave my testimony. They repeated the threats about a prison sentence (3 to 4 years). I told them that I was ready to go where God would allow them to take me. They let me go so I started to prepare myself for the prison. They tried to force us to drive the van while they would make a movie of us with big movie

cameras. We refused . . ."

Another team member states: "They were taking moving films and pictures. They really made a big ordeal of it. They asked me if I would rather have Jesus or my husband. I said Jesus. They didn't like that! At one time I looked back at the table with Bibles, and as I did I couldn't believe my eyes! One of the customs officers was opening a little New Testament . . . he put it in his hat and nonchalantly placed his hat on his head. No one else saw it but me. I wanted to shout Hallelujah!!!"

Within sight of ancient Mount Ararat, where Noah landed his ark and where it still remains imbedded in ice and snow, a revival has been flaming among the Pentecostals in Soviet Armenia. In that immediate area, the number of about 10 believers a few years back has risen to over 2000! None had their own Bibles with the exception of a very few. There was none printed in their language until just a few years ago. What a blessing to personally see them receive thousands on that trip — unloaded within sight of the old mountain!! The first gospel tracts ever to be written in the Georgian language were then received by the nearby Georgians (population 3,245,000). †



An "unregistered" Sunday service where communion is served after foot washing.

"Isn't it wrong to carry on such illegal activities such as smuggling — especially Bibles?"

Yes, you are right. It is illegal to smuggle and this we should not do! But if you mean taking Bibles to Russia we are not talking about "smuggling." Let's drop that word. There is nothing in the Soviet laws that forbid the taking in of Bibles. In fact their laws allow for complete religious freedom. The border guards are actually doing a very illegal thing when they confiscate Bibles and the cars that carry them, even if the Bibles are concealed. You see I hide my money when travelling. Why? Is it illegal to have money? No. But I do not want evil men to steal that which is needful to me. We at times conceal Bibles because we do not want evil men to steal that which is needful to others!

"How many believers are there in the Soviet Union."

It is hard to come to an exact figure since the majority of them are unregistered. It is estimated though to be around five million. One and a half million of this number belong to the registered church and three and a half million to unregistered churches. Of this number the majority are under the age of thirty five.

"Are there actual underground churches in these communist countries?"

The truth of the matter is that most so-called "underground churches" are actually on "top of the ground." "Unregistered churches" is by far a better term which we should adopt. They meet mostly in private homes and on many occasions in the fields or forest. In many cases these services are not even "secret," since the government is well aware of their coming together in these places. Sometimes they are ignored and on other occasions the police arrest the leaders and fine the rest. On one such occasion the police came during a service and the pastor and congregation made them wait until the service was over

MART VAHI ANSWERS . . .

some of your questions about his ministry to Slavic and East European countries.

before letting them disrupt and impose fines! These fines are an equivalent of or over a month's wages — next week the believers met as usual and were not disturbed until some time later.

"In our Christian activity in these communist countries, shouldn't we, together with the believers there be in subjection to the governing authorities" (Rom. 13:1)?

When we read the context of this passage we see why God placed these governments into power. God set them there as "... an avenger who brings wrath upon the one who practices evil" (verse 4). In I Tim. 2:2-4, it goes on to say that the authority is placed there "... in order that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity" in the "sight of God our Saviour, who desires all men to be saved." I Peter 2:13 also tells us to "Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution:" and then in verse 16 the result would bring about our actions to: "Act as free men ... as bondslaves to God." These governments have tried to make the Christians as "bondslaves" of the state instead of God and punished those who preach salvation and good to all.

God will judge the nation in the end time because He is the authority. These nations will be judged for having broken their responsibility and commitment to God in such cases. In these certain cases where the laws and actions of countries conflict with the laws

of God we must side in with Peter as he said "We must obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29).

The issue then becomes one of loyalty to God.

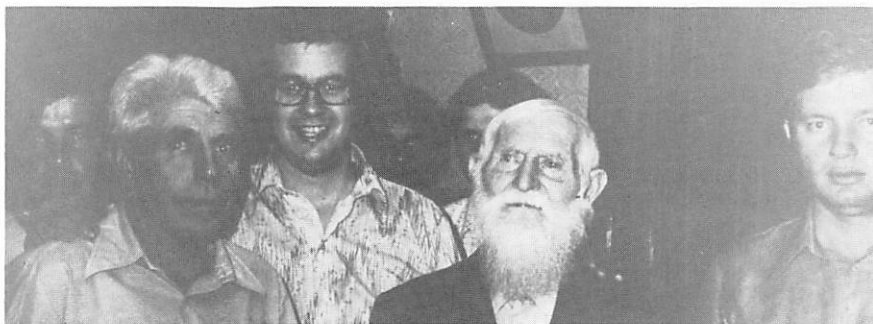
"Is it true Bibles are sent in through Bible societies receiving Government approval?"

Yes! And we praise the Lord for this. This does not by any chance meet the demands though. Those Bibles going in by these means are also controlled by the government — unregistered Christians would hardly have any chance of receiving these. It might be noted here that any type of Christian literature would almost never be allowed to be imported in that manner.

"How can one help the Christians of the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe other than praying for them?"

The main cry of the believers there is exactly that of "Join hands with us!" In the first place one can go themselves and spend their vacation with them. We can help you on the details. Next if you can't go, help send someone else. Support missionaries that you know are travelling into these countries themselves and are **active in ministry there**. Support projects for literature, Bibles, etc., through your local church or missionary council.

There are also occasions to get involved through summer programs through your Bible school or local church.



Mart Vahi shown behind two Russian brethren.

We want to bring you greetings from our brothers and sisters in Russia! We had a great privilege to meet some of the believers there recently. The church does truly exist in the Soviet Union, although in difficult circumstances.

There are more evangelical Christians in the Soviet Union today than most people think. It is estimated that about five million people participate in Protestant worship services regularly. The evangelical movement in Russia is young, its actual history spans only a little more than 100 years. The dominating church in Russia, throughout centuries, has been the Greek Orthodox also called the Greek Catholic church.

the one that most efficiently carries out the work of evangelism and teaching. It is often called "the underground church" because the believers have to meet for services in secret.

The underground believers truly love the Lord with all their heart. Worship services, Bible studies and prayer meetings are held as often as possible, usually several times a week. Because they do not exist officially, meetings have to be held in private homes, in the woods or other secret places. The greatest needs among these brethren are Bibles, hymnbooks, Christian literature such as childrens' books, concordances and Sunday school material, also cassette tapes and

killed under the leadership of Lenin, Stalin and their followers. The believers have to face various kinds of persecution, they lose their jobs, are forced to pay heavy fines, are put in prison and labor camps for years, and some are brutally tortured and murdered, all this because they believe in God and His beloved Son, Jesus Christ. To be a Christian in Russia means to be ready to suffer for Jesus' sake, (II Tim. 3:12). Give prayerful consideration to the following facts.

- Baptisms of young people under 18 years of age are forbidden.
- Children and youth under 18 years of age are not allowed to attend any church services or religious meetings.

CHRISTIANS IN RUSSIA

When the socialistic revolution took place exactly 60 years ago, the persecution of evangelical Christians was greatly increased. Lenin, the great Russian leader and organizer of Communism in Russia, expressed his opinion concerning religion: "Religion is a kind of intoxicating spirit in which the slaves of capitalism drowned their human nature and the claims for an existence tolerably appropriate for mankind."

There are three kinds of church assemblies in Russia today. The Greek Orthodox church, the officially registered Evangelical church and the unregistered Evangelical church. The Orthodox church is completely ruled by the Communists and so is the registered church. The government officials appoint the church leaders and have full control over all church activities, which are to be kept to the minimum. Believers or members in those churches have been forced to compromise between the Lord Jesus and the communistic rules. So the unregistered church is

other equipment to help them in Bible study and evangelism. There are no Bibles for sale in Russia, and it is extremely difficult to obtain one in the country.

And the believers do need our prayers and encouragement. Thousands of Christians are in prisons and strict labour camps, mental institutions and in exile. Families live in poverty, under constant oppression and surveillance of the police. In some cases children are separated from their parents.

Some may feel only sympathy for these suffering believers, but the word of God gives us essential spiritual understanding of the suffering. For the fact that the body of Jesus suffers is not a tragic misfortune but a promise. In suffering the vine is pruned so that it can bring forth more fruit (John 15:2). In suffering Jesus leads His congregation back to its original calling.

God only knows how many Christians have been tortured and

- Parents are not allowed to teach their children Christian doctrines.
- "Unhealthy" missionary activity is forbidden.
- Assemblies of preachers are forbidden.
- Congregational collections for the support of those in material need (e.g. those families whose fathers are imprisoned) are forbidden.
- Courses for the training of choir leaders are forbidden.
- The membership of the officially registered churches is to be kept to the minimum.
- Open confession of belief in God is forbidden.
- Distribution of Christian literature of any kind is forbidden.
- Christian meetings and gatherings outside the registered churches are forbidden.

People in Russia are living under terrible bondage. For some sixty years now the authorities, teachers, and scientists have tried to prove that there is no God. Children and youth are brought up

in atheism. You don't see people happy and smiling there very often, they are without joy and enthusiasm, with apathetic faces. Many western Christians think that the communist countries are closed doors'. But that is not so. About one third of our present world is under communism. So the communist countries form a great wide mission field. Jesus loves all people and He died for all people, I John 2:2/ Recent reports from Russia indicate revivals and growing interest in the gospel. On the other hand we receive reports from deaths in prison camps and trials that believers are going through there. The battle is still going on and it will be until we'll be with the Lord or Jesus comes for

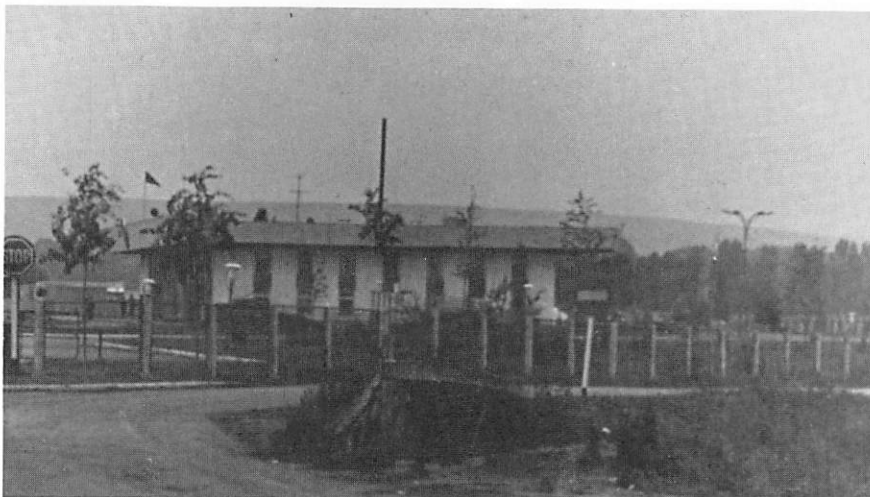
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by TARMO KOSTAMO

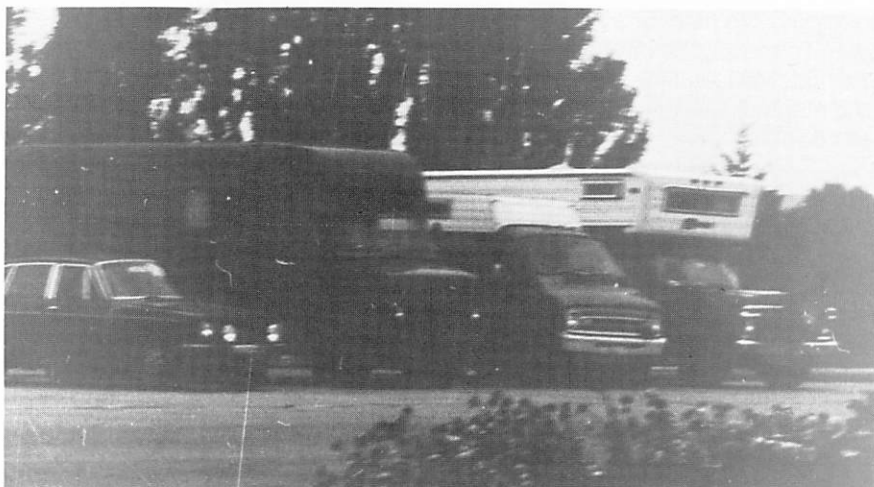
His church. Our privilege is to be a part of God's army and go forth in the power of the Holy Spirit!

When Jesus gave His great commission to all His disciples (Matt. 28:18-20), He said: "All the power is given unto me in heaven and in earth, go ye therefore and teach all nations". Reading this we must understand that when Jesus said all nations, He also meant it. Also, the main cry from our brothers and sisters in Russia and Eastern Europe is: "Join hands with us". My prayer is that we in the Apostolic Fellowship could see this need and reach out to "join hands" with those believers for the countries behind the Iron Curtain. God has blessed us with many material blessings that we may bless others who are in need. Truly the believers in Russia need our help so that they would be able to evangelize their country. This is a challenging mission, to win atheists for Christ! Prov. 29:18: "Where there is no vision the people perish ... " †

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The Soviet border house where the youth were held for interrogation that lasted several days. Brother Vahi, was himself held here for twenty-seven hours and then miraculously released.



The three vans and a car are lined up at the entrance of the Soviet border as a warning to others carrying Bibles and Christian literature. While boasting of religious freedom Soviet authorities confiscated the above vehicles along with many others this past summer, which carried Bibles and Christian literature.



Equal rights for women? The major labour force in the Soviet Union is made up of women.

WORLD MISSIONS & EVANGELISM 1978

The harvest fields of the world challenge us. Millions remain in the darkness of heathenism. The unfinished task of missions must continue to be the, "supreme task of the church". The whole gospel must be shared with the whole world by the whole church. This generation must seek to win their generation. Time is running out! The heathen continue to sing their doxology, 'No man careth for my soul!' To the regions beyond we must go. Missions must be placed as a number one item on our agenda. This must not be just a once a month brief reminder to the faithful, but it must be a daily flame in our hearts. Jesus said, "Labour

not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life" (John 6:27). His marching orders are still, "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you" (John 20:21). The church must continue to export the gospel of life and hope to every creature of every nation. Sentimentalism is no substitute for missions! We must become involved in praying, giving and going. As the early Apostolic churches were glowing with divine anointing; growing in numbers; groaning in the spirit of travail; giving hilariously; going to regions beyond, so let that fire stir us for missions in 1978.

Thanks to the readers of the End Times Messenger, for your prayers on behalf of missions in 1977. Prayer continues to be the greatest need on every mission field today. It was my privilege to preach the full gospel of Christ, in the fullness of the Spirit from the shores of South India, across the Maritime provinces of Canada, and in the regions of U.S.A., including the churches of Maine, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts. There was a delightful seal of the Holy Spirit upon the message.

Pray for us Brethren! From February to April of 1978 the Lord has opened doors for evangelism and teaching in Taiwan, Japan and Korea. Other foreign field engagements are planned. May we continue to do what we can, where we are, with what we have. The Bridegroom returneth soon, and may He find us busily engaged in bringing in the lost.

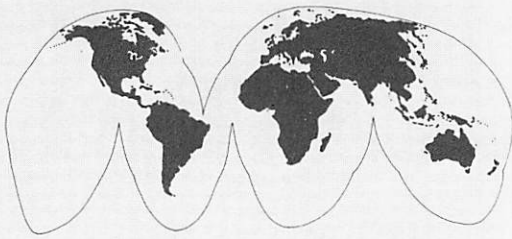
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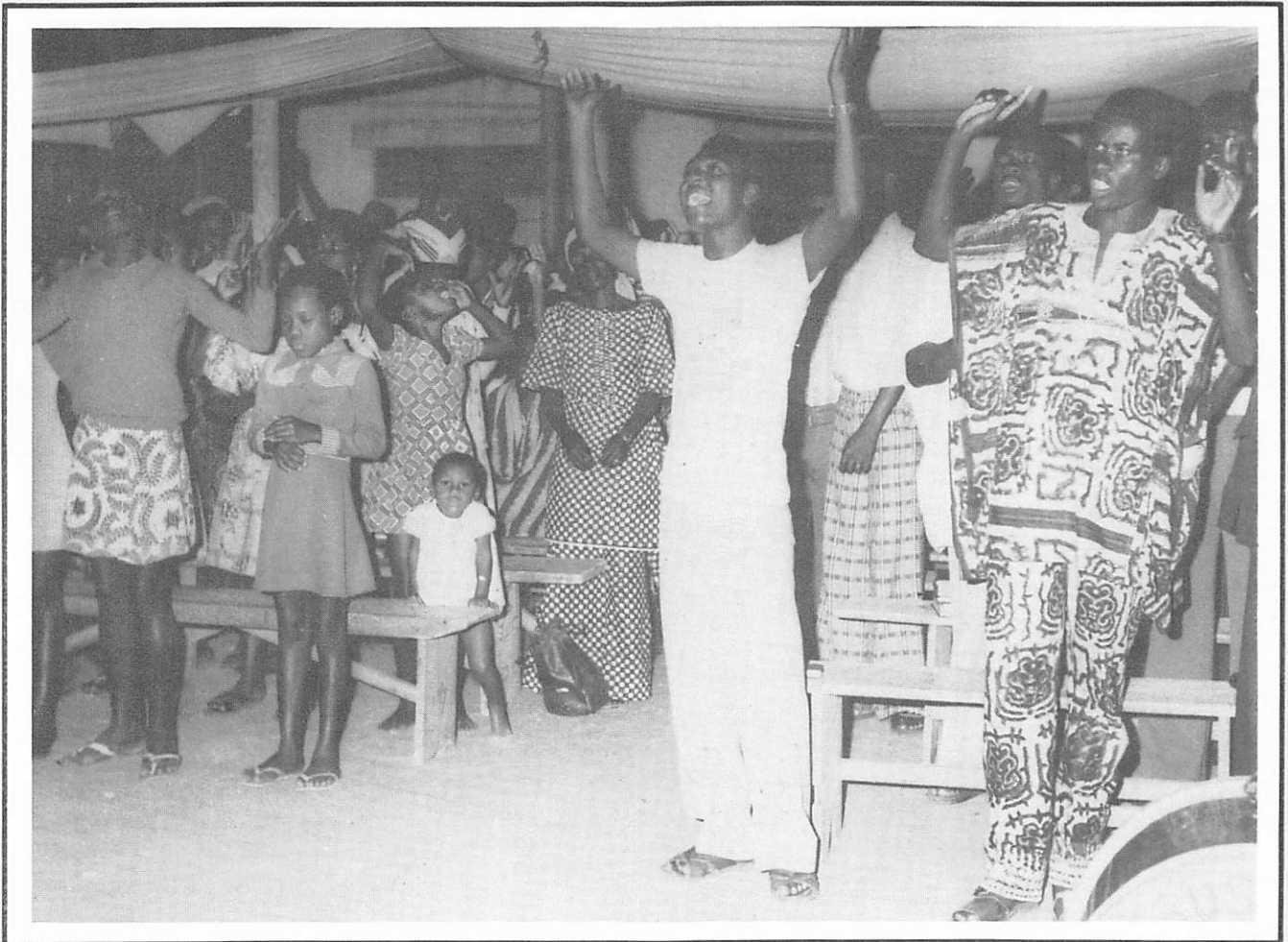
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Part of the congregation at a regular week night service in Tema, Ghana. The meeting place is just strips of canvas fastened to poles.

REPORT FROM CENTRAL AND SOUTH AFRICA

Rhodesia — In the past year several trips were made into Rhodesia, my wife and family accompanying me on one of these. Considerable time was spent teaching in the Bible college in Bulawayo. It was a joy to see our first graduating class come forth. Some of these graduates are now in full time service. We look to God for an increase in the student body this coming year 1978.

This is the field where the Jamiesons, Heinzigs and Roberts have been labouring for the Lord. All these have returned to Canada, and although we miss these strong hands in the work of the Lord, we do praise God for those that are being raised up locally to carry the load, and fill in the gap. It is our intention to train many more to take hold of the work. Do pray with us that God will send men and women of His choice of all races to this Bible school, that all peoples might hear.

I was able to minister in the local churches in Bulawayo, also making several trips to Gwelo field where the Crauses are labouring for the Lord. There have been some times of testing and difficulties in Rhodesia, but the Lord is working and there are signs of real spiritual progress. It is good to see the work of God going on in all these areas.

Two trips were made to Salisbury, where Sisters Anderson and Kellond give supervision to the work both in the city and in many

out stations. While in Salisbury I held seminar type meetings for several days, under the leadership of the sisters, for pastors, deacons and their wives; and some evangelistic meetings in the evening.

The work in Rhodesia is making very good progress in indigenous principles both in local churches as well as national church leadership. A Territorial Executive Council meeting was held in July in which church leaders of all races amongst whom our Fellowship works met to pray, and plan together for the extension of God's work in Rhodesia. We urge you to uphold this country in your prayers. There are often tensions, dangers and times of real testing to go through, but in the midst of this God is at work in a very real way. He, the Lord, is building a triumphant Church! (Matt. 16:18).

Malawi — In the month of August my family accompanied me to Malawi where we were able to help in two short term Bible schools, at Namitete and Mponela. These fields are supervised by Sisters Duncan and Cole. The Lapkas from Blantyre also joined us in these two places. My family had to return to South Africa for school, but I was able to carry on, and also had a time with the Lapkas in Blantyre where they and several Malawian workers have opened up new points. It is good to see the progress made in this new area,

with so many opportunities.

The work in Malawi has experienced wonderful growth, and active ministry is now being carried on in all three Regions (Central, Northern and Southern) of Malawi, with churches established, which are being shepherded by Malawian pastors. Malawians also share in the national leadership of the work. There are many things one could ask for prayer for in all the different fields; however we just ask you to pray for all these fields as we are working in the last days, in this land of Africa.

Zambia — From Malawi, I flew on to Zambia where I travelled about 1800 miles in meetings and conducted 6 Bible seminars. Brother Moses Chikwati, the superintendent of the work there travelled with me to all these places. Brother Standwe Lungu, secretary-treasurer, was also able to accompany me to a number of these places. Together we really enjoyed the blessing of the Lord, and in all our years of ministry in Zambia, I have never seen a greater hunger for the Word of God. The country is wide open for the gospel and we are glad there are those with the gospel sickle in there reaping! Pray much for each worker in this country.

We were able to borrow a truck from a friend in order to get around

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to all the areas. We thank God for those who made it possible financially for a much needed motor vehicle to be purchased to be used by the leadership in the work in Zambia, as well as for reaching out into new areas. I had many experiences on this trip, like sleeping on grass mats, etc. We were able to go to some places that I haven't been to in very many years. To see the progress with the limited amount of literature and the little fellowship that some places get was really encouraging. When God does a work, He keeps His hand on it. It was very tiring, but still so refreshing to see God at work. I came back home worn but rejoicing, but it was good to get back!

South Africa — Here in South Africa, where the Borden are pioneering a new work, we see progress and challenges. We thank

God that the registration of the church (A.C.O.P. of South Africa) has just been completed, thus making it possible to expand into any area and amongst any race, as God opens the door. Recently, we went to a new area, and while there, had the joy of conducting a service in the 'Chicewa' language (the language from Malawi that we learned). Since that meeting we understand that they are continuing a regular Sunday service for these people. A number made a stand for the Lord. This area is on the border of Mozambique and Swaziland. Perhaps the Lord will make it possible for us to reach even into these areas some day from this end. However we do feel that it was a profitable time spent. We are also looking into other directions as the Lord leads. We believe that God brought us here to enlarge our vision. We believe God is wanting us to "strengthen" and to "lengthen," so that we might see a

greater increase (Isa. 54:2-3).

We will appreciate your prayers for us as we move forward for God. I don't think we have ever experienced the pressures of darkness as we have in our coming back this time. Every move forward is challenged. Pray for us as you have never prayed before! "For a great door and effectual is opened unto me (us), and there are many adversaries" (I Cor. 16:9). But thank God, "in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us (Romans 8:37).

We do thank God for each of you in the home land, who stand with us so faithfully in your prayers and support, thus making it possible for us to continue in this ministry in Africa's ripened harvest. May the Lord of the harvest help each one of us to be faithful in the ministry to which He has called us.

by LLOYD and MADALENE SCHUETZ and family.

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by WALTER R. MARTIN

MISSIONARY PROJECTS

Zambia Vehicle — Praise the Lord, this need has been met.

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— D. Eaton — lighting plant — Praise the Lord, this need is met.

Rhodesia — Vehicle needed for Wendy Kellond and Shirley Anderson — \$8,000.

BUILDING PROJECTS

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2. **Japan Orphanage** — \$4,500 still needed on the \$10,000 approved by Missionary Council.
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Missionary Stan King ministers the Word in Ghana using two interpreters. Seated to the right of Phyllis King is Emmanuel Mensah, founder and present leader of the Prayer Group and Evangelistic Association. This group has officially been received into our fellowship.

HARVEST TIME IN SOUTHERN GHANA

by STAN AND PHYLLIS KING

The first three weeks of September, the Lord made it possible for Phyllis and I to visit the Prayer Group and Evangelistic Association in Tema, Ghana. Ever since our first contact with the group in May, 1976, they had wanted us to pay them another visit, and we were looking to the Lord to make such a visit possible, in His will. How our hearts rejoiced in the goodness of the Lord as we renewed acquaintances again, and shared the bounties of the Word with our beloved brethren and sisters in the Lord!

For the nineteen days we were there, there were meetings each night, with some in the mornings as well. Phyllis met with the "Arise and Shine" ladies' group each Friday morning. These ladies meet weekly for prayer and Bible study. Very often unsaved women are invited to come, and many find the Lord. Phyllis had the joy of leading one to the Lord after the first meetings.

Tuesday evenings, the Young

People's "Tuesday Group" meets for prayer and Bible study. This is a witnessing group of about fifty young fellows and girls who, twice a week, visit different neighbourhoods to share Jesus Christ with the unsaved. Once every two weeks they visit the hospitals in the Tema-Accra region. They have formed a singing group called "The Little Lambs" which takes part in the regular weekly meetings, and is in demand, also, to sing in numerous churches. It was a real joy to minister to these young people as they are keenly interested in spiritual things. We had the thrill of seeing the Spirit lead one young man and his wife back into fellowship with the Lord. He had been saved from a life of drugs and drink and had a wonderful testimony. However, faced with problems after his marriage, he had drifted back into the old way of life. Since coming back to the Lord, he has been completely free, and he and his wife are radiantly happy in the Lord.

Of special blessing was a three day open-air evangelistic crusade in a lorry park (passenger truck stop) in Tema New Town. Thursday morning and evening, and Friday morning, there was a special prayer for the Crusade. As the prayer Group is made up of members of many different churches, the Evangelical Churches of Tema New Town participated. The joy of the Lord was much in evidence during the meetings. The singing was very lively, led by "The Little Lambs" singing group. During the singing, different groups of women, men, or young people would move out to form a dancing line, clapping their hands or waving handkerchiefs in a wonderful expression of praise to the Lord. Each night there were two pastors from participating churches who gave Gospel messages, as well as myself. Sunday evening a group of young girls put on a presentation, prepared by Brother Mensah, the leader of the prayer group, on the theme: "Believe or Perish", which very graphically portrayed the drastic consequences of refusing the Gospel. One woman, who gave her heart to the Lord at the altar call that night, confessed that it was this presentation that frightened her, as she knew she was not ready to meet God.

Friday night there was a crowd of nearly 600, including Christians. Saturday night the crowd had increased to around 800, and Sunday night there were over 1000 present. Altogether over 100 adults and young people responded to the altar call and were dealt with for salvation. Their names and addresses were recorded for follow-up work. Many children, also, were taken aside and dealt with by a young lady, Mary, who is active in child evangelism in the primary and secondary schools in the Tema area.

Following the crusade, several of the new converts came to Brother Mensah's home for counselling and prayer. They asked that meetings be arranged for them so they could be fed the Word of God. The following Friday evening, we were able to meet with some of

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you were asking

by ART & GRETA SHEPPARD



"We are getting worried about our children. They don't seem interested in spiritual things."

A Christian doctor I know said to his wife just recently, "If we stay lukewarm we are going to produce *cold* children!!" Truer words have never been spoken. We as parents must take a hard look at our own lives. Children are a reflection of us. We cannot expect children to be deeply spiritual while we live materialistic, carnal lives. They read us better than we suspect. They know if we are for *real*.

Part of training is *modelling*. We model the gospel by our lives, not just our words.

Children pattern after the model they see more than the "voice" they hear.

"If we are saved by grace, then what does it matter how we live, we are going to heaven anyway?"

When one is truly saved by the grace of God, there is a strong conviction and desire within to live godly, soberly and righteously, looking for that blessed hope.

When one is truly a son of God by the grace of God, there will always be the chastising hand of God, when conduct is wrong. "Whom the Lord loves, He chastens." If you are not caring

how you live, I would look deeply at what kind of salvation you got hold of, for the true teaching of the Word says: "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature. Old things are passed away, all things are become new" (II Cor. 5:17).

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we that are dead to sin, live any longer therein.

Paul clearly deals with this question in Romans 6, and allows no room for loose living and careless conduct.

A saved person is a changed person, a new creature. A new man lives inside. It is Christ, and as we yield to Him, He will control our lives, and keep us from falling. Yes, we are *saved* by grace, and we are *kept* by grace. His anointed favour to undeserving sinners is almost beyond our comprehension; but one thing we understand is that He will "keep us from falling, and present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy."

these, and other recent converts, in the Tema New Town Secondary School. It was a thrilling experience to meet with these new brothers and sisters in the Lord. How they sang and worshipped their new-found Saviour! And how receptive they were to the Word! They were instructed in how to nourish their souls on the Word of God, how to be in constant fellowship with Father through prayer, and how to give practical expression to the Word in their daily lives.

One Sunday morning I was invited to speak at a Presbyterian Church in Accra. Just last year, the elderly pastor had been brought to the Lord through the prayer group, and had been filled with the Holy Spirit. A few in his congregation of 150 members he knew to be born again. I spoke simply from the fourth chapter of John's Gospel, showing how religion or church membership are not sufficient to be able to worship God acceptably,

but a spiritual new birth is essential. At the altar call by Brother Mensah, a former elder in a Presbyterian Church, the whole congregation responded and came forward. The way of salvation was clearly presented again, and they all repeated the sinner's prayer. Eternity alone will reveal what all was accomplished at that time, but the pastor was elated and so grateful to the Lord. It was an answer to his prayers and preaching, and a new beginning for his church.

On the way back to Tema, we stopped at the Accra General Hospital to pray for a sick lady. All eight of the other patients in the ward were witnessed to and prayed for. Two young girls of about thirteen and twenty gave their hearts to the Lord. The older girl had been watching as we visited the other beds, and when we arrived at her bed, she burst into tears and cried: "I want to be saved!" She was wearing two rings that she had gotten from a witch

doctor for protection. Without hesitation, she took them off, when asked to do so, and flung them from her. Praise the Lord!

The last Saturday morning, I had the pleasure of baptising twenty-two recent converts by immersion in Jesus' Name. After the implications of water baptism were explained from Romans, chapter six, each candidate testified as to his or her faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour. Some were Presbyterian, some were Methodist, and some had had no previous religious background; but they had all seen that this is the scriptural way for water baptism.

For the final Sunday morning, we were driven to Great Ningo where, a few months ago, the Prayer Group had held a three-day open-air Evangelistic Crusade when over 300 souls had been saved. Most of these had joined the Divine Healer Church, which had participated in

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HARVEST TIME IN SOUTHERN GHANA

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the Crusade. We had been invited to teach the believers, and to help promote the raising of funds for a church building. We found over 500 people gathered under strips of canvas strung up between buildings in the centre of town. As in all Pentecostal meetings in Southern Ghana, an area in front of the platform is left without benches to permit the worship of the Lord in dance during the singing. Several exuberant song-leaders took their turn to lead the singing and praise. For the regular offering, two collection baskets were set up on either side of the open circle. The congregation began to move out, forming two lines, and, led by the ushers, danced past the baskets, until all 500 or so had placed their offering. It was something to behold, to see all those people, singing and dancing, waving handkerchiefs before the Lord, weaving in and out and crisscrossing without the least confusion, and giving as unto the Lord with such joy. I had felt impressed on my heart the passages in the Corinthian letters which state that we are the temples

of the living God. As God does not live in buildings made by man's hands, the people were exhorted that the only way they can maintain the Presence of the Lord in their new church building is to keep their hands clean and their hearts pure, and to worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. After the message, Brother Mensah continued to exhort the people, encouraging them to give liberally unto the Lord for the church building. When we finally left at 1:00 p.m., the congregation was forming into two lines again, to be led past the offering baskets where they would place their gifts for the building project.

Sunday evening, the Prayer Group and Evangelistic Association Committee members staged a farewell party for us, with several invited guests and the "Little Lambs" singing group. After a time of singing and special numbers, we were both presented with a gift from the committee. Phyllis received a lovely, full length, African style dress of Ghana material, with embroidery stitching around the neck and sleeves, and down the front. I received a Ghanaian shirt, trimmed in the same manner as the dress. These people are so appreciative of any teaching they can get from the Word of God; and this is but one of their ways of expressing their appreciation and love. Needless to say, our hearts were deeply

touched. We were then served a delicious meal of several Ghanaian dishes. How warm and sincere were their farewell wishes, and their insistence that we pay them a further visit before we leave on furlough in a few months time! We assured them we would be delighted to do so, should the Lord so lead.

We thank the Lord for the opportunity He gave us to work and fellowship with our brethren of the P.G.E.A. What an inspiration and a refreshment they were to us. It was challenging to see their zeal and with what fervor they witness for their Lord. It is challenging, also, to see the ripeness of the harvest in Southern Ghana at the present time. Almost at any time, in any place, an evangelistic crusade will bring results. But it is even more challenging to realize that there are not enough evangelical churches in the country to absorb all the new converts, nor are there sufficiently experienced and trained men to shepherd the new flocks springing up. There is a tremendous potential in the many young people whose hearts the Lord has touched. A training program for these young people is a must if the commands of Jesus to "go and preach the Gospel," and to "make disciples," are to be accomplished. The Prayer Group and Evangelistic Association is looking to us, as well as to the Lord, to meet the need, that Ghana might be won for Christ, now, while the doors are wide open.

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Campus Comment

F.G.B.I. Homecoming '78

The theme of the F.G.B.I. Spring Convention, April 12 - 16, 1978, will be "Homecoming". A variety of functions for alumni and friends of the institute are being planned.

The Convention will be initiated by a homecoming banquet, April 11th. Class reunions can be accommodated throughout the convention.

The members of the graduating class "His Song" will receive their diplomas in the graduation exercises Sunday, April 16th. This is certainly a highlight to see these young men and women step out and accept the challenge of God's will for their lives.

Reverend David Crabtree of Des Moines, Iowa, noted pastor and convention speaker, will bring the evening messages. Several missionaries will also be bringing challenges from their field of service.

One of our strengths is in real Christ-centered fellowship. We welcome you to Homecoming '78.

— Dennis R. Petersen

New Subjects at F.G.B.I.

FGBI has adopted a program of "majors" in its curriculum planning. By this we mean that certain students who would like to tailor their studies to their own particular needs and calling, can choose the field of study best suited to them. The areas in which a student can major include:

Pastoral — Advanced Bible — Christian Education — Music.

A student begins to make his choice of study in the second semester of First Year and from there the elective subjects expand in number until the completion of Third Year.

Some of the new subjects offered this year in the light of the new program include:- Theology of Christian Education, Choral Technique, Introduction to Music, Piano lessons, and Voice lessons.

This in no way means that FGBI teaches less Bible and Theology. A recent survey of our curriculum department indicates that we are now teaching more class hours of Bible and Theology than we did ten years ago. In fact the study indicates that FGBI teaches more Bible and Theology than any other comparable resident school in Western Canada.

For further information, please contact the school for a copy of our new 1978 catalogue.

— Dennis R. Petersen

Indian Bible School Opens

The 1978 Bible School term will be held from February 20 until March 30. There are first, second, and third year courses offered. The principal of the school is Ronald Hooper. He is the only resident teacher. He will be assisted by local pastors and travelling evangelists. The teaching of the classes will be in the daytime followed in the evenings by evangelistic meetings to which people are able to attend who are too busy to come to the daytime sessions.

We appreciate prayer for the Indian Christians who will come and study the precious Word of God, and for each one who will teach and preach Christ during the term.

— Ronald Hooper, Principal
Full Gospel Indian Bible School
Box 205,
Fort Qu'Appelle, Sask.

MAGAZINES HAVE A MINISTRY... ..



Record Enrolment at J.B.C.

The fourth term of Jubilee Bible College with an enrolment of sixty-two students, began on September 12th. The faculty and board were pleased to witness the return of so many second and third year students this term.

As each term begins we eagerly await the arrival of the new students. God has sovereignly blessed us with an excellent group of first year students from various backgrounds and different parts of Canada.

The Word of God has the power to transform lives; to produce spiritual growth and Christian maturity. To all the members of the faculty this is most evident in the lives of the second and third year students.

All the students of Jubilee Bible College are involved in Christian service in one of the local churches. Some are singing in the choir, playing in the orchestra or teaching a Sunday School class. This is a vital part of practical training.

All the class committees have been elected and are active in arranging school functions.

The music department directed by Brother Dave Black is reaching out on weekend ministry in churches and banquets.

One of the most important committees in the school is the year book committee. Dave Meehan is the editor and we are anticipating a very fine publication.

At this point we praise the Lord for the opportunity of sharing God's wonderful Word with students anxious to know the truth. Above all we solicit your prayers for Jubilee Bible College.

— E.P. Funk
Dean of Students

SOUND SELECTIONS

by DAVE BLACK



In the field of gospel music there is such a tremendous variety to choose from. Different styles, such as folk, easy listening, instrumental, choir, quartet, and 'Jesus music', are some examples of the different categories under which recordings are to be found. For those who are not familiar with all the current music, this column will assist you in making a choice when in the market for more gospel music. It will enable you to make a sound selection, one in which you will not be disappointed.

The Hawaiians

Let's take a look at the latest recording from The Hawaiians; "I'll Sing This Song For You." Here are hours of listening pleasure as this dynamic couple bring you the very best of today's traditional melodies in their unique duet style.

The Hawaiians, known and enjoyed by thousands, are among the best of today's Christian musicians and this new recording is a superior demonstration of their excellence. It flows with the intensity of spirit and beauty that The Hawaiians are famous for.

All of your favorites — "My God and I," "Friend of the Father," "Through it All," "I'll Sing This Song For You," and "All the Time in The World" — are on this just-released recording.

Mike and Diane Yasuhara — The Hawaiians — have been involved in

their mainland ministry since 1969 and they are seeing the fruits of their work for the Lord. Frequent participants in the Billy Graham Crusades, Mark and Diane have seen their first recording "God Gave The Song," touch thousands of lives. They believe that this recording will have the same impact because it also comes directly from their experience . . . from their heart.

The vibrant, tender harmony that the Hawaiians are so well known for, is evident throughout this entire album. Listen closely as they sing the songs of David Meece, Andrae Crouch, Ron and Carol Harris. Pay close attention to the lyrics from Stormie Omartian on "All the Time in The World." You'll know from the way that Mark and Diane sing these lyrics that they truly believe and trust in a God that has the whole world in His hands.

You'll enjoy this recording as you listen to the beautiful soaring vocals, and the way the notes are strung together like an expensive pearl necklace.

The Sunday Series

The "Sunday Series," introduces a new concept for organ music lovers. "Sunday Pipes, Pedals and Friends" is the title of the newest album in this series. The album could have been called "Sunday Organ," but then what about the harp, vibes, marimba, bells, chimes, guitars, piano, drums, etc., that add

a totally new dimension to organ music . . . so Sunday included "friends," and called it "Sunday Pipes, Pedals and Friends."

If you love organ music, don't expect a traditionally styled album, but rather a new experience. Some of the selections are: "Morning has Broken," "Somebody Bigger Than You and I," "I'll Walk With God," "Day by Day," "The Lord's Prayer," and others. So grab a good book, relax and enjoy the warmth that this album will bring into your home.

Other records in the Sunday Series are: "Sunday Strings Play the Grand Old Hymns," "Sunday Singers Sing Tribute to Bill Gaither," "Sunday Guitars Play Tribute To John Peterson," "Sunday Saxes Play Tribute to the Hymns of Fanny Crosby," "Sunday Pianos Play Tribute to Stuart Hamblen," "Sunday Trombones Play Tribute to Andrae Crouch," "Sunday Trombones Play Tribute to Ralph Carmichael," and "Sunday Saxes Play Tribute to Bill Gaither."

Ten Top Tunes

Here's a list of the ten top best sellers as is put out by Word Records of Vancouver;

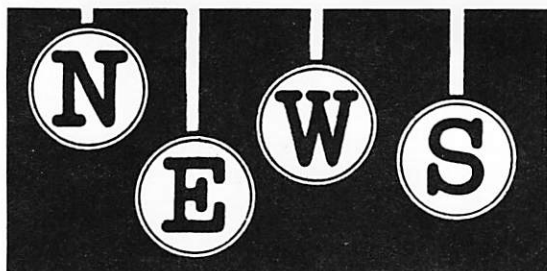
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3. Gentle Moments - Evie \$6.98
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DISTRICT REPORTS

North Saskatchewan

Twenty-five ladies met in the Melfort Apostolic Church on October 25th for the district meeting. The meeting was chaired by the president, Bea Gammie of Eston. She welcomed the ladies and the meeting began with singing "I Want God's Way To Be My Way." Helen Neilson led in prayer. Sister Bea quoted Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." She then read Luke 24:48, encouraging us to apply this to our daily living, to spend time with the Lord and then go out. If the Lord isn't in what we do it won't amount to anything. She concluded with John 14:12 (her favorite scripture) "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on Me the works that I do shall he do also, and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." Glorify the Lord!

Reports were given of group activities for the past year by representatives from Melfort, Eston, North Battleford, Nipawin and Hudson Bay.

We were honored to have Sister Audrey Powers, as our speaker, for the afternoon. She and her husband have been working with the native people on the reserves in Northern Saskatchewan, over the past year. She encouraged us to give God first place in our lives as she read Joshua 1:2.

South Saskatchewan

The regular fall meeting of the South Sask. District A.L.M.F. was held in Pangman on October 20 with 60 ladies present.

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Sister Clara White opened the meeting, greeting the ladies and giving a welcome from our Pangman ladies group. Sister Bonnie Halvorsen was at the organ and Sister Ruth Block played the piano.

Sister Isabel Sheppard, Pangman, a former missionary nurse to the Arctic, sang 'Harvest Time.'

Our first missionary speaker of the afternoon was Debbie Gillett, missionary-elect to Guatemala. She expressed her thanks to the A.L.M.F. for items supplied from Central Cupboard plus the experience gained while serving in the Grenfell group. It had given her an appreciation of the work done. She went on to tell us what they are planning to do. They hope to be involved in the Bible School in Guatemala, do some evangelistic work and help in the teaching of new converts in seminars, etc. Pentecost is the fastest growing group in Guatemala and she requested our prayer support, counting it a real privilege to work for the Lord.

Our second missionary of the afternoon was Ruth Sheppard. She was home on temporary sick leave from Victoria, Mexico. In the five months she has spent in the field, Ruth said she had been through a lot and learned a lot. At the time of the accident (when Mr. Baker was killed and she was left in charge of the orphanage) she learned that the Lord fills each need of loneliness, inadequacies, adjustments and other trials. He is sufficient. There has been an increase in the staff at the Happy Home, they now number nine, including a Spanish teacher.

She reported that Baby Jonathan Lopez, who was born without proper joints is improving. All the staff had written about him in their letters home and asked for prayer,

and now, as they care for Jonathan they can feel the wee ankle joints beginning to form.

Ruth feels that she may be in Spanish language school in McAllen, Texas next year, preparing for further service in Latin America. She thanked us for our prayers for her and told us that in their times of need, they can feel our prayers. She added that the ones on the field pray for the ones at home too.

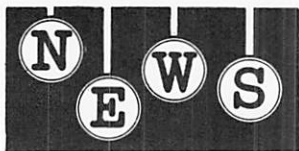
It was now offering time and we sang "Count Your Blessings" as the ladies came to the front and put their offering in the plates.

The meeting was now turned over to Sister Toth, who spoke briefly on Psa. 91:1 — how we need to abide in Him. This was our call to prayer for our missionaries.

Sister Elsie White of Calgary, our Dominion A.L.M.F. president was our special guest speaker and brought slides of her recent missionary trip to Upper Volta, Johannesburg, Rhodesia, Malawi, India, Taiwan and Japan.



Ella Olsen and Sister Spicer Contribute to the offering at Pangman.



Northern Alberta

The annual meeting of the Northern Alberta District A.L.M.F. was held in October at the Athabasca Apostolic Church with 20 ladies present.

Evelyn Peterson opened the meeting with prayer and welcomed everyone. Gerry Jones brought a scripture reading from Ephesians chapter 4.

A solo by Carol Link, "He Hideth My Soul" was enjoyed by everyone.

The district reports were given as follows: Athabasca — Maude Ball; Greenlawn — Micky Maddex; Dapp — Francis George; Grassland — Lydia Williams; Manning — Gerry Jones; Edmonton — Carol Link.

Lillian Bush then sang a moving number, "How Great Thou Art".

The Northern District ladies were challenged by the president to take on a special project of their

choosing. There was discussion regarding present activities and future possibilities.

Marg Liknes accepted the position of president.

Joyce Roberts who had recently spent two years in Rhodesia, brought a challenging message which she called, "Broken & Useful". She encouraged each one to submit themselves to Christ, to minister to Him, and consequently we would bear such spiritual fruits as love, joy, and peace which would draw others to Christ.

British Columbia

During the B.C. District Fall Conference held in the Surrey Peoples Full Gospel Church on Nov. 1st, 1977, the ladies gathered for a time of fellowship and business. In the absence of Sister Donna Bradley, Sister Betty Carnes chaired the meeting. There were 53 present. The ladies were greeted and welcomed with Psalm 100. Several choruses were sung, after which prayer for the missionaries was made by Frances Martin. Sister Debbie Carmont sang a solo,

"Let Me Walk With You Jesus," after which the ladies joined in singing, "And He Walks With Me."

Hazel Grace Thompson, our guest speaker, spoke of being glad of the opportunity to thank the ladies for their kindness during her labor of love in Africa, also the 10 years she and her husband Don spent in Northern Sask. among the Indians. Her topic was "What Does It Mean To Be Called Of God?" (Jer. 1:4,5). One who is called of God is called before they are born. Hazel Grace's mother had her dedicated to the Lord, and prayer was made that she'd be a missionary.

When she was 16 years of age, a lady missionary shared about needs. She asked if there was anyone there God was calling. Hazel Grace responded. She and her husband went North and God provided them with a house. When they felt that their work there was finished, God supplied Brother and Sister Dalton Powers to take their place.

We had a precious time of praise and worship.



To keep our Fellowship informed of the activities and accomplishments of member churches, pastors and evangelists are requested to submit regular reports of their special missionary or evangelistic efforts.

Other newsworthy events, such as the building of new churches, or the appointment of new pastors, should be reported promptly. Photos, if possible, should accompany reports.

News items should be sent directly to the editor:

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Surrey Hosts B.C. Conference

The manifest presence of God hovered over People's Full Gospel Church in Surrey in early November. While construction continued on the new sanctuary, Pastor D.W. Breen, along with Associate D.M. Carmont and the congregation welcomed the largest conference attendance to the annual B.C. District conference of the A.C.O.P. Morning attendance of approximately 125 more than doubled for the evening rallies, as Rev. John Kennington of Portland in an anointed ministry of the Word of God, expounded from the Scriptures powerful messages in keeping with the conference theme, "The Solid Centre — Holding Faith and a Good Conscience." The musical ministry of Jubilation, People's Church Choir, along with

Jubilee Bible College Singers, Debbie Carmont, Gary and Becky Christian, complemented the services which were marked by a triumphant spirit of praise and worship.

The morning messages of Presbyterian Rev. Ed Funk, and secretary Rev. Leonard Martin were timely, practical, and anointed of God. In the open forum sessions a beautiful spirit prevailed, as our Brother Kennington gave knowledgeable answers to the sincere questions of the audience.

Predominant in the theme of the conference was an emphasis upon the person and work of Christ. God seemed to be telling us to get back to this, and away from the novel, spectacular and latest spiritual fads. The Holy Spirit attested this accentuation in each service, with a sweetness of His presence always prevalent.

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South Saskatchewan Fall Conference

Bethel Assembly in Pangman, Saskatchewan was the scene of the Fall Conference of the South Saskatchewan District. Ministers, their wives and lay delegates from churches in Southern Saskatchewan met in Pangman on October 21, 1977. At 10:00 a.m. we all gathered to worship the Lord. Host pastor, Rodger Halvorsen led in singing and worship. ACOP Clerk and Missionary Secretary, Bob Larden, brought a message from God's Word. He ministered on the compound names of Jehovah as we find their fulness in Jesus Christ (Col. 2:9).

After a delicious meal served in the town's Recreation Center, the ladies gathered in the church to hear Sister Elsie White share on her missionary tour. She showed the pictures that were taken as she travelled. At the same time the men met downstairs in the church. 34 ministers and lay delegates attended the business session.

Rev. M.A. Switzer opened the meeting by challenging us to rejoice in what God is doing in our land today and to be prepared to minister to those who are experiencing renewal out of the rich heritage we have as Pentecostal people. Evangelist Wes Schindel opened in prayer.

Items of business included discussion regarding new developments in Income Tax regulations; pending legislation in Saskatchewan that will affect the marriage of minors; Dominion Bible Conference; a report on the "I Found It" Campaign in Saskatchewan. The District accepted a request from Missionary Council to give recommendations and send reports on home missions projects in the District receiving funds from Missionary Council.

The highlight of District Conferences in the past couple of years has been the reports on home mission projects in the District. The District sends \$500.00

per month to support the pastor in Weyburn, Saskatchewan. Also the work at Indian Head, Saskatchewan is receiving funds from Missionary Council. The delegates were thrilled and blessed as reports were given of growth, blessing and rebuilding that has been done. Both works have been blessed of the Lord.

After a good supper some delegates viewed an audio-visual presentation of the churches in Southern Saskatchewan prepared by Clarence Jonat. The presentation will be shown at F.G.B.I. in Eston, making students aware of the location of churches and the pastors. Everyone met in the church for the evening service. Different ones took leadership in the service. It was a privilege to share in ordaining the pastor of our home mission project in Weyburn, Dave Wicks. Brother Larden ministered an evangelistic message. We left thanking God for the privilege of meeting with "the family" and carrying out the business connected with His work in Southern Saskatchewan.

Lac La Biche Church Dedicated

Two years ago pioneer evangelist and pastor Lydia Williams

began meetings in the home of Tom and Helen Staparyk. They had accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour only a short time before at a rally meeting in Grassland. Interest grew and they moved the regular weekly meeting into the High School auditorium. This year the School Board served them notice that at the end of December they could no longer hold their meetings in the school. A building was acquired that had been built by a church group that were unsuccessful in establishing a work.

On November 11th and 13th Rally Services were held for the dedication of the building to the work of the Lord. Robert A. Larden of Saskatoon was the guest speaker. Northern Alberta District Presbyter Albin Liknes was present and participated in the Sunday Rally Services. At the Friday night service there were 40 resident Lac La Biche people at the service and pastor Lydia Williams said "they are regular attenders".

Sunday saw the place packed with about 150 in attendance. Supper was served by the Lac La Biche ladies.

God has raised up an anointed gospel witness in another needy area of our land. Praise the Lord.



Full Gospel Church Lac La Biche, Alberta



by R. A. LARDEN

“WHAT SEEK YE?”

“Come for spiritual renewal and revival at the world's most favored vacation beaches.” That's a non quote, but a developing advertising gimmick to the entire fellowship of the Redeemed. Make up your mind do you want a vacation, or do you want to seek God and move into the deep waters of the Holy Spirit's movements? To have a vacation is no sin. Jesus said to His Apostles, “Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while . . .” (Mark 6:31).

“Jacob was left alone and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day,” (Gen. 32:24). It was at Peniel, not Palm Springs, that God said to Jacob, “as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.” It was at Bethel not Bermuda where the revelation of God came to Jacob. It was at Mount Horeb, not Honolulu that Moses saw the “bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. . . . (and the Lord) said Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground,” (Ex. 3:2 & 5).

It was on Patmos, not Nasau where John being “in the Spirit of the Lord's day, and heart behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, saying I AM Alpha and Omega, the first and the last and what thou seest, write in a book . . .” and thank God he did (Rev. 1:10-11).

It was at Bedford Jail, not Barbados where John Bunyan wrote Pilgrim's Progress. It was in the cold of a Winnipeg winter in a small apartment room where the anointing of God fell on Frank Small and he saw a vision from the Lord of a gospel tent, and a voice said “your time is up. Get ready! A revival is here.”

Power with God and power with men is never achieved while sunbathing on a beautiful sandy beach sipping ice cold lemonade. It is more likely to be in “the midst of the burning fiery furnace” where the revelation of the “Son of God” will come clear and a great deliverance transpire.

The Word of the Lord states “ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart” (Jer. 29:13).

It was after ten days of earnest prayer and heart searching that “Suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting — and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues, as the spirit gave them utterance” (Acts 2:2,4).

“What seek ye?” Jesus asked in John 1:38. May we honestly ask ourselves, What am I seeking?



Weyburn Assembly

WEYBURN: Home Missions Project by DAVE WICKS

We really thank the Lord for what He has accomplished here in Weyburn. We have been here just over a year and four months. The Lord has increased the adult attendance from five to around twenty. We have seen a number saved but only one so far has remained in the church. The others have moved away, but it does make the congregation feel like they are functioning for a purpose.

I find it rather difficult to report without feeling like perhaps I'm blowing our horn, but with all sincerity, the growth and improvement in the work was accomplished by God. The interior of the church has received a complete face-lift. A beautiful new ceiling was put in. This ceiling has quite a story behind it. At a conference in Moose Jaw, I presented the need for a new roof. The estimates that I had for costs were around \$1000.00. In the afternoon business session an offering was taken which came to around \$600.00. When the roof was finally in, the cost was around \$700.00.

Some of the things we have tried to reach out in:

1. Public Bible classes.
2. Crusade meetings, out of doors, using local talent and ministry. We also had Don Spratt here and had one precious soul saved.

3. Door to door canvas, outreach and visits.

4. Youth happenings.

5. November 13 - 18 — Harry Roberts Crusade. Ministry to believers. Two people were healed: one of eye trouble, one from trouble with legs. Six people were filled with the Holy Ghost in a beautiful, sovereign way. All of them were very young in the Lord. Four of these have just begun to attend the church in the last two months.

6. Boys Club started in September, 39 boys have registered, nine of the boys have found Christ as their Saviour since then.

Some of our future plans:

1. Girls Club starting after New Year.
2. Continued concentration on Sunday School.
3. Pairs - Spares type of fellowship on Friday nights.
4. Continued upgrading of building, primarily our basement facilities.

The Church membership is 30 . . . and that's counting everybody.

As we learn to worship Him, He continues to do battle for us. Praise God.

Pat and I and David Jr. would like to express our thanks to all who have made this opportunity possible. For the financial help we say thanks. But most of all for the love and prayers that have been directed our way. Some have thoughtfully sent gifts, which were expressions of love. We also thank our Lord who brought us out of darkness to serve Him.

News from Kelowna

We would like to take this opportunity to report on some of the good things the Lord has done for us here in the Kelowna Apostolic Church. During the last week of October, we completed our first short term Bible School program of our current season. We call this teaching ministry: "SEARCH," which stands for Systematic Education and Research Concerning Him. The topic of this four-night seminar was a survey of the book of Acts under the topics of the "Messengers, Meetings, Mission, Methods, Motivation, Miracles, Message and Multiplication of the New Testament Church." Instructors were: Rev. Laurie Crick, Pastor Bob Tauber, Rev. Dan MacNaughton, and Mr. Elgin Brown. Approximately 40 registered for these eight classes.

Our next seminar was held in December and dealt with Family Life. We presently have six mid-week home study and prayer groups functioning in various areas of the city.

On Remembrance Day, Nov. 11th a district rally was held in the church. An afternoon musical concert with "The Believers" was deeply enjoyed by all. The ministry of this fine group is widely accepted and will be a great blessing to any assembly. Supper was served at 5 p.m. with lots of good fellowship and 'getting acquainted' as added blessing. A special kids' meeting by the Believers was conducted at 6 p.m. with their famous puppets. In the 6:30 p.m. service, new pastors Bob McIvor of Kamloops and Nathan Simons of Penticton were introduced and both shared a message from the word of God.

Brother and Sister Dan MacNaughton, formerly of Jasper, have accepted our church's invitation to join our staff as minister of youth and Christian Education. Danny and Norma and their two boys Sheldon and Benji took up residence and began full time ministry in Kelowna on Dec. 1st.

by PASTOR BOB TAUBER

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