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Greetings to Our Workers and Believers in Southern Asia

N MY return to the field my first thought was to send a message of greeting to all of our workers and believers throughout the Division. How good it is to be back with you after a very pleasant and profitable furlough of six months. Early in April we left Poona and spent our last Sabbath in Southern Asia with our believers in Karachi. We enjoyed visiting churches and former fellow workers, also made new acquaintances with our people in Baghdad, Beirut, Istanbul, Athens, Rome, Frankfurt and other places on the continent. We spent a Sabbath in Watford, England, and here and elsewhere we met some of your friends who inquired about you and wished to be remembered to vou. Everywhere we found our people of good courage. In England we met Sister Nolda, Sister Webster, Brother and Brother Haslam and family, Brother and Sister Rodriguez and the Maxwell young people, Brother and Sister Tarr, Brother and Sister Anniss. They all look back to Southern Asia with fond memories.

After we reached New York we drove across the United States to spend a few weeks with our children, then returned to the General Conference Session in Cleveland.

O. O. MATTISON, President

It was the most inspiring meeting I have ever attended. Right after its close we started a long trek through the Northern States, visiting relatives and friends of many of our missionaries in this Division. We spent a very pleasant time in old Battle Creek and saw Doctor Dunbar Smith and his family, also other friends. In Duluth, Minnesota and Pelican Rapids we saw the relatives of Pastor and Mrs. Sorensen, and the Preston family down in North Dakota. Pastor K. D. Johnson, brother of Pastor D. S. Johnson, is the president of the North Dakota Conference. He had invited us, together with Pastor M. D. Moses to attend their camp meeting, where we saw many friends and met a wonderful group of believers and workers who love this message and want to see it finished in the earth. In Montana we saw Pastor W. J. McHenry and his family, also relatives of Pastor Torkelson.

We then travelled to camp meetings in Oregon and Washington, where again we met many friends and relatives of workers out here. Pastor Kalee Paw joined us in visiting churches and camp meetings up in the great Northwest. Brother and Sister A. J. Johanson, now at the Walla Walla College, especially wanted to be remembered to all here in Southern Asia. Their children have grown to be fine young people, and they all still love old Southern Asia. Coming on down closer to our children in California, we visited Pacific Union College and friends there. Pastor and Mrs. Skau wanted us to be sure to remember them to you. They have settled into a nice little home but continue to be active in service for the Master. Eventually we found ourselves down in Southern California. We had a wonderful get-together with former workers from Southern Asia in a beautiful park in Relands. While visiting with our children we met with a number of churches, and each one wished to send greetings to you. We had a family reunion just before we were to leave for the Autumn Council, when all of our children and grandchildren met together at the home of our oldest daughter, Mrs. Jacobsen, in Sacramento. Then Weldon and his family returned to Loma Linda while we left for the East.

There is so much I could tell you of interest and of our contacts with the churches and our people everywhere. We took every opportunity to represent the interests of Southern Asia to our people wherever we went, our people in

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SOUTHERN ASIA TIDINGS



Assam Workers' Meeting

O. W. LANGE

THE MEETING of the Assam workers in Shillong, September 4-15, marked a milestone in the progress of the work. It was inspiring to see the representatives from every corner of the field and to listen to their stories of providential workings of God in the onward march of His truth to new tribes and unentered areas.

This was probably the largest gathering of workers ever to meet in Assam. A few years ago, similar gatherings of working staff in Assam consisted of only four workers, who had all accepted the truth only recently and had enlisted in the work without having the opportunity to be trained in The thirty-three schools. our workers in attendance-most of whom were young men and women won by the faithful labours of those few pioneer workers and trained in our schools before being called into service-presented a strong working staff. Of the four pioneer national members of the Assam working staff, two are still in active service and one has passed to his rest.

A beautiful spirit of fellowship, unity and zeal for the cause of Christ was felt throughout the meetings. National leaders, representing various areas, brought a deep spiritual tone to the council in the soul-stirring devotional services morning by morning.

The brethren expressed their unity in the faith and love for believers everywhere. They earnestly look forward to the day when they may meet the entire family of redeemed ones on the sea of glass.

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New Church in the Chin Hills

P. A. PARKER

O N SABBATH, September 20, the baptized members of Khawsak village in the Siyin Valley were organized into a church with seventeen charter members.

The Khawsak church organization is the result of the faithful work of Brother Ngul Khaw Pau who was sent to the Siyin Valley in 1957. A good interest has developed and there are good prospects that the work will continue to grow. An enthusiastic Sabbath School of over thirty members meets every Sabbath to study God's word together. May God bless this new church among the Chin people



This church is the fifth fully organized church in the Chin Hill area.

On the day of the church organization Son Kho Din and Vum Za Lian, his mother, were baptized. It is interesting to note that Son Kho Din is the only living son of the first Christian convert among the Chin people. This first Christian was converted in 1904 by Rev. Cook and later became the first Chin pastor. Vum Za Lian is the widow of this first Christian believer. She was his second wife as his first wife died some years ago. The mother and son are fully converted and will be good, strong lay workers in the newly organized church at Khawsak.

On this same trip to the Chin Hills it was my privilege to visit Falam, the capital of the Chin Hills. There Brother Lakhuma has been working for the past few months. A good Sabbath School has already been started and three dear people were ready for baptism. These were baptized as the first fruits in that newly entered place. We are looking forward to others accepting our message there soon.

The work is making progress throughout the whole Chin Hill area under the leadership of Pastor Baw Dee. A number are waiting for baptism in the Darkhai-Bukphir area where Brother Phung Kai is working. A good strong Sabbath school is located in both of these villages and it is expected that a new church will be organized in both villages in the near future.

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First Fruits from E. Khandesh

F. E. SPIESS

A VERY interesting report has just come to hand from the effort that was conducted in Dhulia, a center in which we have never had any membership through the years. Earlier in the year Brother D. D. Kaley, one of our Marathi evangelists, held a series of meetings there. Since that Brother D. P. Borge and his family have been moved to follow up the interest.



New members and workers, Dhulia.

On October 11, Pastor William Moses visited the place and baptized 6 converts and has therefore laid the foundation for a new church organization which we hope may be organized soon. Brother Borge informs me he has 12 more candidates preparing for baptism. Their goal is 20 baptisms and then the organization of their church.

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Nuzvid Youth Activities

G. S. Peterson

THE Giffard Memorial Hospital ÷. Missionary Volunteer Society is comprised mostly of student and graduate nurses. Of the 120 members fifty are Master Guides. Even though our members are very busy throughout the week, caring for the sick, they take a keen interest in other missionary activities too. At present we have two missionary bands working. Every week these bands give out hundreds of Truth-filled magazines and tracts. We do get some interesting letters from those who receive these silent messengers. Not long ago, one man who received From all evidence this is a very inspiring project for the development of the work. They have learned to be members in the full sense of the word; they are all faithful tithe-payers and earnest Sabbath keepers. They are all witnessing for the message among their neighbours and friends.

Brother Borge and his wife and son, Paul, have been very loyal and faithful in visiting the people, distributing more Bible Course cards and in giving Bible studies. Recently a new M. V. Society was opened and the first attendance was 36 young people. Paul writes that even a Dorcas Society is to begin soon. Our leaders in Dhulia earnestly solicit our earnest prayers for the success of their endeavours.

our magazines wrote to us expressing his desire to study more about the Truth.

We conduct three branch Sabbath schools each week. Our young people take a keen interest in this work. They teach the children gospel songs, health principles, and Bible stories. When the time for the meeting comes, the children, dressed in clean clothes, arrive at the meeting place to welcome our MVees who conduct the meetings. As a result of these branch Sabbath schools, three boys are studying in our Narsapur Training School.

In spite of the regular heavy hospital programme our young people conduct Voice of Youth efforts each year. One of these efforts was held at the village of Annavaram. The messages were presented by young people who speak the Telugu language. Our custom is to start with a song service after which a health talk is given, then the topic of the evening is presented. The people appreciate the messages and we are glad to report that 3 have already been baptized from this Voice of Youth effort. Every Sabbath now a Sabbath school is conducted in this place. Truly the fields are white ready to be harvested but the reapers are few.

Greetings

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the homeland are keenly interested in the great programme of foreign missions. We spent a pleasant Sabbath with the Doctors Janzen and John Quinn and their families, in Glendale, and of course they, too, have many friends and relatives here to whom they want to be remembered.

I greatly enjoyed meeting with our world leaders at the Autumn Council in Washington to discuss the great needs of the mission programme. The largest budget ever was voted for the advancement of God's cause in the earth. Just before leaving there I had the privilege of speaking to the General Conference office group in their morning worship period, and at the close everyone stood to signify their desire that I carry back greetings and to assure you of an interest in their prayers. So I bring direct greetings from the General Conference working staff to all of our believers and workers in Southern Asia. And again, greetings to all of you from Mrs. Mattison and myself, wherever you are. May God bless you as you press the work onward in your various spheres of activity, and in vour homes and churches. I am looking forward to seeing you as the opportunity presents itself.

Student Colporteur Celebration

J. W. NIXON

SUNDAY evening, September 21, was a high day for the student colporteurs at Spicer Memorial College, as it was the annual supper and distribution of trophies.

Almost exactly 100 students and guests sat down to a very attractively prepared meal in the college dining hall. The tasteful food added much enjoyment to the social success of the occasion. During the evening a number of speeches were made and special items rendered which helped to make the evening a success.

The student sales for the vacation were the highest ever, with a total of Rs. 110,988. This is a gain of Rs. 10,000 over 1957, and shows the right trend.

Colporteurs winning trophies for high sales.

The estimated scholarships for Spicer Memorial College and other high schools included 20 full and 31 part, and one full and three part for Wadia College, making a total of 55 scholarships for the vacation. This is also an increase on 1957.

The financial benefits of the scholarship plan are actually only a part of the help which the students receive.

The character building lessons learnt and the seeds of truth sown in the hearts of men and women far outweigh the temporal advantages.

In speeches made by members of the college staff these points were mentioned, "some students go out from the college as boys and return from the canvassing field as men." "Lessons that the school has been trying to teach for years are learnt effectively in a few months canvassing."

Trophies were presented to the following. For the April Salesdrive, highest sales: 1. A. I. John, Rs. 1848.00. 2. J. C. David, Rs. 1425.00. 3. John Fowler, Rs. 1221.00.

Highest sales for the whole vacation period.

1. Kenneth Willes, Rs. 2841.00, 2. John Fowler, Rs. 2648.00, 3. Nelson Hla Pe, Rs. 2252.00 and 4. Austin John, Rs. 2248.00.

Highest sales for Wadia College, Alfred Sajid, Rs. 3683.00. The watchword for the vacation was "The hour is late win more in '58." May the work done by our students win many trophies for the kingdom of heaven.

 \mathbf{T} h e Publishing Department sincerely appreciates the work they have done and wishes them a happy and successful year of study.

• Pastor and Mrs. W. F. Storz reached Bombay on the 5th of November. After a brief visit to Poona and the clearing of their goods in Bombay they will go on to Karmatar.

will go on to Karmatar. Pastor and Mrs. A. E. Anderson, Danny and Vernon spent one night in Poona on their way to Colombo. The Andersons are returning to a new field of labour in the Ceylon Union although they are already members of the Southern Asia family, having spent one term in the Burma Union. Their sons, David and Leslie are already in the field, having been in school at Vincent Hill since July.

• Pastor C. John is holding a Voice of Prophecy Lecture Series in Puthupettai in the South India Union.

Pastor P. S. Johnson of the South Kerala Section reports that the number of M.V. Societies in that field has doubled. There are now 18 flourishing societies in the South Kerala territory. During the third quarter of 1958 the Northwestern India Union led the Division in Hindi VOP enrolments. They report 1,441 enrolments and 686 graduates. The Voice of Prophecy is saving souls for the kingdom. Let us each one support the work of this effective instrument with our service and with our offerings.

• HÖPE FOR THE HOUR Bible Crusade being carried on in Lucknow reports an average attendance of around 300 each night. Elder G. J. Christo is the speaker.

• Pastor C. R. Holford conducted the Week of Prayer at Pakistan Union High School from October 11-18.

HE children of Israel in their march from Egypt passed along the eastern border of the Moabites and Ammonites and then turned west to the River Jordan, destroying the Amorites in the crossing process. Before the Jordan, the Reubenites, Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh came to Moses requesting that as the country on the east side of the Jordan was good for grazing and their tribes had large herds, they be permitted to occupy this country. This request was finally granted and from thenceforth these two and one half tribes dwelt along the plains and the fringes of the hills in this area.

In the days of Jesus, much of this region was known as Perea, and most of the last months of Jesus' ministry was spent in this area to escape the persecution of the bigoted priests from Jerusalem. (Matthew 19:1) We desired to make a tour of this area.

From Amman we climbed a long, steep ridge of hills and then dropped down into the Jordan valley, where we turned north travelling along the narrow plain east of the Jordan. The first thing that impressed us was the short distances in Palestine. The Jordan river runs down a ten-mile wide plain from Galilee to the Dead Sea, a distance of only 60 miles. Two miles to the right of us the Ammonite plateau rose up 2,000 feet and 8 miles to the left the Judean plateau stood barren.

We soon crossed the Brook Jabbok which was still flowing even though it was midsummer. A few more miles and we came to Jabesh Gilead whose inhabitants had rescued the bodies of Saul and Jonathan from the Philistines. It is now just a small, Arab village. Another 5 miles and we came to Pella. Jesus had warned his followers that when they saw Jerusalem surrounded by the Roman armies, they were to flee to the mountains. Forty years later the Romans came and all the Christians escaped to this hillside village where they settled until the past. Not one danger was Christian perished in the destruction of Jerusalem.

Other Side of Jordan

D. K. DOWN

A few miles further we turned eastward and climbed back up the plateau, then swung north-west towards the Lake of Galilee. We were searching for the remains of Gadara. It was the Gadareens whose pigs were drowned when Jesus cast the devils out of the two demoniacs (Matthew 8:28-34). But our search was fruitless and when we almost ended up in Israel territory we decided it was time to have lunch and turn south. We did not even get a glimpse of Galilee.

We drove 20 miles southward over barren hills till we came to the ruins of Jerash, an old Roman city of Christ's day. It was one of the ten Roman cities of this area known as the Decapolis. The two demoniacs whom Jesus healed "departed and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him; and all men did marvel." Mark 5:20. Desire of Ages page 339 says "they went throughout Decapolis, everywhere declaring His power to save." Apparently they preached the gospel in Jerash (ancient Gerasa) and when Jesus later "came . . . through the midst of the coasts of Decapolis," Mark 7:31, the people received Him gladly. It is quite possible that Jesus visited Jerash in this visit to Decapolis.



Roman street of ancient Gerasa of the Decapolis. A street Christ may have visited.

Jerash is a fine illustration of what a Roman city in the time of Christ must have been like and its ruins give a clear picture of what it was. A well paved street runs the length of the city. Rut marks of the chariots can still be seen on the road surface. A drainage system ran through beneath the road and there are even traffic islands where two crossroads intersect the main street. A huge temple to Artemis (Diana of the Ephesians) is still standing and also a temple to the Greek god Zeus. At the end of the paved road there is a large circular forum flanked by immense pillars,



Roman columns of Gerasa Forum where addresses and discussions took place.

many of which still stand. The forum was used for political speeches, public discussion etc. Besides being given up to base idolatry this city was also devoted to idle pleasure. One amphitheatre now demolished, held 15,000 people. The hippodrome seated 5,000 and another theatre still in remarkably good condition, held 2,000 spectators. We could still see where each seat had been inscribed with numerals so that the patrons could reserve their seats.

Many of the buildings now visible were rebuilt 100 years after the time of Christ, but even in His day it must have been an up-to-

date, fast living city. Whether Christ visited this city or not we cannot be sure, but it is interesting to observe that the Lord told the parable of the Prodigal Son while He was in Perea (Luke 15) and if Jerash was the "far country" to which the wayward youth fled, he would certainly have found much riotous living there on which to waste his substance. And not far to the north is Gadara whose inhabitants kept many pigs. (Matt. 8:30) Perhaps here the prodigal found employment feeding the swine.

It was late afternoon when we drove southward from Jerash toward Amman, but the hills to our right attracted our attention. We had travelled from Peshawar to Amman through barren hills and desert wastes. Except where they had been cultivated in the cities, trees do not exist and the hills and plains are utterly devoid of trees. But here, for the first time, we saw hills well covered with trees. To be small sure. they were and stunted, but they were trees. Apparently things have not changed much in 3,000 years for here are the "Woods of Ephraim" (2 Sam. 18:6). Here David's armies crushed the rebellion of Absalom, and the rebellious son was suspended in mid air when his head got stuck in an oak tree. (verse 9).

A little farther and we dropped down into another of Jordan's huge gorges to recross the Brook Jabbok, probably nor far from where Jacob wrestled with the angel and his name was changed to Israel. It is a wild looking ravine and Jacob could be excused for thinking he was being attacked by a dacoit.

Another hour and we were back in Amman after an interesting and informative tour of the country that lay on the other side of Jordan to the main tribes of Israel.

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"It came to pass, that on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for one man; and all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses.

"And he said unto them, This is that which the Lord hath said, Tomorrow is the rest of the holy Sabbath unto the Lord: bake that which ye will bake today, and see the that ye will see the; and that which remaine th over lay up for you to be kept until the morning....

"And Moses said, Eat that today; for today is a Sabbath unto the Lord; today ye shall not find it in the field.

"Six days ye shall gather it; but on the seventh day, which is the Sabbath, in it there shall be none." Ex. 16:22-26.

And if the people of the land bring ware or any victuals on the Sabbath day to sell, that we would not buy it of them on the Sabbath, or on the holy day." Neh. 10:31.

"We should not provide for the Sabbath a more liberal supply or a greater variety of food than for other days. Instead of this the food should be more simple, and less should be eaten, in order that the mind may be clear and vigorous to comprehend spiritual things. Overeating befogs the brain. The most precious words may be heard and not appreciated, because the mind is confused by an improper diet. By overeating on the Sabbath, many have done more than they think to dishonour God.

"While cooking upon the Sabbath should be avoided, it is not necessary to eat cold food. In cold weather let the food prepared the day before be heated. And let the meals, though simple, be palatable and attractive. Provide something that will be regarded as a treat, something the family do not have every day."—"Testimonies," Vol. VI, p. 357. Another story from the Inca Union to which our 13th Sabbath offering is going this quarter.

Through Perilous Mountain Roads

NATHAN M. MERKEL

(President, Bolivia Mission)

ROUNDING a curve in the narrow jungle road, the ambulance came to an abrupt stop. A truck, loaded with huge bags of coffee with passengers on top was barring our passage. As I honked the horn I called out, "Let us by for we must hurry to Chulumani Hospital to attend an emergency case."

A husky man who was standing by the side of the road came over to the ambulance. Irritated by the sounding of the horn and definitely under the influence of alcohol, he began to accuse us of not responding to the emergency call more rapidly. We wondered what he knew of the accident.

As he continued his observations on our supposed negligence, we pieced the story together. He was the driver of the truck that had thrown off not only the man we were rushing to care for, but also eleven other passengers, some of whom were women and children.

He ended his remarks by saying: "I'm going to report you to the officials in Chulumani for not coming sooner, and I'm going to take these injured people to the hospital personally."

His threat caused us no fear for we knew the officials who highly respected and appreciated our hospital with its 25 years of service in the mountain jungles of the Yungas, and we knew they would not listen to this feeble story of accusation. We were concerned however, for the welfare of the injured.

The driver entered his truck and permitted us to pass. We hurried to the hospital where the doctor and his small staff made emergency preparations. Within minutes the truck drove up. By this time it was five o'clock.

During the next eight and onehalf hours the reception office, surgery, and pharmacy were doubly busy. The passengers who had fallen from the truck had various injuries in varying degrees. The dual wheels of the heavy truck had passed over the thigh of one man crushing his leg. There were fractures and sprains and many bad cuts.

The officials came to hear the complaint of the passengers against the drunken driver. It was discovered that he had no insurance and personally would be required to pay all expenses of the injured.

At one-thirty the next morning a tired doctor with his assistants made their way to bed, but their work was not finished. The patient with the crushed leg would require four hours of surgery the next day. There would be others too, who would come the next day and the next seeking physical help who would receive at the same time spiritual help in the kindness and counsel of the Christian doctor and his staff.

Shortly after this incident I met the Bolivian Minister of Health in La Paz airport as he awaited his flight to be called. On learning that I was an Adventist missionary, he said: "We appreciate the work the Chulumani Hospital is doing for our people in that area."

Unfortunately the area that the hospital serves represents only a small portion of the great republic of Bolivia. Its existence has been influential in opening many doors permitting the gospel to enter.

But the right arm of the message in Bolivia must be strengthened. If thousands have come in contact with the Advent message through the influence of this small hospital there will be thousands more who through the establishment of a hospital in the center of Bolivia in the city of Cochabamba will come to hear the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour.

We are confident that your gift will be liberal as you participate in the 13th Sabbath offering this quarter. Accept our thanks in anticipation of the abundant overflow that will help establish the Cochabamba clinic. You can be assured that its influence will be instrumental in guiding many to the feet of Him who is the Great Physician.

MV READING COURSES for 1959

Information has just been received about the 1959 MV Book Clubs. We publish a list of the titles, and this is followed by a brief description of each book. SENIOR

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	SPECIAL CLUB PRICE	44.52

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- Worth the Price is a travelogue packed with strange experiences.

JUNIOR COURSE

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her eventually to nursing and missionary adventure in China.

PRIMARY COURSE

The Bible Zoo is a visit in book form to the animals mentioned in the Bible and fascinating episodes in the lives of Bible characters that center around animals.

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They Dared For God is a series of thrilling biographies suited to younger children.

Please note that we will not stock these books, but will forward orders to overseas suppliers on receipt of your orders. Order through your book depot or from Oriental Watchman Publishing House, P.O. Box 35, Poona 1.

Miscellany

• U Pein Gyi has recently visited our believers in the Hili District around Bela Dunga in East Pakistan. The people in that area are having a very difficult time and some are trying to exist on nothing but jungle roots. Emergency help was given and the Pakistan Union plans to send more help during the month of November. Let those of us who are living under better conditions be prepared to share by giving liberally to the relief offerings which are taken each year.

Pastor D. T. Hawley has spent about ten days in East Pakistan during which time he conducted the Week of Prayer at Jalirpar.
 Pastor K. S. Brown writes that he

• Pastor K. S. Brown writes that he is spending eight hours a day studying Bengali in Washington. His teacher is a Bengali gentleman from the Pakistan Embassy in Washington.

Miss Emma Binder who recently returned from furlough has been supervising the kitchen while Mrs. Fouts was away on leave, in addition to getting into the swing of the hospital routine.

Pastor D. T. Hawley recently baptized three persons in Hyderabad, Sind. Brother Sultan Ahmen has been

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Julia, Pastor C. R. Bonney, Stephen, Mrs. Bonney, Paul, Maria.

Pastor and Mrs. C. R. Bonney arrived in Poona October 24, to take up his duties as Director of the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence Schools. Stephen aged $3\frac{1}{2}$ and Maria, 8 accompanied their parents. Julia is a Church School teacher in Sacramento, California, and Paul has just graduated from College and is planning to be a Science teacher.

Pastor Bonney has been working in the British Union Conference for twentysix years. For the last eight years he has been director of the Voice of Prophecy Correspondence School and the Radio broadcast relayed from Radio Luxembourg.

We welcome the Bonneys into our Southern Asia family and extend to them our hearty co-operation in the heavy tasks of directing the Voice of Prophecy programme.

working to build up a church in Hyderabad.

 Brother N. L. Sherwin has been holding meetings in the YMCA Auditorium in Lahore using messages adapted from the book Patriarchs and Prophets. The attendance has been very good.
 In Peshawar Pastor W. H. McGhee

• In Peshawar Pastor W. H. McGhee has begun another series of meetings stressing our health and temperance messages.

• The Punjab Section reports 12 baptisms in the Jallan-Mangat area and others are preparing for a later baptism. Several new villages have been entered with the message, and calls are coming from other villages for a worker to come and hold meetings.

13 were baptized during October in Begowala and 6 in Mangoki, Pakistan. Efforts have also been in progress in Klasswala, Maridke, Dhundianwala and Multan. Chak 61 and Chak 93 have been entered and the prospects are encouraging in these and other village areas.

 In Gujranwala a new day school has been started and has a good enrolment.
 Pastor Hamel writes that he and Pastor Champion were able to baptize 9 souls during their last trip to East Pakistan.

• 70,000 tracts, "The Way of Truth" are to be printed in Bengali for distribution in the Bengali speaking areas.

• At the present time 120 lay evangelistic and Voice of Youth efforts are in progress in the South India Union. • Pastor C. B. Guild writes that 3 city efforts are now being carried on in Burma—one of them a double header with the work being carried on in two languages.

Pastor J. F. Ashlock conducted an M.V. Week of Prayer in Ceylon from November 7-15.

During the recent M.V. camp which was held at the Assam Training School 16 young people were baptized. These represented 6 different language groups.
Pastor C. C. Crider spent October 28-30 in Poona. He is the Departmental Secretary of the East Mediterranean Union and was enroute to the United States to rejoin his family who had preceded him on furlough. Pastor Crider's two daughters, Sharon and Dawn, have been students at Vincent Hill School for several terms.

• On November 4, Doctor and Mrs. R. S. Lowry arrived in Southern Asia to resume his duties as Educational secretary for the Division. Pastor Lowry's doctorate study concluded with a dissertation which investigated the educational implications of the philosophy of India's vice-president and renouned philosopher, Dr. S. Radhakrishnan.

LyVerne and Buddy came out in July in time to enter V. H. S. at the beginning of the school year.

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Nearly 20,000 people applied for Voice of Prophecy Bible lessons in Western India during the first nine months of 1958.