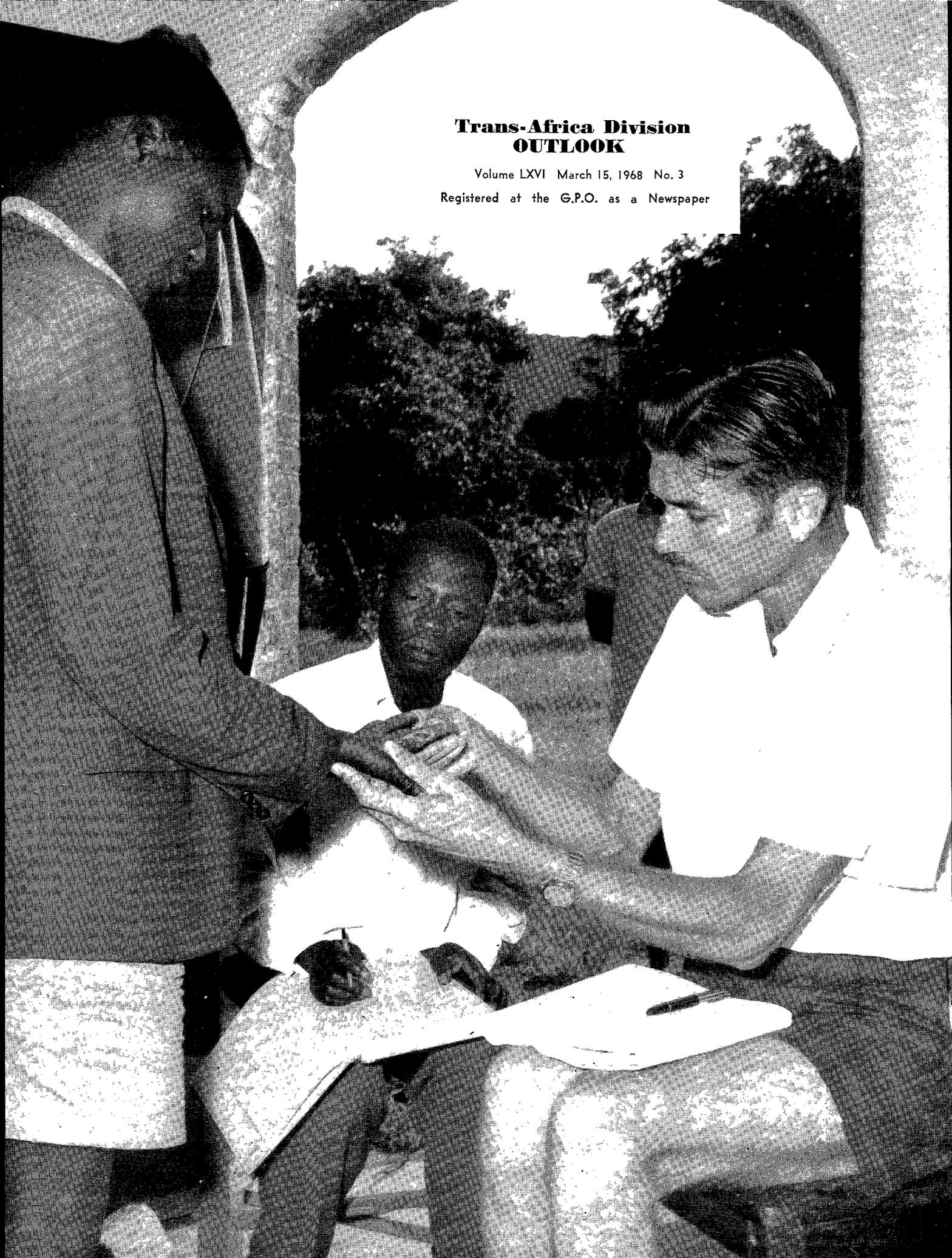


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Focus on—

Trans-Africa Leprosy Rehabilitation and Research Service

This service is a newly-established one with its headquarters at Mwami Hospital in eastern Zambia. Dr. Ray Foster is in charge and from this centre works out to other Adventist leprosy treatment centres. It is now known that the leprosy bacillus destroys the pain-communicating nerves and consequently ulcers from infected wounds and burns from handling hot objects result. These, not leprosy, bring deterioration to fingers and toes.

Dr. Foster is an orthopaedic surgeon who has had special training in the United States and India. Recently P. A. Katumbi of Mwami Hospital has returned after special study in India where he learned the techniques of physical therapy in pre-operative and post-operative care of these leper patients.

—M. H. SCHAFFNER, M.D., F.I.C.S.

COVER:

Dr. Ray Foster and his Medical Assistant conducting a routine ulcer check at Mwami Leprosarium, Zambia.

Photo: Alvin E. Cook

Please see also pages 6, 7 and 8.

Lay Activities Department

TANZANIA:

"Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee" Isa. 60:1. The marginal rendering of this verse reads: "Be enlightened, for thy light cometh."

In a three-week itinerary covering three of the five fields of the Tanzania Union, G. Schmidl, the L.A. secretary, and I presented the challenge of an enlarged, enriched programme for pastors, church officers, and laity for 1968. Tanzania had a population of 6 million 30 years ago; today it has 12 million people. Seventh-day Adventists number approximately 20,000 in this union. Meetings for field officers and district pastors were held in the mornings, and for church officers and laymen in the afternoons and evenings. As the five areas of responsibility sponsored by the Lay Activities Department were presented with the challenge of a finished work, and appeals for greater dedication and broader plans were made, the response was most rewarding.

Pastor Schmidl has well-organized plans for carrying forward with renewed vision the programmes of Bible Evangelism, Literature, Visitation, Training classes, Health and Welfare, and Ingathering. During 1967 these believers exceeded their basic Ingathering goal by £2,130. This year they look forward to greater enrichment in this area of witnessing and soul-winning.

What a privilege and joyous experience it was to work with our believers during this itinerary. I saw the progress of our work and am confident our people will come up to a more complete dedication, aware that they have been promised enlightenment, enlargement and enrichment as they move forward with renewed zeal. (Isa. 60:1-5.)

When the light of our leaders, church pastors, and church officers "burns brightly, a thousand torches will be kindled at the flame."—*Christian Service*, page 175.

—H. W. PETERSON, *Secretary, L. A. Department, TAD.*

EAST AFRICA:

Three intensive Lay Activities institutes terminated two days before Christmas in the East African Union. Each institute began on a Tuesday evening, and ended as the Sabbath drew to a close with a special dedication and challenge meeting. Some 200 lay delegates and a goodly number of district pastors with field administrators attended the meetings which commenced at 6.30 each morning and ended at 9.00 at night.

Excellent help was given in the lectures and discussions by the presidents of the fields and the field treasurers. The Lay Activities secretaries and MV secretaries of the fields gave good counsel and helped to keep the programme moving

along smoothly. Pastor F. G. Reid, president of the EAU, and Pastor T. V. Gorle, MV and educational secretary of the EAU, rendered top service. We had the privilege of having Pastor H. W. Peterson of the TAD Lay Activities Department with us. He carried a heavy load of counselling and speaking appointments during the three institutes.

The delegates responded to the dedication and challenge by pledging, under God and with the help of the Holy Spirit, to win 1,062 souls to Jesus in 1968, and to conduct 580 Bible studies each week to achieve this objective.

The EAU is onward for God as the Lord opens the way before us.

—E. T. GACKENHEIMER, *Secretary, L.A. Department, EAU*

DIVISION TREASURER:

With reference to the announcement in the February issue of the OUTLOOK, regarding the appointment of Pastor G. O. Bruce as our new Division treasurer, we regret to inform our readers that for personal and health reasons Brother Bruce has declined this call. Pastor V. A. Fenn, formerly treasurer of the Middle East Division has now been appointed for this important office.



Delegates to Lay Activities Institute, Uganda, East Africa, with H. W. Peterson (extreme left) and E. T. and Mrs. Gackenhimer (extreme right).

**RELATED AT
LAY ACTIVITIES INSTITUTE**

by H. W. PETERSON

ATTENDING THE FIRST lay institute at Karura near Nairobi, now the headquarters of the Voice of Prophecy, was an earnest young man named James Kangele. Pastor G. S. Glass, director of the V.O.P. for the East African Union, and pastor of the Nairobi English church, related to me the following interesting story of James' conversion:

"On a farm about 12 miles from the town of Nakuru in Kenya, James Kangele served as a domestic servant in the home of an Italian farmer. James was a trusted servant, having been with the family for several years. In the evenings, when not attending to his master, he would listen to the news and programmes on his radio. Being a Christian he enjoyed the religious radio programmes.

"One day he was impressed with the Voice of Prophecy programme. At the end of the programme he heard the announcer give the address of the VOP Bible school. He wrote this address down, but carelessly mislaid the paper. He was distressed. How would he get that address again? Week by week he listened until after some weeks he heard the next programme. This time he made sure that he did not lose the address, but wrote that same evening and posted his letter to the Bible school. It was a wonderful revelation to James when he studied his Bible lessons. Never before had he heard such things, and to think that they had been in his Bible all the time! Wonderful! With open heart and mind he accepted all the testing truths—the Sabbath and baptism. He even went to the post office and withdrew the amount of tithe on his savings. Year by year James had been putting aside money with which he hoped some day to purchase a farm and

settle down. Now he realized that a tenth of this belonged to God so he posted what he owed to the school.

"James went to his master and told him that he could no longer work on Saturday. The master tried to talk him out of this crazy idea, but he was adamant. James was told that he could have Tuesday off, but he replied that Tuesday was not God's day of rest. It had to be Saturday or nothing. If his master could not comply with his request, he would resign forthwith. When the employer saw how persistent James was, he gave in. Soon afterwards, James started a branch Sabbath-school on the farm.

"Now James has left the farm and is a full-time colporteur."

**JOHN G. EVERT EXPRESSES
APPRECIATION**

OUR READERS may remember that last year Pastor John Evert became very seriously ill and it seemed the end might not be too far away. But our prayer-hearing God graciously answered the prayers of His trusting servants and Brother Evert recovered and is now carrying on his work in the Southern Union. He writes: "The Lord has been so good to me in sparing my life that I cannot stop speaking about this wonderful miracle. I know that the Division family and our believers throughout Trans-Africa have mentioned my name in prayer. This makes me feel so grateful and at the same time so humble. I wish I could shake the hand of all those who have had a part in praying to the Lord to save my life. But since this is not possible would you please tell the believers through the OUTLOOK how grateful I am to them all for praying for me. It is my earnest desire to be a more serious and consecrated worker as a token of my appreciation to the Lord."

PROFILE



PASTOR G. S. STEVENSON, a graduate of Helderberg College, is the editor of the *Signs of the Times* and house editor of our Sentinel Publishing Association. Entering the work of the Lord in 1930 he and Mrs. Stevenson (formerly Miss Edna George) served in the mission field, first in Malawi and then as president of the South Bantu Field in South Africa. Before being re-called to the publishing house in 1962 he was president of the South African Union Conference and has also been president of the Natal-Transvaal Conference and director of the Voice of Prophecy Bible School. He had served as editor on an earlier occasion from 1948 to 1954. Active, aggressive evangelism for African and European peoples has had its place in his service and many souls are rejoicing in the message today because of the blessing of the Lord upon this work.

The *Signs* and *Tekens* circulation stands at present at 21,500 copies per month. This is considerably below the figures for previous years, but will build up again, no doubt, as readers and church members become accustomed to the larger size and higher price introduced this year. The *Signs of the Times* published at the Sentinel is highly esteemed both within and outside our own ranks, and has become more attractive and readable from year to year, especially in the period since Pastor Stevenson returned to the editorial desk.

IMPORTANT DATES

- VOP Enrolment Week March 23-30
- VOP Offering March 30
- Tithe Month Set by Unions
- Stewardship Day Set by Unions
- Literature Evangelism
- Rally Day April 6
- World Evangelism Day
- and Offering April 27

Church Development Department

MARAGUA CHURCH

OUR WORK in the East African Union is moving onward and forward. On December 9 it was a joy to be present and to have a part in the dedication of a new church building for the Kikuyu people. Pastor P. D. Bakker, former president of the Central Kenya Field, stated that work among the Kikuyu people commenced about 33 years ago. This tribe is the largest in the whole of the three East African republics, numbering around 2 million souls.

Our work reached Maragua through the Kikuyu Voice of Prophecy about ten years ago. One of our members was enrolled by another VOP student, and he in turn enrolled another student who is also a member. Our first member came to the church as a result of taking the VOP lessons. The first meeting of this new group was held in the open air. The next Sabbath they met in the home of one of the members, and subsequent meetings were held under a tree. From there they built a mud-and-pole prayer-house. When the time came, they moved to a new plot of six acres which had been given to them, and at that place they built a temporary church. Then there were changes in the Land Consolidation Act, and our people were given the present plot of three acres. There, too, a temporary church was built which is still standing opposite our new permanent church, a reminder of our progress from a mud-and-pole building to a stone building.

When the truth reached our first members, they were deeply rooted in the Mau Mau movement. The new religion brought a complete change to them, and came at the right time, during the period of rehabilitation. This new faith helped them greatly to a new way of life, love replacing the hate in their hearts. Five of the first members are still in the faith and they are the ones who have played a great part in the building of the church which was dedicated on December 9. The women also did their part, working with their hands. To help the local people in the future an urgently needed dispensary is also being planned.

Lessons applying to the duties of the church were drawn from the Song of Solomon 6:10—"Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun and terrible as

an army with banners?" As the morning brings freshness and new life to its members, so God designs that the church is to bring warmth, freshness and new life to its members. And as the moon reflects the light from the sun, so the Christian church is to reflect light from the Sun of Righteousness. The church is

also compared to an army whose duty is to fight—going forward conquering and to conquer. An army's duty is also to protect, and so the church protects the Word of God.

May this new church among our Kikuyu people fulfil the Master's prayer in being a "glorious church"—a true house of prayer, and a blessing to His people.

—H. W. PETERSON, *Secretary, Church Development Department, TAD.*

Sabbath School Department

"FOR OF SUCH IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN"

IT HAS BEEN SAID that when the child is taken by the hand, the parents are taken by the heart. This is why we put great emphasis on child evangelism in the Sabbath-school. Every child should be considered an open door to the hearts of adults, a potential worker for God, and a candidate for God's kingdom. Jesus said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

Branch Sabbath-schools and Vacation Bible schools offer wonderful opportunities of leading children to the kingdom of heaven. Such schools may also be the means of leading adults to the foot of the cross. Let me illustrate.

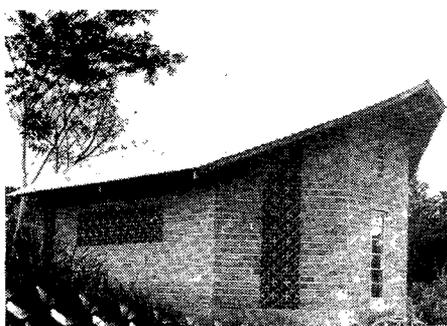
Some years ago an endeavour was made to begin evangelistic meetings for the people in the Jimbi area of Uganda, some ten miles from Bugema College. Earnest efforts brought no results. It appeared that the people were not interested and were even prejudiced. Then the appeal was directed to the children of the

community. They were invited to come to special meetings geared to their age-level, and in addition to a brief message they were provided with pictures, crayons, cut-outs, and other interesting devices. The little meeting place became a hive of activity and week by week the tempo of activity increased. Soon curious parents made their appearance, wondering just what had made their children so eager to attend these meetings.

Within a short time the older folks asked, "Why do you invite only the children? Why do you not arrange something for us?" This was the moment we had been waiting for. With this invitation on their part evangelistic meetings were started and a harvest of souls gathered in, both of children and adults.

Today a beautiful little red brick church stands just across the road from the site of the original mud-and-pole "church" and each Sabbath brings a group of "God's children" to worship. Bring the lambs of the flock to Christ and the sheep will be sure to follow.

—G. F. CLIFFORD, *Secretary, Sabbath School Department, TAD.*



Jimbi Church, Uganda, East Africa.

ERRATUM:

We wish to make a correction in a statement appearing in the January issue of the OUTLOOK, page 8, in the article "To Jesus With Love." It was stated that "over £11 in pennies" was earned by the children for Investment. This should have read "over £21 in pennies."

Department of Education

GOOD HOPE COLLEGE HOSTS TEACHERS FROM THE SOUTHERN UNION

IN THE TRADITION of a true educational institution Good Hope College near Cape Town provided complete facilities for the first Teachers' Institute in the history of the Southern Union.

Under the able and enthusiastic leadership of Education Department secretary, Steve Joannou, an excellent and balanced programme for the fifty-seven teachers had some of the following interesting items:

"What Is the New Mathematics?" Mrs. M. Swanepoel.

"Applying the Blue-print." A. J. Raitt.

"Why Christian Education?" Dr. M. Hodgen.

"Improving Your Examination Results." A. O. Coetzee.

"The Teacher and the Parent." S. S. Mema.

"The Influence of the Christian Teacher." E. Nkuncwana.

"Vocational Training." A. Kozachenko.

"How to Avoid Debt." G. F. Clifford.

"Language Methods." Mrs. M. Pearson.

"Curriculum and Time-table Construction." R. Pearson.

These were supplemented by the very appetizing items served at meal times!

In addition, an *apparatus workshop*, *forum hours*, and the morning devotions proved most thought-provoking, particularly Pastor P. H. Coetzee's talks on the "Teacher's Responsibility to the Student, the Church, and Himself." Throughout the institute Pastor G. F. Clifford gave wise counsel and assistance.

An enjoyable stay at beautiful, friendly, and modern Good Hope College, was climaxed by a bus tour of the Cape Peninsula.

How true the teachers found these inspired words:

"To know oneself is great knowledge . . . He who realizes his own deficiencies will spare no pains to reach the highest possible standard of physical, mental and moral excellence. No one should have a part in the training of youth who is satisfied with a lower standard."—*Counsels to Parents, Teachers and Students*, page 67.

—A. O. COETZEE, *Secretary, Department of Education, SAUC.*

South African Teachers with Educational Leaders at Teachers' Institute.



THE TEACHER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO THE STUDENT

PART 1

by PIETER H. COETZEE, *President, SU*

(Address given during the Teachers' Institute at Good Hope College.)

TODAY THE FORCES of evil are directing a mighty assault upon youth. Radio has brought the sights and sounds of the theatre, the wrestling and boxing ring, even the tavern, right inside our homes. Cheap and immoral literature is designed to destroy youth's high ideals and moral integrity. The low moral standards in the world are further debased by seductive motion pictures. No modern educator could have given a more apt description of twentieth century conditions than this: "But you must realize that in the last days the times will be full of danger. Men will become utterly self-centred, greedy for money, full of big words. They will be proud and contemptuous, without any regard for what their parents taught them. They will be utterly lacking in gratitude, purity and normal human affections. They will be men of unscrupulous speech and have no control of themselves. They will be passionate and unprincipled, treacherous, self-willed and conceited, loving all the time what gives them pleasure instead of loving God."—J. B. Phillips translation of 2 Tim. 3:1.

The question is asked: Are our youth by nature weaker today than a few dec-

ades ago? Dan Gilbert explains why youth are different:

"The serious type of immorality which threatens the structure of society today is not that which results from natural weaknesses of the flesh; it is rather the 'smart', sophisticated, modern, deliberate and intentional type of sinning, which is caused by the warping of the intellect. Educated youth today does not sin because he cannot withstand temptation; he sins because he is taught it is stupid and 'old-fashioned' to withstand temptation; because he is taught that it is desirable, progressive and a sign of culture not to resist temptation. For he has been led to make a religion, a new morality, of deliberately giving in to temptation, . . . of deliberately seeking it when it is not available."

The following paragraph which appeared in a Students' Newsletter summarizes the attitude of so many young people today: "Why go to Church? What's the value of religion in modern life? If I want knowledge, I seek the scholar or the scientist; when I desire money, I enter the world of business; if my health fails me, I see a physician;

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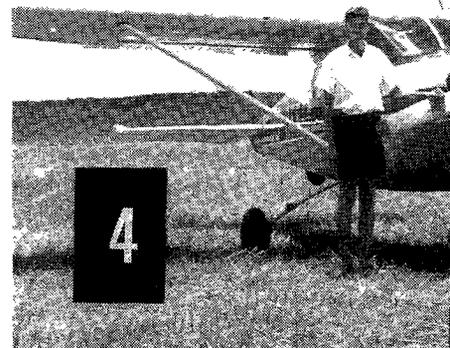
Trans-Africa Leprosy Rehab at Mwami Leprosy

A Pictorial Report by Dr. and Mrs.



1. This ulcer is known as a leprosy ulcer. But the only relationship between the ulcer and leprosy is that the leprosy bacillus, having destroyed the pain-communicating nerves, the patient has no discomfort apart from the odour. Without rest treatment this ulcer could destroy the foot. Two toes have already disappeared.

2. This is how the foot is rested. Percival Katumbi will apply a new technique learned during his recent visit to the Schiefeline Leprosy Research Sanatorium in India. A wooden rocker is first fitted to the bottom of the patient's foot.



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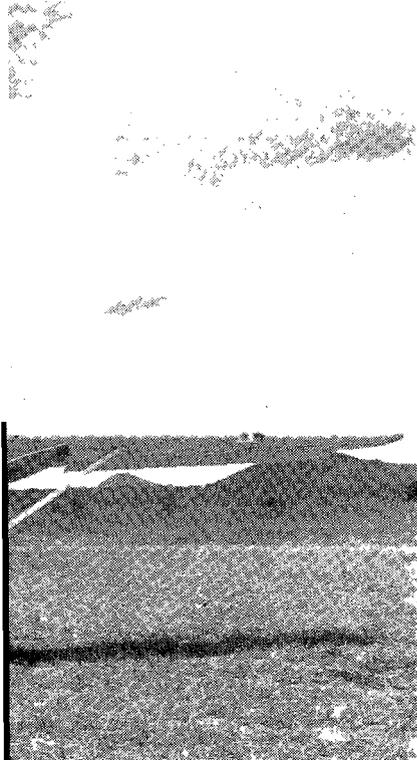
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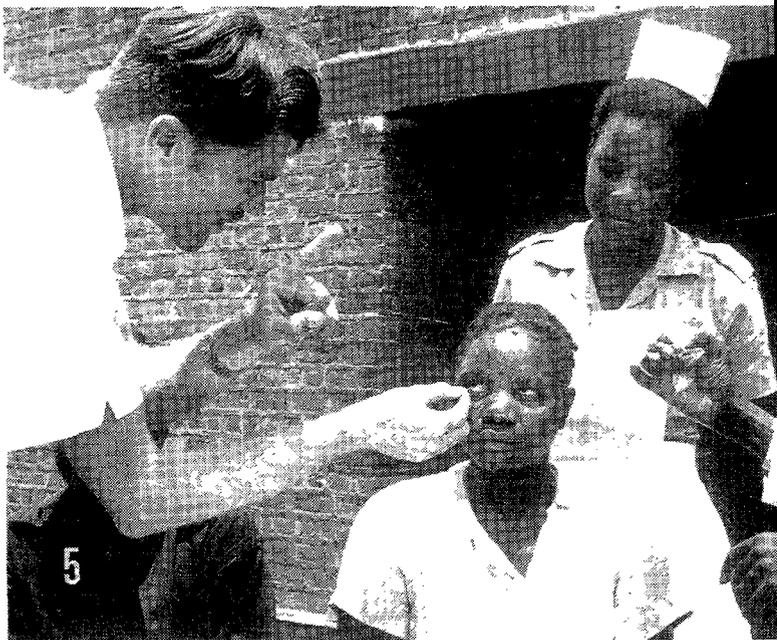
esthetic eyes. Dr. Foster tests a patient's eyes for sensation with a wisp of cotton wool. There is no reaction. Leprosy does not cause blindness directly. The bacillus destroys the nerves. Grit, sand and smoke can then irritate the eyes unhindered by any sensation of pain.

Muscles controlling the eyes cease to function. The leper's eyes remain permanently open, semi-open or even closed. Blindness follows. Dr. Foster, using latest techniques learned in India, uses strong muscles which power the jaws. Part of this muscle can be transplanted to open and close the eyes.



...on of a plaster cast. His nine months' assistant Katumbi a master of the art. ...and rigid inside the plaster cast.

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7. The astonished patient awakens to find that when he opens and closes his mouth his eyes open and close too! Some months of daily exercise with visual aid from the small mirror in the assistant's hand will re-educate the muscles and separate control of the two functions. It is a matter of time and patient practice.





HOPE FOR LEPERS

by PERCIVAL KATUMBI

IN 1967 I was sent to India to the Schiefeline Leprosy Research Sanatorium of Kagiriri in Southern India to study the application of physiotherapy in the treatment of leprosy, with rehabilitation especially in view.

The basis of these studies was two-fold. It included both methods of prevention and ways of treating the deformities associated with leprosy. The techniques are very up-to-date and we are applying these modern methods as taught at Schiefeline in our Mwami rehabilitation programme.

We now have in operation the TAD's first department of physiotherapy at Mwami. The programme includes the spiritual as well as the physical rehabilitation of leper patients. We plan, under the Lord's blessing, that our knowledge will be shared through an educational programme of physical therapy with the other leprosaria in the Trans-Africa Division.

8. The TAD Leprosy Rehabilitation and Research Service includes research to discover new methods. Encouraging results have been secured from experiments with this Solar Thermal bath in place of conventional wax bath technique which requires continuous electrical power not always available.

9. Dr. Foster points to the strong tendon which he will transplant to replace the mechanism that normally raises and lowers the foot. This function has been destroyed by the leprosy bacillus. After the transplant and a term of re-education in manipulating the controls this woman will walk again.

10. Ulcer check. In this survey of the hands and feet of 86 patients, 41 ulcers were discovered. Dr. Foster inspected 253 patients in his initial check, discovering 155 ulcers. There had been no complaints.

The Teacher's Responsibility

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when my worries perplex me, I go to a psychiatrist."

These are the young people crowding the corridors of our high schools and universities. As moralists we exclaim: "Look at all these problem children." In reality, there are no "problem children;" they are only young people with problems! Despite what the world has to say, youth are still interested in religion. Conrad Muchtman speaks about that craving in every man's innermost soul: "Plumb down in the crypt and abyss of every man's soul is a hunger, a craving for other food than this earthly stuff. A man wouldn't care what he has to give up if he knew he was working for something inestimably precious. . . . Light, light—that's what he wants; and the longer it is withheld, the lower he'll sink."

It is strange that we have the knowledge to manufacture jet planes. We turn out diesel engines by the thousand. We even have the secret of atomic energy. But despite all our knowledge we have no secret formula nor any assured know-how for changing bad character into good character. All that we know for sure is that in every successful life there comes at some time a turning point which may be called a great awakening. A person who has lacked aspiration, purpose, plan, energy, initiative or self-reliance, comes to sense the deeper significance of his own life and pushes forward to amazing achievement. He is on his own and no longer requires constant prodding by parents or teachers and will set harder tasks for himself than anyone could set for him.

To help the student to find that turning point or great awakening is perhaps the major responsibility of the Christian teacher. Without doubt it is even greater than to help the student scholastically. Those who are responsible for the education of African youth are aware that the fires of ambition are glowing in the hearts of the young. They are possessed with a passion for gold, they are governed by ambition for power, and with this consuming zeal to secure knowledge, learning is made more desirable. The danger is that the teacher will concentrate primarily on the education of the mind and neglect the heart. Many educators despise the value of religious teaching and influence. This was the same in the days of Paul: "The preaching of the cross is, I know, nonsense to those who are involved in this dying world, but to us who are being saved

from death, it is nothing less than the power of God" 1 Cor. 1:17, 18, (Phillips translation). And it is that power of God which brings about that "great awakening" in the life of a student.

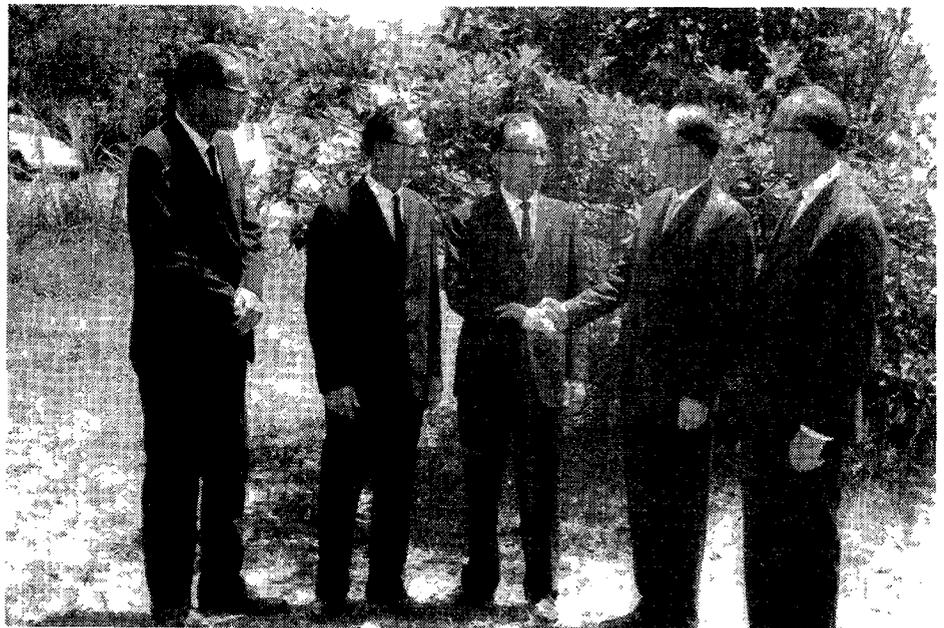
Thus it is the work of the Christian teacher to cultivate the garden of the student's heart. His is the work of sowing the seed of truth. "To train the youth to become true soldiers of the Lord Jesus Christ is the most noble work ever given to men."—*Counsels to Teachers*, page 166.

By and large, the majority of students are not aware of their need of spiritual help; they are not aware of powers which "if called into action, would raise them to an equality with the world's most honoured men. The touch of a skilful hand is needed to arouse those dormant faculties."—*Desire of Ages*, page 250. Unto the Christian teacher God has entrusted that "skilful hand."

Vividly I remember the experience of Pieter. I was conducting a Week of Prayer at one of our schools. The principal told me about Pieter. Somehow this lad showed no interest in spiritual things. Through public preaching and personal approaches, I endeavoured to reach Pieter's heart, but without success. I made inquiries about his background and discovered that he had turned bitter because of a very hard life with a step-mother.

I was sure that he needed help. On the last Friday of my visit he had to write a maths test. I arranged with the teacher for him to skip the test if he so desired and go for a walk with me instead. He hated maths and was willing to do anything rather than write the test. I could see he was determined not to talk to me. I ignored his antagonism and started to tell him a story. I recalled his own life and told him of the little four-year-old boy who lost his mother. He missed her tremendously. His father married again. This new step-mother was hard and cruel. She beat him. She punished him unnecessarily. Some nights he had to sleep all alone in the haystack. I watched the bitterness in Pieter's eyes. He recognized himself in the story. I went on and described how he ran away from home. How he hated his step-mother; how his whole life was ruined. By now we were seated in the boys' parlour. Then I looked him straight in his tear-filled eyes: "Pieter, do you know what you need most in life? Do you know what will make you happy? You need a mother." I knew by his sobs that he recognized the secret desire of his heart. I asked another question: "Pieter, if you had to choose a mother here at school, who would you like to have?" He did not hesitate for one second. The name of his science teacher was on his lips

Ordination



Congratulating newly-ordained Pastors M. P. Breedt and W. J. Swanepoel is E. C. Webster, president of the Oranje-Natal Conference with M. L. Mills (right) president of the TAD and R. E. Clifford, president of the SAUC (left). Pastor Breedt is the Publishing Department secretary of the O.N. Conference, and Pastor Swanepoel is the district pastor of the Welkom area. This ordination took place on December 30.

before he had time to think. I went to the science classroom and asked this fine Christian lady to accompany me to the boys' parlour. Never will I forget that touching scene. I repeated the story and told the teacher about Pieter's choice. He chose her as a mother because of her kind and sympathetic interest in him during the year. His soul was hungry for love and sympathy. He saw in her what his little boy's heart had craved during his childhood. I left them for some time and when I returned Pieter was a new lad. His face was shining. In finding a mother he also found his way to Christ.

Without preaching to that boy she sowed the seeds of truth. Her Christlike life, her kindness and love awoke in that boy a desire for something better. She taught him science, but whenever there was an opportunity, she witnessed for Christ.

Oh, teacher friend of mine, in every class of yours there is a boy or girl who needs the touch of a skilful hand. Never let a boy or girl ever have to say: "I attended an Adventist school but no teacher ever invited me to give my heart to Christ." Remember, you are trained to teach, but called to save! Every student in your classroom is your mission field.

WANTED

A number of copies of the book, *Problems in Bible Translation*, are urgently needed at Helderberg College. This was a Ministerial Reading Course book a number of years ago and is now out of print.

If you have not used your copy or if you make little use of it, would you be kind enough to sell or donate your copy to the Helderberg College Theological Department?

—L. K. McDOWELL, *Chairman,*
Theological Department,
Helderberg College.

The Division Officers Relax at Reinhard's Farewell



Pastor and Mrs. R. M. Reinhard with the cake map of Africa on which their places of labour were indicated by little huts. Twenty-five years of dedicated service have been given to Africa by this missionary couple. The cake was made by Mrs. Jean Donald and decorated by Mrs. A. W. Austen.

Mrs. Austen listens as Pastor A. W. Austen reads a poem she wrote, entitled "TAD Soliloquy," in which it is shown that the TAD seems to be the training ground for the General Conference, since many TAD workers have been called to the world headquarters.

Pastor and Mrs. M. L. Mills with Pastor and Mrs. Reinhard listen to Pastor Bob Jacobs congratulating Pastor M. E. Lind on being a good Master of Ceremonies.



REPORTING ON . . .

People and Events

At the time of writing these notes, Pastor Mills, our Division president, is on an itinerary in Uganda and Central Africa. Dr. M. H. Schaffner is holding Five-Day Stop Smoking campaigns in South Africa, and Pastor J. T. Mason is assisting in publishing institutes in the East and Central African and Tanzania unions. Pastor G. F. Clifford is meeting various educational appointments in the SAUC, and Pastor H. W. Peterson is engaged in Lay Activities crusades in the SEAU. Weeks of Prayer are being held at Helderberg College by Pastor M. E. Lind and at Anderson Memorial School in the ZU by Pastor B. E. Jacobs. Since Pastor A. E. Cook's appointment to conduct an evangelistic field school in the CAU has had to be postponed, he has had a little breather during which to devote more time to office and PR work. Pastor J. M. Stephenson has been away from headquarters on auditing trips on several occasions.

Pastor and Mrs. A. W. Austen are on their long leave from the Division office, as is also Mrs. Loris Smith, of the Secretarial Department.

The Tanzania General Field which formerly was under the direction of the TU officers, has now been organized into a separate unit, and Pastor H. R. E. Henning has left his post as Publishing Department secretary of the union to be president of this field.

Pastor J. T. Knopper of the Publishing Department of the CU has accepted a call to be the Publishing Department secretary of the TU.

Songa Hospital is open once more and medical director Dr. O. Rouhe and his staff are busy getting operations back to normal. Dr. Marland Hanson and his family have arrived from Tanzania where they were temporarily located and are now settled at this institution.

Changes in name have been made for three fields in the Tanzania Union: Majita-Ukerewe Field to Central Nyanza Field; East Lake Field to East Nyanza Field; and West Lake Field to South Nyanza Field.

Miss Moreen Buckle has recently joined the staff of the Anderson Memorial School at Gwelo. While a newcomer to our ranks, Miss Buckle has many years of junior hostel work to her credit.

Miss Christine van Wyk is another new addition to the Anderson staff. Last year she was the principal/teacher of the Salisbury church school. She has been replaced by Mrs. Alice Peterson. Mrs. Sandra Smith is teaching Afrikaans classes in this headquarters institution.

Mrs. Ivy Swanson, formerly of the staff of the Bible Correspondence School in Cape Town, has joined the staff of the Rhodesia Conference.

Solusi College is to have an airstrip, or to be more exact, the old airstrip on the Solusi property is to be reconstructed. This facility will enable Division and other authorized personnel to visit the college more quickly and more reasonably from time to time.

URGENTLY NEEDED:

Solusi College is urgently needing a copy of *On the Trail of Livingstone*, by W. H. Anderson and the librarian wonders if any of our readers who might have this book would care to donate it to the Solusi library where it will be used to inspire young men and women to also follow in the path of Livingstone in dedicating their lives to the Master.

Kindly post your donated copy to:

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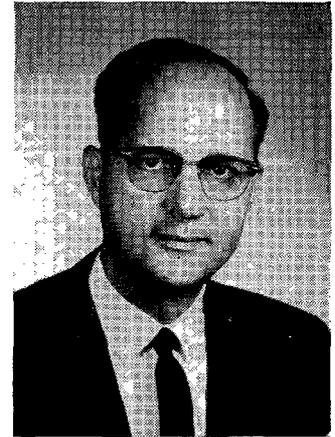
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Johannesburg	6.03	5.56	5.50	5.43
East London	5.59	5.51	5.43	5.35
Port Elizabeth	6.08	6.00	5.52	5.44
Bloemfontein	6.08	6.01	5.54	5.47
Pietermaritzburg	5.50	5.42	5.36	5.28
Durban	5.48	5.41	5.34	5.26
Windhoek	6.47	6.41	6.36	6.26
Bulawayo	6.02	5.57	5.52	5.47
Salisbury	5.52	5.47	5.43	5.38
Gwelo	5.53	5.47	5.42	5.38
Lusaka	5.58	5.53	5.49	5.46
Blantyre	5.38	5.34	5.30	5.27
Lubumbashi	6.10	6.06	6.04	6.02
Nairobi	6.39	6.36	6.36	6.35
Mombasa	6.24	6.22	6.21	6.19
Kisumu	6.48	6.47	6.46	6.46
Kampala	6.56	6.55	6.54	6.52
Dar-es-Salaam	6.26	6.25	6.24	6.22
Tabora	6.52	6.50	6.49	6.47

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Cape Town	6.04	5.57	5.52	5.49	5.45
Johannesburg	5.38	5.33	5.30	5.27	5.24
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Port Elizabeth	5.36	5.29	5.24	5.21	5.17
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Transplantation of the Human Heart

by MERLE L. MILLS, *President,*
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A SUCCESSFUL OPERATION involving the transplantation of the human heart is now history. When the news of this scientific achievement was revealed to the world it captured the imagination of all mankind. What a modern-day miracle! This dramatic break-through in medical science suddenly gave hope to millions with ailing hearts. With bated breath all anxiously looked forward to the daily news bulletins to learn whether or not the heart-transplant patient was still living and making progress toward recovery. We were warned of the possibility of a negative reaction to substances or tissues foreign to the body leading to a heart reject. The crisis was awaited with some doubt and trepidation, but it did not appear. We seemed to accept this famous heart patient as one of our kith and kin. We sensed that if he successfully recovered from this historic operation there was hope of health and longevity for all suffering from heart disease, which has become the No. 1 killer in some countries. And though the patient did not survive, his death was not due to a heart reject or complications from the operation but from some organic cause. Despite his death, the operation was hailed as a success and Dr. Christiaan Neethling Barnard, his surgeon, became a hero. South Africa, the country in which the surgery was performed, was suddenly catapulted into world fame with Cape Town and the Groote Schuur Hospital becoming familiar names in every household throughout the length and breadth of the land.

Since that important day, a second heart transplant has taken place which promises to assure an indefinite future for the patient.

We do not wish to depreciate the achievement of this epochal and dramatic event, but what does a candid and realistic evaluation reveal? Simply, that the patient will live out his normal span of life. The heart may be younger and healthier, yet it cannot prevent the degeneration of the constituent parts of the body such as the blood vessels, liver, stomach and lungs. The transplanted heart will effect no change in the thought processes or the emotional and spiritual nature of man which regulate and control his behavioural pattern. The new heart will still be subject to the negative forces of fear, envy, pride, hate and covetousness. It will provide no immunity to disease and suffering, nor will it be able to extend life beyond its normal bounds. While there is great admiration and ecstatic delight because of this surgical feat, should not a renewed emphasis be given to the far more enduring and effective heart transplant, which may not capture as much glamour or be reported as extensively as in the case of Dr. Philip Blaiberg who, at present, is the only person in the world to survive a heart transplant operation. Nevertheless, the result will be far more permanent. We refer to the figurative heart transplant by Christ the Master Surgeon. This type of operation has been in common practice for thousands of years, and is being performed every day. It vouchsafes man's security for the future. This heart transplant is God's answer to the otherwise hapless and insoluble situation in which man finds himself. It emancipates the human soul from the thralldom of sin. The spiritual heart transplant involves a new heart which brings to its pos-

essor a new life of purity and joy. It also prepares the way for everlasting life in the world to come.

In describing the viability of this heart transplant, the prophet said: "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh; and I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them" Ezek. 36:26, 27.

This is God's solution to man's dilemma. Unless he submits to the spiritual physician and allows his heart of stone to be replaced by a heart of flesh, his pretence of religion and his attempt to rise to new heights of morality will be but an excursion into the realm of futility. Any effort that man puts forth to become a Christian and overcome the common temptations of the carnal heart will be negated by the counterworking of an evil power which wars against the flesh. "You cannot change your heart, you cannot of yourself give to God its affections; but you can choose to serve Him. You can give Him your will; He will then work in you to will and to do according to His good pleasure. Thus your whole nature will be brought under the control of the Spirit of Christ."—*Steps to Christ*, page 47.

Friend of mine, as you avidly follow with great interest the progress of Dr. Barnard's heart patients, have you taken the necessary steps to safeguard your own happiness and security by submitting to the more satisfactory and completely effective heart-transplant under the skilled hand of the Great Physician?