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An Ingathering Story With a Happy Ending

In 1952 and 1953 I was called to Astoria, Oregon, to work away from home for a year and a half. I rented a small apartment near the office where I worked, and became a "bachelor" during the week. Each evening, after my meal of physical food and a small, tasty feast of God's Word, namely the Sabbath school lesson, I played hymns for a while on my clarinet. The hymns carried through to the apartments about me, but on one side of me they echoed back on the beautiful notes of a flute. This "echo" occurred two or three different times, until finally one evening while I played on my clarinet, there came a loud knock at the door. Embarrassed, I quickly opened the door to be greeted by a tall, handsome young man.

"My name is Don Patterson. I am your neighbour," he said, "and I have been wondering where my favourite hymns were coming from."

"Guilty," I said. "Sit down with me a while."

"Haven't you heard my flute over here?" he asked.

"Yes," I said; bring it over now, and let's hear some more of it while we play together."

He brought his flute, and we played and visited while he told me something of his life. He was a sailor in the United States Navy, attached to the Tongue Point Naval Base. Two years before, while in Alaska with the Navy, he had accepted Christ and given up the world completely. In Astoria he rented a small apartment close to the Baptist church so that he could keep active in service for the Lord and help with the church programme, for in Alaska he had also dedicated his life to the service of God.

He told me something of his early life in Chicago where he was born. There he had learned to enjoy the ways of the world until he began to grow weary of such a life. Then he decided to join the Navy, so that he might get away from it all. In a few weeks the Navy had Don in Kodiak, Alaska, far "away from it all"! He attended the services in the little Baptist mission there, and the Spirit of God started speaking to him. Don was a good listener, for every

time the Spirit convicted him of an evil habit he immediately gave it up. Finally he had parted with all his evil habits. He told me how he was even convicted, or "condemned" (to use his words) over drinking his twenty daily cups of coffee, so he stopped that habit. He parted with everything that stood between himself and his Saviour. In the Astoria Baptist church Don was an enthusiastic worker in the Sunday school, prayer meeting, the youth's rallies, and every activity of the church. At the Tongue Point Naval Base he distributed tracts to his shipmates and witnessed in every way he could.

It did not take long for me to see that here was already a consecrated young Christian. Our first meeting was a delightful experience for both of us.

After visiting for a while Don asked me about my faith.

"I am a seventh-day Adventist," I replied.

"Oh," he said, "one of my ancestors was prominent in your denomination."

"Is that so?" I asked. "What was his name?"

"His last name was Wayne," he replied, "but his first name I don't recall."

"Do you mean Jasper Wayne?" I asked.

"Yes, that's it," he exclaimed. "He was my great-grandfather!"

Then it was my turn to be surprised. I explained to him the work of his great-grandfather and invited him to spend the weekend in our home at Laurelwood and there tell the folks about himself.

He accepted the invitation and there made his first visit to a Seventh-day Adventist church. We played a duet at church on our instruments, then Don gave a beautiful testimony to the church.

"This is the first time that I have been in an Adventist church, but I want you to know that I am enjoying every minute of it!"

We planted a few seeds of doctrine with him, which he quickly accepted. In less than a month after our first meeting Don became an enthusiastic Seventh-day Adventist.

After fifty years of Ingathering for missions have passed, the Holy Spirit has "Ingathered" the great-grandson of Jasper Wayne—Don Patterson, a sailor, who is waiting only for his Navy discharge in about a year that he might then enter one of our colleges and train for God's service!

It was that first week in May, 1953, at the height of our annual Ingathering campaign that I met Don. The *North Pacific Union Gleaner* was then carrying two full pages about Jasper Wayne and the work that he started. At this very time God honoured the Wayne family in bringing the truth to Don Patterson.

God honoured me, too, in using my family and our church at Laurelwood as the instruments of salvation in this case. Thus our flute and clarinet struck the first notes of the joyful song that was soon carried by the voices and instruments of heaven as another soul was born into this remnant church.

Don Patterson recently visited his grandmother and was given the original handbag in which Jasper Wayne of Ingathering fame carried the *Signs* he sold for Harvest Ingathering.

—ELDRED HALSEY, Gaston, Oregon.
(Copied from "GO", April, 1955)

The Ingathering drive in the British West Indies Union is going ahead under full steam. The Cayman Islands Mission and the Bahamas Mission have already passed their goals. The other day one of the Jamaica Conference presidents told me that they will go far beyond their super goal before the enthusiasm diminishes. It is most encouraging to see the courageous manner in which all are taking part in Ingathering this year.

We are interested in the pounds and the guineas—they can help us in so many ways; but let us be ever watchful for souls as we make our contacts and talk with our prospects. "Many a soul is on the verge of the kingdom, waiting only to be gathered in." There are many who, like Jasper Wayne's great-grandson, Don Patterson, will respond to your invitation to join the remnant people. The Ingathering campaign will help you find them.

—R. S. BLACKBURN

BAHAMAS MISSION

Pres. H. D. COLBURN
Secy.-Treas. CYRIL TENNENT

"Your Radio Doctor" Now on the Air in the Bahamas

Underlying all of our thinking and planning for the promulgation of the "Message" in the Bahamas Islands is EVANGELISM. After forty-six years of labour in these islands, our membership still stands one hundred and forty short of the one thousand mark. For many years we have been trying to interest a very fine middle class group of individuals as well as the very wealthy of this colony.

It was with this in mind that we thought of the new radio programmes which Doctor Clifford Anderson, of Washington D.C., has been preparing for more than a year, and which have become increasingly popular in a number of countries where they are released each week. We felt that it might indeed prove to be an "entering wedge," a "right arm of the message," and we began to negotiate with Doctor Anderson and with the local broadcasting station, ZNS, here in Nassau.

About the middle of March we received our first tape recording of this programme, and soon after the excitement of Princess Margaret's visit had begun to ebb a bit, we contacted the station officials who arranged for an audition of the programme entitled, "Your Radio Doctor."

The following day the manager of the station called me, and stated that there were some eight or ten, including the Chief Medical Officer of the colony, who listened to the programme and all agreed it was outstanding. He wanted to know how soon we could guarantee an uninterrupted supply of the programmes to the station. He also stated that the Chief Medical Officer was so impressed that he volunteered to go on the air to introduce the programme to the radio audience and to give it the official blessing of the Medical Department of the Bahamas Government.

Sunday night, April 10, at 7:00 o'clock, our first Adventist Health broadcast went on the air. There had been a fine build-up for nearly a week by the station, through the press and over the air. This publicity assured a large listening audience throughout the entire colony. Since then, words of appreciation have been pouring in to ZNS.

The first broadcast was on Easter Sunday and the Manager called me this morning and told me that a party of thirteen, with him had gone to a south beach on the opposite side of the island of New Providence to spend the day quietly. When it came time for this broadcast, they all gathered around the car of a doctor who was one of the vacationers. He said that not one word was spoken by anyone for fear they might miss a word. He mentioned that several had told

him afterward that even though the sand flies were biting viciously, yet they would not slap at them for fear they would not get everything Doctor Anderson was saying. The Doctor who was with the group expressed his appreciation in the highest terms, stating that it was truly an outstanding programme and that he never wanted to miss a single broadcast.

The station has made available to the Bahamas Mission for this weekly broadcast, a quarter hour of Class A time, absolutely free, and assures us they will carry the programme as long as we provide the tapes and the quality remains anywhere near that of this first programme.

The broadcast closes with these words: "This has been a presentation from your friends, the Adventists," so that the Mission which already is on the air nearly two hundred times a year, will be winning new friends through this non-religious Health programme. We feel it is sure to break down prejudice and win many more friends for us during the months and years ahead. We earnestly hope and pray that our newest programme, "Your Radio Doctor," will cause many to re-appraise the Adventists and that it will serve as an "entering wedge" and prove to be indeed "the right arm of the message," which will lead to further investigation of the Adventists' spiritual message as well.

—H. D. COLBURN.

Bahamas Ingathering Campaign

Brilliant success crowned our Ingathering campaign this year; one church has doubled its goal while others have exceeded their goals by fifty and thirty percent. For a moment we thought the amount set for the churches in Nassau was beyond their ability to reach, but the hard working members carried forward their work in such surprising manner that when both churches reported twenty percent above their requirement, great was our surprise.

Our success is not to be attributed to the wealth of our environment or to the willingness of the inhabitants to contribute to the advancement of our work, but to the Spirit of God which moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform.

The brethren of our out-island churches have been aroused and are wide awake. Regular Government mail service has brought these islands nearer to the mission office. More contacts can be made, whether directly or by letter. This gives rise to a feeling of "belonging" among the members in these far away churches and for this reason our mission programme is meeting with greater co-operation.

We are happy for what has been accomplished in raising our mission goal, and pray that God will manifest His power again as we now enter upon our evangelistic plans.

—L. S. BINNS, *Home Missionary Secretary, Bahamas Mission.*

EAST JAMAICA CONFERENCE

Pres. E. H. SCHNEIDER
Secy.-Treas. V. T. BOYCE

Farewell to East Jamaica

Just a brief word of farewell to my precious brothers and sisters in East Jamaica. On February 8, as I was preparing to leave for a Union Committee meeting in Mandeville, I was stricken unconscious in my home. After seventeen days of kind care in Andrews Memorial Hospital I came home. But after prayerful study Mrs. Delafield and I have decided to ask for permanent return to the United States, which request has now been granted.

I want to thank all the churches and every dear member who has prayed for my recovery. I am improving, but it will still be several months until I am where my energy and strength will enable me to carry on again for the Lord. My loving Father in heaven has mercifully permitted this experience to come to me for my present and eternal good. Thank you again for your precious prayers in my behalf. I also thank God for the dear students and teachers at Mandeville who have prayed for me. Thank you dear ones also who have written us and sent cards of remembrance. Please continue to pray for me.

I thank our Mighty Leader, Jesus, that the brethren have chosen Elder E. H. Schneider and Elder V. T. Boyce as the new conference president and secretary-treasurer. You will all love these dear men of God, and I am positive as you all work on together seeking a deepening spirituality of life, and to co-operate with the General Conference plan for the four-year period, 1954-1957, to win twice as many souls as were won in the previous four-year period, that God will abundantly bless each of you and His dear cause in East Jamaica. Elder W. A. Osborne, elected at Conference Session time as secretary-treasurer, accepted the call but later declined, and thus Elder Boyce was called.

So, beloved ones in East Jamaica and others who may know us, thanks again for your precious prayers in my behalf. We love you, and as we leave at the end of May, please pray that if God wills some day we might again be in the mission field which we love. Mrs. Delafield, Trevor, Marjorie and Hardy all join in sending their love too. "Finally brethren, farewell," till we meet again.

—R. E. DELAFIELD.

On the Heights of St. Mary

Twenty-nine years ago lay-preacher Henderson, then a youth, read the books: Patriarchs and Prophets, Bible Readings, Best Stories and Christ Our Saviour. The seeds of truth grew in his heart until he found one other person who started keeping the Sab-

Bath with him in the Baxter's Mountain community. Through the years lay-preachers Crosse and Jackson trudged the ascending heights to this topmost region of St. Mary until a few souls were won and a branch Sabbath school established.

The Baxter family and the Strachan family combined comprise the larger part of the population of the Baxter's Mountain community.

The labours of the laymen have been wonderfully rewarded, as today there stands an organized Sabbath school with 20 members. On Sunday, March 27, Pastor Herbert Fletcher and the writer visited this place where many visiting friends came to the meeting. It was thrilling to see many stepping forward giving their hearts to the Saviour. At the end of the meeting the owner of the land where the service was held, who before was in an uncertain position, agreed to allow a church to be established on his premises so long as the Adventists have believers in that area.

When one reaches the top of Baxter's Mountain there is hardly any higher to go, but we are happy that even in this region of the conference souls are responding to the Spirit's call to obedience and faith.

—W. U. CAMPBELL, *Home Missionary and Sabbath School Secretary, East Jamaica Conference.*

Fifty-three lay preachers availed themselves of the instructions at the recent institute held in the parish of St. Thomas, and several evangelistic efforts have been started since. At Somerset seventy-five people were out at one meeting. From Port Morant two lay efforts are being conducted and three from Bath.

Brother Leroy Carter left Jamaica by B.W.I.A. March 23 for the Turk's Islands. He will be in charge of the churches over there. We wish Brother Carter God's richest blessings in his labours in that section of the vineyard.

—VINNETTE WALKER.

WEST JAMAICA CONFERENCE

Pres. H. S. WALTERS
Secy.-Treas. L. A. MORRISON

News Notes

The central Manchester district, under the leadership of Brother Josephus Allen, is leading the conference in the Ingathering campaign. Every church went over the top one week after the official opening date. We extend our heartiest congratulations to Brother Allen and the faithful believers of central Manchester.

The "2,000 Ingathering Club" formed at the May Pen convention is gaining momentum throughout the conference. Every week more individuals are joining up. This "2,000 Club" consists of individuals who are determined by God's help to raise at least £2 each during the Ingathering campaign. Brother Temple of the Ocho Rios Young People's Society has raised over £6, and Brother Ainsworth of the Montego Bay church has turned in £10.

Throughout the West Jamaica Conference Pastors and Church Leaders are making preparations for large baptismal services which will be conducted during the month of June. West Jamaica is hoping and praying that there will be over 1,000 souls baptised during this period. Every week scores of individuals are joining baptismal classes all over the conference. This is indeed an indication that we are nearing the time of the outpouring of the "latter rain."

Miss Ruth Bailey, graduate of the Secretarial Course of the West Indian Training College, has been called to serve as secretary in the Book and Bible House. She and Miss Edna W. Parchment, the manager, make a fine team. We wish to assure our colporteurs throughout the field that a royal welcome awaits them at the Book and Bible House.

Brother Ralphus Williams, recently manager of the West Indian Training College Bakery, has been called to be cashier of the West Jamaica Conference. The work in our treasury department has increased and our

committee has called Brother Williams to assist Elder Morrison in the work in that department. We wish Brother Williams everything that is good as he starts his new work.

The evangelistic effort being conducted at John's Hall under the able leadership of Elder Holness is stirring the entire community. The first Sabbath after the presentation of the Sabbath question over eighty individuals came out to church. The building which is now under construction at the present time is too small to accommodate the increased attendance. Let us remember this effort in our prayers.

News from the other efforts in progress reveals that a modern book of "Acts" is being written in our evangelistic front. The following ministers are bringing their efforts to a successful close: Brother Boyd at Alderton; Brother Allen at Harmons; Brother Bennett at Sheffield; Elder Fletcher at Royal Flat; Elder Morrison at Greenvale; Elder Lindo at Resource; Elder Palmer at George's Valley and Brother Rupert Henry at James Hill.

—H. S. WALTERS.

Attention!

The Somerton Church desires to know the whereabouts of Mrs. Ruby Stubbs, formerly Miss Bulgin. Kindly send your information to Mrs. Maritime Anderson, Windsor Lodge, Somerton P.O.

Modern Inventions Hasten the Gospel Story

"Modern-day inventions made possible rapid transportation, mass communication, and an abundance of material things which are to be rightly used for the rapid spread of the Gospel. Television is one of the latest, and perhaps the most effective single medium God has given to us to use. Television has already found its way into 75 per cent of the homes in America which are wired for electricity. It is still making rapid gains in sales. At this very moment, television facilities are capable of reaching a potential of 97 per cent of all the homes in the United States."—*Tele-notes*, April, 1955.

Another report indicates that our "Faith for Today" telecast is being transmitted over 122 stations, 110 of which are given without cost to the denomination. Surely this is an outstanding evidence of God's providence in providing for the finishing of the work, since broadcasting over this many stations would mean an expenditure of over half a million dollars.

Yes, "He will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth."

(Rom. 9:28).

News Notes

"Ye shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves." Surely, this was the experience of the Buff Bay brethren and sisters just twenty-four hours after the launching of their 1955 Ingathering campaign. As one man they went out after the set of sun, and by sundown Sunday evening the entire Ingathering goal was reached. Well done, Buff Bay! The Master is well pleased. Go on to the Kingdom.

With willing hearts the members of the Woodburn company went forward with their Ingathering solicitation, and before the Ingathering supplies reached them, they had gone over the top!

In the plains of Lower St. Andrew the Kencot Church has sent out her roots and a little company is now springing up in the Mavely settlement. They have a Sabbath school of thirty members, eight of whom are in the baptismal class. Two of this number have been baptized in the first quarter. Elder W. U. Campbell and Brother A. A. Morgan are directly responsible for the raising up of this company, and layman C. Hamilton is now conducting regular meetings there.

Another lay effort is being held in another section by Brothers Wheattle and Clarke of the Kencot church. The interest and attendance at these meetings are very good. We are confident that the Holy Spirit will water these seeds of truth so faithfully sown.

Union News Notes

We were highly favoured during the month of March to have Elders Adlai Esteb, of the General Conference Home Missionary Department, and H. J. Wesphal of the Inter-American Division, conducting laymen's institutes in East and West Jamaica. These seasons have brought a new vision of the task before us, emphasizing the thought of winning souls by simple, neighbourly acts of thoughtfulness and kindness.

Our Division President, Elder Roth, and Elder Berry, Educational Secretary, also spent a few days in Mandeville. One of the prime objects of their visit was the building programme of the West Indian Training College. We hope to see some more buildings going up on the hill shortly in the form of a new girls' dormitory and a new printshop.

Elder and Mrs. H. E. Schneider, of the Southern Union Conference, were the guests of Elder and Mrs. Blackburn recently.

Miss Irilyn Haig, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. A. R. Haig, was united in marriage to Mr. Gladwin Trott, of Bermuda, on the 13th of April in a beautiful ceremony carried out at the College auditorium by her uncle, Elder E. E. Parchment, assisted by Pastors H. S. Walters and W. S. Nation. Our prayers and best wishes go with Brother and Sister Trott as they join the staff of the Sandringham Academy, Southampton, Bermuda.

Elder P. S. Thompson, Caribbean Union Mission President, spent a few days in Mandeville while on his way to Miami for the mid-year Division Council. Having spent around seven years in Jamaica, Elder Thompson is an old friend and it was indeed a pleasure to renew our acquaintance with him.

Welcome

A hearty welcome to Elder V. T. Boyce and his family to the British West Indies Union!

In answer to the invitation of the East Jamaica Conference Committee, Brother Boyce came to Jamaica on the 15th of April to assume the position of Secretary-Treasurer of that Conference. Having had many years of experience along this line in the Caribbean Union, Brother Boyce comes to us to add his talent toward the finishing of the work in this field. We wish for him and his family many happy years of service in our midst.

Elder S. S. Will, Home Missionary and Sabbath School Secretary of the Southern Union Conference, and Elder W. L. Mazart, Home Missionary and Sabbath School Secretary of the Florida Conference, spent a few days in Jamaica visiting several churches in both East and West Conferences. Intensely interested in the Layman's Movement, these brethren came to make observations in this field.

Andrews Memorial Hospital News

Departures: Mrs. Lennox Westney, formerly Ouida Spleen who graduated five years ago from nursing school at Andrews, is now accompanying her husband to New York, U.S.A. She will be greatly missed by her friends and members of the staff of Andrews who wish her happiness in her new location.

Miss Mercylin Maragh, a graduate of the last class of nursing at Andrews, left a few weeks ago to go abroad. She is now employed as a staff nurse at the Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. We wish her success in her work in this other institution.

New Faces: For the past three months there have been seven students studying the arts of nursing care here at the hospital. The names of those wearing the new white caps are: Mrs. Veta Anderson, Misses Daisy Cunningham, Merle Mattocks, Pat Morrison, Phyllis Phillips, Linda Powell, Roslyn Thorbourne.

In the laboratory, sitting behind the new Zeiss Winkel binocular microscope, is Laura Cunningham. She is learning the routine procedure that assists the doctors in making their diagnoses.

Joining the secretarial staff at the clinic at Andrews is Fay Creary, a recent graduate of the W.I.T. College. She is to carry the responsibility of keeping records and accounts in order at the clinic out-patient department.

Mr. and Mrs. William Brodie paid us a few visits while vacationing in the island. The hospital church appreciated his ministry in song on the Sabbath he attended.

Recently there have been several of our members admitted as patients. Among those who found it necessary to seek medical care, but are now either home again or on the convalescent list, are: Mr. Albert Shaw, of Bird's Hill; Mrs. Leonie Hyatt, Allman Town; Miss Maude Townsend, Santa Cruz; Mrs. Thelma Gordon, Port Antonio; Miss May Simpson, Kingston; Mrs. Roslyn Hurst, Guy's Hill; Mr. Lascelles Merchant, Yarmouth; Mrs. Madeline Langley, Old Harbour.

A new addition to our compound is a duplex building nearing completion. This building will accommodate the matron and secretary-treasurer, and stands in the background of the site of the old "Landsdown" cottage which has now been torn down.

—MRS. M. R. HOEHN.

We are happy to welcome Dr. and Mrs. Hoehn and their two children back to the Andrews Memorial, after an absence of about eight weeks in the United States.

number of friends and members. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Rev. 14:13 and 1 Cor. 15. That Sister Williamson was highly loved and esteemed was evidenced by the very choice display of flowers which accompanied her to her resting place. We sorrow, but not without hope.

J. Clifford, (District Pastor, Birmingham, England).

Attention all Students

The British West Indies Union Education Department, Box 22, Mandeville P.O., Jamaica, B.W.I., requests that all students finishing prescribed course within the Union and elsewhere such as, United States of America, Canada and England, keep in touch with us. We are most interested in your progress and your future. We may be of mutual help to one another. May God bless you and give you more power and success.

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Until The Day-Break

BLAKE—Brother Samuel Blake was born in 1869, and accepted the Advent message in 1900 through the efforts of Elder C. Hall. A member of the Auchtembeddie church, which he served as deacon for eleven years, he fell asleep on March 27, 1955, leaving as his dying testimony: "The weary pilgrim is longing for Home sweet Home." We hope to meet him in that Home.

FOSKIN—Brother Foskin's death stressed the fact that in the midst of life we are in death. As he was riding to his work on the morning of April 1, he was hit by an approaching vehicle and died on the spot. He served as deacon of the Coker church and lived a quiet, Christian life since his baptism in 1947. We look forward to meeting our brother on the sea of glass.

HOLNESS—Sister Gwendolyn Holness, a faithful member of the Bartons church, was laid to rest after an illness of only nine days. She was baptized in 1951 and served as secretary of the Sabbath school. We hope to meet her in the Kingdom.

MILLER—Our beloved Sister Ethel Miller of the Siloah church passed away on February 6, 1955. She was baptized by Elder Frank Fletcher in 1938, and continued faithfully to the end. We hope to meet her in the morning.

WILLIAMSON—Mrs. Avis Leonora Williamson, of 69 Whitehall Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, fell asleep in Jesus on March 11, 1955, at the Dudley Road Hospital, of cerebral haemorrhage. She had left her three children in Jamaica in the care of her mother and had come to England to join her husband, who is working in Birmingham. Sister Williamson had been a faithful member of the church for more than sixteen years. Our sympathy goes out to the sorrowing husband, the aged mother, and the motherless children. The funeral was at the Handsworth cemetery in the presence of a large