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Famine and Disaster Offering

by ALLAN C. STOCKHAUSEN

How thankful we all ought to be to our heavenly Father for His preserving mercies during the earthquake of March 1. As we have viewed the damage that has been done to the churches of other denominations and the homes of those not of our faith, we are led to ascribe praise to God for His care over His people.

The newspapers tell of many earthquakes that have shaken this old earth in several areas since March 1. As we read the Bible and the Testimonies we are convinced that earthquakes and many other disasters of one kind or another will come upon us before Jesus comes. These are troublous days, brethren. We have not forgotten the hurricane of August, 1951, and the liberality of the General Conference, and our brethren in other places, when so many of our churches were destroyed and so many of our people were left in distress.

At this time there comes an appeal from the General Conference to our brethren in all parts of the world to contribute to a FAMINE AND DISASTER FUND, from which speedy relief can be given to our brethren who may, without notice, be made homeless and plunged into dire want for food and clothing. This special offering is to be taken in all the churches around the world on Sabbath, May 25, and should be reported by the church treasurers as FAMINE AND DISASTER OFFERING.

Each Division has been given a goal and so, the Inter American Division has allotted a portion of their goal to each Union with the suggestion that the goal of £430 0 0 for the British West Indies Union be split up between the fields in the following ratio:

Bahamas	—	£ 40	0	0
Cayman Islands	—	10	0	0
East Jamaica	—	190	0	0
West Jamaica	—	190	0	0

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A Message From Our Believers in the Far East Division

OUTSTRETCHED HANDS



Domingo, Paz and Junito Villagomez

May I introduce to you Domingo, 28, Juanito, 26, and Paz, 22, three children of Mr. & Mrs. Villagomez, who live in Camarines Sur, the territory of the Southern Luzon Mission in which the North Philippine Union proposes to build a vocational training school from the Thirteenth Sabbath overflow of the second quarter. We hope that this school will meet the needs of the hundreds of young people who stand with outstretched hands, looking to the leaders of the denomination with the hope in their hearts that somehow they will be provided with a Christian Education.

Domingo, Juanito and Paz, are typical youth of the Southern Luzon Mission who constantly struggle to secure an education. These three youth with their parents found the advent message in the year 1940. As little by little the message opened their minds which had been steeped in the doc-

trines of Catholicism since their birth, their hearts responded to the anointing of the Holy Spirit to step out and keep the Sabbath. It was a real struggle to leave a large Catholic church which in the Philippines is always located right in the very centre of the community. Their friends and neighbours would ask, "What is this that you are doing? How can you leave the Mother church to enter into that small and unknown sect, the 'Sabadistas'?" But like loyal Seventh-day Adventists all around the world, their hearts were moved and they continued to be true to their God. They joined the Seventh-day Adventist people in their community and started to teach their neighbours and friends the new found faith.

They had not been long in the church before they found that Seventh-day Adventists operate a system of schools and colleges where they could be trained for service. They determined in their hearts that they would have a Christian education at any cost.

After finishing the intermediate grades in his home town, Domingo came to Manila and applied at Philippine Union College, as a self-supporting student. Juanito came two years later, and his sister, Paz, the next year. There is no school in their mission, and these young people without funds wish to support themselves while seeking a christian education. And so they have secured employment in the Manila area and are living together in a small room helping each other in their educational projects. Paz takes care of the laundering of her brothers and cooks for them. They are taking turns in attending the school. One works to support the others, while they go to school, and the next year he drops out and becomes a worker while the brother or the sister attends the academy the next year. They have been working now for

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News Notes from the Bahamas

Mission

The Bahamas Mission was privileged to have our Union Officers, Elders A. C. Stockhausen and R. S. Blackburn, pay us a visit from February 6th to the 11th. During their stay with us they were kept busy attending year-end Committee Meetings, Workers' Meetings, preaching in our Nassau churches, and even making an "Out-island trip on the M. V. 'Air Swift' to the northern part of the island of Eleuthera, where a busy programme had been prepared for the twenty-four hour period from Friday night to Saturday night, at the Bluff.

Returning by a small boat Sunday morning across to Spanish Wells, they had opportunity to visit one of the most interesting settlements in the Colony, and then boarded again the 'Air Swift' for Nassau, where they arrived in time to fill appointments again in the Shirley Street and Grants Town churches.

The encouragement and counsel given by these in all the meetings on New Providence and the Bluff, as well as in the many private interviews, were appreciated, and we say to our good Union President and Secretary: Come again and come soon and stay longer!

It was a fine looking group of workers which assembled in the Mission Office on East Shirley Street, Thursday night, and the reports which they gave were most encouraging. Nearly all of our workers were present, and the corps had been increased only a short time before, by the arrivals of three young student colporteurs, Noel Thorpe, Sylvia McDonald, Dorothy Graham, from Jamaica who have joined our colporteur evangelists, not only to earn scholarships but to do all they can to help carry the Good News to more of earth's inhabitants!

Each of the departmental workers, District Pastors and the Secretary-Treasurer presented information which was inspiring. After a most helpful message from Elder Blackburn, each worker present dedicated himself to greater service during 1957. In view of the lateness of the hour, the challenge to attempt greater things for God was accepted and we believe that when the story of this new year shall have become history, it will be seen that far greater success has attended our united efforts here in the Bahamas than we have ever seen before.

H. D. Colburn, *President*.

News Items

DORSETT—SCAVELLA WEDDING:

On the 4th of February, 1957, Brother Neville Scavella and Sister Alwynne Dorsett exchanged marriage vows in the Grants Town Seventh-day Adventist church. The officiating minister was Elder T. O. Shaw assisted by Elder W. W. Liske.

The bride was attired in a white Chapel length dress of white netting over Satin.

News Notes from the Cayman Islands

The flight of time has brought us to the end of the first quarter of 1957. We are happy in the assurance that God is leading His people to glorious victory. Here in the Cayman Islands we are glad to say that the work moves on.

Our INGATHERING CAMPAIGN is now almost over and all of the churches whose reports are already at hand have reached their goals.

Another cause of rejoicing is the fact that we have been able to complete our new CHURCH SCHOOL at East End. This school is ready, equipped with necessary furniture, etc., only awaiting the arrival of Brother L. D. Mahabee, who is on a visit to Jamaica, to open its doors to the many children who longingly await its opening.

A series of EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS have been started in Bodden Town. There are signs of growing interest among some of the residents there and we are assured that with the blessings of the Master, souls will by this means come to a knowledge of the truth and be prepared with us to meet our soon coming King.

Garfield Newman, *President*
Cayman Islands Mission

NOTICE

Brother Provost, the clerk of the May Pen church, is anxious to know the whereabouts of Mrs. Burnita Clacken, Mr. Robert Simmons, Mrs. Ivy Simmons, and Mr. C. Lyn. Anyone in possession of information regarding any of these individuals, please get in touch with Mr. E. L. Provost, Lionel Town P.O.,

She carried a bouquet of white Pompoms and was given away by her brother, Mr. Ralph Dorsett. Mr. Silas McKinney was Bestman. A reception was held at the home of the bride's brother, Mr. Ralph Dorsett, in Shirley Heights.

The bride and groom will take up residence at Exuma, where Brother Scavella is district pastor. We wish for them a happy future and God's rich blessings as they begin their new life together.

BIRTH:

A baby girl, Rosalie June, weighing seven pounds, was born to the wife of Brother Silas McKinney at the private ward of the Princess Margaret Hospital on Monday, February 11, 1957. Brother and Sister McKinney resides at Kemps Bay, Andros, where he is district pastor and she, headmistress of our Kemps Bay school.

We wish for them, God's guidance and blessings as they endeavour to mold the life of this little one for Him.

Activity in the East

Our hearts overflow with thanksgiving to our heavenly Father for the continual blessing we are receiving in the East Conference. On every hand we are cognizant of the leading of the Lord. The spirit among our brethren is good. We are all of good courage knowing that the return of Jesus is near at hand. We see evidences of His soon coming in the things that are transpiring all around us.

We have just completed a series of Conventions around the field with the East Kingston Convention. At everyone of our conventions the spirit was good, and our brethren are reaching out to save all the souls possible in 1957. Surely the Lord is well pleased when the brethren have a burden to save lost souls. This is well pleasing in the Lord's sight because this is the purpose for which the church has been organized. The burden of Jesus was: "The son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

During our conventions good impetus was given to the Ingathering Campaign. Those of us who have been soliciting find that the money comes easier this year than ever before. Surely the Lord is impressing hearts to give for the finishing of the work. Elder Nembhard, our Home Missionary Secretary, is leading out in a strong way in this programme. We are confident that the readers of the "Visitor" will give him their whole-hearted support, that our campaign this year will be successful.

Also during our conventions strong promotion has been given to the Golden Anniversary Youth Congress to be held in Havana, Cuba, this December. Our youth are working hard to become delegates to this congress. We want to encourage all who possibly can to be in attendance that the East Conference will be represented in a strong way.

The Publishing Department bulletin for February reveals a nice gain over '56. We are happy for the work of Elder Morgan and Brother Scott, who are giving strong leadership to our work in this field. We are hoping that many readers of the "Visitor" will soon take up this line of work, which is "the work that God would have His people do at this time." This, we believe, will be one of the great instruments that the Lord will use for the finishing of His work.

Elder Boyce has given us encouraging reports concerning our Tithe and the financial status of our Conference. Yes, the Lord is blessing in every field of endeavour. Our prayer is that His hand of blessing will continue to rest upon us and never be withdrawn until the work is finished. How happy we will be to see the final movements take place, culminating in the return of Jesus. We trust that all our people will make their calling and election sure so that they may live with Him forevermore.

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News Notes — West Jamaica

Conference

Worker's Meeting: April 1, was a special day for the workers of the West Jamaica Conference. It was special because on that day approximately all the workers from every section of the field wended their way to the Conference Office where a very inspiring meeting was held. It is Ingathering time, and it was thrilling to listen to the joyous reports on this phase by the various workers.

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Ingathering: West Jamaica is ablaze for God during this Ingathering Campaign and the first bulletin tells the wonderful story of over £5,060 0 0 raised. To God be the glory for this marvellous achievement! Over 53 churches are over the top and they are working hard for at least 25% overflow. The president, Departmental heads, ministers and colporteurs and church members are going all out in this campaign to reach the £10,000 0 0 mark. It is interesting to see the zeal and enthusiasm being displayed. All over the field we hear—*"We are on fire for God in this campaign"*. One individual has raised £42 0 0, hundreds have raised £5 0 0 and over, and thousands have raised £1 0 0 and over. This is God's time and at this crisis hour this prophecy is fulfilled right in West Jamaica that, "The wealth of the Gentiles shall flow into God's people."

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The youth of the Montego Bay church divided themselves into singing bands and going into hotels and singing they collected £129 0 0.

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Wedding Bells: Wedding bells chimed on the 17th of March when one of our workers—Mr. Ralphus Williams—took as his bride Miss Rose Anderson, Senior Health Nurse from Albert Town, Trelawny. The ceremony was performed by Elder J. N. Williams, the uncle of the groom

and two other ministers, at the College Auditorium. Bermudan lilies and ferns formed the background of the beautiful decoration around the altar where the bride and groom knelt. After the ceremony the bridal party and guests repaired to the home of Pastor and Mrs. H. S. Walters where the reception was held.

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Conventions: Conventions are being held in the various districts. These conventions are well attended not only by the members of our churches but also by unbelievers. In many instances when the call for consecration is given many of these unbelievers come up to the altar to give their hearts to God. As a result of these conventions a better fellowship is established in our churches and souls are won.

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Earthquake: March 1 was a red-letter day for the whole island of Jamaica as a very severe earthquake shook the island. It was extremely severe in the Western parishes to the extent that several churches and houses of our believers were destroyed. Calls are coming in from every section of these parishes for help. Let us who are more fortunate do all we can to help these earthquake sufferers.

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Baptisms: The ministers and their assistants and Bible Workers were very active during the first quarter of the year. In spite of the hardships in getting adjusted in new fields, they were able by the help of God to baptize 315 souls. God be praised for what has been accomplished in the winning of souls.

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The home of Brother and Sister Grant was graced with a little visitor, Marlin Rose, on the 12th of March. Congratulations to Brother and Sister Grant! May your little daughter bring joy and sunshine into your hearts.

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Flashes From Andrews!!

Mr. CECIL HEWITT, a recent graduate of the West Indian Training College has joined the staff of the Andrews Memorial Hospital. He is attached to the business office.

Miss GLORIA BURTON is now undergoing training in Laboratory and X-Ray procedures.

We have with us now eight (8) new students in Practical Nursing.

Visiting with us during the past month were Dr. and Mrs. Gardner. They hope to join our staff later in the year.

Also visiting were Dr. and Mrs. Robert Nyström and Dr. and Mrs. A. Norton Donaldson from Santa Ana, California, and Dr. & Mrs. C. M. Donaldson from Puerto Rico.

We still continue to solicit your prayers on our behalf.

L. M. MATTHEWS

Famine and Disaster Offering

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If every member would contribute just SIXPENCE to this fund on May, 25, we could more than supply our quota, and would have something over to help our brethren in Hungary. This is surely a very small contribution to make to God for all His protecting providences. Some will give much more than this but let each one whose name is on the church books plan to give at least SIXPENCE. "The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself." *Proverbs 11:25. "God loveth a cheerful giver."* 2 Corinthians 9:7. REMEMBER THE FAMINE STRICKEN AND OTHERS WHO SUFFER. REMEMBER MAY 25.

BRITISH WEST INDIES UNION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

TITHE AND MISSION OFFERING COMPARISON FOR TWO MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 1956 AND 1957

TITHE RECEIPTS

MISSION OFFERINGS

Organization	1956	1957	Gain	Gain %	1956	1957	Gain	Gain %
Bahamas Mission	937 7 1	1154 15 1	217 8 0	23.19	124 1 4	2812 19 7	1609 12 10	133.76
Cayman Islands	462 14 4	257 16 11	(204 17 5)	(44.28)	54 10 7	677 9 11	152 15 6	29.12
East Jamaica	4433 7 4	5570 7 11	1137 0 7	25.65	500 0 5	782 3 9	282 3 4	56.43
West Jamaica	4315 5 2	6032 13 7	1717 8 5	39.80	524 14 5	99 19 5	45 8 10	83.33
	10148 13 11	13015 13 6	2866 19 7	28.25	1203 6 9	1253 6 6	1129 5 2	910.20

Poet's Corner

THE PRAYER LIFE

By Lilly Dildine

*I find such sweet communion —
In the quiet morning hour,
When the birds are just awaking,
And there's dew on every flower.
Then He says, "I'll safely guide you
Through this new, but untrodden day;
Whate'er may come to tempt you,
I'm with you all the way."*

*He speaks to me at noontide
In the bustle and the grind,
When I pause a bit to listen,
And to Him I bend my mind.
How He speaks a calm and quiet
To my hurried soul within!
Hear Him whisper, "Peace be to you,"
Mid the jostle and the din.*

*Ah, when twilight shadows gather,
And the busy day is o'er;
When the busy, rushing city
Is a part of me no more,
How He soothes me, e'er I slumber—
From His word I comfort takes
Through the night He'll keep me safely,
Till in morning I awake.*

*What a privilege is a prayer life—
Morning, noon, and eventide!
You don't need to wander, ever,
If you keep Him by your side.*

CALL UNTO ME, AND—

By Lilly Winder Gale

*I will—"answer thee." Jeremiah 33: 3.
I will—"say, Here I am." Isaiah 58: 9.
I will—"deliver thee." Psalm 50: 15.
I will—"be with him in trouble."
Psalm 91: 15.
I will—"speak comfortably." Hosea 2: 14.
I will—"direct thy paths." Proverbs 3: 6.
I will—"hold thine hand." Isaiah 42: 6.
I will—"keep thee in all thy way."
Psalm 91: 11.
I will—"bless thee." Genesis 22: 17.*

Outstretched Hands

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nine years for that great prize of Christian education. And still, Domingo has more years to go to complete his work. Even though he is 28 years of age, he is not discouraged, and says, "It is worth it to have a Christian education."

These three youth are industrious, consecrated and willing to sacrifice in order to obtain a Christian education. There are hundreds of youth like these in the North Philippine Union, stretching out their hands to the leaders of the denomination, saying "Give us only an opportunity. We are willing to work. Our great desire is to have an education in the schools of the prophets."

We appeal to the brethren and sisters of the world field to help us to provide that opportunity which our students so much seek. We have already purchased the land for an academy in the Southern Luzon area. It has a fine location with good rich land. We have already planted over 6,000 citrus trees which will begin to bear fruit in three more years. We have 20,000 pineapple plants, papaya, bananas, and other fruit crops coming on. We have found that the land is well suited for the production of soybeans. This will provide a good crop which is in demand here in the Philippine Islands.

We are attempting to build a school where we can not only give vocational training to our youth but where they can earn a large portion of their way. These students come from rural areas where there is little industry and where their finances are insufficient to pay their way to a school when cash is required.

We are working against great odds to provide these earnest and consecrated God-fearing youth a means of securing Christian education. Will you help us find that way? May God bless you as you dip deeply into your purses on 13th Sabbath.

Willis J. Hackett, President,

North Philippine Union Mission.

Until the Day Breaks

BROTHER J. I. RUTTY, was born in February, 1872. He accepted the Message in 1923 and was baptized at Sebubi by one Elder Reid. He was faithful until his death on the 9th of March, 1957.

W. A. Kirlew

It is with deep regret that we record the death of SISTER THOMAS WOOD, of George Town, Eleuthera, who died in the early morning of January 23rd. She lived a quiet consistent life and was faithful to the principles of the Adventist Message until the very last.

She leaves to mourn their loss, her husband, Brother Thomas Wood, who is Justice of the Peace in the George Town area, her children, Edna, Madria, Eric, Lenor, Ruth, Kingsley and Leila Marie. Also, many other relatives and a host of friends.

We extend to the bereaved, our sincere sympathies and commend them to the Saviour whom we believe will call her to life in the Morning of the resurrection of the Just.

Activity in the East

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EARTHQUAKE

Through the pages of the "Visitor" we would like to give thanks to our heavenly Father that He has spared the lives of all of our people in this section of the island. A few of our churches are slightly damaged. However, the damage nowhere was of serious consequence except possibly at the Kencot and Florence Hill churches. The rest of our churches have escaped with minor cracks and insignificant damage.

ILLNESS

Also, we want to thank our heavenly Father for the return to work of Miss Thorpe, secretary to Elder Nembhard. Miss Thorpe underwent an emergency operation for appendicitis. After a short period of convalescence she has returned to the office with new strength and vigour, for which we thank God.

EDUCATION DRIVE

Under the capable hand of Brother L. H. Fletcher a survey is being made of our church schools in an endeavour to authorize as many as possible in 1957. We are hoping and praying that all of our unauthorized schools will soon be recognized, that the rich blessing of God will rest upon our educational activities.

—E. H. SCHNEIDER, President
East Jamaica Conference

News Notes — West Jamaica

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Elder McLean, our beloved Young People's and Educational Secretary, was made very happy on the 2nd of April when Mrs. McLean returned from the States after six month's vacation with her relatives. She brings with her the charm and love peculiar to true womanhood.

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