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EVA LUDMA

Character building is fun at Junior Camp. Good citizenship, love for God and country, consideration for others—these are but a few of the lessons that active teen-agers learn along with swimming, hiking, and useful crafts.



Telling

THE STORY OF JESUS

By J. A. Stevens

Everywhere

EIGHT hundred years before Christ, the Prince of Peace, was born, the prophet Joel foretold a world-wide arousalment of interest in the teachings of the Word of God: "I [Christ] will pour out My spirit upon all flesh." Joel 2:28. This gracious effort of Christ to prepare the way for His messengers to carry the "good news" of salvation to "every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people" (Revelation 14:6) checks off the last item of God's program to lead men and women to accept Christ and His everlasting gospel. The prophet Joel declared: "Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered: for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call." Joel 2:32.

The apostle Paul refers to Isaiah's prophecy concerning the faithful remnant of Israel and applies the prophet's words to the gathering together of those who take their stand on God's side at the end of the last generation of human history: "Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved: for He will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth." Romans 9:27, 28.

John, the beloved apostle, clearly identifies the "remnant." He says: "The dragon [Satan] was wroth with the woman [the church], and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." Revelation 12:17. Such a people are today united in a blessed fellowship in fulfillment of Christ's own words in the Gospel of St. Matthew: "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Matthew 24:14.

For more than one hundred years the Seventh-day Adventist denomination has been carrying the everlasting gospel to a constantly widening circle of judgment-bound people. Today this circle of uplift extends to 228 countries and island groups and enlists 706 languages. Its literature makes the last gospel message available in the language of fifteen sixteenths of the world's population. Lands long closed to Christian effort are opening their doors to its medical missions. The vast island fields of the South Pacific are partially occupied by its missionary forces, but this force could be doubled, yes, trebled. On New Guinea alone one thousand teachers are needed to answer calls.

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Indonesia, shaken from ancient superstitions and torn by nationalism and disorganized ideologies, has long been a fruitful field for missionary endeavor; but the population is vast and the stabilizing influence of the gospel of Christ should enlist a far greater staff than is there now. The population of the Malay Peninsula, Japan, and Korea numbers 241 million without China's hundreds of millions. What a host to evangelize! Buddhism, Shintoism, and Confucianism have steeped these hundreds of millions in abstract philosophies often involving animistic beliefs. But today many thousands of these various populations rejoice in the knowledge of God's truth. The need for additional evangelists, doctors, nurses, and teachers is urgent. Japan alone offers a field of service for a host of such "soldiers of the cross." And what a wonderful help it would be toward the rehabilitation of nearly 80 million people!

The Seventh-day Adventist Mission Board

has carried on work in India for more than fifty years. It has a well-established church there, as well as in Burma and Ceylon. For more than fifty years the vast continent of Africa has been a fruitful field for gospel work. Adventist believers there total 150,000. What a marvelous transformation is wrought by the gospel in the lives of those who accept it! In all the countries of Europe this work is well established, with multiplied thousands of adherents. South America has also been a field for human "uplift" for more than half a century. The countries of Central America and the islands of the West Indies are "occupied territory" for the army of the Lord.

In every part of the world the needs are great, and the appeal is urgent; for the gospel of Christ and the blessed news of His glorious soon coming to earth again must be hastened on till the last judgment-bound soul has heard of God's love in Christ, the Saviour of the world. The time left for working is short.



In this outdoor Sabbath school in Burma the children listen attentively as the teacher tells them that Jesus loves them so much that He was willing to give His life to save them now and always.



And So It Grows...

The welcome given the Adventist missionaries returning to the Solomon Islands typifies the warm reception given to these ambassadors of good will the world around. Not always is the welcome sign so literally rolled out, but wherever there is sickness, ignorance, and distress, the gospel doctor, nurse, or minister is in demand.

■ A PHOTO STORY OF MISSION ADVANCE



Right: During the first six months of its operation, the Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, medical-welfare center cared for more than 6,000 persons. It is the first such clinic in that area to be operated by a religious denomination.

Below: Seems that everybody in India wants to come to the mission school. Here an Indian girl, trained at the school in Nuzvid, passes on her learning to an eager group in a crude outdoor classroom.





Though American missionaries have withdrawn from China, competent nationals carry on. Here a Chinese physician and nurse care for a patient in the Chungking City Clinic.





IN THE HOMELAND, community service is vital in the church's program. From church welfare centers used clothing and stocks of food are distributed to victims of fire, flood, and other disasters. Many tons of clothing and food have been sent overseas.



AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE

To: *You*

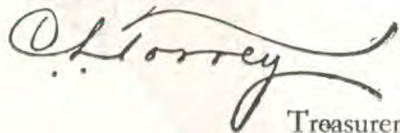
From: *The Seventh-day
Adventist Mission Board*

Dear Friend:

In these pages are glimpses of the story of blessing and uplift your gifts are helping to write. Much of that story is written on hearts, and only when Christ says to each of us, "Inasmuch as ye did it to one of the least of these, ye did it unto Me," will the final results be revealed.

This report is not limited to the projects supported by this Annual Mission Appeal. Rather it embraces the world work of Seventh-day Adventists, because we believe you as a contributor to this work will want to know something about the over-all program of the organization administering your gifts.

If after studying this magazine you feel that you should have a larger part in this work, we invite you to send your offering to the address below.* It will be gratefully received and officially acknowledged. And may we remind you that although much money is needed to carry the gospel of hope and helpfulness, your prayers are even more important? Pray that God will bless your gift. May God bless you!


Treasurer

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ADVENTIST MISSION PROGRAM IN YOUR WILL, IN-
FORMATION WILL BE SENT GLADLY UPON REQUEST.**

* Contributions up to 15 per cent of your income are deductible from your income tax. Send all offerings to General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 6840 Eastern Avenue, Washington 12, D. C.

Did You Know—

- ★ That the denomination was organized in 1863 with 125 churches and 3,500 members? It now has 11 world divisions, with 78 union conferences and missions, 145 local conferences, and 216 regularly organized mission fields.
- ★ That the present world membership is 716,538: the membership for North America, 243,193?
- ★ That since 1900, 6,450 missionaries working in 706 languages have been sent to foreign fields? Last year, in addition to 115 workers who returned from furlough to their fields of labor, 239 new workers went out. The church is established in 228 of the 282 countries of the world.
- ★ That to foster physical, mental, and spiritual uplift, the denomination maintains—in addition to its churches—sanitariums, treatment rooms, training schools, food companies, and publishing houses, numbering 551?
- ★ That community welfare centers are operated in connection with many local churches?
- ★ That the work of the church is supported largely through the tithes and freewill offerings of its members? Last year this amounted to \$44,745,570.64, \$62.45 per capita for each member throughout the world. The members in North America gave \$138.28 per capita.
- ★ That Seventh-day Adventists believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God and constitute the only unerring rule of faith and practice? Prominent among their tenets are dependence on Jesus Christ as the only Saviour from sin, the conviction that Christ will soon come the second time, and the belief that the Ten Commandment law is the literal guide in Christian conduct.
- ★ That one of the 2,833 Seventh-day Adventist churches of North America is near you? You are invited to visit it and get better acquainted with Adventists and their work. Should you be unable to locate the church in your vicinity, write for its location to the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 6840 Eastern Avenue, Washington 12, D. C.



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"Every unentered field, every area of population untouched, every language silent,



O ALL MEN

at feebly represented in the chorus of voices proclaiming the gospel, is a challenge to us."

—W. A. Spicer, Veteran Missionary, Executive, Minister

Jesus, the Good Shepherd

By J. L. Tucker

IN THE Holy Scriptures the peoples of the world are likened to sheep. Sheep are entirely unable to battle their way through life. Being neither strong nor cunning, they fall an easy prey to any enemy. Sheep are tragically stupid at times, hence have need of the constant watch-care of the shepherd. Getting lost is proverbial with sheep. A lost sheep seldom is able to find its way back to the fold. It must be sought for and found. As the sheep need a shepherd, so mankind needs a Saviour. "All we like sheep have gone astray." Isaiah 53:6.

Lost in the fog of sin, humanity cannot find the way to security and peace. Left alone we wander farther and farther from the fold of safety. At the mercy of the enemies of our souls, we need a Rescuer—a Shepherd. In Christ Jesus, we have a Shepherd. With David we can say, "The Lord is MY Shepherd."

Jesus longs for you to claim Him not only as a Shepherd, or a good Shepherd, but as YOUR Shepherd. It is this personal appropriation of Christ that changes darkness into light, that breaks the power of inbred sin and releases from the bondage of every cultivated evil habit. He wants you to be able to say, "The Lord is MY Shepherd."

A dear old Swedish lady took her pastor severely to task one morning for saying in his sermon that Jesus was a Jew and spoke Aramaic. She said Jesus was a "Swede" and spoke Swedish.

The pastor asked, "Can you prove that?"

"Yes," she answered, "I have the proof right here," and she produced her Swedish Bible and showed the pastor the words of Christ. She said, "Christ spoke to my heart in Swedish."

We can be glad she claimed Him for herself; but we, too, can claim Him, for He speaks in all languages. Jesus is the Saviour of all.

Paul says, "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." 1 Timothy 1:15. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, called

Himself "the Son of man," thus declaring that He belonged to all mankind. He fills all history. History is but His story. Around Him every date in history hinges. The One who called Himself the Good Shepherd claimed much for Himself:

He claimed to be God. John 10:28-30.

He claimed pre-existence. John 8:58; 6:38; 17:5.

He claimed to be the long-looked-for Messiah. John 4:26.

He claimed omnipotence. Matthew 28:18.

He claimed infallibility. Matthew 24:35.

He claimed to be the truth, the way, and the life. John 14:6.

He claimed to be the resurrection and the life. John 11:25.

He claimed to be without sin. John 8:46.

He claimed omnipresence. Matthew 28:20.

He claimed foreknowledge, to predict coming events. John 13:19.

He claimed to forgive sins. Matthew 9:2.

He claimed to know the hearts of men. John 2:25.

He claimed He could give rest to every heart from the burden of sin and sorrow. Matthew 11:28.

These are the most astounding and sweeping claims ever made by anyone. If any human being would make the least of these claims which Christ made, be he a Paul, a Moses, or an Elijah, he would at once be classed as an impostor or mentally unbalanced. But coming from the lips of Jesus, they seem perfectly natural, for they are proved by the life He lived and the deeds He wrought. For more than nineteen hundred years, millions have studied those claims and His life, and with full trust and confidence have cast on Him their hope of immortality, crying, "He's my Lord and my God."

Jesus alone can satisfy the soul hunger of the human heart. At no time in the history of the world have there been more heart-aches, more hopes unfulfilled, more haunting



FRANK MOLITOR, ARTIST

The divine Shepherd came to this world to seek and to save His lost sheep scattered throughout the earth.

fears, and more discouraged human beings than at the present moment. Indulgence in pleasure, drink, and drugs does not relieve the troubles, but deepens them. The cry of the human heart is for something that pleasure, dissipation, money, fame, or position cannot satisfy. The longing of the soul is for peace—freedom from sin.

Has your life seemed a failure—nothing but wasted years? Jesus can transform and make a thing of beauty out of the ugly wastes. The story is told that the artist Michelangelo, walking with some friends one day through an obscure street in Florence, saw a block of marble, rough, shapeless, stained, lying amid a heap of rubbish. Others had passed by it carelessly, but his keen eye saw that it was a treasure: and he began to cleanse away the filth that obscured it.

"What are you doing with that worthless rock?" asked one of his friends.

"There's an angel in that rock," answered Michelangelo, "and I must get it out."

From a bit of smoking flax, Christ made a flame; from a piece of bread, He made a meal for thousands; out of Jacob, the cheat, the trickster, He made Israel, the prince of God;

out of a man like Peter, quailing before a maiden's question and denying any knowledge of Jesus, He made a great apostle. Jesus will make your life so beautiful that it will shine as the sun, if you will let Him.

The Good Shepherd came a long way in search of us—from His throne in the Gloryland to the hilltop of Calvary, where He paid the supreme price to redeem us—to bring us back to the fold. Sin's wages must be paid. The Bible says that He paid it: "Ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, . . . but with the precious blood of Christ." 1 Peter 1:18, 19.

Jesus is a great Saviour, and He saves with a great salvation. There is not a helpless, hopeless case in all the world; for the Bible declares, "He is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him." Hebrews 7:25. Uttermost salvation for uttermost sinners: that's what we need. Thank God that's what we have in Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

"I am the good shepherd, and know My sheep, and am known of Mine. . . . I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear My voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd." John 10:14-16.

At a social gathering an aged minister once asked a noted actor to recite the twenty-third Psalm. It was so beautifully spoken that the guests were spellbound, and a subdued murmur of praise was evidence of their approval. The actor then turned to the minister and asked him to repeat it. When the man of God had finished, there were tears in the eyes of all, including the actor. The actor recognized the difference.

He said to the minister, "I know the Psalm, but you know the Shepherd."

Do you know the Shepherd? Can you say from the heart, "The Lord is MY SHEPHERD"? Do you ask, "How can I know Him in a personal way?" Said Jesus, "Search the Scriptures; for . . . they . . . testify of Me." John 5:39. Look for the Man of the Book. Learn of Him, study His character, His promises, His will. Study prayerfully. Learn to know the Good Shepherd. "Acquaint now thyself with Him, and be at peace." Job 22:21. "This is life eternal, that they might know Thee, . . . and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent." John 17:3.

*"Thy Word is a Lamp
unto my feet..."*



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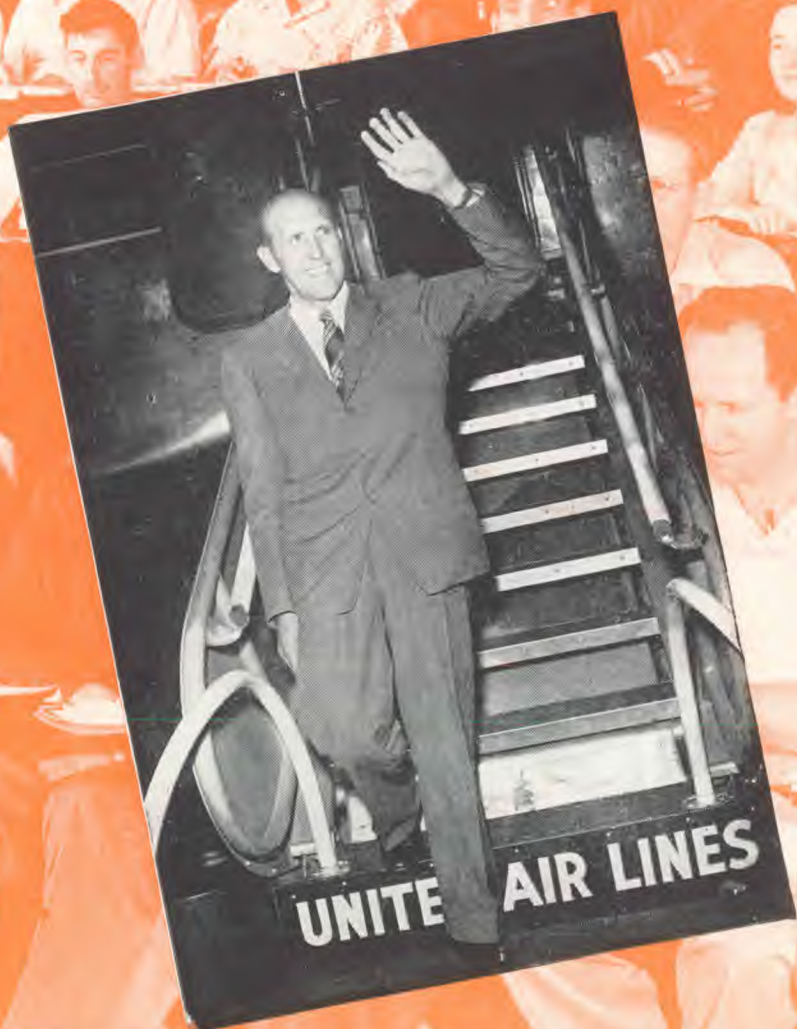
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Missionaries in the Making . . .

Study, work, worship, and play go into the training of missionaries in Adventist colleges. Such men as Dr. Roy Parsons are the result. Here he boards a plane to return to Angola, where he has worked for eighteen years. He is the only American doctor licensed to practice in Portuguese East Africa. He was named alumnus of the year by the College of Medical Evangelists.

A PHOTO STORY OF ADVENTIST EDUCATION ➔





(Above.) A working broadcasting station and fully equipped studios afford students at Washington Missionary College, Wash., D.C., actual experience in radio.

(Below left.) Men at study in the college library at Walla Walla, Washington.

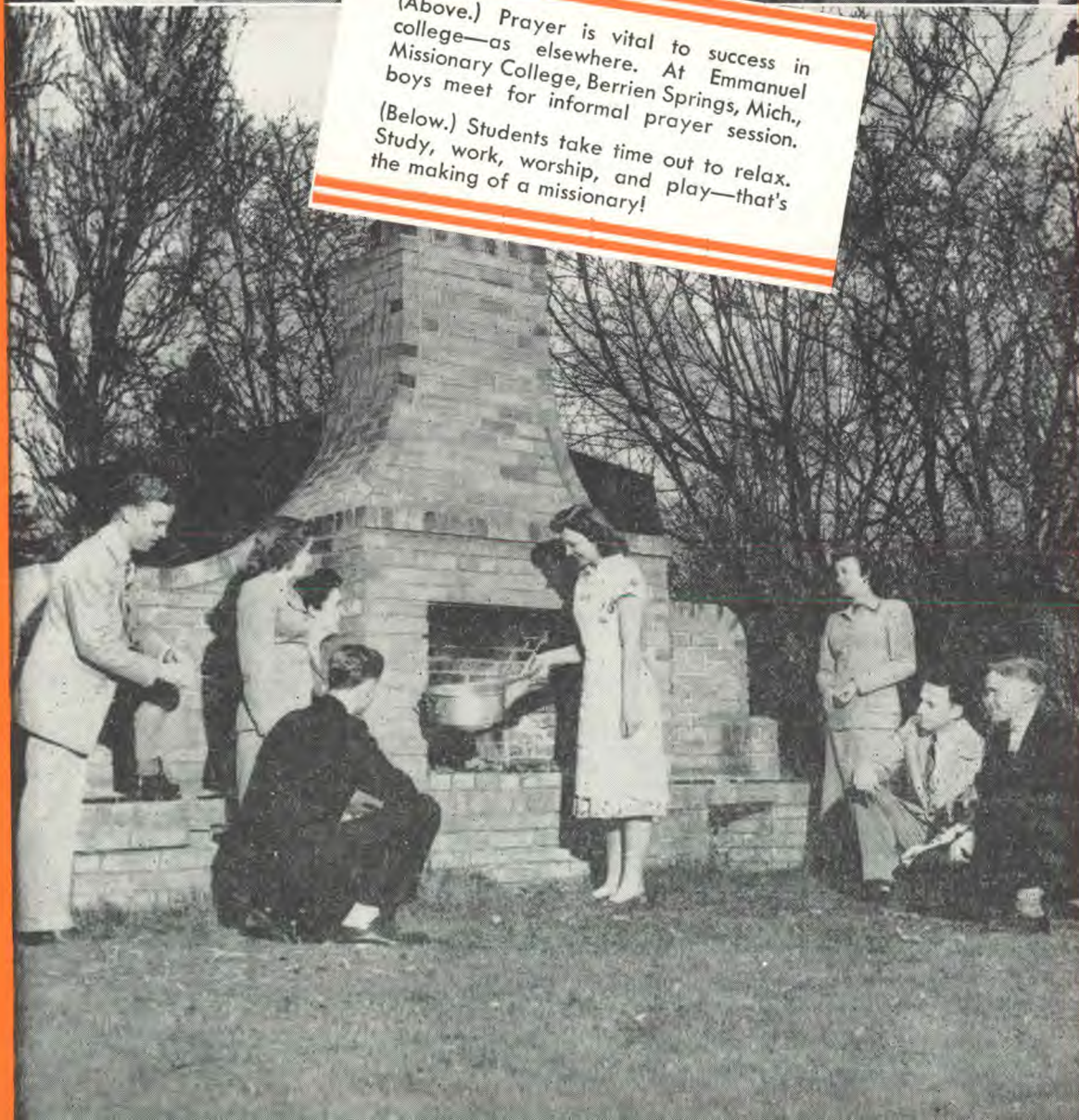
(Below right.) Manual skills, often valuable in the mission field, help build self-reliant workers. This boy earns his college expenses assembling furniture at Southern Missionary College near Chattanooga, Tennessee.





(Above.) Prayer is vital to success in college—as elsewhere. At Emmanuel Missionary College, Berrien Springs, Mich., boys meet for informal prayer session.

(Below.) Students take time out to relax. Study, work, worship, and play—that's the making of a missionary!



Your Gift Is the Answer



Crops will grow in Beirut, Lebanon, but they must have water. A gift of \$5,000 will provide irrigation equipment for the Middle East College farm.



A new tractor is needed at the Chillan Boarding College in Chillan, Chile. It will cost \$4,000.



Workers' quarters in North Borneo can be established at Kudat for \$1,440.



Practice makes perfect, but practice is difficult without a laboratory. \$380 will provide one for a school in the Netherlands.



\$250 for a home—that's what it takes to house one native teacher in Angola, South Africa. Eight such homes are needed.



Mobilize a gospel worker. A motorcycle would greatly increase the efficiency of two workers in the Netherlands. Each will cost approximately \$150.



A minute's worth of money! Would you like to support the Adventist program of uplift for one minute? \$20.41 will do it.



A new hospital in Karachi, Pakistan, is being opened. Many gifts of \$5 and \$10 are needed to equip it.

JAPAN WANTS GOD

A Japanese teacher carries her Bible in her furoshiki.

"The responsibility for spreading the Word of God in Japan rests upon the shoulders of American Christians."—The American Bible Society.

"Not since Pentecost has such an opportunity been offered to the churches as they have today in Japan."—General MacArthur.

WHAT IS OUR ANSWER?

Seventh-day Adventists believe Japan's plea for Christianity is today's Macedonian call. "Come over and help us," they cry. The church must say, "Here am I, Lord, send me." New recruits are being sent to Japan; others will go as soon as finances permit. The boys and girls gathered about the mission-trained teacher below are learning about a God who loves them, who wants them to love their fellow men. This is in Tokyo, but it can happen in every village and hamlet of Japan.



Women of Sumatra

Adventist women of North Sumatra. The husband of the one on the right lost his life while in training for gospel work. He was shot by bandits en route from the Adventist college in Bandoeng, Java. The husband of the one on the left is active in the North Sumatra mission, which is staffed entirely by national workers.

PHOTO BY A. L. WHITE

