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PAST AND PRESENT

THE Aztec Union is only about three years old. It embraces Honduras, Salvador, Guatemala, British Honduras, the Bay Islands, and Mexico, with headquarters at Mexico City. The union is divided into nine mission fields, seven of which are in Mexico.

WHEN THE WORK BEGAN

The Message first entered our union in 1885. At that time Sister Gauterau, of Honduras, who had accepted the Message in California, returned to her Central American home with a large supply of reading matter. This she faithfully scattered throughout the Bay Islands and British Honduras. The names of interested ones she sent to the International Tract Society secretaries. These secretaries carried on faithful correspondence, and a large interest was raised up throughout that part of what is now the Aztec Union.

But it was not until 1892 that a permanent work was established when Elder F. J. Hutchins went to the Bay Islands. He found a number already keeping the Sabbath. A strong work was established among these islanders whose language is English. And later the Message spread to Honduras. In 1897 a small schooner, "The Herald," was built. In this our workers cruised among the islands and ports on the mainland.

ENTERING OTHER PARTS

About thirty-five years ago Brother Marchisio, entering Mexico as a self-supporting missionary, introduced our books. Then in 1893 a permanent work was established in the city of Guadalupe; a school and a sanitarium were opened; and for many years the Lord blessed His servants who labored there. Among these were Elder D. F. Jones, Doctor Lillis Wood-Starr, Brother A. Cooper, Doctors W. S. and Alice

Swayze, and Sisters May and Ethel MacBride. In 1897 Professor G. W. Caviness and family entered Mexico. They did splendid work for many years in the publishing and educational lines.

In 1908 Brethren J. A. P. Green, Henry Brown, H. A. B. Robinson, J. W. Phillips, C. P. Martin, W. F. Mayers, C. Schulz, and others began systematic book work. Splendid results followed. In that same year Elder F. L. Cardy located the Central American headquarters in Guatemala City. In 1913 Guatemala and Salvador were set apart as a separate mission, but Salvador was not entered until 1915 when Brother J. L. Brown was brought from Spain to open the work in San Salvador City.

STRUGGLES AND VICTORIES

Apostasies, civil wars, and mighty earthquakes for the past few years have greatly injured the progress of our movement towards the kingdom of

Lord has richly blessed and prospered His servants.

In 1924 there were 66 baptisms in Mexico alone. In 1925 there were 142, and nearly one-half as many have been baptized already during the first two months of 1926. Two years ago there were only about 1,200 in our Sabbath schools in the union; today there are more than 1,900. We have also been blessed financially; and there is every evidence that before the close of 1926 our workers will baptize more converts than during any other single year in the history of our work in this part of the great vineyard.

DIVIDING THE FIELD

In the beginning of 1924 Mexico was divided into seven missions. Six of these missions now have their own group of churches, their office, superintendent and secretary-treasurer and field workers. During the past year Yucatan



Prospective workers preparing for service in the Aztec Training School.

heaven. Only a few years ago both Guatemala City and San Salvador were almost destroyed by earth tremors; and the revolutions of Guatemala, Honduras, and Mexico are well known to most of you. During the past two years, however, there has been peace, and the

has been opened with Brother G. G. Brown as superintendent and his wife as secretary-treasurer. They have already gathered about them a goodly number of Sabbath keepers. Brother Brown writes that he will have a surprise report for us soon.

In the Sonora Mission, Brother Moon, the superintendent, reports the opening of medical missionary work among the well-known Yaqui Indians. Former President Obregon, whose great flourishing farms, with 20,000 acres under cultivation, are close to these Indians, has written both to Elder Moon and myself, offering to give us the help within his power in our efforts to be a light and a help to these people.

Throughout Mexico more calls are coming to us to come and preach the Message in various towns and villages than it is possible for us to answer.

SIX NEW COMPANIES

Brother J. B. Nelson, superintendent of the Tehuantepec Mission, in the southern part of Mexico, reports the baptism of many people during the past few weeks and the organization of six new companies during the past four months.

Brother C. P. Martin, superintendent of the Gulf and Rio Grande Mission, baptized fifteen a few days ago; and other baptisms will follow soon. We have reason to believe that not less than seventy-five will be baptized in the Central Mission before May. Elder H. J. Winter is the superintendent of this field.

Elder E. P. Howard and his band of faithful workers are doing excellent service in Guatemala-Salvador Mission. One hundred have been added to their Sabbath schools during the past two years and many have become members of the church. Plans have been made to open the work immediately among the great Indian population of that field and we believe that such a move will be followed by many conversions.

In Honduras, Elder E. J. Lorntz, who has been in the field as superintendent for only one year, is being blessed in his work; and we have every reason to look forward to a healthy growth in every department in his field.

HAPPY IN SERVICE

The Aztec Union with its great snow-capped mountains, its mighty belching volcanoes, its great pre-historic cities of immense size, its towering pyramids rivaling those of Egypt, its varied races of Indians, is an interesting place to labor. We have no complaint to make of its hardships, and would rather be here than in the homeland with its comforts and pleasures of an advanced civilization. The people in this union certainly are stretching forth their hands for help. D. A. PARSONS.

“Let us remember that a Christlike life is the most powerful argument that can be advanced in favor of Christianity.”

AZTEC UNION SABBATH SCHOOLS

As we look back over the past two years with all the problems we have had to meet, our hearts swell with gratitude to God for His many blessings. Where success has come in our work we know it has been only through His help and His guidance.

Two years ago our Sabbath school work in this union was struggling to get established upon a better reporting basis. It has not been long that the missions have reported to a union secretary; they had been sending their reports direct to Washington. This made

THE WORTH OF ONE SOUL

(“Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over *one* sinner that repenteth.”)

How will it feel to the Father's heart—

A soul forever lost,

When to save *just one* from death's dread dart

He gave His all—not just a part,—

At such tremendous cost?

How must He value a human soul

A price like this to pay!

Can He the expressions of love believe,
Or praise for Himself of those receive

Who let it drift away?

How must it look to the Father's love—

That love which so can yearn—

As He gazes down from the courts above

And sees for that soul our *lack* of love,
Our careless unconcern?

Oh, for a taste of the Father's love

Until *our* hearts o'erflow

With that selfsame love for sinners lost

That never will rest, what'er the cost,

Till the angels' joy we know!

PEARL WAGGONER HOWARD.

it difficult to get accustomed to a new order of things. Then, too, our missions in Mexico had not been fully organized, and so, as union secretary, I had all Mexico to look after.

But even in this lack of organization there was a blessing, for it helped me to become intimately acquainted with the individual needs of every church and company in all Mexico. Now I understand their problems, and having been in personal touch with them, I have been able to encourage where I found they needed help. It has afforded me much pleasure to work for these dear people in the Sabbath schools of this union.

But conditions have changed. Today each mission in Mexico has its leader and secretary; and the work is growing. Two years ago we had only 22

schools reporting in the whole of Mexico; today we have 49. In the Tehuantepec Mission today we have more schools than we had in all Mexico two years ago. In fact, each mission has increased its numbers. The Guatemala-Salvador Mission today has a membership of 366. Two years ago they reported only 266. In Honduras there are now 485 members; but two years ago there were only 309. So the Lord has blessed us in the whole union; and the work is onward. We expect great things this year. Already for the first quarter, four new schools have been organized in Mexico alone; and we have reason to hope for more soon.

We often wish that we could have the many printed helps that our English brethren and sisters have. Our people are uneducated and poor; and they need help all along the way. We need the picture rolls, not only for the children, but also for the grown folks. They can be taught better by these, at first, than by anything else. When they first begin to attend our Sabbath schools, they miss the images and pictures that were a part of their worship in the Catholic church. If we have something to show them, they understand better the lessons presented.

Some good friends have been sending us their old picture rolls. Frequently these come through without duty, and they are so useful. Many ask for them before they are in our hands, so we feel very thankful to friends who remember the mission fields.

Our children enjoy the memory verse cards very much; but at times we are forced to reject the cards at the post office because of the high duty placed upon them. We have no *Little Friend*; but our hearts are made happy this year to have the *Auxiliar* which goes a long way in bridging the gulf for our Spanish-speaking people.

MRS. D. A. PARSONS.

THE BOOK WORK IN THE AZTEC UNION

It is interesting to look back and see what the Lord has done for our literature work in this field during the past year. The total value of books and papers delivered in Mexico alone is \$37,615.00; and when the complete reports of the other missions in the union are in, without doubt, the total will be over \$50,000.00. For this blessing we thank God and take courage.

We had more than fifty men in the field at one time; forty-three of them were in Mexico. The number of colporteurs is now much lower, however,

as some have been transferred to Bible work, others are in school; and as usual, some have dropped out for various reasons.

It has been exceedingly interesting and encouraging to learn from the men and women on the firing line, that as a result of books and papers sold in the past, believers are found here and there keeping the law of God. Such a company was found in Yucatan when Elder G. G. Brown went over there last year to open up that field with evangelical work.

Brethren Zaynos, Ramirez, and Souza, who are working among the Oaxaca and Chiapas Indians, have found men and women in different places that have been believers since Elder Caviness baptized them ten or more years ago; but they have been left without leaders, and some, unfortunately, have drifted away from the Lord. Brother Nelson is now keeping in close touch with all of these, however, so that such fruit shall not be lost in the future.

We are now making an effort to locate the colporteurs with their families in centers. This will save traveling expenses, and enable them to work the territory more thoroughly. So far only a few stable and permanent men have been developed in the fields south of Mexico; but when we do get them, as successful a work can surely be done there as has been done in the Mexican missions.

Recently Sister Mierhofer arrived here from the States to work among the foreigners in Mexico. Being Swiss and speaking French, German, English, and Spanish, she is able to meet a number of people and converse with them in their own language. She has had some excellent experiences. Once she met a German lady that had known our people in Berlin and attended our meetings there. To another lady, who was much depressed, Sister Mierhofer lent a copy of "Christ's Object Lessons." Later the lady bought the book and lent it to others. Still another lady, who is now receiving Bible readings, has bought and read "Our Day," and has become exceedingly interested in the truth.

We are now covering the field with "Our Day," and beginning to follow it with the new medical book. We find that many homes already have several copies of Adventist works. Surely all the literature placed here must have set many to thinking and prepared them for the living preacher. May God raise up many to reap the harvest the literature has produced.

H. A. B. ROBINSON.

OUR MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER WORK

Generally one has some foundation to build upon, but when we gripped the Missionary Volunteer work here, we found no reports, nor anything to start with. It has been an uphill climb because our young people generally have had no training in missionary endeavors. In their former faith they knew nothing of the missionary life, nor the work of a Protestant faith; therefore when they unite with our denomination, they must be taught how to work and how to pray.

We have found it hard to interest our youth in the more valuable lines of education. Wherever a society was organized, it was necessary to have someone in charge who understood the department. Such people, however, have been unavailable outside of those employed in the mission. This has



A colporteur giving the Message to others in Mexico.

caused the work to go very slowly; but by much prayer and continual urging we now have Missionary Volunteer societies organized in all save one mission.

We are yet in the basement of our Missionary Volunteer building; but we intend to have a structure past reproach when it is completed. We have plenty of material; but there is need of much hewing, chiseling, and polishing to fit it into the building.

The mission leaders have set their goals for this year and with much enthusiasm are working to reach them. We are encouraged to press onward for the Lord is with us, and His work must triumph.

MRS. D. A. PARSONS.

"Men will believe, not what the minister preaches, but what the church lives."

CENTRAL MEXICAN MISSION

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BLESSING OF THE LATTER RAIN

When the great Mexican Republic was divided into mission fields the states of Guerrero, Mexico, Puebla, Veracruz, Hidalgo, Morelia, and the Federal District were formed into what is called the Central Mexican Mission, with headquarters in Mexico City.

In this field the Message gained foothold some years ago under the faithful labors of a number of foreign workers. A church of one hundred members was organized in Mexico City, and a small church at Pachuca. These two organized churches, with two companies, formed the entire constituency of the Central Mexican Mission at the beginning of the year 1925.

With such a spirit of good will towards the leadership among the workers and among the believers as was manifested in the beginning of the year 1925, the work is bound to grow. We are glad at this time to report a substantial increase in membership. Ninety-two persons were added to the church by baptism since September of 1924. Two new churches were organized with a full force of church officers, and we have great hopes of organizing several more churches before the end of 1926.

The outlook for 1926 is very encouraging. In the month of September of last year we sent Brother Perez, one of our faithful native evangelists, into the State of Guerrero to follow up the interests in that place. Now he has more work than he can do. Pastor Parsons and I just returned from a trip in this territory where we organized one new church, and made arrangements to baptize another company of believers and organize them into a church. Just before we left this state, Brother Perez, our evangelist, gave us the names of over seventy persons who are awaiting baptism. He expects to baptize most of these before the end of the year. He receives more calls for help than he is able to answer; and we hope that some arrangements can be made whereby we can give Brother Perez an assistant.

While on this trip in the State of Guerrero we saw a great interest in this Message in almost every little village and town. Hearing the calls for help, I turned to Elder Parsons and asked him: "What does all this mean?" He answered: "This is the outpouring of

the latter rain." And, brethren, this is the only way that I can explain this progress of the Message in the Central Mexican Mission.

Sister Sanchez, our Bible worker in the State of Puebla, reports that she has forty Bible readers awaiting baptism. We are planning to visit this company soon and baptize them. We hope to organize at least two churches there. Sister Sanchez also reports many calls for help that she is unable to answer.

Great interest is reported from the Gulf Coast. There we have a company of believers who have faithfully kept the Sabbath and paid their tithe for nearly a year; but so far we have been unable to visit them and baptize their believers.

H. J. WINTER.

GUATEMALA-SALVADOR MISSION

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R. Gideon Jones - Secretary-Treasurer

AMONG THE INDIANS OF THE HILLS

It was an ordinary market day held each week in the large plaza of Chichicastenango. Several thousand Indians had brought their products and earthen wares for sale. They came early, from all directions, dressed in blue homespun woolen material. The men have a peculiar dress,—a short coat, knee trousers, sandals, and a bright red head covering. They are all bare-legged. In the great tribe of the Quiché Indians there is practically no variation in dress.

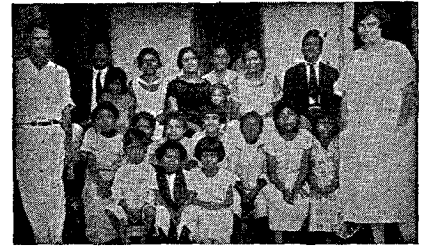
But the scene which attracted my attention most was their heathen worship mixed with that of so-called Christianity. These people are worshipers of the spirits of the dead. They be-

lieve that the spirits of their departed relatives are overlooking every action and that their blessings or adversities depend upon the attitude of these spirits. Therefore centuries ago they established altars upon the high hills and offered their incense and their prayers to these departed spirits.

Only a slight change is necessary to become Catholics. The cross is raised at the end of the altar and their worship is christened Christianity. I saw several of these altars as I was walking out among the hills, and generally there are three crosses to each altar. But how sad it made me feel as I witnessed hundreds upon hundreds waving their earthen *incensarios* on the steps and before the large door of the Catholic cathedral. From early until late and all through the night this heathen worship of the spirits was carried on before a so-called Christian church.

One prominent doctor who has endeavored to trace this worship back claims that it is a remnant of Baal worship. A large stone altar has been erected at the foot of the ascending steps, where a constant blaze is kept burning. The smoke of the incense so filled the air that it was difficult to get a clear picture.

The greatest feast of the year is in December,—the feast of Tzijojoj. *Tzijojol* means the chief who carries notices or messages to heaven by means of the *oj*, or sky-rocket. Tzijojoj is the greatest idol of these Indians. In this particular feast he is brought forth from his retreat, where he is guarded constantly, and is placed on a rope attached to the roof of the church. Thousands of pesos are offered him in money, and incense is waved before him. In some localities even the priest has forbidden this custom, but it is generally per-



La Loma school and dispensary workers.

mitted. How my heart longs to teach them of the One who can hear prayers.

In the afternoon of Sunday, February 7, 1926, we had an interview with Sebastian Saquic and two of his counselors. Sebastian is one of the greatest chiefs among the Quiché Indians of Guatemala. He is very favorable to our establishing a school among his people. He said it would be necessary, however, to talk first with his people about it. It is very difficult for a white man to secure any land among them. The only way that any has been secured so far is by indebtedness on the part of some Indian; and even then, by special inquiry I learned of only three such pieces of land, and on these saloons are established. Many difficulties present themselves, but the Lord will help us to overcome these.

I am now awaiting further word as to the result of the interview of this chief with his people. Pray that God may help us to gain a foothold among this as yet unreached and needy people. We hope that soon we may be able to establish a mission station among them. ELLIS P. HOWARD.

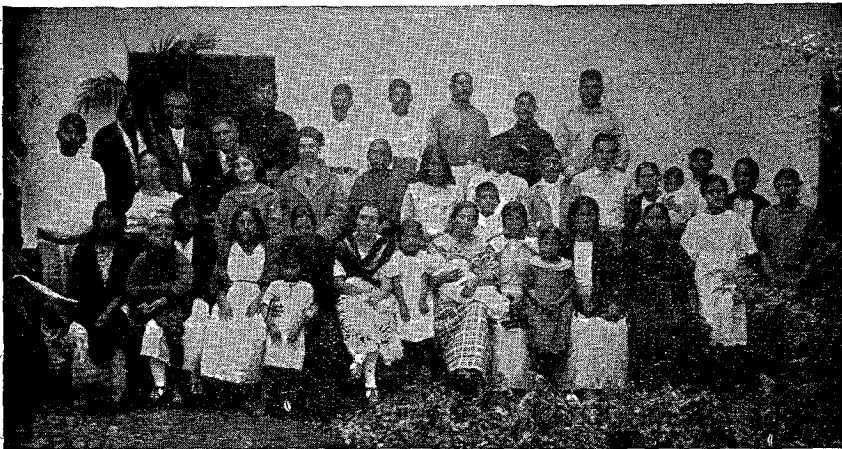
OUR WORK AT LA LOMA

(Extract from a letter to her father, Professor F. W. Halladay.)

Elder Howard was here from Friday till Sunday and obtained a few figures from our books of account which show that we have taken in a considerable sum of money in our mission station during the year. Of course this has been spent again for things needed in our work; but a hasty inventory shows \$500.00 worth of instruments and other supplies on hand. We have bought also a couple of horses for use in the medical work. So far the mission has appropriated only \$150.00 for the medical work here.

In January, 1298 treatments were given; and we rejoice that we are soon to have a new building. It is to be 18 x 30 feet. A room, 14½ x 25, is also to be added to our house.

One of the girls has started school for the little folks; but my school does



A group of our believers in Tepic, Nayarit, Mexico.

not begin for two weeks yet. I had started to translate Sister McKibbin's Bible Nature Series, No. 4, into Spanish, but later I got the Bible books so will not need to do that.

MRS. HUBERT V. CLYMER.

GULF-RIO GRANDE MISSION

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 Mrs. Lulu Gregory - *Secretary-Treasurer*

MANY TOKENS OF PROGRESS

Upon our return to this field a year ago February, we found that the Lord, in a special way, had blessed the efforts of those who had been in the field in overcoming the many difficulties which had well nigh crushed the work a short while before.

Since our arrival there has been a continued flow of blessings upon God's work despite the fact that we have lacked one or more of our scheduled workers at all times.

Fifty-nine believers have followed their Lord in baptism during the twelve months; and the prospects are good that many more will do the same this year.

In and around Tampico the work is going by leaps and bounds. Should we get the much-needed worker, we hope to have two fully organized churches in that district soon besides the English church which has been organized for some time.

One of the many needs are proper buildings in which to hold our meetings; but a good beginning has been made toward getting funds for this purpose; and it is the plan of this mission to be able so to unite our efforts throughout this field that no outside help will be needed for erecting fairly good church buildings for at least two of the places during this year.

In no part of the world will you find a more ready people to put their shoulders to the wheel than you will find in this one-third of the Mexican territory. For every call for help there is a ready response; and it is a joy to see our believers willing to do all they can at this time.

Our tithes and offerings are increasing in a very marked way; and since we are now running our work in the mission locally as a regular mission, we find it is a great help in pushing these matters effectively. The support of the work in this material way is only an indication of the consecration of the *all* to the Lord.

Though we are short of workers, the Lord has verified His promise in multiplying the fruits of our efforts; and it is a cause of continual gratitude to me each day to see what our two faithful Bible workers, one native licentiate, and several stalwart colporteurs are doing. With such a band of workers, though small it be, and a developing membership, all together humbling themselves before the throne of grace, we can see greater victories in the future for the cause of God in this large field, as we press forward under the direction of the great Captain of our salvation.

C. P. MARTIN.

HONDURAS MISSION

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 J. W. Phillips - *Secretary-Treasurer*

RETROSPECT AND PROSPECT

It is with gratitude to our heavenly Father that we look back upon the year 1925. The Lord has helped us during the trying times of revolution and hurricanes; and I am glad to say that our people in Honduras are of good courage. Some of our believers had to go through trying experiences, but we have heard no complaints. We are still under martial law, but hope soon to see better times.

During the past year we baptized 25 believers, and organized one church, thus increasing the number of our

I have recently returned from a trip to the interior, having accompanied Elder L. H. Olson and family to their new field of labor in Tegucigalpa, the capital. We have a nice little church there with a membership of twenty-five. Brother and Sister Snow have done faithful work. I have seldom seen a better spirit among our people than I found in Tegucigalpa. Everybody seemed to be in perfect harmony with his fellow believers.

Our believers at Sabana Grande and Valle de los Angeles are also of good courage. One brother has to put in forty-eight hours during the week in order to get off on the Sabbath.

Definite plans have been laid to push the work in the interior of Honduras. Our English work on the north coast and the islands is all well cared for, but we feel the responsibility towards the hundreds of thousands in other parts of Honduras who have not heard the Message. The main population has scarcely been touched as yet.

In company with Brethren Snow and Olson, it was my privilege to have an interview with Doctor Paz Barahona, the President of the Republic. We were very cordially received. The president has a real burden for the education of his people, and begged us to establish more schools. As we parted with the president, we presented him with a copy of the new medical book in Spanish.

The minister of education has also written me a letter expressing his delight over the work we are doing in our schools. At present we have five



Pupils at La Ceiba, Honduras, where a mission school has been conducted for several years.

churches to eleven. Our colporteurs took orders for \$6,783.00 worth of books. We believe that our faithful colporteurs deserve the prayers of our people, especially as they go from house to house during these times of war. Some have been imprisoned; but the Lord has always helped them out of their difficulties.

schools with about 200 students enrolled. Sister Wright, in Bonacco, reports 70 pupils in her school, and a letter just received from Brother Barbutt, in Utila, gives us the cheering news of over sixty students in his school. The schools in Belize and La Ceiba report more than thirty students each. The school work is a help to our own

children and an encouragement to the churches as well. Many young people have gone astray here in Honduras because of the lack of early Christian training. I believe that the future spirituality of our churches depends on the Christian education of the children.

There are wonderful openings for our work among the Indians of this country. We need more consecrated men who are willing to give their lives to the work of God in Honduras. Personally I have learned to love this people, and I believe all my associate workers have also learned to love them and have consecrated their lives for the finishing of the work in the field.

Pray for us that this year may bring victory for the cause of God.

E. J. LORNTZ.

GATHERING SHEAVES IN HONDURAS

It is with a thankful heart that I am able to say that the Lord is blessing the work here in His own way. Eight precious souls have decided to keep God's Sabbath. Yes, the Bible studies in the home stir the people to study their Bibles and make their decisions.

We have been very busy the last few weeks in the Harvest Ingathering, and are thankful to say that the goal has been exceeded. In Belize, last year, where I was better acquainted and which is also a larger town, we raised nearly \$150.00. Personally I was able to raise over \$107.00.

The Lord has abundantly blessed my labors since I have been in this evangelistic work. It has not been all smooth sailing; but with the Lord's help twenty were added to the church during the three years I was in Belize, and eleven were in the baptismal class. Elder Overstreet writes that these now are calling for him to come and baptize them. He also has baptized two that were keeping the Sabbath before we were called from Belize to enter other fields.

We thank God for these results, and with courageous hearts, we humbly will press forward. Having tasted the joy of seeing souls surrender to Christ, we would not want to give up this work for any other. Trials are only the Lord's means to refine us that we may come forth as gold. F. E. CARY.

"It is the purpose of God to glorify Himself in His people before the world."

SONORA MISSION

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THE HAND OF GOD IN OUR FIELD

The Lord is going before us in the work of this mission in a remarkable manner. Everywhere are indications that the Lord's plan is to do a quick work through the power of His Spirit on all flesh. We have been waiting on the Lord to this end, but the time has come when the Lord is now wait-



A group from the tribe of Yaqui Indians who are pleading for us to establish work among them.

ing on us to be gracious to us and give us a part in His work. Isa. 30: 13.

From Tepic, in the southern part, Brother Alvarado writes of his plans to attend to interests in two near-by towns where people are waiting to hear the truth.

From Mexicali, in Lower California, comes this good word from Doctor Ritchie and his helpers: "Come over at once. The people are just hungry for the truth. There were twenty-seven last Sabbath in our Sabbath school, and many are interested." From Guamochil in Sinaloa comes word of an entire family of twelve keeping the Sabbath and wanting to know the truth. Brother Cruz, our veteran colporteur, found them and tells us that they had a Bible, but were neither Catholic nor Protestant. Brother Cruz also tells of several in El Fuerte accepting the truth.

In a place called Los Mochis a minister and sixty people are interested to know the truth. They send this appeal: "Let nothing keep you from coming here at once as people are deciding for the truth." We need at least four more laborers for this great un-

entered field.

Brother and Sister Christian, medical missionaries for the Yaqui Indians, have come and are studying the language. God has certainly selected these young people for His work. I would ask the prayers of God's people everywhere in behalf of those waiting in the Sonora Mission. Pray that in this time of the harvest, we may be able to follow up the interests; and pray for the Indians that their hearts may be touched by the Holy Spirit.

C. E. MOON.

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MUCH FRUIT TO GATHER

The Tehuantepec Mission truly may be called the Indian Mission, for eighty per cent of its inhabitants are pure-blooded Indians. Our population is some over two million, and our territory comprises the southern half of the state of Veracruz and the entire states of Oaxaca, Chiapas, and Tabasco.

Up to date we have twenty-six companies and organized churches, according to our list at the mission office. This list, however, is never up to date, as we continually hear of new groups of believers who have heard of this truth through a colporteur, some of our believers, or the printed page.

This date finds me in the capital of the state of Chiapas, Tuxtla Gutierrez, over eighty miles up in the mountains from the nearest railroad. Here we have a small company of faithful believers. Some are baptized members and others are waiting to receive this sacred rite. During the last two months, while I have been away from



Mission headquarters in Orizaba, Mexico.

home visiting our churches and companies in various parts of this mission, I have heard of five new companies that have sprung up recently.

Two of these I have been able to visit and organize into Sabbath schools and missionary societies. Brother Martinez, our worker located at Puerto Mexico, is at present visiting the others, and I hope to visit them personally later. During this trip I shall baptize sixty or seventy new believers; and about that many more will be ready for baptism about the last of June.

This year our budget allowed us to employ two native workers, Brethren Martinez and Sauza. The former is located at Puerto Mexico where we have our largest church of Mexicans and also a company of Koreans. Near this port are eight other companies that need his attention. Brother Sauza is located down in the isthmus district where we have needed a worker for a long time to take care of the growing interest in Protestantism.

In the past the calls that have been coming from that district which we failed to answer have been answered by the Presbyterians who now have large companies and churches numbering, I have been told, five or six hundred members. We hope to be able to employ four native workers next year in order to open up our work in the eastern half of the state of Chiapas, in the state of Tabasco, and the northern and central parts of the state of Oaxaca.

At present we have one church school and expect to have one or two more before the end of this year. With only few exceptions our work in this mission is unhampered by strong pro-Catholic fanaticism. Practically all our churches and companies have active missionary societies, for our policy is to urge each company, when first organized into a Sabbath school, to become a united band of working missionaries. To reach our ideal some of these companies need much patient instruction, but due to the good work of Brother Barrett, who is secretary of this department, and the good missionary programs we receive from the union office, this is fast being accomplished.

As our members and other believers become earnest, Christian home workers, we find that their tithes and offerings per capita correspondingly increase. Our present corps of five workers are of good courage and solicit your prayers that more of the power of heaven and the love of God for perishing humanity may enter our hearts and the heart of each lay member and believer in the Tehuantepec Mission. J. B. NELSON.

YUCATAN MISSION

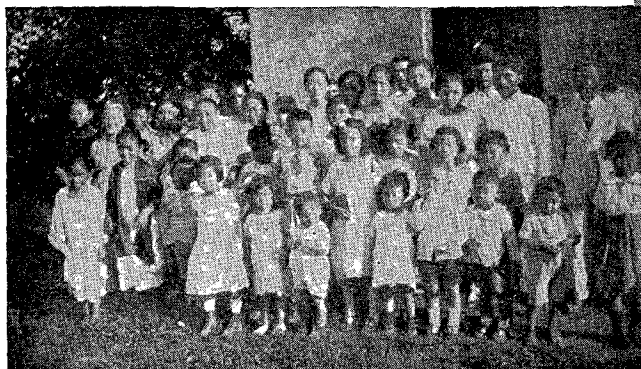
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BEGINNING THE HARVEST

About fifteen years ago the advance guard of Adventist mission work,—the colporteurs,—entered Yucatan. They succeeded in placing many books laden with heart-touching truths in the homes of the people there. These colporteurs were, J. A. P. Green, J. L. Brown, H. F. Brown, and a companion whose name I do not know.

Later on Elder S. Marchisio, who now sleeps in his grave, came with "Heraldos del Porvenir." He, too, placed a goodly number of books in the homes in Merida. Occasionally we meet persons that have these books.

In the 1924 union meeting it was voted to form the states of Yucatan, Campeche, and the territory of Quintana Roo into the Yucatan Mission.



Pedro Pien with some of the church members and pupils of his church school in Yucatan, Mexico.

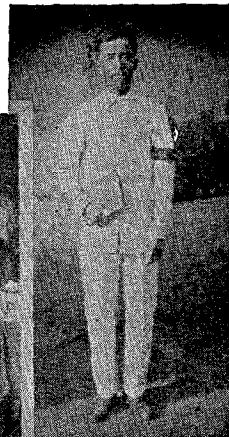
My wife was named as secretary and treasurer, while I was asked to take the superintendency.

We were delayed by a stay of eleven months in the Tehuantepec Mission. Finally in the latter part of June of last year we arrived at Progreso and came on to Merida. Here we have been ever since.

However, while we were delayed, the Lord's work was progressing in this field. A Korean brother, Francisco Lee, who was attending the school that Professor H. F. Brown was conducting in Mexico, D. F., kept writing to his countrymen about the truth and sending them literature. As a result, quite a number of them were interested and a few began to keep the Sabbath. Through literature they learned of our mission in Korea and of the publishing house

in South America. They subscribed for the papers published in these places and began learning the truths more in detail. Shortly after our arrival here one of these, Antonio Cong, paid about seventy pesos in tithes that he had been saving for some time. These friends live about thirty miles south of Merida. We visit them about once a month now.

Just after we located here, we began meetings in our house. These were held on the Sabbath and on week nights. At first our own family and the Mexican colporteur and his wife were the only attendants. Then others began coming until the attendance grew to twenty-five. Opposition, however, developed. Both the Catholic and the Presbyterian church members opposed, and folks began to stay home. We then moved to another house in the suburb. Here we continued the Sabbath services and occasionally held a service on Sunday and Wednesday nights. Our attendance grew from five to fourteen.



In December of 1925 we rented a hall near the center of town. Here we conducted Sabbath services and services five nights every week. Besides the lectures, I have been giving Bible classes before the sermon, and classes in English and Spanish at other times. These are pretty well attended, and we have been gaining friends. G. G. BROWN.

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WITH OUR FELLOW WORKERS

You will be glad to read the following extract from a letter at the union office after his return from a perilous journey in the Aztec Union:

"I returned to the office after three weeks in the wilds of the State of Guerrero. I never had my clothes off night nor day until I got back to the office excepting to change my linen. Sometimes it was necessary to sleep even with our shoes on. Some of the time one would sleep at night while the other watched; we had some very narrow escapes, but felt that the Lord had special care over us.

"Six were baptized and a church of seven was organized in one place. We ordained one man in that district as local elder. Doubtless by the time you receive this letter about forty more will be baptized in that neighborhood. A letter from the northeastern section gives me the names and addresses of fifteen recently baptized there. Others were to follow in a few days. In the southern portion, also, fifteen have been baptized in the last few days."

March 31, Pastor and Mrs. C. E. Wood sailed for New York, planning to spend a short time with their children, (three of whom are attending school in Canada,) before the General Conference.

Esther Jean arrived in the Zone March 25th to join the home circle of the manager of the Pacific Press Branch. She weighed only 6½ pounds on her arrival, but we feel sure that she will gain rapidly in the genial atmosphere of the home of Brother and Sister H. C. Kephart. The *Messenger* congratulates.

The past few weeks a special effort has been made to reach a larger number of the English speaking people of Panama City. As a direct result the attendance has been steadily increasing. Sunday night, March 28, the seating capacity of the church was taxed to its utmost, and practically all available standing room was occupied by interested listeners. The attendance numbered five or six hundred.

THE AZTEC UNION

The Aztec Union is the name by which they call our field
Of Guatemala-Salvador and all of Mexico,
With both Honduras; but within the name there lies concealed
Much more than casual hearer of the words might ever know.
The countries are united in one mission field, 'tis true,
But in their language and their customs are united too;
The workers are united,—
One goal by each is sighted:
The finish of the work on time though workers be but few.

All kinds, all shades, all classes, yes, within our field are found—
The mestizo and pure of blood, the peon and the proud;
The Catholic and atheist here meet on common ground,
With those who of themselves are naught but followers of the crowd:

All varied in condition or in color or in creed,
And each perhaps aloof from each,—yet all alike in need;
Not knowing what they're needing,
The Message scarcely heeding,—
Yet ours the work the honest and the hungry souls to feed.

And then through widespread valley, on the mountainside, or plain,
Where Indians by thousands in primeval manner dwell,
The union of our hearts to theirs we cannot well restrain,
Because a debt we owe them and a Story we must tell.
Wherever we may meet them, lo, the drawing power we feel,—
We long for them to know, with us, the One to save and heal;
In street and market-places
Their dark and wistful faces
Look into ours with silent but with urgent, strong appeal.

But who can be sufficient for the problems and the need,
The needs so overwhelming—and ourselves so weak, so few?
Ah, here is hope: the mission of our Union must succeed
For it includes the union with the One who'll see it through:
The Counsellor, the mighty God, the Everlasting One,
The great Trimeterate unfailing,—Father, Spirit, Son!
So onward we are pressing,
Confiding in His blessing,
Until that greater union when our present task is done.

PEARL WAGGONER HOWARD.

IMPORTANT COUNCILS

There are three union mission fields in the Inter-American Division. These three unions embrace all the local conferences and missions in the division. Each union mission has an executive committee composed of the officers of the union and of the presidents and superintendents of the local conferences and missions in its territory.

Once each year the members of the committee in each separate union meet at some convenient point for the study of the problems that arise in the work of the message. Following these meetings in the unions, the division committee meets at the division headquarters for the careful study of the problems pertaining to the work throughout the entire division.

These are all very important meetings; and, to avoid serious mistakes that might result in greatly hindering the advancement of the work of God, we must have more than human wisdom.

This year, for the first time since the organization of the division, all these committees will meet together in council from May 9-23. This important council will be held at Wabash Valley Sanitarium near Lafayette, Indiana, not far from where the General Conference will be held.

We earnestly request the prayers of all our people that heavenly wisdom may be imparted to those gathered in council at this time. There never has been a time when we needed such help as we need it now. In every direction we see the providences of God opening the way before us in a most wonderful manner. *The calls for help are becoming urgent. We must have heavenly wisdom to guide us in council; we must have divine power to enable us to enter these many wide-open doors, and to respond to these many calls for service.*

While you pray for the Spirit's guidance in the division council, do not forget to pray especially for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the delegates assembled in General Conference May 27 to June 14.

"O, how we need the divine presence! For the baptism of the Holy Spirit every worker should be breathing out his prayers to God. Companies should be gathered together to call upon God for special help, for heavenly wisdom, that the people of God may know how to plan and devise and execute the work. Especially should men pray that the Lord will choose his agents, and baptize his missionaries with the Holy Spirit. For ten days the disciples prayed before the Pentecostal blessing came. It required all that time to bring them to an understanding of what it meant to offer effectual prayer, drawing nearer and nearer to God, confessing their sins, humbling their hearts before God, and by faith beholding Jesus, and becoming changed into His image. When the blessing did come, it filled all the place where they were assembled, and endowed with power, they went forth to do effectual work for the Master."—Mrs. E. G. White.
E. E. ANDROSS.

THOUGHTS FOR CHRISTIAN WORKERS

"If we would humble ourselves before God, and be kind and courteous and tender-hearted and pitiful, there would be one hundred conversions to the truth where now there is only one. But, though professing to be converted, we carry around with us a bundle of self that we regard as altogether too precious to be given up. It is our privilege to lay this burden at the feet of Christ, and in its place take the character and similitude of Christ. The Saviour is waiting for us to do this." *"Testimonies" Vol. 9, pp. 189, 190.*

"If every soldier of Christ had done his duty, if every Watchman on the walls of Zion had given the trumpet a certain sound, the world might ere this have heard the message of warning. But the work is years behind. While men slept, Satan has stolen a march upon us." *"Testimonies," Vol. 9, p. 29.*

"The missionary spirit needs to be revived in our churches. Every member of the church should study how to help forward the work of God, both in home missions and in foreign countries. Scarcely a thousandth part of the work is being done that ought to be done in missionary fields. God calls upon His workers to annex new territory for Him." *"Testimonies," Vol. 6, p. 29.*

"Not one thousandth part of what should be done is being done by those who understand the plan of salvation. Every true Christian is to so represent the plan of salvation in his own consistent life, and in his unselfish efforts in behalf of others, that no one to whom he has access may say, 'No one cares for my soul.'" *"Review & Herald," Jan. 17, 1907.*

"We are not accomplishing one-third of what God desires us to accomplish, because careless, ease-loving church-members shirk responsibilities, leaving them to be borne by a few willing ones." *"Review and Herald," May 17, 1906.*

"A thousand times more work for God might be accomplished if all His children would consecrate themselves to Him, using their talents aright." *"Review and Herald," May 24, 1906.*

The testing truths of this Message simply told, but vitalized by the Holy Spirit's presence, possess mighty power to attract and hold the attention as well as to move the hearts of men today just as effectively as the message proclaimed with unwonted power by the apostles.