



# W a y s   a n d   M e a n s

*By W. E. Nelson*

**A**S we study the needs of the work in various parts of the great world field, it is frequently the case that we are led to believe that our lack of funds is our greatest handicap in the prosecution of the message. But it is my firm belief and conviction, from a careful study of our methods of operation, that there are many ways by which the means already at our disposal can be made to cover a greatly extended service, and thus accomplish a great deal more than the available funds have thus far given us in net results to the cause of God.

We must certainly look our problems squarely in the face, and accept some of the plain, cold facts connected with our administrative work, if we expect to measure up to God's requirements of us in these increasingly perplexing times. We know and understand that the future holds, not better times, but greatly increased and more difficult problems for our work and workers in all parts of the world. On the other hand, we know that it is not by might, nor by power, not by numbers of workers, not through amounts of money, that the work of God is to be finally completed. The work must be done, under the blessing of God, by a much better use of the facilities available, a more intelligent distribution of what we already have.

While we recognize that our spiritual needs constitute our most outstanding requirement, it seems to me that hand in hand with the fulfillment of this need is promised heavenly wisdom for greatly extended prosecution of our work through more definitely productive returns from the facilities and means already granted us. In the grave responsibilities that are placed upon us in the cause

of God, we are forced, time and again, to the profound conviction that there need be no lack of harmony between a strongly spiritual work and an outstandingly efficient, productive, and highly fruitful one. Indeed, the two should go hand in hand.

We are clearly instructed that until man has done his full part, even as did faithful Abraham upon Mt. Moriah, in giving up his dearest treasure, we cannot expect the Lord to work miracles in our behalf for the furtherance of His cause. We must do our full part, and then by faith lay our burdens before the Lord, believing that He will do His part in providing means for the finishing of the work.

## **New and Untried Experiences**

The year 1939 holds before us untried ways and untold perplexities. We are already learning, to our sorrow, through a knowledge of China's trouble in particular, that what we have failed to do in times of peace we must do in times of war and trouble. But the end is not yet. This is only a beginning of sorrows. There are doubtless in store for the people of God even greater troubles, but also still greater triumphs than we have thus far experienced. Distress, wars, and perplexities will come of a certainty, and in spite of all we can do to stem the tide of oncoming disaster. But the possibilities for triumph in the cause of God, as measured by the mold we give our individual stewardship, constitute a mighty challenge to every believer, that every ounce of ability, of talent, and of energy that the Lord has given us may be enlisted in service for the finishing of the great task laid upon us.

Let us open our eyes and look upon the fields that are ripe already to harvest! Even a tract prayerfully presented may mean a soul for the kingdom of heaven. A single sermon, prepared under the unction of the heavenly Spirit, has led scores of persons to the foot of the cross. Under the blessing of God, then, what may be the returns from a single series of meetings, or an evangelistic campaign in one city, or village, or island field? What may be the results, in the aggregate, of the consecrated effort of all our workers, of all our people generally, through the length and breadth of the earth?

"Not by might, nor by power," not by the amount of work, but by the quality of effort, is the work to make advances to the uttermost parts of the earth. Let us look about us, brethren, and look close by, for the next advance move that we can make in our work. Look not for some great improvement in method, or some outstanding opportunity, but capitalize every economic expedient that suggests itself to your constantly alert minds! Set an example of faithfulness in labor before those with whom you associate. Be constantly on the lookout as you move about, for those who may be drawn into conversation so easily in these troublous times, and then pointed to the Lord's great remedy for sin.

#### Judgment-Bound Souls

Let us keep ever in mind that every man and woman we meet is a judgment-bound soul for whom Christ died, and to whom our obligations are as real, as definite, and as binding as the debt we owe to any person in any other part of the world field. Shall we not let the words "Here and Now" constitute our motto for 1939, that greater, and still greater, results may crown our efforts as the days go by? This is a sure and effective means of closing up avenues that Satan would use to divert us from the great objective before us in giving the message in these last days. Many a temptation would fall unnoticed, if the men and women who make up our churches would keep actively at work in the one and all important endeavor to lead others to the Master.

But how, you may ask, can all this be accomplished? "What is that in thine hand?" said the Lord to Moses at the burning bush. Just a rod, that was all. Only a stick selected from the

bushes by the wayside in the wilderness of Midian, as Moses watched the flocks of Jethro. But, lo, under the blessing of God, coupled with complete surrender of the human instrument, it was used of God for the deliverance of a whole nation—yes, deliverance from the bondage of heathen darkness.

It seems to me that this experience of Moses has a most definite and striking application in these days, when we face great skepticism, false religions, and Gibraltars of heathenism. "What is that in thine hand?" Is it a book, a tract, a Bible, the ability to converse interestingly and intelligently upon the topics of the day? Is it an opportunity to invite a neighbor over to your house for a little friendly visit, which may be turned into an occasion of pointing the way to a better world, and a share in the inheritance of the saints? God has given to each one of us a gift, yea, gifts in

large measure to some of His workers. We shall be held accountable in the day of judgment for the use that we make of these talents entrusted to us, for as long as they are left in our possession!

"What is that in thine hand?" What is the gift you have, my brother, my sister, by the faithful use of which you can best represent the Master for the little span of life on earth? By prayerful consideration of our individual obligations to God, to whom we owe our hope of eternal life, let us seek to open our hearts and our lives to the full working of the Spirit of God. Let us pray that we may be used of Him in large measure for the saving of souls in the days still remaining to us on earth, in which we may labor for Him.

"Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings"—and before the King!

—Review and Herald, Jan. 5, 1939.

## SOUL WINNING

At the 1938 Inter-American Division Autumn Council held in Balboa, December 11-20, the following resolution was passed:

"Whereas, there are thousands of villages and towns and cities where no organized work is established and where the truth has never been preached, and

"Whereas, we are told that many fields ripe for the harvest have not been entered because of our lack of self-sacrificing helpers, therefore,

"We Recommend, 1. That we put forth a special effort to enlist in service, lay members who show ability in public evangelism and encourage them to devote as much time in lay evangelism as is consistent with earning a livelihood;

"2. That each field endeavor to work out some plan whereby institutes can be held for the training and guidance of such lay workers;

"3. That the series of lessons prepared by the General Conference be used as a basis for such institutes;

"4. That each member of the church be trained in active soul-winning service, with the definite objective of winning at least one soul to Christ each year. To accomplish this, we suggest that the church be organized into working groups:

- a. For house-to-house Bible studies.
- b. For the circulation of literature.
- c. For evangelistic work; enlisting

particularly the young people, to hold evangelistic efforts.

d. For visiting the sick and the needy.

e. For pastoral work to cooperate with the elder or pastor in visiting the home of every church member, several times a year, to visit those who absent themselves from the services of the church, encouraging them to faithful attendance, and to visit those who have drifted out of the church, endeavoring to win them back to the fold.

"5. That a definite objective or goal be set by our churches for the winning of new members as follows:

"One member per quarter for each church organization; and in addition, one new member per quarter for each 50 church members or major fraction thereof."

One new convert each quarter in each church and company for each 50 members or fraction thereof—is this too much to expect in these times of the special outpouring of the Spirit of God? Rather, is this not really a very small goal in view of these times? It is indeed small, but it is only our minimum goal. It means that a church of 50 members will have as its minimum goal of new souls won to the truth, two souls each quarter—one for the organization and one for the 50 members—or a minimum of eight souls won to the truth for the year. A church or company of less than 50 members will have

a goal of one soul each quarter, or four for the year. A church of 80-100 members will have as its goal three new souls won each quarter, or twelve for the year—one soul each quarter for the church and one for each 50 members or major fraction thereof. A church of 500 members will have as its goal on the above basis, eleven souls won each quarter, or 44 each year.

Of course, some of our churches are already winning more souls than this goal calls for, and they will doubtless rejoice to realize the overflow of their goals. But those churches and companies who have not had the joy of winning many souls in the past, will surely strive to reach the goal as set forth in the above resolution; that is, one soul won to the truth each quarter for the organization, and in addition one soul for each fifty members or major fraction thereof in the church or company.

As ways and means to this end, we suggest that each church leader first ascertain his goal by counting the church membership, to ascertain just how many souls will need to be won to reach the minimum amount, and then post the goal—the number of souls to be won in the church—where it will be seen by the congregation each Sabbath; then at the close of each quarter post on the goal itself the number of souls won. In recording the souls won, those converts should be counted who are won by the members of the church. Those won in public evangelistic efforts are reported by the worker in another way. A baptismal class conducted in the church will be one of the best ways to win souls and to prepare them for church membership. A baptismal class study book and a baptismal class record book will be prepared by the Division and will soon be ready for use. Of course, the worker will need to baptize those won by the lay members. Branch Sabbath schools and laymen evangelism will also accomplish much toward reaching the goal of souls. The free distribution of literature, and the sale of "El Centinela" and the sale of our books, large and small will win many souls, also.

Kindly ministry to the sick will open the doors to the truth and will win many: Lessons on Medical Missionary work are being prepared for use in the Division. Bible readings and cottage meetings held, and mission classes also

for those who cannot read, will gain influence for the truth.

There are many ways to win souls, and our Heavenly Father stands ready to aid any who determine in their hearts to do this work of soul winning. Let every member of every church and company in our Division just now "rally to the work and unite their efforts with that of ministers and church officers. And may the ministers and church officers set the pace and the example in this wonderful soul-winning endeavor.

The sum total of this goal for the churches amounts to approximately 6,000 souls won for the year. We have been winning on an average for the past ten years, about 3,000. Surely, with all our older members at work and with all our many hundreds of members newly come into the faith working, we can easily double for this year our average of the past. We have come to that time when we should rise and make a rush for the Kingdom. May there be no stragglers, but may we all join the final rush of soul winning that is to quickly close the work and usher in our eternal rest.

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**LAYMEN MISSIONARY ACTIVITY**

During all the conventions held during the past year, much emphasis was placed upon the work of laymen holding cottage meetings. Our brethren were encouraged to go to nearby villages and conduct cottage meetings.

Two of our brethren living in the province of Magdalena, with the assistance of a colporteur, went to a nearby village and held some cottage meetings. There they met a man living a few kilometers distant who asked them to come to his home and hold some meetings. Arrangements were made for them to go the next Sunday. They found the family hungry to know the truth for this time. He gladly accepted every ray of light that was given. The meetings were continued for some time until there were 26 adults keeping the Sabbath. Pastor Kinzer visited them a few weeks later and more fully instructed them. Now they have a nice Sabbath school and it is expected that soon they will be baptized.

Why could not many of our churches

arrange for these little cottage meetings and start branch Sabbath schools? From every indication in the world, we will not have very much longer in which to work. May the Spirit of God impress each member of His church to do what they ought to do at this time.

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**SPEIGHTSTOWN, BARBADOS**

"As the rain cometh down and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goeth out of my mouth, it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." Isa. 55:10, 11. Also Eccl. 11:6. "In the morning sow thy seed and in the evening withhold not thine hand, for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that or whether they both shall be alike good."

These verses no doubt have been fulfilled on many occasions in the past, yet I am borrowing them at this time to illustrate the experience that the writer has had in an evangelistic effort conducted in Speightstown, Barbados.

On Sunday, November 27, eleven precious souls were buried with their Lord in baptism, and one person was received into church fellowship on profession of faith. Eight of these were added to the Speightstown church, and four to the Mile and a Quarter church.

I am very happy that I had the privilege of being used by the Holy Spirit in bringing these persons to their final decisions. This should encourage every evangelist and soul-winner to keep on sowing the seeds, and although you may not see all the fruitage of your labor, remember the word is like leaven in the flour or meal. The word shall not, and cannot return void. Take courage, fellow-workers, and go forward sowing the seeds of truth, for soon in the near future we shall all be going home carrying our sheaves with us.

OSWALD P. REID

With God go over the sea; without Him, not over the threshold.—*Russian*

## DIVISION COUNCIL REPORTS

In former issues of the Messenger, reference has been made to the Council of the Division Committee which was held at Balboa, in December of 1938, and from time to time reports of the meetings have been given.

In this issue, we give extracts from the reports which were given in the meetings by the superintendents of the five Union fields in the Inter-American Division. All of these reports brought to the Council hope and inspiration, and we believe that our readers will be glad to share in the benefits which these reports bring.

*Editor.*

### Elder L. V. Finster

(Superintendent of the Colombia-Venezuela Union Mission)

God's providences have been shown in a remarkable manner in this field. The liberal form of government is doing great things for our work. We now have the privilege of going everywhere. Our fear is that if we do not act now, it will be too late.

In Venezuela, there are more than four million people, and only six workers, almost a million people for each worker.

In Curacao, we have churches on two of the islands and work on all three. We are building a new church building there.

In the Atlantic Mission, our largest mission in the Union, Elder N. H. Kinzer has only three Bible workers, but we have 40 or 50 different churches or companies of believers.

At Barranquilla, as elsewhere in the Union field, the lay members are doing a wonderful work in raising up Sabbath school and Bible classes. We have ordered a picture projector for our lay members to use in these endeavors.

A member of the church, who was selling articles from a cart, was met by bandits on the road, who took everything but his cart. This brother was thankful that he had already paid tithe on the merchandise and praised God for this. A little further on down the road, he was met by the same robbers, who came back and returned everything to him in good condition. This was a remarkable experience in trusting God and being faithful in His requirements.

In the Upper Magdalena Mission, our work is going in a strong way, but we need workers. Bogotá is the largest city in this part of the country, and

Elder W. E. Baxter has only one Bible worker to help in his efforts. There are requests for and urgent need for medical work in this city.

Our need is great for a school adequate for our needs. We need equipment, we need buildings, we need everything."

### Elder C. E. Wood

(Superintendent of the Mexican Union Mission)

"We have come to the time of the finishing of the work."

We sometimes wonder how this finishing work can be done, but God has told us that he will finish the work and cut it short in righteousness.

In the Tehuantepec Mission, one man raised up four branch Sabbath schools within one year. The members travel as far as 24 kilometers to attend Sabbath school. Now these four Sabbath schools have raised up three more this year.

Our mission offerings for 1937, were 19,110 pesos, and for 1938, 27,323 pesos, or a 43% increase.

Our tithe receipts for 1937, were 55,903 pesos, and for 1938, 69,500 pesos, or a 25% increase.

In 1937, there were 319 baptisms, and in 1938, there were 381 persons baptized.

Our medical work is strong in Mexico. Dr. Reynolds' hospital is doing a wonderful work there, and in one year he gave 30,000 pesos worth of free work to the poor. Dr. Ritchie has given a six-weeks nurses' training course for the lay members which has proved very helpful.

Our greatest task, or one of the greatest, is to help the Indians of Mexico. There are 44 different languages and dialects among these Indians and we are working in about 10 of these tribes.

Our publishing work is going in a strong way in Mexico. In the first nine months of 1937, we delivered 49,000 pesos worth of literature.

May God help us to be faithful to our task.

### Elder C. P. Crager

(Superintendent of the Central American Union Mission)

We have seven fields or missions in our field, and the work is going forward in a wonderful and encouraging way.

Our lay members are working very hard. One man, a barber, went to Bar-

rios and raised up a church of 52 members. The first month, he sent in \$35 tithe from these poor people. We will soon have a strong church organization in this place.

Our baptisms for nine months have been 373. The tithe for the same period was \$5200, which is a large gain for this year. Mission offerings have gone up as well as the tithe. Our Harvest Ingathering work is growing. Our members are taking hold of the work in a fine way.

The educational work is going forward in a remarkable way. There are 23 church schools in the Central American Union, but these schools need help, and we must give it to them. Our training school in Costa Rica is a wonderful influence in the Union field as well as elsewhere. We have some excellent facilities in the school, including a new electric light plant and an excellent water system. The students are doing much to give the message. We are doing excellent radio work in San José with gratifying results.

Our needs are many, but I do ask you to pray that in the next meeting, we may be able to bring you an even bigger report.

### Elder A. R. Ogden

(President of the Caribbean Union Conference)

Our territory includes Trinidad, Barbados, the Windward, Leeward, and Virgin Islands, British, Dutch and French Guiana. There are 50 islands in our Union Field, with a population of from five thousand to hundreds of thousands of people.

Our work in the Mt. Roraima Indian Mission is well known and is being ably carried on by Elder and Mrs. Carscallan. They are trying to revise and rebuild the work in this field and are meeting with remarkable success.

Special endeavors are carried on in the union field, of which the most important is the Welcome Wanderers' Movement, for the reclaiming of lost and backslidden members. Elder Gordon Oss is the sponsor of the movement. We are greatly surprised that we have already a list of over 800 people of this class in one conference of 3500 members, whom we are corresponding with and contacting in every possible way.

We have 8,036 church members at the close of the third quarter of 1938, and 134 churches. Our Sabbath school membership is 9,151.

**Elder H. M. Blunden**

(Superintendent of the Antillian Union Mission)

We present this report with a sense of deep gratitude to the Lord for His guiding spirit in the work of our field and in producing results.

We are able to report that 1938 will give us baptisms in the neighborhood of 1500 persons. In Jamaica alone, we will baptize approximately 725 new believers this year. One young man in Jamaica won over sixty persons in his first public effort.

Also in Jamaica, we have 101 branch Sabbath schools with 1588 members, outside the membership of our regular Sabbath schools, which now stands at 9672, or a total of 11,260.

Our publishing department is doing a large and extensive work. There are 85 colporteurs in the field who have taken orders during ten months of 1938, to the value of \$64,836.33, delivering more than \$30,000 worth of literature during this same period of time.

The total income in tithe for the twelve months ending September 30, 1938, amounts to \$70,780.98, an increase of \$3,496.14 over the corresponding previous period. Our offerings have amounted to \$30,871.42, for the same period, an increase of \$1,801.73.

Special endeavors are being carried on everywhere in our field. In a letter from B. W. Prince, he says: "You will be interested to know that we have started a strong spirit of evangelism among our lay members. I have asked the pastors to conduct a lay-preachers class. We have 33 lay preachers in these classes. It is our plan to see in a short time, 150 to 200 lay preachers proclaiming the last warning message."

### THESE OBEYED

(With this issue of the Messenger, we are starting a series of tithing experiences of our members under the heading, "These Obeied." We solicit from any of our members their tithing experiences, and as in the case of this first article of the series, the name of the writer will not be published).—*Editor.*

"Some years ago the writer gave prayerful study to the matter of living a life that would please God in every respect, and in comparing his life with the commands and requirements of God, could find nothing that fulfilled any command or requirement as it should be fulfilled. Finally the life was

compared with the command of God concerning the tithe, and it seemed that here was one point at least upon which the writer had been altogether faithful, for he had paid a full tithe on his increase from the day of his conversion. However, in a careful study of the subject, the phrase "from the days of your fathers" as found in Malachi 3, came sharply to attention for consideration. Upon diligent, prayerful search, an added privilege in tithe paying was discovered, and back tithe was brought to the storehouse according to the command.

"This was not an easy task to perform, because it was done after a break in health and at a time when consequent return to the homeland was necessary, and the future looked very dark financially and otherwise. To make payment

of this tithe required all funds on hand but one English pound. The payment was made, however, and from one source and another there came to the writer uncollected accounts, gifts, favors, and other financial blessings, until in a few months about \$1,500.00 had accumulated in his possession, which was more money than he had ever before possessed in life's experience. God had indeed honored faith."

"I discovered that I owed the Lord tithe on \$600.00, and the thought came to me that is why I cannot get any work. I promised right then and there to pay my tithe. Before I got up the next day there was a man at my door to give me a job. That was three years ago, and I have never wanted for anything since."

## THE PRINCIPLES OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We shall briefly note some of the fundamental principles that are to be emphasized if our schools are to retain their distinctive character and fulfill their divine purpose. If the principles governing in our schools are not distinctive, emphasizing as they should the development of character, and preparing our young people for what lies just ahead of us, then I see no valid reason for going to the expense and trouble of maintaining separate schools at all.

The highest principle to be observed is a recognition that the work of education and the work of salvation are one. "In the highest sense the work of education and the work of redemption are one."—*"Education," p. 30.*

"Education is a failure unless the understanding has learned to grasp the truths of divine revelation and unless the heart accepts the teachings of the gospel of Christ."—*"Counsels to Teachers," p. 12.*

"The first lesson in all education is to know and understand the will of God."—*"Counsels to Teachers," p. 447.*

If there is one thing above all others in which our parents are interested it is that of the son's or the daughter's relationship to Christ. I may write out to parents of the success of their children in this subject or that. I may speak of the student's popularity or how helpful he is in the social life of the school, but if I cannot assure that parent of spiritual growth, all the rest sounds

empty. I may guess wrongly, but I venture the statement that ninety per cent of the students in our schools have been sent not because they are taught mathematics or language or science any better than are taught in the public schools, but for the sake of those distinctive principles which in many young lives will mean the difference between eternal death and eternal life.

It is because of this tremendously important matter of eternal life that we cannot afford to jeopardize one principle of Christian education as given in the Bible and Spirit of prophecy.

Other principles of almost equal importance with the moral and spiritual training we shall note briefly.

1. The harmonious development of the physical powers and the mental faculties. This means the equal development of the physical and the mental. The physical development includes a thorough knowledge of physiology and the laws of health. It includes also daily systematic labor and preference to mere amusement.

2. A knowledge of practical duties.

3. The preeminent place of the Bible in our educational work:

"The Bible must be regarded as the highest and most important textbook."—*"Fundamentals of Christian Education," p. 231.*

"The Bible must be made the foundation of all study."—*Id., p. 451.*

—*Selected.*

## "EL CENTINELA" SUBSCRIPTION OFFER

Again the Pacific Press Publishing Association has very kindly arranged to grant a year's subscription to the good Spanish magazine EL CENTINELA Y HERALDO DE LA SALUD free during the month of March of this year.

This fine offer on the part of the Press will be given to any Seventh-day Adventist who, during that month will visit his neighbors and take at least one subscription for one year to EL CENTINELA at the regular price. When the full amount of this subscription is turned in to the church the publishers will send the magazine to the individual who ordered it and also to the one who took the order. In other words, two yearly subscriptions for EL CENTINELA will be sent for the price of one.

This is an offer worth working for. Your home needs the stirring, uplifting messages of EL CENTINELA and besides, think of the good that it will accomplish in the home of the individual who subscribes.

To help our members secure subscriptions, a beautiful folder of four pages has been printed by the Press at considerable expense. It will serve as a miniature prospectus. It is the exact size of the magazine EL CENTINELA, containing some of the material of the March number, and will bear the beautiful cover picture. They have also included in this folder some good selling points which may be shown, a receipt to be given to the customer, an order blank on which to send the name of the subscriber to the publishers, and it will also contain the proper authorization to take subscriptions.

Just one year ago the Press made this same offer. As a result many subscriptions were secured by our lay members. A fine beginning was made at that time but this year many more subscriptions should be taken. We are expecting several thousand to be sent in by our nearly 15,000 Spanish-speaking members. Why not be one of those to receive this free subscription to EL CENTINELA?

A special program to be presented in all our churches has been prepared. When this program is presented in your church you will receive more information and one of the folders or miniature

prospectuses will be furnished to you.

During the year 1937 the average circulation per month of EL CENTINELA was 20,128. During 1938 the average circulation rose to 26,597. This represents a gain of 6,469 each month during last year. The lay members, together with our colporteurs have made this fine gain possible, but our circulation should be much greater. Let us pray and work to that end. We are certain you will do your part during March to win at least *one* subscription.

W. A. BERGHERM

### STUDENT COLPORTEURS

Reports have come in from some of the students who are out in the colporteur work and they are very good, and a letter from Manuel Galeano states that after spending 14 hours canvassing with Navarro and Caceres, they had 26 orders in the best binding. Ernestina and Graciela in Cucuta had 50 orders with 80 pesos down. Josefa Durán and her partner in Bucaramanga had 70 orders. A letter from Arismendi states that after working 21 hours, they had 31 orders with down payments.

A letter from Tirso states that in the first week he took orders for 212.50 pesos, and the following week when Jorge was with him, they took orders for 518.40 pesos. Jorge with López in Villavicencia, in three days, took 300 pesos in orders. Judit and Olga, the first two days, took 15 orders in keratol binding.

—Quoted from a letter written by G. W. Chapman to Elder L. V. Finster.

If the followers of Christ were awake to duty, there would be thousands, where there is one to-day, preaching the gospel in heathen lands. And *all* who could not personally engage in the work would yet sustain it with their means, their sympathy, and their prayers.

"I would impress upon all the fact that a casual reading of the Scriptures is not enough. We must search, and this means the doing of all the word-implications."

## TEN-MINUTE MISSIONARY SERVICE

February 25, 1939

### How To Win Souls

"Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Matt. 4:19.

These words were spoken to uneducated, rough fishermen. Suppose they had said, "We just cannot do that!" Suppose Peter had said, "I can catch fish, I know how to do that, for my father was a fisherman; I grew up here by the sea, and that is what I grew up to be. I can never be a fisher of men; I can never do that." If he had talked that way, he never would have been anything but a fisherman he never would have become the great apostle Peter, the mighty soul-winner.

Jesus said, "Follow me." Peter followed Jesus. For three and a half years he lived in close companionship with Him. He made many mistakes; he had to learn many lessons, but he kept on following Jesus and Jesus made him a fisher of men. Jesus made him more than a fisher of men; He made him a leader of men, a builder of men, a pastor to the flock.

He who follows Jesus will, like Peter, become a winner of souls. Christ's whole life on earth was spent in loving and saving service for humanity. He who walks in the footsteps of the Master will by beholding learn how to save souls, and be inspired to do his best. Love makes a way. Love teaches how. Jesus so loved us that He gave His life to save us. If we so love,—love to the extent that we will deny ourselves and will take up the gospel of the cross and follow Jesus, He will teach us how to approach souls and what to say and how to say it. "Follow me,—and I will make you fishers of men." "Lovest thou Me?" "Feed my sheep." Seek the hungering, lost sheep and feed them.

March 4, 1939

### Our Magazine Ministry

"The Lord gave the word; great was the company of those that published it." Ps. 68:11.

The Lord has given us our wonderful magazines in many languages and He desires that they shall be placed in the hands of the people so that they will heed and be converted. Each year souls are added to the church as the result of reading the *El Centinela*, the *Watchman*, the *Signs of the Times*. But how can others read these good papers unless they have them? God has given us the blessed privilege of being His representatives in carrying the truth-filled papers to them.

Listen to the following from the servant of the Lord: "God calls for earnest, unselfish, disinterested laborers in His cause, who will keep up the various branches of the work, such as obtaining subscriptions for the periodicals." — "Testimonies," Vol. 11, p. 628.

"The Lord gave the word; great was the company of those that published it." Many persons are engaged in getting annual subscriptions for the magazines that contain many truth-filled articles. Will you not join this company?

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**Go Ye**

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.  
 "A far greater effort should be made to extend the circulation of our literature in all parts of the world. The warning must be given in all lands and to all peoples."—"Testimonies," Vol. VII, p. 160.

"I call the attention of all our workers to the sixth chapter of Isaiah. Read the experience of God's prophet when he saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and His train filled the temple. . . . Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts. Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar; and he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged. Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me." Isa. 6:1-8.—*Id.*, pp. 153, 154.

Will not we today answer, "Here am I; send me"? Will not some in every church take up the work of regularly selling our periodicals, such as the *El Centinela*, the *Health* magazine, the *Watchman*? Our periodicals are mighty soul-winners, but they must be circulated in order to reach the hearts of the people.

March 18, 1939

**Experience Meeting**

"The Lord has done great things for us." Ps. 126:3.

There are many souls in each congregation that have been won to the truth through reading our periodicals and other literature. The time of the short missionary service today will be given to those who have been won to the truth through our truth-filled literature and especially would we like to hear from those who have been won by the *El Centinela*, the *Watchman*, or any of our papers. Then shall we not all determine to circulate our literature more, so that it will save more souls. More *Centinelas* distributed, more souls won to Christ.

(Exceptions to this date to be set by union committees and rally days accordingly.)

**Dates of Special Offerings in 1939**

April 22	Missions Extension
April 29	Elementary Schools
July 15	Midsummer Offering
July 29	Elementary Schools
September 30	Elementary Schools
November 25	Week of Sacrifice
December 16	Annual Offering
December 30	Elementary Schools

**SPECIAL DATES FOR 1939**

March 4	EL CENTINELA Day
March 11-19	M. V. Day (March 11) and Week of Prayer
April 1	Medical Missionary Day
April 22	Missions Extension Day
May 6	Home Missionary Day
June 3	Home Missionary Day
June 10	Sabbath School Rally Day
July 1	Home Missionary Day
July 29	Educational Day
August 5	Home Missionary Day
August 12	Harvest Ingathering Day
September 2	Home Missionary Day
October 7	Temperance Day
November 4	Colporteurs' Rally Day
November 19-25	Week of Sacrifice
December 2	Home Missionary Day
December 9-16	Annual Week of Prayer
December 23	Christian Stewardship Day

**Dates of Campaigns for 1939**

March 4-18—EL CENTINELA and Magazine Campaign.  
 August 12—October 7—Official Harvest Ingathering campaign.

"The canvassing work, properly conducted, is missionary work of the highest order, and it is as good and successful a method as can be employed for placing before the people the important truths for this time."—"Colporteur Evangelist," p. 5.

**NOTICE**

The next issue of the MESSENGER will be the Special Harvest Ingathering Annual for 1939.

**THE NEW "EL CENTINELA Y HERALDO DE LA SALUD" GOAL CHART**  
 Our Standing for January, 1939.

	Monthly Goal	
	No. Magazines	January
Cuba	6324	5859
Dominicana	2439	1931
Puerto Rico	2874	1585
<b>Antillian Union</b>	<b>11637</b>	<b>9375</b>
Costa Rica	675	538
Br. Honduras	165	11
Guatemala	1284	962
Honduras	972	337
Nicaragua	480	55
Panama	1437	420
Salvador	1020	674
<b>Cent. America</b>	<b>6033</b>	<b>2997</b>
Atlantic & Cent.	2598	1801
Pacific "	669	579
Upper Magdalena	660	717 *
Curacao	180	185 *
Venezuela	1323	2967 *
<b>Col. Ven. Union</b>	<b>5430</b>	<b>6249 *</b>
<b>Mexican Union</b>	<b>12321</b>	<b>5485</b>
Miscellaneous	2000	1487
<b>Division</b>	<b>37000</b>	<b>25641</b>

**Help Reach the Goal of Your Mission**

*Explanation of the new chart:* The first column of figures, under "Monthly Goal" indicates the number of magazines the field should use monthly. This is based on the new goal set at the time of our recent Division Council, and proportioned to the fields according to membership. The second column of figures under January represent the actual number of magazines being used. Each month a new column will be added.

**37,000 Circulation by END OF 1939.**

\*Indicates fields that have reached their goals.

— EL CENTINELA —  
 A 40,000 CIRCULATION BY THE TIME OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

# THE CHURCH MISSIONARY SERVICE

The secretaries of the Sabbath School and Home Missionary Departments of the General Conference, in joint council, submit this statement for the information of workers and church officers throughout the field, outlining the details of the proper way to close the Sabbath school and begin the weekly church missionary service.

This draft of procedure is in accord with the actions of the General Conference Committee, and we recommend that the plans herewith submitted be carefully observed by the officers of the Sabbath School and Home Missionary Departments.

Following the lesson recitation according to the regular Sabbath school program, and expense offering (if taken at this time), the Sabbath school shall be closed as follows:

*Closing Song.* (Congregatoin standing.)

*Benediction.* A brief prayer, Mizpah verse, or other Scripture verse, repeated audibly in unison.

*Silent Prayer.* (Congregation seated.) At this time the superintendent steps aside, the missionary leader takes his place, and the silent prayer period is ended by the organist's playing the opening notes of the theme song to begin the missionary service. The missionary leader then proceeds with the missionary service in harmony with the outline provided by the General Conference Home Missionary Department.

In order to emphasize anew the Fall Council recommendation of 1931, pertaining to the cooperative basis for conducting the Sabbath school and the Church Missionary services, we quote as follows:

"That this (weekly church missionary) service not be made in any way a part of the Sabbath school program, either as to the use of time or organization, during the regular Sabbath school period, but that it commence only after the Sabbath school exercises are closed in accordance with the recommendations of the Sabbath School Department; and that the Sabbath school shall not in any way encroach on the fifteen-minute period, but that it likewise close promptly on time."

We believe that the carrying out of

these suggestions will greatly strengthen both Sabbath school and Home Missionary activities, and that the missionary endeavors of the church will be benefited through the harmonious conduct of these two important services.

STEEN RASMUSSEN,  
*Secretary Home Missionary Department*  
J. A. STEVENS,  
*Secretary Sabbath School Department*

## VISIT TO THE CARIBBEAN UNION

Elder R. R. Breitigam, secretary of the Sabbath School, and Home Missionary departments of the Inter-American Division, visited in the Caribbean Union Conference recently. The visits in the field took him into the Guiana Conference, the South Caribbean Conference, the Leeward Islands Conference, and the French West Indian Mission.

Conventions were held at various places, at all of which stress was laid upon the importance of the Sabbath school, young people's and home missionary activities of the church. A very interesting feature of the convention held at Government Hill church, September 3 and 4, was an investiture service, when 27 members were invested as Friends, Comrades or Master Comrades.

Elder Breitigam spoke to the young people in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, on Sabbath afternoon, September 24 and left the same night for the Canal Zone.

### AM I OBEDIENT?

"The Lord requires that we return to Him in tithes and offerings, a portion of the goods He has lent us. He accepts these offerings as an act of humble obedience on our part, and a grateful acknowledgment of our indebtedness to Him for all the blessings we enjoy. Then let us offer willingly, saying with David, 'All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.'"—*Testimonies*, Vol. 5, p. 267.

The services and help of Elder Breitigam, in our union field, were greatly appreciated. His active labor, we believe will prove a great blessing, and lead to greater growth in the development of the Sabbath school, young people's and general activities of the church in home missionary labor.

A. R. OGDEN

## USE OF ELDER SPICER'S TRACT

Doubtless every church in the Inter-American Division, Spanish and English, has received a supply of this tract, "The Spirit of Prophecy in the Advent Movement," by W. A. Spicer, for distribution to all families and to isolated members. Some fields of our Division are using this tract as material for the Sabbath services.

In connection with the reading of the Bible, this will furnish excellent material for family worship for a time. It is important that every one get the inspiration that is found in the words Elder Spicer has written.

Knowing that every one who reads this tract or hears it read, will desire to possess the "Testimonies," or some portion of them, the Pacific Press is quoting a very special discount, as follows: in Spanish, Volumes 1-5, paper binding—original \$5.20, now by special offer \$4.00; Volumes 1-5, cloth binding—original price \$7.75, now \$6.00; Volumes 1-5, keratol binding—original price \$10.00, now \$8.00; the discount on English sets for this sale is 15%. You can order these books from your Book and Bible House, and your Book and Bible House can quote you your price in the currency of your country. This offer holds good until the end of March, 1939. So it will be necessary in order to secure these discounts, that orders be placed immediately.

We encourage every church and company—Spanish and English—in the Inter-American Division Conference, to gather a fund and purchase a set for the church. Then we encourage every family who can possibly do so, to purchase a set for family use. And we encourage every individual to purchase as many of these books as he possibly can. These books contain the instruction God intends His people to have for the closing days.

G. A. ROBERTS