



# Passport To Heaven

By CLYDE O. FRANZ

It was Ingathering time. In company with the pastor of the local church I had been making Ingathering calls all day in the eastern part of Cuba. Now twilight was approaching, but we had one more call to make.

Our prospective donor was courteous. He invited us to sit with him on the cool verandah of his modern and comfortable home. Finally the conversation turned to our welfare work and the purpose of our visit. At once our host stated that he was not interested in anything religious. "I was christened in the ——— church sixty years ago," he explained. "I have not been inside a church since. If there is a heaven, and if I ever get to its gates, that one visit to the church will have to serve as my passport."

As we left this gentleman, one word kept ringing in my ears — passport! passport! passport! I had never before thought of getting into heaven by means of a passport. Immediately the question presented itself, What are the requirements for obtaining a heavenly passport?

According to my dictionary, a passport is "a formal document issued by a state officer to a citizen of the state, certifying his citizenship — and requesting protection for him abroad". Notice that this important document is issued only to *citizens*. That is the first, and most important, requirement. I cannot have a heavenly passport unless I am a citizen of the Kingdom of Heaven.

What a wonderful thought it is that the great Ruler of the Universe has made provision whereby every man, woman and child on earth may become a citizen of the Heavenly Kingdom! And the "naturalization" process is so easy and simple. When one applies for heavenly citizen-

ship it is only necessary to swear allegiance to the King and to participate in the symbolic new birth rite of baptism. Thus the alien renounces his allegiance to the Kingdom of Satan and his determination to be a true and faithful subject of the Kingdom of God.

Paul stated in forceful language the contrast between the old citizenship and the new. "Ye were . . . aliens from the commonwealth of Israel . . . having no hope, and without God in the world. (But) now . . . ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God." Ephesians 2:12, 19.

According to the dictionary a passport is not valid unless it is signed by a "state officer". Let us see who has signed my passport. Here is the signature and title of the officer who has cared for this important and necessary validation. I notice that the signature is clear and legible but it does not seem to be written in ink. Is it possible? Yes! It is signed in blood — and it reads, "Jesus Christ"!

We find that the Apostle Paul has described in unforgettable language the cost of our citizenship and our passport, when he says, "But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh *by the blood of Christ*." Ephesians 2:13. Yes, this passport, even though it cost me not a single cent, is the most expensive and valuable document in all the world, for it was necessary for the blood of the Son of God to be spilled before it could be signed and given to me.

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# Evangelism

## IN THE INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION

### EVANGELISM IN PANAMA

One of the most outstanding activities in the Panama Conference at the present time is our big evangelistic effort that is being held in our tent in Rio Abajo, conducted by Pastor O. U. Holness of Jamaica, assisted by Pastor W. H. Waller. It is a pleasure to visit the tent. The attendance has never decreased. Some nights there have been as many as 2500 persons present, and there have never been less than 800 to 1,000 in attendance.

After ten weeks of having meetings each night except Sabbaths, Pastor Holness was desirous of reducing the meetings to three times a week, but the public begged that they be continued in the usual manner. It is really marvelous to see the great interest that exists for our message here. We can truly say that the fields are ready to harvest in Panama, and we need more workers as well as your prayers, so we may have a rich harvest of souls for the kingdom of heaven.

The 13th of April when we had our first Sabbath service, I had the privilege of speaking to a congregation of over 1000 persons, not including children. For the first time in their lives 132 souls kept the holy day of

rest. We thank God for this wonderful answer to our prayers. There are 300 persons, as a result of the effort, that are studying the Voice of Prophecy lessons, and we feel sure that God will bless this seed that it may bring forth fruit for His kingdom. On the second Sunday in June we hope to have our first baptism.

A lay evangelism campaign has also been launched for the Master in different parts of Panama, especially the groups organized by Pastor Norberto Quiroz of the Panama Spanish district. One of these groups is holding meetings regularly in a new place called Las Cumbres with 18 persons in attendance. As a result of faithful work done by another group, seven persons are keeping the Sabbath and attending church services.

It is inspiring to see how our brethren are cooperating with the tent effort, the lay workers, and all the other church activities, thus putting our churches in general on a high spiritual level.

We thank God for the part that Panama can have in the winning of souls for Christ.

R. R. Drachenberg

### EVANGELISM IN FRENCH GUIANA

Doors of great opportunity are opening up for us in French Guiana in a marvelous way. The three weeks I recently spent there gave me much pleasure and joy.

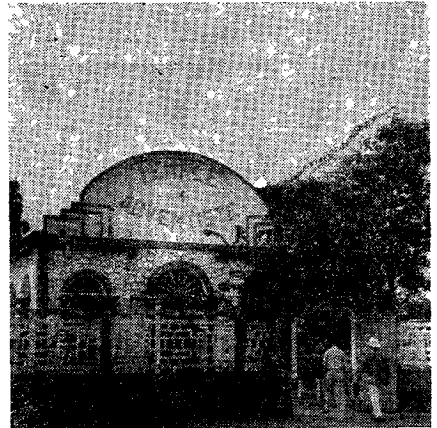
In the colony there are about 12 Protestant families from France belonging to the National Reformed Church. This church has no pastor or church in French Guiana. Two or three of the families who are true believers have been looking everywhere to see if they could find the spiritual food they need. Two solutions faced them: the Darbists, directed by two Swiss families, and having 35 members, or the Adventists, who have a church with a national pastor and a hundred believers. Our

pastor, Elder Jean-Elie, was much more friendly than the other ministers and welcomed them very heartily.

So the sub-prefect and his wife began to attend the evangelistic meeting every Sunday evening. They felt well satisfied in spending a few minutes every week among people who love God and try their best to serve their neighbors. This gentleman asked if he might participate in the service of the Lord's Supper. Our pastor told him that this question should be solved between God and himself. So he and his wife, feeling ready to take part, came and for the first time in their lives they participated in the ordinance of humility. Our members were moved on seeing the

sub-prefect taking part with them in the washing of the feet. I had a long talk with this gentleman. He likes our work. He is doing all he can for its development.

The general secretary of the government, a judge, some professors and some policemen are also Protestants from France. To attract all these people and others we have decided to have an evangelistic meeting on Sunday morning at ten o'clock. Our



Adventist church in Cayenne, French Guiana.

church members will participate in this meeting and so, under God's guidance, we shall realize what we scarcely ever see in this area,—a meeting of two different races, composed of hearts who love and respect one another before the Creator.

In a few weeks now, Elder Jean-Elie's house will be completed and his present home will become a welfare center for needy people. We will be continuing the work started by the Salvation Army, but abandoned five years ago.

Let us remember those in French Guiana who are thirsting for the water of life and pray that we may be able to strengthen our work in that colony.

—S. Monnier

"Those who walk humbly before God, distrustful of their own wisdom, will realize their danger, and will know God's keeping care."—Counsels to Teachers, page 324.

# Messages

## TO THE CHURCH

### "THE CHILDREN . . . OF THE COVENANT"

By VARNER J. JOHNS

Some three thousand years ago God was leading the children of Israel out of Egyptian bondage into the Land of Promise. In Egypt, Israel had lost sight of God's love and His law. Now, with the pillar of fire by night and the pillar of cloud by day to direct their way, and with Christ, the Angel of the presence, as their leader, they were on the journey to Canaan, the Promised Land.

They had been freed from Egyptian bondage; far greater the task of delivering them from the bondage of sin. In majestic grandeur on Sinai's mount, Christ appeared to Moses and placed in his hands in written form the divine standard of righteousness, the Ten Commandments. Moreover, He gave instruction for the building of the tabernacle, and for the forms and ceremonies of worship. Every sacrificial offering was designed to point them to the coming Christ, "the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." The service of the sanctuary was but a type of that greater service—ininitely greater—when a risen Christ would minister as our great high priest in the heavenly sanctuary.

The minds of the children of Israel were clouded, their understanding darkened by familiarity with the licentious rites of Egyptian idolatry. Even those who had maintained their faith in the true God did not comprehend the meaning of true righteousness, the righteousness by faith that had been revealed to and had been perfected in their father Abraham. To teach them the utter futility of striving for righteous living apart from Christ, the Lord placed before them the provisions of the old covenant. He gave them His law and set before them the rewards of obedience to that law.

#### Promise Broken

The people were quick to exclaim, "All that the Lord hath spoken we will do." But their promises were

broken almost as soon as they were made. Their resolutions, like ropes of sand, were soon washed away by the waves of human weakness and wickedness. They were soon dancing in abandonment to sin around the golden calf of apostasy.

There was no salvation under the old covenant, the covenant of works. Man cannot lift himself by the bootstraps of self-righteousness. Nevertheless, every man is tempted to try self-salvation. Much of our so-called modern religion is a religion of human works. But it is not modern at all. It is as old as the religion of Cain.

All who have ever been saved have been saved under the new covenant, the covenant of grace, first given to Adam, renewed to Abraham, and made forever sure when Jesus died on Calvary's cross. There is no other name—never has been any other name—given unto men whereby they may find salvation, except the name of the Savior of men. God is in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself. "Who hath saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began." (2 Tim. 1:9).

There are those who appropriate the blessing of the new covenant to those alone who have lived since Calvary. Such teaching divides the way of God's dealings with men. It takes grace away from the Old Testament Scriptures and law away from the New. It belittles the law and misrepresents the gospel. It takes away the "law, the prophets and the psalms," leaving a dissected Bible and a perverted gospel. According to the Scriptures, the new covenant, with all its glorious grace, is older than the old covenant.

"Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham: And in thy seed shall

all the kindreds of the earth be blessed. Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities" (Acts 3:25,26).

"Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made . . . . And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect" (Gal. 3:16,17).

Four centuries before the giving of the law on Sinai and before the old covenant was made with Israel, the covenant of grace was confirmed to Abraham and his seed. Christ was the seed to whom and through whom all the promises were made. All of God's converted children, regardless of race, are children of the covenant and heirs of its promises. Two great chapters—Romans 4 and Galatians 3—reveal the place of Abraham as the father of the faithful. Such words as these are written for our learning:

"The promise . . . was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith . . . . Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed" (Rom. 4:13-16).

"So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham" (Gal. 3:9). "For ye are the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus" (verse 26).

There is a certain dispensational aspect to both covenants: The old, linked with animal sacrifices taht could not take away sin, with an imperfect priesthood and temporary ceremonies; the new, linked with the one sacrifice, forever, of the Son of God, His mediatorial work as our great high priest in the heavenly sanctuary, and salvation through its provisions. There is also an important individual experience, very real

and very personal, connected with both covenants. We all face it; we all pass through it. At conversion, a great wave of spiritual ecstasy thrills us, and we exclaim with confidence in ourselves. "All that the Lord hath spoken we will do." Then comes temptation. In our misplaced confidence in our own strength, we fall into sin. After repeated defeats, we cry out with the apostle Paul, "O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" There are four possible reactions to this experience:

#### Four Possible Reactions

1. There are those who say, what's the use of my trying? I've tried and failed. I'm through." They give up their faith in Christ, return to the world, and become hardened in unbelief.

2. Others meet defeat but cling to the church. They hope, almost against hope, that God will give them forgiveness at last and save them in spite of their life of sin. They drag through life an ever-lengthening chain of defeats. Years ago, a cultured woman stood up in a testimony meeting and with tears in her eyes confessed to the sin of criticism. She asked forgiveness of those she had wronged. We were happy for her confession. But what was our surprise to hear the same words of confession at the next testimony meeting! And the next. And the next. There was no victory in her life. Multitudes of church members live in the valley of defeat and despair.

3. Others excuse their sin by exclaiming, "We are not under the law! No one can keep the law; it was nailed to the cross." These so-called Christians are in the church but of the world. So far as their standards of life and practices are concerned they are indistinguishable from the people of the world. Multitudes are trampling the Ten Commandments under profane and sinful feet. The sickening story of sin—dishonesty, theft, bribery, corruption—is the story of the breaking of God's holy law. To deny that the Ten Commandments can be kept is to deny the power of God in transforming men into the divine image. Presumption takes the place of faith, and grace ministers to wickedness in the lives of those who cast away the law of Ten Commandments.

4. Others—and these are the new-covenant Christians—look up to the

throne room and see Jesus their Saviour, their Redeemer, who "ever liveth to make intercession for them." They realize that He is not only the Author of their faith, but also the Perfector of faith in their hearts. They exclaim as did the apostle Paul in his new life of victory, "Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 15:57). Day by day, hour by hour, moment by moment, they find help from the one who is their Saviour from sin.

Under the new covenant God writes His law in the human heart. "I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them," is the promise of God (Heb. 10:16). Under the old covenant the law is on the outside, written upon tables of stone. Under the new covenant it is on the inside, written upon the fleshy tables of the heart. It is the same law of Ten Commandments, but there is a new heart, a new life, born from above, energized for righteous choices.

The new-covenant Christian enters "into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way" (Heb. 10:19, 20). It is not new in the sense of never having been known before. Abel found it, and Abraham, David also "describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works, saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered" (Rom. 4:6,7). It is a "new" experience to all who find it, and a living way of victory. The righteousness of Christ is imputed to them and imparted to them, for He is their way, their life.

There are many who seek by penances and pilgrimages, by fasts and deprivations, to earn sainthood and salvation. We pity them. At the same time we ourselves may be self-deceived, seeking to earn salvation by our own works. With smug satisfaction some people say in their hearts, "I thank God that I am not like others in the church; I keep the Sabbath strictly; I pay tithes of all I possess; I am meticulous in what I eat and drink; I dress plainly; I, I . . ." And all the while they may be critical and covetous, self-seeking and self-exalting. Some are even proud of their humility! A religion of works is deceptive. It is most difficult to penetrate.

#### Law Written in Heart

Under the new covenant, good

works flow out unconsciously form a life that thrills with divine love. Like the psalmist, the true Christian exclaims, "I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart" (Ps. 40:8). Sabbathkeeping becomes a delight, an ever-welcome opportunity for spiritual rest and a ministry of love to those in need. Tithes? Yes, and multiplied offerings. Gifts are measured out, not as cold cash grudgingly given, but lovingly and freely, as God measures His gifts to man. Ten new covenant Christian gives far beyond the call of duty, for his gifts are measured as souls to be won. Healthful living? Yes, the true Christian recognizes the joy of abundant health and his consequent greater usefulness to the cause of God. And the sin of criticism is not found in his heart nor on his lips. Pride and covetousness and self-seeking are outside the circle of his life. Says F. B. Meyer:

"I will write it in their hearts." That is the seat of emotional life and the affections. If they are written there, they must engage our love. And, what a man loves, he is pretty certain to follow and obey . . . . In the case of the Christian who has been taken into covenant with God, the law is inscribed on the deepest affections of his being. He obeys because he loves to obey." —*The Way into the Holiest*, p. 105.

In this "new and living way," God gives the power, the peace, the joy of salvation. He does for us what we can never do for ourselves. "I will," says the Lord, "put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts; and I will be to them a God . . . . I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities, will I remember no more" (Heb. 8:10-12). The old-covenant Christian depends on the wrong "I." The "I" is himself. Knowingly or unknowingly, he is a disciple of the supposedly modern psychotherapy — the "assert yourself" school. He follows the suggestion of the words found on the flyleaf of Mrs. Eddy's *Science and Health* (1894 edition):

"I, I, I, I itself, I,

The inside and outside, the what and the why,

The when and the where, the low and the high,

All I, I, I, I, itself, I."

The "I's" in the first line of this

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## HARMONY

By R. R. FIGUHR

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" (Ps. 133:1).

Harmony among brethren is the result of a true religious experience. In His moving prayer, recorded in John 17, the Master expressed to the heavenly Father His desire that all His followers, scattered though they may be over the face of the earth, might be perfectly united in Him. Diversity of language, customs, and race, while seeming to constitute differences, are in reality no bar to unity of heart and spirit for those who accept and follow the gospel and recognize the claims of the Lord upon them. All learn to pray together, "Our Father which art in heaven."

The apostle says that all are to have one faith, recognizing one Lord and one baptism. Achievement of such perfect unity is beyond human accomplishment. Therefore God has given gifts to His church to assist in bringing this about. These gifts serve to qualify men as apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. The purpose of the gifts is clearly stated—the perfecting of the saints. The saints, good as they already may be, need further perfecting. The teachings of those mentioned above are to materially help in bringing this about. The final attainment of oneness will cause on lookers to marvel.

From the writing of the messenger of the Lord we read these words of admonition: "Cultivate the habit of speaking well of others. Dwell upon the good qualities of those with whom you associate, and see as little as possible of their errors and failings. When tempted to complain of what someone has said or done, praise something in that person's life or character." —Gospel Workers, p. 479.

What a wonderful way to live! In such a life the beauty of the gospel is demonstrated. Such a religion recommends itself to all observers. A church made up of members like these would be a magnificent light in this world of darkness, an irresistible force going forth conquering and to conquer.

Someday soon this will be the experience of God's people. Some special experience will bring it about, and this will result in a revival of true godliness. It may be that persecution will be the agent to effect it. It is true that where persecution takes place, our people are closely drawn together. I think of a wonderful church that I had the privilege of visiting in a foreign country recently. It consisted of one thousand members, but how they have been drawn together and how they are bound one to another! They bear one another's burdens. If one member suffers, all members suffer with him. Persecution and hardship have done something for them.

But we need not wait for persecution. In times of peace and prosperity we can achieve the same unity by the grace of God. May it be the happy privilege of each believer to speedily experience the oneness and harmony for which our Lord so fervently prayed.

—Review and Herald

## Passport to Heaven

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Have you obtained your heavenly passport yet? If not, don't delay longer! Apply for it immediately, for the saddest words that will ever be spoken are reserved for those who fail to avail themselves of this heavenly passport. The King will one day be forced to say to those who have refused His passport, "I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity". Matt. 7:23. But to those who have maintained their citizenship in the Heavenly Kingdom and who have accepted the passport signed with His own blood, He will say, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world" Matt. 25:34.

## Morning Man

O child of God, awake and see the radiant dawn of day;  
The rising sun bids thee arise to meditate and pray.  
Arise and breathe the redolence of fragrant dew-kissed flowers,  
And gather morning manna in the early morning hours.

All nature is responsive to God's summons to arise;  
Ten thousand happy voices raise a chorus to the skies.  
The busy bee is searching for its honey from the flowers;  
Search thus for "hidden manna" in the early morning hours.

There's sweetness in the lily, in the Rose of Sharon, too,  
The Bible's leaves are petals, you may search them through and through.  
If you "hunger" for this nectar you will search in every flower,  
And you'll find the manna sweeter in the early morning hour.

—Adlai Albert Esteb.

## "The Children . . . of the Covenant

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stanza number the same as those found in Isaiah 14:12-14. They are the root of all false religious creeds. Self-salvation leads downward, not upward. Many in Israel were "ignorant of God's righteousness" and went "about to establish their own righteousness," and did not submit "them-

selves unto the righteousness of God." Many others found the righteousness that is by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

It has ever been so. Some there are who find the "new and living way" that leads upward to the city of God. These are the faithful of the ages, the overcomers. These "have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." These "overcame" the evil one "by

the blood of the Lamb." Their righteousness is centered in Christ.

There is a saviour who loves us with an infinite love. He died that we might live. He lives that we might find strength for every weakness, victory over every sin, and life everlasting in Him. For the new covenant Christian, the light of God's love shines through and illumines our path each step of the way.

—Review and Herald

# Adventist Youth

An Incident in My Life that taught me an important lesson

## A BIBLE IN PRISON

By H. W. LOWE, Associate Secretary, Sabbath School Dept., General Conference

During World War I a small group of Adventist young men ran into unexpected trouble over Sabbathkeeping. I was among them. We were in a foreign country on active service, under the charge of a mature officer who was something of a Christian gentleman. He gave us every freedom on the Sabbath.

But suddenly he was recalled, and an ambitious, godless young man took his place. All our Sabbath privileges were withdrawn, and we received orders to work on the Sabbath. This we could not do.

We were placed in a prison for tough military prisoners, many with a criminal background, and were given heavy sentences of hard labor. The severe physical labor, useless and punitive in nature was difficult enough to bear. But another Sabbath drew on, and refusal to work while surrounded by armed guards was an appalling anticipation. When it came, we were driven into solitary confinement in irons.

After the first shock, I could do nothing but think of the hopelessness of it all. Then my mind grew weary of trying to figure it out, and I could

do nothing but pace around in that small, dark cell. I fell to counting the pebbles in the concrete floor and the nails in the iron walls. Countless times I went over this till I felt I would go crazy. It was demoralizing.

Trying to get a grip on myself, I repeated all the Bible texts and the good literature I had memorized—all the time walking like an animal in a cage. Then back to counting pebbles and nails in rhythmic nightmare hour after hour.

I was astonished at how little of the Bible I had really memorized, and wished I had a Bible there to read. By now I began to say in my restless pacing, "You're going crazy! You're going crazy!"

One day I heard a man in the next cell also tramping round and round. Eventually I spoke to him through a narrow space between the wall and the floor in one corner. He was a fellow Adventist. I said I wished I had my Bible to fight off the menacing torture. He had a small pocket New Testament which had not been detected when all our possessions were taken from us.

That night when the irons were removed, he tore up that New Testament and slipped a portion through the crack to me. Next day when the guard put my irons on, I had that

New Testament portion concealed under my boot.

Left alone, I knelt down with wrists locked in irons tightly behind my back, and began to read. I read each page several times, then stood up and paced round the cell. But now there was a difference.

Instead of counting—1,2,3,4,—on into the hundreds, instead of saying helplessly, "You're going crazy!" I was saying, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." et cetera. I memorized many chapters in this way. Then I tried to think my way through the deep doctrines in John's Gospel, and the result was a complete uplift in my thinking.

John wrote to convince me that Jesus was the divine Son of God. I conceived that to be the greatest of all doctrines, and the one against which Satan has built up more heresy and hurled more hatred than against any other Christian doctrine. Without a divine Saviour, man would be at Satan's mercy.

The majestic teachings of John's Gospel lifted me up to sit with Christ in heavenly places, and while fighting life with the mind renewed with God's Word, I knew that the present circumstances must give place to victory in the future. A few months later we were released suddenly, and I went back to civilian life. I had a new appreciation of the importance of God's Word in the life.

—Review and Herald.

## A WORTH-WHILE FRIENDSHIP

By T. V. ZYTKOSKEE

At one time my family needed help. In order to be able to get in touch with the person who could give that help it was necessary to get a letter of introduction from a certain doctor friend. Fortunately, it brought results.

The Bible is like that letter. It introduces us to the only One who can give us the help that we so much need. But it is not enough merely to meet Him. We must also learn to

know Him, to get intimately acquainted with Him, to love Him.

It is difficult to love someone you do not know. That is true when we are looking for a life companion. Before I could even give a thought to marrying my wife, I first had to get acquainted with her. The more I knew her the more I loved her.

It is that way in our acquaintance with Jesus. The Bible introduces

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# In Other Lands

Cuzco, Peru, ancient capital of the Inca Empire and a Spanish colonial city dating from the sixteenth century, has been severely shaken more than once by violent earthquakes. Today, however, it is being even more vigorously agitated by the preaching of the gospel.

Amaro Peverini, Inca Union evangelist, with a corps of personnel drawn from different parts of the union territory, is directing a forceful soul-saving campaign in this stronghold of Roman Catholicism, the third city of the republic. A neat little church has recently been finished, and this modern temple, which seats more than three hundred, is full for every lecture.

The archbishop of Cuzco demanded early in the effort that the meetings be closed down. When we were notified of that fact by the local police, we refused to comply, thus maintaining our legal right to hold meetings in our own hall. The prefect, highest official of the city, finally recognized the validity of our case, but was adamant in his refusal to permit any advertising whatsoever outside of our building.

This injunction was a serious blow to what had been an excellent advertising program, and the attendance, which had ranged from five hundred to seven hundred, leveled off to about three hundred. However, we are immensely encouraged, as this audience has faithfully continued for several weeks and shows deep interest in the doctrinal subjects now being presented.

The public in general has reacted vehemently to this attitude of the authorities, and the huge radio and leaflet campaign carried on by the Catholic clergy against our work has been met with apathy, if not outright indignation. Almost without exception the sympathies of the people are with us, and we are convinced that the Lord has turned the designs of the enemy into a pattern for heavenly victory.

Cuzco is a university town, and the people in attendance are, for the most part, unusually well educated. Many lawyers, engineers, and teachers have been attracted to the meetings, which

## PREACHING THE GOSPEL IN CUZCO, PERU

By LYNN BAERG

have been geared so as not to offend the religious prejudices prevalent in Latin America but at the same time to present Jesus Christ as the only hope for helpless humanity. After hearing the subject on tobacco and alcohol many have abandoned these vices.

One young married couple, after hearing the topic on the home, have experienced a complete change in their lives and are happy as they never have been before. Other families have grown closer together as a result of hearing a presentation on the social and spiritual needs of our children. The entire city is alive to the fact that a people preaching practical Christianity are in town, endeavoring to aid humanity as did the Founder of our wonderful faith.

Recently a wealthy engineer approached Elder Peverini, requesting that he aid him in a family problem. It seems that his fourteen-year-old son had become an apparently inveterate lawbreaker. The father, desperately searching for some means to bring his child to the reality of life, committed him to prison. Deeply resenting this act, the lad resolved not to eat anything or to be removed from his cell. A strong, well-developed chap, he made it very difficult for the guards

to handle him, and was placed in solitary confinement. For three days he refused to eat, and was fiercely determined never to yield to his father's demand that he plead his forgiveness in the presence of the police captain.

Elder Peverini willingly accompanied the distraught father to the prison, and then asked to be left alone with the unrepentant son. Deeply sensing his urgent need of divine wisdom for such an occasion, he calmly reasoned with the boy, explaining that he had brought his difficulty upon himself, and that he owed it to his parents to reconcile himself to them. After a while he agreed to leave the jail and ask his father's forgiveness, which he did in tears. Such practical examples show the power of Christ and leave deep impressions upon the populace.

Of a truth, old Cuzco is being shaken as never before, and to the attention of thousands is being brought the fact that there is might in the Word of God. May your prayers join with ours in the desire that many saints may be added to the population of the new earth as a result of this campaign.

—Review and Herald

## A Worth-while Friendship

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us to Him, then as we continue to study the Scriptures we become better acquainted with Him. The more we know Him the more we love Him. In John 17:3 it says, "This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent."

Who is this One whom to know is life eternal? He is the Creator of all things, the sustainer, the controller of the heavens and earth. He is also our Saviour. In Hebrews 2:9 we read: "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels. . . . that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man." And again, in verse 17, "to

make reconciliation for the sins of the people."

As we get to know Christ and see all He has done to provide for our happiness we cannot help loving Him.

When we have a true friendship with Christ, our love will be demonstrated in doing those things that bring pleasure to Him. In other words, every day we will do the things He asks us to do, go to those places where He suggests we should go, and play the game fairly with those around us.

Such an association with Christ will bring limitless blessings both now and in the world to come. It is a truly worth-while friendship.

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# For all the Family

Caffeine vies with nicotine for the dubious distinction of being the most popular and most extensively used habit-forming drug in the United States and in many other countries of the world. Differing from many other plant drugs, caffeine is found in several botanic families. And wherever these different caffeine-containing plants are found the world around, their stimulating properties have been discovered by the native population, and they have been used for that purpose, generally in beverage form. Caffeine is present not only in coffee and tea, with which we are most familiar, but also in mate (Paraguay tea), in guarana from Brazil, in the Cola nut from Africa, and to a less extent in chocolate and cocoa.

Is there enough caffeine in such beverages to be definitely stimulating? In a cup of coffee, as ordinarily prepared, the caffeine content is from 1½ to 3 grains (100 to 200 mg.), which means that one or two cups of the beverage will provide a stimulating dose of the drug. We are fully aware that many people who use these caffeine beverages deny that they are stimulated by them, but this does not alter the fact that such beverages are true nervous system stimulants, and it is mainly for this effect that they are so extensively used. To the student or brainworker these drugs are popularly but erroneously supposed to be beneficial because they produce a more rapid flow of thought.

By many people, cola drinks or coffee are commonly resorted to as a frequent pick-me-up throughout the day. This method of relieving fatigue when the tired system needs rest is simply a convenient but expensive method of borrowing from one's health reserves.

The amount of nervous stimulation produced varies from one person to another, depending upon his state of nervous irritability at the time, and also upon his tolerance to the drug—whether or not his tissues have become accustomed to increasing doses. Some people claim to be able to “sleep like a kitten” after a cup or two of coffee in the evening; the

## What About

### CAFFEINE BEVERAGES AND SOFT DRINKS?

By L. H. LONERGAN, M.D.

same dose in others more sensitive to it will produce wakefulness. Children are far more sensitive to caffeine than are adults. For that reason, and also because such beverages would partially replace the nutrients required for growth, caffeine beverages should be excluded from the diet of children especially.

Also cocoa and chocolate are of doubtful value, since they contain tannic acid, caffeine in varying proportions from 1/10 to nearly 1 grain per cup, and theobromine up to one grain or more per cup. The last mentioned drug — a close relative of caffeine — does not excite the nervous system as does caffeine, but stimulates the kidneys more forcefully.

Persons who habitually use coffee state frequently that they take it in order to avoid morning headache. Evidently they do not recognize that this symptom is really a caffeine-withdrawal headache, produced whenever the caffeine habit has been established (the tissues having become accustomed to a certain concentration of the drug). When the amount of the drug in the tissues falls below a certain level, the abstinence illness, or drug-withdrawal symptoms, begin. With the headache there also occurs some degree of mental depression, drowsiness, or disinclination to work . . .

While tea leaves usually contain a little more caffeine than does ground coffee, ordinarily less tea is used in preparing a cup, so the finished product contains about the same amount of caffeine, or a little less. The tannic acid in tea acts as an astringent, delays digestion, and produces gastric distress in some people. Likewise, undesirable effects on the heart—such as increased rate and palpitation, or irregular rhythm—may be produced in susceptible individuals by overindulgence or long-continued use of caffeine beverages.

The use of cola drinks and other

carbonated beverages has greatly increased in recent years . . . Caffeine is added to some of these drinks, for its stimulating effect on the nervous system. Coca-Cola is reported to contain from ¾ to 2 grains (40 to 120 mg.) of caffeine per glass, Pepsi-Cola more than one grain (about 75 mg.), and Spur about one grain (56 mg.) per bottle. In spite of denials by cola-beverage manufacturers, this caffeine is habit forming.

Not all of the carbonated soft drinks contain caffeine. But most of them contain other detrimental ingredients such as acid and sugar. In October, 1953, the American Dental Association published a report warning the public of the effect on the teeth of sweetened beverages and other sugar-containing substances. This statement from an authoritative body was an outgrowth of previous recommendations which had been challenged, principally by manufacturers of soft drinks and confections.

In this well-documented review of the medical literature on this topic the scientists point out that the only known mechanism by which human enamel can be destroyed is by the action of acid. Sources that contain acid in sufficient strength to decalcify teeth include the acids in carbonated beverages (and in some juices), but most frequently decalcification is accomplished by acids formed from the bacterial fermentation of sugar . . . .

In soft drinks such as cola beverages, ginger ale, and root beer, the sugar content is commonly about 10 per cent, which means more than one-half ounce of sugar in each bottle. An unbalanced diet and tend to habitual overeating with consequent overweight but now is also incriminated as probably the most important factor in causing tooth decay . . . .

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# With the Departments

## EFFECTIVENESS OF TEMPERANCE PROGRAMS

By J. C. CULPEPPER

### MARTINIQUE, F.W.I.

"Twelve thousand people saw the film "One in Twenty Thousand" and many are requesting that it be shown again. Several resolved never to smoke again."

—M. Depinay

### PUERTO RICO

(In a letter addressed to F.B. Moore of the Antillian Union)

"In your last visit to Puerto Rico your promotion of the temperance cause has proven to be a great blessing to many who saw the picture "One in Twenty Thousand".

"Among the many people who pledged never to smoke again was the president of the Agriculture and Medical Arts College of Mayaguez. We lent him the film and he showed it in his college where thousands of students were privileged to see it. I also have a request to show the film in the Methodist church in the city."

—Victor Lugo.

### MEXICO

Luiz Munoz Herazo, Seventh-day Adventist medical student in Monterrey presenting the dean of the Medical College in the University of

Nuevo Leon the temperance number of *El Centinela* magazine. This found a favourable response in the heart of the dean and opened the way for temperance programs, using the film "One in Twenty Thousand", to be given in the University auditorium for the benefit of both faculty and students.

### COLOMBIA

On December 3 of 1956 one of our colporteurs, Alfredo Gaona, was delivering about 15 books at military headquarters. Along with these books he delivered some *Centinelas*. For some reason one of these papers got into the hands of Major Matallana. It happened to be the special temperance number. After the Major studied the periodical he was very well pleased with this publication. It happened that Brother Gaona had noted down his name and telephone number in the magazine and so the Major called the office to have Brother Gaona come to see him. Of course, Brother Gaona began wondering just what he would meet when he got there. After getting to his office, the Major asked him if it were he that had distributed the periodicals. When he replied in the affirma-

tive, the Major surprised him with an order of 1,000 copies so that he could distribute them to all the officers and sub-officers in the army. In a hurry Brother Gaona sent to the mission office in Bogota for the 1,000 copies of *El Centinela* but to his dismay he found they had only 200.

One week later while Brother Gaona was delivering more books, one of the officers came up to him and said, "Mr. Goana, you surely got us into some trouble."

"Why?"

"Well, the Major distributed those *Centinelas* and made us all read them. More than that, we have to present a written examination on the material in the paper."

So in some places they have to read of the temperance message whether they want to or not.

### MV Camp In French Guiana

At Easter vacation time I had the opportunity of organizing a youth camp in French Guiana. Thirty young people participated in the camp activities. It was the first time that an MV camp had been held anywhere in French Guiana.

About 20 young men who were Scouts and Catholics came to our campfire service one evening without having secured the permission from their chaplain—probably knowing it would be refused. We had a very impressive investiture program that night and these young men were touched by our testimonies. The Scout leader said to me at the end of the evening, "This is the most beautiful campfire program I have ever attended. I know now that what our leaders tell us about you is false. You are brave people and good Christians. None of the boys who saw your program tonight will ever be among your adversaries."

—S. Monnier



A medical student presents the temperance number of *EL CENTINELA* to dean of medical college at the University of Nuevo Leon in Monterrey, Mexico.

# Around THE UNIONS

## Antillian

### New Academy in Puerto Rico

The last week of March of this year may pass into the history of the Adventist work in Puerto Rico as a date of great importance. For more than 20 years the workers and brethren, not only in Puerto Rico, but also in other places as well, have been looking toward the day when a boarding school out in the country could be established for the young people of this beautiful island.

direct the building program. Professor Donovan Olson, the present director of the Adventist school in Santurce, is working tirelessly on the plans and in the raising of funds.

Many loyal and generous friends are voluntarily offering their means that the work may not be delayed.

—R. L. Jacobs

Mrs. Lessard, the normal director at the Antillian College, reports that four students graduated from the normal training course this year. There were 64 students enrolled in the first eight grades, half of them



Mrs. Dorita Lessard and sons, George and Donald.

The Lord in his providence placed the leaders of our organization in contact with a good friend of the Adventists, who sold us a farm of some 284 acres near the city of Mayaguez.

The first week in May a committee directed by Elder Vernon E. Berry, educational secretary of the Inter-American Division, prepared, right on the grounds, a master plan suitable for development of this new institution.

We are happy to welcome to our union this new center for Christian education and we ask our brethren in other fields to pray that it may be an instrument in the hands of God for the preparation of scores of workers and hundreds of faithful lay brethren for the churches.

The building of this school will mean great sacrifices for the church members in Puerto Rico, as well as in other places. The services of A. L. Christensen have been requested to

in the first six grades and the other half in the seventh and eight grades.

## British West Indies

Evangelist Zadock Reid of West Jamaica has been conducting an effort at Toll Gate, Clarendon. A certain lady, the wife of a public works employee, attended with her sister for three successive nights. This she did without her husband's knowledge since he was only home week-ends. However, he returned home Tuesday night, contrary to schedule, and upon enquiring of the children was told that their mother had gone to the Seventh-day Adventist meeting place. Enraged, he went and took her out of the meeting and forbade her to go again.

Having been aware of this situation, Brother and Sister Reid went the

following Sunday to visit this lady and found her husband at the gate. When they expressed pleasure at meeting him, he replied, "When I am through with you today you won't be so happy." He invited them in and when they were seated he told them he was not a Christian but never objected to his wife serving God. She could go to any church she pleased, even if he had to go with her, but not the Seventh-day Adventist church. They had been married for 15 years and had been very happy until she started visiting this church against his will.

This was to Brother and Sister Reid a very serious situation as the man seemed prepared to carry out his threats. He was an influential man in his community and his influence either way would carry much weight. The future of the effort seemed rather dark unless God intervened. There were other men also threatening to shoot their wives and the preacher.

On Friday night the local elder of the Toll Gate church was called by a messenger to the home of this desperate man, whom he found in bed, weeping, with Bible in hand and people standing by. He expressed himself as undergoing a terrific struggle. He seemed utterly miserable and said he was tormented and could not remain at work. He requested prayer. The local elder prayed and then the man said he felt guilty of having wronged his wife in forbidding her attendance at the meeting and was convinced that not only his wife but he also should be going. Since then his wife has been going to the meetings and to Sabbath services. That Sabbath and the next he went to May Pen, being ashamed to go to Toll Gate. During all this experience he seemed driven by a force outside of himself. He is determined to follow Christ, come what may. He has begun paying tithe, is visiting the Bible class, is taking the Faith Bible Course, has pledged himself to keep the Sabbath whether or not it clashes with his job, has asked the other antagonistic men to grant religious freedom to their wives, and seeks a continued interest in our prayers for a new life of victory.

—M. H.

## Caribbean

### News Notes

The officers of the South Caribbean Conference, B. L. Archbold and A. A. Ward, accompanied by the union president, F. S. Thompson, and departmental secretary, E. J. Parchment, and two departmental men of the conference, L. R. Arthur and W. W. Thomson, have recently completed an extensive itinerary throughout the island of Grenada, St. Vincent Bequia, Carriacou, Canouan and Union.

During the time of their visit to the island of Carriacou where approximately 7,500 people reside, the brethren had the pleasure of dedicating a beautiful new stone church edifice, complete with commodious quarters for visiting ministers, the first church building of any denomination completed since the 1955 hurricane.

There are a number of changes in the working personnel throughout the Caribbean Union. B. L. Archbold who has served as president of the South Caribbean Conference for seven years is due to take up his responsibility as president of the Caribbean Union College about the first of July, succeeding P. W. Manuel, who has been president of the college since 1950, and who has done a great deal to build up the school in its various aspects.

Arthur A. Ward, who has been treasurer of the South Caribbean Conference concurrently with B. L. Archbold's term of service, has been elected by their committee to serve as president of the conference.

L. A. Kraner has been called to evangelistic-pastoral work in the Port-of-Spain, Trinidad area where there are great possibilities for evangelism.

Elder and Mrs. Adrian Westney have accepted a call to British Guiana where Brother Westney will carry major departmental responsibilities.

Rudolph Allen, who has been teaching in the fast-growing Barbados Secondary School, has accepted a call as a member of the teaching staff at Caribbean Union College.

We wish for all of these brethren and their families a full measure of God's blessing upon them as they take up their new responsibilities.

—J. O. Emmerson

## Central American

### Welfare Relief

When a recent shipment of clothing for the needy was received from the General Conference, one of the first places that received help was the Neuropsychiatric Hospital in Guatemala City. These poor mentally perturbed people were suffering with the intense cold because their light and torn clothing was not enough to protect them from the cold temperature that is felt in Guatemala City in the winter. The women's prison also received the benefits of this clothing distribution.

In the month of February there was a fire that destroyed the homes of half a dozen families. A package containing 100 pieces of clothing was prepared and delivered to them. A

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## Franco-Haitian

### News Note

At the time of the Inter-American Division Session in Mexico City in November, Elder Orville Dunn was appointed as president of the new Franco-Haitian Union. The actual organization was delayed until this month when Elder Dunn will arrive in Haiti. We welcome Elder Dunn to the Division and shall expect to have good reports from the new union for the Messenger.



Elder and Mrs. Orville Dunn.

Note:— "The book of life contains the names of all who have ever entered the service of God."—The Great Controversy, page 480.



The Dorcas Society delivers clothing to a hospital in Guatemala City.

# Inter-American Brevities

• The Division officers and departmental secretaries are all engaged in field visits or have just recently returned from trips to the field. A. H. Roth and C. O. Franz are attending conference and mission sessions in the B.W.I., Antillian, and Franco-Haitian unions. L. F. Bohner and R. B. Caldwell have audited the union accounts at the headquarters office of each union field. D. H. Baasch is attending M.V. camps in the Caribbean and Colombia-Venezuela unions. V. E. Berry recently visited colleges and elementary schools in the Mexican and Central American unions. J. C. Culpepper was in attendance at the Union Publishing Institute in Bucaramanga, Colombia. L. L. Reile, accompanied and assisted by Mrs. Reile, is holding Sabbath School Workshops in Cuba, the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico. H. J. Westphal recently concluded a three-month trip, holding Lay Evangelism institutes in each union of the Division.

• C. A. Norman, a district pastor in Honduras, recently baptized a man who has erected a church building at his own expense and donated it to the Seventh-day Adventist denomination. In writing about this, R. E. Rieger, president of the Honduras Mission, says, "This is a real lift to us since it is so hard to find the funds to build churches fast enough to keep up with the evangelistic interests we find in all parts of Honduras."

• Elder and Mrs. Ramiro Alonso, with their children, Ramiro and Isis, are enjoying a three-month's leave of absence in Cuba. Elder Alonso has served in Costa Rica and Mexico during the past five years.

• The Division Sabbath School Department announces the publication of a new book entitled DYNAMIC TEACHING. This book will be of special interest and help to all teachers in the senior division of the Sabbath School. Your copy may be obtained from the Sabbath School Department of your mission or conference.

• Recent visitors to the Division office were Mr. and Mrs. Ernesto

Santos. Mrs. Santos was formerly employed in the Antillian Union office and is now serving in the General Conference offices in Washington, D.C. Brother Santos is finishing his final year of studies at Washington Missionary College.

• Elder and Mrs. Ralph Combs and their two daughters, Della Vern and Jean, recently visited the Division office. They are transferring from the Caribbean Union to the new Franco-Haitian Union.



Henry and Hannelore Nieman of Caracas, Venezuela, with their twin boys, Heinz and Ernest.

• On Sabbath, May 5, thirty-three candidates were baptized at Tuxtla Gutierrez, Mexico, as the result of evangelistic services conducted by Rodrigo Bustillos, Mexican Union evangelist. Four hundred persons have indicated an interest in the Third Angel's Message and are receiving Bible studies.

• The sounds of hammering and sawing recently heard at the Division office were made by Elder Glenn Henriksen who was crating medical equipment for use on the new launch, El Mensajero, which will ply the waters of the Orinoco River. Elder Henriksen and his wife hope to have the boat in service by August or September.

• After spending a number of years of fruitful service in Puerto Rico,

Elder Jose Castrejon and his family have decided to return to their homeland of Mexico. They will spend a few months in the United States, where Elder Castrejon expects to take some advanced school work, before again taking up active duties in the Mexican Union.

• R. R. Drachenberg, president of the Panama Conference, reports that Owen Holness and his evangelistic company have just concluded a successful series of tent meetings in Panama City. One hundred and twelve baptismal candidates presented themselves for the first baptism and 100 more will wait for the second baptismal service.

• Alfredo Rodriguez, Puerto Rican Missionary Volunteer, has organized his island's third Medical Cadet Corps Brigade at his home church in Mayaguez, P. R. Rodriguez, who is a second lieutenant in the Medical Cadet Corps is also commander of this new brigade of 33 trained cadets which is ready for immediate rescue and first aid service in the event of an emergency.

## Welfare Relief

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radio morning bulletin reported to the public the help given these needy people by the Dorcas Benevolent Society in the Adventist church. As a consequence of this, and other forms of publicity we have had recently, we had the visit of a group of social workers who came to see what our Dorcas sisters were doing and how they carried on the work of preparing the clothing for the poor. Among them was a nun interested in knowing the history of the beginning of the organization and the work of the Dorcas Society, especially as it concerned the Guatemala Mission. As the place where the Dorcas sisters meet is a room inside the church, it was a surprise for all to see a nun appear in the building.

Packages have been sent to the Dorcas Welfare Societies in the different states to be distributed to the poor, and we still have some in reserve in case of an emergency.

—Edelmiro Arencibia

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