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An Open Letter to the Regional Believers

MY DEAR BRETHREN:

Many of you missed me from camp meeting this spring and summer. Of course, I missed the cordial fellowship and spiritual refreshing which the camps and your presence provided. For good reason, however, I was unable to camp with you this season. I was sent on a three months' mission of ministry in the Middle East Division of our world endeavor.

As you know, this is quite a large field. My tour included Turkey, Syria, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Jordan, Cyprus, Egypt, and Libya—the countries in which our program is largely concentrated. It was a joy to conduct ministerial institutes on pastoral care in Teheran, capital of Iran; in Beirut for both the Lebanese and Syrian ministers; in Baghdad, of Iraq; in the Holy Land at Amman, capital of Jordan; in Nicosia for the Greeks; and in Cairo for the large corps of Egyptian workers in that interesting field.

These institutes called together ministers and Bible instructors of the division, and in three instances the parochial school teachers were included. Needless to say, my seventeen and one half years of teaching the mechanics of preaching and ministerial procedure stood me in good stead in these institutes. The sessions were revealing and inspira-

tional in the extreme. Occasional committee meetings and workers' meetings followed the institutes, which gave added insight into operations within the several fields.

In addition to the institutes, nightly preaching services were conducted in every country visited, and the dear Lord honored these meetings both with His presence and by gathering decisions unto Himself for His kingdom. This latter operation brought keen joy to me as a minister, and greatly cheered the believers in every instance.

Better than I could ever express to you the warmth and spirit which characterized our sessions is the following paragraph, which the president of Iraq wrote to the division president, Elder Wilcox:

"During the period of Brother Moseley's visit in Iraq, the church was constantly full with so large a congregation that you could hardly find a place to sit. Tears were shed, sins were confessed, decisions were made to follow Christ; hearts were broken and laid under the foot of Jesus for mercy and apology, as a result of Brother Moseley's ministry. His visit to Iraq, his wonderful messages of the Holy Scriptures that he brought us was a tremendous blessing to each individual in the church. May God bless him in his service for the Master."

To this Elder Wilcox, himself, added:

"I thought, Elder Moseley, that this was a very fine expression of gratitude and appreciation on the part of those in the Middle East. This expression is appropriately our feelings, and we certainly extend to you a cordial return to the Middle East."

I bow my head in thankful joy to God that He so richly blesses the simple, but earnest, efforts of His ministry.

Competing with the joy of soul

Dr. Harrison's Contributions to Missions

"Dr. Warren Harrison is giving us invaluable service in our evangelistic campaign. Not only is he taking time from his very heavy schedule to lecture for us twice weekly but has helped us to plan programs that have brought some of the best people of Accra to our meetings. Though paid by the Government and working for the Government, he is as much a missionary as any one of us. We can thank God that Dr. Harrison is in Accra at this time.

C. D. Henri
Ministerial Association Secretary
West African Union Mission

winning in the Middle East was the occasional side tours to historic places and especially my tour to scenic areas in the Holy Land. The greatest single thrill of all was to walk where the Saviour walked, and to pray where He prayed in Jerusalem. I followed the trail to the upper chamber for the Last Supper, and the way by which He was led to the high priest's home where He was condemned to die. It would be too difficult to describe my emotions as I walked that way.

I shall be eternally grateful for the experiences of this tour. And let me pause here to Thank you for the many prayers that reached the ears of our God for my safe journey and return. I took many pictures in color along the way, and I shall be happy to share these with you when I am in your area. Until then, keep your eye upon our common goal, and keep ready for the coming King.

Most cordially your brother,

C. E. MOSELEY, JR.
Field Secretary
General Conference

ALLEGHENY

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Newtonville, New Jersey, Church Organized

THE effectiveness of a branch Sabbath school was forcefully demonstrated on April 2 when Allegheny Conference president, Elder William L. Cheatham, organized the Newtonville company into an official church of the Allegheny Conference.

The new church has twenty-two baptized charter members and there are several in the baptismal class. The Newtonville company was organized in 1942 as a branch of the Sabbath school department of the Ebenezer Seventh-day Adventist church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The group functioned as a branch Sabbath school for eleven



Left to right: second row, beginning with fifth person, Elder Milton Thomas, district pastor; Elder William Cheatham, conference president, and Mrs. Cheatham; and Henry T. M. Palmer, local elder, who donated the land on which the church is built.

years; then it was formed into a mission company, with Elder M. S. Banfield as pastor.

The branch Sabbath school was organized by the following officers: Elder Frank Bland, pastor; Ernest Williams, Sabbath school superintendent; Frances Jones, Sabbath school secretary; Geneva Freeman, assistant secretary; and Leah Medley, extension leader.

Henry T. Palmer, Calvin Clark, and Wilmot Chandler formed the nucleus around which the new church was formed. Brother Palmer was later elected local elder for the new church. Brother Clark was elected missionary leader while Brother Chandler became head deacon.

Elder J. Milton Thomas, pastor of the company, and Elder A. V. Pinkney, conference Public Relations secretary, assisted with the organization of the church.

The believers worship in their new church building, which is rapidly nearing completion.

This newly-organized body is conducting a branch Sabbath school in Mizpah, New Jersey. Sister Adria Craig is the leader.

CALVIN CLARK
Press Secretary
Newtonville, New Jersey

Ohio Member Appointed to State Highway Department

WALTER L. WRIGHT, youngest son of Nathan and Willie Wright, Germantown, Ohio, has completed two years as inspector of State highways for division No. 8 in southwestern Ohio.

Submitting to a competitive examination young Wright in his early twenties was given the position, a first for any colored person.

The position requires the inspector to examine and test, according to State specifications, all materials used in new road construction. This covers concrete, pipe, pavement, dirt, steel, granular materials, bridging, and black top.



Walter L. Wright, road inspector for the State of Ohio, Division No. 8, covering counties of the southwestern part of the State.

His job assignment reaches into eight counties and concerns the roadways in an area of 150 miles.

Mr. Wright is active in his church, a leader among young people who has always put service to God first. He was born with natural talents, is musically inclined, and sings with the now famous Wright singers.

He said that in his work public relations play a major part, not only between the various departments, but also with the public at large.

Mr. Wright is a firm believer in being prepared. He is convinced that those who fear and serve the Lord will have opportunities created for them.

He has just completed building a modern home for his wife, Beverly, and their two children.

A. V. PINKNEY
Press Secretary
Allegheny Conference

Active Senior Citizen

ISAAC H. HUGHES was ninety-five years old last April 1. He has been a member of the Dover, Delaware, church for forty years. He is the father of twelve children, and has thirty grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren.

Brother Hughes walks without the aid of a cane, works his own garden of almost one acre, and



Isaac H. Hughes



Left to right: Mrs. Elaine Harris and Pastor Alfred Jones of the Annapolis (Maryland) and Alexandria (Virginia) district, receiving the first Ingathering offering from Governor Millard Tawes from the State of Maryland.

when interviewed at the Youth Federation meeting at Millsboro, Delaware, said "During the strawberry season I picked 260 quarts of berries, later thirty quarts of peats, and I have picked cucumbers three days a week for nine weeks."

Brother Hughes said he would like to live until the Lord returns, and expects to see his one-hundredth birthday if it is the Lord's will.

A. V. PINKNEY
Public Relations Secretary
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Miss Lois Raymond Sails for Liberia, West Africa

ON WEDNESDAY, August 31, Lois Raymond, a former teacher of the Southern California Conference, sailed for a new teaching appointment at the Konola Mission, Liberia, West Africa.

Miss Raymond is a graduate of La Sierra College, at Arlington, Cal-

ifornia, and has also taken additional studies in the State of California, and for a number of years was a church school teacher in Pasadena and Monrovia, California.

Miss Raymond left on the *Liberté*, a French liner, for Le Havre, France, where she will have an opportunity to visit the country, and from Paris she will fly to Monrovia, then on to the mission office, and finally to Konola Academy to take up her teaching position.

Prof. Johnny D. Johnson is the principal, and his wife is the girls' directress of Konola Academy. We wish Miss Raymond much success in her new endeavor.

F. L. JONES
Northeastern Conference



Lois Raymond waving good-bye as she sails to West Africa.



(Left) Left to right: D. Grant, head of the publicity department for WNTV; Elder D. H. Hughes, director of the Voice of Prophecy and Radio-TV secretary of the West African Union; Elder J. M. A. Adeoye, vice-principal of the Voice of Prophecy and associate Radio-TV secretary; R. J. Segger, managing director of Rediffusion and acting station manager of WNTV, and G. Blackledge, director of programs of WNTV. The possibility of transmitting Faith for Today over WNTV in 1961 is being discussed. (Right) WNTV-WNBS station in Ibadan, Nigeria.

Radio Nigeria

By DAVID H. HUGHES
*Director of Voice of Prophecy
 Radio-TV Secretary
 West African Union*

ON MAY 1 of this year, the sun rose to shine upon the largest Negro country in the world—Nigeria, with a population of 37 million; the United States being second with a Negro population of 18 million. This Sunday seemed to be just like any other Sunday, but it was not. There were two things that made it very unusual. First, it was the custom of the populace to tune in on their radios to NBC (Nigerian Broadcasting Corporation), which was the only broadcasting station in all of Nigeria, but on this particular morning, literally thousands of Nigerians in the cities and rural areas, tuned in on the new radio station WNBS (Western Nigeria Broadcasting Service). The first program transmitted was at seven-thirty "Popular Highlights" and "Western Music." At eight o'clock "The BBC News," at eight-fifteen "Music," and at eight-thirty, traveling at the speed of light, the melodious voices of the King's Heralds Quartet could be heard singing "Jesus Is Coming Again." This was the second reason for looking upon May 1 as an unusual Sunday morning.

By means of its powerful transmitters, WNBS was bringing a message of inspiration and hope into the cities, towns, and villages, and into the very hearts of the hundreds and

thousands of Nigerians. This new religious program, presented by the Voice of Prophecy over the radio, captivated the interest and exacted the praise of thousands who have become regular listeners. An average of thirty letters come across the desk of the radio-TV secretary weekly. Some of the letters read as follows:

"I really enjoyed your Radio Programme which I first heard on Sunday, May 8th, by 8:30 A.M. This is a young and historic programme. In fact, it has opened my heart and mind to our Lord Jesus Christ. I trust the programmes will develop as rapidly as possible. May God help you."

SYLVESTER IMOHO, T.T.O. Office
 P.&T. Dept., Ijebu-Ode, Nigeria.

"Please send me a copy of *A Man From Outer Space*, which you are willing to offer to listeners of the WNBS programmes on application. I must say I very much enjoy your Sunday religious services, especially the inspiring messages by Pastor H. M. S. Richards, of whom I have personal knowledge. Thanks."

M. O. MACPEPPLÉ
 Ministry of Home Affairs
 Information Division
 Ibadan, Nigeria.

"The Voice of Prophecy over the radio is really wonderful. It is so interesting that when listening to it, I forget to eat, even to attend to my patients which is the avenue of my

daily bread. In short, I encourage it and pray God to enable this programme to last long."

DR. A. K. THOMAS
 Physician/Managing Director
 Ebute-Metta, Lagos, Nigeria

"Whenever I hear of the Voice of Prophecy programmes, it seems to me that Christ will come soon. I will be grateful if this programme should continue for the next three years."

ABEL O. OLOJEDE
 Anglican Grammar School
 Gbongan, West Nigeria

"The Voice of Prophecy programmes are very interesting. About twenty of my friends enjoy it every Sunday morning. May it be continued."

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SOUTH CENTRAL

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Montgomery, Alabama Church Dedicated

BETHANY Seventh-day Adventist church of Montgomery, Alabama, was built as a result of the evangelistic meeting held by E. E. Cleveland of the General Conference in 1954.

On August 6, 1960, Elder Cleveland, associate secretary of the Ministerial Department of the General Conference, presented the dedicatory sermon. The Act of Dedication was read by L. E. Ford, secretary-treasurer of the South Central Conference. F. L. Bland, president of the South Central Conference, introduced the speaker and offered the dedicatory prayer. Other participants on the program were J. N. Richardson of Oakwood College, who read the scripture; and the closing song, "Bless This House," was sung by Edwina Jeanette Humphrey.

The 600-seat church was built under the administration of V. G. Anderson, former president of the Southern Union Conference, and W. W. Fordham, former president of the South Central Conference.

Mrs. Rosa Fountain, oldest member of the church, placed flowers on the table in honor of Elder T. B. Buckner and wife (the latter still living) who pioneered the work in Montgomery 61 years ago. The first deacons, Louis Frazier and T. M. Fountain, were also honored.

E. J. HUMPHREY, *Pastor*

Consecrated Youth As Laymen

"THE Lord has appointed the youth to be His helping hand."—*Testimonies*, vol. 7, p. 64. In 1957 we pitched our tent in Selma, Alabama, just across the street from Selma University. Our corps of workers consisted of fine youth from our larger church at Montgomery, Alabama. Our church members in Selma worked untiringly to make the meeting a success by giving free housing to workers, passing out handbills, and joining in earnest prayer for the presence of the Holy Spirit. It was most thrilling to see the dedication that each worker manifested in his work. A fine spirit of cooperation and unity also prevailed.

The Lord blessed us with a rich harvest of souls. The church grew from 13 to 46 in membership and is continuing to grow through the follow-up work of our youthful lay-

man, E. O. Jones, who at the time of our meeting was serving as elder of our youth church at Montgomery, Alabama. When the tent meeting closed, he remained in Selma to do follow-up work.

There was an immediate need for a church building to house the congregation. They worshiped temporarily in a hall. Brother Jones, with the cooperation of the district pastor, led out in building-fund drives until finally there was enough money, along with the funds which were being held at the conference office, to begin building on a pay-as-you-go basis. Our faithful layman, Brother Jones, became the contractor, and with the help of the members of the Selma and Montgomery churches working with their hands, as well as financial contributions from our friends around North America, we have this wonderful edifice built to the glory of God.

A few years ago Brother Jones was stricken with polio. He uses two crutches, yet he is a willing worker. Brother Jones has been a wonderful helper in carrying forward the work in Selma in the last few years. Selma has been among the first churches in the South Central Conference to attain victory in the In-gathering program. Truly God has chosen the youth to be His helping hand.

E. J. HUMPHREY, *Pastor*



Bethany Seventh-day Adventist church of Montgomery, Alabama.



Temple Gate Seventh-day Adventist church of Selma, Alabama.

WILSON: Eva Wilson was born in 1867, and resided in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and Sterrett, Alabama. She was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1890. Mrs. Wilson was a student at Oakwood from 1898-1900. She died April 18, 1960. Her only survivor is a daughter, Mrs. Emma Wilson Scot.

SOUTH ATLANTIC

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New Church in Columbia South Carolina

THE Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist church was opened in Columbia, South Carolina, Sabbath, April 30, 1960. This sanctuary seats 250 comfortably, and has a pastor's study, choir room, utility room, and a wing that seats more than forty people.

Elder L. S. Follette, secretary-treasurer of the South Atlantic Conference, unfolded the Word of God to the rejoicing believers. Others participating on the program were O. S. White, pastor of the Greenville, South Carolina, church, and Samuel Thomas of the home missionary department of the conference.

Pray that the God of heaven will continue to bless the seventy-eight members of this church. To God be the glory, great things He has done!

F. W. PARKER
Pastor



Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist church, Columbia, South Carolina.



Mr. and Mrs. Oliver J. Davis.

Wedding Bells

Sunday, August 14, 1960, Ruth Faye Smith became the bride of Oliver James Davis. Six tall candelabra flanked with white gladioluses, a bridal arch, kneeling bench, and palms graced the altar of the Congregational Christian church in Greensboro, North Carolina. The ceremony was performed by Elder I. J. Johnson of Orlando, Florida.

Miss Smith entered the church on the arm of her father, Willie Smith. She wore a gown of silk organza and lace with a high neckline and three-quarter length sleeves. The fitted bodice was of white Chantilly lace and the bouffant skirt of organza

and lace appliqué which ended in a voluminous ruffled lace chapel train. The bride's waist-length veil of illusion was held by a pearl-and-lace cap. She carried a bouquet of white roses centered with a white orchid.

The wedding brought together many relatives and friends of both families. Many former Oakwoodites were also there. Mrs. Carrie Harris Outlaw of Greenwood, Mississippi, first cousin of the bride, was matron of honor, and Lona Nell Lea from Pine Forge, Pennsylvania, former Oakwood roommate of the bride, was maid of honor. Other bridesmaids were: Mrs. Carolyn Hinson, of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Mrs. Irma Davis, of Baltimore, Mary-

land; Alma Flynn, of Winston-Salem, North Carolina; Mrs. Fannie Jamison, of Greensboro, North Carolina; Mrs. Vera Blake, of Kingston, Rhode Island; and Mrs. Mildred Parker, of Augusta, Georgia, sister of the groom.

The bridesmaids wore silk organza dresses of romance blue, with fitted bodices of lace. Their hats, gloves, and shoes were of the same blue, and they carried pink carnation bouquets. The flower girl was Sharon Outlaw, niece of the bride, and the watch bearer was Albert Reeder.

Herbert Davis of Baltimore, Maryland, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. Willie Smith, Jr., of Flint, Michigan, brother of the bride, was head usher and the other ushers were: Elder Fred Parker, Augusta, Georgia, brother-in-law of the groom; Donald Blake, of Kingston, Rhode Island; Chauncey Minor, of Washington, D.C.; Fred Anderson, Lenard Jamison, and Harry Parker, all of Greensboro, North Carolina. They were attired in black tails and white gloves like those of the groom.

Immediately following the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of the bride.

The couple left for Merced, California, shortly after their marriage, where they are making their new home.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Smith of Greensboro, North Carolina, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Davis of Tampa, Florida. The newlyweds both attended Oakwood College. The groom is a graduate of Oakwood College, Pacific Union College, Angwin, California, and has done advanced work at San Jose State College. He is presently employed in the Merced city school district.

The bride is a graduate of Emmanuel Missionary College, Berrien Springs, Michigan, and of Michigan State University, where she received her M.A. after returning from a term of mission service in West Africa.

They both are looking forward to working together in God's vineyard.

Faith for Today

OF ALL inventions affecting communications, television is by far most effective, appealing to both eye and ear. That the three angels' messages are now being proclaimed through this media is no mere accident. Pastor Fagal and his evangelistic team have given this program the labor of dedicated men. Thousands of hours of preparation, study, prayer, and travel lie behind the spirit-filled, action-packed, interesting Faith for Today presentation. The response to this program has more than justified the financial investment. Need the reader be reminded that television time is most expensive, ranging from \$100 per hour to \$500 in some areas? Hence this urgent appeal. According to the messenger of God, all means of reaching men must be utilized.

In May of this year Faith for Today completed 10 years of continuous television ministry. On 160 stations, only 12 of these are paid time, the rest are free.

The weekly mail is approximately 9,000 letters. In 1959, 100,000 applications for the Faith for Today Bible courses were received. Fifty thousand have completed the courses, and records show almost 4,000 have been baptized.

Faith for Today television program is now released in Ibadan, Nigeria, West Africa. The first program was telecast on October 2—the day after Nigeria became an independent nation. Pastor David H. Hughes, radio-TV secretary of the West African Union of SDA, is organizing a Bible school in Ibadan.

From the Faith for Today mailbag come the following experiences:

"Thank you for teaching the Bible on TV. It was through this medium that I became a baptized Seventh-day Adventist."—New Mexico.

"I am an instructor at San Antonio College. Yours is the type of program that could decrease the incidence of mental illness if only more people would watch it."—Texas.

In one week's mail, three Sunday school teachers told of the help they receive for their classes from the Bible correspondence lessons. A Pennsylvania Sunday school superintendent wrote "I do want you to know that your Bible course has been a great help to me. I use your lessons as subject matter for our devotions."

Another wrote, "Please send me about five enrollment cards with each lesson you return to me. I am telling others of how much I've learned and how much your lessons help me to understand our Sunday school lessons. Many wish to take the Bible course themselves."

Most remarkable of the three letters came from a teacher of the men's class of the First Methodist church in a city in Pennsylvania. He reported: "I have read Lesson 19 on the Sabbath. I believe the seventh day must be the Sabbath as observed by the Jews. We of the men's class of the First Methodist church all agree. Pray for us as we study further."

The William Crosby family of Windsor, Ontario, Canada, recently became Seventh-day Adventists through Faith for Today television ministry. They began watching the telecast two years ago and enrolled in the Faith for Today Bible Course. The entire family was baptized. Mr. Crosby is now a deacon in the Windsor church, and Mrs. Crosby is welfare and primary division leader. The oldest son entered Emmanuel Missionary College this fall to prepare for service.

It is stated that the average viewing time per person in the United States is 5 hours per day. America is literally glued to the silver screen. What an opportunity to offer Christ to the nation!

Not everyone can appear in person on television, but all may assure the continuation of this production by giving liberally to the Faith for Today Offering on February 11, 1961.

E. E. CLEVELAND
Associate Secretary
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