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Evangelism in Indonesia

By Ted Jones



The Ted Jones family with associate evangelists at Kuching, Sarawak, where 134 accepted Christ.



Djakarta Evangelistic Center, located on the main boulevard.

DURING the three and one-half years we spent in Indonesia and Southeast Asia the Lord richly blessed our labors for Him. We found the Indonesian people anxious to learn how to improve their methods of labor and approach in the Lord's work. We developed several new approaches to evangelism for Moslem areas.

I held several positions of responsibility while there: director of the Djakarta Evangelistic Center, located on the city's main boulevard; director of the English Language School in the Evangelistic Center; union evangelist;

union Ministerial secretary; union stewardship secretary; and acting head of the Bible department while the chairman was on furlough in the States.

In connection with my Ministerial department work I was involved in numerous workers meetings and Ministerial institutes in the eight missions in our union. I led out in several evangelistic campaigns that served as field training crusades. As a result of these campaigns 700 persons were added to the church.

When we departed from Indonesia, the great burden of many hearts ex-

pressed to us was this, "We want more missionaries like you to come to serve us. We are the same color, and there is no invisible or visible wall between us. Send others to us, please." The words of this plea came not only from workers and laymen in the churches but from a number of government and military leaders who became our close friends. It was great to be black and an Adventist in Indonesia and in Southeast Asia. We received royal treatment from the people there.

In response to the cries of many hearts over there from West New



These individuals were in the first baptism of the 1969 Medan, North Sumatra, Crusade held in the city's best auditorium where 139 souls were won. Note sign.



Guinea to Java to the Celebes to the Maluku Islands to the Timor Islands to Kalimantan to Sumatra is simply this, "May there be more black workers who will apply for mission service in the Far Eastern Division." There is yet a greater work to be done among this mass of people who love black Americans. We can show them the love of the true God who is no respecter of persons and thousands more may yet embrace the three angels' messages.

Inner-City Film

The 16-mm. sound color film on the inner city is ready for distribution. The title is "The Least of These."

Price—\$60.00 per print

Time—22 minutes

Place order to Inner-City Services of the General Conference of SDA.



Oakwood Accreditation Reaffirmed

ON WEDNESDAY, December 1, 1971, at 9:31 A.M. (E.S.T.) in Miami Beach, Florida, the College Delegate Assembly of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools voted to reaffirm the accreditation of Oakwood College. This reaffirmation of accreditation was the culmination of an intensive and comprehensive eighteen-month institutional self-study program. All four estates of the Oakwood College academic community (board, administration, faculty, and students) were involved in the self-study program.

With its accreditation now reaffirmed, the college will continue its pursuit of academic excellence in Christian higher education as it gives study to the implementation of recommendations emanating from its institutional self-study program.

Handel's Messiah

The Oakwood College Choral Series presented Handel's "Messiah," Saturday, December 11, 1971, at 7:30 P.M. in the Ashby Auditorium. Jon Robertson, head of the music department, who is on study leave at Juilliard School under

the auspices of the Ford Foundation, was guest conductor. The soloists were Stanley Ware, Albert Lane, Brenda Spraggins, and Bessie Ratliff.

\$250 to UNCF

On Thursday, December 2, 1971, Norman Kaup, of Sperry Rand Corporation, Huntsville division, presented the college with a check for \$250 as a donation to the United Negro College Fund. The gift was received by C. B. Rock, president, and Claude Thomas, Jr., director of development.

The gift from Sperry Rand is the first to be received by the college from the Huntsville business community in support of this year's UNCF drive, the goal for which has been set locally at \$8,000. The campaign ended December 31.

Operation Friendship

Since the beginning of the school year, the faculty has been actively engaged, as a collective body, in giving financial and other assistance to students who have expressed personal needs of one kind or another.

That the faculty is interested and concerned about the total well-being of our students is not new. Individual teachers, administrators, and other staff people have been helping students for years with all kinds of problems.

What is new is the fact that *together* they have instituted a program that is geared toward meeting students' needs outside the classroom. This is *not* student financial aid or counseling as is professionally understood within the academic setting. The college has established offices with personnel to handle these services to the student body.

The faculty members serve as a kind of big brother or big sister to students who may need an adult friend on campus. Faculty representatives have been made available to talk with students upon request, either to channel them to the proper agents or sources for the solving of problems or to intercede for them directly where this does not conflict with established functions. The faculty has also established a fund to meet small financial needs of students at the discretion of the residence hall deans who distribute the monies as and where required.

A number of students have already benefited from the services of Operation Friendship, as the program is now called.



CENTRAL STATES

Fascinating Womanhood

ON SATURDAY evening, December 4, 1971, the first Fascinating Womanhood graduation in Missouri took place.

The class consisted of twenty ladies who met once a week for eight weeks to learn simply but clearly the way to married happiness—how a woman can win and maintain a man's complete love and devotion and obtain from marriage the things every woman needs while placing her husband's happiness as a primary goal.

The group was divided almost equally between Adventists and non-Adventists, which provided an opportunity for Adventist members to let their lights shine.

Supplementary reading material consisted of *The Adventist Home*, *Child Guidance*, *Messages to Young People*, *Happiness Wall to Wall*, *Reflections on Love and Marriage*, and *We and Our Children*. Generous and effective use was made of the Sabbath School Quarterly entitled "Home Relations." The ladies were amazed that a denomination would have lessons on love, the role of husband and wife, and the responsibilities of parents. Already four young ladies have become more interested in Adventist beliefs.

The instruction was given by Mrs. Walter W. Fordham, Jr., of the Beacon Light Seventh-day Adventist church in Kansas City, Missouri. The Adventist Fascinating graduates were Patricia Allen, Helen Ashby, Hurelene Clay, Judy Frye, Avette Garnett, Dianne Griffin, Judy Hicks, Lolita McRoy, Teresa Sirls, and Ida Valentine.

These classes are being sponsored in various parts of the United States with

Mrs. Shirley Fordham, instructor of Fascinating Womanhood classes.



the purpose of reducing the divorce rate in this country and with the hope of bringing marriages everywhere to a higher level of happiness, for all who are willing to listen and to apply the principles as given from the Bible.

The group will continue to meet on a once-a-month basis for the purpose of intensifying the interest that has developed and acquiring additional knowledge of what God requires of the fairer sex as wives and mothers.

J. E. MERIDETH



Pittsburgh Ethnan Temple Moves Into New Church

DARK days loomed ahead for the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Ethnan Temple church membership three and one-half years ago when fire gutted their sanctuary.

The \$75,000 insurance settlement offered little hope for immediate rebuilding in view of escalating building costs. They were, as the pastor, Edgar T. Mimms, put it, "out on the street."

An offer of temporary quarters came quickly from the African Methodist Episcopal congregation. Some years previously this congregation, dislodged from their house of worship because of urban renewal, had found temporary refuge with the Ethnan Temple church.

"Don't make any plans to worship elsewhere," the sister congregation told Pastor Mimms. "You may use our church until things get straightened out for you."

So for the past three and one-half years the two congregations have shared the Methodist church.

"The pastor, R. C. Eberhardt, and his congregation went out of their way to make us feel at home," Pastor Mimms recalls. "They charged only a nominal rent and rearranged their services so we could be accommodated."

The problem facing Ethnan Temple seemed to have no immediate solution.

"Our members are working people," Mimms says, "and it didn't seem practical to get into a heavy fund-

raising program. All we could do was pray."

Pray they did. Mimms visited denominational headquarters of various denominations in Pittsburgh asking about churches that might be for sale. No immediate prospects offered any hope. In his searching the pastor drove past the beautiful Northwood Presbyterian church in Wilkinsburg, a Pittsburgh suburb. Hopes rose when there seemed to be some possibility of the church's being for sale.

"I drove past the church one day and was impressed that this was the church God wanted us to have," Pastor Mimms relates. "I slipped in the door and knelt in the sanctuary and prayed that God's will be done. If this was the place for His church, we wanted to be there."

Dwindling memberships in two churches soon forced a merger, leaving the Northwood Presbyterian church unused. The decision was to sell. As Mimms inspected the church, his convictions deepened that this would be the new home for his congregation. It appeared to be a dream come true, with every facility the congregation needed. The sanctuary, seating 500 to 700, would be adequate for the 500 Ethnan members. A large room suitable for Sabbath school seated 300, while on a surrounding balcony were ten rooms and alcoves suitable for Sabbath school classes. In

the spacious basement ample room existed for children's Sabbath school divisions. On top of all this, everything showed the loving care of the Northwood Presbyterians.

"This is one of the best-kept churches I have ever seen," Pastor Mimms noted to himself as he carefully inspected the church.

Negotiations began with an offer of \$75,000, the amount of the insurance settlement. The offer was accepted and the final papers were signed.

"As we signed the final papers, I suggested we have a word of prayer," Mimms recalls. "Everyone agreed. The realtor laughed as he told me, 'I've closed hundreds of sales but never before closed one with prayer.'"

Climaxing their negotiations, members of the Ethnan Temple moved into their new house of worship on Sabbath, November 20. No ordinary day was this, the first Sabbath in the new sanctuary. Visitors came from other congregations to share the joy of the members. Joining with them were the officers of the Allegheny West Conference, Donald B. Simons, president, and James A. Washington, secretary-treasurer.

All of what has happened is summed up in the words of the praying pastor, Edgar Mimms, "This is a gift from God and we thank Him for His goodness to us."

Columbia Union Visitor



The recently acquired church building for the Ethnan Temple congregation of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.



Brother and Sister Gamble of the Jericho church.



Sister Remelle Cobbs, an ordained minister of the Pentecostal faith who was baptized by John E. Collins.



Shelton Street Church— A "Seven Days Adventist Church"

RECENTLY a letter came to our church office addressed to the "Seven Days Adventist Church." This is a natural mistake one would make who is not familiar with our church name, and yet this past summer our Shelton Street church here in Santa Ana was indeed just that, a "Seven Days Adventist Church." We were open for God's business seven days a week.

It all started in July of this year when a group of students from Oakwood College and Loma Linda University conducted an inner-city program in our church facility. Five days a week dedicated young people ministered to the needs of scores of families living in the area around the church. A very fine program of tutoring, crafts, field trips, and welfare assistance was carried on by these young people under the direction of Paul Baker, a graduate of Oakwood College. The mayor and city officials cooperated with the program and commended it very highly. Retail store outlets donated food and clothing, as well as provided bus transportation for the field trips.

Youth from our church and the Broadway church of Santa Ana assisted in the program. The project was known as The Fellowship, and it was indeed a service of fellowship because it brought boys and girls of the community into fellowship with Christ-centered and Christ-dedicated Adventist

Community Services Worker Contacts Campbell Soup Company

MRS. DOROTHY GAMBLE, Vice-President of the Penn-Jersey Community Services, recently contacted the Campbell Soup Company of Camden, New Jersey, and made a request for canned goods. In response to her request, 200 cases of canned soups, weighing 6,678 pounds, were contributed.

These cases were distributed to the needy by the churches in that part of the Allegheny East Conference. The Dorcas Society is now on the Campbell Soup Company's list for other shipments of canned goods.

Pentecostal Minister Becomes an SDA

THE general headquarters of the Pentecostal Church of God for All People were located in Newark, New Jersey. They were, until its founder and leader became a Seventh-day Adventist. Elder Remelle Cobbs, has left that organization and now worships on Sabbath.

Sister Cobbs has been an active Christian all her life. She demonstrates godliness at all times. She is a graduate of Howard University, a registered nurse, a former U.S. Army nurse, and an ordained minister. She attended an evangelistic campaign conducted by John E. Collins, was recently baptized, and now worships in the Trinity Temple church at Newark.

Careful plans were made, and lay preachers from Trinity Temple are conducting services in Sister Cobbs' church located on Clinton Place. Lay preacher Ralph Dawkins, assisted by

other lay preachers, Andrews McDonald, Moses Barrett, Roman Gavin, L. Sawyer, J. Griffin, and W. Murray are working with Sister Cobbs to reach the people in the neighborhood. Sister Cobbs is eager that her former congregation see the light and accept the truth.

Elder Collins states that this is the third minister who has accepted this message as a result of his ministry.

J. A. WASHINGTON
Public Relations Secretary



On the Air! Bob Tucker, lay pastor at Salem, New Jersey, conducts a discussion of doctrinal points with regular panel members. Left: V. Jones, R. Tucker, D. Tunis, and D. Walker who produces her own black history program and informed Brother Tucker of the TV opening.



Brother and Sister Ulysses Bracy, who celebrated the sixty-third anniversary of their marriage, have been Seventh-day Adventists since 1910.

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R. E. BERRY, *Pastor*

The Bushes have made their home in Worthington, a Columbus suburb.



Samuel Thomas, Allegheny West lay activities secretary, beams with delight as he announces that the conference was second in the North American Division to reach its 1972 Ingathering goal. Says Thomas, "In Allegheny West we strive for the best!"



On Sabbath, August 21, the newly built Kimball, West Virginia, church was opened and dedicated free of debt. St. Clare Phipps is pastor.



Newsnotes

► Henry Wright, of the South Central Conference, Jackson, Mississippi, district has accepted a call to be pastor of the Columbus, Ohio, Ephesus church.

Elder Wright assumed his new pastorate January 15, 1972.

► Leon G. Cox has been appointed stewardship secretary of the Allegheny West Conference. Elder Cox will carry this responsibility in addition to the office of Ministerial secretary. Presently he is serving as interim pastor in Dayton, Ohio.

► The James Alfred Bush family of Altadena, California, has recently moved to the Allegheny West Conference territory.

Brother Bush, a former Oakwoodite, received his doctorate degree in social



James A. Bush

"BETWEEN the great things we can't do and the little things we feel above doing, the chances are we will do nothing."

—Sabbath School Worker



Education Institute Organized

A SMALL group of Seventh-day Adventist teachers and parents from the Bronx, New York, community have banded together to help children and adults develop better educational and spiritual values. The program grew out of the teachers' concern for the many students who were going from one level of public school system to another, but were unprepared for the change.

On July 19, 1971, the program started with eight students. The number increased daily and was divided into elementary and secondary school

groups. Those who contributed their services did so on a voluntary basis without financial remuneration.

Norel James of the City Tabernacle church was the teacher in charge of the institute. Audley Fothergill was the visitation coordinator, and Pastor J. P. Willis was chaplain of the organization.

All Night Prayer and Fasting in Churches

THE beginning of the 1971 Week of Prayer in Northeastern will long be remembered in many of its churches for years to come. It began as most of the conference churches participated in a night of prayer and fasting.

The meetings began about 9:00 P.M. on Saturday night around the conference. Services continued until early Sunday morning as congregations prayed and fasted for a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Ministers led their parishes in this unique experience that was a throwback to the early Christian era. They were assisted through the night and early morning hours by local elders and other church officers. The services were well attended and included singing, praying, and personal testimonies.

Many pastors have indicated that they were gratified to see their members respond en masse to this special event. Young people in great numbers also came to join parents and adults in this opportunity for spiritual growth.

Elder G. R. Earle, who presented the plan for the all-night meetings to the ministers at workers meeting this year, attended some of the services while they were in progress. He was accompanied on these night and early morning visits to the churches by Stennett Brooks, conference treasurer.

U.S. Congressman Attends Bronx Service

COMMUNITY RELATIONS DAY was a big success at the Bronx church. A large number of visitors from all sections of the community came to see the presentation of plaques to two outstanding workers in the Bronx community.

The presence of Congressman Jonathan Bingham brought inspiration to all as he took time off from his busy schedule to attend the first Community Relations Day in the Bronx. In bringing greetings, he paid tribute to the work of the Seventh-day Adventists and

exhorted the congregation to keep on doing good.

W. W. Fordham, director of inner-city services of the General Conference, and Robert H. Carter, secretary of Northeastern Conference, were the visiting speakers.

Investment Gain at Bronx Church

FOLLOWING months of intensive promotion by Investment Secretary Brenda Williams, the Bronx Sabbath school was able to report a return of over \$4,000 for investment.

During the year each Sabbath school member was kept informed by means of a bulletin that showed the standing of each class and division. The primary division reported over \$300.

The Anna Knight Story

"From childhood my lot was hard. Very early I learned that I was to work

in any place that I was needed." These are the words of Anna Knight who was presented the Medallion of Merit Award for an outstanding contribution to Seventh-day Adventist education. This special program was held Wednesday, November 17, at Oakwood College where she now resides.

Anna Knight was born in Ellisville, Mississippi, almost a century ago. While she grew up as a child, opportunities for education were limited. She did a great deal to teach herself. She read a column entitled the "Cousin's Exchange" in a New England newspaper and made a request through this column for free reading material. Forty persons responded and among them were two Adventists.

The Adventists sent her several church publications, and while reading these periodicals she learned of the Advent message and accepted it. Through the help of a conference worker who lived in Chattanooga, Tennessee, Anna Knight entered Mt. Vernon Academy in Ohio in September, 1894. By 1898



Miss Anna Knight

she had finished Battle Creek College as a medical missionary nurse and returned to her home State and operated a self-supporting school in Jasper County, where 22 pupils were enrolled over a period of two years. At the last General Conference session that was held in Battle Creek, Michigan, Miss Knight was appointed to serve as a missionary to India. After serving there seven years, she returned to America and reactivated the school program that she had started a few years earlier in Mississippi.

In 1910, she was called by the South-eastern Union to work in Atlanta, Georgia. Her duties included teaching, working as a nurse, and doing Bible work. Later she was made the associate home missionary, MV, and educational secretary for the Southeastern Union, followed by the same position in the Southern Union Conference. Eventually when the two unions merged, she was asked to continue in this position where she served until the inception of regional conferences, at which time she retired.

Miss Knight has authored one book, *Mississippi Girl*, and at present she is president of the NCTA (a national teachers' organization), a position she has filled with distinction for many years. The Medallion of Merit Award was presented by Dr. Charles Hirsch, secretary for the General Conference Department of Education.

The Medallion is awarded by the General Conference Department of Education to Seventh-day Adventist educators who have been recognized for extraordinary meritorious service to Seventh-day Adventist education. It is the highest recognition given by the church for such service, and to date only twelve awards have been made.

Among the criteria used for choosing a candidate for the award, are the following:

1. A lifetime devoted continuously to Seventh-day Adventist education.
2. An unusual dedication to Seventh-day Adventist education.
3. The results of such dedicated service should be evident in the products resulting from such an individual's work.
4. There must be evidence of professional growth.
5. The person must be enjoying an ever-growing, buoyant, spiritual experience.

L. A. PASCHAL



Miss Knight flanked by V. Becker, educational secretary of Southern Union Conference; L. A. Paschal, educational secretary of South Central, and C. Thomas, Oakwood's director of development.



C. L. Thomas Family to South America

THE first missionary family from among our regional workers to go to South America has been appointed by the General Conference to serve in Brazil. They are the Clarence L. Thomases, III.

Prior to this appointment Elder Thomas was the pastor of the Boulevard Drive church in Atlanta, having



The Clarence Thomas family

come to the South Atlantic Conference in 1964 from the Seminary of Andrews University. Before his appointment to the Boulevard Drive church, he served the Florence, South Carolina, district. He has provided effective leadership to the churches in his care. During the past summer he joined J. Hinson in a big evangelistic crusade in Atlanta.

Mrs. Thomas, the former Carol A. Barron, comes from Plainfield, New Jersey. They have three children, Clarence, IV, Marie, and Tory. The Thomas family will be spending the next few months in Washington, D.C., getting an exposure to Portuguese, the language used in the area where they will be serving. We wish them Godspeed in their new assignment.



News Release

YOUTH now have a one-to-one witness book to read and share in summer evangelism projects.

The MV Department of the General Conference is backing *In Search of a Plot* as important reading for Adventist youth and as a gift book for friends, neighbors, and strangers interested in exploring the way to meaning in life through a belief in Christ.

In Search of a Plot incorporates discussions of many areas of youth concern. Topics include the existence of God, life and death, love, sex, divorce, prayer, money, the Bible, heaven, and morality. The author, J. Orville Iversen, explains the difference Christ can make.

This youth witness book has been marked down to the special price of \$1 for use in summer ACT projects, beach evangelism, coffeehouses, inner-city programs, county fairs, and temperance work.

You can find *In Search of a Plot* on display case at Bible houses, colleges, academies, and some large churches. It will also be available at Bible conferences and other senior-youth gatherings during the coming months.

Scholarships for Black Youth

SCHOLARSHIP funds totaling \$37,500 have been voted for black youth by the North American Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Recipients will be Adventist college students, preferably in their junior or senior year, except in the case of medical or dental students, who may be eligible during their freshman year.

Financial need and academic qualifications will be ascertained by recommendation from pastors, church boards, school administrators, college scholarship services, or the college testing program.

Eighteen scholarships in the areas of medicine and business, will be made available each year.

In addition to scholarships the church's North American Division has voted \$87,500 in 1972, to be applied to the erection of a new men's residence hall at Pine Forge Academy at Pine Forge, Pennsylvania.

This year approximately 150 inner-city projects have been in operation in big U.S. cities. Some of these were summer projects, such as camps for inner-city children, but others are continuing year-round programs.

A total of \$187,000 has been earmarked for inner-city programs in 1972.

Medical Science and the Spirit of Prophecy

MANY of the medical concepts Ellen White wrote about were contrary to the medical practices of her time. But since then, scientific research has shown most of her statements to be true.

The danger of animal fats causing cardiovascular diseases was suggested by Ellen White in 1896. Science supported her by the 1950's.

The danger of the overuse of sugar was stated in 1890 by Mrs. White. In the 1960's scientific studies arrived at the same conclusion.

In the 1870's Ellen White recommended exercise as an aid to circulation. The value of exercise for a healthy heart is recognized now, aerobics being especially popular.

Until the 1950's scientists were fairly certain that cancer was not caused by a virus. This belief has now been reversed. Ellen White had written decades before of cancer-causing germs.

More than a century ago Ellen White linked the use of tobacco, alcohol, and some drugs with the incidence of birth defects. In the late 1950's science came up with similar, undeniable findings.

In *Medical Science and the Spirit of Prophecy*, quotations from Mrs. White's writings are compared directly with statements from recent scientific literature.

Ellen G. White's deep foreknowledge of now-accepted scientific information has provided a strong reason why large numbers of people have developed an enthusiastic faith and confidence in her messages.



Prentiss Park SDA church and superintendent of its Sabbath school. She was a member of the Ministers Wives Club of Allegheny East Conference. Besides her husband, surviving are three daughters: Mrs. Elizabeth Staplefoote, and Mrs. Alonda Bradley, and Miss Dorothy Banks; a sister, Mrs. Mary Cook, of Pittsburgh; and a grandchild. The funeral service was conducted by E. Dorsey, president of the conference, at the Campostella Heights church.

Beatrice Curtright Shepard was born June 4, 1875, in Edenton, Georgia, and died October 27, 1971, in Bronx, New York. Mrs. Shepard was a veteran worker in the Seventh-day Adventist denomination serving as a church school teacher and colporteur in Washington, D.C., Oakwood College, and in various cities of North Carolina, Tennessee, and Georgia. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Julia Joseph, and a son, Wesley Curtright, and a host of other relatives. Funeral services were conducted at the Bronx SDA church by Pastor D. B. Reid.

Obituaries

Witner George McMillan met an untimely death, Monday, January 10, 1972, in the hospital in Huntsville, Alabama. He had been active in service of the denomination serving as publishing secretary for the East Caribbean Conference and as an ordained minister. Later he pastored several churches in the conference. After receiving his degree in theology at Oakwood College and later one in business administration, he served as assistant business manager and financial aid director. Elder McMillan believed in helping others, even if it meant the giving of his last. He served the cause of God for twenty-six years. He leaves to mourn his beloved wife, Miriam McMillan of Huntsville, his four children, Edythe, Carolyn, Waldo, and Watson—all of Huntsville, Alabama, and his mother, Mrs. Margaret McMillan, of Tobago, W.I., one sister, one brother, other relatives, and a host of friends.

Catherine Banks of Portsmouth, Virginia, departed this life Monday morning December 27, 1971, at 6:45 in the Maryview Hospital, Portsmouth. She was the wife of Elder A. L. Banks, a minister of the Allegheny East Conference. She worked for Mt. Hermon public school and was a member of the

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