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**“God
so loved
the world...”**

Demon Possession and Exorcism

Along with numerous other newspapers and magazines, the *Wall Street Journal* recently commented on *The Exorcist*, a motion picture that is showing to standing-room-only audiences throughout the United States, and seems well on its way to becoming the top money-making movie of all time. In an editorial the *Journal* expressed curiosity as to why this film about demon possession has been enjoying such phenomenal success, then suggested that one reason may be the current widespread interest in psychic phenomena, the supernatural, mysticism, and the occult.

After noting that the picture is "mind-boggling" and that it is causing some viewers to vomit, black out, exhibit hysteria and depression, or suffer hallucinations and apprehension, the *Journal* expressed fear that film studios will produce more pictures of this type, perhaps with even more graphic and shocking scenes.

An important question with which the *Journal* did not deal is this: Is there such a thing as demon possession? To this question we wish to address ourself.

Of one thing we are certain: Satan would like human beings to discount the genuineness of demon possession. Or, failing that, he would like people to think that demon possession prevailed only in ancient cultures, not in highly sophisticated, intellectual civilizations. Better yet, he would like to persuade people that the whole concept of a devil and evil spirits is merely a superstitious relic of primitive times.

Thus the issue that underlies the question of demon possession is whether there is a world of spirit beings. And on this point the Bible is clear: there is such a world. John the revelator saw "many angels round about the throne, . . . and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands" (Rev. 5:11). Daniel the prophet also saw these glorious beings (Dan. 7:10). And millenniums ago when this world was created "the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy" (Job 38:7).

Tragically, rebellion broke out in heaven. Led by Lucifer, about one third of the angels became disaffected, and eventually were cast to earth (Rev. 12:7-9; cf. Eze. 28:12-19; Isa. 14:12-14). Here on this planet the conflict has been continued. Evil angels endeavor to control the minds and bodies of human beings while holy angels endeavor to influence men to choose God and the path of right doing. Evil angels endeavor to corrupt and destroy while holy angels endeavor to elevate and ennoble the human family.

The Old Testament contains many stories about good angels who acted as God's messengers to minister to men (Gen. 12, 19; 2 Kings 6; Dan. 6, 8, 9; cf. Heb. 1:14). The New Testament adds further stories (Acts 10, 12, 27).

Both Old and New Testaments also contain instances where evil angels involved themselves in the affairs of men. A crescendo of activity by demons was reached during the earthly ministry of Jesus. Realizing that Christ had come to break their power, the evil spirits on numerous occasions exhibited their presence in spectacular ways. Often they entered the minds and bodies of human beings.

Jesus recognized demon possession for what it was.

With divine perception, He understood that the stricken individuals were suffering not from mental illness or other "ordinary" illnesses. He recognized that He was dealing not with impersonal matters such as viruses or poor health habits but with intelligent entities.

At times, proving them to be personal beings, the spirits carried on a conversation with Christ. In the synagogue in Capernaum the spirits in a demon-possessed man cried out, "Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art; the Holy One of God" (Luke 4:34). Addressing Himself directly to the evil spirit, Jesus commanded, "Hold thy peace, and come out of him" (verse 35).

A similar experience is recorded in Mark 5. There Jesus delivered a demon-possessed man at Gadara.

Controlled by Spirits

Other instances of demon possession include the blind mute (Matt. 12:22), the daughter of the Syro-phenician woman (Mark 7:24-30), and the youth at the foot of the Mount of Transfiguration (chap. 9:17-27).

So let there be no doubt about the reality of demon possession. And let there be no doubt that exorcism is real.

But let us not conclude that the presence of Satan and demonstrations of his power are always revolting. Millions of people in the world are controlled by evil spirits even though they are not "demon possessed" as the term is usually understood.

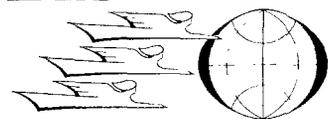
Some people actively seek satanic power, hoping thereby to gain advantages for themselves. Simon the sorcerer was of this sort (Acts 8:18-23). Elymas, the sorcerer, was another who seemed to prosper and benefit by fraternizing with evil spirits (chap. 13:6-9). A third example is that of the damsel in Philippi who had "brought her masters much gain by soothsaying" (chap. 16:16).

No, demon possession does not always produce suffering and hardship. Satan works in a thousand ways to achieve his purposes. In a thousand disguises he seeks to deceive and bring men into his camp. At times he may use professed ministers of the gospel as his agents. Wrote the apostle Paul: "Such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light" (2 Cor. 11:13, 14).

In the coming crisis Satan will even impersonate Christ, garbing himself in glory, imitating His melodious voice, raising his hands to bless the people, and healing the sick. Through spiritism also he will seek to insinuate himself among the unwary by appearing in the form of their deceased loved ones.

So, what does the current interest in *The Exorcist* say to us? It says, Be on guard. It says, Study God's Word diligently to discover the numerous ways in which Satan works. It says, Seek divine power as a shield against deception. The repulsive portrayal of demon possession in *The Exorcist* may well be merely an attempt by Satan to distract the attention of people from his final moves to take the world captive. K. H. W.

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love to a fallen planet, we enter into "newness of life." Spiritual springtime can be with us the year round.

Editor's **Viewpoint** gives a Biblical perspective to a phenomenon sweeping the United States—fascination with devil possession and exorcism. The enemy of God uses many means to deceive those whom he would possess. We are reminded that demon possession can take many forms besides the startling and horrifying. We must guard all the avenues to the soul, and be constantly aware that the devil is a defeated enemy to those who claim Christ's victory for their own.

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An Insignia Would Help

Your statement of ownership of the copyright of the three angels on your masthead [Jan. 16] impels me to reopen the discussion concerning a denominational insignia. In foreign lands, a woman loaded down with a purse and baggage is hardly in a position to flaunt a copy of the "Good New REVIEW" in an effective way for identification.

In the last few years I can think of several occasions when such an insignia would surely have smoothed my path.

Surely much can be said for a plain, distinctive insignia such as three white angels and a globe on a field of blue. I would enjoy displaying such in my office where I could explain to my questioning patients that they too can look forward to a world where there will be no more pain or death if they would but love the Lord.

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Mission Budget Revamped

I have really appreciated the series "A Centennial of SDA Missions." It seems to me that material such as this would be appropriate for Sabbath school mission reports. These articles have stimulated me to reconsider my personal mission budget, which the many stories I had heard in Sabbath school had not prompted me to do.

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News Briefs From the Religious World

BIBLE SOCIETY REPORT: 1,526 "DIALECTS" NOW EXIST

NEW YORK—Bible societies and other groups published Scriptures in 27 new languages and dialects in 1973, bringing the total Scripture language count to 1,526.

Complete books of the Bible were published in 25 new languages or dialects, ranging from Acharu (spoken in Peru) to Yakurr (spoken in Nigeria), according to a report by the American Bible Society here.

The twenty-sixth new language used in a translation of the New Testament was reported to be "Kewa West," a dialect spoken in Australia.

BROADCASTERS URGED TO "TURN THIS COUNTRY AROUND"

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Dr. Eugene R. Bertermann, president of the National Religious Broadcasters, told the thirty-first annual convention here, "A hundred persevering gospel broadcasters in an intelligent, well-thought-out effort, could turn this country around."

In his annual address, the NRB head declared, "God has placed into our hands and at our disposal powerful media of mass communication, in the twentieth century twin miracles of radio and television.

"We firmly believe that these powerful instrumentalities have been granted us in these latter days not simply to entertain, or to sell a commercial product, or even to carry a worthwhile educational or cultural program. They have been granted us to proclaim the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, 'the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth' (Rom. 1:16)."

A PROBLEM IN MARYLAND SCHOOLS REGARDING TEN COMMANDMENTS

ANNAPOLIS—The Maryland House of Delegates has given preliminary approval to a bill that would allow public school classes to recite the Ten Commandments at specified times every day, much the way the Lord's Prayer used to be recited.

Rabbi Stanley Rabinowitz of Washington's Adas Israel Reform Jewish congregation commented, "They'll be opening a Pandora's box."

HOW TO STEAL A HYMN

SEATTLE—The Commission on Sacred Music of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Seattle is trying to do something about what amounts to "stealing," the unauthorized use of new songs and hymns by churches.

Guidelines on how to observe copyright laws in selecting new hymns appeared in the past January issue of the *Catholic Northwest Progress*, archdiocesan newsweekly.

What happens is something like this: A music publisher issues a new hymn or anthem. Choir directors see it, like it, and want to use it. But instead of buying sufficient copies for the choir or securing permission to reproduce it for congregational use, they rush to the photocopying machine.

The composer, whose royalties are based on the quantities of sheet music sold, may get only a pittance for what turns out to be a popular hymn.

This Week

Our cover features the opening phrase of, and symbolically portrays, the best-known and loved verse in the Bible. All the elements of the story of salvation are present in the 25 words of John 3:16.

In the spring of the year when the earth blossoms with new life, it is good for us to remember that the love of God alone makes the difference in man's life between life or death, hope or despair. By accepting God's

Our Compassionate Heavenly Father

By F. G. CLIFFORD

*"If thou, Lord, shouldest keep account of sins,
who, O Lord, could hold up his head?*

*But in thee is forgiveness,
and therefore thou art revered"*
(Ps. 130:3, 4, N.E.B.).

*"As far as the east is from the west,
so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.
Like as a father pitieth his children,
so the Lord pitieth them that fear him.
For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust"*
(Ps. 103:12-14).

THE DISTINCTIVE ASPECT of God's character that is made prominent in these passages of Scripture is His forgiveness. It is difficult to find a moral virtue taught in the Bible that has not also been taught by other of the world's religious leaders or ethical teachers. But the nature and quality of the forgiveness of sin offered by God to the sinner are unique to the God of the Christian faith.

"To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses" (Dan. 9:9).

"Who is a God like unto thee,
that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth

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by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage?" (Micah 7:18).

Justice may be dispensed by lesser beings. In our worldly form of government, justice is administered by magistrates and judges appointed or elected by their fellow men, but the prerogative of pardon or forgiveness is reserved and exercised only by the head of state or the highest authority in the land.

The conditions whereby mortals obtain forgiveness from God are clearly set forth in the Bible and are familiar to all believers. They include *repentance* (Luke 3:3, Acts 3:19); *confession* (1 John 1:9); *for-saking*, with divine help, of the sin confessed (Isa. 55:7); *forgiveness* of those who have wronged us (Matt. 6:15).

Let it be clear that there is no promise in the Bible of unconditional forgiveness of sins. However, there is danger of emphasizing the conditions laid down for obtaining forgiveness in such a way that the gracious act of God's forgiveness is obscured. This in turn obscures our conception of the nature of God. It sets it out of balance. So true is this that in process of time a loving heavenly Father, who in the beginning made every provision for the happiness of His creatures, comes to be seen as a stern, unrelenting judge, who requires men to earn salvation by following a course of strict obedience to a set of prescribed rules. Such was the concept of God taught by the Jewish leaders in the time of the first advent of Christ.

Forgiveness is always and only an individual matter. To find it is to

acquire a new understanding of the value God places on the individual soul. All distinctions of class, race, wealth, education, birth, sex, color, become meaningless when we seek and find forgiveness. We all need it. We can all receive it.

Possibly one of the most difficult things for us, even as Christians, to understand, is how God can be just and yet forgiving to such an extent that He accepts as His own children all those who come to Him in sincerity.

One reason Jesus came to this earth was to correct the false picture of God that had developed among God's professing children. Satan had well nigh succeeded in completely distorting a true knowledge of the character of God. Philip requested, "Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us."

"Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father. . . . Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works" (John 14:8-10).

According to the Spirit of Prophecy, the life of Christ on earth presents "to men that which was exactly contrary to the representations of the enemy in regard to the character of God."—*Fundamentals of Christian Education*, p. 177. And again: "His pilgrimage of love on earth was a living representation of the character of God."—*In Heavenly Places*, p. 63.

Scriptural Examples

We can therefore expect to find in the teaching and works of Jesus some examples that will enable us to appreciate God's way of forgiveness. We will take five separate and distinct examples—five persons differing widely in class and degrees of guilt, but all alike in that the generation of God's chosen people among whom they lived probably regarded them as hopeless cases, which were beyond the scope of God's forgiveness.

1. The paralytic (Mark 2:1-12). This man had lived a degraded life and consequently had been afflicted by an incurable disease. Of him the Spirit of Prophecy writes:

"Like the leper, this paralytic had lost all hope of recovery. His disease was the result of a life of sin, and his sufferings were embittered by remorse. He had long before appealed to the Pharisees and doctors, hoping for relief from mental suffering and physical pain. But

they coldly pronounced him incurable, and abandoned him to the wrath of God."—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 267.

There was apparently no way out of his terrible dilemma. But Jesus has a way out. The narrative continues:

"The Saviour looked upon the mournful countenance, and saw the pleading eyes fixed upon Him. He understood the case; He had drawn to Himself that perplexed and doubting spirit. While the paralytic was yet at home, the Saviour had brought conviction to his conscience. When he repented of his sins, and believed in the power of Jesus to make him whole, the life-giving mercies of the Saviour had first blessed his longing heart. . . . Now, in words that fell like music on the sufferer's ear, the Saviour said, 'Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.'"—*Ibid.*, p. 268.

This experience illustrates the popular view of God's character prevailing in the days of Christ, contrasted with the Biblical view that presents our heavenly Father as eager to accept the repentant sinner!

2. Mary, the woman who anointed the feet of Jesus at a feast in Simon's house (Luke 7:36-50). Simon's remark, recorded in verse 39, indicates that this woman belonged to a class who were considered not only as sinners, but in polite society as untouchables. But Jesus ignores this social barrier and allows the woman to show her devotion and love for Him.

Simon is disgusted. What will his neighbors and friends think of this exhibition in his home? Jesus senses his embarrassment and tells him a parable, followed by a question that calls forth a brief answer from Simon, in which he is caused to commit himself. Then Jesus began to commend the action of this untouchable woman, and addressing her, said, "Thy sins are forgiven." As far as the record goes, this woman had not requested forgiveness, but it was eagerly granted to her by our heavenly Father, who longs to pardon those who draw near to Him.

On this incident *The Desire of Ages* provides the following comment: "When to human eyes her case appeared hopeless, Christ saw in Mary capabilities for good. . . . Jesus knows the circumstances of every soul. You may say, I am sinful, very sinful. You may be; but the worse you are, the more you need Jesus. He turns on weeping, contrite one away."—Page 568.

An Apparently Clear Case

3. The woman taken in adultery (John 8:3-11). This is apparently a clear case of a guilty sinner caught in the sinful act by those who knew her way of life. For her there is no excuse, no way out. In this case the law is clear, there is not the slightest ambiguity. There can be, and is, no attempt by the guilty one to defend her conduct.

Jesus in confronted with the sinner and is asked His opinion regarding the prescribed penalty. But no sin problem can take God unawares. Jesus has a way out. He asks no questions. He does not even say a word. He begins to write, by using His finger, as one would a pen, upon the dusty floor of the Temple. One by one the accusers depart. When Jesus looks up, He utters the first words recorded in the entire episode, "Woman, where are those thine accusers?" The answer is obvious. They have all disappeared. Then come the words, "Neither do I condemn thee; go, and sin no more."

The Spirit of Prophecy has this comment on the pronouncement: "Her heart was melted, and she cast herself at the feet of Jesus, sobbing out her grateful love, and with bitter tears confessed her sins."

Then the sequel is unfolded. "This penitent woman became one of His most steadfast followers. With self-sacrificing love and devotion she repaid His forgiving mercy."—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 462.

This is a most remarkable case. Forgiveness is freely given even before it is requested or the sins have been openly confessed. What a comforting lesson for every sinner bound by the habits of a life of sin, who is too ashamed or too discouraged to attempt to break the bonds of guilt—who feels that it is too late. To all such this case offers hope and assurance. What a clear demonstration of the eagerness of our heavenly Father to forgive the wayward sinner!

4. Peter (Luke 22:54-65). Here is a man who has forsaken all to follow Jesus. He has been Jesus' disciple for more than three years. But beneath the surface he still has a boastful, yet cowardly nature. Then Jesus warns His disciples to be ready for the severe test that looms ahead; Peter outdoes his fellows by boasting of his steadfastness when others fail in the hour of trial. Whatever the others do, he will never forsake or deny his Lord.

Now the hour of test has come.

Peter's brave, boasting words are changed into words of base denial. A servant girl turns him into a cowardly weakling. Could a man sink lower? Everyone holds a boaster in contempt. All men despise a coward. Now Peter has become both. He has sunk almost as low as Judas. His case seems hopeless. But Jesus has a way out, the way of forgiveness. "And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter" (verse 61).

"That look of compassion and forgiveness, pierced his heart like an arrow. Conscience was aroused. . . . A tide of memories rushed over him. The Saviour's tender mercy, His kindness and long-suffering, His gentleness and patience toward His erring disciples,—all was remembered. . . . He rushed, heart-broken, from the hall."—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 713.

Not a word, no request for an explanation, only a look, and Peter is forgiven.

5. The thief on the cross (Luke 23:39-43). This is another remarkable case. What a time and place to meet Jesus! Society had already considered this thief worthy of death. Perhaps he has been given many chances, but now his fate is sealed. He has lived as a sinner against society; he is resigned to die as a sinner.

At first, the two thieves and the Saviour are hoisted to share a common fate. Both criminals join the mockers in accusing the Saviour of being an impostor (see Matt. 27:44).

Soon, however, a strange feeling stirs within the breast of one of the thieves. He is drawn toward this Man on the center cross. His demeanor, His look of sad compassion and pity for those reviling Him, His plea for forgiveness for those who nailed Him to the cross, all press upon his heart. Can it be that this third Man can obtain forgiveness for him? Conviction grows and he makes his request, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom" (Luke 23:42).

Swiftly the requested assurance is given. He is assured of forgiveness, assured of heaven. "To the penitent thief came the perfect peace of acceptance with God."—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 751.

Perhaps we may wonder how such a man could be saved. He has no time to express regret to those he has robbed. There is no opportunity to make restitution. These would have followed had he lived. But God has a way out. None needs to be lost. None needs to be filled with hopelessness because of guilt. God is eager to forgive. □

Emmaus and the Aftermath

By ALFRED S. JORGENSEN

LUKE 24 IS ONE of the greatest chapters of the Bible. It is concerned with what was then—and still is—the one supreme topic of the hour, the reality of Christ's resurrection.

A. B. Bruce has described the account of how our Lord revealed Himself to Cleopas and another unknown disciple on a late Sunday afternoon walk from Jerusalem to Emmaus as "one of the most felicitous narratives in his [Luke's] Gospel."¹

The apostle Paul reminds us that the events of Old Testament history "were written down for our instruction, upon whom the end of the ages has come," "that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope" (1 Cor. 10:11; Rom. 15:4, R.S.V.). What he says about the Old Testament, of course, would also be true of the New. What, then, does this story of the Emmaus road say to us by way of of positive teaching, counsel, and encouragement?

We are living in an age that tends, by and large, to denigrate the individual. The leading political philosophies of our time are concerned with man in the mass. A person, as a person, no longer counts for much. He is simply a cog in a machine. His function is to serve society, which, all too often, is equated with the state.

Needless to say, this way of viewing man is the product of contemporary philosophy. In the early days of the science-religion debate, Alfred Lord Tennyson, in his poem, "Vastness," expressed the mood engendered, and indeed the inevitable way of looking at things, if evolutionary materialism has had the last say.

"What is it all but a trouble of ants

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in the gleam of a million million suns. . . .

What the philosophies, all the sciences, poesy, varying voices of prayer . . . ?

What is it all, if we all of us end but in being our own corpse-coffins at last,

Swallow'd in Vastness, lost in Silence, drown'd in the deeps of a meaningless Past?"

It is very easy for this kind of thinking to rub off onto the church. We can become so institution-conscious that the ordinary church member is quite lost sight of. Therefore, how tremendously important it is that we ever keep in mind what Luke's story so powerfully underscores: the value of the seemingly insignificant individual Christian.

According to *The Desire of Ages*, "these disciples had had no prominent place in Christ's work, but they were earnest believers in Him."—Page 795. They were, in fact, just plain, "garden variety" Christians—"simple sons of the soil."

Garden Variety Christians

That, in itself, is arresting. For all too often we think of the Bible as concerned with important people—men such as Abraham and Moses and David and Isaiah and John and Paul. But here we have the recently risen Lord of heaven and earth taking three or four hours out of the resurrection day to give an extended Bible study to two very discouraged followers of His—one of whom is not even mentioned by name, and neither of whom figures thereafter in the New Testament story.

This surely reveals how much stock God puts on the "average man." As Abraham Lincoln is reported to have said, "God must love the poor, or He wouldn't have made so many of them!" And here in this story of the Emmaus walk we have a demonstration of His concern and solicitude for those of His children who love Him, but whose faith is sorely tried by the

circumstance of life and the seemingly inexplicable turn of events.

To be sure, our Lord places the highest value—a Calvary value—upon every individual, however humble his life situation may be.

It is clear, therefore, that we are not unimportant to God. We are not merely ants crawling around on the face of the planet. We do matter. We do count. God is very much aware of us. He loves us with all the wealth and wonder of an infinite concern. "I have loved you with an everlasting love," He declares, "therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you" (Jer. 31:3, R.S.V.).

When we inquire why it was necessary for the Saviour to establish the faith of Cleopas and another in Himself, we are made aware of the power of error and prejudice to blind the mind to truth.

When Christ died, those disciples—indeed, all the disciples—had lost their joy and hope. Luke 24, verse 17, tells us that "they halted, their faces full of gloom" (N.E.B.). And in verse 21 they reveal what had been their erstwhile expectations. "We had been hoping that he was the man to liberate Israel" (N.E.B.). The form of the verb suggests, "We went on hoping . . . but, unfortunately, it is all to no purpose now!" And yet, by the same token, they acknowledged that they, that very day, had heard strange reports of an empty tomb. (See verses 22 to 24.) In a word, they were completely bewildered, with disappointment and discouragement winning the day. (See *The Desire of Ages*, p. 795.)

Here, then, were these men, profoundly disappointed, deeply depressed, stumbling along in the shadow of the cross while the full glare of the resurrection glory was shining all around them! (See *The Desire of Ages*, p. 795.)

How had it all come about?

Quite simply, they had failed to understand the Scriptures—a fail-

ure, in turn, of prior false teaching. One has only to consider, for instance, what their rabbis had taught them to expect concerning the character of the Messiah and His kingdom to appreciate the deep grooves of misconception that had been etched into their thoughts.

In the sense that history may be said to repeat itself, we have seen the wheel turn full circle in our time. For while the ominous signs of the times are thickening all around us, vast numbers even of professing Christians know nothing at all of the Christ who is so soon to appear in power and glory for the redemption of His waiting people! Why? Because their minds have been blinded by erroneous teachings that have no basis in Scripture and are, indeed, entirely foreign to the spirit and intent of the Bible.

Take, as a case in point, the almost universal emphasis in contemporary Christian concern upon a

here-and-now kingdom of God to be realized through the work and witness of the church.

During World War II the well-known London preacher and minister of the City Temple, Dr. Leslie Weatherhead, gave a series of sermons which were later gathered in a book, *When the Lamp Flickers*. These sermons consisted of answers to questions submitted by members of his congregation. One question was "Will Christ visibly return to earth?" Dr. Weatherhead replied: "I think the answer to the question is 'No!'"

"We can dismiss the idea that Christ, having failed to win men's allegiance by the slow, costly patient ways of love, will descend in great power and glory and frighten men into submission by the crude device of disabling their judgment and throwing out of gear their mental machinery by a display of supernatural fireworks." ²

If men thus dismiss the literal, visible second coming of Christ, what are they going to do with all the Second Coming promises and prophecies? Some conclude that our Lord was all mixed up about Himself and self-deceived in His so-called Messianic consciousness. Others take the position that Dr. Weatherhead and scores of other theologians and preachers have taken. Still others relate everything that the Bible says about the Second Coming to the present mission of the church. In other words, they anticipate nothing more than a kingdom of God built on earth by men of good will!

It is understandable that when people get ideas such as this fixed in their minds, they will not be looking for "the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:13).

But now, how did Christ establish the Emmaus disciples in the truth and confirm their faith in Him?

He simply directed them to the Old Testament as a witness to His mission. Jesus began with the books of Moses and went on through the Prophets book by book, expounding the Messianic passages in the whole Old Testament, said a recent commentator on Luke 24:27: "Then he began with Moses and all the prophets, and explained to them the passages which referred to himself in every part of the scriptures" (N.E.B.).

An Old Testament Bible Study

Did our Lord touch upon everything Christological in the Old Testament or did He gather together the more salient texts? We do not know. Nor does it matter. The essential thing is that He gave them a Bible study that set their hearts on fire. A Bible study that was exclusively Old Testament!

Really, there is no better method of presenting the truth concerning the person and work of Jesus Christ than that which the Master Himself used. For all our worldly-wise apologetics, our fine-spun theological arguments and abstruse philosophical speculations amount to nothing when compared with the overwhelming evidence in favor of His Deity, as the Messianic prophecies of the Old Testament are seen to find their fulfillment in the Saviour's life.

The plain fact is, we do not put back the clock when we relate to the Old Testament. For the Old Testament is an integral part of Holy Scripture. And its proper use is a powerful instrument in establishing the truth. In fact, it is so im-

"Fiddling Little Sins"

By KRISTIN EVANS

IF SOME BRIGHT morning you sit down to breakfast and notice an ant on its way toward the honey pitcher, what will you do? You could (1) say to yourself or anyone listening, "I don't want even one ant in that honey. I'll get rid of him now and look to see whether his relatives are on their way here." Or (2) you could say, "Only one little ant? That's nothing! Someday I'll tear out the wall and get rid of the whole colony!"

A great and good man by the name of Martin Luther did and said many good and great things. He is reported once to have spoken of "fiddling little sins" in a way that made it appear such sins should not give us concern. Was he right? You won't think so unless you decided on the second procedure with the ants. If you did, you may find yourself with a honey pitcher much fuller and darker than before, because of that one ant plus his many relatives. More than that, as concerns the "fiddling little sins," you may find them growing fast—too fast to get rid of easily.

In His merciful foresight, God warned us that Luther, Knox, and other noted Reformers made some great mistakes, and we should not take them as our criterion or standard (see *Selected Messages*, book 1, p. 402). Notice how God looks at the so-called little sins:

"Little sins eat out the life of godliness in the soul."—*The SDA Bible Commentary*, Ellen G. White Comments, on 1 Sam. 15:17, p. 1017.

"God does not regard all sins as of equal magnitude. . . . But however trifling this or that wrong in their course may seem in the eyes of men, no sin is small in the sight of God."—*Testimonies*, vol. 5, p. 337.

"It is these little sins, so common that they are often unnoticed, that Satan uses in his service."—*The SDA Bible Commentary*, Ellen G. White Comments, on Rom. 12:3, p. 1080.

"One defect, cultivated instead of being overcome, makes the man imperfect, and closes against him the gate of the Holy City. . . . In all the redeemed host not one defect will be seen."—*Messages to Young People*, p. 144.

Heaven is for the overcomer, "over every wrong word and action" (*Early Writings*, p. 71).

portant that Ellen G. White writes: "Christ performed no miracle to convince them, but it was His first work to explain the Scriptures. They had looked upon His death as the destruction of all their hopes. Now He showed them from the prophets that this was the very strongest evidence for their faith.

"In teaching these disciples, Christ showed the importance of the Old Testament as a witness to His mission.

"It is the voice of Christ that speaks through patriarchs and prophets, from the days of Adam even to the closing scenes of time. The Saviour is revealed in the Old Testament as clearly as in the New. It is the light from the prophetic past that brings out the life of Christ and the teachings of the New Testament with clearness and beauty. The miracles of Christ are proof of His divinity; but a stronger proof

that He is the world's Redeemer is found in comparing the prophecies of the Old Testament with the history of the New."—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 799.

We come down now to our own day, to our own situation. How will it be with us when the coming time of trouble breaks like a storm upon the world? Will we be found to have a faith that is firmly established in the Word of God—a faith that will sustain us when the unrestrained wrath of the whole economy of evil is turned against the people of God?

Ellen G. White reminds us, "The last great delusion is soon to open before us. Antichrist is to perform his marvelous works in our sight. So closely will the counterfeit resemble the true that it will be impossible to distinguish between them except by the Holy Scriptures. By their testimony every statement

and every miracle must be tested."—*The Great Controversy*, p. 593.

"None but those who have fortified the mind with the truths of the Bible will stand through the last great crisis."—*Ibid.*, pp. 593, 594.

"Only those who have been diligent students of the Scriptures and who have received the love of the truth will be shielded from the powerful delusion that takes the world captive. By the Bible testimony these will detect the deceiver in his disguise. . . . Are the people of God now so firmly established upon His word that they would not yield to the evidence of their senses? Would they, in such a crisis, cling to the Bible and the Bible only?"—*Ibid.*, p. 625.

We need also to inquire: What was the ultimate issue when our Lord had confirmed the faith of these men from Emmaus in Himself as the Son of God by His appeal to the Old Testament Scriptures. Was it not the creation of a dynamic *resurrection* faith? For beyond all cavil or question, the biggest thing that happened in that supper room in Emmaus was that *He* was known in the breaking of the bread.

This incident was more than just another link in a chain of evidences that accounted for the empty tomb of which the women had spoken. It was the translation of a historic faith into personal experience. Cleopas and his friend became identified with Christ in His resurrection. They came to life in Him. As the apostle Paul later wrote to the Roman church: "Have you forgotten that when we were baptized into union with Christ Jesus we were baptized into his death? By baptism we were buried with him. . . . in order that, as Christ was raised from the dead in the splendour of the Father, so also we might set our feet upon the new path of life. For if we have become incorporate with him in a death like his, we shall also be one with him in a resurrection like his. . . . [That is we] come to life with him" (Rom. 6:3-9, N.E.B.).

The creation of this new resurrection faith also made a powerful transforming impact upon their lives. It reoriented their thinking. It changed their outlook. It completely revolutionized them.

How utterly different everything was as they returned in haste to Jerusalem to convey the good news!

"The night is dark, but the Sun of Righteousness is shining upon them. Their hearts leap for joy. They seem to be in a new world.

FOR THE YOUNGER SET

Connie's Special Sabbath

By RUTH P. CLAYMORE

IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL April day in sunny California. Connie had been waiting for months for this special day. She had had Bible studies and had attended meetings in her church. She had discussed with mother what it meant to be a member of God's family. She had asked Jesus to live in her heart always. Now she was to be baptized. She felt a little excited and very grown up as she carefully dressed in her Sabbath clothes. Mother gave her a small tote bag to put her extra clothes in. Connie buckled her black shoes and picked up her red hair brush thoughtfully, as she walked slowly to the bathroom.

In front of the mirror, she brushed her shiny black hair. It was easier to take care of now that she had it clipped in a shag. And more comfortable in warm weather. The tape of the Heritage Singers was playing. Connie hummed along with "The King Is Coming"—that was mother's favorite song, but Connie liked "Happiness Is."

Sabbath mornings were so pleasant, she thought happily as she put her brush away and hurried out to the kitchen to have breakfast. Tiger raced madly past her legs. He took a flying leap to the back of the rocking chair where he clung precariously to the cushion.

"Silly cat," Connie giggled.

The orange juice was ready to be poured and the table set. The apple turnovers smelled and looked delicious. Debbie was sitting at the table. She had come home from La Sierra especially for Connie's big day. Con-

nie dearly loved her oldest sister. She never tired of hearing how Debbie had wanted a baby sister so much, she asked Jesus night after night to send one. When Connie was born, Debbie considered her as her personal charge. They had always been pals.

In a few minutes Janet slipped into her chair with a sunny "Good morning" and the family began breakfast.

Mother had been reading a chapter from the Bible every morning at breakfast along with a devotional book. Connie loved hearing about the Old Testament people.

When the kitchen was neat again, they left for Sabbath school.

When Sabbath school was over, Mother and Connie joined Janet and Debbie in the sanctuary.

After the opening song, the pastor announced that all who planned to be baptized were to get ready now. Mother and Connie quietly left their seats.

As Connie put on the white robe she could hear the organ softly playing. When it was her turn she walked carefully down into the baptistry holding the pastor's hand. The solemn words rang out, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost" and she was slipped beneath the water.

When the sermon was over, many of the members came to tell Connie how happy they were for her. Connie's face was sunny—the trees and grass looked greener, the birds' song was sweeter and her whole world seemed brighter. It was a beautiful Sabbath day.

Christ is a living Saviour. . . . Christ is risen—over and over again they repeat it. This is the message they are carrying to the sorrowing ones. . . . They carry the greatest message ever given to the world, a message of glad tidings upon which the hopes of the human family for time and for eternity depend.”—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 801.

What is God trying to tell us in this remarkable record? Is it not that He can work the profoundest change in any life in a moment of time?

With the woman of Samaria it was a short conversation by the well side. With the apostle Paul it was a blinding flash of vision from heaven. With John Wesley it was the reading of Luther’s preface to

his commentary on Romans. “A quarter before nine, . . . I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ alone for salvation and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death.”³

That night a hitherto despondent and defeated John Wesley went out a transformed man to proclaim for the next 50 years the tidings of a risen Saviour in the bleak, chilling, Christless England of his day.

And so it ever is with all who constrain the Saviour to abide with them.

It is one thing to have a burning heart, what A. B. Bruce calls “the emotional effect of new truth dawning on the mind.”⁴ It is quite another to sit with Him in the holy

place of resurrection fellowship. For such fellowship is ever at a price—the price of submission.

“Christ never forces His company upon anyone.”—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 800. He always makes as though He would go further. Only by our constraint will He consent to be installed as Host in the heart, as He was seated at the head of the Emmaus supper table.

In a word, He must be in control of the life-situation. He must be enthroned as Sovereign at the center of personality. □

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When You're Young

By MIRIAM WOOD

Jay and the Children Who Led Him

WHEN JAY WAS 16, he left home—forever. At least that’s what he told his agonized parents as he went out the door. He also left—forever—“all this stupid religion that’s been shoved down my throat since I was a baby.” And he went on to declare, not very originally, but no less firmly, that “it’s my life and I’ll live it the way I want to. From now on I’m going to have all the fun that’s coming to me.”

So saying, he gathered his earthly possessions, and went in search of a job and a room where he could start living his new life. He found both, surprisingly enough, considering that 16 isn’t exactly a ripe old age, and one usually hasn’t many job skills to offer the world. He didn’t need a lot of money, though, he told himself, and so the menial job he landed was perfectly satisfactory. What he needed was large chunks of FREEDOM.

After the flurry of getting settled, he began to look around for ways to enjoy this glorious new condition. Smoke? Of course. In no time at all he was a two-pack-a-day man. Drink? Naturally. In almost less time than it takes to tell it, he was an expert on the Saturday night hangover and the dark-brown taste. Drugs? Well, marijuana, plenty of it, and definite plans for hard drugs.

The story is so familiar that it’s not necessary to delineate all the steps down, down, down. And if the story ran true to form, phase two should develop just about now. Jay should have been getting heartily sick of the whole business of pseudo-freedom. He should have had lots of uneasy moments about what the future was going to hold for him in his restricted job with its deadly boredom and minimal income. He should have been intensely lonely in his shabby room, with thoughts of his gracious home, loving parents, and devoted brothers and sisters ever before his eyes.

But he wasn’t. He was pretty confident, pretty sure of himself. He hadn’t the remotest plans to retrace his steps.

God had some plans for him, though. One Saturday, when he was lounging about the yard, not quite sure what to do with himself for a few hours, some of the small children of his underprivileged neighborhood asked him to read to them. He wasn’t especially enthusiastic about the idea. But a small stir of pity goaded him along. He knew that none of the overworked mothers and fathers in this neigh-

borhood had any time for oral reading. So he stifled a yawn and took the book that the children had shoved into his hand.

“Why, this is a Bible!” he exclaimed in surprise.

“Yes,” answered little Linda, her dirty face aglow. “Mommy bought it for me from a man who came to our door.”

You’re wrong! It wasn’t a Bible sold by an Adventist porteur. It was hardly a Bible at all. It was a sort of Bible paraphrase, put out by a church not noted for its authentic scriptural exegesis. As Jay began to read, he became more and more incensed. “Why, this Bible is all wrong,” he said to himself. “If these kids are determined to hear the Bible, they ought at least to hear the real thing.”

And the more he thought about it, the more logical it seemed that he should contact his parents and ask them to supply him with the good Seventh-day Adventist Bible story books which, he reasoned to himself, would at least be accurate, and a Bible that could be relied upon. “I’ll read to you from *this* Bible from now on,” he told the children.

He did. But he did more than that. He read himself right into a genuine, thorough, deep-down, one-to-one encounter with the Man from Galilee, and in this encounter he became completely converted. Through the Bible that he explained to his little wide-eyed audience, he saw the great and vital truths of the universe that he had never seen before, not through all of church school, nor through all his academy years. He quit smoking. He quit drinking. He gave up drugs.

The happiest day in his life and that of his family was the one on which Jay came back down that long, long road—to stay. More than that, he asked to be rebaptized, and he took pains to invite as witnesses all the friends whom he’d influenced in the downward path. “I want to make my relationship with my Saviour public,” he said.

Now he’s a student in a Seventh-day Adventist college, preparing for a life of usefulness. His commitment to the Lord is still the most important thing in his life.

Of course his name isn’t Jay. But if he reads this, he’ll recognize himself. And I imagine he’ll be forever grateful to God for the children who “led him.”

Keeping Humble About the Future

During these days of shortfalls (that is, "come back tomorrow, or next year; we are all out today") the one commodity that we seem to have more than enough of is gloomy predictions of more shortages to come. Oil, food, water, and anything else that appears basic to normal living have been charted out of existence as many pessimistic prophets look into the future. We are being galvanized by dire threats of long lines of unemployment, exorbitant food prices, unmanageable economies, and back yard vacations.

After people wait for an hour or more for a minimum purchase of gasoline, gasp weekly at the check-out counter in their favorite supermarket, and stagger through their check book paying their latest utility bills, it is no wonder that people are in a mood to believe bad tidings. Yet, often the emoting is done without a glance at history, without a sense of revelation as found in the Bible or the Spirit of Prophecy.

One does not have to be very old to remember dire predictions made during the past 50 years. Yet, it does not take much of a memory to catalog a long list of accomplishments of the past 50 years that have dramatically changed this world and washed out most of the gloomiest predictions.

In looking through the files we came across actual regulations that governed the operation of aircraft in the early 1920's:

"Don't take the machine into the air unless you are satisfied it will fly.

"In case the engine fails on take-off, land straight ahead regardless of obstacles.

"No machine must taxi faster than man can walk.

"If you see another machine near you, get out of its way.

"Do not trust altitude instruments.

"If an emergency occurs while flying, land as soon as you can."

Air travel has come far in 50 years, far beyond the imagination of anyone 50 years ago, or even 25 years ago. What will be happening, if time should last, 25 years from now is truly beyond the ability of anyone to predict accurately.

In a way, it is comforting to note how many dire predictions of the past have vanished in the light of facts. For example, 40 years ago the world's supply of copper was supposed to be about 100 million tons. Today, after several wars and unprecedented consumption, known reserves are about 340 million tons.

Not long ago the United States was in panic because some experts had predicted a shortage of Ph.D.'s in the sciences and teachers for our relentlessly growing schools. Now we are faced with a surplus of teachers and Ph.D.'s in many areas. The predicted population explosion frightened many communities into overbuilding their school systems; but now, major industries are rearranging their production schedules and changing their sales lines because of the sharp decline in the birth rate, especially in the United States.

The point is that wisdom begins when we understand what we do not know (unless revealed by God). The real experts are those who realize that the future, materially speaking, is not frozen into the charts and capabilities

we know about today. The real prophets are those who realize that relatively simple concepts such as the elevator (which changed the concept of urban living), the gasoline engine (which revolutionized travel), the transistor and computer (which has probably affected mankind more than any other invention) will yet be discovered with similar awesome results.

It is part of the glory of God reflected in His human counterparts, those remarkable products of His hand once made in His image, that such phenomenal inventions continue to happen. There is no reason in the world to think that such discoveries will not continue to happen with even greater impact beyond all that has gone before. Tomorrow will be different. Of that we can be sure. That it will be a better world, materially speaking, we should have no doubt.

That we may look forward to a world solving its material problems in ways that could never have been predicted ten years ago, or even today, constitutes part of the problem facing Christians who know that Jesus is coming soon and that the end of the world is at hand. How can Adventists convince their neighbors that "the end" is upon us when the capability of man to solve his periodical crises seems unlimited?

Noah Faced the Same Problem

That precisely was the setting that Noah faced when he implored his friends to join him in the ark. "As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of man" (Matt. 24:37, R.S.V.).

Ellen White warned that those concerned exclusively with pessimistic predictions regarding the state of the world *before the close of probation* would be disappointed: "Come when it may, the day of God will come unawares to the ungodly. When life is going on in its unvarying round; when men are absorbed in pleasure, in business, in traffic, in money-making; when religious leaders are magnifying the world's progress and enlightenment, and the people are lulled in a false security—then, as the midnight thief steals within the unguarded dwelling, so shall sudden destruction come upon the careless and ungodly, 'and they shall not escape.'"—*The Great Controversy*, p. 38. (See also pages 338, 339, 491.)

Periodic crises and stress, yes! We live in an evil world populated by greedy men and women. Moral anarchy will contribute to wholesale distrust in all forms of government. Natural disasters there will always be, reminding the sober that life is fragile at best and that guaranteed life will be found only in the new earth. In fact, an increasing catalog of disasters, involving large numbers of people, can be expected.

But man has an unusual capacity to absorb horror. He is anesthetized by repeated disasters until he seems immune to shock and outrage. That is the way man has always been during the great plagues and conflagrations and wars that have wiped out large portions of entire cities and countries in the past. So will man today numbly adjust, as the days go on. His bright hope is that technological comforts will offset the lurking fear that life hangs by a precarious thread.

The Adventist message of fact and hope, of emphasis on the value of every person in God's eternal plan for him, of sensible balance as the future rushes upon us, that Jesus and His soon return alone has the answer to man's greatest problems, is what thoughtful, searching people are interested in today.

H. E. D.

Homemakers' Exchange

Our children attended Adventist schools all the way through university and are now denominational workers. But they have departed so far from the good old standards that we were taught to value that they are an embarrassment to us when they come home to visit. What should we do?

► When your children come to visit I would talk to them something like this: "I know you are adults now and have the right to do as you see fit, but I would have no peace with myself if I didn't tell you that I still believe in the same old principles I taught you as children. But no matter what you do you are still my children and I will continue to love you and welcome you into my home, and I am going to pray for you that you will return to the old standards once more."

Having said this, say no more nor show them in any way that you are displeased with them, and never, never give them the least hint that you are ashamed of them. The prodigal's father was not ashamed of his son even though he came home in filthy rags and smelling of a pig pen.

MRS. JOHN DEEB
Forest City, Florida

► First of all, I think you should determine how far your children have departed from "the good old standards." If they are still interested in learning and searching for the truth, even though their ideas may differ from yours, this is much better than if they are "lukewarm" or just drifting along because they have been told that a certain thing is right. We must remember to keep our minds open to change.

Also, when you say that they are an embarrassment to you it gives me the impression that you are concerned overmuch with what other people may think. If your pride is more important to you than your children, I feel that you should examine your own heart.

LINDA SWARTZ
Lansdale, Pennsylvania

► Perhaps some of the "good old standards" that you were taught to value were man-made standards and not God's. Perhaps as parents you demanded obedience without adequately explaining your reasons, or perhaps you were inconsistent in discipline. I am concerned that you emphasized your embarrassment rather than your concern for your children's salvation. Since your children have not completely turned you off, and still visit you, ask them humbly as a parent, not as a judge, why they hold the old standards as of little value, then listen with an open, not defensive, mind.

NELSON MATHERS
Petersburg, Nebraska

► We've always had different opinions about what constitutes "the good old standards."

During the depression days of the 30's I began to show my new Sabbath outfit to

grandpa. Mother held me back long enough to whisper, "Remember, darling, and keep your jacket on. Grandpa wouldn't like the sleeve length of your new blouse."

I think grandpa will be in heaven, and I hope to be there too—but we were always miles apart in what we thought to be proper Sabbath dress.

LOCKIE GIFFORD
Shreveport, Louisiana

► We have sacrificed for our children's education and now that they are in their later teens we have had to struggle to find our own answers to similar questions as the one raised here. If these answers help someone else, then the pain of our experiences are lessened.

First, the Christian has only two weapons. The first is love, the second is truth. You haven't begun to understand the plan of salvation until you have felt the pain of loving a sinner and hating his sins. Angry words or cold silences will never show Christ to the sinner. If you love God and love a sinner—you may be the only link to bring that person to Christ—so practice love and patience. Speak the truth with gentleness.

Second, pray for the Holy Spirit to do His work. Sometimes we try to do what only the Holy Spirit can accomplish. We do not know the mind and heart of another; the Holy Spirit has access when we do not. Sometimes we are making so much noise that the still, small voice can not be heard. Pray, and do not give up if you do not have an immediate answer. Know that God loves your loved one more than you do. That God feels the pain of sin *more* than you do.

Third, examine yourself. Is your example to your loved one what it should be? Have you cherished sin? Do anger, impatience, criticism, self-importance, obscure Christ in you?

NAME WITHHELD

► I would first have a close look at my own values to be certain they concern issues vital to either faith or morals. Sometimes we older folks hold to values that may not be as important now as they were in our younger days. What is it that we object to? Is it perhaps the length of our sons' hair that we consider so embarrassing? Or maybe the shortness of our daughters' skirts (of course, I do not speak of micro mini-skirts, which have no place in a Christian girl's wardrobe). Things like these change as times change. Of course, some matters are of unchanging importance, and if after careful scrutiny of my values I still considered them important enough, I would mention my position as

tactfully as possible to my children, and I am certain that since your children have had the blessing of a good Christian education, they will surely understand your point of view, and at least while visiting your home, comply with your wishes.

Other than that you need feel no embarrassment.

PAM CARUSO
Enfield, Connecticut

► Before you do anything, take another look at what you call "the good old standards that we were taught to value" and make sure that what disturbs you in your children's behavior is indeed related to principle. In all too many cases parents are needlessly discomfited by their children's adoption of life-styles and behavior patterns different from those modes the parents "were taught to value." Such parents need to recognize that their "embarrassment" in the face of these culturally and socially related shifts may have little to do with basic standards, and may instead reflect merely their own inability to adapt to contemporary social values.

In any case, do not be "embarrassed," for that shows you are more concerned for yourselves than for the spiritual condition of your children. If they have, indeed, departed from their adherence to basic standards of the church, pray for them, and continue to try to influence them favorably by precept and your own best efforts to maintain a Christlike example. Parental influence does not, fortunately, cease when the child's university degree is awarded (although to many parents it often seems that their influence has ceased long before that). And thank God that the influence of the Holy Ghost is still operative in the world and can speak more powerfully and eloquently to the erring child than can the most loving and solicitous parent.

RICHARD LEWIS
Stoneham, Massachusetts

NEXT QUESTION

I am a young mother and I have a burden on my heart for my husband who is an ordained church elder. Although he does nothing bad in the eyes of most people and he is good to us, my heart is heavy. He uses much slang and often profanity. He has many worldly interests. He rarely studies the Bible for himself although he knows it quite well and can quote more texts than I. He seems to act as if most church activities are a drudge. Sometimes I find myself getting angry with him (which is wrong). How can I keep from becoming annoyed at him for his indifference and how can I help him?

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We Visit the Islands of Australasia

By DUANE S. JOHNSON

WE LOOKED FORWARD to meeting fellow church members and missionaries in the island fields of the Australasian Division after we had attended the division's annual committee meetings. Robert H. Pierson, General Conference president and our traveling companion, had visited churches and institutions in the Fiji area previously, but for me and my wife this was our first time in Australia, New Zealand, or the islands. The

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islanders' Christian consideration and complete comprehension of the Advent message stirred us to the core.

We were scheduled to go by the mission's Cessna and Aztec planes from Port Moresby to Lae, both in Papua New Guinea, to Rabaul, a city in the Bismarck archipelago, and to Honiara, Guadalcanal, in the British Solomon Islands Protectorate. Then we went by commercial plane to Vila, in the New Hebrides, and Suva, Fiji.

The lingua franca of all the area except Fiji and the French islands is pidgin English. At the Papuan Gulf Mission in Port Moresby, Lui Oli introduced us to pidgin, which has changed over the years and is derived from many sources. I was surprised to find that some words were taken over from German in the days of Bismarck. To drive out temptation or the devil they say "raus him," from *heraus*. For an obstreperous person the word *kranki* is used from the German *krank*. People in each district in New Guinea speak a different tribal language, and I was told that the island has 25 per cent of the languages of the world.

One of our New Guinea missionary pilots, Bruce Roberts, in flight from Goroka to the hospital at Sopas, and O. D. F. McCutcheon at "boong tea" in Lae introduced us to real pidgin. "Boong"

means a reunion or fellowship. Delicious local foods were brought by our workers and served potluck. Rice and vegetables had a delectable, soft, creamy flavor attainable only by cooking in coconut milk. There was an abundance of paw paw, banana, pineapple, avocado, and other tropical fruits.

We soon learned that in pidgin to get along well is to "sit long good." God's saved ones are simply "family belong God on top." Jesus, our Elder Brother, is "big fellah brother belong you me." Many Biblical expressions become graphic in pidgin and take on added warmth. At a "boong tea," through fellowship, the heart is filled as well as the stomach.

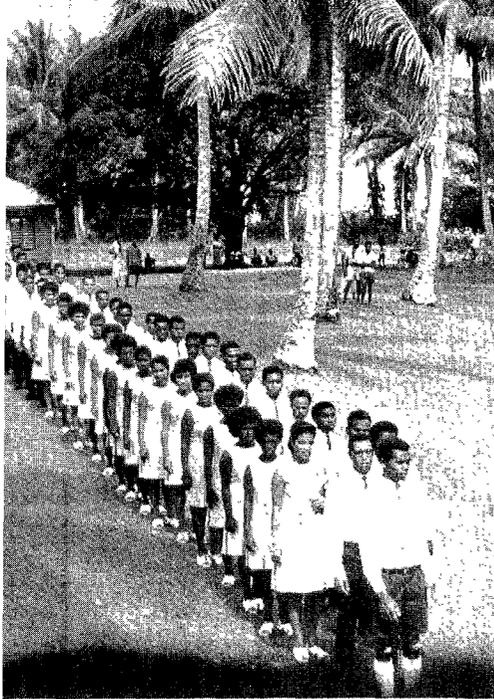
Don Kelley, physician at Sopas Hospital in the New Guinea Highlands, was reared in England and trained at Oxford. Ron Plane, director of nursing education, is from Australia. They and others have made Sopas an excellent medical training institution. When we were there the nursing students were studying for their final government examinations. Dr. Kelley expected them to pass with the highest grades of any nursing school in Papua New Guinea.

Adventists on the job in the community have changed the island world. Of the 38,000 baptized Seventh-day Adventists in Papua New Guinea, 3,000 were baptized in 1973.

During our visit to Mussau we took a five-mile trip in a ceremonial canoe with 22 women pulling the oars. Five flower-decked canoes escorted us across the lagoon. About a mile from Mussau wharf the oarsmen began to sing in harmony, keeping rhythm with the oars: "Happy, happy is the people whose God is the Lord. Happy is the people who trust in His Word. Won't you come and join this happy band, singing as we're marching to the glory land? Happy, O happy is the people whose God is the Lord" (based on Ps. 46:4, 10).

The Voice of Prophecy quartet and H. M. S. Richards, Jr., enriched the islanders' repertoire of songs when they visited there several months before. How the islanders love to sing!

Evangelists, church elders, and Sabbath school leaders would find Rex Cobbin's announcements in pidgin especially interesting. He is president of the New Britain New Ireland Mission with offices in Rabaul. Urging those standing at the rear of the auditorium to occupy empty places near the front, he



Seniors at Kambubu Adventist High School line up for their commencement exercises.

said, "I think plenty man he stop along back side he got space down here. No good he hiding message belong today."

There is a sense of "end time" commitment in the mission fields of the Australasian Division that ennobles the life of the church.

Meeting at Kieta

Flying southeast from Rabaul to Honiara (Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands Protectorate) in the Aztec, we stopped for a day at Kieta on the eastern side of Bougainville. There Adrian Craig, president of the Bougainville Mission, showed us the World War II memorial. One plaque on the memorial is to an 18-year-old Seventh-day Adventist islander, Barosa Sirovi, who refused to betray the hiding place of Australian and American servicemen and was beheaded.

Fifteen hundred people attended the meeting at Kieta that evening. Over the "coconut wireless" Adrian Craig and his associates had sent word throughout Bougainville that the president of the General Conference would be their guest for one meeting. (The pidgin expression for our General Conference is "General Conference belong you me.") One woman had walked six days over jungle trails to hear him. A young couple with a small baby had walked two days.

W. Sajama, 78, was featured that evening. Pastor Sajama had pioneered missionary work on Bougainville.



At Kambubu Adventist High School in New Britain, Papua New Guinea, students attend forms 1-4 (the equivalent of grades 6-10) in this classroom and administration building.

We had been flying with Ray Neuman, senior pilot in Papua New Guinea. Now he returned to Rabaul and Lae. We left for Honiara with volunteer pilot Wayne Fowler at the controls of the Aztec *J. L. Tucker*. This Aztec and many other planes in mission service have been provided by the contributions of listeners to The Quiet Hour. Fowler, a contractor in heavy earth-moving equipment in Vancouver, Washington, has ferried several mission planes from Oakland via Honolulu to the South Pacific. While Colin Winch, MV secretary and chief pilot, is on furlough in Australia, Fowler volunteered several months of mission flying.

Our visit to Honiara included the session of the Western Pacific Union Mission. Gordon Lee, president-evangelist-pilot, and his associates compressed business sessions, morning and evening services and reports, and visits to the stations into ten days. The membership now exceeds 13,000. The Western Pacific Union Mission, with a membership of 10,609, replaced the old Bismarck Solomons Union Mission on April 1, 1972.

The union facilities at Honiara and Betikama School are a fitting memorial to the battle of Guadalcanal during World War II. During that titanic struggle in which thousands were slain, Pastor Rore with his young son, Nathan, found Adventist servicemen. With the help of the servicemen they built a chapel in which our people still worship. Now Nathan Rore is president of the Malaita Mission. His sister is the wife of the secretary-treasurer at Rabaul, Ivan Tutuo, and his brother, Titus Rore, is vice-principal at Betikama.

From the principal of Betikama, Ray Smith, I learned that 250 students were enrolled at the school in 1973. Twenty-two finished form five (11th grade) and many hope to attend Sonoma College or Fulton Missionary College. The school and its industry, Betikama Carvings, are situated on the army base



A bomb expert assists and advises students and faculty members yearly as more land is cleared at Betikama Adventist School on the island of Guadalcanal. No fatal accidents have occurred since the work began in 1947, although there have been some explosions.

known to American servicemen as Sun Valley. The Luna River separates the school from Henderson Field. The valley used as an ammunition dump was cleared by the school for garden land and now produces a heavy crop of vegetables.

Betikama Carvings is being developed as one of the attractions for an increasing number of international tourists who visit Guadalcanal by plane or cruise ship. Skilled craftsmen in the Solomons shape the kerosene wood, ebony, and other native woods into carvings unique to the area. One Adventist craftsman had prepared a ceremonial wood drum that was selected by the island governor for presentation to Queen Elizabeth during the Commonwealth Games in January.

Betikama Bamboo—a band and orchestra using only native bamboo instruments and drums—is a feature tourists love. The school wood craftsmen turn into musicians to present a concert whenever a large group visits the industrial center. When the music begins the tourists gather quickly, flash bulbs begin to pop, and Betikama becomes a high light of their trip. □

Concluded next week

400-Member Church Has Beginnings in Doctor's Waiting Room

By THEODORE MILLER



Vernon Foster

"NURSE, I'VE GOT TO SEE the doctor—not as a patient—but I need help. It's urgent!"

It was a Sunday afternoon, a time when the clinic (in Canoga Park, California) was open for cases that couldn't wait. "All right, Mr. Parks, but the doctor has to see those who have appointments first. Please sit down, and I'll call you when he's ready."

An hour passed. When the last patient had been treated, Mr. Parks was shown into the doctor's office. One look at the anguished face reminded the doctor of Mrs. Parks's lost battle with cancer.

"Dr. Foster, it's too much! I've come to the end of my rope. For the past three weeks since Eleanor's death I haven't been able to eat or sleep, and I haven't been of any help to my son, John. I've tried to gather up the loose ends and pull my life together, but it's hopeless. You've got to help me. Where is Eleanor now? Why did God take my dear wife?"

Theodore Miller is copy editor at Southern Publishing Association.

In answer to his frantic questioner, the doctor picked up his well-worn Bible, as he frequently does when patients seek counsel, and deftly turned to the familiar passages about the resurrection and life after death, the hope of the Christian. In closing, he read the Master's loving invitation of Matthew 11:29: "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me: . . . and ye shall find rest unto your souls." Then, as they knelt, the doctor prayed with his patient and for him. Feeling the burden lifted, Mr. Parks left the office with new courage.

A year and a half elapsed. Then one day Mr. Parks appeared in the waiting room. He had gained weight and looked happy. Recently he had remarried, and his home life was complete.

However, he complained to the doctor of a persistent cough. X-ray studies, followed by surgery, revealed a malignant tumor of the left lung. The patient received the news with calm fortitude. Again this dread disease had scarred his life, and again he turned to his family doctor for help.

"Doctor, I know how busy you are, but could you find time to study the Bible with me?"

Leading his patients to Christ in total commitment is Dr. Vernon Foster's ultimate goal. Thus he gave a series of Bible studies to a group of interested patients. Mr. Parks accepted each new truth as the doctor presented it, and in due time he was baptized. Cancer finally claimed his life, but not before his lifelong friend, Mr. Roberts, felt the radiance of the new-found hope Mr. Parks himself had discovered. Later he, too, joined the Canoga Park, California, Seventh-day Adventist church.

This 400-member church did not have its beginning in a high-vaulted, stained-glass edifice, but in Dr. Foster's reception room. Daily the doctor ministered to his patients' ills, taking every opportunity to point them to the loving Saviour. Soon an interested group came together on Sabbath mornings to study the Bible with their family physician. These believers formed the nucleus of the new church.

After a time the group overflowed into the Masonic Hall adjacent to the office. This steadily growing company eventually purchased land and built the present complex, comprising a beautiful sanctuary (seating capacity 500), a youth chapel, Sabbath school rooms, and a fellowship hall.

Although the members donated many hours of labor, the building costs ran high. But God rewarded His people for their many years of sacrificial giving in a remarkable way. One day a wealthy woman tuned in to Evangelist George Vandeman's television program *It Is Written*. She continued to follow the series, but not until after her death did Adventists hear of her. She had willed a portion of her estate "to the nearest Seventh-day Adventist church"—the Canoga Park church! With the help of this \$60,000 gift, a grateful congregation dedicated their new church debt free.

The son of SDA self-supporting missionary parents, Vernon Foster early developed a love for people. When he was 5 years old, the family went to the Inter-American Division.



The nucleus of this church in Canoga Park, California, began in the office of Vernon Foster, an Adventist physician who takes every opportunity to tell his patients about Jesus.

There his father not only preached the gospel but built churches and schools. Thus the boy played and lived with Spanish-speaking children for nine years, gaining a fluent command of the language.

Back in the United States, he earned his medical degree from Loma Linda University at age 23. When Pearl Harbor plunged America into World War II, Dr. Foster entered the service as a surgeon in the U.S. Navy. While his ship was in Boston Harbor one weekend, the young officer visited our New England Memorial Hospital and met Betty Steele, an attractive head nurse. A courtship largely by correspondence led to their wedding in Savannah, Georgia, at the home of his commanding officer.

Because of his knowledge of the Spanish language, Dr. Foster was appointed consultant of public health to the governments of six South American countries. He served in this diplomatic capacity for six years, attaining the rank of lieutenant commander.

Many Missionary Ventures Promoted

In general practice since the war, the doctor has promoted many missionary ventures. His medical group, consisting of three doctors, purchases up to \$150 worth of tracts and paperbacks monthly to stock the free-literature racks in the reception room. Literature is provided in Spanish also, for this is the native tongue of about one third of his patients.

Mr. Martinez became a Seventh-day Adventist from reading *El Centinela* (*Signs of the Times*) in the doctor's office. After he was baptized, he talked to a friend about his newfound faith.

His friend said, "Don't come around here to change my religion. I'm a Catholic and I'm going to stay one. You're a traitor; you changed religions!"

Mr. Martinez unhesitatingly replied, "I didn't change religions at all; God changed me. Now I have further understanding of His will for me."

One patient wrote: "Dear Dr. Foster: This afternoon I came to your office because I had been looking for a Seventh-day Adventist doctor. While my husband and I were waiting in the lounge, we were pleased to see the many books on Christianity available to patients. It was a different sight from that in any doctor's office I had ever visited before."

Dr. Foster cooperates fully with all conference programs. Whenever evangelistic meetings are planned, he mails invitations to a thousand patients. Last Christmas, in place of the usual Christmas cards, the three doctors mailed out one thousand copies of *Steps to Christ* to patients.

At Ingathering time, he sends personal letters to his doctor friends and business associates. The response is enthusiastic. Each year he receives about one thousand dollars to swell the church goal. He never forgets to send thank-you letters.

After being interviewed on several talk shows regarding the Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking, H. M. S. Richards, Jr., speaker of the Voice of Prophecy, approached Dr. Foster about their taping a series of 15-minute programs entitled "How to Quit Smoking in Five Days." This was the beginning of a new health-oriented approach for the Voice of Prophecy. They have produced it in Spanish also.

Dr. Foster is currently working with Spanish TV stations on a program called "Alerta," which brings the Adventist health message to thousands of Spanish-speaking people in southern California.

Spanish books are promoted by a literature evangelist at the close of each program.

Dr. Foster is constantly seeking new

ways to reach people. Recently he wrote a paper for the benefit of professional people entitled, "A Layman Views a Perplexing Facet of Worship in the Christian Church," a treatise on the Sabbath that is both scholarly and convincing. After typing it, his Lutheran secretary said, "Now I understand why you are a Seventh-day Adventist." Thus even the typing of this paper and of his Bible study lessons is a way of presenting the message of truth.

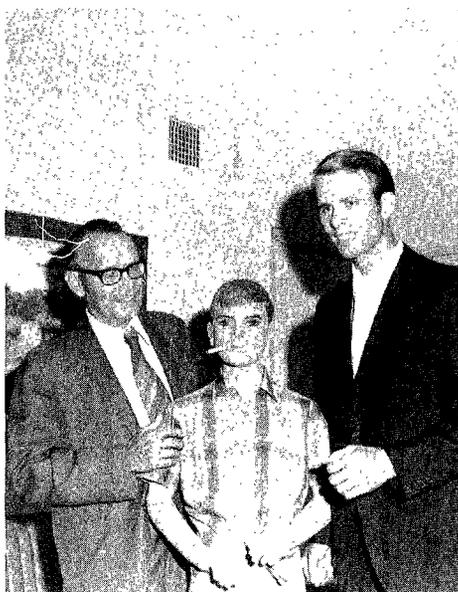
A closed-circuit television which presents a health message has recently been installed in Dr. Foster's waiting room. This opens the way for patients to ask questions on health and religion.

In the past 12 years Dr. Foster has held more than 70 Five-Day Plans to Stop Smoking in such places as Spain, Chile, Peru, and Mexico. He has also held them locally at Disneyland, for corporations, civic groups, and churches. Every three months he holds one at the Canoga Park church, and average attendance at these clinics is 100-200.

Probably the largest stop-smoking clinic held to date was the one given in Mexico City in 1973. Twenty-eight hundred attended, with 2,500 completing the course. The Public Health Department of Mexico City gave full support to this program, supplying the meeting place and much of the advertising.

At the close of a recent clinic the doctor said to those in attendance, "If Pastor Dahl and I love you enough to be so concerned about your health that we spend these five evenings with you, think how much more Jesus loves you. He gave His life in order to save you."

Genuine love for his fellow men is the secret of Dr. Foster's success. For his varied soul-winning efforts through the years the Lord has given him a harvest of nearly 100 souls. □



Left, Dr. Foster and Terry Cassingham, a pastor, show the effects of cigarettes on the lungs with a Smoking Sam demonstration. Center, Braulio F. Perez Marcio, speaker for the Spanish Voice of Prophecy,



and Dr. Foster present a Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking on the radio in Mexico City. Right, on one of his trips overseas, Dr. Foster and Fakhry Nabuib hold a Five-Day Plan in the Alexandria, Egypt, church.



SINGAPORE

Division Health Workers Join in Backing Target 80

Health-care personnel of the Far East joined four of the spiritual revival programs in January and February that launched the divisionwide Target 80 evangelistic plan.

This program, which calls for spiritual revival and long-range evangelism plans for the Orient, was presented throughout the division during the first weeks of 1974.

Physicians and dentists from the many medical and dental facilities of the Far East attended the Target 80 presentations in Taipei, Taiwan, and Bangkok, Thailand. Filipino health-care workers gathered in Manila and Cebu, Philippines, for the same spiritual treat.

A Spirit of Prophecy workshop was the main emphasis for the retreats. Paul Gordon, of the Ellen G. White Estate in Washington, D.C., along with P. H. Eldridge, division president, and Ralph S. Watts, Sr., division field secretary, presented health-oriented talks on three days in each location.

These retreats emphasized how closely the health and ministerial professions must work together in finishing the task of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

G. CLARENCE EKVALL
Health Secretary
Far Eastern Division

OREGON

Medical Foundation Runs Hospital in Tillamook

Seventh-day Adventists extended their medical work into another community recently when the Northwest Medical Foundation assumed operating responsibility for the 78-bed Tillamook County General Hospital in Tillamook, Oregon.

The Northwest Medical Foundation, an organization responsible for the management of Seventh-day Adventist medical institutions in the Northwest, also operates Portland Adventist Hospital, Portland, Oregon; Walla Walla General Hospital, Walla Walla, Washington; and VertiCare, a newly created corporation of the church that will operate group practice outpatient centers.

The Foundation assumed responsibility for the Tillamook County General Hospital through a lease arrangement for an initial term of three years, with option for renewal for additional periods of 15 and 50 years. Under the lease arrangement, Northwest Medical Foundation has complete operating authority for the institution.

The Oregon Conference of Seventh-day Adventists had previously been approached in the 1950's about operating the hospital. At that time, the church



Robert H. Pierson and C. L. Powers meet with Romanian Union and Bacau Conference leaders during a ten-day visit to Romania early in the year to hold meetings in several cities.

GC President Visits Romania for First Time

By ROBERT H. PIERSON

IN COMPANY WITH C. L. Powers, president of the Euro-Africa Division, I have just had the privilege of spending ten days in Romania fellowshiping with God's people. The government graciously arranged for us to travel at will in early February, holding meetings in the Adventist churches located in large cities of the country. Most of the sanctuaries were packed, with scarcely standing room. It was an experience never to be forgotten.

The visitor to Romania today is impressed with many things. The people appear well dressed. Everyone has a job to do; there is no need to go to neighboring countries for employment. Huge housing projects—both finished and under construction—attest to the desire of the government to supply living accommodations for the people. There is no drug problem and very little crime in the country. The cause of temperance is strongly supported.

I. Tachici and Dumitru Popa, president and secretary, respectively, of the Romanian Union Conference, are giving leadership to the church. During our visit to Bucharest we paid a two-hour courtesy visit to Dogaru Dumitru, Minister of Religious Affairs, and his top associates. During this time we had a pleasant and helpful exchange of views on our church work in their country.

We met with the union committee and

Robert H. Pierson is president of the General Conference.

with the conference workers and their wives. It was the first time in more than 40 years that a General Conference president had visited Romania. Elder Powers had visited some of our churches in the country a few months before, but for people in many of the centers, ours was the first visit from church leaders in many, many years. It was a joyous occasion for all of us.

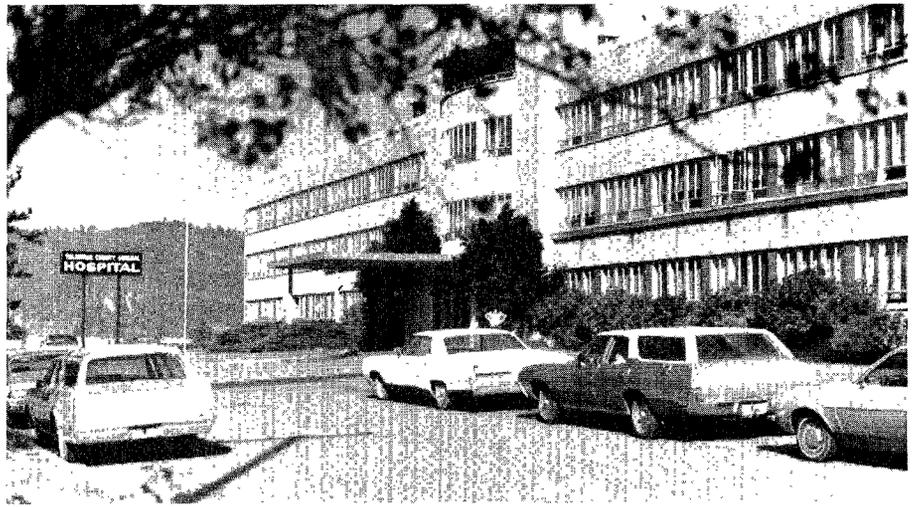
Many years ago as I traveled with A. V. Olson, my heart was warmed as I listened to his stories of the Advent Movement in Romania. As president of the Southern European Division, he was very much a part of the growth and development of the work in this land. His stories of the faithfulness of the church members and pastors has always stood out in my memory. In those days—30, 40 years ago—living the Adventist way frequently exposed our members to hardship, persecution, prison under a previous regime.

Today in beautiful Romania people live peacefully in her towering mountains and verdant valleys. Seventh-day Adventists are no longer put in prison or threatened with death for their faith. On the Sabbath day by the thousands they gather in their village and urban sanctuaries to worship the Lord according to the dictates of their consciences.

We left Romania with our hearts warmed by the love and fellowship of our workers and members, confident that the Lord still has His hand over His work in that great land. □



Thomas L. Werner was named administrator of the Tillamook County General Hospital.



Now being operated as an Adventist institution, through a lease agreement, by the Northwest Medical Foundation is the Tillamook County General Hospital in Tillamook, Oregon.

was not organized to manage the hospital and the invitation was declined. But recently, through the Northwest Medical Foundation, the church received another opportunity to extend its medical influence to the community. Tillamook County Commissioners attributed their interest in having Northwest Medical Foundation operate the hospital to their cordial relationship with church members of the commu-

nity, and the good reputation achieved by the church in providing medical services.

The Tillamook community has a recently dedicated Seventh-day Adventist church of approximately 130 members, as well as an eight-grade church school.

In a community such as Tillamook, the work of the church is substantially enhanced through its operation of a medical institution. Tillamook County

General Hospital serves a large rural area of approximately 18,000 people, and is situated near the Oregon coast, which has a high influx of visitors.

"We have historically found that where our medical institutions have prospered, our church work has similarly grown," says W. D. Blehm, president of the Oregon Conference. "We are pleased to have the opportunity to serve the Tillamook community, and are confident that our service will be rewarded in better understanding and acceptance of our church program," he adds.

Thomas L. Werner, formerly vice-president of VertiCare, was appointed administrator of the Tillamook County General Hospital. Werner holds a Master's degree in business administration from the University of Nebraska, and had been associated with Portland Adventist Hospital prior to serving with VertiCare.

At the time Northwest Medical Foundation assumed responsibility for the hospital, a management team of Adventist workers assumed key positions in the hospital. The administrator began, as is customary in SDA hospitals, regular worship sessions. The meetings, which were held in his office were at first lightly attended. Now, only a few months later, attendance at the worship sessions has virtually outgrown the size of the room originally used, and other members of the hospital staff, not members of our faith, are actively participating in presenting worship programs.

The introduction of vegetarian entrees into the patients' menus has been well received, and they are being selected frequently.

Plans are under way to renovate and modernize the present facility, and to build an adjacent professional office complex, which will contain offices of physicians practicing in association with the hospital. Land has been acquired for the construction of the office building, and temporary trailer office facilities are being located on the site, while plans are being developed in detail.

MARDIAN J. BLAIR, *President Northwest Medical Foundation*



GHANA CRIPPLE IS GIVEN WHEEL CHAIR

Thorald Kristensen, second from left, president of the West African Union, Accra, Ghana, recently presented a wheel chair to Grace Adjowu, a secretary of Ada, Ghana. Her legs are completely paralyzed and she has been able to move around only by creeping on her hands. The wheel chair is a gift from Seventh-day Adventists in Sweden.

Mrs. Nartey, of the Department of Social Welfare, Accra, received the gift on behalf of Miss Adjowu. She thanked the Adventist Church for the different ways the church is assisting the Department of Social Welfare to rehabilitate many cripples in the country. Others at the presentation were C. B. Mensah, union lay activities secretary, and D. N. Agboka.

M. A. BEDIAKO
Communication Secretary

Hackettstown Hospital Is Granted Accreditation

A nearly new Seventh-day Adventist hospital recently became fully accredited within the first nine months of its operation.

This accreditation, in effect until November 16, 1975, is the result of an on-site survey made by field representatives of the Hospital Accreditation Program of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals.

Hackettstown Community Hospital is one of approximately 4,900 general hospitals throughout the U.S. that have earned this recognition. There are approximately 6,600 general hospitals in the U.S.

The Joint Commission's accreditation surveys are voluntary. It is not legally

necessary for a hospital to be accredited, but health-care facilities have sought accreditation because it represents a benchmark of quality that is higher than governmental licensure alone.

The administration of Hackettstown Community Hospital is proud of this latest evidence of the high standards in modern medical care that the hospital offers. To receive full accreditation within the first year of operation is a rare distinction.

On February 26, 1974, the hospital celebrated its first anniversary. The past year was a most significant one, exciting as well as challenging. The new year will present new challenges and new opportunities. Much has been achieved, with the Lord's blessing, but there is much still to be done.

R. J. BURGESS, PR Director
Hackettstown Community Hospital

Adventist Radio Network Board Meets at SUC

The Adventist Radio Network (ARN) board of directors met in annual session February 13-15 on the campus of Southwestern Union College, Keene, Texas, where the newest ARN member station, KSUC-FM, began broadcasting early in April.

Member station managers and General Conference Communication Department representatives discussed common problems and possible solutions, as well as proposed coverage of the 1975 General Conference session from Vienna, Austria, and other plans for programming of general interest to the communities served by SDA college stations and the ARN.

ARN member stations represented

A Spiritual Ministry to Adventist Servicemen

PICTURE, if you can, the loneliness of a military man separated from loved ones, friends, church members, and schoolmates. Experience teaches that during the soldier's tour of service, God moves strangely upon his mind. The attending dangers to body and spirit compel an evaluation of the past and a measuring of the future. Suddenly, the transitory things of time and the value of eternal things come into sharp focus. Often the high cost of low living is indelibly impressed upon his consciousness.

At such a time the soldier needs sympathetic help that no one but his church can give him. Letters, literature, books, Bible correspondence courses, invitations to church and to Sabbath dinner, and a host of other Christ-related kindnesses do much to turn his mind heavenward.

Just how much do these things mean to young men or women serving their country away from home? Let the service people answer for themselves.

One young man writes: "I would like to thank you very much for sending me all of the books and the *Review* since I have been here. Please keep them coming to me, as I love to read them. In many instances I have gotten discouraged and felt forgotten, but my days are always brighter when I receive the papers. It has brought me out of the dark as I learn more about our God. I know that He hasn't forgotten me, and neither have my friends, the Seventh-day Adventist people. Thank you again."

Another wrote this: "I cannot thank you enough for all the helpful news and comfort I received from the magazines you made available to me. When I joined the Marine Corps I was seeking for an escape through drugs. But things have changed. I have taken the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence Course, and the desires for drugs, smoking, and alcohol have all gone away. My life has been changed by God. I hope to attend one of our Adventist colleges."

Notice what a non-Adventist young woman from the Hospital Corps School at Great Lakes, Illinois, wrote: "While passing by the chaplain's table I happened to find *Real Happiness Is*. Being in a Navy school, I seem to have little time to have silent meditation or my own thoughts. Bless all of you who helped in preparing and

distributing these booklets. I am very interested in the Bible study guides suggested at the back of your book. Also, I am very curious about your organization, since after my Navy time is up I hope to join a missionary group."

And finally, this heart appeal from somebody's son: "I am a sergeant in the United States Army. I was once a member of your church, but had fallen away. I say 'had fallen away' because I have come to know Christ again and have let Him into my heart.

"I need some books and literature that I can use to reaffirm my beliefs and to get my feet firmly on solid ground. With your help and prayers, and—most of all—God's help, I shall surely come out victorious in my struggles.

"I obtained a beautiful book called *Steps to Christ*, which led me to a most wonderful understanding of God's love and of Jesus Christ who died to save us all. Inside the cover of this little book, which I had read half-heartedly before but had never understood until now, I found your address, to which I am sending my request for help.

"If possible, send the things that would be of most help to me. I will leave the choice to you. Please let me know the cost, and I shall send it to you. I have been gone a long time, and the road back is so long."

As you read these lines you may be impressed to make a substantial contribution toward furnishing Seventh-day Adventist literature to servicemen. It takes more than \$40 to send such literature to a man for two years. Besides receiving denominational magazines, the servicemen receive the devotional and missionary books of the year, plus sermon tapes or cassettes, along with \$10 worth of missionary literature upon request. In addition, Seventh-day Adventist chaplains, both military and civilian, are provided with generous amounts of missionary literature as well as with temperance and other films for their use.

The Servicemen's Offering will be received in all churches in North America on Sabbath, May 11. Thank you for your prayers, interest, and support.

THEODORE CARCICH
Vice-President, General Conference

Dateline Washington

A Monthly Roundup of Happenings at General Conference Headquarters

By F. C. WEBSTER

PERHAPS it is appropriate for "Dateline Washington" to focus occasionally on what some might consider a typical day at the headquarters of the world church.

Though lights burn in some offices from five, six, or seven in the morning, at seven-forty-five the tempo of staff arrival increases to a steady stream and the parking lots fill to capacity. A team of organists and pianists fill the General Conference chapel (capacity 246) with sacred melodies. At seven-fifty-five a bell advises that the daily morning worship is about to begin.

On February 21, our typical day, the worship speaker was Richard Fredericks, president of the Student Association of nearby Columbia Union College.

The Worldwide Circle of Prayer was in behalf of the Sonoma Adventist College in New Guinea—R. K. Wilkinson, principal; and Dinah Kove, N. D. Palmer, and B. T. Wilfred, faculty members. As worship ended, the staff moved to their respective offices, refreshed by uniting together in meditation and communion with God.

Each Thursday morning at ten o'clock the General Conference Committee convenes in the Central Building chapel. W. J. Hackett, a vice-president of the General Conference, served as chairman for the day; C. E. Bradford served as secretary.

Elder Hackett opened the committee session by drawing the minds of the committee members to the words of Paul when he said, "We are made a spectacle unto the world" (1 Cor. 4:9). In commenting on the text he urged that we not be partakers of the atmosphere of the world about us, nor adhere to its life-style.

Robert H. Pierson, General Conference president, offered an earnest prayer for guidance in doing the business of the church and in living in harmony with the high standards that God requires of His people.

Before the committee took up the business of the day, R. Curtis Barger gave a report of the work of the Sabbath School Department, focusing on some of its current concerns and aims. W. R. L. Scragg and Herbert White, recently returned from itineraries through the Euro-Africa and Trans-Africa divisions, respectively, gave a report of recent developments in these divisions.

The day's agenda involved approving the previous week's minutes, structuring a committee on prison ministry, recommending for sustentation a missionary returning after a long period of overseas ministry, considering an 11-item report from the Appointees Committee involving

new appointments, and voting calls and transfers between overseas divisions, releases from overseas appointments, and authorization of permanent returns. The committee that schedules overseas travel recommended a nine-item report, and the General Conference placed a call for an office secretary from one of the North American conferences.

North American Business

Business was then transacted for the North American Division Committee on Administration, which included approval of previous minutes, authorized camp meeting appointments for 1974, processed a call from the Canadian Union to the radio and TV film center for technical assistance in preparing and distributing Ingathering TV spots for the 1975 Ingathering campaign in their territory, and approving scholarship grants recommended by the General Conference Regional Department.

Following the General Conference Committee, Elder Pierson conducted a brief seminar on the appropriate elements of letter writing as they apply to Seventh-day Adventist correspondents. This is part of a program of continuing education, provided to increase the efficiency of the staff in their ministry for the church.

The afternoon activities, in addition to several ad hoc committees, included the meetings of two standing committees that meet biweekly on Tuesday and Thursday. The Administrative Committee met at one-thirty. As is the case in all General Conference committees, prayer was offered as the committee opened, asking God to guide the minds of the committee members, to give wisdom, and to lead them in their decisions.

The Administrative Committee is composed of eight members, chaired by W. Duncan Eva, a General Conference vice-president. This committee deals with routine administrative decisions and cares for the routing of business to proper committees.

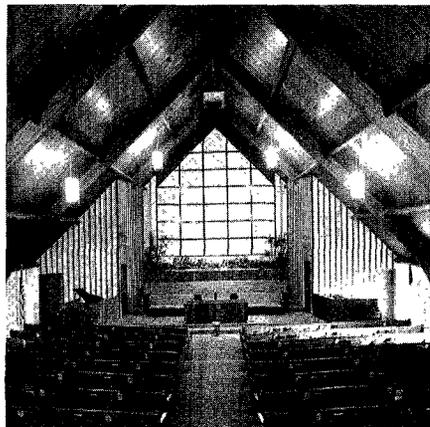
At three o'clock the Allowances and Adjustments Committee met, chaired by H. D. Johnson, assistant treasurer.

The committee deals largely with financial matters not covered by policy that arise in dealing with outgoing and incoming missionaries and General Conference staff members. These items that affect personal finances are also considered in the environment of prayer and a concern that each decision might be fair.

At five-thirty a bell announced the close of the day's activities at the General Conference headquarters, a day that carried with it important ministry vital to the well-being of the church.

at this year's meetings were: KANG, Pacific Union College; KEMR/KLLU, Loma Linda University; KGTS, Walla Walla College; KSUC, Southwestern Union College; WAUS, Andrews University; WGTS, Columbia Union College; WSMC, Southern Missionary College; and Oakwood College (construction permit filed with the FCC, but call letters as yet unassigned).

ROBERT R. MENDENHALL
General Manager, KSUC-FM

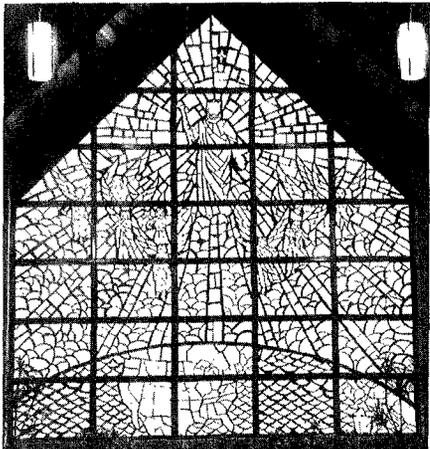


KANSAS CITY EVANGELISTIC CENTER COMPLETED

On January 26, R. H. Nightingale, president of the Central Union Conference, spoke in the Chapel Oaks church in Kansas City, Kansas. The service marked the completion of the sanctuary, above, and family center and the recent installation of a large picture window, below, depicting the second coming of Christ. The complete facilities, including the sanctuary, educational wing, youth chapel, and family center, were constructed to give total community service—as an evangelistic center and as a place to conduct such things as nutrition classes and Five-Day Plans to Stop Smoking.

The church and family center are situated on a ten-acre tract of land in the western part of Kansas City. The church sanctuary will seat 500. Norman L. Doss is the pastor.

S. S. WILL
President, Kansas Conference



NEWS NOTES

FROM THE WORLD DIVISIONS

Australasian

▶ A dental-equipment manufacturer in Sydney is donating to the Seventh-day Adventist Church a dental chair, dental unit, and high-speed portable drill for use in the mission field. Another donation received is a microscope for the Atoifi Adventist Hospital on the island of Malaita.

▶ Extensions to the Greater Sydney Conference Parklea Retired Citizens Village, comprising a new wing of the nursing home and 18 additional self-contained units, were officially opened February 24 by R. R. Frame, Australasian Division president.

▶ Lay activities secretaries have now been appointed in each local mission of the Papua New Guinea Union Mission. These men are holding training courses for laymen, resulting in a tremendous upsurge of lay evangelistic activity, which has placed Papua New Guinea in division leadership in the number of Bible studies given per church member.

▶ In the first four months of Mel Stewart's latest Adelaide evangelistic thrust, "Gospel Good News," this telephone service has recorded 25,479 calls, 1,081 enrollments in the Bible course, and 314 additional requests for literature.

▶ Seventh-day Adventist church members in Australia and New Zealand gave \$80,000 in a special church offering for Queensland flood relief. Almost half of the proceeds of the offering was given to major responsible public bodies for distribution. The remainder will be used by the church to provide aid for church members who suffered loss as a result of the disaster.

M. G. TOWNEND, *Correspondent*

Far Eastern

▶ Maurice Bascom, director of the English-language schools in Korea, sends encouraging news from the language schools in Kwang-Ju and Pusan. In Kwang-Ju 16 persons were baptized during the last six months of 1973, and a large baptismal class will result in more baptisms soon. A four-year lease has been obtained on a property in Pusan for both the language school and evangelism. There is now a large baptismal class in that city.

▶ Tithe income for the fourth quarter of 1973 topped the \$1 million mark for the first time in the Far Eastern Division, announces G. O. Bruce, division treasurer. "While this is not a large amount for some parts of the world, it

certainly is a record for the Far East," he adds. The exact amount was \$1,007,199.

▶ Because of the volunteer labor and donations of several church members in the United States, a new \$70,000 school building was erected on the island of Majuro for approximately \$20,000. Four families traveled to this little island of Micronesia from the West Coast of the United States to help build two large classrooms and a "church room" so that members no longer have to meet under the missionary's carport for Sabbath services.

JANE ALLEN, *Correspondent*

Inter-American

▶ Augustin Alfitas, a literature evangelist in the North Haiti Mission, went to work in a village where there was not a single Seventh-day Adventist. After selling a number of books, he began to receive questions about his beliefs from those who had bought them. This interest developed into a branch Sabbath school with more than 30 members. Eleven people have already been baptized, and 15 more will be baptized in June.

▶ Sergio Ortiz, West Puerto Rico Conference evangelist, recently concluded an effort in the town of Utuado, in the interior of the island of Puerto Rico. One hundred persons were baptized.

L. MARCEL ABEL, *Correspondent*

Trans-Africa

▶ A new editor, G. J. A. Breedt, a union departmental secretary, has been appointed for the South African monthly journal, *Lantern*, which is published in both English and Afrikaans.

▶ Norman Doss, a former director of the South-East Africa Union, is to return to Africa to be lay activities and Sabbath school secretary of the Trans-Africa Division. He and his family are due to begin their services in the division soon.

▶ The South African Union has voted to have at least one Dial-A-Prayer program in each conference and field. To date, the South African Union has pioneered in the area of dialing services in the division.

▶ Central Africa Union's most recent MV report shows 1,715 young people baptized and 2,407 young people baptized whom youth helped to win.

▶ M. L. Mills, division president, and R. H. Roderick, treasurer, with Zaïre union officers have recently visited the Kasai Province in the Republic of Zaïre. In this area, tens of thousands of people have requested to become Seventh-day Adventists. Plans are under way to put literature in the hands of the people. Elder Mills has just completed a doctrinal tract entitled *Questions You Must Answer*. Books and tracts need to be published in the Tshiluba language.

DESMOND B. HILLS, *Correspondent*

North American

Atlantic Union

▶ Otilie Stafford, Atlantic Union College English department chairman, and Cherry Gregory, adult degree program student, were interviewed for half an hour on Worcester, Massachusetts, radio station WAAB recently.

▶ Members and friends of the New London, Connecticut, church met Sabbath, January 19, for a special school dedication service. The high light of the program was the burning of the \$160,000 mortgage. The school plant consists of three large classrooms and a gymnasium.

▶ David B. Burke, who recently attended the Seminary at Andrews University, is the new pastor of the Westchester church in Hartsdale, New York.

▶ The Atlantic Union College administration has purchased the former Thayer Bird Museum, which is now being used by the college art department. During College Days, the New Gallery (as it is to be known) displayed works by art department chairman Roger Blum and photography by students.

EMMA KIRK, *Correspondent*

Canadian Union

▶ A conference-wide ministers and church officers training session was held at the Seventh-day Adventist camp in Alberta, February 20-25.

▶ For the ministers and teachers of the Newfoundland Conference, 1974 opened with a workers' retreat.

▶ Ministers of the three eastern conferences of Canada joined with the faculty and staff of Kingsway College in Oshawa, Ontario, for a two-day convention, March 11 and 12, on the college campus. Ministers attended classes in session, lived in dormitories, ate in the cafeteria, attended workshops and assembly, and visited the industries, becoming better acquainted with the program of education offered at the college.

▶ A new school-auditorium complex for the churches of the Halifax district in Nova Scotia is under construction for students from five participating churches. The building, on a 75-acre site, will be open for the fall term this year.

THEDA KUESTER, *Correspondent*

Central Union

▶ Under the leadership of Ida Kipp, Investment secretary, Sabbath school members of the Park Memorial church in Kansas City, Missouri, exceeded the goal they set for Investment by nearly \$1,000.

▶ Youth of the Arvada, Colorado, church raised funds to send 1,200 *Steps to Christ* to Pastor and Mrs. Walton Whaley in Freetown, Sierra Leone, for missionary work in connection with a television program. They have also

supported other missionary projects, such as needs at LaVida Mission in New Mexico, inside their conference.

► Cheyenne, Wyoming, church members opened a Community Services center in the downtown area during the early part of this year.

► Investment during 1973 was a successful project in the Kahoka, Goldsberry, and Kirksville churches, according to the pastor, Lonny Smith. Church members in Kahoka raised more than \$900, a per capita of \$17.85. Members of the other two churches in the district earned an average of more than \$15 each for Investment.

CLARA ANDERSON, *Correspondent*

Columbia Union

► W. Clarence Schilt has been appointed pastor of the Blue Mountain Academy church in Pennsylvania.

► The Tappahannock, Virginia, Community Services center recently sponsored a better-living festival, which was attended by some 200 persons. Several of these are taking Bible studies as a result.

► Ingathering per capita for the Bladensburg, Maryland, church amounted to \$38. The church exceeded its goal by \$7,000. Twenty-seven qualified for the Jasper Wayne Award. Top honors went to Mrs. Merle Morris, who solicited more than \$1,200.

► Louis Canosa, communication secretary for Pennsylvania Conference, reports 135 Pennsylvania youth received Jasper Wayne Awards for their work during the 1974 Ingathering appeal and raised more than \$18,000 toward Pennsylvania's \$183,425 Ingathering goal.

CHARLES R. BEELER, *Correspondent*

Lake Union

► The La Crosse, Wisconsin, chapter of the American Cancer Society recently elected Don M. Whittle, La Crosse pastor, to its board of directors executive committee.

► Dedication services were held recently for the Altgeld Gardens church in Chicago, Illinois. Earl Moore, a former pastor now serving as Sabbath school and lay activities secretary of the South Central Conference, was the speaker for the worship service.

► More than half the 36 persons attending a recent Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking at Iron Mountain, Michigan, were successful in kicking the habit.

► During the first four weeks the Smoker's Dial was in operation in the Glendale church in Indianapolis, Indiana, 1,050 persons called. As a starter, 5,000 calling cards for the program were printed, 3,000 of which were distributed the first month.

► In the first baptism of the year for the Bethel church in Grand Rapids, Michigan, five persons became new members.

GORDON ENGEN, *Correspondent*

North Pacific Union

► Some 45 student missionaries from Walla Walla College are currently serving in various parts of the world. Interest in overseas work has been mounting on the Walla Walla College campus.

► Charles and Florence Templin will return home to Bend, Oregon, in May from the Marshall Islands where they have been assisting with the building of a school/chapel combination on Majuro.

► Sabbath school members in the Idaho Conference gave \$154,482.50 in offerings last year, which is an average of 94 cents per week per member. This is believed to be the highest in the North American Division.

► Work among Spanish-speaking people is getting added emphasis in the Idaho Conference, particularly in the Caldwell-Payette area. Walter Vyhmeister, an Adventist minister from Chile, is now located in that area to spearhead the Spanish work.

CECIL COFFEY, *Correspondent*

Northern Union

► Iowa has made plans to strengthen the conference soul-winning program through the organization of soul-winning councils.

► More than 47 per cent of the students enrolled at Maplewood Academy, Hutchinson, Minnesota, have a grade point average of 3.00 or above.

► An elderly church member from Faribault, Minnesota, regularly distributes 50 *Signs of the Times*, 50 *Life and Health*, and 50 *Listen* magazines every month.

► Seven adults have formed a company of believers in Grafton, North Dakota, a former dark county, and have already added two new members by baptism. The group is looking forward to the purchase or erection of a church building.

L. H. NETTEBURG, *Correspondent*

Pacific Union

► Ogden Aaby is the new business manager at the Monument Valley Mission and Hospital.

► "Retired" Elder and Mrs. Victor Cabansag have moved from the Philippines to Hawaii, where the pastor is serving the Waipahu congregation for a year.

► Since its inception a year ago, the health television program *It's Your World* has sold more than 13,000 vegetarian cookbooks. Many meatless cooking schools throughout the Pacific Union are also using the book as a text.

► The Southern California Conference showed the largest number of baptisms for any quarter since 1968, with 553 reported for the fourth quarter of 1973. The 93 churches in the conference reported 1,616 baptisms for the year.

► Heart patients at Monument Valley Hospital are now being provided with specialists from the San Francisco Heart Center. By telephone every heartbeat recorded at Monument Valley is duplicated at San Francisco, where a cardiologist instructs the Reservation doctor on the best procedure for the patient.

► More than 125 students from all grade levels of Hawaiian Mission Academy and elementary school, with nearly 25 adults, participated in a walk-a-thon to benefit the Voice of Prophecy and Faith for Today. Walking along roads through pineapple and sugar cane fields took from two to seven hours for the group.

SHIRLEY BURTON, *Correspondent*

Southern Union

► Odd Hem, 72-year-old plumber and Investment leader of the Dade City, Florida, church, led the way with \$1,000 to encourage his Sabbath school to raise more than \$4,000 for Investment. The church's goal was \$450.

► Gerhard Hasel, professor of Old Testament theology at Andrews University, recently conducted the first of three graduate course sessions in Daniel, for workers in the Florida Conference.

► Four hundred and ninety-one persons were baptized in the Carolina Conference during the past four years as a result of interests generated by Voice of Prophecy and Faith for Today broadcasts.

► Half of the Carolina Conference churches are now using Mission Spotlight in their Sabbath school programs.

OSCAR L. HEINRICH, *Correspondent*

Southwestern Union

► Vera Skadsheim, Women's Christian Temperance Union State director for New Mexico and wife of a Seventh-day Adventist minister, recently requested of Governor Bruce King that special emphasis be given to the temperance work in New Mexico. As a result of her request, April 21-27 has been declared Youth Temperance Education Week in the State.

► W. W. Fordham, of the General Conference, was a recent visitor to the Southwestern Union Conference in behalf of the inner-cities program and the work of the medical-dental clinic van. The Southwestern Union van now has a full-time coordinator, J. C. Hicks, and operates with a board of 13 members.

► A new Spanish church was organized in Roswell, New Mexico, on January 26, with a charter membership of 25.

► Three Sandia View Academy students, Rodney Draggon, Alane Hinkle, and Harry Weis, have been selected as outstanding teen-agers of America for 1974. Sandra Dicken, of the academy, has been named 1973-1974 Betty Crocker Family Leader of Tomorrow.

J. N. MORGAN, *Correspondent*



Carcich Cares

"In every church one may find youth whose spiritual interest has

waned and who no longer attend church. These young people belong to us. They constitute a tremendous investment on the part of parents, teachers, pastors, and the church as a whole. Who can accurately estimate the hopes, prayers, tears, and sacrifices expended to bring youth to spiritual maturity?

"Therefore, that which is ours by blood and spiritual ties should occupy our prime interest and attention. While working to save those we do not know, we must never neglect those we do know—our own children. If we do not continue our efforts in their behalf, who will?

"One effective tool which the church supplies for the spiritual encouragement, inspiration, and involvement of Adventist youth is INSIGHT magazine. The editorial staff is constantly striving to develop a spiritual and relevant journal within the context of Seventh-day Adventist doctrine, teaching, and practice. I therefore want to appeal to our pastors, church officers, and church members everywhere to make this good magazine available to every young person within and without the church."

Health Personnel Needs

NORTH AMERICA

Clin. Coord., Phy. Asst. Program.	Nursc. staff
Cooks	Nurse-superv.
Coordntr., Schl. of X-ray	Nursing instructors
Diet., clin.	Nursing-serv., asst. dir.
Housekpr., exec.	Orderlies
Laundry mgr.	Patient Activ. Coord., MH Unit
Med.-rec. lib.	Patient-serv. dir.
Med. transcrib.	Pharmacist
Nurse aides	Phys. ther.
Nurse, head	Physicians
Nurse, ICU	Psych.-unit admin.
Nurse, OB.	Secretaries

Write or call Health Professions Personnel Register, General Conference of SDA, 6840 Eastern Avenue NW., Washington, D.C. 20012. Telephonc: (202) 723-0800, Ext. 349.

Because of immigration requirements, this notice applies only to permanent residents of the United States and Canada.

Literature Requests

[When name and address only are given, send general missionary supplies.]

Africa

Victor I. Enene, Rivers/South East Mission of Seventh-day Adventist Church, P.O. Box 111, c/o 17 Hospital Road, Port Harcourt, Rivers State, Nigeria, West Africa.

North Ghana Mission, P.O. Box 74, Tamale, Ghana, West Africa.

Jeremiah M. Mosomi, Gucha SDA School, West Mugirango, P.O. Kebirigo via Kisii, Kenya, East Africa: *Counsels on Stewardship*, volume 6 of *The SDA Bible Commentary*, *The Desire of Ages*, *Daniel and the Revelation*, magazines, books, tracts.

Pastor F. O. Fadare, P.M.B. 5114, Ibadan, Nigeria, West Africa: Bibles, books, Sabbath school supplies, *Signs, Guide, Message, These Times, Listen*.

Samuel Oko Sowah, c/o Pastor A. L. Ewoo, P.O. Box 254, Nsawam, Ghana, West Africa.

E. T. Fusire, President, Mashonaland Field, Box 23, Inyazura, Rhodesia: *Bible Dictionary*, *SDA Bible Commentaries*.

Bermuda

John J. Barnes, P.O. Box 297, Devonshire 4-10, Bermuda: old *Reviews*.

Burma

V. Rual Chhina, SDA Mission, Falam, Central Chin Hills, Burma: magazines, denominational books, books on comparative religions, songbooks, pictures, cards, old Christian Home calendars.

A. Thankhuma, SDA Mission, Keptel B.P.O., Tiddim, Chin Hills, Burma: Bibles, *Hymnal*, Spirit of Prophecy books, *Signs, These Times, Life and Health, Review, Little Friend*, Memory Verse Cards, Christmas cards.

Lang Sawumang, SDA Mission, Tiddim, Chin Hills, Burma: Bibles, denominational

books, songbooks, periodicals, tracts, prophetic charts, colored church bulletins, memory verse cards, flannel-board visual aids.

Central America

Irvine D. Sabido, P.O. Box 2 Cororal, Calcutta District, Belize, British Honduras, Central America: *Signs, Guide, El Centinela*, hymn cassettes, English and Spanish literature.

Falkland Islands

C. R. Spall, 2 Callaghan Road, Port Stanley, Falkland Islands: *Signs, Life and Health, Listen, Message, Liberty, These Times, Alert*, small books.

India

D. K. Sankeethamony, Spicer Memorial College, Ganeshkhind Post, Poona 411007, India; Ellen G. White books, commentaries or articles regarding her writings, to be used in translation of Spirit of Prophecy books into Dravidian.

North America

Byron Dulan, P.O. Box 582, Angwin, Calif. 94508: *North American Informant* (old and recent issues).

Mrs. O. C. Keeler, Branchport, N.Y. 14418: *Guide, Insight*.

H. B. Cooper, P.O. Box 634, Silverado, St. Helena, Calif. 94574: Bibles.

Jessie J. Larremore, 713 S. 12th St., Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814: *Outline Studies on The Great Controversy*, *Outline Studies on The Desire of Ages*, *Outline Studies on The Acts of the Apostles*, *Outline Studies on Prophets and Kings*, *An Outline of Christian Doctrine*, for Bible classes.

James L. Allen, Rt. 2, P.O. Box 264, Kings-tree, S.C. 29556: For missions—Sabbath school quarterlies of any age.

Mrs. V. B. Jenkins, Rt. 9, P.O. Box 21, Crossville, Tenn. 38555: *Life and Health, These Times, Signs, Liberty*.

Pakistan

Mrs. Fred W. Ellis, Pakistan Adventist Seminary, Chukarkana Mandi, Sheikhpura District, Pakistan: memory verse booklets, *Little Friend, Primary Treasure, Guide, Insight, Signs, These Times, Life and Health*.

Philippines

Mrs. A. G. Bofetiado, Southern Mindanao Mission, Box 52, Gen. Santos City, P.I.: magazines, books, greeting cards, visual aids on felt, colored cutouts, children's songbooks.

Pastor U. M. Camagay, Southern Mindanao Mission, Box 52, Gen. Santos City, P.I.: Bibles, songbooks, magazines, Spirit of Prophecy books.

Mrs. Letty T. Llamis, Southern Mindanao Mission, Box 52, Gen. Santos City, P.I.: Bibles, songbooks, Spirit of Prophecy books, children's books, greeting cards, felt visual aids, magazines, colored pictures.

H. R. Zamora, Southern Mindanao Mission, Box 52, Gen. Santos City, P.I.: children's books, greeting cards, songbooks, felt visual aids, Spirit of Prophecy books, Bibles, colored pictures.

Deaths

BALDWIN, Gladys Hartwick—b. Sept. 5, 1902, Placerville, Calif.; d. Dec. 6, 1973, Loma Linda, Calif. She and her husband, Orville, were employed in a number of our schools, including Monterey Bay Academy, Pacific Union College, and Lodi Academy. Mrs. Baldwin taught church school for many years. Survivors include her husband; three children, Bernell, Dalton, and Melva Wright; five grandchildren; five brothers; and one sister.

GUILD, Cecil Bennett—b. March 4, 1908, Beulah, Mich.; d. Feb. 21, 1974, Poona, India. He studied at Cedar Lake Academy and at Emmanuel Missionary College in Michigan, graduating in 1931. That year he married Nora Dunn, and in 1932 they were called to the interior part of Central China. After three years of language study, he became manager of West China Training Institute, where he served until 1936. Following that he was director of East Szechwan Mission, and then of West Szechwan Mission. During this period he was ordained to the ministry in 1938. He was director of Honan Mission at the time of World War II and evacuated to Chungking, where he engaged in evangelistic work. Later he was treasurer and then superintendent of West China Union Mission. In 1949 the Guilds were evacuated from China, and he was elected president of Western India Union, where he served until 1952. Then he was Burma Union president for ten years. In 1960 he received his Master's degree in theology at Potomac, now Andrews, University. In 1962 he was appointed treasurer of Southern Asia Division, and in 1966 he was made secretary of the division. His wife survives.

RICE, Bessie Jackson—d. Jan. 30, 1974, Fulton, N.Y., aged 90. For many years she was a teacher and youth leader in the New York Conference. She attended the organization of the Missionary Volunteer Department in 1907, at Mount Vernon, Ohio.

ROELAND, Albert—b. 1900, Belgium; d. Nov. 3, 1973. He began to preach at the age of 18, and gave almost 50 years of service. He was president of the Belgian Conference during World War II. After retiring in 1956 he assisted the Voice of Prophecy work and also helped in the Flemish church in Brussels. Survivors include his wife, Céline; two sons, Roger and Robert; and a brother, Henri.

SAMPSON, Fred Earl—b. May 8, 1908; d. Jan. 12, 1974, Hyattsville, Md. In 1934 he married Clara Grace Carr. He assisted in junior camps in the Central and Southeastern California conferences for ten years, following which he was chef at Walker Memorial Hospital, Avon Park, Florida. In 1950 he and his wife joined the staff of the General Conference headquarters, where he labored until retirement. His wife survives.

WILD, Winifred Eleanor Crager—b. Sept. 24, 1909, Cape Town, South Africa; d. Feb. 17, 1974, Valencia, Spain. In 1931 she married Werner A. Wild and served with him in the Inter-American Division until 1957, acting as preceptress and music instructor. They began serving in the Southern European Division in 1958, and she was active in the children's departments of the Sabbath school in Switzerland. Her last four years were spent teaching music at the Spanish Adventist Seminary. Survivors include her husband, Werner A. Wild; two sons, Ruben and Werner; a daughter, Wynona Griesman; her mother, Reba Crager; and a sister, Lorraine Crager.

Coming

Literature Evangelism Rally Day	April 20
Home Foreign Challenge	April 27
Community Services Evangelism	May 4
Church Lay Activities Offering	May 4
Servicemen's Literature Offering	May 11
(Alternates with North American Missions)	
Spirit of Prophecy Day	May 18
Christian Record Offering	May 18
Bible Correspondence School Emphasis	June 1
Church Lay Activities Offering	June 1
Inner-City Offering	June 8
Thirteenth Sabbath Offering	June 8
(Far Eastern Division)	
Church Lay Activities Offering	June 29
	July 6

University Temperance Sessions

Andrews University, through its Doctor of Ministry program, will offer a summer elective June 16-July 16 entitled Temperance Evangelism for Pastor and Layman. An institute of scientific studies for the prevention of alcoholism and drug dependency will be held June 24-28.

The Loma Linda Center for Dependent Behavior, School of Health, is offering an institute on drug dependency June 24-28.

Students, pastors, teachers, social workers, temperance leaders, and others are invited to attend these informative sessions to prepare for a more effective temperance witness.

Applications for these programs should be made immediately to the General Conference Temperance Department, 6840 Eastern Avenue NW., Washington, D.C. 20012.

ERNEST H. J. STEED

Language-School Evangelism in Korea

All student missionaries and Adventist Volunteer Service Corps workers at the English-language school in Seoul, Korea, are participating in evangelism this spring, writes Maurice T. Bascom, director of the English-language schools in Korea.

Eighty persons are in baptismal classes in Seoul. A second baptism in the city of Kwang-Ju on March 2 brought to 24 the number baptized there since May 1, 1973, when the English-language school in Kwang-Ju opened. During that period the total number of baptisms from the schools in Korea exceeded 100. Many lawyers, physicians, engineers, teachers, government officers, college students, and ministers are among the 2,200 Koreans who attended the language schools and evangelistic meetings this recent term.

D. S. JOHNSON

LLU Sends 50 Student Missionaries

This centennial year of Adventist missions will see more than 50 student missionaries from Loma Linda University serving overseas.

These students, many of whom are postponing graduation to do mission work, will be serving in more than a dozen foreign countries. They will work side by side with national workers and long-term mission appointees in medical institutions, health-education programs, evangelistic meetings, language schools, and as teachers in academies and elementary schools.

This year Pacific Union College and Loma Linda University will provide more than one third of all the student missionaries from Adventist colleges in North America who will be serving overseas.

Students from the La Sierra Campus of Loma Linda University will be serving in Japan, Indonesia, Africa, South America, Thailand, Palau, Bangladesh,

and Pakistan, as well as mission stations in Holbrook, Arizona, and Monument Valley, Utah.

From the Loma Linda campus will come physical therapists and nurses serving in Saigon, Puerto Rico, and Monument Valley. Teams from the School of Health will be assisting in several countries, and students in the School of Dentistry will spend part of the summer in Nicaragua, Honduras, and possibly Haiti. Other teams are expected to be appointed within the next few weeks from other schools in the university.

RONALD W. BOWES

Number of Book Evangelists Increases

During the past several years approximately 7,000 literature evangelists have served the Seventh-day Adventist Church in house-to-house literature evangelism. As of this past December, 9,179 literature evangelists were out ringing doorbells for God.

The Far Eastern Division leads all world divisions in number of literature evangelists, with 2,608; the Inter-American Division is second, with 2,416. In the three unions of the Philippines alone there are about 1,800 literature evangelists.

At the recent meeting of the World Publishing Advisory Council the division leaders of the world field set a goal of 19,150 literature evangelists. Approximately 15,000 people who were first contacted by literature evangelists are now being baptized each year.

D. A. McADAMS

TV Success in Taiwan

Television is proving a very effective way of giving the gospel in Taiwan. Even the most conservative estimate places the number of television sets on the island at 900,000. Many letters of response come from places where preachers have never been.

During the first two months of 1974 some 3,555 letters were received by the South China Island Union Mission as a result of Adventist programs. The broadcasts are of two types: health topics and positive-living programs dramatizing situations from daily life and giving Bible solutions.

JANE ALLEN

Record Book Deliveries in Africa

The publishing department of the Trans-Africa Division reports a record delivery in one month of more than US\$100,000 worth of literature. Actual orders were valued at US\$137,750.

During 1973 literature evangelists in the Trans-Africa Division reported 807 baptisms. It is significant to note that they conducted 31,017 Bible studies and enrolled 23,642 persons in Voice of Prophecy correspondence courses.

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People in the News

Edna Wallace Erickson, 76, died April 1, 1974, in Martinez, California. Mrs. Erickson served as Sabbath school secretary of the Kansas Conference for almost 15 years, from 1923 to 1937.