

THE WONDERFUL WORKS OF GOD

In the 111th Psalm there are some wonderful statements regarding the works of God. The psalmist specifies how these works inspire those that have trust in them. He seems to indicate that the works of the Lord have a very strong influence for righteousness among those of the world who behold these marvelous doings. In the fourth verse of the psalm we are told that the objective of God in His wonderful works is that they be remembered. "The power of His works" is shown to the people of God. These are all wonderful declarations when we consider their meaning in relation to the grand and marvelous program which the Lord is constantly placing before His church.

Indeed the works of the Lord are

By

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President South American Division

marvelous. The conversion of a soul from sin to righteousness is a work to be remembered for it shows us the power of the living God. When the seeds of the gospel fall into the heart of a sinner and bring forth fruits of repentance and these fruits of repentance and good works scatter the gospel seed into other hearts, this is in truth a wonderful work. The group of converts raised up in any given city and formed into a church congregation whose good influence, good works, and faith in God become the example for their neighborhood, is indeed marvelous. The congregation then devotes its

service to spreading the gospel influence even unto the ends of the earth. This is also a great work of God and should inspire us as Christians to more fervent and loyal consecration to our Lord.

The works of the Lord are marvelous in that in many instances they begin very small. How many times a tract has turned a whole group of people into the church! Sometimes a casual conversation of an exemplary Christian is an influence in the life of someone which will never be erased. In many cases the works of God begin in very unfavorable circumstances and surroundings. At times the evangelist is not able to rent a hall, and when he does secure a meeting place, great opposition breaks out



Members of the South American Division Executive Committee at the 1957. Annual meeting held at Division headquarters in Montevideo, Uruguay. Left to right (seated): T. G. Sample, K. H. Emmerson, T. L. Oswald, W. E. Murray, W. R. Beach, L. H. Olson, C. M. Laue. Left to right (standing): Nicolas Chaij, Dario Garcia, J. T. Araujo, Leon Robbins, Juan Rijfel, R. A. Wilcox, W. J. Streithorst, F. C. Webster, Mario Rasi, M. S. Nigri, H. J. Peverini, Samuel Alberro, B. E. Schuenemann.

against his preaching. His congregation may diminish and the meetings may be interrupted or he may be heckled night after night, but at the end of the series of meetings he baptizes a goodly number of people into the church of God. Unbelievers say this is foolishness, this is a stumbling block, but in reality it is the power of God unto salvation.

The work of the Advent Movement in South America has been a marvelous demonstration of the power of God and the cooperation of mankind in building up the Christian church. At the turn of the century, missionary work was begun in our territory, and in the year 1916 the South American Division was organized. Its territory was the countries of: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, and Uruguay. In this vast territory in the southern hemisphere, God has thousands of people who would accept His message and join the church. The work of God began among the Indian peoples of the highlands of Bolivia and Peru in 1916, and out of these efforts has grown a work which is admired as one of the great social efforts for the redemption of a downtrodden people in the twentieth century. In the South American Division there has also been developed the method of evangelization by means of medical launches along the great rivers of the continent.

From the very first, in the South American Division, great emphasis has been placed on the literature ministry. Our publications have been carried into every nook and corner by our faithful colporteurs until at the present time South America has the largest sale of Seventh-day Adventist literature of any division outside of the North American Division, and in the Sao Paulo Conference, more books are sold than in any other local field in the world.

Public evangelism has been greatly stressed by all of our union and local leaders in the last few years. In South America it has been the plan to enter new places with active evangelism and we have made efforts to strengthen the work in the older centers through evangelism, and every department of our organization has worked, having as the ultimate end of all activity, the winning of souls to the Lord Jesus Christ. As an example, permit me to state that in 1957 the leaders of the young people of the South American Division held a series of commemorative congresses throughout the territory and one of the special goals of these congresses was to bring the youth to a definite

decision to serve the Master. In these series of congresses, about 4,000 young people took their stand.

The Sabbath School Department has been especially active in encouraging the organization and operation of at least one Branch Sabbath School for every adult class in the organized Sabbath School. Almost each of these becomes a potential soul-winning center.

The laymen in South America are being aroused as never before to take part in some kind of soul-winning endeavor each year. Our Home Missionary Department has been very active in training the laymen and giving them guidance in their evangelistic activities.

During the period from 1950 to 1956, in the South American Division, 274 church buildings have been erected with a total seating capacity of 42,315. These buildings have been erected in great part by the donations of our local church people as well as non-Seventh-day Adventists who have an interest in our work.

In 1957 a total of 110 major

evangelistic campaigns were held in our large metropolitan centers, and in addition to this, 57 spearhead meetings have been held. Indeed it is marvelous in our eyes to see how the Lord opens up ways for spreading His gospel message among the one hundred million in South America.

As we look back on the first years of our history, we are impelled to give due credit to the pioneers in this field. In many ways they struggled against handicaps and obstacles which we can little imagine. They bore the brunt of the beginnings. They labored with small and inadequate equipment, and the work that is being done now is being done with the inspiration of their example in service and sacrifice. We desire to express thanks to our Heavenly Father for His protection and guidance in the work of God in South America in 1957. We believe the best days of the work in South America are still before us. May God abundantly bless the work of the ministry of the South American Division.

Report of the Secretary

By

L. H. OLSON,

Secretary South American Division

The church of Christ has been organized for one purpose, namely, to carry the message of salvation to a sin-sick, weary world, and manifest to those who have been groping in darkness that there is a way of light, hope, and life.

What has been the response as the church has set forth in this its appointed task? Have the glorious rays of light been able to penetrate the abounding darkness, and have hearts been illuminated by the gospel? One figure alone from our field suffices to answer this query—a swelling chorus of 87,929 voices blend in unison to proclaim praises to the Redeemer, and testify that

the light of His marvelous truth has reached their hearts and transformed their lives, for this is the total number of baptized believers in the South American Division as reported on September 30, 1957. Added to this encouraging number are other countless thousands who have already partially experienced the same joy, and most of whom will soon be admitted into full membership in "God's fortress, His city of refuge"—His church.

In 1916, at the time of the organization of the South American Division, 4,903 members were listed on our records, 783 were added by baptism in that year, and 881 in 1917. Year by year there has been an almost steady growth, the more recent results being as follows:

BAPTISMS REPORTED BY UNIONS DURING CALENDAR YEARS

	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
Austral Union	1,233	1,314	1,206	1,362	1,456
East Brazil Union	1,186	1,036	938	1,174	1,465
Inca Union	1,992	2,402	2,108	2,885	3,249
North Brazil Union	339	405	358	385	503
South Brazil Union	1,581	1,876	1,874	2,296	2,461
Division Totals	6,331	7,033	6,484	8,102	9,134

But we look not on numbers alone. Who can enumerate the victories gained, the evil habits overcome, the vices conquered and the unspeakable joy that has been ex-

perienced by those who have heeded the call of the Master and have followed Him with sincerity and humbleness of heart.

"During ages of spiritual dark-

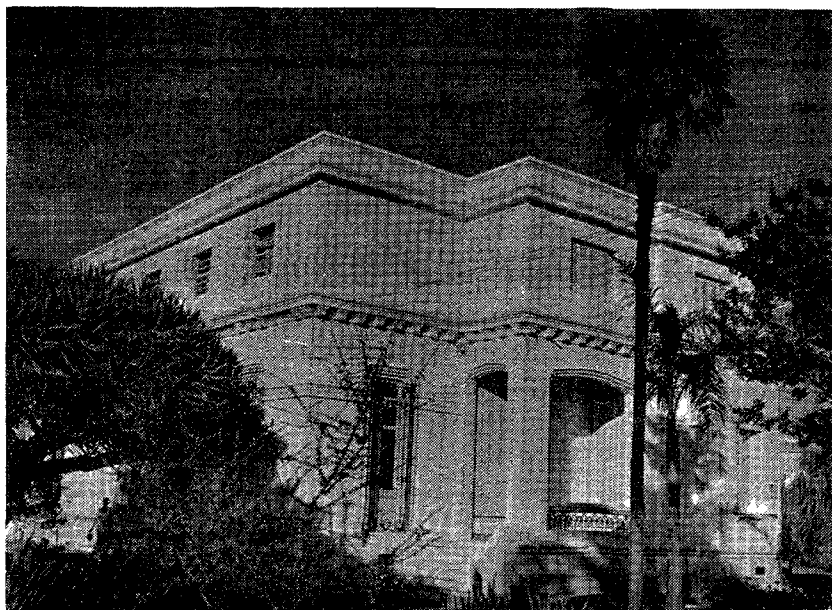
ness, the church of God has been as a city set on a hill. From age to age, through successive generations, the pure doctrines of heaven have been unfolding within its borders. Enfeebled and defective as it may appear, the church is the one object upon which God bestows in a special sense His supreme regard. It is the theater of His grace, in which He delights to reveal His power to transform hearts."

—Acts of the Apostles, p. 12

As we consider with admiration the marvels of science which are becoming increasingly astonishing and incredible, may we not expect that the power of God revealed through and in His church will disclose even mightier marvels—marvels of His grace and power, not with the purpose of outward display, but to "make manifest . . . the final and full display of the love of God."

—Acts of the Apostles, p. 9

With our consecrated force of loyal workers aided by the self-sacrificing membership of our churches, we have confidence that greater advances are before us in spite of adverse circumstances and opposition. Let us work and pray to attain greater things for God.



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Tithe and Mission Offerings

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As we come together again in Annual session, we note the many crises around the world and are reminded of the Master's words to

His disciples concerning the conditions in the last days. Surely time is short and our task becomes more urgent day by day. The promises of the Lord to supply means for the finishing of the great commission, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations," is fulfilled more abundantly with each passing year.

As we look at the Comparative Report of Tithe and Mission Offerings we cannot but say with the Psalmist, "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad." You will notice that the tithe received in 1956 increased 37.11 % over 1955. We are made most happy to note that during the first three quarters of 1957 the tithe is greater than it was during the whole year of 1956. We find the same occurring in the Mission Offerings where there is a gain of 28.12 %. Only in the Sabbath School Offerings have we not passed in the first three quarters of this year the total amount received in 1956; but it must be noted that to date we have a very good gain over last year comparing the first three quarters of each year.

Let us note a few facts concerning the Tithe and Mission Offerings report for the nine-month period ending September 30, 1957. Here we find a 43.92 % gain in Uruguay pesos over the same period of 1956. The North Brazil Union has had the largest gain of 41.97 %, and the smallest gain is one that also cheers our hearts, being an increase of 21.28 %.

Our report gives evidence that our souls are stirred within us as the Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us!" is heard from every direction. Our brethren are answer-

SOUTH AMERICAN DIVISION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF S. D. A.

Comparative Statement of Offerings 1955 to September of 1957

TITHE:	(Currency: c/u)		
	1955	1956	Jan. - Sept. 1957
Austral Union	846,780.21	893,182.22	930,111.58
Inca Union	212,473.76	299,890.13	283,843.22
East Brazil Union	455,970.56	764,610.32	739,959.26
North Brazil Union	80,007.84	129,640.51	145,915.02
South Brazil Union	1,252,059.03	1,816,561.00	1,898,053.15
Totals	2,847,291.40	3,903,884.18	3,997,882.23
% Increase	4.95 %	37.11 %	
MISSION OFFERINGS	1955	1956	1957
Austral Union	231,905.81	215,967.56	237,706.90
Inca Union	123,206.89	158,541.32	175,442.20
East Brazil Union	113,170.31	160,754.33	190,642.80
North Brazil Union	31,469.24	47,065.60	60,180.18
South Brazil Union	262,311.17	393,991.25	465,421.33
Totals	762,063.42	976,320.06	1,129,393.41
% Increase	1.68 %	28.12 %	

ing the cry, saying: "We will do our best, both in sending you missionaries and money." It is easy to see the truth of Mrs. White's statement that, "One dollar now is of more value to the work than ten dollars will be at some future period."

When Jesus said, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations," He did not intend the acceptance of His command to be optional, but an obligation on His followers. Generous support of a mission program through the practice of Christian stewardship opens doors to opportunities for unlimited service, and offers a recompense of evangelistic fervor that can come in no other way.

As we study our mission offerings, we first should recognize our debt to others, for a large proportion of the organizations in South America have received missionary aid in the past, and are still receiving heavy aid today. If it were not for mission giving, there probably would be no Seventh-day Adventist church in South America. In the second place, it is a privilege to be related to the world-wide work of the church, and to feel the strength if its international fellowship.

The amount of mission giving has often been called the spiritual thermometer of the church. There is enthusiasm in a missionary-minded church. Rousseau said: "Every man

goes down to his grave clasping in his hands only that which he has given away." This is true of church organizations as well as individuals. The greater our interest in the needs of mankind, and our fellow believers, the more our churches will grow and prosper within themselves.

When we meditate on the immensity of the task, the millions of pesos that must be raised and wisely disbursed, we can only join with the Psalmist in asking, "What is man that thou art mindful of him?" We wonder what our contribution can do to help redeem the world and meet the ever greater needs of our fields. But we must remember that each person, each unit of our church organization, is an influential unit which multiplies itself and that every effort and contribution to support our work is therefore of consequence.

"Spiritual prosperity is closely bound up with Christian liberality. The followers of Christ should rejoice in the privilege of revealing the beneficence of their Redeemer. As they give to the Lord, they have the assurance that their treasure is going before them to the heavenly courts."

—Acts of the Apostles, pp 344-345

Let us go forward with renewed efforts for an even better year for the Lord in 1958.

of the radio should be more fully utilized as a method of moral and religious instruction for the unfortunate times in which we live, for 'a better world'.

"By means of the radio we would reach and gather in souls... I am therefore asking that you send me today:

1. The entire Universal course
2. The entire Youth course

"I will distribute them wherever I go. I will insist that they listen. In talks and sermons (4 or 5) on Sundays I will insist that they listen to the 'Voice of Hope'. Onward! Lift up your hearts!

"May God increasingly bless the 'Voice of Hope'."

The radio work also helps to open the homes to the Word of God. This is demonstrated by the experience in the city of Comodoro Rivadavia. Here Jorge Grieve, a young worker, had printed and distributed a card inviting people to accept the offer of a free Bible, a free Bible course, and an instructor to guide them in their study.

More than 500 persons turned in the card having asked for a Bible and a teacher to guide them in their Bible study, and when they were visited it was discovered they were sincerely interested in knowing the Word of God.

In general, the newspapers of the countries in our Union have been under the influence of the established church or the indifferent, atheistic opposition. For this reason they have not had interest in publishing articles regarding our beliefs or our activities. But now their pages are opening.

At the time of Elder Halliwell's visit to our Union, at least sixteen newspapers in Argentina, Paraguay, and Uruguay, seven of them in the city of Buenos Aires, published more or less extensive well-illustrated articles regarding Adventist work in the Amazon basin. This publicity occupied about 546 column inches. In this way we are adding the newspapers to our publications.

The circulation of our missionary papers is increasing and our books are selling better than ever. In the first nine months of this year, our colporteurs sold books amounting in value to a total of 5,078,947.90 Argentine pesos (Approximately US\$ 169,298.26) in comparison with 4,020,606.16 Argentine pesos (Approximately US\$ 134,020.20) for the same period last year.

The doors of hearts are also opening. In the city of Tucumán, where 106 persons were added to a church of 38 members through baptism, a reduced number of young workers, headed by Carlos E. Aeschlimann,

Door are Opening

By

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On September 30, 1957, we had 18,527 church members and 19,494 Sabbath School members in the Austral Union. This means that in the four countries of our Union, Argentina, Chile, Paraguay, and Uruguay, with a population of 27,239,316, we have according to the latest statistics, a member for every 1,497 people. We are few and the task is immense, but the work is of God and He will help us to finish it. His Spirit is opening doors to the Adventist message as never before, in these four countries.

The radio stations were closed, at least in the Republic of Argentina, to the program, "Voice of Hope". Now, because of lack of records and finances, we cannot take advantage of all the openings in radio stations which are ready to transmit our message. We are broadcasting this program over only 29 stations.

We have long been impressed with the need for medical missionary launch work on the Paraguay

river, and accordingly, invited Elder Leo B. Halliwell to visit the Austral Union to investigate the possibilities, and advisability of opening such work in Paraguay. On the occasion of this visit, six radio stations gave vivid reports of the Adventist medical missionary work on the Amazon and its tributaries.

To the greater proclamation of the Voice of Hope programs and the occasional use of the radio to inform people of our faith and our activities, can be added the work of the Radio Bible Correspondence School. On September 30, there were 12,273 students in this school, and doubtless in many of them, the following courses will exercise a powerful influence for good; in fact, of the 475 people baptized in the first three quarters of this year, 317 were pupils of the Bible school.

A Catholic priest, teacher of long experience, has written:

"Providentially, today I listened to the 'Voice of Hope'. Congratulations! What a great work! As an educator and priest, I have always insisted that the modern medium

The East Brazil Union

The East Brazil Union is composed of three missions and two conferences. The territory is divided among nine Brazilian states with a population of 27 million persons. During the first three quarters of this year, 728 new members were baptized, reaching a total membership of 13, 322 at the close of September, 1957.

Baptisms Over a Period of 20 Year Average of 737 per Year

1937-1946	477 Per Year
1947-1956	996 Per Year

Church Membership

1937	3,683
1946	7,119
1956	13,013

Evangelism

Pastor Enoch Oliveira, the Union evangelist, has recently finished a large series of meetings in Belo Horizonte. An important business man of the Spiritualist congregation willingly rented a large hall centrally located in the heart of the city for the public meetings. Hundreds of people attended the meetings during the three-month period. The interest reached such a peak that many nights the large hall was not sufficient. People lined the side aisles and others were turned away for lack of space. The newspapers, radio, and television offered their services to publish reports of the Adventist meetings. Two workers from the Northeast Mission joined the evangelistic group making a team of eight persons. We were greatly encouraged to have the finest class of people of Belo Horizonte to hear the presentation of the May God help us with His wisdom and power for the glory of His cause and the salvation of souls.

Truth night after night. People of many religious professions attended the meetings during the entire period, and already thirty have been baptized.

evangelist of little over 25 years of age, are working this year with the prospect of baptizing another 100 souls.

In the city of Concepcion in the South Chile Conference, large numbers of people have been attending the lectures of Elder Arturo Schmidt, who is assisted by five other workers. Until about the middle of November, 95 persons have been baptized and still more are preparing for this rite.

Yes, the doors of the radio stations, the newspapers, the homes, and the hearts are opening. We cannot keep up to the opportunities.

By
R. A. WILCOX,
President

Publishing

It would not be complete to present this report without mentioning the fine work that is being carried on by our regular and part-time colporteurs under the effective leadership of Elder José Jeremias de Oliveira, the Union Publishing Secretary. Within the next month, 181 students from the East Brazil Union will go forth in search of earning a scholarship. It will be interesting to note that from the Northeast Brazil Junior College, 115 students have been assigned their territory for the December vacation period. What an excellent opportunity for our youth to participate in the work of evangelism through the

WELCOME



Pastor and Mrs. M. L. Fehrenbach and small son William, arrived in Guayaquil, Ecuador, on November 6, 1957. This new missionary family has come in response to a call placed with the General Conference for the purpose of opening up a new mission station among the Otavalo Indians who live in the northern part of Ecuador, with the city of Otavalo as the center of their territory. After a few months of intensive language study, it is planned they will proceed on to this new center where it is hoped a strong work will be developed.

Pastor Fehrenbach has been laboring in the Arizona Conference in recent years. Mrs. Fehrenbach is a graduate of the Loma Linda School of Nursing, a preparation which will greatly aid her in the work they have been called to do.

printed page! Would you not offer a little prayer asking God to bless them as they go forth?

We find one interesting example in the Rio Minas Conference where all the members of the Cavaliere family are colporteurs. In the month of July their total sales reached fifteen thousand dollars.

Medical Launch - Luminar

The Scofield missionary family is greatly enjoying the work on the medical launch "Luminar" in the Sao Francisco river valley. The city of Januaria, Minas, was chosen as the home port. It is a small, friendly town of six thousand inhabitants, and is conveniently located in reach of larger cities.

The medical boat was partially rebuilt in the beginning of 1957 under the supervision of Elder Halliwell. New equipment and better installations have greatly facilitated the work of this floating clinic. Our brother has had many opportunities to contact the people and teach them the truth. He has a real love for souls and a proper emphasis is being given to the work of reaping the precious harvest. Hundreds of people come to his meetings held along the river banks. The days are spent in treating the people and evenings for teaching the truth. Some days four to five hundred sick people are blessed through the services of the "Luminar."

Rio Hospital

At the present time the institution which is needing special attention and consideration is the Rio Hospital. We are very fortunate to have with us Dr. Edgar Berger as medical director, and his associates, Drs. Beskow and Rodrigues.

The nurses' dormitory has been completed and the third story wing of the main building finished. December 8, the new maternity ward will be opened by a special gathering of pediatricians from Rio.

Home Missionary and Sabbath School Activities

Twenty-two Lay Workers' Conventions were added to the program of preparation in various sectors of the union field. There was excellent cooperation on the part of the fields and also a fine attendance at these laymen's gatherings.

Plans for Greater Advances, 1958

One of the plans for larger advances in the coming year will begin on January 7 with the opening of the East Union Lay Congress. Some 200 laymen, together with workers, will study and make plans for a great lay revival. Already many special Lightbearer classes are being conducted to prepare delegates for this session.

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Within the boundaries of the three countries that form the Inca Union Mission, God is endowing human effort with divine power in carrying His truth to an ever greater number of the 16,000,000 souls who live within our territory.

Our membership has now reached a total of 26,027. Thus far in 1957 we have baptized 1,354, and with the carefully planned baptismal programs that are even now going forward in the different fields, we believe that with God's blessing we will once again reach the goal of 3,240 as set for the entire year.

The special emphasis placed on the 50th Anniversary Youth Celebration and the Laymen Crusade Congresses have stirred our believers into action for God. Both the Sabbath School and the radio work are reaching an ever-increasing number of souls with their evangelical programs. Also, the publishing, educational, and medical departments continue to be outstanding agencies for soul winning in our territory.

This year the temperance work has played a more important part in our Union endeavors. On November 2 we held for the second successive year, a city-wide temperance oratorical contest in the Lima area with enthusiastic participation. This culminated a month-long period of going from school to school, showing the film, "One in 20,000."

This has also been a year of special attainment in our public relations. The food distribution program in the drought stricken "altiplano" area, the opening of our welfare center in Lima, the Geophysical Year scientific development at our Inca Union Training School, and Elder L. B. Halliwell's visit here have all served as excellent publicity features for our alert public relations men who have been able to publish 771 column

inches in different periodicals thus far in 1957 as compared with 541 for the entire year 1956.

Rather an outstanding part of our work this year has been the gigantic task of distributing the 20,000 CARE packages throughout the "altiplano" area of the Lake Titicaca Mission. Brother and Sister Muir and Brother Huayllara traveled some 14,000 kilometers over perhaps the worst roads in this world. Twenty thousand CARE packages equal 200 tons, or 10 freight car loads of food. This operation took four full months of traveling almost every day. This humanitarian work brought great blessings to the needy. Even with so vast a supply of food at our disposal there was not enough to supply all the needs. Some who had to be left out could not understand why. This situation added another problem to the already heavily burdened distribution team. We are glad, however, that we have been permitted to render this needed help and we extend our thanks to the General Conference and the South American Division for the financial help that has made this operation possible.

The general financial picture of the Inca Union is in many respects better than in years gone by. The Union working capital is above the recommended level. This, however, is not true of all of our missions and institutions, but we are still working toward that end.

We praise God for that which has been accomplished so far this year, but recognize that more should have been done. For the attainments reached we thank God, and at the same time beg forgiveness wherein we have failed.

We extend to our brethren in the South American Division and the General Conference, our thanks for their helpful counsel and generous financial support, and to our fellow-workers and loyal laymen our gratitude for their zeal and untiring efforts in building up God's church in the Inca Union Mission.

WELCOME



Enroute to their field of labor in Paraguay where he is to serve as Home Missionary and Sabbath School secretary, Pastor and Mrs. D. H. Leggitt and family stopped a few hours in Montevideo. They are now located in Asuncion devoting their time to language study.

Pastor Leggitt is a graduate of La Sierra College in California and has also taken advanced studies in the Theological Seminary in Washington, D. C.



The workers of the North Brazil Union were encouraged recently by the arrival of another colaborer to be associated with them in their heavy responsibilities in that interesting and fruitful field. Brother A. J. Jones arrived in Belem December 27, 1957, and immediately began his work as secretary-treasurer of the Union Mission. Mrs. Jones and their two children will arrive a little later.

Mrs. Bernice Larrabee arrived in Lima, Peru, October 4, 1957, and after spending a few days in preparation for entering upon her duties, proceeded on to Iquitos where the new clinic will soon be opened.

From the Amazon Region

By

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President North Brazil Union

Mrs. Larrabee is no stranger to Latin America, for she labored together with her husband first in Guatemala at the Sololá Mission, and later in the Central American Union in San José, Costa Rica. It was while laboring there that Brother Larrabee lost his life in an airplane accident in 1946, after they had given 18 years of service in those fields.



Mrs. Larrabee is a graduate nurse and is well qualified to do the work to which she has been called at the clinic in Iquitos. We welcome her to the South American Division.

During the year 1957, great victories have been won in the territory of the North Brazil Union, but these have not been attained without a struggle. The figures available reveal progress that has been more than ordinary, as we shall endeavor to show by this report. One of our greatest problems still continues to be a lack of workers even though this number has been doubled during the past two years. We are endeavoring to "lengthen Thy cords" in our territory for the doors are open wide which permit the rapid and constant advancement of the three-fold Message.

A splendid spirit has been manifested among our workers and they have put forth their supreme efforts, even beyond the call of duty, to cooperate with one another in the work of saving souls. As a result of this self-sacrificing work, we have reached during the present year, by the grace of God, an average of 26 baptisms for each worker, including in this number the administrators of the local missions and the entire Union personnel.

Missionary Activities

We have appreciated greatly the visits of the departmental secretaries of the Division. These have aided the members of our local churches to realize the great responsibility that rests upon them in carrying the Message and finishing the work of God in the earth, and as a result of the conventions and institutes, there has been a great awakening to do more missionary work.

While our Union territory is not one of the richest, yet our per capita offerings have reached almost the highest figure in the Division. This represents real sacrifice and dedication to the work of the Master. The activities of each department and how it has dedicated its program toward the reaching of souls, is shown by the following condensed summary:

Sabbath School Department

Organized Sabbath Schools 61
Branch Sabbath Schools 48

Radio Department

Ley preachers 77
"120 of Today" 65
Ingathering, 1957 Cr\$ 635,269.00

Publishing Department

There has been a considerable increase in the activities of our colporteurs due, without doubt, to the splendid institutes that have been held in the local fields. As a result there are now 49 colporteurs in the field as compared with 16 during 1956, and the deliveries until the end of October, 1957, are almost double those of the entire year 1956.

Educational Department

There are now 20 primary schools functioning, with 1,098 students, and from the North Brazil Union, 55 young people are attending the Northeast Brazil Junior College.

Missionary Volunteer Department

Missionary Volunteer congresses have been held and have had a marvelous spiritual influence upon our young people, inspiring them to dedicate their lives fully to God and His service.

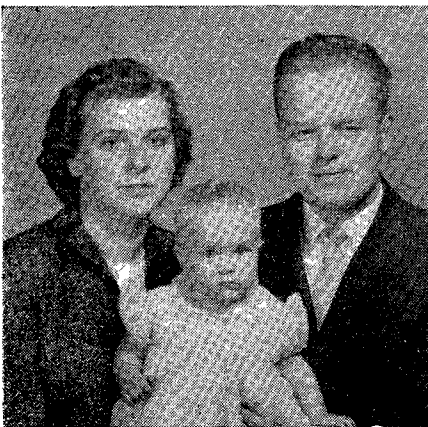
There are 15 organized Missionary Volunteer societies with 887 members. During the year 1957, 82 young people have been baptized.

Evangelism

The greatest work of the church and the task to which we have been called is that of evangelism. In harmony with our possibilities, every effort has been put forth to fulfill the gospel charge that has been given to us, not only by our field workers engaging in evangelism, but also the leaders of the Union and local fields have joined in this important work. At the present time there are four evangelistic campaigns in progress in addition to several spearhead meetings, and as a result, we are expecting to baptize 200 souls.

Child evangelism has received special attention during the year, the wives of our evangelists cooperating, having held three series of meetings for children in connection with the regular campaign of the evangelist. We have received the report that at the beginning of these series, parents attended with the purpose of having their children receive the instruction of these special meetings, but they were influenced to attend the lectures conducted for adults, with the result that they have accepted the truth in its fullness.

It is our desire to dedicate our lives completely to the service of God so that we may warn the people in the northern part of Brazil that they may be prepared for the soon coming of our Saviour in glory and majesty.



Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Bryan and little daughter Janet Sue arrived in Lima, Peru, by plane on January 17, 1958, coming to our Division from the Oregon Conference in the United States.

Brother Bryan has been called to care for the Home Missionary and Sabbath School Departments in the Upper Amazon Mission. We welcome this new family to our field.

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Incidents from South Brazil

Since we met a year ago, 2,000 new members have been added to the Advent family in the South Brazil Union until we now have a total of 26,580 in our churches, which indicates that approximately 30 per cent of all the members of the South American Division reside in the South Brazil Union. During the present year, twenty groups will be formed into duly organized churches, and approximately 25 new church edifices or other major constructions will be inaugurated.

A new local field has been organized as the Santa Catarina Mission. In our Union is located the new capital of Brazil, the future city of Brazilia, where a new Sabbath School has been organized with 37 members brought together by a colporteur who has already won some souls in this city of tomorrow. This colporteur is only one of our 257 regular colporteurs who have been in the field during 1957, and in addition, 280 student colporteurs will work during the vacation period.

Two launches are in operation in the South Brazil Union, the "Pioneira", with Adan Correa as captain, who lives on the launch as it offers a better home than those available in that locality. They have all the facilities of a good home, even though it is somewhat crowded. The large island of Bananal, approximately 300 kilometers long, is formed by two branches of the Araguaia river. At a place called Fontoura the first school for the Indians of that region has been opened with thirty students enrolled.

The "Samaritana", operated by Benito Raimundo, is a smaller launch. During 1957 a total of 10,000 people have been treated or have received medicine, and a considerable amount of clothing has also been distributed. The people in this region have built four posts at different points along the river so that when the launch arrives there will be a place for our workers to treat the sick and in the evening, to give health lectures or conduct evangelistic meetings. These posts were built entirely by the people of that section. In July there was a serious flood which caused much destruction and resulted in disease, and

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many suffered for lack of clothing. The Dorcas societies in our Union conducted a campaign and in two days a truck was loaded with medicine, food, and clothing. The local authorities provided funds to purchase mattresses and blankets, and 3,000 persons were aided in their hour of dire need.

It has been reported that a house was built in one day for a needy family in the United States (Texas), but in the South Brazil Union, a house was constructed in half a day. In the Rio Grande do Sul Conference a widow had no place to live and the members of our church gathered the lumber and came early one Sunday and by noon a house had been built for her.

In this same conference, our church members are paying the cost of radio broadcasts on twenty radio stations, one local church bearing the expense to broadcast from four stations located in four different cities.

Permit me to relate a recent experience. A man was looking for the truth and he went from church to church and never was satisfied

and happy. Something was lacking. He didn't find the truth. One day he went to a certain church but he still did not find peace. One night he dreamed an angel took him down the steps of his home to the street and then the angel led him on until he came to the entry of a house and there he stopped, and said, "Go into this dwelling and ask for the truth and they will tell you." In the morning when he awoke, he left his home and walked down the street to where the angel had led him in his dream. The house was the same as he had seen in his dream, and he knocked on the door. A young man answered and he told him his dream. This man was a deacon of our church in that place. Now the man is being prepared for baptism. God is still guiding sincere souls to His truth and His church.

It is encouraging to see how the construction of the new clinic in the city of Campo Grande is progressing. This will be a modern, well-equipped clinic.

A short distance from this same city is where the Penfigo Hospital is located. Already 379 cases of this terrible disease have been treated, 25 per cent of the cases showing a definite improvement, and 40 per cent having been released as cured.

Our task is the evangelization of our great metropolitan centers, smaller cities or villages, and all who are in any part of our field. To attain this end, 38 evangelistic campaigns have been conducted. But we are not satisfied with what has been accomplished, for during 1958 we are making plans to conduct 39 series of meetings, 27 of these in new territory. We hope for even greater results in 1958 than those attained in 1957.

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