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## Evangelism in 1953

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THE watchword for all our ministers for the new year, 1953, should be EVANGELISM — public and personal evangelism. In every country we should be gathering the people together to hear the final message that God is to send to the nations.

I am writing this from Australia; and only since my arrival here a few days ago was the world appraised of the fact that a hydrogen bomb had been exploded somewhere in the Pacific. This is an astounding announcement. The hearts of the people of this nation are filled with anxiety and dread. What do these things mean?

On November 18 an editorial appeared in the Sydney *Telegraph* quoting a warning issued by Professor Einstein that the use of hydrogen bombs may annihilate mankind. Following this quotation the editor said: "The future for mankind is therefore heavy with forebodings, and the world can only hope that the prospect of universal annihilation will make men pause, acquire a new sense of human responsibility, and outlaw war."

But of course men will not do this. The spirits of devils are at work in the world urging the nations on to greater and still greater preparations for universal destruction. Joel's prophecy regarding the nations preparing for war is literally fulfilled before our eyes. The final preparations for Armageddon, the battle of the great day of God Almighty, are being made. The nations are angry.

Brethren in the Seventh-day Adventist ministry, that is where we are. This is a grand and awful time. The last movements, which are to be rapid ones, are now transpiring. Just last week the news was published that a new world speed record had been set by a jet plane, when it travelled at 700 miles per hour. Jet planes, atom bombs, hydrogen bombs, rockets that carry atom war heads, and many other new engines of destruction are now ready. The nations are lining up; alliances are being formed; the stage is being set and the last great drama is about to begin.

What do these things mean? To Seventh-day Adventist ministers, they mean that time has about run out. What we are to do in trying to reach earth's populace with God's invitation for men to turn to Him and be saved from this besom of desolation, must be done now. We have not a day to waste. *(Continued on page 7)*

# Annual Report of the Zambesi Union Mission

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THE Zambesi Union Mission lies as the gateway to the northern territories, comprising the three colonies of Bechuanaland Protectorate, Southern Rhodesia, and Northern Rhodesia, a total of some 700,000 square miles. These territories are not as thickly populated as some countries. According to the World Atlas, Northern Rhodesia's population averages about 5.7 persons per square mile; Southern Rhodesia averages about 12.7, whereas Bechuanaland Protectorate has fewer than one person per square mile. The total population for the three territories is three and three-fourths million of all races. This makes the problem of administration very real and costly in having to travel such long distances between units of our work.

The union mission is made up of: One European conference of four churches and about 300 members, and four mission fields.

## Staff

Because of furloughs and illnesses the work has been seriously hampered this year and heavy burdens have fallen on those who have stayed by. It has been a very tragic year in that we suffered the loss of one mission director, Brother George Ellingworth from Chimpenpe, and the secretary-treasurer of the Southern Rhodesia Mission Field was forced by illness to lay down his responsibilities.

It is only because of the willingness of the remaining members of the staff to step into the gaps and carry the extra burdens that we have been able to present the report as it is.

## Statistics

At present the Zambesi Union has a staff of 79 European and 460 African workers of whom 13 Europeans and 37 Africans are ordained ministers. We are now operating 2 hospitals, 2 teacher-training schools, 1 secondary school and six mission stations. A large portion of the field is divided into mission districts with an African pastor in charge. In fact, there are now 52 such districts in the territory. There are also 94 organized churches, with a total membership of 21,000 as at September 30. The adherents now stand at a total of 37,424

souls, which is an increase of just under 38 per cent over the number as at September 30, 1950, or 10,300 souls. The baptized church membership has increased by 4,079 members or 21.5 per cent since September 30, 1950. These



figures are arrived at by adding baptisms and conversions reported by the fields to the report for June, 1952.

## Evangelism

This is the first year our union evangelist has been able to function as planned and the results have been most encouraging. Pastors Shepherd and Webster went out into the village of Moshupa about twelve miles from Kanye and put on a full-scale effort in our big tent. This is the first opening of such a nature that we have seen in this whole territory. Many influential villagers — in all ninety souls — joined the baptismal classes as a result of this effort. A new church has been built in this village and since then the number has grown to 120 new converts from the effort and the follow-up work done by Brother Webster and his workers.

A second full-scale effort was held at Nachibuli, Northern Rhodesia. Here some seventy-five souls were added to the baptismal classes.

A third effort was held in the African township of Harare at Salisbury. This

effort has brought another ninety souls into the baptismal classes, by far the larger portion of the group being mature men. Just now, Brother Shepherd is holding an effort for the Europeans of the town of Umtali in the eastern districts of Southern Rhodesia. Let us remember this effort in our prayers. We hope and trust a church will be raised up in that town that will add another beacon light in the conference among the Europeans of the territory.

On the day set apart as a special Baptismal day, 460 were reported as having been baptized.

The efforts held this year may be summarized as follows:

Number of efforts held 68  
Number of converts 1,284

## Camp-meetings

The Lord has blessed us abundantly this year and we are happy to report bigger and better meetings than ever.

Number of meetings held 68  
Attendance 34,049  
No. Baptisms at camp-meet. 2,092  
No. Converts 2,167  
Camp-meeting offerings £1,826-5-4

Consequent to the foregoing figures we can report the following relationship to the goals accepted by our union committee for 1952 as at the present time, realizing that further incoming reports will alter considerably these present statistics.

	Conversions		Baptisms	
	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual
S.R.M.F.	4000	1425	1760	1722
N.R.M.F.	2575	1837	1375	661
B.P.M.F.	150	255	90	141
Barotseland	750	337	250	129
R.-B. Conf.	50	7	50	7
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7525</b>	<b>3861</b>	<b>3525</b>	<b>2660</b>

## Finance

The year so far has been one of considerable progress in matters of finance and we give glory to God for this advancement. Our African mission offerings for the first three quarters of 1952 have risen from £3,030 in 1951 to £3,742 in 1952, an increase of £712, or 23.5 per cent.

The most marked advance has been in the tithe income, both European and African. The total tithe receipts for the nine months ending September 30, 1952 amounts to £12,291, divided into £8,851 European, and £3,440 African. This represents a gain of £3,924 or 77.4 per cent in European tithe and £1,252 or 57 per cent in African tithe. The overall gain in the tithe is £5,175 or 72.7 per cent above the same period for 1951.

One incident illustrates the trend in the question of tithe-paying among the African believers that gives us courage. Along with the tithe receipts brought in by the director of one of the mission districts was an amount of £62 from one African believer. This man was touched by the sermons and conversations he had had at the camp-meeting and his conscience troubled him for he had not paid in his tithe for the past year. Now having sold his crop this year he was determined to make things right, so brought in what he considered was due in tithe for the period to bring it up to date.

The Harvest Ingathering this year has been difficult because of the shortage of staff at the critical season. Nevertheless we have been able, so far, to report between £2,900 and £3,000. This has come in spite of our being refused permission to solicit in Salisbury, which formerly yielded £1,000 and Umtali with a possibility of £200 or £300. We thank God for His temporal mercies and blessings.

#### Medical Work

The medical work in the Zambesi Union Mission is an important feature of the programme. Kanye is training nurses for service in our dispensaries. These girls take the government examinations and are fully qualified nurses when they come out of the institution. The plant at Kanye now consists of twenty-nine buildings, and provides for over sixty beds. The work has grown to where it now requires two doctors and three European nurses to keep up with it.

The hospital at Lower Gwelo has functioned this year as usual, under the direction of one European nurse. With fifteen beds available 117 patients were admitted in the second and third quarters, 15 maternity cases cared for, and 1,258 out-patient first visits.

The new medical unit in Barotseiland is our burden now. We need a doctor to go into the place now and begin work at once. Our work in Barotseiland is right now dependent upon the lift in prestige that the opening of this unit will give. People all over the territory are reported to be awaiting the opening of the plant to come for treatment.

In the leper colony at Liumba Hill, 78 patients are receiving regular treatment. At the dispensary 1,811 first visits are reported for the second and third quarters, besides 60 patients admitted to the little two-bed ward in the dispensary.

#### Literature Work

The literature work in the Zambesi Union Mission shows a very good and

encouraging growth. In comparing the figures for the nine months ending September 30, 1952 with the same period of 1951 we see the following:

	1951	1952	Gain
Av. No. Colporteurs	14	13	
Colporteur Deliv.	£3586	£4814	£1428
Total Depos. Sales	£4169	£5856	£1687

In the Bulawayo area the literature work is serving as an effective instrument for one layman in finding interest among the Europeans.

Our real problem is how to keep the African colporteurs working steadily. There is a large turnover among the African colporteurs. We have no difficulty in getting men to canvass, but African field supervision seems unable to keep the programme going after institutes have been held.

Five Helderberg students worked in the Zambesi Union Mission during the last holidays and the group earned nine scholarships.

#### Sabbath School Department

Because of changes in staff, and shortage of help this year, it has seemed impossible to get accurate and complete reports from the field regarding the work of the departments. But in spite of that lack, the Sabbath School Department shows an increase, although we are confident that the increases would be very much greater were all the reports in. As it is we have now 501 Sabbath-schools and 107 branch Sabbath-schools, with a total membership of 36,567. This represents a gain of 2,103 members over 1951. The Sabbath-school offerings for three quarters amount to £2,773 which is a gain of £906 over the same period last year.

#### Missionary Volunteer Department

In the Missionary Volunteer Department we now have 756 societies with well over 16,000 members. An idea of the work being done may be gained from the third quarter's report when only 622 societies reported. Still, in spite of the large number not reporting, 9,336 Bible readings were given, 18,901

#### Warmth Within

FOR added protection against the chill of winter, advertisements urge the use of certain alcoholic beverages for warmth within. However, scientific facts reveal that alcohol, instead of giving warmth within, actually *lowers* the body temperature in the same way as ether—by causing a dilatation of the blood vessels of the skin, thus producing increased perspiration and evaporation from the skin. The dilatation of the blood vessels of the skin gives a temporary feeling of warmth when actually the body temperature is being lowered.

missionary contacts, 6,433 pieces of literature distributed, and 32,945 persons helped.

The MV class work has taken hold in a big way as can be seen by the fact that already this year 575 have been invested in the various classes with still approximately 564 persons to be invested, 68 of these being Master Guides. Along with these, 357 MV honours were issued. Before the end of the year another 1,200 MV honours, 533 Book Club certificates, and 82 Bible year certificates will be issued.

#### Education Department

The educational programme of the Zambesi Union Mission is a very important feature of the work, and one that requires more and more of the time and attention of our staff. Not only is the programme of primary education with its 13,563 pupils and 143 schools requiring staff and finance to maintain, but the developments along the lines of higher education throughout the country, and the development of more highly trained African teachers is requiring expenditure of money for buildings and equipment as we have not known before. It is also bringing in the problem of more highly specialized and technically qualified staff than heretofore. This is for our own good, if only we can expand to keep up with the demands.

At present we are offering the Junior Certificate at Solusi with 65 students in the three years. Next year, 1953, we plan to begin the two-year course in addition to this present one, leading to the Matriculation Certificate or School Leaving Certificate.

Two training schools are now functioning, one in Northern Rhodesia at Rusangu, and one in Southern Rhodesia at Lower Gwelo. These are increasing our output of teachers with Elementary Teachers' Certificates very encouragingly. This year we have 85 in training as compared with 60 last year.

#### General

In general, we in the Zambesi Union are of good courage. We see much still to be done. In last year's report we outlined our plans for expansion and they still stand so there is no point in repeating them. They may be postponed, but must be carried out before the work in this union can be considered finished. God's work will not be stifled, and people are calling from all sides for us to come and open new work among them. We must decide whether we are going to step out by faith and bestir ourselves so the Lord can go out before us to smite the powers of darkness.

# East African Union

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## Reorganization of the Kenya Mission Field

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"As we look back over the past year's work in Kenya, we can truly say with the Psalmist that the Lord 'hath showed his people the power of his works, that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.'" So stated Pastor E. W. Pedersen in the opening remarks of his report of the Kenya Mission Field.

God has wonderfully blessed the work in Kenya Colony during the past few years. In three years, the membership has been doubled. Since June 1950, there have been 9,531 baptisms up to September 30, 1952. In fact, during the nine months of this year, 3,515 new believers have been baptized into the Advent faith. There is now a total of 34,329 adherents in the Kenya Mission Field.

This remarkable growth in our work, particularly in the Gendia, Ranen and Kisii areas, has created serious administrative problems. The East African Union Mission Committee has given prayerful and careful study to this matter and has recommended to the Division that the present Kenya Mission Field be divided into three separate, fully organized mission fields. The union has further authorized these three mission fields and those of Tanganyika and Uganda to adopt the new operating policy for missions.

The committee has also provisionally elected officers and executive committees for these new missions. Their officers will hold office until the time of the general election in the middle of 1953. The new mission fields and the officers are as follows:

1. Kenya Lake Mission — headquarters, Gendia.  
*President.*— F. H. Muderspach.  
*Secy.-Treas.*— R. A. Carey.
2. South Kenya Mission—headquarters, Kisii.  
*President.*— K. S. Webster.  
*Secy.-Treas.*— Maurice W. Culbert.
3. Central Kenya Mission — headquarters, Nairobi.  
*President.*— R. J. Wieland.  
*Secy.-Treas.*— Miss Gwen Clark.

We believe this reorganization of the Kenya field is a forward step. In this

new set-up the missions will receive more European help in administration and also it will open the way for more of our faithful African workers to assume greater responsibilities on local committees and in departmental work.

Pastor W. E. Pedersen who has earnestly laboured in the Kenya Mission Field has accepted a call to the South East African Union as departmental secretary. We greatly appreciate the work of Brother and Sister Pedersen during the past fifteen years of service in East Africa.

Since Pastor R. J. Wieland has been transferred to the Central Kenya Mission, the union committee has invited Pastor M. E. Lind of the Ruwenzorie Mission to assume the presidency of the Uganda Mission Field.

Pastor E. A. Moon and I have enjoyed sitting with the East African Union Committee, as they have planned the work in their union for the new year.

## News Notes

SABBATH, December 6, 1952, was a happy day for the members of Chebwai Mission, Kenya, East Africa, for on that day three memorable activities took place. First of all, the Luendete company was organized into a church with an ordination service for elder and deacons following. The second activity of the day was a baptism of those who were not able to attend the previous and larger baptism of September 6.

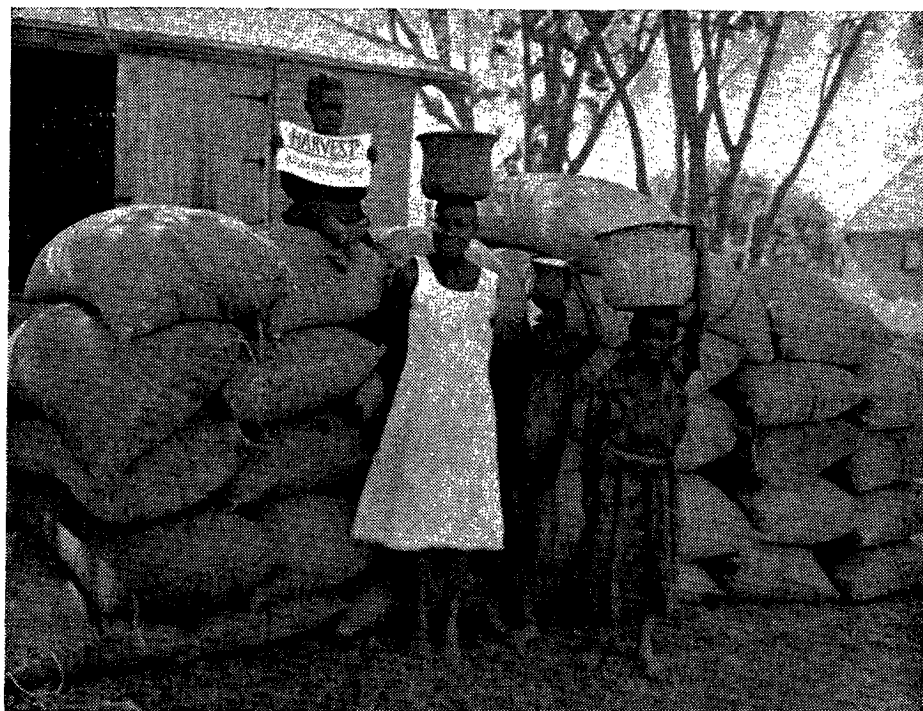
This latter baptism, performed in the Nzoia River under the great overhang-

ing boughs of new-leaved fig trees, was of particular significance in that these newly baptized members completed the doubling of the entire Chebwai membership since the last General Conference session, thereby reaching the goal.

The pastor, officers and members were constantly expressing their joy and all felt the presence of the Lord's Spirit throughout the day.

THE week of prayer, November 15-22, at Chebwai Mission, Kenya, was greatly blessed by the assistance of Brother W. F. Nortje, a lay member of Eldoret, who conducted the combined church, boarding and day school services throughout the week. Further assistance was given on the closing Sabbath by W. A. Clark from Uganda. During the week thirty-six souls gave their hearts to God for the first time, joining the Baptismal Class. During the same week, the mission director, K. J. Berry, assisted the African evangelists at outlying churches and schools with more than 100 joining the classes or reconsecrating their lives to God.

AN experiment was made regarding HARVEST ingathering. African school children were sent out on a field day with baskets and "debis" to ask their friends and neighbours for "mvuno" or "harvest." This experiment was so successful last year that it was tried again in 1952. A goal was set for each school and for the children of each standard. Here is a picture of the result of real HARVEST ingathering which is



thirty-five bags of maize, or more than a lorry load, worth nearly 30/- per bag; and totals more than a thousand shillings.

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### South African Union Evangelistic Team in Cape Town

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It has been our privilege during 1952 to hold two major campaigns in the city of Cape Town. These efforts were held under the auspices of the Cape Conference. We were happy to have the Cape Field also join with us and make several of their workers available to us.

The seating in the Bible Auditorium was so arranged that a little over a fourth of its space was reserved for the non-Europeans. This being a European effort, we were happy to make so much space available for the non-European souls who were seeking for light.

Our first effort was held in the northern suburbs which is predominantly Afrikaans speaking. It resulted in about ninety Europeans and between thirty and forty non-Europeans being baptized. Much of the credit for the success of these campaigns must go to the faithful workers who day by day stood so loyally by our sides. From the Cape Conference, Mrs. D. I. Blaine, Miss Kleyn, Brethren P. P. van Eck, R. L. Staples and C. S. Pike were with us, and from the Cape Field, Sister Ohlson, Sister Slammett and Brethren Jephthas and Theunissen. We greatly appreciate the faithful work of these earnest workers.

For the second campaign the Bible Auditorium was erected on the main road about two blocks from the Claremont Post Office. It was a beautiful location and God blessed us with a good interest and a full, steady, attendance. To date eighty-six Europeans have been baptized here and a baptismal class of fifty-two non-Europeans has been turned over to the Cape Field and the South Bantu Mission Field. We are expecting that most of these will have passed through the watery grave soon. The working force in this second campaign was the same, with the addition of Sister O. Davies and Pastor N. Josling. An additional interesting feature which add-

ed greatly to the already marvellous musical programme of Pastor and Mrs. Turner was the men's chorus of eighteen voices under the direction of Pastor Turner. These Christian men of the local community gave unstintingly of their time and talent to aid in the conversion of souls. The unusual talents displayed by the ten young ladies who served as ushers in each campaign contributed much. We thank God for the privilege of associating with these good workers throughout this year.

As we take a backward glance over the past year, we can only say God is good. We praise His name for all His goodness to the children of men. Many victories have been gained, many families have been united in the faith, the cause of God has taken a forward step on the Peninsula. The five European churches are full to overflowing. A sixth church may be organized soon. Many stories could be told of the marvellous saving grace of our Lord. We praise Him for all these blessings of the past year.

We of the union evangelistic team look to 1953 with renewed courage and hope. This will be our last year of evangelism in South Africa. We expect it to be the best! Two large campaigns are being planned. The first, beginning February 15, will be held in the Town Hall of Port Elizabeth, the second, beginning September 13, will be in the Town Hall at East London. Won't you join with us in praying for the richest outpouring of the Holy Spirit on these two campaigns, as well as on all the efforts of our workers for Christ during 1953?

### Meeting our Objectives in Christian Education

J. B. COOKS

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"To restore in man the image of his Maker, to bring him back to the perfection in which he was created, to promote the development of body, mind, and soul, that the divine purpose in his creation might be realized," this is the object of education and the objective of our schools.

Besides training boys and girls to develop character, which is constantly taking place in our schools, we are greatly encouraged by accounts of definite soul-saving work which is done by our teachers. The following experiences constitute a few of these reported at a recent teachers' institute held at Bethel.

When Teacher Mashwa came to Bloemfontein, during 1952, he discovered that many of the pupils attending

day school did not attend Sabbath services. First, he had a personal chat with each of the children concerned. Then he visited at their homes and talked with their parents. Next he asked the church and MV Society members to pray for these children and to visit them in their homes.

In two months' time twelve of those children requested membership in the Sabbath-school. Their presence there has brought new life and blessing.

From Emmanuel Mission, in Basutoland, Sister Senkoto reports: "Three years ago I noticed a fine non-Adventist boy in my class. One day I asked him if he professed any religion, and he stated that he was a Zionist (African). We arranged that I would give him a Bible study each week. At the end of the year, when asked about his attitude towards the things he had been learning, he confessed his belief in our message, but stated that he was the local leader of their company and could not drop that to accept Seventh-day Adventism. However, he promised to take the matter up with his minister. The latter came to visit him and promised to pay him for the work he did for the church.

"A little later this young man wrote to the Zionist minister telling him that he was not prepared to risk eternal damnation any longer because of position and pay, and sent the church books and funds to him. He joined the Bible class and was baptized in March, 1952."

Two of the Standard IV pupils in our small Umtata school in 1952 were from non-Adventist homes, but they took such a keen interest in the Bible lessons, that they said they would have been pleased if that were the only subject to be studied.

One of these children was an only child and lived with her parents on a farm a long way from school. One afternoon she informed her teacher, Miss Weziwe Mankayi, that she desired to join our church, but would not be able to attend Sabbath services regularly because of the distance. She was told that that should not hinder her from being a good member.

When the teacher went to visit the parents of this child, they expressed great pleasure at seeing her and told how wonderful they thought the school to be, for each day when their daughter returned from school she taught them the Bible lesson she had studied in school. They had to leave their work while the daughter taught them but they found pleasure in listening.

The parents have already decided that this child of theirs shall be given a good education at Seventh-day Advent-

ist schools. Although the parents have never met a Seventh-day Adventist minister they are convinced of the truth and are anxious to know more of it.

No wonder we are told that the noblest work in which men and women can engage is the education and training of boys and girls.

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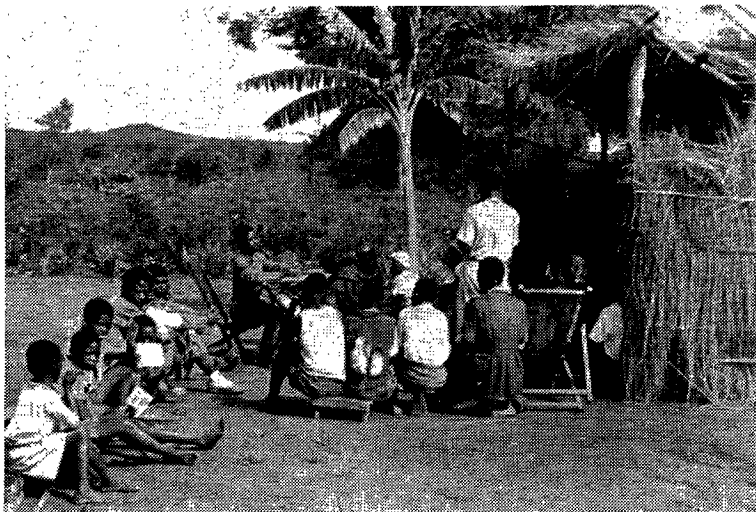
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### Memory Verses in the Congo Union

How much time do you spend each week learning your memory verse? Can you repeat this quarter's memory verses to date? If you can, that's fine. In any case our Congo Africans love to learn and repeat their memory verses. Should you visit a Congo Sabbath-school some day you will always be impressed with its closing exercises, for most often several classes, both old and young, picked at random by the superintendent, stand one at a time to repeat their memory verse. Should the class fail to repeat it correctly, the members bury their heads in shame on being seated. Yet their faces beam with a just pride of achievement as they repeat their verses perfectly.

Our picture shows a recent group of Sabbath-school members at our new Nebasa Mission who were able to repeat all their memory verses for the quarter. Each one was rewarded with a picture taken from a picture-roll. Several in

The  
branch  
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session.



this group have already collected four or five of these beautiful pictures. Among those in the picture are four teachers—foreign missionaries, three of whom come from Ruanda Urundi. All have learned the memory verses in the Bangala language which is the language spoken in this new mission area. Notice also the one African mother (the wife of one of the workers). She is setting a fine example by not only learning her memory verses but also by teaching her class of heathen women in the language of the country each Sabbath.

### Visiting a Branch Sabbath-School at Nebasa Mission

W. PALM

*Director, Nebasa Mission*

It is a calm and quiet Sabbath afternoon at the new mission, Nebasa, in the deep forests of the northern Congo. The

Sabbath-school and church services are over and the people have returned to their huts scattered around the mission. There is a temptation to take it easy the rest of the day, hot and damp as it is, but the inner voice quietly reminds one of all the people living in the forest who do not know about God and His message to man.

The teachers that have been active the whole morning do not finish their day by this. At three o'clock they all start out for their branch Sabbath-schools. Let us go with one of them this afternoon to visit one of the new places. After half an hour by bicycle on a sandy and dusty road we arrive at the chosen spot. An opening in the forest with some palm trees and banana palms growing between dirty huts made of mud and grass is the place for our meeting. No one is at home, but we go to the village chief's house and beat his drum which is made of a hollow log. The chief is just coming home from his field and is very happy to see us. With a voice like thunder he calls the people to come, and someone to clean the meeting place and to bring chairs for us.

Our teacher starts singing and the people gather. The children's Sabbath-school lesson is very interestingly taught. The story of Daniel in the lions' den makes a deep impression on these children. Now it is time to learn the memory verse. It is touching to hear the old men, used to swearing and talking the heathen way, try to repeat after the teacher the biblical words that are so strange to them. We can see they find it difficult but they are doing their best.

Since it is only the third time of meeting in this place we want to see how much the people know about God. What can we say that they might understand? We ask them about their friends and what they do for them.



When they all have stated that they very much like to have good friends we ask whether they know that they have a friend in heaven. Very astonished they reply, "No, we do not know that." We tell them of Jesus and that He loved them so much that He gave His life to save them. We will have to visit this school many times before they will even start to understand, but if they come to our branch Sabbath-school every week they will learn more and more about Him.

As the sun sets we return home thinking of the tremendous task given to us to bring the light of truth to all these people who now sit in darkness, before the day of grace has passed. May God hasten His work and through the efforts of the branch Sabbath-schools prepare many souls to meet Him when He comes to make up His jewels.

## Evangelism in 1953

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No man who has the vows of God upon him can be guiltless while in such a time as this he is passive in his ministry. The voice of Jonah must be heard again warning the mighty and wicked cities of earth of the judgments of God that today hang heavily over their heads. John the Baptist must again cry in the wilderness urging men everywhere to repent and be saved. Thousands of modern Elijahs must publicly cry out against the present apostasy, and call men back to the worship of the living God and the keeping of His commandments.

And this, my brethren, is our task! No other group of clergymen on earth are prepared to step forth and give a message that meets the need of this hour. They are all as confused as are earth's statesmen. They, too, see no solution—no way out. Their vision has failed. Not understanding the prophecies concerning these times they are groping in darkness. To us alone has the solution been revealed. We alone can see light ahead. We not only see the approach of the night but also the day. And it is of the utmost urgency that we who "know the times," should spring into action. This, brethren, is our day. We have come to the kingdom for such a time as this.

"The people of God . . . have a message of so great importance that they are represented as flying in the presentation of it to the world. They are holding in their hands the bread of life for a famishing world. The love of Christ constraineth them. This is the last message. There are no more to

follow; no more invitations of mercy to be given after this message shall have done its work. What a trust! What a responsibility is resting upon all to carry the words of gracious invitation." — *Testimonies*, vol. 5, pages 206, 207.

In the light of these mighty considerations, I earnestly appeal to all our ministers as a group to buckle the armour on anew, and join in seeing what can be done, under the blessing of God, during the year 1953. Every minister, ordained or licensed, should help in staging a crusade of public and private evangelism such as has never been undertaken before. By public preaching, cottage meetings, personal visits in the homes of the interested, training thousands of lay workers in our churches, encouraging successful business men and women in our churches to take up colporteur work, and by a dozen other methods the work is to be done. No one should be permitted to stand idle in the market place this new year. This is 1953! We are not living back in 1844 when the great judgment hour began, but down here, one hundred and nine years later, as it speeds to its close. We have come to the finishing time. The world has shaped up for the end. The church must meet the challenge of this mighty hour, and also shape its programme for the grand climax of the ages.

"The Lord of hosts declares: from race to race, calamity extends. A mighty storm is stirring from the earth's far ends." Jer. 25: 32 (Moffat's translation).

As we see the lightning flash and hear the thunder of the approaching storm, it is our one business to seek earnestly to get as many people under the shelter of the Almighty as possible. And this should be done now! Not a moment should be wasted. Actually it is much later than most of us think. The times demand action.

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## Ministerial Association

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### Beauty, Simplicity and Equality

"God's plan in the tithing system is beautiful in its simplicity and equality. All may take hold of it in faith and courage, for it is divine in its origin. In it are combined simplicity and utility, and it does not require depth of learning to understand and execute it. All may feel that they can act a part in

carrying forward the precious work of salvation. Every man, woman and youth may become a treasurer for the Lord, and may be an agent to meet the demands upon the treasury. . . .

"Great objects are accomplished by this system. If one and all would accept it, each would be made a vigilant and faithful treasurer for God; and there would be no want of means with which to carry forward the great work of sounding the last message of warning to the world."—*Gospel Workers*, page 223.

## Sermon Outlines

THE Division Ministerial Association has prepared a series of sermon outlines in simple form, which we suggest might prove useful to those of our workers who are gaining experience in evangelism, especially among the Africans. The outlines should only be used as a basis for building up the final outline which will be used by the individual worker.

We expect to insert one outline in each issue of the *OUTLOOK* so as to make available a series of outlines on topics such as would be presented in a typical evangelistic effort. Some of the outlines will have to be considerably adapted for more primitive people, since they have been prepared for presentation to Africans with some background of education.

They have been used successfully in evangelistic campaigns for Africans and, with some modification, for Europeans. They have therefore been on the proving ground and have been a means of bringing souls into the truth.

Cut these out and keep them so that in the end you will have a complete set of the outlines.

F. G. C.

## The only Part of the Bible Which God Wrote

### INTRODUCTION:

OF all the wise men that have ever lived, King Solomon was the wisest. He tasted life to the full. I am glad that when near the end of his life he gave some words of wisdom to future generations. Eccl. 12: 13, 14. This is indeed the sum of wisdom. Present happiness and future destiny depend on this plan for life.

### BODY:

#### Law is Necessary for Life

We owe the safety of our lives and property at this moment to law. Law protects the doer of right and punishes the doer of wrong. Only those who desire to do evil want to abolish law.

#### Is This the Case with God's Law?

Let Jesus speak. Matt. 19: 16, 17. Jesus was not trifling with this young man. He would say the same now.

#### The Law Must Have Been Given Before Sin

Death came so that men could choose life. 1 John 3: 4. Sin is the trans-

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gression of the law. There is no transgression where there is no law.

**Study Its History**  
(Rom. 4: 15.)

Through sin knowledge of law was lost. It was not written but handed down from father to son.

Some kept their knowledge. Gen. 26: 5.

Lost in Egypt. Even knowledge of God. Ex. 3: 13.

Known by Moses. Ex. 16: 4; 18: 15, 16.

Why it was to be given again and written by God. Ex. 19: 9.

Some had said, "It is only a law of Moses." Some say that today.

**The Law Given Again**

Ex. 20: 1. God spoke.

Ex. 31: 18; 32: 16. The only part of the entire Bible which God wrote. The other part written by holy men.

Deut. 5: 22. "He added no more."

Deut. 4: 2. He expressly forbids us to add any more or to take any away.

**How Long Will It Endure?**  
(Ps. 111: 7, 8.)

Matt. 5: 17, 18. Jesus came to keep it and make it strong. It is in force today. This is recognized by churches. Some have tried to change it, however. (See law in Roman Catholic catechism.)

**Standard of Judgment**

Jas. 2: 10-12 (of various churches).  
Condition of entrance to heaven.  
Matt. 19: 16, 17.

**APPEAL:**

How can we keep it now? Eze. 36: 26, 27; Ps. 119: 32, 97.

We need to pray, "Create in me a clean heart."

**Missionary Appointees from the Southern African Division for the Year 1953**

WE are sure our brethren and sisters will be interested in the following list of missionary appointees. Those listed as returning to the mission field, are returning following their furlough in South Africa. Those not indicated as returning, are new appointees.

**January**

Miss M. Bredenkamp, to East Africa (returning).

Miss M. E. Johnson, to Southern Rhodesia (returning).

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Quittmeyer and family, to Southern Rhodesia (returning).

Mr. and Mrs. B. Searle and family, to Northern Rhodesia (returning).

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Watson, to Southern Rhodesia.

James Bradfield, to Southern Rhodesia.

Miss M. A. de Beer, to Southern Rhodesia.

Neville S. Edwards, to Southern Rhodesia.

Mr. and Mrs. Athol Webster, to Nyasaland.

Miss C. Ambs, to Belgian Congo.

Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Martinsen, to Belgian Congo.

**February**

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Bannister, to East Africa (returning).

Miss W. Tickton, to Northern Rhodesia (returning).

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Thomas, to Belgian Congo.

Miss D. Hayter, to Southern Rhodesia.

Daniel Bakker, to East Africa.

**March**

Pastor and Mrs. H. W. Beavon and family, to Belgian Congo (returning).

Miss R. Carnahan, to Belgian Congo (returning).

Miss L. Delhove, to Belgian Congo (returning).

Dr. and Mrs. M. W. Fowler, to East Africa (returning).

**Increase in Drunkenness**

THE *Rand Daily Mail* reports that the incidents of drunkenness in Britain has steadily increased since the end of the war. Last year's convictions for drunkenness in London courts were double the number in 1946.

Miss A. Kwapinski, to Southern Rhodesia (returning).

Ronald D. Marx, to Belgian Congo.

**April**

Pastor and Mrs. C. E. Felton and family, to Belgian Congo (returning).

Pastor and Mrs. A. A. Matter, to Belgian Congo (returning).

Pastor and Mrs. J. P. Sundquist and family, to Belgian Congo (returning).

Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Taylor and family, to East Africa (returning).

Cecil J. Rolfe, to Rhodesia.

Miss G. Robinson, to Northern Rhodesia (returning).

Pastor and Mrs. J. W. Haarhoff and family, to Nyasaland (returning).

**May**

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Carey, to East Africa (returning).

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Trace and family, to East Africa (returning).

Pastor and Mrs. W. L. Davy, to Nyasaland (returning).

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Schlehuder and family, to East Africa (returning).

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. C. Schoonraad, to East Africa.

**June**

Pastor and Mrs. R. L. Garber and family, to East Africa (returning).

Pastor and Mrs. C. J. Hyde and family, to East Africa (returning).

**July**

Pastor and Mrs. A. K. Phillips and family, to Nyasaland (returning).

**September**

Pastor and Mrs. A. H. Brandt and family, to Nyasaland (returning).

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Otter and family to Nyasaland (returning).

**October**

Pastor and Mrs. G. O. Adams and family, to Southern Rhodesia (returning).

Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Hay and family, to Bechuanaland (returning).

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**Death of Brother Robert Blaine**

WORD has just reached us that Brother Robert Blaine, second son of the late Dr. John Blaine and Mrs. D. Blaine of Claremont, Cape, who was on his way overseas to take further studies, passed away on board the *Winchester Castle*, on January 19, 1953, and was buried at sea.

We wish to express our heart-felt sympathy with the bereaved family and his wife, but we are confident of meeting him again on the glorious resurrection morning.

P. A. V.