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## Let's Keep Our Ingathering Evangelistic

L. C. EVANS, *President*  
*Southwestern Union Conference*

Fresh from one of the finest Fall Councils it has ever been my privilege to attend is this fine resolution on Ingathering Evangelism. It points the way and names the procedures to follow in order to win souls through Ingathering contacts.

*We recommend*, 1. That each conference and church give increased emphasis to the soul-winning opportunities of Ingathering and the importance of every-home contact.

2. That "Baptisms in every church from Ingathering contacts" be the soul-winning objectives of workers and members in their Ingathering contacts, that all be on the alert to note interests — jotting down names and addresses in a notebook after leaving the home, offering prayer when opportunity affords, encouraging enrollments in the Bible course, calling back with the missionary book-of-the-year, sponsoring subscriptions to one of our missionary periodicals, arranging for a Bible study or the showing of a Bible filmstrip, and directing those contacted to our radio and TV programs.

3. That churches plan an Ingathering training program to present a proper understanding of Ingathering to new members and to improve the skill of more experienced Ingathering workers, using in this program the new teaching film, "Doorway to Discovery," which focuses on soul winning, and teaches the basic canvasses and techniques to be used.

4. That in order to maintain the best relations with the public, which lends its support to our world program, we plan as far as possible to make a single Ingathering call upon every home and every business establishment, leaving an Ingathering publication with each family or business man.

This is indeed a marvelous resolution and if read thoroughly several times and then put into faithful practice, we will see a tremendous upsurge in souls won through our Ingathering endeavors.

Time is short. Every moment is precious, and when we realize that our time, our talent and everything we possess belongs to Him Who purchased on Calvary's cross an entrance for each one into the city of our God, where we shall dwell eternally with Him, we should take advantage of every opportunity to make these Ingathering contacts count for the salvation of souls. To see just one soul there as a result of our work for Him in this earth will cause the cords of love to vibrate throughout the unending cycles of eternity. God grant that it be so.

# Our Greatest Missionary Enterprise

J. ERNEST EDWARDS, *Secretary Home Missionary Department  
General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists*



J. Ernest Edwards

The cornerstone of the Eddystone Light House, the oldest in the world, bears this inscription: "This light house has been erected to give light and to save life." How aptly these chiseled words describe the Ingathering program. The servant of the Lord has said, "We are to give to the world the light of truth, as revealed in the Scriptures; and we are to receive from the world that which moves upon them to give in behalf of His cause." A compilation of the Writings of Ellen G. White on *Ingathering*. Home Missionary Leaflet, No. 28, p. 10.

Here the servant of the Lord summarizes the two purposes of Ingathering, (1) to contact people with the truth, and (2) to receive from them funds for our world cause.

In the greatest single missionary enterprise in North America, twenty million Ingathering contacts are made each year. Many of these people will read the thrilling article in the Ingathering magazine on the coming of Christ entitled, "The Race to the Stars." Others will scan the page, "Seventh-day Adventists Believe," and thousands will clip the Bible correspondence course coupon. Each member may make his Ingathering contacts count for Christ and His message by recording names and addresses of those interested. Then follow-up should be arranged with the missionary book-of-the-year, a subscription to a missionary magazine, or the use of the Lending Library. Bible studies can be arranged and filmstrips shown.

Follow the counsel of Judges 7:9 by "getting down to the host," and you will realize the objective — Baptisms in Every Church from Ingathering Contacts. Have you seen the new General Conference film "Doorway to Discovery" which portrays six in one family recently won to the Message through an Ingathering contact?

Ingathering is not only a missionary campaign from which we receive soul-winning dividends from our Ingathering contacts in *Person*. It is also a program whereby soul-winning dividends by *Proxy* come to us through the missionaries that we support. The inspired counsel from the Lord indicates, "This ingathering of funds should be the greatest event in our financial history. . . . We will work for souls that are about us, and we will send our prayers and our gifts to sustain the laborers in more needy and destitute fields." *Ibid.*, pp. 8, 17. When we ingather, we demonstrate mission loyalty by supporting thousands of overseas workers in their medical, educational and evangelistic ministry. In our Ingathering Crusade we are partners with them in soul winning, for souls are won by proxy as Silver Vanguard goals are raised. Last year, 1961, 90,404 souls were baptized.

Recently I returned from turbulent Congo. In spite of political uprising and tribal war, our missionaries and national workers secured 26,121 baptismal decisions last year, which was more than 6,000 above their goal. I visited two large leprosariums in Africa, one in Mwami and the other in Malamulo. There I saw hundreds of lepers with stumps of fingers and toes and disfigured faces. I was reminded of how you can provide treatment for these poor lepers, which lasts from fifteen months to five years, depending on the progress of the disease.

The phenomenal progress of our work in Korea is well illustrated by this inspired statement: "By His (God's) providence He prepares the way for His work to be accomplished. He provides opportunities, opens up lines of influence and channels of working. If His people are watching the indications of His providence, and stand ready to cooperate with Him, they will see a great work accomplished. Their efforts, rightly directed, will produce a hundredfold greater results than can be accomplished with the same means and facilities in another channel where God is not so manifestly working." *Testimonies*, Vol. 6, P. 24.

A General Conference representative, now visiting in Korea, shares this report with you. "In one place on the mainland we spent the night in a former Buddhist's home. Two months ago there was not an Adventist in that area. Now there are around 400 meeting for Sabbath school each Sabbath. . . . In another place there were no Adventists a year ago, but last autumn one man became interested in the Message, and things began to happen. We have a church building there now with a church school of some hundred children and around 1,500 Sabbath keepers! They have to meet in three places now for there are so many. . . . One girl of 20 accepted the Message. She was beaten for weeks for attending the Seventh-day Adventist church, but now her father has changed and will give land for a church in their village. She was baptized in July of this year, 1961. She walked eight hours to come to our meeting and brought twenty-one delegates with her from the new company of 130 she has raised up since July. She said they meet in the open fields, and after Sabbath school she preaches to them. . . . In the Central Korean Mission alone, with funds you have provided, they have built fifty-two new churches this year, but they need 100 more. The Southern Mission is even more desperate. I HAVE PICTURE AFTER PICTURE OF GROUPS OF SEVERAL HUNDRED MEETING OUT IN THE OPEN. Here in Korea right now they are building some excellent churches with only \$2,000 American dollars and packing four and five hundred people in them. *Where can dollars go so far in building churches? And where are they needed more DESPERATELY?*"

At the beginning of the Ingathering Campaign one of our sisters became very ill, and the diagnosis was — cancer! She was confined to her bed. She decided that she would still carry on two important missionary projects. By her bedside she kept a supply of Bible correspondence cards and an Ingathering container with the magazines. When non-Adventist friends visited her, she presented the Ingathering appeal and also invited them to enroll in the correspondence course. She raised \$45 for Ingathering and enrolled quite a number in the Bible course.

"God in His providence is calling His people out from their limited sphere of action to enter upon greater enter-

prises. Unlimited effort is demanded at this time." *Ibid.*, Vol. 5, p. 405.

Years ago at the end of a successful European battle which paved the way for final victory, the emperor ordered the making of a medal to be presented to each soldier. On this medal were etched the words, "An Enlarger of the Kingdom." By devoted service now — complete abandonment of self — we also may enlarge the Heavenly Kingdom, and soon this honored designation will be conferred upon us by Jesus in His commendation, "Well Done!"

## Ingathering

It is recognized among Seventh-day Adventists that Ingathering provides the greatest missionary endeavor of the entire church calendar year. It is a time when Seventh-day Adventists, rich and poor, high and low, unite one with the other and shoulder to shoulder go forth with good constructive Seventh-day Adventist literature to visit their neighbors and friends and business associates.

What a blessing Ingathering has been to the church! Not perhaps primarily for the funds gathered in, but for the Spiritual exercise it has brought to our church membership. As a lad one of the greatest blessings that came to my life was the privilege of going out on my bicycle visiting farm homes, gathering in money here and there, canned fruit and vegetables, and occasionally a chicken. In my heart was a conviction that I, too, was having a vital part in the work. I felt that I was a part of the great Advent Movement. I was having a share of the responsibility and the blessing.

So as we approach Ingathering in this great year, let us do so with the realization that we, each in our several spheres of influence, are co-laborers together with God. Each is privileged to share in the responsibility of giving the Message.

The Southwestern Union has set some marvelous

## The Ten Commandments of Ingathering Success

1. Believe it's God's work.
2. Demonstrate your conviction by contribution of your time and service.
3. Pray without ceasing. Keep your heart in tune with heaven as you stand by the door or desk.
4. Recall that you are God's messenger visiting every home, office, and store presenting the privilege of participation in a great humanitarian and evangelistic program.
5. Remember people are busy. Know your Ingathering paper and canvass and be prepared to answer questions.
6. Tactfully suggest a larger contribution than was given last year.
7. Never argue with your prospective donor. Make friends. Suggest — never antagonize.
8. Do not become discouraged over a few refusals. Keep smiling until your prospect smiles back. Then victory is won.
9. Make every contact for Christ. Remember you are searching for souls and that Ingathering is a community-wide crusade. Record names and follow up the interests discovered.
10. Keep hold on God. "Trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass."

J. ERNEST EDWARDS, *Secretary*  
*Home Missionary Department*  
*General Conference.*

records with Ingathering, and I am confident that this year will be no exception. Let us say to our pastors, to our conference, "Leaders, here we are, ready to respond; count on us for a full Minute-man Goal, or more."

R. J. CHRISTIAN, *Manager*  
*Periodical Department*  
*Southern Publishing Association.*

## Arkansas- Louisiana

### A Minute-Man Conference

Just now we are interested in harvest, a harvest that comes from seed sowing of the printed page, of the personal visits made by individuals that do Ingathering for souls; Ingathering for Missions; Ingathering for the salvation of humanity, that the cause of Christ may be carried to every nation, kindred, tongue and people. As Israel of old was zealous for the cause of God that there



I. M. Evans



R. J. Christian

should not be left a hoof in Egypt, so let us as a conference rally to the challenge of the hour, and not be satisfied until we as a conference reach our individual goal of \$25.00 per member.

Soon the fowls of the air will be visiting the rice fields near Stuttgart and Helena, Arkansas. Let us be as diligent as they in gleaning for the Lord, to forward God's work in all the earth.

Let us be alert to watch for souls as those that must give an account in the judgment. "And this gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness; and then shall the end come."

I. M. EVANS, *President*  
Arkansas-Louisiana Conference.

### All Out For Victory

ALL OUT FOR VICTORY! This is the slogan of every member of the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference. The



P. I. Nosworthy

Mission Board needs our support! We must do our utmost to keep the missionaries at their posts of duty.

The VICTORY is certain if WE do our part. Recently I read the following: "I have heard of a little boy who was not surprised that little David conquered Goliath. Asked why he did not think it a wonderful victory, he said, 'Because it was two to one, for God was fighting with David.'"

And so it is with us. When we contact our business friends and our neighbors, we must remember that we are doing God's work, and He is with us while we do it.

The VICTORY GOAL for the entire conference may seem like a large sum, but if each member does his part, the VICTORY will be certain.

A boy who was reading Stanley's *Through the Dark Continent* was asked what he thought of it. He was a truthful boy, and he answered honestly: "I keep thinking how often I would have turned back if I'd been Stanley." Any heroic record, any great biography, makes most readers feel the same way, whether they own it or not. The terminal facilities along every road to great deeds are numberless — and most of us take them, instead of pressing on. We need

the determination that persists in the utterness of fatigue — that is unconscious of all but the goal.

Between now and December 31st let us go ALL OUT FOR VICTORY!

P. I. NOSWORTHY,  
*Secretary-Treasurer*  
Arkansas-Louisiana Conference.

### Short and Sweet

With mixed emotions the people of the Seventh-day Adventist church approach this season of the year. Some have a feeling of exhilaration just thinking of the Ingathering program; others, a feeling of "I must do my duty," but with misgivings about soliciting funds; still others have the "I don't care" attitude — "I don't care if it ever gets done." If we could but realize that the four angels, straining to hold back the winds of strife for a while longer, are about to proclaim, "It is finished," how different would be our attitude. No longer would we feel it is a burden, but a privilege to be dispatched with alacrity.

Without the funds derived from a successful Ingathering campaign we would have to recall many workers, discontinue much work, and leave many fields unwarned of the Lord's soon return. The records of heaven will reveal the number of souls won through Ingathering literature.

In planning for our work, a reasonable time limit should be set for length of the campaign. Everything should be in readiness — (1) bands formed with good leadership, (2) methods of working determined, (3) and importantly, we believe, a goal device to show work accomplished. All the ground work must be laid before the opening date set for your church's campaign; this would include obtaining a permit where necessary. A short period of intensive work seems to be the best policy. We plan to make all of our contacts and have the school Field Day within a four-week period. Those who depend on letter writing for out-of-town contacts are encouraged to do this before the start of the campaign. As large a report as possible should be planned for the first Sabbath. This is a source of encouragement to all. In a very short season that happy experience, the Ingathering Victory, can be celebrated.

Romans 9:28 "For He will finish the work and cut it short in righteousness . . ." If we neglect the work we have been commissioned to

do, the Lord will designate angels to complete the task, but irreparable loss will be ours. Our intensive efforts will be repaid when, on that Golden Shore we hear someone say, "It was you who invited me here."

MRS. HENRIETTA STUMPF,  
*New Orleans, La.*



Mrs. Henrietta Stumpf

### The Crusade Is On

Yes, the Ingathering Crusade is on! Across the nation our churches are hearing the call to unite in this *great*

Crusade for the advancement of God's closing work in the earth. We are hearing reports from all lands of marvelous conversions and *great* progress of the Advent Message. But we are also hearing earnest appeals to enter doors now open, but which may soon close. The *great* Message is to cover the earth. The prophecy is certain.

But the time in which this worldwide coverage is to take place is very short. The restraining angels seem to be about to let go the winds of strife. What we do we must do quickly under the present somewhat favorable conditions; for what we do not do under these conditions will have to be accomplished under the very distressing ones. And so, the urgency of the situation calls for a *great* united effort on the part of every member in the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference to speed the



W. G. Larson

Message on its glorious consummation while time lingers.

Though we have been making slight progress in our conference with the Ingathering, it has been almost like marking time. Now the day of MARCH has come. With holy zeal and with the heavenly vision before us, let us attempt *great* things for God this year. Let us, with a deep love for God and for lost souls, give our own Ingathering goal, as well as go out and ask others to help in this *great* mission and humanitarian program. Some day soon there will be no more need for these calls and this type of response. The harvest will be past. But while the fields are ripe and the Master calls for reapers, shall we not respond wholeheartedly?

Would it not be the most thrilling experience if all our churches would complete this *great* Crusade by the last of November, or by the middle of December? Can we count on *you* to do your best to make this enviable result possible? We invite everyone of you to swing into line and lift together. Volunteer to join the singing bands; contact your good business friends; visit homes; pray for victory; and give to bring in the much-needed funds to make up the largest budget ever voted at a Fall Council. We must all plan to do more — much more. You will do your part. Won't you?

W. G. LARSON,

Home Missionary Secretary,  
Arkansas-Louisiana Conference.

## This One Thing I Do!

The word "remember" occurs a number of times in the King James version of the Bible and alludes to many instances where the individual is reminded of his responsibility to review in retrospect the words of the Lord. The Biblical "remember" is more than to recognize. It is in reality the process of recalling the knowledge of. The

English poet, Coleridge, stated it in this way: "Beasts and babies remember, that is, recognize: man alone recollects."

Another process which becomes equally difficult in the area of mental cogitation is that of forgetting. No effort whatever can be exerted

to banish to oblivion that which we wish to exclude from our conscious, present thought. Yet, it is a sign of our allegiance to God to be able to keep out of our minds the things the Lord wants omitted. "A retentive memory is a good thing, but the ability to forget is the true token of greatness." (E. Hubbard)

Paul had to learn this lesson and stated that he had in Philippians 3: 13. "Forgetting those things which are behind." Forgetting — that he had been a bitter persecutor of the followers of Jesus; forgetting that he had defied his own conscience; that he had denied his Lord. This was the first thing Paul had to do. The next step was to reach forward to a world dying in sin and bring to it the story of salvation, for he, as we all are, was a "chosen vessel." Have we forgotten the past? If so, NOW is the time for us to unite our efforts in missionary activity and finish the work that the Lord has given us to do. "This one thing I do" includes more than forgetting; it includes forging ahead for the lives of those who are still in darkness and bringing them into this marvelous light. We must all have done well before we may hear the "WELL DONE." This is the time to press forward as never before in a concerted, all-out effort of enlightening the darkness in the hearts of the "sheep not of this fold."

J. J. SWINYAR, Pastor  
Gentry, Arkansas.

## Ingathering Report

Brother and Sister A. A. Groves, recently baptized into the remnant church prior to the Ingathering season, were a very wonderful surprise to the Jonesboro, Arkansas, church in 1960-61. Here is what happened.

When the pastor presented the plan of the church board to the assembled members of the church family on Sabbath, it seemed that everyone was expected to do his or her part and do their utmost to become a minute-man for God. The Groves had never heard of Ingathering, and when 25 papers were placed in their hands, they took them, not knowing exactly what they would do. After the service they asked several members and the pastor what this was all about, and when they were told they went away quietly. The rest of the story they told later on.

Early Monday morning they began their rounds in their pickup truck. They farm outside the town. They



Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Groves, new members who raised over \$164.00 Ingathering last year — their first year! Both are farmers and both past retirement age, but in the working stage. Members at Jonesboro, Arkansas, church.

stopped at farms, visited several communities and especially the ones where they were known. They solicited funds for their new church's worldwide mission program and welfare work. Then when they were through with their work they had raised over 100 dollars. They were a real inspiration to the rest of the church which, by the way, raised a substantial overflow, and in doing so, they also got the goals of several smaller churches.

The Groves have determined that this year they will do better now that they know what it is all about. God bless them. GEORGE GREEN, Pastor  
Arkansas-Louisiana Conference.

## Songs In the Night

### INGATHERING

*I love to sing, God's love to bring  
to every girl and boy;  
Jesus to know on earth below  
will fill them with real joy.  
How can it be we'll watch TV while  
souls in sin are dying;  
Go out at night and spread the light,  
our Saviour's voice is crying,*

As far back as I can remember there has been singing every night we have gone out. One night we had the sound equipment go out on the car mother was driving, and she got out and walked along with us, and we sang at every door we knocked on. It used to be daddy and I went together, but now he thinks I do better by myself, so he goes with my brother, Gary. And every once in a while as I am on one



J. J. Swinyar



Lydia Green

side of the street and they are on the other we catch each other singing along with the music. Daddy says the angels sing along with us as we Ingather, because it is God's work, and they are happy. I know singing makes me happy, and it must make the people who come to the door feel the same way.

Sometimes they tell us they have been trying to get that lovely music on their radio or TV, but couldn't. They say they have never heard such lovely music as ours. Really, the King's Heralds and Del Delker and the Faith for Today quartet have good music, I think.

I remember going with a nice old man one time who had never Ingathered in his life, but he wanted to help. So Daddy asked me to go with him, and we had so much fun together. He would hold my hand, and we ran from house to house, and that year we helped to gather more than I had done before. Sometimes we fell on the lawns, but we just laughed about it and went on. That nice old man had back trouble before, but after Ingathering he said he never felt better in his life. He is a good Adventist now.

I like to meet people and see how they live, and sometimes we are asked inside the house to pray. We do, and you can just feel the angels around you as you do this. The people seem so glad we came, and they tell us what a wonderful work we are doing. I think so, too. I am glad to be a Seventh-day Adventist, and I am glad I am able to go out and work for Jesus.

LYDIA GREEN,  
Hammond, Louisiana.

## Oklahoma

### This Is the Lord's Work

See that couple over there? That's Brother and Sister F. W. Gantz. They're isolated members that live near Durham, Oklahoma. Come along! We're going to talk to them just a moment.

"Brother and Sister Gantz, some people act like they resent Ingathering, but you don't. What's the secret?"

"Because it's the Lord's work and . . . loving Him, we love it."

During the next few moments we just stood and listened as this white-haired couple expounded their love for the Lord and His church. They



Oklahoma Health and Welfare Mobile Unit.

said that soliciting money for the Lord and not themselves was the most pleasurable part of the whole idea, and that the annual report in the Ingathering leaflet which gives progress since the last crusade is always a delight to read and pass on to others. I thought to myself, "Here stands a couple that goes to all the small communities (even ranchers) as far away as 60 miles from their home, to bring them this missions appeal personally."

"Since most of our 1,000-mile itinerary is over dirt roads, we have to beat the rainy season," he points out, "and we stand all the expenses our-

selves. Old friends are happy to see us come, and some exclaim, 'I knew it was about that time again.'"

Well, you've heard their personal testimony — now what do you think? . . . That's just what I was going to say . . . for with a devotion like this, we all must admit — if seeking help for the needs of the world which takes our time, money and personal effort like it does the Gantz's, can turn our thoughts from self to others, it would have to be the "Lord's work." Wouldn't it? One thing more — that would make those who do this work truly His children. Wouldn't it?

FRANKLIN W. HUDGINS.

### Forward

In the famed Battle of Trafalgar, when the British Navy engaged that of the French during the Napoleonic Wars, the word was passed along to Lord Nelson that the battle was going against him, and the day seemed lost. Clapping his telescope to his one blind eye, he took a long look and shouted, "Gentlemen, I see no cause for alarm.

Give the order to every British ship to turn and charge with all guns blazing." And the French were swept from the seas in one of the greatest naval battles of all time.

Here in Oklahoma, as we survey the scene, we see nothing but encour-

agement, and the watchword is "Forward" in the great annual campaign for missions just ahead of us. Our workers have the will to go and are talking the Ingathering campaign courageously. Our economy in Oklahoma is in fine shape, and we suffered possibly the least of any spot in the nation. Also, we have had a good harvest again, an abundant one, and our own people have a fine spirit about them. Our goal will be \$82,000 this year, and we are attacking it with vim and vigor.

Says the Lord's servant: "His special blessing accompanies the labors of men of action. Men who will not be swerved from the straight line of duty." For us right now, that "straight line of duty" is the current Ingathering. And we pledge ourselves to the task.

W. A. DESSAIN, *President*  
Oklahoma Conference.



W. A. Dessain

## What to Say

Greetings!

I'm Mr. or Mrs. . . . . A special project has been planned by the Health and Welfare center here in our city, with the thought in mind of helping those in need. It seems like each year as we do this work the needs are greater than the previous year, and we wonder sometimes how far it will go before God brings things into check, but nevertheless our job now is to do what we can to elevate the burdens of the cold and hungry people of the land.

Won't you give this year liberally, and certainly it will come back to you in many different ways.

Thank you!

EARL S. OSBORN, JR.,  
*Publishing Secretary*  
*Oklahoma Conference.*

## "Ize It!"

Our people will like it, try it and buy it if you "ize" your Ingathering program. Ingathering can be a blessing to the church — this is how.

*Organize:* He who starts Ingathering without an efficient, yet simple organization will find the work to be a slow start, and a slower finish, if ever. When you do not organize, enthusiasm builds up slowly. Set a time to start. Set a time to finish. Set a goal for each week. Set a goal for each band. Set a weekly individual goal to reach the Vanguard goal on time.

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## Southwest Region

### With His Help We Can

When the Apostle Paul uttered the words, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me," he



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directed our attention to a real supply of power; a power that had enabled him to press to a mark, or a goal, in spite of persecution and hardship. Paul felt assured of an ultimate success in his Christian warfare through a union with Christ. If we wish to live a life of service and finally receive the reward of the faithful, we must unite our efforts daily with

Christ to receive the needed strength and wisdom. We can of ourselves do nothing, but in Christ, the heaviest burden can be borne, and the hardest task can be accomplished.

We have a tremendous task before us in warning the world of the soon coming of Jesus. There are times when we go forth undertaking this responsibility in our own strength. When we do, our labors prove to be a dismal failure.

Did you ever notice that when the Lord told the discouraged fishermen to cast their nets again, it was right in the same spot where they had been fishing all night and had caught nothing? They had toiled long hours depending on their own skill as fishermen and had failed. But the moment they accepted Christ as their Helper, by obeying His command, the results surpassed their wildest imagination.

That same power is offered to us today. As we go forth in the Ingathering Crusade with Jesus by our side, recognizing that we are "laborers together with Him," following His directions, our feeble efforts will yield far more than we could ever ask or think.

As we labor with and for the Master, let us be assured of victory, because we can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth us.

V. L. ROBERTS, *President*  
*Southwest Region Conference.*

### Small Bands Work

One of mankind's greatest desires is to have a feeling of belonging and an assurance that one's services are needed and appreciated. This is true in social circles, in political circles, and religious circles as well. In the work of the Lord there are many persons left on the sidelines who are potentially good leaders that would help to speed the work along if given the opportunity. In our church we have a lady who was never asked to do anything in the church program. A few years ago, we asked her to serve as an Ingathering band leader. She was very happy to do so and graciously accepted. Every year since that time, she has seen to it that her band reaches its assigned goal and in just a short time. Others have done the same thing — all that they needed was to have the feeling that they belonged and were needed.

The grouping of the membership in small Ingathering bands is a most

effective way of having a speedy Ingathering drive. Several things are accomplished: (1) More persons are given an opportunity to develop leadership ability. (2) Fewer persons are able to get lost in the crowd at reporting time. (3) Usually the time spent in reaching the goal is cut in half.

Another feature that also helps with the small band idea is to publish a weekly report of the progress that has been made. Everyone loves his name. He loves to hear it spoken. He loves to see it written and especially is this true if there is a good report to go along with it; thus a speedy drive. Oh, yes, how many members should be placed in one band? Not more than five nor less than two. "Good things come in small packages." TRY THE SMALL INGATHERING BAND IDEA. IT WORKS! C. E. DUDLEY, *Pastor*

*City Temple, Dallas, Texas.*

### Nothing Less Than A Minute-Man

It is impossible to know all the good which comes from full participation on the part of all in the annual Ingathering Crusade. Everybody benefits. The crusader receives a broader view of the great unfinished task as he engages in this work among his neighbors and associates. Having a part in a job well done is very rewarding. The privilege of leaving our literature in the hands of our friends may well result in souls being saved. The donor receives a fuller knowledge of what Seventh-day Adventists believe. He also receives inspiration from the enthusiasm and devotion on the part of the crusader.

The need is obvious as we observe the happenings all about us. The fact that in some areas solicitation is prohibited or sharply limited adds urgency to the matter of each giving full support while favorable conditions still exist. Every Seventh-day Adventist should be satisfied with nothing less than a minute-man. Will you do your part? Remember, NOTHING LESS THAN A MINUTE-MAN is the goal!

J. E. MERIDETH, *Treasurer*  
*Southwest Region Conference.*



J. E. Merideth



## Launching Ingathering at the SW Region Conference

A. R. MAZAT,  
*Home Missionary Secretary  
Southwestern Union Conference.*

Launching the Ingathering Crusade at the Southwest Region Conference is always a "high day" packed chuck full of inspiration and unexpected surprises. The crisp morning hours of October 5 braced the sixteen district pastors with Adventist courage, as each worker stepped up lively to the conference president with a bona fide check in hand and a verbal testimony which sounded something like this: "We have not yet officially started our Ingathering Crusade, but the Lord has been so good to us; our Albuquerque district has just reached 90% of its goal. The Lord is good!"

The dignified doctrinal Dallas minister flashed his magnetic "east-west smile" as he placed in the hands of Elder Roberts a \$3,000 check, representing 50% of his church goal. His testimony was: "We plan to celebrate victory on Thanksgiving Day."

Attending a meeting of this nature is like having several desserts after a wholesome meal, especially when the minister with the largest conference goal stepped up to the president and with guileless eye said soberly: "We are working hard to surprise you." The surprise means that 30% of the set goal had already been reached.

As I listened to the unrehearsed testimonies of these workers for God, I jotted down their reasons for active participation in Ingathering. Would you like to know their reasons? Here they are:

1. "I promised to support the Gospel and the various benevolent enterprises of the church when I accepted Jesus."
2. "I am a Christian, and Christ expects me to help Him expel the darkness by sharing light."
3. "I am helping children and youth find high ideals through service for others."
4. "I am serving as God's helper by bringing health and knowledge of Christ's abundant life to backward nations."
5. "My church is a dispenser and not merely a depository of inspiration, hope and courage."
6. "I am unwilling to let someone else bear the burden that Christ expects me to carry."
7. "I believe in Christ and His way as the only hope for humanity."

Let us all give generously, sacrificially and then go forth and witness joyfully, so that the work can soon be finished.

Have you given your \$25 for Ingathering?



## Don't Overlook the Children

The strength of our church is no greater than the collective missionary endeavor of our people. The vigor of our church is no stronger than the Spiritual vitality and will of our members. The level of physical, mental, moral and Spiritual fitness of the church member is our constant concern.

The need for increased attention to the Spiritual growth and humanitarian interest of our children is clearly established.

It is of great importance, then, that we take immediate steps to insure that every church child be trained and given the opportunity to engage in the present Ingathering Crusade.

In answering to this challenge, we look to our churches and schools as the decisive force in a union-wide effort to train and use every available child in this missionary endeavor. No one can estimate the importance of doing Ingathering as a part of the Christian educational process. The child who is allowed to grow up without knowing the necessity and blessings of engaging in Ingathering has been robbed of one of the most valuable experiences of life. **LET US NOT OVERLOOK THE CHILDREN!** L. A. PASCHAL, *Secretary Educational Department Southwest Region.*



L. A. Paschal

ately brings to my mind the minute-man objective.

In these tremendous hours we cannot afford to do less than our best. We cannot be satisfied with ordinary achievements. We must act in harmony with our beliefs. This means going the extra mile — putting forth special effort — working extra hours. These factors will bring greater results and the assurance of a minute-man victory for every member and every church and the conference.

Jesus is coming very, very soon. The prophecies declare it, and we can see it. "Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved" — Texas cannot think of doing anything less than Vanguard Service for the Master. With God's help and with faithful service from our dear members, it shall be done.

B. E. LEACH, *President Texas Conference.*

## Best Methods Concerning Ingathering

The best methods are Christ's methods; and concerning Him it is said: "Who went about doing good . . . for God was with Him." The Ingathering work is a service of "doing good."

Whether we do business solicitation, house-to-house solicitation or carolling, our primary motive should not be the acquisition of money, but of "doing good." The money will follow as a natural consequence. "Doing good" may be beautifully exemplified in our genuine interest in the Spiritual and physical welfare of the person contacted. Many times I have said to business men, "I am more interested in you than your money."

It has been my pleasure to turn many a business contact into a religious discussion and to conclude with prayer. Very often during house-to-house solicitation I have been invited into the home to pray for the sick and discouraged. These mutual and timely discussions, crowned with the moment of prayer, have won many to the Adventist fold.

Let the Ingathering campaign begin with a season of prayer to unite the membership in this great soul-winning program. Move forward with humility, with the blessing of God in a program that is destined for victory.

One final word — don't hide the

name "Adventist" in your house-to-house work. Tell people that this world-wide program is sponsored by the Seventh-day Adventist church, and acquaint the people with our great humanitarian work.

May the words of David Livingstone be our daily motto: "I will go anywhere, provided it is forward."

A. C. RAWSON, *Pastor Rusk District.*



Mrs. Lee Pinson (in white dress) and her daughter, who is her Ingathering partner.

## Ingathering

Ingathering is a privilege I have enjoyed since becoming a charter member of the Tyler church following an effort by Elder Jere D. Smith in 1937 or 1938.

I am 82 years of age and employed as assistant bookkeeper for the Eureka Laundry of Corpus Christi, working from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. most days. Not being too strong, I am only requested to work half days, which I sometimes take advantage of, for my employer is my son. This makes it necessary for me to ask for a little time off to Ingather, for when my day's work is finished, the business houses are closed.

Being a timid soul, I never could compose lovely speeches as some do; therefore, I feared to ask the public for funds when seemingly they got nothing in return. Realizing that Satan desired me to be fearful and not wanting to be held captive by him, I prayed earnestly for the Lord to go with me Ingathering and to supply the words I could not say of myself, as well as to warm the hearts of those whom I contacted.

## Texas

### Minute-Man Nothing Less!



B. E. Leach

Anything worth doing is worth doing right. I believe Ingathering is something worth-while — and worth doing right.

Doing Ingathering right immedi-

It has been my practice to go first to people with whom I do business. One person asked me how much I wanted. Timidly, I said, "Whatever you wish to give." He said, "Young lady, learn to ask for what you want." I believe God used him to rebuke my little faith. I lost sight of my invited Unseen Partner. This donor continues to leave \$5.00 each year with one of his employees to give to me for Ingathering.

Two of my donors give \$100.00 each as a rule. But it has not always been so. In the beginning, the offerings were small, and I made many contacts to get a \$50.00 goal. I was never satisfied with \$25.00. I have always felt richly rewarded for my efforts. As I have grown older and weaker, God has given me bigger donors with fewer steps. He knows our strength or our lack of it. All He asks is a willingness to be used. And His reward is the same, whether we get little or much, if we have done our best.

It is true, when we work for the Master because we love Him, He directs our footsteps. If people are unkind, they become subjects of prayer. Most hurts are unintentional. Do you know many people find time to have short visits with me in their offices, and some invite me to come again next year. They DO get something in return for their gifts; it is written on their faces. There is joy in Ingathering, joy in meeting beings whom God has created. It becomes a double entry — Ingathering for souls as well as for money.

Sincerely,  
 MRS. LEE PINSON,  
 Corpus Christi, Texas.

### Getting Maximum Support

"The more the merrier," is an oft-heard expression in our time. The concepts embodied in this expression are quite familiar to most of us. Some of these are good, some not so good. Ingathering should be a joy to the Seventh-day Adventist Christian. As more and more of our members participate, the greater will be our happiness and success in this great evangelistic thrust for God. In the light of this thrilling



John Loor

prospect, the question is: "How can we encourage and obtain a maximum support for Ingathering in our churches this year?" Here is a suggested answer encompassed in seven basic principles:

No. 1 — *Enthusiasm* — There is no substitute for this. It is absolutely essential that the leadership of the church generate enthusiasm. This is true both for ministry and laity. Enthusiasm is contagious and inspiring.

No. 2 — *Advance Publicity* — Weeks before the campaign is to begin, regular announcements should be made to develop a keen consciousness of what is coming and its importance. People have a tendency to give attention to that which clamors the loudest for attention.

No. 3 — *Start Early Or On Time* — Never start late. This is psychologically depressing. Nobody likes to be behind. Dragging behind suggests giving up.

No. 4 — *Be Well Equipped* — There is nothing more frustrating to an army than to be poorly or insufficiently equipped. Be sure, when you start the campaign, that you have all the papers, cans, ribbons, tapes, etc., that you will need.

No. 5 — *Plan For All In the Program* — Involve as many people as possible in the adventure for Christ. Some persons appreciate one phase of the work more than others. The Ingathering program is a large one. It involves singing, soliciting, driving, territory planning, baby-sitting, etc. There is a place for everyone. Find it.

No. 6 — *Be Well Organized* — This is aside from equipment. Use good judgment in pairing off groups of children, adults, etc. Don't waste a lot of time getting started. Quit on time. Be keen and alert to all "human relationship factors" in the Ingathering program. This is more important than it might seem to some.

No. 7 — *Stress the Spiritual and Evangelistic Nature of the Program* — This is the most important principle of all. Encourage the people to look for precious souls. This will give much more flavor and meaning to this great endeavor.

As these principles are united with much prayer, faithful giving, and diligent effort, God will give us an Ingathering Victory.

JOHN LOOR, Pastor  
 Dallas Church.



C. W. Skantz

Give  
 and  
 Get

"And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain."

These words spoken by the Master so long ago comprise a strange philosophy to the world today where men



Texas' Health and Welfare Van

are seeking self satisfaction and a life of ease at any cost.

There are many compelling influences at work today: the scientist seeks to find more power, more speed, greater distance into the universe; the physician searches for the answer to human ills, the relief of suffering and the lengthening of life; the statesman is compelled to search for the ways of peace to avoid the destruction of nations.

To the Christian, too, this is the compelling hour — the hour of the second mile.

The demand is on every talent; our time, our ability, our means, our consecration. The great needs of the work today compel us to go the second mile.

We find ourselves again in the midst of another Ingathering Crusade, a part of God's great plan to finish His work quickly.

In this great time of crisis will you give a goal for the Master and, compelled by your love for Him, will you go the second mile and get a goal?

The determination by every member to "Give a goal — and get a goal" will do much to finish the work in Texas and the world.

C. W. SKANTZ.

## Time to Tell

"This Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations and then shall the end come." Matthew 24:14.



Mrs. Ruth Cupps

"All power is given to me in heaven and earth — and lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Matthew 28:18, 20.

Jesus cannot come until we help finish the work. He has all power and promises to be with us even unto the end, as our text just states. What a wonderful promise and help. What more do we need but the willingness to cooperate with the Lord, and what joy to see souls born into His kingdom.

There are different avenues in finishing the work. We cannot all be ministers, teachers, doctors, literature evangelists or Bible workers, but as laymen we can each have a part even though it may be a small part if we have a real burden for souls.



Texico Health and Welfare Van and Elder G. M. Schram, H. M. Secty. for Texico.

One of the avenues is "The Ingathering Program." I look forward to the Ingathering season with joy because it is such a soul-saving opportunity. It is one time of the year we can visit our business friends and also every home from city to city, giving a report of our Medical Missionary Welfare work and asking them to have a part in this world-wide program. It is also a wonderful opportunity to place in their homes our literature and results in many finding Christ and this Message.

Some may be ill or have afflictions and cannot leave their homes to work, but many reach their goal each year by making telephone calls.

I truly believe as we launch our Ingathering program this season if our first purpose is seeking souls and finding those who are in need of physical and Spiritual help, the Lord will bless in a marvelous way, and our treasuries will be filled. "Let us work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work."

Mrs. RUTH CUPPS, Colporteur,  
Edinburg, Texas.

## Ingathering Time

*It's once again that time —*

*Put on your coat of cheer;  
Get ready to go out and work,  
Ingathering time is here.*

*"Knock and ye shall receive," we  
hear the Master say.*

*Then let us not deny Him, but  
prove His promise today.*

*Think of the many blessings  
that you will receive,*

*While you work for Jesus, helping  
others on Him to believe.*

*Go while it is yet morning, for  
the day soon fadeth away,*

*Never to return again; Ingathering  
must be done today.*

*How many times have we hurt  
the One that gave His all,  
When we hastily say no to the  
Ingathering call?*

*If Jesus were here in person and  
asked you Himself to go,*

*I wonder if we might not be a  
little slow in answering no.*

*Let your light so shine before men  
that His will might be done.*

*Now is the time to gather in souls and  
finish the work, that Jesus soon  
may come.*

*May we all take up our cross, and  
search each one his heart,*

*And each year at Ingathering  
time, strive to do our part.*

Composed by HAZEL GARNER,  
Lake Jackson, Texas.

## "Ize It!"

(Continued from page 8)

*Deputize:* The leader will lead, but he should divide the responsibility. The individual members will be expected to get \$25.00.

*Spiritualize:* Hold before the church the soul-winning possibilities. Encourage them to make note of interested families for follow-up work and to secure applications for the Bible correspondence course.

*Finalize:* Bring it to a close! Reach your Vanguard goal within the set time. Be over by Christmas, or before. You and your church will like it.

Remember: "The one who covers his chair instead of his territory will always remain on the bottom."

CHESTER L. JORDAN, Pastor  
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Dallas, Texas	5:22	5:20
El Paso, Texas	5:03	5:02
Fort Worth, Texas	5:24	5:22
Galveston, Texas	5:21	5:20
Gentry, Arkansas	5:06	5:04
Keene, Texas	5:24	5:22
Little Rock, Arkansas	5:00	4:59
Muskogee, Oklahoma	5:10	5:08
New Orleans, Louisiana	5:01	5:00
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	5:19	5:17
San Antonio, Texas	5:36	5:35
Santa Fe, New Mexico	4:52	4:50
Shreveport, Louisiana	5:11	5:09
Tulsa, Oklahoma	5:12	5:10

## Streamline Your Crusade

What more could we tell you about Ingathering than you do not already know? Just what is Ingathering? It is — you and your neighbor giving time and money for all the things that make the work of our church possible. It is — a new frontier in Bolivia, advancement in the Nile Union, education in Southern Asia, relief for refugees in North India, a clinic for British Guiana, educational help in our own union, assistance to Health and Welfare Centers.

The world is still waiting for the Gospel of Christ, and we are wasting the money that could be used to carry the Message to everyone on earth. We live extravagantly. We think extravagantly. We plan extravagantly. We will be buried extravagantly. How dare we call ourselves followers of the Nazarene Who made it so plain that we are to give and keep on giving wherever there is need?

If we all enter into this program, the task will not be too great for anyone. Talk faith; talk courage. Promote an *early victory*. No condition or set of circumstances is in itself a calamity to be feared. It is our reaction to it that makes it a "Waterloo" or a field of triumph. "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Phil. 4:13.

City dwellers find it almost impossible to enter into the concern that farmers feel at haying time. Not many operations are so totally dependent upon the right kind of weather at the right time. From the moment that the mowing starts, the entire crop is subject to damage and perhaps a total loss if it gets wet. The farmer with hay on the ground will work into the night to get it protected from a threatening rain. We need to be somewhat suspicious of the "fanatic" Christian who gets in too big a hurry. But how can we get in too big a hurry in an attempt to call men from destruction into salvation? Our first business is to bring souls to Christ, and what better means could there be than through our Ingathering program?

We live in a world of staggering events; in a world made numb by the impact of these events. Our age is an age of power. Nations are racing to attain superior strength through nuclear power, electric power, jet power, sea power and air power. Thoughtful minds are desperately needing a ray of light. God help us to quit playing in the wading pools and plunge out into the deep. Let us support the Ingathering cause, which is dear to the Saviour's heart. We are in a big business. Our partnership is with God. May He help us to lean hard on the Spirit for power — power to live — power to give!

H. E. SCHNEIDER, *Secretary-Treasurer*  
*Southwestern Union Conference.*

## Mighty Meaningful Messages

Sparrows sit on a telegraph wire, but they are not conscious of the many meaningful messages passing beneath their feet. By analogy, it is possible to be a sparrow as regards the possibilities of the Ingathering Crusade for world missions. Kindly meditate upon the following mighty messages!

"The home missionary work will be farther advanced in every way when a more liberal, self-denying, self-sacrificing spirit is manifested for the prosperity of foreign missions; for the prosperity of the home work depends largely, under God, upon the reflex influence of the evangelical work done in the countries afar off." 6T27.

Are you anxious for God's work in your district to prosper? Of course you are. How thankful we ought to be for this mighty meaningful message which tells us how to prepare for advancement. The Ingathering Crusade helps to send men with a mission to the multitudes at home as well as to benighted countries abroad.

"Living faith will prompt to energetic action. The spirit manifested by the leader will be, to a great extent, reflected by the people." C.S. 177. Surely this is a mighty meaningful message. Let Henry van Dyke suggest how this message can be implemented: "Indifference to missions is the worst kind of treason. Enthusiasm for missions is the measure of our faith in God and our love for our fellow men."

Should I contribute to the Ingathering Crusade? I thought that Ingathering funds should come ONLY from non-members! Listen: "The Lord has placed His goods in the hands of unbelievers as well as believers; all may return to Him His own for the doing of the work that must be done for a fallen world. As long as we are in this world, as long as the Spirit of God strives with the children of men, so long are we to receive favors as well as to impart them." C.S. 168. Why not plan to give and get a goal?

Quicken a man's intellect, while at the same time you do not make his morals good, and you only augment his power for evil. Geography, mathematics, metaphysics and philosophy alone will never bring lasting peace. A corrupt printing press is worse than no printing press at all, but circulate and explain the mighty message of the Holy Bible and you prepare people to become citizens of a heavenly colony. This you help to accomplish through the Ingathering Crusade.

"A more decided work than has been done must be done prior to the second appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ. God's people are not to cease their labors until they shall encircle the world." 6T24.

A. R. MAZAT,  
*Home Missionary Secretary*  
*Southwestern Union Conference.*



H. E. Schneider



A. R. Mazat