



Your Camp-Meeting Offering

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What can compare with the privilege of supporting the work of God, of sharing in the sacrifice and labour involved in the salvation of the lost? Paul wrote that it was his happiness to complete, in his poor human flesh, the full tale of Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body which is the church (Col. 1:24 NEB). By tangible service, by cheerful and sacrificial giving, by doing all in our power to advance the glory of His name, we are to praise our God. And the underlying motive of it all is to be our heartfelt gratitude, ever new and fresh, for what God has done for us.

One of the means that God designs shall keep the faith and experience of His people alive and fresh is the camp-meeting. Make no mistake about it, true Christians are strangers and foreigners on this earth; it is not their natural element; heaven is their home. It is so easy for us, in the busy rush of life to look more to the things that are seen than to the unseen, eternal realities above, to fix our love on earth instead of heaven where Christ is at the right hand of God. Long ago the Lord understood this weakness of His people and in the annual festivals of Israel He sought to draw them together in fellowship in large numbers and in close association with their religious leaders. Their lives were blessed, their faith was strengthened and their understanding of God's Word and its purposes for them and in them was deepened. So with us at camp-meeting time God draws near to bless. He helps us to understand better the truth that we have been given, our place in His pur-

pose in the world, the significance of the solemn events taking place about us, and, against that background, the wonder and glory of our salvation.

At the ancient convocations of Israel the people, out of grateful hearts, gave freely and cheerfully and sacrificially for the support of the ministry of the gospel for that time. We are told that these annual festivals were occasions when thank-offerings were presented in great numbers. And so for us too the camp-meeting may be an occasion for special thank-offerings to God. How great are the blessings of free grace in our lives! Of all people therefore we have reason, especially on those occasions when the Holy Spirit draws near to cause us to understand more clearly our privileges and responsibilities, to give offerings that shall be a small measure of our gratitude. "God expects no less from us than He expected from His people anciently." —*Christ's Object Lessons*, page 300.

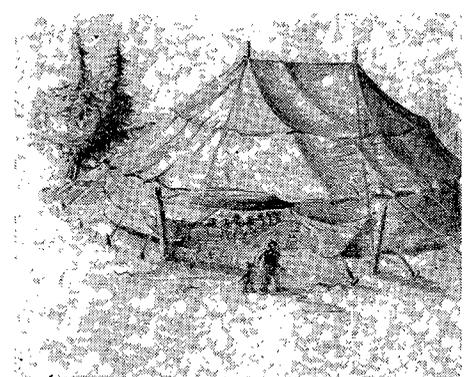
But to what use are these camp-meeting offerings put? "The great work for the salvation of souls must be carried forward. In the tithe, with gifts and offerings, He has made provision for this work. Thus He intends that the ministry of the gospel shall be sustained." —*Ibid.* The camp-meeting offering like tithe and other offerings is to be used for the sacred work of the gospel.

However, let us consider the matter a little more particularly.

God does not intend that His work should be dependent for its support on such offerings as camp-meeting offerings

and similar urgent calls for means made at the large gatherings of His people. He wants His people to make a habit of generous giving and to support His work faithfully by the method made known to the patriarchs, to Israel of old, to the early church and to us in these last days. The work of the church has been widening and strengthening and today, even in Africa, "there is means enough *in the hands of believers* to amply sustain the work in all its departments without embarrassing any, if all would bear their proportional part." —*Testimonies*, vol. 3, page 410. (Italics ours.) This is God's plan, that all, by faithful and systematic giving, should contribute to the support of the work so that there is a "constant supply in the treasury," income flowing in "like a steady stream" (*Ibid.* pages 389, 390).

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HEART to HEART

*A Friendly Chat with
Your Division President*

Dear fellow-members and workers
throughout Trans-Africa:

After two disappointments William Miller was confronted by a sneering sceptic.

"When is your next date for the Lord's coming?" the unbeliever jeered.

"Today, TODAY! Today I will be ready for my Saviour!" the undaunted man of God replied.

In what better way can you and I relate ourselves to the glorious doctrine of our Lord's return. We know He is coming. We know that He is coming very soon. But we do not know the day nor the hour of His appearing. Since this is true we must be ready "today, today, today!"

"Therefore be ye also ready," Jesus says, "for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Matt. 24:44. The Saviour warns us that it is not a case of **getting ready**—we are to be ready because His return will be a surprise to many.

If you knew, absolutely for certain, that Jesus would burst the eastern skies at His glorious appearing within the next twenty-four hours, what would you do? One person of whom I asked this question replied, "I would go to the church and sing hymns." Another said, "I would go out and do missionary work."

Well, I shall tell you frankly that if I knew beyond a shadow of a doubt that before another twenty-four hours slipped into eternity I was going to face my Maker in the clouds of heaven I wouldn't go to the church and sing hymns, neither would I go out and do missionary work!

If I knew Jesus was coming that soon I would be down on my knees in prayer. And I would not be telling the Lord what a good person I was, how many sermons I had preached, how many souls I had won nor what offices in the church I had held. From the very depths of my anguished soul I would cry out, "God be merciful to me a sinner" (Luke 18:13).

We must know that everything is right between ourselves and our Saviour. Every sin must be confessed and forgiven. Clearing the King's highway means

true heart-felt repentance and confession of sin. "Make confession unto the Lord God," the prophet warns: Ezra 10:11. "Take with you words, and turn to the Lord," Hosea admonishes. Hosea 14:2.

Sin silences the voice of God to the soul. The transgressor likewise has no desire to talk with his heavenly Father. All communication has been cut off. A wall of partition has been built up. There is only one way to deal with such a situation. The long silence must be ended. We must get back on speaking terms with God. "Take with you words," the prophet says. Talk things over with the Almighty. Pour out your heart to Him. He will hear and He will not keep you at arm's length. He will open His arms of love and draw you close to His precious heart.

"I am He that blotteth out thy transgressions," He declares, "and I will not remember thy sin." Isa. 43:25. "If we confess our sins," John says, "He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9.

It is not difficult for us to restore our relations with God when once we have resolved to do so. Repentance and confession will open the way into the most holy when we seek God earnestly and honestly.

Making things right with God is not all that is required in preparing to meet the Master. If I knew that I had only twenty-four hours to prepare for that awful event I would also want to be sure that **everything was right between myself and my fellowmen**. If there were un-Christlike words I had spoken, if even a thoughtless action had brought pain to a weaker saint I would want such things straightened out. God confirms that this is a MUST in our preparation to meet His Son. All bitterness, envy, malice, evil surmising must be cared for. Even should Jesus' coming be delayed for decades we have a duty toward our fellowmen.

"Many are zealous in religious services, while between them and their brethren are unhappy differences. . . . God requires them to do all in their

power to restore harmony. Until they do this, He cannot accept their services. The Christian's duty in this matter is clearly pointed out."—"The Desire of Ages," page 311.

"Confess your faults one to another," says James. James 5:16.

If I have spoken unkindly, untruly or maliciously about a person I must go to that person and confess my fault and seek forgiveness. I must do it in a specific manner.

"True confession is always of a specific character, and acknowledges particular sins . . . it should be definite and to the point, acknowledging the very sins of which you are guilty."—"Steps to Christ," page 43 (See also Lev. 5:5.)

The inspired rule to guide us in making things right with those whom we have wronged or injured is one that we would do well to read over frequently. "**If you have committed one wrong and they twenty, confess that one as though you were the chief offender.** Take them by the hand, let your heart soften under the influence of the Holy Spirit and say, 'Will you forgive me? . . . I want to make right every wrong that naught may stand registered against me in the books of heaven. I must have a clean record.'"—"Review and Herald," Dec. 16, 1884.

Only as everything has been made right with our heavenly Father and with those about us, when we are living on right terms with God and man, are we prepared to meet our Saviour. Our time is short. There is no time for delay. "Be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Matt. 24:44. Are you ready—truly ready—to meet your Master face to face?

Camp-Meetings

"OUR JERUSALEM, A PLACE THAT IS COMPACT"

by Ron Thompson
Pastor, Evangelistic Team, Salisbury

These were the words of the president of the Rhodesia Conference, Pastor A. W. Austen, as he addressed those attending the closing service of the Easter camp-meeting held at Anderson Memorial School, Gwelo. How fitly this modified statement of Psalms 122:3 described the camp-meeting.

To many Rhodesians the annual camp-meeting is the spiritual feast which brings revival to their Christian experience. It is "Our Jerusalem" and it is here that two-thirds of the membership of the Rhodesia Conference congregated this past Easter. The theme, "Come out . . . my people" was literally enacted as members left the Babylons of today to converge on the camp-ground. They came from the highways and the byways, from the high veld and the low veld, from Lusaka and the Copperbelt in the north, and from Salisbury, Bulawayo and Um-tali. The Chiredzi company had the largest representation.

Guest speaker, R. L. Staples, principal of Solusi College, challenged the members to stay out of Babylon as he recounted the history and the rapid development of Ecumenism today. Another guest speaker, R. H. Kent, our evangelist from Australia, currently holding a city-wide campaign in Salisbury, re-

ferred to Abraham's looking for a city whose builder and maker is God, and with his evangelistic aids, lifted the sights of God's people to the celestial Jerusalem. He pointed out that it was God's plan for Jerusalem of old to be a light to the Gentiles, and appealed to the congregation to be more diligent in a greater diffusion of present-day light.

A number of different services interspersed the devotional and Bible study meetings. There was the dedication of five cradle roll members on the Sabbath morning, followed by the sacred service of ordination when Conze Schroder and the writer were set apart for the gospel ministry. During the afternoon a baptism took place and in the Literature-evangelist Trophy Hour which followed, it was revealed that two of the baptismal candidates were won through the dedicated services of our colporteurs.

"The chips from this wood have scattered all over the conference," said Pastor Austen, referring to Brother "Chips" Wood, veteran literature-evangelist of Rhodesia. Three colporteur "chips" immediately rose to their feet indicating that they had been inspired and helped by Brother Wood to join the colporteur ministry.

That evening the Temperance Oratorical Contest took place, and was won by Miss Elaine Sparrow of Bulawayo.

On the Sunday there was an early morning communion service for isolated members, and prayer bands were constantly in session. The MV Bible Quiz created keen interest as two young people from each of four churches, Bulawayo, Salisbury, Gwelo and Anderson Memorial School, contested for the prize. The winners to receive the silver cup



Mrs. R. H. Pierson, wife of the Division president, presenting the Temperance Oratorical Cup to the winner, Miss Elaine Sparrow of Bulawayo, while Pastors A. W. Austen and I. Piercy applaud.

were Meriel Smith and Eugene Marais of Bulawayo.

"You can get your arms around this camp-meeting," states Pastor R. Brandstater, newly appointed pastor of the Bulawayo church. He and Mrs. Brandstater are the parents of Mrs. M. D. Hodgen of Solusi College, and while visiting their loved ones here in Africa they are also rendering yeoman's service in Bulawayo. They come from Australia.

Many visitors were impressed with the friendliness and homeliness of the camp-meeting. They were made to feel that they were part of a closely knit family. Pastor and Mrs. A. W. Austen were most gracious hosts, and Brother and Sister Colin Willmore spared no effort to assist campers and make them comfortable. The adequate facilities, home comforts and excellent cuisine made this last camp-meeting a source of temporal enjoyment and added to the blessings received during this holy convocation.



A. W. Austen presenting the MV Bible Quiz Cup to the winners, Eugene Marais and Meriel Smith of Bulawayo.

GIVING

One day when Thomas Carlyle was a boy of six and at home alone in their big house, an old man knocked at the door to beg. The child's heart was touched by the old man's appeal, so he went to his own little penny bank and gave the entire contents. Looking back upon that act when he had become a famous writer, Carlyle said, "I never knew anything that gave me so much pleasure."

A MALAWI AND ZAMBIA SAFARI

by C. T. J. Hyde

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It is common knowledge that Nyasaland and Northern Rhodesia are now independent nations and have each chosen a new name. New currency and new postal stamps are already in service. Malawi and the Eastern section of Zambia make up the territory of the South-East Africa Union. Malawi is a long, narrow country completely land-locked even though it has a long coastline on the western side of Lake Malawi (formerly Lake Nyasa). Malawi has no workable minerals and the rainfall is generally low and confined to three or four months of the year. Maize, rice, groundnuts, tobacco, and tea, in the southern highlands, are the main crops. Fish provides a stable part of the diet of all those living near enough to the lake. Every year several thousand young males go to Johannesburg for work, and these send a little of their precious money back to relatives. With a population of 2,400,000 we have approximately 30,000 keeping the Sabbath, with the present baptized membership standing at 21,060.

The road to Matandani Industrial School, the location of the first camp, was a true backwoods track. For the last 32 miles from the hot Shire River valley it snaked its way around obstacles which are no longer apparent. The track crossed five dry river beds. Matandani, set in the foothills of the Kirk Range, is well situated for it has hydro-electric power and water supplied by rams from the river; just ideal for an industrial school. But how everyone moans about the inaccessibility of the station! During some twenty years Pastor O. I. Fields and his wife have built up the work there and K. B. Cronje and his wife have recently joined them. We found a primary school and a small girls' school. A four-year builders' and carpenters' course, and a new two-year maintenance course are being taught. The latter is a Division-wide course to prepare selected Africans to maintain water-pumps and diesel-driven lighting units, and also to keep buildings in a good state of repair. These men will be sent out to the educational and medical institutions of the Trans-Africa Division to release our over-burdened mission workers of routine maintenance work.

Taking over the itinerary of N. L. Doss—the South-East Africa Union president on furlough in America—we set off to meet camp-meeting appoint-

ments. This was our first safari in Malawi and Zambia. The languages were new to us and we needed the use of an interpreter, but we soon found that the basic problems, fears, pressures, desires and needs of the people were similar to the peoples of East Africa whom we had served for many years. The roads, all unpaved, resolved into deep corrugations. Dust, dust, and more dust, lifted by every breeze, gets into everything—food boxes, beds, and books. It settles gently on one's writing paper and can be felt under the ball of the pen. The dust even gets between one's teeth and causes a gritty sensation. There is nothing to do but grin and bear it like everyone else who has done this before you. I am sure though that walking safaris of the past did not stir up so much dust as the trucks and cars of today!

At Matandani everything was tastefully arranged and good meetings were held. Sixty people were baptized on the Sabbath afternoon. A noticeable feature was the number of children, and junior boys and girls. A great potential lies in these. Either *WE* claim them for Christ and His service, or the world will later use them against God's work. The power of the now moderately educated youth of Africa, so many of whom owe no allegiance to Jesus Christ, is being harnessed by the new political leaders and this is making itself felt all over Africa today, only glimpses of which appear in the press and in radio newscasts. As never before the Seventh-day Adventist Church must work to claim the youth of Africa, for Christ.

Our next appointment was in Zambia at a place called Chipembe, 127 miles west of Fort Jameson. Zambia has better natural resources. It has rich copper mines in the north and this provides a secure source of income for the country and gives work to subsidiary industries and labour opportunities for many thousands of the Africans. The country is not too well blessed with rain, and many peasants live on a subsistence level. With a population of some four and a half million, we have 19,730 keeping Sabbath.

That night we slept at our Mwami Hospital where Dr. Karl Seligmann is in charge. The next morning saw us out early on the Lusaka road. On and on, deeper and deeper into "No Man's Land," or so it seemed, but after a few hours we were at Chipembe.

This is a new venture, one worth seeing. Here is a well appointed clinic with facilities for several bed-patients, a new church building, and to complete the unit there are two neat workers' houses. Our former approach to rural Africa has been through education. It was necessary to have reading Christians. Now that there are moderately adequate opportunities for a basic education, it was considered worth a trial to open and evangelize a rural area around public-health and better living. This is an interesting venture sponsored by the Central Lake Field and Mwami Hospital, and we expect good results.

The group for the camp-meeting at Chipembe was small but the people needed special help. Nearby an African pro-

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phet had arisen. He used a peculiar approach, one calculated to appeal to Christians as well as non-Christians. He used witch-doctor as well as Levitical methods. He went into a mountain and built an altar where he offered a sheep and three doves. He claims to go into unconsciousness for three days, during which time he receives visions from God. He also says that he has been given power to heal all manner of diseases with medicine that God reveals to him. All who come to him are told to purchase a string of white beads, and to see him they must pay two and sixpence. His usual plan is to line the people up in single file with about thirty to a line, and then walk up and down scrutinizing each person's features; accusing some of evil deeds, even of cannibalistic crimes. He also reveals problems and secrets without having been told by any person. He sells charms to the people for good harvests and crops, and also tells them that all other religions will come to an end, that his religion alone will remain true and steadfast.

With such a man operating near by, and remembering E. G. White's prediction in *Testimonies to Ministers* that "there will be a resurgence of heathen deities with great demonstrations of power," and remembering too that we were only seventy miles from Alice Lenshina's headquarters, we pondered long on what we should bring to this group of people who were isolated from God's Word. By God's grace we were able to leave this little group of African believers, happy to have once again the solid ground of God's Word to stand on. Once again they were joyful in the Lord, their fears gone as they grasped anew the precious truths and promises of God. We went back to Mwami Hospital for two days and then to our next appointment at Lukhalo. This was not a very long journey from Mwami, but it was a very rugged trip. There were three dry rivers to cross, and their banks were high and went down in rocky steps. The river beds were filled with loose rocks of all shapes and sizes. This was a track for a jeep, not a sedan! The outward journey saw no mishap, but the return journey saw two. They were fortunately minor incidents with no bodily injuries. It was all worthwhile, for how thankful the people were for our visit! The fact that the president and his wife would come down to camp under such primitive conditions really touched their hearts. "Men come occasionally," they said, "but not the white ladies. It is a long time since a "donna" came to stay among us." This "donna" conducted children's and women's meetings throughout the camp-meeting days.

In Malawi a "prophet," very similar to the one in Zambia described above, had also arisen. So again similar Bible studies were given at this camp-meeting, and were deeply appreciated.

It was a hard and tiring safari, but it was very rewarding. Our hearts go out to the little groups of African Adventist friends who are in places which are difficult to reach, our brethren and sisters in Christ who are struggling manfully against all the "wiles of the devil." We need to pray for them daily and we need to help them too.

Did I hear someone say that the day of the overseas missionaries is done? Friends, souls are starving for the Word

of God. Souls are longing for the loving sympathetic touch that will open to their understanding the lateness of time's hour, and the "why," and the "wherefore" of the supernatural actions of Satan's emissaries. They need to have their feet set solidly on the Rock, which is Christ Jesus. With the turn of the year these dear people will again gather expectantly, hopefully. Who will be there? Maybe God is calling YOU to be a missionary. If the day of the overseas workers is past why has the United States 100,000 Peace Corps workers in these less developed countries of the world? The role of the overseas workers has changed, perhaps, but they are still an urgent necessity.

A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY

by Robert H. Pierson

We know that many of our local fields and conferences have some real problems securing funds for urgent projects. There are evangelistic efforts that must be held, workers' homes to be built, church buildings to be erected, school and hospital equipment to purchase. Our local treasurers are beset by urgent requests from all sides.

Appropriations from the union, Division and General Conference are limited, and when spread over a large number of projects the amounts are not nearly as large as we wish they were. They are never adequate. This means that more and more of our local fields must shoulder the major responsibility for raising funds for projects within their own territories.

The *Camp-Meeting Offerings* soon to be received during the spiritual feasts offer a wonderful opportunity for every local conference and field to help itself.

Under the old *Camp-Meeting Offering* policy, seventy-five per cent of the offering was forwarded to the Division. Twenty-five per cent was retained for projects within the local field. The amounts were not large but they were a real blessing.

Several years ago, however, the policy was changed in favour of the local field. Now seventy-five per cent of the offering reverts to the local field in which it was raised and only twenty-five per cent goes to the Division. You may use your share of the offering as follows: twenty-five per cent for evangelism, twenty-five per cent for evangelistic workers' housing, and twenty-five per cent for church buildings. What a blessing to any field!

Some of our leaders with greater vision have taken full advantage of this favourable policy change to secure substantial funds for local use. Churches, workers' homes and evangelism all have received help. It has been a great blessing. Some leaders have not yet fully awakened to their opportunities and consequently their fields suffer.

I urge every member, every church leader, every worker, every field, every officer to plan now to make the 1965 *Camp-Meeting Offering* the greatest in the history of the work in your area. It will be a great blessing to your field and what is more the church that benefits may well be your church, or the effort that is held may well be in your community, and the worker who is blessed with a new house may be your pastor!

Plan now to make your 1965 Camp-Meeting Offering the largest ever!



Place of worship in the large city of Cologne is the gloomy rear section of a house. Bombed ruins are still to be seen in the foreground.

“They Shall Buy

By the close of World War II, most of the cities of Europe had been reduced to rubble. Many of our properties in the South German Union were badly damaged, and when civilian life returned, there were only sixteen church buildings that remained among 205 church congregations.

A similar picture prevailed throughout the Central European Division. Our believers took up their spades and pick-hacks, and cleaned up the old bricks and tiles. They bartered their few valuables and what they could spare from food supplies received in gift parcels from overseas to purchase cement and building materials, and started to rebuild “the old wastes, . . . [and] raise up the former desolations” (Isa. 61:4). Some contributed building lots, others donated their wills and last savings in order to obtain a place in which to worship the Lord.

It is truly remarkable that after twenty years, in 1965 the South German Union now has 257 church congregations with 97 church buildings or places of worship. There are, however, still congregations without church homes. This same sad situation with regard to church buildings prevails in the West and East German unions. Most of the

present places of worship are uninviting, unsuitable, dark and overcrowded, and a hindrance to the favourable progress of the Advent message in Germany.

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The only city in the whole world which shares the fate of Jerusalem in the Holy Land is Berlin. Right through the city runs the 20-mile WALL with its watchtowers, machine-gun posts and barbed wire. It is here that the world is divided into East and West, and it is here that the ideologies of the Free and Communist world clash. Much trouble and uncountable sorrow are the result.

However, the gospel of Christ is stronger than the WALL. It is more powerful to bind our believers together and they still find opportunities of meeting with their fellow-workers of the East German Union in East Berlin. The MV leader of East Berlin told of an experience which we would like to share with you. An enthusiastic Missionary Volunteer became acquainted with two servicemen and invited them to come to meetings. They became greatly interested in the message and were willing to make their decision for Christ, but how could they be released from the army? One of them had enrolled in a special Officers Intelligence Course and a splendid

career was ahead of him. Nevertheless, they both decided to ask for their release. The commander watched these young men very carefully, listened patiently to their story, then finally exclaimed, “Five years of political indoctrination are not as strong and powerful as a few weeks of Bible instruction. I know it, and I will never forget it. I am a child of a Seventh-day Adventist.” They received their release. Yes, the gospel of Christ is more powerful than the WALL or any other ideology!

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The spirit of missions is vibrant, and extremely active is the almost unbelievable voluntary help which the Central European Division has given to our Division in special appropriations during the past three years, although they more than needed these funds for their own church buildings, they have also sacrificed and contributed for our leper colonies and refugees.

A few months ago we made an appeal in the German church paper *Der Adventbote* (The Advent Messenger) for clothing, bedding, bandages, *et cetera* for our leper colonies and for the many refugees we have to care for. The Central European Division opened a warehouse in Hamburg to collect these

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CENTRAL EUROPEAN DIVISION HAVE DONE

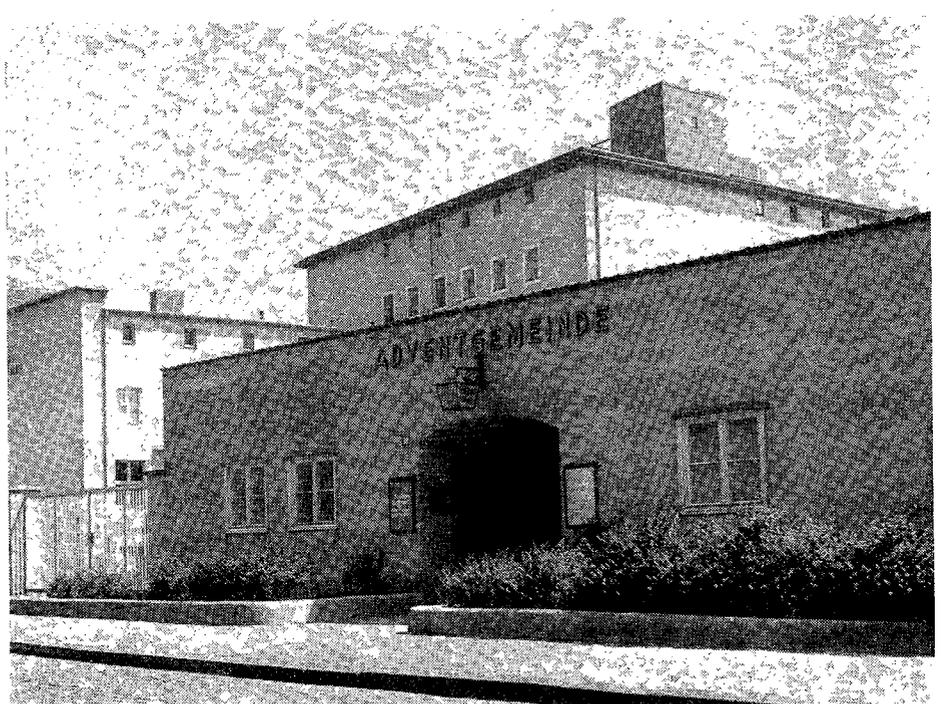
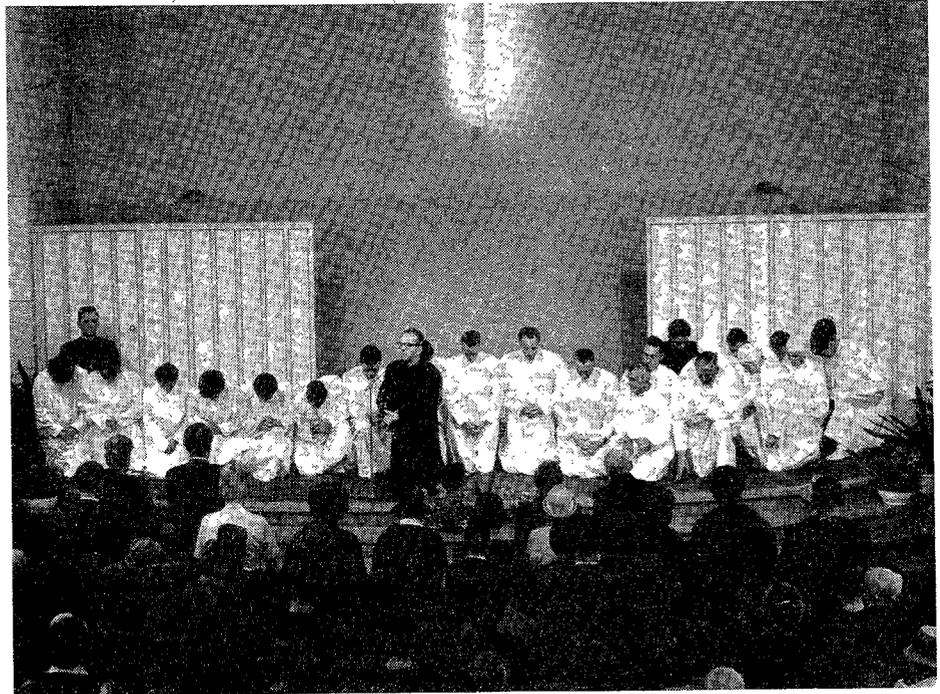
the Old Wastes"

THE EVANGELISTIC CENTRE IN NURNBERG IS MOST URGENTLY NEEDED

gifts and ship them to Africa. Now Pastor O. Brozio, the Home Missionary Department secretary of the Central European Division, writes that they are flooded with truck loads of gifts from all over West Germany. In fact, they have had to call a HALT as they cannot process these donations fast enough. Such is the mission spirit in Germany! During the past three years the Dorcas Society of our old people's home in South Germany alone have sent more than 506 parcels of clothing, bandages, medicines, bedding, *et cetera* to Africa. The total weight of these bountiful gifts is over eleven thousand pounds.

Why haven't they used this money rather for their own desperate needs—for church buildings? Throughout the years they have always contributed their regular mission offerings generously to the General Conference. Yet they feel the need of participating more closely and actively in the work in mission lands, bringing the gospel to every kindred, tongue and people. They are convinced that the more they do for missions, the more the Lord will bless them in their home churches. Then, too, they want to repay at least a part of the "blessings" they so generously received from overseas at the time of their great need at the close of World War II.

They trust that the Lord will work through their fellow believers in Sabbath-schools around the world to help provide some urgently needed church buildings, and in particular, the evangelistic centre in Nurnberg. Let us not disappoint them.



Top right: A baptism in Bremen, Germany.

Lower right: The present place of worship in Nurnberg, Germany. A brick facade has been built in front of the wooden barracks which serve as a chapel.

Camp-Meetings With the Flying Doctor

by Rodney Lindup
Pastor, South African Union

The people of Malawi send their Seventh-day Adventist greetings to fellow believers throughout Trans-Africa.

Five weeks is not much time in which to visit a country, but during that time I travelled in the Malamulo plane with Dr. R. J. Harvey through the northern region as far as Mombera, and also attended camp-meetings in the southern and central sections.

The country was dry in September, for practically no rain had fallen since April, and during this season forty-four camp-meetings were held. In some districts, three or four baptisms are held in the year, the largest being at camp-meeting time.

The aeroplane is identified by its registered number, and the words "Seventh-day Adventist" and "Flying Doctor." It touches down at mission airstrips. Usually the plane flies over the village or mission to announce its arrival, and by the time the doctor lands and reaches the medical room the patients are already lining up. How glad they are to receive such help. They know this doctor has a heart which is willing to help. The plane is convertible, so that it can carry one stretcher case when necessary.

On every trip our Flying Doctor is in God's care.

The five camp-meetings I attended were well supported, with attendances ranging from 300 to 1200. At one camp-meeting, every person who made a new decision to follow Christ received a certificate, which he signed and carried home with him. The certificate stated briefly what the decision for Christ stood for and indicated the intention of the signer of joining the baptismal class, with the ultimate idea of being baptized and joining the church. This certificate is a treasure and helps to hold its owner in the lighted way.

I saw a former "witch-doctor" burn the articles of witchcraft before being baptized. I saw a blind man led into the water. I heard songs that had been composed for the occasion. I saw a young woman take her stand in spite of dire threats from her father. I saw the portrayal of a boat song—the theme of which took the boat family to the heavenly kingdom. I saw a faithful man attending camp-meeting even though his legs were undeveloped and his means of transport was a single stick. He balanced on that stick and moved forward about 18 inches at each step.

ORDINATION



Ron. C. L. Thompson and Conze Schroder being welcomed to the gospel ministry after their ordination by Ray H. Kent. Also in the picture, r. to l. are F. G. Reid, president of the Zambesi Union, A. W. Austen, president of the Rhodesia Conference, R. L. Staples, partly hidden, R. Brandstater, and B. Pilmoor. This ordination service took place during the Rhodesia Conference camp-meeting at Gwelo in April.

I saw dedication and consecration that was sincere. I saw senior young people in their strength and youth pledge themselves to a program of evangelism. I saw the leaders of the people in prayer and in action, and with John I prayed, "Come quickly, Lord Jesus."

I shall not forget the neat white-washed buildings which are used especially for camp-meetings. Around the preacher's stand, under trees or constructed shelter sit the people of Malawi, our brothers and sisters in the blessed hope.

South Congo Camp-Meetings

by S. W. de Lange
President, South Congo Field

In spite of the disturbances in Katanga, and the fears that crept into many hearts as a result of these disturbances camp-meetings were better attended this past year than formerly. It was evident that the people were looking for something which the civil authorities and the army could not give them. It was inspiring to see the peace and assurance which God's Word brought to these troubled people. When topics such as "Signs of the Times," "The Blessed Hope," and "A Better Country" were discussed, one could see the glow of hope written on the faces of the listeners. Surely they need a "better country,"

a "heavenly country," for theirs has been one of strife, bloodshed, intrigue and continual fear.

At Songa Station the attendance on Sabbath was approximately 1,200. When the consecration call was made 45 precious souls came forward giving themselves to the Lord.

Our last camp-meeting, in the Kamina District, was only about 50 kilometres from the fighting lines. Before leaving for the camp-meeting we called our brethren on the station together and had a little conference as to whether it would be safe to go or not. After some discussion we all felt impressed by the Spirit of the Lord to carry out plans and help these poor members. The last camp-meeting they had was in 1960.

When we arrived the people could hardly believe their eyes as they felt sure nobody would come because of the trouble. During the four days of camp-meeting hundreds of soldiers passed us on the left and on the right. Under these circumstances the messages delivered by our visiting Pastors Sinyokosa and Seburikoko brought new courage to these isolated believers. We left them on the Sunday but not without hope for the future.

Pastor Jonas Ruzirakuvuka of South Katanga Station reports that at Divuma, where our work was started three years ago by a Voice of Prophecy student, camp-meetings were attended by over seven

hundred people. The majority of the people in attendance were Bible class members and their friends. This afforded a wonderful opportunity for evangelism. On Sabbath seventy souls came forward indicating their desire to accept Jesus as their personal Saviour. The same afternoon 54 souls were added to the remnant church through baptism.

In the Mokambo district ten companies came together for camp-meetings. The meetings were held twelve miles away from the nearest church. Everyone left the comfort of his home and camped under the trees on the banks of a small river. Over 500 people were present and each meeting was well attended. Some of the churches came with their entire choirs, and the meetings were richly blessed with good music. As at other camp-meetings the working of the Holy Spirit was evident. Forty-three backsliders and new converts took their

stand for the Master. Fifty-seven were baptized and the Camp-Meeting Offering for 1964 more than doubled the 1963 figures—fr.36,000.

Many of the people who attended this camp-meeting were new converts brought into the truth as a result of lay evangelism.

Camp-meetings are a great inspiration to me and I am sure to all those who love the Lord. It is at camp-meeting that we so often see the results of our labours and the workings of the Holy Spirit on hardened hearts. It is the time of the year when God's people can testify for Him, encourage each other, experience the blessed privilege of Christian fellowship, and have a foretaste of the glad day when the redeemed of all ages will meet on the evergreen shore. May God keep us faithful for that greatest of all camp-meetings where Jesus will be the main speaker.

ed person a loose-leaf file to hold the set of sermons.

We found that visual aids were a great help. In each meeting we used colour slides along with the Bible marking and the people followed excellently. On the pulpit we had a two-way switch controlling the lights in the tent as well as the projector light. After the text had been marked at the appropriate moment the lights would be turned off and the attention of the audience focused on the screen directly in front of them in the centre of the tent.

"Your Bible Says" was the significant title of our campaign. How wonderful to see people taking their stand on the Bible and the Bible only because they had read and marked the texts in their own Bibles. Our favourite chorus was, "The B-I-B-L-E, Yes that's the Book for me, I stand alone on the Word of God, [then every Bible was raised in the air as they sang. . . .] The B-I-B-L-E."

Pastor Wheeler's illustrated talks on the Holy Land strengthened their faith in the authenticity of the Bible. The films "Dead Men Do Tell Tales" and "Martin Luther" helped the people further in this predominantly Lutheran area to accept no other religious authority than the Word of God.

At the end of three weeks most of those who had earned their Bibles chose to leave them in our Bible racks in the tent. For every seven meetings now attended they earned a new book—*God's Answers, Health and Happiness* in conjunction with Mrs. Bender's health talks, and *The True Sabbath*. During the next six weeks now that most of the people had been awarded their Bibles we were encouraged to see the majority remain faithful in attendance.

EVANGELISM

BIBLE-MARKING CAMPAIGN

by C. M. Bender
Evangelist, Tanzania Union

After reading about the Bible-marking plan we decided with the Lord's guidance and blessing we too could have success with it in our evangelistic campaign in Moshi, Tanzania's third largest town nestled below beautiful snow-capped Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest peak. Our opening subject, "Africa In the Bible" drew an overflow crowd of six hundred people on October 25. We had made a wise decision to introduce the plan the third night when the audience had settled and everyone could be accommodated in the tent.

Our team comprised ten ministerial graduates from Bugema Missionary College, their teacher, Pastor Ben Wheeler, who helped us for two weeks, two other pastors, the writer and his wife. We were encouraged as we witnessed the enthusiastic response. We explained that a person had to attend fifteen meetings to be awarded a Jubilee Bible. Each evening, seven nights a week, four men were kept busy clipping the attendance cards in the 230 Bibles to which were attached blue and red marking pencils.

From the first meeting the plan was a success. People were eager to mark the most important texts in each sermon

and intelligent responses were made to Bible truth because each could read for himself in his Bible. Little time was lost in finding the texts and what an inspiration to see a whole congregation leafing through their Bibles. Instead of the text, the page number, which is identical in each Bible, was announced and written on a large blackboard. Later on as the people became more familiar with the Word of God, the book, chapter and verse were also written on the blackboard. We did not follow a chain reference plan in marking as printed sermons were handed out after each meeting. Later on we gave each interest-

Pastor and Mrs. Cyril Bender (extreme right) with members of the evangelistic team at Moshi, Tanzania, many of whom are theological students from Bugema Missionary College in Uganda, and Pastor Ben Wheeler, their instructor.



From Hither and Yon

For the benefit of our readers in the northern territories, we are now printing the Sunset Calendar for two months in advance. Because of slower postal facilities in these parts, the OUTLOOK does not reach these readers in time for the current Sunset Calendar to be of any value to them.

Brother and Sister K. Farnsworth and their baby twin sons arrived in Salisbury from the United States during May and then proceeded to their new home and work at Hanke Mission Station near Selukwe, Rhodesia. Mr. A. dos Santos returned to Africa recently and is now located at Songa Training School in the Congo.

The Martin Gundersen family are returning permanently to their homeland after 11 fruitful and dedicated years of service in the Congo and Rwanda.

Leaving on furlough is Miss Bethel Wareham of Malamulo Hospital, and returning from furlough is Miss Marie McCall who will now locate at Yuka Hospital in Zambia.

proper object for their liberality is presented, appealing to their judgment and conscience, it calls forth a hearty response. Their gifts in support of the cause testify that they believe it to be the cause of truth."—*Testimonies*, vol. 5, page 386.

There is so much reason for us to give. "Whenever a special deliverance is wrought in our behalf, or new and unexpected favours are granted us, we should acknowledge God's goodness, not only by expressing our gratitude in words, but, like Jacob, by gifts and offerings to His cause. We are continually receiving the blessings of God, so we are to be continually giving."—*Patriarchs and Prophets*, pages 187, 188.

"As our blessings and privileges are increased,—above all, as we have before us the unparalleled sacrifice of the glorious Son of God,—should not our gratitude find expression in more abundant gifts to extend to others the message of salvation?"—*Patriarchs and Prophets*, pages 528, 529.

Let us not make the blessings and bounties that God gives us cords to bind us to the love of our possessions. Are not these the times when gifts to God's cause should touch more than our increase, when they should reach the principal too? Luther said, "I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess."

What an unspeakably precious privilege it is to know the meaning of these times! How blest we are with an understanding of God's purposes! How close we are to

Pastor J. L. Dittberner, president of the Northern Union Conference in North America, will be itinerating in our Division for eight weeks from July to September.

Our readers are asked to continue praying for Pastor C. T. J. Hyde and Pastor G. S. Stevenson. Pastor Hyde is the field secretary of the Trans-Africa Division and recently underwent surgery. The prognosis is not too bright unless the Lord intervenes and completely restores him. Pastor Stevenson, editor of the *Signs of the Times*, has undergone open-heart surgery in Groote Schuur Hospital in Cape Town. His condition was critical, but he is now making a good recovery. Then, we had word that Mrs. Lena Robinson, mother of Pastor Leonard Robinson and Miss Grace Robinson, has not been well. Please pray for these faithful workers during their time of illness.

The Division Committee voted during its mid-year session that each union publish a news and promotion bulletin. Several of our unions are already doing this with great benefit and advantage to their fields.

the glorious fulfilment of them! Shall we not demonstrate our faith by identifying ourselves with it in generous support of the cause of God? To do so will deepen our love and devotion for not only to others does a stream of blessing flow from our gifts but it flows back to ourselves as well.

Given in the spirit of love and gratitude from hearts overflowing for the immense mercy of personal salvation, given gladly, willingly and sacrificially, what tremendous good a camp-meeting offering brings under the blessing of God! Poor indeed is he who misses such an opportunity to bless and be blessed.

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SUNSET CALENDAR

July 1965

	2	9	16	23	30
Cape Town	5.48	5.51	5.55	6.01	6.06
Johannesburg	5.29	5.31	5.33	5.38	5.41
East London	5.13	5.15	5.19	5.25	5.30
Port Elizabeth	5.20	5.23	5.27	5.33	5.38
Bloemfontein	5.29	5.31	5.35	5.40	5.44
Pietermaritzburg	5.12	5.14	5.18	5.23	5.27
Durban	5.08	5.10	5.14	5.19	5.23
Bulawayo	5.38	5.40	5.42	5.46	5.48
Lusaka	5.41	5.44	5.46	5.47	5.49
Salisbury	5.31	5.33	5.35	5.39	5.40
Gwelo	5.31	5.34	5.36	5.39	5.41
Blantyre	5.20	5.22	5.24	5.28	5.29
Elisabethville	5.59	6.01	6.03	6.06	6.06
Nairobi	6.39	6.40	6.41	6.44	6.44
Mombasa	6.22	6.23	6.25	6.25	6.25
Kisumu	6.49	6.50	6.52	6.53	6.52
Kampala	6.57	6.58	7.00	7.02	7.02
Dar-es-Salaam	6.19	6.20	6.22	6.25	6.23
Tabora	6.48	6.50	6.52	6.53	6.53

August 1965

	6	13	20	27
Cape Town	6.10	6.15	6.19	6.24
Johannesburg	5.44	5.48	5.51	5.54
East London	5.33	5.38	5.42	5.47
Port Elizabeth	5.42	5.47	5.51	5.56
Bloemfontein	5.47	5.50	5.54	5.58
Pietermaritzburg	5.30	5.35	5.38	5.41
Durban	5.26	5.31	5.34	5.38
Bulawayo	5.50	5.52	5.54	5.56
Lusaka	5.49	5.50	5.51	5.52
Salisbury	5.41	5.43	5.44	5.45
Gwelo	5.43	5.44	5.46	5.47
Blantyre	5.30	5.31	5.32	5.33
Elisabethville	6.06	6.06	6.06	6.06
Nairobi	6.42	6.41	6.39	6.37
Mombasa	6.25	6.25	6.23	6.23
Kisumu	6.51	6.50	6.48	6.46
Kampala	7.00	7.00	6.57	6.55
Dar-es-Salaam	6.22	6.22	6.22	6.22
Tabora	6.51	6.51	6.50	6.50

THE TAKE-OFF

by T. M. Ashlock

HM Department Secretary, Trans-Africa Division

Throughout most parts of Trans-Africa our 1965 Harvest Ingathering crusade is under way. Already encouraging reports are coming in from East Africa, and Tanzania indicating that workers and members alike are in the harness and pushing forward in, what we believe, will be the most blessed and the most fruitful Ingathering programme ever carried out in Trans-Africa.

We believe that interest in the current crusade will be heightened if all of our fields throughout the Division are able to follow the progress of all the Unions rather than only knowing what has been accomplished in their own Union.

So in this issue of the OUTLOOK you see all of the pilots (union Home Missionary Department secretaries) lined up for the take off. As they fly toward their goals with your help, progress reports will appear in future issues of our Division paper. The next OUTLOOK will carry the first report and the planes will soar out toward their destinations.

Some fields such as the Central African Union do a large portion of their Ingathering a little later in the year so we shall not expect them to show rapid progress for the first few weeks of the campaign. But we have no doubt that they will be among the leaders when the last goal chart is published in the September issue of the OUTLOOK.

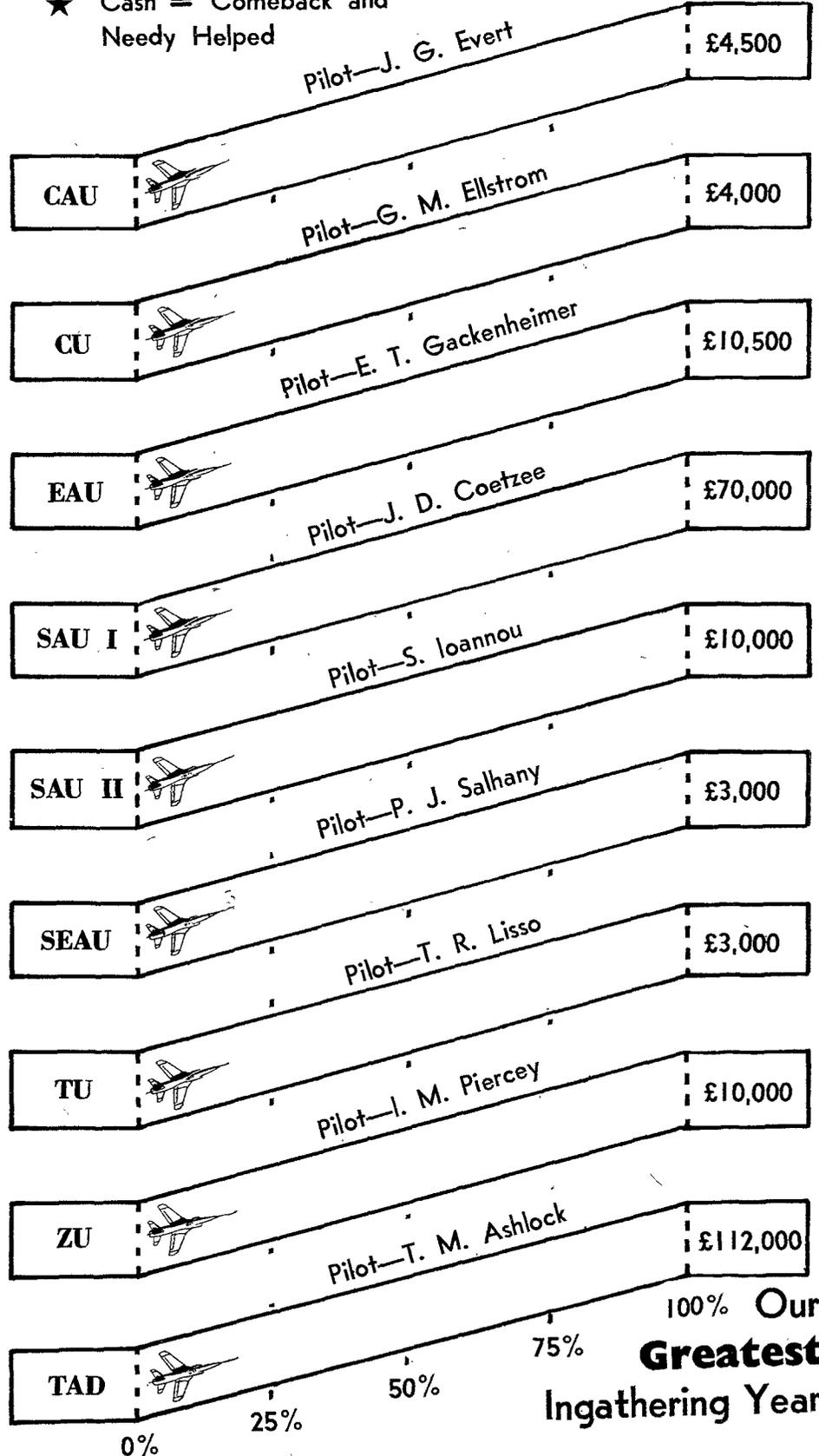
I have no idea which plane will reach its destination first but I hope that several will pass the finish line together in the very near future.

Knowing our fine Trans-Africa Division workers and members alike as I do I have every confidence that you will do your part in the 1965 Ingathering crusade and that you will help to make it the most blessed, the most fruitful, in the history of our work in the countries of the Trans-Africa Division. And remember while you are calling for donations look for souls as well!

May God bless you!

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- ★ Contacts = Souls Won
- ★ Cash = Comeback and Needy Helped



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